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**YOUR GARDEN**

Judging from the amount of building along the North Shore during the past year many new gardens will be created this spring. With daylight saving giving longer evenings for out-of-door work, gardens will come into their own. All perennial plants should be set out immediately, and most of the seeds, except the very tender ones can be sown.

In choosing a garden site consider well the ways of the wind. A compass will direct you as to where your windbreaks should be set. If you do not use spruce, hemlocks or pines, use barberry or privet hedge on the north and northwest boundary lines.

In these days of advertised goods with directions on every packet or box it is a simple matter for the most amateurish gardener to start a garden after the soil is prepared. It is well to mix fertilizer with the soil, unless you use black earth, even then a small amount well mixed with the earth will furnish plenty of food to conserve moisture.

Every garden should have its rose bushes. It is most important to get these into the ground. Roses that have not started into growth may still be used. If the roots are bare, shriveled and dried, the entire plant should be buried in the ground for two or three days. Invariably plants treated in this manner will live and thrive.

It is well to establish the perennial garden first, adding annuals to fill in the bed the first year. If your space is sufficiently large try making a blue or pink perennial garden.

There are numerous blue perennials which can be planted to good advantage now, among them are the hardy aster, centaurea, delphinium, monkshood, myosotis (forgetmenot), scabiosa, veronica, eringium, and lupines.  
A large portion of those who garden make definite plans for flowers to be used indoors during the summer months. All of the blue perennials are most decorative and fit into most any color scheme of a room. One may well add zinnias, calendulas and cosmos to the list for cutting.

Borders of sweet alyssum are always satisfactory owing to the early bloom and its continuance until frost.

Your garden will not be without a spot or two where there is little or no sunshine. Lily of the valley plants are ideal for such spots, but do not make the mistake of setting the plants too deep. The crowns should be just under the surface.

There is still ample time for lily planting. The funkia or day lily is very ornamental growing from one and one-half to two feet high, and is most effective under trees or in front of shrubbery. The speciosum lilies will live for years if given a healthy soil and partial shade.

If the spring rains make a "squashy" place in your garden mix it with good loam and plant iris two feet apart. It spreads amazingly. The iris of Japan is easily cultured and the species blossom in late June and early July when the German and other varieties are through.

**NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE CANNING SEASON**

Expert Tries Out Several Devices and Tells Which are Feasible

In preparation for the canning season, Nell B. Nichols, of Farm and Fireside, has been trying out various kinds of new equipment.

She has found a machine that quickly pares, cores and slices apples, and another one that pares peaches. There are several kinds of cherry pitters. Many vegetable slicers also meet her approval.

The strawberry huller that she prefers is a small tweez-like device, held between forefinger and thumb, which may be used without wasting any of the berries or staining the hands.

As a container for washing berries, Mrs. Nichols finds that a wire salad basket has no equal. For removing the eyes from fresh pineapples she employs snippers slightly resembling scissors.

Most housewives could use a few of Mrs. Nichols' finds that a wire salad advantage, such as a saccharimeter for measuring the density of syrups. This device is a graduated tube with a weighted bulb. Placed in distilled water its scale registers zero. As sugar is dissolved in the water the device begins to rise. Thin syrup, which is used with sweet fruits, has a density of 12 to 20. Medium thin syrup, for medium fruits, registers 20 to 40. Syrup for sour fruits like gooseberries and plums should have a density of 40 to 50.

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**CLOSE SEASON WITH LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY**

52 New Members Added to Civic Club; Mrs. Arthur Raff Elected President

The Woman's Civic club of Ravinia closed its season with a very delightful luncheon and inspiring annual meeting, May 11. Among the reports given by the past year's officers and standing committee chairmen was a gratifying report from the treasurer, Mrs. Clinton Beach. Mrs. Godfrey Eyerle also had an encouraging report of her two year tenure of the chairmanship of the membership committee, announcing 52 new members for the past year and 58 for the year previous. Mrs. Arthur Raff expressed gratitude to her program committee and to the club as a whole for their co-operation; as did Mrs. Charles Monahan, chairman of the house committee.

In the report of the arts committee, Mrs. Mary Huffman, its chairman, mentioned the lecture on etchings given by Mr. Seymour, the program on Russian Peasant art, the lecture on quilts by Miss Robertson, the trip through Art Institute and the two programs presented by the Drama Workshop; that of the plays given by the Chicago Art theater and those given by the workshop itself. Mrs. Robert Grinnell, chairman of the social committee, enumerated the social events of the year, speaking especially of the success of the four dances at which the average attendance was 100.

Outstanding among the reports was that of Mrs. Theodore Osborn, chairman of the philanthropy committee. She announced that her committee had spent for charity \$510 during the year; \$110 of that came from the club's general fund and the other \$400 had been earned by the committee's various activities. Some of the philanthropies for which this money was spent were a picnic for sixty-five mothers and children from the Chicago commons, games for the Arden Shore boys, ten suitcases of new clothes prepared for girls passing through the Juvenile court, help for the Dorcas Home and \$200 sent to the flood sufferers fund.

Mrs. Leonard Reiser, chairman of the civics committee reported on the skating pond which was made possible through the activities of that committee. She also announced that fortunately Mr. Copp is to be in Ravinia during July and August and his services have been secured as playground instructor on the school grounds. She reported that work is progressing on plans for an auditorium for which there is to be a mass meeting on May 23.

Mrs. Ernest Nolting, the retiring president, complimented the club on its achievements in developing a social and civic consciousness. She reminded her listeners that the club was founded by a group of people who organized to procure adequate school facilities for Ravinia, and suggested that now since the school no longer needs that kind of support the most worth while thing for the club to do is to work toward filling Ravinia's greatest need—an auditorium that will adequately house the various activities.

The tellers announced the result of the election as follows: President, Mrs. Arthur Raff; first vice-president, Mrs. Robert Grinnell; second vice-president, Mrs. Mary Hoffman; recording secretary, Mrs. Lucien Brouillette; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edwin C. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Clinton Beach.

After Mrs. Raff accepted the chair in a very gracious and charming manner there was a delightful program of dances by the pupils of Mildred Haessler. The program contained folk dances, interpretive numbers and ballet. It was all beautifully done and demonstrated the ability of Mrs. Haessler who had arranged it.

**PLAN SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES, SUNSET PARK**

On Saturday, June 4, Highland Park will be the host at the beginning of a series of Saturday night dances at the beautiful, new concrete dance pavilion at Sunset park. These dances, which are being sponsored by the Highland Park Social club will continue until August 27. The well-known Bluebird orchestra, six pieces, which needs no introduction in Highland Park or the rest of the North Shore, will render the music. Refreshments of all kinds will be available.

It is believed that these Saturday night dances will fill a long-felt want for the people of Highland Park and the North Shore.

**BUSIEST STORE HOURS ARE NOW IN FORENOON**

That the shoppers of the nation are heeding the advice of transportation companies was one of the points brought out at the recent Dry Goods convention in New York City, when a checkup revealed that the busiest store hours are from ten to two o'clock. This means not only less crowded conditions on street cars and elevated systems of the county, but also a greater degree of efficiency and comfort among department store employes, since they have time to prepare for the rush hours.

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