

**Mayor Names Ravinia Garden Club Sponsor
Rose Garden Contest**

By his signature to the certificate provided by the Woman's Home Companion, Mayor Lewis has appointed the Ravinia Garden club the official sponsors of the city, for the Municipal Rose Garden contest.

This contest is being held by the Woman's Home Companion and provides a prize of \$1,000.00 for the Municipal Rose Garden which makes the greatest progress from June 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932. With the enthusiastic support of the city behind them the Ravinia Garden club enters the race with the greatest confidence.

Material expression of this support is expected at the Garden Fair being given on Saturday, May 9, all day at Ravinia Station park, to raise the necessary funds for the start of the rose garden.

Plans for the fair are almost completed, and in next week's issue we hope to tell the children all the interesting events scheduled for their special benefit.

Expresses Idea

The following quotation from the pen of Dr. Liberty Howe Bailey, written in 1925, and published in the American Rose Annual of that year, expresses the idea the Ravinia Garden club has in mind in planning this garden. Dr. Bailey is America's "most distinguished horticultural author, editor and educator" and his endorsement means much to any community.

"In rose literature there is, to me, a certain essential lack. Great nature is the background against which of us should work and set our lives. I admire the wonderful horticultural roses, and marvel at the patience under which they have been produced and the skill that enters into the cultivation of them. I look for many more novelties, with combinations of qualities we do not yet foresee. I often wonder what will be the riches of the rose-lover of one hundred years from now.

And yet, if I were to make a rose-garden for myself, it would not be of the formal neat-as-a-pin kind. I would want a tract of upland sloping down to a marsh; and there I would colonize with a liberal hand the native roses of many countries together with such old self-perpetuating garden races as would be at home in these associations. I would want other shrubs with them, such shrubs as grow naturally with these roses where they grow wild. The wild birds would love this garden, and children would run through it and feel at home.

"I would not have you lessen attention in the American Rose Annual to the developed artificial roses, or reduce the space devoted to breeding; but why not set going a regular plan to illustrate and deftly describe a certain number of wild untouched, and, perhaps, "unpromising" roses, and the places where they live, in every issue, until you shall eventually bring to our people the great joys of roses that are really at home?"

It seems that when Congress isn't arguing about something to drink it's arguing about something to eat. Isn't there some way to introduce either vitamins or a kick into oratory?



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