

"LIFE SIZE GARDENS" FEATURE 1928 EXHIBIT

North Shore Garden Clubs Again to Have Share in Big Chicago Exposition in March

The suburban garden clubs which last year played a prominent part in the success of the famous Chicago Garden and Flower Show are taking an even more active interest in the 1928 show, according to an announcement from the Flower Show committee, issued this week.

Where last year the competition was confined to shadow boxes and table arrangements, this year each club will enter a prize contest for garden and home design. Each club will be given an identical model house and grounds. The house will be decorated, the gardens will be worked out in detail to demonstrate the various artistic effects which may be achieved in small and identical areas.

The 1928 show will be held in the exposition halls of Hotel Sherman and a total of 75,000 square feet of space will be devoted to the displays. The dates will be March 24 to April 1.

Improving Home Environs

"The life size gardens which will be a dominating attraction of the show, will illustrate the modern fashion of improving the small home grounds," said John A. Servas, manager of the show. "A great change has come about since the day when the home garden consisted of a round bed of red cannas in the front yard and a vegetable plot in the backyard. The improvement in garden architecture has been quite as great as the progress in small home architecture. A distinctive American style of home garden has been developed. But this fashion is still unfamiliar to home owners in general.

"Perhaps not one home owner in ten has really developed his garden according to the modern fashion and yet everyone nowadays desires to do this. Interest in gardening is widespread and the amateur gardener is always seeking correct information regarding garden design.

Stress Object Lessons

"The Flower Show management feels that object lessons in correct garden design which illustrate the wide possibility for beautifying the grounds of every home will be of immense interest and value to those who visit the 1928 show. Life size gardens designed by competent landscape architects will be built in the Exhibition hall. Growing plants and flowers with real sod and artistic accessories will give these gardens a definite educational value for the amateur gardener. The spaces will be 20 by 20, or 20 by 40 feet and a different method of improving the small home garden area will be demonstrated in each.

Exhibits of garden photographs and a continuous series of lectures on all phases of gardening will be additional features of the 1928 show. Mr. Servas says, "The show will be held just prior to the planting season and the management believes that the educational value of this show will do much to foster the distinctively American development in home gardens.

The meeting of the garden clubs' representatives will be held this month, at which time details of the garden clubs' competition will be settled. The committee is planning many attractive awards for the winning suburban clubs.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBJECT

"Life" will be the subject at the services of the First Church, Scientist, in Winnetka, Sunday morning, January 15, at 11 o'clock.

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Congressman Rathbone Lectures at University

Henry Riggs Rathbone, congressman-at-large for the state of Illinois and a resident of Kenilworth, spoke at Harris hall, Northwestern university, on "The Work of Congress" last Wednesday evening. Many phases of the intricate machinery of Congress, its functions, and the tasks of the congressional committees were discussed. The lecture was open to the public.

This lecture is the first in a series of three sponsored by the political science department at the university

for the purpose of giving the students first hand information concerning the actual workings of the government. As Mr. Rathbone has been Congressman-at-large for six years, he seemed the logical man to start these lectures.

Miss Mary Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash Ott, 17 Indian Hill road, Winnetka, was among the north shore girls returning to Vassar. Miss Ott is in her junior year. Both Miss Ott and her sister, Dorothy, have been in the East with Mrs. Ott since Christmas. Mrs. Ott and Dorothy returned this week.

HEAR RABBI LEVI

Rabbi Gerson B. Levi addressed the North Shore Congregation Israel on "Why a Jew?" Friday, January 13, at the Winnetka Masonic temple, 708 Elm street, Winnetka. His subject was the first of a series. The services this week were held in the usual meeting place until the completion of the congregation's temple, which is expected sometime in February or March, although last week services were held in the Skokie Grammar school, Winnetka.

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