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Annual Azalea Show At Botanic Garden Nears Peak

Plant Spread Increased And Many New Varieties Are on Display

The annual azalea show in the Botanic Garden opened yesterday in the exhibition conservatory at First street between Maryland and Independence avenues with more than 350 plants on view. Included are the famous Rutherfordian collection as well as other deciduous specimen plants never before exhibited here.

William A. Frederick, who is in charge of the propagation and display, said that by today at least 50 per cent of the garden's finest specimen plants will be in full flower and on display. The entire show is expected to be at its best about March 1 and will be open to the public for about three weeks. Both the main promenade and the east and west wings will be filled with the blooming plants.

Representative Louis C. Rabaut, Democrat of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee which passes on appropriations for the Botanic Garden, and several members of the Joint Committee on the Library which has jurisdiction over the garden, said this is the best flower show ever given by the garden. The exhibition plants are more forest-like than the blooms are slightly larger than last year and the plant spread is increased at least 20 per cent.

Garden Clubs' Preview.
 Committees from various florist organizations and from more than a score of garden clubs had a preview of the azaleas Friday and said they surpassed all previous exhibitions of the Government.

In the show are 60 of the large deciduous type plants, 3 to 5 feet high and 2 to 4 feet wide. Though running through all the shades of red and crimson, the blooms are principally golden and yellow. Several of the Azalea indica specimens have pure white blooms. Also to be seen with the Rutherfordian collection are 60 of the standard or tree types.

As an added attraction spring flowers will be on massed display, including more than 600 unusually well-developed Cineraria multiflora plants. These are expected to be at their best this week. Before the azalea show closes 600 Calceolarias, in all varieties, will be added to the colorful show. Novelty in mass of clusters.

Garden authorities assure visitors that the Calceolarias this year surpass previous exhibits. A novelty in mass of clusters, each flowerlet represents a pocket or purse-like growth. They are in gold and yellow, red and crimson, flecked or mottled browns, and russet and lavender. This flower is unlike any other in the floral kingdom, Mr. Frederick pointed out. Unique and fragile, they have a delicate coloring only matched by the orchid. These plants come from South American foothills.

A score of large tree-like plants of the Camellia japonica have been placed in the main promenade to round out the display. They have rich blooms resembling rosettes. Almost hardy in this climate, these plants are grown outdoors as far north as Richmond.

Before the azalea exhibit closes Mr. Frederick hopes to be able to have the conservatory open several nights.

Rally Will Discuss Municipal Auditorium

When an expected 1,500 sympathizers convene today at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church to protest the barring of Marien Anderson from Constitution Hall and Central High School Auditorium, they will also consider a resolution supporting a municipal auditorium.

U. Simpson Tate, chairman of arrangements for the mass meeting, said the resolution to be offered would stipulate that the auditorium be available to the public generally for any activity.

Speakers at the mass meeting will include Representative Keller of Illinois, Doxey Wilkerson, professor of education at Howard University; Dr. James M. Nabrit, law professor at Howard; Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the Rev. Arthur D. Gray, president of the local chapter of the National Negro Congress, and Clarke Foreman, director of the P. W. A. power division.

The Rev. Fred S. Buschmeyer, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, where the meeting was originally scheduled to be held, will offer the invocation.

The meeting will be followed up by a visit of the Marien Anderson Citizens' Protest Committee to the Board of Education Wednesday to seek a reversal of the board's decision to forbid the use of Central High Auditorium for the noted colored contralto's concert. The committee will be equipped with an expected 15,000 signatures petitioning the board to open the auditorium for the concert.

Georgians to Hear A Cappella Choir

Plans for the appearance here of the A Cappella Choir of the Georgia State College for Women, augmented by singers from Georgia Military College, will be discussed at a meeting of the G. S. C. W. alumnae group at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Nunnally's, 1208 F street N.W.

The choir, directed by Max Noah, head of the school's music department, will sing at the Raleigh Hotel March 18 under the joint auspices of the alumnae club and the Georgia State Society of Washington.

In the receiving line for the performance and dinner which will follow the program will be Mrs. S. Gordon Green, sister of Senator Russell of Georgia, and president of the local alumnae; Harry L. Brown, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and president of the Georgia Society; other officers of the two organizations and members of Georgia's congressional delegation.

Brookhart to Speak

Smith W. Brookhart, former Senator from Iowa, will address the Society of Mutual Benefit at 9 p.m. Thursday in the small auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, Sixteenth and Q streets N.W. His topic will be "The Present Economic Situation and the Solution for It."



CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—"SO WE TOOK THE \$100,000"—Samuel M. Van Sant, jr., and his wife had just 52 cents a year ago when he was given a check for \$100,000 for winning first prize in a cigaret slogan contest. Van Sant resigned his \$30-a-week job just last June to go on a vacation. They invested the money to provide an income of approximately \$45 a week and refused to spend more than that. Since then they "have been doing what we please. My husband writes stories. We attend travel and scientific lectures and the theater. I also do my own cooking," according to Mrs. Van Sant.—Wide World Photo.

Lithuanian Minister Speaks at Celebration

Povilas Zadeikis, Minister of Lithuania, was among the speakers at a dinner of the Baltic American Society in commemoration of the independence days of Estonia and Lithuania and in honor of Washington's Birthday anniversary at the Admiral Club Wednesday night.

Other speakers included Alfred Bilmanis, Minister of Latvia; Dr. Sigurd von Numers, Charge d'Affaires of the Finnish Legation, and Charles Kuusik, Consul General of the Legation of Estonia.

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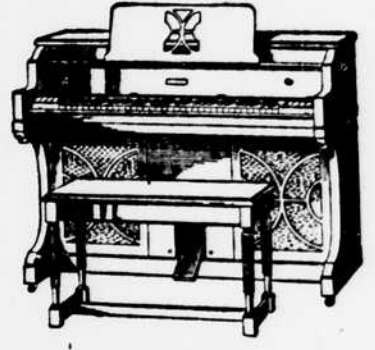
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