

History

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Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy
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Dear Mrs. Cudahy:

The evening classes are pretty well under way now that we have had two meetings. We had a number of cancellations in the landscape class due to bad driving conditions, but readily filled them with people on the waiting list, so we have a full class of fifty projects. I think Barrington on the north and Gary on the south are the farthest places from which class members come. Mr. Steyermark of the Chicago Natural History Museum and some people by the name of Darling are from Barrington. I don't know whether you know them or not?

Mr. Nordine has twenty-two in his class and that is about all he can handle, with the type of work he does and the space he has to handle them in. Mrs. Watts has about forty in her evening class and approximately the same number in her Wednesday afternoon nature literature class.

Mrs. Watts is working on the outdoor glossary nature trail and will have it ready for spring use. I have been taking some pictures of her habitat groups that were on display in the basement exhibit room. The pictures that have come back have turned out very well and I am taking the rest of them today. We are also taking pictures of some of the other class work and will attempt to get some pictures of the classes in action.

Mrs. Myers told us that you are interested in getting some figures on the kind of plastic that she used for the place mat she gave you for a Christmas present. Walter obtained some figures and pieces 12 x 18 inches would cost approximately \$1.65 each. At this rate if you have to have two for a mat in order to put the leaves in between, it would cost \$3.30 for a mat. However, there would be a saving of about 20% if you would buy in quantities of over 150 square feet.

We have a visitor today, Mr. Jacques L. Legendre of the Gulf Stream Nursery, Inc. at Wachapreague, Virginia. He attended the Symposium at Williamsburg last spring when Lowell was there. At that time he talked with Lowell at quite some length and was very

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eager to know more about the Arboretum. He is staying in Chicago attending the Nurserymens Convention and came out for the day. He seems to have been very much impressed with what he has seen so far. In my conversation with him this morning, I learned that his impression of the National Arboretum is about the same as mine.

Miss Rasch said she received the check for \$50.00 for the bulletin subscriptions. We thought you would be glad to know it arrived safely.

When I wrote you last we were in the midst of cold and snow, but most of our January weather has been exceptionally mild and the snow has been disappearing rapidly. The wheat field south of my house evidently benefited by the snow for it is beautiful and green.

We moved quite a number of pines in December and have more dug now waiting for cold weather. From all indications the rest of this month is supposed to be mild, so I presume we will be working in the woods most of the time.

Other than a few colds all of our people seem to be well. I was glad to learn from the letter Mrs. Godshalk received from you today that you are enjoying your garden very much.

Sincerely,

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