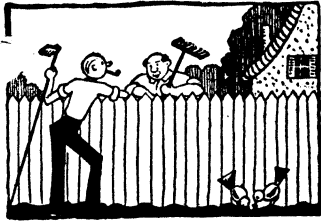


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AUGUST MEETING

This is it !

Our Preconvention get-together with the
St. Paul Club members and their wives.

Date: Tuesday - August 9th

Place: Minnehaha Picnic Grounds #1
(Next to the Refectory and Pavilion)

Time: 5:30 P. M.

Bring - your wife - picnic supper -
dishes and utensils.

Ice cream, coffee, sugar and cream
will be provided (no charge).

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This is a must for every club member and his wife.

Purpose:

1. A social opportunity to get better acquainted.
2. To brief us on the Convention events and some important "do's" and "don'ts" for good hosts and hostesses by:

Joe Micko - President of the St. Paul Club
Bill Swain - President of the Minneapolis Club
Dick Wilcox - In charge of St. Paul arrangements
Mrs. Herb Kahlert - Who has attended 2 National Conventions
Herb Kahlert - General Chairman of Convention Committee

Mark this important date on your calendar - NOW !

The Convention Program is Set - But - -

Yes - the plans are completed.
Committees are functioning.
Commitments are made.
Contracts are signed.
Finances are in order.

But the success of the convention will depend on the little things - the small

Therefore it is essential that each of us and our wives attend the cooperative picnic supper with the St. Paul Club on August 9th to get the "low down", the "know how", the enthusiasm and the spirit that will make our Twin City Convention one of lasting pleasant memories to all of our out of town guests.

And what is equally important - a source of pleasure, pride and satisfaction to each and all of us.

DINNER IN THE GARDEN

If you were unable to attend our July meeting and garden tour, you missed a lovely party. The setting was Jack Cohen's garden with his charming wife as hostess. The dinner was one of Jim Cristman's best and his able assistants provided and served it well.

GARDEN TOUR

Following a short business session conducted by our President, six gardens were visited. Those on the schedule included Jack Cohen's - with an abundance of bloom and a wide variety of strong, healthy plants mostly from his own greenhouse. A new addition this year included an ingeniously built Tuberosus Begonia house well stacked with flourishing plants.

From Jack's we traveled to Vic Lowrie's grapevine enclosed back yard with pool and rockery, or would a better description be "rock garden"? Vic showed a masterful handling of a small yard and small border. His flowers were in excellent condition and promised many blooms during the summer. Nice work, Vic !

Next in order came Tom Foley's and Al Nelson's adjoining gardens. What a display - roses the like of which would make even the cream of the experts sit up and take notice. Their joint venture was exceptionally well laid out - they complimented each other in color harmony as well as design - the whole effect was breath-taking.

Further along the route, we visited Herb Kahlert's spacious garden - quite a young garden, surprisingly so for July 12th - and come August 21st, it will be a riot of color - it promises well, Herb !

Finally we arrived at Ralph Sherman's gem of a garden - as always it sparkled jewel-like with every color in the spectrum blended as though by nature and each plant complimenting its neighbor. Neat, trim and manicured to perfection, it was a joy to behold.

ANY UNUSUAL ANNUALS ?

Your committee on annuals is anxious to hear, so that it may be recorded for the benefit of all members, what new annuals you are growing, and with what success. Also, any annuals under cultivation that are unusual particularly for this part of the country. Won't you please report them to your chairman, Vic Lowrie. Don't wait until the season is over, do it now, won't you, please !

SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE

We plan to publish a special "Convention" issue of the Spray for distribution among the attending delegates. If you have any significant, horticultural items pertaining to the State or Minneapolis that you think would be of particular interest to

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Now is the time for Chairmen of Special Interest Groups to check with members on the growing condition of the plants in the project. Call your group together for lunch or tea party.

DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Early in July, the Woman's Club of Minneapolis conducted a charity function called "Day in the Country" on the estate of John S. Pillsbury at Minnetonka - proceeds to go for a Mental Health Clinic at St. Barnabas Hospital. Our garden club was invited to be represented by an exhibit. A committee of Messrs. Lund, Rice and Cristman took charge of the project - and what a bang up job they did from the compliments that have been passed around. The display included forty-nine different varieties of cut roses, without duplication, with twelve additional varieties left out for lack of space - in the arrangement were Tuberous Begonias, Regal Lillies, Delphiniums and Sweet Peas. Contributors of material: Messrs. Cohen, Bishop, Foley, Kaufmann, Rice, Cristman, Lund and A. I. Nelson.

AFRICAN VIOLET LECTURE & MOVIE

One of the highlights during the week of the M. G. C. A. convention will be a lecture with movies on African Violets by the renowned authority on the subject, Charles Hudson, Jr. It is to be held at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis on Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, August 25th. For the purpose of raising money, the public will be invited to attend. Tickets will sell for \$1.25 and each club member is asked to get behind this venture and sell tickets to their neighbors and friends. Get your tickets from Bill Swain and go to work. (Those registering as delegates to the convention and paying the fee, attend as part of the program).

OUR MEMBERS

We are glad to report that Herb Spencer is regaining his health slowly, yes, but gradually. He is able to work a little each day. Our good wishes to you, Herb.

And - our congratulations to Bob Phillips on getting his Master's Degree.

Also - congratulations to Larry Corbett - appointed "President of the all American Awards Committee".

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Sadness and sorrow invaded the home of Cortis N. Rice, Jr., a few weeks ago. His father passed away in Massachusetts. Our deep sympathy is extended to you, Cortis.

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We have a waiting list of seven applicants. We are glad to receive the applications and wish the applicants could be indoctrinated at once. Be sure to tell your friends why they are not admitted right away - and bring them around as guests when possible.