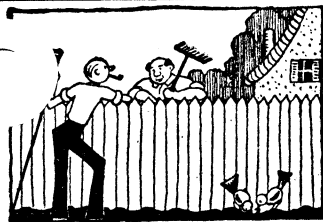


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Ed Montgomery, Upsher Smith

FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12
Time: 5:30 P.M. promptly
Place: Fountain Terrace
Medical Arts Building
Price: \$1.25

PROGRAM

6:20 P.M. Special announcements
6:30 Review of 1947 program
6:35 Special project
6:45 Dr. E. L. D. Seymour,
Feature garden writer, American
Home Magazine; Editor, The Gard-
en Encyclopedia; Vice-President,
United Horticulture, Inc.
Subject: "Gardens to Live In"
7:45 "Musts" for February
7:55 Questions & Answers

Officers

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MAY THIS BE A YEAR OF GROWTH

Your newly elected officers, while highly appreciative of your confidence, realize that you have placed upon them a mandate and a responsibility.

In their behalf I pledge you a year of planned and sustained effort:

1. To further the growth, development and progress of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis in its purposes, policies and possibilities so that it may attain high stature in the Mens' Garden Clubs of America.
2. To increase and expand benefits and knowledge to members through experience, experiments, projects and authoritative instruction, timed to seasonal developments - all pursued in a common interest and in a spirit of kindred fellowship.
3. To be helpful as an organization and as individuals in civic, community and neighborhood gardening projects.

Under the leadership of capable and experienced committee chairmen and with the co-operation and participation of every member, I am certain that each of us will achieve a greater pride in a better garden by becoming a "good gard-

THE JANUARY 1947 MEETING

The January meeting was a grand success with 46 in attendance. As this was our annual business meeting, many reports were given and some are published elsewhere in this issue of The Spray.

The new constitution and by-laws, prepared by Fred Paul and Ed Montgomery, were discussed and accepted. They are streamlined and will add to the efficiency of the Club's business so as to give more time to gardening by the Club's officers.

President Cerney in his last official address said, "If I were to name each man who helped me during my administration, it would be a roll-call of the Club. You are a willing and co-operative bunch of fellows and it was a pleasure to work with you. If any special mention should be made, it should go to Jack Cohen for editing the Spray and donating the stencils; to Jim Cristman for mimeographing The Spray; to Bill Block who took the movies and developed the films at no cost to the Club; and to Chris Mosberg and Henry Bachman for their generous donations of prizes throughout the year."

Committee Reports

Rose Committee: Charley Doell received a big hand at this first meeting he attended since his incapacitation. It was good to have Doell back with us and though his illness prevented a 1946 report, he assured us he will have a complete one in another year.

Chrysanthemum Committee: A complete report of this committee under chairmanship of Harold Kaufmann has already been mailed to all members. He did add that the trial plants, from the Men's Garden Clubs of America, were not too good, according to Walter Menzel.

Sweet Pea Committee: Upsher Smith, as chairman, reported that weather for sweet pea growing in 1946 was so perfect that no one could help but get good blooms from June to frost. Next year

Among those working on this committee are Bill Block, Dr. Joe Cohen, G. G. Cerney, Herb Kahlert, Harold Kaufmann, Walter Quist and Andy Nyberg.

Tuberous Begonia: Bill Block reported they got off to a late start and so did not get the results they hoped for. They sent a group order to Vetterle and Reinelt because of the buildup story that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post - and their order was turned down late in May. For this year they expect to get a good lot of begonia bulbs early through M.G.C. of A.

Our Program for 1947

That old maestro of program building, Herb Kahlert, will be back on the job in 1947 - and it looks like it will be a big year in the way of a full 12 months of gardening information, fun and activity.

A Nice Custom

It was thoughtful custom initiated last year of giving a gift to the retiring president. Herb Kahlert was the first president to get the presidential tree rose, and he thought it too good an idea to drop. So this year he and Harold Kaufmann chipped in and presented an order for a tree rose to the retiring prexy, G. G. Cerney.

New Members

Ralph Sherman, Dr. C. J. Kelsey, Walter Gregory. Welcome, fellows, and we trust you will enjoy our fellowship and friendship as much as we expect to enjoy yours.

Bill Addy Heads Social Committee

Bill Addy, as Chairman of the Social Committee, thinks that a better name would be Good Fellowship Committee. He and his committee felt that their main duties are to keep in touch with the joys and sorrows of the members and their families; to preach helpfulness, thoughtfulness, friendliness towards each other so as to make the Club a richer and better place for

1946 WAS A GRAND YEAR, SAYS SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

By Jim Cristman, Secretary

1946 was a progressive year for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. We now have a full membership of 70. At the beginning of 1946, four members resigned: R. W. Andrews, Z. Z. Savory, Jay Smith and Ralph Tomlinson. New members admitted were Herbert C. Spencer, William I. Bauman, Joe Witmer, G. Victor Lowrie and Leonard Bies. At this time we have a waiting list to fill the vacancies that may occur.

Ten issues of The Garden Spray were printed and Jack Cohen, Ed Montgomery and all who made it possible should be congratulated because it really is a chore. Copies of all issues are on file for future reference.

Relations with the Men's Garden Clubs of America and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society were maintained. We exchanged publications with 18 other clubs.

Twelve regular meetings were held in 1946, with two special Sunday tours. We visited the Eloise Butler Wild Plant Preserve and Upland Plant Preserve; Schreiners' Iris Gardens; Minneapolis Rose Garden; and also toured gardens of some members.

A special meeting on roses was conducted by Harold Kaufmann and Charley Doell, and on tuberous begonias by Bill Block. At our Christmas meeting, with wives of members as guests, we were entertained by Bill Block's movies of members' gardens.

We conducted our first plant auction which was very profitable to our organization. We had a chrysanthemum show and also visited the chrysanthemum show of the Park Board with its 60,000 blooms.

Average attendance at meetings and tours was 45, with five of our members having a perfect attendance record for the year.

The Constitution has been revised and will be presented for approval at the next meeting. Fred Paul and Ed Montgomery are deserving of much credit for the outstanding job they have done on this assignment.

My recommendations for the year 1947: (1) Hold at least two flower shows. It is an expression of our work in the garden. (2) Continue publishing our Garden Spray. (3) Continue printing the roster, which will be simplified by the new Constitution. (4) Continue the use of badges at meeting. (5) Continue the auction of plants which are surplus to individual members and wanted by others.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1946

Income

Bank balance, Dec. 31, 1945 . . \$193.66
20 membership dues . . \$60.00
Income from sale of
plants & dinners . . 58.22
Income from raffles . . 24.75
Miscellaneous income . . 1.78
Cash on hand 4.25
Total income 149.00

Disbursements

Stencils and cutting . . \$11.50
Magazine subscriptions . . 3.00
Membership fee in Minn. . .
Horticulture Soc. & MGC 60.50
Printing 44.25
Tags and envelopes 3.00
Postage 30.54
Guest dinners 3.75
Food 4.00
Unpaid bills (Postage \$12;
stencils \$3; Miscellaneous

UNUSUAL PLANTS THAT WILL SURVIVE IN MINNEAPOLIS

For the third time in three years, Dr. A. O. Dahl of the Botany Department of the University of Minnesota was the principal speaker at one of our meetings, and, as usual, set a high standard of human interest and practicality in his talk.

Dr. Dahl came to us this time not as a theoretical university professor to tell us what we ought to do, but as a practical fellow-gardener who has been through the throes of planting, fertilizing, weeding, etc., and related what he found out will grow permanently in the way of unusual plants in Minneapolis. Dr. Dahl has experimented 20 years with the plants about which he told us.

It was a brilliant, attention-holding talk and though it lasted an hour, all regretted that he came to the end of his talk; he left, however, with a promise of a return trip to tell us about other unusual plants that have proven to him they can be grown here.

Here follow a few notes on his talk:

Buddleia. Can be grown like an annual starting from seed. Don't carry through the winter too well - which those who have bought plants probably found out. Royal Red is a good red; the purple will probably survive if hilled up before the first hard freeze in autumn.

Scotch Heather (*Calluna Vulgaris Alporti*) grows in good soil, preferably acid. Flowers in August. Stands winter weather if protected against the bright rays of the winter sun.

Clematis, *Duchess of Albany*. Blooms late in June. Grows best in good garden soil with peat and limestone.

Clematis, *Durandi*. Fairly permanent. Grows 5 feet high; sapphire blue flowers. May be secured from Bobbink and Atkins.

Clematis, *Tangutica*. Comes originally from Siberia. Small, bell-shaped yellow flowers; can be grown from seed. Plants can be secured by the Nursery of St. George in New York.

Daphne, *Cneorum*. Give southern exposure and sandy soil. Evergreen in winter with protection against the sun.

Weigela, *Florida Venusta*. Blossoms in May. Has long, trumpet-shaped flowers that may bloom again in autumn. Sur-

Forsythia, *Ovata* or *Lorean Golden Bell*. Hardy and blooms come through early in spring.

Gingko, *Biloba*. The maidenhair tree, held sacred by the Chinese. Grows slowly, is distinctive and hardy. Walter Menzel has one, growing like a poplar, that is 30 feet in height. Seedlings available from Snyder Bros. Nursery, Center Point, Iowa.

Halesia, *Monticola*. Mountain Silver Bell or snowdrop tree. Unusual feature is that flower keeps growing after it is open. A handsome flowering tree when in full bloom.

Magnolia, *Soulangiana*, *Alexandrina*. Can be grown in our tough climate, believe it or not, according to Dr. Dahl. Buy potted plants - available from Bobbink & Atkins - because they resent transplantation. Will grow in light shade. Blossom at 3 feet high when 5 to 6 years old. Plant in spring. Expensive - \$7 to \$8- but worth it. (Wayside Gardens list a large plant at \$11.)

Tree Peonies. Hardy and grow for years. Bloom earlier with different type blooms than standard peonies. Start with good sized plants. *Banksii* is a hardy one; *Queen Elizabeth* also good.

Paenia Tenifolia, fern-leaved peony.