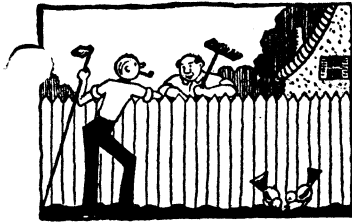


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FEBRUARY MEETING

Place: Park Board Greenhouse
38th & Colfax South
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 1949
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Dinner: \$1.25 per person. Special
menu prepared by Wm. Swain
(amateur chef)

PROGRAM

- 6:30 Business meeting
President Swain presiding
- 6:45 New Things Shown in the 1949 Seed Catalogs
L. E. (Jim) Cristman
- 7:05 Things to Plant (and How) for Special August
Bloom in our Gardens - G. G. Cerney
- 7:20 Clematis. Professor A. N. Wilcox, University
of Minnesota. Over the years our Club has
not done enough to advance the use of this
colorful and satisfactory vine which is av-
ailable in many colors and forms for various
effects. Prof. Wilcox is especially inter-
ested in clematis and incidentally we welcome
him again after an absence of eight years
from our programs.
- 8:00 Questions & Answers. Curtis N. Rice, Jr.
- 8:10 Get Ready for the Auction. Harold Kaufmann

Officers

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OUR FIRST HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

"We the undersigned members in good standing, petition the membership of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis to offer an Honorary Membership in the Club to Professor L. E. Longley.

Professor Longley has been active in the field of horticulture and floriculture. He has been particularly interested in chrysanthemums and has developed some varieties which have received national recognition and are listed in many catalogs.

He has appeared before our Club on many occasions and has given freely of his time. We believe our Club should recognize all this at this time."

(Signed)

Rene Dufourd A. H. Flack Bill Block H. R. Kaufmann W. F. Robinson

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY DR. SNYDER

Q. A recent issue of the Minnesota Horticulturist indicated that a list of some 250 native shrubs is being prepared. How can I get a copy of this list? W. W. Brooks.

A. List is in process of publication and will be available April 1st.

Q. (1) Should roses be allowed to harden off or should they be watered in the late fall? (2) Should evergreens be well watered in late fall because they are living over winter? H. Kaufmann.

A. (1) Harden off in fall; when dormant, water thoroughly. If stored over winter, cellar must have high humidity. (2) Evergreens should be well watered before freezing.

Q. You mentioned the varying conditions under which red bud may survive but you didn't say what the favorable conditions are. What are they? Chas. Doell.

A. Conditions favorable for overwintering are where drainage is in a well-drained area. There may be a variability in planting stock also.

Q. Why does the trunk and not the smaller branches of the tamarack split open some years? G. G. Cerney

A. Tamarack is southern in origin and thrives best under dry conditions. When wood gets older, more subject to borer. Sunscald may be a factor. Aluminum foil, freezer type, is good preventive of sunscald.

Q. Is boiled linseed oil on fruit trees a protection from rabbits? H. Wright

A. Linseed oil might injure bark. Better is a pint of rosin dissolved in alcohol. Animal blood painted on trees is said to keep rabbits away from trees. (Walter Menzel has used dried blood on plants and got rid of rabbit nuisance.)

Q. (1) Do roses propagated in Texas do well in Minnesota? (2) The folks in International Falls get longer life for roses by keeping them dry. Is this right? Herb Kahlert.

A. (1) Depends on the hardiness of the root stock. Could probably do well in Minnesota. (2) Freezing and thawing is what kills roses; keep plants dry.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Special Projects Committee has mailed reports that came into the membership.

Herb Kahlert's report on iris was given in his usual detailed, expert manner commenting in detail on what grows, how to grow iris and detailed comments on the various new and old varieties in his garden.

Arch Flack's report on "Dwarf Fruit Trees" is a studious job on an interesting project that has several years to run.

Jim Cristman told how he and his group get those wonderful results with tuberous begonias.

More reports will come from the various chairmen to the members as they are completed.

HOME COOKING A LA GARDEN CLUB

To help raise funds for the national meeting of the M.C.G. of A., your Program Committee is getting their wives, volunteer wives and husbands to get our meals home made and thus save restaurant charges.

The January menu was a humdinger: Boston baked beans prepared by the famous recipe of Mrs. Herb Kahlert (took 48 hours to bake); cold slaw - by the president's wife, Mrs. Lund; Porkies, compliments of the manufacturer; coffee - from Nash Coffee Co.; Boston brown bread, potato chips and apple pie.

All was served in the cozy and friendly confines of the Park Board Greenhouses. Profit was \$38; the meal and service were excellent and it was voted to repeat.

APPROVED BUDGET FOR 1949

Revenue:

90 members at \$4	\$360.00
Auction	150.00
	<u>\$510.00</u>

Expenses:

Minn. Horticultural Society	
@ 75¢ (75)	\$56.25
Mens Garden Clubs of America	
@ 50¢ (75)	37.50
Roster	35.00
Other printing & stationary	125.00
Cheer	25.00
Program	100.00
Shows	25.00
Films	25.00
Miscellaneous	15.00
	<u>\$443.75</u>
Total	\$443.75
Reserve	66.25
	<u>\$510.00</u>

1948 balance	440.03
	<u>\$950.03</u>

QUIST'S GREENHOUSE

Walter Quist has his own small greenhouse when he grows tuberous begonias indoors. It has two benches - one heated and one unheated for slowing up growth. With ideal, controlled conditions for growth, Walter gets prolific and gorgeous blooms and his Ag college education helps get the best results.

SICK REPORT

George Luxton is recuperating at home from an operation.

A. M. Libbey is now home from the hospital and is doing well.

Archie Flack has been operated on and is getting along well during his convalescence.

These notes came from our Secretary, Rene Dufourd. Please keep him advised of illness as soon as known.

FUNDS TO THE CONVENTION TREASURY

Into the Convention treasury go the following funds:

Cortis Rice - profits on wreaths, \$89.00

Profits from "home-cooked" meals at the monthly meetings.

Club treasury turns over \$350 from its surplus.

Harold Kaufmann, chairman of the Finance Committee, hopes to raise close to \$1,000 by the sale of plants at our auction.

THE NEW 1949 OFFICERS

What a gala array of good gardeners and hard Club workers we have to guide us for 1949! The Nominating Committee did a swell job of selection and the coming year should be a most successful one.

Here are the new officers: President, Bill Swain; Vice-President, Cortis Rice; Secretary, Rene Dufourd (as usual); Treasurer, Ralph Sherman.

These men, plus Stan Lund, make up the Board of Directors.

HONORS TO MEMBERS

The following Club members have been elected as officers of the Minnesota Dahlia Society: Carl Nelson, Vice-President; Harold Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer (re-elected); Harold Kaufmann to Board of Directors.

EDWIN WHITE PASSES ON

A charter member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, Edwin White, passed away on January 21. He had been ailing for some time and had been taking life easy for the past year and reduced his business and garden activities to a minimum.

In the early days of the Club he was a member of the Board and Treasurer and was always on the alert in furthering communal garden activities.

We shall miss Ed and our sincere condolences

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1948

During 1948 the Club continued its successful activities. There was a marked increase in member activity, reflected by increased attendance of the active members, increased support of the plant auction, and increased interest and participation in the flower shows, color slide recordings and special interests.

During the year death separated us from our friend, Charles L. Comings. Resignations were received from A. W. Erickson, Edmund E. Johnson and Albert P. Brown. Wm. Bauman, George Filbert, Dr. C. W. Kelsey, L. E. Gilbert, Cy Erickson and Joe Hradecky transferred to the Associate Membership, and the Executive Board approved the membership of C. F. LaCrosse, Dr. Frederick Schaaf, Arthur J. Fackler, Maurice K. Lifson, Albert I. Nelson, Thomas P. Hughes, T. R. Regan, C. Gason, J. K. Mortland, A. W. Koester, A. R. Blackburn, George Germain and A. M. Libbey to fill the vacancies in the active and associate lists. Our membership now consists of 69 active and 18 associate members. We have two applications pending.

During 1948 we held ten regular meetings, two of which, during July and August, were garden tours after supper. The June and September meetings were substituted by the Spring and Fall Flower Shows. The December meeting was our annual Ladies' Night. 86 people were present.

The two flower shows demonstrated what teamwork, co-operation, leadership and determination can do. In spite of unfavorable growing conditions in the spring, we had 298 entries, and in spite of an advanced fall, and outside competition, we had 487 entries in the Fall Show, both new records for our limited membership. We had more outside visitors during the shows than ever before.

The garden tours during the summer months proved popular. 18 gardens were visited. Next year the committee will study the problem of the "Cavalcade of Cars" and how to spend more time in each garden.

Ten issues of the "Garden Spray" were published. Copies of all issues are on file. We exchanged publication with 20 other garden clubs.

The third annual plant auction held in May is another indication of the active interest of our members in Club activities. 286 items brought \$251.29 to the treasury. This, compared to the \$50 received from the First annual auction shows how our members react to it and eagerly anticipate its coming by growing some plants for it and buying others. This auction has good financial possibilities.

During the year we maintained our membership with the Minnesota Horticultural Society and the Men's Garden Clubs of America. In conjunction with the Men's Garden Club of St. Paul, we extended an invitation to the Men's Garden Clubs of America to hold its 1949 Convention in the Twin Cities. This was accepted and will be held on August 22-23-24 and 25, 1949.

Our average attendance rose from 55% in 1947 to 58% in 1948. There is a continued improvement over the previous years. Seven members had perfect attendance: G. Cerney, Jim Cristman, Ed Culbert, Tom Hughes, C. F. LaCrosse, Walter Menzel, Wm. Robinson. Nine other members attended all but one meeting.

The reports from the Special Interests Groups will be published separately. Each member should have at least one project going on in his garden.

Recommendations: (1) Continued increased attendance; (2) Every member to work

TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Club, my annual report for the year 1948 is presented herewith:

Report #1 contains a statement to show the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, the income and expenses for the year classified in accordance with the budget, the net income for the year, and the balance in the treasury on December 31, 1948. For purposes of comparison, the classified budget is also shown. It is most gratifying to note that our income for 1948 exceeded that budgeted by \$309.29, primarily because of the most successful plant auction, and that because of various economies, expenses were \$31.57 less than forecast.

Report #2 includes a statement to show the approximate net worth of the Club at the end of the year, which includes the balance in the treasury together with the value of materials and supplies on hand. There are no accounts receivable or payable. The net gain for the year is \$311.43, whereas none was forecast by the budget. I am submitting the records for the year 1948; also the records which were turned over to me by the previous treasurer and all supplies on hand. I believe that all records are in proper form and ready for audit.

Cortis N. Rice, Jr., Treas.

Financial Report #1

	Actual	Budget	Budget over- or under-run *
Balance in treasury, January 1, 1948	\$99.17		
Income (excluding 1949 dues paid)			
Membership dues	\$340.00	\$320.00	\$ 20.00
Plant auction	251.29	100.00	151.29
Catering for garden tours	143.00		143.00
Miscellaneous			
Garden signs sold	<u>5.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>5.00 *</u>
Total income (excluding 1949 dues)	739.29	430.00	309.29
Expenses			
Minnesota Horticultural Society dues	53.25	60.00	6.75 *
Men's Garden Clubs of America dues	31.00	35.00	4.00 *
Printing roster		35.00	35.00 *
Printing, stationery and postage			
Envelopes	26.83	15.00	11.83
Postcards	7.85	10.00	2.15 *
Stencils for "GardenSpray"	18.00	16.00	2.00
Paper	20.72	10.00	10.72
Postage	39.35	40.00	.65 *
Cheer	28.28	20.00	8.28
Program	18.24	100.00	81.76 *
Flower shows	51.42	50.00	1.42
Films		25.00	25.00 *
Catering for garden tours	99.34		99.34
Miscellaneous			
Bank charges and sundries	<u>4.15</u>	<u>14.00</u>	<u>9.85 *</u>
Total expenses	\$398.43	\$430.00	\$31.57 *
Net Income (excluding 1949 dues paid)	340.86		340.86

Treasurer's Report #2

Balance in treasury		
Checking account, Northwestern National Bank, Lincoln Office		\$448.03
Cash		.00
Total		<u>448.03</u>
Materials and supplies		
Purchased prior to 1948		
Garden signs for sale	17	\$17.00
Show prize ribbons	101	13.00
Addressograph plates		3.90
Treasurer's record book		3.25
Purchased during 1948		
Milk bottles for flower shows	240 qts., 240 pts.	10.80
Exhibit tags for flower shows	1500	12.00
Printed envelopes	1500	8.45
Letterheads for "Garden Spray"	1600	13.30
Second sheets for "Garden Spray"	1000	4.75
Postage stamps in possession of treasurer		<u>.27</u>
Total materials and supplies		\$86.72
Accounts payable		<u>.00</u>
Approximate net worth 12/31/48		\$534.75
Deduct 1949 dues paid		<u>8.00</u>
Approximate net worth 12/31/48 Excluding 1949 dues paid		\$526.75
Approximate net worth 12/31/47		<u>215.32</u>
Approximate net gain for 1948		\$311.43

(Note: Garden signs included at sale price; all other materials at cost or approximate cost)

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill Swain was in Pasadena Christmas Week. He saw the Rose Festival with its gala parades and reports that most of the floats were decorated with - not roses - but Minnesota chrysanthemums - Chippewa.

Harold Kaufmann extolled Stan Lund for his excellent administration as President of the Club and assured him of the retiring President's remuneration - a tree rose - as soon as they become available.

Our budget committee started with a budget of \$430. With all expenses paid, they ended the year with \$440 in the treasury! They should be given the job of running the government!

DR. SNYDER'S TALK TO US

Dr. Leon C. Snyder, extension specialist in horticulture at the University of Minnesota, told us "How to Battle Minnesota Winters in Our Gardens," at our January meeting. The talk was inspirational and informative and practical and it was a treat to hear it.

Copies of Dr. Snyder's talk are available to members. If you want one, write to the Secretary for a copy.

We'd like to publish Dr. Snyder's entire paper in this issue of The Spray but it's too long for this issue and too good to boil down or abstract in any way.

NOTICE

In past years our officers have designated certain Special Interest and Project Groups and have assigned members to these groups in accordance to expressed choices, usually three. Under this plan the inevitable result was that some groups have been so small that little could be accomplished. Therefore, a slightly different plan is proposed for the current year.

There is below a suggested list of Special Interest Groups and also a suggested list of Project Groups. Please examine them and report on the dinner reservation card enclosed herewith the group or groups (by number) to which you would like to belong this year. Or, if you care to suggest another group, please do so. Groups will be established only in so far as sufficient interest develops from your replies.

In making your selections bear in mind that the fundamental purpose of the Special Interest Groups is to gather together all those who are interested in each caption listed. Each group will constitute the basis of the exchange of information and experiences within and without the group, and should meet frequently enough to make such exchanges. In effect, each group is equivalent to a little club within the Club. It probably will want to do some testing, hold meetings of its own with speakers and activities of its own choice, and because of its specialized experience can become a valuable source of information for other members. A report on its activities and experiences will be expected from each chairman at the close of the growing season.

The Project Groups will require more work, if properly designated as work, research work. These groups will require study and experimentation to a degree limited only by the time and energy that each can devote to his project. The object of these groups is to prepare and have available for all Club members as much information as possible on each subject from their own actual experiments and as related to conditions in our own area. A complete report will be expected from each project chairman at the appropriate time.

These groups can be of great benefit, and it will be fun to do some laboratory experiments in our own gardens.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

1. Chrysanthemums
2. Dahlias
3. Delphiniums
4. Lilies
5. Roses
6. Tuberous Rooted Begonias
7. Violas
8. Bulbs
9. Wild Flowers
10. Ornamental Grasses
11. House Plants
12. Vegetables
13. Perennials in General
14. Window Boxes
15. Rock Garden Plants
16. Greenhouses and Conservatories

PROJECT GROUPS

17. Dwarf Apple Trees
18. Shrubbery for Minnesota
19. Sweet Peas
20. Lawns, weed and crab grass control
21. Soils
22. Insecticides, special reference to new developments
23. Hormones
24. Perennials, new varieties and varieties not common in Minnesota.
25. Annuals, new varieties and varieties not common in this area.