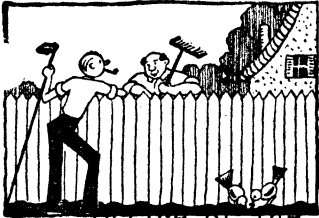


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NOVEMBER MEETING

THE BEST MEETING OF THE YEAR; THE STORY OF 1945

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 1945.

Place: Fountain Terrace; Medical Arts Bldg.

Program: 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting.

5:30 p.m. Dinner - \$1.25.

6:15 p.m. 30 - 3 minute speeches.

Including project reports, outstanding successes and failures - interesting experiences and new ventures.

A regular Bull session - 2 hours of interesting, informative discussion.

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DUES FOR 1946 ARE NOW PAYABLE!

It is necessary that our full membership be paid up for 1946 by the first of January. Only then can: (1) The new administration plan its program and budget for next year. (2) Our membership list be sent to the State Horticultural Society in time for each of our members to secure a worth while premium. (3) Our membership roster be sent to the Men's Garden Club of America in time to be included in the Year Book.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW TO TREASURER WALTER R. MENZEL

Everybody seems to agree that this good club is having one of its best years as far as programs, interest and fellowship is concerned. There is, however, a serious situation developing.

Purposely, membership is restricted by charter to 70 active members to achieve intimate discussions and convenience of meetings. About 50% of our membership attend our meetings. A few attend meetings very infrequently; some, none, -- deriving little benefit or contributing little to the success of the Club. We have a fairly extensive waiting list of applicants anxious to become members, participate in and contribute to the purposes of this Club.

The solution? Naturally, we would prefer those who have not been active participants in the past to become more active and to attend meetings regularly. If, however, personal conditions do not permit activity and participation, these men, who derive no benefits from their membership, should resign to make room for those who are not only anxious to participate, but whose interest and activity will contribute further strength and growth to this Club.

FALL BULBS AND FALL PLANTING.
Reported on by An Expert

Mr. John Nelson, of the Gould Seed Company, St. Paul, was our guest speaker at the October meeting. Flowers and gardening are both a business and a hobby with him and we appreciated the sound advice he gave us in planning our Fall work.

In regard to Dutch bulbs, he says that shiploads are coming over right along and that despite the war, many new varieties have been developed. There is one daffodil that is a complete red and another that is three times the normal size.

American bulbs are short this year because of the labor shortage, but what there is will barely help out the shortage on Dutch bulbs, since only one-half the normal amount usually shipped to the U.S. will arrive this year.

Incidentally, he mentioned that the nursery help is so difficult to get that one rose grower offered \$20 per day to experienced workers and couldn't get sufficient help to harvest his rose crop. We can expect, therefore, a shortage of roses for 1946, so if you are going to buy roses, you had better get your order in now.

The normal planting of tulip bulbs is 5 inches, but some gardeners say that if you plant them a foot deep - or even 18 inches deep - the bulbs will have a longer life. It is worth taking a few bulbs, "burying" them, and see what happens.

Crocus and grape hyacinth are plentiful. Squirrels love these two bulbs and if they are a pest in your garden, use naphthalene flakes to keep them away.

For planting tulips, do it any time before the ground is frozen hard. He planted some tulips December 17th and they came up fine.

A good shipment of hyacinths has arrived from Holland, although not in the usual pre-war quantity. This will relieve the scarcity of hyacinths since American growers do not like to raise them for it takes four to five years for the bulbs to grow to full size.

Cover all plantings of bulbs with marsh hay.

DDT is not a garden pest cure-all. It will kill some bugs but not others. For the time being it is not advisable to use it on plants. Any solution with less than 5% DDT in it is N.G.

Pyrethrum so far is our best and safest garden insecticide, for, like DDT, it paralyzes the nervous system of the bug so that they die within from 24 to 48 hours. Dr. Charlie Mann added that bugs must get into contact with pyrethrum before it will have any effect on them.

On the subject of insecticides, it was disclosed by Walter Menzel that in his "moth-breeding" establishment, they use a fly-sprayer with pyrethrum in solution. It does good work in forcing moths out of hiding and you can see them die at your feet.

Other solutions for moths in closets are Paradichlor, which is considered the best moth-killing agent; or a pan of carbon tetrachloride allowed to evaporate in a clothes closet will also do the trick.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DEPARTMENT

Conducted by C. C. Cerney

Question: Can I spread Vigoro on my garden now?

Answer: No. Wait until Spring.

Question: Can red cedar be transplanted in October?

Answer: No.

Question: What is the best way to cover roses for the Winter?

Answer: Hill up with dirt to a height of about 8 inches, put chicken wire around and fill with peat.

Question: Can I plant roses in the Fall?

Answer: No.

Question: What is a cure for squirrels and chipmunks in the garden?

Answer: A .22 rifle.

Question: Can peonies and Oriental poppies be put into the garden in the Fall?

Answer: Okay if this is done during September.

Question: What bulbs can be planted now?

Answer: Tulips, daffodils, crocus and Scillas.

Question: Are the bulbs from Holland as good as the American variety or up to the pre-war quality?

Answer: I think they are.

Question: How big should a tulip bulb be?

Answer: It depends on the variety. The

average size would be from 1 inch to 1½ inches in diameter.

Question: Has any dealer the new red daffodil?

Answer: Some are expected by the dealers but none has arrived as yet.

Question: When shall I plant Dutch or English iris?

Answer: Plant now about three inches deep.

Question: What prevented my ismene from blooming this year?

Answer: The cause was probably the wet and late season because it likes a lot of sun. (Upsher Smith)

Question: Can I store bulbs in metal garbage cans?

Answer: No. Old peach crates are best.

Question: What bulbs are best for indoor forcing?

Answer: Single or double tulips. Do not plant the tall ones. Put in pots and bury them; cover with a board to find them, and let them remain out-of-doors until the root system has a good growth. Bring in and store in a cool place and have them grow slowly so as to get a maximum size bloom.

Question: When can grass seed be sown in the Fall?

Answer: Do not sow grass seed any later than September 15th.

S.I.D HUNTING EXPERIENCE

Two of our Clubmembers, John Hanson and Earl Jones, together with a third chap, went hunting in South Dakota when the pheasant season opened in that State. Their shooting luck was good and they started driving home with a trailer attached to the car which carried all their hunting equipment, birds, etc.

Driving homeward, Hanson happened to look back and saw that the trailer was on fire. They stopped the car and all three men

catch could not be released. They tried to save some of the clothes, guns, etc. inside the trailer. Hanson pulled out a pair of boots that had melted and were so hot that he burned his arms and hands. Earl Jones was burned also trying to save his guns. The third chap was shot by shells in the car which were exploded by the intense heat.

John and Earl are getting along all right now but it was indeed a sad homecoming

C. H. STEWART PASSES AWAY

It was with sadness in his voice that Herb Kahlert reported at the last meeting that Charlie Stewart, one of the stalwarts of the Men's Garden Club, passed away on October 5th. One of the last things he did was to pot some chrysanthemums and read the last issue of The Spray before he passed on.

He was a true friend and devoted friend and will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him well.

The Secretary was instructed to send the following letter of sympathy to his bereaved widow:

Dear Mrs. Stewart: With profound regret, each and every member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis extends his deep and sincere sympathy to you and your children in the death of your husband.

Though quiet and modest, Charlie was a forceful personality in our Club. Sincerely missed will be his experienced wisdom, his cheerful friendliness and his always willing helpfulness.

Charlie so loved nature, flowers and all growing things. Can we not believe that he has but gone to sleep for the Winter and that perennially happy memories of him will continue to brighten your garden and ours?

Charlie's associates in the Garden Club, at a meeting this evening, have instructed me to write you this letter to tell you that he was near and dear to us too, and that in no small measure do we share your loss and your grief.

FALL PLANTING - "DON'T" SAYS ARCHIE

Archie Flack substituted at the last meeting for the Holland Tulip man, who was supposed to be on the program but who was not available for the meeting.

Archie does not believe in Fall planting, but he feels that any work we can do in the Fall will help ease the burden when the Spring rush rolls around. Some of his good advice is as follows:

Cut back perennials and burn the refuse. Do not put it in the compost pile.

Dig manure into the soil with a manure fork. When you dig in the Fall, you know where the perennials are.

Don't raise your own perennials. Let the nurseryman take the risk on perennials and buy them from him in the Spring.

There is little to do on lawns in the Fall unless you do it not later than the first

CLUB BUSINESS

The Board of Directors accepted one resignation and greeted two new members to the Club. The newcomers are Bill Swain and Joe Schmidt.

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The Treasurer reported \$67 in the treasury and all bills paid.

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The Board extended a vote of thanks to Bill Block for his emergency help during our last Flower Show.

NEWS NOTES

A welcome visitor at one of our recent meetings was Mr. Carl R. Bishop of St. James, Minnesota.

The Sweet Pea Committee held its post-mortem on the good and bad results they got from sweet pea planting this past