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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY
FOR MEMBERS, THEIR WIVES AND GUESTS

Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM

DONALDSON'S TEA ROOMS

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ELECTION NIGHT AT THE GARDEN CLUB

It was a raucous affair and although the campaigning was inaudible to us in reality, the banter of the psychic included such catchwords and slogans as "A tulip in every pot;" "A rose in every bed;" "Back to the soil;" "Follow the five percenters;" "On grass roots go deeper;" "Dust off those pests;" "They've gone to seed;" "Remove those blighters;" and "Let's cut out the rot."

When the dust finally settled and the air cleared, the following slate of officers, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, was unanimously elected to serve the ensuing year:

President	G. Victor Lowrie
Vice-President	William W. Brooks
Secretary	Rene J. Dufourd
Treasurer	E. D. Harkins

Your Board of Directors for 1952 will be comprised of the officers just elected and your retiring President, Fred Paul.

We are all grateful to the retiring officers and committee members for the splendid way in which they have kept the Garden Club moving forward during the year just coming to a close.

A special vote of thanks goes to our Program Chairman, Archie Flack, and his capable committee members for the unusually fine schedule of programs they arranged for us this year. Not only were they interesting and entertaining, but they were also extremely practical, down-to-earth and most instructive. Your programs hit a new high, boys. Congratulations!

Tony Koester, with the aid of his industrious committee members, put on an auction this year that outclassed any of its predecessors except for the "National Convention" money-raiser for 1949. The Club actually benefitted more financially from our 1951 auction than from any other. We are indeed grateful for your efforts, fellows. You have our heartfelt thanks!

Under extremely trying circumstances weatherwise, our Show Committee, guided by its chairman, Leonard Bies, conducted a Spring and Fall Flower Show, for the success of which we have every reason to be proud. What with a spring that never seemed to want to materialize, followed by a cold, wet summer, it took a great deal of encouragement on the part of the committee to enthuse the members into an exhibiting frame of mind, but exhibit they did - in godly numbers - and with quality material. Hats off to the Show Committee for a job well done!

Led by Harold Kaufmann, its chairman, the Special Interest groups were most active during 1951 - moreso than during any previous year. Much was accomplished, as you will observe as soon as you have an opportunity to read the annual reports which will be published with the January issue of The Spray.

Thank you, Harold, for your contagious leadership. You have an enviable record of successfully concluding whatever assignment you undertake.

To the many other committees who worked so arduously and contributed so much, we offer our praise and thanks. This includes the Social Committee under chairman Art Fackler, the Photographic Committee headed by Bill Block, the Telephone Committee, chairmanned by Ralph Sherman, and the three members of the Awards Committee whose choice of the "member of the year," Archie Flack, was so enthusiastically endorsed by the entire membership. Last but not only so because of modesty. Your Editor

AMONG OURSELVES

We are happy and proud to welcome into the Club as a professional member O. C. Turnquist, member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota Farm School.

When you buy garden books or magazines, keep in mind the fact that the Club gets a commission on all such purchases, including a take on the renewal of your favorite garden publication. So mail your orders to the Club Secretary.

Charlie Doell was the principal speaker at the Cloquet Men's Garden Club a short while back.

President Fred Paul has appointed S. F. Pinkham, Sr. and H. A. Elieff to act as the Auditing Committee for examining our books and records for the year just closing.

We were grieved to learn of the unfortunate accident that befell Frank Heschmeyer, Jr. (son of our Frank) and his wife in the Chicago hotel fire where they had only been residents for a matter of days. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Recently our national president, Dr. Albert J. Irving of New York City, made reference to the inactivity of past presidents. We quote: "Past presidents never die, they just stay away." With this we cannot agree. All of our living past-presidents are still our most active members. The only exception is our first president, Tom S. Hughes, who has been confined to his home and bed for several years, but who still is keenly interested in the activities of the Club and would surely be with us if he could.

Your new officers are looking for volunteers to serve on club committees. It takes the active support of the whole membership to make a Club like ours successful. Here is an opportunity for old and new members to participate in the running of our Club in 1952. Why not call Vic Lowrie, Locust 7710, and volunteer to serve on the committee of your choice? They are Membership, Program, Publication, Special Interests, Auction, Show, Social Telephone, Photographic and Civic. We need your help, talents, ideas, views and most of all your active participation. Volunteer TODAY!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The talk on soils by Paul M. Burson, Professor of Soils, University of Minnesota Department of Agriculture was one of the most informative and instructive programs of the year. I am sure we all learned more about soils, their composition, and elements that make vegetation grow listening to Paul and watching his demonstrations and exhibits than we could possibly absorb in hours on hours of reading time.

Your Editors are regretful in not being able to publish the Professor's splendid presentation in full, but he has promised to give us the meat of his talk which will appear in an early issue of The Spray.

We are greatly appreciative to Professor Burson for taking time out of busy schedule to appear on our program, and indeed thankful for enriching our knowledge on this all-important basic gardening subject. And congratulations to Archie Flack and his Program Committee for making it possible for us to meet Professor Burson and derive so much benefit from a subject in which we are so deeply interested.

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Our membership dues (\$4.00) are due December 1st; they become delinquent January 1st. If you haven't already mailed your check, please do so immediately. Make checks payable to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and send posthaste

Not believe in Santa Claus?

You might as well not believe in fairies. . . . Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. No Santa Claus! Thank God he

ORIGIN AND ANTIQUITY OF SOME VEGETABLES

As published by the Agricultural Extension Service,
University of Minnesota - U. S. Department of Agri-
culture, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Vegetable	Probable Origin	Years Cultivated
Asparagus	Europe, Caucasian Regions, Siberia	B
Beans, Bush	New World	E
Beans, Lima	Tropical America	E
Betts	Europe, Western Asia, Africa	B
Cabbage	European Sea Coast - Britain to Greece	B
Cauliflower	Italy	B
Carrots	Europe and West Temperate Asia	B
Chard, Swiss	Europe and Western Asia	B
Corn, Sweet	Tropical America	E
Cucumber	East Indies, Asia, Egypt	A
Eggplant	Old World Tropics	C
Endive	Europe and the Orient - East Indian	B
Kale	European Seacoast - Britain to Greece	B
Kohlrabi	Europe	C
Lettuce	Temperate Europe to Asia	B
Muskmelon	India, Baluchistan, Guinea	C
Onions	Persia, Afghanistan, Baluchistan, Palestine	A
Parsnips	Europe and North America	B
Parsley	Old World	B
Peas	Europe and Northern Asia	A
Peppers	Tropical America	D
Potato, Irish	Chile, Andean regions	E
Potato, Sweet	Tropical America	E
Radish	Asia, China	A
Rhubarb	Central Asia, Southern Siberia	C
Rutabaga	Russia, Siberia, Scandinavia	B
Spinach	Persia	C
Squash	Tropical America	E
Tomato	Tropical America	E
Turnip	Russia, Siberia, Scandinavia	A
Watermelon	Tropical Africa (?)	A

A - Species cultivated over 4,000 years
B - Species cultivated over 2,000 years
C - Species cultivated less than 200

American Species: D - Cultivation ancient in America; E - Cultivation before discovery but not showing signs of great antiquity

Contributed by Bill Addy -

What is heaven? Is it not
Just a friendly garden plot
Walled by stone and roofed by sun
Where the days pass one by one.
Not too fast and not too slow
Looking backwards as they go
At the beauties left behind
To transport the pensive mind.

1952 ROSTER

Unless you have already notified the Club Secretary of a change in your address - residence as well as business - and telephone, do so promptly please. It will soon be time to print a 1952 membership roster.

A FEW DECEMBER REMINDERS

Don't overlook the birds! Set out your bird feeders and keep them well filled with wild bird seed, bread crumbs and suet. During freezing spells, birds have difficulty obtaining water. Use a cement or wooden container rather than metal.

Keep house plants free of dead leaves or dying branches. Give those in active growth an application of plant food - flowering plants every two weeks; foliage, every three weeks. Liquid fertilizer is by far the best, particularly if you are looking for quick results.

Daffodils may be brought into the heat for quick forcing as soon as the pots are full of roots.

Amaryllis bulbs may be started as soon as the slightest growth is detected. Those established in old pots should have about two inches of the soil removed and replaced with a good rich mixture.

It is not too late to cover the perennial border and rose beds. Marsh hay and evergreen branches make the best mulching material. Use peat moss, pine needles and oak leaves for acid-loving plants.

Protect young fruit trees from rabbits by placing chicken wire around them, or wrap them with heavy paper. A mixture of five parts resin and one part linseed oil painted on the young trunks makes a good repellent.

Tamp around your fruit trees to protect them from mice, which work under the snow, after a heavy snowfall.

By making a fresh, slanting cut in the base of your Christmas tree and soaking the tree in ten percent sugar-water solution, the needles will tend to stay on longer - particularly if you keep the tree away from hot radiators.

Garden tools can now be put away. A light covering of oil will keep them rust-free.

THE BRONZE MEDAL WINNER FOR 1951

The Award Committee recommends that the Men's Garden Club of America Bronze Medal for 1951 be awarded to Archie H. Flack.

Mr. Flack has, for many years, and particularly during the last two years, given his time, knowledge and skill to the Club and Club members.

He has co-operated willingly and fully in all Club undertakings.

He has assisted individual members and others in planning their individual gardens.

He has talked to many garden clubs on horticultural subjects.

Because of his knowledge in horticulture, he gave prestige to the Club - the Club has benefited greatly thereby.

Through his studies, research and reports on Trees and Shrubs, he has added to our interest and knowledge of these items.

For these, and many other reasons, the Committee unanimously recommends the award.

H. E. KAHLERT
H. R. KAUFMANN
R. J. DUFOURD, Chairman