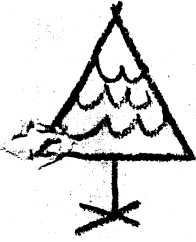


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Date and Time: December 15, 1959 -- 6:30 PM

Officers

Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church

Wm. H. Hull	President
Les Johnson	Vice President
Dwight Stone	Secretary
Ev Haedecke	Treasurer

Reservations: \$3.50 each through Bob Adams,  
for members, wives, any guests  
you may care to invite. Please  
send check with reservations.

Office of the Secretary  
4620 Hampton Road

Program

Awards, Recognitions, Special Featured Speaker  
who promises fine entertainment, plus an excel-  
lent menu and a Parade of Carvers.

Office of the Exchange Editor  
G. Victor Lowrie  
401 Essex Building

REMEMBER -- -- DECEMBER 15

NOT THE SECOND TUESDAY THIS MONTH -- IT'S THE 15TH !!!

Take life too seriously, and what is it worth? If the morning wakes us  
to no new joys, if the evening brings us not the hope of new pleasures, is it  
worthwhile to dress and undress? Does the sun shine on me today that I may raf-  
lect on yesterday? That I may endeavor to foresee and to control what can neither  
be foreseen nor controlled -- the destiny of tomorrow.

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LUNCHEON CANCELED

There will be no Wednesday Noon Downtown Luncheon Meeting for Club Members  
at Donaldson's Grill on December 23rd. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

by Bill Hull

Congratulations to Les Johnson for a fine November program. Although it was a fast-moving, enthusiastic session, what most impressed me was that an authentic, reliable answer could be given to every problem presented.

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Some of the suggestions that came from this program, the general topic being "How To Shorten the Winter," were:

- ....Make your own trellises and garden stakes;
- ....Clean and renovate your garden tools;
- ....Plan your 1960 garden in detail on paper;
- ....Build and use a basement propagating area with lights;
- ....Force bulbs (including tulips) into bloom in the house;
- ....Build a cold storage room in the basement;
- ....Set yourself a thorough garden-reading program; or
- ....Chuck it all and go South early, returning late.

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When Eng Hoyme was so excellently discussing raising lilies from seed, he advocated those germinating in a short period, as against those taking 7 years to germinate. He said "I wouldn't recommend the seven year type....," looked around at some of us meaningfully, continued,.. "I don't think you'd be as interested in them." I sure thought he was going to say we couldn't wait that long.

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This fine program was preceded by a business meeting, at which President P.W. had to bring several major matters before the membership. Ordinarily, we have little business to conduct at the general meeting. Anyway, we 1) raised our dues to \$10 per annum; 2) ratified the constitution of and joined the North Star Region; 3) elected the 1960 officers; and 4) authorized the Board to present an amendment entitling professional members to vote. This last amendment was then presented and has to wait until the next business meeting (January) for a vote.

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Remember the Christmas Party. Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, December 15. A good program is planned, reservation applications have been sent to you, and more appears elsewhere in this issue regarding the party. If you're a carver, remember to bring your carving set.

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The early rain, cold and snow has thrown fall plans into a tizzy. I haven't seen Jacob Durst planting tulips with a pick-axe yet this year, nor have I heard that Vic Lowrie had to dig his dahlias with the same tool. We heard he got caught with his tubers down this fall.

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OVER THE GARDEN GATE (con't)

How did you like the use of a photograph in the November SPRAY? When we carried the pic of Jo and George Titus, as far as I know it was a first for us and for most other club bulletins. Thanks, Ev Haedecke, for making it possible. And, speaking of such things, admire the beautiful cover of this December Issue which Editor Lowrie has arranged for us.

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Congratulations, Joe Witmer, on being re-elected President of the Minnesota Horticultural Society for another year.

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OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 1960

The Nominating Committee, Archie Flack, Chairman, presented the following slate to the Club as 1960 officers at the November meeting. A unanimous ballot was cast.

President: Bill Hull, who joined our club in 1952 upon the sponsorship of G. Vic Lowrie. He was Flower Show Chairman in 1955, and this will be his fifth year on the Board, having been Treasurer in 1956, 1957, 1958 and Vice President in 1959. He also has been Associate Editor of SPRAY since 1952 and a National Director, MGCA, since 1957.

Vice President: Les Johnson. Les was recommended for membership into our club in 1954 by P. W. Young. He was Flower Show Chairman in 1958 and has also served us so well in 1959 as Program Chairman, which includes the responsibility of the Special "Arboretum Auction" and the Christmas Party.

Secretary: Dwight Stone, who entered the club in 1957 upon the sponsorship of N. W. Christopherson, who had known Dwight since Victory Garden days. Dwight started 1959 as Treasurer but upon the death of Harold Wright, succeeded him to the post of Secretary.

Treasurer: Ev Haedecke, who joined the club in 1952 with the blessing of Walter Menzel. Ev has also served in many capacities, frequently as Auctioneer, as Auction Chairman in 1958, Speakers Chairman in 1959, and as Treasurer in 1959, replacing Dwight Stone when the latter became Secretary.

"LIVE AND LEARN"

...is the title of an article in the November 1959 issue, page 33, of FLOWER & GARDEN, authored by our own Bill Hull. The story is a humorous relation of his experiences with soybean meal.

## DUES WERE DUE DECEMBER 1

As approved at the November Meeting, our annual dues are now \$10.00 a year, payable in advance on the first day of December. If you haven't yet paid your \$10.00 to Treasurer, Ev Haedecke, how about sending him your check made out to Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. His address is 5524 West 70th Street, Minneapolis 24. Thank you.

## HOW TO STORE TUBERS AND CORMS IN A WARM HOUSE

### Build a Cool Room

Almost all new homes being built today and many built in the past 15 years have in their basements wonderful potential cold rooms. Take any off-set and wall it up with a door for an entrance; it is not even necessary to use cement blocks, since any type of boarding in keeping with your pocketbook can be used. Wallboard is inexpensive. Build shelves to suit your needs in this room. Then in each end of this room drill a hole through the foundation into which can be fitted a piece of house gutter down spout. The length of the pieces of pipe are the correct length to enable an elbow to be fitted to each end. Both elbows are made to fit down, the outside ones having a piece of window screening soldered over the ends to keep out bugs. To the inside elbow fit another piece of pipe to extend to within 2 or 3 inches of the floor. This is the intake and should be of the smallest size into which a damper can fit. The exhaust end, at the other end of the room, is built the same way except that there is no extension of pipe from the elbow to the floor. If there is an outside window in the room, both pipes could be run through the window, after a pane has been removed and a fitting made of plywood. It is important that both inlet and outlet be of the same size and that bulbs not be set directly on the floor. I have seen two rooms like this and they are wonderful.

Reprinted from MGC, Waterloo, Iowa.

## MEN GARDENERS GIVE WOMAN THEIR MEDAL WITH "GOLDEN PANTS"

Once a month an all-male group of lawyers, editors, physicians, engineers and others gather at the Shelburne Hotel, and talk about their favorite hobby -- gardens.

They are members of the Men's Garden Club of New York. No women are allowed.

But once a year, the club has a ladies' night at the hotel, serves cocktails, has dinner and then presents its Medal of the Golden Pants to an outstanding woman gardener.

It's a pin with a tiny pair of solid gold gardening pants attached.

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Last night the recipient was Mrs. Lucien E. Taylor of Dover, Mass., a national authority on wild flowers, in recognition of her continuing work with sunheated pits -- a type of very deep cold frame -- for growing flowers in cold weather.

Although the theory is old, Mrs. Taylor has written a book on the subject and continued experiments at her home.

She has a pit type of greenhouse, exposed only on the southern side to obtain the maximum amount of sunlight. The pit, deep enough to walk in, stores up heat during the day. At sundown an insulating cover is placed over the south side having the windows.

Then, regardless of winter's cold, Mrs. Taylor has an unending supply of such common flowers as marigolds, petunias and others.

Reprinted from The New York Times

DECEMBER REMINDERS

Remember the birds, looks like they are going to have a long cold winter, too, if the weather forecasters can be relied upon -- but can they? Anyway set out your bird feeders and keep them constantly filled with wild bird seed, including sunflower seeds for the cardinals; also bread crumbs and suet.

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Winter certainly did step into Minnesota in a big hurry, but don't let that throw you. Roses can still be killed by bringing in new soil from your favorite nurseryman. You'll probably have to rely on him for your potting and seeding soil as well. Having killed, then cover with marsh hay or evergreen boughs. If you have loads of leaves on your lawn, wait until the first thaw, then get busy with that rake and sweep them on to your border beds, they'll make good coverage.

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Wouldn't be surprised if the rabbits aren't trying to outdo the winter in destroying our choice plants, so get busy with the wire and protect your fruit trees, particularly apple, and don't forget the newly planted trees or shrubs. Use chicken wire or wrap with heavy crepe paper or aluminum foil. After every heavy snowfall, tamp around the base of what you've protected to keep the mice from attacking from under the snow.

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A tip or two in treating your Christmas tree. When you get it home, make a fresh slanting cut at the base, then plunge it into a pail of 10% sugar water, leaving it stand for at least twenty-four hours. When setting up your tree, keep it away from radiators.

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