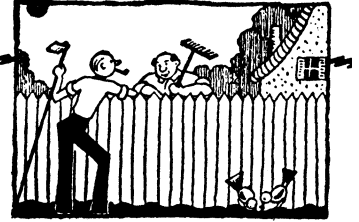




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## F E B R U A R Y M E E T I N G

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 1957  
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
Knox Ave. So. & West 50th St.  
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp  
Price: \$1.50

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A. W. Koester	President
R. C. Adams	Vice President
W. H. Hull	Treasurer
N. W. Christopherson	Secretary
G. S. Titus	Past President

### P R O G R A M

SOILS By Dr. Harold Arneman, Soils Division, Horticulture Department, U of M.

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WHAT TO DO and HOW TO DO IT with a panel including:  
Dr. Arneman  
Dr. Snyder  
Lloyd Bachman  
Archie Flack  
Glen Cerney  
Vic Lowrie

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This should be an extremely interesting as well as instructive meeting. Come prepared with your written questions, this panel should be able to discuss most any gardening problem and it won't be long before we will be out in the yard digging again. Now is the time to plan your 1957 garden. New borders, new plantings, change in location of those plants that haven't been doing too well. Pruning of trees and late blooming shrubs. New introductions as well as old favorites. Come and Plan With the Gang!

## OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis:

It has been a soul-satisfying experience to act as your President for the past year. I had been informed before assuming the office of the type and generous cooperation that I would receive from the membership, but actually what I did receive was far above my pre-conceived ideas. I do not wish to pick out any individual or group of individuals for specific mention because any and all who were asked to serve did so capably and with enthusiasm. I wish to thank each of you for this support.

Some of the things envisioned at the beginning of my stewardship did not come to pass, others not originally considered did materialize, to the good of the organization as a whole. Our relationship with Mount Olivet and the Circles who have served us has been most agreeable. We like them and apparently they like us, and I am glad that the relationship is to continue. We desire to make specific mention of the services rendered us by Reuben Anderson, who helped us monthly in getting the rooms ready for our use, and during those times when we called upon him for extraordinary service.

The policy inaugurated by a preceding administration to pay as we go in our acquisition of material for our auction insofar as possible has been continued, and it is hoped that this policy will be carried forward by oncoming administrations. The club has been the recipient of many kindnesses by members of the "Professional" group, and to them we say, as has been said by the Chairmen who accepted these kindnesses for the Club, "Thank you, gentlemen, for your friendly and generous aid."

Here are some of the major things that you have done during the past year.

1. Raised \$280.00 at auction and donated this to the Arboretum Fund.
2. Held the first joint show of the Club's career with the Richfield Club.
3. At the Spring Auction raised \$688.00 of which \$500.00 was earmarked for operating expenses, the balance to be allocated to the committee instrumental in working out details of The Minnesota Horticultural Society meeting.
4. Developed a new label for trees, lily, and other plantings at Lyndale Gardens.
5. Made an effort to tour as a club, more members' gardens than we have done previously. This phase of our operations can be improved materially.
6. Provided improved facilities for the Grill and Grub Committee, new dishes, equipment, etc. to the extent of about \$100.00.
7. Sponsored garden tours for visiting clubs from out of the city; Eau Claire and St. Cloud specifically. This type of cooperation should make possible the enlargement of the Men's Garden Club idea to such communities.
8. Additional plantings at Lyndale Gardens, lilies and over 500 hemerocallis. More needs to be done in this area, particularly back-grounding the lily plantings.
9. Planted several thousand bulbs at Vic Jaeger's home. Herb Kahlert was instrumental in our securing these for the city. Lloyd Bachman laid out the plan. Tony Koester chaired the project.
10. The membership committee personally interviewed every applicant for membership, viewed his garden activities carefully. New members admitted have run a gauntlet. They and the club are to be congratulated on their membership with us.
11. Spearheaded a drive for honesty in horticultural advertising. Several of your members have been subpoenaed to appear before a Federal Trade Commission hearing.
12. Civic awards for beautification of business property were awarded to five firms, and presented to their representatives at the Christmas Party.

### OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

13. The big project of the year was the joint meeting with The Minnesota State Horticultural Society, in which we acted as hosts. Particular credit must be given to Harold Kaufmann and Joe Witmer who acted as Chairmen, but almost every member of the Club served in some capacity. Instead of subtracting from the Club's finances, this meeting actually produced a net income.
14. Your Club is represented on the national scale since our own Bill Hull is editorial director of MEGA.
15. Your Speakers Bureau has provided at least 25 speakers for smaller Garden Clubs asking for help.
16. Your Club activities produced a net income of \$306.46 for the year.

Geo. S. Titus, President

### THE SECRETARY'S 1956 REPORT

1956, the fifteenth year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, was a year of much activity devoted to the various projects undertaken by the club. Twelve regular membership meetings were held which included the Spring and Fall Flower shows, the Spring Auction and the June, July, and August garden tours. The Grill and Grub Committee prepared and served the meals at the summer garden tours and at the Fall Flower show.

The Executive Board held eleven meetings during the year.

An average of 65% of the active membership attended the twelve regular meetings during the year which compares favorably with last year. Four members had perfect attendance records. They are N. W. Christopherson, Eng Hoyme, Harold Kaufmann and Tom Krumm. Nine members missed only one meeting. The Professional membership averaged 32% attendance with three of their members attending nine or more meetings. They are - Bob Bryant, Dick Lehman and Greg Lucking.

Five new active members were elected during the year. They are - Paul R. Burt, Clyde C. Chamberlin, William F. Ost, Charles R. Proctor and Bruce T. Warner. Carl J. Holst was elected to the Professional group. One member, Fred Paul, was elected to the Honorary Life Membership. Three active members, at their request, were transferred to the Associated membership. They are W. L. Carlson, A. E. Coxe and C. G. Harkins.

We now have 72 Active Members, 2 Honorary Life Members, 17 Associate Members and 24 Professional Members.

Twelve issues of the Spray were published.

Again this year we held Spring and Fall Slower shows. The Spring show was held jointly with the Men's Garden Club of Richfield. The Fall show picnic dinner which was prepared and served by Chef Bill Swain and his men was attended by approximately 130 members and their guests.

The Bronze Medal for 1956 was awarded to Joe M. Witmer.

The annual Christmas Party was attended by 176 members and guests.

In closing, may I thank all the members for their warm and friendly cooperation which has made the duties of this office a pleasure.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
Northwestern National Bank	\$ 837.22	
Twin City Federal Savings & Loan	<u>1,547.23</u>	\$2,384.45
Supplies Inventory		<u>147.18</u>
Total Assets		\$2,531.63

NET WORTH

Deferred Income - 1957 Dues paid in 1956		\$ 378.00
Surplus:		
Earned, January 1, 1956	\$1,201.13	
Net Income for year 1956	306.46	
Closed from Tenth Anniversary Fund	108.40	
Closed from Convention Fund	<u>537.64</u>	\$2,153.63
Total Net Worth		<u>\$2,531.63</u>

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

INCOME:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dues (Including \$404 deferred from 1955)	\$ 464.00	\$ 452.00
Auction	688.56	500.00
Interest on Savings Account	47.23	45.00
Miscellaneous Sales	160.73	13.00
Special Projects	<u>280.10</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,640.62	\$1,260.00
EXPENSES:		
Spray	267.78	250.00
Miscellaneous	321.51	112.00
Programs	97.99	75.00
Shows	118.38	150.00
Cheer	27.45	50.00
Men's Garden Clubs of America	111.00	113.00
Minnesota Horticultural Society	110.00	110.00
Arboretum Fund	<u>280.05</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,334.16	\$1,110.00
Operating Surplus		150.00
Net Income for year 1956	<u>306.46</u>	
	\$1,640.62	\$1,260.00

To the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis:  
The Auditing Committee after reconciling 1956 cancelled checks, bank deposit slips, and records from November 30, 1956 on not yet covered by returns from the bank. finds

## OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT

The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis has the reputation of being an outstanding Garden Club, and I am very appreciative of the confidence the members have shown in electing me as their President for the coming year. I realize the responsibility of the job, but with the help of the other officers, as well as the members, I am sure we can look forward to another good year. From past experience, as an officer, and on committees, I know that the members are very cooperative and I am sure they will do everything possible to help make this year one of the best.

I think gardeners get pleasure and satisfaction out of their hobby in different ways. Some of us are interested in growing things because of the pure pleasure in seeing them develop and bloom. Others are probably more interested in growing flowers for the pleasure they get out of them after they are cut, and taken into the home to help beautify the living room or the library. Others grow them to be able to compete with fellow gardeners, or for the flower show. Still others because of the friendships they make in association with fellow gardeners. Some may want the exercise, or they may like the feel of good black dirt in their hands, or they may prefer it to the dangers of the 19th hole on the golf course. Whatever the reason, and it may be a combination of several of these, the benefits received from gardening are usually greater than those received from any other hobby, and I think the greatest of these is better health.

We all appreciate the need of new blood in the organization. All of us are getting older and we cannot live forever, so we will need our younger members to take on more responsibility and new members to take our place when we get too old or pass on. The Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Harold Kaufmann is going to try to wage an aggressive campaign for new members who will be capable of management in the future. We feel that there are many good gardeners who would be an asset to the Club and who would, in the future, be very appreciative of having been invited to join. I think it is our duty to the Club to look for men of this kind, instead of waiting for them to come to us. I know that I personally have received more from the Club than I ever hope to repay, not only in information and advice on gardening, but also in friendships made during the past  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years that I have been a member. After a new member has been accepted, we plan to stay with him until he feels at home and is participating member of the Club.

The Civic Activities Committee did a wonderful job the past year and it is our hope this can be continued and even developed to a greater extent. The job done by Joe Witmer on Industrial Beautification was outstanding and received a lot of publicity. Our Club was organized early in 1942 and this is our 15th anniversary. I would suggest we give consideration to some project to commemorate this, as we did by planting the flowering crabapple trees in Lyndale Park on our 10th anniversary. In addition to the crabs, we also have a lily planting started in 1954 which will stand improvement. Through the generosity of Dick Lehman we also have to our credit a planting of several hundred hemerocallis in 1956. This addition should add a lot to the area in a year or two.

Our visits in the past to the University of Minnesota Fruit Breeding Farm have been very interesting and educational and, in addition, a lot of fun. If we could get Dr. Snyder to again invite us out to a picnic some Saturday afternoon late in the summer when the apples are ripe, I feel sure the members and their wives would enjoy it.

I wish it were possible to have more garden tours, but I presume we will have to be satisfied with those during the summer months. The food prepared by the Grill and

OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT (Continued)

Grub Committee was out of this world. I sometimes think I can still taste those ribs prepared by our Chief Chef, Bill Swain, but I know we would still come even if they served only meat loaf.

We will try our best to do a bang-up job but we will need your help and suggestions. Tell us what you like or dislike about our customary year round program.

A. W. (Tony) Koester  
President

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1957

Program Committee

P. W. Young, Chairman  
Glen Cerney  
Ev. Haedecke  
Bob Adams  
Arnold Brastad  
Eng. Hoyme  
Otto Erickson

Flower Show Committee

S. F. Pinkham, Chairman  
R. J. Dufourd, Vice Chairman  
Eng. Hoyme  
Otto Erickson  
G. B. Germain  
H. A. Elieff  
A. I. Nelson  
Leslie W. Johnson  
Paul Burt

Auction Committee

F. E. Benson, Chairman  
Charles R. Proctor, Vice Chairman  
Will select own committee

Membership Committee

Harold Kaufmann, Chairman  
J. M. Witmer  
Fred Paul  
R. J. Dufourd  
Glen Cerney  
A. R. Blackbourn

Publication Committee

G. Victor Lowrie, Chairman  
W. H. Hull  
J. M. Witmer

Nominating Committee

Archie Flack, Chairman  
Fred Paul

Auditing Committee

J. Victor Jaeger, Chairman  
S. F. Pinkham

Civic Activities Committee

Cortis Rice, General Chairman  
  
Subcommittee, Industrial Beaut.  
Joe Witmer, Chairman  
  
Subcommittee, Lyndale Park Dev.  
G. Victor Lowrie, Chairman  
Archie Flack  
Leon Snyder  
Glen Cerney  
Felix Dhainin

Grill & Grub Committee

W. E. Swain, Chairman  
R. J. Dufourd, Co-Chairman  
Will select own committee

Photograph Committee

V. J. Roufs, Chairman  
Will select own committee

Awards Committee

G. Victor Lowrie, Chairman  
Cortis Rice  
J. M. Witmer

Horticulturist

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1957 (Continued)

Telephone Committee

T. P. Hughes, Chairman  
C. A. Peterson, Co-Chairman  
Will select own committee

Librarian and Speaker's Bureau

Bob Adams, Chairman

Historian

Fred Paul

SPECIAL INTEREST LEADERS 1957

We are fortunate in having in the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis many members with outstanding ability as well as experience in horticulture. Some of these men have been asked to serve as Leaders of the Special Interest Groups. Their knowledge should be of tremendous help to all of the members. These are not testing or experimental groups, except where the individual group wishes to do something along this line. The principal purpose is to establish sources of information to whom members may look for help with any of their problems. It is hoped that it will be possible to obtain from the Chairman of each group a short statement either verbally or in writing of results obtained at the end of the year; anything new or worthwhile which would be of value to the members of the Club. This should be of particular value to our younger and newer members and I am sure the veterans will be able, occasionally, to pick up something worthwhile.

General Chairman

C. W. (Chuck) Crewe

Chairman Perennial Group  
Rose Group  
Peonies & Iris Group  
Mums  
Day Lilies  
Dahlias  
Gladiolus  
Delphiniums  
Lilies  
Tulips & Bulbs  
Begonias  
Annuals  
Trees & Shrubs  
  
Ornamental Vines  
Fruits  
  
Vegetables  
House Plants  
Rock Gardens  
Artificial Lights  
Greenhouse  
Landscaping & Garden Design  
Flower Arrangement  
Fertilizers, Insecticides

Glen Cerney  
Stan Lund  
Herb Kahlert  
Harold Kaufmann  
Dick Lehman  
Tom Krumm  
Hank Elieff  
Bob Bryant  
Eng Hoyme  
P. W. Young  
Tony Koester  
Bob Savory  
Leon Snyder  
Archie Flack  
Dick Lehman  
Leon Snyder  
Louis Fischer  
Orrin Turnquist  
Walter Menzel  
Vic Lowrie  
Fred Paul  
Arnold Brastad  
Felix Dhainin  
Cortis Rice  
Lloyd Bachman

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations "PW" Young, that was a dandy program you arranged for us in January. Not only it was it an interesting one but truly factual as well as practical. For a starter, on short notice you did excellently. Keep it up. And thank you Bruce Johnson, Stanley Bachman, and Carl Holst for your many fine suggestions and valuable information.

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Why wouldn't it be a good idea and help us to know each other better to call-the-roll at every meeting rather than passing the roster around for scratching purposes?

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Don't you feel sorry for the mailmen these days, packing all those overflowing heart-warming seed catalogs around. This year the copywriters have coined ever more inviting adjectives; the artists more compelling colors and the nurserymen an even wider range than usual of new fancy varieties. If one only had a pocketbook fat enough to satisfy one's curiosity; a place large enough to plant those "easy-to-grow anywhere" varieties and to make them stand out in the garden as they pop out on the pages at you in the catalogs. Better get what seeds and plant material you can afford ordered early though but look to our local houses first; those further fields may not be as promising as they make believe.

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I thought Stan Bachman's advice of storing lilies slightly above freezing is well worth remembering, and Carl Holst's method of uncovering and unhilling roses as soon as the soil thaws is a practice worth following.

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A salute to Harold Kaufmann for his fine civic contribution. That was a lovely tribute given him by the press and we know from experience that it was well deserved, for no matter what Harold undertakes, he does it well and delivers far more than is ever expected of him. We are proud of you, Harold, as a club member, friend, and citizen.

See where Michigan University has been experimenting with growing tomato seedlings under varying degrees of temperature only to find that they do better under cool starts. It is reported that seedlings grown at 50 degrees for three weeks after germinating then grown at 60 degrees or higher, develop flower clusters sooner. As a result, chilled plants produced 65% more fruit. The boys operating cool greenhouses should capitalize on this.

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Seems like nothing is out of reach of the clutches of the U.S. Army. They are now drafting the despised and greatly feared black widow spider. They are carefully, and I hope safely, caged in jars and fed a feast of flies while they docilely spin their webs of dark strands. These are used as cross hairs in telescopes, microscopes, gun-sights and other instruments. The black widow was selected because of the unusual strength and elasticity of her web, which is capable of withstanding compressed air blasts up to 90 pounds.

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'Tis a long time since we have received voluntary contributions to the Spray. How about a story from each and every member on his most exciting gardening experience during 1956 or maybe the introduction into your garden of a very unusual flower, shrub, or tree. Come on now, boys, share your successes with the gang - - who'll be the first to mail the March issue???

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If you haven't covered late fall planted bulbs or perennials, it is not too late. Most of the damage is done when the ground thaws between heavy freezing periods. Marsh hay or evergreen branches help to hold the frost in the ground and keep the plants from being uprooted.