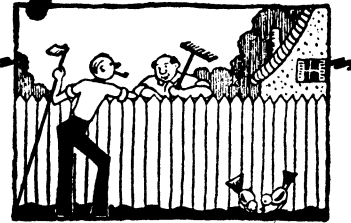




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FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 1958
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Knox Ave. So. & W. 50th St.
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp
Price: \$1.50

OFFICERS

W. W. Brooks President
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PROGRAM

Speakers: Larry Corbett, Club member and
Northrup King Officer

D. B. Johnstone, Head,
Garden Seed Dept., Northrup King

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

Subjects: "The Viability of Seeds";
"How A Seed Germinates"

This is the first program under new Program Chairman, Bill Ost, and looks very promising. The speakers will cover the romance and business ingenuity of commercially producing seeds which go into packets. Will also discuss keeping the strains pure. There will be a question and answer period.

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Bob Schwietz, president of the St. Paul Men's Garden Club, recently issued an invitation to our members, through President Bill Brooks, to attend an open house at the Como Park Conservatory on Tuesday, March 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

NEWS AND VIEWS

You know, we used to have a very lovable member who labeled himself the "Hard Boiled Crab." One of his pet peeves was this business of passing the roster around at each meeting for those present to pencil through their names in place of calling the roll and having everyone get up and say "Hi!" I'm for the "Hard Boiled Crab." It wouldn't take too much time away from our program, and we would certainly get to know one another better. Have I any supporters?

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Looks like the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is well represented among the offices of the Minnesota Rose Society with Jerry Olson as Vice President; Carl Holst and Al Nelson being added to their Board of Directors. Good going boys.

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Another of our members has just been elected Vice President of the North American Gladiola Council. Congratulations Hank Elieff. The Council is made up of several thousand amateur as well as professional growers from all over the country wherever Glads are grown.

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We were all sorry to hear of Wally Carlson's illness. Fortunately, he is now slowly recuperating at Northwestern Hospital, Room 234. Am sure he would like to hear from you.

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Did you know that as a general rule most gray or silver foliage plants thrive best in poor soils. This would include among others: Achillea, Alyssum, Artemisia, Centaurea, Linium, Potentilla, Verbascium and Veronica.

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Here are a few suggestions picked up here and there for encouraging germination. Use your own judgment in using them. On very difficult seeds, such as the Primula species, try a very little camphor on the surface of the soil applied in the water. Potassium permanganate used in a very pale blue solution of rain-water, applied but once will not only disinfect but also supply added oxygen. On doubtful cases, when germination has been dispaired, a tiny little scattering over the soil of superphosphate of lime, has supposedly helped in some cases.

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To hasten the germination of hard-shelled seed, give them a good soaking before sowing. Experts recommend soaking in real warm to hot soft water. Do not allow them to remain submerged too long, certainly not over forty-eight hours and stir them regularly (for ordinary soft-shelled seed two to four hours submersion is usually sufficient). Air dry the seeds before planting, they should not be planted wet, but at the same time, do not allow them to become dried out.

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THREE NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

Welcome fellows -- we're glad to have you join with us and look forward to getting to know you better. We hope you will take an active interest in our programs and participate in our projects. We salute:

Dwight Stone (wife Lorraine), 4620 Hampton Road, Golden Valley. Dwight is associated with the Northern States Power Company; First Vice President of the Cosmopolitan International Club of Minneapolis; and President of the Valley Community Presbyterian Church Men's Club. He likes to grow flowers, and his hobbies include outdoor cooking, fishing, bowling and golf. (Wonder how a gardener finds so much time to do so many things).

C. E. Spring (wife Grace), 5252 Lochloy Drive. Ned is in the real estate business -- The Spring Company. He is President of the Realestate Board. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Minneapolis Athletic Club and other civic organizations. His gardening interest is flowers. His hobbies: photography and traveling (hope he does the later in the Winter).

Fred J. Holzman (wife Ethel), 5125 - 30th Avenue South. Fred is with the Land of Lakes Creameries. He is an accomplished gardener with a special interest in Chrysanthemums, Roses and Tulips. He does enjoy hunting and fishing.

BUDGET FOR YEAR 1958

INCOME (est.)

Dues	\$ 517.50
Auction	500.00
Interest on Savings	65.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Special Projects	<u>250.00</u>
Total Income	\$1382.50

EXPENSES (est.)

SPRAY	\$ 250.00
Programs	180.00
Special Projects	250.00
Minn. Hort. Society	162.00
Shows	125.00
M.G.C.A.	117.00
Industrial Awards	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Cheer	35.00
Operating Surplus	<u>63.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$1382.50

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With this issue of the SPRAY, you get your membership card for 1958 and two copies of our membership roster. Chris has done an excellent job in re-arranging the line-up of telephone numbers for more convenient use. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for a job well done.

RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957

It has been a real pleasure to serve you as President of the Club during the past year. I will admit there was work to be done, but with the cooperation and help of fellow officers and members even the work turned into pleasure. I do thank all of you for helping to make 1957 another successful Club year. Without your help it would not have been possible.

Usually it is a good sign when members pay their dues on time. It indicates they are not too dissatisfied with what the Club did during the previous year. I am happy to say that all members have already paid their dues for the coming year.

The Secretary tells me that the attendance record during the past year has been better than any previous year. This would indicate that the Program Chairman did a good job. Many of you have expressed pleasure with the programs and "PW" should be thanked for coming up with something interesting and worthwhile at the meeting during the past year.

Our planting of evergreens and clematis at the Lyndale Gardens is a substantial addition to the work done there in previous years. I think this is a place where the Club could increase its efforts. We should get fairly good bloom on the clematis this year.

We received some national publicity from the Flower Grower on our tulip planting at the home of Vic Jaeger. This would have been much better if we had had good weather.

In addition to the Christmas Party, we had two picnics where our wives were invited. The second was at our Fall Show. I believe these are quite important in getting members better acquainted.

We had two very satisfactory Spring auctions. One where we raised \$250.00 for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; the other where we raised \$526.00 to help finance the general expenses of the Club.

We also made awards as in the past for the beautification of business property. We had new placques made up which are a credit to the Club.

On January 1, 1957 we had 71 regular members in addition to the Honorary, Associate and Professional members. We have had two deaths during the year and two members, Rene Dufourd and George Titus, have moved away. Eight new members were taken in, and we now have a full 75 members (regular) in addition to about six on our waiting list. I think Harold Kaufmann as Chairman of the Membership Committee should be thanked for a job well done. We have some new young blood and can look forward to their active help in the Club.

I think one of the high lights of the year was the publicity given our Club, the City of Minneapolis and men gardeners everywhere by Fleeta Brownell Woodruffe in Better Homes & Gardens. A lot of work and preparation was necessary to make this event successful. We needed the cooperation of all of you to put it over. I am sure the members all enjoyed helping to make this a success. I would like to name, in particular, Herb Kahlert who was instrumental in our Club getting consideration through a good selling job and Al Blackburn in furnishing a beautiful setting and darn near killing himself working to make it a real accomplishment.

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One accomplishment which, I feel, is less important is the increase in Club assets for the year of \$245.20; from \$2,531.63 on December 31, 1956 to \$2,776.83 on December 31, 1957.

Again, may I thank each and every one of you for helping make this one of the most enjoyable years of my life.

A. W. Koester
Past President

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957

The sixteenth year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was a year of continued achievements. During the year we held twelve regular membership meetings which included the Spring Auction, the Fall Flower Shows and the Garden Tours in June, July and August. The Spring Flower Show was not held this year due to the severe winter damage to most of the members' gardens. In addition to these regular meetings, we gathered at the Fruit Breeding Farm on the 15th of June for a picnic dinner and tour of the Arboretum site under the guidance of Dr. Leon Snyder.

The Executive Board held twelve meetings also.

An average of $68\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the Active Membership attended the twelve regular meetings. This is an increase of nearly 4 percent over the preceding year and is a record high attendance for our Club since it was organized. Ten members had perfect records in 1957. They are: Glen Cerney, Christopherson, Les Johnson, Harold Kaufmann, Tony Koester, Tom Krumm, Walter Menzel, Fred Rodda and our two Honorary members, George Luxton and Fred Paul.

Seven new Active members were elected this year. They are: Daniel Chabot, N. W. Joubert, Arthur W. Kelley, Robert V. Lowry, Arthur J. Olson, William C. Thorne and Frank P. Vixo. The Associate membership was increased by two with the transfer of J. A. Forrest, Jr. and George Titus from the Active group. Two of our members, Sid Alwin and Jay Addy, passed away.

At the close of the year our roster contains 75 Active members, 18 Associate members, 2 Honorary Life members and 24 Professional members.

Twelve issues of the GARDEN SPRAY were published.

Three of our members received outstanding awards this year from the Minnesota Horticultural Society at the Annual Garden Forum. Dick Lehman received the Bronze Medal for his contributions to horticulture, and Rene Dufourd and Joe Witmer received the Distinguished Service Awards for their untiring efforts in the advancement of horticulture.

Our Bronze Medal for 1957 was awarded to A. R. (Al) Blackburn.

The annual Christmas Party was attended by 175 members and guests.

In closing, I sincerely thank all members for their kindness and consideration during the year. It has made the duties of this office much more enjoyable.

N. W. Christopherson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets

Cash on Hand

Northwestern National Bank	\$ 744.44	
Twin City Federal Savings & Loan	<u>1907.39</u>	\$2651.83
Supplies Inventory		<u>125.00</u>
Total Assets		\$2776.83

Net Worth

Deferred Income -- 1958 dues paid in 1957		468.00
Surplus Earned, January 1, 1957	2153.63	
Net Income for year 1957	<u>155.20</u>	<u>2308.83</u>
Total Net Worth		2776.83

Profit & Loss Statement

For year ending December 31, 1957

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Dues (incl \$378 deferred from 1956)	522.00
Auction -- Gross Income	\$533.40
Expenditures	<u>- 7.00</u>
Interest on Savings account	60.16
Miscellaneous	231.90
Special Projects	<u>268.50</u>
Total Income	1608.96

Expenses

SPRAY	173.95
Miscellaneous	385.74
Programs	273.74
Shows	32.65
Cheer	38.50
Men's Garden Clubs of America	115.00
Minnesota Horticultural Society	162.00
Special Projects	250.00
Difference in Inventory	<u>22.18</u>
Total Expense	\$1453.76

Net Income for year 1957 155.20

December 31, 1957

(signed) William H. Hull

Approved by Auditing Committee, January 14, 1958

(signed) G. Victor Jaeger
S. F. Pinkham