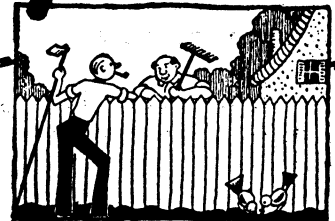




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A H A P P Y N E W Y E A R T O Y O U A L L

JANUARY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 1957
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Knox Ave. So. & West 50th St.
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp
Price: \$1.50

P R O G R A M

6:45 Business Meeting
George Titus presiding.
Brief Annual Reports
7:15 Installation of new officers.
President Tony Koester takes over.
Discussion of new projects for the
coming year.

"The New Annuals" by
Bruce Johnson of Northrup King

"Spring Planting of Lilies and
Varities" by
Stanley Bachman

"Spring Care of Roses and New
Varities" by
Carl Holst

Question and Answers

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Every single member should come to thi
our first meeting of the New Year to
show our appreciation for the work wel
done by the retiring officers and salu
the new "Brass" who take over the lead
ship of the Club through 1957.

P. W. Young, our new Program Chairman,
with his committee has arranged a prac
gardening program for us and invites y
full support in helping to build the k
of programs throughout the year that w
be of the most interest and help to th
membership as a whole.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

As expected, a jolly good time was had by all and it turned out to be one of the largest in attendance of any previous Christmas Party.

The colorful turkey parade led by Big Chief Carver, Bill Swain, proved to be the beginning of a sumptuous banquet served on gaily decorated tables in a delightful holiday atmosphere.

Following the introduction by President George Titus of many most welcome guests, presentations were made of the Club's Annual Awards.

Past-president, Joe Witmer, pinned George Titus with the Past-president's pin.

In an effort to encourage beautification of industrial and commercial building sites this year the Club established annual awards for those companies who each year in the opinion of our Civic Interest Committee do an outstanding job of landscaping and maintaining their properties. This year the following five companies were selected to receive such awards.

Lutheran Brotherhood	Ernie Holman
The Prudential Insurance Co.	Harold E. Dow
The Miller Publishing Co.	Carroll K. Michener
Salking and Linoff, Inc.	Erne Ure
Shell Oil Company	

The annual Bronze Medal for distinguished service to the Club was presented to Joe Witmer by Vic Lowrie.

In recognition of extraordinary devotion to our organization from its very beginning, a Certificate of Honorary Life Membership was presented to charter member, Fred Paul by Glen Cerney.

All in all the evening was most enjoyable and our sincere thanks to the Program Committee and the Board of Directors for a successful party.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

If you are one of the few who have overlooked paying your 1957 dues, will you please send your check right away in the amount of \$4.50, payable to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis - Address, W. H. Hull, Treasurer, 403 Essex Building, Minneapolis 3.

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The world's first patent for an atomic-bred flower was granted to a pure white carnation. Grown at the Bookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y., by Dr. Willard R. Singleton and Alan Richter, the new flower is 2 1/2" to 3" in diameter and is long-stemmed and without thorns. As yet unnamed, it is said to represent a mutation brought about by subjecting a Carnation known as White Sim to the gamma rays of Co⁶⁰ source. The White Sim is also white but

Apples and pears that prematurely drop off the trees can now be made to stay there till their time comes.

"Stop-drop" sprays are cutting preharvest losses from a former 20% to less than 6%, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. After exposure to the sprays, which are actually plant growth regulators, the fruit is

1956 BRONZE MEDAL WINNER
(Presentation by Vic Lowrie)

As you are all aware, for the Awards Committee to single out one from among us deserving of extraordinary recognition, which is the purpose of our Bronze Medal Award, is no easy task, but this time the work was made much easier because during the past year one individual's light of accomplishments has shown more brightly than that of any other member.

Not that this member hasn't always been a champion of every club activity, having held several offices including the presidency as well as chairmanships of many committees, but this year he undertook a Herculean assignment and put it over so magnificently that it reflected credit on every member.

Now this particular member is a man of many talents: a fine artist, an accomplished writer, a much-in-demand public speaker, a photographer of merit, a staunch community and church leader, an excellent horticulturist and last but by no means least, a darn good gardener.

Let him get an inkling of anyone needing help and you can be sure those talents his will be put to work most generously.

I almost allowed still another talent of his to escape mention — building and architecture is another of his specialties and this one holds unusual promise with apologies to Glen Cerney. However, this particular talent hasn't been developed quite to the point of perfection as has his others although he is on the verge of making history.

Currently, he is setting the vogue in Doghouse architecture with a twofold purpose in mind — his first attempt just completed is an ultra-modern structure of enormous size with huge picture windows made of plexiglass.

Unfortunately in building his first canine home, he was a little shy on the strength and strain know-how; consequently while enjoying the garden view from this beautiful picture window, his dog Hans spotted his master amusing himself with his favorite wooden croquette ball whereupon Hans took off after it right through the plexiglass window.

But the window has since been replaced with plexiglass of a much heavier gauge. Hans now sits in his new home and watches at the window over his master's precious plants and shrubs and occasionally when things haven't been going too well between his Master and Mistress you'll find his master sitting alongside of Hans before the window watching the plants too — pretty nice to have a comfortable, bright, warm, doghouse to go to on a cold wintry night.

Getting back to the gentleman's outstanding work in the Club and the business at hand.

I am honored to be chosen to make this presentation to one we esteem so highly and delighted that he has been singled out for this well-deserved recognition.

I take great pleasure in presenting to you Joe Witmer, the 1956 Bronze Medal Award for Meritorious service to the Club.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Bill Hull

L. A. SCHOENLEBEN joined the Club in 1954, having been sponsored by Bob Carlson. He lives at 5892 Sunrise Drive, where he has a fine garden with borders containing a wide range of perennials with some annuals. His real special interest is in chrysanthemums, begonias and roses, but he's also very interested in composting and in fluorescent gardening. He belongs to Zuhrah Temple, the American Legion and the Izaak Walton League. He is a dentist.

LESLIE W. (LES) JOHNSON lives at 3919 Pleasant Ave. where he has a mixed border around a 60 x 100 foot back yard. Les, who entered the Club in 1954, says he's too new at the gardening hobby to have developed special interests. Sponsored by P. W. Young, Les is credit manager for Goodin Company, a wholesale plumbing and heating concern.

FELIX K. DHAINEN is a charter member of the Club, having been one of the original boys who started the organization. He is a professional member, being associated with the Minneapolis Park Board and residing at 4825 Drew Ave. South.

G. G. (GLEN) CERNEY resides at 1927 E River Terrace, where he has an informal garden consisting mostly of perennials. For years Glen has maintained accurate blooming charts, dates of first killing frosts, and specialized in heading the Club's perennial special interest group. Glen is a past president of the Club, having been a member since he was introduced in 1943 by George Luxton. He is also active in the Citizens League, the Park Section and is a self-employed contractor.

THOMAS R. (TOM) FOLEY has a large back yard at his home at 5408 Park Ave., where he specializes in roses. Tom, who is retired, was formerly associated with Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc. and is also active in the Minnesota and the American Rose Growers Associations.

S. F. (SCOTTY) CARMAN was introduced to MGCM in 1953 by Archie Flack. He was in the insurance business for many years and recently retired. Scotty lives at 1350 Westwood Hills Blvd.

HERBERT H. (HERB) STEVENS joined MGCM in 1954 at the instigation of Frank Heschmeyer and has a large garden with roses, perennials, chrysanthemums and lilies, with no particular specialty. However, he is very interested in plant nutrition with other hobbies being photography and amateur radio. Herb lives at 7220 West 78th St. As chief engineer with Pillsbury Mills, Inc., Herb is also active in the Minneapolis Engineer's Club, and the Minnesota Nuclear Operations Group.

S. S. (SID) ALWIN lives at 2121 Penn Ave. South, where his gardening space is limited due to the size of his house. However, he is especially interested in exotic plants and has a lot of fun with them. His unusual hobbies include gem cutting and cabinet making. Sid is now retired but was associated with the Minneapolis Gas Company.

A. R. (AL) BLACKBOURN retiring Vice-president and chairman of the special interest group for 1956, lives at 5015 Wooddale Lane, where he has a tremendous yard and garden approximating an acre, with 400 feet bordering on Minnehaha Creek. There are many types of flowers in the formal type garden. Included are 300 roses, 50 lilies, 75 begonias, 100 primroses, 2000 tulips and daffodils and a large compost pit making about five yards or more yearly. Al's real specialty is roses but he is fond of all plants. He also enjoys many sports and is an active guy. Introduced to the Club in 1948 by Stan Lund, Al manufactures and distributes nationally the Blackbourn Bookkeeping Systems, tailor made for businesses.

HAROLD NELSON lives at 4243 Alden Drive where his garden contains annuals, begonias, roses, glads, delphinium and many tubers and bulbs. His specialty is dahlias but he also has a lot of fun with a small greenhouse. He is active in both the Dahlia Society and the Minnesota Glad Society, having been

YOU SHOULD KNOW (Cont)

president of the latter group. He was introduced to the Club by Andy Nyberg. Harold is associated with the International Milling Company.

DON METHVEN has been in the Club for about twelve years, having been sponsored by Ed. White. He lives at 2794 Dean Blvd, where he has a small lot and garden with many flowers, some roses, a few healthy dictamnus plants. His problem is too much shade, so much so, that he's now experimenting with plants desiring partial shade. Don is self-employed commercial artist, has worked in this capacity on Spray for five years, and classifies himself as a "Saturday afternoon landscape painter" as a change of pace.

ANDREW S. (ANDY) NYBERG is a charter member of our Club and has served it in many capacities through the years, including having been treasurer. He was also recently vice-president of the Minnesota Dahlia Society. Andy lives at 5505 Wentworth Ave., where he has a garden mostly consisting of borders with perennials and many dahlias. A good half of his dahlias are grown in a seran cloth house 52 X 25 feet, which is an interesting activity worth seeing. Andy

is also a photographer and a fisherman. He is associated with the Twin City Li as Bus Transportation Supervisor.

ARCHIE FLACK is a past president, vice president and treasurer of the Club, having joined the group several years ago at the suggestion of the late Char Cummings. He lives at 4305 Mackey Ave where he has a very attractive garden featuring a mixed flower border, roses and nursery border of both annuals and perennials. Archie is a photographer, fellow in the Royal Hort. Society and President of E. Bernier & Sons, Inc., onion and potato brokers.

EDWIN C. (ED) CLUBERT lives at 5315 P land Ave., where he has a combination flower and vegetable garden with the v etable emphasis being on growing the m imum in a limited space. Ed says he tr to grow as many vegetables in the summ as the family can eat in the winter. crop rotation, Ed? He is also active hiking and canoeing as well as school gardening promotion, the latter being connection with his work as an elemeta school principal for the Minneapolis B of Education. Ed entered the Club in having been sponsored by Joe Cohen.

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

A Minnesota Horticultural Society Project

THE OUTLOOK IS GOOD: Response to the campaign for funds indicates that the gardening people of Minnesota want a landscape arboretum, and are willing to work for it.

Since the selecting of the site last June and the setting of a defenite goal of \$75,0 to purchase and develop the site, the "Minnesota Landscape Arboretum" has become a re live all-Minnesota project. The statewide committee, with the help of garden club officers and members has "told the story" to thousands. Result? The people of Minne are becoming aware of the great need of improved ornamentals, the need of wider use o ornamentals, and the necessity of establishing a landscape arboretum in order to brin about the fulfillment of these needs.

They have responded with contributions. In addition to the contributions already received there is strong indication that our continued efforts will be increasingly productive in gaining the support of an ever-widening circle of donors.

The outlook is good! We will have to work for it but the goal will be reached. Ther will be a Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM (Cont)

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following funds were gathered by the Society and forwarded to the Greater University Fund (for initial research and testing work) during the period June 1955 to June 1956:

From Garden Clubs	\$3 505	
Other	<u>526</u>	\$ 4 031

Since June 1956 all contributions have been deposited in the Society's Landscape Arboretum Fund for eventual purchase and development of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Up to November 30, the following funds were secured:

From Garden Clubs:	\$2 666	
Other	3 896	
Pledges	<u>575</u>	<u>\$ 7 137</u>
		<u>\$11 168</u>

Landscape Arboretum Committee
Minnesota Horticultural Society

Editor: This Arboretum Project is an undertaking of the Horticultural Society, members will not be individually solicited by our Club but members are free to make personal contributions according to their interest in this most worthwhile undertaking which the Club as a whole is enthusiastically supporting.

MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
GARDEN QUIZ — FOR JANUARY 1957

1. Name two or more "broad-leaved" evergreens which have been grown to some extent or are worthy of more extensive trial in Minnesota.

Ans. . . Korean Box, Dwarf Euonymus, Pachistima Canbyi, Daphne cneorum, Japanese Spurge, Oregon Grape.

2. Name two or more houseplants that have ornamental fruits.

Ans. . . Asparagus-fern, Jerusalem-cherry, Chinese-evergreen, (Aglaonema commutatum), Ornamental Pepper.

3. What is Prickly Pear?

Ans. . . The prickly pear or Opuntia is a large group of cacti. The fruits of some species are edible. Many of the cacti grown for ornamental purposes belong to the prickly pear group.

4. Most people mispronounce and misspell "Poinsettia" the popular christmas plant. Do You?

Ans. . . Most people forget the last "i". Prounce it — Poin-set-ee-uh.

5. Is it harmful to health to keep plants or flowers in a sleeping room at night?

Ans. . . No. Living plants absorb carbon-dioxide from the air during the day and give off small quantities of carbon-dioxide during periods of darkness. The amounts involved are too small to have any effect whatever on the human occupants of the room.