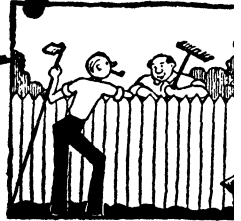




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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 13th
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
W. 50th St. & Knox Ave. South
Time: 5:45 P.M. - On the Nose
Dinner: \$1.50 - A Steal

OFFICERS

George Titus	Preside
A. R. Blackburn	Vice-
N. W. Christopherson	Secret
Wm. H. Hull	Treas
J. M. Witmer	Past-

PROGRAM

Business Meeting
Election of Officers
Christmas Decorations from Horticulture
Society Film Library
Highlights of MGCA Convention
By Bill Hull
Experiences at the Arnold Arboretum
By Albert Johnson
"Orchids" By Bob Bryant

Office of the Secretar
N. W. Christopherson
6145 Clinton Ave. Sou

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

You must be there to help elect a new slate of officers for 1957 and assist in acting some important business to come before the membership. Further, Sherm P and his committee have an interesting and diversified program planned for this meeting — you will particularly want to learn from Albert Johnson of the Unive Minnesota, Horticultural Department, of the work being done at the Arnold Arbor

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Mr. Geo. Titus, President
Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis
4915 Dupont Avenue.

Dear George:

If you have not already received it you will in the near future receive a copy of resolutions unanimously adopted towards the close of the annual meeting of the Society last week, and among these resolutions there is one whereby the Society expressed its appreciation of the Men's Garden Club for sponsoring the meeting.

I have been attending these meetings for several years and I do not hesitate to say this was the best in recent years. It included a great deal of horticulture and yet the fully packed program was presented in such a way that it was most interesting as well as educational. Your own experts were predominant in the discussions on gardening, club management and procedure and your hosts did a great deal to keep our visitors interested and happy.

You undertook the job when you could do the most good for the Society and at a time when it was most appreciated because of your many current activities in the Society. For all of this the Society and I in particular am most grateful.

Cordially yours,

Cortis Rice, Jr.
President

NEWS AND VIEWS

See where we have a new gardening magazine, published in Kansas City, Missouri by John E. Tillotson, called "Flower & Garden Magazine for Mid-America." Introductory price 6 issues for \$1.00. Address Mid-American Building, Kansas City 11, Missouri.

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Congratulations, Carl Holst, on being promoted to Assistant Horticulturist for the Minneapolis Park Board. We wish you every success in your new responsibilities.

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We were indeed sorry to hear of the sickness of Bill Block who has been hospitalized in Marshalltown, Iowa. Bill only recently moved to our neighboring state, and we hope he makes a rapid recovery so that he may enjoy his new establishment.

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Dick Lehman donated in the name of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis over 500 choice varieties of Hermercallis for planting in the area adjacent to the Lyndale Rose Gardens where a few years ago we made a planting of flowering crab apple trees. Thank you, Dick, your generosity is only overshadowed by your matchless support of every club activity.

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Have you sent your personal donation to Archie Flack as your individual contribution

NEWS AND VIEWS (Continued)

to the Arboretum Fund? Make your check payable to "The Minnesota Horticultural Society Arboretum Fund". Many of our members have been most generous, topped by Dick Lehman who at our last club meeting handed Cortis Rice a check for a neat \$1,000.00. Whose next?

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In the September issue of "Highlights", a periodical published by the Dorothy E Service for flower arrangement fans, is featured on the back cover, Herb Kahlert's "Fgam Aids for Program Chairman". Herb's "Proven ProgramPointers" is listed at one dollar and many hundreds have been sold. Cheers Herb.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture in a recent bulletin advocates the lighting gardens at night as an excellent means of extending the period of outdoor living. It reports that experiments at Michigan State University have indicated that not only do night lighting improve the appearance of plants, but it also found that plants exposed to additional illumination of blue, white and yellow lights increased in growth, and with many plants, increased flowering.

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It is amazing what can be accomplished when every member pitches in with the determination of making the job a truly successful one. And that's exactly what happened when we took on the sponsorship of the Minnesota Horticultural Society Annual Convention and Garden Forum. Under the expert guidance of Harold Kaufmann and Joe Witmer, couldn't have failed anyway. Everyone who took part is to be congratulated, and the club has reason to be proud of another splendid accomplishment.

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As this is being written, the rain is falling and it would seem that winter is not far behind. Unless we get considerably more moisture from the heavens, you had better keep that hose a-running on your newly planted shrubs, trees and especially the evergreens.

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You can hill up your roses any time now but refrain from covering anything with marsh hay or whatever you customarily use until the ground is frozen hard.

1956 MUM SHOW

Don't fail to take in the Park Board's colorful Chrysanthemum Display to be held Sunday, November 4 through Sunday, November 18 from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. daily. Tell your friends and neighbors that here is a local flower show that no Minneapolis citizen should miss.

TWENTY MEMBERS PLANT 3900 SPRING BULBS

Twenty members of the club gathered at Vic Jaeger's home Saturday, October 27, to help plant the 2900 bulbs supplied by the Holland Bulb Growers Association and another 1000 bulbs obtained locally. The general project chairman was Tony Koester and the design arrangement for planting was made by Lloyd Bachman.

An eighteen inch trough was cut in an irregular pattern across the front of Vic's home other plantings were made in beds and around trees. The land was rototilled five or six times and then filled to one foot. The sixty-five varieties of bulbs were planted in triangular patterns, arranged in a truss design like a bridge, covered with an inch of black dirt and then the original soil replaced. Bone meal and black dirt had also gone into the original hole.

Various members took black and white photographs of the event and a newspaper photograph also was present. Next spring colored photographs will be taken at blooming time. The entire project will be carried in future issues of Flower Grower Magazine and Minneapolis wants to be well represented in the story. There are seven cities participating in the national project.

IT WASN'T A CLUB PROJECT

Why? Many wonder! We planted flowering crab trees together and had a barrel of fun for one whole day. The next year we added lilies, then later more lilies. When it came to setting out the Day-lilies, almost 500 of them, donated by Dick Lehman in the name of the club, we were deprived of the pleasure of working together; of getting to know so many of our new members better; robbed of the opportunity of actually helping to beautify that area of the park which we have come to recognize as our long term park project; that section of Lyndale Garden set aside for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis to develop

Few activities we can jointly engage in promise so much in the way of a fuller understanding of our fellow members. Here was an occasion for many of us to learn more of an increasingly popular flower, and to reap the rewards of good fellowship.

Undoubtedly the project was undertaken in haste, even though the idea germinated many weeks before the lilies actually arrived for planting. Had we planned for the work well ahead of time the whole club could have been invited to enter into the spirit of the idea

This brings up a very natural question. Why cannot our program committee plan our monthly programs and our annual activities, as they can be foreseen, well ahead of the time for their performance?

Many clubs lay out their monthly programs and publish them months in advance, some even for a full year. This might mean that the program committee for the ensuing year should be appointed in September to work on an entire year's program which would be submitted to the new Board of Directors for approval when they take office in January.

Today, popular speakers are booked up months ahead of appearance dates. We are all busy people, many of us are out of town a great deal of the time. When asked to prepare a talk we should be given an ample number of weeks in which to prepare a constructive, worthwhile contribution. Only far-in-advance planning can insure the club of a sound, well balanced series of monthly programs throughout the year.

Last year we had quite a successful joint meeting of Men's Garden Clubs from this section of the state. It seemed like a good idea; many members thought it should be made an annual event; maybe the majority did not and that's why it wasn't scheduled into this year's program

VARIETIES OF DAY LILIES

Donated by Dick Lehman

Monona	2936 - Yellow
Firecracker	Flambeau - Red
5220 - Pink	Baritina - Yellow
Chico - Pink	Yellowstone - Yellow
Spencer Fuller - Copper	Pallida - Pink
Woodrose - Copper	Sunny Morn - Yellow
Felice - Yellow	5201 - Rose
4965 - Yellow	Coral Bell - Orange
Delicacy - Bicolor	Brownstone - Red
Eric Junior - Red	Autumn Daffodil - Yellow
5031 - Yellow	Aten - Orange
Conqueror - Red	Sunny West - Yellow
Flames - Scarlet	Pamela - Yellow
Bette Marie - Red	Mongol - Yellow
Bicolor	4946 - Red
2868 - Orange	5203 - Rose
Shimmer - Yellow	5549 - Pink
Freckles - Orange	4712 - Peach
4683 - Pink	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to join hands with some more good gardeners and extend to them a warm welcome. Do make yourselves acquainted with our membership, and we invite you to e wholeheartedly into all club activities.

Paul R. Burt	4519 Bruce Avenue	WA 6-6929
Clyde C. Chamberlin	4715 Zenith Ave. So.	WA 2-4088
William F. Ost	4705 Chowen Ave. So.	WA 2-9437
Charles R. Proctor	4000 Drew Ave. So.	WA 6-9408
Bruce T. Warner	5329 James Ave. So.	WA 6-5338
Carl J. Holst	5124 Beard Ave. So.	WA 6-8817

Please Remember!

If any of the members have any ideas on any phase of the club's activities they wou like to have considered, the columns of the Spray are always open to them.

OUR CLUB GETS ANOTHER "A" FOR EFFORT — AND FOR PERFORMANCE

If the recent two-day Garden Forum and Annual Meeting of the Hort. Society was the success generally reported, it was due in large measure to the careful planning, conscientious efforts and important contributions made by many members of our Club, the host organization.

We particularly appreciate the time, work and results of our Club Committee Secretar Bill Brooks, and our Treasurer, Sherm Pinkham, and the splendid team work of these Chairm of Special Committees:

Vic Lowrie - Publicity	Bob Bryant - Exhibiting
Rene Dufourd - Reservations	Glen Cerney - Transportation
P. W. Young - Registration	Stan Lund - Decorations
Al Blackbourn - Hosts and Hostesses	Tom Krumm - Housekeeping
Eng Hoyme - Photography	

— And we ask them to thank the members of their Committees who worked with them.

Whatever success the program-content enjoyed was due in no small degree to the stror participation of these, our members:

Cortis Rice	Vic Lowrie	Carl Holst	Archie Flack
Leon Snyder	Walter Quist	Glen Cerney	George Luxton
Walter Menzel	Rene Dufourd	Felix Dhainen	P. W. Young
Orrin Turnquist	Lloyd Bachman	Dick Stadtherr	George Titus

Certainly no record of our appreciation would be complete without recognition of the who made our beautiful stage setting possible:

Leon Snyder	Larry Bachman
Greg Lucking	Lloyd Bachman
Felix Dhainen	Rene Dufourd

— And those of our members who were instrumental in the very effective, beautiful and educational exhibits:

Leon Snyder	Louis Fischer
Dick Lehman	Bob Bryant
Greg Lucking	Lloyd Bachman

A special bow to Don Methven who did so well on our many signs.

This was indeed a team production and our only regret is that more of our own member and their wives did not take advantage of this very worthwhile opportunity to improve their gardening knowledge and skills.

We are pleased to believe that our Club again came up to the high measure of its rep in civic and community activities. And to those who are responsible for this, may we aga say "Thank You."

Harold Kaufmann — Co-Chairmen — Joe Witmer

IMPORTANT NOTICE ! ! !

THOSE OF YOU WHO NEGLECTED TO TURN IN YOUR BADGES AT THE END OF THE GARDEN FORUM, PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING THEM TO OUR NOVEMBER MEETING OR MAIL THEM NOW TO N. W. CHRISTOPHERSON, (GIVE TO YOU) AS THEY ARE YOUR PROPERTY AND MUST BE RETURNED TO YOU.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Bill Hull

LAWRENCE (LARRY) W. BACHMAN is a professional member of our organization who was introduced to the club by Harold Kaufmann several years ago and who lives at 5915 Colfax Avenue, South. Larry has an extremely interesting garden, combining evergreen and deciduous shrubs in a screen, where can be found many trial specimens. He is especially interested in landscape development. Larry is also interested in photography, in working, is a member of various horticulturist organizations, including the America Association of Nurserymen, the Minnesota State Nurserymen's Association. He is associated with Bachmans, Inc.

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ENG HOYME lives at 4433 Abbott Avenue North, where he has a general all-around flower garden, centered around a patio on a small lot. Eng holds the promise of a new home on a two acre lot which he has already acquired in Golden Valley. Eng is particularly interested in dahlias, chrysanthemums, and day-lilies, which he combines with his photography. He is also interested in cabinet making and high fidelity music. Eng is chairman of the International Salon of Photography. He joined our organization in on the recommendation of P. W. Young. He is associated with Gust Lagerquist and So Elevators.

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G. VICTOR LOWRIE is a past president of the club, and has just been elected Vice-president of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Vic is very active in MGC affairs as man of many committees through the years and as editor of the Spray; he is also a winner of the club's annual bronze medal award. A couple of years ago he moved to 2107 Gl Hurst Road, where he now has several large rose beds and many interesting shrubs as well as fruit trees. He has just planted several hundred bulbs and should have prolific bloom next spring. He is a member of the American Rose Society, the Lily Society and the Royal Horticultural Society. Also a member of the Downtown Post of the American Legion and the Minneapolis Athletic Club. As an avid collector of Early American lamps he is also a member of the American Lamplite Society. In business he is the Executive Vice-president of the IPMA Publishing Company, publishers of POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE, a medical journal.

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W. H. (BILL) HULL entered the club several years ago upon the sponsorship of Victor Lowrie. Bill has been particularly active in show staging, in the publication of the Spray, of which he is assistant editor, in the arrangements special interests group and in his work as Club Treasurer. Last spring he was elected to the Board of Directors of the national organization of MGC, and was appointed director of publications. His major hobbies are photography and writing, recently having a book published by the Lippincott Company of Philadelphia dealing with public relations. Two years ago he moved to 6104 Oaklawn, Edina, where he has a precise flower garden. His special interests are roses and chrysanthemums. He is Public Relation Manager of POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE, a medical journal.

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NOTE: The biographies of all club members have been carried in this department with the exception of a few who have been omitted after having made three individual requests to each man for a few pertinent facts. Spray would still like to publish the remaining histories and is open to suggestions as to the methods of obtaining the needed information from those non-participating members.

FANCY CHERRIES

SAN GERMAN, PUERTO RICO - The discovery in 1946 of the unusually high vitamin C content of the West Indian or Barbados Cherry (genus Malpighia) has stimulated considerable interest and ever increasing commercial exploitation of this fruit. Recent reports have shown that the cherry also supplies thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin A, calcium, iron, and some phosphorus. According to Dr. Ismael Velez, of the Department of Botany at the Inter-American University, cultivation of the plant has reached unprecedented proportions in Puerto Rico as a result. However, the high incidence of nematodes in the soils of the northern coasts of the Island poses a serious handicap. Since some species appear to be more resistant to the worms than others, studies have been undertaken to determine the extent of their resistance and whether or not they can be used as stock material for grafting.

Malpighia is a genus of some 30 species of shrubs and small trees of tropical and subtropical America, all of which are found growing wild in the West Indies. The taxonomy of the Caribbean species is highly confused. One authority states that the West Indian cherry has been growing in Florida for more than 50 years, where it is called M. glabra, and that it is the same plant as that called M. puniceifolia in Puerto Rico, or that the two may be different forms of the same species. Studies now in progress in England include the investigation of type and other classical specimens, most of which are in European herbaria. Pending the outcome of these basic studies, opinions of local botanists on the correct identity and names of these species seem to be purely conjectural, Dr. Velez reports in SCIENCE

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Homeowners with rotting fence posts are in receipt of some good news from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department has developed a preservative process that protects fence posts against termites as well as decay. All that's needed is a 10 quart pail, two barrels, two chemicals - 25 pounds each of copper sulfate crystals and sodium chromate powder - and a scale or a one pound coffee can to weigh the chemicals. The process, involving these ingredients, may be obtained from the Department.

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Even if the lawn wanted to talk — it's always cut short.

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NOTICE

Your Board of Directors recommend and will ask the membership to approve at the November Meeting an increase in our annual dues beginning with the year 1957 from \$4.00 (four dollars) to \$4.50 (four dollars and fifty cents) to provide for the increase in dues from \$1.00 (One dollar) to \$1.50 (One dollar and fifty cents) of our Minnesota State Horticultural Society with whom we are so closely affiliated and need to support.