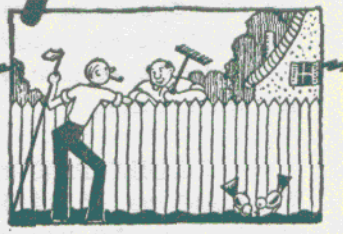




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February Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 1963
Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
Knox Avenue at W. 50th St.
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp
Price: \$1.75

Officers

Ev Haedecke President
Dwight Stone Vice-Pres.
G. R. Christenson Secretary
Charles Proctor Treasurer

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P R O G R A M

"New Annuals For 1963" - by Bruce Johnstone, member of the Minneapolis Men's Garden Club

"Hybridizing" - Peter Bonucci, Plant Breeder of garden seeds at Northrup King Seed Company.

HORTICULTURE SHORT COURSE March 27, 28 and 29, 1963

Wednesday, March 27 VEGETABLE GROWING
Thursday, March 28 HOME FRUIT GROWING
Friday, March 29 ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

Sessions to be held in the North Star Ballroom, University of Minnesota, Institute of Agriculture, St. Paul 1. Tuition fee \$1.00 per day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1962

At our January 1962 meeting I presented my proposed program for the year. I am pleased to report that with the fine cooperation of the various chairmen this program was carried out successfully, and, I hope was of interest to all of our members. In addition to this program we also completed some new projects that were brought before our monthly meetings during the year. I believe it would be proper to review some of the more interesting activities at this time.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS were arranged for by Chairman Dolph Bezior and were interesting and informative. As I stated at the beginning of the year we would use the excellent talent we have in our club for some of our monthly meetings and in my opinion these meetings were by far the most interesting. Our Bull sessions were of great value to many members and most certainly should be continued in the future.

SCHOOL CHILDREN GARDEN PROGRAM under the able leadership of Les Johnson was completed with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to the members taking a part in this activity. This project, I hope, will also be carried on in the future.

SUMMER GARDEN TOURS under the chairmanship of Art Fakler were excellent. For the first time we visited the gardens of Eng Hoyme and Dwight Stone and were privileged to view gardens that will rate with the best in our club. On this tour we invited our ladies to accompany us and I believe we all enjoyed the tour much more due to their presence.

FLOWER SHOW under the direction of Charles Proctor was one of the best shows we have ever staged. As we all know the Flower Show is one of the more important projects of our club and requires much planning and work. We owe Charley and his committee a big vote of thanks for a big job well done. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to Al Blackbourn for the beautiful trophy he donated for this and future shows.

SPRING AUCTION under the chairmanship of Bob Smith was probably the most successful and entertaining auction ever held by us. This project too requires much planning and work to insure success. To Bob and his committee our sincere thanks.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP under the direction of Eng Hoyme held many interesting meetings and the attending members greatly improved their techniques as was evidenced from the slides shown at the Christmas Party. It is my hope that Eng will continue to give this valuable instruction to our members.

LEHMAN GARDEN TROPHY This trophy was awarded for the first time this year and was won by Otto Nelson for the most improvement in his garden and yard. To Archie Flack and Joe Witmer must go the credit for the success of this project as they spent many hours this summer visiting the members gardens entered and developing a procedure for judging future years entries.

At our October meeting we voted to invite the Men's Garden Club of America to hold their National Convention in Minneapolis in 1967. Bill Hull has forwarded our invitation to the Convention Committee and we hope it will be accepted. The year 1967 will mark the 25th anniversary of our club.

To all the committee chairmen and their members I would like to extend my

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont'd)

It is only through your cooperation and loyalty to our club that we have completed a successful and interesting year.

I must also extend my personal thanks to Archie Flack, Joe Witmer, Dick Lehman, FW Young and Bob Adams and members of the Executive Board whom I have contacted so often this year for their valuable help and advice. Thanks a lot fellows.

I have asked our Secretary, Dwight Stone, to include the Christmas Party in his report as the wife and I are leaving the day after the party to make our retirement and future home in Sun City, Arizona. I know that we will miss and long for our many friends in the Garden Club. It is our hope that we will be able to return here for visits now and then. It is our hope also that whenever any of you visit Arizona you will make a special effort to honor our home with your presence.

Sincerely,

N. W. Christopherson

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The opening of the 1962-63 academic year brought 33,616 full time college-level students to the five campuses of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Morris and Rochester. This is the largest such enrollment in the University's history and represents 48.5 percent of the total college population in the State. In addition, a new attendance record was set in general extension evening classes with 12,233 students enrolled for the fall quarter of the 1962-63 academic year. This means that 45,849 students were attending classes regularly in the first quarter of the current academic year. Tens of thousands of other Minnesotans benefit from the University through such activities as adult continuation seminars, institutes, conferences and meetings; agricultural extension education; agricultural short courses; general extension programs; experiment stations; the University's nursery, elementary and high schools and many others.

Last year the University of Minnesota offered some form of instruction or educational service to approximately 200,000 individuals.

This figure illustrates the range of the University's educational service to the State. It reflects the academic respect in which the University is held, the variety of resources it represents, and the challenges it faces as it continues its service to the State of Minnesota and sustains its scholarly excellence.

Reprinted from "The Needs of the Univ. of Minn."

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS Secretary's Report Year 1962

This, the 21st year of the Men's Garden Club of Mpls. was another successful and eventful year. During the year we held our 12 regular meetings plus a Saturday trip to the Lehman Gardens at Faribault. Average attendance at the

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meetings in 1962 was 57 which was the same as for 1961.

New members elected to membership during 1962 were Phillip Smith and Walter Hammen, active members and Bruce Johnstone and R. A. Twite to Professional membership. At December 31, 1962 our roster included 70 active members, 11 associate members, 21 professional members, 1 Honorary member and 5 Spray members, for a total affiliation of 108. Three members passed away during the year. They were active members Stan Lund and John McClure and Honorary member George Luxton. There are no membership applications on file with the secretary.

For Year 1962, 13 members had perfect attendance. P. W. Young and Eng Hoyme have had perfect attendance for 4 years, N. W. Christopherson for 3 years and Bob Smith, Archie Flack and Bud Christenson for two years.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Bob Adams for Year 1962. Otto Nelson received the Lehman Trophy for the most improved garden and Bob Smith received the Blackburn Trophy for Specimen Sweepstakes at the Annual Flower Show.

At the November meeting Archie Flack was elected to Honorary Membership of the Club.

The membership voted at the October general meeting to invite the Men's Garden Club of America to hold its convention in Minneapolis in Year 1967.

By motion of the General membership the Men's Garden Club approved sponsoring the Crabapple plantings at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in the amount of \$300 annually effective in 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Stone, Secretary

HOW MUCH FERTILIZER SHALL I USE?

The department of Agriculture have developed a Leaflet No. 307 to help gardeners convert tons or pounds per acre of fertilizer into pints, cups, tablespoons or teaspoons per row or plant. It looks like an extremely helpful guide. You may secure a copy by writing to the Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota Farm School, St. Paul 1.

PLANT ALLERGY

If one is allergic to plant poisoning an admonition to follow to avoid poisoning. Some plants are dangerous to touch while others are harmful if taken internally.

WHITE SNAKEROOT (*Eupatorium rugosum*) If eaten by cattle the poison which is soluble in the butter fat or milk and may be transmitted thru the milk to humans. Blooms very abundantly in the Fall.

PLANT ALLERGY (Cont'd)

POKEWOOD (*Phytolacca americana*) While the young shoots are edible, the berries and roots are poisonous.

WATER HEMLOCK (*Cicuta maculata*) Growing in marshy ground, a member of the parsley family. Grows from 3 to 6 feet tall, its stems are spotted and streaked with purple. All parts of the plant are poisonous, especially the tuberous roots which have an aromatic flavor. Cows frequently die from the poisoning.

JIMSON WEED (*Datura Stramonium*) Both the plant and seeds contain a dangerous poison. It has large, beautiful funnel-shaped white flowers and a prickly seed pod.

MAY APPLE (*Podophyllum peltatum*) Leaves and roots are poisonous, yet the fruit is edible and much relished. The yellow fruit looks somewhat like small lemons.

COMMON BUTTERCUP This plant sometimes is poisonous enough to raise blisters on the skin. Cows eating the plants produce a bitter milk. Being volatile the poison is driven off by drying.

A number of other plants irritate the skin, the commonest are Nettle, Poison Ivy, Poison Sumac, Burdock, Fleabane, Cow-parsnip, Motherwort, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Hops.

Also Dock, Dog Fennel, Wild Ginger, Curly Dock, Wild Carrot and Virgin's bower.

The leaves of the Showy Lady's-Slipper during the blooming and seed ripening time are very irritable to many handling them.

The brilliant foliage of Poison Sumac is often gathered in the fall and the pickers surely come to grief. It grows only in swamps and bogs.

First aid for stings from Nettle is readily found in applying crushed leaves and stems of the Jewelweed which generally grows in the same locality.

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CLUB BUDGET FOR 1963
Approved at January Meeting

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$1,067.50	Spray	\$290.00
Interest	115.00	Programs & Shows	350.00
Miscellaneous	375.00	Minn. Hort. Society	157.50
	<u>\$1,557.50</u>	M.G.C.A.	157.50
		North Star Region	10.50
		Christmas Party	150.00
		Industrial Awards	50.00
		Cheer	75.00
		Arboretum	300.00
		Miscellaneous	14.50
		Opr. Surplus	2.50
			<u>\$1,557.50</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1962

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
Petty Cash	\$ 24.50	
Northwestern National Bank	865.19	
Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association	<u>2,824.32</u>	\$3,714.01
Inventory		<u>120.85</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$3,834.86</u>

NET WORTH

Deferred Income - 1963 Dues Paid in 1962		\$ 746.00
Surplus:		
Balance, January 1, 1962	\$2,923.32	
Net Income for 1962	<u>165.54</u>	<u>3,088.86</u>
Total Net Worth		<u>\$3,834.86</u>

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1962

Income:		
Dues		\$1,047.50
Plant Auction		292.45
Interest on Savings		110.19
Arboretum Auction		196.50
Christmas Party		497.00
Miscellaneous Income		<u>28.50</u>
		\$2,172.14

Expenses:		
Spray	\$ 275.99	
Programs and Shows	427.14	
Minnesota State Horticultural Society - Dues	153.00	
Men's Garden Club of America - Dues	157.50	
Arboretum Fund	250.00	
North Star Region - Dues	10.60	
Industrial Awards	23.25	
Cheer	23.50	
Christmas Party	637.20	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>48.42</u>	<u>2,006.60</u>
Net Income for Year		<u>\$ 165.54</u>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

At our January meeting there seemed to be a revived interest in forming groups for the study of various plants, shrubs, etc., such as a Rose group, Shrub and Tree group, a group particularly interested in studying Perennials and possibly another group on Annuals.

All members interested in the formation of a particular group please register your wishes with Dwight Stone.

An Azalea group was formed at the January meeting and they will meet on call by Dr. Snyder, probably some evening at the Horticultural Building of the University Farm School, St. Paul.

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You'll be pleased to hear that Charlie Proctor is recuperating at home from minor surgery and that Dolph Bezoier is making progress back to health.

SHORT COURSE FOR HOME GARDENERS MARCH 27-29

Cultural techniques, new varieties for spring planting and career opportunities in horticulture will be featured topics at the University of Minnesota's 42nd annual horticulture short course for home gardeners March 27-29.

All sessions will be held in the North Star Ballroom of the St. Paul Campus Student Center. Morning sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m., afternoon sessions at 1:30 p.m.

Each day of the short course will be given over to a different aspect of home gardening. First day of the course will be devoted to home vegetable gardening, the second to home fruit growing and the last day to ornamental horticulture.

Using vegetables in decorative arrangements, better vegetable varieties, dwarf fruit trees, dual-purpose fruits, growing grapes, new ornamentals, shrub roses and combining plants in the home landscape are among subjects to be discussed.

Speakers will include several amateur gardeners and staff members of the University of Minnesota departments of horticulture, plant pathology and botany, soil science, entomology, fisheries and wildlife.

Educational exhibits will be on display in the horticulture building during the short course.

R. E. Widmer, associate professor of horticulture at the University, is coordinator for the short course.

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