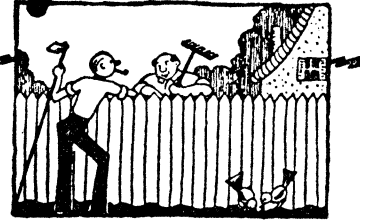




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February Meeting

Officers

Date: February 11, 1964  
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
50th Street and Knox Avenue South  
Time: 5:45 p.m.  
Price: \$1.75

Dwight Stone                      President  
Paul M. Kroeger                  Vice President  
G. R. Christenson (Bud)        Secretary  
R. E. Smith (Bob)                Treasurer  
  
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8300 Sheridan Avenue South

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

- Roses - and their Propagation - Ron Twite
- Perennials - Glen Cerney and Les Johnson
- Delphiniums - P. W. Young
- Begonias - Sherm Pinkham

This will be the first of two meetings devoted to the Special Interest Groups. Some of the presentations will be told with slides; whereas, others will be told with demonstrations. The March meeting will present several of the remaining Special Interest Groups such as Garden Landscape, Photography, Annuals, Azaleas, etc. The second half of the March program will be devoted to Special Interest Meetings. You may attend the meeting of your choice. For those not interested in a Special Interest Group, there will be a "Bull Session."

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by  
Bill Hull

Put this on your calendar and don't forget it - or you'll be sorry. SPECIAL TOUR, including wives, of Bachman's greenhouses, Saturday, March 21, 1:30 p.m. We'll have a conducted tour with description of growing conditions, including special under-light growing. We'll see the Easter plants in bloom. The Bachmans are even serving light refreshments at 3:00 p.m. Lloyd says, "We're looking forward to having the group."

Since we have so many activities, two auctions, a Christmas party, plus two or three summer tours, which reduce our regular meetings, many of us feel these extra meetings are particularly commendable. Let's have more gardening programs ... because we're a garden club.

New member, Stanley T. Vaill, we welcome you. I've talked with you on the telephone, but haven't really had a chance to get acquainted. Mr. Vaill is Public Relations Supervisor for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and lives at 5012 Bruce Avenue. Let's give him a committee job, Dwight.

President Dwight Stone tells us we have three new membership cards turned in, but perhaps we'd better await further details before releasing names. They all sound like interested gardeners; hence, just exactly what we want. Let's fill up our club. For the first time in years, we have a few vacancies.

Les Johnson is already planning his 1964 youth garden program. I well remember when Les and I went to a lady's home to discuss how we might serve through this program. Three years ago. From that meeting, we've developed this service as a club, but Les needs more help. Interested? Les, you can learn of the experience of many other clubs, and get help on this program by writing our national chairman of a committee set up just for this purpose. His name: Harold Laing, 2891 Plymouth Road, Cleveland 24, Ohio. Tell your problem and ask for help.

Have you been reading about the Johnny Appleseed National Memorial Park being established at Fort Wayne, Indiana? He is our MGCA -- yours and mine -- patron saint. Clubs all over the nation, and individuals, are sending in checks to help make this an MGCA project. It is an official one now. We are seeking \$7,000, and already have \$3,500. Our club ought to be included in that, too. We will be placing a bronze placque on the gravesite; and, although there is a Foundation set up to develop a huge area around the gravesite, the grave itself will be clearly labeled as an MGCA project. Seems to me we should be blushing if we don't take part in this collectively and individually.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS  
Secretary's Report  
Year 1963

This, the 22nd year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, was another successful and eventful year. During the year, we held our 12 regular meetings which included a Shrub Auction, Fun Plant Auction, and our Annual Christmas Party, to which wives and friends were invited. A Saturday field trip was made to the Lehman gardens in Faribault, Minnesota. After a tour of the Lehman gardens and the Roger Koopmans garden, we were guests of Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Lehman for a steak fry at their home. Average attendance at the meetings in 1963 was 53, which was 4 less than 1962 and the lowest average attendance in the past four years.

New members elected to active membership during 1963 were Edsall F. Berry, J. Robert Kelly, John W. Pulver, and Stanley T. Vaill. At December 1963, our roster included 67 active members, 11 associate members, 21 professional members, 2 honorary members, and 5 Spray members, for a total affiliation of 107. Three members passed away during the year. They were active members Maurice Lifson, Dr. Fred Rodda, and Spray member J. T. Cohen. There are no applications for membership on file with the Secretary.

The year 1963 saw 8 members with perfect attendance. Eng Hoyme has had perfect attendance for 5 years, Bob Smith and Bud Christenson for 3 years, Bob Adams and Bill Swanson for 2 years, and Les Johnson, Roger Koopmans and Bert Zats 1 year.

Highlights of the year for our members included the election of Bill Hull as President of The Men's Garden Clubs of America and Ev Haedecke as a National Director. Dr. Leon Snyder was awarded the Gold Medal by the MGCA, the highest award that can be given by the MGCA. The Garden Spray Editor, Vic Lowrie, received an award from the MGCA for one of the ten best individual club bulletins; Al Nelson received a certificate of merit from the Minnesota Horticultural Society. Neil Barry was elected vice president of the North Star Region of the Men's Garden Clubs of America, and Carl Holst was elected president of the Minnesota Rose Society. Joe Witmer took over as Garden Editor of the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Les Johnson for the year 1963. Phil Smith received the Lehman Trophy for the most improved garden and honorable mentions to Les Johnson, Thor Solem, and Bill Swanson. Dale Durst received the Blackburn Trophy for Specimen Sweepstakes at the Annual Flower Show, and Thor Solem and his Tel-Star dahlia took the Tom Foley award for Queen of the Show.

The membership at the February general meeting passed a resolution requesting the Minneapolis Park Board to rename Prospect Field, "George E. Luxton Park," in honor of the late George E. Luxton. Subsequently, under the date of February 19, 1963, the Executive Board of our club officially adopted the resolution and approved the letter of transmittal to the Minneapolis Park Board. Under the date of August 21, 1963, the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners passed a resolution renaming Prospect Field, "George F. Luxton Park."

Secretary's Report  
(Continued)

Early this year, the MGCA officially accepted our invitation of October 1962 to hold its 1967 National Convention in Minneapolis; 1967 will be the Silver Anniversary of our club.

The Annual Fall Flower Show was another highlight of the year, under the chairmanship of Charlie Proctor and his many volunteers. Even though the growing season was bad at show time, our membership presented a very impressive show. The year 1963 also saw the continuation of many of our special interest groups and the formation of new groups.

Club officers for the year 1964 are: President, Dwight Stone; Vice President, Paul M. Kroeger; Secretary, Bud Christenson; and Treasurer, Robert E. Smith. The Board of Directors for 1964 includes the aforementioned officers and past-president, E. B. Haedecke. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, following the general meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. R. Christenson, Secretary

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PLASTIC GREENHOUSE PLANS AVAILABLE

Home gardeners who like to begin their activities early by starting seeds and various bedding plants may be interested in plans for a small, easily built greenhouse designed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The greenhouse (Plan No. 5946) is plastic covered and measures 8 feet, 6 inches in width. It can be built in multiples of 3 feet in length. Strips of 1/4-inch plywood form the arches.

With treated foundation boards and stakes, galvanized or brass screws and other anti-corrosion measures, the frame should last for several years, but the plastic cover may have to be replaced annually. Tests at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., showed no snow loading heavy enough to cause breaks in the plastic cover.

Plan No. 5946 may be obtained for 25 cents from Blueprint Room, Agricultural Engineering, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Money must accompany the order for the plan.

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MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1963

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
Petty Cash	\$ 15.97	
Northwestern National Bank	630.56	
Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association	<u>2,812.73</u>	\$3,459.26
Inventory		<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets		\$3,559.26

NET WORTH

Deferred Income - 1964 Dues Paid in 1963		\$ 853.00
Surplus:		
Balance, January 1, 1963	\$3,088.86	
Net Deficit for 1963	<u>382.60</u>	<u>2,706.26</u>
Total Net Worth		\$3,559.26

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1963

Income:		
Dues		\$ 996.00
Shrub Auction		153.50
Plant Auction		283.60
Interest on Savings		113.41
Christmas Party		<u>511.00</u>
		\$2,057.51
Expenses:		
Spray	\$ 348.25	
Programs & Shows	375.06	
Minn. Hort. Soc. dues	150.00	
MGCA - Dues	150.00	
North Star - Dues	10.00	
Arboretum fund	453.50	
Industrial Awards	52.86	
Cheer	83.85	
Christmas Party	757.35	
Miscellaneous	<u>59.24</u>	<u>\$2,440.11</u>
Net Loss for Year		\$ 382.60

CLUB BUDGET FOR 1964

*106 Members  
in 63  
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cut*

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENSES</u>		
		1963 <u>Actual</u>			1963 <u>Actual</u>
Dues	\$1,050.00	\$ 996.00	Spray	\$ 300.00	\$ 348.25
Interest	115.00	113.41	Programs & Shows	200.00	375.06
Misc.	285.00	283.60	Dues - Minn. Hort. Soc.	200.00	150.00
			- MGCA	150.00	150.00
			- North Star	10.00	10.00
Shrub Auction		153.50	Arboretum - Donation	300.00	300.00
			- Auction		
Christmas Party		511.00	proceeds		153.50
			Christmas Party	100.00	604.68
			Cheer	75.00	83.85
			Industrial Awards	25.00	52.86
			Other Presentations	50.00	152.67
			Miscellaneous	40.00	59.24
	<u>\$1,450.00</u>	<u>\$2,057.51</u>		<u>\$1,450.00</u>	<u>\$2,440.11</u>

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"HALL OF FAME" PROPOSED

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic whip of Minnesota, has proposed establishment of a North American Conservation Hall of Fame acting on a suggestion made recently by Gov. Karl Rolvaag, of Minnesota, at a meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, and the American Fisheries Society. The organizations endorsed the proposal unani- mously.

"A Hall of Fame" will honor the men who have worked to protect and conserve the natural resources and beauty of our land, Sen. Humphrey said. "It will, more importantly, honor the cause of conservation and provide us with a continuing re- minder of the need to develop policies to maintain, conserve and enrich the legacy we have inherited from our early conservationists."

Sen. Humphrey noted that the State of Minnesota has offered a site on the bluffs above the Mississippi River at historic Fort Snelling State Park in Minneapolis for the Conservation Hall of Fame.

NEW APPLE, CHRYSANTHEMUMS INTRODUCED BY "U"

A new, bright red apple and two high-mound types of garden chrysanthemums have been developed for northern climates by University of Minnesota horticulturists and will be available to home gardeners for spring planting.

The apple, called Regent, is characterized not only by its solid red color but by its crisp texture, pleasing flavor and good keeping quality. The flavor of the new apple, which resulted from a cross between Daniels Red Duchess and Delicious, is suggestive of Delicious but more sprightly and very juicy. It retains its fine dessert qualities, with little change, from the time it is picked until the end of its storage period in late winter. In addition to high quality for eating fresh, it is good for pie and sauce.

At Excelsior, the Regent is one of the last varieties to ripen, and is usually picked in mid-October. For this reason, and because it lacks extreme hardness, it will probably find greatest acceptance in areas where the growing season is similar to that of Excelsior or longer.

Both of the new garden chrysanthemums are early flowering -- Goldstrike, named for its prolific display of bright yellow, fully double 2-inch flowers, and Zonta, an apricot-bronze variety. Both also make good flowering pot plants.

Goldstrike reaches a height of 15 to 18 inches and a spread of 24 inches when grown in full sun. Stems are stiff and foliage is a healthy dark green. Blooming usually begins in late August or early September in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Zonta is slightly taller than Goldstrike, reaching a height of 18 to 21 inches and a spread of 24 inches when grown in full sun. The attractive apricot-bronze flowers are fully double and measure 2-1/4 inches in diameter. Blossoming usually begins by early September in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Introduction of Goldstrike and Zonta brings to 44 the number of garden chrysanthemums developed by the University of Minnesota Department of Horticultural Science for northern climates.

More information about the new introductions is available in two University publications: Regent Apple, Miscellaneous Report 54, and Zonta and Goldstrike, Miscellaneous Report 53. The publications may be obtained from Bulletin Room, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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## FLOWERING CRABS BECOMING POPULAR ORNAMENTAL

The flowering crabapple has become the most popular small ornamental tree for Minnesota homes.

Few ornamentals combine as many desirable qualities in a single variety as flowering crabapples, according to Leon C. Snyder, head of the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota. Among these qualities are hardiness, desirable form, attractive bloom, summer color, ornamental fruits, good fall color and winter interest.

To make as many flowering crabapple varieties as possible available for Minnesota planting, the University's Department of Horticultural Science has been actively engaged in a breeding program to improve this ornamental since 1940. At present, more than 80 species and varieties are under test at the Landscape Arboretum and at the Fruit Breeding Farm. Three varieties have been developed and introduced by University horticulturists: Flame in 1934, Radiant in 1958 and Vanguard in 1963, all fully hardy.

Most varieties of flowering crabapples bloom in mid-May, just ahead of the lilacs. Bloom ranges from white to red and size of petals varies from 1 inch to nearly 3 inches in diameter.

Foliage color may be light to dark green, with a reddish cast characteristic of certain varieties such as Radiant, Vanguard, Irene and Crimson Brilliant.

Fruit varies from the size of a pea in the Zumi variety to almost 2 inches in diameter in the Prairie crabapple. Some varieties drop their fruits as soon as they are ripe; others hold their fruits throughout the winter. The latter types attract birds to the home yard.

Tree size ranges from the dwarf Sargents crab about 6 feet in height to very large trees that may grow 25 or more feet tall. Tree form may be narrow and upright as in the Columnar Siberian crabapple or wide-spreading like the Crimson Brilliant and Almey. There are also weeping forms such as the Red Jade.

Snyder discusses flowering crabapples for Minnesota in an article in the current issue of Minnesota Farm and Home Science, a publication of the University's Agricultural Experiment Station.

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