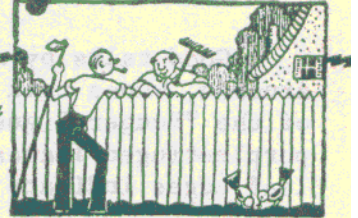




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Neil Barry

February Meeting

Date:	February 9, 1965	Charles Proctor	President
		R. E. Smith (Bob)	Vice-President
Place:	Mount Olivet Lutheran Church 50th Street and Knox Avenue South	G. R. Christenson (Bud)	Secretary
		S. F. Pinkham (Sherm)	Treasurer
Time:	5:45 P.M.		
Price:	\$1.75		

PROGRAM

GARDENING UNDER LIGHTS

Lights in the Lives of
 Bill Cowcill
 Otto Nelson
 Phil Smith

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SUPPLEMENTAL LIGHTING

Lloyd Bachman

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

Good talks by new members at our January meeting and by Prof. Harold Arneman, whose talk on soils contained many quotes. Did you make a copy of the "Hunger Signs?" They are: yellow or pale leaves need nitrogen; purple-tinged leaves and stems need phosphorus; yellow or browning of leaf edges indicate potassium need.

Best Ph for this area seems to be from 6.2 to 6.8. To raise from 5.5 to 6.5, meaning to "correct acidity," add: for sandy loam, use 30 pounds of ground limestone to 1000 square feet. For loam, use 60 pounds. For clay loam, use 100 pounds. Limestone adds calcium and magnesium.

When the soil is too alkaline - when the acidity should be increased - proceed as follows. To lower from 7.5.-8 Ph down to 6.5.-7, add 15 pounds of sulfur to 1,000 square feet. This is slower acting than when 50 pounds of aluminum sulfate is added to the same 1000 square feet area, but with the latter, there is a danger of aluminum toxicity.

A good starter solution for use with transplants: dissolve one pound of 5-10-5 fertilizer in one gallon of water. Then put one-half pint of that solution into five gallons of water before using. Be sure to remember the second step, otherwise your solution will be much too strong.

"What do you think would go well with my red slacks?" asked the overweight wife, to which her husband replied, "An ankle length coat."

Congratulations to Vic Lowrie and Joe Witmer for the two awards from the Minnesota Horticulture Society as presented at the January meeting. We all concur that they are deserved and are glad for them.

A prison inmate had a series of unfortunate accidents, during which he had his teeth pulled, his appendix removed and his arm amputated. The warden visited him after the last accident and said accusingly: "You can't fool me, Murphy. You're trying to escape piece by piece."

A suggestion for new president, Charlie Proctor. Appoint two men to be in charge of the church lights. Let them get well acquainted with the switches in around the stage. Give them a pocket penlight and a lot of our awkward moments and confusion over light problems would be solved.

Do you know why a surgeon wears a mask while performing an operation? It has been said that if something goes wrong the patient won't know who did it.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

Continued

On January 8 and 9 in St. Louis, we had our annual MGCA Board of Directors Meeting. This is the official business session, with a large banquet by the regional clubs there, speeches, presentations, etc. All day Friday, I presided at the outgoing board meetings in the Mayfair Hotel (see THE GARDENER for details), the big banquet Friday night and President Phil Conrath presided at the Saturday session at the Shaw Gardens. At the banquet ceremonies, I had the pleasure of swearing in 1965 officers of the local and regional clubs, of passing the gavel to President Phil, and of receiving the very beautiful Past President's Plaque, which most of you saw at the January meeting.

My little woman claims she's the perfect wife because she lets me out with the boys one night a week. Big deal! I'm a Scoutmaster.

On January 15 in Chicago, I had the pleasure of addressing the American Seed Trade Association and seeing many of our friends there. Good to see our own Bruce Johnstone and Larry Corbett as highly esteemed there by their counterparts in other seed companies, as they are esteemed in our own club. A most interesting experience talking to this group.

Growing with fluorescent lights constantly increases in popularity. Dale Durst and I jointly authored a piece for the Minnesota Horticulture Journal (January). Park's Floral Magazine (January) also has a good article on this subject. We in Minneapolis MGC have a program coming up on the subject, and probably among others, Vic Lowrie has bought some lights. Believe he used them some time ago and has the bug again. It's a type of gardening that is bound to increase, particularly in our area.

Somewhere one of you has our Club Officer Photo Book. This is really unreplaceable, containing photos of all officers on an annual basis from the first year of our club. Everyone thinks someone else has it. Can't we all get together and find this book? I've asked Messrs. Stone, Young, Christenson, Hoyme, Sicora, and Mrs. Fred Paul, but none know of its whereabouts. Help! Help!

THOR, the God of Thunder
Was riding on his filly,
"I'm Thor," he cried,
The horse replied:
"Then where'th your thaddle,
thilly?"

The humor comes from two Men's Garden Club bulletins: Cort-land New York "Sod Busters" and Salt Lake City "Bee-Hive." Thanks, fellows.

CLIPPINGS

By Charlie Proctor

It was gratifying to see such a good turnout for the January meeting, particularly as we had the enjoyable duty of presenting to Joe Witmer and Vic Lowrie, the written witness of the honor accorded them by the Minnesota Horticultural Society. Joe was made a life member of the Society, and Vic was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

We were all saddened by the death of Bob Adams on January 13. Bob held various offices, including treasurer and vice-president, and worked on and had charge of the grub committee for some time. We who have been in the club for some years remember Bob as one who was always willing to take on any assignment.

The eleven new active members in 1964 left us close to our limit as of the start of the year. There are a couple of vacancies, and we suggest that if you have any potential members, you turn the applications in while the vacancies still exist.

Another \$12.00 added to the National Convention Fund, thanks to Bob Smith and Dwight Stone for the birch log bird feeders auctioned off at the January meeting. The fund now totals \$54.00. Any surplus items such as tools, bulbs, etc. which you have could be auctioned off at future meetings, proceeds to be added to the Convention Fund.

While in Phoenix on a business trip, Bill Brooks dropped in on the Chris Christophersons. They are thriving on and thoroughly enjoying the Arizona weather. Chris had several flats of seedlings out behind his house, which will be transplanted out in the open about the first of February. He says hello to all his MMGC friends, and urges anyone who is in the area to stop in to see them.

We should have no trouble keeping abreast of horticultural doings around the state what with Carl Holst and Bruce Johnstone as president and vice-president of the Minnesota Horticulture Society and Neil Barry and Jack Peterson as president and secretary of North Star Region MGCA.

Welcome to Mr. A. W. Hubbard, approved for membership at the last Executive Board Meeting.

A new building is urgently needed by the Horticulture Department on the St. Paul Campus. Their present building is old, and space is woefully inadequate. Graduate students have to work in the halls for lack of office and classroom space. A sum approaching \$1.5 million has been included in the budget approved by the Interim Building Commission and submitted to the Legislature. We suggest you write to your state senator and state representatives and urge them to retain the item in the budget.

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LOST

The gentleman who attended the last meeting and who is now wearing one black and one brown Galocha rubber, both for the right foot, can make the exchange by calling Walter Menzel, either at WA 2-8979 or FE 3-2241.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

YEAR 1964

Year 1964 was not an unusual year as concerns our club. In addition to the 12 regular meetings, we had a Saturday tour of Bachman's greenhouses in March, and in May we traveled out to the Arboretum to see the azaleas in bloom.

Participation in the annual flower show both from an exhibitor's standpoint and from a spectator's standpoint has been gradually falling off. It was getting to a point where the officers of the club wondered if we were getting value received for the \$200 to \$300 we were spending to stage the show.

A committee chairmanned by Bill Brooks considered the pros and cons of the flower show, concluding in recommending a family picnic and flower show at a park board facility.

In spite of a rainy weekend, we had approximately 75 at the picnic to help "P. W." celebrate his birthday. The number of participants was down a little, but the spectators numbered about the same as year previous. The amount of work involved to stage the show was only a fraction of that of other years and the expenditures amounted to only \$100.90. Now may be a good time to consider the value of a flower show both as a club project and as a public relations venture.

During the year, 13 new members were admitted to membership bringing the total to 114. P. W. Young was elected to Honorary Membership in the club.

Principal award winners during the year were

Blackbourn Trophy - Bob Smith
Tom Foley Trophy - Bud Christianson
Lehman Trophy - Les Johnson
Cohen Trophy - Tom Krumm

Other members gaining notoriety

Neil Barry - President, North Star Region
Jack Peterson - Secretary, North Star Region
Carl Holst - President, Minnesota State Horticultural Society
Bruce Johnstone - Vice President, Minnesota State Horticultural Society
Joe Witmer - Honorary Life Member, Minnesota State Horticultural Soc.
Vic Lowrie - Certificate of Merit, Minnesota State Horticultural Soc.

These men also take an active part in the life of our club. As important as these offices and awards may be, Bill Hull has reached the pinnacle of success in Garden Club circles as he was president of Men's Garden Clubs of America. The activities of these men speak well for our club.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 8 at the Thunderbird Motel with 138 in attendance. Otto Erickson was awarded the Bronze Medal. The Grainbelt Park of Minneapolis Brewing was awarded the Industrial Award for outstanding landscape architecture.

It has been a gratifying year for me as president - thanks again for the opportunity.

Dwight Stone

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1964

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:			
Petty Cash		\$ 11.97	
Northwestern National Bank		450.33	
Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association		<u>2,799.40</u>	\$3,261.70
Inventory			<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets			<u>\$3,361.70</u>

NET WORTH

Deferred Income - 1965 Dues Paid in 1964			\$ 910.50
Surplus:			
Balance, January 1, 1964		2,706.26	
Net Deficit for 1964		<u>255.06</u> (2)	<u>2,451.20</u>
Total Net Worth			<u>\$3,361.70</u>

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

Income:			
Dues			\$1,033.00
Shrub Auction			226.20
Plant Auction			273.15
Interest on Savings			111.67
Christmas Party			<u>532.00</u>
			\$2,176.02
Expenses:			
Spray		\$ 269.85	
Programs & Shows		260.41	
Minn. Hort. Soc. dues		200.00	
MGCA - Dues		156.00	
North Star - Dues		10.00	
Arboretum fund		524.25	
Cheer		44.50	
Christmas Party		753.45	
Industrial Award		16.86	
Other Presentations		36.17	
Miscellaneous		<u>159.59</u> (1)	<u>\$2,431.08</u>
Net Loss for Year			<u>\$ 255.06</u> (2)

Notes

- (1) Includes \$100.00 donation to Johnny Appleaseed Memorial approved at November meeting to be taken from savings.
- (2) The \$100.00 will not be withdrawn until needed in 1965. The actual deficit for 1964 is \$155.06.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

Secretary's Report - Year 1964

This the 23rd year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was another successful and eventful year. During the year, we held our twelve regular meetings plus a Tuesday evening tour of the Landscape Arboretum in May to view the azalea gardens, and a tour of Bachman's Greenhouses in March. Average attendance at the meetings in 1964 was 56 plus, which is an average improvement of 3 over 1963.

New members elected to membership during 1964 were Ewald Johnson, Verner Carlson, Donald Berne, Clyde Thompson, Glenn Gullickson, Jr., Charles Wasley, Cliff Brisco, David Johnson, Jack Williams, St. Clair Beeman, Morris Figur, active members, and John Kolb and James Lowrie, professional members. At December 31, 1964 our roster included two honorary members and 70 active members, 15 associate members, 22 professional members and 5 Spray members, for a total affiliation of 114. Three members passed away during the year. They were honorary member Fred T. Paul, associate member Lee G. Straub, and professional member Carl C. Mosberg.

The year 1964 saw 16 members with perfect attendance. Bud Christenson and Bob Smith had perfect attendance for four years. Bill Swanson for three years, Les Johnson for two years, and Don Berne, Dale Durst, Fred Holzman, Otto Nelson, Jack Peterson, Sherm Pinkham, Charlie Proctor, Vern Roufs, Phil Smith, Dwight Stone Ron Twite and P. W. Young for one year.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Otto Erickson for the year 1964. Les Johnson received the Lehman Trophy for the most improved garden. Bob Smith received the Blackburn Trophy for Specimen Sweepstakes at the Annual Flower Show, and Bud Christenson received the Tom Foley Award for the Queen of the Show. A new trophy, the President's Trophy presented to the club by the nieces and nephews of the late Joe Cohen, was presented to Tom Krumm.

At the November meeting, P. W. Young was elected by written petition to honorary membership.

By motion of the membership at the November general meeting, the members approved donating \$100.00 to the Johnny Appleseed National Memorial Foundation.

At a special meeting November 17, 1964, attended by the Board of Directors, past presidents; officers-elect for the year 1965; and M.G.C.A. national president, William H. Hull, Dwight Stone, by motion, was appointed our National Convention chairman. The appointment was presented to the Board of Directors at a regular Board of Directors Meeting, December 15, 1964 and the appointment was approved by motion. The officers for the year 1965 are as follows:

President - Charles R. Proctor Treasurer - Sherman F. Pinkham
Vice-President - Robert E. Smith Secretary - Grant R. Christenson

The Board of Directors for 1965 includes the foregoing officers and immediate past president, Dwight Stone. The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month following the general meeting the second Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Grant R. Christenson, Secretary

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
1965 COMMITTEES

Program	Bob Smith, Chrm.	Special Tours	Frank Vixo
Membership	Joe Witmer, Harold Kaufmann	School Garden	
Telephone	Nate Siegel	Project	Les Johnson
Cheer and visitors	L. A. (Doc) Schoeleben	Community Project	Bert Zats
House & Badges	Harold Kaufmann	Industrial & Civic Awards	Joe Witmer
Speakers Bureau	Dwight Stone	Lehman Trophy	Archie Flack, Joe Witmer
Historian	Glen Cerney	Christmas Party	Phil Smith
Publicity	Glenn Gullickson	Arboretum	Doc Snyder, Archie Flack
Spray	Vic Lowrie, Bill Hull	Club Property	P. W. Young
Food	John Pulver	Club Photographer	Wally Carlson, Vern Roufs
Shrub Auction	Dr. Snyder, Les Johnson	Club Auctioneers	L. L. (Doc) Stillman Ev Haedecke, Lou Dorweiler
Plant Auction	Bob Kelly		
Garden Tours	Gar Anderson, Paul Burt		

National Convention - 1967 - Dwight Stone, Chairman

Delegates to North Star Region

1. Bill Swanson (Einar Johnson, alternate)
2. Nate Siegel (Ed Beery, alternate)

Neil Barry, president

Jack Peterson, secretary

Special Interest Groups

Sherm Pinkham, chairman

Azaleas - Vic Lowrie

Roses - Ron Twite, Jack Peterson

Delphinium - P. W. Young

Perennials - Glen Cerney, Les Johnson

Annuals - Bruce Johnstone

Photographer - Eng Hoyme

Garden Landscape - Archie Flack

Vegetables - Bob Smith

CLUB BUDGET FOR 1965

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Dues	\$1,050.00	Spray	\$ 300.00
Interest	110.00	Programs & Shows	230.00
Miscellaneous	290.00	Dues - Minn. Hort. Soc.	200.00
		- MGCA	150.00
		- North Star	10.00
		Arboretum	300.00
		Cheer	50.00
		Christmas Party	100.00
		Industrial Award	20.00
		Other Presentations	40.00
		Miscellaneous	50.00
	<u>\$1,450.00</u>		<u>\$1,450.00</u>