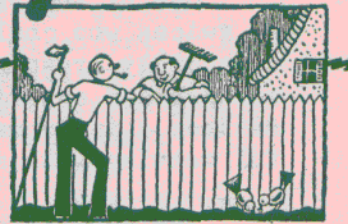




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## January Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 1961  
Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church  
Knox Ave. So., & W. 50th St.  
Time: 5:45 P.M., Sharp  
Price: \$1.75

## Officers

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

1. "The Valley and the Stream," the second in a series of flower and nature movies, the first being "Look Down", which was so well received at the Regional Meeting. This new film, in color and sound, studies nature from the beginning of the Minnesota River, down the Mississippi to the Gulf. Very entertaining.

2. Annual Business Meeting - "Short and Sweet", will include:

Reports of Officers  
1961 Budget Presentation  
Auditing Committee Report

Let's start the New Year with a perfect attendance record at this our first meeting when the retiring officers will tell us how little they had to do with the success of our 1960 activities and the newly elected ones solicit our help in making 1961 even more successful.

By all means make every effort to join the gang for a jolly good time.

## OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the best, of that there are no doubters, confirmed by the chorus of voices who could hardly find words to express their pleasure. It was a splendidly organized affair run, maybe a little behind schedule, but well-managed and entertainingly executed. The meal was everything one could desire; a tasty menu with ample proportions, gracefully served in a colorful setting with an atmosphere of charm.

The program was delightfully arranged, not too ponderous nor too long and moved along most pleasantly. Everybody played their part well, particularly the Northern States Power players and P. W. in his presentation of members gardens on colored slides. Not only was the photography superb but the selection of subject matter extraordinarily fine.

To the committee responsible we owe a debt of gratitude; but they must have felt well-rewarded by the large attendance (157) and the praiseful compliments so generously expressed by just about everyone present.

The location, the accommodations and the friendly service was all one could wish for. The boys are to be congratulated in making such fine arrangements and to the Hardware Mutual we say, "thank you, very very much."

## GREEN THUMBS . . . .

. . . . for perfect attendance during 1960 were presented at the Christmas party to Norm Christopherson, Roger Koopmans and Fred Paul, to whom President Bill Hull administered the Green Thumb Oath.

For two years of perfect attendance, Eng Hoyme, Les Johnson, Dwight Stone and P. W. Young were given gloves having a green thumb and a green index finger.

Congratulations fellows and thanks for your loyalty to the club.

## DICK LEHMAN, MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Award Committee's selection of Dick Lehman as the Bronze Medal winner of 1960 received the approbation of the entire membership. Dick, one of our most distinguished members, is deserving of this high honor for many reasons. He is a horticulturist of considerable eminence; a gardener par excellant and of more intimate concern to us, an extremely popular member of our club who has contributed untold hours of his valuable time; much of his wide experience and an abundance of his outstanding plant material, to our programs.

We are proud of you, Dick, and happy to have your extraordinary meritorious service to our club so aptly recognized.

WE AWARD FOUR INDUSTRIAL BEAUTIFICATION PLAQUES

The committee on Industrial Beautification Awards recommended honoring four firms. Approved by the Board, these awards were presented at the Christmas Party by Joe Witmer, committee chairman and past president. In making the presentations Joe showed slides of buildings previously honored as well as those selected this year. The awards, which are engraved bronze plates on large walnut shields, were then presented to the following:

Anthony Junior High School, 5757 Irving Avenue, So. Roland R. DeLapp, principal, made the acceptance speech and presented Mr. Hein, who is in charge of the garden area.

International Paper Company, 6100 Olson Memorial Highway. Mr. G. A. Husnik, resident manager, accepted the award.

Curtis Hotel, 10th Street, Mr. Luverne Larson, assistant manager, received the plaque.

The Biltmore Motor Hotel, Highway 159 So., Mr. Swendseen accepted the award.

Mr. W. H. Hull  
6104 Oaklawn Avenue  
Minneapolis 24, Minnesota

December 15, 1960

Dear Mr. Hull:

It was a thrill for me to accept in behalf of the Minneapolis Schools the beautiful plaque from the Men's Garden Club at its annual Christmas party. Mr. Hein and I were thoroughly impressed with the efficiency, warmth and congeniality of the members of the club.

We will cherish the award received and shall continue to strive to serve the citizens of the community by providing beautiful landscaping as well as a sound educational program for the children.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Signed:  
Roland R. DeLapp, Principal  
Anthony Junior High School

NEWS AND VIEWS

We neglected to mention in the December issue of the "Spray" that the front cover illustration was contributed by George Runge, one of the country's leading commercial artists west of the Hudson River. Thank you George!

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The back cover was a bit of Bill Hull's artistry. Thank you Bill!

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Those small potted Poinsettias that decorated every table added a color of festivity to our party that no other form of decoration could have done so well. Wonder how many got safely home without getting damagingly chilled.

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It was certainly good to see Mildred and Harold Kaufman at our party and to learn that Harold's health is improving.

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Those of our members who were unable to celebrate the yuletide with us this year because of conflicting engagements or other reasons we assuredly missed including Dr. Freddie Rodda, who had arranged to be with us but at the last minute had to stay home to nurse Ruth who is now rapidly recovering from a siege of pneumonia.

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Among the slides shown at the party, of which most of us must have been quite envious, were those of the home and gardens of the Blackbourn's who are now living in what looked like paradise on the beautiful Pacific seashore at La Jolla, California.

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That was a splendid idea of Joe Witmer to show the landscaping of so many of the industrial and business sites considered this year for awards of merit. Joe and his committee are deserving of high praise for the entire undertaking including their final award winning selections.

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Our Treasurer is patiently awaiting our dues. If you haven't paid up yet, how about sending him a check for \$10.00, right now while its on your mind,

NEWS AND VIEWS (Cont'd)

You know, those green thumbs are lucky fellows. First to be able to attend every one of our monthly meetings; secondly, to get so much generous publicity and then to boot, a pair of handsome gloves - Congratulations fellows.

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Wonder what zero temperatures are doing to our shallow rooted perennials or late planted shrubs and trees without a nice blanket of snow? If not already covered with leaves of hay, wouldn't a heavy covering, even now, do good in case we should run into thaws between heavy periods of frost? Might cut up our Christmas trees after the holidays and use the branches for cover.

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If you haven't a copy of The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's latest handbook entitled, "Biological Control of Plant Pests", you can get one for one dollar by writing them at Brooklyn 25, New York. The booklet covers such diverse topics as controlling insects through breeding resistant varieties of plants, eradicating insects by sterilizing the males, employing birds for insect control and the mechanical problems of collecting, rearing and disseminating helpful insects.

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Speaking of biological control, you can buy Ladybugs in any quantity desired from Ladybug Sales, Marysville, California. Finest quality, carefully selected and packed the day shipped. Live delivery anywhere. Small garden or one yard \$1.25; medium garden \$2.00; large garden \$3.00. Field run quality sell for \$2.50 per quart or \$6.00 per gallon. You will find an advertisement on this in the Organic Gardening Magazine. Would suggest you specify late Spring delivery.

SEMI-CIRCULAR SCREENS . . .

. . . from grain cleaning machines are available at the Eastern Supply Company, 10th Avenue at Second Street, North.

Two of these screens can be fitted and wired together to form a circle 19 inches in diameter and 17 inches high.

They are represented as being made of stainless steel wires about 1/16" and spaced about 1/8". Sturdily reinforced, they appear to be in practically new condition.

These units are being sold at 14 cents per pound and weigh 5 pounds each. They should be suitable for shrub guards, tree protectors, mulch retainers or small compost bins.

## GREETINGS FROM AL BLACKBOURN

According to letters recently received by Ev Haedecke and P. W. Young, member Al Blackbourn is really living it up at his home at 1640 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California. When Al retired from his business here last year he moved to the "paradise of the Pacific" and has been beautifying a new home, maintaining the tradition of the beautiful garden he had here in Minneapolis.

With a living room 150 feet from the ocean, terraced walls and a beautiful patio, Al is busy. He says "I've been so busy getting my garden terraces, which front the ocean, rebuilt that I did not really get the plantings made as I had planned. I have also just completed a new lath house in a space about 12 x 15 feet, with potting bench and shelves for plants. Also just finished installing copper tubing for a sprinkling system for all 10 terraces so all I will have to do is turn the faucets at the top when we don't get rain; we have only very limited rainfall here - approximately 12 inches a year."

"I had Bachman's dig and ship approximately 150 of my better roses from Minneapolis - losing only about ten since planting. It seems good not to worry about covering everything for six months of winter as I have been doing. Instead I have my winter garden consisting of snaps, stocks, cinerea, primroses, marigolds, carnations, pansies, violas, mums, plus about 300 assorted bulbs, lilies, tulips and narcissi. Most of them are pushing their heads through the ground now."

Al extends a welcome to anyone from the club visiting in California to drop by to see him and asked that "our very best wishes be extended to all our good friends at the club."

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Grant R. Christenson, Jr., 8300 Sheridan Ave., S. telephone TU 1-2195. "Bud" was sponsored by Bob Adams, with whom he's associated at Minnesota Acceptance. He has a large yard, the rear area being surrounded by a fenced border. A compost pile is being constructed in a hidden corner. An excellent lawn sets off the front of the house.

Manly Jackson, 535 Turnpike Road, telephone LI 5-6704. Sponsored by Don Young, Manly is a general gardener whom we understand grew some outstanding Arthur Godfrey dahlias this year as well as successfully starting a rose garden. Former owner of the Lakes and Pines Motel, Manly is now retired. In fact, he's off to Florida at this writing.

We welcome both of these men to the club.