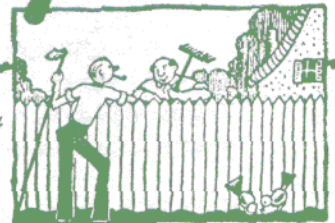




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JULY PROGRAM - JULY 8

Garden Tour - beginning at Al Nelson's, 3404 Snelling Avenue, Minneapolis at 6:00 p.m. Catered picnic dinner \$2.00. Bring tables and chairs. Then by bus to Jerry Olson's, Fritz Holzman's and Verner Carlson's.

Time to remove suckers from your tomato plants. These suckers can be rooted and provide a later crop of excellent tomatoes.



In Memoriam

TOM KRUMM

We are sorry to have to announce to our out-of-towners that Tom Krumm died June 4 and was interred on June 7 at the age of 86 years, ten months and 14 days.

We will long mourn our loss and extend our sympathies to his wife and son, and the rest of the family.

Tom was noted for years for being an outstanding dahlia grower, but he was also superb with plants such as begonias, peonies and roses. Many of us will remember his stories of building the Soo Line railroad tracks, as he told of fighting off raiding hostile Indians. Tom made a small part of history come to life for us when he thus talked. And he taught us much of gardening.

We understand he had just received an order of plants or bulbs which he was about to put into his garden, when his long and useful life came to an end. We are sorry.

NEIL BARRY

We are equally sorry and depressed to have to say that Neil Barry also passed away recently and was interred Tuesday, June 11.

Neil died at age 58 and his death was, as far as we know, quite sudden. Although he had not been in good health for some time, we understand he had been feeling better recently.

A long-time member of our club, a past president of the North Star Region, Neil was active in many organizations unbeknownst to most of us; he was a past president of the Minnesota Amateur Beekeepers Association and very active in a tree farming group.

We regret our loss and certainly extend our sympathy to his wife, Edythe and sisters and brother.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Grant R. Christenson

August 17 and 18 are the dates for the flower show to be held at the Richfield Library, with the Men's Garden Club of Richfield. This should be a good show with our two clubs exhibiting together. Charlie Proctor is our show chairman. It was a pleasure having Erle Tornstrom, the Richfield chairman, with us last month.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of our friends, Tom Krumm and Neil Barry. A gift has been given to the Aboretum in their memory, by the club.

Nate Siegel and Sherm Pinkham will represent our club as delegates to the MGCA National Convention, July 8-11, in Pittsburgh. Bill Hull was named alternate as he has a delegate vote as past president of MGCA. Let the men know if you have anything you want taken up at the convention.

Fritz Holzman and Les Johnson have a swell tour this month, as mentioned on the front page. Don't forget to bring tables and chairs. Bus transportation will be provided.

Nate Siegel is working out the details of a program of garden inspection and an invitation to one of our meetings of those men who indicated interest in gardening by signing the roster at our booth during the Builders' show. If he calls you to be a host, he will appreciate your cooperation.

We regret we received no reply to the invitation we sent the Men's Garden Club of Rochester, Minnesota to join us at last month's meeting.

I'D LIKE TO BE A SWINGER

but I haven't had a chance to figure out how to build the swing on an oak tree branch. Who has a good idea? How do you avoid too much friction and cutting the rope, or would chains be better? How attach to the tree limb?

ANYBODY HAVE AN OLD SET OF HORSESHOES?

Fit to play this old-fashioned game with? Would be glad to trade for a turtle-necked sweater, used zoot suit, or maybe we'd find something else you'd like better!

NURSERYMEN INDICTED ON MAIL FRAUD

David Ratke, Monroe Caine, and Kenneth Fino, principals of Sperry Dynamics Corp. and Penn-Owens, Inc., have been charged with 85 counts of mail fraud in an indictment handed up by a Federal Grand Jury in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York. Their promotions claimed that the "Unitron" was an amazing new invention which "converts raw untapped power in ordinary gasoline into a fantastic new source of energy for your car."

U. S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau stated that his office had received more than 15,000 customer complaints and "this was the most flagrant, blatant swindle I have seen in a long time."

Earlier this year, Monroe Caine was indicted on 60 counts of mail fraud in the promotion of a "Remarkable European talking fish lure" over the signature "Spalding (Fishing & Game Div.) 520 5th Avenue, New York, New York." This case is still pending.

David Ratke and Kenneth Fino are president and secretary, respectively, of Columbia Nursery Sales Co., which is currently promoting silver maple as "SILVER ACER TREES: (roof-high beauty in just one year)"; "FLAMING FURY ROSES: (40 feet of roses from each single plant)"; Lonicera as "LIVING TORCHES: (over 80,000 flowers from a single plant)"; 'Jerseybelle' strawberry as "KING SUGAR STRAWBERRIES: (so big, just two berries fill an entire bowl)"; 'Superfaction' strawberry as "CLIMBING STRAWBERRIES: (grow'em by the bushel in just 60 days)"; "BLACK-LITE ELECTRON-RAY KILLER: (keeps 30,000 square feet insect free)"; and Robinia pseudacacia as: Robina - "Grows roof-high in just one single year!"

Earlier this year, Columbia Nursery Sales, Inc. promoted Pieris japonica as "Living Torches - Now! 80,000 flowers from just one single plant." National Business Bureau, Inc., issued a special Service Bulletin, Periodical No. 1939 informing the press of the June 20 indictment of Ratke, Caine and Fino.

The AAN has cooperated with the National Better Business Bureau, Inc. by furnishing information on the plant material being promoted by these and other promoters.

... American Association of Nurserymen Newsletter

BIRDS ALL OVER THE PLACE

More at our house this year than before. Some we've never seen here before. Like the Brown Thrasher. This is the result of year-round feeding. We also have the fattest squirrels in the suburbs. Eight deer seen recently on Braemar Golf Course, near here.

ARBORETUM LOOKS GREAT THESE DAYS

On May 24 the Richfield MGC toured the Arboretum and several of us went along. Although it was a cool evening, it was a rewarding one. Leon, Himself, served as our guide and we thus learned so much of the plans - for the 525 acres - for the million dollar garden center - etc.

Much progress has been made. We saw the fine hosta collection, the rhododendron - azalea collection - still in bloom - and toured the whole area. We particularly enjoyed the new walkway through the bog. This walk seems as solid and easy to traverse as a main street sidewalk.

And the Clematis! In bloom and particularly attractive to me were Mme. Le Coultre and Henryi, both large whites, and also William Kenneth, Ville de Lyon, Ramona, Mme. Edouard Andre, Miss Crawshay, Hagley Hybrid and Gladstone.

TO LIME OR NOT TO LIME

There seems to be a wide difference of opinion regarding the need to lime in this area. A recent speaker seemed to believe much liming might be beneficial here. Others have pointed out that, indeed, calcium is needed. Some can quote the benefits of having limed their yards. Then again - a few members strongly object to blanket liming.

We agree with this latter thought. Basically, blanket applications of any item, whether it be lime, fertilizer or pesticide, is not the best policy.

The best policy is to use such items for treatment when and if needed.

So the answer is simple - as President Bud Christenson says - have your soil tested first.