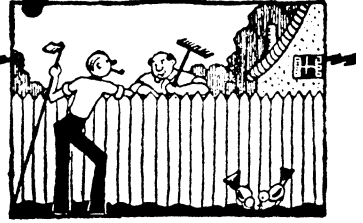




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## November Meeting

Date: November 10, 1964  
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
50th Street and Knox Avenue South  
Time: 5:45 P.M.  
Price: \$1.75

## Officers

Dwight Stone	President
Paul M. Kroeger	Vice-President
G. R. Christenson (Bud)	Secretary
R. E. Smith (Bob)	Treasurer

## PROGRAM

### Election of Officers

### Apples Raised in the Croix Farms Orchard by Louis Fischer

Louis is a Professional Member of our Club. He owns the Croix Farms Orchard at Hastings, Minnesota, and is one of the outstanding apple men in the state of Minnesota. During the question and answer period, Louis will answer questions you may have on your home orchard.

### Miracle of the Rose

This is a slide presentation prepared by J. Wiss and Sons on the proper culture of roses including good grooming and pruning. Many of the pictures were taken at Jackson & Perkins Trial Gardens.

## OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

A good board meeting of our club this last week at Dwight Stone's. Am sure they make reports to the club so I won't do so, but a pleasure to sit in with the boys. There still is some thinking among our leaders and members that we should have a board of directors which goes beyond the actual officers in size. I propose we appoint a committee to consider such action, determine the size of the board and how the directors would be elected so there is always some carry-over of members. It's also too bad we can't set up a permanent active committee of our past presidents. I would not propose they constitute the board, but there must be a way we could benefit more from their experience.

Don't forget to get your garden slides to P. W. Young immediately, for the Christmas party. Do it now!

Did you see our local publicity the weekend of October 24 for our Big Pumpkin Contest? In the Sunday Tribune, there was a large photo of one lad with his fifty-pound pumpkin, which he is entering in the contest. In the Edina Courier - and, I am told, in all suburban newspapers of that group - a picture was shown of my neighbor youngster with my big pumpkin, grown for fun, not for the contest, but the article plugs the contest.

The caption writer decided to give me the benefit and add two pounds - the pumpkin weighs exactly eighty pounds - not eighty-two.

It's amazing how many people agree with the sentiments you fellows express about gardening and nature. The other day I heard a big, burly manual worker telling his buddy about the beauties of fall and how wonderful nature can be. Wish he had been close to Minneapolis - we'd have tried to get him for a member.

A few weeks ago, I saw the grave of Johnny Appleseed. Thank goodness, MGCA is going to do something about making it a beautiful shrine. It is certainly neglected as of now.

T. P. Hughes showed us a 1948 roster which he had checked to determine who is still active. Here they are: Messrs. Brooks, Cerney, Culbert, Day, Flack, Hughes, Kaufmann, Lowrie, Lucking, Menzel, Montgomery, Nelson, Quist, Reif, Rice, Titus, Witmer, H. Bachman, Bryant, Corbett and Mosberg.

Lots of material for Spray this month, so I'll cut mine short. Adieu.

SPROUTS FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

by Dwight Stone

It matters not how well someone explains how to do something - it seems some important factor is omitted. Fritz Holzman gave us a very picturesque description of how he takes care of his roses. He failed to tell us of the stereo buried in the compost heap that plays soft music to the delight of his plants.

Thanks, Bob, for taking over with the Compost Heap for me while I was on vacation. Bob proved himself an able archer this fall. He bagged a 275-pound buck the opening day at Camp Ripley. This makes the third deer Bob has bagged with a bow and arrow.

Greetings to our guests who attended the last meeting. Welcome to Jim Lowrie of Danish Seed. Jim was sponsored into the club by Nate Siegel, as a professional member. Other guests were George Nelson, guest of Bill Brooks, and Jack Williams, guest of Gar Anderson.

Sunburst Celosia is now the official flower for the City of Minneapolis. On October 13 the women's branch of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce made the announcement - the results of a poll conducted August 17 - 21 at seven Minneapolis banks. Sunburst is a new variety and will be widely planted throughout the city park system next year.

Thanks to Larry Bachman for the fine illustrated talk on trees and shrubs delivered at the October meeting.

A note of cheer to our members who were on the sick list at the time of our last meeting - Witmer, Krumm, Don Young and Chris Mosberg. It was good to have Louis Dorweiler back with us again.

Thanks to Verner Carlson for the new "cheer" card. Verner designed it patterned after our insignia, and Bob Sicora did the printing. Nice job, fellows.

Last call for the garden cultivators offered by Walter Menzel, so HURRY - HURRY - HURRY.

On October 11, we drove to Rochester, Minnesota to see the Holiday Panorama staged by the 1st District - Minnesota State Horticultural Society. It was a real good show - about 1500 to 2000 entries of vegetables, specimens, arrangements, both natural and dried, gifts, holiday decorations, etc.

Al Nelson told you in an article in the September Spray how to protect your roses over winter. The pictures he and Fritz Holzman showed at the October meeting gave an on-the-spot demonstration.

## SPROUTS FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

Continued

Bill Swanson has been appointed to the nominating committee of the North Star Region of Men's Garden Clubs.

Just one month left for you to make up a meeting if you want to get a green thumb award. Remember, you can make up two meetings, so you had better hurry.

It has been several years since our club has done something for the Minneapolis Park Board. Adjacent to the present Rose Garden and Garden Center is a rock garden that is much neglected. In years gone by, this was one of the major gardens in the park system, but for the last 20 or so years, it has been unattended. Here is an area that is ideally situated for a hosta garden. For very little money and some effort this could again be a beautiful garden spot that could be worked in with the present Garden Center. Are you interested?

Another gardening season is drawing to a close. As usual, the birds got all of my raspberries again. Before winter sets in, I hope to remove the raspberry bushes and prepare the ground for climbing roses.

After seeing the sweetpeas growing on Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, I've decided I don't know how to grow sweetpeas. The individual florets were as large as miniature gladiola - really beautiful. The begonias in these places were also beyond description. The weather there permits the planting of tuberous begonias in full sunlight. The temperatures rarely get beyond the 70° mark, we were told.

A quote to remember -

"Generate pull through your own push."

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### DUES ARE DUE

It is that time again. Included with the Spray is your dues statement. Please do the entire club a favor by returning this statement to our treasurer with your \$10.00 immediately.

Each year the Club Roster has a few errors, most of which are caused by the Secretary, but YOU can help him if you will completely fill in this statement in full. Please check it over carefully before returning to the Treasurer.

Remittances to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and the Men's Garden Clubs of America are due on January 1. Please remember the Board of Directors of our Club must pass a motion to pay these dues before the Treasurer can remit. This means all dues should be paid prior to December 15, 1964. Also, our Club Roster cannot be made up for the current year until dues are paid. Lead time needed to print the roster is about one month. Therefore, PLEASE complete the dues statement and pay your dues at an early date. It

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by Dwight Stone

The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is not alone in its endeavor to foster the love of gardening in our young folks.

While on vacation in Canada, my wife and I visited the Botanical Gardens in Montreal, Quebec. These gardens are under the sponsorship of the U. of Montreal. Needless to say, it was a wonderful experience but one phase of the program was of particular interest to me, the school gardening project for children from 8 to 14 years of age.

An area in the Botanical Garden is devoted entirely to children's gardens. Here three sizes of plots are assigned to children of various age groups who request garden space. Each child must pay a 75¢ registration fee and the garden is his for one year. There are 300 plots - 150 for boys and 150 for girls. Present gardeners have preference the following year.

The program starts in mid-winter when the children are given instructions in plant propagation. At that time, the children start flowers and vegetables in the greenhouses. Each garden of a particular size has the same sequence of plantings and the plants in the garden are the ones started in the greenhouse except those plants best planted directly in the garden.

The gardens are judged during the summer, and the children with the best gardens receive cash awards for their efforts. The 75¢ registration fee provides the prize money.

Any garden that is neglected is confiscated from the original planter and assigned to another person requesting space. A cutoff date is established, and by that date, the gardener must have his produce harvested. After that date, the plot again becomes public property and anyone is entitled to harvest the produce.

The day we visited the garden, the children were busy harvesting their crops. It was a pleasing sight to see the children work. I tried to talk to the children, but my French isn't that good. My good wife had enough knowledge of French to ask the questions for me and translate the answers.

This program has been in effect for many years in Montreal and its success is assurance that it will continue for many more years.

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MISTER LINCOLN AND CAMELOT - 1965 AARS WINNERS

Mister Lincoln - Vivid crimson prize winner: The coveted All-America 25th Anniversary Award for 1965 was won by this rose for its glowing, crimson, six-inch blooms, long stems, velvety textured petals and intense tea and damask fragrance.

Camelot - Luminescent coral-pink beauty: Large five-inch blooms, entrancing fragrance and strong growing, well-shaped plants won the 1965 AARS

## JOHNNY APPLESEED

Johnathan Chapman, familiarly known as Johnny Appleseed, whose life was devoted to horticultural and spiritual giving to his fellow men without regard to personal gain, lies buried at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To keep alive and foster the growth of this spirit among all mankind, the Men's Garden Clubs of America long ago adopted this man as their patron saint and named in his honor their highest award annually presented to a person selected as having exemplified in their horticultural life that of John Chapman.

Now, in conjunction with the Johnny Appleseed National Memorial Foundation at Fort Wayne, MGCA is sponsoring landscape improvement of the immediate gravesite which, it is planned, will eventually be surrounded by a park. As a start, MGCA has agreed to undertake raising funds to cover cost, estimated at \$7,500, of the gravesite improvement. It is hoped this amount will come from Regions, Clubs, and individual members of MGCA. Donors of \$100 or more will be named in the Gold Book. Any amount, regardless of size, will be welcome and appropriately acknowledged.

Voluntary donations from non-members who feel closely associated with MGCA will be welcome. All contributions are tax exempt if check is made payable to The Johnny Appleseed National Memorial Foundation and mailed to George Spader, Executive Secretary, Men's Garden Clubs of America, Morrisville, New York.

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The work of any organization continues from year to year and it has been our MGCA goal to make the flow of accomplishments continue without upheaval simply because a new president takes office. We know a lot has been accomplished so far in 1964, but there are still goals we'd like to complete before January 1. Many of you have asked what you can do to help without taking office. This is appreciated and here are a few examples:

- 1) Welcome to your club the Special Assistants to the President who are helping me be many places at one time; invite them or open the doors to them when they identify themselves; they have a special message for you.
- 2) Help us reach our goal of \$7,000 for the Johnny Appleseed Memorial at Fort Wayne, Indiana. We only need about \$2,000 more and let's have it now so the Foundation can be assured of Spring 1965 work start. This is our only national memorial and every club and individual should want to send in some amount - no matter how small. It's deductible and should go to George Spader's office but made payable to the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Foundation.
- 3) Carry to the optimum the most cordial relationship between your and other MGCs near you. Have an exchange visit with another club or invite them to your meeting -- doing it yet this year.

And, always feel free to send me your complaints and suggestions for improvement. We welcome them as we do praise for the men working on our many committees because they, too, need encouragement and thanks.

Your active interest in MGCA is always appreciated and solicited.