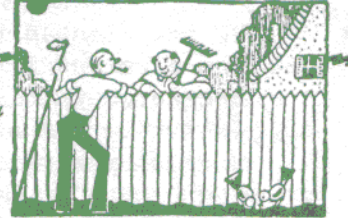




# The Garden Spray

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OCTOBER 8 MEETING: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 6 p.m., dinner at \$2.00

1. Brief talks by some new members on their garden interests.
2. The two hobbies of Leroy Peterson, past president of the North Star Region. One hobby: dianthus propagation.
3. Leon Snyder will blossom forth with "The Blossom."
4. A panel of different members will speak on "A Gardener's Preparation for Winter."

Sounds like a good program. Don't miss it. We need you.

PLEASE

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO THIS OCTOBER MEETING  
PAY YOUR \$10 DUES TO TREASURER EVALD JOHNSON

HATS OFF TO ARCHIE FLACK, an honorary member, a past president, a bronze medal winner, a Lehman trophy winner, and a good friend to all. A retired vegetable broker, Archie was for six years chairman of our Special Interest group on trees and shrubs and very active in forming the Minnesota State Arboretum. In 1958 he received the bronze medal of the Minn. State Hort. Society; he is a Fellow in the Royal Hort. Society. We thank Archie for his years of service to our club and acknowledge again our individual and collective indebtedness to him.





## OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

### YES, WE SHOULD INCORPORATE

We are pleased to hear that the club approved putting into effect the proper steps leading toward incorporating. Many of us have been strong boosters of this for many years. Our convention committee particularly felt this was a must for us and plans have been leading to this for several years.

It is not unusual for a club to be incorporated. Many Mens Garden Clubs all over the country have found that it makes sense. The reasons are too obvious to list.

### DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FLOWER GROWERS COURSE?

We hope you did. The U of M offered a Commercial Flower Growers Short Course on September 17, sponsored by the Institute of Agriculture. We believe some of our members would have been interested in this but the publicity release mailed September 14, delivered to us September 14, made it impossible to get the word in a proper issue of THE GARDEN SPRAY. Much too short a notice time.

The reason we mention it here: if you knew of this course, we wish you would have told us, so we could have helped spread the word to all our members.

### WHY USE FERTILIZERS AND TRACE ELEMENTS?

Archie Flack found in an old notebook, this discussion of the service rendered plants by each of the following. We agree with Archie that this is worth clipping or copying.

Nitrogen - for good top growth of foliage.

Phosphoric Acid - stimulates roots, seeds and fruit.

Potash - prevents over-stimulation from nitrogen and develops sturdy stems and flower stalks.

#### Trace Elements

Calcium - counteracts the toxins that are developed in plant growth.

Sulphur - aids cell growth.

Magnesium - builds up green color.

Iron - for chlorophyll.

Boron - stimulates growing parts.

Manganese - a deficiency may cause chlorosis and failure to set flowers.

Zinc and molybdenum - general stimulants.

### DO YOU HAVE A GARDEN BULLETIN BOARD?

We recommend one. Maybe not a beautifully painted board. Maybe just a wall on the garage, tool room, or a spot in a back room where you can pin up items of interest to you. Like many of you, I like file folders of certain material but it is also helpful to have pinned up a series of photographs of lawn weeds (like Scotts produced), a couple of garden reminders pinned near your tools, a place to write down temporary formula for amounts of fertilizers or sprays used -- or the dates you applied them. If you don't have such a spot, why not start with Archie Flack's list of trace elements

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Grant R. Christenson

Many of you missed a very interesting and varied program last month. Nate Siegel has another good program for this month. We will be back at our regular meeting place, the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. I promise a short general meeting so we don't encroach on the program time, as happened last month.

I'm certain you join me again in saying thank you to Dwight Stone and everyone who helped him make last year's national convention a great success. We were reminded of this again last month when Dwight presented a check for the surplus to the club. The delay in final settlement was caused by time necessary to clarify our non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service. Our thanks to Frank Vixo for the many hours of work he put in working with Internal Revenue on this matter.

MGCA has made an appeal to all clubs to contribute to a fund to provide modern equipment for the new national headquarters building in Des Moines, Iowa. They encourage each club to request a \$1.00 contribution from each of its members. Your board will appreciate your recommendations.

We welcome the following men to membership and ask you to please add them to your membership list:

Richard Hulbert - 3422 Xerxes Ave. N., 55412. Home phone 521-4083  
An English teacher at South High School.

Charles Nichols - 6909 Mark Terrace Dr., 55424. Home phone 941-2657.  
Office: 922-1105. Hair stylist at Edina beauty salon.

Clem Callahan - 2919 W. 47thSt., 55410. Home phone 926-2452. Retired.

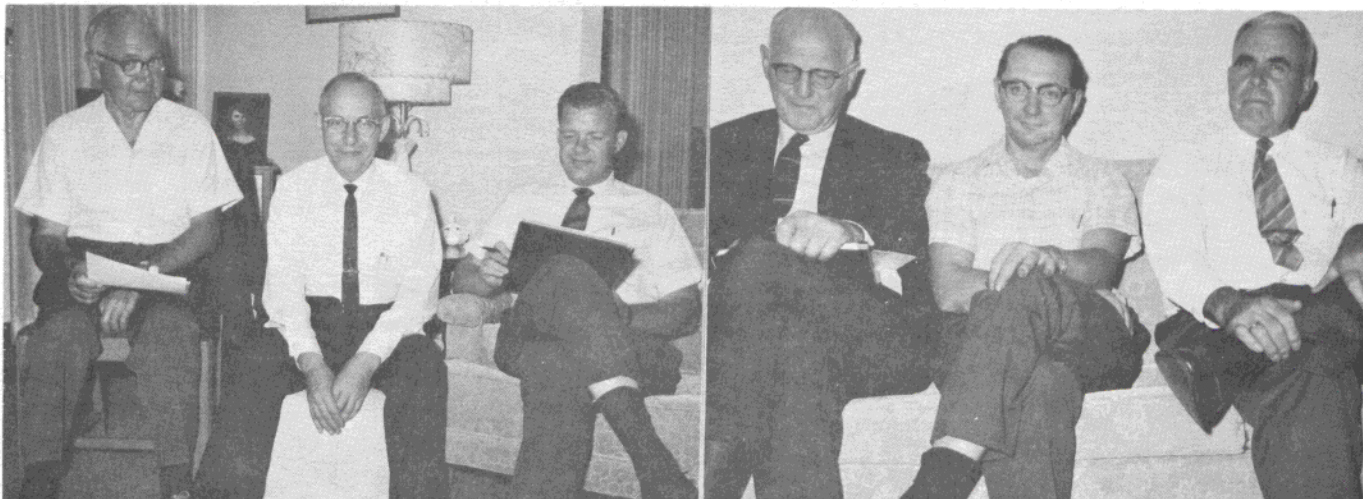
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Your hard working officers and directors held the September board meeting at Treasurer Evald Johnson's.

Below, L to R: V.P. Nate Siegel, Treasurer Evald Johnson, President Grant Christenson. (This goes with pic having lamp in it.)

L to R: Secretary Ed Culbert, Directors Dale Durst and Al Nelson.

Past President Frank Vixo out of the city.





WHEN YOU PLANT TREES.....REMEMBER.....

.....someone will have to dig up the stump....and it may be you!

Having worked at this unpleasantry for the last month, I'd like to urge you to remember that stump removal is a horrible job. We then appreciate what it must have been like to clear the forests and to grow crops upon that cleared land.

The point is that careful planning and selection of varieties plus location can eliminate a lot of back breaking work in the future. So we need to plan ahead for future generations, if not for ourselves.

Perhaps the most important point is to be certain that what is planted is the variety we will want in that location ten years from now, or if not, that it won't be too hard to remove. Many shrubs are planted much too near the foundations of homes, as are many evergreens. Some of the dogwoods, for example, sucker badly and grow to awkward shapes when pruned; then when one gives up and wants to remove them, one faces a job of much root removal.

My immediate experience, although it isn't new with me, is due to four large cedar trees having been placed in my yard about ten years ago, which was before we bought the house. It so happens that we came along and planted apples and crabapples and, of course, the cedar is host for cedar-apple rust. In spite of spraying, etc., we're convinced the best procedure is to remove the cedars, but that is back-breaking and has several disadvantages too.

Tree stumps are not as easy to remove as the experts will tell you. Of course the simplest thing is to have a professional firm come in and pulverize the stump with their machinery which turns it into wood chips. That has problems too. One of which is I don't want them driving that equipment across my lawn.

Another approach is to use the chemicals which help rot a stump more efficiently. Baloney! At least as far as an oak stump is concerned. We have one stump of an oak cut down some time ago. It is as hard as a rock, almost petrified. It is so hard that an axe well-sharpened will barely nick it. It breaks bits when one tries to drill into it, in order to insert the chemical. The chemical laid atop and around it, leaches into the soil and disappears. So we are growing fond of the stump, believing we'll have to live with it.

The cedar stump which we've been removing is easier but still difficult. We've finally been burning around it, with some success. We've cleaned up the adjoining empty lot of dead firewood to burn around the stump and have also burned several armloads of expensive purchased firewood. Add to that a few quarts of old oil and the stump is gradually disappearing.

So don't kid yourself. Plant for future generations but plan with their muscles, or lack of them, in mind.

.....Bill Hull

## PUMPKIN & SUNFLOWER CONTESTS END OCTOBER 8

Attn: Bob Smith, Rog Koopmans and all you fellows with children or youthful friends who can enter this contest. Note final date above. Dale Durst who is North Central Coordinator of the national contest has been publicizing these dates all summer but here they are again.

MGCA awards \$100 for the heaviest pumpkin plus lower prizes of \$50 and \$25. The Region awards \$50 to the heaviest pumpkin and \$10 and \$5 for the runners up. All of the larger awards are in saving bonds.

Pumpkin growers must be under 17 on October 10, 1968; the weight of the pumpkin or diameter of the sunflower seed head must be supplied in fractions of inches by a MGCA member, 4H leader, county agent, or FFA leader.

A picture of the grower must be received by the North Star Region Youth Gardening Chairman Nathan Siegel (wow--six descriptive terms for Nate).

Nate sent out a thousand sets of seeds to Minnesota gardeners. Good going!

### "WHY NOT NEARLY 100% ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS?"

#### An Editorial

Although we have good turnouts for our meetings, I sometimes wonder why our attendance isn't larger. Is it disinterest? Is it programs that don't interest our members? Is it lack of communication from member to member - with no one calling someone else and offering a ride? Is it that our older members are getting less energetic? Is it that our younger members don't feel they have a sufficient role in our activities? Just what is it?

It seems to me it's a combination of many factors. The above probably enter into it to some degree. A program chairman can't satisfy everyone. Maybe we do need closer correlation between older-younger members. But there's another very important factor. I believe people are busier than they've ever been. Or is it just that some of us are so involved?

For example here is a dilemma that many of us face. It must parallel your situation too. The September meeting program sounded great to me and I planned on going. To see my friends as much as to hear the program. Then I discovered that a professional organization I belong to had a special meeting that night with a very famous out of town speaker. It is important to my work that I be there; I had no choice. Then a third meeting came up for that same night: a fraternal group to which I belong and have been a worthless member, had a special meeting of committee chairmen of all the units. And wouldn't you know they called it for that night! I had committed myself to that meeting months ago because I'd accepted a major committee role - and I had no choice. I had to be there. It's the only service I'd performed for that group in years.

Is it that everyone likes the second Tuesday? I go for nights without any conflicting dates but everybody who wants to call a meeting calls it on the second Tuesday. Would there be any point in polling our members and asking: Is there a better night for our club meetings? Simply because we've met on the second Tuesday for 25 years, doesn't mean it's the best night today. In any event, it's a darned shame when our beloved MGC Minneapolis is usurped by anything else, but sometimes life just doesn't give us a choice. - WHH

## MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

The following information is updated from the membership book Bill Hull prepared in 1966. That book, presented to all officers, supplies a complete run-down on each member's MGC history.

### PAST PRESIDENTS

1942 Tom Hughes  
1943 Upsher Smith  
1944 Ed White  
1945 Herb Kahlert  
1946 Glen Cerney  
1947 Harold Kaufmann  
1948 Stan Lund  
1949 Bill Swain  
1950 Cortis Rice  
1951 Fred Paul  
1952 Vic Lowrie  
1953 Rene Dufourd  
1954 Archie Flack  
1955 Joe Witmer  
1956 George Titus  
1957 Tony Koester  
1958 Bill Brooks  
1959 P. W. Young  
1960 Bill Hull  
1961 Les Johnson  
1962 Norm Christopherson  
1963 Ev Haedecke  
1964 Dwight Stone  
1965 Charles Proctor  
1966 Bob Smith  
1967 Frank Vixo  
1968 Grant Christenson

### BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

1948 Harold Kaufmann  
1949 Herb Kahlert  
1950 Jim Cristman  
1951 Archie Flack  
1952 Rene Dufourd  
1953 Glen Cerney  
1954 Vic Lowrie  
1955 Cortis Rice  
1956 Joe Witmer  
1957 Al Blackburn  
1958 Tony Koester  
1959 none  
1960 Dick Lehman  
1961 P. W. Young  
1962 Bob Adams  
1963 Les Johnson  
1964 Otto Erickson  
1965 Bill Hull  
1966 Bill Brooks  
1967 Al Nelson

### CHARTER MEMBERS

(Living today)  
Henry Bachman  
Walter Menzel  
Walter Quist

### PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1964 Tom Krumm  
1965 Bill Brooks  
1966 Dale Durst  
1967 Dwight Stone

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

(Living)  
Archie Flack  
P. W. Young  
Harold Kaufmann

### BLACKBOURN TROPHY

1962 Bob Smith  
1963 Dale Durst  
1964 Bob Smith  
1965 Dale Durst  
1966 Les Johnson  
1967 Verner Carlson  
1968 Dale Durst

### LEHMAN TROPHY

1962 Otto Nelson  
1963 Phil Smith  
1964 Les Johnson  
1965 Bill Swanson  
1966 Nate Siegel  
1967 Bud Christenson

### OLD TIMERS LIVING AS OF TODAY

On March 8, 1960 a Founder's night was held. Charter members were honored and those still living today are listed above. There were several men who joined the club very soon after it was started and they were designated "Old Timers." The Old Timers still living and active are: Bill Brooks, Glen Cerney, Ed Culbert, Thurber Day, Archie Flac, Harold Kaufmann, Rene Dufourd and Ed Montgomery



MGCM - Minneapolis Convention, Inc.  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
 Total Life of the Project

Receipts

Advances from members of MGCM	\$ 2 255.00
Registrations	13 112.95
Meals under partial registration	876.25
Boat space rental	525.00
Advertising in programs	293.30
Advertising in North Star Roster	300.00
Contributions for industrial tours	315.00
Miscellaneous	121.90
Total receipts	<u>\$ 17 799.40</u>

Expenditures

Refund of registrations and advances	2 590.00
Registration expenses	544.81
Meals purchased	7 365.60
Garden tours:	
Transportion	1 244.70
Printing, hospitality, etc.	130.58
Industrial tour:	
Transportation	245.00
Printing, etc.	46.83
Entertainment	150.00
Favors and decorations	626.06
Printing North Star Roster	473.50
Printing "Gardening Lessons We've Learned"	270.44
Publicity and advertising	247.25
Commissions paid for selling booth space and advertising (Programs supplied without cost)	613.73
International Flower Show	100.00
Hospitality	49.90
Photographer	63.65
Honorarium to garden forum speakers	45.00
Postage, printing and secretarial	249.01
Miscellaneous	612.68
Total expenditures	<u>15 668.74</u>

Net from sponsoring National Convention of MGCA

2 130.66

Respectfully submitted,

Frank P. Vix  
 Frank P. Vix, Treasurer

MGCA - Minneapolis Convention, Inc.  
 STATEMENT OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION  
 August 31, 1968

Total available for distribution		\$ 2 130.66
Deduct amount due from MGCA		
Two lunches @ \$4.25	\$ 8.50	
Two dinners @ 6.00	12.00	
Registration for Max Watson (Award winner)	27.50	
Overpayment to MGCA on check No. 176	<u>7.50</u>	
Total		<u>55.50</u>
Amount of which MGCA should receive 50%		<u>2 075.16</u>
MGCA's portion @ 50%		1 037.58
Deduct distribution made to MGCA on January 11, 1968 by check No. 194		<u>750.00</u>
Balance due MGCA		<u>287.58</u>
Total available for distribution - above		2 130.66
Deduct MGCA's portion - above		<u>1 037.58</u>
Balance due Mens Garden Club of Minneapolis		<u>1 093.08</u>
 <u>SUMMARY</u>		
Amount due MGCA		\$ 287.58
Amount due Mens Garden Club of Minneapolis		<u>1 093.08</u>
Total equal to cash in bank		<u>1 380.66</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Frank P. Vixo  
 Frank P. Vixo, Treasurer

The COvention Committee consisted  
 Dwight Stone, Chairman  
 Bill Hull - Vice-Chairman  
 Charlie Proctor " "  
 Bob Smith - " "  
 Grant Christenson, Secretary  
 Frank Vixo , Treasurer