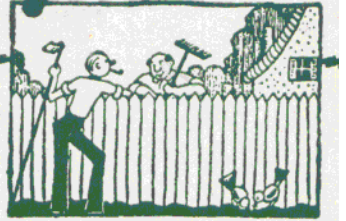




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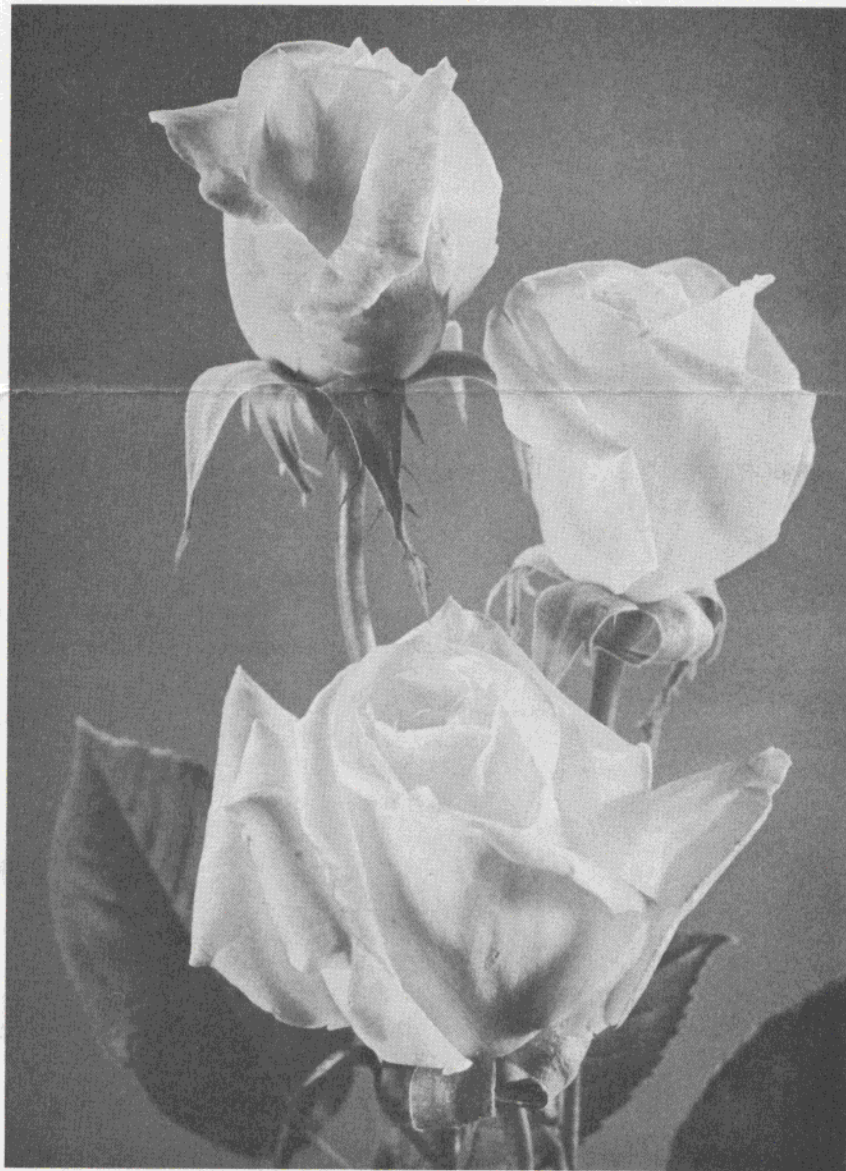
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APOLLO - Hybrid Tea
AARS Award Winner For 1972
From All-America Rose Selections

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

PARADE OF TURKEYS

ANNUAL AWARDS

GARDEN SLIDES

DECEMBER 7, 1971

Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
50th and Knox Avenue South

Dinner: 6:45 PM Sharp (Punch Bowl: 6:15)

Price: \$4 per person Guests Invited

Reservation only. Hurry the word to Cliff Brisco.
Call him at 922-8118

The North Suburban MGC will again this year join us this holiday occasion. They have listed this event as their December meeting.

Cover Photo

APOLLO is a soft yellow tea rose. The bush is vigorous, with a fine branching habit, and produces its shapely blooms continuously from spring until late fall. The flowers, yellow suffused with shadings of red, are quite large and hold their color throughout the life of the bloom. The buds open to 30 to 40 petalled flowers on long, clean stems. The fragrance that of an old-fashioned tea rose, intensifies as the flower opens. Carl Holst who has it in his garden along with PORTRAIT the other 1972 AARS winner prefers APOLLO.

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Directors: Carl J. Holst and Arthur C. Johnson.

THOUGHTS FROM THE TERRACES

by Dave Johnson

It's hard for me to realize that my year as Club President is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a very enjoyable term as the cooperation received when a job had to be done was most excellent. Our two main objectives were accomplished in that the Fragrance Garden was completed and our membership increased by 12 members. Awarding of the President's Cup, an award to the member who gave me the greatest assistance, will be very difficult as several members surely deserve the honor.

The highlight of the past year was the completion of the Fragrance Garden. When the construction began last spring it seemed like an impossible task, but it wasn't long before everything seemed to fall in place. Generous donations of money and materials and a lot of hard work by members of our Club made this possible. Considerable funds are still left over. These funds can be used for the maintenance of the garden, but another project should also be considered. Some of the people were so impressed with the Fragrance Garden that they have asked Art Johnson what our next project is so they can donate toward it.

The woodchucks must be hibernating because all they have to eat is the 19 bales of hay covering my various flower beds. No doubt this will be my most successful year as the "great white hunter" as five woodchucks must be a record. I wonder if any statistics are kept by National. Our new president is also bothered by the "varmints" so the saga of the woodchucks may go on for another year. Sorry about that.

I would like to list just a few things that I'll always treasure that happened over the past year.

The great job Nate Siegel did as Chairman of the Fragrance Garden Project; Bob Smith carrying the 200 pound oak ties across the lot on his shoulder; John Lillibridge and Harry Sova swinging the heavy sledge hammer driving spikes into the ties; Carl Holst bringing station wagon after station wagon of plants for the Fragrance Garden.

The hot but very successful dedication of the Fragrance Garden.

The willingness of members to maintain the garden throughout the summer.

The generosity of the many companies in donations of material and labor.

Cliff Brisco for seeing that I kept on top of the job during the year.

Dwight Stone the auctioneer exceptionale.

Charlie Proctor in lining up the garden tours this summer without a hitch.

Dave Goddard making our plant auction the biggest ever.

Roger Anderson for his excellent programs with my favorite being Phil Smith's talk on his trip to England.

Ed Culbert as editor of our Garden Spray. I have heard praises all year long from members as to the great job he is doing. Thanks so much, Ed.

See you all at our Christmas Party!

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

1971 is fast drawing to a close. It is time to look ahead to 1972. We have already elected new officers but who will serve in the many other jobs we have to be filled? We need committee chairman and committeemen. All of these jobs have work attached, but to balance it off they are somewhat rewarding. When you are actively participating in the club you not only have a better insight on things, but you are a better member and a better person because you are active. Since it is only a short time until our new president selects committees for 1972 it would help if he could have a list of willing potential candidates.

Do some thinking on where you believe you could best serve the club, where your interests lie, what talents you have, and where you would be willing to become involved. We need everyone's cooperation. We need YOU. Let's pledge now to make MGC of Mpls bigger and better in 1972.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Our program promised to be so interesting that we almost forgot to elect officers for 1972. Not until after Al Mohr's film was Dwight Stone called upon to present the nominating committee's slate of: Roger Anderson for president, Carl Holst for vice president, John Lillibridge for secretary, Cliff Brisco for treasurer, Jim Perrin and Henry Halvorson for directors. The vote was unanimous.

Prior to showing the film taken on his recent trip to the South Pacific, Al Mohr commented that Australia is crying for immigrants. The country with land selling at 75 cents an acre is about what America was 100 years ago save for motorized equipment.

His fine color movies showed beautiful parks in Australia; factory smoke pollution in Christchurch and geysers galore in Rotorua, New Zealand; Fiji Island scenes remindful of Robinson Crusoe; and roadside flowers in Tahiti that you'd swear had been planted and cultivated.

Some of his droll asides were: "I'm glad I saw the poor animals before they were overrun by tourists"....(re Kangaroos) "They lie around, then they hop around, then they lie around some more"....(re Tahitian dancers) "And they have no motor in the hind end, either."

His parting advice was: "Grab the (new tour) bargains before everybody else does and the price goes up," and "Travel all you can; it's later than you think."

Roger Nelson told us that an automatic home lawn sprinkling system because of its initial cost is a luxury. However, it will save water, water at an optimum hour (2 AM) and eliminate dragging hoses. You'll still have to zone for there seldom will be enough water coming in to sprinkle the entire yard at once.

Materials needed are black flexible ultra high molecular polyethylene pipe, brass spray heads, hand valves or electric zone valves, a timer and controller. Pop-up brass spray heads serving a 12½ foot radius operate on 10 pounds water pressure. Impact heads serving a 40 foot radius operate on 40 pounds pressure. The former are more precise; the latter more economical.

Call or write Roger for a "Do It Yourself" folder if you are interested. The only tools required are hammer, screwdriver and pliers.

Henry Bachman

(Second in a series about our Honorary Members)

- by Don Wilson

The man that greeted me was elderly, gray-haired, but with the look of the rugged outdoor-man -- like Will Rogers. His handclasp was firm, and his actions purposeful. He wasn't the stereotype of a businessman tied to his desk that I had expected.

This is Henry Bachman, the patriarch of the nursery clan, and he's about as soft as newly forged steel. His voice and his eyes are soft, but he's a man who works hard and plays hard.

He talked about Herb Kahlert and the beginning of our club, his love of the Arboretum, and his good friends in M.G.C. Mr. Bachman has supported many Club efforts, which he neglected to mention.

We chatted about his sons, his father, and of his love of taxidermy -- yes, taxidermy! I'm supposed to ask questions about gardening, so ... "How did you get interested in growing flowers," I asked.

"It was taxidermy," Henry said. "I saw an ad in the National Geographic that offered 'Mount Your Own Trophies -- 40 Lessons for \$40.' As a boy I loved hunting."

The story is that his father came here in the 1880's on Jim Hill's bargain railroad rates. He took up acreage south of Minneapolis; raised lettuce, radishes, and other vegetables; and sold them locally. His sons helped and were allowed to grow flower gardens and keep the profit. Henry tried to raise the money for his taxidermy course and with small loans from his brothers made it...but he did a heck of a lot of flower gardening in the meantime.

"I've done over a hundred animals and birds, and school groups still borrow them for educational exhibits," he said proudly, as he showed me some in his display cases.

I saw the magnificent Osprey he did when he was 18 years old. I saw his moles, gophers, black squirrels, albino weasel, and all kinds of birds looking like they could fly right out at you -- all done over 45 years ago.

"I've hunted every opening day in my life," he said.

Those of us who prefer the camera, a look at the wild flowers, or just a tramp in the woods might not understand the thrill of the hunt. Perhaps because of his interest in taxidermy and hunting, Henry Bachman was the one son who continued growing flowers. Maybe you don't know, but Henry now has a successful little flower shop just south of his home and is being helped by his three sons. Undoubtedly, you have seen his lavender truck delivering flowers.

(All facetiousness aside and to set the record straight, son Ralph is in charge of over two dozen "European Market" outlets and was president of F.T.D. (Florists Transworld Delivery); Lloyd is in charge of growing...at Lyndale he has 7 acres under glass, 9 acres at Minnetonka, and at Lakeville he has a potential of 400 acres: Stanley is president of the company...and who knows how many

Building Progresses at Arboretum

In a recent discussion with Leon Snyder, we learned that the new research building at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is approximately thirty-five percent complete. Most of the walls have been erected and the outside brick work is nearly completed. The basement floor of the building is fully enclosed and heated so that mechanical work can easily progress throughout the winter months. Completion of the building is projected for November of 1972.

The new thirty thousand square foot building will contain staff offices, a library, auditorium and dining facilities, meeting rooms and an herbarium. The construction cost of the building and furnishings is approximately \$1,300,000, and approximately \$1,100,000 has been raised to date. The building is being built under the auspices of the University of Minnesota Arboretum Foundation, which is managed by nine trustees. Five of the trustees are appointed by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, and four of the trustees are appointed by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. John Morgan of St. Paul, who passed away a few months ago, is credited with raising a large portion of the funds already contributed to the building project. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arboretum Foundation. At a recent meeting of the Board, Phil Smith was elected chairman to serve in his place. Vic Lowrie also is one of the trustees and is active in following up on much of the solicitation work initiated by John Morgan.

Hort. Society Plans '73 Convention

Phil Smith reports that the Minnesota State Hort. Society is planning a State wide meeting or convention in 1973. Preliminary plans are under way to schedule the convention meeting some time in the late spring of 1973. Plans call for sessions of two or three days with prominent speakers, work shops and tours included on the agenda. The Society feels fortunate in having secured Robert Schweitz of St. Paul to head up the convention committee. Bob Schweitz is supervisor of Floriculture for the St. Paul Park Department and is also in charge of the Como Park Conservatory.

Delphinium Seed

If you are interested in receiving delphinium seed and instructions for raising the seedlings call Phil Smith if you have not already given him your name. You will need a heated coldframe, fluorescent lights in your basement or a greenhouse.

Addenda Re "Gardening Lessons We've Learned"

Harold Kaufmann writes that on January 21, 1966 after a series of meetings and 18 months before the MGCA convention here a publications committee made up of Edsall Beery, Glen Cerney, Archie Flack, Bill Hull, Harold Kaufmann, Phil Smith and Joe Witmer made the final decision on articles to be solicited for "Gardening Lessons" and on the authors to be approached. Besides Harold, who was chairman of the committee, the only surviving members are Bill Hull and Phil Smith.

"The tree is a plant and faces the same problems as other plants."

"Make sure the man you hire to trim your trees is insured. Your home insurance won't cover the damage he does to your home."

- Ken Simons at M.G.C. Mpls Meeting 2/9/71

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL

The Executive Committee has directed that the November-December Gardener be combined with the 1972 January-February issue into a winter edition to reach subscribers on or about January 1.

President-Elect Dr. John P. Baumgardt has stated that programs for the new year will place emphasis on (1) Urban horticulture programs; (2) Natural site preservation; and (3) Gardening for everyone.

Plans are well advanced for the annual MGCA convention to be held in Tucson on April 10-11-12. A complete program and registration blanks will appear in the January Gardener. Business sessions and elections of the new officers will be concluded on Monday, the first day of the convention. Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to tours of points of interest, as well as tours of gardens, "Old West" fun spots and Mexican cuisines. There will be a one day post convention tour of Mexico.

Clubs who wish to honor deceased members may do so at a memorial service planned for Sunday evening, April 9 in Tucson, preceding the formal convention.

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

Did you ever try pancakes for squirrels? They love 'em, and if you make the cakes big enough you'll enjoy the spectacle presented as they tug, pull and tear to take the booty home.

The Men's Garden Club of Reidsville, North Carolina has recently installed a mini-park with a fountain right in the downtown area of Reidsville.

Libertyville-Mundelein (Illinois) MGC, 1970 membership 73, set out to raise their 1971 membership to 100 and succeeded in reaching their goal by September.

The Men's Garden Club of Dallas has sponsored the Municipal Rose Garden at Samuell-Grand Park, procuring over five thousand rose bushes for planting by the Park and Recreation Department; and has sponsored a Municipal Bulb project along Turtle Creek Boulevard by procuring thousands of bulbs for planting by the Park and Recreation Department, as well as a Flower Display Garden with All America Seed Selections at Fair Park in cooperation with the Dallas Garden Center.

Carl Holst at one of our meetings last spring was concerned about implications of the DDT ban. Dr. James S. Coartney, a speaker at the 1971 MGCA convention warned against bans sans substitutes of equal value. More recently Nobel prize winner Norman Borlaug after testifying at an EPA hearing was quoted as saying re the DDT ban, "It would upset the whole malaria control program in the world and soon we would have 250 million people with malaria. It would have a bad effect upon food production, too." Establishment and environmentalist authorities were quick to call Borlaug "behind the times." Questioning the bandwagon is a pretty serious offense. It could wreck things.

At Texas A & I University of Kingsville, Darroll L. Grant is working on a problem-odorless manure. He is feeding cattle a mineral already recognized as an odor suppressant in order to establish whether any tissue residue could prove harmful to consumers of the slaughtered cattle.

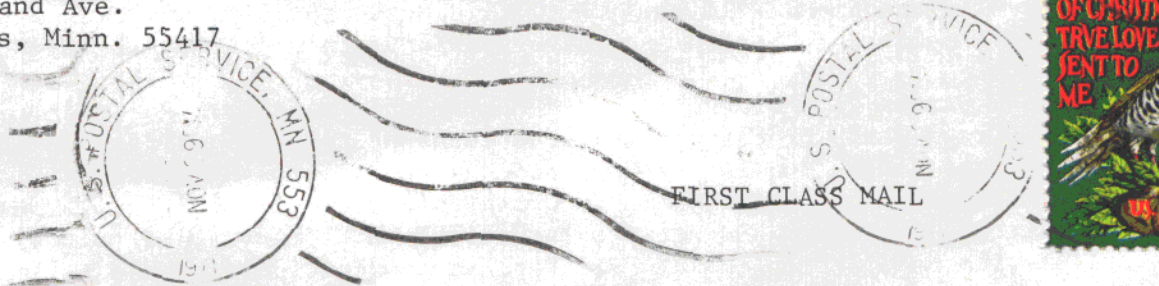
BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, OH TIME....

I remember banking the house with manure each fall as a protection against wintry blasts. I remember the cheery glow of the hard coal fire in the big base burner in the living room. I remember the red hot top of the kitchen stove on a cold winter's night when we resorted to soft coal instead of birch wood to keep the fire going at peak heat.

Best of all I remember my father sitting in his big, black high-backed rocker in the middle of the kitchen floor under the light memorizing his Odd Fellow's ritual. Sometimes his corn cob pipe of Peerless was clamped between his upper and lower plate, sometimes not, but always the coal scuttle stood handy to serve as cuspidor - "spittoon," he called it.

When we boys blew in exuberantly on a gust of 20 below wind and snow, totally unaware that doors are made to shut, down went the Odd Fellow book; up went his glasses; "SPLAT" went the tobacco juice into the scuttle; and we heard, "Now, g'wan back out and open the gate and warm up the alley!"

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