

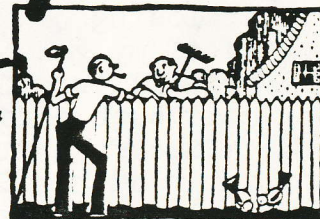


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MAY WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



IF YOU HURRY it's still not too late to make your reservation for the MGC M Christmas party set for 6 P.M., Monday, December 3 at Mount Olivet Church. \$17.00 per couple. Use the reservation form on page 2. Don't delay. DO IT TODAY.

GREETINGS and THANK YOU

As another year draws to a close my thoughts turn to the fellowship and thanksgiving of the holiday season. I hope to wish each one of you a personal "MERRY CHRISTMAS" at our annual Christmas party.

The closing of the year also signals the end of my term as president. Some of my goals were achieved and, as is always the case, some were not. All in all it was a rewarding experience and I am proud to have served such a fine group of people. A president doesn't do anything by himself. Without support of the membership he would be a ship without a rudder. So a very sincere THANK YOU to the board members, the committee chairmen and all the other members who worked so hard this year to make our club just a little bit better.

Again, I hope to see you all at the Christmas party. Just in case our paths don't cross then I hope you and your families have A Verry, Verry MERRY CHRISTMAS And A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

--Bob Gage

THE OCTOBER MEETING

Ev. Haedecke, substituting for regular monthly auctioneer Dwight Stone, surprised members by holding mini-auctions at each table for that table's plant. Louis Fischer at table 1 valiantly stuck to his original bid until Ev. raised the bid a quarter for him and handed him the plant.

THE PANEL ON PREPARING FOR WINTER and WINTERIZING HAD THIS TO SAY:

.JACK KOLB (Re grass) Continue to mow. Continue to water. Continue to fertilize--The latest finding is that a high nitrogen, high potassium, low phosphorus fertilizer is best. A foliar application of iron in the fall also helps.

.CHARLES PROCTOR (Re vegetables) Bag compost for spring. Roto-till garden with compost, leaves, etc. Clean tools for storage.

.EV. HAEDECKE (Re perennials) "Don't smother your perennials with kindness and read Leon's column." In answer to a question he replied 6 inches of leaves would even smother lily of the valley.

.JIM BEZAT (Re dahlias) Soak the soil, then 8 to 12 days after frost kills the foliage cut off the tops. Dig the tubers with a fork. Store in a plastic bag in a well-room; or in dry sand in an uncovered metal container. Examine every few weeks for mildew.

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RESERVATION FORM

Please make _____ reservations for me for the MGCM Christmas Party,
Monday, December 3, 1979. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.
I will carve a turkey: _____ yes _____ no

Mail to:- Dean Schneider
2520 Dresden Lane
Minneapolis, MN 55422

Reservations must be made by November 28, 1979
Make check payable to: Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

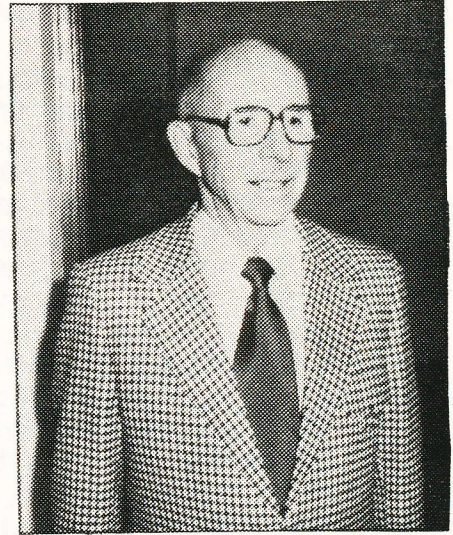
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NAMES OF GUESTS: _____

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MGCM PRESIDENTS: RICHARD R. HULBERT, 1978

Preacher, Educator, Humanitarian, Gardener. These words might best describe our immediate past president. The son of a preacher and farmer, Dick grew up partly on the family farm near River Falls, Wisconsin, and partly in a rented house in Northfield, where he was able to go to school and proceed to Carlton College and then to Chicago Theological Seminary, affiliated with the University of Chicago Theological School.



Richard R. Hulbert

Dick's grandfather had come to St. Anthony Falls from Vermont in 1865 to run a sawmill business but he also managed to purchase and operate a cranberry farm near Clear Lake, Wisconsin. Dick's father was able to attend Dartmouth College and went into the ministry in 1891 with his first parish at Princeton, Minnesota. Dick was born while his father served a parish in Batavia, Illinois, but his family later returned to the farm at River Falls where he received his early education.

Dick's first parish after finishing Theological School was the Congregational Church at Port Washington, Wisconsin, near Milwaukee. He then served parishes in Madison, Wisconsin, Faribault, Minnesota, and Minneapolis. When it was time to take another parish in 1960, Dick and his wife Vera chose to remain in Minneapolis where Vera was already teaching at Edison High School. Dick was able to transfer his credits to Macalester College in St. Paul and earn his teacher's certification in English at the secondary level. He later went on to receive his Masters Degree in English at the University of Minnesota. However, he went immediately into teaching English at South High in Minneapolis in 1960, where he remained until the year before his retirement, when he taught one year at North High. Dick and Vera both retired in 1976.

When the Hulberts knew they would stay in Minneapolis, they bought their present home in 1959 and began developing the yard and garden to their liking. The finished product is a study in careful planning, meticulous design and perfect maintenance. From the roofed begonia boxes on the north side of the house to the corner rock garden and waterfall, everything is in its place for beautiful viewing in any direction. There are about 120 roses, 30 of which are tree roses including one of the largest and tallest in the Twin Cities. It is Queen Elizabeth and is between 10 and 11 feet high. Dick is a member of the Rose Society.

Dick starts his dahlias in pots and grows the larger and taller varieties for background use. He grows about 40 tuberous begonias each year. To start all of the plants for spring, 15 to 20 pairs of lights are used. Although he grows some geraniums from seed, Dick starts many from cuttings taken in early spring and rooted directly in the pot and enclosed in a plastic bag.

Dick joined the MGCM in 1965 and has been an active member. His garden has been featured on tours and is a show place. His latest addition is
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an all-plastic surface sprinkling system so all sections of the garden can be watered at ground level by opening the proper valve.

Dick and Vera have long been volunteers at Walker Methodist Residence where they serve one day a week. They have also supplied vases for 76 dining tables and fill them once a month year round with flowers either from their garden or the florist shop at their own expense. They have also "adopted" a former parish member who lost her sight and her senses of taste and smell in an auto accident a few years ago. She is now in a nursing home nearby and the Hulberts take care of her every need as though she was their own.

Dick's hobbies include woodworking, woodcarving and furniture refinishing. Several pieces in their home attest to his skill. He also makes glass and lead figures and helps his wife finish her many pieces of needlepoint by having learned to run the sewing machine.

When the Hulberts retired, they vowed to take an overseas trip each year. So far, they have been to Japan and Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand, South America and, on their latest trip, to China by way of Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Dick and Vera Hulbert have earned a good retirement and, with their many and varied interests, they are enjoying every minute of it.

--Chet Groger

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- .HENRY HALVORSON (Iris) Clean bed. Remove all save perfect leaves. Spray with Isotox. Cover with 6 inches of marsh hay. (Peonies) Cut and discard stems after frost. Cover with marsh hay or leaves in a chicken wire frame. Remove at the beginning of May. Then spray with Benlate, Isotox or Bordeaux. (Lilies) Let the stem die naturally. Cover lightly with marsh hay.
- .CHUCK KING (Re shrubs, trees) Renovate in the fall. Don't fertilize. Soak down if fall moisture is short. Foundation plantings invariably need water.
- .JERRY OLSON (Re roses) "The best preparation for winter is good spring and summer care"--Phaltan regularly for blackspot, Actidione PM for mildew, a miticide for red spider. For Minnesota tip winter care-- Water until ready to cover (mid October). Tie with polyester twine (Binder twine rots). Apply a dormant spray (Lime-sulphur is good). Tip into trench. Mark the spot. Cover with dirt, then leaves. "Water, water, water until it really freezes." If your roses are in pots encase in plastic bags and bury pot and all.
- .ARCHIE CAPLE (Re composting) Put everything not diseased into the compost pile. Layer to expedite composting. (He had slides to show details.)

Our emblem shows neighbors conversing over the back yard fence. Are you neighborly? And, have you invited your gardening neighbor to an MGCM meeting?

Who could write an article for the SPRAY but so far hasn't? Tell Ed Culbert.

A LOT OF PLACES, A LOT OF FOOD...A LOT OF FELLOWSHIP
by Bill Hull, Historian and Past President

How much is that meeting dinner costing us? Did you say \$3.50? Man, that's a lot of money. I don't think we have any members who can't afford to pay \$3.50 but I'll bet we have some who say to themselves "I could do a lot more with \$3.50 than eat". I can remember when it was only \$1.50. On the other hand I can remember fifty cent haircuts and twenty-five cents an hour labor when all my high school friends envied me the fine job I had....at twenty-five cents.

So, maybe \$3.50 isn't so bad. It's just that I don't know the price of anything any more. I strongly suspect that a lot of sellers are intentionally pricing their products much higher than necessary, just wondering how high they can go and still move their merchandise or services.

We've eaten a lot of places for our club dinners. 'Way back in 1950 to 1953 we were eating at the Hasty Tasty Cafe, 50th and France, for \$1.50, with occasional forays elsewhere like Lilac Lanes Cafe for \$2.00 in 1954, the Curtis Hotel in November 1954 for \$2.00, but it was in 1956 that we settled down at Mt. Olivet Lutheran church for \$1.50. During the summer-time our own Grill 'n Grub committee, headed by Bill Swain, put together fine meals for us on tours for \$1.50. Several of us remember working with Bill on these outings - and what fun it was. Also what superb food!

By February 1959 at the church we were paying \$1.75 with special outings such as the show time catered meal at American Hardware Mutual Insurance company building, for \$2.40, the Christmas party at Mount Olivet for \$3.50, etc. It was also in 1959 that I started luncheon meetings of anyone who wanted to come, from the club, at Donaldson's downtown; they ran for several months, just informal gatherings.

In September 1962 we met at DeLaria's Restaurant at Southdale, the lower level for \$1.75, Christmas party at the American Hardware Mutual for \$3.50, followed in 1963 by the Christmas party at the Boulevard Twins for \$3.50. All of this time we basically continued at the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church where prices continued to climb, to \$2.00 in June 1967, \$2.50 in October 1973, \$3.00 in 1976, \$3.50 in 1978.

Other Christmas parties were at the Thunderbird Motel in 1964 for \$4.00, again in 1966, same price and place, ditto 1967 but the price for a couple dropped to \$7.00. In 1968 we had a whopping jump to \$5.50 each, again at the Thunderbird. In the interim year of 1965 we tried the Ambassador Motor hotel for \$4.00.

Then in 1970 we had our first Parade of Turkeys Christmas party at the Mount Olivet Lutheran church, for \$4.00; however we had used the parade idea in 1967 at the Thunderbird. Since 1970, the place and tradition has settled down. The price has gradually climbed: \$4.50, \$5.25, \$6.00, \$6.75 and \$7.50 last year.

But it's great food, good friends, and membership and activities continue to grow. We must be doing it right.

Put a bit of gardening expertise on paper and give (send) it to the editor of the SPRAY.

CITY FORESTER DeVOTO RATES METHODS FOR CONTROLLING DUTCH ELM DISEASE

First Choice: A comprehensive sanitation and removal program. The process involves the removal of diseased trees immediately upon discovery and quick disposal of dead elm wood, the beetle breeding ground.

Second Choice: Arbotect, a chemical which is pumped into the tree about a foot below the ground. DeVoto's main reservations about Arbotect are the expense, the amount of labor involved, and the recommended dosage on the label which he says is not sufficient.

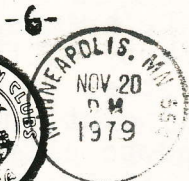
Third Choice? Dursban. It is relatively easy to apply and probably does kill American elm bark beetles. But there are two types of beetles, European and American, and nobody knows which beetle transmits the bulk of the disease in Minneapolis. A complicating issue is Dutch elm disease also spreads through root grafts.

He wouldn't recommend Lignasan because of its short duration. It should be applied at least twice a year and, DeVoto said, "you'll kill the tree with the holes."

He wouldn't recommend methoxychlor because it is deadly to cold-blooded creatures and chances are great that the wind will carry it to the lakes when sprayed into the trees' upper branches. Methoxychlor is slow acting, and he questioned the number of trees a single beetle could infect before it dies.

He also discarded the three-step process because it's "strictly experimental". The process, under field study by three research centers, calls for attracting beetles to a deathly breeding ground, injecting elms with Cacodylic acid to kill the fungus, and luring beetles to a sticky fly catcher-like paper.

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