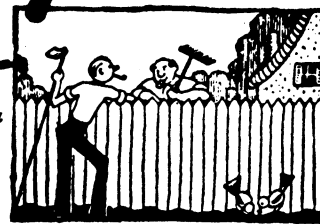




The Garden Spray

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NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th,
MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South.
Dinner \$3.00 at 5:45 P.M.

Our speaker, DR. CECIL STUSHNOFF, on staff at both the U. of M. St. Pau campus and the Horticultural Research Center (Fruit Breeding Farm) will discuss FRUIT TREES and BERRIES--types, pruning, etc.

SPECIAL: From February on, each of our indoor meetings will feature a Mini-Clinic on Planting involving some of our own members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was gratifying to see so many of you out for the January meeting. T sign-up of volunteers for committees was fantastic. From about 50 questionnaires that were returned, there were 119 volunteers for committees. We plan to finalize committee assignments at our January board meeting. We will try to use everyone who has volunteered on at least one committ

The All-American Awards have been announced for 1976. Only one award w given this year. This was the Bronze Medal award for the hollyhock 'Majorette'. This is another hollyhock that blooms from seed the first year. The plants bloom from the bottom up, ultimately reaching a heigh of about 30 inches. The individual flowers are large, fully double and come in a pleasing variety of colors. For best results, start seed ind

From time to time I hope to brief you on some of the happenings at the arboretum. The latest project is the construction of a waterfall and a extension of our Dwarf Conifer Collection. A recirculating pump will supply the water for the falls. A spring will start in the present dwa conifer area and the water will cascade down the hill for a distance of about 200 feet to an existing pond. Money for this project is coming from the Margaret Rivers Fund of Stillwater.

February is a good month to check on your supplies for starting seeds i doors. If you use artificial lights, it might be a good plan to replac some of the tubes. Fluorescent lights gradually decline in light inten and should be replaced after several hundred hours of use. They can, o course, be used elsewhere in the house. If you have difficulty with "damping off" diseases on your seedlings you might try using one of the synthetic mediums such as Jiffy Mix. This provides a light-weight, pre fertilized mix that is sterile and in which you can grow excellent seed lings.

--Leon C. Snyder

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1975 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Bob Livingston)

All committees functioned well and programs and tours were of high quality. Donations to the club for the plant sale and the auctions were most helpful in balancing the budget in an inflationary year. Of special importance was the roster prepared by Nancy and John Lillibridge. The time and effort in our behalf is greatly appreciated.

Based on the year's experience these areas need consideration:

1. We need much greater participation in the maintenance of our club garden. Too few people helped in this project.
2. Due to the growth of the club there are certain problems in the operation of the calling committee. With expected club growth changes may be needed.
3. Potentially we can have a very successful flower show in 1976. To accomplish this we need more club members showing flowers and vegetables.
4. We are a financially solvent club and have the ability to contribute more to the beautification of this area. We need ideas on how to accomplish this.
5. At our meetings we naturally tend to mix with our old friends. We must work harder to make new members and guests welcome.

If we all work harder in these problem areas 1976 can be a great year for the club. My thanks to all of you for your assistance and support in

THE 1975 FINANCIAL PICTURE (Dean Schneider)

<u>Receipts 1975</u>		<u>Expenses 1975</u>	
Dues	\$2165.00	The Garden Spray	\$ 622.5
Plant Auction (net)	590.65	Xmas Party (profit)	(5.9
Interest on Savings	268.42	Conv. Delegates	200.0
Misc. Sales	152.40	Arboretum	350.0
Car. Fwd. Conv. Fd.	293.08	Flower Show	252.5
TOTAL	<u>\$3469.55</u>	Tours	214.0
		Memberships	
		Minn. Hort. Soc.	553.5
		MGCA	670.0
		Cheer and Memorials	47.2
		Dinners	68.5
		Honorarium	50.0
		Awards	77.7
		Arbor Day tree don.	44.0
		Car. Fwd. Conv. Fd.	93.0
		Miscellaneous	67.5
		TOTAL	<u>\$3304.8</u>
		Net to Surplus	<u>164.7</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Checking Account	\$1099.35		
Savings, incl.			
Conv. Fd. Bal. \$93.08	4623.51		
Inventory (est.)	112.50		
TOTAL	<u>\$5835.36</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>			
1976 Dues pd. 1975	\$1528.00		
Sav. + 1975 Surplus	4507.36		
Withdrawn, Conv. Fd.	(200.00)		
	<u>\$5835.36</u>		

COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND

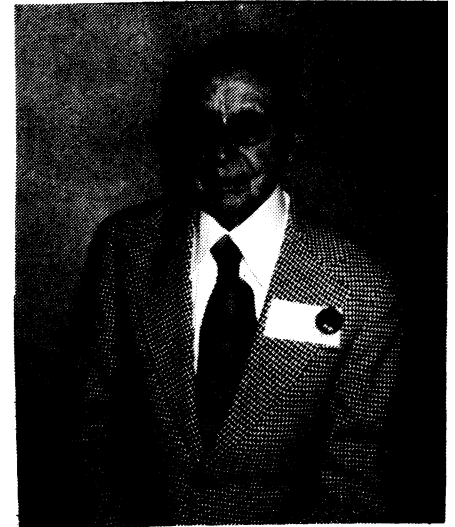
Sav. Bal. 12/31/74	\$1688.62	1975 Disbursements	\$ ni
1975 Interest Earned	87.62	Sav. Bal. 12/31/75	1776.2
	<u>\$1776.24</u>		

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MCGM PRESIDENTS: P. W. YOUNG, 1959

Dwight Stone stepped to the stage at the MGCM Christmas party. Said he, "I wonder how many organizations in the U. S. will have a 96 year old person travel 1,983 miles to attend a Christmas Party?"

"There are many here tonight who do not know P. W. Young. By actual count we have 44 members now who were not members at the time (1971) P. W. left us in body but not in spirit for California. Even so, P. W. is 'Mr. Garden Club' to most of us. When he was 80 years old he started to test delphiniums. Many of us still have plants in our gardens that were propagated by P. W.



"P. W."

"I remember one time when I almost got in trouble over P. W. and his plants. It was a panel program and I was moderator. Eng Hoyme expounded on his delphiniums that were 6 feet high. Archie Flack said his were 7 feet high and P. W. said his were 8 feet high. I compared the size of delphinium with age and said the older a man gets the better liar he becomes - much to the displeasure of Archie.

"Well P. W. I'm sure your presence here tonight brings joy to all of us. So much so that Santa stopped by and asked if I would help him out a little and present this gift (a box of cigars) to you as he wasn't sure where you would be Christmas Eve."

P. W. was born in a small no longer existing town on the Iowa-Minnesota border, the son of a rural storekeeper. The date, August 23, 1879. As a young man he farmed and ran his own store on the side. These activities he gave up to become executive secretary of a national hog breeders association headquartered in Illinois.

After the demise of the association P. W. became a free-lancer in advertising, selling metal signs which he designed and had made up for customers. When, at long past normal retirement age, he "found it wasn't fun any more" he quit to have more time for other interests like his garden and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum of which he was a founding father.

And, believe it or not, he has a given name. The man everyone calls "P. W." is Percy W. Young--"Brigham" to some of his closer associates.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(Clip and paste in your roster.)

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OF FLORIDA SEEDS AND COOKBOOKS
by Chet Groger

For several years I have received the Market Bulletin from the Florida Department of Agriculture. It has been the source of unusual seeds and plants for indoor growing. Anyone can ask to be put on the mailing list and it is free.

The September issue contains the usual article by Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Agriculture, but it included something I thought might be of interest to our wives during the Bicentennial celebration. The Florida Department of Agriculture has produced a Bicentennial booklet of menus used 200 years ago. I haven't received one yet, but it might make interesting reading, as does Kreidberg's recently published Minnesota Historical Society book, FOOD ON THE FRONTIER, even though we might not like the recipe in either one.

Reproduced below is the article by Doyle Conner and also a section of the Market Bulletin showing their address and a sample of the type of classified advertising which is apparently free to Florida farmers. Of course none of the plants offered are hardy here but some of them are interesting for one season's growth or for indoor gardening.

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**SEEDS AND PLANTS
ORNAMENTALS**

Macrozamia denesonae seedlings in pints, \$5 ea., \$1.25 for handling, post.; Chinese fan palm liners in pints, 50¢ ea., taking orders for fall delivery of Chinese fan palm, \$20 per M. Charles A. Williams, Box 707, Davenport 33837; (Polk).

Black eyed susan seeds 25¢ pkt., stamped add. env. Mrs. Winston Cooke, Box 786, Fruitland Park 32731; (Lake).

FARM FRONT

By DOYLE CONNER

Our nation's 200th birthday is fast approaching and Americans all over the country are being urged to take part in the historic Bicentennial Celebration.

Perhaps it is an oversimplification to say that the production, preparation and consumption of food has been a very vital part of our nation's history. But nonetheless, it has been.

Today, the United States ranks first in the production of such products as meat and cheese and tobacco. It is second only to the Soviet Union in the production of milk cows, wheat and oats. It is second to India in cattle.

America is third in the world in butter, hog and sugar production. We are fourth in potato production and fifth in production of barley. And we are high in the production of soybeans.

Because food is so important to every living being, I thought it might be interesting to find out what some of our early American ancestors consumed when they sat down to a meal. What we discovered is fascinating.

For instance, we learned that

some of George Washington's favorite foods were mutton, shrimp, oysters and shad.

We learned many other interesting things and have tried to incorporate that knowledge into a series of menus which the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has produced in a Bicentennial booklet and which is free to the public.

We have given some brief historical background including some costume illustrations, to put the menus in perspective. Our home economists tested several recipes from these old menus to find out how food tasted in those days and their reports have been excellent.

I strongly encourage individuals, families, religious and civic groups and all others to plan at least one, if not all, of these Bicentennial menus. It is a good way to help celebrate our nation's 200th birthday.

With the abundance of fresh Florida foodstuffs which are available almost everywhere, it is an easy and wise way to celebrate it.

Reports are that Dick Lange is recovering nicely from open heart surgery. Harold Pederson has gone to Korea to serve on a government program.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

by Don Wilson

Here is an introduction to the Minneapolis MGC officers of 1976. Each officer was asked the following questions: (1) Approximately when you join the Club? (2) What offices have you held? (3) What is your occupation? (4) Why did you join the Club and who was your sponsor? (5) What do you hope the Club will accomplish in the coming year?

President: Dr. Leon C. Snyder - (1) 1950; (2) None; (3) Educator; For fellowship, Archie Flack; (5) That each member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis has a better garden in 1976 as a result of his participation in the Club programs and activities, and that he shares knowledge of gardening with others.

Vice President: Fred Glasoe - (1) 1973 (Richfield about 1968); (2) Secretary; (3) Teacher and Coordinator of Plant Life Science Center, St. Paul Public Schools; (4) Harold Nelson; (5) That everyone will love the outstanding programs.

Secretary: James Mielke - (1) 1970; (2) Chairman of a Summer Garden 1974; (3) Management Consultant for NSP; (4) Fellowship and garden information, Bob Smith; (5) (a) continue the excellent programs of 1974, (b) start a new service project, (c) increase membership numbers, (d) make a significant contribution to the bicentennial year.

Treasurer: Dean Schneider - (1) 1971; (2) Treasurer; (3) Engineer, Associate, NSP; (4) Gardening interest, Dwight Stone; (5) Increase in membership, better attendance.

Director: Robert Gage - (1) 1972; (2) None; (3) Manufacturer's Representative; (4) Interest in gardening, Phil Smith; (5) More detailed knowledge of vegetables and flowers, information on greenhouses and growing under lights.

Director: Richard Hulbert - (1) 1968; (2) None; (3) Clergyman - School Teacher Counselor; (4) Had garden, Sherm Pinkham; (5) Club should be for beautification of city. There should be a contest in the city to beautify residential yards. I hope the Club can go in with public agencies and organizations to further this.

Immediate Past President: Robert Livingston - (1) 1970; (2) Secretary, Vice President, President; (3) Sales Supervisor, Insurance; (4) Interest in gardening, Dwight Stone; (5) Keep improving flower show and improve community garden.

APPLIES TO US, TOO

How many times have you heard that old saying, "It is better to give than to receive"? Many people do not believe it, for they are only in organizations for what they can get out of them. But we must not expect to get much from anything if all we put into it is our dues money. You pay cheap and you receive only cheap benefits. It also takes some of your time and talent. We are all busy, so why should just a few do all the work? 1976 is starting with many new men on the board. They can't do it all. To get much out of MGC this coming year we must all put forth

DECEMBER 1975 WEATHER SUMMARY

(For those who file weather records with their garden notes.)

December temperatures averaged 21.3 degrees, 2.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 45 degrees on the 4th and 5th, lowest 13 below on the 18th. Below normal readings occurred the first two days and again from the 14th through the 21st with above normal readings the other days.

Precipitation measured 0.79 inch, one-tenth inch below normal. Snowfall came to 5.6 inches, about 3 inches below normal. On the 13th, 0.48 inch of rain fell accompanied by thunder, unusual for December. With temperatures falling below freezing on the 14th and rain changing to snow there was considerable icing of streets and walks. Snowfall on the 14th amounted to 2.6 inches.

December was a cloudy month with 24 cloudy days. (Normal is 18.)

(Data for this summary was taken by MGM member Vinton Bouslough from records compiled by the National Weather Service at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.)

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Bill Hull suggests a new contest. See the March SPRAY.

The March meeting will feature speakers from the Minnesota Rose Society. The topic? -- Roses, of course.

Sandy Murphy's talk on orchids will be reported in detail in our March issue.

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