



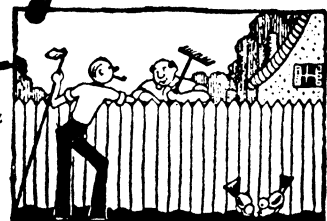
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NEW BOARD, ALL SET READY TO GO, SENDS GREETINGS



HAPPY NEW YEAR,
FELLOWS

LET'S GO! LET'S GROW!

MAKE 1972
A REALLY ROUSING YEAR
FOR GARDENING

ARE YOU WITH US?



Above left to right: Brisco,
D. Johnson, Lillibridge, R. Anderson,
Perrin, Holst, Halvorson.

What's new for '72? You'll be finding out. Why not bring several guests or potential members with you to Garden Club this year to enjoy the fun and fellowship?

JANUARY MEETING

January 11, 5:45 PM, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. \$2.

We usher in 1972 with two timely talks after the business of receiving annual reports (written) from 1971 officers.

PROGRAM

Todd Bachman - "How to Take Care of Your Christmas Plants."
Todd is the son of professional member Lloyd Bachman. How about it, boys? We can use a third generation Bachman in the Club, can't we?

Carl Holst - "What's New for '72?"
This talk illustrated with color slides will be about roses, of course. And who is better qualified to handle this topic than our 1972 program chairman himself?

REMINDER: In case you are one of the few who haven't paid 1972 dues

CHRISTMAS PARTY A MEMORABLE AFFAIR

Bud Christenson arranged another bang up holiday affair for us. Attendance of 194, including 22 representatives of the North Suburban Men's Garden Club, was an all time high.

Cliff Brisco and Evald Johnson were at the door to present us with self-adhering name tags bearing our names in half inch bold black capitals. (Calligraphy by Vern Carlson.) Just beyond was the punchbowl and the gathering throng. Further back the tables set for the feast were colorful with the traditional individual small potted poinsettias so superbly grown by Bachman's. We soon were seated there.

After reading of telegraphed greetings from our Arizona contingents-- Bill Brooks, N. W. Christopherson, Otto Erickson, Clyde Chamberlain, and Einar Johnson--and the invocation by Dick Hulbert came the Parade of Turkeys led by Dwight Stone in a white chef's cap. Then in order came the other carvers: Vic Lowrie, Frank Vixo, Chuck King (from the North Suburban Men's Garden Club), Paul Lindstedt, Lloyd Bachman, Bill Hull, Phil Smith (the only one who had the temerity to hold his turkey aloft, and with one hand at that), Bob Smith, Rog Anderson, John Lillibridge. Harry Sova in a big butcher's apron brought up the rear.

Bob Smith was the first to get his coat off to start carving but Bill Hull won the race and earned for Carol the wreath made by Bruce Warner which graced the speaker's stand. John Lillibridge was kept so busy by the ravenous horde at his table that when he found time to eat, he had only leavings.

Musical numbers by Harry Sova accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Sova and by the Metropolitan Boy's Choir provided delightful entertainment. David and Daryl, twin sons of Bill Swanson, are members of the choir.

Following the dinner 16 members received Green Thumb Certificates for perfect attendance of from one to seven years. Bill Swanson for his ten years sans absence received a ten year plaque.

Carl Holst received the President's Cup for being the member most helpful to President Dave Johnson during 1971.

The Lehman Gardens Trophy for greatest garden improvement during 1971 went to Manly Jackson. Les Johnson made the presentation for the committee.

The Bronze Medal Award for outstanding service over a period of years was given Nate Siegel. Sherm Pinkham made this presentation.

The Industrial Landscape Award was not presented because the representative for the winner was unable to attend, but Vic Lowrie gave a report on the landscaping done by the winner, the North Central Airlines. The award will be officially presented at a later date.

Ed Culbert received a Special Award for 1971 in recognition of his contribution in furthering the excellence of the GARDEN SPRAY which had previously achieved national recognition under the editorship of Bill Hull.

After officers for 1972 were presented, Phil Smith pinned the Past President's Pin on Dave Johnson who thereupon called upon Phil for a 30-minute narrated showing of selected slides of members' gardens.

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Secretary: John E. Lillibridge Treasurer: Clifton Brisco
Immediate Past President: David W. Johnson
Directors: Henry Halvorson and James E. Perrin

ROG'S REFLECTIONS

by Roger Anderson

Once again the holiday season has come and gone, leaving behind the joyous festivities of Christmas and the gay celebrations bringing in the New Year. It's time now to lay aside those dog-eared old Christmas catalogs and get to the new, more important business of paging through those 1972 seed catalogs and get that Lehman Trophy garden you are planning for this year on the road.

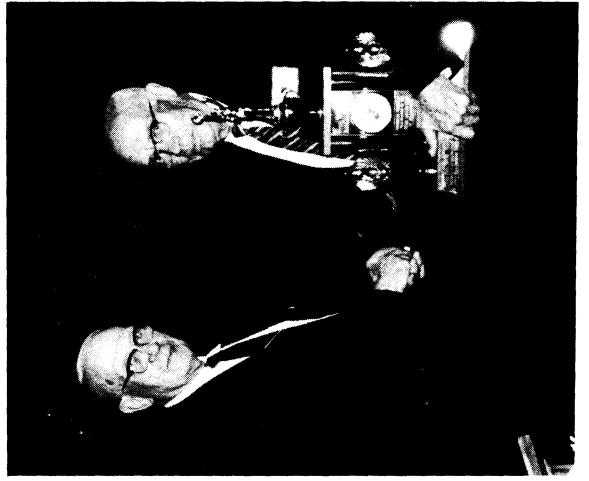
How about the Christmas Party! What a turnout! It's got to be the best Club Christmas Party that I have attended. Hats off to Chairman, Bud Christenson, and President, Dave Johnson, for an exceptionally fine evening. They certainly out did everyone in recent years on entertainment. I've still got music in my ears from the Metropolitan Boy's Choir. As a matter of fact, they were so great I was a little concerned about how Harry Sova was ever going to get by following such a superb act. Then I was in for a surprise again finding out that Harry, in addition to being a good gardener, has got plenty of musical talent in both voice and originality. Great job, Harry (and Margaret). Wonder what in the world is left for me to come up with next Christmas.

I want to say thank you to all the members who gave talks during the year and also to those who offered advice in program planning last year. Carl Holst is well underway with plans for programs this year and will appreciate any ideas you think worthy of passing on.

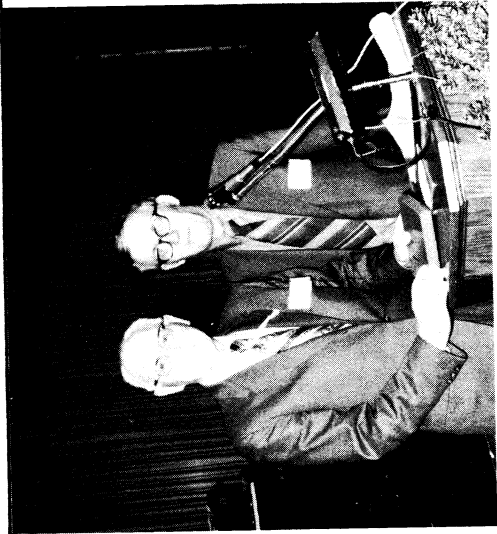
Some thoughts I have for special emphasis this year are to continue our efforts and plans for the Fragrance Garden. In order to maintain the high quality that our Club has achieved to date, I have called on Dave



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Johnson, the guy who got the job done last year, to continue as Chairman of the project. He's going to need your help again this year. We have lots of planting to do, installation of benches, improving the entrance, general maintenance, etc.

We didn't quite make our goal of fifteen new members last year, getting twelve which was a commendable effort. Let's see if we can get ten good gardeners signed up this year. I would also like to see more member interest in our special interest groups.

Below are the names and addresses of two men whose applications for membership were approved at the last Board meeting. What better way to start the new MGC Mpls. year than by welcoming them to our followsh

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Sherm Pinkham presents Bronze Medal to Nate Siegel



Carl Holst receives President's Cup from Dave Johnson

GREEN THUMB RECIPIENTS

One Year: Vern Carlson Manly Jackson
Ed Culbert Paul Lindstedt
Otto Nelson Dwight Stone
John Lillibridge

Two Years: Dale Durst Harry Sova
Carl Holst

Three Years: Cliff Brisco Dave Johnson

Five years: Sherm Pinkham
Jack Peterson

Six years: Nate Siegel

Seven years: Evald Johnson

Ten Years: Bill Swanson

THE METROPOLITAN BOY'S CHOIR

The boy's choir which entertained at our Christmas party was organized in September 1971 by Mrs. Bea Speed, a music teacher in the Minneapolis schools and a former director of the Morris Nilsen Boy's Choir. There are no ethnic, religious, or economic bars to membership but applicants must pass a screening audition to assure their voices meet the standards set for the group. Currently, the choir is raising money for an eastern trip planned for early summer and is seeking places to appear.

Costs of music, etc. are covered by a monthly membership fee paid by each boy or raised in his behalf. (The inner city is well represented in the choir.) Sponsors for individual boys are urgently needed at this time. (Cost is around \$50 per year.) Hopefully, some day there may be a sponsor for the entire organization.

OUR LEADERS FOR 1972

Gardeners are found everywhere. Their kinship recognizes neither place of birth, training, age, nor occupational status. This is well exemplified by the representative group of men to whom we have chosen to delegate the responsibility for guiding MGC Mpls. in 1972.

President, Roger Anderson, a member for four years has also served as director, as secretary, and as Vice President. His major interest is perennials and dahlias. A University of Minnesota graduate hailing from Windom, Minnesota, he is a teacher and coach in the St. Louis Park school system.

Carl Holst, our Vice President, is a professional member. He served as director in 1970 and 1971. Senior member of the team, he has 16 years MGC Mpls. membership to his credit. A native of Blue Earth, Minnesota, a graduate of Iowa State University, he is supervisor of Horticulture, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Department, and specializes in roses.

John Lillibridge, our second term secretary, a member since 1969, comes from Bismark, North Dakota, where he attended junior college. He is a service representative for Monroe Calculator Company. His gardening interests, which are general and wide, don't point to specializing, he reports.

Treasurer, Cliff Brisco, a native of Greene, Iowa, is most interested in lilies and roses. Cliff has been a member eight years and served as director in 1970 and as treasurer in 1971. Now retired, he has been an automobile dealer and a manufacturer.

Past President, Dave Johnson, who continues on the Board, has previously served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President. An eleven year member, Dave's speciality is roses, though he grows annuals and vegetables well. Dave is a native of Forest Lake, Minnesota, a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, and a senior internal accountant for Northern States Power Company.

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN...OR TEACH

Bill Cowcill has been invited to instruct a senior citizens' class on Indoor Gardening at North Hennepin State Junior College for a five-week period beginning Monday, January 31st.

According to Bill, it all came about because a few weeks ago he joined a group of senior citizens in the area who were rounded up and bussed to the college at 7411 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, to discuss hobby interests and classes they might like to take if they had the chance. Bill listed landscape gardening but in conversation betrayed his many garden interests.

A few weeks later the head of the College Community Services Department telephoned to see whether our friend would be interested in instructing an indoor gardening short course. Bill said, "Why not? I'm interested in gardening, and I've been a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis for eleven years." He figures that last statement cinched the job.

So beginning January 31st from 3:00 to 4:30 PM for five successive Mondays there'll be a class on Indoor Gardening conducted at the college or in Bill's greenhouse at his option. And, good news, Bill will be paid a stipend but it won't cost senior citizens a dime--all because of a federal grant.

A YEAR HAS PASSED. A YEAR LIES AHEAD.

Over the years MGC Mpls. has from time to time undertaken a major project. Save for the first convention probably no other project has covered so extensive a period and involved so much effort on the part of so many as did the 1971 Fragrance Garden. It succeeded in large part due to the dedicated leadership of Dave Johnson and the unstinted labors of our Board whose members put in many more hours than should have been necessary had the rest of us each carried his proportionate share of the load.

We lose only two members from our 1971 Board; we can still count on them. The two who are new are good men. There are other faithful contributors. The job is not entirely complete. Maintenance will still face us. Who is to carry the load? Just those mentioned?

An appropriate New Year's resolution: "No one else will have to do my share in 1972."

BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, OH TIME...

When in winter the house got stuffy and the smell of boiled cabbage hung heavy in the air, grandmother Goldsworthy had an infallible remedy. She tore up some old rags, preferably wool, fished some hot coals from the kitchen stove, placed them on a dustpan with the rags, and walked from room to room shaking the pan as if it were a censer. "It do make a bit of a smeech," said she, "but it'll clear the air." I don't know about the air, but we boys and grandpa always cleared out until the smell of burning rags had dissipated.

I thought mother's idea better. She sprinkled coffee grounds or sometimes ground cinnamon over the hot top of the kitchen stove. I never heard her claim this act had any therapeutic value, but it was a regular ritual almost like blackening the top of the kitchen range with stove polish. Perhaps she did it to forestall grandma. Perhaps she'd been told, per Godey,* that:

"The fumes of burning coffee are powerful disinfectants. Experiments have been made in Paris to prove this. A quantity of meat was hung up in a closed room until decomposed, and then a chafing dish was introduced and five hundred grammes of coffee thrown on the fire--in a few minutes the room was completely disinfected. In another room sulphuretted hydrogen and ammonia were developed, and ninety grammes of coffee destroyed the smell in about half a minute. It is also stated that coffee destroys the smell of musk, castoreum, and assafoetida. As proof that the noxious smells are really decomposed by the fumes of coffee, and not merely overpowered by them, it is stated that the first vapors of the coffee were not smelt at all, and are therefore chemically absorbed, while the other smells gradually diminish as the fumigation continues. The best way to effect this fumigation is to pound the coffee in a mortar, and then strew it on a hot iron plate, which, however, must not be red hot."

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Fun in the Sun - MGCA Convention topic 1972
April 10, 11, 12 at Tucson, Arizona. Isn't it about time for us to make plans to meet with our Arizona MGC Mpls. contingent who sent that telegram to be read at the Christmas party? It's never too early, but it can get to be too late.

*Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine. November 1864.