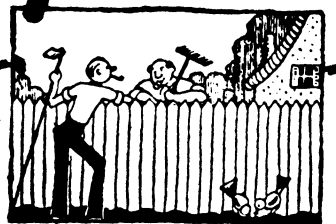




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Our old Board, Our new Board, join in wishing you a

Happy New Year

And, before the 1974 Board members get away let's give them a big hand for a job well done--a fine example for 1975.

NOW, TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND

The New Year won't start right unless you are present for the 5:45 PM MGCM DINNER MEETING (Only \$2.50. No charge for the annual reports.) TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1975 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South.

DR. RICHARD FULMER, Manager of the Research Department of Cargill, Inc. who is in demand all over the U. S. as a lecturer, will speak. Dr. Fulmer's talk on the topic, FOOD and NUTRITION may be an eye opener to you. Why is there starvation and food shortage today? How are longevity, population, health care, nutrition involved? Come and learn.

IN ADDITION a new feature is being added to the general monthly meetings a "Mystery Plant" contest. Master gardener Bill Cowcill will be bringing to each meeting part of a plant for MGCM members to try to identify--sort of a "stump the experts" game.

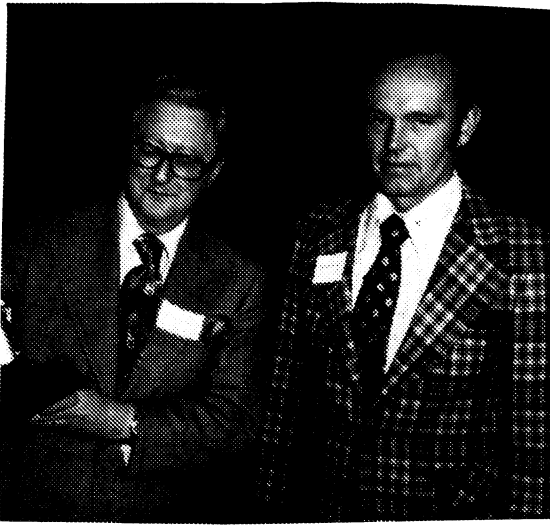
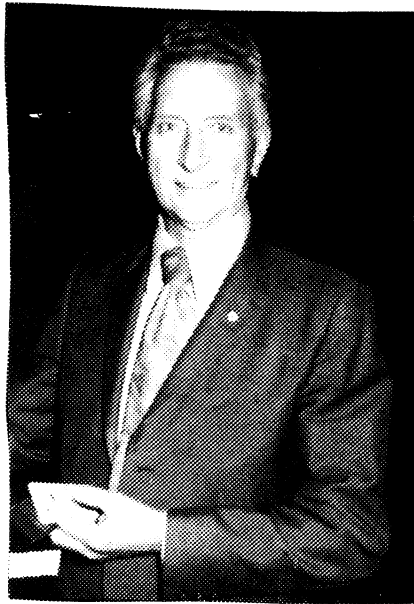
A tally will be kept of members' scores, and an award will be given at the end of the year to the person with the highest score. So, "Come to the January meeting prepared to start identifying", says Vice-president Wilson.

CHATTING OVER THE GARDEN WALL

The 1974 MGC Mpls. Christmas Party was a smashing success and those members who planned this festive evening did a great job. Brooklyn Center certainly can be proud of "The Harmonettes", who not only sang and dance beautifully, but were beauties themselves. "A Garden for All Seasons" was a film classic and it reminded us again that we have much to learn about gardening from our friends in England. Perhaps most memorable to me was the touching invocation and memorial by Dick Hulbert.

As I sit here writing this article the first real snow of the season is falling. I've just been outside rescuing a length of frozen hose and emptying a forgotten pot of mums. Those of you that have tried to coil a frozen hose know what I was up against. Minnesota winters always arrive before I am ready. The neighbors must wonder what I am doing in my yard in December. Winters used to seem very long to me, but since I started
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AWARD PICTURES



- Above Left: Carl Holst with Spade Club membership card.
Center: Dwight Stone admires Lehman Trophy cup he is about to present to Darwin Price.
Right: Manager Steven Lewis accepts the Industrial Landscaping Award for Burger King's 34th & Nicollet outlet.

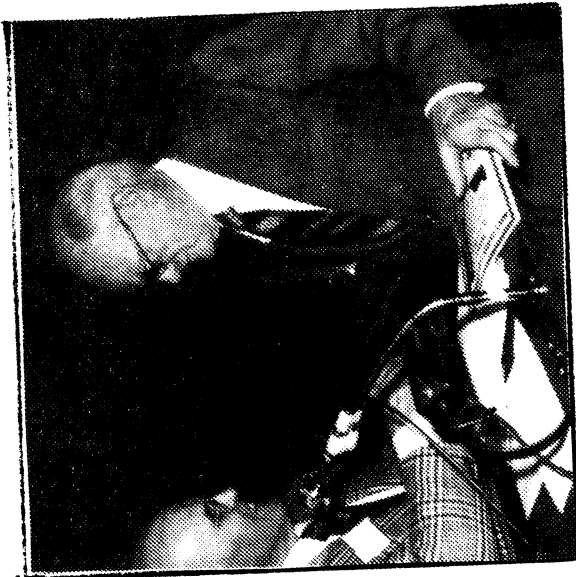
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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS OUTSTANDING

The hall was filled. "Over 200. Probably the largest attendance ever," said president Jim Perrin. Included were 8 members and guests from the Minnetonka MGC and 12 from the North Suburban. The tables gay with the little Bachman poinsettias were a beautiful sight. At six the punch bowl was operating. Well before seven folks began hungrily eyeing the tables and edging nearer and nearer.

Promptly on time Jim Perrin called the group to order to hear Dick Hulbert tribute to members who died in 1974. Following the invocation, carvers Lloyd Bachman, Bud Christenson, Dale Durst, Fred Glasoe, Ev Haedecke, Bill Hull, John Lillibridge, Paul Lindstedt, Ed Peszynski, Dean Schneider, Bob Smith and Dwight Stone paraded past the tables carrying high the turkeys (263 lbs., 10 oz. total). Frank Vixo was there with the tools, too, but we don't think he had to carve. We hurriedly piled our plates with mashed potatoes, cranberries, dressing, cauliflower in readiness for the great moment when the table host should start carving. As usual Henry Bachman gathered his family together at one table and Lloyd carved. Henry, always self effacing, sat on one side instead of at the head as more befits the paterfamilias.

We hadn't finished dessert when the Brooklyn Center Harmonettes appeared on stage in slick shiny black outfits. Dessert forks stopped in mid air. My wife, so entranced she had no time to eat, gave me her dessert. Roger Koopmans got an extra dessert, too, but not from Kak. Every so often the Harmonettes trooped off stage leaving their band (all males) and their director June Scofield, a virtuoso in her own right, to hold the fort while they changed costumes to scintillating, shimmering gold, gorgeous green, kitchen outrageous. Ev Haedecke got into the act by marching up to pre-



Top row, Left to right:

Jim Perrin holds Past President's Pin as Carl Holst congratulates him.

Bob Haley holds Rookie-of-the-Year certificate as Sherm Pinkham offers congratulations.

John Lillibridge accepts the President's Cup for a second year.

Bottom row, Left to right:

Jack Peterson studies the Green Thumb certificate while Evald Johnson (right) smiles because he holds one for 11 years.

Vern Carlson proudly displays the Blackbourn Trophy he won.

Evald Johnson with the Bronze Medal for meritorious service presented by Bob Smith (left).

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to repeatedly strive to no avail to master the Harmonette's version of "Jingle Bells." We did all right on Silent Night.

Next, Dave Johnson started giving out door prizes. John Lillibridge drew a Christmas wreath made by Darwin Price; Jack Peterson a flocked holiday centerpiece by Jim Perrin. Then I lost track for winners were called by number and though some really dazzling looking (female) numbers were called, they weren't identified by name, so I prepared to take award pictures

Bob Haley was named Rookie-of-the-Year (a new award) for his home gardening efforts. Carl Holst received a Spade Club membership (national award for bringing in 3 new members--the first MGCM member to be so honored. The Blackbourn Trophy (for Flower Show Sweepstakes) went to Vern Carlson. The Lehman Trophy for the most improved garden was earned by Darwin Price. Evald Johnson received the Bronze Medal for outstanding service in MGCM through past years.

John Lillibridge was instructed to present the President's Cup (for all around helpfulness) to it's new owner. John, himself, turned out to be the new holder and thereby became the first member ever to receive that honor in two consecutive years. Jim Perrin announced that the Burger King outlet at 34th and Nicollet, Minneapolis, had been named Industrial Landscape Award recipient for beautifying it's environs. Steven Lewis, manager, came forward to accept.

Green Thumb certificates for perfect attendance for 12 consecutive meetings (1 year) were issued to Bill Cowcill, Chet Groger, Darwin Price and Falconer Thomas; for 2 consecutive years to Ed Culbert, Paul Lindstedt, Bob Livingston, Jim Perrin and Sherm Pinkham; for 3 consecutive years to Dale Durst, Carl Holst and Harry Sova; for 8 consecutive years to Jack Peterson; and for 11 consecutive years (132 meetings) to Evald Johnson.

After Jim Perrin was awarded the Past President's Pin (effective January the evening ended fittingly with the showing of an English garden movie, "A Garden for All Seasons". Dave Johnson had put together a fine program

DON'T LIVE IN THE PAST - PLAN THE FUTURE FROM IT

by Bill Hull - Historian

As a "Historian" I must say that our danger in counting our accumulated past achievements is in preening over them rather than planning from them. We're all proud of our role in our national and state gardening groups, of our part in forming the arboretum, of our crabapple plantings, ad infinitum, but what have we learned that will help us perpetuate and improve our club?

I firmly believe that what history most proves to us is that a club's health is directly related to the success of its activities and projects, and of its monthly programs. When they fail, a club moulds. The year I was national president of MGCA, I widely proclaimed this as our Minneapolis MGC basic belief.

None of us want to be a bunch of old guys setting around reminiscing about the good old days. If age puts us in that category, let's be old guys planning for the future and doing whatever is possible today.

When Harold Kaufmann, the 1947 president, started his year, he said: "The primary goal of this club is 'Better Gardens by Better Gardeners.' Each member is obligated to cooperate fully in our club gardening program. The success depends on each member participating in every meeting, exhibiting in flower shows, making all the garden tours, and following through on the committee projects."

Stan Lund, president a year later, said "Continuous enthusiasm is as necessary in an organization as in a winning football team. Common interests, problems, failures and successes in something as basic and fundamental as gardening aren't the real reasons for the consistent growth of this club. It's enthusiasm."

The good old days were our starting days, days from which we developed into the mature, healthy club of today, containing a nucleus of newer members who must be just itching to further expand our fine traditions. Here are some ways they, or others of us, might want to update the ideas of the past - the good ones, that is:

1. The tour chairman once presented our editor with a breakdown of what we'd see in each garden to be visited. It was carried in advance of the visit and was great.
2. A Grub committee formerly prepared our outdoor meals during summers. Several of us worked under Bill Swain to serve superb meals. We had fun. Somewhere the club possesses a collection of cutlery and maybe pots and pans, just waiting for three or four guys to say "Hey, I'll do that."
3. Special interest groups produced fine studies, 15 to 17 pages long, which are now 15 to 17 years old. Subjects: SHRUBS AND TREES FOR MINNESOTA and HERBACIOUS PERENNIALS, and smaller reports on ANNUALS, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, and SMALL FLOWERING DAHLIAS. A group of two or three experts in each field could update them.

How much fun it is - just doing things together.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

by Don Wilson

The Garden Spray asked each of the officers the following questions: (1) Approximately when did 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?

Bob Livingston, President - (1) 1970; (2) Secretary 1973, Vice President 1974; (3) Northwest Mutual Insurance Company; (4) I was interested in gardening so I looked around for the best outlet for that interest. Dwight Stone sponsored me; (5) I would like to see a lot of new members and more interest in vegetable gardening, as well as emphasis on food production in the programs.

Don Wilson, Vice President - (1) 1969; (2) Director 1973, Secretary 1974; (3) U. S. Treasury Department; (4) I joined the Club because I wanted something to keep me busy and interested as I get older. I was sponsored by Vern Carlson and appreciate the friendship of all the members; (5) I hope the Club will keep up the good work on the Fragrance Garden, perhaps help the Oriental Garden at Normandale, and even help out the core city with other beautification projects. As program chairman, I intend to follow the directives of the members, as revealed in the December survey.

Fred Glasoe, Secretary - (1) 1973, was in Richfield club for 3 years, previously; (2) Director of Minnesota Dahlia Society, Chairman of the legislative committee of the Minnesota Horticulture Society, officer in the Violet Society, member of Lily Society, member of Citizens' Commission to Keep Water Levels in the Lakes of Minneapolis, member of Rose Society; (3) Coordinator of the Horticulture Center and Plant and Animal Learning Center for the St. Paul Public Schools; (4) Both as a hobby and as a profession I have been interested in gardening; I would like to know more gardeners; (5) I would like to see more members telling and showing what they have done in gardening; there should be a broader base of interest in garden shows and tours.

Dean Schneider, Treasurer - (1) 1971; (2) Co-chairman of the Christmas Party; (3) Northern States Power electric-technical work; (4) Dwight Stone was my sponsor, and I liked the group; (5) there should be help in the core city area; the Club should be of more value to the community; more efforts should be given to public relations locally.

Darwin Price, Director - (1) 1973; (2) Director 1974; (3) Land surveyor for C. E. Coulter and Asso.; (4) I was a member of the Richfield Men's Garden Club, secretary for 2 years and a director for 1 year. When the club disbanded, I, along with others, was delighted to join MGC; (5) I have liked the group forums on gardening problems; I like split programming--something for everybody.

Norm Stewart, Director - (1) 1971; (2) none; (3) a lawyer for Stewart and Slimen; (4) my sponsor was Harry Sova; I joined because of a long-term interest in gardening; (5) I hope the Club will foster more instructional gardening lectures and take a greater part in community affairs, e.g. in the downtown area and businesses, the park by the Orchestra Hall, the Normandale Garden.

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(OFFICERS and DIRECTORS continued)
Jim Perrin, Immediate Past President - (1) 1965; (2) Director 1972, Treasurer 1973, President 1974; (3) Distributor of theater films; (4) I work for Walter Quist a few years ago; we had a similar love of gardening; he brought me to a few meetings, I liked what I saw, so I joined; (5) I'd like to see both new and old members working on the Fragrance Garden and perhaps a few new projects.

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"RESULTS, 1975 SURVEY of MGCM MEMBERS, & THANKS", says Don Wilson

What do you think is the purpose of the monthly winter meetings?

The poll showed that the majority wanted--1) Instruction in gardening practices; 2) Lectures by top experts; 3) Getting to know members; 4) Beautifying the community.

What type of program do you prefer?

1) Overwhelmingly, the members wanted one main speaker, plus short talks by members, auctions, etc.; 2) Group discussions such as vegetable, indoor gardening, etc.; 3) Two speakers.

Which type of speaker do you prefer?

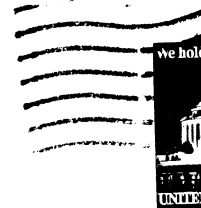
This survey showed 2 to 1 that members preferred an MGC "with expertise in a particular area" over an outside expert, but many polled said "either, he is a good speaker".

What balance do you prefer between "social" and "business" parts?

Overwhelmingly, most respondents said "Both are important", but some said there should be more social and some said there should be more business that means more "garden business".

The most interesting results of the poll show a desire from most members to have a return appearance of some of our more recent lecturers, such as--Leon Snyder, Lloyd Bachman, Carl Holst, Jane McKinnon, Todd Bachman, Dr. Sidell, Pete Ascher, Jim Gilbert, Phil Smith, and Mrs. Barger.

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