

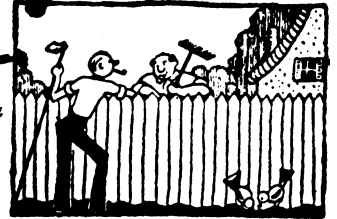


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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let us all work together to make this bicentennial year for our nation, a banner year for our club. We have a wonderful group of men and if we all work together we can have just that, a banner year. Don't leave everything to your executive board and committee chairmen. If you have an idea as to what our club should be doing, let us hear from you. Let us know when you have ideas for a program. If you would like to volunteer to serve on a certain committee, let us know and we will see that you are appointed to that committee. This is your club and we need the help of every one of you.

--Leon Snyder

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT:

P. W. Young surprised us all by flying in for the Christmas party. P. W. picture and Dwight Stone's remarks upon the occasion will appear in the February GARDEN SPRAY.

Bill Hull became a Life Member of MGCA in October.

Bob Waldoch posed for that group picture on the bottom of page 2, also; but his figure didn't show up in the print.

We will be happy to enroll new members now.



ATTEND THE MGCM JANUARY MEETING

5:45 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th, \$3

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH, 50th & KNOX S.

HEAR SANDY MURPHY, Orchid enthusiast, who writes a monthly article on orchids for the MINNESOTA HORTICULTURIST.

They say "Everybody knows Sandy." Do you?

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE and INVOCATION

Given by Rev. Richard Hulbert at the 1975 Christmas Party

We hold in fondest remembrance Cortis Rice, long time member of this Club, who passed away from our sight this year but who remains fixed in his place of memory and love.

Beneath this snow I know there lie
Beginnings of a garden fair.
The roses tipped beneath the soil
Will scent the coming summer's air.

The tulip and anemone
Lie dreaming of the coming rain.
They'll rise in time to greet the spring
And hear the robins' sweet refrain.

Of this I'm sure, for I've laid down
Bulb and tuber, root and seed;
And God, Co-gardener, will not fail
To do his part as He's agreed.

And He who strengthens faith to plant
And labor for a distant prize
Will not go back on His own Word
That our loved brother will arise.

And he and we will mock the ice,
This frozen earth and winter night.
He'll hear again the songs of spring
And bloom again in summer bright.

Again we gather around this board as gardeners to observe our annual feast of love. And we Thank Him who provides and replenishes our spendi earth with food and fiber and floral beauty beyond compare. In His love and assurance of perpetual care we bow in profoundest gratitude.

1975 AWARDS CEREMONIES

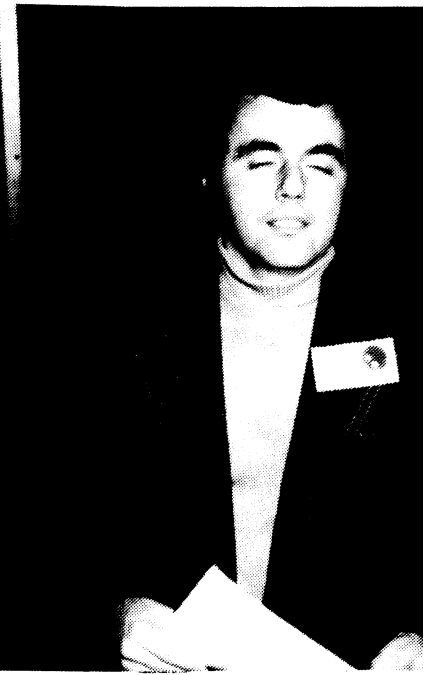
The moving of the lectern to the stage this year added impressiveness to the awards presentation and problems for the photographer whose group pictures of 1975 show winners and 1976 Board members were recognizable but not good enough to print. Fortunately, between awards wrong numbers kept being called for door prizes or there'd have been other missing pictures too.

The opening award, a Life Membership in MGCA, was presented to Bob Livingston by national director, Sherm Pinkham. Pinkham, himself, received a Spade Club membership (national award) for bringing in 6 new members. Charles Robbins named Rookie-of-the-Year was also the first person ever succeed in getting his eyes closed faster than our Polaroid operates.

Green Thumb certificates for perfect attendance for 12 consecutive meetings (1 year) were issued to Vern Carlson, Clarence Knoblauch, Watt Myers, De Schneider and Erle Tornstrom; for 2 consecutive years to Darwin Price; for 3 consecutive years to Ed. Culbert, Paul Lindstedt and Jim Perrin; for 4 consecutive years to Dale Durst, Carl Holst and Harry Sova; for 9 consecutive years to C. A. "Jack" Peterson; and for 12 consecutive years (all



AWARD PICTURES



Above Left: Jack Peterson wonders if he can ever equal Evald Johnson's attendance record.

Center: Dave Neckvatal studies Marriott Inn's Industrial Landscape Award.

Right: Charles Robbins can't believe he's Rookie-of-the-Year.

Bottom of page, Left to Right: Fred Glasoe with Foley Award; Julius Wadekamper with Grand Champion cup; Vern Carlson with Blackbourn Trophy.

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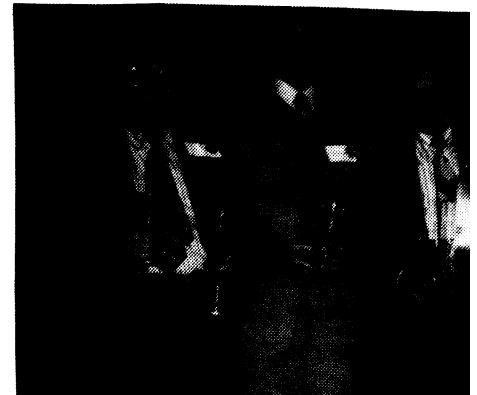
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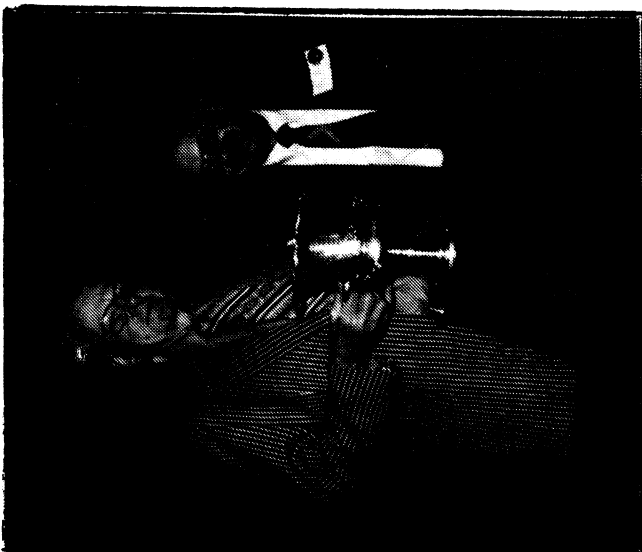
The Foley Memorial Award went to Fred Glasoe; the Blackbourn Trophy to Vern Carlson for a second consecutive year. Show Sweepstakes cups went to Bob Waldoch (horticulture) and Marlin Gilhausen (vegetables). Grand Champion cups went to Fred Glasoe (horticulture) and Julius Wadekamper (vegetables).

The Lehman Trophy was presented to Dr. Leon Snyder for having the most outstanding garden seen on the summer tours. (Rules governing the Lehman Trophy were changed this year. Previously it was given to the winning trant in a contest for the most improved garden.)

Dave Neckvatal, chief engineer at the Marriott Inn, Bloomington was present to receive the Industrial Landscape Award for the Marriott from Vic Lowrie.

Dave Johnson received the Bronze Medal for outstanding service to MGCM in past years; Paul Lindstedt the President's Cup for all round helpfulness in 1975; and, of course, the Past President's Pin went to Bob Livingston who was pinned by his predecessor, Jim





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AWARD PICTURES, Page 4

1. Bob Smith smiles as Dave Johnson studies the Bronze Medal.
2. Sherm Pinkham demonstrates how to get new members.
3. Jim Perrin pins Past President's Pin on Bob Livingston.
4. Paul Lindstedt shows the President's Cup awarded by Bob Livingston.
5. Dwight Stone drops Lehman Trophy into Doc. Snyder's hands.
6. Sherm Pinkham congratulates Bob Livingston after presenting MGCA Life Membership certificate.

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ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH

Would you believe it, 229 persons attended the Christmas party. It was record turn out for M.G.C.A. males--91 from MGCMpls, 6 from the North Su urban MGC, one from the Sioux Valley MGC. They all came with wives and friends expecting the superlative and they weren't disappointed. Bob Ga and committee really outdid themselves.

What a feast for the eyes! Laid out on a table facing us as we entered the dining hall were name cards on which stood little red or green Schmo big eyes staring at us. A festively decorated balsam whose pungent arom filled the air separated the punch bowl area from the dining area where 16 tables set diagonally in pairs along a broad center aisle beckoned. The traditional row of tiny poinsettias decorated each table but this ti reds on one table alternated with whites on the next.

What a feast for the palate! Mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing, cranberries, olives, cauliflower all circulated while we waited impatiently for carvers Lloyd Bachman, Bud Christenson, Herb Frank, Fred Glasoe, Bill Gage, John Lillibridge, Paul Lindstedt, Jim Mielke, Glenn Ray, Bob Smith, Norm Stewart, Dwight Stone, Falconer Thomas, Ron Twite and Dick Victor to complete their chores. The serving plates went back to the kitchen time and again. The carvers arms grew tired and their own food grew cold while we clamored for more turkey. Only carver Lloyd Bachman appeared unperturbed. He's had years of training at father Henry's fami table.

What a musical treat! Gayly garbed strolling carolers went from table to table all during the dinner hour. Small wonder had the din of happy voices drowned them out but they were heard clearly and distinctly as th paused at the end of each table. And there was something special about the way their voices first built up and then gradually faded away in passing.

Finally, following the awards presentations, came the JOYFUL NOISE a group of six young women plus a pianist who also sang. All were clad ir black and white checked jumpers with wide black belt and white blouse ar had an array of accessories to fit their songs--red scarfs, green scarfs Santa caps, white ermine muffs with little green and red Christmas decor ations. Their music was as varied and colorful as their costumes so we were in the proper mood when invited to join them in Christmas carols. We'd have even gone wassailing with them. A fitting ending, indeed.

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NOVEMBER 1975 WEATHER SUMMARY

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

November was wet and warm compared to normal. The monthly temperature averaged 37.4 degrees, 5 degrees above normal. There were 9 days when the temperature was 60 or higher; the warmest 74 on the 4th. The low was 7 on the 25th.

Melted precipitation totaled 4.80 inches compared to a November norm of 3.60 inches. (2.08 inches of this came on the 19-20th.) Snowfall for the month was 16.2 inches compared to a normal of about 6 inches. Greatest snowfalls were 8.4 inches on the 20-21st and 5.5 inches on the 29-30th.

There were 6 clear, 8 partly cloudy and 16 cloudy days.

(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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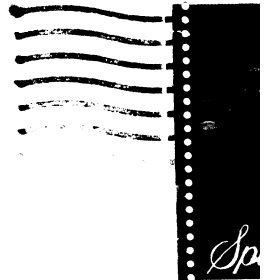
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