

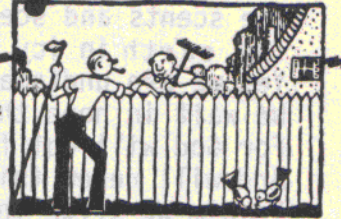


The Garden Spray

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Ring in the New Year. Attend the

MGCM OPENING EVENT FOR THE NEW YEAR, 1977.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th, at MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN
(The Church at Knox Av. S. and 50th St., Mpls.)

Dinner at 6 P.M.

Price \$3.00

MAIL THE ATTACHED RESERVATION CARD IN IMMEDIATELY.
(No Reservation.No Food)

PROGRAM: Dr. Leon S. Snyder whom the prestigious American Horticultural Society awarded its highest honor--the Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal--this past October will tell us about the late 1976 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum garden tour to the Orient.

LOOKING TO 1977

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR to all of our Minneapolis Men's Garden Club members and friends. The crew that launches the new year sincerely hope to be able to serve the members in the fine manner to which they have become accustomed. It is easy to dream up new ideas for club projects and activities that will keep us on the run and in a full time hustle, but is this what we really want? I feel that we should strive for improvement when improvement is needed but that we should keep those things that make our club the fine organization that it is and has been. We should retain the activities that have been so much enjoyed by us in the past. I hope to be able to call on many of you for help and ideas, so be ready.

Our recent growth in membership points to the fact that we need better and more effective ways of getting to know each other, viewing the many beautiful gardens and sharing gardening skills. We are a garden club; therefore, our first thoughts should be with plants. We want to share the ideas that have enabled us to succeed in our growing efforts. Other things are important also in a club like ours. Good fellowship and friendships are not always easy to find. I look forward to being with all of you each month. We are the old and the young, the vegetable growers and the flower growers, old-time gardening experts and still

IT WAS A MEMORABLE EVENING

From the Welcome by Dr. Leon Snyder

And the Invocation by Rev. Richard Hulbert

"Silent are the stars and birds
The scents and scenes that stirred our hearts have disappeared.
The earth in icy fastness locks all growth.
Yet we are undismayed who tend the plants.
We wait in hope the lengthened sun, the tempered rain and breeze.
For God will not forget his own
And will renew this earth for us.
To Him we offer thanks and praise
Who even in our darkness reigns,
Who in this Christmas festival assures us of the promised life."

To the Closing Words From Neish and Jessie Morris Read by Dick Gage:

"I am ever being taught new lessons in my garden; patience and industry by my friends the birds, humility by the great trees that will long outlive me, and vigilance by the little flowers that need my constant care."

"Gardening is to me an escape from artificiality into the sane world of order and balance. It gives me a feeling of security and satisfies the primitive need for the assurance of unchanging fundamentals. In my garden I find never shifting values. I find the eternal laws of the universe in tangible form. Gardening makes me humble, for in my garden I work with a force far stronger than I. When I realize that flowers absorb color and perfume from within, a dimension beyond my understanding, my belief in God is strengthened. Gardening satisfies my hunger for spiritual beauty and creation.

"Raising vegetables gives me physical comfort. When they grow beneath my hand and gradually turn into fuel for the body I am content in the knowledge that the larder need never be empty. In the winter, from the jars of vegetables on my cupboard shelves, my garden smiles at me.

"If ideals seem futile, if friends disappoint me, if my heart is sad, or my mind in turmoil, if my eyes are dull and my body sluggish, I can go into my garden and find faith, tranquility, comfort and physical exercise, all of which gives me a feeling of well being."

Awaiting our arrival this December 6th we each found a name tag bearing a Schmoo the pupils of whose eyes moved about with one's every movement. Past the Christmas tree almost buried in door prizes from which holders of the lucky numbers called off intermittently all evening were permitted to choose we moved to the punch bowl containing a thick green something. Some stood drinking as they talked while others took their "punch" to the tables to consume with a spoon.

Turning we gazed down a lane between long tables covered alternately with tangerine tableclothes and with green tablecloths. On the tangerine cloths stood small white poinsettias; on the green red poinsettias--take home gifts for each lady. Beside each plate rested a big rosy apple. On each side of the stage at the end of the lane stood a lamp post, lighted lantern atop and a great gilded wreath midway up. The lecturn stood to one side near a lamp post--not that the light was needed but because steps were there accessible for award winners and those making presentations.

A lot of folks must have thought they'd be unable to hear or see for long before it was time to sit down all tables in the front half of the room were filled. Those who were seated at the rear tables were compensated by having a better view of the parade of turkeys as carvers Roger Anderson, Lloyd Bachman, Bill Gage, Bill Hull, Paul Lindstedt, James Mayerle, Dean Schneider, Dwight Stone, Frederick Lange, Phil Smith, Bob Smith, Ed Haedecke, Vern Carlson, Bud Christenson, Fred Glasoe, Dick Victor, Bill McGregor



Above Left: Sherm Pinkham congratulates new MGCA Life Member Leon Snyder

Center: Bill Hull parades with his table's turkey.

Right: Bob Smith accepts President's Cup from Leon Snyder.

Bottom of page: Past Presidents Dr. Leon Snyder (1976) and Bob Livings (1975) pose after Leon is pinned.

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(MEMORABLE EVENING--from page 2)

and Charles Robbins after picking up their turkeys at the serving window marched down the center aisle, divided at the rear to march up the outer aisles and then came back down center to their assigned tables.

Appetites sated, everyone sat back to applaud the awards presentations and to enjoy the fine concert by the Sympho Knolls a 25 member female group plus accompanist. All were clad in long white sequined dresses and wore long red vests with a broad white edging. Their director, a male, wore by way of contrast a plain red vest over a black outfit.

FROM THE ARCHIVES October 26, 1942

".....Following an extended debate it was moved and carried to publish a monthly bulletin to replace the usual notices of the meetings and to carry such news and garden data as the editorial staff could dig up.... It was also decided that the Club should hold its first big annual social dinner meeting on December 7 at the Athletic Club with the wives as special guests. Upsher Smith was to act as chairman of the dinner and furnish entertainment, if any."

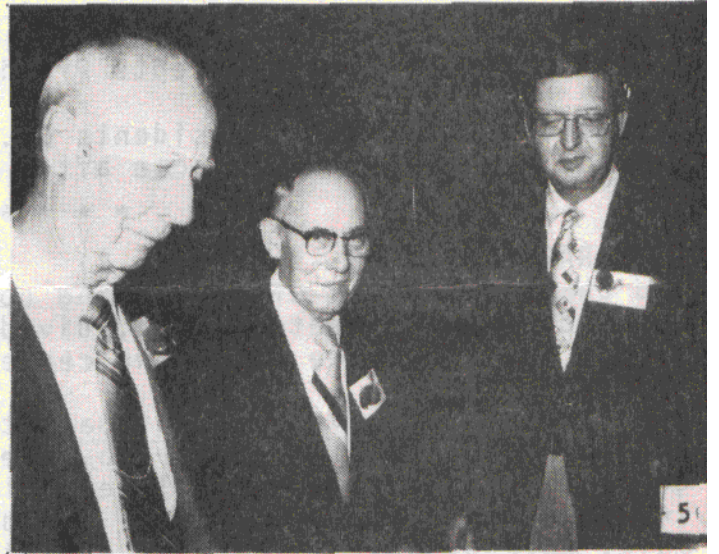
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Why not bring a neighbor or friend to the next meeting.

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Many of our activities adversely affect the well-being of plants. It is a perverse paradox that we damage plant life most where we need it most,





CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES, Page 4

1. Charles Robbins was King for a day Darwin Price agreed.
2. Marlin Rosin carries away the Rookie-of-the-Year certificate.
3. Dave Johnson, Lehman Trophy winner, is admonished by Ev. Haedecke.
4. Carver Lloyd Bachman has help from son, Todd.
5. Jack Peterson, Evald Johnson awarded Green Thumbs by Bill Hull.
6. Carl Holst receives Bronze Medal from Bud Christenson.

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THE 1976 AWARDS CEREMONIES

The opening award, a Life Membership in MGCA, was presented to Dr. Leo Snyder by national director Sherman Pinkham who also put in an enthusiastic word for the national. Dr. Snyder in turn then presented the Rookie-of-the-Year award to Marlin Rosin.

Green Thumb certificates for perfect attendance for 12 consecutive meetings (1 year) were presented to Bill Frederick, Fred Glasoe, Ev. Haedecke, Livingston, Jim Mielke, and Cameron Smith; for 2 consecutive years to Schneider and Vern Carlson; for 3 consecutive years to Darwin Price; for 4 consecutive years to Ed Culbert, Jim Perrin, and Paul Lindstedt; and 7 consecutive years to Dale Durst. These men all raised their right hand and repeated the Pledge to the Spade:

I PLEDGE MY LIFE TO THE SPADE
AS LONG AS I CAN SPADE IN THE SHADE.
WITH A MIND THAT IS CLEAN
AND A THUMB THAT IS GREEN
YES, THAT IS THE LIFE THAT I CRAVE.

Bill Hull then called Jack Peterson and Evald Johnson to the platform to receive certificates for 10 years and 13 years respectively. They were spared the requirement of repeating the pledge this year.

By the way did you know the origin of "green thumb"? The term "green thumb" comes from the green fungi or algae growing on the sides of clay pots. Any gardener rubbing his thumb along the pot got a green thumb. And did you know that MGCM green thumb award winners once were given gloves with green thumbs? Later the gloves with green thumbs had added green fingers to denote the number of years of perfect attendance. Of course that had to stop when it became evident that Jack and Evald would cause us to run out of fingers.

Two Industrial Landscaping Awards were given. The one to S. J. Groves Sons Highway and Heavy Construction Co. for the landscaping around its headquarters on Bassett's Creek at County Road 18 and Highway 100 was accepted by Dick Sherrick, vice-president of a subsidiary, from the hands of Dick Stehly. The other to the First Edina National Bank for landscaping around the bank was presented by Julius Wadekamper to Warren Hinz, president of the bank. Slides of both award winning landscapings were shown immediately following the presentations.

Ev. Haedecke presented the Lehman Trophy to Dave Johnson for the best garden seen on the summer tours. Dr. Snyder awarded the President's Cup to Bob Smith for all round helpfulness in 1976. And Bud Christenson arrived in time to present the Bronze Medal for outstanding service over past years to Carl Holst. The ceremonies ended with Bob Livingston, 1976 Past President.

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- .To Kliers for the fine after-Thanksgiving evening making Christmas decorations. (Carl Holst got so deeply involved that he came up with a self-inflicted wound.)
- .To Bob Gage and his wife, Barbara, who spent the afternoon getting decorations and everything arranged just so for the Christmas party.
- .To Bachmans and Kliers for their contributions to the party.
- .To Louis Fischer for the tasty apples.
- .To those who contributed and/or solicited door prizes.
- .To all the behind the scenes workers and contributors.
- .AND, To all those who by attending made it such a marvelous party.

NOTE FROM AL: "I wish to thank all members of the Men's Garden Club who attended the "fairwell party" given for me on November 13th at the John Sanford home.

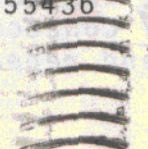
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