



# The Garden Spray

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FIRST: A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. (If You Are One of the Forty.)

"I WILL PAY MY DUES (\$22.50) PRONTO,"  
--NO LATER THAN THE JANUARY 10th MEETING.

SECOND: There'll be a fine dinner followed by a fine program at the  
MGCM MEETING at Mount Olivet Church, 50th St. at Knox Ave. S.,  
at 6 P.M. TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 10th.

THE PROGRAM: Flower and Vegetable Show Awards (Admittedly Belated).  
Selected Slides of Members Gardens  
A Talk on African Violets by "Mel" Werner.  
(Mr. Werner is a St. Paulite and a member of the African Violet Society.)

COST of the Dinner, \$3.50. (\$26.00 to those whose dues aren't in.)

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## A CHALLENGE FOR 1978 AND THE YEARS AHEAD

The Reverend Richard Hulbert's words on December 5 memorializing our deceased members were filled with poignant meaning as they revived memories of old friends and of other days. Reverend Hulbert pointed out that our departed garden friends left us an heritage, provided us an example, gave us a challenge. Our lives and the lives of others about us will be better for our effort.

"I had an elderly garden friend over at the Walker Residence. His wife was ill and something of a burden. He had a heart condition himself, but still kept his interest in gardening by caring for a small plot in the garth, working in the greenhouse, and tending plants in their home.

"Finally last spring his condition greatly worsened. At his bedside I asked him what I could possibly do. His answer has been for me unforgettable so clearly does it express the heart of a gardener. He said, "Visit my wife and raise my roses." He died the next day.

"I am sure his would be the same request we would hear from our departed garden friends--"Take care of our loved ones and keep our gardens blooming." For they have left us an heritage of love and beauty. By this they lived; by this they died; and, by our carefully carrying out of their instructions we will keep them alive not only in our hearts but in the world around us."

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## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

NEW YEARS GREETINGS: I must confess that I come into the presidency of this organization with considerable trepidation. When I look at the men who will be working with me, however, I ask myself, "How could you go very far wrong?" With that assurance I approach my task with confidence

Sherm Pinkham advanced a proposal worth our consideration--that we get out there with some projects. We helped make a name for ourselves in the eye of the world by helping establish the Minnesota Arboretum. I have a dream that fits into these ideas.

Certainly it is a goal all of us hold that we push for greater horticultural beautification of our community. One way to do that would be to stimulate the citizenry to develop their own yards. In this year before us I should like us to explore ways and means by which our prestigious city might further such public interest.

When we toured Australia and New Zealand this fall with the Arboretum group I went with an eye out to see what they did "down under" to promote gardening. The yards in both countries in general are incomparably more beautiful than those in our Twin Cities area. Of course this may be due in part to their more benign climate.--No need for the Minnesota Tip there. However, there is more to it than that. Christchurch, New Zealand, a city about the population of St. Paul or Minneapolis, has effective competition for the most beautiful yards as we have had for Christmas lighting and decoration before the energy shortage scare.

The local government of the city of Canberra, capital of Australia, directs the selling (I guess it is life-time leasing) of building lots with certain provisions for landscaping. Shrubs and trees are provided free of charge if they are incorporated into a landscape plan within a certain time limit. But if the yard is left bare beyond that limit, the city comes in and landscapes the yard at the owner's expense. I would not suggest we do that in our city. I cite it, however, to point out that yard beautification is considered much more a matter of public concern there than it is here. This is worth our careful consideration.

Minneapolis has been recognized as a most beautiful city in large part due to our magnificent arching elms. Now that about 80 percent are doomed, wouldn't this be a prime time to push for yard beautification? We could retain the title of City Beautiful, in spite of the dreadful but certain defoliation of trees over the years, until the young trees can take their place.

Our club could not do much by itself, but it could be the catalyst of business, government and horticultural agencies in a planned program for promoting city beautification. Everyone would stand to profit by making this a better place for living.

I am going to present this to our Board.

--Richard Hulbert

Sherm Pinkham regardless of what he is to talk about always manages to throw in a plug, like about Vern Carlson visiting the Fragrance Garden on the Q.T. and unsolicited to keep it in shape or Carl Holst covering Sherm and Jack Peterson's roses. We can use more members like those three men.

Push in those dues fellows or you'll be off the mailing list.

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WHO WILL SERVE  
MGC OF MINNEAPOLIS IN 1978.

by Vinton Bouslough

Dick Hulbert, President

Dick joined our Club in 1965. He is retired from a life that included the ministry and teaching. Dick's garden interests are in roses, tuberous begonias and dahlias. He has previously served our group as a director in 1976 and vice president in 1977. He believes the aims of a garden club should include city and town beautification, an increase in youth interest in gardening, and greater participation by members in flower shows.

Bob Gage, Vice President

Bob joined MGC of Minneapolis in 1972. His occupation is that of a manufacturer's representative. His main interest in gardening is vegetables. Bob previously has served us as a director and as Christmas party chairman for three years. He feels that as a club we should present programs that stress learning.

Dick Victor, Secretary

Dick joined our MGC of Minneapolis in 1974. He is employed as Director of Engineering for the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority. His chief gardening interests are in annuals, especially zinnias and dianthus. Dick was a director of our group in 1977, chairman of the plant auction in 1976, assisted with the 1977 flower show and the 1975 plant auction. As a garden club, he believes we should show more interest in youth gardening programs and we should take a more active role in community service projects. The projects should be short term with minimum continuing maintenance.

Charles Robbins, Treasurer

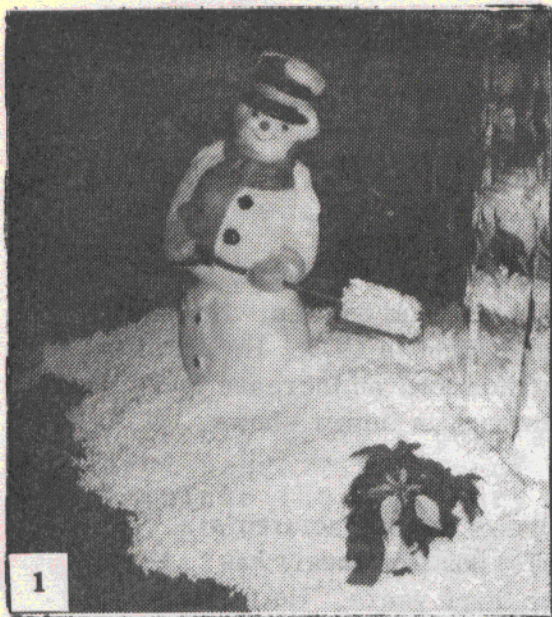
Chuck became a member of our group in 1975. He is a project analyst for Northwestern National Bank. As a gardener, he has an interest in roses, annuals and vegetables that fit an overall landscape pattern. Chuck was a board member in 1977, on the auction committee in 1975, '76 and '77, and worked at the flower shows in 1976 and 1977. As members of a garden club, he believes we should help the new gardeners and assist all who have questions about gardening. In addition, he believes we should attempt to make ourselves more "known" to the City of Minneapolis.

Archie Caple, Director

Archie joined MGC of Minneapolis in 1975. He is Director of Internal Security and Safety for Northwest Orient Airlines. He has a varied interest in general gardening which includes flowers, vegetables and dwarf fruit trees. He has served on both the Fragrance Garden Planting Committee and the Camera Committee. As members of a garden club, he believes we can be helpful in passing on to our neighbors and friends our knowledge of gardening as well as helping them with any gardening or planting problems they might have.

Bill Frederick, Director

Bill joined our Club in 1975. He is employed as an engineer for Northern States Power Company. Bill previously has served MGC of Minneapolis as a member of the Sunshine Committee. He believes that as a garden club we should continue our community activities such as the Fragrance Garden, and we should strive to interest more young people in the rewards of gardening.



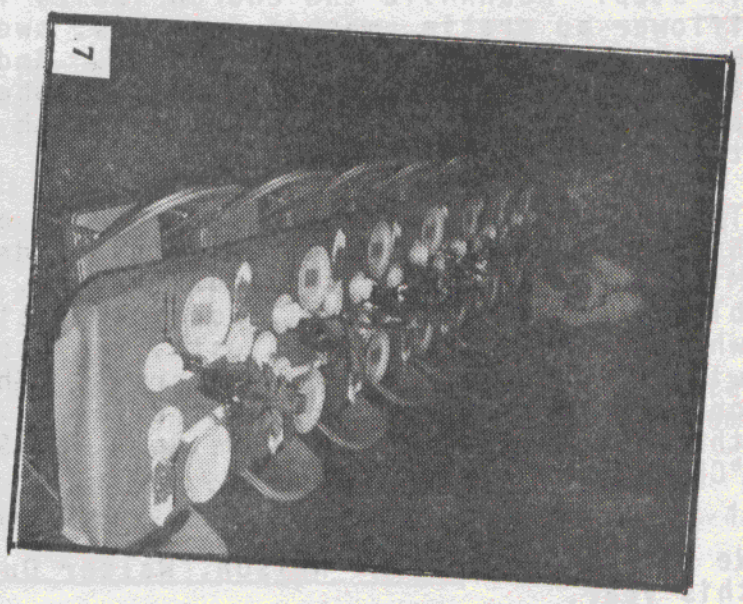
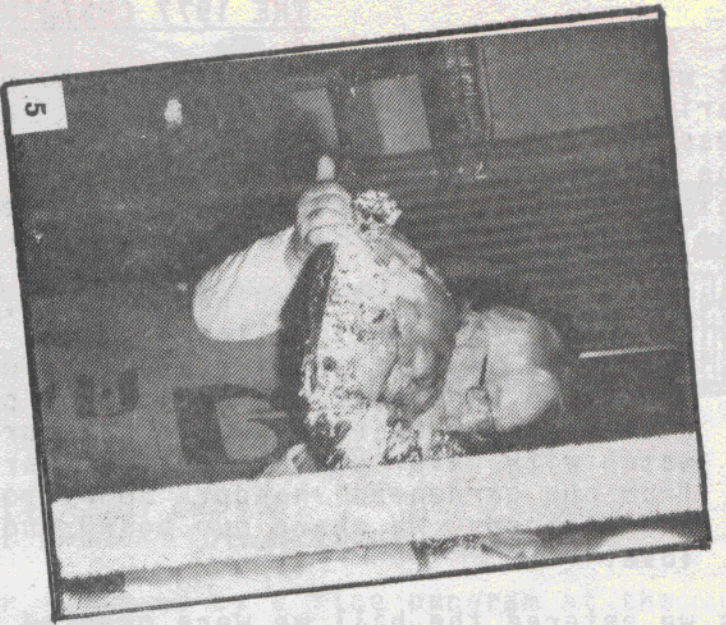
SEEN AT 1977's MGCM CHRISTMAS PARTY



1. Frosty the Snowman greeted us as we came in.
2. Mount Olivet ladies, Lorraine Brown and Irene Felt, getting the cauliflower ready.
3. Evald Johnson waited until the line at the punch bowl slowed up.
4. Just around the corner Santa and his reindeer waited.



5. A recalcitrant Polaroid provided a pill and trimmings for the turkey as Fred Lang paraded past.
6. Paul Lindstedt looked up from his carvin --In the background carver Bill Hull. Other carvers were: Floyd Ashley, Lloyd Bachman, Vinton Bouslough, Archie Caple, Vern Carlson Bud Christenson, Larry Corbett, Fred Glasoe, Chuck King, Fred Lang, James Mayerle, Al Moh Charles Robbins, Dean Schneider, Jerry Shann Juel Shefland, Phil Smith, and Bob Smith.
7. The tables faded away into the distance.
8. Guests Don and Irene Jepsen were caught just as they entered the room.
9. Honorary member Henry Bachman led his party to the front table reserved for them. At Henry's table were his housekeeper, Mary Benson, and sons, daughters, grandsons and in-laws, Stan and Geegee Bachman, Lloyd and Marion Bachman, Paul and Barbara Bachman, Todd and Barbara Bachman, Bob and Betty Hoff Milo and Carolyn Haglof and Clint and Gladys Turnquist.
10. Art and Florence Johnson picked up their name tags early.



## THE 1977 CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was a marvelous evening setting records for attendance (257); for type variety and quality of decorations; for gallons of dressing consumed (15 less the 2 left over). There was a juke-box playing holiday music before the dinner, an organist (Ardis Nelson) playing during the dinner, entertainment by a female barber shop quartette (The Sunshine Special) after the awards.

The real tenor of the evening, however, was set by Richard Hulbert's memorial tribute (page 1) followed by the invocation,

"In this season of sharing and good will, we gather once again as gardeners to look back upon a year of planting and caring and harvesting with grateful hearts. We do not ourselves create, but stand near and watch with never ceasing awe the marvel of creation as it springs forth from our gardeners' hands. So by your miracle, our Father, we are fed and clothed. We share our board and company in the knowledge of your love."

As we entered the hall we were greeted from a bank of white by a snowman holding a shovelful of snow. Around the corner, across from the table containing name tags, Santa with his sleigh and reindeer stood in a small forest of evergreens. Across from Santa, separated from the snowman by the punch bowl, was a Christmas tree decorated with tiny, light, airy angels and balls with gayly wrapped presents later to be dispensed from time to time during the evening to the holders of lucky numbers found on their programs.

Long rows of tables already set with china and silver extended from stage to meeting area. The center runner on each table bore the traditional red, and white, poinsettia plants destined to go home with our ladies. (There was an angel on the tree for each one of us to take as we left the party.) The usual chair-tipping to reserve seats was eliminated for on each plate was a saffron-hued card imprinted RESERVED FOR on which we could write our names. Barbara Gage, Eleanor Lindstedt and Margaret Sova, we were told, had spent the day decorating and the Gage's daughter had made the wreaths. Bob, Paul and Harry must have been involved, too.

Ere our eyes were fully feasted the Parade-of-Turkeys started led by president Fred Glasoe. Margaret Sova at the piano kept the platter bearers in step. Meanwhile the church ladies loaded the tables with bowls of cauliflower au gratin, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberries, rolls, butter, dressing, gravy, relishes. And, if that wasn't enough, at our table even before we got to the strawberry mousse the waitress, thinking ahead, came with plastic bags in which to carry home choice morsels of turkey.

Then came the program awards (separate article) followed by the Sunshine Special gathered together from the widely separated suburbs of Burnsville, Minnetonka, New Brighton and Plymouth. The members of the quartette, two blonds and two brunettes, wore candy striped floor length dresses with white collars, shiny red vests, red shoes. Each wore a red band, fastened with a red rose, around her throat. The brunettes ribbons were fastened on the right; the blonds on the left. Among the songs were: "Love Makes the World Go Round", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "He's A Second Hand Man", "Christmas Chopsticks".

We missed regulars Al Nelson, Walter Quist and P. W. Young (98 years young this year).

## AWARDS PRESENTED

The 1977 awards ceremonies opened with the Rookie-of-the-Year presentation to Jerry Shannon by Fred Glasoe.

Bill Hull then assembled Archie Caple, Burton Deane, Walter Flumerfelt, Clarence Knoblauch, Sherman Pinkham, Marlin Rosin, Juel Shefland, Milton Thomas, Erle Tornstrom and Richard Victor on stage and led them through the Pledge to the Spade prior to presenting them with Green Thumb certificates for perfect attendance for 12 consecutive meetings (1 year).

He next called Fred Glasoe (2 years), Verner Carlson (3 years), Darwin Price (4 years), Ed Culbert and Paul Lindstedt (5 years), Dale Durst (8 years) and Jack Peterson (11 years) to the stage to receive Green Thumb certificates.

It was no surprise when Dick Stehly presented the Lehman Trophy award to the most outstanding garden visited on the summer tours to Roger Koopman. That garden was unbelievably beautiful.

Two persons shared honors for the Industrial Landscaping Award given for Peavey Plaza adjacent to Orchestra Hall: Fritz Corrigan, chairman of Peavey Company which funded the construction and Tommy Thompson, former Minneapolis city coordinator, under whom the City of Minneapolis' plans for the project were developed and carried through. Dick Stehly made the presentation also.

Fred Glasoe awarded the President's Cup for all around 1977 helpfulness to Bob Livingston.

Ed Culbert was called up twice in succession: To receive the Bronze Medal for outstanding service over past years from Evald Johnson; and, to receive a Special Citation "for sustained meritorious service as editor of the GARDEN SPRAY" from Fred Glasoe.

Bob Bryant, Bill Cowcill and Jack Peterson were presented to the assembly as newly named Honorary Members. Fred Glasoe reported this action to the Board. (Les. Johnson was given this honor November 8 by action of the Board present at the November meeting.)

The ceremonies ended with Dr. Leon Snyder pinning (after some difficulty) the Past President's Pin on Fred Glasoe and Sherman Pinkham awarding him a Life Membership in MGCA.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS RUN THROUGH MY MIND

by Ed Culbert

It must have been a premonition. I decided this year that I'd take pictures of the party instead of the award winners. I thought I'd have a little less running up front to do. I was wrong.

I feel humble and pleased. Two awards to the same guy. It isn't fair to others. I'll bet committees will learn to check with one another after this.

My wife has been saying, "I thought you only took that job (editor) until they could find someone else to do it." No one said those awards were retirement/going away presents so apparently they don't intend to look

The SPRAY has eye appeal. That, we know, is one reason both why it has received MGCA convention bulletin awards and why the editor received the SPECIAL CITATION on December 5. For the fine typing and balanced set up producing this eye appeal we have our typist, Nancy Tallman, to thank.

I rather enjoy being boogey-man. Regularly at Hiking Club banquets someone warns about "the budget chairman who keeps the Board in line". Regularly at MGCM affairs presidents warn others about "that demanding editor". So far it hasn't harmed my relations with the wives who have to fend for their husbands when I telephone. I can just see the picture: "You answer it. I'll bet that's Ed Culbert calling."

That Parade-of-Turkeys has me hoodooed. Each year they get away before I am ready to shoot. This year I was ready and waiting. The Polaroid balk. Then the film snagged. I caught a part of Fred Lang, however.

Vern Carlson is another jinx. His award picture was N.G. a couple years ago so I stood him up before a screen in the back room afterwards. This year I knelt before him as he carved. The first film separated and came out in two layers. The second showed him with four hands. By this time there was no turkey left to carve.

That dessert we had, fellows, was "Mile High Strawberry". I figured, "graham crackers, ice cream, whip style topping... Better I should get a name". So I went to Kay Haley. She started, "Crush vanilla wafers" (same difference) and went on to explain how to make it. I didn't want to make it (out of my line). I just wanted to name it.

Julius Wadekamper has a long way to come so he took no chances on the pun running out before he arrived. He got there before six.

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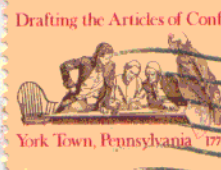
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