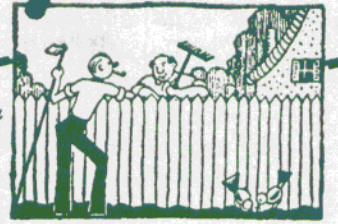




# The Garden Spray

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COMING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 1971

In addition to the usual fine program prepared by Roger Anderson this will be the MGC Mpls. Annual Meeting called for in our By-Laws "for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting." You are, likewise, urged at this time to make reservations for the Christmas party and pay your dues for 1972. (See inside pages for further details.)

SAME TIME  
5:45 PM

SAME PLACE  
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

SAME PRICE  
\$2.00

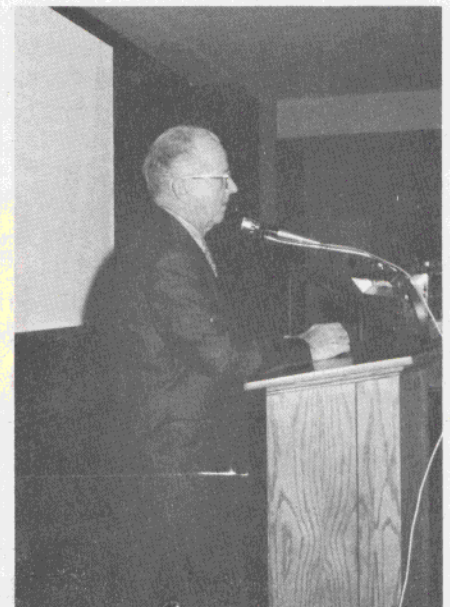
PROGRAM ITEM ONE: ALFRED O. MOHR, "A VISIT TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC"  
Al is an MGC member of some years standing who has talked to us previously of his garden interests. This time he will show films taken in Tahiti and the "down under" countries, Australia and New Zealand.

PROGRAM ITEM TWO: ROGER NELSON, "HOW TO DESIGN AND INSTALL A SPRINKLER SYSTEM"

Mr. Nelson of Milsco Engineering you will remember as the man who last spring installed the sprinkling system in our Community Fragrance Garden. His contribution of time, effort and material had much to do with keeping the garden blooming.

Leon Snyder didn't lose pace for a moment (not even when Bill Cowcill asked, "Why didn't my forsythia bloom this year?"), as he handled the Question and Answer Period in September.

Topics discussed were: azalea mulching; oak leaf mulch (fine, doesn't pack); winter garden pests such as mice; fall lawn raking (mostly for psychological effect on owner); turning under sawdust mulch (you'll probably need to add nitrogen); cultivated blueberries; fruit set on pears (try semigirdling a few branches); apple maggot (better spray your neighbor's tree, too); effect of systemics on beneficial insects and on pollination; leaf blackening on chrysanthemums; rose sprays.





Harold Kaufman, Sr.

(This is the first of a series about our Honorary Members)

-- by Don Wilson

"I'm mad and I'm frustrated!" said Harold Kaufman, his eyes blazing. We were in the second floor library of his home at 4127 Washburn South. Then his eyes softened and he added with a wry smile, "But I'm not mad at the Men's Garden Club. Of all the organizations I've ever belonged to, M.G.C. is the greatest."

He explained his frustration. You see, Harold hasn't been able to actively garden for the past couple of years. Whenever he answered questions about past accomplishments, he would add, "but don't mention that." Instead he would talk about how Carl Holst comes over, covers his roses in the fall, and uncovers and prunes in the spring; of what a good friend Archie Flack was; and what Jerry Olson did for him, and Cortis Rice and Dwight Stone and Walter Menzel and so on....

"I understand you belonged to the Miami Men's Garden Club for eight years. What did you grow down there?" I asked. "Oh, a few orange trees, grapefruit and hibiscus-----say, that reminds me of 1965 down there when I had major surgery. Guess who was the first person to call and talk to me? Phil Smith!"

I gave up. He reminisced. His theory is that M.G.C. is family. "There is a lot of giving and a lot of taking---that's what makes it all worthwhile," he said nostalgically, as he glanced at the shelves of botanical encyclopedias, gardening books, stacks of Garden Sprays, the first Bronze Medal of the Club, the first award of the Victory Garden Contest of 1945, the Minnesota Horticulture Award of 1946, the scores of blue and red ribbons.

His deep sense of regret and yet of pride became intensified as we walked through the garage, past the rows of surgically bright garden tools, down into the basement growing room with its fluorescent lights over empty trays, to the beautiful backyard garden he cannot touch, the chrysanthemums he can no longer tend. Would he trade those years with nature and good fellowship to ease his present sense of frustration? I don't think so.

Some of the things I won't mention are: He is an expert photographer: his portraits of people and dogs could grace any art gallery. He went to good schools: Andover and Harvard. He is a past President of the following: Mpls. Life Underwriters Assn. (57 years with the same company), Henn. Co. Community Welfare Assn., Jewish Family and Children's Service. He was chairman of the Juvenile Detention Center Committee for ten years. He has long been in the forefront of aiding athletes at the U of M.

Harold was sponsored for M.G.C. by Herb Kahlert and Henry Bachman shortly after it began and the following year was secretary, and president in 1947. Herb Kahlert became National President, and Harold later sponsored three men who became our Club presidents: Bill Swain, Rene Dufourd, and Vic Lowrie. He was chairman of Special Interest Groups (5 yrs.), Membership (10 yrs.), House and Badges (12 yrs.), MGC planting of 200 flowering crabapple trees in Lyndale Gardens. He actively participated in both MGC national conventions here. He was a contributing editor to the Garden Spray. Harold asked me not to mention these things, but I think he's given more than he's taken.

As I walked out, past his wife and dog, I noticed a baby picture. "That's our great-grandchild. You see, Harold will be 80 this coming July," Mrs. K. said. As I left, I thought of the pictures of his garden on the cover of



## THOUGHTS FROM THE TERRACES

by Dave Johnson

After the auction at our last meeting, I have decided to build a giant greenhouse and raise Schwabenland fibrous begonias. Dwight Stone has consented to be my sales manager and you couldn't make a better selection than that. I shouldn't get in any trouble growing them as long as I don't know what "Verboten" to propagate means. These plants like the fluorescent lights as they look fully as good as when I took them in. Lloyd Bachman tells me that Reiger from Germany, the plant breeder who developed the Schwabenland has been successful in developing many different colors of this variety.

Witteman & Co. of Hillegom, Holland donated 1000 tulip bulbs, 330 hyacinth bulbs and 175 daffodil bulbs through Killmer Nursery, 14901 Cedar Ave. West, who is their wholesaler for this area. Killmer Nursery has sold out to another nursery, but will still represent Witteman & Co. at a new location in Roseville. The willingness and the kindness of the many companies that donated so generously to the Fragrance Garden has to be one of the highlights of my term this past year.

Roger Anderson, Ed Culbert, Carl Holst, John Lillibridge, Vic Lowrie, Nate Siegal, Harry Sova and I spent time working the weekend of October 16 and 17 at the Fragrance Garden. It only took two hours for cleanup Saturday and another two hours planting bulbs on Sunday. A sincere thank you to each of you. The garden should be a real showpiece early next spring and the hyacinths will provide an abundance of fragrance for the blind.

The computer industry may have its computers with their giant memory capacity, but our club member, Dr. Leon Snyder, has the memory of several computers combined, in my opinion. I have often wondered how many years of lecturing eight hours a day it would take him to inform the club of everything he knows about horticulture. It's not only his knowledge of the subject but his excellent presentation of the material that makes him such an asset to any program.

Congratulations to members responsible for increasing our membership by nine members so far this year. This past month has been a bonanza as three new members have joined our club - welcome to:

Robert D. Gage, 5913 Beard Ave. So., who is manufacturer's representative for Gage and Gage, Inc. Bob is sponsored by his father, Bill, and by Phil Smith. His home phone number is 927-7210 and his business number is 941-3940.

James E. Mielke, Rt. 5, Box 228, Excelsior, is a Research Engineer for Northern States Power Company. Jim is sponsored by Bob Smith. His home phone number is 474-7132 and his business number is 330-5854.

Roger Nelson, 3729 Snelling Ave., Minneapolis, 55406, who is Sales Engineer at Milsco Engineering. Roger is sponsored by the Minneapolis Men's Garden Club for the year 1972. He is responsible for installing the automatic sprinkling system in our Community Fragrance Garden with endless hours of hard work. Roger is one of the speakers at our next meeting and will inform us on the latest in home sprinkling systems. His home phone number is 721-1406 and his business number is 724-2655.

## NOTES FROM THE VEGETABLE PATCH

By Bob Smith

There is no other hobby I know of that can surpass gardening in personal enjoyment year after year. An occasional break, however, from this or any other avocation is needed and will usually enhance it when you come back with a new outlook. The break this year for me and my family was a fun filled month of vacationing and camping in the Pacific Northwest. It came right during the peak of the vegetable season so my normal gardening plans were altered to accommodate an extensive vacation at that time. The size of the vegetable patch was cut in half and a buckwheat cover crop sown in the other half. Early plantings of tomatoes, sweet corn, green beans, cabbage, and peppers were timed to mature before the trip so that we wouldn't miss out on that first wonderful taste of vegetables fresh from the garden and would have some to take along. The later plantings were timed to provide a good harvest upon return. Tomatoes, sweet corn, and potatoes were heavily mulched with newspaper, leaves, and hay to conserve moisture and keep the weeds down while away. This was my first experience with newspaper mulching. It worked out well and also solved the problem of disposing of accumulated newspapers. A thin layer of hay was used to hold down about three or four thicknesses of newspaper in mulching the sweet corn. Ladybugs turned loose periodically throughout the early summer months provided an effective natural control of aphids on the fruit trees and in the vegetable garden.

In many ways, the trip exceeded expectations. We were greatly impressed with the natural scenic beauty, unlimited recreational opportunities and the horticultural endowment of the great northwest which we thoroughly enjoyed together as a family. The beauty of Mount Rainier, the Rain Forest and Olympic Mountains, Jasper and Banff, and many other sights was most impressive. We enjoyed camping, hiking and backpacking in these areas except for Jasper in which hiking and backpacking were restricted because of forest fire danger. The ecology of the Rain Forest was fascinating. I would like to have spent several weeks just backpacking in the Rain Forest and Olympic Mountains and hope to do so in the future.

The horticultural highlights included driving through the wheat fields of Montana, Washington, and the Canadian Provinces, Bing Cherry picking, hiking through prime forests of Douglas fir, Hemlock and Sitka Spruce, the wild flower meadows on Mt. Rainier and visiting the gardens of Victoria and many fine parks throughout the northwest. The Butchart gardens were fabulous but the most striking feature of the Victoria area to me was the general excellence and quantity of home gardens and parks. The Marine Scenic Drive consisted of well designed and maintained home gardens for miles on end.

The system of growing wheat in the rolling arid regions of eastern Washington was very interesting. By conserving the small amount of rainfall in this volcanic soil to produce a crop of wheat every other year, they can achieve satisfactory yields without irrigation. The geology of this area is such that the fertile soil is found on the high ground with the lower areas rocky and untillable, just the opposite of what we are accustomed to. The harvesting machinery, with self-leveling features, by following the contours is able to navigate the extremely steep slopes.

Upon arriving home, I was welcomed by the sight of buckwheat in full bloom covered with honey bees busily collecting nectar. The mulch really paid off as there was very little rainfall while away and as I started enjoying the





WANTED - SLIDES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Have you slides of your garden for showing at the Christmas party? Send them to Evald Johnson, 5459 Colfax Ave. No., Mpls., 55430, before November 15 or - better yet - bring them to our November meeting.

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

As I lined up at the branch post office to mail the October Spray who should I find directly ahead of me in line save former member, Einar Johnson. Einar now residing in Sun City, Arizona had been spending the summer at his lake cottage here. He was heading back October 9 so sends his greetings via the Spray.

Edina buys an old gravel pit for a library site; Ft. Worth, Texas starts construction of a Japanese Garden in a five-acre gravel pit. Strip mining end products were OK in those towns.

We thought our October issue was first class but the P. O. disagreed. "Only third class," said they. Our latest supply of paper stock is a bit heavier than that previously used. So - if you improve the paper stock your efforts then become third class.

The Men's Garden Club of Dallas has for several years sponsored a \$250 scholarship for a horticultural student at Texas A & M University. Beginning this fall the scholarship will be increased to \$400 per year. MGC Dallas at last report had a membership of 96.

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The Parade of Turkeys - \$4.00 per person

Just compare still back to and holding 1964 prices. Again in 1971 - Punch Bowl  
STARTING - 6:15 PM. DINNER - 6:45 PM

~~MEN'S GARDEN CLUB  
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~~Annual Christmas  
Party~~

~~DECEMBER 8, 1964~~

~~Place — The Ashland Hotel~~

~~Dinner — 6:45 P.M. Sharp~~

~~Price — \$4.00 per person~~

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB  
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
PARTY

DECEMBER 7, 1971

Place - Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
50th and Knox Avenue South

Dinner - 6:45 P.M. Sharp

Price - \$4.00 per person

*Wives and friends are welcome  
to the Christmas Party.*

Please send in your reservations now. Friends are welcome. We would appreciate receiving your reservations by no later than December 1, 1971. Please make check payable to Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, and forward with reservation to Treasurer Cliff Brisco, 4700 Vincent Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410

Thank you, Bud Christenson