

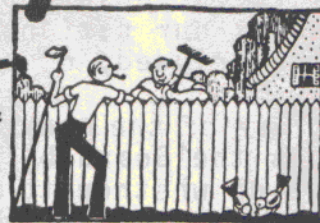


# The Garden Spray

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NEXT MEETING, Tuesday November 8, CITY-WIDE ELECTION DAY.  
Go to the polls and vote your choice then come to MGCM where our nominating committee will have a slate of officers to propose for 1978.

SAME PLACE, MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, 50th St. at Knox Ave. S.

SAME TIME, 6:00 P.M.

But a NEW PRICE \$3.50

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Pros and cons of disaffiliation with MGCA.

PROGRAM: DISCUSSION ON INDOOR GARDENING by knowledgeable members of MGCM.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK BY RETURN MAIL.

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I AM CONCERNED, SAYS PRESIDENT GLASOE  
(Inserts in parentheses by the Editor)

Winter meetings began in fine style last month at Mt. Olivet Church. We had over eighty members present and Larry Bachman presented a very good program on landscaping with trees. It was a treat to see our first set of slides from members' gardens. If those gardens were a sample of the summer's work, we have many members who do a very special job of gardening. We can't visit everyone's garden individually, but through the slide program, we will be able to enjoy the beautiful results of members' effort.

Indoor gardening under lights and hobby greenhouses will be the subjects of our November meeting. Many of us don't want to be limited to the warm weather months. Winter sun makes it very difficult to grow quality seedlings and plants. Some of the excellent growers in the club will share with us their experiences in growing summer style blooms in midwinter.

One particularly important and serious item of business is on the agenda. The national organization has raised the dues. At this year's convention it was decided by vote to raise the dues to \$10.00 per year. (A sizeable number of delegates voted against the raise.) Your Board was asked to give its opinion re a raise in dues through an opinion survey early this year. The Board at that time replied that it was against a raise. No official notice of the dues increase was received until the September-October issue of the national magazine. In the meantime we were not made aware of the facts. We have heard by word of mouth that the national organization has gone into debt due to a large printing of books that did not sell and due to an expenditure on postage for a free seed offer that got out of hand. In the meantime, the national secretary took a new job and official notice of the dues increase was not received by us.

The Board is not ready to accept the raise until the entire club is carefully apprised of the facts and the members learn why they were not asked to vote for the increase. (After the preceding raise a rules change placed this decision in the hands of the convention delegates.) Many members feel that because the convention is not represented by even half of the entire membership of the national organization, it is a poor representation of our national organization. (Many clubs send no delegates; others ours included, do not send their full quota.)

Because of the many questions and the poor financial handling of national funds the Board by a unanimous vote felt that our entire membership should vote on whether to accept the dues raise to \$10.00 or to drop our membership as a club from the national organization, providing, of course, that those who wished to remain or become members of the national organization could join or renew membership individually.

If the members vote to remain and to accept the dues increase each member will then pay \$2.50 more than stated in the October GARDEN SPRAY.--Of the \$20.00 now paid for total dues \$8.00 goes to our club, \$4.50 to the Minn. State Hort. Society and \$7.50 to the National. The last item would increase to \$10.00. If you have already paid your \$20.00 dues and the vote is against the national organization, your national dues will be returned to you.

I do not know at this time what the majority of the club members feels we should do. Many say the tradition of being a 100 percent membership club in the national organization has added prestige and a tie with gardeners nation-wide. The magazine is the only tangible material that most of the individual members receive from the national organization. The \$2.50 raise is easily assimilated by many; others find the \$20.00 we now pay a considerable expenditure. The Board feels that the way the raise was handled was not entirely correct and out in the open. As President, I do not want to see dissension among fine friends and club members. A short presentation will be called for, and after that, we will have a mail vote. The Board does not feel that a minority of members have a right to vote a dues increase; hence, the vote by mail. We must settle this in a fair and democratic manner that will not in any way affect our fine club adversely.

--Fred Glasoe

#### DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

Some life members of MGCA or of the Minn. Hort. Society were missed on the list supplied for the October SPRAY. We're sorry. We hope you informed the treasurer.

Sherm Pinkham tells us new Life Members in the National Men's Garden Club are Otto Nelson, Thor Solem and Walter Flumerfelt. Life Memberships remain at \$100.00. Proceeds go to the Endowment Fund which now exceeds \$40,000.00. The income of this Fund helps toward operating expenses. There are over 300 Life Members nationally.

Friday evening November 25th our garden club members and wives are invited to Klier's Nursery, 5901 Nicollet, to actually make holiday decorations. Come early. We will have help in making wreaths, centerpieces, wall hangings and various other items. Materials are available at very nominal prices and we pay nothing for all the help from the Kliers. It is also an opportunity to see their large display of craft items for sale. There is a lot of good fellowship as well as a chance to be creative. The Kliers are great hosts. Let's have a big turnout. Howard says he'd

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MGCM PRESIDENTS: E. B. HAEDECKE, 1963

Did you know that Ev. Haedecke might have inherited wealth had he been a German citizen? That he was born on a Minnesota farm but was shipped across the ocean to be baptised? That he has a degree in organic chemistry and once worked in that field? That he has played pro ball and has been in politics? That he was nicknamed "Big Ev." by his father because of his birth weight (11 pounds 6 ounces)?



E. B. (He's always E. B. when he isn't Ev.) the seventh child of Dr. August D. and Anna-Maria Von Haedecke was born in 1906 on a 400 acre farm in Sciota township, Dakota county. His father, a Prussian soldier, and his mother, a debutante from Saxony, had left their home, their family and friends in Europe to raise their family in a more free atmosphere.

Ev. says, "When I was three years old mother and I returned to Germany to fulfill my father's wish that I be baptised in Martin Luther's church. When both of my grandfathers found that my father and mother were naturalized Americans we were ostracized from their homes and had to complete our stay with friends of my mother. Neither of my parents ever returned and all of their inheritances--salt mines, timber plots, lumber mill, box factory, Elbe river barge lines--were written off by their parents. So, as a child I never knew the love of grandparents, uncles, aunts, or cousins. However, we had total love in our immediate family."

Ev. started school in a one room country schoolhouse; but was transferred to the St. Paul public schools in 1913 when his father joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. After high school Ev. attended the University of Minnesota and, later, Columbia University. This led to his employment as a graduate organic chemist working out of New York City for several national dairy companies.

He continues, "In the late 30's I returned to Minnesota to marry Juliet E. Caspersen and then helped a fraternity brother become elected Governor of Minnesota. I participated in the state governmental reorganization, was Gasoline Tax Commissioner for several years, then accepted an administrative position with the Pure Oil Company and remained with them until retirement."

Ev. is an avid sportsman. He has hunted and fished in Minnesota, Canada, Alaska. He has participated in organized sports--was on the squad of a state high school basketball championship team, was a member of the University of Minnesota basketball and football squads, when in New York City played in a Sunday professional basketball league for five dollars a game. He was a five handicap golfer until an automobile accident "put my clubs in mothballs". Now he "likes spectator sports, TV golf championships, all high school athletics (indeed has) missed attending only seven state high school basketball tournaments since 1919."

E. B. is enthusiastic about the Men's Garden Club. Like many another he first worked on the plant auction. He has served on many committees --been chairman of several. After "working up through the chairs" he became MGCM president in 1963--a year which also saw him president of the Northwest Oilmen's Club and president of the Upper Mississippi River Section of the Propeller Club of America. Helping make this "a banner year in my life" says Ev. was MGCA's acceptance of our bid to stage another national convention ("The one all the old-timers are still talking about"), and the start of proceedings looking toward incorporation of MGCM as a non-profit organization which would afford legal protection of MGCM officers and members.

Like many other city-dwellers, the Haedeckes have sought and found (impermanent) relief beyond it's boundaries..."We have always enjoyed rural life and moved back-to-the-country on West 70th Street, Edina in 1951 when it was farmland, a gravel road and we were the only house (old farmhouse) west of Highway 100 and 70th Street. We're still living there but we are now back in the city enjoying retired life."

Now hear this all ye who long for surcease from work, for retirement and for warmer climes. "In our full, delightful and busy lifetime, of all the states we have traveled in and spent time in, we still enjoy and prefer our first love--Minnesota."

#### ARCHIE CAPLE, MASTER GARDENER

Perhaps you saw a booth in one or more of the metropolitan shopping centers this summer identifying the inhabitant as a Master Gardener and inviting you to bring your plant and garden problems to him for advice. This was a program established by the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service this spring to train experienced gardeners into Master Gardeners who would be able to serve in their community as a representative of the Extension Service. If you refer to the November 1976 Horticulturist, you will find an article by Michael Zins describing the program and asking for applicants.

One of our Club members, Archie Caple, was among the 70 successful applicants and was put through an intensive 60 hour training program on the St. Paul Campus in March and was certified as an Apprentice Master Gardener. He was required to volunteer at least 50 hours of his time serving in shopping center booths and lecturing at County libraries. This Archie has done and he is now certified as a Master Gardener. He is backed up by volumes of bulletins, manuals and the Extension Service itself. He has access to any information that anyone might need.

This program makes sense. Take an experienced dirt gardener like Archie and send him to school and the "book learning" should be twice as effective as on a novice. With his well rounded experience in both vegetable and flower gardening, Archie can be a big help to all of us with our gardens. He welcomes calls or visits from anyone he might help. We should make use of his knowledge and we should salute him for his efforts in extending gardening information. --Chet Groge

The October meeting report will appear next month. Also, next month we will have an article by Bill Hull, historian, on our first Christmas pa

The green leaf governs the economy of nature. Every living creature, with minor exceptions is utterly dependent upon plants and photosynthesis. Powered by sunlight, the chlorophyll in leaves turns carbon dioxide and water into the sugar that ultimately sustains all life.

Air conditioners emit strong drafts that can rob cells of their turgidity thus drying off the plant. And kitchen fans propel cooking fats and oils outdoors where they clog leaf surfaces and interfere with plant respiration.



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join your fellow members with your wives and friends for an evening of companionship at this year's annual Christmas Party featuring:

Parade of Turkeys  
Traditional Dinner with All the Trimmings  
Annual Awards Program  
Entertainment  
Door Prizes

Place: Mount Olivet Church  
50th & Knox

When: Monday, December 5

Time: 6:15 Social Hour  
7:00 Dinner

\$6.75 Per Person

Reservations must be made by November 28.

Have you paid your \$20 dues? Have you sent in the roster sheet? If not, Do it Now. MAIL IT to  
Treasurer: ROBERT GAGE  
16145 Hillcrest La., Eden Prairie, 55343

PLEASE COMPLETE ROSTER INFORMATION BELOW

Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Nickname                      Wife's Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Business Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership: Active ( )

Associate ( )

Professional ( )

Check Appropriate Item: \$20 Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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