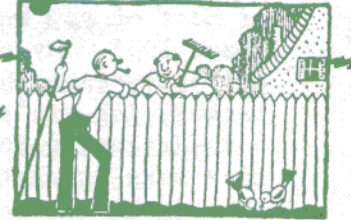




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OCTOBER 13 - MOUNT OLIVET

Come hear three more excellent talks which Dave Johnson has arranged for us. We think the calibre of these men and the subjects will really appeal to you.

Carl Holst - "Bulbs for Fall Planting"

P. W. Young - "Too Much Nitrogen in the Garden?"

Al Nelson - "Fall Care of Roses"

So we'll see you at the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, at 6 PM, October 13. Dinner, as usual, will be \$2.

Why not bring a friend?

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OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

As most of you know, I've been a staff member of THE GARDEN SPRAY since at least 1953. My column started in April 1964. Too long. I assisted Vic Lowrie for many years when Vic brought us four national awards. As my role became larger with Vic's increasing duties, by his invitation I became editor. We have attempted to continue Vic's excellent work with your help. And we have five more top national awards, for which we thank you.

Yes, your contributions were paramount in making this bulletin what it has been. Apparently you have liked it, judging by your comments. Every President has deserved yeoman's thanks and one can't forget the year 1967 when Archie Flack, Harold Kaufmann and Phil Smith obtained so many articles for us.

I doubt if most of you have any concept of the work involved in editing the bulletin. To be frank, with my increased work duties, I find it almost impossible to get it done. We have foregone our stencil addressing system--with no substitute system forthcoming from anyone. I no longer have any in-office help for this purpose...to help on the bulletin, that is. Besides, it's time for a change.

Hence I am resubmitting, with finality, my resignation as editor, effective with the December 1970 issue. It was submitted two years ago and I decided to continue for a short time more (see January 1969 issue) but there are always going to be good presidents whom I want to continue supporting, which is the reason I continued for the past two years.

So, this is no new or sudden decision. In July at the MGCA convention, when accepting the award for THE GARDEN SPRAY, I told a friend that this must be my last year as editor, It is simply a long evolving decision on my part.

There are many men within the club who can take it over and do a beautiful job of editing it - a better job. My first recommendation is certainly Ed Culbert, who has been Assistant Editor for 21 months and is talented and capable. It would be to our advantage if he would accept.

Thanks to all of you, once again, for your many years of help.

SOME GARDEN QUIZ QUESTIONS FROM THE HORT SOCIETY

What is "Umbrella Plant" and why is it so called?

ANS... Certain species of the genus Cyperus (usually house or conservatory plants) have long slender leaves radiating from the top of each stem -- resembling the ribs of an umbrella. One species, Cyperus papyrus, is the papyrus from which paper was made in the time of the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs.

Do young shade trees need much pruning?

ANS... Not "much" but frequent -- a little each year for several years after planting. This is necessary to keep the limbs properly spaced along the trunk and in order to remove (at the proper stage of the tree's development) those limbs that originate too close to the ground.

Most Minnesota evergreen trees and shrubs require nearly full sunlight. Which are the exceptions?

BUGS FOR "THE GARDEN SPRAY"

by Phil Smith

It was gratifying to have a well attended and interesting program for our first fall meeting in September. In the spring I always look forward to the summer tour meetings and an opportunity to visit the gardens of other members; however, when fall comes I am also excited to renew the close fellowship of our regular meetings and enjoy the opportunities for gardening education and knowledge presented by most of our speakers.

I was most interested in Lloyd Bachman's presentation of his pictures and comments on a recent trip to review and study flower marketing techniques in Europe. Lloyd has been concerned for some time with the more direct marketing of flowers in many of the European countries, and particularly the many small flower stalls which are conveniently located throughout most of the market areas. These small flower stalls apparently carry reasonably priced flowers which are frequently purchased by the flower-loving Europeans, and not just for special occasions. Bachman's has initiated a somewhat similar concept in this country under the registered trademark "European Flower Market," Bachman's name for their small shops or stalls located in supermarkets and other high traffic locations. Many people will pick up a small bouquet of flowers while doing other shopping when they apparently would not go out of their way to purchase flowers at a greenhouse which may be some blocks or miles away. Lloyd's slides of flower markets of many types, as well as nursery and grower's facilities, were certainly well chosen and educational.

Dick Hulbert also gave us an interesting short talk and presented some well conceived landscaping ideas for the small garden. Dick has a charming back yard and garden which our club visited a year or so ago. Apparently his garden was planned and laid out with a lot of forethought and consideration of perspective. Archie Flack also noted some of his well-founded and long practices concepts for fall cleanup and preparation of the garden for the following year. Because the business portion of our meeting got somewhat longer than usual, Archie was too tired to present a good portion of his planned talk. Archie is an early riser and sometimes tires early in the evening. Perhaps we can plan to hear the remainder of his comments at another time.

All except our newer members will remember Cortis Rice, an active member of our club for many years (and a past President of the State Hort. Society) who retired and moved to Sarasota, Florida. Cortis has been active in the Men's Garden Club of Sarasota, which now has 113 active members. Cortis writes a column in their club bulletin, called the Compost, and I have been enjoying each month's copy as it is sent to your President. I find Cortis' comments to be thought provoking. Part of his column in their September issue will appear in our next issue.

NORTH STAR REGION FLOWER SHOW

	<u>Exhibitors</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Vegetables</u>	
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Minneapolis	17	231	40	235	11	45
Minnetonka	6	82	18	39	8	19
North Suburban	3	31	6	13	-	-
Richfield	3	33	13	87	1	4
Sioux Valley	3	55	16	67	1	9

Recap of Minneapolis Club

	<u>Entries</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Third Place</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Verner Carlson	44	6	10	3	41
Dale Durst	29	3	6	6	27
Frank Vixo	14	4	2	3	19
Dave Johnson	22	4	9	4	18
Evald Johnson	11	2	6	1	13
Henry Halverson	17	2	1	3	11
Jerry Olson	13	1	4	-	11

GRAND CHAMPION - EVALD JOHNSON

HORTICULTURE SWEEPSTAKES - VERNER CARLSON - California Hybrid Petunia

GRAND CHAMPION, VEGETABLES - BOB SMITH - Egg Plant

VEGETABLE SWEEPSTAKES - BOB SMITH - 40 Points

A special thank you goes to Dale Durst for serving as our chairman of this show.

More Garden Quiz Questions -

"Complete" fertilizers contain the elements of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, plus some trace elements. What are "trace" elements?

ANS... Boron, copper, manganese, iron, zinc, and others. Plants must have minute quantities of these. Most soils already contain sufficient amounts. Fertilizers usually contain several of them as impurities.

Is compost (rotted leaves, straw, etc.) a good fertilizer?

ANS... It is rather low in available plant nutrients unless supplemented with concentrated food elements (commercial fertilizer). However, compo is an excellent soil conditioner and a good slow acting fertilizer.

What do tulips, asparagus, onions and lilies have in common?

ANS... Botanically they are all members of the same family -- Liliaceae.

WHAT PLEASED YOU MOST ABOUT YOUR GARDEN THIS YEAR?

A CONTEST WITH A PRIZE

What plant or project in your garden pleased you most this year? The rest of us would like to know. Whether it's simply a new variety of tomato you'd like to recommend, or whether it's a new technique of gardening you used, won't you tell us about it? Just a few words is all we really need. For example: 1) A new petunia the color of which was the most constant all season; 2) A new way of fighting the hot, dry summer; 3) A different plant which you've never grown before; 4) A new technique (maybe just new for you) of carrying for your lawn; 5) A new garden tool; 6) A different technique of caring for your roses or annuals. Whatever it was, you'll want to remember it for next year, and we'd like to benefit from your experience too.

And we have a prize we'll present for the best and most startling idea. It's a fine new watering can that has more versatility than any watering can you've ever seen. Really different.

The editor wants to hear from you. Pretty please.

AVAILABLE FROM MGCA -- FOR YOU

Want a new copy of the most recent Rose Study Report? Or how about a 1970 directory of all MGC all over the country for touring and visiting? Just write Lyman Duncan, Exec. Sec., MGCA, Des Moines, Iowa. Or perhaps a new Awards Manual, copies of which have been sent your club officers. Of course, we can buy standard items like certificates for our use at 35 cents, lucite-walnut plaques for certificates, standard ribbons at \$12.50 per 100 (\$15.00 printed), MGCA emblems at \$1, monoloop ties at \$1.75 and manuals such as the MGCA Judging Manual, \$5, "Program Aids for Garden Clubs," \$1 for copies beyond the initial one sent to the club, "T.V. Shows for Garden Clubs," extra copies 50 cents.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 8

The annual Christmas party will be a real bargain this year. Only \$4.00 per person for you and your guests. The Board and Chairman Dwight Stone have been concerned over costs of the party (\$6.50 last year), so we are returning to Mount Olivet. There will be a refreshment hour around a punch bowl (not too close please) and--yeah-- the traditional parade of turkeys---like the good old days. For newer members, this is a sight to behold and a delight to the gullet. Your editor predicts 2,000 people will show up, more or less. We haven't received an official call yet for reservations but why not surprise the committee and send them anyway with your check. Why not send Dwight Stone now \$4, per person: To 4620 Hampton Road, Golden Valley, Minn. 55422.

Also, start getting your slides ready. We'll have a slide showing. At press time I can determine who is in charge of the slides but bring them to the next meeting or get them ready soon. Let's work ahead this year.

YOUR BLANK FOR YOUR 100 SIGNATURES IS ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE

Since President Phil asked me to bring to your attention the national effort to gain a million petitions in favor of anti-pollution efforts, and to make it a club project, we are enclosing herewith a copy of the petition sheet.

Will you do your part in getting this sheet filled immediately with signatures and adding as many thereto as possible? Signatures can be placed on the back as well as the front and more forms will be sent you for the asking.

Since this is a project of MGCA adopted by our club your assistance is badly needed. Will you please circularize this at your office, put it on a counter in your favorite store, take it to your next business and professional meeting, get your minimum of 100 signatures as quickly as possible.

Here is a project we can quickly move through to fruition. It requires no money on our part and very little effort. Will you do your part in this effort to save our resources and to express to our government how concerned we all are as citizens?

Bill Hull

Archie Flack Home After Hospitalization

We are glad to hear that Archie is home after having been in the Fairview-Southdale hospital for a week of tests. Our contact reports that Archie is much better and we wish him continued good health.

NEW ADDRESS FOR PHIL SMITH

Phil expects to be in his new home by the time you receive this issue. The address is 7540 Ridgeway Road, Minneapolis, 55426. This is in Golden Valley approximately four or five blocks north of Highway 12 and about three blocks east of Winnetka Avenue.

375 CLAY POTS FREE FOR THE TAKING

P. W. Young has 375 clay pots, ranging in size from two to ten inches which he'd be pleased to have members of the club take, free for the asking. Wouldn't you know, that P.W. would also have them steel brushed and sterilized. Thank you, P.W.

DUES INCREASE MUST BE AUTHORIZED AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Notice, we said "November." Since our club has voted to adopt the \$2.50 increase in MGCA dues, we must raise our own dues from the existing \$10. Our By-Laws provide that we must amend our Articles of Incorporation, which specifies dues of \$10 per year. The Board of this club has recommended that our dues be increased to \$15 per year, and it will be necessary to do this at our November meeting. Our Articles of Incorporation also provide that members must have 20 days written notice of any vote to amend the Articles; therefore, we are providing you with this notice of the proposed dues increase to \$15 per year, which will be brought up for action at our November Meeting.

P.H.S.

