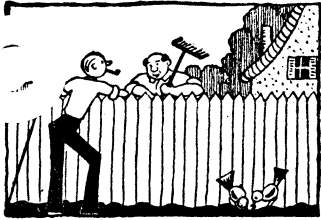


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AUGUST MEETING

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 12
Place: Howard Bishop's
Time: 5:15 P.M.
Supper: Buffet
(reasonably priced)

How to get there:

Mr. Bishop lives at 5403 South Blake Road. Take Interlachen Boulevard past the golf club, cross between the lakes at Mirror Lake, keep left on County Road #64 half mile. Name on mailbox - turn left up the hill.

If coming out from Excelsior Boulevard, turn left on Blake Road and follow the above directions.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dog days are dangerous days for both the garden and gardener. After a late, hard gardening spring, the hot shortening days are not conducive to the required sustained gardening efforts. So a word of caution:

Don't let your garden get away from you! Doing what is necessary now will pay big dividends in a neater-appearing, more productive, longer-blooming garden. So keep on spraying or dusting, weeding, watering and cultivating where advisable.

Carry through your plans and intentions of last winter and early spring. Keep notes on your experience and experiments; your reports to your Project Chairmen will be important to you and your associates. Phone Bill Block whenever your garden has something outstanding which would contribute to our color photography annual report of this year's Club achievements.

Carrying through your garden program, attendance at meetings and tours and participating in shows will make this an outstanding year of development for both you and our Club.

MEETING JULY 15, 1947

The first summer "tour" meeting of 1947 was a grand success. There were 49 guests present including 8-year-old Buddy Addy, and an industrious time was had by all.

The crowd was assembled promptly at 5:20 P.M. and while tables were set and the food brought out, the members visited or wandered through Jack Cohen's garden. The committee, consisting of Archie Flack, Vic Lowrie, Rene Dufourd working under the direction of Harold Kaufmann, did a good job of scheduling and timing the various stops so that the trip ended long before darkness set in. They planned well, to the detail of doubling up on cars, to visiting gardens in one section of town at a time, and to getting in the Rose Garden while it was at its peak of summer perfection. It was good organizing well carried out.

The Gardens We Visited

Lyndale Park Rose Garden

This is the pride and joy of Charlie Doell and Greg Lucking and this year especially the roses were luxuriant in growth and glamorous in color. The newer beds of Peace and Lily Pons vied with such old-timers as Soeur Therese and Clio and Radiance to bring out the full glory of the beauty of the rose.

The test garden of numbered and unnamed new varieties showed a few newcomers that offer great promise in color, form, growth habits and fragrance. This is an official test garden for rose growers and here one sees a preview of tomorrow's sensations of the rose world.

The climbers, while off to a slow start, caught up on growth and the aisle of Dorothy Perkins makes a gorgeous sight. The new fountain, Italian in design and spirit, gives a dress-up aspect to this wonderful garden of roses.

Jack Cohen's Garden

It is hard for your editor to write about Jack Cohen's garden. When the Garden Club met, his roses were through and Stan Lund discovered some black spot on his tree roses. The Nigger Boy rose on 1/2 standards created interest, as did the delphinium, which were in their glory. The tuberous begonias were doing

poorly while the annuals were growing splendidly. Vic Lowrie discovered a New Dawn climber in the bed of hybrid teas, and the answer to the question of "What do you do with your tree roses in winter?" was "Bury the heads after bending the trunk but expect to dig up the plants and bury them in a shallow trench in the fall."

But the welcome sign is always at the gate and when driving by on Lake Harriet, drop in as Fred Paul has done, and see the progress that sun and rain and a little cultivation bring out...

Bill Swain's Garden

Bill Swain is the leading amateur grower of vegetables in Minnesota, and a visit to his garden shows that there can be as much beauty, fun and good exercise in raising vegetables as there is in flowers - but you can eat the vegetables all winter long!

Bill is a gourmet and connoisseur of good food, and good foods require delicate flavor to bring them up to the unusual. Herbs give the extra touch of distinction to good eating, so Bill plants row upon row of the usual and extraordinary flavoring herbs, which may account for the husky frame, the booming voice and the quick wit of our expert vegetable gardener.

Bill shades his lettuce to carry through the hot months and picked four bushels of spinach planted between and picked before the peas get ready for picking.

He has quite a bed of strawberries growing on a terrace off the street walk, but the neighbors' kids don't seem to do much stealing of his berries in spite of the temptation.

His two sons, one aged 8 and the other just 5, are chips off the old block and each has his individual garden which is a miniature reproduction of the old man's.

Vic Lowrie's Garden

"Good housekeeping" aptly describes Vic's garden. It looks like it has a lot of care and intelligent attention and represents sound planning for a one-man garden that gives year-'round bloom.

A redwood mulch used on the front section harmonized with the brick of the house; tuberous begonias were unusually tall; well-labeled roses were fine with a giant Mirandy topping everything. Chrysanthemums were ready to bloom, while giant Snasta daisies and gorgeous pink gave color and life.

Dr. Arnold's Garden

The roses were about through their first bloom, in their neatly arranged beds, but forecast a brilliant fall display of the newest in this queen of the gardens.

The tall, clean-looking groups of dahlias indicate that his fall garden will be a colorful one.

Lilies from Wallie Rowell, a fine vegetable garden and a creeping bent lawn all serve to give Dr. Arnold's place a look of distinction.

Charlie Reif's Garden

- Charlie is one of our newer members but

old hand in the art of planting, spraying and cultivating. It is featured by man-sized, tall-growing perennials and groups of unusual annual double poppies.

His strawberry barrel is a showpiece. We're proud to have you with us, Charlie, and your place shows that you have the qualifications for a good member.

Harold Kaufmann's Garden

Our president's garden is unusual, not in size, but in the infinite care and attention that Harold gives it. "Nothing to work with" is his success story. Vegetables and flowers, annuals or perennials, tubers or orchids - all grown under handicaps of shade and tough clay soil - show that long hours of hard work can overcome many gardening handicaps.

Among the many outstanding features are his two beds of tuberous begonias, one fancied up with a porcelain base, and an automatic sprinkler on the other; gorgeous perennial sweet pea climbers; fuchsia, tuberose and chrysanthemums in bloom in mid-July; vegetable garden clean as a whistle; a toolroom and gadget parlor that show how he gets his good results.

Ralph Sherman's Garden - The Winner!

Ralph's garden would be a prize-winner on beauty and arrangement in any contest.

It was our first visit to his place and "ohs" and "ahs" greeted the vision of garden loveliness that looked like an artist's palette.

Ralph and his Mrs. deserve credit for the beauty of color gained by the use of annuals interspaced with lytherium, roses and clumps of giant dianthus.

Some of Ralph's dahlias were already in full bloom and his supercolossal begonias growing under a cloth-covered top were a rare sight to behold.

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Those who made the tour agreed all the stops were worthwhile and hope to see

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Dr. Frederick Olson, our distinguished associate member from Los Angeles, was back in his home town for a visit - and nothing, he said, could keep him away from a Men's Garden Club meeting while in Minneapolis.

We were honored in having as a guest for the July meeting Dr. C. E. Hutchins, editor of the Minnesota Horticulturist and secretary of the State Horticultural Society.

Jack Cohen has been appointed associate editor for the Minnesota area of the Bulletin of the Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Herb Kahlert and Bill Holmberg, the stalwarts of the Club, were sadly missed by their absence from the last meeting.

Rene Dufourd not only looked natty and jaunty as a French chef, but acted the part with his wafer-thin slices of ham and cheese - 8 lbs. of ham and 1 lb. of cheese - serving 48 guests. There was enough for second helpings, however, while the ham bone became the prize of the chef.

Thanks go to Mrs. Cohen, the three younger Cohens and their friends and to Eldoris, who all pitched in, helped in serving and did the clean-up job while the tour was on.

How we love to kid him yet how we all envy the fine collection of tools, sprayers and garden equipment so proudly displayed in Harold Kaufmann's garage!

Dr. Bill Vehe won several unexpected prizes at the Flower Show and his surprise was so great that he forgot to come to this garden tour!

Charlie Doell came to the party twice - once in the morning and again when the party was on. His love of gardens too made him go the full length of the trip.

Greg Lucking, the park horticulturist, and Wallie Rowell, the lily expert, were also missed at this meeting. Understand Wallie has a new business connection that brings him closer to his interest in gardens.

Howard Bishop furnished us with the usual supply of that good Nash coffee, but we missed the chocolate fudge cake that Jim Cristman usually brought along to the tour parties. Jim's health, incidentally, is improving daily and he expects to be as good as new very soon. Meanwhile he finds himself with an over-supply of potted tuberous begonias. Any member having a shady spot that needs to be filled in should get in touch with Jim. Plants can be had at very modest cost.

No one (to Jack Cohen's regret) asked him to show off his dwarf apple tree - the tree that wasn't supposed to grow or bear fruit in the hardy Minnesota climate, but which is chock full of young Wealthy apples now!

Remember Bill Block when you have something worth photographing. Bill is making a photographic record of the outstanding events in members' gardens for 1947, but needs co-operation of the members in order to do a nice job. Call him at home (Regent 4227) and Bill will be glad to drop out and take some color photos of the best features of your garden.

Where or where has Charlie Mann been these past few meetings? Progress on the atomic bomb shouldn't be allowed to interfere with his garden work!