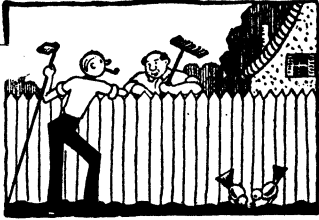


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DECEMBER MEETING

Annual Christmas Dinner Party

Ladies Invited

Place: Stouffer's Restaurant, 89 S. 7th St.
Minneapolis
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 1948
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Dinner: \$2.15 per person including service charge

PROGRAM

7:15 P.M. President Stanley D. Lund presiding.

Speaker - Mr. John Brandt, President-General Manager, Land O'Lakes Creameries. Subject: "Why I Garden."

Mr. Brandt is a well-known, dynamic speaker nationally and is an enthusiastic gardener.

Pictures - "Your Gardens in Color" by William Block, Club Photographer

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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

With Herb Kahlert as toastmaster and all members present taking part, the 1948 Bull Session was successful throughout. The following notes show how varied were the experiences of the past year . . .

Glen Cerney has made a special effort to grow something different and reported that Calluma Alporti (Heather) has responded well to this climate. Evergreen and grows to ten inches.

Herb Kahlert reported his greatest satisfaction came from the number of gardens that had reached the point where they could be called exhibition gardens.

Howard Bishop grew the finest iris in his life but from then on found the going rather rugged. The lack of water and extremely hot weather made it a trying and difficult summer.

Bill Block was pleased with the absence of insects and mosquitoes. Although his blooms didn't give him the results desired, he was pleased with the condition of his bulbs and tubers this Fall.

Archie Flack has made progress in the propagation of dwarf fruit trees from Clark's dwarf wood. By next year they expect to have stock available from the University.

From every angle the year was 100% according to Ed Culbert. He got three cucumbers from all his vines, and squirrels ate his midget corn, the ground cherries were too sour, and six new kids moved into the neighborhood to shake his apple trees.

Absence from his garden until the first of August limited Rene Dufourd's actual work, but not his appreciation of growing plants. He was attracted by the snow plant growing at an altitude of 6,000 ft. in Volcanic National Park. It resembles a hyacinth but has no roots and feeds from fungus attached to the plant. Rene also said he had wintered mums and violets by transferring them to the cold frame. He was also the first man to run over three minutes in his talk!

We are allowed to be skeptical when Ray Edlund tells us that his garden did its best while he was away. It takes a lot of preparation beforehand to get that kind of result.

Ralph Sherman's garden inspired Milan Evans to start over and remake his border. Incidentally, if the truth were known, the same effect could probably be noted in many a yard. Milan has developed a new angle in intensive farming - he grows tomatoes and mushrooms (he hopes they are mushrooms) in the same rows.

If the canes on Fall-bearing raspberries are winter killed, they will still give an excellent crop in August and September. Ed Montgomery had very satisfactory results this year with this unusual variety.

Bob Bryant's main thrill comes from anticipating results. Each new seed has great possibilities in the variety that will develop. His seedling orchids are now developing to the point that he can look forward to something startling and different.

Tulips, hyacinths and jonquils have been potted by Art Fackler to insure winter bloom. Art has used small boxes together with leaves and snow in order to get maximum winter protection.

It's worth the time and effort spent in digging bulbs, replanting them, fertilizing and spraying in order that the Gustafson store may be supplied with blooms all Summer. At least that's what Oscar claims, and we are inclined to agree.

Tom Hughes spent a very pleasant Summer in his garden. In addition to growing all his own vegetables, he had excellent glads and asters. He also grew lupines from seed obtained in Glacier Park.

One of our new members, Tony Koester, who makes a specialty of dahlias and tuberous begonias, admitted that he could be induced to grow other things. Asters, pansies and tomatoes are to be found in his garden. Tony confessed to trying to grow poppies from seed obtained at Banff. Some specialist advised him to sow them this Fall and let nature take care of the rest.

Continuous and satisfactory bloom from tulips to asters and only one failure - his tuberous begonias - make Charlie La-Crosse's gardening interesting but he feels that he solved the latter problem by sitting next to "Did" Libbey.

It was easy to understand and appreciate the thrill that came to our friend, "Did" Libbey, when a hummingbird came three times to drink from the hose while he was watering his flowers.

Gregg Lucking was pleased with the recovery of the evergreens and roses throughout the entire Park Board system. He is doing a great deal of experimenting with trees and shrubs in an effort to develop varieties favorable to this climate.

There was at least one honest man among us. Maurice Lifson admitted that he did get a little assistance from his wife in spraying the roses. He has quite a few favorites and found that they did much better after removing nearby poplar trees.

Economic cycles and the lack of them in politics are not important when gardening. At least Stan Lund found that he could convince himself that it wasn't a major catastrophe that he hadn't bet on Truman, and the roses all gave evidence of coming up next Spring.

The biggest problem confronting George Germain was the cleaning up of a new lot and the replacement of sand with black dirt. He found that good results were obtained with his bulbs because of the excellent drainage. The ribbons he won at the Fall Show made his first year with us a success. Bet he gets more next year!

The strawberry tier that Harold Kaufmann put in last spring paid dividends until November 1st. His mums were tops and are still blooming; the same applied to his tulips, lilies, asters and glads, but he won't be satisfied until he licks the begonia problem.

John Mortland disposes of his leaves by spading them into his garden, which is a good plan for anybody to follow who lacks space for a compost heap.

Walter Menzel is another honest and forthright member. He admits that there isn't a better sauerkraut specialist in the Club than himself. It may be due to Bill Swain's herbs, but more likely to the proper use of them. Walter claimed to have over-reached himself this past year, but more than likely he will plant just as many bulbs this Fall and have a few more flats in the propagator next Spring.

Great things are in store for next year in Fred Paul's garden. He spent most of the summer in wrecking and remaking it. You can be sure it was a thorough job!

Charlie Reif felt that he received his best bloom from his daffodils. He was on the prowl for a specific variety of pentstemon.

the sweet peas to life in the hot weather by spraying them three times daily and that they bloomed until the 15th of September.

Bill Shaw's father grew sweet peas in Australia 10 feet high and sprayed them in hot weather. Bill grows Heavenly Blue morning glories 12 feet high to cover the family compromise.

If our toastmaster hadn't mentioned it, we wouldn't have heard of Harold Stagnens' ribbons and awards at the Minneapolis and Milwaukee Dahlia shows. Harold's chief enjoyment this year was the visit to the combined Foley-Nelson gardens.

Going away from the city to do his gardening removed some of the zest for Bill Swain. Regardless, we know that the quality was tops for vegetable gardens in the country. Bill is doing some personal investigating in gathering edible wild fruits and seeds.

Nels Welander bought some early mums but they didn't bloom. Next year he plans to push them by starting them in his green house.

We will most likely see some of Joe Witmer's garden in our Christmas slides. He made a photographic record of his flowers from Spring to Fall. Joe has found a bedfellow who believes as he does. Do not cover your perennials during the Winter.

If you live in the country, you must compete with the natives. Harold Wright discovered that he could grow Golden County sweet corn faster than the cobs could eat it.

Bill Robinson produced a good crop of plums and no worms. He also eliminated crabgrass by intensive spraying in August.

Jim Cristman brought a sample of Passiflora grown in his greenhouse. They will bloom all winter. Jim also brought potted Passion Flowers to the meeting and they were disposed of at a auction that netted the Club a nice profit.