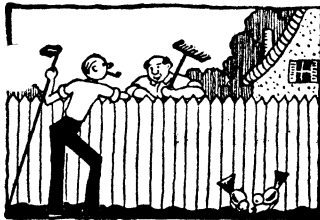


THE GARDEN SPRAY



BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAP

MEMBER—MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA
MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Volume 4
Number 2

February, 1946

Jack Cohen, Editor

Ed Montgomery, Associate Editor

Office of the
Secretary
4302 Branson St.
Minneapolis 10

FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 1946

Place: Fountain Terrace,
Medical Arts Building

PROGRAM

5:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Business meeting
Regular announcements

6:45 "What's New in the Seed
Catalogs," Ed Montgomery

7:00 "Soils and Their Improve-
ment." Dr. John M. Mac
Gregor, University of
Minnesota.

7:45 Report of Sweet Pea Comm.
F. A. Upsher Smith

8:05 Mists for February - Flack

8:15 Questions & Answers - Menzel

Officers

G. G. Cerney
President
Walter Menzel
Vice-President
Jim Cristman
Secretary
Harold Nelson
Treasurer

Directors

Archie Flack
Herbert Kahlert
Harold Kaufmann
Ed Montgomery

JANUARY PROGRAM

Dr. A. O. Dahl of the Department of Botany of the University of Minnesota gave us worthwhile and helpful information in his discussion of "The Growing Plant" at our January meeting. His talk, a continuation of his first paper delivered in 1944 on "Elementary Lotany," was understandable, and his suggestions, when put in-

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1945

A brief history of the past year's activities

1945 was a year of growth and advancement for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis - a year of personal and club achievement.

Our active membership was maintained at the 70 permissible by the by-laws with 4 commercial members and one non-resident member - Dr. Olsen. With sincere regret we reported the death of our valued member, C. H. Stewart. During the year, due to moving out of the city or for inability to continue garden activities, resignations were received from Gardner Eustace, one of the founders of this Club, W. J. Geimer, Roy Jacobson, Fred Lorenz, Judge Fred Wright, John Louis and Ernie Madaus. These vacancies were immediately filled by those on the waiting list and during the year Rene Duford, J. A. Schmitt and William Swain were elected to membership. At the last Board of Director's meeting of Thursday, January third, the following, whose applications had previously been approved by the Membership Committee, were accepted into membership: William Kraft, W. W. Brooks, Edwin Culbert, Harold Stephens, Fred Stephens, Ralph Cornelison and William Robinson. These members will, we know, make valuable additions to our Club, and we hope they will receive considerable benefit from us.

11 Issues of Spray

During the year, 11 issues of the Spray were mailed - the August issue being a double due to there being no July issue because of vacations. The Spray again was most ably edited by Jack Cohen and Ed Montgomery and stands high among similar garden club bulletins throughout the country. A file of Sprays will act as a yearbook for the Club, and in it many valuable gardening suggestions and recommendations will serve as reference.

Relations with the Minnesota Horticultural Society and the Men's Garden

deal of worthwhile information from them is on file. It is suggested that it might be well as part of our future programs to have a short review of pertinent articles from other clubs' activities as reported in their bulletins, although I would suggest that we confine our exchanges to the bulletins of those clubs with similar climatic and growing conditions to ours, as bulletins from the deep South mean little to us here in Minnesota.

12 Regular Meetings

Twelve extremely worthwhile meetings were held during the year - 7 educational and experience meetings, 2 colorful and successful flower shows, 2 memorable garden tours, and one fine Christmas program to which the wives were invited. Certainly none of us could have attended these meetings, listened to the information and suggestions, and participated in the discussions without becoming better gardeners.

The average attendance at these meetings was 40 7/12, and the following 6 had 100% attendance: Bill Block, C. G. Cerney, Harold Kaufmann, Herb Kahlert, Upsher Smith and Andy Nyberg, who, I am sorry to say, because of a serious attack of the flu, is missing his first meeting in, I believe, two years. I know that we all wish Andy a speedy and complete recovery. Seven Directors' meetings were called and held and were well attended.

Special Project Reports

During the year we had reports from our Rosarians and Chrysanthemarians. Thirteen participated in the sweet pea project under Upsher Smith, 15 in the tuberous begonia project under

made these projects some of the most successful we have undertaken.

During the year an Interest Questionnaire was completed by 30 of our members representing a fairly good cross-section of the activities and interests of the Club. We found that 24 members had vegetable gardens. Of these 30, an active interest was expressed in the following: fruit trees, 12; lawn trees, 8; shrubs, 12; vines, 9; roses, 24; begonias, 21; 'mums, 23; dahlias, 13; greenhouse, 15; hot frame, 9; cold frame, 13; compost, 16; photography, 13; movies 6; stills, 9; and color, 8.

I would like at this time to make the following suggestions for what they are worth: (1) that there be at least 11 issues of the Spray; (2) that the convenient printed roster be continued for this year; (3) that badges continue to be worn because they are conducive to good fellowship and a better personal acquaintance among the members; (4) that prize drawings continue as a source of postal revenue and the fun of occasionally winning something valuable in gardening; and (5) may I plead for an earlier return of reservation cards to make next year's secretary's work a little easier.

We are indebted to the Park Board for their co-operation and fine facilities; to Henry Bachman, Chris Mosberg and Gould Seed Co. for their usual generosity, and to Mrs. Kahlert, Mrs. Cristman and Mrs. Filbert for their splendid work in making three of our suppers so delicious.

This job as secretary has been a lot of fun and some work, but above all, a memorable experience because it has made me better acquainted with a group of fine men always helpful and willing. I am grateful for the experience because I have made many friends, and because of them I have become not only a better gardener but a more appreciative one.

Above all, however, has been the privilege of working with our president. A secretary, they say, is but an errand boy for the president. That may or may not be true, but I was perfectly happy in my position because I received back so much more than I gave. Like every man here, I am a better gardener because of Herb Kahlert, because of his interest and activity, his enthusiasm and drive, his inspiration and example, his patience and self sacrifice, which have been the potent forces that brought this small gathering of interested gardeners to a club whose present strength and influence are favorably and nationally known.

Therefore, I deem it a proud privilege in behalf of you and of the Club, to present to Herb a small token of our appreciation of him as a man, a gardener and a leader. (Presentation of wheelbarrow). Herb, may your garden chores for years to come be brightened by this reminder of your appreciative friends in the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

Harold R. Kaufmann,
Secretary

HOME GARDEN GUIDE

Copies of the J & P Home Garden Guide, sufficient in number so that each member could have a copy, came to us through the courtesy of Jackson & Perkins Co. It is a pictorial outline of

THE PRESIDENT ROSE

Al Erickson set a fine precedent when he agreed to donate roses to the value of \$5 to each retiring president. It is called the President's Rose and is a fine expression of appreciation for

ROSARIAN'S REPORT - 1945

Chas. E. Doell and F. A. Upsher Smith

Name or Number	Color	Our Rating	Remarks
Peace	Delicate yellow	90	First year, excellent. Not a prolific bloomer.
Debonair	Yellow	87	First year, looks good.
V for Victory	Yellow	90 to 95	Upsher likes it very much.
Break O'Day (Glimber)	Buff		Excellent growth but only one bloom. Disappointment.
#2892	Yellow	About 80	Nothing outstanding.
#3002	Carminc	90 to 95	Unusually beautiful with wavy petals.
Fantasy	Yellow	90 to 95	One of the best - prolific bloomer.
#3296-43R-15	Pink	About 80	Very few blooms but they were good.
#3021-43R-13	Yellow		Not enough blooms to be interesting.
Show Girl	Red		Poor bloomer.
Highland Park	Pink		Poor bloomer.

QUOTATIONS

- Herb Kahlert: "My term of president was a happy, busy and delightful one. I appreciate the fine help from all the members."
- Walter Menzel: "The treasurer's objective - Not to have a deficit."
- G. C. Cerney: "It was a pleasure as vice-president to work with the Board of Directors and the various committees and I trust to have the same co-operation as your president."
- Harold Kaufmann: "It was lots of fun and satisfaction in being your secretary."

A YEAR OF GARDENING

It was proper that Bill Block should present his film, "A Year of Gardening," at the first meeting of the 1946 year. It was inspiring and stimulating to us January "armchair" gardeners to see Bill's month-by-month gardening prowess. To the fine progress reported in the film - a horticultural education in itself - goes much praise for the fine color photography that held our interest.

A touch of nostalgia came with the repeat film showing of the 1944 garden tour which ended up with the grand picnic at the Upsher Smith's.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

Financial Report, January 8, 1946

Major items of expense:		Income:	
Stationery, etc.	\$101.51	70 members at \$3	\$210.00
Postage and checks	18.80	Expenses	<u>198.84</u>
Show	30.23	Net left	11.16
Miscellaneous (flowers, etc.)	9.90	Raffle and refund	<u>19.34</u>
Horticultural Society	29.50	1945 money	30.50