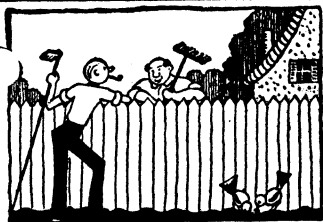


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JANUARY MEETING

Place: Greenhouse, Minneapolis Park Board,
38th & Bryant (same place as Flower
Show)
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 1949
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Dinner: Special - \$1.35 per person. No
cover or service charge

PROGRAM

Speaker: Dr. Leon C. Snyder, Extension Specialist in
Horticulture, University of Minnesota. Subject:
"Battling Minnesota Winters in Our Gardens." All who
have heard Dr. Snyder are impressed with his pleasant
presentation and his ability to impart of his exten-
sive knowledge and experience to amateur gardeners.

Annual election of officers. Report of Secretary;
Report of Treasurer; Change in by-laws.

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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

Stanley Lund, President

The past year has been an enjoyable one. The enthusiastic co-operation of members any undertaking is assurance that an organization will continue its activities a growth. Interest is best expressed by attendance, and the high percentage of members present has not been accidental. Programs and activities planned by the various chairmen were so arranged that there was a definite sense of loss if a meeting was missed. I think it proper that we acknowledge the hard work and outstanding planning done by Herb Kahlert in bringing us a variety of speakers and items each month. The two summer tours attracted over fifty members and gave us an opportunity to see many garden

Harold Kaufmann established a new standard in flower show management. He chose well when he selected the chairmen of his various committees.

We have committed ourselves to quite a task in 1949 in acting as co-hosts with St. Paul to the Men's Garden Clubs of America. Considerable groundwork has already been done but much more must be accomplished before we can sit back on our haunches. Almost everyone in the Club will be called upon to contribute his help.

Now is the time to plan great things for your garden this coming year. We want to show our visitors that our group has its feet on and in the ground, that we plant and grow

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

As usual the ebullient and joyous spirit of Christmas made our December meeting in Stouffer's beautiful dining room a huge success. These parties always seem to go off exceedingly well. Maybe it's because the ladies are present - the only meeting of the year to which they are invited - and since gardeners are apt to be vain creatures, we dress our best, put on our best behavior and so good cheer and fine fellowship reign throughout the evening.

It's always a wonderful finish to a year of good gardening fellowship, the climax of twelve months association, of get-togethers in solving the problems of sprays, fertilizers, heat and rain to try and outwit Mother Nature in making plants grow bigger and better in Minnesota.

As a whole, it has been a good year for the members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. Let's hope that 1949 will be a better one, that war and pestilence be kept from our doors and that our communion with nature will give us spiritual pleasure and great joy in living.

Notice is hereby given that an amendment to the first paragraph of Section VII of the By-Laws will be proposed at the next meeting of the Club.

Proposed Amendment

Section VII (Roster). The membership of the Club shall be limited to seventy-five (75) active members. There shall be no limitation on Associate or Honorary Membership. (The present limit is 70.)

R. J. Dufourd, Sec'y.

THANKS TO CORT RICE

A hand to Mr. and Mrs. Cortis Rice for a novel and lucrative idea. Their Christmas wreaths, which were sold to Club members and friends, will show a nice profit to the convention treasury. Anyone who has made a wreath can appreciate the work Cortis and his helpers did in turning out almost fifty of them. If you haven't paid for your wreath, please send \$2.50 to Cortis or bring it to the January meeting.

YOUR GARDEN IN COLOR

Great credit goes to Bill Block, Club photographer, assisted by George Titus, in having this annual feature at the December meeting. They are to be commended for their earnest, conscientious efforts in keeping this annual record of the "Best of the Year" in the members' gardens.

The photography was excellent and the descriptive comments interspersed with some of his dry witticisms, made Titus' talk interesting.

Color photos of the following members were among the 42 gardens that were shown:

Bill Addy; G. C. Ballhorn, beautiful begonias; Bob Bryant, orchids; Howard Bishop; Blackburn; Leonard Bies; Bill Block, is-

mene lily from Upsher Smith.

G. G. Cerney; Jim Cristman; Rene Dufourd; Edmunds; Chris Mosberg; Stan Lund, roses; A. M. Libbey, famous tuberous begonias; Dr. F. H. K. Schaaf, begonias and roses; M. Lifson, lilies; Harold Kaufmann, chrysanthemums.

H. P. Hughes; Foley & Nelson, duplex garden; Menzel & Janes; Andy Nyberg, dahlias; H. A. Wright; C. C. Reik.

Wally Rowell, lilies - at last; Ralph Sherman, the #1 garden of annuals; Bill Vehe, nice orchard.

(Your reporter apologizes; the darkness of the room prevented complete notes on all gardens shown.)

1949 DUES NOW DUE !

Dues for 1949 are now due. Make check for \$4 payable to Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and mail at once to the Secretary. Dues are delinquent after February 1st. Prompt payment is necessary for us to qualify for membership in the Minnesota Horticultural Society.

ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please notify the Secretary of any change in address or telephone number. This is needed to keep new roster now going to the printer up to date and complete.

FROM EGGS TO EGG PLANT: BUTTER TO BUTTERCUPS

Our December meeting brought us John Brandt who gave us a delightfully interesting talk on "Why I Garden." John is Land O'Lakes himself for he is president-general manager and the big shot in Land O'Lakes Creameries, is as dynamic a fighter against bugs in the garden and unsanitary conditions in dairy plants as he is against the threatened inroads of oleomargarine. He is a proficient speaker and has a swell lot of stories that seem apropos to the point he's trying to put over.

Some excerpts from his talk are:

"There is a relationship between dairymen and gardeners; the substance that is abhorred in dairy products is what brings beauty and fragrance to flowers (more and better manure is what the gardening world needs, we says) . . .

"A dairyman can talk to a garden club if Bill Swain can go around telling the ladies how to bake cakes and make sauerkraut . . .

"The elixir of life comes from the farm . . .

"Gardening creates an asset of friendship among neighbors' wives by giving cuttings and extra plants, by showing the new specimens . . .

"An expert is a man called on to give a talk, away from home . . .

"Speaking of delegates-at-large to the annual meeting of the M.G.C. of A., it will be better to have the ladies along so that the men will not be at large . . .

"Relaxation in gardening comes from doing something you are interested in and that responds to your own efforts . . .

"Belong to a golf club and played four games of golf this year, but every day there is something to do in my garden . . .

"Had some beautiful tree roses that were stolen - guess somebody wanted their beauty more than I did . . .

"Keep some cows and horses, primarily manure producers for my tree roses, hybrid teas and lilies . . .

"I garden because I create things of beauty that give me a lot of satisfaction and relaxation in this troubled world."

WHAT TO DO IN JANUARY

Read your catalogs. Start planning your orders for seeds, plants and garden supplies.

Control insects on house plants.

Examine dahlia tubers for signs of dry rot. Cut away all diseased parts and dust cut surfaces with sulphur.

Pinch back weak and straggly growths on house plants.

Examine gladiolus bulbs, clean and pack in paper bags with naphthalene flakes, using one ounce to every 100 bulbs. Store bulbs for three weeks, then remove flakes or open bags.

Prune fruit trees whenever weather is not too cold.

The wood ashes from the fireplace make an excellent fertilizer, particularly if from hard wood. Keep dry.

Read a few good gardening books.

Now is the time to plan your garden. Go over your notes, review last year's resolutions and make 1949 a good gardening year.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

We have been advised that Russ Bechtel is not the mayor of Hopkins.

Gregg Lucking is just recovering from the huge crowds and grand success of the 1948 Chrysanthemum Show put on by the Park Board under his direction and the enthusiastic backing of Charlie Doell. Adults by the hundreds, school kids by the thousands trailed through the aisles of the greenhouses and absorbed an appreciation of the chrysanthemums and flowers growing that will truly keep Minneapolis ever known as "The Flower City." The nicest thing about this Show was that while thousands viewed the exhibits, hundreds of patients in Minneapolis hospitals received the plants on Thanksgiving Day to bid them good speed in their recovery.

Ed Montgomery, the village attorney for St.

A WIFE GOES TO A M.G.C. CONVENTION

Mrs. Kahlert, Herb's wife, reported interestingly on the wonderful experience it is to go to the annual convention of the M.G.C. of A. She has gone to two, and is looking forward to her share of hostessing at the Minneapolis meeting.

What do the ladies get out of the trip if the husbands are scouting around and visiting topnotch gardens? They meet old friends and they make new ones; easy to do since husbands all have a common interest.

They visit gardens, go on tours, take in all the dinners. The people you meet are awfully nice people from all parts of the U.S.

Luncheons and talks by distinguished speakers are always part of the program. Sightseeing to outstanding gardens, scenic and industrial spots are also included on the program.

Am looking forward to the 1949 convention in Minneapolis and have planned the 1950 already. (P.S. Stan Lund says a complete program has been arranged for the ladies - no shopping trips!)

his domain, and when tickets are hard to get, he is a good man to know.

Howard Bishop bought a new snowplow, but 1948 didn't give him much chance to use this new mechanical snow shoveler. Knowing Minnesota weather, he will get a chance to use it - and soon!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kaufmann on the marriage on December 27th of their son, Harold Ralph Kaufmann, Jr., to Nora Jane Baer. The prenuptial entertaining for his son caused Harold to miss his first Christmas party since being a member of the Club.

Vic Lowrie (and he isn't writing this) doing a swell job on publicity and the advertising program for the national meeting of M.G.C. of A. due in Minneapolis next