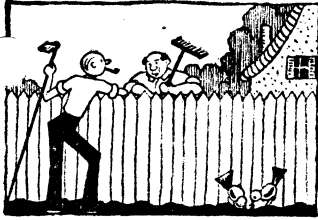


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## THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

### J U L Y M E E T I N G

Date: Monday Evening - July 16th, 1945.

Time: 5:30 P.M.  
(In case of rain, same arrangements to hold for Wednesday, July 18th.)

Place: Home of L. E. (Jim) Cristman (in garden), 4302 Branson Street, Morningside. Take Como-Harriet car, get off at 44th and France, walk two blocks west on 44 to Grimes, turn north on Grimes, proceed one block to Branson. If by car proceed on West 44th to Grimes, turn north on Grimes one block to Branson.

Dinner: Barbecue - Cristman Fireplace - 60¢.

Program: Visit July Gardens of Club Members. A trip has been arranged. An early start will give longer time to view and visit.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR - OUR FIRST GARDEN TOUR OF THE YEAR!

These visits to Club Member gardens have always been a high spot in our annual program.

It's fun to eat together on the lawn of a fellow member surrounded with good friends and beautiful flowers. It's profitable to visit these gardens of our associates. You can either learn something or take a little personal satisfaction in your own.

Don't miss this July barbecue and tour. Be on time as we must operate on schedule to take advantage of the daylight.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARD NOW!

## SPRING FLOWER SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

The second annual Flower Show, held at the Park Board Greenhouses through the courtesy of Charlie Doell, was a grand success. Bill Holmberg, as manager, and the Kahlert family, as the cooks, brought this up to the usual high standard of previous shows.

The late season held down the number of entries, particularly roses and delphinium, but this was compensated for by the exhibits of iris, peonies, and other early spring flowers.

It was managed well, everything ran off smoothly, and most of the entries managed to go away with one or more awards.

Below are listed the classes of exhibits and the first three winners in each class:

Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tea rose	Holmberg	Kaufmann	Comings	Delphinium	Kahlert	Holmberg	Cristman
Floribunda	Cohen			Potted Pl.	Holmberg	Nelson	
Rugosa rose	Menzel			Columbine	Kahlert	Holmberg	Cristman
Single rose	Holmberg	Menzel	Doell	Wildflower	Comings	Holmberg	
White peony	Kaufmann	Addy		Lilies	Holmberg	Block	
Pink Peony	Kahlert	Hanson	Cristman	Viola Pansy	Comings	Holmberg	Cristman
Red Peony	Addy	Erickson	Doell	Coreopsis	Kahlert		
Pink bi-color	Kaufmann	Duford	Cerney	Or. Poppy	Cohen	Bishop	Cristman
Tub. Begonia	Nelsen	Nyberg	Cristman	Iris	Erickson	Titus	Kahlert
Tub. Begonia	Holmberg	Nelson		Misc.	Smith	Cohen	Kahlert
				Bouquet	Comings	Cristman	Kaufmann
Grand Champion Entry - Kahlert							
High Point Winner - Holmberg							

### The Kahlert Bean Supper

Beans prepared by a formula handed down for generations in the Kahlert family was the chief dish for our supper. Delicious? It certainly was! Accompanying it was Boston brown bread, cold slaw, ice cream, cake and coffee. The meal was fit for the gods and thanks go to Mrs. Kahlert for her contribution to our party.

### Blooms to Members

An innovation this year was the raffling off of the prize-winning blooms to our own members. There was no charge for entry in the raffle, and most of the members attending went home with some of the prize flowers raised by their fellow-members.

### Bill Addy Wins Potted Rose

A potted Crimson Glory rose was the prize for the Grand Champion entry. This was won by Herb Kahlert, but he generously offered it back to the Club for the raffle to bring in extra funds to the exchequer. Bill Addy was the lucky holder of the winning ticket.

### Franklin Peony Gardens

The 30 acres of famed Franklin Peony Gardens were visited by members at the conclusion of the meeting. The peonies were not quite in full bloom but there were patches of bright color throughout the gardens. They are now under the management of A. B. Franklin's son and in another year will be in the same tip-top shape they were kept in by his father.

THE QUESTION HOUR  
Conducted by G. G. Cerney

Question: I transplanted iris last year but half of them did not bloom this year. What is wrong?

Answer: The blooms for next year are in this year's embryo. Every stalk does not bloom every year.

Question: I had trouble with the iris borer and slugs. What shall I do?

Answer: There are several choices: (1) take up and disinfect with potassium permanganate or lysol, and replant; (2)

cut off before they get to the roots; or (3) wait until next year and give them a good dose of lead arsenate in the spring.

Question: How does Mr. Barnum sterilize his greenhouse soil?

Answer: He uses formaldehyde dust in the form of Formacide. Mix it in with the soil and let soil stand from 48 to 72 hours. There will be little damping off after this treatment.

WE GET PUBLICITY

The 1945 Year Book of the Men's Garden Club of America just came in. To Ye Editor it is an excellent publication of 116 pages and does a great credit both to the Men's Garden Club movement and to the national officers who are directing the organization.

The book contains a lot of valuable garden information, a report of what the other groups are doing, together with a roster of their officers and members.

We are an integral part of a worthwhile national effort and this Year Book is an excellent report of its progress.

Ye Editor is rather proud of the comment they make on our official publication. Here is what they say about it:

"THE GARDEN SPRAY, issued by the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, has, in its second volume, come close to the tops in readability. This Club conducts an annual garden tour and among the places visited last summer was that of Professor McGraw of St. Thomas College, St. Paul. Here an old-fashioned garden was found with 45 different varieties, some rare and unusual. There was a contest to see which member of the Club could recognize the largest number, and Ed Montgomery won 100 pounds of Milorganite by identifying 42 out of 45. The next best man had a score of 38. Jack Cohen, the editor, is particularly successful in obtaining personal notes about the members."

A brief but excellent report on our activities, and a membership list also appears in this annual report.

GARDEN MUSTS FOR JULY

Archie Flack gave us our monthly quota of advice for the care of our gardens. Here are some of the high points that he brought up.

Stop cutting asparagus.

Put in carrots, beets, leaf lettuce and sweet corn.

Stake and tie tomatoes.

Transplant annuals since the season is three weeks late.

Get after dandelions. Prune shrubs.

Cut back Spirea; the Van Houten back to the ground.

This is the month for spraying. Get at the chewing and sucking insects. Use

## U of M GREENHOUSE

Mr. Barnum of the U. of M. botanical greenhouse gave us an interesting, constructive and humorous talk on what the University is doing in his department. The greenhouses cover about five acres of ground, consisting of seven greenhouses, among which are a cactus house, an orchid house and a palm house.

The functions are (1) to serve as a botanical conservatory; (2) to grow a great variety of plants, ornamental being secondary; and (3) to prepare material for class work of the botany students.

One of his hobbies is the study of hay fever. He makes the pollen count which appears in the newspapers during the hay fever season. He does this by taking a small glass slide, coating it with glycerine, exposing it to the air and then doing his pollen count.

Another hobby - as it might be called - is his unpatented pot cleaner. The idea started on his first job at the greenhouse when he had to wash dozens of flower pots daily. He cleans them now with motor-driven brushes.

Another labor-saving item of his is his plant-setter-outer, which is a glorified cookie cutter for pot-grown plants.

He recommends the use of sulphur in planting, particularly to eliminate cutworms or grubs on snapdragons. He puts the sulphur in a can like a salt-shaker, and shakes it on the soil.

For good germination of seeds, he has better luck with flats or benches than in pots. The shallower soil is better worked up; the plants are in rows and it is easier to water between the rows.

He is a great booster for leaf mold abundantly applied. Sometimes it needs to be sterilized before use to eliminate red spiders, etc.

### AGRICULTURAL THERAPY

Captain Robert A. Phillips, a good friend of ours and a former staff member of the Department of Horticulture, was a happy guest at a recent meeting.

While his military commission was for work in camouflage, the Army observed his usefulness in applying agricultural therapy in convalescent training activities to hasten recovery of men and fit them for re-assignment.

He found that the boys at first were just not interested, based probably on early weeding experiences in a garden under duress of their parents.

He does give an agricultural short course devoted to poultry, cattle, horses, farm mechanics, farm management, etc., in which the men show a great deal of interest.

### VISITOR

George Luxton brought along his neighbor and friend, Dr. Donald Patterson, to our last meeting. Dr. Patterson is the eminent, internationally known psychologist, and we were happy to have him with us.

### LOST - POCKETKNIFE

Bill Addy reports the loss of his pocketknife. It was used during the flower show and he thinks that someone picked it up by mistake. It has a value to Bill because of its association, for he received it 25 years ago from a close friend of his. Please notify Bill if you picked it up by mistake.