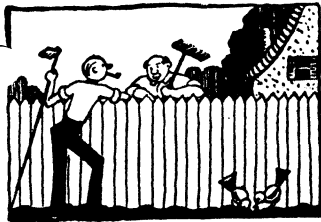


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NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 1948

Place: Hasty Tasty, 3907 West 50th
(50th & France South)

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Dinner: 5:30. \$1.50 per person

PROGRAM

6:20 P.M. Bull Session. Pres. Stanley D. Lund Presiding
Three-minute speeches by each member. Speech is to describe any interesting experience (success or failure) of the 1948 garden year

Gong sounds at 3 minutes!

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NEW MEMBERS

Greetings of welcome to our three new members. We hope you will quickly make yourselves known to every one of us and join in the fun.

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

Trying to get news out of this Garden Club gang is almost as tough as pulling crabgrass out of my lawn! Now listen, you must have surprises (garden-wise, I mean); occasionally you have trouble; sometimes maybe downright failures. Why not air them in these elucidating columns? Maybe we'll be able to get a brave member to stick his chin out and give you more trouble. At least it will give the editor something to write about and you something to think about - maybe.

FALL WORK IN THE GARDEN

Notes on Horace Barnes' talk at the October meeting

Mr. Barnes gave a philosophical as well as informative talk on fall work in the garden. These are typical of his philosophical remarks:

"After you reach forty, everything is either illegal, immoral or fattening except gardening."

"What is fall work in the garden? The work that should have been done during the summer."

Among his remarks for fall work were the following:

1. Make a list now of things you want next year.
2. Store dahlia and begonia tubers at a temperature between 36° and 45°.
3. Work leaf mold and rotten manure into the top of your soil along with a balanced fertilizer, preferably Vigoro.
4. Apply lime to Candidum lilies.
5. Divide phlox and replant deeper than it was previously growing.
6. Do not move delphiniums in the fall.
7. Divide your perennials and do not try to replant them all - give some away.

CHARLES OF THE 'U' COMES TO THE RESCUE

Someone at the last Club meeting couldn't find any 0-20-20 fertilizer. (Editor: wonder when you use the stuff and what on?) Well, Charlie Mann found not one but two sources: The Minnesota Farm Bureau Service Co., 101 Fairfield Ave. E., St. Paul, and the Co-op Seed Exchange, Inc., 112 N. 7th St. (Phone Br 1018) Minneapolis. Thank you, Doctor, for the good scouting!

NATURE IN ALL ITS GLORY

If you had the pleasure of driving along the North Shore of Lake Superior this Fall, you experienced a thrill you'll never forget! Such color one simply cannot adequately describe. Your editor had the opportunity of driving through the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania a few weeks ago and although the hills and valleys were ablaze with color, I believe our own North Shore was even more beautiful.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST STILL OPEN

The response to Archie Flack's request for subscriptions to underwrite the 1949 Men's Garden Club of America's national convention was overwhelming. Over \$1,250 was subscribed, averaging \$35 per subscription - cash on the line right at the meeting! For the benefit of those who were not at our October meeting, we are enclosing for your convenience a subscription blank which may be filled out and brought together with your check, to our next meeting, or mailed to Cortis Rice, Treasurer, 113 Artertachen Road, Hopkins.

Remember, there is neither floor nor ceiling to this subscription business.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: Is bone meal under tulip bulbs and daffodils admirable?

ANSWER: Bone meal is slow. Better a balanced fertilizer on an established bed of tulips.

QUESTION: Can we transplant tea roses now?

ANSWER: Not advisable in this climate. Heel them in now if necessary and set them out next spring.

QUESTION: Can you transfer (transplant)

Regal and Henryei, etc. lilies now?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: When and just how do you move Oriental Poppies? Old plants? Young plants? Seedlings?

ANSWER: Late July or August when plants are dormant is the proper time to move Oriental poppies. Whole clumps with plenty of dirt can be moved now if necessary.

QUESTION: Can I transplant perennials now and what should be done to get them to root before freezing?

ANSWER: Transplant now.

QUESTION: How important is the tapering off process on tubercus begonias?

ANSWER: Bring in the whole plant and gradually let dry - no water. After it

is dry, break off top and store bulbs. Tubers will be stronger.

QUESTION: Do you put fertilizer over tulip bulbs or can you pat some below the bulb also?

ANSWER: Prefer over them.

QUESTION: Is sheep manure okay for garden at this time?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Should sheep manure be left on surface or worked in?

ANSWER: Worked in.

QUESTION: What can we do with Amaryllis bulbs which have been outside all summer?

ANSWER: If potted, bring them in; lay pots on side and let them rest without water until January.

QUESTION: Can foxtail lilies be grown in Minnesota?

ANSWER: Yes, they can be planted now but should be given a protective covering and be planted in sand.

QUESTION: How much Vigoro should be put over tulips?

ANSWER: A sprinkling two to three inches above the bulbs.

JUST PLANTING A SEED

Just a little premature, perhaps, but then why hold back on an idea that sounds so interesting? The Business Men's Garden Club of Cleveland included in their last flower show the following classes of flower arrangements, which maybe we should consider for our next show.

(a) Arrangement in cool colors suitable for luncheon table. (Cool colors are the violets, blues, blue-greens and the greens.)

(b) Arrangement in warm colors suitable for a hall table. (Warm colors include yellows, yellow-greens, oranges, reds, and purples.)

(c) Miniature arrangements not over three inches high including container. (Also 3 to 6 inches high.)

(d) Arrangement of white flowers in any container.

(e) Arrangement to provoke a chuckle.