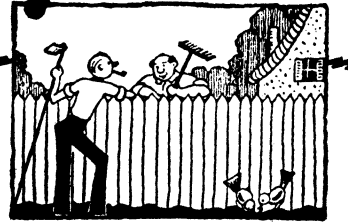




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## March Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 1959  
Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church  
Knox Ave. So. & W. 50th St.  
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp  
Price: \$1.75

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## PROGRAM

A Short Business Meeting

A timely talk on Lawns, Grasses, Weed & Crabgrass Control by  
Richard Stadther, University of Minnesota

The Care in Starting Begonia, Gloxinia and Caladium, etc. by  
William Ost

Perennials by Glen Cerney. Suggestions on the varieties most  
valuable for gardens in this area, their care, transplanting,  
dividing, etc.

Planning and Planting the Informal Flower Border by Archie Flack

After these talks, our panel of Stadther, Cerney, Ost and Flack will answer your questions on these timely subjects. Be sure to come for this looks like a dandy meeting and come prepared with your questions.

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

By Bill Hull

Had a most interesting noon luncheon with 17 members of the Club at Donaldson's, Wednesday, February 25th. 18 attended the first meeting. You are invited again on March 25th, but suggest you telephone "P.W." Young or Harold Kaufmann before attending.

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Most of you know that Mrs. Hull and I just returned from a wonderful but short trip to Acapulco. Many Minnesota cars throughout Mexico. Al and Mrs. Blackburn have been at Michoacan, Mexico, and will return about May 1st via Tucson, Phoenix and La Jolla, California.

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We understand many members are on tour throughout the country. Harold Kaufmann and Curtis Rice are both in Florida; Dick Lehman is somewhere in the West; Thurber Day is in California; "Vic" Lowrie is in Palm Springs and will be in Guaymas, Mexico before returning; Clyde Chamberlain is in Oregon.

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Enter on your calendar that the Spring Auction will be May the 12th at the Park Board Greenhouse. This is your official advance notice. You are particularly invited to bring a guest for the auction. N. W. Christopherson, Chairman, hopes you will plan to provide extra plants or flats of seedlings for this auction.

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Make the following changes on the roster which you recently received:

Carl Holst's residence is 4225 Chowen, Minneapolis 10

Paul Kroeger's business phone should be deleted.

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P. W. Young requests slides on any garden subject for the Speaker's Bureau. The boys who are making talks to local garden clubs call on this source for constant use. Any excellent surplus slides you may now have would be appreciated but, above all, take extras for the Speaker's Bureau throughout the coming season.

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Who wants to take a more active part in club work? It is a fine way to increase your enjoyment of your club membership. Working with your fellow members on a club project is a stimulating experience and will pay big dividends to you. If you will contact any member of the Board and indicate your preference as to activities, you can get into the type of work you will most enjoy.

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### WE LOSE DON METHVEN

This has been a sad week for all of us who had the opportunity to know Don Methven, who passed away very suddenly and was interred last Saturday, February 21. Don was a fine man, always interested in his club and willing to work in any way he could. He was our official artist and decorator. He was a World War I veteran, and had been in apparent good health.

We know we speak for the entire club when we extend our sympathies to Mrs. Methven and the family.

### HAROLD WRIGHT SUCCUMBS

Harold Wright passed away suddenly Saturday, February 28, after he had been hospitalized at University Hospitals a week earlier. Harold, a Minneapolis lawyer for 37 years, had been a member of our club since 1946, when he entered upon the sponsorship of Rene Dufourd. He was also currently secretary of our club. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Margaret and son Robert. Services were Tuesday, March 3rd, in Excelsior.

We all mourn the loss of Harold Wright and extend our sympathies to Mrs. Wright and family.

### PRAIRIE MOON AND TONKA NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Introduction of two new 'mums named Tonka and Prairie Moon brings to 39 the number of garden chrysanthemums developed by the University of Minnesota. Although these varieties have been developed primarily for our Minnesota growing conditions, nevertheless, these new varieties should do well over a wide area as attested by reports from other states in which they were tested.

Tonka (Minn. No. 54-44-2) is a large-flowered ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch), fully-double, deep yellow variety. The flowers and clean, rich green foliage are borne on stiff stems. Tonka has fully-double flowers that appear from early September to hard frost. The plant grows to a height of 20 inches with a spread of about 30 inches.

Prairie Moon (Minn. 54-128-81) is a cream-white, double-flowered variety with large 4-inch blossoms. When the flowers are fully open, a gold center is usually visible. The willowy plant with rich green foliage produces many flowers. This tall (24 to 30 inches) variety with a spread of 18 to 24 inches should be used in the rear of the flower border. Flowers appear from early September to frost.

Taken from the  
Minnesota Nurserymen's Newsletter

WOULD YOU ...

...be interested in participating in some of the following activities which we might sponsor:

A JUDGING SCHOOL to establish qualified men judges trained to judge men-type garden shows. The MGCA is starting a national program to this aim with a manual to be available within a few days. A specific set of instructions is furnished, culminating in an organized series of sessions and actual judgments, all supervised by a master instructor who must be nationally acceptable. Thrilling?

A GET ACQUAINTED PROGRAM to know better the members of the other MGCA affiliated men's clubs within Minnesota. A series of exchange visits etc. Most of the U.S.A. is organized into Regions of the MGCA and Minnesota is one of the few not organized. If such a plan got sufficient support, it would be a relatively easy program to form a Minnesota region, with joint-club meetings one to six times annually, with dues of a few pennies for postage. In areas where Regions exist, individual members are enthusiastic. I'd like to work on this personally with others, but it must not be dominated by any group.

A TOUR COMMITTEE to lay out tours this summer of gardens of non-MGCM members. Maybe we should visit outstanding city gardens, looking for new ideas beyond the scope of our own group of excellent gardens. If such a volunteer committee presented an actual planned tour to the Board, it would undoubtedly be given serious consideration. Such a committee could serve the community and out-of-town visitors by publicizing make-your-own tours of Minneapolis gardens. What a service this would be!

A NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE. No reflection on the superb work being done by Harold Kaufmann's Membership Committee, but a different purpose. Maybe a volunteer group should scan selected areas to determine whether there are large numbers of potential members we might want badly. Could be dovetailed with the Tour Committee discussed above. This committee could make recommendations to the regular membership committee. Perhaps the club might even want to expand its size. It's worth a thought.

A NEW CLUB COMMITTEE. This is really a missionary proposition. We should be establishing other Men's Garden Clubs throughout the state. Many areas ready and waiting for direction. Obviously it takes a little organization but there isn't a man in our club who couldn't accomplish this end within a committee of five or six interested men. Lots of material available, and I'd be very anxious to work with such a group as much as time will permit. Herb Kahlert could advise on this. We just need personnel.

There is a never-ending amount of fun you can have if you are interested in any activities of the nature outlined here. These are intended as serious proposals but they can also stimulate your thinking.

Give me a telephone call if interested.

W. H. Hull  
National Director, MGCA

## MINNESOTA DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONFERENCE

Recently, a meeting was held at the St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota, to discuss the impending threat of Dutch Elm disease in Minnesota. Mr. J. R. Sandve of the Department of Agriculture acted as chairman of the session. Present were staff members of the University of Minnesota Departments of Horticulture, Entomology, Plant Pathology and the Agricultural Extension Service. Also represented were the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, Minnesota Department of Conservation, Division of Forestry and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry.

The purpose of the conference was to consider the various aspects which could influence the introduction of Dutch Elm disease and its vectors as well as the subsequent spread and distribution of the disease after it becomes established within the state. The following items were discussed:

### Quarantine

Initial discussion concerned the establishment of a quarantine by the Department of Agriculture. This quarantine would restrict the movement of elm logs and similar host material which might move in from adjacent states in which the disease is known to exist. Personnel of the Division of Forestry agreed to obtain information in regard to the movement of logs to sawmills located in southeastern Minnesota.

### The Distribution of Vectors

The native elm bark beetle (Hylurgopinus rufipes) is known to be present in Minnesota but the more important vector, the smaller European elm bark beetle (Scolytus multistriatus) has not been found in the state.

### Diagnostic Laboratory

The need for establishing a diagnostic laboratory to process suspect Dutch Elm disease material was considered. The location and means of operation of such a laboratory was discussed.

### The Use of Elm Trees

Consensus of opinion at the conference was that the use of elm stock for shade and windbreak trees should be discouraged. Nurserymen were to be informed of this attitude and it was agreed that this opinion was to be transmitted to individuals responsible for large-scale plantings such as contractors who might establish new housing developments, municipal authorities and governmental agencies which should be concerned with planting quantities of trees.

### Minnesota Dutch Elm Disease Advisory Committee

The final action of the group was to form an advisory committee. Dr. David French was named chairman and each of the departments represented at the meeting were given a seat on the committee. The principal function of this group will be to work with the Department of Agriculture, the regulating agency, in promulgating a quarantine and organizing control efforts to combat the disease and its vectors when it appears advisable to do so. An additional responsibility of this committee will be to publish information relative to the status of Dutch Elm disease from time to time. A bulletin will probably be printed in the near future.

## THE TITUS' CHRISTMAS LETTER CONTINUED

We enjoyed the anemone and ranunculas bulbs and have planted another bunch for February bloom. Rose clippings that were stuck in the ground last January are now blooming. Some of our native trees are a never-ending source of pleasure, particularly the madrone with its terra-cotta colored bark and the manzanita with its dark, red, smooth bark almost like polished mahogany.

As we have previously mentioned, Santa Rosa was for fifty years the home of Luther Burbank. Visitors by the thousands visit the garden every year although they have not been well maintained. This year the City has earmarked \$55,000 to improve the grounds. Owners of authentic Burbank stock all over the world have been asked to donate of their supply for the premises. I have talked with several people who worked with or knew Burbank, and his life story in itself makes an interesting study.

The Men's Garden Club here is a small group, whose main attempt at civic service is the maintenance of the municipal rose garden in a downtown park. They do the pruning, fertilizing, mulching but the city does the watering. A member of the club is a retired Colonel Tinkham. Much to our surprise we have discovered that he was the Army Engineer in charge of building Split Rock Lighthouse in 1910, and Rock of Ages Lighthouse on Isle Royal one year later. At that time all supplies had to be transported by barge from Duluth as there was no road. Since that time Colonel Tinkham has been building for the Engineers in almost every part of the globe. He likes it here, and says that in his opinion it is one of the most equable climates in the country.

The Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center is now a "going" concern with its own building 30 x 80 on a two-acre plot. The building is owned by ten garden clubs, one of which is the Men's Garden Club, with a combined membership of about 500. It has a budget of about \$3500 a year to meet and money is raised by various projects -- a "house and garden tour," a "table setting show," rummage sales, a turkey dinner, and in other ways. It has been interesting to watch this develop for a year ago it was just an idea.

We could go on and on -- about school at Junior College one night a week, George is taking a course in landscape gardening, and Jo a course on foreign affairs -- the community concerts with fine artists. Then there are Civil Defense Meetings. This area is a reception center for 40,000 people in the event of a major disaster earthquake, fire, flood, epidemic, bombing or fall-out. There are experiments in the kitchen and learning to use a barbecue.

We plan to spend Christmas here in Santa Rosa and we have asked friends in for Christmas Eve -- candlelight, carols, talk by the fire -- then all to Midnight Service at church.

Once again we send our Christmas thoughts your way, and want you to know that you do mean much to us. May the coming year be one of peace on earth, good will to men.

Jo and George Titus