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### June Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 1961

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

Program Chairman Bill Brooks has developed another fine program, our last one indoors before starting the garden tours.

- 1. Floyd Ashley reports on the "FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GARDEN SYMPOSIUM" which he attended recently at Williamsburg, Va. Slides, too.
- 2. Prof. R. D. Farnham, Soils Department, U of M, will talk on "THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIC MATTER IN HOME GARDENING." Mr. Farnham is particularly interested in peat in Minnesota and should have some valuable information for us.

# YOUR REGIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Another fun event. Complete information enclosed with this issue. Your participation needed as an exhibitor and as a pro to help some of the men whose clubs have never sponsored a show. Remember the purpose of this event is to assist clubs who will want to have their own Fall show, as we will have again this year.

# OVER THE GARDEN GATE by Bill Hull

We'd hate to see you leave, but if you're interested in a fine residence in Florida, one of our national directors retired from Illinois several years ago, is selling his Florida home for health reasons. Two hundred feet of land and sea wall on a river over a mile wide. Lots of flowers, good house, etc. I have a few more details or write direct to E. G. C. Williams, 3541 Riverside Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

An all-filter mask, available at drug stores for slightly under \$2.00 and made by Davol Rubber Company, is being promoted for gardeners' use during dusting and spraying. A good idea to protect ourselves, particularly with the newer sprays with which we're not acquainted and on which tests aren't extensive.

Pleased to say that Harold Kaufmann is progressing well from his recent surgery. At the date of writing this Harold has left the intensive care room and has been moved into his own room. Furthermore, he had called his wife at 6:45 A.M. and asked her to bring his small radio. We sincerely hope, Harold, that this is a sign of a speedy and quick recovery.

Blackie Blackbourn reports that the roses are still growing well and encloses a clipping of an article and pictures from the La Jolla Light. He sends his regards to all and repeats the invitation to visit him when in California. Why not start a Men's Garden Club in La Jolla, Al?

I had the pleasure of speaking to a garden club in Otto Erickson's neighborhood recently on landscaping. One suggestion was to take a critical fresh look at one's own yard and gardens as if one were a stranger, to view it anew and perhaps coldly. One lady thought this a good idea. While driving home one day she did just that. Trouble is she kept looking at the house and drove off the road into a ditch. Had to have a tow truck. Certainly proves we should be careful what advice we give.

Do we expect too much? Recently I bought a hundred pounds of packaged fertilizer. When I took the two fifty pound bags from the trunk they felt very light. Turned out they only weighed 33 pounds each so I'd paid for 100 pounds but got only 66. When I objected to the seller he was very nice about it. Said "Well, that makes 66 pounds, doesn't it. Well, come back and get another 50 pound package and that'll make it 100 pounds."

That fellow Norm Christopherson certainly raises superb plants. His banded seedlings have a rich deep green color and fine root formations that would be the envy of any commercial grower. Don't move to Sun City some of these days, Norm, we need you here.

Dale Durst's bleeding heat's bloomed before mine - just across the hedge. I swear he goes out at night with a heat lamp to rush them along. Isn't there a law against that?

### OVER THE GARDEN GATE (cont'd)

Al Nelson says the Fall show is coming along fine in the planning stage but will need lots of help. Why not pick up the telephone and ask what you can do? Dates are August 26-27. Same location.

It has been proposed that we have a tour in July, perhaps to Faribault to see Dick's clematis. It will be discussed at the June Meeting so give it some thought. To bus or not to bus?

Charlie Proctor is in his new home and looking forward to renovating an old garden without much in it. Going to be a problem. Would be nice to supply him with a few divisions and gift plants.

A gardener's neighbor has been trying in vain to sell his small house. As a joke the gardener called and pretended to be a prospective buyer, but keeping his real identity secret. "But I have three large dogs and two cats" said the gardener; "would your neighbors object?" "Not at all," said his neighbor, "plenty of room for them." (This on a fifty foot lot). "You don't think I'd have trouble with them with five pets?" repeated the gardener. "No, sir, they're fine people" said his neighbor. Then the caller repeated his identity and they had a big laugh over the conversation. Wonder if the friendship gradually cools?

Unsung Hero: Bob Adams, for the fine work he has done for so many months as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer. Bob makes arrangements for all meals, whether at the church or with a caterer for outdoor meetings. We think Bob deserves a hearty thanks.

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Dear Friends of the Arboretum:

On Saturday, June 3, 1961, at 2:00 p.m., the new Entrance to the Arboretum will be dedicated. We are pleased to extend to you and your friends a cordial invitation to visit the Arboretum to see the latest developments and attend this special program.

Enclosed for your review is the 1960 Annual Report. You will note that continual progress is being made toward making this one of the finest Arboretums in the country.

Your interest and support have made you a partner in the Arboretum success story. If you were a 1960 Arboretum member, we trust you will wish to renew your membership. If you are not a member we cordially invite you to become one,

Sincerely yours,

John E. P. Morgan, Chairman Arboretum Development Fund

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This Spring Flower Show is something of an experiment and we are going to need the help of every Club Member in every Club to make it the success that it can be.

There is a saying that a Flower Show is not "made" by those exhibitors who win the first place awards. It is "made" by the many exhibitors who bring every good bloom in their gardens to the show and regardless of the ribbons won or lost, feel that they have done their part and have had a good time doing it.

This is not to discount Quality, which is ever important, but every show needs a Quantity of good blooms - not necessarily prize winners - to make a satisfactory showing.

May we have your full support?

We say THANKS in advance, knowing that you will give it.

S. L. (Joe) Seaman, Chairman

P. W. Young, President

NORTH STAR REGION

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#### FUN AND MONEY TOO!

The May Plant Auction was another successful event, netting the club \$352.10, which is a very satisfactory amount considering we're not trying to make it solely a money-raising meeting. Trouble is some of the fellows won't stop bidding. Thanks for a superb job to Charlie Proctor, Auction Chairman; Bill Kelley, Frank Vixo, Art Fakler, Fred Holzman, Louie Dorweiler, Leo Stillman and all the others who made it successful.