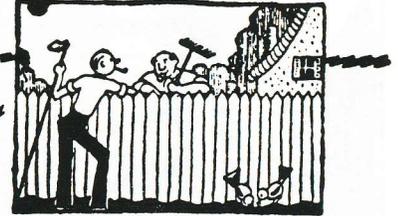




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DON'T MISS THE MGCM FEBRUARY MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12th (LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY) AT MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH
(50th Street and Knox Avenue South)

Dinner 5:45 PM

Price \$3.75

Program 7:00 PM

THERESA MIESELER of the Minnesota Herb Society will talk on

HERB GROWING, INDOORS and OUT

Mrs. Mieseler is a capable, knowledgeable and versatile person. She is keeper of greenhouses at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and will run the new greenhouse to be opened there in the spring. Her handiwork is exhibited on the tables in the Arboretum Tea Room. She and her husband, Jim, are proprietors of the Shady Acres Nursery, Chaska. She is an outstanding grower (Last summer had a stall at the Minneapolis Municipal Market next to Chuck King.).

NOTICE TO TWIN CITY AREA MEMBERS: If a reservation card is attached to this issue of the SPRAY USE IT. If there is no card attached you are on the permanent reservation list and will be expected to pay for your meal unless you telephone Archie Caple (869-3437) to cancel out.

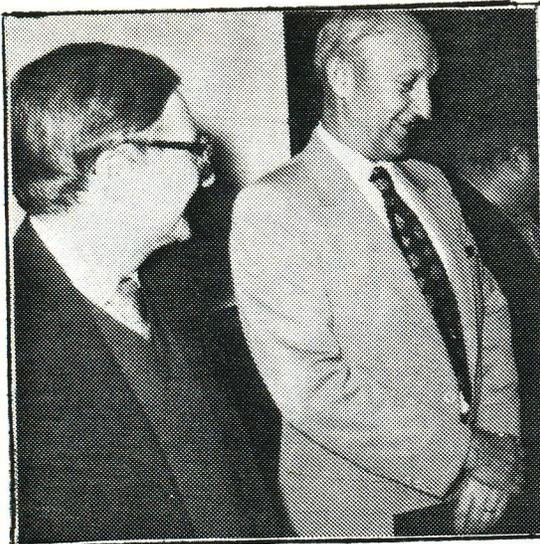
NATE SIEGEL REMINDS YOU to bring your blue-print suggestions for the 1980 Fragrance Garden to the February meeting.

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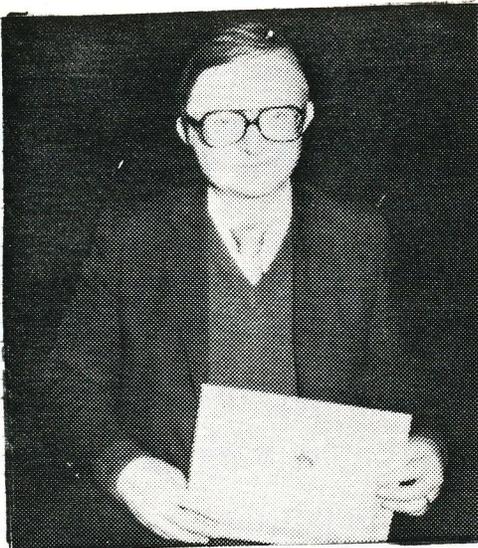
CALENDAR of EVENTS TO COME -- Mark yours accordingly.

Tuesday, February 12, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 1980	Linden Hills Neighborhood Center	Plant Auction
Tuesday, June 10, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
_____, July __, 1980	GARDEN TOUR	
Sat. & Sun, Aug. 23-24	Landscape Arboretum	FLOWER/VEGETABLE SHOW
_____, September __, 1980	GARDEN TOUR	
Tuesday, October 14, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 1980	Mount Olivet Church	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, January 13, 1981	Mount Olivet Church	Regular Monthly Meeting

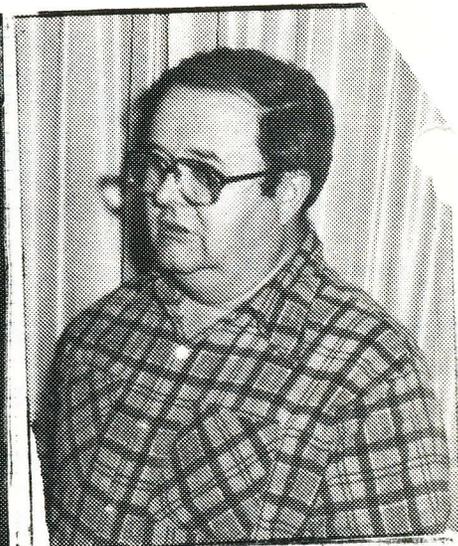
The final committee membership list will appear in the roster when printed. A listing of committee responsibilities (Distributed at the January meeting) will be enclosed with the MARCH SPRAY.



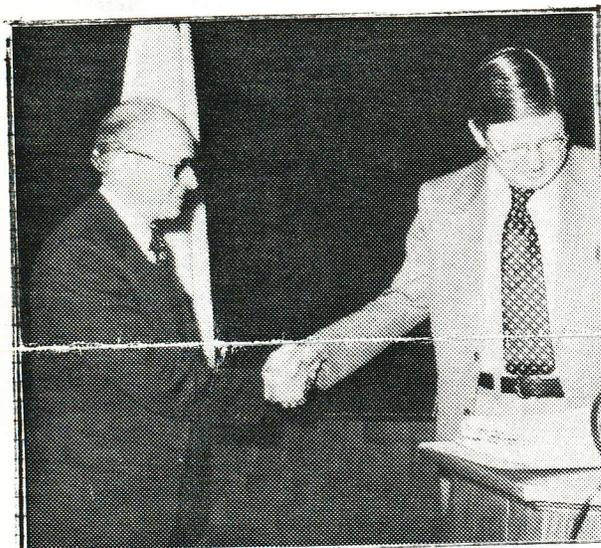
Burton Deane, Archie Caple, 3 years perfect attendance



Burton Deane shows certificate all received



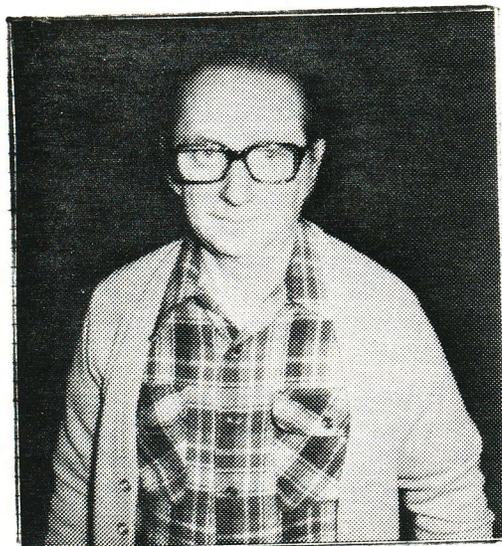
Fred Glasoe, 4 years perfect attendance



Philip Peterson, 1 year perfect attendance, repeats "Pledge to the Spade" after Bill Hull

THE JANUARY MEETING got off to an auspicious start. President Archie Caple handed out lists of committees, their functions, their memberships; also a calendar of events for 1980. We can't remember this ever before happening earlier than February.

Bob Gage then presented the proposals for changes in MGCM's Constitution and By-Laws. Animated discussion indicated major disagreement as to the nature and status of the current articles. Result: A volunteer committee was given authority to review the matter and to present in proper form such changes as seem appropriate for action at a later meeting. The committee: Chairman: Historian, Bill Hull. Members: Archie Caple, Grant Christenson, Ed Culbert, Fred Glasoe, Chet Groger, Charles Proctor, Cameron Smith.



Bill Hull then presented the GREEN THUMB AWARDS. These certificates* for perfect attendance at MGCM meetings went to Phil Peterson (1 year), Art Johnson (2 years), Archie Caple and Burton Deane (3 years), Fred Glasoe (4 years) and, Dale Durst (10 years). *+ Marlin Rosin (4 years)*

Winners of the LEHMAN TROPHY (Clarence Knoblauch) and the PRESIDENT'S CUP (Chet Groger) were announced but presentation was deferred until February.

Picture left: Dale Durst has not missed a meeting for a decade.

*Note: Art Johnson (2 years) was not present receive his certificate and be photographed.



FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

by
Archie Caple

It has begun! Christmas is over so now is the time the gardener gets his wishing books -- the seed catalogs for 1980. Mine have started, and sure as sure, all of you, too, will be getting your catalogs. Some are familiar names such as Burpee, Park, Farmer Seed & Nursery, Harris, Stokes, Earl May, Jung, Morgan & Thompson, etc. Many are repeaters of others already received, yet somewhere within the covers of each issue are concealed gardening tips and hints for the gardener (whether he be an oldtimer, a newcomer, professional or hobbist) about the new varieties added, the changes of growth and growing habits, length of maturity dates, and other tidbits of worthy information. There is knowledge in the offering; words of wisdom, that if accepted in reading and studying the seed catalog, can mean a difference between a bountiful harvest or a possible/probable crop failure. Some are specialty catalogs catering to specific varieties and species, such as flowering bulbs, tubers, or fruits. Some are general all-inclusive types having a wide range of annuals and perennials, bulbs and tubers, fruit producing plants, bushes and trees, topped off with practically all available varieties of vegetables.

In the beginning, the seed catalogs had little or no significance to me except as a piece of literature in the form of a catalog to thumb through with special attraction to the coloration since, for the most part, my seed requirements were obtained at either the local hardware or grocery stores. Since those days years back, I feel I have come a long way, learning certain things about gardening through association; mostly through the traditional trial and error methods. My gardening education and "know how" over the past half dozen years has been greatly enhanced by attendance at gardening clinics -- some made available through the establishments of local nurserymen; others through the Minnesota Hort. Society, the extension services of the University of Minnesota, and Hennepin County Vo-Tech classes. A heck of a lot of valuable knowledge has been obtained thru the Master Gardening Program and the continual updating of this knowledge through classes and update sessions carried on by the Hennepin County Extension Agricultural Services. But in no way will the affiliation with the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis be left out of my gardening educational itinerary. The association of gardening abilities within this relatively small group of individuals - those most willing to share their knowledge and, most important of all, gardening experiences - is an inexhaustible area of gardening education!

But back to the seed catalog -- a gardener's delight which has, through past experience, taught us to have patience; the patience to impatiently wait for the new issues to arrive to give a break to winter periods that, without doubt, have us thinking Spring: The seed catalog gets us into the mood for thinking beyond the snow shoveling and snow drifts (slow in coming this year), and for mentally planning our vegetable and flower gardens with each turn of the catalog pages.

I have a relatively fair sized area for planting, but with each turn of the page, the area in my imaginary process is quickly utilized to its capacity. I even get to wondering and speculating on how much more lawn area I can transform into planting areas. It's about this time I take a fast inven-

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tory and reality determines I can't plant everything this year either!! However, I do make a point of trying something different each year, be it flower, vegetable or fruit. I like the challenge of a new and different seed, bulb, fruit or tuber, determining (1) can I do it? (2) do I like the results? and, (3) is it worth the effort? This determines if it remains on the active list or is scratched, making room available for something different next time around.

Take your seed catalogs, leaf through the first time, then sit back and peruse the fine print for the educational data available, and I'll guarantee you they'll become an even more valuable item to anticipate in the future. Plant! grow! produce beautiful crops! but don't pass up the opportunity to have fun in all your gardening activities! THIS STARTS WITH THE SEED CATALOG.

Yours for good reading, and most of all, good gardening success in your endeavors. I leave you with this final thought -- "We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about."



LET'S LOOK AHEAD TO THE MARCH MEETING
SAYS CHARLES KING

For this one you will need a text book in the form of a seed catalog. For the sake of convenience and all around good cultural information I am asking you to send away for a copy of STOKES seed catalog. If you are already the recipient of their 1980 catalog then you are well prepared for that evening. For those not familiar with this catalog, I urge you to write for it immediately so as to have it in hand on the evening of March 11th. The address is: Stokes Seeds Inc., 737 Main St., Box 548, Buffalo, N. Y., 14240. Do it today without delay!!

The purpose of this is to introduce and assist the novice gardener and others in making intelligent seed selections. In order to make this a comprehensive program for you it is planned to do a seed planting demonstration, a seedling transplanting demonstration and to make remarks concerning post transplanting care. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Here is a listing of other reputable seed houses--

Epicure Seeds
Box 69
Avon, N. Y. 14414

Harris
Moreton Farms
Rochester, N. Y., 14624

Burgess Seed Co.
Galesburg, Michigan
49053

Johney's Seeds
(all organic)
Albion, Me. 04910

Herbst Seeds
1000 N. Main
Brewster, N. Y. 10509

Farmer Seed
Faribault, Mn.
55021

Unwins Ltd.
Box 9
Farmingdale, N. J.
07727

Park Seed Co., Inc.
Greenwood, S. C. 29647

Otis S. Twilley Seed Co.
Salisbury, Maryland
21801

Thompson & Morgan
Farmingdale, N. J.
07727

Burpee Seed Co.
Clinton, Iowa 52732

Northrup King
(catalog & price list
supplement)
1500 N. E. Jackson St.
Mpls., Mn. 55413

IN MEMORIAM

Death struck again in December and January and took the lives of two of our beloved members.

REV. RICHARD R. HULBERT

About 9:30 in the evening of December 22, Dick Hulbert slumped in his chair and passed away peacefully. Dick had lived a full life. He was born in Batavia, Illinois, the son of a Congregational minister. The family later lived at River Falls, Wisconsin, and Northfield, Minnesota. He graduated from Carleton College in 1931, from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1934. Ordained a Congregational minister, he served churches until 1960 when he entered the Minneapolis school system. A reading specialist, he taught in the English Departments of South and North High Schools and did counseling. He retired in 1976. He served as President of MGCM in 1978. After retirement the Hulberts traveled widely and had just returned from a trip to China.

Dick had an outgoing personality. He cared for others. During the summer months he kept the tables at the Walker Methodist Residence supplied with flowers from his yard which was an example of perfection. His roses and dahlias were outstanding. He was a skilled worker with tools as evidenced in both his home and his yard.

Dick is survived by his wife, Vera, his daughter, Joan Martin, and three grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the Lynnhurst Congregational Church.

Dick Hulbert will not soon be forgotten. He was a good gardener, a true friend, but above all a fine gentleman.

--Sherm Pinkham

ERLE V. TORNSTROM

Erle died suddenly on Friday, January 11. He had attended our Men's Garden Club meeting on Tuesday the 8th. Funeral services were held at Mayflower Community Church where he had been active for 37 years.

Erle was born in Stillwater, Minnesota, but had resided in Minneapolis many years. He was a retired employee of Sears, Roebuck and Company. He was active in Masonic organizations.

He was an avid gardener. Originally a member of the Richfield Men's Garden Club, he joined MGCM when the Richfield group disbanded in 1973. His cheery greeting, firm handshake and active interest were most welcome.

He had faith in the youth of our nation. He served as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts 55 years. He served many years as Cubmaster at Mayflower Church. The Scout organization had honored him with it's Silver Beaver award.

Surviving are his wife Ingrid. -- They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1979--, his son Ronald, his daughter Marjorie Bosacker, and six grandchildren. A quartet of grandchildren sang at the funeral. A granddaughter prepared a poem "Safely Home" addressed "To My Family and Friends" and signed "All My Love -- Erle" copies of which were on the table at the entry door.



DICK STEHLY REPORTS ON CHRISTMAS PARTY FINANCES

On behalf of Chet Groger and myself I would like to thank all of the garden club members who attended the 1979 Christmas party. The following table lists the expenses and income for the party:

<u>EXPENSE, TOTAL</u>	<u>EXPENSE, PER PERSON</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Food \$1006.88	\$5.03	197 at \$8.50.... \$1674.50
Decorations 231.94	1.16	Net Gain \$314.93
Entertainment 50.00	0.25	
Miscellaneous 70.75	0.35	
<u>\$1359.57</u>	<u>\$6.79</u>	

ARE YOU AWARE

- That a suggestion box will be found at the back of the room at each MGCA meeting for your ideas, suggestions, gripes? No signature is required.
- That your December SPRAY reached you on schedule only because Vinton and Ellen Bouslough dropped everything to get it from the printer and mailed. (Editor had gone to the hospital.)
- That the editor, still hospitalized, called on Archie Caple and Jerry Shannon to pinch hit with pictures and write-up of the Christmas party?
- 30 to 40 members and wives accepted Howard Klier's invitation given at the November MGCM meeting to come to his establishment at 5901 Nicollet Avenue the evening following Thanksgiving to make wreaths and decorations. Howard really makes this annual event something to which to look forward.

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