

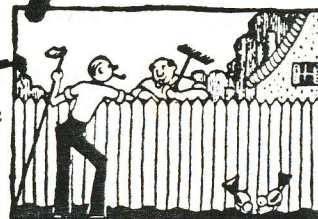


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ATTEND THE MGCM JANUARY MEETING

5:45 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th, \$3.50

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH, 50th & KNOX S.

PANEL on HOME GREENHOUSES
Type, Construction, Heating, Use.
Hear Members Fred Glasoe, Chuck King,
Jerry Shannon and Marlin Rosin

GET YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK!

FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and yours the very best of Seasonal Greetings and a happy, healthy, wealthy, (not monetarily but in comradery) and an enjoyable gardening experience in 1980.

The questionnaires are being returned slowly, with about 50% return thus far. Some are being returned with acceptable satisfaction; others are a little disappointing. I mean by this, the apparent lack of interest toward the Club and our activities. No suggestions are being offered as how to improve our club, plus there is failure to offer of one's self for committee participation. It appears from the lack of interest in some of our committees that the membership is not interested. The end result is that those committees without volunteer participation will be dropped. For those with outstanding questionnaires, I request this be given your immediate, thoughtful attention. Through your responses rests our committee organization, the new membership directory, and our calendar of events for 1980. Again, fill out your questionnaire and get it back pronto, pronto.

This is the beginning of a new year, the time to look back, reminisce a little on the accomplishments of 1979, and plan for correcting some of our past deficiencies. This is also the time to begin our 1980 planning,
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NOTIFICATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS and DUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE JANUARY MEETING or YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED A NON-MEMBER and NOT RECEIVE ANY OF THE PUBLICATIONS or APPEAR IN THE CLUB DIRECTORY.

--Board Action December 1979

not only with reference to our club programs, and varying activities but, also, for each of our own flower and vegetable gardens, landscaping projects, improvement projects, vacations, garden tours, the material items for entry in the club's annual flower and vegetable show, and other items far too numerous to mention. In short, plan to establish a personal program and go with it; it makes life become a little better organized and greases the wheels of progress.

One of the items on the questionnaire had reference to the reservations for the monthly meetings: "Do you prefer the return post card and/or telephone, or would you want to be placed on a permanent attendance sheet?" The results thus far have been about fifty/fifty. Fine: The thought behind the idea was to make life and certain responsibilities a bit simpler and help save the club money. Those individuals that want to be listed on the permanent attendance sheet will be accommodated, those preferring the present method of notification will have that option.

Till next month, keep this thought - - "About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age."

--Archie Caple

THE NOVEMBER TALKS

Chuck King told us there were eight categories of cacti and other succulents and brought specimens of each to show. These plants need bright light, no fertilizer and little water October through March, their dormant period. The watering period begins in March; ease up in September. The only pests are red spider, scale insects and mealy bug. (See the December 1979 MINNESOTA HORTICULTURIST for an extensive article on King's collection.)

Fred Glasoe: "Orchids are not necessarily expensive nor are they difficult to grow." There are orchids for every condition or climate. Cattleyas are the most commonly grown orchids. They require no soil--only bark.

Glenn Ray found that many of us knew, or knew of, the old fashioned house plants: English ivy, ferns, geraniums, impatiens, maderia-vine, oleander, palm tree, pandana, parlor maple, primrose, rubber tree. Their biggest problem today is spider mites due to heat, lack of humidity, over watering and over fertilizing. The indoor conditions in Minnesota in winter are just as hostile as those out of doors for house plants. Diseases are unlikely, October to May, unless you bring in unsterilized soil. Every plant grown indoors, however, is subject to sunburn.

ANNOUNCED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING: Send in the reservation card if you think you are coming to the meeting. Then if at the last minute you find out you can't make it telephone on Sunday.

Consideration is being given to the preparation of a standing reservation list. Hopefully procedures will be set up in time for printing in the February GARDEN SPRAY. MEANWHILE, it is requisite that you

RETURN THE ATTACHED CARD TO ARCHIE CAPLE

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING voted unanimously to continue the Community Fragrance Garden. Nate Siegel then reported on some of the rebuilding necessary and announced a contest for plans and/or suggestions for 1980's garden.

IN MEMORIAM - HENRY BACHMAN

We have lost a dear friend in losing Henry Bachman to the Grim Reaper. He was a man whom we cannot replace, one of a kind, a man's man, a gentleman.

Henry had been a charter member of our club; being a mainstay back in those early days in the 'forties as he still was in the 'seventies. He liked all kinds of gardening; in fact, he once answered an inquiry for membership information by saying his gardening interests were first, "general" and secondly, "Jack of all trades". He had also told us of his interest in hunting, fishing and traveling.

Henry lived a full life, having been born on March 6, 1892 and living to be eighty-seven years of age. Furthermore, they were years in which he seemed to be in good health, which is what we wish for all of us.

Henry was one of those very rare men whom other men love and can say so without embarrassment. He was known and respected not only for his acumen as a florist and a gardener, but for his fine qualities as an outstanding human being.

Of course we extend to his family our most sincere regrets but we also thank them for having brought such a man into our midst. Those descendants should also be proud that we can see some of Henry's fine qualities in them. We all loved Henry Bachman.

Bill Hull

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PICTURE AND STORY

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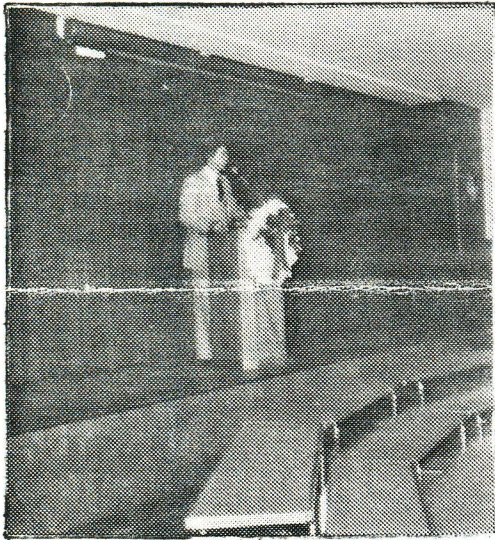
by Jerry Shannon



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On Monday evening, December 3, one hundred ninety-seven members and their guests, kicked off the holiday season by attending the annual Christmas party.

As the participants arrived, they found the basement auditorium of Mt. Olivet transformed into a winter wonderland, complete with an animated Frosty the snowman (1) and elves, set among spruce trees rising up out of beds of artificial snow. Tables to seat fourteen members and guests were decorated with red and or green tablecloths on which seven white or red poinsettias were placed as centerpieces, to be taken home later by the women at the table (6).



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During the social hour, participants sipped on sherbet punch and enjoyed a continuous slide presentation of member's gardens in all their summer splendor. This inspired each and every one viewing it. Dick Lehman has to be the champion cymbidium orchid grower for his huge potted cymbidium, festooned with hundreds of pink blooms, which decorated the punch serving area.

After everyone was seated, President Bob Gage gave his welcoming message and the Reverend Richard Hulbert gave the invocation. With these formalities over, Dwight Stone led the carvers from each table to the kitchen where they donned their chef hats and aprons and received their golden brown roasted turkeys (4). To the Dixie Land music ("When the Saints Come Marching Home") of trumpeter Roger Koopmans, the carvers paraded with their turkeys up and down the hall and back to their tables where the menu consisted of roasted turkey and sage dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, jello cottage cheese salad and a cherry cream cheese dessert.



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After everyone was through eating, Dick Stehly (2) introduced Fred Glasoe, chairman of the Awards Committee, who announced the winner of the 1979 Industrial Landscape Award--the Donaldson Company, Incorporated, of Bloomington, Minnesota. Mr. Clark Simpson accepted the award for the company (3).

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the Nordkap all male chorus (5), which presented the evening's entertainment. Established in 1909, the forty member chorus, under the able direction of Ken Lauer, filled the auditorium
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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PICTURE AND STORY

with song, many sung in Norwegian or Swedish. One member, ninety-two years young, received a standing ovation for his solo parts.

Seventy-five individuals chose door prizes which were Christmas wrapped and placed under a Christmas tree decorated with handcrafted red or white miniature pairs of figure skates.

I am sure that each and every member and guest present, hated to see such an enjoyable evening come to a close. A special thank you should be given the Christmas Party Committee which was co-chaired by Dick Stehly and Chet Groger who along with members Russ Backes, Stan Crist, Jim Fishbaugher, Bill Hull, Dean Schneider, Dwight Stone, and Erle Tornstrom did such a marvelous job.

DID YOU WONDER who came up with the idea for the figure skate decorations for the Christmas tree? It was Maureen Pollmann from Bob Gage's office. She made 50 pairs; Stan and Ester Crist made 50 pairs; Harry and Margaret Sova made 50 pairs; Erle and Ingrid Tornstrom made 50 pairs; and, Chet and Em Groger and Dick and Martha Stehley combined forces to make 100 pairs.

WHO WERE THE HUNGRIEST persons at the Christmas party? That's easy. Carvers Lloyd Bachman, Larry Corbett, Stan Crist, Fred Glasoe, Bill Hull, James Ketchum, Paul Lindstedt, Jim Mayerle, Dean Schneider, Jerry Shannon, Bob Smith, Phil Smith and Dwight Stone of MGCM plus Harland Halvorson and Wallace Olson of the Nordkap Choir. After they finished carving they were lucky if even the turkey carcass was left.

MANY HANDS MAY NOT MAKE LIGHT WORK but they can speed it up. So say Vinton Bouslough, Stan Crist, Bob Gage, Chet and Em Groger, Maury Moorman, Maureen Pollmann, Harry and Margaret Sova, Juel Shefland, Dick Stehley and Erle Tornstrom who finished decorating for the Christmas party at 2:30 p.m. on December 3rd. Russ Backes helped them clean up after the festivities ended.



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Henry Bachman, son Lloyd and grandson Todd, 1976 photo



Henry Bachman
December 5, 1977

WE WILL MISS HIM

Henry Bachman Jr. was an unassuming man with a slow, quiet, friendly smile. Don Wilson in the December 1971 SPRAY said, "His eyes and voice are soft but he's a man who works hard and plays hard." He loved plants, raising them, getting his hands in the dirt. Many a time he demonstrated for MGCM members in a back room of the greenhouse. He never quite accepted the trend to artificial flowers. He once told the editor, "We've got thousands of dollars of these things upstairs. Got to have them because people demand them. I don't like them. I'd rather not have them."

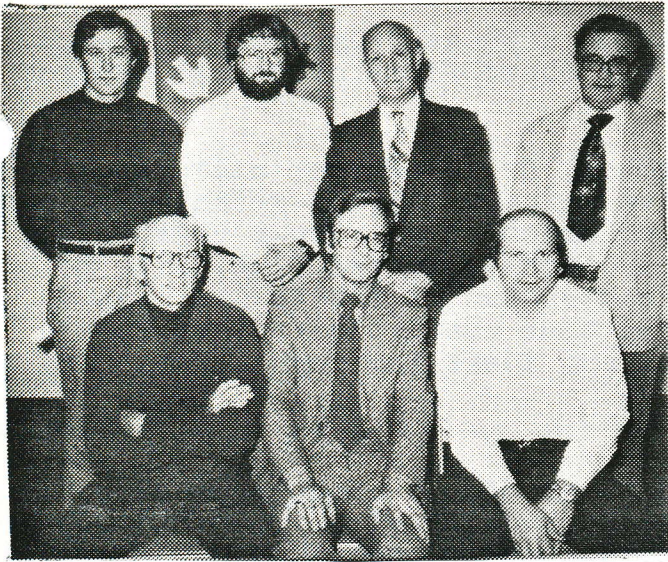
As the last member of his generation actively involved he saw the family business which started in vegetables switch emphasis (1920) to floral products and grow to a \$27 million business (Bachman's Inc., Bachman Nurseries, Bachman European Flower Markets -- The latter once sold to Pillsbury but later bought back.) with a regular payroll of 800 persons, 900 at peak season.

It all started when Henry, Sr., a German immigrant, bought (1885) 156 acres of land (then) well outside Minneapolis' southern limits. Here, to again quote Wilson, "he raised lettuce, radishes and other vegetables and sold them locally. His sons helped and were allowed to grow flower gardens and keep the profit. Henry (used) the money for his taxidermy course." (He became an expert taxidermist.) Actually Henry, Jr., born in 1892 started to help by tying parsley, radishes and mint into bunches at the age of four. His own children he in turn introduced to the greenhouse but not at such a tender age.

Henry, Sr. may have had scant formal education but he was no ordinary truck gardener content to continue peddling his produce from the wagon labelled HENRY BACHMAN AND SONS. He found a better produce market in Boston. Then in order to move coal into the greenhouses and refrigerator cars out he prevailed upon M. W. Savage to build a spur from his Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern railway to the Bachman property. (To expedite the deal Henry Sr. purchased some stock in the railroad.)

Henry, Jr. and his four brothers (only one of whom, Albert, now survives) took over the business in 1915. The seven sons of the five brothers were gradually worked into management. They it was who reorganized the company in 1949.

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Back row: R. Stehly, R. Marshall,
A. Caple, G. McCollough
Front row: C. King, J. Shannon,
R. Gage

helped organize the North Suburban Garden Club while serving as Food Technologist for General Mills at their Medicine Lake Food Development Center. President of 5th District, Minnesota State Horticulture Society, organizer of Hobby Greenhouse Club, expert and lecturer on cacti and succulents, member of Lily Society. Hopes members have real and sufficient interest in gardening and will come to most meetings both eager to learn and to share.

Jerry Shannon, Secretary - A recent member, his gardening credits are many. His education on the way to becoming Principal at Longfellow Elementary School in St. Paul included a course in Horticulture Techniques. He has taught and lectured in this field. Member Minnesota Horticulture Society, Hobby Greenhouse Club, Dahlia Society, Orchid Society. Also special interest in roses and dwarf fruit trees. Wants to see Club programs balanced between advanced technical information and every day gardening information and workshops.

George McCollough, Treasurer - A 3 year member, he is Internal Auditor for North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. Grows vegetables and flowers including a collection of roses, lilies and peonies at his home in Bloomington. Hopes to see the Club both grow and have a rewarding year in 1980.

Dick Stehly, Director - A 4 year member, worked in a local greenhouse while going to school. New addition to home will include combination greenhouse and solarium. Starting orchid collection. Grows vegetables and flowers including rose garden. Is Assistant Manager, Soils and Geology Division, Twin City Testing and Engineering Laboratory, St. Paul. Wants to see Club hold its members through more stimulating programs designed for the interest of all members.

Ray Marshall, Director - A 5 year member and Landscape Architect out of University of Illinois. Taught Landscape Architecture 4-1/2 years at Anoka Area Vocational Technical Institute. Now Landscape Architect for Bachmans. Grows vegetables but specializes in hostas and rock gardening.
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PROFILES: 1980 OFFICERS and DIRECTORS
by Chet Groger

Archie Caple, President - A 4 year member with a special interest in gardening. Education included 2 yrs. at St. Paul Campus in Wild Life Management and Forestry. A Master Gardener from the first class in 1977. As Provost Marshall, 8th Air Force, in England during WW II, had the chance through Scotland Yard, to visit the gardens and meet the Royal Gardener at Sandringham, the British Royal Summer Palace. Is now Director of Internal Security and Safety for Northwest Airlines. Hopes for more participation of members in affairs of the Club and increased willingness to share their knowledge.

Chuck King, Vice President - A former Richfield Garden Club member, he also

PROFILES continued

Would like to see more member participation with every member active to some degree. Misses calling committee and other forms of member contact outside of regular meetings.

Bob Gage, Past President - An 8 year member, he and father Bill own Gage and Gage, a manufacturers' representative company selling retail packaging material. New home includes attached greenhouse. Grows vegetables. Member Hobby Greenhouse Club, Southwest Community Garden Club, Rose Society, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Wants Club to retain its membership and bring in new members. With more time available as Past President, would like to work on new projects and ideas for consideration by the Board.

BACHMAN from page 6

Henry Jr. lived to see his children and those of his brothers become top leaders in their field with strong ties, horticulturally, with the University of Minnesota, Ohio State University and other institutions. Several of them are graduates in horticulture. Even in this fourth generation the business remains in the family. The stock is held by six members of the extended family but many others are involved.

We'll miss Henry and the table of relatives he always assembled for the Christmas party. We'll miss seeing the grandsons lovingly watch over and assist their grandfather at MGCM meetings. We'll miss seeing Henry helping out in the greenhouse. But we'll know he leaves family members who still delve in the soil, aren't afraid to get their hands dirty and like Henry, Jr., are big enough to be humble.

MGCM 1978 PRESIDENT DIES

Just as we were going to press news reached us that Rev. Richard R. Hulbert had died very suddenly.

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Mark your calendars for **May 25-28, 1980** and start making plans now to attend the MGCA National Convention in the fascinating river city of **St. Louis...** the metropolis that proves that Midwest hospitality really does exist!!