

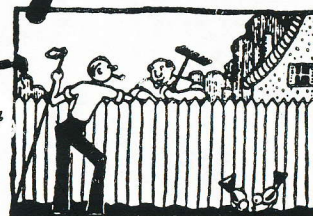


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NEXT MGCM MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 12, 1982
LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHOWEN AVENUE SOUTH at 49th STREET
(Enter by Door Facing the Parking Lot)

DINNER 6:00 P.M.

PRICE \$5.00



Dr. DeVos

Our speaker will be Dr. Francis DeVos, Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum who is one of our members. His slide lecture will be titled "PLANT EXPLORATION IN THE LAND OF THE YETI" and will describe his adventures in Nepal, Sikkim and West Bengal, India. On a cold winter evening, we can relax and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and the experiences that Dr. DeVos will share with us.

The January meeting is our Installation meeting at which Presidents', Secretary's and Treasurers' reports for 1981 will also be made. In addition Green Thumb and Flower Show awards will be presented.

Have you a committee preference? If so be prepared to indicate it. You'll be assigned to some committee(s) anyhow so it's always better to choose.

Bring an interested friend or neighbor.

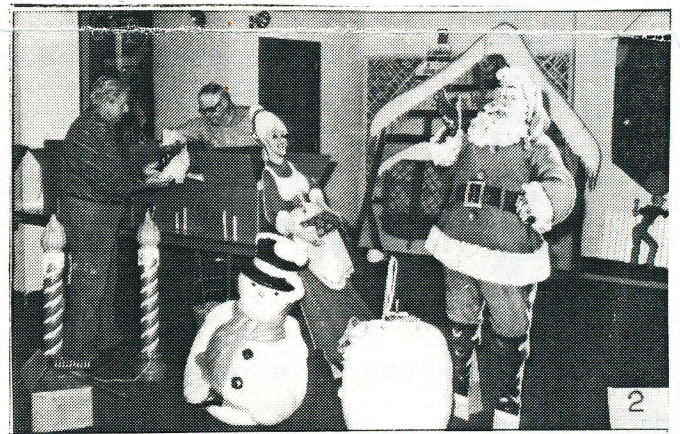
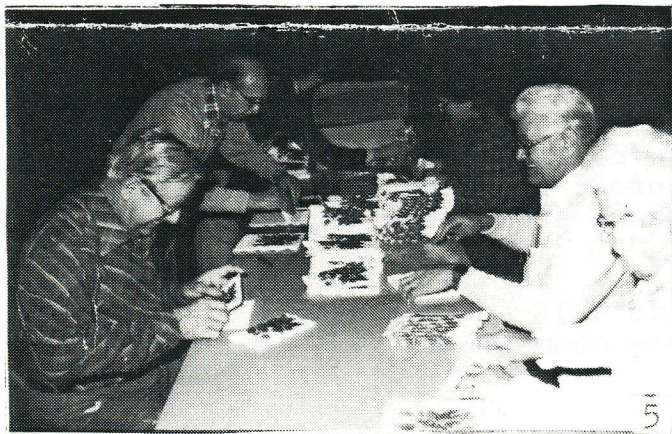
GET YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK AT ONCE!!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

- MGCM has 10 members of 30 or more years standing? Historian Bill Hull called off their names and had them rise at the banquet. They were: Walter Quist, charter member, 39 years; Ed. Culbert, 36 years; Larry Corbett, Carl Holst and Dick Lehman, 35 years; Bob Savory, 32 years; Larry Bachman, Lloyd Bachman and Sherm Pinkham, 31 years; Leon Snyder and Clint Turnquist, 30 years. Bill, himself, and Ev. Haedecke, 29 years, almost made the list.
- IF YOUR DUES AREN'T PAID UP THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE SPRAY.
- Bachman's, Bill Hull, Klier's and Jim Perrin donated the door prizes.

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PICTURES ON OPPOSITE PAGE.

1. Ray Marshall unwrapped the Christmas tree to be decorated.
 2. Henry Halvorson and Chet Groger unwrapped poinsettias for the tables. Santa and other displays stood helter skelter.
 3. The display as we saw it that evening was most attractive.
 4. Todd Bachman thanked Ev. Haedecke for the Outstanding Landscaping Award presented to Bachman's Inc. for the effective landscaping at their Lyn-dale Avenue complex.
 5. Henry Halvorson, Vic and Muriel Lowrie, Barbara Culbert, Russel and Janet Smith folded dinner napkins.
 6. Dale Durst officially presented the Bronze Medal for outstanding service to the club to Ev. Haedecke. Ev. was overwhelmed and took several minutes to regain his composure.
 7. Ray Marshall (not in picture) named Ev. Haedecke winner of the President's Cup--Well deserved we all decided as Ray cited the long list of contributions Ev. had made to his (Ray's) administration.
 8. Jerry Shannon citing Nelson's unbelievable display of 5000 marigolds presented Carlton Nelson with the Lehman Trophy for best garden on summer tour.
 9. Fred Glasoe announced an Outstanding Industrial Landscaping Award went to Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. for their constant upgrading of their landscaping at the north end of the Nicollet Mall. Jack Pearson accepted for the company.
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THAT CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS SOMETHING SAYS ED CULBERT

It was a howling success. No! Make that roaring. Howling can be misinterpreted. Anyway, the not so subdued chatter which rose to the ceiling all evening made my hearing aid which I had forgotten a boon. When I don't forget it I forget to turn it on but it helps anyway.

We planned to arrive at six--fifteen minutes ahead of the announced social hour. We were among the last to arrive! The place was crowded--so congested we couldn't have seen what the committee labored on that morning had folks not cautiously avoided stepping on the dazzling white snow Chet Groger borrowed to strew around Santa, tree and snowman.

I followed a fellow threading his way through the crowd. He carried a bucket of green sludge which he dumped into a punchbowl. In the crowd and in my hurry to get my share, too, I failed to look at the servers. Hence, if they were MGCM wives or daughters forgive me not naming them. Anyway, the sludge turned sherbet turned punch tasted so good I hated to deposit my empty cup in the collection can beside the map locating Mt. Olivet's parishoners.

Hungry folk aren't usually wary. Not so this group. Already at 6:15 we found "Reserved" signs at most places at most tables. Apparently folks aren't willing to trust to unknown carvers so they come early to assure themselves seats at table with a carver they do trust. Some had tipped the folding chairs up against the tables. A woman from Mt. Olivet mumbling something like "doesn't look tidy" (Barbara claims it was "This is dangerous"; but I prefer my lip reading) came along, folded the chairs and leaned them against the tables.

There must be a lot of people like the Culberts who eat at 5 o'clock for by 6:30 almost everyone was seated and sweet potatoes were being placed on the tables. When Rog and Mary Anderson arrived at 6:45, the official dinner hour, everyone else was seated and they like late-comers at church services had to take the front seats.

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Dave Johnson, master of ceremonies, finally prevailed over the hubbub long enough to permit Ray Marshall to open the meeting with appropriate remarks. He was followed by Roger Koopmans who with well chosen words gave a most thoughtful invocation. We should have asked for a copy.

The hungry din then again arose. The carvers were hungry, too. In general they headed directly for their tables with their turkeys--no time for sashaying around the room. Some were busy carving before the last parader picked up his turkey. That last person had little marching music for Henry Halvorson, wasn't it? at the piano afflicted with the pangs of hunger stopped short and hastened to his table.

We sat at Dean Schneider's table. Dean brought two sets of carving tools. He wasn't taking chances on a tough turkey. He alibied that the extra set was in case some carver failed to bring his. Why would anybody trust that kind of carver? Actually, Dean never used the big fork. He preferred a wooden paddle which he said worked better. I didn't believe him so kept constantly on the alert lest the bird elude him and land in my lap.

I had chosen seats adjacent to the turkey on the premise that I'd be fed sooner. The platters and dishes never seem to reach the far end of the table. Wrong again! This time everything started at the opposite end of the table. Luckily, Dean did offer me scraps and bits as he carved the turkey. Next time I'll come early enough, like 5:30, to reserve a seat at the middle.

Not that there wasn't enough turkey. Dean's food plate, thoughtfully filled and refilled by Shirley, grew cold as he jumped up again and again to carve more. Meanwhile the church women ever alert to nab an empty or unattended plate to feed the hungry dishwashing machine tried to grab Dean's plate. To add insult to injury they brought him a kitchen garbage bag in which to carry home the turkey remains.

Yes. There were remains and someone came along--must have been from another table--and scraped a full platter of large slices of turkey into the bag atop the carcass. Poor guy! Judging from the size of the bag of left-overs he'll have turkey hot dish and turkey soup ad infinitum and ad nauseam.

Now to the other food: The salad wasn't the usual rabbit food. I ate it for dessert. The marshmallows and coconut in whatever the binder was were right tasty. The dessert proper was also different--a kind of butter crunch ice cream pie. Anyway, it had something like a crust underneath and Rice Krispies, I guess, on top. I suppose Kay Haley could have given me recipes but I wouldn't know what to do with a recipe anyway. As for the rest of the food that came between, even if you weren't there you know it was mashed and sweet potatoes, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls etc.--all delicious as expected at Mt. Olivet.

Following dinner the Spring Lake H.S. Parkaires entertained with an interesting variety of songs some well known to church goers. (The wonder is that this in H.S. hasn't brought a squawk from some zealot.) The Parkaires sang a cappella. They had fine well trained voices. They sang superbly. Unfortunately, they had been trained to sing quietly as Thaddens Giddings trained Minneapolis students years ago. Unamplified the music is undistorted but quiet voices tend to get lost in a big room. But then the rest of us didn't show up too well on Silent Night even with Henry Halvorson at the piano.

Awards followed. Fred Glasoe called upon Dr. Martin Quanbeck, Anna Peterson and Christine Jensen to receive an Outstanding Landscaping Award for

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PROFILES: 1982 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



Back Row: Left to Right P. Peterson
R. Marshall, J. Shannon, R. Churilla
Front Row: K. Canine, G. McCollough,
C. Groger, D. Durst
G. Magrum not present for picture

Jerry Shannon, President - A 5 year member, Jerry is an Elementary School Principal at Longfellow School in St. Paul. He has taught and lectured on topics about gardening. He is a member of the Minnesota Horticulture Society, Hobby Greenhouse Club, Dahlia Society and Orchid Society. His special interest is roses and dwarf fruit trees. On our 1980 tour we saw the acreage Jerry has developed into a show-place of flowers, vegetables, shrubs and fruit trees. He would like to see Club progress balanced between advanced technical information and every day gardening information and workshops.

Chet Groger, Vice President - A 10 year member, Chet recently retired after many years in the construction equipment sales field. "Growing

things" has always been his hobby, dating back to early life on a farm. He enjoys lilies, iris, delphiniums and other perennials with plenty of annuals for summer color. He also enjoys indoor gardening with an equally interested wife and they are both members of the Indoor Light Gardening Society. Chet wants to help new members get involved through committee assignments and association with other members.

Kent Canine, Secretary - A 5 year member, Kent is Director of Research and Education for Abbott-Northwestern Hospital and Sister Kenny Institute. He brought his interest in gardening here from Indiana and saw a MGCM garden tour mentioned in Leon Snyder's column. He made contact through Fred Glasoe at the Home and Garden Show. Kent feels that there are many more gardeners who would like to belong to a garden club but do not know about our Club. He would like to help expand our publicity and recruiting program to reach those gardeners. His special interests are in herbs, spring bulbs, roses and annuals.

George McCollough, Treasurer - George is a 5 year member, recently retired as Internal Auditor for North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. He grows vegetables and flowers including a collection of roses and miniature roses, lilies and peonies at his home in Bloomington. George hopes to see the Club both grow and have a successful year in 1982.

Gary Magrum, Director - A 3 year member, Gary represents McNellan's Office Products in the sale of office equipment. He was introduced to our Club after a selling mission to NSP. Gary has always enjoyed gardening and did lawn maintenance work during his school years. He has redesigned his yard and has an extensive rose collection. Gary would like to see some seminars where our more experienced gardeners could demonstrate their knowledge to the newer and less experienced members.

Phil Peterson, Director - A 5 year member, Phil represents Foss America in the sale of electronic testing equipment for the dairy industry. He has always had a large vegetable and flower garden, first in Moose Lake and then in Richfield. Although his garden is varied, he is partial to roses

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and mums. Phil hopes for more member recruiting with emphasis on involvement and also an educational program to attract and hold the interest of new members.

Bob Churilla, Director - A native of Northeast Minneapolis, Bob joined our Club in 1977. He had been an all around gardener since 1962, when he bought his present home and proceeded to landscape the yard. Mrs. Churilla wanted a few roses and he hasn't stopped adding roses yet. Last year he had 250. Bob is a production engineer for Aquatrol Corporation in St. Paul, a manufacturer of water and waste water controls. He is a member of the Minnesota Rose Society and American Rose Society. He would like to see good horticultural programs with plenty of advice on growing a variety of vegetables and flowers.

Dale Durst, Director - Dale has been a member for 20 years and was recommended for membership by Bill Hull when they were next door neighbors. Dale had grown up in Chicago and had become interested in plants and gardening as a youngster when he, a German, lived between two Swedes. They developed an ethnic competition over who could grow the best plant or flower. Dale is a chemist with Handschy Industries, a manufacturer of printers ink. His special interest lies in indoor gardening, including miniature roses. He wants to see the Club have an active year with all members participating.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1981

It hardly seems like a year has gone by since I became president of the club. On the whole, I think that it was a good year for the club with some improvements occurring that will make the club better than ever. One of our biggest concerns was the location problem. I feel that we finally came up with a very good location and hope that we can maintain it for a long time to come. The minister and business manager at the Lake Harriet United Methodist Church were very accomodating and more than welcomed us. I think that a garden plot is in order for them in appreciation of their service for us.

Our location problem forced us to have a good evening at the Dayton-Bachman Flower Show. From the feedback I received, a good majority of the club members liked that function. It is well worth considering for 1982.

One of the reasons we had a good year is that we had a superb board. The running of the club's affairs takes a lot of time and energy. Jerry Shannon was an outstanding secretary as he has been in the past. Jerry puts a lot of time into the club and will make an excellent president in 1982. Chet Groger, our new Vice-President, put a lot of effort into the Calendar project and into the relocation project. Chet was always there when I needed help and it was appreciated. George McCollough always kept us informed of our financial affairs and kept our ship afloat. Donal O'Donnell put together the Dayton Dinner and ran the program of the year, both were excellent. Phil Peterson ran the dinner reservations--a big job done well. Kent Canine put together our new brochure. Kent and Gary Magrum helped with the Fragrance Garden. Archie Caple, past president, helped with the by-law change and lent support when asked. All board members served well performing the work delegated them without my worrying about its getting done.

All committee chairmen did a good job. The only thing left to get done is the Lake Harriet Rose Garden Tree replacement project which we knew would take time. All in All, it was a very good year.

--Ray Marshall



Thoughts From the Gazebo

— Shannon, J. R. "Jerry" —

As 1982 gets underway, many thoughts and concerns come to mind, as I assume the presidency of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. With the Club entering its fortieth year, the responsibility falling on the shoulders of the president is immense, but that immensity must be borne by all members, in order for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis to have its greatest year in the history of the Club. It is the responsibility of all members to work exceptionally hard in 1982, whether as Board members, committee chairmen, or committee members, in order to make the new year a banner year for MGCM. I hope in our committee structure, all committees will be headed by co-chairmen and all present chairman will agree to be one of these co-chairmen. With an experienced man working with a less experienced man in each of the key committees, the continuity of the committee will be guaranteed. Let us have a blend of new and old members working together in the best interest of the Club, so that those activities we hold so dear can continue.

I believe our new home for 1982 at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church will prove to be a more popular meeting place than where we met during the bulk of 1981. The excellent attendance at the November meeting I hope is a good indicator of the kind of attendance we will have in 1982. Chet Groger is arranging some excellent programs that I know you will not want to miss.

I have already received an adequate number of garden catalogs to be able to sit down and plan my seed orders for the coming year. I have already received some of the seeds and other orders are ready to be mailed. By the January meeting, primrose and begonia seedlings will have emerged from their seeding trays.

CHRISTMAS PARTY (continued from Page 4)

the senior citizens' gardening accomplishments at 7500 York. The two pictures taken of this group accepting the award were failures. All other awards are pictured and described on preceding pages.

PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT

- Your fancy hatted fancy aproned carvers were: Lloyd Bachman, Russ Backes, Bob Churilla, Bob Gage, Fred Glasoe, Don Hardesty, Bill Hull, Paul Lindstedt, Andy Marlow, Ray Marshall, Dean Schneider, Jerry Shannon, Juel Shefland, Bob Smith, Dwight Stone--Ev. Haedecke, alternate.
- Marilyn Johnson decorated all those nut cups with the sprigs of balsam.
- Dave Johnson as M.C. handed out jokes and prizes with profligate abandon.
- The Santas on the tree were made by Vic and Muriel Lowrie, Stan and Ester Crist, Bob and Barbara Gage, Dave and Marilyn Johnson, Chet and Em. Groger.
- Bachman's loaned us the Christmas tree, donated the large poinsettia and sold us all those small poinsettias at cost.
- There were 80 club members and 126 wives and other guests at the Christmas party, 206 in all. We hear that some 50 reservations were obtained by a telephone committee at deadline. Now we know who doesn't read the SPRAY. If postage goes up again we also know where we can save.

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When it comes to gardening there is no labor saving device like a bad back.

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