

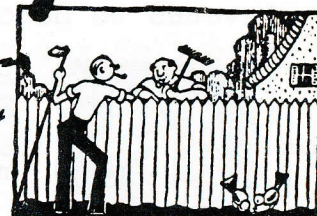


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Happy New Year



GREETINGS



Happy New Year

And Sincere Good
Wishes for a
Happy Holiday!

Program for Tuesday, January 14, 1986

Dr. Walter J. Breckenridge
Professor Emeritus of Ornithology
Director Emeritus
Museum of Natural History
University of Minnesota

TOPIC: "Birds and Gardens"

Dr. Breckenridge is a distinguished wildlife scholar. He has illustrated numerous books with his paintings and published articles and papers on a wide variety of biological and environmental topics. Dr. Breckenridge is very well known for his work with amphibians and other animals, but his first love is "Birds". He will narrate two films he has made regarding birds native to Minnesota. He is an expert on avian photography and will be happy to answer questions.

The program above will follow dinner and will be the feature of our
FIRST MGCM MEETING OF THE 1986 NEW YEAR TUESDAY JANUARY 14
SAME TIME: 6 P.M. SAME PLACE: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church,
49th Street and Chowen Avenue South. SAME PRICE DINNER: \$5.00

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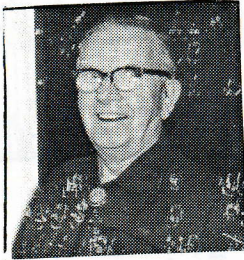
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TWO HONORARY MEMBERS DIE

Our Men's Garden Club lost two faithful and valued members within 15 days of each other recently. William ("Bill") Cowcill, age 89, honorary member since 1978, died on November 22. Everett V. ("Ev.") Haedecke, age 78, elevated to honorary member at our November MGCM meeting died on December 7.



W. Cowcill
1972 Photo

Bill Cowcill with his MacGregor type tie and delightful Scotch brogue was always friendly. He had a smile and a good word for everyone. Though his wife was an invalid for many years Bill never complained.

He had many a good story to relate. One that he told over and over with variations dealt with his boyhood in England when one day he wheeled home for his father's garden "barrows of elephant's horse manure" from a travelling circus.

Vegetables and flowers were both of interest to him but carnations were his special delight. He grew them year around in the small greenhouse back of his home on Zenith Avenue North. Rarely did he attend an MGCM meeting without a carnation boutonniere.

In the early 70's his interest in gardening led him to attend an introductory meeting about gardening held at North Hennepin Junior College. As he told it he went for information but came back as instructor of the college's newly started class in gardening. WCCO TV pictured him teaching this class in his home greenhouse.

Bill left no surviving relatives. His wife, Elsie, died several years ago and his nephew in England just a month before Bill.



E. Haedecke
1979 Photo

Ev. Haedecke, president of MGCM in 1963, was a big man with an outgoing personality. Though born on a farm he attended rural school only briefly for in 1913 his father was appointed to the faculty of the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus.

The MGCM 1978 Photo Directory lists Ev. as "Retired-Business Administration Pure Oil and Union Oil". This is only part of the story for he had already been successful in other fields.

As an athlete he had been a member of both the football and the basketball squads at the U. of M. He had been a member of a New York City Sunday pro basketball team. He had been a 5 handicap golfer.

As a chemist he had been employed by several national dairy companies.-- He had a degree in organic chemistry.

In politics he had helped reorganize Minnesota state government and had served several years as Gasoline Tax Commissioner.

He was a versatile gardener who enjoyed annuals and perennials while specializing in hostas, hibiscus, shrubs and roses.

Survivors include his wife Juliet, his daughter Bonnie Horn and his three sisters.

BIG BOB'S SPECIAL

It has been my privilege to serve you as a director and Vice-President during the past 4 years. Now, as the newly elected President of MGCM, I would like to say thank you for having the confidence in me. I will try my best to do as good a job as the past presidents have done.

One of the first duties of a President is to read over a box full of material handed down by the past President. In reading thru all of this material I find myself wondering why I took this position. So my first request is please bear with me for this month, my work load is more than I know what to do about.

On December 14th at the home of Mr. George McCollough, a Budget Committee meeting was held. The budget for 1986 was gone over and the committee approved it. Look it over when you attend the January meeting and feel free to question it.

The Board of Directors meetings and the Club functions dates have been set. Watch for the 1986 Directory to come out. If you want your name in it, make sure that your dues are paid to George McCollough before December 27th, 1985. Our Directory Chairman will be heading south shortly and he has to get it to the printers before he leaves.

Dr. Bob Olson, our newly elected Vice-President, is working on the programs for 1986. If, by chance, you know of a good program give him a call.

The Christmas Party was a big success. Andy Marlow and Russ Smith deserve a big well done for the work they did. The program was excellent.

Sign up sheets will be placed out at the January meeting for each of you to sign up to work on a committee. Remember what one of our U.S. Presidents said. "ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB (country)--NOT WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU." So don't forget to sign up to work on one of the committees. Maybe you have a great idea and would like to chair a committee. Really to appreciate the Men's Garden Club one must get involved.

Did you know that there is a Rookie-of-the-Year Award given out in January? Well, there is. What better way is there to interest a new member to join the club. Just think, he may be selected as the Rookie next year. Our goal for new members has increased to 15 this year, so let's start the new year by bringing a new member to the January meeting.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

Smile it may make someone laugh.

--Bob Churilla

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here Richard Poffenbaugh's admonition in the Mansfield, Ohio's GREENHORN is pertinent. "We need to do a better job of welcoming and acquainting new members to the club. As in an organization, we tend to limit our conversations to old friends and sometimes exclude new members. Invite a new member to your table and introduce him to your friends. Make him feel at home. By making someone feel welcome, you will do much to encourage him to return to the next meeting. Who knows, he might even bring along another new member."

Muskmellons originated in Peru.

"THE GARDENS OF CANADA" PRESENTED BY THE CAMPBELLS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING
as reported by Chet Groger

A beautiful gardener's travelogue of Canada focused on Canadian gardens from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. As can be expected from avid gardeners and rose growers, Dorothy and Charley Campbell took slide photos primarily of Canada's abundance of both private and public gardens. Their travels last summer took them from New Brunswick, the Maritime Provinces and Prince Edward Island west through Nova Scotia, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, the International Peace Garden on the Manitoba side, British Columbia and Vancouver. Wherever they went, they were impressed by Canadian gardens.

Following the European custom, many homes have their flower gardens in front of the house. Cities practice using flower gardens around signs and triangular areas. A most noticeable feature is the immaculate care each public garden gets. Either labor is cheaper there or there are many volunteers. Spent blooms are pruned, cultivation and lawn edging is perfect and grass is immaculate. In fact, the Campbells found it difficult to get close shots of plants or blooms because you are not allowed to walk on the grass in Canadian gardens.

Colors of flowers are more intense in Canada for some reason. Even with the warmer climate and longer season in British Columbia, colors are brighter than farther south. But the most apparent difference in the Canadian method of designing public gardens seems to be in their use of many shrubs and trees as a backdrop for each planting. All of the gardens shown used an abundance of annuals in mass plantings in front of low evergreens or shrubs with larger evergreens and trees in the background. It was evident that the entire garden was designed as a complete entity. An interesting sidelight to these gardens is the fact that dogwoods can be expected to bloom 3 times a year in the Vancouver area.

I'm sure that the Campbells did not intend to imply that the Canadian gardens are superior to American gardens. But their presentation gave us an excellent comparison.

THIS AND THAT



Stan Crist wasn't at the Christmas party to receive the Lehman Trophy. Each recipient of the travelling trophy has possession for one year only. His name and the year is engraved on its base. Unfortunately, the trophy won't travel as far as Florida where Stan and Esther reportedly are holed up for the winter so Dick Lehman is wondering if under the circumstances he shouldn't just take it back.

From time to time we've asked for volunteers who would be willing to write an article for the SPRAY. The response has been negligible but we now have an article from Michael Deneuk. It wasn't written for the SPRAY; it is a letter to friends notifying them that he and Patricia are moving to Iowa. (They've been moving piece-meal for some time.) It is such a delightful essay we're sure you will enjoy it as much as we did. Turn to page 7.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AS SEEN BY ED CULBERT

Another joyous MGCM Christmas party is history. 196 persons registered for the turkey dinner with all its trimmings prepared by Nancy Piela. Agnes Oslund who prior to her hospitalization had handled the kitchen watched with her husband. Both were our guests. Again the birds were baked at JERRY'S. Waitresses were recruited from two Lake Harriet United Methodist Church circles. Carvers, as usual, were members of our club.

Table clothes were green; napkins red. Salad plates had holly and poinsettia designs. Small red poinsettias in green-wrapped pots lined the center of the tables. Beside the stage a Christmas tree decorated with tiny wreaths, one for each person present, stood in a pile of gift-wrapped presents. The stage itself was banked with potted poinsettias.

The whole evening went by the clock--and, by the numbers.

.6:15 THE OFFICIAL SOCIAL HOUR arrived as did the editor and his wife. Everyone else was already present.

.6:30 Hungry guests start drifting down stairs even though the helpers have still not finished putting salads on the tables.

.6:35 The stairs and doorways are crowded now.

.6:40 Bob Churilla is already putting on his apron and feeling the blade of his carving knife. Other carvers are assembling.

.6:45 THE OFFICIAL HOUR FOR DINNER has arrived. The carvers assemble beside the carts of turkeys. Each carver takes a platter.

.6:47 Phyllis Gulde and Barbara Culbert are exchanging gossip across the table. Others are likewise engaged.

.6:50 The Parade of Turkeys begins. The paraders follow directions!!

.6:55 Potatoes, carrots, dressing are brought to the tables. Plates are filled in anticipation of the turkey now being carved.

.7:00 to 7:20 Relative PEACE AND QUIET. Everyone is eating.

.7:30 The turkeys have all been devoured. Dwight Stone is packing the remains of his bird in a big plastic bag.

.7:35 ANDY MARLOW STARTS CALLING NUMBERS for folks to select gifts from under the tree...108, 31, 13, 119, etc...Juel Shefland picks up the biggest box.

.7:40 Numbers 71, 116, etc. called. Betty Deane is seen leaving with a big Red Owl shopping bag. Dwight Stone is walking about exhorting his table-mates about something.

.7:45 Numbers 109, 176, 91 etc. Joe Stenger gets away first with his package. Nate Siegel stops en route to the tree to talk to Dick Lehman.

.7:47 No one else is choosing a present now so Nate quits talking to Dick and picks up a present.

.7:49 Janet Smith is helping clear tables. Dwight sans his white chef's outfit is serving more coffee at his table.

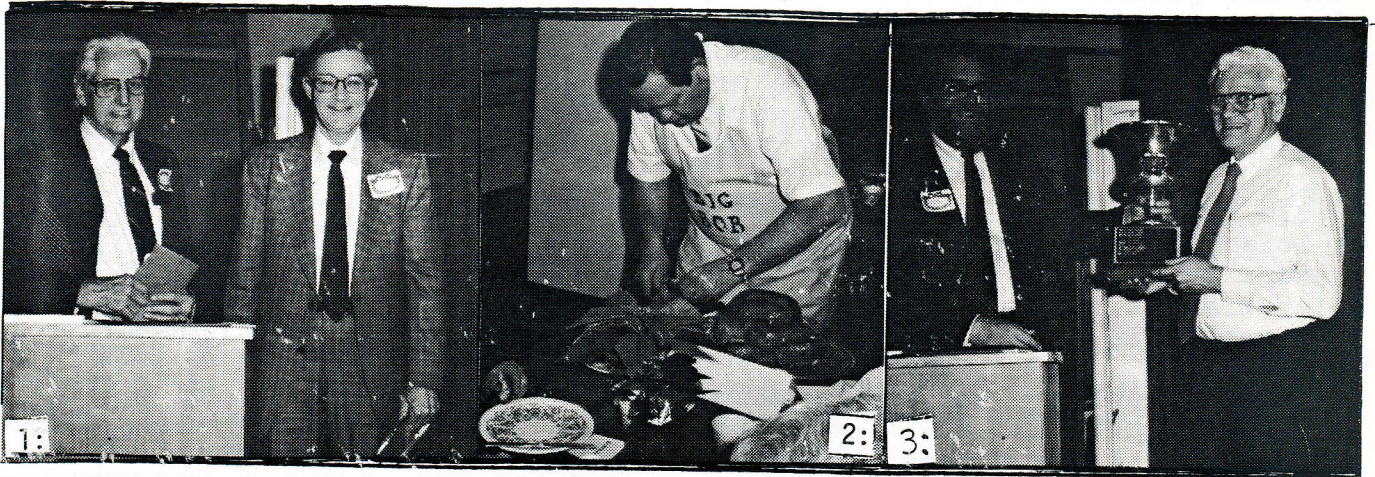
.7:53 RUSS SMITH IS NOW CALLING off numbers...48, 112, 157, etc. Larry Catron examines the packages carefully thus losing out as others pick up the good items.

.7:57 Most of the dirty dishes have been picked up.

.7:58 All at our table (Churilla's) have finished their spice cake. Piano and chairs are being moved about on stage. The chorus members are peeking in the door. Andy Marlow is conferring with the program director.

.8:00 to 9:00 The SVENKARNAS DAGS ALL GIRL CHOIR,--Richard Blom director; Audrey Landquist, accompanist and announcer presents us with a delightful

A FEW PARTY PICTURES



1. George McCollough (right) smiles after receiving the BRONZE MEDAL from Henry Halvorson.
2. Bob Churilla studies the turkey he is starting to carve.
3. Russell Smith (right) receives the PRESIDENT'S CUP from Andrew Marlow.

PARTY continued

hour long program starting and ending with an harp solo. Particularly effective was the Lucia ceremony. The darkened room was illuminated only by the candles carried by the girls. Little red elves blinking their lights scurried around the room then nestled at the feet of the choir girls and the cross bearers as the two wearing crowns of burning candles came down the aisle with measured tread.

.9:06 THE PROGRAM ENDS and more numbers are drawn. Barbara Culbert finds that her choice is a picture frame.

.9:07 ...194, 140 etc. Lloyd Bachman's big poinsettias are the prizes.

.9:10 AWARDS ARE GIVEN OUT. Jerry Shannon substituting for Fred Glasoe whose mother was seriously ill had two awards to give out; the Industrial Beautification Award to the Opus Corporation and the Lehman Trophy for best garden on summer tour to Stanley Crist. Neither recipient was present but Jerry covered in detail why the award was earned. Andy Marlowe and Henry Halvorson had better luck. Andy emphasized the services of Russ Smith as he presented the President's Cup to Russ. Henry commended George McCollough for his exemplary services as treasurer which had earned the Bronze Medal.

.9:27 ...7, 147, etc. The large wreath goes, 62, 3, ... The wreaths made at Klier's evening for members the evening following Thanksgiving go.

.9:30 Nine prizes are still left. Some people have already left so 13 numbers have to be called. Meanwhile the audience is scrambling to get the tiny decorations from the tree.

.9:35 The Christmas Party committee is asked to remain to help clean up. Everyone else goes home. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

Onions, leeks and garlic come originally from Mid Asia. The Romans disliked the strong flavor of garlic but fed it to their soldiers to make them strong.

The Tale of Pat 'n' Mike

Once upon a Time There were Two Persons. One was Patricia. One was Michael. The world called them Pat 'n' Mike.

Pat 'n' Mike lived with Lindy in a middle-sized house on a sort of busy street in Minneapolis.

Then one day Pat was the owner of a big house with a BIG yard in a very little Town in Iowa. Lindy could run and run and never leave the yard. Mike could walk around and admire the gardens. Pat could sit and read.

It was almost perfect, but there was one problem. They were living on Interstate 35 between Minnesota and Iowa. What to do! Pat thought. Mike thought. Lindy barked. Finally, they would sell the middle-sized house on the sort of busy street in the big city. They would live in the big house with the BIG yard in the very little Town.

Their friends were appalled. How could they move way down there? What would they do?

Meantime, Mr. "Scoop" appeared. Pat told him she wanted a sitting porch and a new bath. Then Mr. "Scoop" told Mike we needed new siding. Mike said, "Go ahead." Mr. "Scoop" told Mike we needed insulation. Mike said, "Go ahead." All summer men and trucks bustled about. So now our big 19th century house is a big comfortable 19th century house.

Our very little Town is called Mitchell. It is 3 1/2 miles from a sort of small Town called Osage. Osage is the county seat. It has nice stores, a nice movie theatre, good places to eat and lots of things to do.

So that is why our address now is:

Route 1 M Box 82
Osage, Iowa 50461

Our Telephone is:
(515) 732-5550

And that is the tale of Pat' n' Mike
'n' Andy

You all come see us.

1986 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR PROFILES. Chet Groger hurried to get this material done and to the editor but we decided to hold it until the February SPRAY. By that time we should have a picture of the board to go with it. One picture was taken after the November meeting before the Polaroid balked. That picture was too dark to reproduce satisfactorily.

END OF YEAR This is the last issue of the SPRAY covered by your 1985 membership. The February issue will go only to 1986 members as of the issue date.

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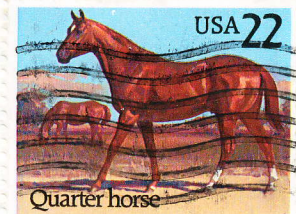
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