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With "THE GARDEN SPRAY" your newly formed Editorial Committee greets the membership of the M.G.C.M. and presents the first number of our new bulletin. This committee consists of F. A. Upsher Smith (Chairman), W. S. Block, C. E. Doell, H. E. Kahlert and George E. Luxton. The chief objects of the bulletin are to keep members informed of coming events, remind them ahead of time of seasonal garden operations and record worthwhile information not otherwise obtainable.

Secretary Addy has received our Charter from the Men's Garden Clubs of America, and each week brings from member clubs copies of their Bulletins, containing interesting and useful notes on garden lore. Our affiliation with the Men's Garden Clubs of America automatically gives us contact, through these bulletins, with about fifty member clubs throughout the United States. These bulletins are being filed in covers and are available to the members. See the Secretary.

Are you receiving the "Minnesota Horticulturist", now that we have affiliated with the Minnesota State Horticultural Society? You are entitled to a subscription to this useful magazine, which treats problems of gardening as they affect Minnesota gardens. While thinking of garden literature, let us remind you that we have an opportunity to join in a club subscription to the "Flower Grower", an outstanding magazine for the amateur gardener. Provided 40 members subscribe the annual subscription is cut from \$2.00 to \$1.00. We ask you to notify Secretary Addy (Kenwood 3833) if you wish to take advantage of this offer.

THE COMING DINNER: At this holiday season, December 7th to be exact, we have arranged a dinner for members and their ladies in the main dining room of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, at 6 P.M. This will be a festive affair, with surprises. You will enjoy seeing the colored pictures of yourself and friends taken by Dr. F. A. Olson and Herb Kahlert during the garden tours we made in the past summer. As a change from custom, we dine in the main dining room where each may order according to his or her own fancy, at prices ranging from 85¢ up. Then, at 8 o'clock we adjourn to the Grill Room for the entertainments. Don't miss this date if you can help it. And, by the way, if you find you cannot attend the dinner, you are most welcome to drop in at 8 o'clock for the fun. Let the Secretary have your reservations on the enclosed postcard not later than December 5th.

THE PROGRAM for the next few months is as follows, subject only to such changes as may be made necessary by war conditions:

Time of meetings, 8 P.M.; Place, Minneapolis Athletic Club

December 7, 1942: Dinner and exhibition of garden tour films.

January 11, 1943: Annual Meeting, election of officers and directors.

"Gladiolus, Lilacs and Peonies," by Louis R. Fischer, illustrated by colored movies.

February 6: (Saturday afternoon.) Visit the rose greenhouses of Robert Rosacker Co. Demonstration of methods of testing, screening and sterilizing soil.

February 8: "Decorative Dahlias and Tuberous Begonias," by Robert S. Bryant.

"Miniature Dahlias," by Norman A. Borgen. (Colored movies of dahlias.)

March 8: "Fundamental Ideas about Soils and Fertilizers," by Associate Professor Paul M. Burson, the Soil Extension Specialist at the University of Minnesota
Farm School "Soils" by Robert Schreiner, illustrated by colored slides

April 10: Visit greenhouses of Henry Bachman Sons, Inc.

April 12: "Common Insect Enemies of Plants and their Prevention," by Professor A. G. Ruggles, head of the Department of Entomology at the U. (Specimens).

"Garden Scenes in Color," by William Hoppe and H. K. Noerenberg.

May 10: "Early Blooming Chrysanthemums for a Minnesota Garden," by Professor. L. Longley, Head of the Department of Horticulture at the U. (illustrated).

"Annuals and Their Place in the Border," by F. C. Schletty, an authority on annuals.

LUNCHEON GROUP: Do you want to have a table reserved, say at 12:15 every Tuesday noon at Miller's Cafeteria where members can chin? If so, advise the Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING: On January 11th, officers will be elected for 1943. Before then wont you let the Secretary know your preference as to Committees? The following Committees will find work for every member: Attendance, Finance, Inter-Club Relations, Membership, Program, Publicity, Editorial, Swap, Transportation and Vegetat Garden.

"THE EMBATTLED MALE IN THE GARDEN," judging by the review, would be just the thin for friend wife to give you at Christmas. "Most husbands and those wives who boae a sense of humor will read every page with laughter and even profit." (by Dwight Farnham, illustrated, 249 pages. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City, \$2.50.)

GARDEN PROBLEMS: Members are invited to bring questions on gardening. Our winter program will bring many talented and experienced scientists and gardners who will help in answering your questions.

"THE GARDEN SPRAY" is your bulletin. The Editorial Committee cordially invites yo to send in notes of interest. Help to pass on ideas to the other fellow.

FERTILIZER: It is not too late to get a load of manure from South St. Paul, and spread it over your flower beds. Failing that, spread raw bone meal liberally among the ruins of last summer's glories.

COVER PERENNIALS: Now is the time to spread marsh hay over flower beds. It is so locally by the bale. Don't leave your rosebushes without cover. First hill them a round with dirt to a height of 8 in., then pack around with leaves, manure or hay.

EVEN TULIPS may be put in at this season, provided the ground is not frozen.

BOOKS ON GARDENING: The keen gardener takes delight during the winter in reading up on such phases of gardening as interest him most. As a member of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society you have the privilege of borrowing books on gardening from the Society's library; address University Farm, St. Paul, Minn. Our Secretary, Bill Addy, has a list of books in this library or you can call the Horticultural Society's office and find out what they have to offer. When books are call for there is no expense, but when books are mailed it will be necessary for you to send postage stamps to cover the cost of mailing.

FARM AND HOME WEEK AT UNIVERSITY FARM, January 18-23. Program will be published : the December and January issues of the "Minnesota Horticulturist." The Horticult al Society's Annual Meeting, will also be held. You are entitled to attend as a member of the Society.

VICTORY SUBSISTENCE GARDENS: Later we shall have some constructive suggestions.

(Done by the Editorial Committee on stationery donated by E. R. White of the Harrison & Smith Co., and processed by Mrs. Andy Nyberg.)