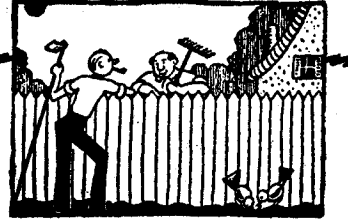




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Here it is Garden Club week and the July issue is still in the making. Well you can charge it up to most anything and you wouldn't be far off.

Untimely vacations, giving business priority over the more pleasurable things of life, too much conventioning in Atlantic City and Toronto, not to mention the heat which is probably as good an alibi as any.

Putting all kidding aside, too many things happening to too many people at about the same time just interfered long enough to retard the issue. We hope you will forgive us this once and we'll try to make up the loss in our Fall issues.

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How did you like our regional meeting in June? It really was fun joining hands with our neighbor clubs, didn't you think so? Why wouldn't it be a good idea to make such a gathering an annual event?

Thank you Herb Kahlert -- You couldn't have chosen a more interesting speaker than Dr. Milton Carleton.

REMINISCING ON THE SPRING GARDEN SHOW

BY Bill Hull

The statistics of the Spring Show, which appear elsewhere in this issue of "Spray" will recognize the winners, but won't tell the whole story, and we thought you'd be interested in some of the interesting side-lights.

How about retaining a mental picture of Morris Lifson working so hard in the preparation room. For over three hours Morris labored back there, preparing his material very carefully. We commend his hard work and point out that it paid off with BOTH sweepstakes ribbons and high point man of the show.

Also there was Pink Pinkham putting up material for a couple of members who couldn't be there personally, Stan Lund arranging the Park Board's roses, Cortis Rice and Harold Kauffman displaying the Park Board's cuttings, Glen Cerney carrying in his own large number of wild flower specimens, which weren't entered in competition (neither were Herb Kahlert's many fine iris which attracted so much attention). There was Joe Witmer setting up the Bachman display of petunias and also his own display of shade flowers. So there was much activity in the back room.

Eng Hoyme came down to help for a few hours and ended by staying all day to help arrange the entries and to carry them in, a job on which we could have done with more help. Art Fakler and Benny Benson working like mad on the same problem, also setting up tables. It goes on and on, with so many men making the show a success that no single one deserves the credit.

Where can you help as a club member at future shows? Volunteer for leg work in the preparation room. Help on the telephone committee to bring out the reluctant souls. Enter the show your self with at least one entry (I'm guilty this year too). Help in the muscle department moving and arranging tables. Attend the picnic. Be present for an hour Sunday afternoon to help answer visitors questions as Archie Flack did this year so excellently.

Ordinarily when you plan for coffee, you estimate about two cups per person expected to attend. We overestimated and planned on five gallons of coffee. Al Coxe was overwhelmed to find that his 33 picknickers drank all five gallons of coffee. It must have been good brew, Al.

Many visitors at the Sunday session of the show asked "What is the Men's Garden Club"? Why wouldn't it be a good idea to prepare a small booklet to give each visitor, explaining the purpose and organization of the Club, it's connection with the national group and the state horticultural group? It could mention such projects as our crab apple planting. What we need is a public relations plan.

GARDEN TIP

Just turn your back upon a weed
And countless more 'twill quickly seed.
Just put aside the rake and hoe
and while you're resting, weeds will grow.

Informed by some mysterious spy,
They know that off the job am I.
And, to my sorrow and disgrace,
They come and overrun the place.

I never learn through many a May
How thistles knew I'd gone away.
Each year when gardening I begin,
When I move out the tares move in.

If as a gardener you'd succeed,
Don't turn your back upon a weed.

Edgar A. Guest.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SPRING FLOWER SHOW

GRAND CHAMPION (Specimens) ----- Chuck Lampright
GRAND CHAMPION (Arrangements) ----- Al Blackburn

SWEEPSTAKES (Specimens) ----- Morris Lifson
SWEEPSTAKES (Arrangements) ----- Morris Lifson

COURT OF HONOR

Al Blackburn	Morris Lifson
Stan Lund	Chuck Lampright
Archie Flack	Sherm Pinkham
P. W. Young	Wally Carlson

TOTAL POINTS

Morris Lifson	75	Al Nelson	16
Al Blackburn	44	Herb Stevens	16
George Germain	33	Frank Heschmeyer	13
Archie Flack	32	Leonard McKee	11
Chuck Lampright	29	Sherm Pinkham	11
Stan Lund	28	Art Fakler	10
Otto Erickson	27	Bill Brooks	10
P. W. Young	22	W. L. Carlson	10

TOTAL ENTRANTS 30 TOTAL ENTRIES 400 SUNDAY AFTERNOON VISITORS 175

SPECIAL DISPLAYS FOR WHICH CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN

The Bachman's ----- Table of about 34 potted petunias
Bob Bryant ----- Large vase of Pacific Hybrid Delphiniums
Glen Cerney ----- Table of wild flowers
Herb Kahlert ----- Table of iris
Joe Witmer ----- Flowers that grow in shade
Park Board
(1) Carl Holst, Rosarian -- Table of labelled roses
(2) Greg Lucking ----- Table of cuttings, trees and shrubs

All the above were worthy of commendation; very excellent. Added tremendously to success of show.

Regardless of what standard we use, the show was a big success.

--- Thirty members entered competitively
--- Six other were responsible for outstanding non-competitive displays
--- A large number of non-members visitors came Sunday P.M.
--- Thirty-five people attended the picnic in spite of threatening weather.

Judges: Mrs. Witte, Larry Corbett, Leon Snyder, all of whom need recognition.

William H. Hull

TOP RATED ROSES BY THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

The Hybrid tea with the highest rating was TALLYHO. The best Floribunda was CARROUSEL. Ratings were based on quality of bloom, number of blooms, vigor and disease resistance.

The next best Hybrid Teas were rated in the following order:

CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG
NEW YORKER
CHRYSLER IMPERIAL

BUCCANEER
PEACE

The next best Floribundas were rated in the following order:

FRENESHAM
CHATTER
FLORDORA

RED PINOCCHIO
BETTY PRIOR

Additional Hybrid Teas and Floribundas were rated in the order given:

HYBRID TEAS

Sutters Gold
Eclipse
Rubaiyat
Fred Howard
Fred Edmonds
Crimson Glory
Curly Pink
Mission Bells
K. A. Victoria
Show Girl
Mirandy

Sonata
Taffeta
Mrs. Sam McGredy
Santa Anita
Helen Traubel
Capistrano
The Doctor
San Fernando
Rex Anderson
McGredy Sunset
Waves

FLORIBUNDAS

Fashion
Valentine
Independence
Pinocchio
Bright Eyes
Improved Lafayette
Elsie Polusen
Donald Prior
World Fair
Goldilocks

Here's one, just for laughs, from the Farm News Show (NBC Network):

The other day, we picked up this little analysis of census figures,

Population of the U. S.	153,000,000
Those over 65	41,000,000
Left to do the work	112,000,000
Those under 21	54,000,000
Left to do the work	58,000,000
Government employed	25,000,000
Left to do the work	33,000,000
In the armed forces	10,000,000
Left to do the work	23,000,000
In state or city work	19,000,000
Left to do the work	4,000,000
In hospitals or asylums	3,800,000
Left to do the work	200,000
Bums who won't work	175,000
Left to do the work	25,000
In pens and in jails	24,998
Left to do the work	2

You and I ___ and I'm getting tired.

AN F.B.I. REPORT OF THE INSECT CRIMINALS (Continued)

V. Worm Thieves:

1. Corn earworm - Alias tomato fruit worm, Cotton bollworm, and tobacco bud worm. Stole 3 1/2 million dollars worth of corn in Ohio in 1954. Also attacks chrysanthemums and may burrow into bean pods. Control DDT or TDE - apply in July-September to kill hatching worms.
2. Cutworms - A "Night Marauder" usually works alone. Seeks cover during day. Plants are cut off at the ground level and the culprit can be found hiding in the soil nearby. Control with toxaphene, dieldrin, or by winter plowing.
3. Tomato hornworm - Attacks only tomato foliage, but operates fast and furiously. Carries a dangerous looking horn on its posterior end which is actually harmless. Parasites are important in its natural control. Spray, if necessary, with DDT, TDE, or general-purpose. More effective on worms when small.
4. Tent Caterpillars - appear in masses. Work under cover of webbed tent devouring all the plant foliage available within tent. As more food is needed tent is enlarged. Never appear on fruit trees which are regularly sprayed. Control with DDT, or Malathion.

From M.G.C. of Cleveland - "The Spade"

CUT FLOWER CARE

The days of plunging flowers neck-deep in icy water are over. Science has come to the aid of flower arranging art to prove that warm water (110°) is much more easily absorbed by the stems. Follow these suggestions for longer-lasting flowers in the house.

1. With a sharp knife cut off a small piece of stem just before placing in water.
2. Remove all leaves that would be submerged.
3. Use warm water, about bath temperature. Only the base of the stem needs to be in the water.
4. Let water cool naturally until flowers become perk.
5. Put some commercial flower food, such as that received from florists, in the water before arranging flowers permanently.
6. Keep flowers away from drafts and excessive heat.
7. Place cut stem ends of poppies, dahlias and poinsettias in boiling water for 30 seconds, then treat as other flowers.
8. Make sure containers and flower holders are scrupulously clean.
9. Remember, no ice or cold water for your cut flowers, especially when they are slightly wilted. Always place the stem in warm water and allow the water and flowers to cool together.

Kingwood Center News

The forests have spells to enchant me,
The mountains have power to enthrall;
Yet the grace of a wayside blossom,
Stirs my heart deeper than all.

Anonymous

CREMATORY CHEF'S CORNER

By Bill Swain

Potato Salad

Boil 8 medium unpeeled potatoes with 1 Tbls. caraway seed until almost done, pour off water and leave stand to cool.

Hardboil 4 eggs, remove shells and chop fine.

Peel potatoes, and slice or dice into a crock a layer of 1/2 to 1" deep. Reserve the balance of potatoes for following layers.

Barely cover the potato layer with finely chopped onion or chive, add a thin layer of the finely chopped egg.

Barely cover the egg layer with finely chopped celery.

Then add another layer of potatoes.

Continue building layers by adding herbs, egg, herbs, and potatoes. Suitable flavors depend on individual tastes. Pimento, green peppers, fresh dill, parsley, marjoram, caraway, chervil, burnet and similar fresh herbs may be used.

Place in refrigerator for four to forty-eight hours to ripen before dressing and serving. Dress just before serving with your favorite salad dressing. Mayonnaise or cooked salad dressings are popular. For a real treat try the following either hot or cold.

Hot (Animal Fat) Mayonnaise

Dice and fry 4 to 6 strips of bacon
Beat one egg and add 3/4 cup sugar,
1/2 cup milk and
1/2 cup vinegar

Add to bacon fat, bring to boil.
Pour over potato salad in bowl.

Note: This dressing may be used on lettuce, endive, or fresh raw spinach as a wilted salad.

Corn on the Cob

Preparation - Strip off the dark green husks leaving 2 or 3 layers of the light green husks; pull out the silk, trim ends; soak in salted water for 20 to 30 minutes and wrap in foil, Place over fire and

Corn on the Cob (Cont)

turn occasionally until cooked, corn will usually cook in 20 to 30 minutes over a medium fire (2 to 3 inches of coals 6 to 8 inches from grill to top of fire). Remove from fire, test one ear for doneness; cook longer if necessary. When cooked, stack foiled ears and keep warm until eaten. Serve with lots of butter.

Do-It-Yourself Salad

Marinade (soak) for 1 or 2 hours the sliced vegetables, each in a separate bowl, using a sweet-sour vinegar made with equal parts of sugar, cider vinegar and water. Substitute ice for water for outdoors to keep vegetables cold or crisp.

Sliced Vegetables—Tomatoes with Basil - Onions with Beau Monde seasoning, celery salt or other similar seasoning - Cucumbers with Dill - Green peppers alone in Sweet-sour vinegar.

To serve: Place slice of head lettuce on salad plate and invite guest to add whatever vegetables they desire from the bowls to make their own salad. Have french dressing and crumbled Blue Cheese in separate bowls.

Ice Cream

2 eggs 1 to 1/2 Pts. Milk
1 Qt. Cream 1 Tbls. Vanilla
 2 cups sugar

Beat whole eggs, add slowly cream, milk sugar and vanilla until thoroughly mixed. Pour in freezer. 1 pound rock salt to 4 or 5 pounds crushed ice. Turn until stiff, remove dasher, replace lid and cork hole, drain brine at side hole in tub, pack with ice and salt, cover with paper cloth bag, and leave set until hard.

Fruit may be added to the mixture when it begins to freeze; this results in a more even distribution of the fruit than if added to the mix in the beginning. A little lemon juice will accent the fruit flavor. Makes three quarts.