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As we approach the start of a new year, we can look back, through the magic mirror of memory, to what most certainly was one of our most delightful years of gardening. The weather left practically nothing to be desired unless it could possibly have been just a little more rain during July and August. And speaking of weather, hasn't this Fall been just about perfect?

In Switzerland they'll say, "Vroolijk Kerfeest"

There was a nice turnout for the December meeting and we believe we all learned a little something extra about hybridizing that we didn't know before. It is our opinion that the most fascinating part of growing iris is hybridizing and the blooming of new seedlings.

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In Finland they'll say, "Iloista Joulua."

We have received a reply from the American Iris Society in regard to our invitation for them to conduct the 1960 National meeting in the Twin Cities. It was such a nice letter that we are reprinting it here in its entirety.

Dear Mr. Sindt:

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held in Salt Lake City at the time of the annual meeting in 1954. I am forwarding your letter concerning the invitation for the annual meeting to be held in the Twin Cities to our president, Mr. Knowlton, so that he can put it on the agenda for the next directors meeting.

It is certainly a pleasure to hear from you and to receive this invitation. Ordinarily the Board does not book the annual meeting that far in advance but it certainly will do no harm to put the Twin Cities in line. At the moment the schedule seems to be Salt Lake City in '54, Hamilton, Ontario '55, Southern California '56, Kansas City '57, Memphis '58, Upper New York or Oklahoma City in '59 and now your invitation comes for 1960. Of course this schedule is subject to change but I am just giving an idea of what it looks like at the moment.

Please tell the members of the Twin City Iris Society that the A.I.S. certainly appreciates its invitation and convey to my many friends there my sincere best wishes.

Assuring you of my kindest regards,

Yours truly,

Geddes Douglas

The Germans will say, "Froehliche Weihnachten."

In a board meeting held on Dec. 10th, it was generally agreed to conduct the affairs of the Society in just about the same manner as in the past, and as our Society has grown and prospered to the point that it is now one of leading flower societies in the state, the decision should meet with popular approval.

The following appointments for 1954 were made by our new president, Mr Bud Foss:

- Program chairman; Russell Frey, Minneapolis. (accepted)
- Exhibition chairman; Earl Maffett, Richfield. (accepted)
- Ways and means; W. G. Sindt, St. Paul. (accepted)
- Membership; G. B. Gable, Minneapolis. (accepted)
- Hospitality; Ruth and Adah Anderson, Hopkins. (tentative)
- Publicity; Edward Straub, Wayzata. (tentative)

Nathan Burns, Minneapolis, was authorized to conduct the Hardiness and performance poll again in 1954.

In Dublin they'll say, "Nodlaig Mhaith Chugnat."

Our secretary has informed us that she has already received 36 renewals for membership, and that was as of Dec. 10th. Isn't that simply wonderful? In case you havent sent sent your renewal in as yet, the dues (including membership in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society) are \$2.00 per year for single or \$2.50 per year for family membership. Please make your checks payable to the Twin City Iris Society, but mail them to Mrs. Esther Berger, 2236 East 42nd St., Minneapolis, Minn.

If you do as the Romans do, you'll say, Buone Feste Natalizie."

In last months News and Views, we printed some thumb nail sketches of our new officers and that was real easy to do because we know them so very well but in checking trough the membership list we found so very many members especially those who live out-state whom we have never had the pleasure of meeting and about whom we know absolutely nothing. We would like very much to introduce you to your fellow members through the pages of this bulletin, so want you send us a brief word sketch of yourself, your hobbies and your favorites of the garden? We are sure we will all enjoy "meeting" you. It would even be nicer to meet you in person so do try to be at the meetings occassionly want you.

In Poland it comes out like this, "Weselych Swiat."

Our first meeting of the New Year is set for Thursday, January 28th, at Rutherford's Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd., just east of the Miracle Mile in St. Louis Park. The speaker will be the well known Mr. E. Lehman of the Lehman Gardens in Faribault, Minn. Mr. Lehman will speak about chrysanthemums and their contribution to the garden, and also, we hope, about day-lillies. Color slides taken in his gardens will be shown. We are sure you will enjoy this meeting immensely so please try to make it if at all possible. The meeting time will be 8:00 P.M. and refreshments will be served. We have plenty of room at the meeting place, so bring as many guests as you can, they are most welcome.

Frenchmen say it beautifully, "Joyeux Noel."

Sports Dep't.

Most of our members have indicated a more than passive interest in football, so here are Jack's analysis of the various Bowl games.

Professional Championship; Cleveland vs Detroit, at Detroit Sunday, Dec.27th

This will perhaps be one of the best games ever seen anywhere. Cleveland (11-1) with the incomparable Otto Graham and Lou Groza plus the best offensive and defensive scoring averages this season will try to avenge last years defeat by this same Detroit team led by the brilliant Bobby Layne and Doak Walker. I respect Cleveland but pick Detroit to win.

In Oslo, more than 250,000 Norwegians will soon say, "Gladelig Jul."

Rose Bowl; Michigan State vs U.C.L.A. at Pasadena, Calif. Friday, Jan. 1st

Michigan State with its tremendous offense is pitted against one of the best defensive teams in the nation. A missed conversion could easily be the margin of victory in this game. I like Mich. St., but close.

Orange Bowl; Maryland vs Oklahoma U. at Miami, Fla. Friday, Jan. 1st.

Unbeaten, untied Maryland will be a slight favorite to beat once beaten (Notre Dame), once tied (Ohio State) Oklahoma. After watching both teams on TV I believe the Sooners of Okla. to be the better team.

The Swedes say it simply and sincerely, "Glad Jul."

Sugar Bowl; Georgia Tech vs W. Va. U. at New Orleans, La. Friday, Jan. 1st.

Georgia Tech with superior speed, should not have too much trouble with ponderous Mountaineers of W. Va. This game will be a high scoring affair with Ga. Tech on the long end of the score.

In Spanish it sounds like this, "Feliz Navidad."

Cotton Bowl; Rice Institute vs Alabama U. at Dallas, Tex. Friday, Jan 1st.

Rice is a solid favorite to defeat Alabama on New Years day and should live up to its billing. This has not been one of Alabama's best years, nor will this be one of their best games.

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Gator Bowl; Auburn vs Texas Tech at Jacksonville, Fla. Friday, Jan 1st.

After playing the role of doormat in the Southeastern conference for several years, Auburn has come up with one of its best teams in history. Texas Tech has been the highest scoring team of the season, but mostly against inferior competition. I look for a free scoring game with Auburn the eventual winner.

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Shrine Classic; East All-stars vs West All-stars at San Francisco Sat. Jan. 2nd

With few exceptions the underdog has been the winner in this annual game, but such will not be the case this year. The East is really "loaded" and should win in a breeze.

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Well this brings us to the end of our first years publication of the News and Views and I can honestly say that we have had an awful lot of fun putting it together. We appreciate the assistance given us by fellow members in sending us bits of news and information that have appeared on these pages and we will most certainly be grateful for the continuance of your support in making these bulletins pleasurable reading to everyone in the months to come. So with this thought in mind, may we on behalf of the Twin City Iris Society and for ourselves, wish everyone, everywhere, a most joyful Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

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Name

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Is this a new membership or a renewal.....

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(If you are already a member of the Minn. Horticultural Soc. the dues are \$1.00 less, but you must enclose your Horticultural membership number with your remittance.)
