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The Y.M.C.A., our regular meeting place, is not available during the month of January. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 1959 at the Hasty Tasty Cafe at 50th and France at 6:30 P.M. It will be a ham dinner and the price will be \$2.50. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, January 27 and can be made by calling:

Mrs. Thomas: Phone number WA. 6-4224
Mrs. Bakke: Phone number JU. 8-6919

Everyone come! The February meeting will again be held at the Y.M.C.A.

We are making up a new "Year Book" and only members who have paid their dues by February 1st will be listed. Please bring dues to the January meeting or send your check to:

Treasurer Jack Kupka - 4818 Colfax Avenue N.
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Any corrections of addresses or telephone numbers should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Thomas.

Dues are:

Family with Horticulture magazine	\$3.00
Single with Horticulture magazine	2.50
Family without Horticulture magazine	1.50
Single without Horticulture magazine	1.00

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Dear Members:

We are entering our new year of Iris enjoyment and mother earth will be sending messages of Spring awakening to our Iris before long.

May we all be ready to cope with the good and bad by attending all the meetings, by working cooperatively, and by sharing our experience with one another.

Helen Thomas

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A WORD FROM THE JUNIOR IRIS CLUB - Terry Jacobson

The first get together of the Junior Iris Club was at the Mrs. Orval Bakke home. The Messer boys, Ralph and Dick, explained how to hybridize

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A WORD FROM THE JUNIOR IRIS CLUB (Continued)

Iris. Mrs. Alice Foss showed us slides of Iris that she grew and other flowers. She gave us each a \$1.00 gift certificate for a Iris risome next summer. We had a nice dessert served by Mrs. Bakke that was enjoyed by all. The Junior Iris Club appreciates the work and interest given us by Mrs. Bakke.

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NORTH SIDE -- Gus Sindt

We all like to show off to our friends, or anyone else, all the ribbons we have won. But it is a matter of finesse to lead into the subject. If some of these ribbons were on display where it would be impossible not to see them (and for the unwary one to ask about them) the subject could be breashed much more easily. I believe I have found a way to do this without too much expense. It seems that there are many storm windows available at very reasonable prices -- one dollar or less. By the use of one half of a window a fine frame has been acquired. I painted the inside of the frame white and the outside any suitable color to go with the surroundings. A 3/8" insulating board may be used for the back and either staples or tacks to hold the ribbons. The depth of the frame permits the large rosettes to be displayed without crushing against the glass. A medal can be placed in this same frame by tacking the cover of its box to the backing. The bottom of the box with the medal in it is covered with Saran wrap and then placed in the cover, which previously has been fastened to the backing. By a little shifting of ribbons before they are fastened one can work out very attractive designs.

When completed these frames of ribbons and medals look very nice in the living room, or recreation room, or bedroom, or they really show up fine in the garage. In the latter place there are not so many beautiful objects to distract one's attention, and besides, maybe some of the people you would like to talk to about your successes as an exhibitor just would never get to see them in the house.

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GARDENS OF DENMARK -- Patricia Taylor

It seems unnecessary for anyone to need a reason to travel, but if a gardener wants one -- Denmark is one place he should visit!

I have never seen so much plant life in one place. From the unbelievable Botanical Garden in Copenhagen, to the windows crowded with plants in the smallest village, Denmark is queen. The flowers were beautiful beyond description. The Danes want you to appreciate the beauty too.

Even more than the flowers in the parks, I was impressed by the plants in window gardens. Most of the apartment buildings have small balconies. Every one of these had flower boxes and queen plants. Walking along the

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GARDENS OF DENMARK (Continued)

streets in Ribe, in Jutland, where the houses were very old and very tiny, each window was crowded with plants.

One of the interesting experiences I had was in Ribe. I was admiring some exceptionally healthy rose bushes, in front of a house, when a little old lady came out probably to see what the stranger was doing. After some "hard conversation" (since I speak no Danish) she beckoned me to come around to the rear of the house. There was one of the most beautiful, well kept gardens I have ever seen. A profusion of tulips, primroses, and pansies - and all neat as a pin. Since I could remember a few botanical names, we had a fine time discussing the garden. Flowers seem to be a universal language.

Ribe is noted as the town in Denmark with storks; the storks and their nests were interesting, but I shall remember most the little old lady and her garden.

In Denmark, even the architecture gets into the mood. Many houses in the country have sod roofs and frequently the whole roof was in bloom with delicate yellow flowers. I presume the flower was a weed, but the overall effect was charming.

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