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## Special INV News Service

Geneva, Switzerland. Seventy--Seven persons were known to have lost their lives in Switzerland during the past 15 years, while picking wild flowers. How dangerously can we live???

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Only another month and then IRISTIME. Present indications reveal hardly any winter loss or injury, and we can surely anticipate a banner bloom this year. The following members have expressed their desire to have you visit their gardens during the blooming season:

Mrs Elsie Peterson 3731 Oliver Ave No Mpls.

Mrs Joseph Siletz 8200 Duluth Ave No Mpls.

Mrs Clifford Stover 7014 Fourth Ave So Mpls.

## Commercial Growers

Burns Gardens 1707 77th Ave No Mpls

Folkers Gardens 215 E Main St Owatonna

Foss Iris Gardens 6045 St Croix Ave Mpls

Gable Gardens 2543 38th Ave So Mpls

Hilltop Gardens 201 W 102nd St Mpls

If your name doesn't appear on this list its only because you havent written or phoned. We will re-print the above list plus any additional names that we may receive, in next months bulletin, but please contact your editor before May 10th. Our Phone No. is JUniper 4189 and our mailing address is 1707 77th Ave No. Minneapolis 12. We know more of you folks would like to share your gardens with fellow members, so you tell us and we'll tell them.

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## Questions and Answers

Q. I uncovered my garden the other day and discovered a little rot in one of my more expensive varieties. Is there anything I can do to save the save the plant?

A. If the rot you mention is the bacterial soft rot, you can probably save the plant by removing it from the ground and cutting away all the rotted portion. Dip the healthy part of the plant in a ruby red solution of potassium permanganate, which can be purchased in any drug store, and then keep the plant exposed to the sun for several days. Re-plant in a new clean spot in your garden. If the rot you refer to is dry rot, there is no known cure for it. It is perhaps better known as winter loss.

The pot luck supper meeting was well attended. Everyone had plenty to eat and enjoyed themselves. We took in \$ 17.00 for the hospitality committee, this will pay for the coffee and cakes for quite a while. Mrs Martha Crone showed some excellent pictures of native wild flowers and Mr Nygard of the Pako Film Corp. pointed out the do's and donts of color photography. As a team, they worked together exceptionally well.

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We are delighted to welcome Mr Harold Thomforde of Crookston Minnesota into our Society. Mr Thomforde is the Mayor of Crookston.

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This year the Twin City Iris Society with the co-operation of the American Iris Society will conduct a hardiness survey that will be national in scope. Iris growers living in the entire northern section of the United States and those living in Canada, east of Rocky Mts. will be asked to participate. A special form will be sent you in about two weeks outlining the entire plan. The survey will be under the supervision of Mr N.J.Burns of Minneapolis.

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Mr Russell Frey of Minneapolis has been appointed Show Superintendent for our coming Iris Show. Let's all give Russ our ~~full~~ fullest support and co-operation.

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An unofficial report from our treasurer, Mr Lorin Franklin, of Mpls., indicates that we are in very good shape financially. At the last count there was approximately \$ 163.00 hidden under the floor boards.

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#### Varietal Commentary

Mrs Charles Dexter: This lovely lady is better known as known as Grandma Coe, operator of the fabulous "Fairy Farm" at Isanti, Minn. Mrs Dexter's first love in the world of reality is iris.

Mrs Carol Straub: A most pleasing personality. We have heard Carol has a most beautiful singing voice which we hope to have the pleasure of hearing real soon.

Mrs J.S.Taylor: One of the most interesting gardens we have ever seen is the property of this charming lady. Her little dog, Sugar, never says Hello, but always barks Good-bye.



Varietal Commentary (cont)

Mr Jack Kupka: A rather rugged individual whos first love is fishing, but he can also bake a cherry pie.

Mr Ben Haeg: They say his delphiniums are even more lovely than are his iris. This I must see !!!

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All you need do to answer this question is to reach into your pocket and count them, but exactly how much money would you have if you had only one each of all the denominations of U.S. currency? Those few unfortunate enough not to have them may learn the correct answer (and it will surprise you) at our next meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday, April 23rd, at Rutherfords Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd., St Louis Park. This is the one meeting we have each year in which no scheduled speaker is invited, so we can let our hair down and iron out our pleasures and troubles with the genus Iris. If you would spend and enjoyable evening dont miss this meeting. Among the subjects to be discussed will be the Show, the preparation of iris for the show and the long delayed dissertation on Louisiana Iris by Bud Straub and yours truly. The meeting will get under way at 8:00 PM.

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Corrections and additions to the Membership List

Mrs Olive Carlaw	1770 Fremont Ave So.	Minneapolis
Mrs Charles Dexter	Grandma Coes Fairy Farm	Isanti, Minn.
Mr & Mrs H N Fredrickson	4235 Alden Drive	Minneapolis.(F)
Mr Adrian P Gibson	201 West 102nd St	Minneapolis
Mrs A. S. Gowan	Chaska Road	Excelsior, Minn
Mr & Mrs A.J.Nicol	Route # 4	Wayzata, Minn(F)
Mrs L.E.Pollock	5349 Kellogg Ave So	Minneapolis
Mr W.G.Pollock	4237 Sheridan Ave So	Minneapolis
Mr & Mrs Chas Rooney	8910 East River Road	Minneapolis
Mr Harold Thonforde	841 Groveland Ave Box 372	Crookston, Minn.
Mrs H.D. van Buskirk	979 So Fairview Ave	St Paul, Minn.

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The Society, as a whole, wishes to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciations for the wonderful food provided by the ladies and so ably served by Mrs Wright and her hospitality committee members at the March Meeting. It was really swell. After all, the men only brought money, didnt they girls?

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Now that winter is gone ? ? ? ? ? we hope to see more of you out of town members at our meetings. Do try to attend, we would like to meet you and we think you'll enjoy the meeting and your fellow iris enthusiasts.