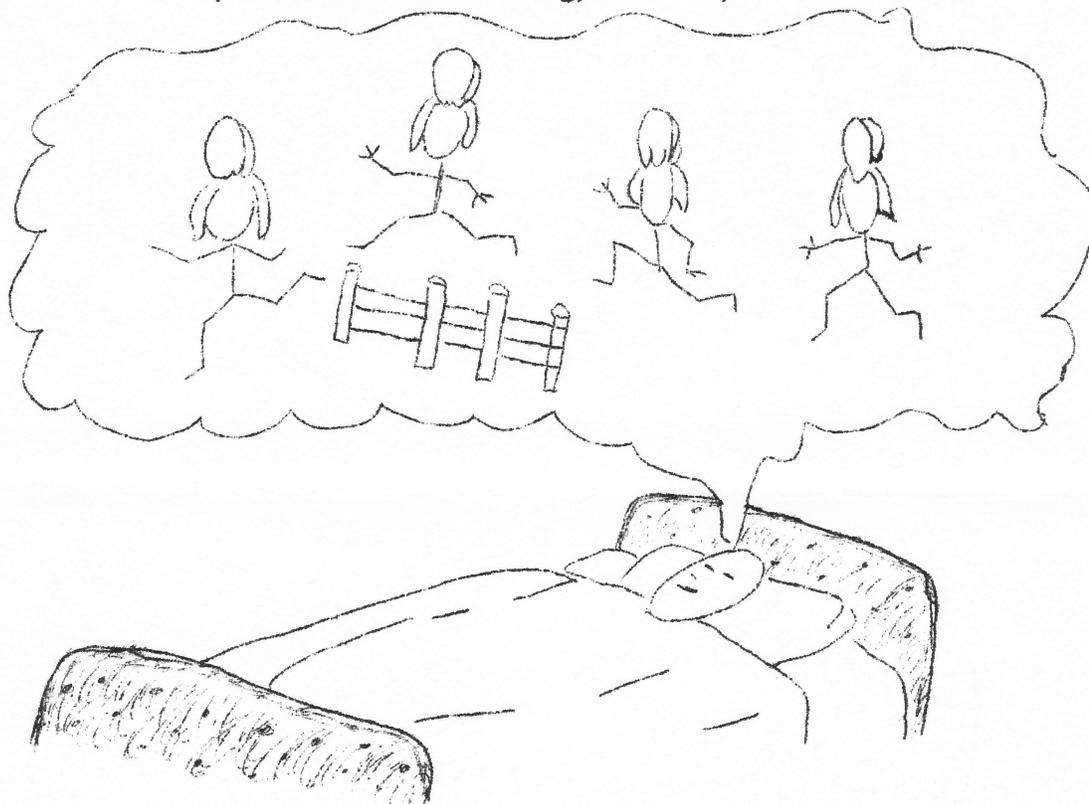


DREAM OF THE FUTURE!
(T.C.I.S. March meeting, that is)



DAY OR NIGHT--Are you thinking of what costume you will wear for our March "Come Dressed to Represent an Iris" meeting? Put your thinking caps on and make the judges work.

WHO'S WHO IN T.C.I.S.

Mrs. Alice Stenoien is a charter member of the Twin City Iris Society, who has served on the Board of Directors and as president of the society. Alice is a busy lady, for in addition to being a commercial grower (Foss Iris Gardens), she works part-time in the family owned paint and wallpaper store in Robbinsdale. When asked if she had any hobbies besides iris, Alice answered, "Grandchildren!" Alice's four children have given her 21 grandchildren and T.C.I.S. members the Wormuths have provided two who are considered part of the family too! Evidence of Alice's interest in people was the comment of your editor's daughter after hearing one side of a phone conversation with Alice: "Who was interviewing whom?" Alice contributed the recollection from the 1953 News & Views and the 1951 AIS Bulletin in this issue of News & Views.

New member is Mr. Jeremy Ipsen, son of the Urban Ipsens. Rumor has it that Jeremy is competing with his dad at the Iris Show and joined to make the competition official. Welcome to Jeremy and good luck to both Ipsens!

TWIN CITY IRIS SOCIETY VIP'S

Browsing through the January 1967 American Iris Society Bulletin, we found these T.C.I.S. members listed as judges:

Garden Judges:

Urban Ipsen
G. F. Hanson
W. G. Sindt
Mrs. Alice Stenoien
Mrs. Clifford Stover
Mrs. Tom D. Wright

Exhibition Judges:

Mrs. O. A. Bakke
Rev. Paul Folkers
Mrs. G. F. Lankow
Mrs. D. C. Messer
Mrs. M. C. Senne

Senior Judge: G. B. Gable

Also found in Section 2 of the same Bulletin were iris registered in 1966 by Rev. Paul Folkers (Northern Sky) and by Bakke-Messer (Minnesota Glitters).

Northern Sky is a tall bearded clean white edged with heavy rim of deep blue. Belle Meade x Castle Rock.

Minnesota Glitters is a tall bearded deep, intense apricot overlaid with flush of pink; touch of gold in throat; deeply ruffled; dark tangerine beard. Glittering Amber x Valimar.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

The American Iris Society Convention will be held in Denver, May 31 through June 3, 1967. Registrations begin on Wednesday morning and the convention closes with a banquet on Saturday night. The time between will be spent in visits to iris gardens, including the Botanic Gardens with a total planting of just over 1,000 irises.

Anybody ready for a trip to Denver ???

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CORRECTION

The statement in the January issue of News and Views should have read, "The Twin City Iris Society had the No. 1 Iris Show in the United States in 1966" rather than "the No. 1 Iris."

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FOND RECOLLECTIONS

By Alice Stenoien

Taken from AIS Bulletin July 1951 and October 1951.

Dykes Medal - Cherie - D. Hall.

Runners Up - Amandine, New Snow, Argus Pheasant, Dream Castle, Desert Song.

Varietal comments:

Truly Yours - Fay - most outstanding, capturing everyone. This is an iris for the masses.

Spanish Peaks - and Blue Valley defy description.

Master Charles - brilliant mulberry purple--outstanding.

Tiffany - lovely yellow and white plicata.

Raspberry Ribbon - lovely plicata--aptly named.

A beauty spot in any garden is a clump of Helen Collingwood. Its rich red-purple falls and silky white standards make such a brilliant display, all eyes are compelled to enjoy its loveliness.

Cloud Cap - many who made a note of "must have" at the garden tour may be disappointed in acquiring this seven inch pink. It was completely sold out in 1950 and only reservations for 1951!

These iris are still grown by many of us, and even though we have progressed far in our hybridizing of better things, these are still favorites of many.

Nostalgic excerpts of some of the humorous writings by Edith and Jack Burns, editors: taken from the News and Views of September 1953.

In an effort to help our members to better understand and evaluate catalog and bulletin descriptions of iris, we have selected a few of the more commonly used expressions, with our interpretations of their meaning:

Refined and delicate: wishy-washy type, no zip.

Medium sized: this means a small flower.

Average size: this also means a small flower.

Nice: hybridizer is present or listening.

Nice but: hybridizer is not within earshot.

Coarse or unrefined: this is a large, bright gay flower and everyone likes it.

Does not tuck: this means it has all the other faults except this one!

Great landscape variety: means they got stuck with it and are trying to get something back before they pitch it out!

GUESS WHO

By G. B. Gable

The year was 1950. For a week or more there was not an idle moment. Lawns were smooth as velvet. Not a brown leaf or wilted petal and not a single weed could be found. Those gardens were put in ship-shape, not for captain's inspection but for the pilgrimage of the Minnesota Garden Flower Society. Two of those people later joined the Twin City Iris Society. Only one guess allowed as to who they were. Just a little tip. Both were eventually elected and served as Presidents of our Twin City Iris Society.

A timely quote from Reader's Digest:

A clerk was handed his pay envelope which, by error, contained a blank check. The astonished clerk looked at it and moaned: 'Just what I thought would happen,' he said. 'My deductions finally caught up with my salary.'

Sign on the window of an insecticide business in Chicago:

"Why put up with high prices? Exterminate yourself! Come in! We will show you how!"

We don't mind the prices that much!
