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Brrr - Oh well, we knew it couldn't last forever, and any-  
way a quick look at the calender reveals that spring is only two  
months away - and of course, spring-time is iris-time and isn't  
that what we're all waiting for?

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Did you know the Mohammedans of North Africa believed their  
dead enjoyed the sweet perfume of iris which were planted on  
graves? Whenever the Mohammedans moved they always took along a  
supply of iris rhizomes. (Mrs Lydia Franklin contributed this  
information)

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Mrs. Van Buskirk, of St. Paul, informs us that Mr. Sindt  
took more than his share of Blue Ribbons in the Ramsey County  
Garden Club show last summer. We understand this was the first  
time he had entered in this show too.

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Mrs. Dexter, (Grandma Coe), suggests we have some style  
hints for the ladies. Come Easter we will do our best. (Editor's  
note) My daughter, Jackie, tells me I shouldn't wear plaid  
slacks with a striped blouse, which I do occassionly when she  
isn't looking.

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Our new hospitality committee co-chairwomen, Adah and Ruth  
Anderson will be asking the lady members to help with the re-  
freshments either by bringing a cake or cookies, or by serving  
or by helping with the dishes. Lets all co-operate as this op-  
portunity will only come once a year.

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While we are on the subject of food, if you are in Chicago  
try Marshall Fields Walnut Room for breakfast. We had chicken  
livers on toast, and while we were waiting, we were served sev-  
eral little doughnut holes with our coffee. All quite interest-  
ing and delicious and extremely reasonable. --- The W. S. Ayers  
store in Indianapolis serves such interesting foods, especially  
salads, that they had a write up in one of the big magazines.  
We had a fruit salad that could have won a blue ribbon in any  
flower show. Also reasonable. --- There is also a very interest-  
ing portable hot dog stand on the north side of Lawrence Ave.  
just west of the Outer Drive in Chicago, where you can sit on  
nice comfortable orange crates and talk Italian-American to the  
nice couple who assemble the hot-dogs. This place is open until

the wee hours. Even the hungriest person could hardly eat more than two of these- complete with everything- hot gogs. - also reasonable...

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Hint!!!

Any information that you feel would be of interest to the other members should be sent to Edyke Burns, 1707 77th Ave. No., Minneapolis 12, Minn.

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The Dwarf Iris Club list the top ten dwarf iris as follows:

- Blazon - this is a beautiful red-purple with gold markings radiating from the beard.
- Primus - Yellow standards, red-brown falls edged yellow. This is the only variegata in the dwarf class to date.
- April Morn - A smooth, clean flax blue self. Extremely early blooming.
- Stylish - A petunia purple self with a blue beard.
- Orange Glint - Quite new and very scarce, this beautiful dwarf is a very deep orange yellow self.
- Violet Gem - A sparkling well formed violet gem.
- Atroviolacea - The first iris to bloom. Dark purple in color.
- Path Of Gold - Brilliant golden yellow, though an older variety, it is still difficult to obtain.
- Cup And Saucer - An arenaria hybrid with open standards and flaring falls that give the effect of a tiny red-purple cup and saucer.
- Moongleam - Creamy yellow. The flower is of good size for a dwarf.

(Comments and descriptions are our own)

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Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan 28th, at Rutherfords Garden Store, 4995 Excelsior Blvd. The speaker will be the well known Mr. Ed. Lehman of Faribault, Minn. Mr. Lehman will show slides and discuss chrysanthemums. Meeting time is 8:00 PM and refreshments will be served.

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It has been brought to our attention that several of our members are missing the meetings because of lack of transportation, and that other members are not attending because they dont like to drive alone. We hope to correct this situation at the next meeting by establishing information centers in both the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas where interested members can arrange for transportation to and from the meeting places.

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We hope we haven't forgotten anything-, Oh Yeah ! Dont forget your dues..