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We had an excellent turnout for the Oct. 25th Dinner Meeting, nearly 50 members and friends attending. Rev. Paul Folkers was the speaker. He has a wonderfully humorous way of putting across his point. He compared Iris - their good and bad traits - with people. I do think it was one of the meetings I would not have cared to miss. We were happy too, to meet Mrs. Folkers for the first time. The tables were decorated with some late roses from the gardens of Mrs. J. A. Hanratty.

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## Business

Membership in the American Iris Society was renewed and the Twin City Iris Society will now receive four copies of the AIS quarterly Bulletins; one each for the Minneapolis and St. Paul libraries, as formerly, and in addition two copies for members of the TCIS. These will be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dallas Messer, 2940 Edgewood Ave., Minneapolis. These copies can be borrowed and returned to her at your pleasure.

Our treasurer, Bud Foss, reported that as of Oct. 24th our funds totalled \$ 493.02 (this includes \$ 210.47 earned at the Auction).

The following Officers were elected for 1957:

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(The following Directors were elected in 1955 and still have One year to serve);

Mr. L. F. Franklin	Bloomington
Mr. Russell Frey	Golden Valley
Mr. Nathan Burns	Brooklyn Park.

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If you haven't already covered your iris, now is the time to take care of it. Marsh hay, excelsior, evergreen boughs or oak or maple leaves are all suitable for the purpose.

This year we tried using sugar cane for windbreaks in our garden, every eighth row of iris was dug up and replaced with a nice thick row of cane late in the iris season. Last year we used field corn which worked out very nicely, holding the snow on the iris plants insted of blowing off as in previous years. Our losses last year were quite heavy and what little bloom we did have was not typical of the varieties in situations where there was no windbreak, but the bloom was perfect and the losses negligible in the protected areas adjacent to the corn plantings. The cane was much easier to plant but we dont know yet how it will hold up as compared to corn, - nothing like experimenting though -. Possibly even a small garden would benefit from this protection, the wind in the suburban areas is really pretty much to contend with for iris fans.

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Mrs J. A. Hanratty, vice president of the T C I S, is in Mt. Sinai Hospital recovering from an eye operation.

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#### Off-Color Notes

During the sixteenth century, fashionable Frenchwomen wore costumes is such dashing colors as "rat-colour" - "widow's joy" - "envenomed monkey" - and "chimney sweep". The 18th Century produced such enchanting colors as "rash tears" - "Paris Mud" - "Brand from the Opera" - "Burnt Opera House" - "Stifled Sigh" etc. In conservative old England the European magazine of January 1783 mentions these delectable fashion colors: "Elliotts Red-hot Bullets" - and - "The Smoke of the Camp of St. Roche".

In 1956 people are much more sensible in selecting names for colors. If you dont believe it, just ask anyone who has purchased nail polish lately. You may choose from these ultra conservative colors: "Hot Tamale" - "Chili Bean" - "Cute Tomata" - "Shrimp Boat" - "Top Banana" and others of equally quiet taste.

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#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Twin City Iris Society will take place on Thursday December 6th, at 8:00 P.M. at Rutherfords Garden Shop, 4995 Excelsior Blvd. in St. Louis Park (one block east of the Miracle Mile). The speaker will be Mrs. Alvin Monten of Minneapolis who will discuss and demonstrate some Christmas decoration ideas for your home.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES ! ! ! !

If you can possibly do so, please bring one dozen or more of your fanciest Xmas cookies. These are to go with the coffee which we already have.

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Let's Meet the Members!

We know you will be happy to meet Mrs Clarence(Vivian)Rehbein who lives at 6152 Hodgson Road, New Brighton 12, Minn. Vivian and Clare are the proud parents of three boys and one girl and as of last June were expecting a fifth addition to their household. In addition to iris, Vivian is very fond of Carnations, roses, lilies, gladiolus and delphiniums. Her favorite iris are Vice Regal, Dreamcastle Tiffany, Blue Valley and Ola Kala. The one iris that impressed her most this year was Pinnacle. Beside gardening, Mrs Rehbein is very interested in photography, both slide and movie, so we can expect some good iris pictures from her to be shown at one of the future meetings.

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Mrs Granvil(Verona)Gable has been a member of the T C I S since its inception so we feel that an introduction is really quite unnecessary. The Gables live at 2543 38th Ave So., Minneapolis 6, and are the parents of 4 boys. They have one grandson. Verona's favorite iris are Francis Craig,(the iris that impressed her most this past year) Summit, Heritage, Fantasy and Vigil. Her other favorites of the garden are roses, delphiniums, daylilies and peonies.

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One of the newer members of the Society is Mrs Robert V. Leacock who lives with her husband and three boys at 1840 Montreal Ave., St.Paul 16. Her hobbies other than iris, include sewing, painting and music. Although Mrs Leacock has no pets, she does have some pet iris, Minnie Colquitt, Jake, The Capitol, Winter Carnival and Sylvia Murray being just a few. In addition to iris she is very partial to zinnias, mums, petunia, roses and peonies. The iris that impressed her most this year was Minnie Colquitt.

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And now it is our pleasure to have you renew acquaintances with Joseph B. Patzke who resides with Mrs Patzke at 5005 Washburn Ave. No., Minneapolis 12. The Patzkes have four children, two boys and two girls, and six grandchildren. Joe has been ill for quite some time now but hopes to be up and around again in the very near future so that he can once again pursue his hobbies of gardening, golfing and fishing. His favorite iris varieties are Snow Carnival, Ella Callis, Sylvia Murray, Elmohr, Star Shine and Truly Yours, the latter being the variety that impressed him most this year. Besides iris, he likes to grow and enjoy peonies, dahlias, mums, roses and lilacs.

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We are always especially happy to introduce you to one of our out-state members and today we would like you to meet Mrs Chester Welte of Bagley, Minn. Mrs Welte named general chairwoman of the Bagley Garden Club this past year and was very instrumental in the success of their first annual Iris and Peony show, held on June 16th last. If you are interested in wildflowers, you might contact Mrs. Welte as that is one of her favorite hobbies. Ola Kala, Blue Rhythm, Chivalry, Prairie Sunset and Bryce Canyon are among her favorites in the iris garden, and aside from iris she is very fond of roses, lilies, peonies and delphiniums. Although the Welte's have no children, they do have a little cocker spaniel named Chiparella (Chippy) that they like very much. Mrs. Welte's favorite iris this year was Chivalry. Her one attempt at hybridizing resulted in failure, We sincerely hope she will try again next year.