

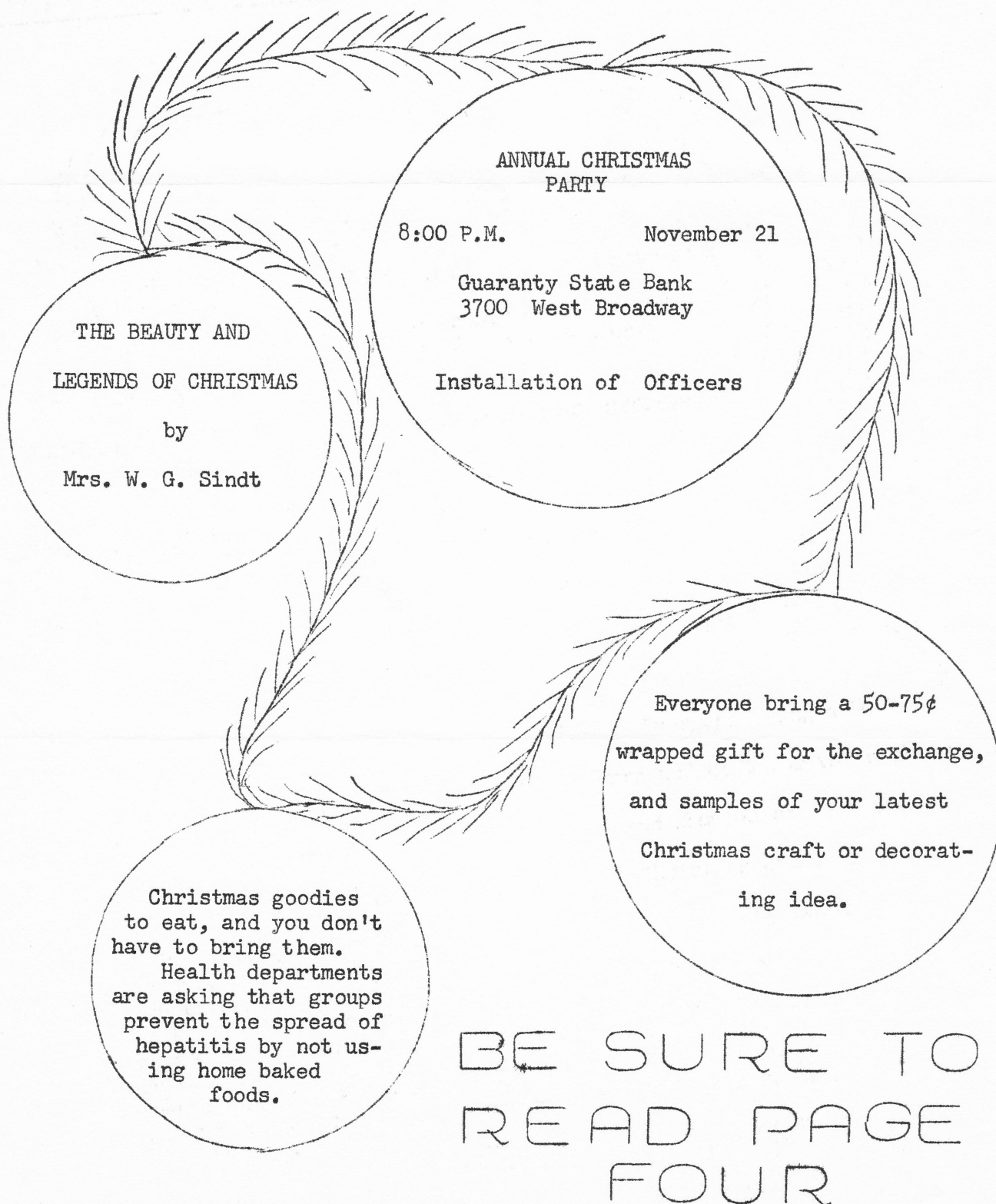
Twin City Iris Society

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THE LAME DUCK PRESIDENT SAYS:

Thanks to all the help from you members, we had a good year. No, we didn't accomplish all our goals, but that will leave something for next year. We did have a good one day iris show at Southdale...very good considering the weather. Our auction was successful. We enjoyed meeting Hubert Fischer, A.I.S. president; William Bledsoe, A.I.S. 2nd vice president; Clarence Protzmann, Region 8 vice president; and Larry Harder, Region 21 vice president, as they attended various iris activities in our area. I believe we have gotten on the map in Irisdom. The TCIS is no longer that far away place in the cold Northland where nothing grows. We have proof that beautiful iris can be raised - even hibridized and introduced from Minnesota - Minnesota Glitters (Bakke-Messer) and Miss Ruffles (M. Wright). There have been introductions from Minnesota before, so what is the difference this year? National recognition. I was told orders came pouring in from all over for Minnesota Glitters. I won't belabor the point.

I can't claim much of a part in this because all the ground work was done in the past. It was an accident that I happened to be your president when things came to fruition. All I can do is be proud and say that more will come from our organization. Warren Johnson has a lot of good ideas, and so I urge you all to help as much as you can, should he ask you to fill an office or be on a committee.

Thank you all for the fine cooperation I have had. Everyone has done his part and we've had a successful year. I wish to repeat a phrase from my acceptance speech a year ago: "All these past accomplishments were not made by the president alone - it's all you folks who are so willing that makes our society run smoothly....We have a sturdy plant growing, we need only to keep it blooming."

- Walter Carlock

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Officers elected at the October dinner meeting to be installed on November 21 are:

President - Warren Johnson	Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. G. Hain
First Vice President - W. G. Sindt	Board of Directors - 2 year term:
Second Vice President - Julius Wadekamper	Dr. Reuben David
Secretary - Mrs. Dallas Messer	Ernest Mutterer
Treasurer - Manfred Wormuth	Stanton Rudser

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We have two new members since the last reporting in News & Views:

Mrs. Gerald Elert
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55112
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Mrs. Fannie M. Salt
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418
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Mrs. Salt is a former member of TCIS who has just rejoined us.

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P A G E 4 I S I M P O R T A N T !

HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER MEETING

Some members deserve special mention for their creative talent and time and patience used to make our annual dinner meeting extra special. Lois Johnson provided the blue and white name tags on which she had block printed some lovely iris. Zula Hanson and Laura Sutton provided the miniature (really miniature) iris arrangements made of popcorn for each place at the tables.

Greta Kessenich presented the silver iris teaspoon and the medal awards to the show winners.

Julius Wadekamper introduced the program with his usual wit.

American Iris Society president Hubert Fischer was the main speaker, and the following are excerpts from his speech:

The American Iris Society is the mother society of all the other iris societies. Without the AIS there would be no registrations and no nomenclature. Before the registration system, there was much confusion about identification of iris. The AIS sets standards for the training of judges and provides medals and certificate awards for shows.

Some people ask how much directors of the AIS are paid. Bill Bledsoe's answer was, "The pay is being allowed to spend your own money."

Membership dues in the AIS were \$3.00 in 1922 and are \$5.00 in 1968.

There has been word of a scientific breakthrough on the cause of scorch. If the cause is found, the next thing is to find a preventive.

A lot of the fun of the AIS is meeting interesting people from all over the world who grow iris.

Mr. Fischer closed with these words: "We pass this way but once, so in passing, let us mark our paths with beauty, that those who follow might see which way we went."

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HOW TO BE ACTIVE THOUGH IGNORANT

I write this as a charter member of an organization whose name I can no longer remember. It was something like the Reluctant Spouses of the Enthusiastic Growers. I think I have a lot of company in the remarkable trend for members of such an organization. There's something about the people that overcomes that reluctance. Who would ever believe that a wife who once could not tell the difference between iris leaves and tulip leaves or thought a "guest" iris was one you couldn't identify so "guessed" what it was would ever become so involved? (I stole that "guest" line from a daughter who acquired her father's sense of humor.)

It all started by helping with the food. After, all I didn't have to know iris for that! Helping with the food led to knowing the people, if not the iris, and knowing the people made me willing to try the newsletter. So here I am after two and one-half years as your editor, ready to pass the job along and ready to retire in my ignorance (somewhat lessened) of iris, but glad to know TCIS members better than when I started.

Thanks to all who have contributed and offered suggestions, and best wishes to the new editor.

- Grace Carlock

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TWIN CITY IRIS SOCIETY !!!

Bring the blank below to Mrs. Stanton Rudser at the next meeting, or mail it to her at 2548 Douglas Drive North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55422.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

_____ Twin City Iris Society	\$ 3.50
(with Minnesota State Horticultural Society subscription)	
_____ Family membership as above	4.00
_____ Twin City Iris Society	1.50
(if you receive "The Hort" through another society)	
_____ Family membership as above	2.00
_____ American Iris Society Membership	(1 year) 5.00
_____ Commercial Growers (state your name and list flowers available)	(3 years) 12.50

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