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Delegate's Report of Annual Ontario Horticultural Meeting

Horticultural Society of her visit plant, diefenbachia, croton, etc., as one of the delegates to the On- look well in contemporary homes, tario convention, it was so thor while period furniture calls for ough and interesting that mem- finer leaved flowering plants. He bers thought it should be shared gave general directions for soil, with those who were not in atten- lighting, watering, etc, as he said, dance at the meeting. The report, no plant is better than its soil. in its entirety, follows:

Hamilton. As you know, a lot lights as I saw them.

The invocation appropriate to the occasion, was given by the ing to the times, and the ideas for Reverend John Witzel of Mount them had been brought over by

est to the public.

The treasurer in giving his report also stressed the need for new members. The total net worth at the end of 1957 was \$2,414.82.

Mr. John P. Budd, of the Toronto Parks and Recreation Department then spoke on 'House Plants'. House plants, he said, should blend in with your house and furnishings. They should give it collour and interest and add a spark son

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When Mrs. Harry Marchington of life to your house. The large gave her report to Georgetown leaved plants such as the rubber

The next speaker was Mr. E. I Wood, landscape architect, Feder-Mr. Chairman and fellow gard- al District Commission, Ottawa. who illustrated his talk with ma I want first to thank you for ny beautiful slides. Up until the making it possible for Mrs. Norton war, park landscaping at Ottawa, and me to have two most enjoy- as elsewhere, consisted of a great able days at the convention in many small beds dotted here and of there, of foliage and such like ground is covered in a day, and small plants, and it kept 15 greencan only give you the high houses, and a great many men busy growing them. The designs were good, accord-

Hamilton, and was followed by well trained old country gardenthe introduction of officers and ers. But they belonged to the day of ornate furniture and fancy bric The president, Dr. Bryce McKen- a brac, the pre-car era when drick of Toronto, called the con- people just stayed home; or walkvention a sort of refresher course, ed in the parks. After the war where you met and exchanged id- there were great changes - men eas with other practical garden. had shorter work hours, more moers. Great progress has been made ney and cars, and these displays in Horticulture in the last 25 were 20 years behind the times. years, with a great deal of help During the war the greenhouses being given by the Ontario Dept. were unused, and were in disrerio has increased tremendously, lage plants, and planted spring- life-saving chapeau to a none-too-happy snapping turtle. the membership of the Horticultu- flowering bulbs in large beds or ral Socity has not, and he issued drifts, followed by rugash and floa challenge to the association to ribunda roses, lilacs and rhodod- Best, Georgetown, O. A. Kummer astonishingly low temperatures wienrol more members, and to try endrons and boxes for filling in, of Preston, Jas. Taylor of the OAC thout being affected. to reach the 40,000 mark for 1958, between seasons, followed by the and the Rev. Mr. Siebert of Elmi- So you can see that the more 20 new members from each socie- frost. Tried and true single an questions on lilies, bulbs and tub- 'bound' form, and the more food ty. He hoped a solution would be nuals were used, picked for their ers before we adjourned for it can place in storage in the fall, ness of the press and radio to give and most beds contained just one July 18th and 19th for the Inter- we do not recommend heavy wapublicity, if the activities were colour, a few had contrasting bor national Lily show to be held ering in early and mid-autumn, nor imaginative enough to be of inter- ders. Some beds were heaped up this year at Hart House, Toronto. nitrogen fertilization during late advantage, and in parkways and attend if possible, the hours for summer pruning to stimulate late

used as people now travelled in 10 p.m., and on Saturday 10 a.m., Even in cases where we lift cars and got a different view at to 10 p.m.

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DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 1958 safety conference of the Indusof Agriculture and the OAC and pair, and money was scarce - so trial Accident Prevention Associations were more than 30 memhe mentioned especially Dr. Hil- Mr. Wood came up with some new bers of the "Turtle Club." They are industrial workers who have ton, and Mr. James Taylor of the ideas . . . 12 of the 15 greenhouses saved their lives or escaped serious injury by wearing "hard hats" OAC's Horticultural Dept. How were demolished, they dispensed on the job. Safety conference was held in the Queen Elizabeth ever, while the population of Onta- with the small beds and their fol- Building, Toronto, last month. Here pretty Mabel Webber shows a

> A panel consisting of Sandy | tion the water, or sap, can weathereasy grown annuals, which last till ra, the "glad" man, then answered water a plant can convert t brightness and pureness of colour, lunch. Mr. Best gave the dates, the hardier it will be. So it is that in the centre to show them off to He suggested that bus loads should summer and autumn, nor heavy driveway splashes colours were Friday the 17th being 2.30 p.m. to shoot growth.

> > screen later.

garden competitions.

He made reference to the an talk .. nual grant from the Ontario government having been increased to was held in the hotel's Crystal Ball-\$30,000 which was divided among room, guest speaker being Rabbi the societies. He also said that a Bernard Basken of Hamilton, whose number of societies had not sent subject was "The ten wisest sayin their reports, and until they did ings spoken by Man." Rabbi Basthe money could not be distributed kin selected his quotations from to the ones that did, so urged that various sources, ranging from the that be done. He said too that Mr. Scriptures to those of statesmen. Clark, the secretary had pictures of and he indicated how irrespective last year's trip to England and the of the century from which they continent and they were available were chosen, they were just as ap-

Dr. R. J. Hilton, head of the Hor- and age. cultural Dept. of the OAC, in spea-king on Plant Hardiness and Gar-ting Mayor Jackson, and the Hon. romance, but that in his opinion, riculture, also spoke. the whole thing revolved around a | The evening was rounded out green pear . . . he went on to dis- with dancing. cuss, rather technically, plant har- I attended a panel discussion on CABINETS diness, what it is, why it is and Friday on Society work and Prohow it may effect each of us. The jects - when asked if options of FRAMES term "hardiness" is often taken rose bushes, etc. were necessary. to apply to any, plant that is thriv- one member of the panel said in Prompt Service . . . vantage of very light snow cover- that member. or another may mature its wood

have fullest opportunity to harden member was an interested one. off for the winter. Another is by forest or bush cover, and so on. den plots - their size, cost, etc., Also, garden plants are influenced and they had found them success by the direct factors of environ- ful and worthwhile. ment. Hardening off is essentially done in nature by the combination of bright autumn sunlight ply reduced night temperatures consequently less utilization of carplant, the effect of hardening off the town provided a workman to is seen in tissues with cells turgid, do it. "bound" form, and in this condi- ses.

plants over winter, because we the speed with which they now The afternoon session started at know they will not withstand Jack passed. Pure design, colour dom. 2 and a report on awards and pre- Frost, we still should keep the inance, brilliance of colour and sentations was given by the secre- hardening off process in mind, so large numbers. with of course tary. I might say here that the that our corms, roots and bulbs good background, all serve to give birdhouses and posters were on will go into their winter storage tourists to our capital a brilliant display, as was a good array of equipped as well as possible to display all during the growing sea- house plants by Mr. Budd of the withstand the long winter of slow Toronto parks department. The burning up of foods, and still winning slides were put on the have enough left for strong early

growth in the spring. Mr. Lashley, the superintendent, Mr. Sandy Best confined himself then gave his report on the ach- to a brief synopsis of the breeding ievements of the Association, of lilies. The last 20 years has which is now in its 105th year, seen tremendous progress in the . There are 210 societies in Ontario production of colourful hardy varwith a membership of 36,935. Nine lieties, resulting in the hybrid lilnew societies were organized in ies of today. Canadian breeders 1957 - the largest society is at have done half the good breeding Guelph where they have 1325 mem- around the world, and he menbers. Mr. Lashley reported that tioned Miss Isabella Preston, Dr. last year 140 societies did various Palmer and Mr. James Taylor in forms of public planting, '55 held this respect. Mr. Best showed flower shows, while 52 featured slides of many of the beautiful new varieties to round out his

On Thursday evening a banquet plicable in this vastly changed day

king on Plant Hardiness and Gar- ting Mayor Jackson, and the Hon. dening in the north, said that Hor- Roy Connell, MLA for Hamilton ticulture was pure romance, that Wentworth, representing the Hon. the apple had figured in the first W. A. Goodfellow, minister of ag-

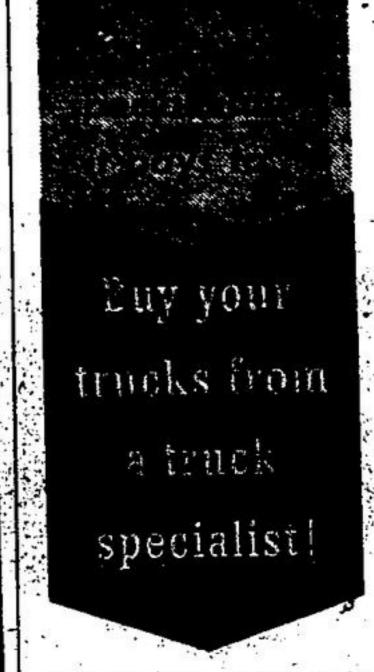
ing out of its usual environment. their case they had always given but Canadians usually associate the one and would find it hard to disterm with the limiting growth fac continue. He thought it helped to tor of temperature. Thus a 'half stimulate interest in gardening, and hardy plant' at Guelph will be a often planting the rose bush, the 'tender' plant at Winnipeg, The new member would go on from factor of heredity influences our there - other members of the panrecognition of the conditions under el disagreed - one thought that which one plant is hardy and ano membership was well worth a dolther not - many kinds of plants lar, and that the money was all are particularly adapted to short-needed for community beautificagrowing seasons and low tempera- tion. If you have to depend on the tures - one species might be so member who joins just for the prelow growing as to take fullest ad- miums you might as well not have

A suggestion made was to pass or winder buds very early, and so the work around - that a working Another member told of their shade loving, therefore protected experiences with children's gar-

Regarding the subject of raising money for the society, the Barrie delegates , where they have a large (ample, carbohydrate manufac society, said that when they did reduced moisture supply planting around the library, arena, (common in mid-autumn) and shar etc., there, the boards of those places gave them grants— the usual (reduced rate of respiration and ouchres, etc. were also mentioned. One member said that where bohydrates and more storage of heavy work was required to prethese sugars and starches. In the pare beds, etc. for town planting,

not with "free" water and sugars | They would like more exhibiin thin solution, but with stored tors in the bird house, poster clasfood not only is essential for rap ses for children, and someone said id growth next spring but also en- that the Lands and Forests Divisables the plant to retain water in ion would help with the bird hou-

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