

Tells annual meeting

Should return horticulture to classroom

Noting that Britain's vegetable garden allotments kept a lot of people from starvation during World War II, George Sinclair told members of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Saturday night that horticulture should be brought back into the schools.

He recalled he learned about digging, planting, hoeing, etc. during his school days in Scotland, which led him to seek a career in horticulture.

However, he said, the greatest need at present is for qualified teachers to instruct in this important subject.

The occasion was the 60th annual meeting of the local horticultural society, celebrated with a dinner at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

New executive

Robert Ross was elected president of the society for next year. Other members of the executive will be 1st Vice-President Albert Card, 2nd Vice-President Mrs. Elsie MacKay, Treasurer Mrs. Evelyn Boyd, Secretary Mrs. Elsie MacKay; Directors 1975, Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Mrs. Velma Shelletto, Miss Zeta Milnes, Mrs. Margaret Styan, William Crowley; Directors 1975-76, Miss Gladys McLatchy, Miss Vi Haslam, Mrs. Frances Whelan, Mrs. Edie Walker, Art Uren; Auditors 1975, Miss Mabel Mackie, Miss Stella Mackie. The slate was presented by Mrs. Styan and accepted unanimously. Dick Edmunds is the retiring president.

Mr. Sinclair, the guest speaker is executive director of the Civic Garden Centre and superintendent of horticulture at the CNE under whose supervision the flower building was transformed this year.

He was introduced by Gladys McLatchy, who was wearing the beautiful silver chain of office as president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. He was thanked by Robert Keith.

Merit certificate

A certificate for meritorious service was presented to Miss Stella Mackie by Bob Ross for her

years of devoted service to the society on many committees and particularly at the flower shows.

In paying tribute to her, Bob Little recited a limerick he had composed:

"Once knew a girl known as Stella
Who was bright as a red umbrella.
As everyone knows
She worked hard at our shows —
Besides she's a jolly good fella!"

Greetings from the Ontario Horticultural Association were extended by Secretary Russell Gomme and from District 15 by Clarence Baker.


Reports presented

The annual report was presented by Elsie Mackay with her usual touches of humor and the financial report by Evelyn Boyd. This showed a substantial balance on hand.

Mayor William Lazenby brought greetings from the town and presented the president with a citation for the society's services to the town. Each lady present received a corsage to wear as a gift from the mayor and Mrs. Lazenby.

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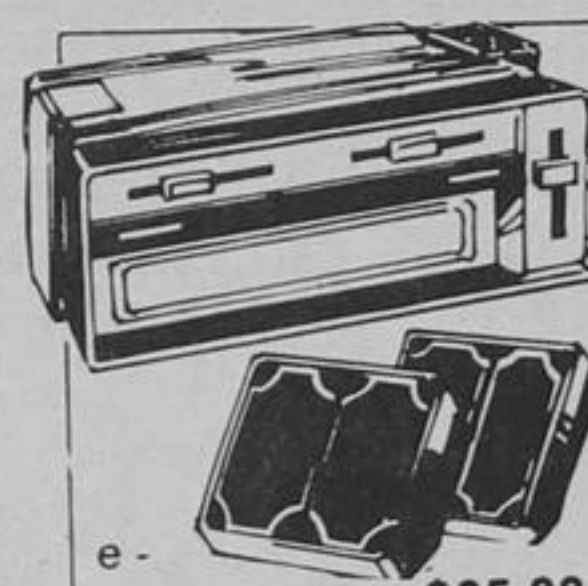
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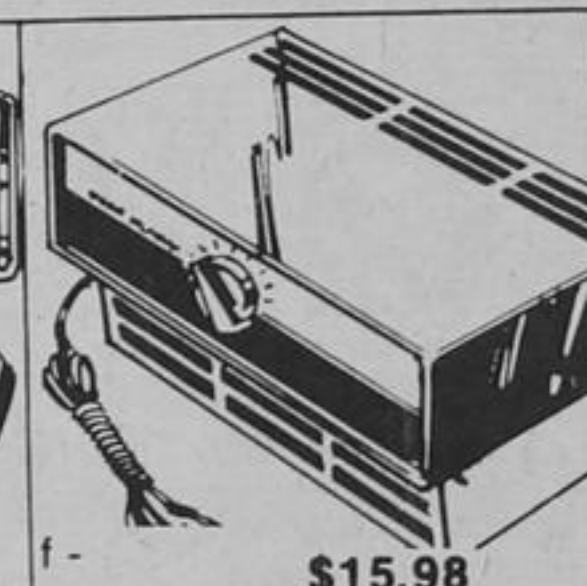


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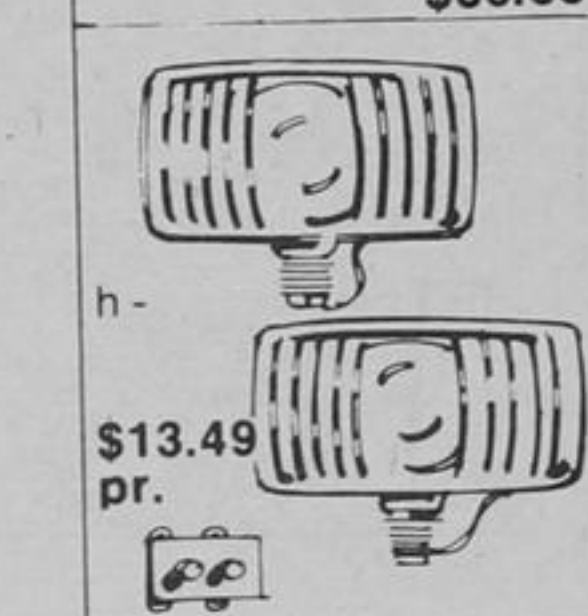
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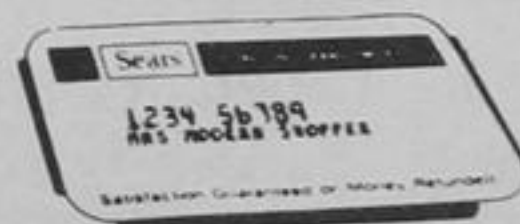


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