

Modern Gardeners

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Mount Airy, North Carolina

District IV



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Charter Received May 14, 1957

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Mexican Theme Prevails At Modern Gardeners Luncheon

Modern Gardeners were entertained Friday morning at eleven o'clock with a pool side luncheon for their September meeting at the home of Mrs. D. G. Waters on North Main Street.

The menu consisted of Tortillas and other Mexican foods. The eighteen members were served buffet style from a table overlaid with a colorful embroidered cloth handmade in Mexico.

To further carry out the motif, three members brought floral designs typifying flower arrangements used South of the Border. Mrs. Jim Crossingham used marigolds in a copper coffee pot and Mrs. John Gardner arranged

gourds with marigolds on a wicker tray. Sansevieria and aucuba foliage provided a background for a ceramic accessory that Mrs. Ralph Epperson used on a flagstone base.

Mrs. Joe Powell, president, outlined activities for the coming year and stated "Diversified Gardening" had been chosen as the club theme. Mrs. Richard Wimbish, vice-president, made an announcement regarding the year-books.

Mrs. Paul Taylor, treasurer, gave a report and took orders for the Engagement Calendars for 1968. The ways and means chairman, Mrs. Norfleet Umstead, said that the club had again conducted a successful flower bulb sale and that the bulbs will be delivered to the customers within the next few weeks. Mrs. Jack Greenwood, co-chairman, presented Mrs. D. G. Waters with a gift of appreciation for having sold the largest amount of bulbs.

In a report from the garden council, Mrs. Wimbish announced the club will be responsible for decorating one band stand and one booth on North Main Street for the "Autumn Leaves Festival" to be held here October 13-14 and 15. Mrs. C. S. Wood, also a council representative, stated that Mrs. Ruth M. Kistner of New York will give a demonstrated lecture on Christmas Decorations to the garden club members on November 14

and helping decorate Northern Surry Hospital at Christmas. Members will also serve as landscape consultants for the City Community Park, sponsored by the Mount Airy Park and Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Waters presented a very interesting program on "How to Propagate Plants and Shrubs". She used many samples of her ability to root plants of perennials and shrubs. Rootings of begonias, African violets, azaleas, aucubas and other plants were presented to each guest by the hostess.

Committee chairmen to serve for the year are: Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, public relations; Mrs. Norfleet Umstead and Mrs. Jack Greenwood, ways and means; Mrs. C. S. Wood and Mrs. John Gardner, community projects; Mrs. John Gardner and Mrs. Hugh Hennis, Jr., telephone committee; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, scrapbook; Mrs. C. S. Wood and Mrs. Richard Wimbish, council representatives;

Mrs. John Parries, gift fund; Mrs. James Hazel, membership; Mrs. Gordon Hennis and Mrs. Sam Spencer, Christmas decorating committee; Mrs. Jim Crossingham, Mrs. John Mills and Mrs. Hugh Hennis, Jr., garden therapy; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, horticulture; Mrs. John Parries and Mrs. John M. Gwyn, flower show committee.

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Modern Gardeners Study 'Mechanics Of The Art'

"The Mechanics of the Art" was the topic of the program for Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock with Mrs. Paul Taylor, 1421 Henri Street. Upon arrival of the guests the hostess served coconut snowballs, cheese dreams, blackeyed Susans and Russian tea.

Mrs. Johnny Parries was in charge of the program which has been a series of studies on the book, "Flower Arranging" by Joyce Rogers. Mrs. Parries said to achieve a proper foundation for your arrangements you must have the right tools and you must know how to use them. The arrangement must hold together firmly and it should be sufficiently well constructed to

withstand being moved from room to room, or even from house to house.

She listed some of the essential equipment for successful flower arranging: scissors, pinholders and wire netting, oasis, florapak, florafoam, "twistits", tubes or vases, plasticine and candlecups.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, conducted the business meeting and announced that the Course III Flower Show School at the Fine Arts Center of Salem College, Winston-Salem will be conducted March 25-27.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn reported that she visited with the Trainable Retarded Class at Rockford Street School during the holidays and distributed gifts to the children from the club. Mrs. James Bryant and Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, chairman of the trainable class project, announced tentative plans for the ensuing school year.

Mrs. Parries distributed flower arranging books ordered by the members and Mrs. Gwyn is-

sued the North Carolina Garden Club Calendars. A decoupage plaque of Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.'s blue ribbon flower arrangement published in last year's calendar, was on display. The plaque was made by Mrs. James Bryant and presented as a gift to Mrs. Leonard.

Mrs. Leonard brought a flower arrangement for discussion. The mass design consisted of dried sumac pods, golden rod, and honesty plant in a wicker basket.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John E. Mills, Greenhill Road.



Modern Gardeners Conduct Workshop, Flower Show At Y

Modern Gardeners met Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Reeves YMCA for their October meeting and conducted a flower arranging workshop. Later in the afternoon the members exhibited their arrangements in a flower show to coincide with the Autumn Leaves Festival held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn were co-chairmen for the show entitled "Carnival of Color". Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant, master flower show judge and member of the Blue Ridge Garden Club, designed a huge arrangement for the front entrance. She used a variety of Autumn flowers in all shades of red, orange, pink, yellow and purple to carry out the theme. Other guest exhibitors were Mrs. John Nieuwenhuis, of the Blue Ridge Garden Club, and Mrs. Edward W. Jones, of the Mountain View Garden Club.

Entering horticulture specimens, other than club members, were Mrs. R. R. Jackson, Mrs. John C. Mills, Mrs. J. H. Parries and Mrs. Nieuwenhuis.

Approximately 40 flower arrangements made by Modern Gardeners were displayed for the public to view during the three-day event. Thousands of people visited the Y to view the show, arts and crafts, paintings and gun collection.

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Mrs. Joe Powell, president, announced during the workshop that four members attended the district meeting held Thursday in Elkin. They were Mrs. Woody Wood, Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. John E. Mills and Mrs. Ralph Epperson. The club received a blue ribbon for the best commercially printed yearbook and a certificate for being an honor roll club.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. James Hazel, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Sam Spencer, Mrs. John Gardner, Mrs. Gordon Hennis and Mrs. Powell decorated a band stand and booth on Main Street that was used by performers during the festival. They used burlap sacks, fodder, colorful leaves and bales of hay to provide a rustic background.

Mrs. Jack Greenwood, ways and means committee, stated that the flower bulbs have arrived and that members who have not already done so, please pick them up at the home of Mrs. Norfleet Umstead.

During the morning the hostess, Mrs. Powell, served parties and coffee.

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Three Garden Clubs Win Yearbook Honors

Representatives from the local garden clubs attended the meeting of District IV of the Garden Club of North Carolina Thursday at the Elkin YMCA.

Among those attending from here were: Mrs. Woody Wood, Mrs. John E. Mills, Mrs. Jack Greenwood and Mrs. Ralph Epperson of Modern Gardeners; Mrs. Edward W. Jones, Mrs. Hylton Wright and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Sr. of Mountain View Garden Club; and Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant of Blue Ridge Garden Club.

Demonstrated-Lecture Scheduled Wednesday

Mrs. Ruth Kistner, well-known lecturer and flower arranger of Long Island, N. Y., is scheduled to present a demonstrated-lecture on "Christmas Ideas and Arrangements" Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in Reeves YMCA.

The program is open to the general public and is being sponsored by the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Edward W. Jones, chairman, announced that tickets are being sold by each of the four garden clubs or

Modern Gardeners, Mountain View and Garden Gate Clubs had the distinction of receiving blue ribbons for their yearbooks for the second consecutive year. Modern Gardeners was judged as the best commercially printed yearbook while Mountain View won honors for the best loose-leaf permanent back yearbook. Garden Gate Club won in the best handmade year-book division.

Mrs. Barron Mills, state president, addressed the group Thursday morning and Linville Hendred, noted photographer and wild flower enthusiast, was luncheon speaker. District IV is composed of all garden clubs in Davie, Forsyth, Stokes and part of Guilford, Surry, Davidson, Randolph and Yadkin.

Reports were made by Mrs. Hylton Wright, co-director of District IV, Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant, district chairman for Engagement photographs, Mrs. Woody Wood, district chairman for Civic Improvement and Beautification, and Mrs. Edward W. Jones, district chairman of the nominating committee.

All four of the local garden clubs were recognized as honor roll clubs and awarded certificates.

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Garden Gate Club Conducts Flower Arranging Workshop

The Garden Gate Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Gary Pruett, 344 Robin Road Tuesday morning for an informal workshop and luncheon. Mrs. John Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell, members of Modern Gardeners, were guest instructors for the meeting and helped the members create many arrangements of chrysanthemums and other fall flowers. Several unusual arrangements were made by using pumpkins as containers.

During the morning the hostess served coffee cake and coffee in the recreation room.

A brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Richard Vaughn. Mrs. Tollie Barber and Mrs. John Yokley were congratulated for the supervision of the decorating of a booth and a bandstand for the Autumn Leaves Festival.

Members were informed of

final plans for the two-day visit of Mrs. Ruth Kistner. A workshop is to be held on November 14 at 2 p.m. at the Reeves YMCA. Mrs. Kistner will give a lecture on Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was closed with the news that the Garden Gate Club Yearbook had won a prize in district competition and would be sent to the state judges.



... Mrs. Gary Pruett, hostess, Mrs. Reginald Davis and Mrs. S. A. Hennis III discuss the arrangements ...

Modern Gardeners To Exhibit Flowers

Modern Gardeners will conduct a flower arranging workshop for members Friday morning at 9:30 p.m. at Reeves YMCA. The arrangements will be exhibited Friday afternoon and Saturday in conjunction with the Autumn Leaves Festival.

Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn are serving as chairmen for the event. Any garden club member interested in entering an arrangement is invited to do so.

There will be a horticulture division open and persons other than garden club members may enter.

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member. Mrs. Gwyn suggested the members buy each child an educational toy for Christmas. Mrs. James Hazel and Mrs. John Mills will serve as chairmen in decorating the Christmas Hospital during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Paul Taylor, Mrs. Norfleet Umstead, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Jim Bryant will be responsible for placing flower arrangements in the Public Library for the month of December. Mrs. Spencer served pumpkin pie cake, cheese biscuits and coffee.

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... Mrs. John Peddicord (l) and Mrs. John Yokley (r) look on as Mrs. Kistner adds a cluster of grapes ...
—NEWS Photo



... Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. Ed Snow, Mrs. George Reid, Mrs. Richard W. Reid and Mrs. Reggie Davis observe as Mrs. Kistner completes a holiday arrangement ...
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New York Lecturer Creates Varied Holiday Compositions

Enthusiastic garden club members and flower arrangers from the area departed from Reeves YMCA Wednesday morning eager to try their skill at making similar arrangements that Mrs. Henry M. Kistner composed during her demonstrated-lecture on "Christmas Ideas and Arrangements".

The noted flower arranging artist, lecturer and author was here for a two-day engagement.

She resides on Long Island, New York and has made several trips to Mount Airy to lecture to garden club members.

Her visit here was arranged by the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs of which Mrs. Kern Harrell is president. Mrs. Edward W. Jones served as chairman for the event and was assisted by Mrs. Ben J. Lawrence, Mrs. Robert Lovill, Jr., Mrs. Woody Wood, Mrs. Richard

Vaughn, Mrs. Ralph Epperson, Mrs. Joe Powell, Mrs. James Grimes, Mrs. Richard Wimbish, Mrs. Harrell and Mrs. James Boyd.

She was entertained with several luncheons and dinners and was remembered with a lovely

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Hold Nov. Meeting

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Mrs. Kistner's engagement was sponsored by the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs. She conducted a workshop for garden club members and the lecture for members and flower arranging enthusiasts.

Following the lecture a short

business meeting was conducted by the club president, Mrs. Joe Powell. Reports were made by Mrs. Paul Taylor, treasurer; Ralph Epperson, horticulture chairman; and Mrs. Woody Wood.

Mrs. Epperson announced that she is taking subscriptions to "Horticulture" magazine and suggested that this would make excellent Christmas gifts.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party on December 1 at the Mount Airy Country Club. Guest speaker will be

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COMPANY'S COMING — the beauty of a spring day is felt in this inviting setting of beautifully blending colors in decorative unit and other appointments. The table setting was arranged by Mrs. O. H. Yokley, Sr., of Blue Ridge Garden Club. —Bryant Photo



BLOSSOM AND BRANCH — fresh and crisp, this design emphasizes the beauty of a branch which brings the eye down to the colorful tulips. Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., the arranger, is a member of Modern Gardeners.



REBIRTH — old weathered wood and wisteria vine provide angularity in design and contrast exquisite hues of the fresh anemones, purple violets and honeysuckle. The arrangement was made by Mrs. Archie Dobson of Mountain View Garden Club. —Bryant Photo

Three Mount Airy Garden Club members have had the distinguished honor of having photographs of their flower arrangements published in the North Carolina Garden Club Engagement Calendars for 1968.

Pictures used were those of Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, Jr., member of Modern Gardeners, Mrs. Archie Dobson, of Mountain View Garden Club, and Mrs. O. H. Yokley, Sr., of Blue Ridge Garden Club.

The photographs were made in color by Bryant's Studio during the Spring flower show held at the Reeves YMCA. They were submitted by Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant, district chairman for the Engagement Calendar.

Mrs. Leonard's design featured tulips with bittersweet in a gold container while purple anemones and violets were combined with weathered wood by Mrs. Dobson. Mrs. Yokley's table was overlaid with a lavender linen cloth and held a centerpiece of variegated garden flowers.

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Recipes were prepared by Miss Conley and served during the afternoon. Refreshments consisted of strawberry gelatin dessert, luscious apple squares, pickle-cheese pineapple with crackers and tropical punch.

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For 1966 to 1967

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PRESIDENT

Mrs. Sam J. Wellborn
CHAIRMAN OF AWARDS



Holiday Decorations Create Festive Air

Northern Surry Hospital has decorations throughout the four floors and hospital grounds. The

Hospital Auxiliary has again this year sponsored a Christmas decorating contest for 17 areas around the hospital.

They include the four nursing units, laboratory, insurance office, medical records, house-keeping dietary, nursing education office, X-ray, E. R., business office, O. R., plant engineering, purchasing and stores, and student dormitory.

Cash prizes of \$20, \$15 and \$10 were awarded yesterday to the three areas judged to be the best decorated. Part of the decorating is a tree on each floor, which this year is decorated by personnel. An outdoor nativity scene is accented with floodlights on the front lawn.

Mrs. T. C. Britt, Sr., is chairman of the Holiday Observance Committee, and Mrs. Charles Robertson, co-chairman.

Garden Club members assisted with the first floor and outside decorations. The huge Christmas tree in the front lobby was decorated by Modern Gardeners with Mrs. Gordon Hennis, chairman, and Mrs. Sam Spencer, co-chairman. They were assisted by Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. Richard Wimbish and Mrs. Joe Powell. The colorful decorations for the tree were a gift from Mrs. Ruth S. Martin in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sargent.

Other memorials included poinsettias placed beneath the portrait of the late Dr. Moir S. Martin by Mrs. G. Thomas Fawcett and Mrs. Ralph Maultsby and a wreath of native greenery in the meditation room by Mrs. E. C. Ashby, Sr., in memory of the late Dr. E. C. Ashby.

Pilot Mountain Garden Club has made an arrangement for the table beneath Dr. Roy C. Mitchell's portrait in the entrance hall.

Garden Gate Garden Club has contributed two gold glittered wreaths and Blue Ridge Garden Club, two large wreaths at the front entrance. Mrs. Edward W. Jones, of Mountain View Garden Club, made an arrangement for the business desk in the main lobby.

Greeting guests at the front entrance is a life-size snowman made by Mrs. T. C. Britt, Sr., and Mrs. Jesse Banner of the Mountain View Garden Club.

Mrs. Britt commended the maintenance department for their help in erecting the larger displays and Roger Hildebrand for assisting with the three decorations.

Christmas open house will be held for all departments of the hospital on December 22 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.



MEMBERS OF MODERN GARDENERS were among the garden club members assisting with decorating the first floor and outside decorations at Northern Surry Hospital. Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. Gordon Hennis and Mrs. Sam Spencer put final touches to the Christmas tree in the main lobby.

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RECEIVING ONE OF THE BIRDHOUSES made by John Parries (l) is Ricky Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones. Mrs. John E. Mills served on the therapy committee.

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Garden Club Therapy Program Creates Enthusiasm In Class

Modern Gardeners have again adopted a special program with the Trainable Class of Rockford Street School. During the past several years this has been one of their leading projects. They visit with the children once each month during the school year and instruct them in some creative therapy.

During the past year Mrs. J. H. Crossingham, Jr., has served as chairman assisted by Mrs. Hugh Hennis, Jr., and Mrs. John E. Mills. Therapy activities were planned by the garden club members and carried out each month during their visit at the school.

Interesting projects which the children participated in included: propagating flower seeds, planting hyacinth bulbs, making flower arrangements, Thanksgiving turkey apples and gum drop trees at Christmas. On several occasions the children were treated with fruit and at Christmas each child was remembered with a gift and chocolate candy during their annual party.

As a surprise John Parries, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Parries, built birdhouses in his basement workshop for the children to take home with them and hang in the trees. John, who is a student at Mount Airy High

School, and his mother, assisted the children in painting and shellacking the birdhouses.

Mrs. Gale Waters has been formulating plans for the ensuing year. As chairman she will be assisted by Mrs. Paul Taylor and Mrs. Joe Powell, co-chairmen as well as other garden club members.

This morning Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rolland Waters plan to meet with the children and assist them in making gifts. Mrs. Rolland Waters will act as consultant for the therapy committee giving helpful ideas and suggestions.

Mrs. Raleigh Jones teaches the class of eleven children.

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SOCIAL EVENTS



Club Hears Mrs. Hazel Discuss 'Roses - Their Care And Culture'

Mrs. Norfleet Umstead was hostess to Modern Gardeners for their January meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock in her home on Jackson Road, Smith Development.

Mrs. Joe Powell, president, called the meeting to order and heard reports from Mrs. Umstead, secretary, and Mrs. Paul Taylor, treasurer. Mrs. Gale Waters, state projects chairman, gave an informative talk pertaining to recent progress made on several of the state gardens.

Mrs. Woody Wood announced that the "Wildflower" books are being published in March and will be delivered during the early part of April.

Mrs. Powell commended the garden therapy committee for their excellent program carried out during the past year with the trainable class at Rockford Street School. Mrs. J. H. Crossingham, Jr., Mrs. Hugh Hennis, Jr., and Mrs. John E. Mills served on the committee and visited once each month with the children. They supervised

and assisted them in propagating seeds, planting hyacinth bulbs, making turkey apples and gum drop trees. Also they were remembered with bird houses, which were made and donated by John Parries, Jr., and treats during the holidays.

Mrs. Waters has been named garden therapy chairman and Mrs. Paul Taylor, co-chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Roland Waters is serving as consultant to the garden therapy committee. They spent last Friday morning with the children making gifts of bath salts for their mothers. This week they plan to help them make bird feeders to be placed outside their classroom windows.

Horticulture reports which were logged by the members were assembled and presented to the horticulture chairman, Mrs. Ralph Epperson.

Mrs. Powell announced that a Flower Show School Course II will be held in Winston-Salem February 20-22 and the Southern Living Show is scheduled for February 24 through March 3

in Charlotte. The International Flower Show in New York is set for March 2-10.

Flower arrangements were brought by Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, Mrs. Jack Greenwood and Mrs. Waters. Mrs. Gwyn's Valentine arrangement was of red and white carnations with English ivy in a brass candlestick. She used novelty velvet Valentine hearts and red ribbon to accent her composition.

Mrs. Greenwood's hogarth design was composed of pampas grass and thistles in a brown decanter. Forced japonica and Bufordi holly were combined in a brass container by Mrs. Waters.

Roses — Their Culture and Care

Mrs. James Hazel presented an informative program on "Roses — Their Culture and Care." She said that roses are an investment because if treated properly they will produce good blooms for many years. Buy a good plant and prepare a good bed or location for the bush. A good rose bush planted properly takes no more time or money for fertilizing, spraying, or pruning, than a poor one improperly planted, but the bloom will certainly show the difference.

Mrs. Hazel gave helpful hints on preparing a rose bed, the methods of planting a rose bush, fertilizing, mulching, watering, pruning, cutting, and pest and disease prevention and control.

To elucidate her points Mrs. Hazel distributed rose catalogues to the members which dated back several years and showed many examples of the hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora, climber, rambler, tree rose and miniature rose.

Mrs. Hazel's program was based on the voice of experience as the roses blooming in her garden each year are evidence of her knowledge on the subject.

During the afternoon the hostess served cocoanut pie with coffee.

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February 1968

Mr. Merritt Discusses Responsibilities Of Birds At Garden Club

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Friday, February 23, 1968.

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March

2—The Mount Airy NEWS.

Friday, March 22, 1968.

Modern Gardeners Make Crepe Paper Flowers

Modern Gardeners held a flower-making workshop Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock when they met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Hennis, Jr., for their March meeting. The hostesses served dessert and tea upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. James Bryant assisted the group in making paper flowers. Many beautiful poppies were designed of colorful crepe paper.

Mrs. Joe Powell, president, conducted the business session. Reports were heard from Mrs. Norfleet Umstead, Mrs. James Hazel and Mrs. John E. Mills.

New officers for the ensuing year were announced: Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president; Mrs. Jack Greenwood, vice president; Mrs. John Gardner, secretary; and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, treasurer. They will be installed at the May luncheon.

Mrs. Gardner was named as a new council representative to serve along with Mrs. Woody Wood. Members responsible for placing flower arrangements in the Garden Center at the Public Library during April are: Mrs. Gordon Hennis, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Gale Waters and Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Wood, district chairman of Civic Improvement and Beautification, presented a pro-

gram pertaining to beautification, landscaping and litterbugging.

She distributed pamphlets and literature provided by the Surry County Agriculture Extension office. Mrs. Wood stated that trash is being scattered along our highways detracting from the natural beauty. Carelessness and laziness have turned many places of beauty into ugliness. Mrs. Wood encouraged each member to take an interest in the litterbug project.

Mrs. Powell announced the state convention will be held April 30-May 2 at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham.

Flower arrangements were brought by Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Johnny Parries. Mrs. Mills designed a side triangle of red camellias in a crystal goblet. Mrs. Leonard used yellow crocus as a focal point in her arrangement of weathered wood, forsythia and aucuba. A crescent design was composed by Mrs. Parries. Her line of Scotch Broom was combined with variegated aucuba in a green pottery container.

Mrs. Mills announced that Miss Charlotte Womble will present a program on "Church Flower Arrangements" for the April 16 meeting which will be held at Central Methodist Church. Miss Womble is head of the housing and house furnishings department for the Agricultural Extension Service at N. C. State. An invitation has been extended to all garden club members to attend.

Gardeners Conduct Flower Bulb Sale

Mrs. Norfleet Umstead, ways and means chairman for Modern Gardeners, announced this week that the club's annual sale on imported flower bulbs is now in progress and will continue until May 31.

In addition to the spring blooming flower bulbs, the club this year is selling Summer blooming bulbs to be delivered for planting next year.

Spring blooming bulbs available include tulips, narcissi, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, anemones, Dutch iris, amaryllis, freesia and various bulbs for rock gardens. These bulbs will be delivered next fall.

The summer blooming bulbs include begonias, calla, dahlias, gladiolus, gloxinia, lilies, peonies, oxalis and freesia.

A portion of the proceeds from the bulb sale will be used in continuing the therapy program with the handicapped class at Rockford Street School.

Anyone interested in buying these bulbs may contact Mrs. Umstead or any other member of the garden club.

April 19, 1968

Garden Club Members Hear Miss Womble Talk On 'Church Flower Arrangements'

Miss Charlotte Womble, head of the housing and house furnishings department for the Agricultural Extension Service at N. C. State University, gave a demonstrated lecture on "Church Flower Arrangements" Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock when Modern Gardeners held their April meeting at Central Methodist Church.

Special guests were members of the Mountain View Garden Club, Garden Gate Garden Club, Blue Ridge Garden Club, Pilot Mountain Garden Club and many local flower arranging enthusiasts. Mrs. Christine Greene, Surry County Home Extension Agent, was also a special guest.

Miss Womble furnishes the leadership and direction in organizing and planning the educational program in the housing department at N. C. State, Raleigh, and helps in coordinating the activities of over 250 county home economics agents in that field. She attended the International Congress of Home Economics in Paris, participated in a family life tour of the Soviet Union and recently made a trip to Peru.

Mrs. John E. Mills, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker. Mrs. Mills was assisted in making preparations for the event by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Jack Greenwood and Mrs. Joe Powell, president of Modern Gardeners.

Miss Womble said, "at no time should flowers have to be bought for the church sanctuary. There's always something growing that can be used for arrangements. Sometimes a trip to the vegetable garden will prove that leaves from different vegetables are interesting and can be used as background material or as a focal point.

Placing flowers on the church altar should be done in honor of love of the Lord and should not be done so with fear of criticism or that they will be judged."

She stated that often times many church members have flowers and foliage available for arrangements but do not know how to arrange them. Then there are those who have the artistic ability to arrange flowers but do not have the materials with which to work. She said these people should take advantage of each other and let it be known as what they can do—either furnish the flowers or make the flower arrangements.

The speaker noted that different types of arrangements must be considered as to the style of the church architecture and that lighting plays an important part on the floral arrangements.

Miss Womble said it was her personal feeling, but she would never use artificial flowers in the church sanctuary—not when there are so many beautiful live

things growing.

All the flowers, blooming shrubs and greenery used by Miss Womble during the demonstration were collected by the garden club members from their lawns and gardens. Among those contributing materials for the program were Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Johnny Parries, Mrs. Jesse Banner, Mrs. C. S. Brannock, Mrs. T. C. Britt, Sr., Mrs. Archie Dobson and Mrs. Wayne Hayes.

Various Designs

Miss Womble designed seven arrangements in a variety of containers brought from several of the local churches. The first one she used was a silver footed container from Grace Moravian Church brought by Mrs. Gary Pruett of the Garden Gate Garden Club. Miss Womble combined apple blossoms with red camellias for an effective triangle design.

In a silver wine cooler from First Baptist Church she arranged lavender lilacs and deep purple Persian lilacs in a mass arrangement. Mrs. S. A. Hennis, III, also a member of Garden Gate, brought the container.

A pair of altar vases from Trinity Episcopal Church was



MISS DAVIS, INSTRUCTOR, is shown (seated) with students (l to r) Mrs. James Lowry, Mrs. Aubrey Wall, Mrs. Robert Burrus, Mrs. Cassie Dowell, Mrs. Harvey Burrus, Mrs. Tommy Dockery and Mrs. J. E. Stanley.

—NEWS Photo

Interior Decorating Class Has Workshop On Flowers

Miss Wanda Davis has been conducting a series of classes on Interior Decorating at Surry Community College with approximately

30 ladies enrolled for the Adult Education Classes. Students attending the course do not receive college credits as the program has

been planned for persons desiring personal improvement.

Miss Davis teaches during the school year at Ragsdale High

School at Jamestown and makes her home during the summer with her parents at Dobson.

The class, which requires ten lessons, has been meeting for two-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings. The eighth lesson this week pertained to flower arranging and is to be followed up next Tuesday evening with the art of making decorative paper flowers. Previous lessons have been on window treatment, furniture arrangements, study of color and accessories.

Workshop

Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe (Pete) Powell, members of Modern Gardeners of Mount Airy, were guest speakers for the Tuesday evening session. They presented a program on the "Basic Fundamentals of Flower Arranging." Each of the students enrolled brought flowers, containers and mechanics to work with during the workshop.

The guest speakers stressed the importance of the location of arrangement and stated that the color scheme determines kinds of flowers to be used. The arrangement must also relate to the furnishings.

They elucidated during the program by arranging various compositions. A right side triangle was made by combining ice green zinnias and evergreen foliage in a green pottery container while hot pink zinnias were designed in a low flat black bowl. For a full triangle arrangement Tropicana roses were used with hybrid hydrangea in a green compote. A pine branch and pink gladioli were used effectively for an oriental composition in a black usubata. Many other arrangements were composed of dahlias, sunflowers, marigolds, nasturtiums and Peace roses.

Helpful suggestions were also given as to the different types of containers and mechanics needed. The garden club members displayed needlepoint holders, oasis



... Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Mills assist Miss Womble during demonstrated lecture ... —NEWS Photo

brought by Mrs. T. C. Britt, Sr., president of the Mountain View Garden Club. Different designs were displayed to show the types of material suitable for the containers. In one she had a triangle design of pink dogwood. She pointed out that it is permissible for persons growing dogwood on their own property to use it in arrangements. It has been stressed in the past that since dogwood is on the conservation list, it should not be used in flower arrangements. For the other vase she used yellow tulips, narcissus and tulip foliage.

Urns from Central Methodist Church were also displayed. For one arrangement Miss Womble created an airy mass arrangement of Kerria roses with jonquills and aucuba as a focal point.

For an all-foliage design she combined Chinese holly, broadleaf evergreen and aucuba which proved very effective and one which is appropriate when flowers are not in season.

She had several containers displayed that are suitable for smaller churches. She stressed the fact that they should be in subdued colors such as gray, brown, black or white. For a modern type arrangement she

elucidated by showing a brown pottery Oriental container suitable for many of the modern churches. She combined opposum pine for the line and yellow tulips as a center of interest.

An all-white arrangement, which would be appropriate during the Easter season, was arranged in a white ceramic compote. White lilacs, white tulips, narcissus and snowdrops were used with broadleaf evergreen for a striking composition.

Miss Womble concluded her program by saying that we should strive to make our churches more beautiful so that we can truly be proud when we

say, "Let us go into the House of the Lord."

The audience agreed that the program was most interesting and everyone enjoyed watching Miss Womble create the arrangements with such ease.

A gift of appreciation was presented to her by Modern Gardeners.

pruners, wire, floral picks, clay and tape—all of which are necessary for flower arranging.

Phamplets were distributed to the group and flower arranging books were placed on display for the students to observe. Different methods of drying flowers were also discussed.



OFFICERS INSTALLED AT THE LUNCHEON are (l to r) Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, Mrs. John Gardner, Mrs. Jack Greenwood, Mrs. Ralph Epperson, Mrs. Hylton Wright was installing officer and Mrs. Richard Wimbish, hostess.

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Modern Gardeners Install New Officers At Luncheon

Modern Gardeners held their annual luncheon meeting Tuesday at twelve-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. Richard Wimbish, Club View Drive.

Mrs. Joe Powell, president, welcomed the guests and recognized Mrs. Hylton Wright, co-director of District IV and installing officer, also Mrs. Rolland Waters, Sr., who has served as consultant for the club's therapy project during the year.

Mrs. Jack Greenwood offered the invocation.

Tables overlaid with cutwork cloths were arranged on the screened-in porch with covers being laid for eighteen. Mrs. Norfleet Umstead combined red carnations, straw flowers and fern in a black container for the centerpiece. The individual tables held centerpieces of Sweet Williams in variegated containers were composed by Mrs. Woody Wood. Mrs. Powell designed the place cards which were replicas of sunflowers in miniature yellow pots. A vignette of each guest covered the

disk of the flowers and were accented with new growth of ligustrum.

Mrs. Wood presented corsages of roses, in shades of pink, red and yellow to Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Waters and the new officers for 1968-69: Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president; Mrs. Jack Greenwood, vice president; Mrs. John Gardner, secretary; and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, treasurer. Roses, such as Spartan Tropicana, Eclipse, Tiffany, Katherine Marshall, New Yorker and Rubayat were grown by Mrs. Wood in her rose garden and used in the corsages which she also made.

Mrs. Wright conducted an impressive installation service for

the new officers and gave each member a decoupage ceramic which she had made. The club also remembered Mrs. Wright with a gift.

Mrs. Wimbish, vice president and program chairman, presented Mrs. Powell, the retiring president, with an engraved silver bowl to express their appreciation for the work she has carried on during the year.

Books on "Wildflowers of North Carolina" were distributed by Mrs. Wood to those who had placed orders for them. Reports were also made by Mrs. Gale Waters and Mrs. Rolland Waters concerning the therapy project with the Trainable Retarded Class at Rockford Street School. They announced that they had visited with the children during the Easter holidays and assisted them in dyeing Easter eggs. For Mother's Day they helped the children plant Scarlet Sage in paper cups with pipe cleaner handles.

Mrs. Epperson and Mrs. Wood reported on the state convention which they attended earlier this month in Durham.

Mrs. Gordon Hennis and Mrs. Sam Spencer, chairman and co-chairman of ways and means committee, stated that the annual flower bulb sale will begin within the next week. A portion of the money from this project is used for expenses on the therapy program.

To conclude the meeting Mrs. Powell distributed favors to the members and special guests.

The meetings will resume in September.

Council Officers

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Friday, September 20, 1968.

Garden Club Council Endorses Highway Beautification Project

Members of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs met Monday morning at ten o'clock at the Blu-View Restaurant for coffee and to make final plans for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Woody Wood, president of the council, welcomed the representatives from each of the four garden clubs and three special guests, Mrs. Eugene Goff, District IV Director of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Hylton Wright, co-director; and Mrs. G. A. Kallenbach.

Serving with Mrs. Wood are Mrs. James W. Boyd, vice president; Mrs. Jim Grimes, secretary; and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, treasurer. Two representatives from each of the garden clubs are selected to serve on the council for a period of two years. They are: Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Paul Moorefield of Blue Ridge Garden Club; Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. John Stevens of Garden Gate Club; Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Edward W. Jones of Mountain View Garden Club; and Mrs. Wood and Mrs. John Gardner of Modern Gardeners.

The members voted to beautify the entrances to Mount Airy



... officers Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Wood, president, and garden club projects ...

on Highway 52 and 601 in cooperation with the North Carolina State Department.

It was also decided that the garden clubs would participate in the Autumn Leaves Festival

by sponsoring a flower exhibit at Reeves YMCA. Mrs. Kallenbach, chairman of the arts and crafts exhibits, was present to answer questions pertaining to the event which is scheduled for

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September

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Friday, September 20, 1968.

State Garden Club Projects Explained To Modern Gardeners

Members of Modern Gardeners met at the Mount Airy Country Club Tuesday afternoon for their beginning meeting of the season. Mrs. Jack Greenwood, hostess, served members brown sugar tarts and ice tea on arrival. Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Woody Wood gave a program entitled "History and State Projects of The Garden Club of North Carolina". She pointed out that among the many projects carried on by the Garden Clubs of North Carolina one of the most important is garden therapy. Mrs. Wood is president of the Mount Airy Garden Council this year, and she also gave a report on the recent Council meeting. She said each garden club would help with the upcoming Autumn Leaves Festival by contributing flower arrangements for the Flower Exhibit at Reeves YMCA October 18-20.

Mrs. Wood also stated that the future project for the Mount Airy Garden Council would be to beautify the entrance to Highway 52 and the entrance to Highway 601.

Mrs. Gordon Hennis, ways and means chairman, reported that the flower bulbs sold in the spring would be ready for delivery within a week or ten days.

Mrs. John Gardner, council representative, encouraged members to make arrangements for the Surry County Fair and take them to the fair between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday.

Mrs. Jack Greenwood, vice president, distributed the new yearbooks and stated that most of the programs this year would be based on the book, "Flower Arranging" by Joyce Rogers.

Mrs. Epperson announced that the District IV Meeting would be held at Thomasville October 1 and urged members to attend.

Members voted to selling The Garden Club of North Carolina note stationery.

The patio was decorated with a composition of red cannas in a low black container designed by Mrs. Paul Taylor. Also adding a colorful note was a collection of flowers brought by Mrs. Wood. Zinnias, marigolds, asters, gladioli, petunias and roses were just a few of the horticulture specimens she displayed from her garden.

Mount Airy-- The Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs will be host at the annual meeting of District Four of The North Carolina Garden Club, Inc., Friday, October 24 at Central United Methodist Church. Mrs. Edward W. Jones, council president, is chairman for the event.

Comprising the council are the four local garden clubs: Blue Ridge Garden Club, Garden Gate Garden Club, Modern Gardeners, and Mountain View Garden Club. The Pilot Mountain Garden Club, Mrs. Henry Newsome, Jr., president, will be co-host.

More than 300 garden club members are expected to attend the event which will feature Mrs. Paul Kincaid of Gastonia as luncheon speaker. Her topic will be "Gardens Around the World." She is first and foremost a plain dirt gardener with a deep love of nature. The author of two books, "The Camellia Treasury" and "Japanese Garden and Floral Art", she is a Master Flower Show Judge and American Camellia Society Judge and a member of the American Horticultural Society. A long time interest in flower arrangement has led to intensive study both in this country and in Japan where she studied under leading masters and teachers of several schools.

For her program at the meeting in Mount Airy she will use colored slides of gardens photographed by her in Europe, the Orient, Africa and the South Pacific as well as this country.

Mrs. Hylton Wright, Director of District IV, of Mount Airy, will preside over the meeting. State President, Mrs. John Reichard of High Point, will be principal speaker for the morning session. Reports will be made by other state officers; Mrs. Eugene Goff, second vice president, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. Ross Pringle, third vice president, of Greensboro; Mrs. Robert W. Lee, Jr., fourth vice president, of Statesville; and Mrs. Worth Ivey, corresponding secretary, of High Point.

District officers serving with Mrs. Wright are Mrs. Willie Welborn co-director, of Thomasville; Mrs. Woody Wood, secretary, of Mount Airy; Mrs. Luther Gravatt, junior director, of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. Joe Powell, news director, of Mount Airy.

October

Modern Gardeners Welcome New Members

Modern Gardeners had a workshop in addition to their regular meeting Thursday at the Reeves Y. M. C. A. Mrs. John Gwyn was hostess and served members with cokes and cookies on their arrival.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Gordan Hennis, ways and means chairman, announced that the bulbs had arrived and members could pick them up from her home on Tuesday. Members will participate in the flower exhibit to be held in connection with the upcoming Autumn Leaves Festival and are requested to have their arrangements at the Y. M. C. A. by 9:30 Friday morning.

Four new members were welcomed into the club. They are: Mrs. Max Hiatt, Mrs. Felix McKinney, Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, and Mrs. Vance Cox.

Mrs. John Parries gave a program on "Composition" and "The Personal Art of Flower Arrang-

ing", taken from the book, "Flower Arranging", by Joyce Rogers. She pointed out that in genuine art there must be rules, and once learned, they can be interpreted freely to allow full expression of the artist's own personality and to give life to his creations. She also stated that as a flower arranger you are the artist and must learn to find your own way through garden and woodland. She said to memorize the underlying principles: design, scale, balance, harmony, repetition, rhythm, accent or focal point, unity, and texture.



November

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sided during the business meeting and welcomed the four new members: Mrs. Felix McKinney, Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Vance Cox. Mrs. John Gardner, membership chairman, presented them corsages of white Sasanqua camellias, which were grown and made by Mrs. Powell.

Mrs. Spencer's mother, Mrs. O. B. Hensley, of Martinsville, Va., was a special guest.

Mrs. Gardner gave the secretary's report and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, the treasurer's report. Mrs. Gordon Hennis announced that Mrs. Gale Waters sold the largest amount of flower bulbs during the recent bulb sale. Mrs. Hennis distributed North Carolina Garden Club floral note cards which had been purchased by the members.

Mrs. Waters, chairman of the therapy project, asked for volunteers to assist in planning activities for the retarded class at Rockford Street School during the months of November and De-

December

Mrs. Waters Hostess To Modern Gardeners

Mrs. Gale Waters entertained Modern Gardeners at their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at her home on North Main Street.

Upon arrival of the guests Mrs. Waters served coconut cake and coffee.

Holiday decorations were used throughout the home to create a festive air. The Christmas tree in the living room was adorned with novelty pink bonbon, candy and ice cream confections. Clusters of pink marshmallow and candy confections surrounded a pair of pink figurines on the dining room table.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, welcomed the members and Mrs. Gordon Hennis, program chairman, displayed a variety of arrangements appropriate for the home. She had designs composed for an end table,

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Friday, December 13, 1968.

dining table and coffee table. Her materials consisted of poinsettias, holly, berries and other native greenery.

Mrs. Joe Powell and Mrs. Waters were responsible for the flower arrangements. Mrs. Powell designed a Christmas tree-shaped arrangement of variegated baubles in a gold compote and Mrs. Waters used miniature aqua elves and reindeer in an aqua basket.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn brought Christmas gifts which the club purchased to be presented to the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School. Members wrapped the packages to be delivered to the students during the holidays. Mrs. Waters is chairman and Mrs. Paul Taylor, co-chairman of the Therapy Program. Mrs. P. M. Sharpe and Mrs. Jim Bryant will serve on this committee for the ensuing year.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Wa-

ters and Mrs. Max Hiatt visited with the children at Rockford Street School and assisted them with sponge painting Christmas stencils.

On Friday morning the class will present a Christmas program at ten o'clock and they have extended an invitation to Modern Gardeners to attend as special guests.

Mrs. James Hazel announced that members will decorate a Christmas tree in the lobby of Northern Surry Hospital next week.

January

4A—The Mount Airy NEWS.
Friday, January 24, 1969.

Modern Gardeners Study 'Mechanics Of The Art'

"The Mechanics of the Art" was the topic of the program for Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock with Mrs. Paul Taylor, 1421 Henri Street. Upon arrival of the guests the hostess served coconut snowballs, cheese dreams, blackeyed Susans and Russian tea.

Mrs. Johnny Parries was in charge of the program which has been a series of studies on the book, "Flower Arranging" by Joyce Rogers. Mrs. Parries said to achieve a proper foundation for your arrangements you must have the right tools and you must know how to use them. The arrangement must hold together firmly and it should be sufficiently well constructed to

withstand being moved from room to room, or even from house to house.

She listed some of the essential equipment for successful flower arranging: scissors, pinholders and wire netting, oasis, florapak, florafoam, "twistits", tubes or vases, plasticine and candlecups.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, conducted the business meeting and announced that the Course III Flower Show School at the Fine Arts Center of Salem College, Winston-Salem will be conducted March 25-27.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn reported that she visited with the Trainable Retarded Class at Rockford Street School during the holidays and distributed gifts to the children from the club. Mrs. James Bryant and Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, chairman of the trainable class project, announced tentative plans for the ensuing school year.

Mrs. Parries distributed flower arranging books ordered by the members and Mrs. Gwyn is-

sued the North Carolina Garden Club Calendars. A decoupage plaque of Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr.'s blue ribbon flower arrangement published in last year's calendar, was on display. The plaque was made by Mrs. James Bryant and presented as a gift to Mrs. Leonard.

Mrs. Leonard brought a flower arrangement for discussion. The mass design consisted of dried sumac pods, golden rod, and honesty plant in a wicker basket.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John E. Mills, Greenhill Road.



The Garden Club

February

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Mrs. Sturtevant Speaks To Modern Gardeners On Landscape Design

Mrs. F. W. Sturtevant spoke to Modern Gardeners on "Landscape Design and Conservation" when they met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock with Mrs. John E. Mills, Greenhill Road. Cherry tarts and coffee were served the guests upon arrival.

Mrs. Sturtevant, a noted flower arranger and horticulturist, is State Chairman of the Home and Garden Tours. She said, "If we know someone by their name we feel that they are a friend and if we know the names of the shrubbery around our homes we feel that they are also a friend and we learn to enjoy them more."

She listed the three types of shrubbery, showing examples of each and giving details as to their adaptability and environment. Among the specimens she displayed were Japanese yew, ligustrum, aucuba, mahonia, photina, osmanthus, nandina, juniper, holly, pines, Scotch Broom and bamboo.

Mrs. Sturtevant recommended three books on shrubbery that she uses for reference and suggested that the members obtain at least one for their bookshelves.

Business

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, co-chairman of the garden therapy program, announced that she had visited with the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School on Friday and entertained the group with a Valentine's Day

party. She served the youngsters heart-shaped cookies and punch.

The club is sending a donation to the World Gardening Fund in memory of the late William Charles Landolina, Sr. Mrs. Landolina is past president of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, Inc. Other donations were made to the Daniel Boone Native Garden at Boone and the Martha Franck Fragrance Garden at Butner.

Members voted to plant a tree on the Post Office lawn during Arbor Week, March 10-15. They were also reminded of the Flower Show School, Course III to be held March 25-27 at the Fine Arts Center, Salem College.



Mrs Leonard and
Mrs Cox plant Tree
at Post Office during
Arbor Week March 25

March

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Modern Gardeners Discuss Color And How It Works

"Color-How it works" was the topic for Modern Gardener's March meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock when Mrs. John Gardner entertained at the Mount Airy Country Club. Pecan tarts and tea were served the guests as they arrived.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn had charge of the program. She concentrated on the fifth chapter of Joyce Rogers' book, "Flower Arranging", which the club has been studying this year. She said that light is the source of all color; in darkness there is no color. Color is an exciting and forceful medium—it is the keynote to our twentieth-century living. Everywhere we turn we see color—in nature, in art, in fashion, in our homes, magazines, shops and of course flower arrangements. Color is the spice of life, but like spice it must be used intelligently in order to achieve the height of good taste.

Flower arranging is a creative art and should therefore reflect your personality in color, but your arrangement should also be created for the benefit and joys of others. We flower arrangers are working in full color all the time. Therefore it is important that we spend a little time studying the color circle.

Mrs. Gwyn stated, "To employ color in flower arranging remember whatever design you may plan that you place the deeper-colored flowers down toward the base and very much into the hub of your arrangement so as to anchor it. Your container must be included in your color scheme—it is a senior partner. The container must be strong enough in both texture and form to cope with the form and color of the arrangement it holds."

She elucidated several points by using color charts, color wheels and decorating pamph-

lets.

Business Session

Mrs. Jack Greenwood, vice president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Ralph Epperson. Garden therapy reports were made by Mrs. Joe Powell and Mrs. Gale Waters. Members volunteered their services for projects to be carried out for the next several weeks. They will provide school transportation for two members of the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. P. M. Sharpe reported that she and Mrs. Jim Bryant, chairmen of the garden therapy project, visited with the trainable class last week and assisted them in planting pansies in individual containers. A note from the children, expressing their appreciation, was passed among the members.

New officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., president; Mrs.

Johnny Parries, vice president; Mrs. John E. Mills, secretary; and Mrs. James Hazel, treasurer.

Mrs. Greenwood reminded those in charge of flower arrangements for the garden center at the Public Library during the month of April: Mrs. Vance Cox, Mrs. Gale Waters, Mrs. Sam Spencer and Mrs. Gordon Hennis.

Flower arrangements brought by Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Hazel were evaluated. Mrs. Greenwood used aristocratic magnolia foliage in a green compote for a creative all-foliage arrangement.

Mrs. Hazel created a Spring landscape in a shallow black container. A carpet of flowers was nestled at the base of a budding branch of japonica. The focal point, a cluster of purple crocus, was accented with novelty miniature Easter bonnets, signifying the forthcoming Easter season.



Eleanor Powell with an
arrangement of Spring
flowers that she designed
for a reception at Central
United Methodist Church.

April

Mrs. Leonard Discusses How To Choose, Look After Flower Materials

At the April meeting of Modern Gardeners on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, Jr., program chairman, concentrated on the chapter, "How to Choose and Look After your Materials" from Joyce Roger's book on flower arranging. The club has used her book for a series of studies during the year.

Mrs. Leonard pointed out that flowers should always be picked late in the evening after sundown. The sap in the plants recedes with the departure of the sun and for this reason material picked at this time of the day last much longer.

She said that stems of all woody materials like chrysanthemums, shrubs and evergreens should be bruised or crushed before plunging into water. Carnations, pinks and similar stems should be cut between the joints.

Partial defoliation of most flower stems is a necessary precaution because this reduces the rate of transpiration (evaporation of water) through the leaves.

To keep water fresh, sugar may help in some cases to revive flowers that are suffering from the effects of a draft. Flowers in copper containers benefit from the effect of the metal and therefore copper compounds in the water are sometimes beneficial. Frequent changes of water are desirable in all arrangements, especially the longlasting ones.

Mrs. Jim Bryant was hostess for the occasion at the Mount Airy Country Club. Upon arrival of the guests, refreshments of strawberry shortcake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, president, called the meeting to order and heard reports from various committees. Mrs. Gale Waters announced that the members are continuing to furnish transportation for several of the students attending the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School. Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, co-chairman of the therapy committee, visited with the class during the Easter holidays and treated them with plastic eggs filled with novelty candies.

Mrs. Epperson announced that the State Convention will be held in Charlotte, April 29 through May 1.

Two flower arrangements were brought for evaluation. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn arranged a side triangle of camellias in a black iron container with the ornamental lid as an accessory to balance the design. Mrs. Leonard used a wooden base for her composition of white violets, daffodils and wisteria tendrils. A small white chick accessorized the design.





Arrangements made by Katherine Parrus and
Eleanor Powell for program at Mount Airy High School. Audus
Consisted of thru Home Economics Classes.

To the Modern Gardeners for
"A Garden of Thoughts"
which brings outdoors indoors
during the March coldness

Mrs F. W. Sturtevant

Reference Books.

"The Book of Shrubs"
by
Alfred Carl Hottes

"Trees & Shrubs for
Landscape Effects"
Marion Cruger Coffin

"North American Trees"
Revised 4:30

Richard J. Preston Jr.
Dean of School of Forestry
N.C. State College.

Dear Modern Gardeners,
I certainly want to thank
you for remembering me with
the ~~three~~ beautiful yellow
roses. ^{my favorite flowering} It meant so much
to me during my convalescence
at home to know I have
such wonderful garden club
friends.

I have missed being with
you and her's hoping I can
soon be back with everyone -
Love,
Ruby

3/27/69

Mount Airy City Schools

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June 5, 1969

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Junior, President
JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB
Knollwood Drive
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Betty:

Mrs. Clara Jones, teacher of the trainable children at Rockford Street School, has told me of the many nice things the Junior Garden Club has done for the class this year. Transporting these children is a real service, and one which demands more in time and energy than one can imagine until he or she has the experience. The parties which the Club has given and the flowers which you shared have been the "extras" which bring so much happiness to our children.

Please convey our warmest appreciation to all of the Club members for this most worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Anne Clark

(Miss) Anne Clark
Supervisor

cc: Mrs. P. M. Sharpe
Mrs. D. G. Waters
Mrs. James Bryant

Modern Gardeners Tour Decorator Show House

For the May meeting of Modern Gardeners, members journeyed to Winston-Salem for a tour of the Decorator Show House on Arbor Road which was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Junior League.

Afterwards a luncheon was enjoyed in the Magnolia Room at Wake Forest University. Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, Jr., president, welcomed the group and Mrs. Edward W. Jones, president of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs, presented each of the officers with corsages which she had made from roses grown in her garden.

Following the three-course luncheon, Mrs. Jones installed new officers for 1970-71. They are Mrs. James Bryant, president; Mrs. Vance Cox, vice president; Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, secretary; and Mrs. Joe Powell, treasurer.

Mrs. Gene Garland, who was welcomed as a new member, was remembered with a rosebud corsage. Other new members unable to attend the affair were Mrs. Dennis Moody, Jr., Mrs. J. T. Palmer and Mrs. Joe Pike.

Mrs. Johnny Parries presented the retiring president, Mrs. Leonard, with a silver engraved bowl for her capable leadership during the past year. She was commended for the time and effort she has given toward making this past year a successful one.

Mrs. Leonard reported the "Flower Fair" conducted by the garden club in April was termed a success. A total of \$128.74 was made on the project - \$67 from donors who displayed their merchandise for advertising and \$61.74 from articles sold.

During the event members had flower arrangements on display at Mayberry Mall. Plants, shrubbery and potted flowers were sold as a money-making project. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Parries served as general chairmen.

Mrs. Leonard also announced that three donations have been made: \$10 to the Old Methodist Cemetery restoration project; \$15 to Reeves YMCA; and \$10 to the "Save The Islands" project.

Meetings will discontinue for the summer and resume in September.



... new officers are Mrs. Joe Powell, Mrs. James Bryant, president; Mrs. Vance Cox and Mrs. P. M. Sharpe ... —Bryant Photo



State Garden Club Has District IV Meet Today

MOUNT AIRY — State and District IV officers of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., were entertained with a dinner last night at Blu-Vue Restaurant. They are in Mount Airy to attend the District IV meeting today at Central United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hyman Wright, District Director, and Mrs. Edward W. Jones, president of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs and general chairman for the district meeting, greeted the

guests. They included state officers; Mrs. John M. Reichard of High Point, president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.; Mrs. W. Marion Odom of Ahoskie, first vice president; Mrs. Eugene Goff of Winston-Salem, second vice president; Mrs. W. C. Landolina, Sr., of Winston-Salem, a past president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.; and Mrs. Arnold Morris of Rutherfordton, state civic improvement chairman.

Winston-Salem present were Mrs. James M. Carroll, awards chairman; and Mrs. Frank Smithdeal, memorial gardens chairman; from Elkin were Mrs. J. H. Beeson, anti-litter chairman, and Mrs. Van Dillon, horticulture chairman; from Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Henry Newsome, Jr., world gardening chairman, and Mrs. Carol Grogran, garden therapy; and from Mount Airy, Mrs. Jesse Banner, club yearbooks chairman, Mrs. Joe Powell news director, and Mrs. Lewis Webb.

State Garden Club Winners Are Told

MOUNT AIRY — "The Key to a Beautiful Garden" was the theme of the annual meeting of District IV, The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., Friday when they met at Central United Methodist Church.

Luncheon speaker, Mrs. Paul Kincaid, of Gastonia used as her topic, "Gardens Around the World." She showed colored slides of gardens photographed by her in Europe, the Orient, Africa and the South Pacific.

Mrs. Joe Patterson was luncheon chairman with Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell in charge of the table flower arrangements. Mrs. R. W. Walters created handmade place cards for the approximately 300 guests and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., was in charge of table favors. Mrs. S. K. Harrell was chairman of the door prizes.

Mrs. Jesse Banner, chairman of the yearbooks, announced the

following winners: Forestdale Garden Club, Jamestown — Doris E. Stuvant Silver Pitcher for the most outstanding all handmade yearbook of a club with less than 100 members; Out-To-Grow Garden Club of Winston-Salem, Co. Stalling Silver Pitcher for the most outstanding leaf permanent cover yearbook for a club of under 20 members; Mount View Garden Club, Mount Airy, Althea Riddle Silver Pitcher for the best leaf, permanent cover yearbook from a club of 20 or more members, and High Point Council of Garden Clubs — Hel Wright Award for the most outstanding council yearbook. Ribbons were presented as follows: Blue-Sheffield Garden Club of Winston-Salem; Red King of Spades of King White, Pilot Mountain Garden Club.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DISTRICT FOUR

THE GARDEN CLUB

OF
NORTH
CAROLINA



October 24, 1969

Central Methodist Church

Mount Airy, N. C.



Theme

'The Key To A Beautiful Garden'

Hostesses

Mount Airy Council Of Garden Clubs
Pilot Mountain Garden Club

MODERN GARDENERS

Mount Airy, North Carolina

1969 - 1970

Organized August 31, 1956

Charter Received May 14, 1957

Meetings - Third Tuesday

1:00 P.M.

Membership - Twenty

Membership in National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., South Atlantic Region, The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., District IV and the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs.

Theme: Learning through Participation.



Due to the illness of our
 Scrapbook Chairman - Mrs.
 Ruby Wood, the year (fall)
 1969 and Spring 1970 is
 incomplete.



HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS FROM MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL toured the Flower Fair presented Friday by Modern Gardeners at Mayberry Mall. Mrs. Valeria J. Shuford (second from left) pauses with her senior high students on the improvised terrace after viewing flower arrangements made by the club members. Merchants at Mayberry Mall displayed their lawn furniture, appliances and paraphernalia to create a garden atmosphere. —BRYANT Photo

Mrs. John Parries Presents Program On Drying Flowers

Modern Gardeners held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. P. M. Sharpe Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Mrs. J. H. Bryant, president, welcomed new members, Mrs. A. E. Garland, Mrs. J. T. Palmer, Mrs. Joe Pike and Mrs. E. Strother Smith. The new members were presented bud vases of carnations at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Vance Cox, vice president, presented yearbooks to the members. Attractive covers on each year were designed by Mrs. Cox. The state flower, the dogwood, was sketched on each cover.

Mrs. Bryant discussed the district meeting to be held in High Point on October 13. After

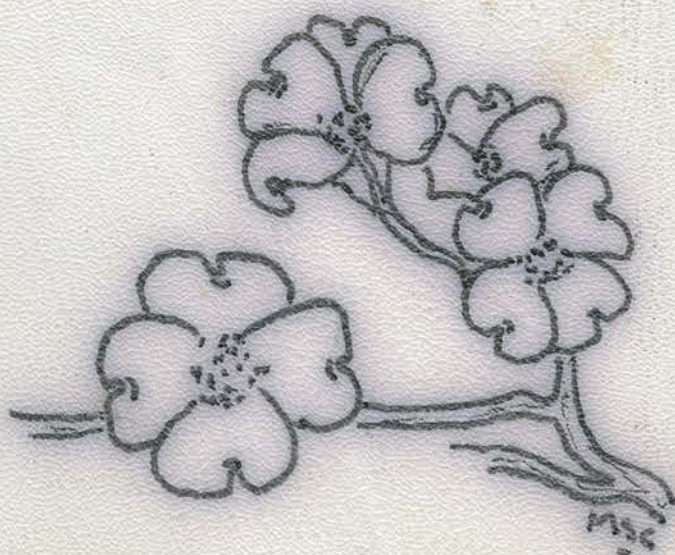
the discussion of projects and committees for coming year, the meeting was turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. John Parries, who gave a program on the "Technique of Flower Drying." Two arrangements were displayed of dried material. A small mass arrangement in antique carnival glass held flowers dried in a mixture of borax and cornmeal. Marigolds, minias, daisies, small dahlias, cosmos and fever few were some of the flowers dried by this method. An arrangement using the air dried or up-side

down methods, was displayed in a cylinder type orange container. Dried grasses, honesty plant, golden rod, okra pods, cocks combs and Chinese lanterns were arranged in a hogarth curve.

Members were told to dry twice as many flowers for a dried arrangement as needed for a fresh one, as to allow for shrinkage. The same basic principles of design apply to dried as well as fresh flower arrangements. Since dried materials rarely take on a new curve and since no new buds open, there is a real opportunity for the novice to study and work at design. Mrs. Parries pointed out that nature offers beauty but we must seek it out.

After the program an arrangement brought by Mrs. Jim Hazel was discussed. A triangle design of golden rod and black-eyed Susan effectively arranged in an oblong straw bread basket brought favorable comments from the members.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again in October with Mrs. Warren Shols, hostess.



MODERN GARDENERS

1970 - 1971

Katherine Parries

September
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October 1970

Mrs. Spencer Tells Modern Gardeners How To Preserve Leaves

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Warren Nichols on Ridgeway Drive. Mrs. James H. Bryant, president, welcomed new members, Mrs. Roy Thomas and Mrs. Jack Wilson. At the close of the meeting bud vases of pink carnations were presented to each.

Mrs. Bryant announced a

yellow ribbon on year book competition was won by Modern Gardeners at the High Point District IV meeting. Mrs. Ralph Epperson, council representative, gave a report on a recent council meeting as well as projects planned at the Fine Arts Center by the council.

The meeting was then turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. Sam Spencer, who gave an informative program and demonstration on the "Technique of Preserving Leaves." Mrs. Spencer stat-

ed that by far the longest lasting foliage is that preserved in a solution of glycerin and water. This is a preserving method rather than drying for the solution is carried through the plant stems up into the veins and out into the tissues of the leaf.

The formula Mrs. Spencer used for the glycerined magnolia foliage she displayed consists of 2 parts water and 1 part glycerin. Select branches 1 foot to 18". Place in solution when fresh cut. Solution should be 4 to 6 inches deep in container. Stems should be mashed with hammer for about 1" at the cut end. Some leaves reach saturation in a few days while others require several weeks. Mrs. Spencer also displayed

a container of leaves and ivy in glycerin and water solution. Some of the leaves best suited for this method include Beech, Galax, Ivy, lotus, magnolia, maple and white oak. Mrs. Spencer concluded by stating that leaves treated with this method will last indefinitely.

After discussion of an arrangement brought by Mrs. Bryant using driftwood, ivy and red pyracantha berries, which scored high by the National Council Scale of points system the members use, the meeting adjourned to meet again in November with Mrs. Johnny Gwyn.

November 1970

Modern Gardeners Has Workshop On Yule Decorations

Modern Gardeners meet day afternoon at one o'clock at the Reeves YMCA. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn was hostess for the workshop on Christmas Decorations.

Mrs. E. Strother Smith, Tues. afternoon at one o'clock group some helpful hints for making nut rings, Christmas door and mantel decorations.

Some of the materials used were pine cones, mixed nuts, acorns, chestnuts and greenery. Mrs. Smith displayed a fresh boxwood door wreath she had sprayed with clear lacquer to preserve for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Gwyn displayed a nut ring wreath on the refreshment table which would be very suitable for either a Thanksgiving or Christmas buffet table.

Mrs. James Bryant, president, presided over a short

business meeting.

Mrs. Vance Cox, in charge of the flower arrangement of the month, displayed a striking line designed of dried material in a brown potter bottle. She also displayed two other designs using unusual vases.

Modern Gardeners will meet again in December at Northern Surry Hospital to help decorate the front entrance for Christmas.

Garden Club Members And Auxiliary Add Sparkle And Glow To Hospital

Northern Surry Hospital is all aglow with yuletide decorations that begin on the front lawn and continue from the entrance to the fourth floor. Members of the Hospital Auxiliary, the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs and Pilot Mountain Garden Club joined forces and combined their talents to create an effective atmosphere throughout the hospital.

The decorating project is under the direction of Mrs. Beth Samples with Mrs. R. M. Caldwell as co-chairman. The three local garden clubs participating were Garden Gate

Garden Club, Modern Gardeners and Mountain View Garden Club.

A lighted Christmas tree and life-size nativity scene on the front lawn attract attention from passing motorists. Visitors arriving at the patio are greeted by novelty carolers placed there by members of the Garden Gate Club. Huge wreaths enhance the glass windows of the entrance and inside the main lobby a tree glitters with lights, ornaments and garlands of tinsel. Members of Modern Gardeners were responsible for decorating the tree.

Holiday wreaths hang at the snack shop doors and potted poinsettias are placed beneath the portraits of Dr. Moir S. Martin and Dr. Roy C. Mitchell. Mrs. Samples created an arrangement of holly and nandina berries for the minister's study.

Two traditional Christmas trees decorated by the Mountain View Garden Club create a festive air on the second floor.

And an appropriate decorating theme was used by members of the Pilot Mountain Garden Club as they added pink and blue bulbs and ornaments to a white Christ-

mas tree for new babies and patients on the maternity floor.

In addition to patio decor, members of the Garden Gate Gardeners also gathered at the hospital Tuesday and placed Christmas trees on either end of the fourth floor wings.

Even the physical therapy room has a Christmas tree which was decorated by Mrs. Margaret Harris.

Mrs. Samples said these holiday decorations will surely add a bit of cheer to the patients and visitors who call at the hospital during this season.



MEMBERS OF MODERN GARDENERS add ornaments to the lobby Christmas tree. Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Strother Smith, Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Ralph Epperson participated on the project. Mrs. R. M. Caldwell, second from right, assisted Mrs. Beth Samples, chairman of the hospital decorations. —NEWS Photo



d. Snow (l) and Mrs. Henry Newsome, member of Mountain Garden Club, assisted in decorating...

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J. WOOD

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1970.

ON. SECOND-CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT THE POST OFFICE

Nurse, Club Leader Succumbs Sunday



MRS. RUBY J. WOOD

A well-known nurse, church worker and clubwoman, Mrs. Ruby Johnson Wood, 42, of 250 Fairview Avenue, died at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem Sunday after a long illness.

A graduate of Galax High School and Martin Memorial School of Nursing of Mount Airy, she was a member of Martin Memorial Alumnae Association, serving as president in 1967, and on the board of directors. She was a private duty nurse and had been an American Red Cross nurse since 1959. She was an officer in the North Surry Heart Association and the recipient of the Founders Award from the North Carolina Heart Association.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, she was affiliated with the Women's Missionary Union and the Rebekah Sunday school class. She had served as superintendent of the Primary department, superintendent of the Vacation Bible School in 1967 and chairman of the flower committee in 1969.

Active in Scouting, she had been a Den Mother and in 1967 was named "Commissioner of the Year" by the

Old Hickory Council of Boy Scouts of America. It was the first time the award was presented to a woman.

A member of the Modern Gardeners, she was past president and a member and past president of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs. She served as Beautification Chairman for District IV of the North Carolina Garden Clubs, Inc., and was secretary of the district at the time of her death.

She was president of the Mount Airy PTA council and had served as president of Mount Airy Junior High School PTA.

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January 1971

Friday, January 29, 1971.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson Presents Program On Unusual Containers

Modern Gardeners held their January meeting in the home of Mrs. Gene Garland on Greenhill Road Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. Upon arrival of the members, the hostess served chocolate cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

Mrs. James Bryant, president, called the meeting to order and reports were made by Mrs. P. M. Sharpe and Mrs. Max Hiatt. Mrs. Johnny Parries announced that during the holidays Christmas stockings containing candy and toys were delivered to the children of the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School.

It was announced that Mrs. Bryant has been named a representative to the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs to replace Mrs. Sam Spencer who has served for the past two years.

The program, "Collecting and Using Findings" was presented by Mrs. Ralph Epperson. She had on hand a variety of unusual lichen-covered branches and driftwood suitable for arrangements. She also listed items such as a meat grinder, car gears, wagon wheels and a wash board that can be used for unique containers.

Mrs. Epperson asked each member to tell about some unusual container they had used in making arrangements. Among those included were an antique string holder, chandelier globes, junkyard metal, a football helmet and gourds.

She stressed the fact that in using these "findings" one should make sure they blend together happily in regard to texture and color.

Mrs. Spencer was in charge of the flower arrangement to be evaluated. She used a turquoise bottle and harmonizing candle with a cluster of grapes and ribbon as the focal point. This was placed on the piano and judged by the group as very effective.

Mrs. Bryant will be hostess for the February meeting.

MARCH 1971



MODERN GARDENERS OBSERVED ARBOR DAY by planting a dogwood tree at North Main-Jones School. Mrs. Strother Smith (r) chairman of the project and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., planted the tree to foster interest in the preservation of forest. Arbor Day is a day appointed by the law for the planting of trees. Another member of the club, Mrs. Vance Cox, (l) observes.

—NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Hear Program On Storing Dried Arrangements

Modern Gardeners Garden Club held their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock with Mrs. Marshall Clark as hostess at her home on Greenhill Road.

Mrs. James Bryant, president, presided over the business meeting. She announced that two dogwood trees were planted on the playground at North Main-Jones School in observance of Arbor Day by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. E. Strother Smith.

Mrs. Clark, ways and means chairman, distributed cookbooks which club members will sell. The new Garden Club Cookbook is colorfully illustrated with 900 favorite recipes from America's Garden Club members. Anyone wishing to obtain one may contact any member or call Mrs. Clark 789-1258.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, Council representative, reported that the council has pur-

chased dogwood trees to be sold by all Garden Club members for a beautification project. She urged everyone to buy a tree from the members.

Mrs. James Hazel, program chairman, gave a very informative program demonstrating care and storage of permanent arrangements. She advised they should be stored in a dry and warm place such as an attic or closet. These places are more desirable than a basement, which may be damp. She said you should bear in mind that moisture is your enemy during the preparation of your flowers for drying. Direct sunlight is to be avoided also, as light tends to fade dried blossoms.

Materials are apt to become dusty in the open so they should be stored in boxes protected from light and moisture by tight-fitting lids. Each box should be labeled

with the name of the variety of flower, the quantity, and the date on which they were dried.

Some arrangers use transparent plastic covering instead of a lid for sealing out the moisture and easy visual identification of the flowers. When putting materials away, distribute them according to texture — all heavy things in one box, more delicate materials in another or in a jar, and fruits, grasses and grains together. Label boxes carefully for they will be a convenience later. Everything preserved in glycerin keeps indefinitely.

Mrs. Hazel advised very strongly that in order to enjoy dried arrangements they should not be left on display indefinitely. She also said it is nice to have two different ones for the same place and to alternate them. "When the first fresh blooms or buds

appear in the spring, either put away the dried arrangement or sometimes you can add something fresh to the dried ones," she concluded.

Mrs. Smith's flower arrangement for the meeting was an all pink triangle design of snapdragons and California poppies with green foliage in a bronze container.

Officers for the coming year 1971-72 are Mrs. Marshall Clark, president; Mrs. Gene Garland, vice president; Mrs. John M. Gwyn, secretary; Mrs. Ralph Epperson, treasurer. Mrs. Gwyn and Mrs. Epperson are past presidents of the club.

The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Bill Pike.

April 1971



... Mrs. Pike (l) hostess and Mrs. Gwyn, program chairman, admire flower arrangements ...
—NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Create Spring Arrangements

Flower arrangements of all designs were displayed in the home of Mrs. Joe Bill Pike on Valley View Road Tuesday afternoon when members of Modern Gardeners completed their flower arranging workshop.

It was interesting to see the various designs created from an array of cut flowers brought from the members' gardens. The fragrance of tulips, narcissus, purple, lavender and white lilacs, camellias, wisteria, Dutch Iris, and Currier roses filled the room as the group worked on their compositions.

Mrs. Johnny Gwynn, program chairman, distributed diagrams of the basic designs and gave helpful hints for the principals of flower arranging. Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell assisted the members by helping them establish suitable lines for their containers.

For illustrations Mrs. Gwyn displayed a white pottery vase containing apple blossoms. This was placed on a round wooden base for an effective arrangement in the foyer.

For a mass arrangement Mrs. Parries arranged lavender lilacs, burgandy tulips, pink camellias and plum foliage in a washed pewter pedestal container.

Mrs. Powell used a tall purple bottle with graceful wisteria tendrils for the main lines with purple wisteria and Dutch Iris as a focal point in her monochromatic arrangement. For another design she placed three gar-

denias with bittersweet lines in a green crystal container.

Tulip tree blossoms were emphasized in Mrs. Ralph Epperson's arrangement which was in the oriental manner. Another design in that fashion was created by Mrs. Vance Cox as she combined a lichen-covered branch and peach-colored camellias in a wine bottle.

She also showed a landscape design using purple violets growing beneath a weathered branch which depicted a small tree. A miniature frog sitting on a rock was placed in the flat bowl for an accessory.

Mrs. Strother Smith's side triangle arrangement was expressed with lavender lilacs and tulips in a rectangular container. Mrs. James Bryant combined lines of Currier roses with tulips and variegated hosta for an expression of springtime.

Yellow tulips were arranged by Mrs. Marshall Clark in

a green creptal container with bright orange tulips as a center of interest and Mrs. Gene Garland combined white tulips with apple blossoms for her composition in a white ceramic container. She used white pebbles to conceal the needlepoint holder.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer showed purple violets in a clear crystal apothecary jar and Mrs. P. M. Sharpe used a white compote for her all-white triangular design. She combined white lilacs, and white narcissus with lilac foliage.

Mrs. Pike's black ginger jar contained tall branches of apple blossoms and white tulips to create a perpendicular design.

In viewing the arrangements which were displayed in the living and family rooms, Mrs. Gwyn commented that it was gratifying to see so many unique arrangement. "This, indeed, looks like a picture of springtime", she added.

Business Session

Mrs. James H. Bryant, president, conducted a short business session and at that time plans were made for the May meeting. New officers will be installed at the luncheon.

The hostess served a salad course and coffee.

MAY, 1971



... Mrs. Wright (l) installs Mrs. Clark, president; Mrs. Epperson, treasurer; Mrs. Garland, vice president. Mrs. Bill Belton (r) was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, secretary, was not present for picture ... —NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Conduct Field Trip To Pilot Mountain State Park

Modern Gardeners concluded their final meeting of the year with a field trip to Pilot Mountain State Park on Tuesday morning. A state park ranger conducted a guided tour to points of interest along the mountain paths and explained tentative plans for future development.

Afterwards the group returned to Holiday Inn Restaurant, Pilot Mountain, for a luncheon meeting with Mrs. J. T. Palmer as hostess for the occasion.

Mrs. James Bryant, president, welcomed the group and Mrs. Vance Cox pronounced the invocation.

Gold cloths covered individual tables, each of which held a green crystal vase containing variegated roses. A mass arrangement of roses, lilacs and asparagus fern, designed by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., was placed at the

head table.

The menu consisted of tomato juice, cheese wafers, tomatoes stuffed with chicken salad, marinated vegetables, peach halves, potato salad, broccoli with cheese sauce, iced tea and coffee. Strawberry parfaits were served for dessert. Each plate was marked with a rosebud.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson, council representative, gave a report and members voted to participate with the clubs in an exhibit at the Mount Airy Agricultural Fair.

Installation Service

Mrs. Hylton Wright, Director of District IV of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, installed the new officer using as her theme, "Heart Message of Flowers," "Heart compared the likeness of the flowers to the offices filled by

the members. Mrs. Marshall Clark, president, was identified as a lily to signify her purity and guiding hand in helping to understand. Vice president, Mrs. Gene Garland, represented the carnation, a symbol of courage and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, secretary, was emulated with the aster to show patience. As treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Epperson, was identified as a forget-me-not to illustrate her constancy.

To conclude the impressive service, Mrs. Wright distributed miniature containers of various colored straw flowers to the members, saying that a garden full of different colored flowers is like a garden club of working members which makes the garden row.

Mrs. P. M. Sharpe, program chairman, presented

ed Mrs. Wright with the table centerpiece as a token of appreciation. The officers and new members were remembered with the rosebud arrangements.

Mrs. Vance Cox presented Mrs. Bryant, retiring president, with a silver engraved bowl in appreciation of her services during the past year.

May 1971



THREE WHITE DOGWOOD TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED on the lawn at Mount Airy High School by members of Modern Gardeners in memory of the late Mrs. Ruby Johnson Wood. An active member of the club for ten years, she had served as president, was president of the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs, and had been a state officer. Mrs. Wood had also been president of the Mount Airy PTA Council and because of her interest in the schools, this site was chosen for the planting. One of her sons, Billy Johnson (second from left), a member of the graduating class, looks on as Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., mulches the trees. Mrs. Johnny Parries (l) and Mrs. Ralph Epperson (r) were members on the committee. School principal, J. D. Bartley, is shown at the right. Mrs. Wood's other son, Freddy, was not present for the ceremony.

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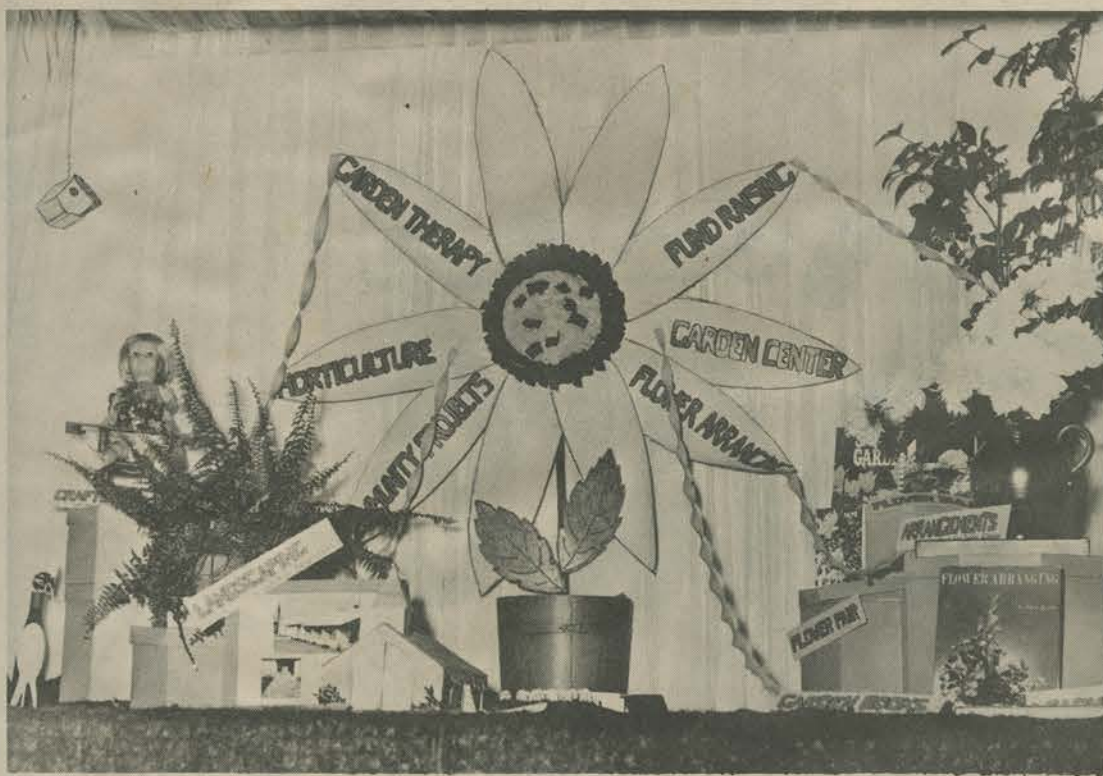
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Mount Airy, North Carolina

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... display depicts true purpose of garden club work ...

Modern Gardeners Place First In Fair Exhibit

Members of Modern Gardeners met in the Exhibit House at Veterans Park Monday afternoon at one o'clock for their September meeting. At that time a short business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Marshall Clark, after which the group put final touches to their exhibit

which was judged in competition with the other two garden clubs in the Mount Airy Garden Club Council.

After the exhibits were judged Tuesday morning it was announced that Modern Gardeners won first place. They are the recipients of a \$70 prize which will be presented to them by the Surry County Agricultural Fair.

Their exhibit, entitled "Modern Gardeners Do", was elucidated with the different phases of garden club work. An over-sized black-eyed Susan, placed in the center of the display space as a focal point of interest, had petals with each one inscribed with: Horticulture, Garden Therapy, Community Projects, Fund Raising Projects, Garden Center and Flower Arranging. Yellow streamers from each petal were direct-

ed to improvised props containing items depicting that particular subject.

To illustrate the Horticulture division potted ferns and a hanging basket were used effectively.

Garden Therapy was explained with a handicapped child arranging flowers which she had learned to do during visits by the garden club members. Many of their craft items were also displayed.

Community projects included three major beautification programs conducted by the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs. Modern Gardeners joined with the other clubs in donating time, money and effort in making these a success. A miniature church and graveyard described the restoration of the Old Methodist Cemetery and photographs of the landscaping of

the Salvation Army Citadel and the beautification project at the Fine Arts Center were used as illustrations.

Fund raising projects included the sale of dogwood trees, flower bulbs, cookbooks, garden club calendars and the flower fair. Items from each of these were shown.

The Garden Center was represented with a display of books which have been donated to the Mount Airy Public Library by Modern Gardeners. This was balanced with a line arrangement of white dahlias in a pottery container. Modern Gardeners participate with the other garden clubs in placing flower arrangements in the library each week for the public to enjoy.

The judges' comment on the exhibit follows: "This is a well-done exhibit of the true purpose of garden clubs and of what this particular garden club is accomplishing. Well done."

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. Joe Powell were chairmen of the exhibit with members of the club contributing their various talents to compose an overall picture of the club activities.

Yearbooks Distributed

The new yearbooks, compiled by Mrs. Eugene Garland, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Johnny Gwyn and Mrs. Ralph Epperson, were distributed. Mrs. Vance Cox designed the covers which feature a hand-painted white dogwood blossom. The yearbooks are dedicated in memory of Mrs. Ruby Johnson Wood.

During the ensuing year members will concentrate on the theme, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Mrs. Jack Wilson will be hostess at the October meeting and Mrs. Joe Pike will have charge of the program on "Planning and Planting for Spring."

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Judged By:

Mrs. Reid Jackson

Mrs. Frances Sydnor



October, 1971

Mrs. Nieuwenhuis Speaks To Gardeners On Spring Bulbs

"Planning and Planting Bulbs for Spring" was the program topic of Modern Gardener's October meeting held Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock in the Starlite Room at Ray's Starlite Restaurant.

Mrs. Jack Wilson was hostess for the occasion. Upon arrival of the members pumpkin tarts and coffee were served.

Mrs. Joe B. Pike, program chairman, introduced Mrs. John Nieuwenhuis who gave helpful hints and suggestions for planning a colorful spring garden.

Mrs. Marshall Clark, president, conducted the business meeting. Members voted to make a donation to the Dorethea Dix Hospital for their Christmas fund. They will also make a Christmas wreath to be placed in the VA Hospital at Salisbury.

Club discount cards from Harris RSP Garden Center were distributed to the members.

Flower arrangements were brought by Mrs. Ralph Epperson and Mrs. Eugene Garland for evaluation. Mrs. Epperson's Japanese arrangement of ageratum was designed in a black oriental container. Mrs. Garland used a variety of dahlias for one of her arrangements and marigolds in another. Both containers were pottery.

Mrs. Garland attended the District IV meeting of the North Carolina Garden Clubs held last Friday in Winston-

Salem.

Mrs. Roy Thomas, 513 Ridgeway Drive, will be hostess for the November meeting. Bill Warlick, horticulturist at Harris Home Center, will be guest speaker.



... Bill Warlick, horticulturist, is shown with new members of the club (l to r) Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Cecil Hill and Mrs. William Breedlove ...

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Women's Page

Modern Gardeners Hear Program On 'Residential Landscaping'

Bill Warlick, horticulturist with Harris Home Center, spoke to Modern Gardeners Tuesday afternoon on "Residential Landscaping" when they held their November meeting at the Mount Airy Country Club.

Mrs. Jim Hazel, program chairman, introduced the speaker.

To elucidate his program, Mr. Warlick used colored slides to show how unpretentious plants can be used effectively in landscaping. He said that ordinary, inexpensive spirea, when planted in groupings, can create a most pleasing view. Several other plants and trees he suggested using were: forsythia, rhododendron, flowering trees, dogwood, crepe myrtle, golden rain tree, red maple, ginkgo and star magnolia.

"Never let one element dominate the scene", he commented. Use mass color — never a conglomeration, and have an overall design in mind when you begin landscaping.

Ground covers he particularly likes are pachysandra, liriope and ajuga. Combined with native ferns, these produce an attractive setting.

Pyracanthas, pruned to create character, are excellent buffer plants for uninteresting walls.

He noted that windows in the homes were not put there to be separated by tall shrubbery. Plants should follow the structural line of the house.

In concluding the program, Mr. Warlick added that landscaping is not acquired by using plants only. Water, rocks and other man-made elements constitute an important part in a well-planned design.

Business Meeting

Mrs. Marshall Clark, president, conducted the business session, after Mrs. Roy Thomas, hostess, served refreshments of pumpkin tarts and coffee.

A committee was appointed to decorate the Christmas tree at Northern Surry Hospital on Tuesday, December 14.

Three new members, Mrs. William Breedlove, Mrs. Charles Hall and Mrs. Cecil Hill, were welcomed to the club and presented white mum corsages.

Mrs. Vance Cox distributed North Carolina Garden Club Calendars for 1972 and plans were made for the Christmas party for the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School.

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Mrs. Palmer Tells Garden Club About Christmas Plants

Modern Gardeners held their December meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eugene Garland on Greenhill Road. Refreshments were served upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Marshall Clark, president, presided during a short business meeting.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer presented a program on "Christmas Legends that Live in Plants". Among the plants most familiar in this area are holly, poinsettias and mistletoe. "Holly is believed to have been used for Christ's crown of thorns and had white berries. After the crucifixion, the holly berries turned red," she noted. Mrs. Palmer also told of some of the legends of the Christmas tree and wreath. She said, "The Christmas tree represents the Tree of Life, the lights are symbolic of the Light of Christ, and the ornaments represent God's love for us. The wreath stands as a symbol of Christ's unbroken love for man."

In conclusion, she stated that we need to get back to the sacred symbolism represented in the various Christmas symbols.

Mrs. Johnny Gwyn and Mrs. Garland were responsible for purchasing gifts for the trainable class at Rockford Street School. Members assisted in wrapping the package in Christmas paper. They will be distributed to the youngsters at their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. James Hazel brought a Christmas arrangement which was a large pine cone decorated as a miniature

tree.

Handmade gifts were exchanged by each member after which the meeting adjourned.

Modern Gardeners Hear Program On Making Terrariums

Modern Gardeners held their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at the Mount Airy Country Club. Mrs. John Gwyn was hostess.

Cherry tarts and coffee were served upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Vance Cox gave a program on Terrariums. "Consider a terrarium as a miniature greenhouse," Mrs. Cox stated. All house-plants adapt well and any glass container which is deep enough for the plant material may be used. Mrs. Cox brought terrariums she had made to illustrate.

Mrs. Warren Nichols gave a brief report on state pro-

jects. They included the Elizabethan Gardens, Daniel Boone Gardens and the scholarship fund, made available through the sale of North Carolina Garden Club Calendars.

Flower arrangements were brought by Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Jack Wilson. Mrs. Hiatt's arrangement was a triangular design of green and white in a green container. Mrs. Wilson used large yellow mums and acuba to create a crescent design in a tall green container. Mrs. Wilson also had bronze mums and acuba in a small black vase.

Mrs. Johnny Parries brought a collection of her camellias for the members to view. They were arranged in a silver wine cooler.

Mrs. Leonard Tells Garden Club About Herbs And Spices

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., told members of Modern Gardeners there are very few gardens which do not contain some herbs. Her program on "How to Use Herbs and Spices" was presented at the February meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Leonard noted that the most common herbs are parsley, spearmint and chives and added that these herbs were as important to our grandmothers as salt and pepper.

The term "herb" covers many plants. In addition to seasoning foods, they are used for medicinal purposes and perfumes.

Perennials should be grown in separate beds. They include chives, majoram, peppermint, Rosemary, sage, spearmint, tarragon, and thyme. Annuals such as anise, basil, dill and summer savory should be worked each year.

"Herbs should be used sparingly", said Mrs. Leonard. She suggested using them in butter or by flavoring soups, stews and gravies. The flavor comes from oils in small glands in the leaves or seeds. They should be dried and stored in an air-tight container.

Fresh bouquet garners may be made by combining two celery stalks, 1 bay leaf crumbled well, 2 whole cloves, 3 sprigs of parsley and 2 sprigs of thyme.

Dried bouquet garners may be made by mixing equal portions of dried parsley, thyme, sweet marjoram. Place several tablespoons in a square of cheese cloth and add to stews or soups the last 30 minutes of cooking time. "This makes a very flavorful dish", she concluded.

Mrs. Hiatt Hostess

Mrs. Max Hiatt was hostess for the meeting which convened in the Starlite Room at Ray's Starlite Restaurant. A dessert course and coffee were served upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Eugene Garland presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Marshall Clark. Mrs. J. T. Palmer and Mrs. Vance Cox, ways and means chairmen, distributed stationery and note paper to be sold as a money-making project.

Members voted to hold a "Garden Exchange" at the April meeting.

Mrs. Cox brought a flower arrangement for evaluation. She used white azaleas and a weathered branch in a gray pottery container for an effective oriental design. Her composition was placed on a bamboo mat.

Mrs. Johnny Parries will be hostess for the March meeting.

Social Events



'Gardening For March' Topic Of Modern Gardeners Meeting

"Gardening for March" was the program topic of Modern Gardener's meeting held Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock in the home of Mrs. Johnny Parries, 215 East Lebanon Street.

Upon arrival of the members the hostess served a frozen salad course with banana nut bread, coffee and colas.

Mrs. Max Hiatt, program chairman, gave directions for

planting gladiolus bulbs for summer blooms. This should be done in late March with planting to take place every two weeks for continuous bloom.

She said that established lawns should receive first mowing now and that fertilizer should be applied this month. Trees and shrubs that have not broken dormancy or are commonly pruned as soon as flowering is completed may need some heading back; otherwise it is too late for most major pruning operations.

Daffodils, she noted, should be kept watered while growing and the straplike foliage should lie down naturally after flowering is completed.

Hosta, shasta daisies, phlox, day lilies, asters, dianthus and chrysanthemums are among new perennials to be planted; also holly-hock and lily-of-the-valley.

Plant camellias, azaleas and magnolias now. Check mulch on azaleas and replace a good heavy porous mulch over the base of shrubs. Mulch all newly planted shrubs and trees to conserve moisture and feed shrubs, trees and perennials well-balanced fertilizer.

Roses should be pruned by the middle of March and old mulch, fallen leaves and any grass or weeds removed. Do not prune climbing roses. Before foliage starts to grow, apply a dormant lime sulphur spray.

For planting roses, holes should be 12 inches deep and 12 inches in diameter.

Business Meeting

Mrs. Marshall Clark, presi-

dent, conducted the business meeting at which time new officers were elected. They are: Mrs. Max Hiatt, president; Mrs. Warren Nichols, vice president; Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. J. T. Palmer, treasurer.

A vote was taken to raise the club membership to 22.

Mrs. Ralph Epperson and Mrs. Parries reported on their visit last month with the children in the trainable class at Rockford Street School. As a therapy project they assisted the students in making pine cones filled with peanut butter and raisins for the birds.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer brought a flower arrangement for evaluation. She used tulip tree blossoms with wisteria tendrils in a black ceramic container. This was placed on a bamboo mat for an effective oriental design.

The next meeting will be a flower arranging workshop on April 18 in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church. Mrs. Ralph Epperson will be hostess and Mrs. Warren Nichols, program chairman.

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ARBOR DAY IS THE NAME GIVEN TO A DAY IN SPRING when trees are planted. Each year at this time members of Modern Gardeners plant a tree to foster interest among school children in the preservation of forests. Mrs. Max Hiatt, Mrs. Marshall Clark and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., members of the club, are shown planting a dogwood tree on the playground at Jones School with the assistance of two students, Junior Phillips and Bill Griswold.

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... working on their arrangements are (seated l to r) Rachel Hill and Janet Nichols. Standing are Betty Breedlove, Marie Wilson, Doris Clark, Betty Leonard, Earline Epperson, Nancy Hall, Charledean Gwyn and Lydia Garland . . . —NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Conduct Flower Arranging Workshop

A flower arranging workshop was conducted by members of Modern Gardeners Tuesday afternoon when they met in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Warren Nichols was program chairman and Mrs. Ralph Epperson, hostess. Mrs. Epperson served cake and coffee upon arrival of the members.

Mrs. Marshall Clark, president, welcomed Mrs. John Lomax as a new member.

The members brought a

wide variety of spring flowers to create their designs. Mrs. Eugene Garland used bright red tulips in a red wooden Dutch shoe and Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., combined wisteria and purple violets with driftwood for her arrangement designed in a miniature dough tray.

Mrs. Charles Hall's green pottery vase contained yellow and green croton leaves with yellow Fuji mums. Red tulips were the focal point of Mrs. Jack Wilson's crescent design. She used a line of

yellow and green foliage and a yellow container.

Bird accessories complemented Mrs. Cecil Hill's arrangement of yellow snapdragons and daisies in a flat gold porcelain bowl. An oriental design of purple iris and wisteria in a black usabata was created by Mrs. Epperson.

Mrs. Nichols chose camellias, azaleas and crabapple for her arrangement. She used a flat green container. Pink snapdragons and Queen Anne's lace were com-

bined in a pewter mug by Mrs. Bill Breedlove.

Mrs. Clark's full triangle arrangement was a mixture of spring flowers. Mrs. Joe Powell designed a mass arrangement of crabapple, red and white tulips, narcissus, teardrops and pink azaleas in a white pottery container.

After the workshop a sale was held with Mrs. Vance Cox and Mrs. Leonard as chairmen for the event. Unusual plants, flower containers and accessories were offered for sale.

Mrs. Clark conducted the

ness meeting. It was noted that members of the club have been responsible for bringing flower arrangements to the Mount Airy Public Library during the month of April. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Epperson will visit with the able class at Rockford School this month to assist them in a garden therapy project.

Club members voted to make a donation to the Mount Airy Public Library.

Modern Gardeners will visit the Showhouse in Winston-Salem for the May meeting to install their new officers and give a luncheon at Manor House, Tanglewood.



... Mrs. Marshall Clark (l) retiring president, with new officers Mrs. Max Hiatt, Mrs. J. T. Palmer, Mrs. Warren Nichols, Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and new club member, Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr. —NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Visit Decorators Show House

Modern Gardeners held their annual May luncheon Tuesday in the Manor House at Tanglewood and visited the "Decorators Show House in Winston-Salem. Approximately 20 members and their guests were present.

Mrs. Strother Smith served as hostess for the occasion. She decorated the luncheon table with small pots of yellow, lavender, white and bronze chrysanthemums.

Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., was welcomed as a new member. Special guests were Mrs. John Everhart and Mrs. Aurie Ammerman.

Mrs. Marshall Clark, retiring president, installed the following new officers: Mrs. Max Hiatt, president; Mrs. Warren Nichols, vice presi-

dent; Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. J. T. Palmer, treasurer.

The officers and new member were remembered with small potted chrysanthemums. Two new members, Mrs. John Lomax and Mrs. Swanson Richards, were unable to attend.

In appreciation of her capable leadership during the past year, Mrs. Clark was presented a silver engraved bowl from the club. The presentation was made by Mrs. Eugene Garland, vice president.

After the buffet luncheon the group enjoyed a tour of the Decorators Show House which has been open to the public during the past several weeks.

Oct 17, 1972



... new members, (l to r) Mrs. John Waddell and Mrs. Dean Bray look on as Mrs. Warren Nichols and Mrs. Max Hiatt display award winning yearbook ... —NEWS Photo

Modern Gardeners Discuss Projects At October Meeting

Modern Gardeners met Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at the Mount Airy Country Club with Mrs. Joe B. Pike as hostess. Members were served fresh apple cake with coffee upon their arrival. Mrs. Max Hiatt presided and welcomed two new members, Mrs. Dean Bray and Mrs. John Waddell. They were remembered with yellow mum corsages.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., reported on the District IV meeting which she and Mrs. Hiatt attended Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Elkin. Mrs. Marion

Odum, state president, was luncheon speaker.

The club's yearbook, which was entered in the permanent binder division, was selected as a blue ribbon winner in the district. It won the Constance Stallings silver pitcher award. Mrs. Max Hiatt and Mrs. Warren Nichols were responsible for compiling and printing the contents.

Mrs. Johnny Parries announced tentative plans for landscaping the triangle on the corner of North Main and Renfro Streets. Mrs. Johnny Gwyn and Mrs. Bill Breedlove, along with Mrs. Parries, have chosen a variety of shrubs and bulbs to be planted in the area. The North Carolina Granite Corporation has donated a granite bird bath to be used as a focal point.

Reports were also given by Mrs. Parries and Mrs. Leonard on the council meeting which they attended Monday. Projects were discussed and it was voted that Modern

Gardeners meet for November with Mrs. Strother Smith as program chairman.

Program

Mrs. Ralph Epperson gave the program on "Steps for a Good Landscaping Plan for Your Home." She pointed out the importance of keeping grass cut to a minimum height of 1½ to 2 inches. Early each spring and fall the grass should be fertilized using a complete commercial lawn fertilizer. Maintenance points included lack of moisture as the cause of newly planted stock failing to produce vigorous and healthy growth.

The surface mulches should be maintained, not cultivated into the soil, for a minimum of three years when planting. Ample allowance should be made for future growth of all plants. Plant holes should be ample size to receive roots in their natural position and thoroughly watered at time of planting. Immediately after planting, all plants should be given a three to 4 inch deep surface mulch.

Modern Gardeners Has Program On Landscaping With Bulbs'

Modern Gardeners held their November meeting Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at Ray's Starlite Restaurant with Mrs. J. T. Palmer as hostess.

Pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream was served with coffee upon arrival of the 17 members.

Mrs. Max Hiatt, president, called the meeting to order and reports were heard from Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Johnny Gwynn gave a progress report on the landscaping project of the island located on Main and Renfro

Streets. Mrs. Bill Breedlove and Mrs. Johnny Parries are members of that committee.

Mrs. Strother Smith announced that an auction sale will be held at the December meeting and each member is asked to bring a handmade article to be sold.

During the past three months members have continued their garden therapy visits with the trainable class at Rockford Street School. Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Warren Nichols entertained the children in September by leading them in singing. During October Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Vance Cox visited with the children and helped them plant narcissus bulbs.

Mrs. James Hazel and Mrs. Leonard visited with the group Tuesday morning and helped them construct turkeys from pine cones. Afterwards the garden club members led them in singing Thanksgiving songs. They reported that the narcissus planted last month were beginning to bloom.

Members of the club will decorate the Christmas tree in the hospital lobby of Northern Surry Hospital on Wednesday, December 13.

Mrs. Cecil Hill and Mrs. Joe Powell were responsible for bringing flower arrangements to be evaluated. Mrs. Hill had arranged a novelty pair of pilgrims on an autumn landscape for her Thanksgiving arrangement. Bright orange foliage highlighted a small log cabin placed in the background.

For a Christmas design

Mrs. Powell used a white Madonna on a circular black velvet base. Pure white sansanqua camellias encircled the figurine and wisteria tendrils were used for the line.

Landscaping With Bulbs

Mrs. Smith gave the program on "Landscaping with Bulbs". She used several books and brochures to elucidate her points. She said that possibly no other class of flowers is more versatile to color and length of blooming season as the bulb family. They are among the easiest of plants to grow as they take care of themselves with a minimum of effort.

"Crocus are considered the prettiest since they bloom before the snow melts while tulips are often thought of as the most popular because of their long blooming period. Daffodils and snowdrops adapt to wooded areas and therefore make beautiful naturalized settings", said the speaker. The bulbs should be planted between mid-September and early December.

Dec, 1972

Modern Gardeners Hear Program On Choosing Yule Tree

"Choosing and Caring for Christmas Trees" was the program topic for Modern Gardeners December meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Lomax on Boston Circle.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr., presented the program which had been prepared by Mrs. Cecil Hill. Mrs. Leonard stated that the three favorites for

Christmas trees are Douglas fir, Balsam fir and Scotch Pine.

She suggested that needles should be pulled and checked for freshness when purchasing a tree. When buying a live tree to be replanted, be sure that a substantial ball of dirt covers the roots. Do not keep a tree inside more than a week. Add a pint to a quart of water daily. Do not place near heat. Turn off lights before leaving home.

When taking down the tree, cut off limbs and use as mulch around plants or use to dec-

orate outdoor planters or window boxes.

Mrs. Max Hiatt presided during the business meeting. She announced that Modern Gardeners would help with decorating Northern Surry Hospital. Members of the club are also responsible for placing flower arrangements in the Public Library during the month of January.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Strother Smith conducted an auction sale on handmade articles and baked goods brought by the club members. Proceeds will be

used for the club treasury.

They wrapped Christmas gifts which Mrs. Johnny Gwyn and Mrs. Gene Garland will deliver to students in the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School.

The hostess served assorted Christmas cookies, homemade fudge and Russian tea. A silver candelabrum on the dining room table held burning red tapers, holly and berries.

Other holiday decorations were used in the foyer and the living room.

Jan, 1973

Modern Gardeners Hear Program, 'Landscaping With Trees, Shrubs'

"Landscaping with Trees and Shrubs" was the topic of the program presented to Modern Gardeners when they met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Swanson Richards.

Upon arrival of the 15 members, the hostess served coconut - pineapple cake with coffee.

The program, prepared by Mrs. Johnny Gwyn, was presented by Mrs. Max Hiatt. She said today's planning and planting for good use of property starts with the family and not some ready-made plan laid down over the lot like a giant cookie cutter.

Planning for a new property and reorganizing an old one should start with these three thoughts: 1—that you are planning for the convenience of your own family and

no other; 2—that you have certain fixed features—the bulk of the house and garage, possibly trees, both your own and your neighbors, to take into account; 3—that whatever you plan will have to be kept up by the healthy family or by paid labor.

Background trees give a look of friendliness and lift interest from lawn level to the sky. They help create homey or formal effects by their colors, shapes and densities and may be planted in either spring or fall if you use strong, healthy stock. Winter-hardy shrubs make up one of the most useful plant groups from which a homeowner can draw.

Mrs. Hiatt concluded the program by adding, "When you think of the months they

are decorative, and take into account the years they endure, you'll see that evergreens, shrubs and trees justify their costs."

Business Meeting

Mrs. Hiatt, president, conducted the business meeting. Members voted to send a donation to the National Gardening Project.

Club members reported they had planted 57 trees and 331 seedlings last year.

The library project was discussed by Mrs. Vance Cox. She announced that the garden council will work with town workmen to accomplish the work needed on the library grounds. Mrs. J. T. Palmer and Mrs. John Lomax will represent Modern Gardeners.

Mrs. Strother Smith brought a flower arrange-

ment for evaluation. She used dried flowers in a brass teapot.

Mrs. Johnny Parries and Mrs. T. C. Britt, Jr., will conduct a garden therapy project with the Trainable Class at Rockford Street School this month.

Mrs. Joe P. Powell will be hostess for the February meeting with Mrs. Bill Breedlove as program chairman.

Use Of Ground Covers Topic For Modern Gardeners Meeting

Mrs. Bill Breedlove presented a program on "Use of Ground Covers in the Landscape Plan" to members of Modern Gardeners Tuesday afternoon.

She said the use of ground covers in the landscape plan seems to be increasing in popularity. Some recall the day when expansive beds of lily of the valley or periwinkle were used to carpet the yard, which was often framed by cedars knarled and twisted with age and bounded by boxwood bordered walks, at the homes of the fortunate few.

As time passed, more and more people began to plant the area surrounding their homes. Efforts to beautify homes increased and people began to realize that there were problem areas around their homes that did not respond to the usual types of planting. During this period of transition an ever-increasing number of interesting plant materials were being developed and made available to plant breeders and nurserymen.

Mrs. Breedlove said, "Ground covers are Nature's carpets that

clothe soil in a variety of green array and make this flowering world all the brighter and more beautiful." Essentially they are low growing plants that spread by underground stems or by nature of trailing habit.

The choice of ground cover to be used depends on several factors: physical characteristic of the area, exposure of area to sun, degree of finish needed, hardiness of plant material, existing plants which might influence choice of form, texture, and color; rate of growth, care and maintenance required and cost.

Business Meeting

Mrs. Joe Powell was hostess for the occasion in the Starlite Room at Ray's Starlite Restaurant. Cherry cheese cake was served with coffee.

Mrs. Max Hiatt, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Strother Smith distributed "Park-A-Vases" to the members.

Mrs. Charles Hall brought a flower arrangement for evaluation. She used Burfordi

holly and Nandina berries for a horgarth design in an imported vase. This was placed on a marble base.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Walter Leonard, Jr. Mrs. Hall is program chairman.

Tuesday, March 20, 1973.

Garden Clubs To Sponsor Flower Arranging Lecture

The Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs is sponsoring a demonstrated-lecture on traditional flower arranging to be held here on Friday, April 6 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Omer O. Utt, past president of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. She is a National Accredited Flower Show Judge with a Masters Certificate. Mrs. Utt organized the Garden Club of Lynchburg, Va., of which she is still a member and served two terms as president.

She lectures on period arrangements, and church arrangements, colors, design, abstracts and horticulture. In addition to the traditional arrangements that she will be designing for the demonstrated-lecture, she will also create several modern and abstract compositions.

Mrs. Utt has been raising daffodils and has over 1000 varieties. She also raises orchids. Her husband helps her and makes many of her containers and mechanical devices for her arrangements.

Mrs. Jerry Coram and Mrs. Smith Holcomb are co-chairmen for the lecture. Members of the Mountain View Garden Club are



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in charge of hospitality and staging the Modern Gardens will handle the publicity and dismantling.

The demonstrated-lecture is open to the public. Mrs. Dan Pendleton is ticket chairman. Persons wishing to purchase them may do so by calling her at 789-1437, or they will be available at the door.

Mrs. Joe Powell is publicity chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Epperson, is co-chairman.

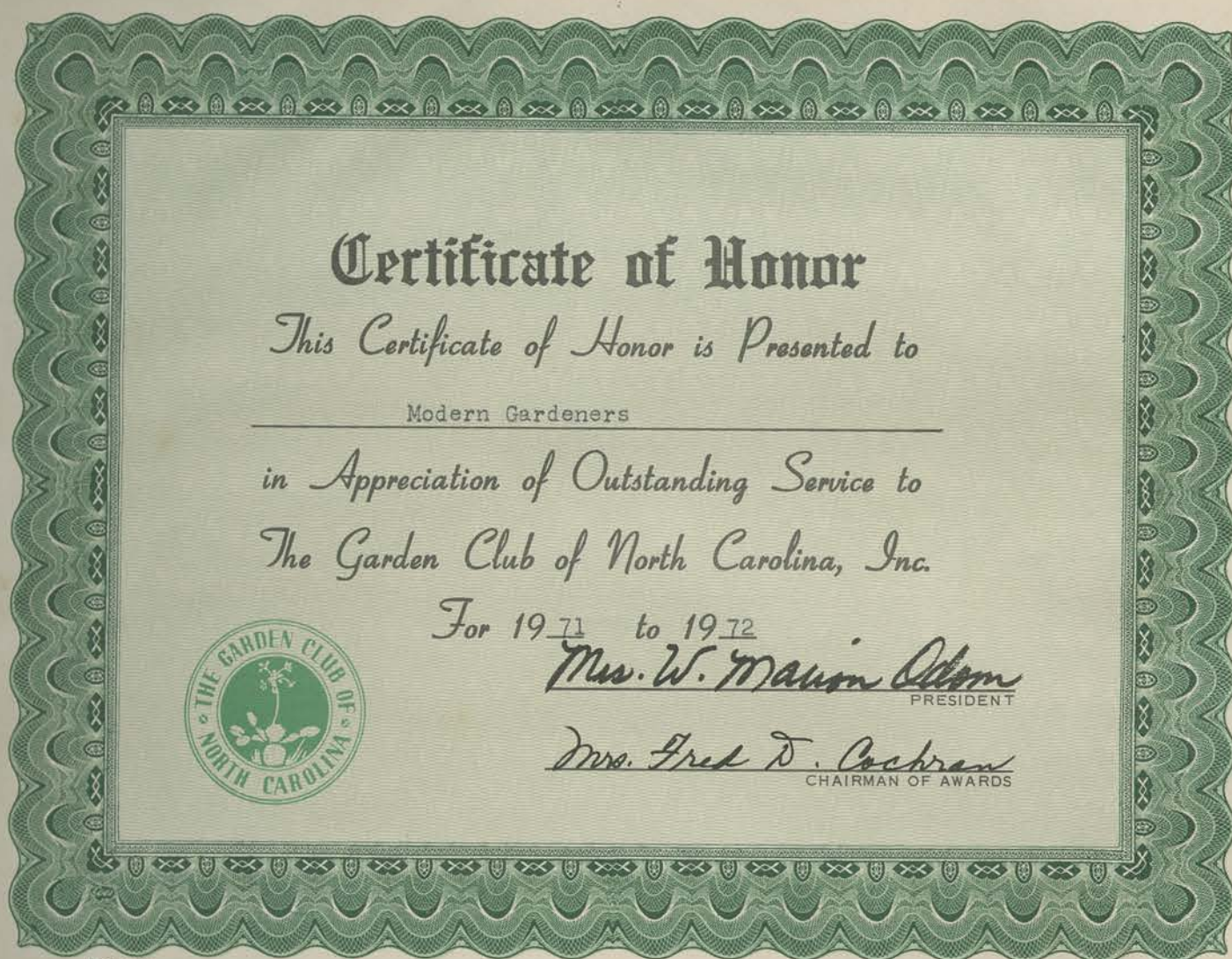


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SECOND PLACE WINNERS—a red ribbon was awarded Modern Gardeners for their exhibition. Rustic split rails with white lettering explain how knowledge is shared with nature by growing flowers, vegetables and plants; and participating in garden therapy, anti-litter, conservation, ecology and flower arranging.

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MODERN GARDENERS OBSERVE ARBOR DAY by planting a dogwood tree on the lawn of Jones School Wednesday morning. Assisting Mrs. Bill Breedlove (l) and Mrs. Johnny Gwyn with the project are students, Jimmy Grimes and Richard Lamb. Arbor Day is the name given to a day in Spring when trees are planted and school children are taught about their beauty and usefulness. The first Arbor Day was celebrated in the state of Nebraska, in 1872.

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Artist Uses Unique Containers To Achieve Interesting Designs

By ELEANOR G. POWELL

Mrs. Omer O. Utt used priceless containers for some of her flower arrangements as she performed before an audience of 100 garden club members and their guests Friday morning in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

Simplicity was the keynote for her demonstrated lecture which was sponsored by the Mount Airy Council of Garden Clubs. As she created the arrangements, Mrs. Utt gave helpful hints and suggestions for conditioning the flowers.

She gave credit to her husband for his deftness in designing and making many of the containers and mechanical devices for her arrangements. He travels with her and assists with special lighting effects.

Mrs. Utt told her listeners that her husband had made the mahogany container she was using for her arrangement of fantail willow, ceropia and orchids. A similar one that she had seen in ceramic was much too expensive for \$35. The design, when completed, was classified as being in the creativity class.

Using a Chinese temple vase, the speaker showed how three gladioli can be used effectively in a verticle arrangement. "This is especially a good design when your flowers are limited," she commented.

"Devotion" was the title of another composition which she arranged with an exotic figurine. That one, she noted, was purchased with stamps. With Photinia foliage she used "Alight" narcissus with trumpetlike coronas in bright orange to complement a piece of orange slag glass.

While Mrs. Utt combined Strelitzia (Bird-Of-Paradise) and Pine in a Japanese arrangement she gave a helpful hint for removing resin from the hands. Simply rub them with butter.

A Coconut container, also created by Mr. Utt, held an unusual boxwood root and white tulips. This was termed as free form.

For an abstract, five red anthuriums, arum foliage and corkscrew shrub enhanced an unusual container which the Utts have dubbed the "weed pot".

Mrs. Utt encouraged her audience to always be on the lookout for interesting pieces of driftwood, roots and rocks. She elucidated her point by showing a piece of her favorite driftwood with green Lenten Lilies and green orchids.



CIRCULAR RHYTHM DESIGN—Mrs. Utt inserts three red roses for a dramatic appearance with graceful curves of wisteria tendrils. Mr. Utt made the container from car parts. The triangle design on the left is a combination of new growth from a maple tree, ti leaves and green orchids. A green rooster is used for an accessory.

To conclude her show, the lecturer explained the architecture of an unusual container placed before a teal blue velvet drape. The base, a lucite flower pot, held two columns which were glass hat stands that belonged to her grandmother. "It isn't raining rain, you know, it's raining violets," said Mrs. Utt as she placed plastic rain on one stand and a bouquet of purple violets on the other.

The narcissus used in the designs were grown by Mrs. Utt at her home in Lynchburg, Va.

Presently she has over 1,000 varieties. She also raises orchids and is a member of the Blue Ridge Orchid Society.

Mrs. Utt organized the Seven Hills Garden Club in Lynchburg and served as president two terms. She helped organize 14 other clubs there.

She stays busy lecturing on period arrangements, church arrangements, color, design, abstracts and horticulture. Mrs. Utt said she is fortunate indeed to have a husband who is so interested in her work.



THE ELEGANCE OF A SYMMETRICAL DESIGN is attained with a generous bouquet of bright pink chrysanthemums, roses, gladioli, carnations and champagne narcissus to pick up the color of the alabaster urn. Mrs. Utt used Podium and Lenten Lilies for the greenery. "The Olive Picker" (left) holds new growth of Eleagnus, an artichoke and bananas.

—NEWS Photos



ESSENCE OF SPRINGTIME—Mrs. Utt named this arrangement, "Narcissi". The figurine is used as a dominant feature on a green slab rock with white narcissus appearing beneath a tree of Andromeda foliage. The unique container for the Fuji mums and aspidistra (right) is a curved glass from an old picture frame.



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INDONESIA - Garden Clubs helped the people of Gunung Pitjun build irrigation culverts to protect their rice crops from heavy rains which formerly washed out the seedlings.

GUATEMALA - rural teachers attending a special course in Barcena used garden tools, the gifts of Garden Clubs, during instruction on agricultural production techniques which they will demonstrate in their respective villages. When the course is concluded, the tools will be re-programmed for use in selected Indian villages.

Garden Clubs also helped Quiche Indians construct a water supply for their village in the uplands of Central Guatemala. This gives them water for domestic use and for irrigating their crops.

COSTA RICA - a progress report from CARE Costa Rica indicates that the soybean project sponsored by Garden Clubs continues to be successful. School children work hard cultivating and harvesting the beans and do not mind constant weeding. A third crop was planted recently, another is scheduled for May. Further experimental work is being done with twenty-seven varieties which were planted a few weeks ago. In this way, the work of the "World Gardening" program continues.

CARE is deeply grateful to the National Council of State Garden Clubs for assistance provided through the "World Gardening" Programs with CARE. This report is a brief description of the important work Garden Clubs are doing in developing regions of the world. In addition, garden tools and seeds have been sent to many countries, giving hungry people - young and old - the means to learn how to grow their own food. Your generous response and sympathetic understanding of CARE's objectives is sincerely appreciated. Thank you again.

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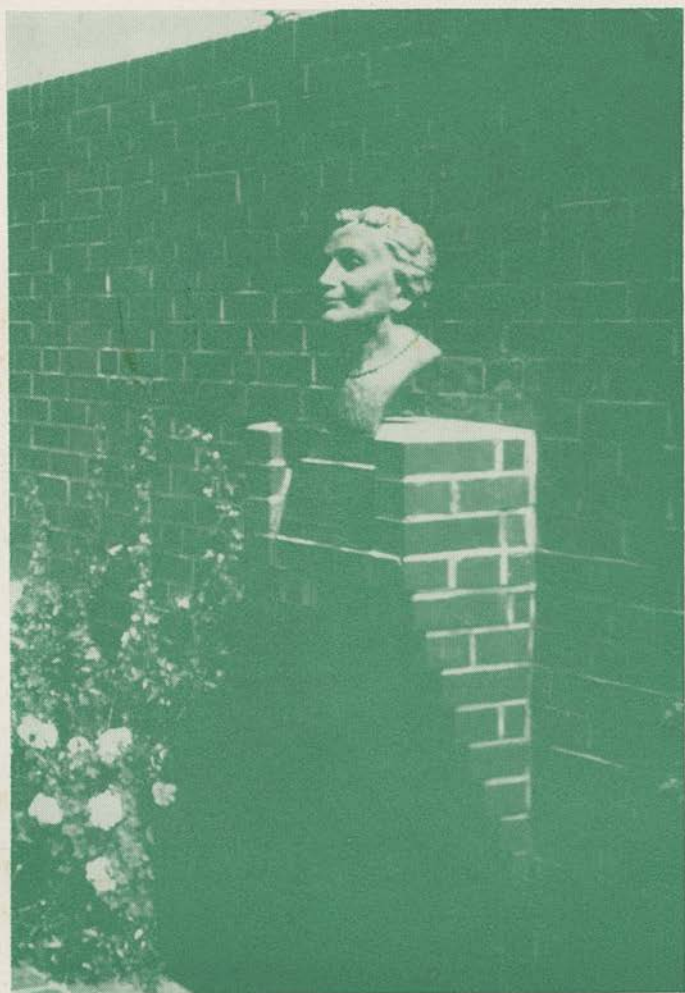
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