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NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your president was not here at the time of the spring meeting in Tryon, but upon returning to the state he was pleased to learn that he is not indispensable to the society. Your officers and members have carried on the work of the organization very well without him. When a group of people, even though small in number, are dedicated to a purpose and have banded together as have we, furtherance of that purpose shall be attained whether or not the appointed leader is present.

Our growth as an organization is slow but sure, and the fact that there is so great a need for it leaves us with the assurance that we shall continue to grow.

I should be most pleased to see all of you at our fall meeting.

Lionel Melvin

FALL MEETING

Our procedure this fall will be to meet in Chapel Hill at the H. R. Tottens on Laurel Hill Rd. on Sunday, October 27. The business meeting will take place at 10:30 A.M.; lunch will be a picnic as usual and will begin promptly at twelve o'clock.

From the Tottens we will go to Davie Hall (the botany building on Cameron Av.) on the campus of the University of North Carolina where we will hear Dr. Albert E. Radford. He has graciously consented to tell us about "The Flora of the Carolinas", a book to be published sometime in 1960. He will give us a general survey of the whole program, the objectives of the book, and the accomplishments to date. The work has been in progress for two years and by the twentieth of October eighty per cent of the field work will have been completed. Then will begin the task of compiling the data and writing up the material; this part is expected to be completed in three years. Dr. Radford will also take us on a tour of the Herbarium and workroom so that we can see how the work is being done. It is indeed a privilege for us to have a view of this momentous work in its early stages. Since "The Flora of the Carolinas" has been mentioned at our meetings for the past few years, and since many members continue to ask questions about it, I think that this program will be especially timely this fall.

Eleanor Pegg
1st Vice-Pres. and
Program Chairman

NOTES ON THE SPRING MEETING AT TRYON, N. C.

The spring meeting at Tryon on May 18 and 19, 1957 was most successful despite a Sunday spent in dodging showers of rain. Oak Hall Hotel was the headquarters, and after a delicious supper on Saturday evening, the group gathered in the Assembly Room for its business meeting, with Mrs. Carl Pegg presiding.

Dr. Totten reported for the Committee on Conservation and called attention to the list of plants published in Life Magazine which could be safely collected for wildflower gardens. He also commented on the controlled harvesting of dogwood trees.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jackson of Asheboro reported the following wild flowers in bloom at their home: evening primrose, trillium, meadow fleabane, golden star (Chrysogonum), trumpet honeysuckle, paint brush, pentstemon, Phlox amoena, deerberry, mountain laurel, flame azalea, purple rhododendron, wild geranium, wild rose, fire pink, red pitcher plant, columbine, yellow lady slipper,

Atamasco lily, spiderwort, and Jack-in-the-pulpit. The Tottens and Miss Pritchard had these additions which were seen on the drive to Tryon: blackberry, chicory, flea-bane daisy, galax, golden rag-wort, hoary pea, honeysuckle, ox-eye daisy, Queen Anne's lace, rose acacia, blue vetch, wild coreopsis, white yarrow, woodbine, and tulip poplar.

Dr. Totten suggested that the Society see about filing the pixie plant property with the State Income Tax Department in order that tax on it will always be cleared. This was authorized to be done by the proper person.

Miss Josephine Pritchard was elected Recording Secretary and Mrs. Ray Nance was asked to continue as treasurer.

As mentioned before, the activites on Sunday were interspersed with showers of rain. Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Freeman met us at the Herbarium from which we proceeded on a slow walk up to Pearson's Falls stopping every few feet or so to have another flower or plant identified. Among the many plants seen were the following: spicewood (which has been used for making tea); fairy-wand or devil's bit (both male and female); Polygala polygama (which has cleistogamous flowers); Adam and Eve; Viola hastata (yellow); hydrangea; sweet cicely; hog peanut; halesia; green violet (whose cleistogamous flowers occur at the top of the plant); showy orchid; Canada ginger; and many others. Ferns seen included: silver spleenwort, marginal shield fern, brittle fern, Christmas fern, broad beechfern, and the walking fern.

In the herbarium Dr. Freeman had fresh as well as mounted specimens of plants of the region. He prefaced his interesting and informative talk on the plants of the Tryon area by giving a brief explanation of the Thermal Belt. He commented that it is not unusual for fruit to be frozen at the top of a tree, while that on the bottom will escape injury due to the peculiar weather conditions. Or the situation may be reversed.

He discussed eight species of Rhododendron found in the region and commented that these plants require conditions which are extremely hard to meet in the garden. They require a very acid soil. Sawdust which is four or five years old is good to provide these conditions, but sawdust which is thoroughly black has lost its acidity.

Dr. Freeman described a trip to a Shortia area in South Carolina; every ravine there had big colonies and it was very abundant. At the present time this area is not being denuded, for the plant blooms early before the coming of the summer visitors who do not realize that is different from other plants. Other areas are however being denuded by nurseries. Shortia will not live under artificial conditions; it needs a cold ravine with springs and only little light. It is best not to try to plant it.

Some interesting problems in plant distribution occur in the area. Stinging nettle is abundant in Polk County. Since it grows naturally in the coastal plains and the sandhill country, its movement up the river valleys presents a mystery. Another oddity is Veratrum woodii of which there is one colony in Polk County. Its home country is Missouri. How did it get to Polk County? It is not attractive enough to cultivate. Seeds of Dutchman's Pipe came down to the area in the flood of 1916 and it is now a well established plant. Tradescantia longipes is a short plant with delightfully fragrant flowers which seem to come right out of the ground. Why is it in Polk County when it should be only in Missouri?

The blue lupine of the sandhills can be transplanted with difficulty; it is necessary to get all of the roots even if these are as long as three feet. Seeds are the best answer for propagation but one must be there at exactly the right time for collection.

Other interesting plants of this region, too numerous to mention, were discussed by Dr. Freeman.

At noon the group moved to the picnic shelter where a delicious dinner was enjoyed. By this time our number had increased from eighteen of the night before to twenty-eight.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISION

Two slight changes in Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws will be considered at the fall meeting.

Article V at present reads as follows: The officers shall consist of president, vice president, second-vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. The president and ~~other~~ corresponding secretary shall be elected alternate years to the other. They shall be elected at the spring meeting and take office immediately. A member shall not hold office for more than two years.

The proposed changes would occur in the last two sentences of the article. These sentences would read as follows: They shall be elected at the spring meeting and take office at the close of said meeting. A member shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years with the exception of the treasurer.

SLIDE COLLECTION

On the field trip at Pearson's Falls several people suggested that a slide collection of wild flowers be started for the Society. If any member has slides which he would like to donate to this project,please bring them to the fall meeting or send them to our librarian.

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