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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this, the tenth year of our society, in a world where nation has risen up against nation and peoples of different races and color have taken up arms against one another, we find it fitting that in these troubled times that we take out a little time to learn about and admire the wonderful handiwork of nature. I feel fortunate in being one of your group, and to have the opportunity of learning more of the preservation and care of our natural plants and shrubs. So, with this thought in mind I look forward to seeing all of you on this special occasion.

Walter B. Braxton

FALL MEETING

Boone, N. C. has been chosen as the place for our fall meeting on Sunday, October 23 with headquarters at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Contrary to our usual custom we will not take a picnic lunch; instead there will be a Dutch luncheon in a section of the hotel dining room which will be set aside for our exclusive use. This should be a boon to the women who have to plan and transport hot food on what may be a cold day. The group will meet at the hotel at eleven o'clock. The purpose of our meeting at Boone is to inspect the site of the proposed Daniel Boone Botanical Garden, to review the plans, and to formulate ways in which our group can help in this worthwhile project.

Mrs. B. W. Stallings, chairman of the committee of the organization sponsoring the garden, has agreed to talk to us on the various phases mentioned above. For those who might like to plan a week-end in the mountains at the same time, plenty of hotel and motel space is available.

NOTES ON THE 1960 SPRING MEETING

Twenty-seven members attended the meeting of the Society on May 22 at Lake Waccamaw. The group voted that the Society pledge $100 to the Daniel Boone Garden project and it was further voted that each member be asked to contribute one dollar to take care of this pledge. Dr. O. M. Freeman reported that Mr. P. L. Ricker of the Wild Flower Magazine was very disturbed about the Venus'-fly-trap plant sales and a committee was appointed to investigate the situation. Dr. Freeman further reported that the fern exhibit at Washington, D. C. has many ferns from our state.

New members were elected to the Board of Trustees as follows: Mr. Walter B. Braxton, Mr. Lionel Melvin, Mrs. Carl Pegg, Mrs. J A. Warren, and Mrs. Paul R. Spencer.

The group retired to the Lodge to hear Dr. Francis Harper speak on the life of William Bartram and his contributions to botany. It can truly be said that Dr. Harper made Bartram live again. We

Tryon Garden Club served us a delicious picnic lunch and we adjourned from there after I had turned the gavel over to Ben Warren who had been elected to succeed me at the night session.

There's more but space will not permit-------

Conner Smith

1952--'53 and 1953--'54 Mr. J. A. Warren, President

Mr. J. A. Warren was elected president of the NCWFS at the spring meeting in 1952 and held his first at his home, "Windy Hill", in Chapel Hill on October 5, 1952. The Society voted to publish and mail to each member a newsletter to be edited by the recording secretary. It was also voted to pay $5.00 for the expenses of the Garden Center.

Dr. E. T. Browne of Chapel Hill spoke to the Society on Lilies of North Carolina and used slides to illustrate his talk.

The 1952 spring meeting was held on May 16 and 17 at Wrightsville Beach. Headquarters were established at the Surf Inn and a Dutch supper was enjoyed at the Neptune Restaurant. Mr. Thomas W. Morse, of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, talked to the Society about the wild flowers in the state parks and in the eastern section. Several field trips were also enjoyed.

The sixth meeting was held at Morrow Mountain State Park on October 11, 1953. It was voted to pay dues to the National organization again and to pay ten dollars to the Elizabethan Garden. Mr. W. B. Carroll of Siler City spoke to the group about the wild flowers in his garden and showed some very interesting slides. A field trip along the paths in the park was led by one of the guides.

The spring meeting on May 16, 1954 was held in Hanging Rock State Park. At this meeting some changes were made in the by-laws and it was voted to send a donation of ten dollars to the National Wild Flower Preservation Society. A guided tour over paths in the park was enjoyed. Since this was Mr. Warren's last meeting as president of the society he was honored with a check and expressions of appreciation for his faithful service.

Josephine Pritchard

1954--'55 and 1955--'56 Mrs. Paul R. Spencer, president

The 1954 fall meeting was held on October 17 at Cumberland Knob Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mr. Herbert Smith showed plants of trailing arbutus which he had raised from seed. Dr. Oliver Freeman reported that he had collected 4,000 specimens of Tryon flora; several hundred of these he had mounted. Dr. H. R. Totten lead a discussion on the subject "Trees of North Carolina", and he and Mr. Wm. Lord, Parkway Naturalist, served as guides on an interesting field trip.

The annual spring meeting in 1955 was held in Chapel Hill on April 17. Preceding the picnic lunch at the J. A. Warrens, the eighty members toured the gardens of the H. R. Tottens, Miss Josie Pritchard, the C. C. Lindleys and the J. A. Warrens. At the business meeting it was voted that our N. C. unit join the national unit annually without the formality of voting. Mr. Frank H. Brant, landscape engineer and member of the N. C. Highway Dept. spoke on "Roadside Developments" and discussed erosion control and the preservation of existing plant growth. Mrs. Herbert Smith closed the program with a showing of slides of wild flowers grown in gardens near Liberty.

On October 23, 1955 the NCWFPS met at Umstead Park about twelve miles west of Raleigh. The group voted to sponsor a wild flower planting in the Elizabethan Garden as soon as the garden plan was ready. It was moved and carried to have a $100.00 Life Membership in the NCWFPS. Dr. B. W. Wells, ecologist and retired head of the Botany Department of N. C. State, spoke on "The Distribution of Wild Flowers in Relation to Plant Succession". He especially stressed the necessity for educating the public to appreciate Nature, saying that there is very little need for preserving plant life if there is no one to appreciate it. Mr. John Kibler, landscape architect director of the park, led the group on a nature tour in which he was assisted by Dr. H. R. Totten and Mr. Lionel Melvin.

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