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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I CANNOT START THESE PARAGRAPHS WITHOUT SAYING TO YOU, THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, THAT I APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME FOR YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM. I HOPE THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO MERIT THAT CONFIDENCE.

JUST RECENTLY I HAVE HAD CORRESPONDENCE WITH TWO MEMBERS TELLING ABOUT CERTAIN RARE WILDFLOWER AREAS THAT OUGHT TO BE PRESERVED, I HOPE SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THESE AREAS.

SINCE THIS IS YOUR SOCIETY AND IT IS THE DUTY AND PRIVILEGE OF EACH MEMBER, TO SWAP, SUGGEST OR CONTRIBUTE IN WRITING, SOME OF THOSE VALUABLE BITS OF KNOWLEDGE BORN OUT OF EXPERIENCE OVER THE YEARS. WRITE A LITTLE PIECE. MAKE A LITTLE SPEECH AT THE MEETING. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS FOR A BETTER AND HAPPIER LIFE.

W. GORDON BUTLER

### FALL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1964 AT THE METHODIST COLLEGE FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. WE WILL GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE AT THE COLLEGE FOR OUR MEAL; $1.50 PER PERSON. BE SURE TO SEND RESERVATIONS TO OUR PRESIDENT, MR. W. GORDON BUTLER BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 1964.

IN GETTING TO THE BUILDING USE THE SOUTH ENTRANCE AND GO DOWN THROUGH THE PARKING AREA PAST THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ALSO ON THE LEFT. THE CAFETERIA WHERE WE WILL MEET IS JUST BELOW THE NEW LIERARY. PARKING CAN BE ALONG THE STREET AFTER GOING DOWN HILL TO THE LAST STREET ENTERING TO THE SOUTH END OF THE BUILDING.

### PAST PRESIDENTS OF N.C.W.F.P.S.

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| 1951 - 1952 | MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH |
| 1952 - 1954 | MR. J.A. WARREN |
| 1954 - 1956 | MRS. PAUL SPENCER |
| 1956 - 1958 | MR. LIONEL MELVIN |
| 1958 - 1960 | MRS. CARL PEGG |
| 1960 - 1962 | MR. WALTER BRAXTON |
| 1962 - 1964 | MR. W. GORDON BUTLER |

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AS YOU KNOW, DR. WELLS SPENT SIX WEEKS IN EUROPE THIS SUMMER AND IS NOW BACK AND, AS USUAL, IS FULL OF ENERGY. HE HAS CONSENTED TO TALK TO US AT THE FALL MEETING OF THE WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY ON "THE FUTURE OF WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION". DR. WELL'S TALKS ALWAYS DRAW GOOD CROWDS TO OUR MEETINGS. THOUGH HIS TALKS ARE QUITE SCIENTIFIC, HE ALWAYS GIVES THEM IN TERMS THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND, AND IN SUCH A MANNER THAT HIS ENTHUSIASM IS CONTAGEOUS. I THINK THAT WE CAN GREET HIM WITH A GOOD CROWD.

LAST SPRING YOU INCLUDED A LETTER FROM DR. A.E. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE N.C. ACADEMY COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, ON NATURAL AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA. DR. ARTHUR W. COOPER, DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT RALEIGH, IS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. IF YOU HAVE SPACE, I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH WORTH WHILE TO GET A LETTER FROM DR. COOPER, AND TO RUN THE EVALUATION SHEET AGAIN.

RADFORD, AHLES AND BELL'S GUIDE TO THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE CAROLINAS IS DUE ON SEPTEMBER 15. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 400 PAGES IN THE BOOK OF KEYS, HABITAT DATA, BLOOMING AND FRUITING DATES, AND SYNONYMS. COPIES CAN BE SECURED FROM"THE BOOK EXCHANGE " UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL. THE BOOK WITH HEAVY PLASTIC COVERS WILL COST $3.95. CLOTH-BACKED BOOK WILL COST APPROXIMATELY $6.50. THEY DO NOT YET HAVE ALL THE COST DATA IN AS TO THE CLOTH BACKS, AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE SLIGHTLY UNDER THE $6.50. THIS BOOK WILL BE A BIG AID FOR ALL INTERESTED IN OUR NATIVE PLANTS.

MR. BUTLER HAS GIVEN YOU THE DATA AS TO THE MEETING PLACE, ROOMS AND LUNCHEON DATA. IT WILL BE A BIG HELP, IF THE MEMBERS WILL SEND HIM A CARD TELLING HIM HOW MANY THEY ARE BRINGING; BUT EVEN IF WE RUN OVER 75 PERSONS, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN STILL HANDLE THEM. SO URGE THE MEMBERS TO COME AND TO BRING NEW MEMBERS EVEN IF THEY HAVE FAILED TO NOTIFY.

SCHEDULE

10:30 GATHERING, MEETING OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.

11:00 TALK BY DR. B.W. WELLS - "THE FUTURE OF WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION"/

SHORT BUSINESS SESSION

CAFETERIA LUNCH - GO THROUGH LINE - $1.50

1:30 FIELD TRIP, LET BY PRESIDENT BUTLER.

ROLAND TOTTEN

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## THE CLOAK OF FRIENDSHIP

I TOOK THE CLOAK OF FRIENDSHIP;
I FOUND IT GROWING THIN,
I SAID, "OH, WHAT A PITY
IT REALLY WAS A SIN,
IF THIS WARM AND LOVELY GARMENT
SHOULD LET THE CHILL AIR IN

I PATCHED THE CLOAK OF FRIENDSHIP
WITH GOOD THREADS FROM THE PAST
AND WHERE THE SEAMS HAD GIVEN OUT
WITH LOVE I STITCHED THEM FAST.
FOR FRIENDSHIP, LIKE THE CLOTHES WE WEAR
ARE OFT IN NEED OF SOME REPAIR.

HOW LITTLE IT COSTS,
IF WE GIVE IT A THOUGHT
TO MAKE HAPPY SOME HEART EACH DAY!
JUST ONE KIND WORD, OR A TENDER SMILE,
AS WE GO ON OUR DAILY WAY.

- ANON.

# MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC., MET AT THE HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL LAKE MAY 17TH 1964. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT MR. GORDON BUTLER. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE READ AND CORREDTED AS TO THE NAME AND PLACE OF DR. WELL'S FARM.

THE TREASURER REPORTED A BALANCE OF CASH ON HAND OF $128.84 AFTER ALL EXPENSES WERE PAID. THERE WERE SOME MEMBERS STILL NOT GETTING THEIR NEWS LETTER AND THERE SEEMED TO BE NO WAY OF CORRECTING THIS MATTER FROM THE MAILING LIST WITHOUT A REVISION OF THE MEMBERS ADDRESSES.

MRS. IVEY SUGGESTED A VOTE OF THANKS TO VIOLA BRAXTON FOR HER EFFORT ON THE NEWSLETTER.

SEVEN NEW MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AND TWO OTHERS COULD NOT BE PRESENT.

THE IDEA OF HAVING TWO OR MORE CHAPTERS FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO GET MORE PEOPLE TO ATTEMD OUR MEETINGS AND TO CREATE MORE INTEREST IN OUR SOCIETY WAS DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH. MRS. CASON SUGGESTED THAT THE LOCAL CLUBS CARRY ON THAT PART OF OUR PROGRAM, IN THAT WAY MORE PEOPLE COULD BE REACHED STATEWIDE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PRESERVATION. MRS. J.A. WARREN ASKED THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAP AREAS OF SUCH PLANS. IT WAS ALSO SUGGEST THAT MRS. ORMAND TALK TO US ON THIS MATTER OF CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION AT SOME FUTURE TIME. DR. TOTTEN HAD A LETTER FROM DR. RADFORD, CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, ON THE EVALUATION PLACES WORTHY OF CONSERVATION.

GREETINGS WERE SUGGESTED TO BE SENT TO DR. AND MRS. WELLS FROM OUR GROUP.

A JUNIOR ORGANIZATION WAS DISCUSSED FOR OUR CLUB.

CHARLES LAMB TALKED OF WHAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE WERE TRYING TO DO IN ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM FOR THE PERMANENT GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE. IT IS KNOWN AS THE S 4 WILDERNESS BILL. MR. LAMB WAS ASKED TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THEM FAVORING THIS BILL TO MR. COOLEY AND MR. KORNEGAY.

DR. HARPER HAD A PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN LYON'S GRAVE.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED THE NAME OF MR. GORDON BUTLER FOR OUR PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER TERM, AND DR. ROLAND TOTTEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN. HELP WAS ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE FROM THE FLOOR FOR SELECTING A CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. MISS LUCILLE ELLIOTT'S NAME WAS PROPOSED FOR THIS AND SHE WAS APPROVED.

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS PROPOSED FOR MISS POPE WHO HAS DONE A WONDERFUL SERVICE FOR OUR CLUB FOR SO LONG A TIME. DR. TOTTEN THANKED THE HIGH POINT PEOPLE FOR LETTING US COME TO THIS NICE PLACE AND FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE TO MAKE OUR DAY ONE OF PLEASURE. LOUISE HUNTER PRONOUNCED THE INVOCATION BEFORE ONE OF THE BEST LUNCHES WE EVER ENJOYED. AFTER LUNCH WE ALL WENT FOR A FIELD TRIP ON THE TRAIL WITH MR. MELVIN, DR. TOTTEN, DR. HARPER AND OUR PRESIDENT AS GUIDES AND CONSULTANTS. ON THE TRAIL WERE FOUND MANY PLANTS.

AFTER THE TRAIL TRIP WE WERE ALL INVITED OVER TO THE RAY NANCE'S FOR A TOUR THROUGH THEIR WILD FLOWER GARDEN AFTER WHICH MRS. NANCE SERVED THE CROWD SOME VERY WELCOME ICE WATER. IT WAS FELT THAT EVERYONE HAD A VERY PROFITABLE AND ENJOYABLE DAY.

MR. GORDON BUTLER, PRESIDENT

MR. WALTER B. BRAXTON,
ACTING SECRETARY

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE WILDERNESS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE IN 1964.

MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC.

THE MEMBERS MET AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. GORDON BUTLER AT FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. AUGUST 16, 1964 FOR A SHORT SESSION. MR. BUTLER READ A LETTER FROM MR. WENDELL P. SMITH, 911 E.E. ST. NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C., SAYING THAT HE HAD FOUND SOME "SHORTIA" NEAR CASHIERS, N.C. AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLANT BEING POTTED AND SOLD TO THE PUBLIC BY CHURCH FAIRS AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT IT MIGHT BECOME EXTINCT. HE WAS INTERESTED IN PRESERVING IT. MR. MELVIN SUGGESTED THAT OWNERS OF THE PLACES WHERE IT GROWS BE CONTACTED AND ASK IF THEY WOULD SET ASIDE A SPOT. PRESIDENT BUTLER ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM MRS. MONIMIA MC CRAY OF ASHEVILLE, WISHING THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE TO PRESERVE THE MAIDEN HAIR FERN AND SHOWY ORCHIDS. ONE PLACE IS AT GREEN & TAYLOR NURSERIES AT NEWLAND, N.C. THE OTHER SPOT IS AT ELK PARK NORTH CAROLINA ON THE PROPERTY OF RODIE JONES.

DR. TOTTEN SUGGESTED THAT WE GET DR. A.E. RADFORD AND ARTHUR W. COOPER TO COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND TELL US ABOUT THIS. MR. MELVIN SUGGESTED A NOTE TO DR. & MRS. ROGERS THAT WE WERE WISHING THEM WELL. WE ARE TO CHANGE THE PLAQUE FOR MRS. SMITH. MISS ELLIOTT WILL BE NOTIFIED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THE BOARD MEETINGS FROM NOW ON. A NOTE WAS READ FROM MISS POPE EXPRESSING HER REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO COME TO THE MEETING. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE OUR FALL MEETINGS IN THE EAST AND OUR SPRING MEETINS IN THE WEST. MR. BUTLER WAS TO CHECK ON MEETING AT THE METHODIST COLLEGE AT FAYETTEVILLE, OCTOBER 11 AS THAT DATE WAS SELECTED FOR OUR FALL MEETING. DR. TOTTEN WOULD BE CHECKING ON HAVING DR. RADFORD AND MR. COOPER TALK TO US.

MRS. BUTLER SERVED US HER WONDERFUL PUNCH, CAKE AND NUTS.

GORDON BUTLER, PRESIDENT

WALTER B. BRAXTON,
ACTING SECRETARY

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## BRIEF HISTORY - N.C.W.F.P.S., INC.

IN THE SPRING OF 1951 THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY CAME INTO BEING.

MRS. C.A. GRAHAM, SR. OF RAMSEUR WAS DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT VI OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA. AS DIRECTOR, NATURALLY IT WAS HER DESIRE TO SEE THEIR DISTRICT WIN A STATE AWARD. BY WORD OF MOUTH, NEWS WENT ROUND THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATIVE FLORA OF NORTH CAROLINA MEET AT "SMITHWIN FARM" ON SUNDAY APRIL 29, 1951., THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH.

MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH WAS MADE THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND SERVED 1951 - 1952. THE FALL MEETING WAS SEPTEMBER 30, 1951 AT "HOBBY ACRES", WILD FLOWER PRESERVE" OF THE W.B. CARROLL'S OF SILER CITY, N.C. THE ORGANIZATION HAD 63 CHARTER MEMBERS.

THE BOARD MEETING OF THE N.C.W.P.S. WAS IN GREENSBORO, MARCH 4, 1952 WITH THE REGULAR MEETING BEING HELD IN TRYON, N.C. AT THE OAK HALL HOTEL MAY 3 - 4, 1952.

"WINDY HILL", HOME OF THE J.A. WARRENS WAS THE SCENE OF THE FALL MEETING OF THE N.C.W.F.P.S. IT WAS AT THIS MEETING THAT THE CLUB VOTED TO HAVE THE RECORDING SECRETARY PREPARE A NEWSLETTER TO KEEP ONE IN TOUCH WITH THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY. MEMBERSHIP HAD GROWN TO 110.

THE SPRING MEETING OF 1953 WAS IN WILMINGTON, N.C. ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF MAY. MR. J. A. WARREN WAS MADE PRESIDENT FOR 1952 - 54.

THE FALL MEETING WAS HELD OCTOBER 11, 1953 AT MORROW MOUNTAIN PARK - NEAR ALBEMARLE.

THE SPRING MEETING OF 1954 WAS HELD AT HANGING ROCK PARK. MRS. PAUL SPENCER WAS PRESIDENT 1954-56.

HISTORY (CONTINUED)

MRS. SPENCER MADE MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH AND MISS REBECCA CAUSEY EDITORS OF THE NEWSLETTER.

THE FALL MEETING OF THE N.C.W.F.P.S. WAS HELD OCTOBER 17, 1954 AT CUMBERLAND KNOB PARK, TWENTY ONE MILES WEST OF MT. AIRY.

THE SPRING MEETING, APRIL 17, 1955, WAS AT CHAPEL HILL. GARDENS TOURED WERE: MR. & MRS. J.A. WARREN, 301 HILLSBORO STREET: DR. AND MRS. H.R. TOTTEN, LAUREL HILL ROAD; MISS JOSEPHINE PRITCHARD, 400 RANSOM STREET; AND THE CHARLES C. LINDLEY GARDEN.

THE FALL MEETING WAS AT UMSTEAD PARK BETWEEN DURHAM AND RALEIGH. DR. B.W. WELLS WAS SPEAKER.

THE 1956 SPRING MEETING WAS AT GUILFORD WILDLIFE CLUB IM GREENSBORO. GARDENS TOURED WERE; THE ANNIVERSARY GARDEN; MR. & MRS. G.M. DANIELS, 2411 LAUREL DRIVE; MR. & MRS. PHIL WICKER, ROUTE #1, JAMESTOWN: DR. & MRS. CHARLES E. PRALL, 1404 GARLAND DRIVE AND MR. & MRS WALTER B. BRAXTON WHERE REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED.

MR. LIONEL MELVIN, PRESIDENT 1956-58. "HOBBY ACRES" WAS AGAIN THE SCENE OF THE OCTOBER 7, 1956 MEETING. DR. H.L. BLOMQUIST OF DUKE UNIVERSITY LECTURED ON FERNS. MR. LIONEL MELVIN REPORTED N.C.W.P.S. HAD BEEN IN-CORPORATED. MRS. GEORGE DOAK WAS MADE EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER.

THE SPRING MEETING AT TRYON, N.C. MAY 18, AND 19, 1957 WAS AGAIN HELD AT OAK HALL HOTEL.

THE 1957 FALL MEETING WAS AT CHAPEL HILL AT THE H.R. TOTTENS ON OCTOBER 27. IN THE AFTERNOON WE ALL WENT TO DAVIE HALL TO HEAR DR. ALBERT E. RADFORD TALK ON "THE FLORA OF THE CAROLINAS".

THE CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE IN WAYNE COUNTY WAS THE SCENE OF THE MAY 18, 1958 MEETING.

1958 - 1960 ,MRS. CARL PEGG, PRESIDENT. THE FALL MEETING WAS OCTOBER 5, 1958 AT TANGLEWOOD PARK NEAR WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. DR. C. RITCHIE BELL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BOTANY AT U.N.C. TALKED ON "PITCHER PLANTS".

SPRING 1959 OUR MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17, AT "THE GARDENS OF THE BLUE RIDGE". LOCATED IN MACON COUNTY, NEAR LINVILLE.

FALL 1959, ON OCTOBER 18 THE N.C.W.F.P.S. MET WITH DR. & MRS. CARL PEGG ON LAUREL HILL ROAD. AT DAVIE HALL IN THE AFTERNOON, MRS. H.R. TOTTEN TOLD OF HER TRIP TO EUROPE AND SHOWED SLIDES OF THE PLACES SHE VISITED.

THE MAY 22, 1960 MEETING WAS AT LAKE WACCAMAW, N.C. DR. FRANCIS HARPER TALKED ON "WILLIAM BARTRAM'S LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FLORA OF THE STATE."

WALTER B. BRAXTON, PRESIDENT 1960 -62. THE DANIEL BOONE HOTEL WAS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE OCTOBER 23, 1960 MEETING. AT THIS MEETING THE N.C.W.P.S. GAVE MRS. B.W. STALLINGS A $100.00 CHECK AS A DONATION TO THE DANIEL BOONE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

MAY 7, 1961, HANGING ROCK STATE PARK NEAR DANBURY, N.C. WAS THE SITE FOR THE MEETING. MRS. WARREN G. FERGUSON FROM CAMERON, N.C. GAVE A PROGRAM WHICH SHE ILLUSTRATED WITH PRESSED SPECIMENS. AT THIS MEETING MRS. GEORGE DOAK RESIGNED AS EDITOR OF N.C.W.P.S.,INC. NEWSLETTER. MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON WAS DRAFTED AS EDITOR.

OCTOBER 15, 1961 AT "LAKEWOOD" SEVEN MILES WEST OF FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. IN THE "LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE" WAS THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING OF THE N.C.W.F.P.S., INC.

MAY 20, 1962 AT MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK THE N.C.W.F.P.S.,INC MET FOR THEIR REGULAR SPRING SESSION. THERE WAS BUSINESS, A DELIGHTFUL PIC-NIC LUNCH AND A FIELD TRIP.

MR. W. GORDON BUTLER, PRESIDENT 1962-64. THE STATE WILDLIFE LODGE AT SINGLETARY LAKE WAS THE SCENE OF THE OCTOBER 1962 NCWFPS, INC.

HISTORY ( CONTINUED)

SPRING 1963 ON MAY 19, DR. & MRS. B.W. WELLS WERE KIND ENOUGH, AND MOST GENEROUS, IN ALLOWING US TO HOLD OUR MEETING AT THEIR HOME NEAR WAKE FOREST, N.C. DR. WELLS WAS BUBBLING WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANTS ON THEIR 150 ACRES. THE TRAILS WERE FASCINATING AND REWARDING AS WE SKIMMED ALONG, STOPPING FOR A BRIEF RUN-DOWN OF THE MOST RARE PLANTS. IT WAS A REWARDING DAY FOR EACH AND EVERY PERSON PRESENT.

BUTLER NURSERIES NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. WAS THE MEETING PLACE FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 1963 MEETING. THE USE OF POISONOUS CHEMICALS WAS DISCUSSED.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1964 AT HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL PARK THE HIGH POINT WILD FLOWER GARDEN CLUB RESERVED SHELTERHOUSE NUMBER 3 & 4 FOR THE NCWFPS,INC. MEETING.

MR. W. GORDON BUTLER WAS RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT FOR 1964-66. DR. H.R. TOTTEN WAS RE-ELECTED AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

THIS BRIEF RESUME' CAME ABOUT BECAUSE MRS. SUSAN ZARR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY, CHAPEL HILL, N.C. WROTE TO ME ASKING THAT THE UNIVERSITY BE PUT ON OUR PERMANENT MAILING LIST FOR THE NCWFPS.,INC. NEWSLETTER , AND LISTING THE ISSUES IN THE LIBRARY AND ASKING IF THE SOCIETY COULD SUPPLY THE MISSING ISSUES. I HAVE KEPT MY NEWSLETTERS, AND AM DONATING THE MISSING ISSUES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY.

SINCE THE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE ON PERMANENT RECORD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY, I AM HOPING THIS FACT WILL BE AN INCENTIVE TO MANY OF YOU TO GET BUSY AND GET THAT ARTICLE ON PAPER, MAIL IT TO ME FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND POSTERITY.

MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON, EDITOR
JULY 7, 1964

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## VIOLETS

BY

MRS. R.N. MUSGRAVE

VIOLETS ARE AMONG OUR MOST POPULAR WILDFLOWERS. THEY ARE AMONG THE MOST WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PLANTS IN THE WORLD. IN NORTH AMERICA THEY APPEAR FROM THE ARCTIC TO MEXICO, AND THERE IS NOT ONE STATE IN THE UNION IN WHICH VIOLETS REFUSE TO GROW IN THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN.

IN THE UNITED STATES THERE ARE ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE SPECIES OF WILD VIOLETS, FIFTY-FIVE OF THEM EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND TWENTY-FIVE IN CALIFORNIA ALONE. STRANGELY ENOUGH, THERE ARE MORE YELLOW VIOLETS IN THE WEST THAN "VIOLET VIOLETS". THERE ARE FIFTEEN WHITE SPECIES, SEVERAL BICOLORS WITH UPPER PETALS PURPLE AND LOWER ONES LILAC OR YELLOW, AND VARIATIONS OF ALL TINTS AND SHADES FROM RED-PURPLE TO BLUE-PURPLE.

REGARDLESS OF COLOR, VIOLETS HAVE AN UNMISTAKABLE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE. THEIR "FACES" ALL HAVE THE SAME PERSONAL APPEAL. THE FLOWER CONSISTS OF FIVE PETALS AND FIVE SEPALS. THE TWO UPPER PETALS OFTEN CURVE BACKWARD, THE TWO SIDE PETALS OUTWARD , THE LOWEST PETAL EXTENDS FORWARD TO MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE LANDING PLATFORM FOR THE "BEE" OR OTHER INSECTS, WHICH BRINGS ABOUT FERTILIZATION. THE PRUPLE LINES ON THE LOWER PETALS ARE NECTAR GUIDES, WHICH LEAD INSECTS TO THE NECTAR BURIED DEEP IN THE SPUR AT THE BASE OF EACH PETAL.

LEAVES OF VIOLETS VARY MORE THAN MOST PLANTS AND ARE OFTEN THE CLUE TO IDENTIFICATION.

THE FAMILIAR HEART-SHAPED TYPE IS BUT ONE OF A DOZEN SHAPES. OUR BEAUTIFUL BIRDS-FOOT AND HALLS VIOLET OF THE WEST HAVE FINE FERN LIKE FOLIAGE. SUCH NAMES AS LANCE-LEAVED AND ARROW-LEAVED VIOLETS INDICATE FOLIAGE VARIATIONS.

VIOLETS (CONTINUED)

IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT THE VIOLETS WITH THE LONGEST STEMS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE WILD-FLOWER GUIDES AS "STEMLESS". THE TERM "STEMMED" INDICATES THAT FLOWERS AND LEAVES BOTH GROW ON A STALK OR STEM ARISING FROM THE GROUND. THE "STEMLESS" VIOLETS PRODUCE THEIR FLOWERS AND LEAVES IN A ROSETTE ARISING FROM THE ROOTS.

WHEN DAYS ARE SHORT IN SPRING AND FALL, LEAVES OF VIOLETS ARE SMALL AND NO SEEDS ARE FORMING, WE GET LARGE SHOWY FLOWERS. AS THE SHOWY FLOWERS ARE ON THE WANE, THE INCONSPICUOUS TINY BUDS APPEAR NEAR THE ROOTSTOCK, AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OVER A LONG PERIOD DURING THE SUMMER. THESE BUDS NEVER OPEN AND ARE SELF FERTILIZED WITHIN THE CLOSED FLOWER AND ONLY AT THE TIME OF SEED DISPERSAL DOES THE PLANT LIFT THEM ABOVE GROUND. WHEN THE SEED IS RIPE, THE CAPSULE SPLITS IN THREE HORIZONTAL BOAT-SHAPED SECTIONS, EACH BEARING SEED ON THE UPPER SURFACE; AS THE SECTIONS DRY, JUST ENOUGH TENSION IS CREATED TO PROPEL SEEDS AWAY FROM THE PARENT - SOMETIMES AS FAR AS NINE FEET. IN THIS WAY THERE IS NEW GROUND FOR THE OFF-SPRINGS WHICH KEEPS THE FAMILY FROM BEING CROWDED OUT.

BESIDE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ROOT DIVISION AND SEEDING-SEVERAL SPECIES SEND OUT LONG, LEAFY RUNNERS WHICH DEVELOP ROOTS AT THE NODES, THESE CAN BE SEPARATED TO MAKE NEW PLANTS.

TO MENTION A FEW OF THE MANY SPECIES, OUR NATIVE BIRD-FOOT VIOLET IS THE LARGEST OF ALL, BUT NOT EASY TO GROW AS IT DEMANDS FULL SUN IN ACID SAND ENRICHED WITH LEAF MOLD. OFTEN FOUND IN DEEP DRY SAND IN LARGE QUANTITIES ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS, ALSO ON THE EDGES OF PINE WOODS.

THE LONG SPUR VIOLET SEEMS TO LIKE THE WOODS, RESEEDS AND BLOOMS WELL.

A VIOLET CALLED "ARTIST DELIGHT" CAME TO ME FROM A CALIFORNIA GROWER. DESCRIBED AS VERY STRIKING A BLEND OF BLUE AND SILVER ON WHITE WHICH VARIED WITH CERTAIN SOILS. WHEN IT BLOOMED, IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR DEAR OLD CONFEDERATE FRIEND. I HAD A YARD FULL, YET HAD PAID GOOD MONEY FOR ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

A VERY PRETTY LITTLE VIOLET FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WHICH IS PINK WITH LONG NARROW LEAVES IS MAKING ITSELF RIGHT AT HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SPREADS RAPIDLY, BLOOMS AGAIN IN THE FALL.

MOTHER NATURE DOES A BEAUTIFUL JOB OF THE VIOLETS. THEY ARE AT HOME AND HAPPY IN THE ROCK GARDEN AS WELL AS THE WILD GARDEN, THEY ARE USEFUL AS GROUND COVERS UNDER TALLER PLANTS. THEY CAN BE GROWN UNDER MAPLE TREES, WHOSE SHALLOW AND DEMANDING ROOT SYSTEMS MAKE IT HARD FOR MOST PLANTS TO SURVIVE. YOU CAN COLLECT PLANTS ON A WALK IN THE SPRING WOODS AND IF YOU ARE WATCHFUL, GET VARIATION OF COLOR AND FORM. IF YOU COVER THE WHOLE GARDEN WITH VIOLETS YOU WILL HAVE GREAT DELIGHT FROM THEIR WINSOME BEAUTY AND DELICATE FRAGRANCE.

(THE GREENSBORO WILD FLOWER CLUB

(THE GREENSBORO WILD FLOWER CLUB WAS DELIGHTED WITH MRS. MUSGRAVE'S PROGRAM ON VIOLETS IN APRIL, 1964. SHE KNOWS AND GROWS MANY INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL PLANTS. EDITOR.)

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VIOLETS

NOW IS THE TIME OF VIOLETS
AS THEY NOD AND PARADE
IN THEIR BONNETS SO GAY
OF PURPLE, PINK, WHITE, YELLOW, BLUE

NODDING THEIR HEADS FOR US TO VIEW
ALONG A PATH ENHANCED WITH DEW
THE SHY VIOLETS IN LOVELY HUE
OF PURPLE, PINK, WHITE, YELLOW, BLUE

BESIDE A ROCK BENEATH A BOUGH
ON TOP A HILL BESIDE A STREAM
THE VIOLETS COME TO US AS WE DREAM
IN PURPLE, PINK, WHITE, YELLOW, BLUE.

# DANIEL BOONE NATIVE GARDENS

THE DANIEL BOONE NATIVE GARDENS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA IS LOCATED AT BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA, IN DANIEL BOONE PARK JUST OFF U.S. HIGHWAY 421, 321 AND 221. MR. DEAN OGDEN, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT DESIGNED THIS GARDEN IN AN INFORMAL LANDSCAPED DESIGN FOR A COLLECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT MATERIAL. THE BOONE GARDENS ARE FOR EDUCATION, AND PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIVE PLANTS; MANY PLANTS ARE NOW RAPIDLY BECOMING EXTINCT.

IN MAY 1959 THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA TOOK THE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING OF THE BOONE BOTANICAL GARDENS, ALONG WITH THE APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY. ON OCTOBER 25, 1960 IN BOONE, N.C. AFTER AN INSPIRING AND CHALLENGING TALK ON THE BOONE GARDENS BY MRS. B.W. STALLINGS, MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH PRESENTED MRS. STALLINGS WITH A $100.00 CHECK FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. FOR THE BOONE BOTANICAL GARDENS. MRS. STALLINGS THEN TOOK THE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY ON A PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOUR OF THE GARDEN SITE. THIS TOUR SPARKED AN INTEREST THAT HAS GROWN WITH THE YEARS TO SEE AND BE A VITAL PART OF SUCH A WORTHWHILE PROJECT, FOR MANY OF OUR MEMBERS. NOT JUST MONEYWISE (FOR MANY OF US FINANCIALLY COULD DO BUT LITTLE) BUT PLANTWISE AND THROUGH GOODWILL.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT G. TROXLER HAVE BEEN CARRYING A TORCH FOR THE BOONE GARDEN SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THROUGH THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA AND ALSO AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

MRS. TROXLER IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BOONE BOTANICAL GARDENS, HEADS DISTRICT V OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE BOONE GARDEN AND HAS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLE TIME, EFFORT, MONEY AND PLANTS. PLANTWISE SHE HAS DONATED - SWAMP-FOR-GET-ME-NOTS, BLUE AND YELLOW SWAMP IRIS, PICKEREL WEED, RAINBOW MOSS, AND DOUBLE MORNING GLORY. MR. TROXLER IS NEVER TOO TIED UP WITH BUSINESS BUT WHAT HE CAN TAKE MRS. TROXLER TO ANY OF THESE MEETINGS.

MRS. R.N. MUSGRAVE AND THE WALTER B. BRAXTON'S ARE ALSO GARDEN CLUBBERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE NCWFPS,INC.; ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1964 THEY MADE A TRIP TO BOONE,N.C. TO SEE THE GARDEN AS WELL AS TO TAKE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA LILY SHOW. MRS. MUSGRAVE TOOK MAZUS AND RAINBOW MOSS FOR THE GARDEN AND THE BRAXTON'S TOOK NATIVE PACHYSANDRA, PASSION FLOWER, AND CHRISTMAS ROSE GROWN FROM SEED. BUT THE REAL PRIZE WAS THE DONATION TO THE BOONE GARDENS MADE BY MR. & MRS. LIONEL MELVIN OF PLEASANT GARDEN, N.C. THAT THE BRAXTON'S CARRIED TO BOONE IN THE BACK OF THEIR CAR. THERE WERE FIFTEEN RARE PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN AS FOLLOWS: 'EQUISETUM HYEMALE'(HORSETAIL), 'LEITNERIA' SOUTHERN SPECIES, (CORKWOOD) 'VIBURNUM'ATROPURPURUM, 'PACHYSANDRA'PROCUMBENS, 'BERCHEMIA' SCANDANS, 'HYPERICUM'(DRAWF) COLLECTED FROM SAULA MOUNTAIN, HIGHLANDS, N.C.' 'KALMIA' ANGUSTIFOLIA CAROLINIANA, 'STYRAX'GRANDIFOLIA, 'STAPHYLEA'TRIFOLIA L., 'STYRAX' AMERICANA, 'MAGNOLIA'MACROPHYLLA, 'VIBURNUM'ABOVATUUS, 'ILEX' VERTICILLATE (DANBURY WINTERBERRY), 'GORDONIA' AND 'BUCKEYE!' MRS. B.W. STALLINGS WAS ON CLOUD NINE FOR THE MELVIN DONATION AND ASSURED US SHE WOULD GET THEM PLANTED RIGHT AWAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE GROWING IN POTS AND COULD BE KEPT GROWING THAT WAY INDEFINITELY.

MRS. B.W. STALLINGS HAS GIVEN AND IS STILL GIVING, MUCH IN TIME AND EFFORT TO THIS LOVELY GARDEN. LETS SHOW OUR APPRECIATION BY OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. VISIT THE GARDEN, LOVE IT, AND WHEN YOU GO TAKE ALONG A WELL POTTED PLANT OR TWO TO MAKE IT MORE AND MORE A STATEWIDE PROJECT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR ALL WHO WILL - TO COME, SEE, AND ENJOY.

MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON
JUNE 29, 1964

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

DEAR MRS. BRAXTON:

EVERY TIME JUST BEFORE A NEWS LETTER, I WONDER WHY MY MIND IS SUCH A ⊠BLANK, AFTER A LONG LIFE OF LOVING PLANT LORE. I THINK AND I THINK, BUT NOTHING COMES OF IT EXCEPT THINGS THAT I'M SURE EVERYONE KNOWS ANYWAY. HERE IS A FEEBLE EFFORT THAT MAY FILL UP SPACE AND I KNOW ALL OF YOU WOULD AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENT.

WHETHER IT BE ON MOUNTAINSIDE
OR MARGE OF LOVELY LAKE
OR BY SOME WINDING RIVER
THOSE EXCITING WALKS WE TAKE
WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN - WHEN WE GO TROTTIN '
BEHIND DR. TOTTEN -

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR COME TWICE,
ONCE IN SPRING, AGAIN IN FALL.
EVERY LOWLY WEED IS SIGNIFICANT
ON WALKS THAT WE'LL ALWAYS RECALL
WHEN WE WENT TROTTIN' BEHIND DR. TOTTEN
THEY'LL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

KATE FERGUSON

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11 ROSEWOOD AVE.
ASHEVILLE, N.C.
AUGUST 22, 1964

DEAR MRS. BRAXTON:

THE DELAY IN ANSWERING DR. HARPER'S LETTER HAS BEEN DUE TO MY BEING UNABLE TO CONTACT THE PEOPLE WHO HOLD THE INFORMATION I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR. MY SCHEDULE HAS BEEN RATHER HEAVY THIS SUMMER, AND WHEN I HAVE FOUND TIME TO CONSULT OTHERS, THEY WERE, VERY OFTEN, VERY BUSY OTHERWISE.

TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN LYON'S GRAVE ARE ENCLOSED, AND I HOPE THEY WILL SUIT YOUR PURPOSES. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE SOME SORT OF CEREMONY AT THIS LOCATION ON THE 14TH OF NEXT MONTH, THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LYON'S DEATH. PLANS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, BUT WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME PLANTING DONE BY THAT TIME. THESE PLANTINGS WILL CONSIST OF PLANTS EITHER NAMED FOR LYON OR ASSOCIATED WITH HIS ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

MEMBERS OF THE ASHEVILLE-BILTMORE BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN BUSY DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS SALVAGING PLANTS FROM A 100 ACRE BOG WHICH IS SOON TO BE FLOODED TO FORM A LAKE. I WILL TRY TO HAVE A REPORT ON THIS CONSERVATION ACTIVITY READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

T.S.SHINN

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY,INC.:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PLAQUE SENT TO ME BY THE PRESIDENT THIS SUMMER.

IT WAS INDEED A VERY THOUGHTFUL GESTURE AND WE APPRECIATE IT.

YOU ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE GREAT PROGRESS YOUR SOCIETY IS MAKING AND SO MUCH OF IT IS TO BE CREDITED TO YOUR MOST EFFICIENT EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

CONNER W. SMITH

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## BOTH SIDES OF THE STUDY OF THE PLANT WORLD

THESE FEW PARAGRAPHS ARE BROUGHT FORTH HERE FOR WHATEVER VALUABLE EFFECTS THEY MAY HAVE ON ANYBODY. FOR THIS PURPOSE LETS SPLIT THIS THINKING INTO TWO DIRECTIONS, TO WIT: THE AESTHETIC AND THE BOTANICAL APPROACH.

NOW, LETS TAKE THE FIRST IN ORDER. FOR MANY YEARS I LABORED TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT OF PLANTS. THIS EXPLANATION BOILS DOWN TO THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IT IS THE STUDY OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF PLANT MATERIAL FOR THE PLEASURE AND USE OF MANKIND. AND SO NOW, WE HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT WE CAN DO WITH PLANTS AND THEIR SELECTION AND CULTIVATION FOR USE, BEAUTY AND SUSTENANCE.

NOW, WE HAVE SEEN WHAT WE CAN DO WITH PLANTS BY CULTIVATION, LETS TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT NATURE IS DOING ALL ON HER OWN. EVER RIDE DOWN THE ROAD AND NOTICE A TALL, VERY SLENDER PINE STANDING ALL ALONE IN THE FIELD, WITH ONLY A TUFT OF FOLIAGE AT THE VERY TOP, OR THE STRAGGLY MULTISTEM SASAFRAS BUSH STICKING OUT FROM THE END OF A HEDGEROW, OR THE HODGE-PODGE OF OAK, HICKORY AND PINE BORDERING THE BACKSIDE OF A FIELD IN OCTOBER? THEN YOU MIGHT OBSERVE THE PANORAMA OF WILD FLOWERS OF THE SAVANNAH IN SPRING. IN NATURE, PRUPLE IS POSED NEXT TO PINK IN WILD PROFUSION, WITHOUT REGARD TO OUR RULES FOR COMBINATION OF COLORS. ALSO, MANY OF THE LOVELY PATTERNS ARE MADE IN THE FOREST BY THE GROTESQUE FORMS OF NAKED LIMBS AND TREE TRUNKS.

NOW, LETS CONSIDER THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STUDY OF THE PLANT WORLD. THIS SIDE IS FROM THE BOTANICAL STANDPOINT. IT SEEMS TO BE PRACTICAL AND USEFUL TO GIVE NAMES TO PLANTS; TO NAME THE PARTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS; TO ARRANGE THEM IN A CERTAIN CRONOLOGICAL ORDER SO THAT ALL PLANTS CAN BE STUDIED AND IDENTIFIED. FOR THE MOST PART, I LIKE TO USE THE BOTANICAL NAMES, BECAUSEMMOSTLY THERE IS NOT BUT ONE NAME AND THIS KEEPS DOWN CONFUSION ABOUT THE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS. THERE IS NOW PUBLISHED, A BOOK OF STANDARDIZED PLANT NAMES, SUPPOSED TO BE IN EFFECT THE WORLD OVER BUT THERE IS STILL A GREAT MANY REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BE MADE. WE HOPE SOME DAY THAT IT WILL BE NEARLY COMPLETE.

NOW, IT IS NICE TO LEARN ALL THE CORRECT NAMES OF ALL THE PLANTS, BUT LETS DON'T GET SO TECHNICAL UNTIL IT TAKES ALL THE JOY AND PLEASURE OUT OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE PLANT WORLD.

GORDON BUTLER.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC., AND ESPECIALLY OUR PRESIDENT FOR HIS MESSAGE AND MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING, EVEN TO THE DUTCH LUNCH. IT WILL BE WONDERFUL NOT TO HAVE TO THINK OF FIXING A PICNIC LUNCH FOR ONCE.

TO OUR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR HIS UNTIREING EFFORT AND MESSAGE. BE SURE TO READ KATE FERGUSON. AS YOU KNOW I AM ALWAYS BEGGING FOR YOU TO PUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON PAPER AND MAIL THEM TO ME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU MRS. FERGUSON. I KNOW WE ALL SHARE HER SENTIMENT.

MISS BESSIE POPE, BLESS HER, HAS JUST SENT A NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST, FOR WHICH I AM MOST GRATEFUL. SHE DOES HOURS AND HOURS OF WORK. I HOPE THAT EACH MEMBER APPRECIATES HER CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SOCIETY. SEND MISS POPE YOUR DUES, $1.00 PER YEAR.

TO DR. FRANCIS HARPER, MRS. R.N. MUSGRAVE, MR. T.S. SHINN FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR NEWSLETTER, MY MOST SINCERE THANKS.

FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT GET THEIR DISSERTATION TO ME FOR THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE SEND IT FOR A FUTURE ISSUE. THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, BY THE MEMBERSHIP. WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTION. IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE A BACK-LOG OF MATERIAL ON HAND AND NOT HAVE TO BEG AND PLEAD YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. H.R. TOTTEN. THE YEARBOOK ISSUE OF "THE NORTH CAROLINA GARDENER WAS DEDICATED TO MRS. TOTTEN.

MISS EDITH CAUSEY HAS BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS QUITE A BIT LATELY. WE GRIEVE WITH HER IN THE LOSS OF HER FATHER. ALSO MRS. JESSIE MC DONALD WHO RECENTLY LOST HER SON-IN-LAW AND A NEPHEW. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND DEATH, BUT WE BOW TO IT, AND HOPE THAT WHEN OUR SUMMONS COMES WE WILL BE READY AND WILLING TO STEP ON THE OTHER SHORE.

DR. HOLLIS J. ROGERS AND FAMILY, FROM LAST REPORTS, ARE ON THE MEND, HE FROM A HEART ATTACK SUFFERED LAST MARCH, MRS. ROGERS AND TWO OF THE CHILDREN WERE IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT IN MID SUMMER. TO ALL A GOOD RECOVERY.

SINCERELY,

MRS. WALTER B.BRAXTON.

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DR. TOTTEN SENDS US A CORRECTED PRICE FOR THE "GUIDE TO THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE CAROLINAS"..PLASTIC PAPER COVERS, $4.20 (INCLUDING BOOK, SALES TAX AND POSTAGE): THE CLOTH BACKED, $6.70 ( INCLUDING SALES TAX AND POSTAGE).

# NATURAL AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS ESTABLISHED A NATURAL AREA SYSTEM UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMY FEELS THAT A GREAT STEP HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FORMATION OF THE SYSTEM. WE NOW NEED TO LOCATE AND EVALUATE AREAS CONSIDERED WORTHY OF PRESERVATION BY MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY, WHETHER THEY BE FIVE OR 5,000 ACRES IN SIZE. THE COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION OF LOCAL AREAS BY ANY PUBLIC AGENCY. OUR INTEREST IS IN THE PRESERVATION OF TYPICAL COMMUNITIES AND AREAS AS WELL AS THE UNIQUE SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL KNOW WHAT NORTH CAROLINA WAS LIKE AND WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT MAN'S DESTRUCTIVENESS.

THINK OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONSERVED IN YOUR AREA FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. LOCATE AND EVALUATE THE NATURAL AREA. SEND THE EVALUATION SHEET ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. A PINELAND IN THE SANDHILLS NEAR SOUTHERN PINES IS THE FIRST NATURAL AREA IN THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, LET'S ADD OTHER CONSERVED AREAS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

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NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

NATURAL AREA EVALUATION SHEET

1. NAME AND/OR LOCATION (GIVE A PRECISE LOCATION USING COUNTY ROAD NUMBERS AND MILEAGES IF POSSIBLE).

2. IMPORTANT FEATURES OF AREA (PRIMARY FEATURES WHICH WARRANT CONSIDERATION AS A NATURAL AREA):

3. QUALITY OF AREA ( INDICATE PAST HISTORY AND PAST DISTURBANCE AND PROTECTION):

4. CURRENT OWNERSHIP (INCLUDING ESTIMATE OF ATTITUDE OF CURRENT OWNERS TOWARD AREA AND POSSIBLE PRESERVATION):

5. ESTIMATE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE AREA IS NOW THREATENED WITH ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD DIMINISH ITS VALUE AS A NATURAL AREA-- CIRCLE ONE.

   A. IMMEDIATE DANGER

   B. MODERATE DANGER

   C. NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING EVALUATION:

CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

OUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CONSERVATION WORK FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS OUR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO IDENTIFYING AND ASSISTING IN THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AREAS IN NORTH CAROLINA. IN THIS ACTIVITY WE HAVE BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A LARGE AREA OF THE PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST AROUND SHINING ROCK IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AS A 'WILDERNESS AREA.' THIS, WITH THE LINVILLE GORGE AREA, GIVES WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA TWO 'WILDERNESS AREAS'. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE WORKED WITH NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARK OFFICIALS AND, AS A RESULT, CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN SEVERAL STATE PARKS EITHER ARE, OR WILL BE, DESIGNATED AS NATURAL AREAS. AT PRESENT, WE ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A WAY IN WHICH THE ESSENTIAL NATURAL FEATURES OF SMITH ISLAND (BALD HEAD ISLAND) MAY BE PRESERVED.

ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS IS TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF AREAS WHICH MIGHT OFFER POSSIBILITIES OF PRESERVATION AS NATURAL AREAS. OUR EXPERIENCE IS LIMITED AND WE NEED SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS, SUCH AS THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP, OF APPROPRIATE AREAS FOR US TO INVESTIGATE.

I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF OUR ACTIVITY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. NORTH CAROLINA DESPERATELY NEEDS A UNIFIED BODY WHICH CAN SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY FOR CONSERVATION INTERESTS. PERHAPS WE MAY FIND A WAY TO DEVELOP SUCH A GROUP. MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT ARE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT MUCH REGARD FOR THEIR CONSEQUENCES ON OUR STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND NATURAL BEAUTY. PERHAPS WE CAN FIND WAYS TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM.

I WOULD WELCOME LETTERS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP REGARDING ANY CONSERVATION MATTER. I HOPE WE CAN FIND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ARTHUR W. COOPER
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BOTANY
AND FORESTRY
NORTH CAROLINA STATE AND CHAIRMAN,
CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE COMM.
NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

# THE GRAVE OF JOHN LYON (1765?-1814), PLANT EXPLORER AND HORTICULTURIST

Francis Harper, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Most of the little that is known about the life and work of John Lyon has been assembled by Joseph and Nesta Ewan in their publication of Lyon's journal (1963). This journal covers ten field trips made in America between 1799 and 1814; they extended from Philadelphia northward to southern New York and southward to northern Florida, and were concentrated chiefly in the Appalachian region. He introduced a considerable number of American plants into England and issued two sales catalogues in London (1806 and 1812). One of Lyon's claims to fame is being the last man to record (in 1803) the existence of the Franklin tree (*Franklinia alatamaha* Bartram) in its original and only known habitat near Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River in Georgia (where it had been discovered by John and William Bartram in 1765). His name is commemorated in the genus *Lyonia* of Nuttall and in several plant species (*Chelone lyoni* Pursh, *Menisperman lyoni* Pursh, and *Rosa lyoni* Pursh.

Lyon was born in Scotland and had become a gardener in Philadelphia no later than 1796. This city was thenceforth his headquarters. His garden was located apparently somewhere between Bartram's Garden on the west side of the Schuylkill and the main part of the city. He became widely acquainted among contemporary botanists, and there is frequent mention of him in letters or publications of William Aiton, B. S. Barton, William Bartram, Samuel Boykin, John Bricknell, Zaccheus Collins, Stephen Elliott, Henry Muhlenberg, Thomas Nuttall, Fredrick Pursh, and C. S. Rafinesque. However, among hundreds of old naturalists letters that I have examined (particularly in the libraries of Philadelphia), I have not come across a single one in Lyon's own hand.

The manuscript journal of his travels had reposed for unnumbered decades in the library of the American Philosophical Society, where it had been virtually overlooked until noticed by Professor Ewan about a dozen years ago.

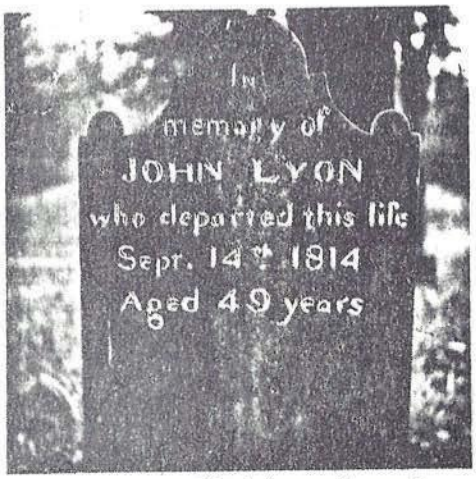
Lyon's last journey (in 1814) ended at Asheville. Since August 29th he had been on his way thither via Knoxville, Dandridge, and Jonesborough, Tennessee, and apparently through Mitchell, McDowell and Buncombe Counties, North Carolina. The last entry in his journal is dated September 6, by which time he was either approaching Asheville or had reached it.

A very touching account of his last days there has been published by Teo. F. Davidson (1906: 90-91). It is in the form of a letter (dated 1877) from Silas McDowell to Moses Ashley Curtis, a distinguished botanist and clergyman of Hillsborough, North Carolina. This letter was published by J. P. Arthur (1914: 343-344) and by F. A. Sondley (1930:715-719). Either the date of the letter is erroneous, or its author was unaware that Curtis had died five years previously! The original letter was in Davidson's possession in 1905. Who can trace its present whereabouts?

The cause of Lyon's death is variously accounted for: 'a bilious fever' (Muhlenberg to Elliot, October 10, 1814); 'a malignant fever' (Collins to M. J. Kelly, 1815); 'a dangerous epidemic' (nuttall, 1818:266); and 'consumption' contracted about Philadelphia in 1802 or earlier (Sondley, 1930: 625. The date of his death is recorded as September 13 (muhlenberg to Elliot, 1814; the Ewans, 1963: 15), but as September 14 on his tombstone, and the latter date is accepted by Davidson, Arthur, and Sondley. The old Eagle Hotel, in which Lyon spent his last days, is figured by Sondley (1930: pl. opp. p. 664).

The exact burial-site had remained a mystery to American botanists generally for almost a century and a half. However it had been known to a limited number of historians and nature-lovers in the North Carolina mountain region, probably very largely through the published works of Davidson, Arthur, and Sondley. The grave had actually been figured by Sondley (1922: 175). A visit to the home of Professor Artus M. Moser, of Swannanoa, in August of last year, and a query to Dr. William S. Justice, of Asheville, in October, clarified the long standing mystery. The grave is in the Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, and is marked by a tombstone with the following inscription: 'In memory of John Lyon, who departed this life Sept. 14th. 1814, Aged 49 years.' It is said to be 'the oldest tombstone bearing an inscription in Buncombe County, and no doubt, in Western North Carolina' (Sondley, 1930:625). It had been shipped from Scotland by friends in Edinburgh. The inscription evidently furnishes the only fairly definite information we have as to the year of Lyon's birth (either 1764 or 1765)

It remained for Mr. T. S. Shinn, of Asheville, whom I had the good fortune to meet at last fall's meeting of our society, to provide the climax by kindly taking a photograph of the tombstone. He has generously presented copies to the American Philosophical Society, where Lyon's journal is in safe-keeping; to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, where I have found, in old naturalists' letters, many of the references to Lyon and his pioneering explorations; and to the North Carolina Room in the Library of the University of North Carolina.




Mr. Shinn has also transmitted the very pleasant news that the Asheville-Biltmore Botanical Gardens have undertaken 'the development of the area surrounding the grave with plants either named for, or associated with, John Lyon'--'indefatigable and ingenious botanist,' as Stephen Elliott characterized him in a letter of 1816 to Muhlenberg.

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