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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THIS IS NOT GOOD-BYE BY ANY MEANS, BUT JUST A SORT OF FEEBLE SWAN SONG. IT HAS, INDEED, BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, UNDER THE EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE IN MANY MORE CAPACITIES FOR YEARS TO COME.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE N.C.W.F.P.S. MAKE REAL AND SOLID PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE YEARS. I AM PARTICULARILY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE COME IN AS NEW MEMBERS. IT IS THEY WHO WILL CARRY THE INTEREST IN THE WORK AS WE GO ALONG TOWARD THE FUTURE. I THINK WWE WILL DO WELL TO ENCOURAGE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF OUR WILD PLANT LIFE BECAUSE OF INCREASING POPULATION, AND THE TEARING DOWN OF THE GREAT NATURAL FORESTS.

I SHOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE ALL THE TIME AND EFFORTS THAT I CAN WELL MUSTER TOWARD THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

YOURS SINCERELY,
GORDON BUTLER

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

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 - 1966	MR. W. GORDON BUTLER

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ENDOWMENT FUNDS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE WORK

AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS' SERVICE AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF EXTENSIVE FREE AND LOW COST EDUCATIONAL CIRCULARS ON WILD FLOWER CONSERVATION, BY A FEW MEMBERS IN THEIR SPARE TIME AND WITHOUT PAY, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE THE WORK FOR LACK OF VOLUNTEERS MORE THAN A VERY FEW YEARS LONGER WITHOUT A FULL TIME PAID BOTANIST AND CLERICAL ASSISTANT. A SMALL BUILDING IS BADLY NEEDED TO HOUSE OUR ACCUMULATION OF CONSERVATION MATERIALS VALUED AT $20,000, TO AVOID A CONSTANT

ENDOWMENT FUNDS - CONTINUED

THREAT OF HAVING TO MOVE OUR WORK AND STORAGE ROOMS. (THREE TIMES SINCE 1940). SUCH A BUILDING SHOULD COST NOT OVER $25,000. AN ENDOWMENT FUND OF AT LEAST $150,000 IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE TWO SALARIES AND BUILDING UPKEEP, TO ADD TO OUR PRESENT VERY SMALL SUND THAT HAS YIELDED CLOSE TO 6% OR BETTER SINCE ITS START IN 1952. ALL GIFTS ARE TAX FREE BY RULING OF THE U.S. TREASURY DATED AUGUST 8, 1944.

THE WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

THE FALL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. WAS HELD AT SHEPPARD MOUNTAIN METHODIST CAMP NEAR ASHEBORO IN RANDOLPH COUNTY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1965.

OVER SIXTY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL GUESTS.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:20 BY THE PRESIDENT, W. GORDON BUTLER.

MR. WALTER FARLOW, CARETAKER OF THE CAMP, WELCOMED THE SOCIETY IN BEHALF OF THE REVEREND WORTH SWEET WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. MR. FARLOW GAVE A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE CAMP. THE LAND WAS GIVEN TO THE HIGH POINT DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH BY A MR. HEDGECOCK. OVER 2000 PEOPLE HAVE USED IT IN ITS FOUR YEARS OF EXISTENCE--WITH NO ACCIDENTS. MR. FARLOW GAVE MEMBERS PERMISSION TO TAKE SPECIMENS OF PLANTS FROM THE AREA.

THANKS WERE EXPRESSED TO MRS. RAY NANCE AND MRS. PAUL SPENCER FOR THEIR WORK IN OBTAINING THE SITE FOR OUR MEETING. THANKS WERE GIVEN TO MRS. WALTER BRAXTON FOR THE NEWSLETTER--AND ALSO TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES.

THE MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING HELD AT BOONE ON MAY 23, 1965 WERE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

THE TREASURER, MISS BESSIE POPE, REPORTED A BALANCE OF $133.81 IN THE TREASURY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. WALTER BRAXTON THAT $20.00 BE TAKEN FROM THE TREASURY AS A DONATION TO THE CAMP AND THAT ADDITIONAL MONEY BE COLLECTED FROM THOSE PRESENT TO BE GIVEN TO THE CAMP TO HELP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE PLACE FOR THE SPRING MEETING. AMONG THE SUGGESTIONS WERE; (1) REIDSVILLE; (2) TRYON; AND (3) OLD BRUNSWICK NEAR SOUTHPORT. AT OLD BRUNSWICK THE STATE GARDEN CLUB HAS MADE A LABELED NATURE TRAIL. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OVERNIGHT MEETING WAS DISCUSSED--WITH A SATURDAY NIGHT BUSINESS MEETING AND BANQUET, AND WITH SUNDAY FREE FOR A FIELD TRIP. NO DECISION WAS REACHED.

MRS. CHARLES PRALL MADE A MOTION THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON WITH COPIES TO OUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, AND TO MR. CHARLES F. CARROLL, STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, COMMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE WILDERNESS BILL, FOR THE BEGINNING OF HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION, AND FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CLEARING OF POLLUTION FROM THE RIVERS. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

MR. LIONEL MELVIN SUGGESTED THAT AS INDIVIDUALS, MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, COULD ENCOURAGE HOME BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS TO LEAVE THE NATIVE PLANTS. MR. WALTER BRAXTON POINTED OUT THAT WE CAN'T TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR LAND.

MRS. PEARSON STEWART REPORTED THAT SHE HAD OBTAINED A LIST OF THE CERTIFIED NURSERIES OF THE STATE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE IN RALEIGH.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT EACH MEMBER SHOULD MAKE NAME TAGS AND WEAR THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SINCE THE PLANNED SPEAKER FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COULD NOT BE PRESENT, AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OF HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION WAS HELD. THE IRRESPONSIBILITY OF LETTERERS WAS CITED.

THE BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15.

AFTER EATING A VERY BOUNTIFUL PICNIC LUNCH, THE GROUP DIVIDED INTO SMALL GROUPS AND FOLLOWED THE SAME ROUTE TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. DR. FRANCIS HARPER, AS ONE OF THE LEADERS. HIS LIST OF PLANTS IS ATTACHED.

(SINCE MR. FARLOW HAD KILLED A RATTLESNAKE JUST BEFORE WE ARRIVED AT THE SITE OF A BOY SCOUT CAMP-OUT, NO ONE FELT IT WISE TO DO ANY BUSHWACKING.)

THE SECRETARY LEFT AT 3:45.

MRS. PEARSON H. STEWART
RECORDING SECRETARY

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PLANTS COLLECTED ON LITTLE SHEPPARD MOUNTAIN 8.5 MILES WNW OF ASHEBORO, RANDOLPH COUNTY, N.C. ON OCTOBER 10, 1965, BY FRANCIS HARPER AND JEAN S. HARPER. ALT. CA. 800 - 900 FT. (IDENTIFICATIONS BY HARRY E. AHLES)

ASTER PILOSUS
COREOPSIS VERTICILLATA
* CRATAEGUS UNIFLORA
PTERIDIUM AQUILINUM
HETEROTHECA GRAMINIFOLIA
* OXALIS FLORIDA
OXALIS VIOLACEA
HEDEOMA PULEGIOIDES
EUPATORIUM HYSSOPIFOLIUM
CUNILA ORIGANOIDES
CASSIA NICTITANS (NOT MARILANDICA)

* NOT ATTRIBUTED TO RANDOLPH COUNTY IN ATLAS OF THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE CAROLINAS (1965)

OTHER PLANTS NOTED BUT NOT COLLECTED:

ACER RUBRUM
QUERCUS ALBA
QUERCUS MARILANDICA
OXYDENDRUM ARBOREUM
CORNUS FLORIDA
QUERCUS PRINUS
ARMILLARIA
HONEY AGARIC
SILPHIUM SP.
SASSAFRAS
PHYTOLACCA AMERICANA
CEANOTHUS AMERICANUS
CHIMAPHILA MACULATA
FUNGI (COLLECTED BY JACK H. MOFFITT AND IDENTIFIED BYDR J.N. COUCH)

P.S. A SOLITARY PLANT, IDENTIFIED BY SOMEBODY AS VIOLA SEPTEMLOBA, COULD SCARCELY BE THAT, SINCE IT IS APPARENTLY UNKNOWN OUTSIDE THE COASTAL PLAIN.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC., MARCH 20, 1966

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 20, 1966 THE NCWFPS, INC., MET AT THE HOME OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. W. GORDON BUTLER. THOSE PRESENT WERE PRESIDENT AND MRS. W. GORDON BUTLER, DR. AND MRS. H.R. TOTTEN, MR. AND MRS. LIONEL MELVIN, MR. AND MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON, MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH, MISS JOSIE PRITCHARD, MRS. CARL PEGG, AND MISS LUCILE ELLIOTT.

THE FIRST DISCUSSION CNETERED AROUND THE MATTER OF WHO IS TO BE INVITED TO BOARD MEETINGS. IT WAS AGREED THAT EVERYONE LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL STATIONERY, ALL PAST PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY MEMBERS BE INCLUDED IN THE INVITATIONS. THESE MEMBERS ARE TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE BOARD MEETINGS BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY WHEN THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED WHERE AND WHEN AND SO NOTIFIES HIS CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-

MR. BUTLER THANKED MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AT THE AUGUST 1965 BOARD MEETING.

MR. BRAXTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE NEW NOMINEES': DR. H.R. TOTTEN, PRESIDENT, MR. THOMAS S. SHINN, VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. O.G. ALLEN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. THIS SLATE OF OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL MEETING IN MAY.

MR. MELVIN INFORMED THE GROUP THAT DR. FREEMAN OF TRYON WAS NOW LIVING IN MT. DORA, FLORIDA. DR. FREEMAN HAS BEEN A MOST ACTIVE AND VALUED MEMBER OF THE NCWFPS, INC.; WE STILL COUNT HIM AS ONE OF OUR GROUP AND HOPE THAT HE CAN MEET WITH US OCASSIONALLY.

MISS BESSIE POPE, TREASURER, WAS NOT PRESENT BUT HER REPORT WAS READ. ON MARCH 20, 1966 THE BALANCE IN THE TREASURY WAS $160.64.

MRS. BRAXTON THEN READ A LETTER FROM THE CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB, OF ASHEVILLE, N.C. ASKING THE SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION IN PRESERVING THE SMOKIES. THE LETTER IS TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEWSLETTER. THE BOARD APPROVED ACTION AS AN ORGANIZATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS. DR. TOTTEN THOUGHT OUR MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR UDALL, WHO IS A GREAT CONSERVATIONIST.

THE SPRING MEETING WILL BE MAY 15, 1966, WHICH IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY. TWO SITES WERE DISCUSSED. MR. BUTLER SUGGESTED BRUNSWICK TOWN AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH SUGGESTED ROCKFISH METHODIST CAMP NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. MR. & MRS. W.B. CARROLL OF SILER CITY, CONNECTED WITH THE CAMP HAVE OUT AN S.O.S. FOR HELP IN IDENTIFYING PLANTS ALONG THE TRAIL. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NCWFPS, INC. WOULD MEET AT ROCKFISH CAMP IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE AND AID MR. & MRS. CARROLL WITH THEIR PROGRAM OF IDENTIFYING PLANTS.

(THESE NOTES WERE TAKEN BY MISS LUCILE ELLIOTT AND EDITED BY MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON, DR. TOTTEN CONFESSED THAT HE FAILED TO NOTIFY OUR SECRETARY, MRS. PEARSON H. STEWART OF THE BOARD MEETING.



CHRISTMAS GREETING

WE WANT TO FIRST WISH YOU THE BEST OF ALL GOOD THINGS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED OUR FIRST YEAR OF RETIREMENT AND IT HAS BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR US.

DO NOT LET THE ROCKING CHAIRS BE MISLEADING. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH ACTIVITY ABOUT SMITHWIN. HERBERT HAS SO MANY PROJECTS GOING IN THE PLANT WORLD, HE SOMETIMES LOOSES TRACK, HUNDREDS OF AZALEAS, TRAILING ARBUTUS, GRAFTING TREES, ETC.

OUR LITTLE TOWN PAPER CARRIED THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 7TH,

"MR. AND MRS. SMITH CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY"

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH OF LIBERTY CELEBRATED THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH A SMALL DINNER PARTY AT THEIR HOME ON TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7.
THEIR SON AND HIS WIFE, MALINDA, SERVED THE COUPLE AND THEIR GUESTS.
MR. AND MRS. SMITH WERE MARRIED 25 YEARS AGO IN THE DAVIS STREET METHODIST CHURCH IN BURLINGTON.

OUR TRAVELS SO FAR HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO SHORT TRIPS. WE ATTENDED TWO SUMMER CAMPS FOR FISHING AND STUDYING PLANT LIFE. A TRIP WITH THE W.B. CARROLLS TO ROANOKE ISLAND TO ASSIST THEM IN PLANTING A WILD FLOWER GARDEN AT MANTEO.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING WHEN THOUSANDS OF BULBS AND FLOWERING SHRUBS WILL BLOOM. WE EXPECT ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO VISIT US AND ENJOY OUR "LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN".

AGAIN ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM MR. ROY DAVIS, MEMBER OF THE WILD AREAS AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF THE CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB IN ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR MR. BRAXTON,

I HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INFORMED OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER SOCIETY. DUE TO OUR SIMILAR INTERESTS THE CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB WISHES TO ENGAGE THE SUPPORT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION IN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WILDERNESS ACT.

PRESERVING THE SMOKIES INVOLVES STOPPING A HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE TRANS-PARK ROAD THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THIS ROAD HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR TWO REASONS; (1) TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON USS. 441 AND (2) A 1943 CONTRACT OBLIGATING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD FROM BRYSON CITY TO FONTANA DAM. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PARK. IT WOULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF SOME MORE WILD LAND WHICH IS ALREADY RARE.

THOUGHTFUL CONSERVATIONIST HAVE ALREADY OFFERED ALTERNATIVES TO THE DESTRUCTIVE TRANS-PARK ROAD THAT WOULD NOT DAMAGE THE PARK'S PRIMEVAL CHARACTER. THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAN BE HANDLED BY IMPROVING ROADS ALREADY CROSSING THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS (U.S. 129 AND N.C. 284). THE 1943 CONTRACT COULD BE SATISFIED BY WAYS LESS DESTRUCTIVE TO THE PARK, SUCH AS EXTENDING THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY ON INTO BRYSON CITY OR CONSTRUCTING A SCENIC ROAD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FONTANA RESERVOIR. EITHER OF WHICH WOULD SERVE SWAIN COUNTY'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND THEREFORE SERVE AS A BASIC FOR SETTLING THE 1943 CONTRACT.

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP AS AN ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH YOUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WE NEED LETTERS OBJECTING TO THE TRANS-PARK SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND TO YOUR LOCAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES. ALSO, PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD SOON WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS OUR OPINIONS. RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING THE TRANS-PARK ROAD FROM YOUR SOCIETY WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. IF YOU WILL LET ME KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS YOU ALL HAVE I CAN HAVE SUFFICIENT LITERATURE SENT TO YOU TO SUPPLY EACH MEMBER.

I HOPE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER IN THIS EFFORT TO SAVE THE SMOKIES. ENCLOSED ARE SEVERAL PEICES OF LITERATURE TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

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A PARABLE ON SHARING

AS ALL THEIR FRIENDS KNOW MR. AND MRS. H.P. SMITH ARE NOT ONLY FLOWER LOVERS BUT BOTANISTS AND HORTICULTURISTS. ON A RECENT VISIT TO THEIR LOVELY HOME I WAS SHOWN A RARE SPECIMEN OF VIRGINIA WHITE BELL ...THE VIRGINIA BLUE BELL IS QUITE COMMON. I WAS TOLD THAT THEY OBTAINED THEIR RARE PLANT FROM MRS. H.R. TOTTEN OF CHAPEL HILL, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS FOR MANY YEARS THE HEAD OF THE BOTANY DEPARTMENT AT CHAPEL HILL. THE SMITHS NURTURED THEIR RARE PLANT AND NOW IT HAS SEVERAL SHOOTS SURROUNDING THE ORIGINAL.

SOME TIME RECENTLY THE SMITHS RECEIVED WORD THAT MRS. TOTTEN HAD LOST HER OWN STOCK OF THE VIRGINIA WHITE BELL, AND WOULD LIKE TO GET ONE BACK FROM HER FRIENDS HERE IN LIBERTY. THIS IS TRULY A PARABLE.

THE CHURCH THAT THINKS THAT MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM ARE ONLY THINGS THAT THE MINISTER AND THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY AND PERHAPS THE COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM ARE CONCERNED WITH SHOULD PONDER

PARABLE ON SHARING - CONTINUED -

THIS PARABLE. AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH WE KEEP IT ALIVE...AND IF METHODISTS...OR AMERICANS SHOULD FINALLY LOSE FAITH IN GOD AS REVEALED IN CHRIST...LET US HOPE THAT SOMEWHERE IN THIS WOLD THERE WILL STILL BE THOSE WHO BELIEVED BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED FROM US SOMETIME BEFORE...AND MAYBE WE CAN BORROW IT BACK AGAIN!

C. JACK CAUDILL

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MISS BLANCHE WATLINGTON READ THIS POEM WRITTEN BY EDSON C. HARRIS TO CENTER OUR THINKING ON

WILD FLOWERS

I THINK THAT GOD MUST LOVE THE FLOWERS,
HE MAKES THEM AS HE WILLS;
HE MAKES A LOT MORE THAN WE NEED
AND HIDES THEM IN THE HILLS.
YES, IN THE HILLS THEY ARE HIDING
AS SWEET AS THEY CAN BE,
HIDING FAR FROM THE SIGHT OF MAN,
WHERE ONLY GOD CAN SEE.
THE GARDENER TAKES THE FLOWERS
AND MAKES THEM RICH AND GRAND;
A SORT OF ARISTOCRACY,
I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
BUT THE WILD FLOWERS THEY ARE DIFFERENT,
IN THE DESERT WIND THEY NOD,
AND LOOK AS ONLY THINGS CAN LOOK
FRESH FROM THE HANDS OF GOD.

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" WILD FLOWERS AND HOW TO ENJOY THEM "
BY
BLANCHE WATLINGTON

THE BEST WAY TO LEARN ABOUT WILD FLOWERS IS TO GO INTO THE WOODS AND FIELDS AND CLIMB THE MOUNTAINS TO STUDY THEM WHERE THEY GROW. THERE ARE MORE THAN 40,000 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF WILD FLOWERS IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE GRASSES AND TREES. THEY ARE FOUND IN ALL KINDS OF PLACES, FIELDS, MEADOWS, PRAIRIES, WASTE LOTS, MARSHES, WOODS, AND GARDENS. ALONG THE SEASHORE, BANKS OF STREAMS ROADSIDES AND DESERTS.

GUILFORD COUNTY ABOUNDS IN MANY BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING PLANTS, ESPECIALLY THE FLOWERING PLANTS. FLOWERING PLANTS RANGE FROM THE TREE GIANS, MAGNOLIA, TULIP-TREE, RED-BUD, SWEET-GUM AND DOG-WOOD TO THE TINY SEDUM, QUAKER LADIES, VIOLETS, AND HEPATICAS. TO KNOW AND APPRECIATE OUR NATIVE PLANTS IS IMPORTANT. PLANT NAMES ARE GENERALLY OF TWO KINDS- THE TECHNICAL OR BOTANICAL AND THE COMMON OR FOLK NAMES. TECHNICAL NAMES ARE GIVEN BY BOTANIST, COMMON NAMES HOWEVER, MAY BE COINED BY ANYONE, AND MAY VARY FROM PLACE TO PLACE AND MAY CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME. TO CALL A PLANT MYOSOTIS SCORPIODES MEANS LITTLE BUT TO CALL IT "FOR-GET-ME-NOT" THE MEANING IS CLEAR AND THE PLANT BECOMES A SYMBOL OF SENTIMENT. TO KNOW THE NATIVE PLANTS REQUIRES MORE THAN KNOWING THEIR

CORRECT COMMON OR BOTANICAL NAMES. IT MEANS AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE PLANTS AS LIVING THINGS. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY IMPORTANT IN DEALING WITH THEM SUCCESSFULLY IN THE GARDEN, IN LANDSCAPING, AS WELL AS IN THEIR CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION.

INDIVIDUALS WHO COLLECT PLANTS FOR THEIR GARDENS FROM NATURE SHOULD DO SO SPARINGLY AND USE MORE SEEDS AND CUTTINGS THAN WHOLE PLANTS. JUST TAKE A START UNLESS YOU KNOW THEY WILL SOON BE DESTROYED BY THE BULLDOZER. THROUGH THE POPULARITY OF THE WILD GARDEN, IT HAS BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT MANY PLANTS MAY BE GROWN SUCCESSFULLY FAR BEYOND THEIR NATURAL HABITATS.

ANOTHER USE OF WILD FLOWERS, FRUITS AND FOLIAGE IS IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE WONDERFUL POSSIBILITIES FOR CREATING MANY NEW AND UNIQUE DESIGNS AND ARTISTIC EFFECTS.

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIVE PLANTS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WE ARE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF THIS FACT EVERY YEAR AS SO MANY OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND VALUABLE PLANTS ARE BEING DESTROYED BY THE CLEARING OF LANDS. GINSENG HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS SHIPPED TO CHINA WHERE ITS HIGH VALUE IS BASED UPON SUPERSTITUOUS NOTIONS, AND HAS AS A RESULT BECOME SO RARE THAT IT IS VERY UNUSUAL TO FIND A PLANT IN ITS NATIVE HAUNTS. MANY SO CALLED DRUG PLANTS SUCH AS THE LADY SLIPPER ARE FAST DISAPPEARING. AS WELL AS THE NATIVE EVERGREENS USED FOR CHIRSTMAS DECORATIONS WHICH ARE FAST DISAPPEARING BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT SO MANY ARE CUT AND SOLD ON THE STREET. THE FAMOUS "VENUS FLY TRAP" WAS A FEW YEARS AGO ALMOST DEPLETED UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE, THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF THE GARDEN CLUBS, PASSED A LAW MAKING IT A MISDEMEANDOR TO TAKE ONE FROM ITS NATURAL HABITAT,"THE COASTAL PLAINS OF THE CAROLINAS". THEY WILL NOT GROW ANY WHERE ELSE. MANY HAVE TRIED THEM AND FAILED. THERE ARE MANY NATIONAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL PLANT PRESERVES OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE GARDEN CLUB OF TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA ACQUIRED THROUGH PURCHASE ABOUT 300 ACRES SUPPORTING A MOST REMARKABLE ASSEMBLAGE OF NATIVE PLANTS OF THE SOUTHERN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE FAMOUS PEARSONS FALLS WILD FLOWER PRESERVE.

FOR HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION NOTHING IS MORE SUITABLE THAN OUR NATIVE TREES, SUCH AS THE DOGWOOD, REDBUD, RED BUCKEYE, MAGNOLIAS AND MANY OTHERS. AS WELL AS MANY OF THE NATIVE FLOWERING PLANTS, GOLDEN RODS, ASTERS, GENTIANS, BLACK-EYED SUSANS, OX-EYED DAISIES, SNAKE-ROOTS, THROUGHWORTS, PEARLY EVERLASTINGS, YARROWS AND ON INDEFINATELY.

WITH THE COMING OF SPRING THERE ARE MANY EARLY FLOWERS YOU WOULD LOVE. THE GREATER NUMBER OF THE EARLY FLOWERS ARE PALE AND HIDE IN THE GRASS AND UNDER DEAD LEAVES; THEY HAVE LESS LANDSCAPE VALUE, THEREFORE, THAN THE FLOWERS OF SUMMER AND AUTUMN THAT CROWD THE FIELDS AND MARCH RIGHT UP TO THE ROADSIDE TO DEMAND ATTENTION. THE FIRST THREE THAT BLOOM IN RAPID SUCCESSION AND SOMETIMES TOGETHER, PRECEDE THEIR LEAVES; HEPATICAS, BLOODROOT, TRAILING ARBUTIS. OTHER VERY EARLY BLOOMERS ARE: TROUT LILY, SPRING BEAUTY, SPICE BUSH, MARSH MARIGOLD, ANEMONES, SAXIFRAGE, TRILLIUMS, SHAD BUSH, JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT, WILD GINGER, SOLOMON SEALS, COLUMBINE, VIOLETS,(BLUE, YELLOW, WHITE) BIRD FOOT'S, MAY APPLE, FOAM FLOWERS AND MANY OTHERS. ALL ARE VERY DESIRABLE FOR THE ROCK GARDEN.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF SUN LOVING PLANTS: THE SIMPLE: SUCH AS THE WILD ROSE, MILKWEEDS, MEADOW LILIES, PRICKLY PEARS AND OTHERS, AND THE COMPOSITES: WHICH ARE PLANTS IN WHICH THE FLOWER HEAD IS MADE UP

THEIR NATIVE HAUNTS.

THE BEAUTY OF WILD FLOWER GARDENING IS THAT WHEN YOU GET YOUR PLANTS ONE TIME IN THE GROUND IF THEY ARE IN THE RIGHT LOCATION AS TO SUN AND SHADE AND THE SUITABLE SOIL, YOUR WORK IS ALMOST OVER, FOR WILD FLOWERS NEED NO CULTIVATION AND NO FERTILIZING. GIVE THEM PLENTY OF WATER AND MULCHES AND THEY WILL GIVE YOU LOTS OF PLEASURE.

IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM HELEN HULL'S "WILD FLOWERS FOR YOUR GARDEN":

"THE PRESERVATION OF WILD PLANTS IS NOT SIMPLE, AND CANNOT BE SOLVED PERMANENTLY BY LAW OR BY RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTING, NOR EVEN BY PUBLIC SCANCTUARIES FOR THE PRUPOSE. THE BEST SOLUTION IS SOME OF ALL THESE PLUS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANY, MANY WILD-FLOWER GARDENS. ENTHUSIASTS USED TO THINK THAT COLLECTING OR BUYING WILD PLANTS WAS UNWISE, A PRACTICE THAT WOULD DECREASE THE NATIVE FLORA. NOW WE KNOW THE OPPOSITE CAN BE TRUE. ALTHO WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THE PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIVE PLANTS IS SERVED BY CARELESSLY TEARING THEM UP FROM OUR ROADSIDES AND WOODS AND RIPPING OUT THE NATURAL STANDS, WE DO AGREE THAT WILD FLOWER GARDENING IS A VERY REAL MEANS OF SAVING THE SPECIES. GROWING THEM MAKES US AWARE OF THEIR GREAT BEAUTY AND THE DESIREABILITY OF KEEPING THEM. EVERYONE WHO PRESERVES THE NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE BY GROWING THEM IN A WILD FLOWER GARDEN, SERVES BOTH HIMSELF AND HIS NATIVE LAND. THE IDEA OF HOME AS A PERSONAL REFUGE IS DEEP-ROOTED IN ALL OF US. PERPETUAL PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION COMES FROM BEAUTIFYING OUR HOMES AS SANCTUARIES FOR THE WILD-LIFE TREASURES WHICH ARE OUR NATURAL HERITAGE."

ED. NOTE: MISS WATLINGTON, NOW DECEASED, WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE GREENSBORO WILD FLOWER CLUB OF WHICH SHE WAS A MOST FAITHFUL AND LOYAL WORKER, SHARING WITH THE MEMBERS MUCH KNOWLEDGE OF PLANTS WITH HER PROGRAMS ON WILD FLOWERS, FERNS AND TREES. MISSES BLANCHE AND TOMMIE WATLINGTON HAD ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING WILD FLOWER GARDENS IN GREENSBORO AT 1409 SEMINOLB DRIVE. I AM INDEBTED TO THE REV. KENNETH KEY FOR THE DONATION OF MISS WATLINGTON'S PROGRAME ON GARDENING TO THE GREENSBORO WILD FLOWER CLUB. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR HIS GENEROSITY.

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AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS ON THE SAME JOB IT ABRUPTLY CAME TO AN END ON JANUARY 22, 1966 WHEN DR. UNDERWOOD LOST THE SIGHT OF HIS RIGHT EYE. NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT I HAD MIXED EMOTIONS OVER BECOMING A FULL TIME HOMEMAKER. BUT, NEVER HAVING BEEN ONE TO GET LONELY, I WAS QUITE EXCITED OVER PROSPECTS OF BEING HOME AND ALL THE THINGS I WOULD HAVE TIME TO DO. SOMETIME PERHAPS I WILL HAVE ALL THAT TIME BUT AS OF THE PRESENT IT IS STILL IN THE FUTURE. I AM HAVING THE BEST TIME I HAVE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE, WITH MY HOME, GARDENING, CHURCH, BRIDGE AND OF COURSE MY FIVE SIAMESE CATS. LIFE IS WONDERFUL.

JUST TODAY MARCH 24, 1966, NELLIE MCLEAN, (MRS. JACK C.) OF FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH WAS KIND ENOUGH TO COME TO SEE OUR GARDEN AND

OF PARTS, OR TUFTED HEADS OF SMALL TUBULAR BLOSSOMS SUCH AS: SUN-FLOWERS, OX-EYE DAISIES, GOLDEN-RODS, IRON-WEEDS, ASTERS, DANDELIONS AND MANY, MANY OTHERS. COMPOSITES ARE AN ALL POWERFUL RACE AND THEIR SWAY ROUNDS OUT THE YEAR ITSELF. FOR YOU MAY FIND THE LOWLY DANDELION IN SOME SHELTERED NOOK FROM NEW YEAR UNTIL THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS. COMPOSITES ARE ALMOST AS MUCH A FIXTURE IN THE LANDSCAPE AS THE TREES, SO SURELY CAN WE COUNT ON SEEING THEM FOLLOW EACH OTHER IN A STOLID PROCESSION THE SEASON THROUGH.

FLOWERS OF THE SUN ARE THOSE WE ASSOCIATE WITH THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF THE SUMMER LANDSCAPE AND ITS HEAVY FULL FED GREENS, FLOWERS THAT NEED DIRECT RAYS OF THE SUN TO DEVELOP THE MOST PERFECT LUXURI-ANCE OF FORM AND COLOR. IN THE FIELDS WE DO NOT FIND HALF-TONES AND STIPPLINGS SUCH AS WE FIND IN WOODS AND ALONG WATERWAYS. OF THE THREE PRIMARY COLORS, RED, BLUE, AND YELLOW, YELLOW IS THE ONLY COLOR FOUND IN ITS PURITY IN LARGE QUANTITIES, RED RANKING NEXT AND BLUE WITH FLOWERS AS WITH THE PLUMAGE OF BIRDS BEING THE RAREST OF ALL.

THERE IS ANOTHER CURIOUS FACT ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE PRIMARY COLORS IN THE PLANT WORLD. WHEN LEFT TO NATURAL SELECTIONS THE THREE ARE NOT OFTEN FOUND IN THE SAME GENUS, IF AT ALL. FOR IN-STANCE WE HAVE A RED AND BLUE LOBELIA BUT NO YELLOW: A RED AND A YELLOW FIELD LILY BUT NO BLUE: A BLUE AND YELLOW ASTER BUT NO RED: AND SO ON INDEFINITELY. EVEN SO WITH THE GARDEN FLORA THE SAME FACTS ARE TURE. THE BLUE ROSE IS MISSING, AND THE CLEAR RED PANSY, VERBENAS, SWEET PEA AND SALVIA SKIP A TRUE YELLOW, AND DAHLIAS AND HOLLYHOCKS ARE NEVER BLUE.

I WILL GIVE YOU A LIST OF FLOWERS SUITABLE FOR A SUNNY ROCK GARDEN: ALUM ROOT, BIRDFOOT'S VIOLET, BLAZING STAR, BLUETS, BUTTERFLY-PEA, BUTTERFLY-WEED, IRIS CRESTATA, GERARDIA, GOLDEN ASTER, JEWEL WEED, MARSHALLIAS, MOSS PINK, SAXIFRAGE, SHORTIA, SPRING BEAUTY AND MANY OTHERS. AND FOR THE SHADED GARDEN THE FOLLOWING: ALEXANDERS, ALUM ROOT, BELLWORTS, BLOODROOT, CARDINAL FLOWER, WINDFLOWER, GENTIANS, COLUMBINE, CRANEFLY ORCHIDS, TROUTLILY, FOAM FLOWER, GALAX, HEPATICAS, JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT, PARTRIDGEBERRY, RATTLESNAKE PLANTAIN, SHOWY ORCHIS, SOLOMON'S SEAL, AND SO ON.

IT IS INTERESTING TO KNOW THAT OUR GARDEN PLANTS HAVE BEEN DE-RIVED FROM WILD ANCESTORS. OUR FINEST CULTIVATED FLOWERS ARE, LIKE MAN HIMSELF, JUST A FEW STEPS REMOVED FROM THE PRIMITIVE STATE. IN THE WILD PLACES OF SOUTH AFRICA TODAY ONE MAY COLLECT THE GERANIUM, FREESIA, AND GLADIOLI OF THE LOVLIEST HUES. THE RUSSIAN CHILDREN COLLECT TULIPS AS OURS DO BUTTERCUPS AND HEPATICAS. THE JONQUIL, DAFFODIL, SNOWDROP AND FOR-GET-ME-NOT ARE ALL NATIVE TO EUROPE, WHILE THE SWEET-PEA ORIGI-NATED IN ITALY. OUR COMMON HOUSE BEGONIAS GROW LUXURIANTLY WILD IN BRAZIL ALONG WITH FUCIAS, WHILE THE HELIOTROPE IS CONFINED AS A WILD FLOWER TO PERU AND PETUNIA TO ARGENTINA. COSMOS IS ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL WILD FLOWERS OF MEXICO. SO IT IS WITH ALL THE REST- SOMEWHERE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS SPECIES ARE CARRYING ON WITHOUT THE AID OF HUMAN GARDENERS.

SO WHEN WE ADD SOME OF OUR OWN NATIVE WILD FLOWERS TO OUR GARDENS WE ARE IN NO SENSE DEPRECIATING THE GARDEN'S VALUE. ON THE OTHER HAND WE ARE ENHANCING THE JOYS OF GARDENING BY ADDING MANY EASILY OBTAINED EXAMPLES OF PLANT BEAUTY FROM OUR OWN WILD PLACES, AND IN SO DOING WE ARE GIVING ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION TO OUR OWN FLORA IN THAT COSMOPOLITAN WE CALL THE GARDEN.

THE MOTTO: "FOLLOW NATURE" IS A GOOD ONE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF INTRODUCING NATIVE PLANTS INTO YOUR GARDEN. IN OTHER WORDS PLANT THEM IN THE SAME KIND OF SOIL AND GIVE THEM THE SAME MULCHES THEY HAVE IN

EDITORS NOTES:

BRING OUR MUTUAL FRIEND, DELL(MRS. JOHN W.) HIGGINS OF GUILFORD COLLEGE, WHO HAS LONG BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION. IT WAS SUCH FUN TO HAVE THEM, THEY JUST DID NOT STAY AS LONG AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED.

MY CHRISTMAS ROSE WAS PRETTIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR WITH WELL OVER A HUNDRED BLOOMS AT ITS PEAK. IT SEEMS THAT MOST OF THESE BLOOMS WILL MAKE SEED. I HAVE GROWN NUMEROUS PLANTS FROM SEED AND THEY BLOOMED PROFUSELY THIS YEAR. MR. LIONEL MELVIN OF PLEASANT GARDEN HAS THE CHRISTMAS ROSE IN HIS NURSERY IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED IN THE PURCHASE OF THIS EARLY BLOOMING PLANT. IT IS CERTAINLY WORTH THE TIME AND MONEY YOU WILL SPEND TO GROW A CHRISTMAS ROSE FOR YOUR OWN PLEASURE.

SORROW HAS KNOCKED AT THE DOOR FOR MANY OF OUR MEMBERS AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE EXTEND TO THEM OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. IF I KNEW OF ALL OF THEM I WOULD BE GLAD TO LIST THEM. MRS. J. ROBERT CHRISMON HAS LOST HER HUSBAND. MR. CHRISMON WAS 94 YEARS OF AGE. WALTER B. BRAXTON'S BROTHER GARLAND WHO LIVED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, JUST RECENTLY FAILED TO AWAKEN ONE MORNING. GARLAND WAS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR SOME TEN YEARS AND WAS AN AVID GOLFER. MRS. CHARLES W. ELLNER HAD A BROTHER WHO LIVED IN TENNESSEE TO PASS AWAY RECENTLY.

MRS. PHIL WICKER OF GREENSBORO HAS MADE PLANS TO TOUR, WITH MRS. W.A. FLORANCE AND EIGHTEEN OTHER LADIES, TEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN MAY 1966. THEY ARE TO SEE THE FAMOUS KEW, HAMPTON COURT, THE BULB GARDENS OF HOLLAND, VILLA D'ESTE, VERSAILLES AND MANY OTHER FAMOUS GARDENS ON THEIR JOURNEY. MRS. WICKER IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GREENSOBRO ANNIVERSARY GARDEN IN GREENSBORO. MRS. WICKER IS A MEMBER OF THE NCWFPS, INC. MRS. FLORANCE AND MRS. WICKER ARE MEMBERS OF THE GREENSBORO WILD FLOWER CLUB. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING MUCH ABOUT THE GARDENS AND COUNTRIES THEY WILL VISIT.

I HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU READ THE MARCH, 1966, WILDLIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA, IT CARRIED A FEATURED ARTICLE BY DAVID BRINNING, HEADED"OSCAR" OSCAR IS A TIMBER RATTLESNAKE WITH A RECORDED AGE OF 27 YEARS AND IS THE PET OF DR. HERBERT HECKENBLEIKNER, PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE. DR. HECH IS A MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

THE DUES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. ARE ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PLEASE SEND YOUR DOLLAR TO MISS BESSIE POPE BEFORE THE MAY MEETING. MISS POPE HAS BEEN MOST FAITHFUL AS OUR TREASURER FOR MANY YEARS, LETS GIVE HER A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE MEETINGS. MISS POPE'S ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 1264, HIGH POINT,N.C.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. SMITH OF SMITHWIN FARM SENT CHRISTMAS LETTERS FOR 1965. I THOUGHT IT SO ATTRACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE THAT I ASKED PERMISSION TO USE A COPY IN OUR NEWSLETTER. MRS. SMITH WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NCWFPS, INC. ALSO THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF LIBERTY, N.C. MARCH 27 CARRIED A PARABLE ON SHARING BY THEIR MINISTER, C. JACK CAUDILL THAT I HAVE LIFTED FROM THEIR BULLETIN. HERBERT TELLS ME HE HAS BEEN GETTING SOME PLANTS OF THE VIRGINIA WHITE BELL IN BLUE AND SOME IN WHITE WHEN HE PLANTS THE SEED OF THE VIRGINIA WHITE BELL. THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT HE CAN TELL WHICH WILL BLOOM WHITE OR BLUE WHEN THE PLANTS ARE VERY SMALL.

HOPE TO SEE YOU MAY 15, 1966 AT OUR SPRING MEETING.

MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON, EDITOR

THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. WILL MEET SUNDAY MAY 15, 1966 AT ROCKFISH METHODIST CAMP NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. AT 10:30 A.M. THERE WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING IN THE MORNING WITH A PICNIC LUNCH AT NOON AND A FIELD TRIP ALONG THE TRAILS IN THE AFTERNOON TO IDENTIFY THE PLANT LIFE GROWING THERE.

