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NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my first message as President of the North Carolina Wildflower Preservation Society, I am requesting each member to join me in a fervent appeal to Gov. Robert Scott to save Bald Head Island from commercialization. I believe he CAN do it if the citizens of the State will actively support, encourage, and urge him to put forth every effort. Once the developers begin construction of their posh pleasure resort, it is only a matter of a short time before the island is lost as a valuable maritime forest and a unique biological area. It seems apparent that the Governor wants to save this Island as a nature preserve for the present and future citizens of North Carolina. His stand--and that of Mr. Roy G. Sowers, Jr., Director of the Board of Conservation and Development--is commendable But Gov. Scott needs to know that the voters-of this Stat are truly concerned about the steady encroachment of self centered and short-sighted developers upon our dwindling natural areas. He needs to know that we expect him to succeed in his endeavors to save the Island. Let's write our Governor and tell him how we feel about Bald Head.

His Excellency, Governor Robert W. Scott
The State Capitol
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Do not be fainthearted or cynical about our collective ability to succeed. Not until the bulldozers take their first merciless gouge, is the Island lost. LET'S SAVE IT?

Marjorie P. Newell

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Meeting Notice

The North Carolina Preservation Society,Inc., Fall Meeting date is Sunday, October 11, 1970, at 10:30 A.M. a MT. JEFFERSON STATE PARK located in Ashe County, four miles from Jefferson. Bring your picnic basket and drink

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
1966 - 1968	Dr. H.R. Totten
1968 - 1970	Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner

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FALL MEETING -- 1970

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10:30ish A.M.

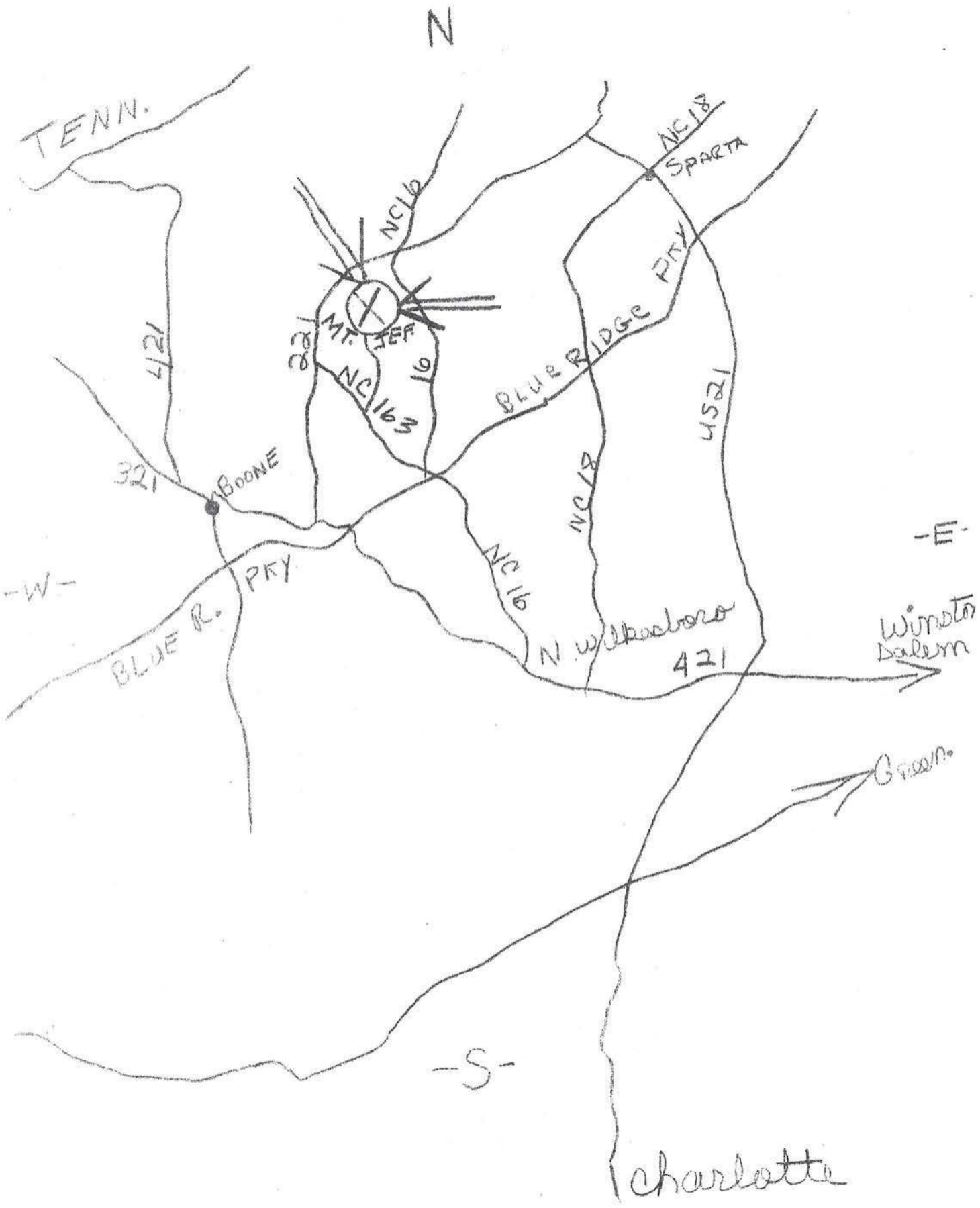
MT. JEFFERSON STATE PARK located in Ashe County four miles from Jefferson. The well-marked entrance to the Park is on NC 163 which runs in a southeasterly direction from U.S. 221 to N.C. 16 at the Blue Ridge Parkway at Horse Gap. The road into the Park off N.C. 163 is a paved, two-lane, well-engineered road with a yellow line down the middle to divide the lanes. There is a curve or so on the way up the hill, but what mountain road hasn't a curve here and there? The Park has picnic tables and grills, drinking water, toilet facilities--and the most splendid flora and panoramic views.

We will gather in the picnic area at the end of the parking zone. After our business meeting we will spread our usual very splendiforous pot-luck picnic. When lunch is finished we will investigate the botanical wonders of the Park. Dr. Albert Radford of the Botany Dept. of UNC-Chapel Hill will join us, hopefully, and share his knowledge of the area with us. Dr. Radford has foamed the territory rather extensively and is one of its most dedicated enthusiasts.

For those who wish to come to the area earlier or stay longer (and what a tremendous locale to spend a weekend in early autumn) here is a sampling of the motels in the vicinity:

Motel	Location	Rates, Double
Mt. Jefferson Motel	Jefferson, 1/2 mi. sw on U.S. 221	$8-10
Northwestern Lodge,	West Jefferson, 1mi. s on U.S.221	$9
Park Vista Motel	Glendale Springs, Blue Ridge Pky, mi. st. 268	$12
Boone Trail Motel	Boone, 3/4 mi. e. U.S. 221 &421	$12-14
Cardinal Motel	Boone, 2 3/4 mi. s on 221 & 321	$15-16
Holiday Inn	Boone, 2 1/4 mi. s. on 221 & 321	$18

Recall, too, that some of the State's renowned eating establishments are in this area--Shattley Springs, Greenfield Inn, Daniel Boone Inn, etc. But none can surpass our NCWFPS picnics?! See you in October!


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BLUE R. PKY
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Winston Salem
Greensboro
-S-
Charlotte

Minutes of the North Carolina Wild Flower Preservation Society

Spring Meeting
April 19, 1970

The Spring Meeting of the North Carolina Wild Flower Preservation Society was held on Sunday April 19, 1970 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Holgar Nyfard, Cole Mill Road, Durham on the Eno River. Many of our members as well as several guests were able to attend.

Picnic tables were set up on a large promontory overlooking the river. Since the day was cloudy and rain was threatening it was decided that lunch should be the first order of the day. After our usual bounteous meal, since rain was still trying to fall, walks along the river were taken before the business meeting.

Dr. Herbert Heckenbleikner called the business meeting to order at 2 o'clock. The Treasurer, Miss Bessie Pope, reported a balance on hand of $224.13. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Pearson Stewart read the minutes of the Fall meeting, held in Tryon in October. The minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. O.G. Allen, Chairman of the Nominating tommittee presented the following slate of officers to be voted on:

President: Dr. Marjorie Newell
Vice- Pres: Mr. Thomas Shinn
Recording Sec: Mrs. Richard Donnan

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate proposed by the Committee was elected.

Dr. Heckenbleikner continued to preside as Dr. Marjorie Newell the newly elected President had difficulty finding the Nygard home and arrived only as everyone was leaving.

Club member Robert Conner as President of the Conservation Council of North Carolina urged our members to write Governor Scott, legislators, Roy Sowers, Jr. Dir., and Gilliam Horton, Chairman, Board of Conservation and Development requesting immediate action on the part of the State of North Carolina to acquire Bald Head Island as a State preserve for use as a State Park and scientific research center. Also members should express willingness to contribute to a public subscription of funds to assist in the purchase of the island. Bumper stickers with the notation "Save Baldhead Island" are being sold for one dollar. Proceeds will be deposited in a special fund to be used as the first contribution to a public subscription of funds. Mr. Gordon Butler madea motion that the Society go on record in support of the movement of pollution control. The motion was passed.

Mrs. Holgar Nygard invited our members to become members of the Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley. Dues are $2.00 per year and may be sent c/o Mrs. Carl Anderson, Box 450, Route 2, Durham, N.C. The Association's purpose is "to save the River from refuse, reservoirs and roads...". Mrs. Nygard feels that ultimately the biggest defense would be to have it preserved as a State Park. If land along the river could be acquired from Hillsborough to where the Neuse Reservoir begins, perhaps we will be able to walk from Hillsborough to Raleigh some day -- along the river.

On a motion by Dr. Hechenbleikner the members voted unanimously to give $50.00 to the Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley.

Mr. Walter B. Braxton presented $10.00 check to Dr. Hechenbleikner in appreciation for Dr. Hech's work as President of our Society.

(con't. Minutes)

Mr. Thomas Shinn, as newly elected Vice-President, urged members to send him names of interesting places suitable for future meetings. Dr. B.W. Wells, author "The Natural Gardens of North Carolina" reminded us that just a few miles away in Duke Gardens hundreds of people were enjoying bright displays of the descendants of wild flowers--but the wild flowers deserve all the credit.

The business meeting ended at 2:40 P.M.

Mrs. Pearson H. Stewart

Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Sunday, August 9, 1970

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Wildflower Preservation Society met at the home of the president, Dr. Marjorie Newell, on Sunday, August 9, 1970 at twelve noon. A delicious lunch was prepared and served by Dr. Newell and was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Newell at 2:00 P.M. The minutes of the March 1, 1970 executive board meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the Spring Meeting, held on April 19, 1970 were read, corrected and approved.

Miss Bessie Pope, treasurer, reported a balance of $347.13. Disbursements were $50.00 to the Society for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley, $10.00 in appreciation of the past presidency of Dr. Hechenbleikner, and $6.00 for stamps. Miss Pope said she would like for the dues to come in faster as many have not paid. She is planning to send out cards. Mrs. Braxton, newsletter editor, said she would submit the bill for the newsletter and new stationery later.

After group discussion it was moved by Mrs. Braxton and seconded by Mr. Melvin that the by-laws be accepted without change. This passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas Shinn moved, and Mrs. J.A. Warren seconded, the recommendation of the nominating committee as regards the trustees. This motion, which passed unanimously is found in the minutes of the March 1, 1970 executive board meeting. It is as follows - In 1970 the first three people named to the Board of Trustees would serve for a one year term, the last three for a two year term. The president would serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. The names of Mrs. H.R.Totten, Walter Braxton, Mrs. J.A. Warren and Mrs. H.P.Smith, Mrs. Paul Spencer, and Dr. H.R. Totten were recommended for election to the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Charles Hubbard, who was unable to attend, sent a report saying that plans for the medicinal garden at Bailey, N.C. are coming along well, and she plans to have a complete report for the fall meeting. Mrs. Shinn suggested that wanted plants could be included in this newsletter, and Dr. Newell said she would ask Mrs. Hubbard to send in a list. Mo. Melvin offered plants for the garden.

As new business, Dr. Newell proposed Raven Rock, the new satate park near Lillington, N.C. as a possible site for the fall meeting of the group. This plan was not pursued due to lack of facilities at the park. Dr. Totton propesed Mt. Jefferson State Park in A?he County. Mrs. Shinn

(Executive Board Meeting Minutes, con't.)

proposed Dr. Totten, Mrs. Donnan to investigate facilities there, and Dr. Totten asked Mrs. Emily Allen to work on this too. It was recommended that we ask Dr. Radford, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to accompany the group. Sunday, the 11th of October was set as the date for the meeting.

Mrs. Braxton said she'd been newsletter editor for ten years and that shd would like to resign after the fall and spring editions. Dr. Newell said she was indispensible, Mr. Shinn said the worth of the newsletter to the club was tremendous and valuable. The board agreed that she should have help, but could not resign. All stood in recognition of her efforts and refusal of her retirement. Mrs. Nell Lewis said she would have the letters addressed and stamped. Mr. Melvin said he would help. Mrs. Braxton is concerned about the fact that the cost of the newsletter will rise considerably when the student who is working his way through college graduates in June. He has been printing the letters very reasonably. She pointed out that all third class mail must have a zip code number. Dr. Newell pointed out that this gives the group a year to work out another means of printing the letters, and perhaps another reasonable method will be found.

Dr. Newell announced that Governor Robert Scott had asked for recommendations from groups such as ours. An interesting discussion on conservation of the environment followed. Mrs. Shinn said that our native plants were much appreciated by foreign visitors and she suggested that a recommendation by the group be made to Governor Scott that each town and county be encouraged to have a garden, park, or area reserved to show what is native locally. The group asked that Dr. Newell put in her letter the request that the state aquire, preserve, and develop lands for parks, woods, and open spaces.

Mrs. J.A.Warren suggested that we write to various state officials about the preservation of the Eno River Valley. A letter of thanks from the Society for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley had been read to the board, expressing thanks for the gift of $50.00. A newsletter from the group had been read also.

Mr. Braxton said concern had been expressed by some of the members about changes in some of the meeting dates. It was discussed and decided by the board that dates had to be set that suited the site and the flowers and foliage that would be seen at the time, as well as the crowd.

Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Melvin expressed concern about quart disposable bottles of Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola which had blown up. Mrs. Braxton said she used her tin cans as planters, after cutting drainage holes in the bottoms of the cans. Mr. Shinn said he used plastic containers as planters also. He put drainage holes in the bottoms and left the handles on, after cutting off the tops.

The board accepted with pleasure booklets from Mr. Shinn titled "Endangered Rare and Uncommon Wild Flowers". It is in color, and is put out by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Southern Region.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Donnan
Mrs. R.F.
Recording Secretary

Members Present at Executive Board Meeting:

Dr. Marjorie Newell
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Butler
Dr. & Mrs. H.R.Totten
Mrs. J.A.Warren
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shinn
Mrs. Paul Spencer
Mr. Lionel Melvin
Mrs. Nell Gregory Lewis
Miss Bessie Pope
Mrs. Richard Donnan
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Braxton
Mrs. Emily Allen
Miss Marjorie Knox
Miss Helen Voss
Mrs. Phyllis Newport

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WILDFLOWER GARDENING IS INCREASING
by
Rose Howell Holder
Daily News Club Editor

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ED.

The Last Educational Exhibit put on at the Greensboro Garden Center by the Greensboro Wildflower club was covered by Rose Howell Holder with pictures and the following article, in the Greensboro Daily News. This article pays such a nice tribute to one of our members, Mrs. J. Robert Chrismon who passed away August 15, 1970.

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The Greensboro Wildflower Club, which maintains that wildflower gardening is just another way of painting bright pictures on the landscape, is also sure that any program of state beautification should begin with the natural beauty of native flowers and trees.

North Carolina, says Mrs. J. Robert Chrismon, has plenty of source material, with 6,000 native plants and species, 128 families of drug plants and 166 different trees. She is a member also of the N.C. Wildflower Preservation Society.

Another Wildflower member, Mrs. R.G.Troxler, is a trustee of the Daniel Boone Native Gardens, a project of the Garden Club of North Carolina dedicated to the preservation of mountain plants being threatened with extinction.

The Boone garden, adjacent to the "Horn in the West" ampitheater at Boone, opened its new season Friday, one day ahead of the outdoor drama.

The local wildflower organization limits its members to 35 recognized authorities on wildflower gardening. A long waiting list indicates how rapidly the preservation of native plants is becoming a popular hobby.

While several members of the Greensboro club were putting in an educational exhibit this week at the Greensboro Garden Center, they were asked how one can develop a garden of wild flowers when rare varieties are protected by legislation. All of them answered at once. "By seed."

(Wildflower Gardening Increasing - Rose Howell Holder, con't.)

"By getting there ahead of the bulldozer at new housing or road building projects."
"By cuttings and root division."
"By transplanting, with permission of the owner. That's the law. You have to have written permission of the owner to dig, pull up or remove any of the plants on the conservation list."

The garden center exhibit had flowers that are on the restricted list (hepatica and an orchid species known as ladies' tresses), as well as some that can be freely picked without any danger of extermination (Queen Anne's lace, black-eyed-susans, milkweed).

When a wildflower or weed is brought into the garden and cultivated it technically ceases to be wild, but Mrs. W.B Braxton, who had rhododendron blooming in her wildflower garden this week, calls her plants wild as long as their habitat is chiefly woods, fields and roadsides.

One of the beauties of wildflower gardening, according to the Greensboro experts, is that the plants are unaccustomed to coddling and get along best when left alone, once their natural growing conditions are reasonably duplicated.

The gardener's skill comes in knowing whether they need sun or shade, swampy or dry places, acid or alkaline soil. The wildflower garden's effectiveness comes from the gardener's knowledge of color and design.

The Greensboro Wildflower Club, while observing all conservation, preservation and trespassing laws and avoiding all poisonous plants, has created wildflower gardens of great variety.

The club's exhibit illustrated some of the variety. Butterfly weed and yellow indigo (pictured), thistle, wild plum, wild whisteria, swamp forget-me-not, hepatica, stokesia, black-eyed-susan, trumpet vine, common yarrow, Queen Anne's lace, ladies' tresses, black snakeroot, white iris, meadow rue, elderberry, leather flower and papaw, the last with a sizable banana-like fruit which is edible.

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LOVE AND FEAR
by
Lionel Melvin

Our Wild Flower Preservation Society has a jump of almost two decades on the current conservation craze which has brought about the involvement of millions of people and their governments. The differences in our organization's attitude on conservation and that of the new ecology cult is that of love and fear. We are members of our organization because we have a sincere love of nature and wish to preserve the wild natives which contribute to its beauty. The recently aroused conservationists are motivated by fear of losing an environment essential to their survival-which is all right, too, but less altruistic or commendable.

No organization in the state has been more fortunate than ours in having competent guidance by North Carolina's best in their particular fields of science. Men like Doctors Totten, Wells, Harper, Freeman, [illegible] Rogers, Bell, Radford, Hechenbleikner, Tyndall, and the late Dr. Bloomquist have greatly enriched our lives by sharing with us their knowledge of plants and plant environments, and above all, their enthusiasm for these things. How well these men could have used the support of the new ecology element back when Dr. Harper was saying, "leave nature alone",

(Love and Fear, con't.)

when Dr. Totten advised "leave some for seed", when Dr. Wells pleaded with an indifferent legislature to save the Burgaw Savannah, when Dr. Rogers warned us to watch where we "put our big foot" and when Dr. Bloomquist, in speaking against pollution along our highways, advocated that the offenders "be taken out and shot before sunrise".

Of course, the statement by Dr. Bloomquist was figurative, but it does indicate that these men were and are very sensitive to and felt strongly about the callous destruction and pollution of nature. Perhaps now, the emotion of fear will bring about that which Dr. Bloomquist and all of the others failed in appealing to man's finer instincts.

For having known them, the shadowy forest, the clear stream, old fields, and the open meadows, each with their particular kind of flowers, hold for us greater understanding of nature and its wonderous ways. A people's culture does not arise in a generation. It takes many, and each adds a small part. Certainly that part contributed by our learned members of our wild flower society is more than worthy of the generation to which we belong. May the continuity of this culture prevail against the efforts of those who would break with tradition, belittle our heritage and adulterate our culture with poor substitutes.

Lionel Melvin
August 12, 1970

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REDEFINING 'PROGRESS' IN A NEW ERA
by
William D. Snider

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Ed.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, The Greensboro Daily News Tar Heel Talk by William D. Snider, Editor, Daily News & Record, Section B Page 5 carried a cartoon drawn by Zschiesche with the notation beneath SILENT SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER and the headline Redefining 'Progress' in a New Era. The following is a tribute to Rachel Carson.

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Most new eras have a way of starting quietly -- not like Hiroshima in 1945 but like Rachel Carson in 1962.

In a series of prophetic articles in The New Yorker, later published as a book, Miss Carson set forth a thesis which might, in the light of history, become a landmark as important as Darwin's Origin of the Species or Marxs Communist Manifesto.

"The history of life on earth," she wrote, "is a history of the interaction of living things and their surroundings. To an overwhelming extent, the physical form and the habits of the earth's vegetation and its animal life have been molded and directed by the environment. Over the whole span of earthly time, the opposite effect, in which life modifies its surroundings has been relatively slight. It is only within the moment of time represented by the 20th century that one species -- Man -- has acquired significant power to alter the nature of his world, and it is only within the past 25 years that this power has achieved such magnitude that it endangers the whole earth and its life. The most alarming of all of Man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of the air,

earth, rivers and seas with dangerous, and even lethal materials."

Miss Carson's Silent Spring got plenty of attention -- some favorable, some unfavorable. Many people living in the atomic age recognized the validity of hers fears. But an equal number, seeing vested interests threatened, preferred to minimize them. Now almost a decade later these foot-draggers have been carried kicking and screaming, in Adlai Stevenson's term, into the era of Earth Day.

In some ways their failure to start putting ecology first is ominous. For the pressures now brought to bear on the establishment -- especially the military-industrial complex -- have been greatly amplified by a wave of emotional fervor. Giant corporations find their stockholders' meetings invaded by irate ecologists protesting air and water pollution. Corporate and governmental lethargy has become a major assault point for disillussioned youth, already turned off by Vietnam and racism.

A new youth movement calling itself Zero Population Growth is experiencing some growth of its own. These young people have pledged to restrict the size of their families (limit two). At least two of their leaders--Dr. Paul Ehrlich and Dr. Thomas Eisner -- have voluntarily undergone a vasectomy after fathering one and three children respectively.

The ZPG movement also enthusiastically supports such affiliated activities as abortion reform , legalization of birth control, changes in welfare legislation and tax exemptions for children.

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MRS. J. ROBERT CHRISMON
by
Nell Lewis

On Saturday, August 15, Mrs. J.Robert Chrismon, widely known gardener, expired, leaving behind a host of friends who will long mourn her absence.

One rarely stops to evaluate a friend until that friend has been removed from our realm, and so it is with our Mrs. Chrismon. Perhaps the rose best typifies the energetic, vivacious life of this woman whose dedication to plants remains an inspiration to all who knew her.

She possessed beauty, not only physical charm, but a warm, glowing inward loveliness that reached out and had its being in her interest in other people.

She lent sweetness, and just as memory of the fragrance of the rose cannot be erased, neither can the moments spent with her be forgotten.

And like the rose, Mrs. Chrismon required fertile soil and sunshine to thrive - - - strictly an outdoorsman, she loved the days of sun, and the rich dark earth to grow the flowers that were so much a part of her.

She walked in honesty, fairness, straightforwardness, and dignity, and expected the same of her fellowman. Her outrage toward the slovenly individual who was unmindful of the blessings and wonders of this world was as sharp as the thorns of the rose.

With each growing season the fragrance of her friendship will waft across gardens throughout our area, because she generously shared her flowers with those who passed her way. Each fragil blossom will life its face to remind us of her.

Nell Lewis

ED.

Emily Allen was most kind to send for our newsletter this article by Julie Lambeth carried on the Garden Page of the Winston-Salem Journal April 25. 1970. Some years ago Julie Lambeth did an article on Mrs. J.N. Plaster's Garden at 1875 Meadowbrook Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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WILDFLOWERS ARE AWESOME, LOVELY

by

Julie Lambeth

For centuries man has been improving flowers--making them showier and more adaptable. Yet, in spite of his efforts, there is nothing so awesome or lovely as the wildlings found in nature's gardens.

Here, in the foothills some of the rarest of these wildflowers will grow if proper environment is provided. It takes skill, an understanding of ecology, sometimes trial and failure, and a great deal of love and patience to grow such a garden. Those who become interested spend a lifetime learning, searching for different species and preaching protection for our few remaining untouched areas. They are a special breed who understand the delicate balance of nature, and now, with the cry "conservation," they suddenly find themselves in the forefront.

Emily Allen has loved wildflowers since she roamed the hills near Bethabara as a girl with her father. She and her husband, O.G.Allen built their home at 1466 Old Town Road on a portion of this land and have used wildflowers to develop a naturalized landscape.

This was possible because of the types of environments. The lot contains at the back, on a high hillside, a climax forest of beech, ironwood and sycamore. This hill steeply dips to a low moist meadow-and-brook situation. Moving upward again toward the rear of the residence is hardwood middle land, and at the roadside is dry oak and pine woodland. There is a suitable location for a wide variety of wildflowers.

Mrs. Allen has found 26 different ferns within a radius of three-quarters of a mile of her home, and 13 of these are growing on her lot. Rare Adder's -- Tongue fern, Shield fern, Walking and Cinnamon ferns, Ebony Spleenwort, Bladder fern, Maidenhair and Venus Hair ferns with others make a cool green summer dell viewed from the tree-top porch.

There is a long seasonal show of wildflowers from late winter through spring. Log steps, with drifts of bluets growing in between, lead down an easy slope. Paths lines with mossy bricks wind left and right with a steppingstone path curving to the brook. Hepatica, bloodroot, and Rue anemone are among the earliest wildflowers. They are followed by Foam-flower, Ginger Jugs, and Bluebells. In turn each of the many trilliums bloom. Dutchman's Breeches and dwarf Bleeding Heart precede False and True Solomon's Seal and Carolina lily. Trout lilies commit suicide bit by bit each year burying their roots deeper into the ground.

Dwarf Ginseng and ramps have aplace because of their curiosity value. Wild columbine with its dainty orange flowers blooms simultaneously with tiny Spur Violets. Down by the branch in a moist spot, Shortia shows glistening white flowers, and just above on the bank, Arbutus struggles to regain vigor after transplanting. A native barberry bends over the water.

Everywhere Mayapple forms mats of green umbrella leaves. Arum is just beginning to grow. Some of the trilliums prefer moist land while others need the middle woods. There are many different trilliums in shades of white, red, pink, yellow and brown.

(Wildflowers Are Awesome, Lovely, con't.)

Pink Lady Slipper is just showing foliage and many different orchids will bloom, a little later. Showy Goat's Beard, both boy and girl plants grouped together, will bloom in May and June, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and varieties of wild iris like the middle area for their environment.

There are some late season wild flowers too. Monarda and poisonous, but beautiful, Monks hood bloom in August and September. Gentian, Cup Flower and Joe-Pye Weed come along just as Goldenrod begins to bloom. There are many other wildflowers for each season, some familiar and some very rare.

This truly remarkable garden represents specialized knowledge of each and every plant. Years of study and careful collection have naturalized these wildings. Such a garden is not for the novice; it is for the one who has eyes to see beauty in small things for there are only a limited number of showy wildflowers.

With man's constant encroachment on fields and forests, wild gardens nurtured by those trained in growing them may become the only source for nature'sflowers in another generation. Under a canopy of dogwood and Redbud, Emily Allen is providing such a garden.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

This has been a wonderful spring and summer of work, gardening and fun. Perhaps many of you already know that playing bridge is something that appeals to me. It is hoped that bridge helps to keep the mind nimble and aids in the ability to think. Anyway bridge is my dish.[Well, something sure has kept you alert, don't give bridge the credit, how about Mr. Braxton???(the typist and friend)]

Miss Bessie Pope, our Treasurer, wants to remind you that the dues for our organization are $2.00 if you have not paid get them in the mail right away. Miss Pope's address is on the front of the Newsletter.

The response for worthy material for our Newsletter this time has been great, but each publication needs material.

On Sunday, August 15, 1970, Mrs. J.Robert Chrismon passed away. Mrs. Chrismon has contributed articles to our Newsletter several times. Her vast knowledge of plants was much appreciated by her friends and garden club members. We will all miss her.

Hope to see you Sunday October 11, 1970 in Mt. Jefferson State Park. Bring your eats and drinks and try to think to wear a name tag.

James Thurber some years ago gave this sage advice which is timely for all generations, "LET US NOT LOOK BACK IN ANGER OR FORWARD IN FEAR, BUT AROUND IN AWARENESS."

Viola A. Braxton (Mrs. W. B.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Having written one article for NEWSLETTER, I hesitate to impose a second one upon fellow members of the wild flower society, but I feel that I should call to your attention someting that I saw when I visited the Francis Harpers in Chapel Hill on August 14, this summer. Mrs. Harper showed me some Hosta taken from her grandmother's garden on the Hudson and other plants growing on the grounds to the rear of the house and while making this tour, I observed growing on the southeast side in a moist but self-drained spot under tall oaks the healthiest clump of Shortia that I have ever seen under cultivation. The interesting thing about this Shortia is that around it there are several seedlings in various stages of development which evolved from seed produced on this clump.

That Shortia does reseed itself I know, for our Nell Lewis brought back from Jocasse a tiny seedling for me with two generous clumps of the plants. This seedling now is large enought to flower next season.

Now we know that Shortia not only reseeded itself in the wild, but is capable of doing so under cultivation. This means that we can increase our plants of Oconee-bells by planting seeds.

Lionel Melvin

Dear Editor:

There is a song which proclaims " the best things in life are free", but what it fails to mention is the fact that these "best things" don't always last forever!

Members of North Carolina Wild Flower Preservation Society each receive two newsletters a year, newsletters note - and news-worthy enough to become part of ones treasured library. They are ours, and we appreciate them, but do we appreciate the time and effort someone must expend in order that we may have them before our meetings?

For the last ten years Viola Braxton, with the generous help and patience of her nice husband Walter, has worked tirelessly and uncomplainingly gathering and editing materials suitable for our letters. This, in itself, has been a chore, but the work does not end here. When the sheets return from the printer, they must be assembled,stapled, folded and placed in envelopes - - - envelopes that must be addressed and stamped.

Viola feels that she must relinquish this task at the end of the current year, and while we cannot deny that she, as well as Mr. Braxton, richly deserves a rest, we nevertheless regret her decision. We know that it will be difficult ro find someone with her energy and loyalty to take her place as our editor.

On behalf of each member of our club, I extend to the Braxtons our deep appreciation for the invaluable service which they have rendered to us over the past ten years.

Nell Lewis

THE MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN
by
Mrs. Charles S. Hubbard

The Medicinal Herb Garden at the Country Doctor Museum in Bailey is coming right along aided by the wisdom of Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner and Miss Elizabeth Lawerence. Meeting at the museum for consultation with Dr. Josephine Newell and Mrs. Charles Hubbard were Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Lindley and Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Smith.

The plan has been executed by Miss Lawerence, sufficient old hand-made brick are available, the center millstone has been promised by Mrs. W.T. Lamm, Jr. Grading is to be done shortly and it has been suggested that we have an old-fashioned brick laying day when the weather is cooler.

We will be ready for plants later and will publish the list for those who wish to contribute.

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PROGRESS ON THE ENO RIVER
BY
Mrs. Holger Nygard

In the words of our Regional Planners, Durham has a "magnificent scenic resource." It is the Eno River, which winds for twenty miles east of Hillsborough through wild and lovely country. This was the beautiful territory of the Eno Indians and in later days, the first settlers harnessed the river for their mills. Today, even though the Eno borders the City of Durham on the west, north and north-east sides, the river is still relatively unharmed.

But the Eno is gravely threatened by four present dangers: a reservoir, a belt-thorofare, a mammoth development, and wherever roads cross the river, by massive littering. These dangers are all symptoms of increasing urban growth and the population explosion. The Regional Planners predict that the population of the Research Triangle will be tripled in the next 50 years. They predict a continuous metropolitan area, a megalopolis, stretching from Raleigh to Chapel Hill and taking in Hillsborough.

One of the main needs of this metropolitan area will be open spaces and recreation. Already this part of the Piedmont has been classified as the 3rd most needy in terms of recreation. And so a State Park has been proposed for the Eno, stretching from Hillsborough to the Neuse and joining there with the recreational lands which will exist on both sides of the Neuse reservoir. The Park would consist of 20,000 acres or more, and would offer great recreational variety. On the west end there would be a free-flowing river, satisfying to hikers, botanists, fishermen, ecologists, history-lovers and wanderers. And on the east end there would be a huge reservoir where people could participate in more organized sports, such as boating, swimming and water-skiing. The State Park committee has met this idea with enthusiasm, and a feasibility study for the Park is in process this summer.

But State Parks move slowly, and it will take a lot of citizen participation to bring about the State Park on the Eno. Letters supporting the idea of the park would help. They should be sent to Roy Sowers,

(Eno River Progress, con't.)

Director of Conservation and Development, or to Thomas Ellis, Superintendent of State Parks.

Meantime, we should exert our energies to withstand the omnipresent dangers to the river: The reservoir, the road, the development, and the refuse.

The reservoir has been set back somewhat by the finding of the Regional Planning Commission. The Commission places the Eno at the bottom of the priority list and recommends that the Flat and Little Rivers be used as sources first. But the City of Durham continues to buy only for "Eno Lake". We need to exert citizen pressure on the Mayor and Council to keep the options open for other reservoirs by acquiring land on the Little and Flat.

The belt-thorofare projected for 1985 endangers one of the most scenic areas on the river, the Cabe gorge. There are 5 alternatives to this damaging route, and there are hopeful signs that the road might be pulled off the river, particularly if there is continued citizen pressure on local, state and federal levels to have this done.

The most immediate threat to the Eno is the one presented by Ervin Industries. These developers own more than 900 acres on both the north and south banks of the river. So far they have been indifferent to the City's plans for a wilderness park on one and a half miles of the Eno, west of Roxboro Road. Ervin Industries wish to commercialize the sixteen acres that the City planned to use for an entryway to their proposed park. Letters are in order to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation asking them not to underwrite changes in the masterplan for the City's Eno River park, which would permit commercialization of these 16 acres. The 39 acres that Ervin Industries would sell as a substitute do not have the same potential for an entryway and for multirecreational facilities.

In addition, phone calls or letters to the County Commissioners would help to let them know that the people of Durham and Durham County want wide greenways along the river through the Ervin Industries' development, not only to prevent erosion, but to preserve the beauty of the river and the continuity of the possible State Park. The County Commissioners will be meeting on this issue at 10 o'clock on August 3rd.

The fourth danger to the Eno, that of littering, is equally complex, though not as hazardous. Pressure on the County Commissioners to open their County Dump, known as the Durham County Sanitary Landfill, on Saturdays and to publicize its location and hours should help. And questions should continue to be asked as to where cars, refrigerators, washing machines, and other heavy household throwouts can be dumped legitimately. Presently, neither the Durham County Landfill nor the Orange County landfill accept these items. The Governor's State Committee on Beautification should be contacted for their suggestions as to heavy waste disposal. Littering has become a major state problem requiring State legislative action.

Letters on these issues written in an informative and reasonable spirit will do a great deal to save the Eno River and to create an Eno River State Park.

ADDRESSES OF OFFICIALS TO CONTACT ON THE ENO RIVER ISSUE

Please help by writing or calling as many of these people as you feel able to:

(Addresses, con't.)

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Dept. of Conservation and Development
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Mr. Roy G. Sowers, Jr. Director
Board of konservation and Development
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

2) On the issue of the reservoir:

The Durham City Douncil, especially the members of the Public Works Committee.

The Public Works Committee:

1. Charles Steele, Chairman
2. Mrs. Pat Griffin
3. Mr. Paul Alford
4. Mr. Tom Hunt
5. Mr. Allen Aldridge
6. Dr. C.E. Boulware

Phone numbers of the entire Council are given at the end of this list.

3) On the issue of the belt-thorofare.

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(Addresses, con't.)

Federal

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800 Independence Ave. S.W.
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Letters on this belt-thorofare issue have already been sent to:

Rep. Nick Galifianakis
Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Sen. Everett Jordan

Another series of letters to these representatives in Wash. on this subject would help to indicate continued community concern.

4) On the issue of Ervin Industries and the Lno River City Park between Guess and Roxboro Roads.

The Durham City Council. (listed at end)

Letters should indicate dissatisfaction with the Council's decision to permit commercialization within the projected park area.

The Durham County Commissioners. (listed at end.)

Letters might indicate the need for county participation in helping to pay for the Eno River Park. The commissioners should be asked to preserve greenways on both sides of the river east of Roxboro Road. The greenway issue will come before the County Dommissioners on Monday, August 3, 10 a.m.

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The BOR is providing matching funds for the Eno River Park. They do not favor the City's change of plans for the Park in favor of Ervin Industries.

Roy K. Wood, Director
U.S. Dept. of Interior
BOR
S.E. Regional Office
810 New Walton Building
Atl., Georgia 30303

5) On the issue of Littering along the river.

The Durham County Commissioners

The Orange County Commissioners

Mr. John B. Godwin, President
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