

THE
TOWN
AND
COUNTRY
GARDEN
CLUB

1950

February, 1950

The initial meeting of the newly organized Town and Country Garden club met Thursday afternoon Feb. 17, 1950 at 2:30 with Mrs. D. W. Stowe Jr. and Mrs. S. P. Stowe Jr. serving as joint hostess.

Mrs. T. Rudy Blanton presided, welcoming new members and introducing guest--Mrs. Dameron Williams and Mrs. Caldwell Ragen of Gastonia.

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Mrs. J. Walter Dickson led the group in prayer, after which Mrs. Blanton read the charter and the following committees.

Nominating committee

Mrs. J. E. Daughtride, chairman
Mrs. G. W. Stowe, Jr.
Mrs. T. M. Hunter
Mrs. T. R. Blanton

Year Book committee

Mrs. J. Walter Dickson Jr., chairman
Mrs. J. Paul Ford
Mrs. Henry Hand Rankin

Program committee

Mrs. S. P. Stowe, Jr.
Mrs. R. C. Schoonmaker
Mrs. W. M. Hall, Jr.

By-laws committee

Mrs. T. Marion Hunger, chairman
Mrs. J. I. Payne
Mrs. J. E. Daughtride

Telephone committee

Mrs. R. S. Cromlish, chairman
Mrs. H. G. Stowe
Mrs. W. T. Hall, Jr.

Mrs. Dameron Williams, president of the Gastonia Garden club, gave a very informal talk reviewing personal experiences and Garden club work. Mrs. Williams expressed regrets that Mrs. Palmgren, District Director Garden Club Federation could not attend meeting due to illness.

Following Mrs. Williams' talk, the guest were invited into the dining room for an ice course. The table had as centerpiece a minature wheelbarrow filled with greenery and potted blue hyacinths. Refreshments were served in small earthen pots decorated with blue hyacinths. After the social hour a business session was held during which Mrs. J. I. Payne, gave a report of the By-laws committee, in the absence of Mrs. T. M. Hunter; The By-laws were read, discussed and adopted. Mrs. J. E. Daughtridge gave a report for nominating committee. The following officers were elected.

Mrs. T. Rudy Blanton, president
Mrs. Henry Hand Rankin, vice president
Mrs. J. Lee Dagenhardt, secretary
Mrs. J. W. Stowe, Jr. treasurer
Mrs. James Myers, historian

The roll was called and reports given. Mrs. G. W. Stowe, Jr. reported on the work of the program committee, listing the tentative programs for the meetings of the ensuing year. Mrs. J. Walter Dickson Jr. reported on progress of the yearbook, listing hostesses for the year.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth H. Dagenhardt

Mrs. W. Tom Brice Hostess To Club

Mrs. W. Tom Brice, Jr., was hostess for the March meeting of the Belmont Town and Country Garden Club, held Thursday afternoon, March 20th, at her home on Central Avenue. Mrs. George W. Stowe, Jr., was co-hostess with Mrs. Brice.

Mrs. Ben Stowe, the president, conducted the business session, after which Mrs. James W. Stowe, Jr., acting program committee chairman, introduced the guest seaker, Mrs. J. Paul Kincaid, of Gastonia.

Mrs. Kincaid showed colored films of her azaleas and camellias, and discussed the different types shown. She advised care in making selections for planting, pointing out that by choosing the more hardy varieties, the gardener will not have disappointments. She brought with her more than twenty varieties of camellias to show the group, and her talk was informative, as she advised by name the camellias most suited for this climate.

The living room of the Brice home was decorated with spring flowers by the committee for the month: Mrs. Richard Schoonmaker, Mrs. S. P. Stowe, Jr., and Mrs. J. E. Daughtridge. First prize was awarded Mrs. Daughtridge for her arrangement of white peach blossoms in a light green modern container.

At the close of the session the hostesses served a coffee course.

Town And Country Club Hostesses At Tea

Members of the Belmont Town and Country Garden Club were hostesses at a lovely Silver Tea which was given at the home of Mrs. T. Marion Hunter on South Point Road Thursday, December 20th.

Mrs. J. W. Stowe, Jr., and Mrs. T. Marion Hunter greeted the guests at the front door, which was decorated with a traditional cedar and holly wreath tied with a large red ribbon bow. The table in the reception hall held an arrangement of a Christmas angel and lighted tapers, banked with nandina berries.

At the living room door Mrs. J. Paul Ford introduced the guests to the receiving line which was composed of Mrs. Ben Stowe, Mrs. Ika Payne, Mrs. W. C. Ratchford, Mrs. J. E. Daughtridge, and Mrs. Richard Cromlish, presiding officers of the club.

A large Christmas tree decorated with colored ornaments and tinsel stood in front of the living room window. One end of the mantel held a five branched gold candelabra to which was attached silver bells tied with gold ribbon. The other end of the mantel held a piece of gilded driftwood to which was attached silver stars. A pair of silver bells tied with gold ribbon hung from the top of a large gold leaf framed mirror. Pale pink angel hair and tinsel stars were placed throughout the arrangement. The fireplace also was decorated to carry out the gold and silver mantel motif. A table near the fireplace held an arrangement of

Christmas ornaments, greenery and lighted tapers.

A pair of tables near the dining room door held an arrangement of gilded cherry boughs with colored ornaments attached and banked by pale green tapers.

Mrs. George W. Stowe, Jr., and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Jr., directed the guests into the dining room where light refreshments were served by Mrs. Lee Dagenhardt, Mrs. Marshall Rhyne, Mrs. James F. Myers and Mrs. David B. Frye. Serving on the refreshment committee were Mrs. W. T. Hall, Jr., Mrs. Joe Steele, Mrs. Ike Howe, and Mrs. Tom Brice. Club president, Mrs. Henry H. Rankin, presided at the silver service at one end of the table. The centerpiece was a distinctive arrangement of silvered fruit banked with pale blue angel hair and tinsel. The table was lighted by tapers held by a seven-branched antique silver candelabra which reflected the silver metallic sprinkled on the pale blue cloth which graced the table. The buffet was banked with silvered cedar boughs and lighted blue tapers. The serving table held an arrangement of silvered magnolia leaves and a blue Christmas ornaments and a large white taper. The panes in the French doors were covered with silver snowflake designs which picked up the glow of the lighted tapers.

Mrs. Richard Schoonmaker directed the guests into the breakfast room. The table was set for a typical Christmas-morning breakfast, and was covered with a red, white and green Santa Claus cloth. The centerpiece was a miniature sled and Santa with his many tiny gifts. A hutch cabinet was banked with hemlock and candy canes, which carried out the gay, informal spirit of Christmas.

Mrs. S. P. Stowe, Jr., then directed the guests into the den. The mantel was banked with pine and gilded pine cones to simulate Christmas trees at one end. As a background was a brass wreath to which was attached a pine swag tied with a red bow. The opposite end of the mantel held a large red lighted taper. A cozy log fire burned in the fireplace. A tiered table was done in red and green crepe paper and silver ornaments hung from each tier. A large red lighted taper was placed in the center of the top tier and numerous Christmas packages graced the lower tiers. The windows were garlanded with cedar and holly. Mrs. George Howe kept guest register on the desk which was banked with cedar and graduated lighted tapers and colored ornaments.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Henry Stowe at the den door which was decorated with a jolly old snowman.

Two hundred guests were invited to call between the hours of three and five-thirty. The proceeds from the silver tea will be used for several civic projects which the club has undertaken for the coming year.









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