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PRESENT OFFICERS

President - - - - - Mildred Ford

Vice-President- - - - - Ann Dunnagan

Secretary - - - - - Eloise Daughtridge

Treasurer - - - - - Irving Johnston

Historian-Photographer- Virginia Frye

April

Plant

Sale

Name _____

The following are the plants offered this year for our annual plant sale. Each order must be completed and turned in to the Plant Sale Committee no later than noon April 3rd. Each member is responsible for distributing the plants she has sold and giving the money to Irving Johnston the day of the sale (April 20) at First Presbyterian Church from 10 to 12 A.M. We are offering ½ flats minimum. Please be present.

<u>PLANTS</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cushion Mums 3" Pot	\$.50	_____	_____
Yellow		_____	_____
Bronze		_____	_____
Pink		_____	_____
White		_____	_____
Petunias (single) 60 to a flat	6.50	_____	_____
Apple Blossom (soft pink)		_____	_____
Maytime (deeper pink)		_____	_____
Ballerina (close to salmon)		_____	_____
White Magic		_____	_____
White Cascade		_____	_____
Candy Apple (red)		_____	_____
Calypso (red and white)		_____	_____
Petunias (double) Flat		_____	_____
Lyric (pink)	9.00	_____	_____
Bridal Bouquet (double white)		_____	_____
Dwarf Marigolds Flat	6.50	_____	_____
Yellow		_____	_____
Variegated (bronze and gold)		_____	_____
Yellow Nugget	9.00	_____	_____
Dwarf Ageratum (48 to Flat)	7.20	_____	_____
Boston Daisies 2½" Pot Yellow	.35	_____	_____

PROJECT COMMITTEE

BOOTIE BOGER - CO-CHAIRMAN

JEAN DIXON - CO-CHAIRMAN

VIRGINIA FRYE

IRVING JOHNSTON

Geranium 4" Pot	1.50		
Pink			
Salmon			
Red			
Trailing Geranium 2½" Pot	.50		
Red			
Rose			
Lavendar			
Pink			
White			
Trailing Geranium 4" Pot	1.50		
Lavendar			
Rose			
Pink			
Begonia (single) 2½" Pot	.40		
White			
Red			
Pink			
Orange			
Fern (Fluffy Ruffle) Pot			
3" pot	.60		
4" pot	1.50		
6" pot	3.50		
Ivey (Shamrock) Pot			
2½" pot	.40		
4" pot	1.50		
6" pot	3.00		
Clymatis (Gal. Can)	2.00		
White (Henryi)			
\$1.00 charge for unreturned flats	PLEASE TOTAL		

Variety Show To Put Belmont In Bloom

"How would you like for Belmont to be the beauty spot of the county?" Mrs. George (Jean) Hodges puts the question to the people of the community.

Mrs. Hodges then explains: "It can happen, if all the citizens of Belmont will do their part."

The Civic Beautification Committee will sponsor a variety show on April 20, 21 and 22 with all proceeds to be used to beautify the city.

Bob Greene, director of the Belmont Playmakers, has donated his time and talent to stage and direct the show.

"We need you -- all of you, who are talented - large or small, professional or amateur, young or old," Mrs. Hodges, chairman and coordinator of the project said.

"Get your act together and let us know by February 4. Call either Mrs. Marsha Howe at 825-3276 or myself at 825-5530.

"Let's put Belmont in bloom this spring," Mrs. Hodges said.



BEAUTIFICATION EXPANDED - Carlton Hamrick who has been secured by the Civic Beautification Committee and the Belmont Council of Garden Clubs to assist in furthering efforts to beautify Belmont, is shown with Mrs. George Hodges, chairman of the Beautification Committee, and Mrs. W. M. Modisette Jr., president of the Belmont Council of Garden Clubs at the beauty spot at the intersection of Park Street and Wilkinson Boulevard. Hamrick, a native of Shelby, is a graduate of

N.C. State University school of Horticulture. He has been engaged by Biltmore Forest Gardens, Asheville, and the City of Charlotte. "We feel we are on the right track to an overall plan to beautify Belmont," Mrs. Hodges said. "With the support of the Garden Clubs, the Junior Women's Club, the city council and the Chamber of Commerce we hope to make Belmont a beautiful city. With the cooperation of all, this long-planned program can become an immediate reality."



Garden Club Hears Mrs. Warren Gardner

The Town and Country Garden Club met in Gastonia at the home of Mrs. J.O. Smith with Mrs. David Frye as co-hostess. Thirteen members and two guests were present.

Bridge Benefit will be held at the Sacred Heart gymnasium on November 2 at 8 p.m.

After refreshments the meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Harold Dunnagan who presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Paul Ford.

Mrs. Dunnagan introduced the speaker, Mrs. Warren Gardner of Gastonia. Mrs. Gardner brought to the clubs attention the many awesome facts concerning ecology and pollution in our present civilization and inspired each member to be aware of what she could do to improve the condition of our environment.

Committee reports were given and one of particular interest concerned the progress achieved by the beautification committee of which Mrs. George Hodges is the chairman.

Plans for the up-coming Flower Show and Bridge Benefit were discussed. The Flower Show will be at the Bank of Belmont, October 4-8. The



Ted Hinson Speaks To Garden Club

The Town and Country Garden Club met in the First Methodist Church parlor with Mrs. Ed Bullard and Mrs. Richard Parker as hostesses.

Mrs. George Hodges introduced the speaker, Ted Hinson, of Charlotte, who was employed to draw up plans for the beautification of Belmont which the garden clubs of Belmont and the City of Belmont are doing under the supervision of Mr. Carlton Hamrick.

Mr. Hinson proposed questions such as:

What is beautification?

Why have it?

Where to beautify?

When to beautify?

And How to go about financing such a project?

All of his questions, which he answered himself gave the members an insight into many possibilities of making Belmont a very beautiful city.

A business meeting followed with reports from the committee representatives for the Benefit Bridge to be held at the Wheeler Athletic Center, Belmont Abbey College, Nov. 2, 1971. All the garden clubs of Belmont are the sponsors and the proceeds will go to the Civic Beautification of Belmont.



Barbara Holfeld Is Speaker For Garden Club

The Town and Country Garden Club met at the First Presbyterian Church with Mrs. George Dixon and Mrs. George Hodges as co-hostesses.

After refreshments, Mrs. Paul Ford read the Gardner's Prayer after which she introduced Barbara Holfeld, of Gastonia, who gave an interesting talk on making Christmas wreaths and other decorations. She had brought some beautiful samples of her artistic creations which were on display.

After the program, a brief business meeting followed. There was a report of the most successful Benefit Bridge which was held recently.

Mrs. Hodges, beautification Chairman, reported that work was progressing as planned and called for volunteers to help plant the 1200 pansy plants which will adorn various locations of Belmont.



Garden Club To

Sponsor Lily Sale

Mrs. George W. Stowe, Jr., was hostess to the Town and Country Garden Club on Thursday, January 20. Upon arrival the members were invited to the tea table for refreshments.

Mrs. Paul Ford, president, opened the business session with the Gardener's Prayer.

Mrs. Neely Dixon Jr. and Mrs. James Boger, who are co-chairmen of the Projects Committee, announced that the Club will have the annual Lily and potted plant sale before Easter. Orders will be taken in February and March. The annual plant sale will be held on April 20. Orders will be taken in advance.

Mrs. Harold Dunnagan, Program chairman, announced that Miss Barbara Harding of the Coleman Nurseries will speak at the February 17 meeting on Dish Gardens and Terrariums, with a demonstration.

Each month members of the Club take flower arrangements to the Lyn - Rae Nursing home in Belmont.

After the business session, Mrs. Stowe presented a film of the Williamsburg Gardens, showing the flower arrangements used throughout the Governor's Palace and other buildings.

BARBARA
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GARDENER'S PRAYER

*Let us, O God, look to the tree and the flower
for the beauty and serenity of orderly living.*

*As each in its season, depending wholly upon
Thee for development, arrives at perfection—
so may each of us in simplicity and trust, work
out the divine pattern of her being. And help
us to achieve in living, O God, the same har-
mony and loveliness that we strive for in
gardening, exemplifying in both the beauty of
holiness.*

J. H. FILMORE

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OFFICERS

President ----- Ann Dunnagan

Vice President ----- Jean Dixon

Secretary ----- Catherine Gray

Treasurer ----- Clara Bullard

Historian/Photographer ----- Nancy Brice

Club Council

Flower Show

In Progress

A Fall Flower Show is in full bloom at the Bank of Belmont.

The Belmont Council of Garden Clubs, sponsor of the show, invites everyone to view the displays.

Potted plants, arrangements and single specimens from the gardens of local flower growers are all part of the free show.

If you have not yet entered your flowers, there is still time to do so during the remainder of the week.

Those who have brought entries to the show are reminded to pick up their containers before the close of the show at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Flower Show Next Week

At Bank Of Belmont

The Bank of Belmont on Main Street will be bursting with blooms Monday through Friday of next week.

The occasion is the annual Fall Flower Show sponsored by the Belmont Council of Garden Clubs.

Flowers and any other plant materials are welcome in arrangements, potted plants, or single specimens. Garden club members will be at the Bank to receive and label each entry with the name of the contributor and the name of the species.

Entries should be taken to the bank any day, Monday

through Friday, between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. if at all possible. Everyone who brings flowers for the show is reminded that they are expected to pick them up as soon as they fade. All flowers and containers should at least be picked up before the bank closes at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Mrs. Marshall Rhyne, general chairman, and Mrs. L. B. Bass, arrangements chairman, urge everyone who has flowers and plants to enter them in the show. They also welcome and urge the general public to come by and view the flowers anytime during bank hours.

Garden Clubbers Hold First Meet Of '72

The Town and Country Garden Club held their first meeting of the new club year Thurs. morning May 18. Mrs. John M. Harney and Mrs. Harley Gaston Jr. were hostesses. The meeting was held at Mrs. Harney's home on Todd Street with eighteen members present.

Prior to the meeting the hostesses invited the members into the dining room for tea and party pick-up foods.

Mrs. Harold Dunnagan, the new president, presided and opened the meeting with one of Peter Marshall's prayers.

The following slate of officers were read by the

president. Mrs. Neely Dixon Jr. - Vice-President. Mrs. Dennis Gray - Secretary. Mrs. Ed Bullard - Treasurer. and Mrs. Tom Brice Jr. - Historian - Photographer.

Plans for the coming year were discussed. The club is going to sponsor a poinsettia plant sale in December in addition to the lily and bedded plant sale that they have each spring. The money from these plant sales to be used for civic beautification.

The members were asked to make a special effort and to cooperate with the Town Council in the clean-up Belmont Week designated for the last week in May.

The June meeting will be held with Mrs. Clayton Lineberger.



Town And Country Garden

Club Tours Pottery Shop

The Town and Country Garden Club members and guests had a fun day September 21.

Hostesses and tour guide for the occasion were Mrs. Neely F. Dixon Jr. and Mrs. Harold R. Howe.

A chartered bus took the group to Seagrove, N.C. and surrounding community. They toured Seagrove Pottery, Coles Pottery, Jugtown and Graves Candle Shop.

At Jugtown Nancy Sweeney, one of the potters, explained how native clay is used for making pottery.

The group saw pottery being molded by skilled craftsmen using the kick

wheel. This is a pre-revolutionary technique reflecting the life and spirit of a heritage found in the byways of North Carolina. All kilns are wood-burning and ground-hog (below ground level).

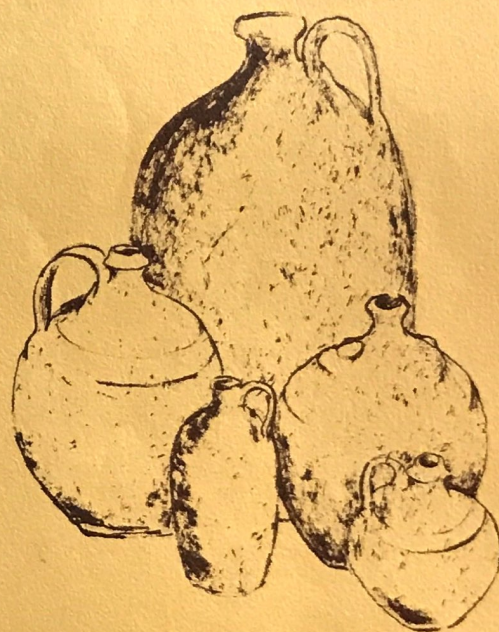
A picnic lunch was enjoyed on the grounds at Jugtown. After lunch club president, Mrs. Harold M. Dunnagan, presided at a brief business meeting.

The clubs next meeting will be October 19. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Woods from Holy Angels Nursery.

Corn-derived sweeteners make up about 16 per cent of nutritive sweetner usage in the U.S. market.



JUGTOWN POTTERY



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High Falls Exchange

919 - 464 - 3266

Garden Club Hears About Holy Angels

The Town and Country Garden Club held their regular monthly meeting October 19th in the assembly room of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. J.E. Daughtridge and Mrs. David B. Frye were hostesses.

A Halloween motif was carried out in decorating the refreshment table and in the party pick up foods.

The beautification committee stated that progress was being made on the beauty spots at the Carriage House and the circles at Glenwood Cemetery.

Bob Wood from Holy Angels Nursery was guest speaker.

Wood showed a very moving and touching movie about the children at Holy Angels Nursery. Mr. Wood told of his work and love for these special children and what a privilege it was to be a part of Holy Angels. Wood also answered questions from the floor.

At the conclusion of the meeting club members viewed a display of novelty flower arrangements made by Mrs. Tom Brice Jr., Mrs. James Wasson and Mrs. T. Marion Hunter.

The November club meeting has been changed to Wednesday November 8th. Mrs. Roy Owens from Charlotte will be guest speaker. She will have a Christmas program with emphasis on della Robbia wreaths.

Garden Club Taking Orders For Plants

The Town & Country Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting on March 15 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. E.W. Bullard on Heritage Court. Mrs. Richard Parker was co-hostess.

After refreshments, Mrs. Dennis Gray, in the absence of the clubs president, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. David B. Frye reported for the Project Committee that the club will again sell Easter lilies and bedding plants. Orders for these plants may be given to any club member. The lilies will be delivered Thursday, April 19, and the bedding

plants on Wednesday, April 25. Profit from the plant sale will be used for the clubs beautification projects.

Mrs. Clayton Lineberger presented an interesting program "Mirror of the Past" a film of Tryon Palace.

The April club meeting will be the plant sale. Mrs. James Wasson will be hostess.

Small town effort makes a big sparkle

BELMONT — The actors, actresses, singers and dancers of "Like Diamond Rings," their feet tired and their bodies weary, have braved the mass confusion that goes along with an amateur production of a musical play.

And the worst is not over. Today the cast will rehearse 1-5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. on. After this grueling feat, they face the dress rehearsal before presenting the play Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock in the South Point High School auditorium.

But "Like Diamond Rings" is for a cause — it will make Belmont more beautiful. The community-spirited participants, adults and young people alike, give the impression that civic beautification is worth every tired foot, aching back, and headache.

"The whole thing is for Belmont," said Leah Levin of Mt. Gilead, who wrote the play and its lyrics. Mrs. Levin is donating her services as director, traveling between Mt. Gilead and Belmont for each rehearsal.

Benjy Haywood of Mt. Gilead, composer of the musical score, is also donating his services. Others giving time and talents are Bob Greene, producer; Alan Stout, set designer; Delores Poovey, choral director; and Ann Lineberger, costume planning. Rick Salinas of Charlotte, choreographer, is being paid for his professional services.

If all this free service is remarkable, so is the history of the play.

Mrs. Levin wrote the play 10 years ago to assist the Mt. Gilead Lions Club in raising funds to build a swimming pool. The first night people were turned away from the 1,000-seat auditorium, and the next morning people from all over North Carolina were calling for tickets. The play, a sell-out again four months later, received mention in The New York Times and in the 1963 World Book Encyclopedia Yearbook.

Then the play, having served its purpose, was put to bed. However, a series of events that began last fall brought it out of the mothballs.

"The mayor and city council, after local garden clubs had done a lot of harping, appointed a Civic Beautification Committee," said Mrs. George Hodges, coordinating chairman of the benefit play. "The committee met after the council agreed to hire Carlton Hamrick of Charlotte on a part-time basis to clean up the cemetery and existing beauty spots."

...sing beauty spots.

When Mrs. Hodges lamented at the meeting that they had Hamrick's talent and no money, Mayor Calvin Ballard mentioned that 20 years ago a variety show had raised \$1,500. The committee went to Bob Greene, director of the Belmont Playmakers, who agreed to polish up the acts if the talent was obtained.

"When we could find only a few worth while acts, Bob recalled that he once helped with 'Like Diamond Rings' that raised \$10,000 in Mt. Gilead," Mrs. Hodges said.

Mrs. Levin remembered Green's help and agreed to update the play to suit Belmont's purposes.

"Like Diamond Rings," at first a story of industry hunting, now tells of a small town between two large cities seeking an identity of its own and a sense of community. In the play, Belmont cleans itself up in an attempt to win a national award and put the town on the map. Thrown in are a love story and a bit of Women's Lib.

"The music is as good as any found in Broadway musical, and the choreography is fantastic," said Mrs. Hodges.

Male and female leads in the play are Mrs. Thomas M. (Gail) Hunter of Belmont and Mike Riley of Charlotte. Joe Messer, local postman with a big voice, portrays Belmont's mayor. Mrs. Leona Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Williams of Gastonia have key roles also.

Mayor and Mrs. Calvin Ballard and City Councilman and Mrs. Tom Berry are members of the chorus. Other residents in the cast include Larkin Reeves, David Hall Jr., George Howe Jr., Walt Tomlinson, Clayton Lineberger, Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges, Johnnie Falls, and Linda Greene, wife of the producer.

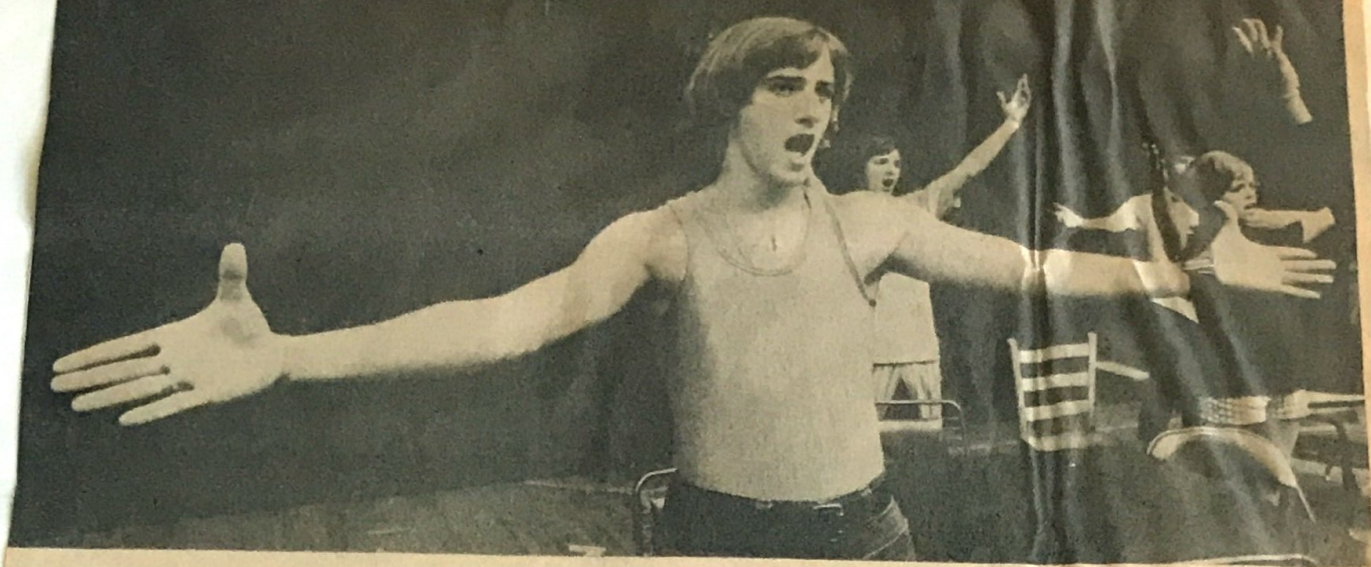
Mrs. Hodges has special praised for the Belmont Playmakers, who forfeited one of their annual presentations to help with the play. "The young people are doing a terrific job," she said.

"Everyone connected with the play has put in untold hours of work."

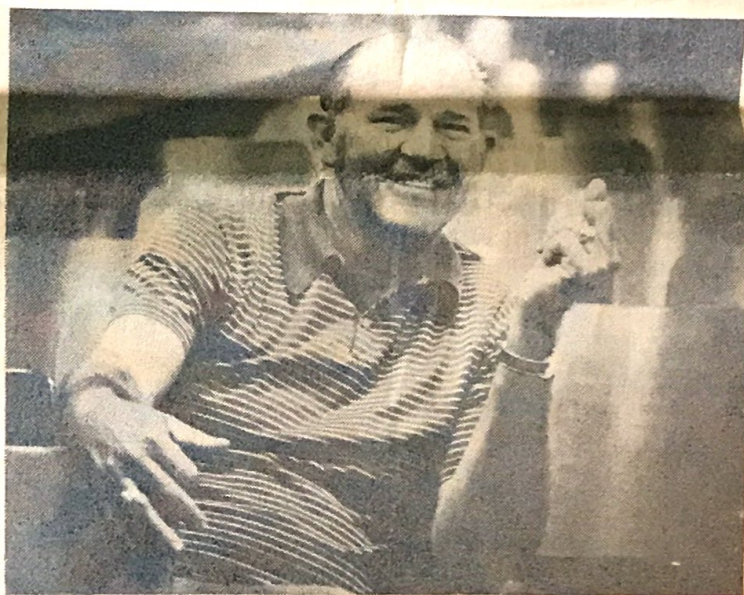
Sponsors of the play are the Belmont Junior Woman's Club and the Belmont Garden Council. These clubs, which have been active in beautification projects, hope to do further work with some of the proceeds from the play.

"A major project of the Civic Beautification Committee is to plant trees on Main St. in downtown Belmont," Mrs. Hodges said.

The play sponsors hope to prove that the best things come in small packages, "Like Diamond Rings" and like small towns.



'Like Diamond Rings' is a musical play which tells of Belmont's bid for identity and new sense of community



A small town play takes the talents and efforts of a lot of people. Some of them, shown here are: dancer Mike Holland, top photo; Rick Salinas, choreographer; Mayor Calvin Ballard, chorus member; Benjy Haywood, composer; Leah Levin, playwright-lyricist (right, in descending order); Bob Greene, producer (top left); and Leona Smith, a cast member (bottom left)



Like Diamond Rings

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL
by

Leah Levin
AND

Benjy Haywood



A Benefit For Beauty

The Belmont Council of Garden Clubs

Belmont Junior Woman's Club

In Association With

Bob Greene and The Belmont Playmakers

Present

Like Diamond Rings

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL COMEDY

Book and Lyrics by
Leah Levin

Music by
Benjy Haywood

Production Directed by
Leah Levin

Music Directed by
Benjy Haywood

Choreography by
Gay Porter
Ricardo Salinas

Vocal Direction by
Delores Poovey

Sets by
Alan Stout

Lighting by
Bob Greene

Costumes by
Anne Lineberger
Ann Thompson

Piano
Benjy Haywood

Organ
Roger Sanders

Percussion
Benny Blake
Larry Sitton

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South Point Senior High School



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T&C Garden Club Hears Alvin Cain

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter and Mrs. Marshall Rhyne was hostess for the regular town and country Garden Club meeting held on February 14 at 10 a.m. in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church.

A beautiful large cascade arrangement of red and pink camillias decorated the coffee table in the parlor. Mrs. Rhyne made the arrangement from camillias grown in her green house.

Following a coffee-hour Alvin Cain from Luxury Crafts presented a most interesting and informative program on "Flowers Of The Century." He gave a brief history of the Gorham flowers and brought six lovely Gorham arrangements for the club members to admire.

Next months meeting will be held on March 18. The film "Mirror Of The Past" of Tryon Palace and Gardens will be shown.