



1977-1978



GARDENERS 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 harmony and loveliness that we strive for in gardening, exemplifying in both the beauty of holiness.

J. H. FILMORE

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OFFICERS

President Mary Margaret Hunter
Vice-President Laura Smith
Secretary Snookie Poag
Treasurer *Betty* ~~Sn~~ Howe
Historian/Photographer Clara Bullard

THE BELMONT BANNER - Wednesday, September 21, 1977

T&C Club Holds First Meeting Of Fall Season At Lineberger Home

The Town and Country Garden Club held their first meeting of the fall season September 15 at ten o'clock at the home of Mrs. Arch Lineberger on North Main Street. Mrs. Marshall Rhyne was co-hostess.

In the center of the dining-room table was a beautiful artistic arrangement of English Ivy in a silver bowl. The hostesses served delicious "Humming Bird" cake and coffee.

Club president Mrs. Marion L. Hunter presided at the meeting. Mrs. Hunter announced that different club members would present the

club programs this year. Mrs. George Hodges gave a very interesting and enlighten program in title Wild and Wonderful. Mrs. Hodges told how you could make lovely flower arrangements out of weeds and wild flowers.

Five new members have joined the club. Mrs. M. L. Feimster, Mrs. Cary F. York, Mrs. George M. Howe Jr., Mrs. Joseph S. Stowe and former club member Mrs. James Steele.

Mrs. Hunter said the October meeting would be a work shop to winterize the clubs beauty spots in town.

SEPTEMBER



THE BELMONT BANNER - Wednesday, October 26, 1977

T&C Garden Club Beautifies City

The Town and Country Garden Club held its October meeting at Greenwood Cemetery last Thursday, the twentieth.

The purpose of the meeting was to clean-up certain areas

of town, including the circles of Greenwood Cemetery.

Before the work started, sixteen members were served Russian tea and toll-house cookies by the hostess, Mrs. Edward McGee.

Members were assigned to work crews and each crew was given an area in which to work: the circles at Greenwood Cemetery, the Mary Edna Dixon Memorial Garden at Belmont Central School, and the flower plot in downtown Belmont near the Piedmont and Northern railroad tracks, and the Southern railroad tracks.

The beautiful fall weather helped make this a particularly enjoyable morning meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER CLEAN-UP



CAROLE
KAT
SISSY
PAT



JANICE
SISSY



BETTY
MARY MARGARET
LIBBA
JANICE

DECEMBER

POINSETTIA SALE

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KAT

- THE BELMONT BANNER - Wednesday, December 14, 1977

Garden Club To Place Holiday Wreaths

The Town and Country Garden Club held its December meeting on Thursday, the eighth in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont.

During this meeting, the members made Christmas wreaths of holly to be hung on the doors of the municipal buildings of Belmont.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. George Hodges and Mrs. Harold Howe.

During the business meeting, the date for picking up pre-ordered poinsettias

was set for Thursday, December 15.

The Manger scene in front of the Library will be erected by the City of Belmont with help from members of the Town and Country Garden Club ... during the week of December 12th.

The meeting was adjourned with the completion of the wreaths of holly.



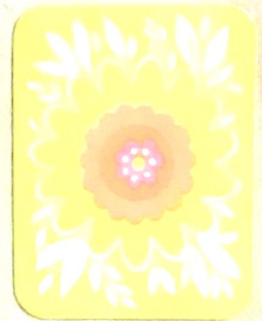
NOVEMBER



CARLE
GINGER
JANICE



AT SWE HOME'S



DECEMBER WORK SHOP



Arrangements Without Flowers

Is Topic Of Garden Club Meeting

The January meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held on Thursday, January nineteenth, at ten o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Paul Ford. Mrs. Michael Feemster was co-hostess with Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Feemster served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by the twelve members present.

The president of the Town and Country Garden Club, Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, opened the meeting by asking for various committee reports. Mrs. Harold R. Howe, Jr. gave the Treasurer's report and also a report from the sale of Poinsettias.

Mrs. J. Crawford Poag read the minutes of the December meeting and they were approved as read.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter introduced the speaker of the morning, Mrs. George M. Howe, Jr. who spoke on "Decorating with Greenery -- how to do arrangements without flowers." She used as her text, a book by Jeanne Lamb O'Neill, entitled, *Decorating with Greenery*. Mrs. Howe stresses the following positive points about decorating with greenery:

- Always available.
- May be placed with any interior colors and does not clash.
- Regular lines of arrangement may be used.
- Many shades, shapes, and textures.

Some varieties of greenery are as follows: yew, cedar, holly, legustrum, boxwood, acuba, pyracantha, and magnolia.

Mrs. George M. Howe, Sr. and Mrs. Harold R. Howe, Sr. produced beautiful arrangements of greenery putting into motion words and ideas of Mrs. George M. Howe, Jr.

Mrs. Harold Howe, Sr. fixed an asymmetrical arrangement of euonymus and large ivy leaves, and also a table arrangement composed of bamboo, large ivy, boxwood and cuminhamia.

Mrs. George Howe, Sr. had an arrangement of asparagus fern and red berries accompanied by a red bird and paper weight to carry out the red color scheme. Mrs. Howe's second arrangement was composed of dusty miller and green willows. Her last arrangement showed the beauty of legustrum with blue berries and cedar.

These beautiful and varied arrangements well illustrated Mrs. George Howe, Jr.'s talk of greenery and arrangements.

Mrs. J. Paul Ford gave basic gardening hints for the months of January and February. Mrs. Ford also

quoted an article by Clyde Osborne of the *Charlotte Observer* which stated that "in order to get the maximum freshness from greenery for arrangements, submerge the greenery in a tub full of water and leave overnight." After you have finished your arrangement, Mrs. Ford suggested adding Sprite to the water in the bowl or vase.

After a lively discussion of the program and the arrangements, the meeting was adjourned.

JANUARY

Garden Club Hosted By

Mrs. Jed Daughtridge

Mrs. James E. Daughtridge, Sr. was hostess and also presented the program for the Town and Country Garden Club at her

home on South Point Road, Thursday morning, Feb. 16. Mrs. Daughtridge served coffee and cake to the 16 members present.

The meeting was opened with the Gardener's Prayer by the president, Mrs. T. Marion Hunter. Mrs. Hunter next asked for committee reports

and they are as follows: **Project:** Mrs. Ed Bullard reported that the Easter lily and chrysanthemum sale is all lined up with Coggins Greenhouses and that the pre-ordered flowers may be picked up at the First Presbyterian Church on March, twenty-third.

Treasury: Mrs. Harold R. Howe reported that the club is in sound financial condition;

Mrs. George McClellan, III announced that the Garden Council will meet March 14.

Mrs. Cary York, representing the committee of Continuing Education for the Belmont Recreation Department, asked for suggestions for adult courses for citizens of Belmont. These courses will begin March 1.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. J. Crawford Poag, Mrs. George M. Howe, Sr. read the minutes of the January meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Mrs. George M. Howe, Jr.

who gave the program in January on "Decorating with Greenery," added an extra source of information for her topic: the February issue of *Southern Living*.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter announced that the nomination committee would be composed of Mrs. Arthur M. Rose and Mrs. Harold R. Howe.

Mrs. Daughtridge presented a program on making beaded flowers. She showed how the flowers were formed from the first bead until the flower was finished. A variety of colors were used as well as a variety of flowers -- from single stem to double stem to a bouquet -- all exhibited in appropriate vases.

Mrs. Daughtridge made authentic flowers such as a daisy, and columbine; then proceeded to create her own blend of colors and shapes for original flowers.

After looking at flowers Mrs. Daughtridge had made, the meeting was adjourned.

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Wednesday, March 29, 1978

T&C Garden Club Holds Cemetery Clean-Up Meeting

The March meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held on the 16th in Greenwood Cemetery. The purpose of this meeting was to clean-up the cemetery circle and other club-sponsored

spots in Belmont.

Twelve members were present and enjoyed refreshments served by the hostess, Mrs. Ed Bullard before beginning work.

The Town and Country president, Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, presided, and announced that in the future, the Manger Scene which is erected annually during the Christmas season, at the Belmont Public Library (by rotating garden clubs of Belmont) will be a project of the Belmont Garden Council.

Several members of the club suggested areas around Belmont which should be considered as a group club project to beautify entrances to the city. The club members unanimously voted to study the situation at the city entrance from Wilkinson Boulevard and Park Street, adjacent to Neely Chevrolet Company.

Mrs. Hunter announced that on April 15, there will be a city-wide clean-up campaign. The area assigned to the Town and Country Garden Club is from Wilkinson Boulevard to North Main Street to the City Hall.

Mrs. Cary York announced that also on April fifteenth, the Belmont Central School Parents' Teachers Association will have a flea

market at the Abbey Plaza shopping center from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. She urged everyone to look in their attics for contributions and to come to the flea market. The proceeds will be used for a cyclone fence to surround Central School.

There being no further business, the club members picked up their rakes and hoes and started to work.

BEAUTY
SPOTS

MARY EDNA DIXON
MEMORIAL

+
CEMETERY
CIRCLE

APRIL





APRIL

BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA 28012 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1978

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Girl Scout troops 214 and 227
Area behind firehouse.
Brownie troop 16 - Davis
Park - tennis courts.
Brownie troop 8 - Davis
Park - ball park.
Brownie troop 47 - Davis
Park picnic area.

There will be many children
and adults on the roads during
the hours of 10 a.m. until noon
- so all motorists please drive
carefully.

"This litter campaign is just
one part of Belmont's week
long clean up. Each mer-
chant, businessman, career
person and housewife - every
person of Belmont should do
their share to make Belmont a
cleaner and better place in
which to live," Mrs. McClellan
explained.

Clean Up Campaign Starts Saturday With Litter Drive

"Belmont needs help!
Belmont has received the
promise of help but needs
more - from you!," says Mrs.
George McClellan, chairman
of the city wide clean up for
the Belmont Council of
Garden Clubs.

Twenty organizations have
been assigned and will pick up
litter in a particular area of
Belmont on Saturday, April
15th from 10 a.m. until noon.
The filled bags of litter will be
taken to one of seven
designated places and the city

crew will be responsible for
picking up the bags.

"A litter pick up campaign
helps a great deal in the ap-
pearance of the area but is
only a start for our litter
problem. The people must be
educated in the disposal of
litter before permanent
results can be seen. The use of
car litter bags, putting trash
in proper receptacles, or
holding trash until we can
dispose of it properly are just
a few of the things we must all
learn and apply. The ap-

plication of a little knowledge
and alot of civic pride will go a
long way in Belmont. Let's all
try harder," Mrs. McClellan
said.

Advanced thanks go to the
following groups who will
participate in Saturday's
Clean Up Campaign. The
area's which the various
organizations will cover are
listed also.

Town and Country Garden
Club - Boulevard to Mill Office
on N. Main St.

Belmont Garden Club -
Triangle on Central Main to
First Presbyterian Church on
Central Ave.

Home and Garden Garden
Club - First Presbyterian
Church to Julia Ave. on
Central ave.

Cub Scout Pack 53 - First
Presbyterian Church to City
Hall on Main St.

Boy Scout troop 56 - Julia
Ave.

Boy Scout troop 70 -
Catawba Street

Brownie Troop 163 - Area
around Park Street Methodist
Church.

Boy Scout troop 53 - Myrtle
Street - Keener Blvd. to
Central Ave.

South Point High School -
Interact, key & Keyette Clubs
- South Pt. Road - Bowen
Drive to Julia Ave. and
campus.

Jr. Girl Scout troop 19 -
Neely Chev. to Park St.
Methodist Church on Park
Street.

Belmont Abbey College
students - Railroad track -
Blvd. to campus campus,
McAdenville Rd. to Belmont
Drive-In.

Sacred Heart College
Students - Railroad track -
Blvd. to campus road whole
campus

Girl Scout Cadet troop 152 -
Julia Ave. - Main St. to South
Pt. Road



CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN - Already busy
cleaning up Belmont are members of the
Belmont Council of Garden Clubs and Mayor
Billy Joye. Pictured (l-r) are Mrs. George B.

McClellan getting help from her son, George;
Mrs. Paul Ford, Mrs. George Dixon and
Mayor Joye.

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APRIL

Wednesday, April 19, 1978 - THE BELMONT BANNER

Beauty Spot At Corner Of Park St. And Blvd. Reworked By GSWCD

The Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored a "Beautification Project Program" through the Gaston County Garden Clubs.

Each participating garden club choose a project within their community to make aesthetically pleasing. Any project, large or small, was acceptable. Technical assistance in planning the projects was made available upon request to the garden clubs by the Gaston District. The District's objective was through working together Gaston County can become a more quality environment in which to work and play.

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont choose the "pit" in front of Neeley Chevrolet Company. Assisted by project crew workers under the County's Comprehensive Employment

Training Act Program, this area was cleared of debris and day lilies planted on both sides of the bank.

Fertilizer and lime has been applied to existing grassed area. The holly plants are rearranged into a group area enclosed by railroad ties and mulched with pine bark. The area should be flowering by June.

The Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to be able to render technical assistance to all Gaston citizens in conservation practices.

Plans and design of the beauty spot were done by Glenda Jones, district administrator. The work was supervised by Garland Still, district conservationist.



BEFORE →

Clean Up Campaign Success

Belmont has less litter than before Saturday.

On that day numerous groups in our community did a great job on clearing litter off the streets and sidewalks throughout the city.

Boy Scout Troop 58, under the leadership of Ronnie Austin, picked up litter along Keener Blvd. and did a superb job. The troop was inadvertently omitted from the list published last week in The Banner.

Thanks also go to: Home and Garden, Belmont and Town and Country Garden Clubs; Brownie Troops 47, 8, 16, 163; Girl Scout Troops 214, 227, 152; Boy Scout Troops 70, 53, 58.

There are several days remaining in Clean-Up Week - so get busy and do your share.



← AFTER

Wednesday, May 10, 1978 -

T&C Garden Club Elects New Officers

The Town and Country Garden Club had a luncheon meeting on April 20 at the river home of Mrs. Dennis Gray. Seventeen members enjoyed the delightful luncheon of tasty salads. Mrs. Marshall Rhyne, Sr. was co-hostess with Mrs. Dennis Gray.

After the luncheon, Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, president, called the meeting to order and various committee reports were read. The minutes of the last meeting were also read and approved.

Mrs. George McClellan, III reported that the clean-up drive for the City of Belmont was a big success and thanked all committees responsible for helping. She also reported that the beautification project of the ravine area near Neeley

guidelines of OSHA in revamping sidewalks for handicapped persons.

Mrs. Harold R. Howe, Sr. gave a report from the nominating committee for Town and Country Garden Club officers for the year 1978-79. The officers are as follows:

President - Mrs. James E. Daughtridge, Sr.

Vice-President - Mrs. James Steele.

Secretary - Mrs. Edward McGee.

Treasurer - Mrs. Edgar Bullard

Historian-Photographer Mrs. George M. Howe, Jr.

The slate of officers was unanimously accepted presented.



CORRESPONDENCE

Town & Country Garden Club Lily Sale - March 1978

Easter Lilies - 3-5 Blooms @ \$5.00 each			
<u>No.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>	
_____	\$5.00	\$ _____	
Mums - 6" Pot @\$5.00 8" Pot @\$6.50			
<u>No.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Yellow _____	@\$5.00	\$ _____	
White _____	@\$6.50	\$ _____	
Grand Total		\$ _____	

Member _____ (please sign)

CORRESPONDENCE

1953

1978

*The Belmont Garden Club
invites you to a tea
celebrating their
Twenty-fifth Anniversary
on Wednesday, the nineteenth of April
from four until five-thirty o'clock
at the home of Mrs. Claude S. Hinson
South Point Road
Belmont, North Carolina*



*Town and Country Garden Club
To Mrs. D. Marion Hunter
South Point Road
Belmont, N. C.*

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Sell!

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Town & Country Garden Club
Easter Lily Sale - March, 1978

Easter Lilies	3-5 Blooms	\$5.00
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Mums	6" Pots	\$5.00
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	8" Pots	\$6.50
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Colors:

Yellow
White

Orders to be mailed back to the committee by March 12th. Please don't forget to sign your card.

Pick up date is Thursday, March 23rd, at First Presbyterian Church - 10:00 A.M.

Project Committee:

Elara Bullard - 825-8348

Kathryn Gray - 825-9861

Betty Howe - 825-7213

Sell!

Sell!

Sell!