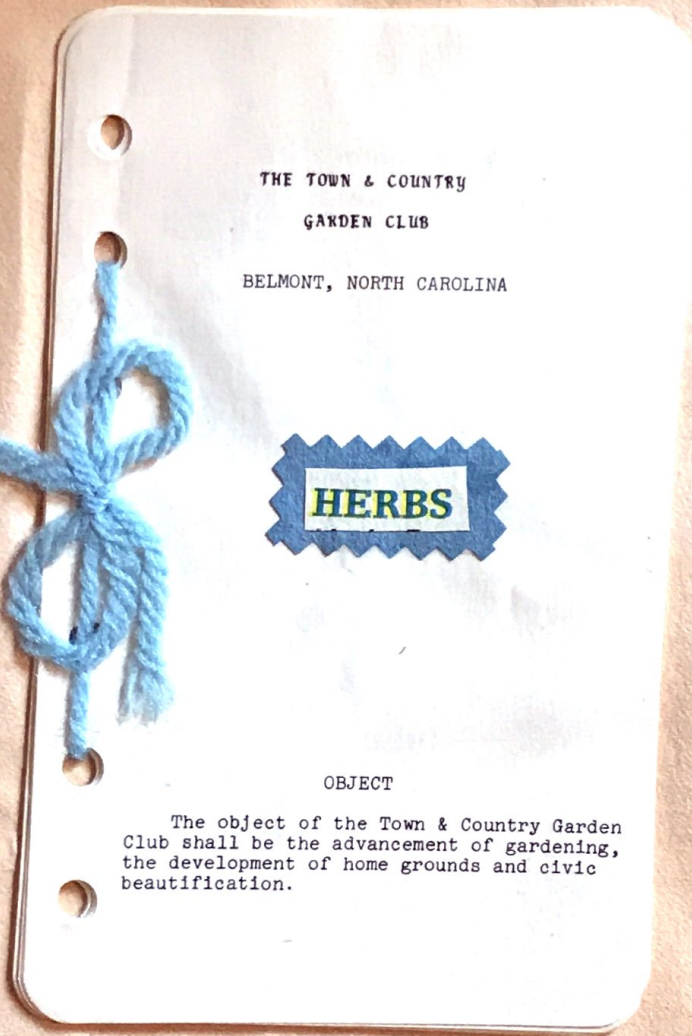


1979-1980



HERBS AND EXOTIC VEGETABLES

Grandmother's herb garden with its delicious and fascinating fragrances was a real contribution to the quality of family living. Seasoning with herbs makes cooking an art, and many of the unusual vegetables offer you delightful adventures in eating. Herbs are attractive, too, and their fragrance will perfume your property.



Bay Leaf



PRESIDENT - LIBBA



Thyme

SEPTEMBER



NANCY

PATTI

A Program On Herbs At T&C Meeting

The town and Country Garden Club met on Thursday, September 20, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Rose for its monthly meeting.

Serving as co-hostesses with Mrs. Rose were Mrs. Edward McGee and Mrs. Marshall Rhyne. Refreshments featured blueberry coffee cake made with berries grown by Mrs. Rhyne.

A program on "Herbs" was presented by Mrs. Walter Hobbs of Charlotte.

Using samples for tasting, smelling, and feeling, Mrs. Hobbs spoke on the history, usage, and folklore of herbal plants.

Her program initiated the club's year-long study of "Gardening with Emphasis of Herbs."



Spearmint



MYRA

MRS. HOBBS



PAT



BESSIE B - JO - JEAN
GINNY



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OCTOBER



Dill

T&C Garden Club Holds Its Fall Clean-Up

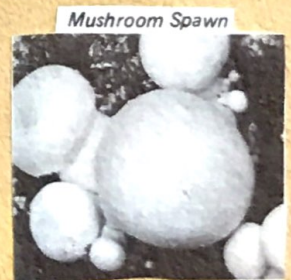
The Town and Country Garden Club met on October 18 for its traditional fall clean-up of beauty spots.

Refreshments of hot cider and pumpkin cake were served by Mrs. George McChellan and Mrs. Carey York, hostesses.

A short business meeting, conducted by Mrs. James Steele, president, preceded the work on the club's four beautification projects. These areas include the second circle at Greenwood Cemetery, the Mary Edna Dixon memorial at Central School, the triangle at Main and Central, and the bed at the old depot.



CAROL
LIBBA



Mushroom Spawn

NOVEMBER



ARRANGEMENT AT THE
BLOSSOM SHOP



Basil



SUE PARKER



Oregano

At Recent Meeting

T&C Garden Club Makes Christmas House Tour

The Town and Country Garden Club met on Thursday, November 15, at the Blossom Shop in Charlotte.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. T. Marvin Hunter.

A tour of the Christmas House preceded the program which was given by Mrs. Sue Parker, shop

owner.

She demonstrated holiday decoration ideas, many of which could be used at both Thanksgiving and Christmas with small changes.

A dutch treat luncheon at MacArthur's followed the meeting.



True Lavender



Curled Mint



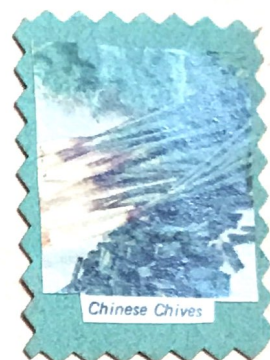
ARRANGEMENT AT
THE BLOSSOM SHOP



Balm



JEAN-LIBBA-LURA-JO



Chinese Chives



ARRANGEMENT AT THE
BLOSSOM SHOP

Herbs



MYRA-MARGIE-GLEN

DECEMBER

T&C Garden Club Makes Wreaths For Christmas

The Town and Country Garden Club met on Thursday, December 16, at First Presbyterian Church.

Members made fresh holly wreaths for the doors of the City Hall, Recreation Department, Library, and Mental Health Center.

Two members, Mrs. Marshall Rhyne and Mrs. Ike Payne, conducted a workshop on wreath-making at the Mental Health Center during this time.

A soup and sandwich luncheon was served by Mrs. George Stowe Jr. and Mrs. Joe Stowe, following the meeting.



Chicory



HELEN VANEVRY



Tarragon

T&C Garden Club Enjoy Trip To Woodland Farm

Members of the Town and Country Garden Club enjoyed a trip to Woodend Farm in Clover, S.C., at its January meeting.

Hostesses Mrs. George Hodges and Mrs. Crawford Poag served refreshments at the nursery. A tour of the display rooms and greenhouses was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Van Every, owners.

Mrs. Van Every concluded the meeting with a demonstration of hanging-basket making, in which a variety of plants were combin-

ed to create unusual and beautiful arrangements.



STEVE VANEVRY



Lavender Vera

FEBRUARY



JEAN



30th Anniversary Is Celebrated By Town & Country Garden Club

The Town and Country Garden Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Harold Howe to celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Howe were Mrs. William Gaston and Mrs. George Howe, Jr.

The program on "Gardening,

herbs and Vegetables," was presented by Mrs. George Hodges.

Mrs. Hodges presented each member with plantings of different herbs to use in her own herb garden. She also gave members hand-made casserole carriers as

mementos of the club's birthday.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. James Steele, president.

The club will be selling Easter lilies and hydrangeas to support its beautification projects in town.



ARRANGMENT AT BETTY'S

MARCH

T&C Garden Club Sets Its Spring Clean-Up

The Town and Country Garden Club held its March 20 meeting at the home of Mrs. Wayne Coggins, with Mrs. Edgar Bullard as co-hostess.

Rain delayed the scheduled spring clean-up of town beauty spots, but members were divided into three teams to complete the

work at a later date.

Mrs. James Steele presided at the business meeting. Committee reports included the announcement that flowers from the spring sale could be picked up on April 3 at First Presbyterian Church between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.



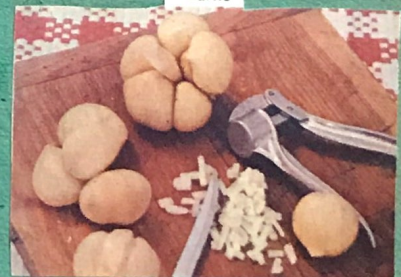
Catnip



Ginseng



"WORKING HARD"



Garlic

An Up To Date Account

Time And Money Is Spent On Improving Stowe Park

Since receiving Stowe Park as a donation from R.L. Stowe, Jr. in December of 1978, the City of Belmont has spent a great amount of time and money to improve the facility.

Combined work crews from the recreation, public works, and building and grounds departments have devoted many hours to cleaning and maintaining the park.

Improvement projects have been undertaken when manpower and funds have been available.

The park was accepted by the City and placed under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department. There was no money readily available for Stowe Park because it was received in the middle of the City's '78-79 budget year.

No significant amount of money was allocated in the '79-80 budget because of the department's previous plans to construct a new softball field at Reid Park.

Capital improvements were planned two to three years in advance and the money for the new field was committed well before Stowe Park was donated.

The initial condition of the park upon receiving it was bleak at best. Entering the park from any of the various entrances left an undesirable impression.

Visibility from any location was limited because of tall

undergrowth. Shrubs, weeds and vines had grown uncontrollably for several years. Broken tree limbs, leaves and glass covered the walkways. The fountain and amphitheater had been severely damaged by the weather and vandalism.

THE WALKS of the walkway leading to the upper section of the park were cracked and bowed out. Kudzu covered the majority of the upper area. Two buildings and the equipment within were severely damaged and found unusable. All of the carnival equipment was damaged beyond repair.

A sizeable amount of cleaning and maintenance was done in the park after studying the conditions. The undergrowth and weeds were cut and several dead trees removed.

Choking vines were removed from trees and hedges were pruned. The fountain was drained and cleaned while the amphitheater was flushed to check the extent of the damage. Several loads of soil were hauled to fill in some of the low spots.

Most of the unusable equipment was also removed from the buildings and surrounding areas. All of this work required approximately 1500 man hours at an estimated cost to the City of \$6,000.

Several community organizations and a few individuals became interested in Stowe Park and made contributions to the City. The Town and Country Garden Club, Claude Angelette's Boy out Troop, City Council members and other individuals gave monetary donations for the park totaling \$540.

This money was coded in the City's budget under Recreation Improvement along with \$2,447 received from various auctions conducted by the City.

The Belmont Junior Women's Club sold T-shirts in Stowe Park and then purchased approximately \$1,225 worth of playground equipment for a tot lot in the park. The club then issued a challenge to other civic groups and organizations to assist with the development of Stowe Park.

REPRESENTATIVES from the Junior Women's Club and the Belmont Jayvees attended a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting and asked how the civic clubs in Belmont could help speed the development.

They were told of the plans for the park and that the development schedule would hinge on the amount of funds. The Advisory Committee took the position that the adopted plan would be adhered



AT STOWE PARK — Belmont Recreation Director Fred Gray (left) and City Manager Carl Howie meet in front of the water fountain at Stowe Park. The City has released an up to date report on the progress of Stowe Park. Since December of 1978, the City has spent a great amount of time and money to improve the facility, and has also received help from community organizations and individuals.

to as closely as possible and stated any action by other organizations should be taken with the approval and guidance of the Recreation Department.

The Stowe Park Development Committee was formed as a result of the challenge and the meeting

with the Advisory Committee. Representatives from approximately 10 organizations served on the committee with hopes of raising funds for Stowe Park.

Several possible projects were considered and it was finally

decided that they would hold a benefit dance with the proceeds going to Stowe Park.

Plans for the park have been underway from the beginning. Members of the Recreation Department staff and Advisory Committee have proposed a comprehensive plan for Stowe Park.

The plan includes a tot lot and shoppers' park, nature trail, fitness trail, jogging trail, use of the amphitheater and fountain if feasible, a play ground, picnic shelter and community center.

Any improvements and development in drainage directed where needed.

General on a regular fitness trail stalled the park bench desirable area.

The initial a nature trail is present.

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The City has spent \$3,250 for the construction of steps and railings and for extending an existing walkway to create a new main street entrance.

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A FIVE-STATION fitness trail has been ordered at a cost of \$2,548. Also, a contract has been awarded to clear the kudzu and grade the upper section of the park.

This project will cost the City \$3,300. The amount of money already expended or committed for Stowe Park totals \$9,098 in addition to the \$6,000 cost of labor to date.

The Belmont Recreation Department has established the building of a recreation community center as its top priority in Stowe Park. The department must depend on using facilities of other agencies for many of its indoor programs at this time.

A facility with a gymnasium, auditorium, offices and several meeting rooms is severely needed. The upper section of Stowe Park is an ideal location for a building of this nature. However, the cost of such a building is quite high and will require long range funding projects. There is not a building fund at this time, but one will be established in the near future and donations to this fund will be gratefully accepted.

Any immediate improvement and development will be concentrated in the lower section. A drainage problem will be corrected when time and weather permits.

General maintenance will begin on a regular schedule as well. The fitness trail and tot lot will be installed this spring and several park benches will be placed in desirable locations throughout the area.

The initial stage of incorporating a nature trail in the lower section is presently underway. Clearing and grading in the upper area has been approved and should begin in the near future.

Improvements for which funding is not readily available include the amphitheater, fountain and electrical wiring for the entire lower section. The electrical work is the first priority since widespread use of other areas would depend on the availability of electricity.

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THE AMPHITHEATER offers unlimited potential and needs to be resurfaced. Estimates for this repair are in the neighborhood of \$32,000, however. The stage alone can be resurfaced at a much more feasible cost and once electricity is available, the amphitheater will be used in its present condition.

The lower section will be well lighted and the entire park will be patrolled on a regular basis by the police.

The future of the fountain is uncertain at this time. Cost estimates for repairs and new equipment are now being gathered. The cost of operation and maintenance will need to be determined in order for the City to decide the feasibility of putting the fountain back into operation.

Development of Stowe Park has progressed since it was received. A great amount of work has been done to improve the park and there is still a good bit more that re-

mains to be done.

Final development will require a combination of time, manpower and money. All work that needs to be done will not be accomplished overnight. The Recreation Department administers an average of 75 programs each year and is responsible for maintaining several other outdoor facilities throughout the City.

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AN ADDITIONAL staff member has been added to the department to ease the load of increasing maintenance operations. Other City departments must continue to perform their specific functions and will continue to assist the Recreation Department when time allows.

All personal and group donations to the park will be spent with the scope of the Recreation Department's plans. The amount of each individual donation may not be sufficient for one specific purpose but the contributions can be combined into a lump sum for purchases or improvements.

The City is very fortunate to have received Stowe Park. It offers unlimited potential for recreational programs for the citizens of Belmont. Community and civic involvement is greatly appreciated and it is hoped that interest will remain on a high level.

Final development of Stowe Park will produce a facility that will be a definite asset and one that the City of Belmont can be truly proud of.



JUNE

Sweet Basil



Mrs. Hunter Hostess

T&C Garden Club Holds Its Annual Luncheon

The annual luncheon meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held on June 19 at the river home of Mrs. Thomas M. Hunter Jr., with Mrs. Dennis Gray as co-hostess.

New officers elected at the meeting to serve in 1980-81 are as follows: president, Mrs. Harold R. Howe; vice-president; Mrs. George L. Hodges; secretary, Mrs. Henry G. Stowe; treasurer, Mrs. William F. Gaston; historian, Mrs. Clifford Kircus.

The 20 members in attendance enjoyed a covered dish

luncheon, each dish featuring herbs, the subject of the club's study for the year. The menu included the following items:

Cold cucumber-herb soup; tossed salad with fiesta dressing; raw broccoli salad; minted fresh fruit in sour cream; marinated mushrooms; kielbasi and tomato salad; herbed tuna salad; congealed asparagus salad; chicken morrocco; chicken crepes; chicken sausage bake; Italian zucchini quiche; herbed squash; royal beef bourguignon on toast; dilled onion bread; cascade ratatouville; and lemon bars.

Thyme, English



Thyme



Marjoram



O'NEIL - BETTY

Sage



Chives



Report On Stowe Park

Stowe Park Committee Will Meet On Thursday

The Stowe Park Committee announces a very important meeting on Thursday, April 3, at City Hall at 7 p.m.

At this meeting, two major items will be discussed. The first is what to put the money from the Benefit Dance held recently toward.

The second is, what projects, if any, the Stowe Park Committee

will pursue in the future.

The Belmont Junior Woman's Club would like to thank all of the groups who have supported the Committee in the past.

The club hopes to have continued support. Any other church groups, civic groups, or any other group are encouraged and welcomed to attend the Thursday meeting.



RON ALEXANDER

At Monday's Council Meeting

Stowe Park's Tentative Opening Set For Aug. 9

By DWIGHT FRADY
Editor

A tentative date for the official opening of Stowe Park in Belmont was set at Monday night's regularly monthly meeting of the City Council at City Hall.

The tentative date is Saturday, August 9. Fred Gray of the Belmont Recreation Department, in charge of the official opening, spoke to the council on ideas for musical entertainment.

The council decided to go along with the idea of local talent in the way of entertainment.

It's likely a dance on the street in front of Stowe Park will be held, with concession booths and games in the tree area at Stowe Park.

The Mayor's Committee (Belmont Mayor Billy Joye) of Councilwoman Johnnie Falls and City Manager Carl Howie had discussed ideas on the opening of Stowe Park, then decided to turn the project over to the Recreation Department.

Gray will be checking with various musical groups for entertainment. A July 4 celebration was ruled out because so many of Belmont's citizens will be on vacation that week. The same for Labor Day, people being out of town, so the tentative date of August 9 was decided upon.

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Belmont Citizens Asked To Support Park Opening

Attention!

Clubs, civic organizations, church groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, interested citizens.

Would you like to use Stowe Park again?

Here's your chance to help get it ready. There will be a grand opening of Stowe Park on Saturday, August 9. There will be food, fun, dancing, games and entertainment for all ages.

Clubs, organizations, church groups, scouts sponsoring booths with games, food and other items to sell that day.

Proceeds are going toward further renovation of Stowe Park.

Anyone who would like to provide entertainment is urged to contact Fred Gray at the Recreation Department at 825-8191. Any clubs who would like to sponsor a booth should call Fred or Linda Weatherford. Linda can be reached at 825-8061.

You are urged to meet with your groups today and make plans to be a part of Stowe Park. There will be an organizational meeting to finalize plans on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Please make plans to attend.



Grand Opening



Town & Country Garden Club
for Stowe Park

We have beautiful multi-colored
balloons to sell at Stowe Park,
Sat. August 9th. As a matter of
fact, we have 1,000 balloons to sell!

The work schedule is as follows:

9-4 PM Jean Hodges

9-11 AM
Mildred Ford, Patti Hunter, Carol York

11-12 PM
Anne Lineberger, Nancy Coggins, O'Neil Gaston,
Sue Stell, Snookie Poag

12-1 PM
Mary Margaret Hunter - a "bye" if you so choose.
Clara Bullard, Pat McGee, Ethel Rhyne

1 - 2 PM
Kat Gray, Libba Steele, Janice Stowe

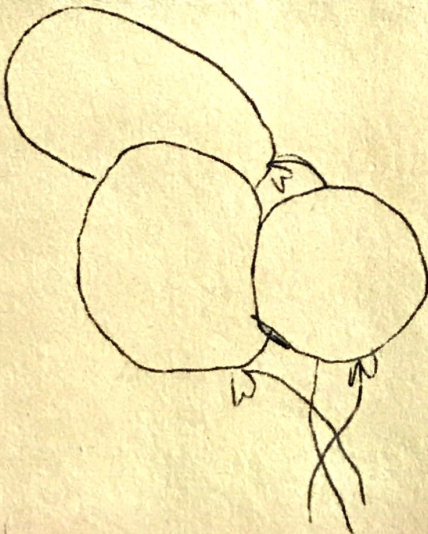
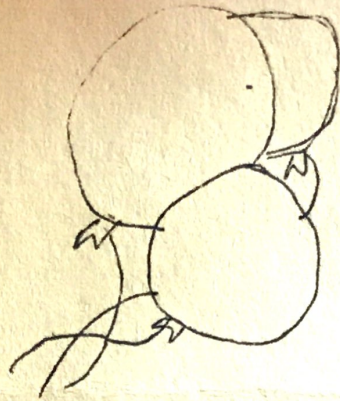
2 - 3 PM
Betty Howe, Marjorie Kircus, Jo Payne

3 - 4 PM
Myra Rose, Kathryn Stowe, Bessie B. Stowe
Sissy McClelland

If you can't work during the time scheduled above please
SWAP with someone else.

Project Committee

Jean Hodges, Chrm.
Patti Hunter
Mildred Ford
Carol York



Benefit Dance First Project March 15

Community Groups Rallying Behind Stowe Park Improvement

In an effort spearheaded by the Belmont Junior Woman's Club, numerous community groups have united in a commitment to help make Stowe Park a viable, usable city park.

Their first project is to be a dance at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, March 15.

"So much needs to be done, but there is such a great potential," said Linda Weatherford, chairperson of the Stowe Park Committee.

"I am really encouraged by the wonderful response from civic, religious, and fraternal groups in Belmont. We are all working together for Belmont. Our first project to make money for the park is a dance.

"The use of the Moose Lodge has been donated for March 15. A local band group, 'The Enchanters', will perform.

"All proceeds derived from the dance will go to the park.

"Three main problems in the park which we are working on now are repairing the fountain, correcting the severe drainage problem, and repairing the amphitheatre."

Mrs. Weatherford said that the cost of admission to the dance

March 15 will be \$20 per couple. No one under 21 will be admitted.

Last summer, the Junior Woman's Club of Belmont raised funds and purchased heavy-duty playground equipment for a toddler's park.

"Until some of the problems in the park are corrected, it isn't possible to place the equipment, now in storage, in the park," said chairperson Weatherford.

"Groups and individuals are encouraged to become involved in the community-wide effort to improve Stowe Park."

Mrs. Weatherford said that groups already involved are the Belmont Junior Woman's Club, the young adults class of First United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, the Garden Club Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the

Jaycees, the Moose Lodge, the Women of the Moose, the Optimist Club, the Lions Club, and the Belmont Recreation Department.

"If you have suggestions or ideas about how to help in the effort to improve Stowe Park," said Mrs. Weatherford, "please feel free to

write or call."

Mrs. Weatherford's address is Route 1, Box 240, Belmont. Her telephone number is 825-8061.

"It will take the commitment of everyone in Belmont to help in the development of Stowe Park," said Mrs. Weatherford.

Variety Of Entertainment Set For Grand Opening

Y'all come!

The public is cordially invited to attend a wide variety of activities for the Grand Opening of Stowe Park on Saturday, August 9.

The event, a joint effort by the City of Belmont and the Stowe Park Development Committee, has been in the planning stages for quite some time and should provide enjoyment for all ages.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 8 p.m.

The first activity will be a ceremony reflecting appreciation to Robert Lee Stowe Jr. for donating Stowe Park to the City of Belmont. A plaque stating this appreciation will be unveiled at this time.

A variety of booths operated by civic and church organizations will open immediately following the ceremony. Those in attendance are invited to participate in these activities and try to win prizes for their efforts.

There will be a small charge for each of the booths and the proceeds will go towards the development of Stowe Park.

The Belmont Junior Woman's Club will be sponsoring a Bean Bag Toss, Toss Across and Go Fish and will also be selling snow cones.

A Closest to the Hole golf tournament and Horseshoe tournament will be conducted by the Belmont Jaycees.

The Jaycees will also operate a Dunking Booth and will crown the Little Miss and Mister Stowe Park.

HELIUM balloons will be available through the Town and Country Garden Club and the Belmont Recreation Department will be offering Balloon Darts. Cartoons will be shown in a large tent during the day and an artist will be on hand for Face Painting.

The Belmont Optimist Club will provide an opportunity for citizens to pick up some bargains

as they will hold an Attic Sale in the park.

Food will be available throughout the day. The Belmont Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Popcorn will be provided by Girl Scout Troop Number 19, while the Young Adults at First Methodist Church will have homemade ice cream from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Several entertainment acts have been scheduled and will be held throughout the day on Main Street in front of the park. Main Street will be closed from Airline Street to Myrtle Street for the event.

The entertainment will begin with a karate demonstration at 11 a.m. Kenny Harrison, karate instructor for the Recreation Department will schedule matches involving his students.

Joanna Clemmer will have several of her students on hand at 12 noon and they will perform several dance routines.

JANE McLEAN a talented singer, will entertain at 1 p.m. as she will be singing several songs for the crowd. Joe Messer will follow the singing with a magic act at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m., the Western Bells Square Dancers will provide a square dance exhibition.

The Carolina Clowns will be at Stowe Park from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and the WBCY Chicken will make an appearance at 2 p.m.

These appearances should be enjoyable attractions for the children.

Grand opening planned for Belmont park

BELMONT — Grand opening activities for Stowe Park will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with an appreciation ceremony for Robert Lee Stowe for donating the park to the city.

Main Street in front of the park will be closed from Airline Street to Myrtle Street for the event.

Festivities will continue all day, featuring a variety of booths operated by civic and church organizations, games, attic sale, concessions, cartoons, face painting and a karate demonstration.

The Belmont Jaycees will select a Little Miss and Mr. Stowe Park.

The celebration will culminate in a street dance from 4-8 p.m., hosted by Charlotte disc jockey Rockin' Ray.

Other entertainers include the Carolina Clowns from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., singer Jane McLean at 1 p.m., magician Joe Messer at 2 p.m. and the Western Bells Square Dancers at 3 p.m.

Participating clubs include the the Belmont Junior Women's Club, Belmont Optimist Club, Town and Country Garden Club, the Belmont Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose, Girls Scout Troop # 19 and First Methodist Young Adults.

BALLOONS, BALLOONS! — Little Emily Kircus and Georgie McClellan show off some of the balloons that the Town and Country Garden Club will have during their colorful balloon sale Saturday during the Grand Opening of Stowe Park. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kircus of Belwood Road, while Georgie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George McClellan of Amity Circle.

