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THE TOWN & COUNTRY  
GARDEN CLUB

BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

OBJECT

The object of the Town & Country Garden Club shall be the advancement of gardening, the development of home grounds and civic beautification.



Beverly Ellis

## Town And Country Garden Club Begins 31st Year With Meeting

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The Town And Country Garden Club began its 31st year with the September meeting, which was held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Wayne Coggins and Mrs. Ed Bullard were hostesses.

Following a delicious dessert of cake and coffee, Mrs. Harold Howe, president, opened the meeting with the reading of a lovely garden poem, after which she extended a welcome to new members.

The new members are Mrs. Henry Rankin, Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., and Mrs. Malloy Davis Jr.

Mrs. George Hodges introduced the speaker, Beverly Ellis, who gave a most interesting and informative program on "Developing Home Grounds"

and the planting of perennials.

She then showed colored slides of many beautiful perennial plants in bloom. She also displayed plants that she had brought from the Laurel Hill Nursery in Spencer Mountain.

A question and answer session was held regarding perennials with the club members participating.

Beverly Ellis is affiliated with the Laurel Hill Nursery and the Plant Station in downtown Belmont.

Hints on fall gardening were given by Mrs. David Frye.

A business session followed the program.

Mrs. Thomas M. Hunter Jr. gave the treasurer's report, while Mrs. T<sub>1</sub> Marion Hunter

presented the members with inserts for the new year for the year books.

It was announced that Mrs. George McClellan of Town and Country Garden Club will be the new president of the Council of Garden Clubs in Belmont.



November 1980

Mrs. George Hodges Presents Program

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## Town And Country Garden Club Meets At Mrs. Hunter's Lake Norman Home

The Town and Country Garden Club held its November meeting at the lovely home of Mrs. Thomas M. Hunter Jr. on Lake Wiley.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Hunter were Mrs. Carey York and Mrs. George McClellan. As the members arrived, they were served a most delicious desert of cake and coffee.

The meeting was called to order with the president, Mrs. Harold Howe, presiding. Mrs. Howe opened the meeting with "The Gardner's Prayer" and read an article on gardening.

The program for November was given by one of the club's most capable members, Mrs. George Hodges. She spoke most informatively on the subject of chrysanthemums and peonies.

The members learned much from this program. They were kept busy taking notes and asking questions. Mrs. Hodges also told the club how to make a compost pit.

Mrs. Howe presented Mrs. Hodges with a gift from the club in appreciation for her most delightful program.

The minutes of the October meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Henry Stowe.

Mrs. William Gaston gave the treasurer's report.

The beautification committee report was given by Mrs. George McClellan.

Mrs. Ed Bullard, reporting from the arrangement committee, thanked Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr. and Mrs. Henry Stowe for bringing arrangements to the meeting.

Mrs. David Frye gave some most useful garden hints for winterizing yards.

It was announced that the Town and Country Garden Club will be selling balloons at Bel-

mont's Christmas parade. Mrs. Carey York and Mrs. George McClellan will be in charge of the sale.

The club is taking orders for red or white poinsettias for Christmas. Anyone interested in buying one should call a club member before December 1 and place their order. You may pick your plants up on December 12 at the First Presbyterian Church.

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Thursday, December 11

## Town And Country Garden Club's Poinsettia Sale

The Town and Country Garden Club will hold its annual Poinsettia Sale on Thursday, December 11, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont.

Six-inch pots with six to eight blooms will be \$5. Eight-inch pots with 10 to 30 blooms will be

\$10.

All pots will be wrapped and with bows.

Part of the proceeds derived from the sale and their lily sale at Easter are used by the club for such projects as the Stowe Park renovation and beautification of flower beds around Belmont.





**WITH DAY'S SPEAKER** — Mrs. George Hodges (right), Town and Country Garden Club program chairman, is shown here with Mrs. Jamima De Marcus (center) and special guest

Sarah Singer (left) at last Thursday's joint Garden Club meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Belmont. Mrs. De Marcus was the guest speaker for the occasion.

## Hold Joint Meeting

# Belmont Garden Clubs Hear De Marcus Speak

The Town and Country Garden Club held a joint meeting on Thursday, January 15, with two other garden clubs, the Home and Garden Club and The Belmont Garden Club.

The meeting was held in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church.

The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Edward McGee, Mrs. Paul Ford, and Mrs. Henry Rankin from Town and Country Garden Club; Mrs. Clyde Cox and Mrs. George Dixon from Home and Garden Club; and Mrs. Preston Taylor and Mrs. Mike Patrick from Belmont Garden Club.

The hostesses set a lovely table and served a delicious tea course.

The meeting was called to order by the president of Town and Country Garden Club, Mrs. Harold Howe, who opened the meeting with The Gardener's Prayer. After welcoming all members and guests, Mrs. Howe turned the meeting over to Mrs. George Hodges, program chair-

man for Town and Country Club.

Mrs. Hodges introduced the speaker for the morning, Mrs. Jamima Marcus of China Grove, who spoke on "Operation Beautiful."

Jamima's program pertained to keeping North Carolina beautiful and clean.

Mrs. De Marcus is well qualified on the subject. She is a board member of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc., and has been appointed by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. as chairperson of the Rowan County Conference on Leadership Development for Women.

In giving her program on keeping North Carolina beautiful, she placed a large folder on an easel, each page showing an illustration that was well to the point of her talk.

Every member and guest enjoyed her program very much.

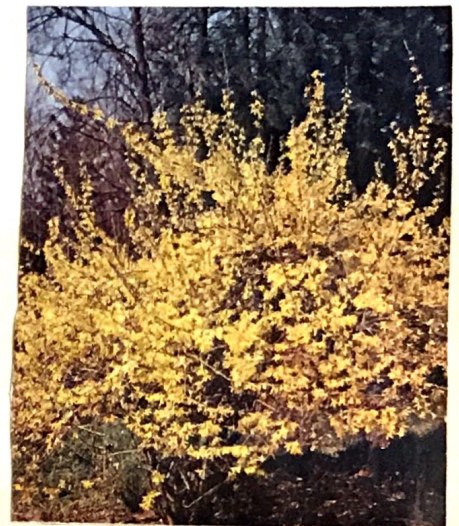
Invited guests were Mrs. Carl Howie and Mrs. Lamar Henkle, whose husbands are with the city of Belmont, Rev. Leslie

Tucker and Mrs. Tucker, and Mrs. Sarah Singer of Salisbury.

Mrs. De Marcus was a participant in the statewide conference at Meredith College and co-chaired the regional conference comprised of the eight counties in Region F.

She is a member of the China Grove Town Board, the executive committee of COG, chairman of the Rowan County Democratic Party, vice-president of United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina conference, a member of the State Board on Goals and Policies, board member of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc., board member and secretary of Rowan United Way, member of the board of directors and vice-president of the Rowan Council of Human Services, a board member of the Rowan County Vocational Workshop, Inc., and of the United Arts Council of Rowan.

She is self employed with Marcus Home Interiors of China Grove.



January 1981

BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA 28012-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1981





February 1981

Sara Hodge -  
"Wildflower"

Sara Hodge



Miniam Hall &  
Dinny Dwyer - "Rose Dwyer"



Bessie B. - Dinger -  
Kat Gray





# Town And Country Garden Club Hears Dr. Sacco

Mrs. George Hodges, chairman of the program committee for the Town and Country Garden Club, recently introduced Dr. Paul Sacco as a special guest of the club.

Dr. Sacco gave a program on "medicinal plants in your garden. His program consisted of the showing of slides, a most interesting and informative talk, and a question-and-answer session with all members participating.

The club felt most fortunate to have a botanist like Dr. Sacco, who has a foremost background in science and botany, to come to Belmont and present his splendid program.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Art Rose, with Mrs. Ike Payne and Mrs. Marshall Rhyne serving as joint hostesses.

After delicious refreshments were served, the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harold Howe, who opened the meeting with The Gardener's Prayer and a lovely spring poem.

The Town and Country Garden Club wishes to state that everyone interested in gardening or any form of botany should have heard Dr. Sacco speak to the club.

Dr. Sacco is a retired botanist, horticulturist and pharmacognist. He is now living in Rock Hill, S.C.

Some of Dr. Sacco's degrees and works are that he has a B.S. degree in ornamental horticulture, a M.S. in botany, P.H.D. in plant physiology, with minors in plant pathology and biochemistry.

The institutions he attended to received these degrees were Penn State University, University of California, Tulane University, University of Purdue, and the University of North Carolina.

After finishing these studies, Dr. Sacco did professional work at Penn State. He also did pioneering research in plant hormones and later originated the Richard Peters pear which for the first time offered immunity to the pear blight that had ravaged commercial orchards, especially in Southern states.

He resolved the role of nutrition on the disease "wildfire" in field tobacco. He was supported by the National Science

of the fatty acids in the organisms.

Dr. Sacco coordinated a three institutional effort in research with Xavier University of New Orleans, the University of North Carolina at Raleigh and Argonne National Lab.

For 18 years before his retirement, his major efforts were in searching for new drugs in or-

dinary plants and animals, also checking for "quack remedies" for scientific basis.

In this he was supported by the National Institute of Health.

Two lovely plant arrangements were brought to the meeting by Mrs. Malloy Davis and Mrs. Ed McGee.

After a short business session, the meeting was adjourned.





April 1981  
"Clean-up"



Libba - Mary  
Margaret



Helen Rankin  
Dinny Dyer

May 1981 - Trip to Schiele Nature Museum





The Three Sisters  
O'Neil Daston - Betty Howe - Pres.  
Becky Spaulgh

June 1981  
Iron Gate Gardens  
Daylilies & Hostas  
Picnic



Mary Margaret Hunter



Kathryn Howe, Betty Howe  
Lennis Tucker





Away With The Litter

## Belmont Clean-Up Day Slated This Saturday

A final reminder that this Saturday, April 17, is city Clean-Up Day. Mrs. George McClellan of the Town & Country Garden Club is chairperson of the litter campaign.

Many groups and organizations will participate in cleaning up the litter in the city.

Those participating in Clean-Up Day to clear away the winter's litter and to get Belmont at its springtime best should appear behind city hall at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday to secure plastic bags supplied by the city of Belmont.

The Clean-Up Day will last from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Motorists are reminded to be extra careful on Saturday during those hours and be watchful of children, although Mrs. McClellan stated that the younger children would be assigned to the parks and sidewalk areas.

At Mrs. Stanley Holland's Home

## Belmont Home And Garden Club Hears Recent Program On Herbs

\* An informative and humorous program on herbs was presented by Mrs. George Hodges to the Belmont Home and Garden Club, which met at the home of Mrs. Stanley Holland, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to giving pointers on seasoning various dishes with herbs, Mrs. Hodges shared many of her recipes for herb butters

and herb flavored crackers.

She provided a basket full of herb crackers from which each club member could select and sample many different herb flavorings.

Club President, Mrs. Ted Stowe, conducted a brief business meeting prior to the program.



EYE CLEAN-UP DAY—Belmont City Manager Carl Howie and Mrs. George McClellan, chairperson of the Litter Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 17 in Belmont, reminds all citizens and

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## Town And Country Garden Club Has A Busy Spring

This spring has been an active one for members of the Town and Country Garden Club.

The April meeting was in the form of the Tour of Homes sponsored by the Mint Museum of Charlotte.

May 20, 18 members met at Greenwood Cemetery for practical garden work of weeding the circle. After that, members dispersed to the following garden spots for spring clean-up:

P. and N. Depot, City Hall,

Mrs. Taylor Is Host

## Belmont Garden Club Holds Monthly Meeting

On November 18, Mrs. Preston Taylor entertained the Belmont Garden Club at her home on South Central Avenue.

Delicious refreshments of cake and coffee were served to the nineteen guests present, followed by a devotional entitled "I Love You," written by LeRoy Brownlow, and given by Mrs. W.I. Bigger.

A beautiful horn of plenty,

filled with fruit and nandina berries, and arranged by Mrs. Howard Wheeler, decorated the coffee table.

\* Mrs. Leslie West, program chairman, introduced Mrs. George Hodges, who presented an interesting program on the subject of "Gardening With Herbs and Vegetables." Her presentation was both interesting and informative. Mrs. Hodges shared with the Club some of her recipes.

Two new members were received into the Club—Mrs. Clarence D. Wilkie and Miss Louise McKnight.

Mrs. Harvey H. Elmore, a former member of the Club, was present and welcomed by the president, Mrs. R.C. Coppedge.

the triangle at the intersection of N. Central and N. Main Streets, McKenney Chevrolet, and the Mary Edna Dixon Memorial at Belmont Central School.

Co-hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Malloy Davis Jr. and Mrs. William Gaston.

The June meeting will be held on June 10 and will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Stowe. This will involve a salad luncheon and the installation of new officers.