

1983-1984

THE TOWN & COUNTRY  
GARDEN CLUB

BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

1983-1984

OBJECT

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



**PRESENTED BRASS URN** - Mrs. George Hodges of Belmont displays the brass urn presented to her by the Town and Country Garden Club at a recent meeting. Mrs. Hodges, who is moving to another state, was "roasted" by her friends during the meeting.

*Wed. September 21, 1983*

Town And Country

## Mrs. Hodges 'Roasted' At Garden Club Meeting

Mrs. George Hodges, who has been a very active member in the Town and Country Garden Club, but who is moving to another state, was roasted at the Thursday, Sept. 15 meeting of the club in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Belmont.

After a covered luncheon, with Mrs. Malloy Davis and Mrs. Arch Lineberger III serving as hostesses, Mrs. Hodges was roasted. Several members, with Mrs. Audrey Madden, a friend of Mrs. Hodges from Salisbury serving as mistress of ceremonies, told of some interesting happenings in the life

of Mrs. Hodges in her involvement in the garden club, church activities, and other phases of her years in Belmont.

Afterwards, the club presented her with a brass urn in appreciation of her untiring efforts in the beautification of Belmont.

During the business meeting earlier, the club discussed, among other things, the upcoming sale of crape myrtle and dogwood trees.

On Saturday, Oct. 15 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., these trees will be on sale at the Abbey Plaza and downtown Belmont, as well as sales by individual members until then.





HELEN, BESSIE B.,  
KAT CLEANING  
THE CIRCLE AT  
THE CEMETERY.

OCTOBER

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## Town And Country Garden Club Meets

The Town and Country Garden Club met on Thursday, Oct. 20 in the cemetery to clean and weed the circle there.

Mrs. David Frye and Mrs. Ed McGee were hostesses with 14 members present.

After light refreshments, a short business meeting was held, at which time Mrs. Malloy

Davis, project chairman, reported the success of the recent dogwood and crape myrtle tree sale.

Plans were discussed for the club's annual sale of poinsettias during the Christmas season.

The members then went in groups to the different beauty spots around town to plant pan-



**CRAPE MYRTLE PLANTINGS** - Here is a picture of the crape myrtle plantings on Highway 273 in front of Abbey Plaza, placed there this past year. The picture was made this past summer. The Town and Country

Garden Club will again be selling crape myrtle shrubs and pink dogwoods from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Abbey Plaza and on Main St. in downtown Belmont on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Sale This Saturday

## Crape Myrtles Are 'In' In Belmont And County

Crape Myrtles are "in" in Belmont and Gaston County on Saturday, Oct. 12.

On Oct. 15 the Town and Country Garden Club will again

be selling crape myrtle shrubs and pink dogwoods from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Abbey Plaza and on Main St. downtown Belmont.

These crape myrtles are four feet in height and are watermelon red or white in color. Price is \$7.

The pink dogwoods are in two gallon containers and will be sold for \$5.50.

For pre-orders you may call 825-5653.

Crape myrtles were chosen by the Look Up Gaston Committee to be used in beautification projects throughout the county in order to draw the county together geographically and give the county an identity.

Plantings of crape myrtles are on Rt. 321, in front of Abbey Plaza in Belmont, in Cramerton

and at other sites in Gaston County.

The Town and Country Garden Club has planted a crape myrtle at the triangle of Central & Main Sts.

They also used many crape myrtles at the planting on Wilkinson Blvd. at McKenney Chevrolet.

The crape myrtles are grown by Sam Kaiser of Kaiser Nursery in Bessemer City. He will be very busy on Saturday, Oct. 15 delivering hundreds of shrubs to 10 different locations in Gaston County to be sold that day.

Please support the Garden Club and their beautification projects in Belmont.

All profits from this sale will be used in Belmont to help beautify the town.



## NOVEMBER Town And Country Garden Club Hears Mrs. Carter

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont heard Mrs. J. Bynum Carter, a member of the Look Up Gaston Committee, at its Thursday, Nov. 17 meeting.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Rose, with Mrs. Bill Mason and Mrs. Henry Rankin serving as hostesses with Mrs. Rose.

After a short social hour, during which time the hostesses served delicious refreshments, the president, Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., opened the meeting by reading a poem, "Autumn."

Mrs. Hall then welcomed Mrs. Carter, guest, and three new members. The new members are Mrs. Hugh Causey, Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mrs. Thomas Touchstone.

Program chairman, Mrs. Henry Rankin, then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Carter gave a very informative and interesting talk concerning Look Up Gaston, telling not only what has been accomplished, but what future plans are.

She announced that 4,600 crape myrtle trees have been planted in the county.

The group was reminded of the bus trip to the North Carolina Art Museum in January, and also of the next meeting in December, at which time wreaths will be made for city buildings.

Plans were discussed for the poinsettia sale, which has already begun.

The members decided to add

to the nativity scene by purchasing, with the other two garden clubs in Belmont, some new figures so that the scene can be erected near the library before Christmas.

Twenty-two members were present, along with one visitor.

## DECEMBER

## Town And Country Garden Club Makes Christmas Wreaths

The December meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club

was held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in

Belmont. The meeting was for the purpose of making Christmas wreaths for the city buildings, especially the library, city hall, and the J. Paul Ford Recreation Center in Belmont.

While wreaths were being made, a short business session was held. It was reported that in cooperation with the other two garden clubs in Belmont, several new figures for the nativity scene which is usually placed at the library at Christmas time were ordered.

Mrs. Joe Stowe, immediate past president, had been honored by the planting of 14 Shore juniper plants in the triangle in her name.

The group then enjoyed a soup and sandwich luncheon hosted by Mrs. Wayne Coggins, Mrs. Crawford Poag, Rogers and Mrs. Lawrence Stell.

During lunch, Rose Farmer gave the December garden hints. Twenty-three members were present.



BECKY CARTER:  
LOOK UP GASTON!



JANUARY

## Garden Club Hears Mrs. Crawford Poag

On Thursday morning, Jan. 19 the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont met in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr. as hostess.

After a special hour in which refreshments were served, a brief business meeting was held.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Henry Rankin, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Crawford Poag.

Mrs. Poag, one of the members, entertained the group with some of the highlights of her recent trip to China.

Mrs. Poag told something of the characteristics of the Chinese, their customs, ways of living, the terrain of the land, and many other interesting things.

Twenty-one members and one visitor were present.



SNOOKIE POAG

## Town And Country Garden Club Holds Meeting MARCH

On Thursday, March 15 at 10 a.m., the Town and Country Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. T. Marion Hunter, with Mrs. G.W. Stowe Jr. as co-hostess.

A brief social hour was enjoyed with members being invited into the dining room where a tea table was arranged.

After refreshments, Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., president, called the meeting to order by telling a delightful story of Dagwood and his wife's garden club meeting.

The arrangement committee, of which Mrs. Lawrence Stell is chairman, held a short seminar, with Mrs. Marshall Rhyne giving some important points in flower arranging.

Afterwards, Mrs. Rhyne and Mrs. T. Marion Hunter judged

arrangements brought by some of the members.

Mrs. Henry Rankin introduced the speakers, Mrs. George W. Stowe Jr., who gave a very interesting program based on the book **Thin again**, a fitness program for everybody.

Her talk stressed that fasting and natural hygiene are the most agreeable and successful ways of maintaining weight control.

During a short business meeting, forms for the annual Easter lilly, geranium, and hydrangea sale were distributed.

It was announced that the program for the April meeting would be on Callaway Gardens, to be given by Mrs. J.W. Stowe Jr.

Eighteen members were present at the April 15 meeting.

KATHRYN STONE



MEMBER  
ARRANGEMENT





MEMBER ARRANGEMENTS





## Town And Country Garden Club Hears About Calloways Gardens

APRIL

The April 19 meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont was held in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church.

It opened with a poem and prayer of Easter by Mrs. J.I. Payne after refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Marshall Rhyne, Mrs. Henry Stowe and Mrs. J.W. Stowe Jr.

President, Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., read some excerpts from a book, **Lilies, Rabbits & Painted Eggs**, which gave some of the myths of Easter, symbols of man's hope for new life.

Mrs. J.W. Stowe Jr. presented the program on Callaway Gardens at Pine Mt., Ga.

After giving some of the history, interesting facts, and explanations of the gardens, she showed slides of the many types of azaleas and beautiful scenes of the gardens.

Mrs. T. Marion Hunter presented some points of flower

arranging while commenting on arrangements brought by Mrs. J.I. Payne, Mrs. Art Rose and

Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr.

Seventeen members were present.

## Town And Country Garden

MAY

## Club Discusses Plans

The Town and Country Garden Club of Belmont met on Thursday morning, May 17 at the cemetery circle in Greenwood Cemetery, which is one of its places for planting flowers.

After a brief business meeting

and refreshments by the hostesses, Mrs. J.B. Payne, Mrs. Thomas Touchstone, Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mrs. H.W. Causey Jr., Mrs. Wayne Coggins, projects chairman, discussed plans for planting.

The different groups then

disbanded, going to the plots around town which are maintained by the club to plant summer flowers.

## Town And Country Garden Club Elects Officers JUNE

The Town and Country Garden Club met on Thursday, June 9 at 11 a.m. at the river home of Mrs. Dennis Gray, with Mrs. Harold Howe serving as co-hostess.

During a business meeting, the following slate of officers for the year 1984-85 were elected:

President, Mrs. Henry Rankin; vice president, Mrs. W.A. Mason; secretary, Mrs. Ed McGee; treasurer, Mrs. J.I. Payne. historian/photographer, Mrs. David Frye.

After the business meeting at which Mrs. W.T. Hall Jr., president, presided. The group was invited into the dining room, where a buffet was served, each member having brought a covered dish.

In the center of the table was an arrangement of summer flowers, each member having been asked to bring two flowers, all of which were placed in a large container to make the arrangement.

Seveteen members and one visitor were present.

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AT  
KAT GRAY'S  
RIVER HOME



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AN ALL-CLUB  
SUMMER ARRANGEMENT