

January 1975

PRESIDENT MARSHALL ANNOUNCES MEETING AND NEW COMMITTEES

The first meeting of the New Year will be next Monday, January 20th, at 7:30 P. M. It, like subsequent meetings this year, will be held at Satterlee Hall of the Church of the Advent, where we met in October and November. The parking lot and entrance are off of Kennedy Street across from C. L. Cannon & Son.

Following is the program which is unique in that all those attending will take part:

1. Call to order and opening prayer.
2. Introduction of guests and new members.
3. Member Roy King, who is supervisor of City Beautification, will discuss "The Present and Future Status of the City of Spartanburg's Many Flower Gardens." His large city map showing their locations will interest and surprise you.
4. Meetings of all committees, conducted by their chairmen, to discuss their programs for the year.
5. Reconvene for brief reports by the chairmen.
6. Refreshments and adjournment.

The Club's new By-Laws provide for standing committees. Also, Men's Garden Clubs of American urges all its affiliated clubs to maintain certain committees. Accordingly we are announcing the following committees for 1975. Additional members will be appointed to these committees as soon as we learn what their preferences and interests are.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: George Drummond, Chairman, Henry Ramella, James Rogers.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Frank Cunningham, Chairman, Sidney Dunlap, Judson McCaleb, W. C. Morgan, E. D. Steele

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Robert Reynolds, Chairman, James Culcleasure, Everett Seixas

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: E. W. Marshall, Chairman, Lewis Bailey, J. J. Burnett, Arden Camp, ~~John Cartrell~~, Harold Hatcher, ~~Emmet McArthur~~, ~~Griff Smith~~, W. L. Ward, Arthur Willis

FLOWER GARDENING COMMITTEE (Includes Rose Show): Richard Sloan, Chairman, W. M. Baldwin, Arden Camp, John Carlton, George Doss, Gilbert Hooper, R. A. Moore, David Sloan

LANDSCAPING, SHRUBS & TREES COMMITTEE: Everett Seixas, General Chairman, Charles Hart, Chairman for annual judging, Henry Pittman, Chairman for street beautification, W. O. Ezell, Julian Foster, James

LANDSCAPING, SHRUBS & TREES COMMITTEE (continued)

Harrison, Roy King, B. B. Newlin, William Nicholson, Andrew Froia,
Griff Smith, Walter Soderberg

VEGETABLE GARDENING COMMITTEE (Includes Workshop): W. P. Clement,
Chairman, Harley Finley, Ernest Halstead, Harold Hatcher, Rodney Moon,
Robert Reynolds, T. J. Trowell

To save time and travel committee meetings will be held in connection with monthly membership meetings from time to time. We expect this broader participation by the membership to make the Club more interesting to the members and more helpful to the community.

E. W. (Snow) Marshall
President

JANUARY: Getting Ready for the Growing Season

Days are getting longer. Buds are swelling. Many things can be done around the yard and garden now.

FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES: *Get out the seed catalogs and do a little armchair gardening. Decide what new thing you will grow to make the new year different from the old . . . Test your leftover seeds for germination by wrapping a few in wet paper towels and putting in a covered container . . . Get your containers and soil mixes ready for starting some seeds indoors . . . Avoid wasting small seeds by mixing with at least 3 parts dry sand before sowing . . . Spread line for vegetables and wherever needed . . . Prepare space for early plantings such as lettuce, radishes, onion plants, spinach, cabbage family, peas, potatoes, carrots, turnips, larkspur, sweet peas, snap dragons . . . Organic matter should be added to soil every year. Vegetables need full sun, a small area, perhaps raised and framed with wide boards, can be an attractive part of lawn.*

Before spring rush sets in check tools, mowers and garden equipment to see that they are clean, not rusty, oiled, sharp, painted, and ready for use on short notice. This can make gardening a lot more enjoyable . . . Turning the compost pile now will speed up decomposition.

SHRUBS & TREES: *Transplant barerooted stock while dormant pruning to compensate for root loss or damage . . . Make all pruning cuts close to trunk or limb. Include Abelia, Barberry, Hibiscus, Hydrangea, Crape Myrtle, Spirea . . . to trunk or limb. Avoid shearing, preserve the natural look. On large branches undercut first to prevent splitting . . . Keep Nandinas compact by pruning about 1/3 of tallest canes at ground level. . . When the temperature is above 40 degrees, roses, fruit trees, Euonymous and other plants benefit from a dormant spray with miscible oil or lime-sulphur for scale and other insects.*

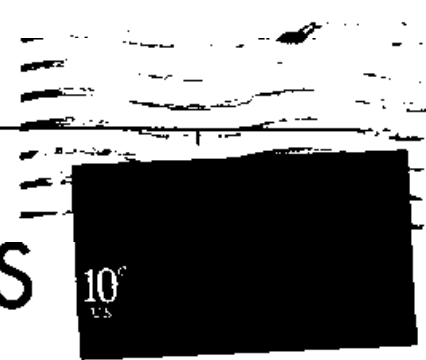
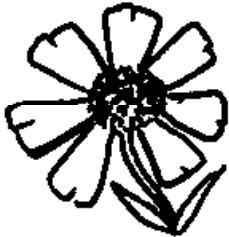
FEEDING TIME: *For lawns if not done recently . . . For pansies monthly during winter. . . For spring flowering bulbs as they appear . . . And seed and suet for the song birds in cold weather.*

Concerning 1975 Dues --- *About thirty members have mailed in their 1975 dues, according to Treasurer George Drummond. It would be appreciated if the remaining members would bring their dues to the next meeting or mail them in as soon as possible in order for us to make our report to the national office on schedule.*

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NEXT MONDAY'S MEETING MOST TIMELY

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So *what* we sow must be important. With so many possibilities the *right* choice is not easy to make. We expect to get useful information at the Club's next meeting on what to sow. Manager Ralph Brock of Piedmont Seed Co. has accepted our invitation to discuss "Seed Selection." The meeting will be at 7:30 Monday, February 17th, at Satterlee Hall on Kennedy at Advent Street.

Seeds are getting too expensive to waste on mistakes!

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT MARSHALL

At a recent meeting of the Piedmont Beautification Committee, the Chairman, Mrs. Myles Whitlock, Jr., appointed Mrs. Walter Scott, Mr. W. O. Ezell and myself as a group to work with Mr. Roy King of the city's Parks & Recreation Department as advisors in the work for beautification of the city.

Roy conducted for us recently two morning tours of the parks and flower beds he is responsible for. I think most of you would be surprised at how many there are.

We visited Cleveland Park first and discovered a marker indicating that the park was part of a grant to Jesse Cleveland in 1825. Roy has done a good job of cleaning out the underbrush in the Park.

We then visited flower beds at North Church and Asheville Highway, on North Pine under the big Coco Cola sign near Hess Service Station, the Clinchfield right of way adjoining Wofford College, North Pine at Oakland, North Pine at St. John, East Main starting at Clifton, Duncan, Pythian, Hillcrest and Irwin Parks, W. O. Ezell Boulevard, Downtown Airport, and Downtown Mall. The tour also included some ten recreation areas for whose maintenance Roy is responsible.

After the tour, the Committee met and gave Roy some suggestions for improving or maintaining the many flower beds. We were interested primarily in beautification.

Our committee will continue to meet from time to time, and will assist in any way possible the good work being done by Roy and his staff.

IN MEMORY: Warren Robertson, October 30, 1934 - January 26, 1975. Member of Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and a kind, Christian gentleman. "May he go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in the heavenly kingdom.

GARDENER'S DAIRY: FEBRUARY

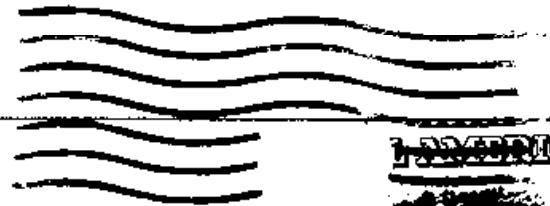
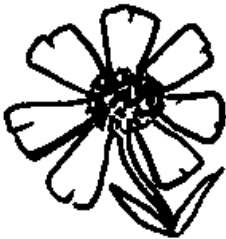
- * One of the joys of February is the spicy fragrance from the small blossoms of our witchhazel, 'tea olive and winter daphne. I'll take some cuttings of them this summer for more plants and pleasures.
- * Ground finally dried enough to prepare area for early vegetables and flowers to be planted later. Mixed in compost, rotten leaves, and lime.
- * Raining today so I worked in garage cleaning and sharpening mower and tools. Also filled shallow containers with screened soil and peat, sowed cabbage and broccoli in one and left others for tomatoes, peppers and annuals later.
- * Weather forecast is for 2 or 3 days above 40 degrees and no rain. So I got out the sprayer, the miscible oil and detergent for the annual Dormant Dpray. It is non-poisonous but gets many of what Clemson calls our most serious pests – scale, mites and aphids. I concentrated on azaleas, camellias, hollies, euonymous, lilacs, roses, pyracantha, and of course my dwarf fruit trees and vines. What took the time was getting the undersides of branches and leaves, the favorite hiding places.
- * In making up my order today for seeds and a few new plants, it was difficult not to order too many 'conversation pieces' and wind up with a museum of oddities instead of a restful beauty spot.
- * With rains moving in, I gave the fescue lawn its 6-month feeding of slow-release nitrogen. This gives the grass an advantage over competing weeds that grow without fertilizer. Not risking being too late, I also sprayed the wild onions with a 2,4-D weed killer and killed the crabgrass and other annual grass seeds with a preemergent herbicide. I'm looking forward to my best lawn ever.
- * It is too cold to work outside today so I picked a bowl of large pre-season camellias that received a drop of gibberelic acid last fall. They added to the pleasures of indoors.
- * The mild cloudy weather inspired me to get at a long delayed job today: Moving some shrubs and plants that were crowded or not doing well. Since they are still dormant and the soil was moist enough to preserve the root ball, they will not realize they were moved until they note their improved location. With my planting equipment out I finished my bareroot planting with two more roses and two scuppernongs.
- * This was the day I've waited for: Mild, sunny, birds singing, soil workable. I planted peas, spinach, beets, carrots, lettuce, radishes, cabbage, and potatoes. If spring lasts another day, I'll transplant the asparagus I sowed last spring for delicious homegrown asparagus spears in all the Marches to come.
- * I got out my sharp pruners today and removed damaged and crowded wood from shrubs, trees and vines while dormant. Now I'm ready for March and it's pleasant surprises.

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PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES GARDENING WORKSHOP

The Vegetable Gardening Committee has been hard at work in preparation for the Spring Workshop to be held 9:30 to 5:30 Saturday, March 22nd at the Pinewood Shopping Center near the K-Mart Garden Shop.

Information on a wide range of flower and vegetable gardening questions will be provided through free literature and by a group of Men's Garden Club Members with special knowledge and experience in one or more areas. It should be helpful to new gardeners and to other gardeners wishing to improve on last year's results.

The Club presents this educational program as a community service and without charge. We urge our members to support it by attendance and participation.

This Committee consists of Bill Clement, Chairman, Harley Finley, Ernest Halstead, Harold Hatcher, Rodney Moon, Bob Reynolds, Tom Trowell, and Snow Marshall.

The Rose Show Committee has been active since our last monthly meeting, and I am sure all of you will be very proud of the show to be held May 17 and 18th.

MARCH MEETING FEATURES OUTSTANDING SPEAKER

Those of us who have heard Tim Drake, Manager of University Lawn & Shrub Care Service, realize that the Men's Garden Club has a treat in store for the March meeting next Monday, March 17th, at 7:30. at Satterlee Hall off Kennedy Street just east of Advent.

Those of us who have lawns and shrubs to maintain can learn from one whose years of study and day-to-day experience have made him an expert in that field. And all without the cost of tuition, a book or consulting fee!

We expect to have as a guest Louis Parks, President of Greenville Men's Garden Club.

GARDEN TIPS TO EXPAND SIZE AND CIRCULATION

A postal permit has been granted MGC to mail at the special rates for non-profit educational organizations. This enables us to double circulation and include prospective members and interested citizens beginning with the April issue. There will also be space for more on gardening and beautification. Our apologies for using left-over printing on this issue.

MEMBERS VOTE THEIR CHOICES

Forty members of the Men's Garden Club who attend the January and/or February meetings were asked to list their main gardening interests in first-second-third order from a list of 20 subjects. Here are the scores on the top 15: Vegetables—61, Azaleas—42, Camellias—42, Lawn Grasses—40, Shrubbery—36, Roses—34, Bulbs—24, Rhododendrons—21, Annuals—16, Greenhouse Culture—14, City Beautification—12, Trees—12, Litter Prevention—9, Fruits & Berries—8, House Plants—7.

Members were asked to indicate their first, second and third choices for committee assignments. The main preferences were as follows: Landscaping & City Beautification—76, Vegetable Gardening—55, Litter Prevention—39, Lawn Maintenance—27.

MARCH: BUSY GARDENING MONTH AS SPRING ARRIVES

Lawn: Action needed this month for good lawn in '75 . . . If not done recently, rake, mow and feed now. High analysis, slow release nitrogen fertilizer costs more but lasts longer, goes farther, Push type Cyclone spreader works well. Get the jump on weeds, onions, annual grasses with preemergent herbicide and weed killer. Some can be dug out by hand . . . Fescue can be sowed if ground is loosened well and kept moist for at least 4 weeks.

Vegetables: All the hardy vegetables can be planted now. Getting late for peas, spinach & turnips (greens exceptionally rich in Vitamins A and C) . . . Keep left-over seeds in cool dry place for fall or next spring's garden. Some types remain viable for 3 or 4 years. Every yard or garden should have few asparagus plants, the earliest and most expensive vegetable. Lacy foliage is ornamental in lawn. Plant now in loose fertile soil or grow from seed . . . Plant strawberries now, in flower border if necessary.

Flowers & Shrubs: Man does not live by bread and meat alone; he needs flowers and beauty also . . . Sow hardy annual now. Part of the fun of gardening is to try one or more new types every year. A row or two can be planted in the vegetable garden for cutting . . . Divide chrysanthemums and other perennials . . . Last chance for dormant spray with miscible oil to prevent trouble later . . . Roses to be planted or transplanted now, Teas pruned to healthy wood at 12" to 18" and outside bud, heavy pruning on weaker plants, then feed.

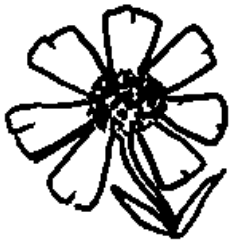
Start Right! For good flowers or vegetables (1) choose a sunny spot, (2) make the soil loose and fertile, (3) keep moist. The space does not need to be large.

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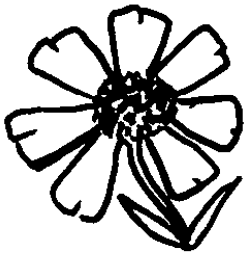
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CITY BEAUTIFICATION ORGANIZES FOR ACTION

Piedmont Beautification Committee has been reorganized recently "to provide input as a standing committee of the Citizen's Advisory Council relating, but not limited, to community improvement through beautification." Its new Coordinator, Mrs. Myles W. Whitlock, Jr., is its representative on the Citizens Advisory Council. The PBC is to work closely with the city's Parks and Recreation and Planning Departments.

Parks Department Director Russell Hart and Coordinator Whitlock have asked PBC to develop a master plan for city beautification. Its 33 members have been assigned to 8 sub-committees which are already getting into operation. The attendance at the monthly meetings has more than doubled since January.

Members of Men's Garden Club now serving on PBC are John Cantrell, W. O. Ezell, Harold Hatcher, E. W. Marshall, Henry Pittman and Everett Seixas.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SPARTANBURG ROSE SHOW

Nine silver pieces will be awarded to winners at the Rose Show Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 at Citizens & Southern Bank at 280 E. Main Street. The Show will be wide open to any exhibitor or visitor and without any charge. The judging will be by Mrs. C. P. Townsend of Abbeville and Mrs. George Byrd of Greenwood. Dr. Charles Jeremias of Newberry will answer questions on rose culture at the Show from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., May 18.

Detailed information on exhibiting and classifications and printed programs will be available at the Men's Garden Club meeting described on page 4, or by phoning Pres. E. W. Marshall (582-1697) or Rose Show Chairman Richard Sloan (576-0352).

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP SOON

April 14 - **ANTI-LITTER LEGISLATION: PRO & CON**, a public meeting sponsored by Piedmont Beautification Committee with State Representative Tony Lister and Mr. Dunham of the Brewers Association speaking and answering questions about the bill before the South Carolina legislature to outlaw throw-away beverage containers. Place: Courtroom in Spartanburg City Hall. Time: Monday at 7:30 p.m.

April 17 - **1975 HOME & GARDEN TOUR**, sponsored by Garden Club Council of Spartanburg, Mrs. Vera D. Parsons, Tour Chairman. Visits to six outstanding homes and gardens between 10:30 and 5:30. \$3.00 per person. Folder and map available.

April 18 - **PIEDMONT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**, regular monthly meeting at City Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

April 19 - **BLUE RIDGE CONVENTION OF MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS** at Fine Arts Center in Tryon, Saturday from 9:30 to 5:00 Seminars in the morning, Luncheon at Oak Hall Inn, Tours of 4 gardens and Pierson Falls in afternoon plus optional film. Wives and guests invited. \$6.00 per person. Checks drawn to Men's Garden Club of Tryon should be sent to Mr. E. W. Marshall, 177 Connecticut Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C. 29302 before Thursday, April 17. This conference is for the Men's Garden Clubs in Asheville, Easley, Greenville, Hendersonville, Spartanburg and Tryon. We look forward to it as a very profitable and enjoyable Saturday.

April 21 - **MEN'S GARDEN CLUB** monthly meeting at 7:30 in Satterlee Hall, Kennedy at Advent Street on 'Rose Culture'! See page 4 for details.

May 10 & 11 - **Rhododendron Show** at Holiday Inn, West at Asheville.

May 17 & 18 - **SPARTANBURG ROSE SHOW**, Saturday 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00 at Citizens & Southern Bank at 280 East Main Street. See page 1 for further information.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR NEW READERS

This issue of GARDEN TIPS is being mailed to a number of persons who are not presently members of Men's Garden Club but whom we think may be interested in receiving each month this news bulletin on gardening and beautification in Spartanburg. Such persons will be transferred to its regular mailing list if they send \$1.00 to cover mailing costs. The bulletin is part of MGC's program of public education. Send check and/or news to GARDEN TIPS, 124 Briarwood Road, Spartanburg, S. C. 29301.

CHECKLIST FOR APRIL GARDENING

- Lawn: Getting late for preemergent crabgrass killer but just right for 2-4-d weed sprays. Best time is midway between mowings when there is no wind and no rain expected . . . Can sow or sprig all varieties of grasses now . . . Time to feed warm season grasses. Light applications of 10-10-10 regularly more effective than occasional heavy feedings. . . Can mow shorter in spring than summer but not less than 2" for fescue. Year round grasses should be mowed weekly now with sharp blade. Not necessary to catch clippings.
- Vegetables: Most local soils need agricultural lime for good vegetables most of which require pH of 6.0 to 6.8. Lime does not start to work for a few weeks after application . . . The tender vegetables can be planted now if protection is given plants in case of late frost. Wait until May 1 to plant egg plant, limas and peppers. Keep soil moist during germination by sprinkling or covering . . . Keep ahead of weeds with cultivator, hoe or hands. The smaller they are the easier they die! Give asparagus nitrogen. . . Transplant young strawberries and pick off blooms for better harvest next spring. Add straw mulch to keep fruit clean.
- Flowers: Feeding time for most plants including spring flowering bulbs . . . Bulbs not doing well should be marked for dividing and replanting after foliage dies next month . . . Plant in shade caladiums (knobby side up) and begonias (smooth rounded side down) and in sun dahlias, gladiolas and lilies . . . Chrysanthemums need dividing, pinching out at 6" and 4" cuttings rooted . . . Seed of annuals and perennials and bedding plants can be planted outside. . . Wistaria should be cut back immediately after blooming, then fertilized . . . When roses leaf out start regular spraying (Benlate and Malathion), especially after rains, and feed monthly with 10-10-10 if regular rose fertilizer is not available. Do not leave dead stubs and stems to die-back.
- Shrubs: Azalias and camellias can be purchased while in bloom to get desired varieties. Fertilize and prune (if unshapely) after bloom. They along with gardenias, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, and dogwoods prefer acid-type fertilizer. Keep rank-growing azalea tips pinched back until June for more bloom next spring . . . Cut back to ground level, about 1/3 of oldest stems of forsythia and spring blooming shrubs when blossoms fall. Avoid rounded unnatural appearance . . . Spray boxwoods twice at 10 day intervals with DDT or systemic to control leaf miners.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT "SNOW" MARSHALL

The next meeting of the Men's Garden Club will be at 7:30 Monday, April 21st at Satterlee Hall, Church of the Advent. Since there is construction work in progress it is suggested you use the parking lot on Advent Street directly across from the main church building and come in the Advent Street entrance to Satterlee Hall.

We think we are very fortunate in having as guest speaker Arthur Cottingham from Greenville who will show us how to get our roses ready for display at the Rose Show next month. Arthur is a real rosarian and a certified judge of the American Rose Society.

The Board of Directors has authorized having this meeting an open one for anyone interested in showing roses. This includes men, women, boys and girls. So pass the word along to your rose growing friends.

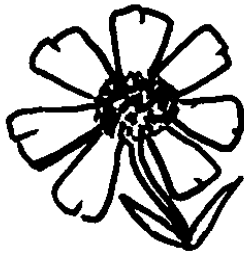
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ten members who assisted in our Gardening Workshops at the K-Mart March 22 and Sky City April 6. We had 290 gardeners, many of them 'new', ask for information. We feel this was a worthwhile project.

GOVERNOR MAKES AWARDS FOR BEAUTIFICATION

The Annual Awards Banquet for the Governor's Beautification Committee in Columbia this month was attended by 21 persons from Spartanburg County according to John Campbell, Chairman for this county. Those attending were from Boiling Springs, Inman, Landrum, Pacolet, Spartanburg and Woodruff. The Welcome Center on I-26 near Landrum received an award for landscaping and maintenance. Twenty five posters on beautification from the county's pupils were entered in the statewide contest.

W. O. EZELL is home from the hospital where he had surgery to 'overhaul' his heart pacer. He is under doctor's orders to do a lot of walking. What, no weeding??

A friend suggests we rename this bulletin, WEEDER'S DIGEST.



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MAY 13, 1975

START MADE ON MASTER PLAN FOR BEAUTIFICATION

The development of a Master Plan for city beautification is the assignment given a new committee set up at the April meeting of Piedmont Beautification Committee. It has held its first meeting and asked each member to present concrete ideas at the next committee meeting.

Everett Seixas, Chairman of the Men's Garden Club's City Beautification Committee, was appointed Chairman of the city's new Master Plan Committee. Other members are Mrs. Myles Whitlock, Jr., Mrs. R. T. Thomason, Jr., Mrs. Walton Scott and E. W. Marshall. Mrs. Shirley Carter, landscape architect, will be advisor to the Committee which works in cooperation with Russell Hart, head of Parks and Recreation Department.

1975 ROSE SHOW SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

Prize roses will be coming to Spartanburg Saturday, May 17 from Aiken, Abbeville, Newberry, Greenville, Tryon and other cities to compete with Spartanburg's best roses for 10 silver cups at the Men's Garden Club's annual Rose Show.

To make the event more interesting to the public, door prizes will be awarded every hour at this free Show. Hours: Saturday 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Place: Citizens and Southern Bank, 280 East Main Street.

Stop by and treat yourself to some of the prettier things in life.

HOME AND GARDEN TOUR GIVES LIFT TO LANDSCAPING

Over 700 persons took the Garden Club Council's recent Tour of six outstanding homes and gardens. The net proceeds of \$2276.28 which topped previous marks, will go toward the landscaping of the grounds of the new Arts Center at the former Southside School.

CLUB TURNS THOUGHTS TO TALL TREES

Gardening is more than vegetables and beautification more than flowers. The meeting of Men's Garden Club next Monday evening will consider some of the world's most majestic trees - now growing in South Carolina.

Representatives from Congaree Swamp National Preserve Association will present color slides on outstanding specimens in a privately-owned area being considered for preservation from threatened lumbering.

The latter part of the meeting time is set aside for meetings of standing committees.

Usual time and place: 7:30 p.m. at Satterlee Hall, corner of Kennedy and Advent Streets. Fifty persons attended the April meeting on roses.

ACTION ON STATE ANTI-LITTERING BILL POSTPONED

The State Legislature recently tabled until next session consideration of the bill which attempts to reduce public littering by prohibiting pop-top beverage bottles. The bill is requiring a deposit on all beverage bottles. The bill is modelled after laws already enacted by a few states.

There are sharply conflicting reports on the effectiveness of these anti-litter laws between the environmentalists and others who favor them and the beer distributors and bottle and can manufacturers who lead the opposition to them. Legislators felt more time was needed for clarification and education, according to Representative Tony Lister of Spartanburg County and one of the endorsers of the bill.

Apparently there are no easy solutions to the growing problem and immense waste of public littering. So serious consideration is being given to drastic action.

RATING OF COMMUNITY LANDSCAPING IS SCHEDULED

The annual spring judging of institutional landscaping in Spartanburg will take place Saturday, May 24th. Fourteen members of Men's Garden Club will visit and fill out standard rating sheets on more than 100 entrants in the annual contest who were recruited by the Chamber of Commerce. Included in the visits are 38 manufacturing plants, 51 other business firms, 17 medical facilities, 8 governmental agencies and 7 educational institutions.

Charles Hart, chairman for this project, asks that Club members who are assisting him meet at 9:00 a.m. May 24th at the Chamber of Commerce on East Main Street.

CHECKLIST FOR MAY GARDENING

LAWNS:

- 1. *At this time of year grass should be mowed weekly. This keeps the lawn attractive, avoids shock to the plants that occurs when more than the top third is removed, and eliminates the time-consuming chore of collecting and emptying bags of grass clippings. Mow a notch higher in warm weather to shade the soil and smother young crabgrass.*
- 2. *The lawn should have nitrogen applied evenly in spring and in fall.*
- 3. *If weeds or annual grasses survive the mowing and feeding they must be removed by hand or by one or two sprayings – 2-4-d for weeds and a special chemical for crabgrass.*
- 4. *Thorough watering - not sprinkling - is required in prolonged dry spells.*
- 5. *Areas too shady for grass will grow English Ivy, periwinkle (vinca or myrtle), pachysandra, ajuga or lirioppe.*
- 6. *In the few cases where the above program does not produce a beautiful lawn one should consider a new start by preparing a good seedbed and reseeding in the fall or spring.*

FLOWERS:

- Annuals. Plant in bare spots or movable containers for splashes of color all summer. Seeds of some, for example zinnias, celosia or portulaca, can be sowed where they are to remain. In transplanting be careful with tender roots, water and give temporary shade. They appreciate monthly feeding. Remove central buds, exception asters and poppies, to induce branching. Remove faded blooms to prevent wasted strength on seed formation and to prolong blooming. How about making one mass planting for the thrill of having an abundance of something!*
 - Weeding. We are entering the high season for weeds (plants in the wrong place). We have three choices:*
 1. *We can ignore them. This is cowardly, dangerous and unneighborly.*
 2. *We can pull or hoe them. This is strenuous, but less so if you 'get' them while they are young or when the ground is wet from rain or the garden hose.*
 3. *We can mulch heavily. This is the preferred method since it also enriches the soil and preserves moisture. But we cannot do it if we build our 'compost pile' at the curb in front of the house instead of out of sight in the back yard. We will not have the mulching material we need nor the nerve to buy it at current prices.*
- P.S. We can make it easier for ourselves if we do not permit weeds to stand there and ripen their seeds. The earliest varieties are already ripening.

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MEMORIAL TO DEDICATED GARDENER & CITIZEN

A granite marker has been erected by the Men's Garden Club and friends in memory of Claude Sherrill at the flower beds on East Main Street opposite Hillcrest Shopping Center. This planting had been developed and maintained by 'Mr. Claude', demonstrating his keen interest in city beautification.

In addition to growing outstanding flowers and vegetables at home, he did much of the work in the original planting of South Pine Street, and served as President of the local and regional Men's Garden Clubs and editor of GARDEN TIPS until just before his death in 1974.

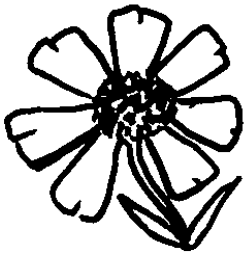
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends:

The wife and children of Claude A. Sherrill wish to thank you each and all, and wish to express their appreciation and gratitude for remembering my husband and their father in such a beautiful and very appropriate way.

I've heard so many expressions of admiration of the marker for "The Claude A. Sherrill Garden". He really loved that spot.

Truly he is still with us in spirit! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Sincerely, Elizabeth B. Sherrill, Bette Sherrill McGimsey, Mary Ellen Davis & Claude A. Sherrill, Jr.



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June 12, 1975

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT E. W. MARSHALL

The next meeting of the Men's Garden Club will be held at 7:30 P.M. Monday, June 16th, at Satterlee Hall, Church of the Advent.

We did not have a chance in the *May Garden Tips* to thank Dick Sloan and his fine committee of ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, for a very fine show attended by more than 600 viewers. I know you are all proud of our Club members who won prizes against the best competition in the state. When the Rev. Mr. Ellis from Greenville moves in with his display of roses, you had better 'hang in there' with every perfect rose you have. We also had several other exhibitors from outside Spartanburg County.

We especially want to thank member R. A. Moore for inviting several girls from Spartanburg Girls Home on South Church Street and thank the girls and their leader Betty Stone for the wonderful help they gave in placing and tallying the hundreds of roses.

The Club's Board of Directors met last Tuesday, June 10th, and discussed the importance of our standing committees. The main feature of the next membership meeting will be concurrent meetings of these committees followed by brief reports back to the full meeting. New committees have been appointed on Lawns & Grasses with George Drummond as Chairman and on Litter with Walter Soderberg as Chairman.

Don't let the summer doldrums keep you away from the meeting. We need YOU there.

GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T LIVE WITH LITTER

The disturbing amount of litter along the streets of Spartanburg will be reduced in the next two months, according to plans being worked out by the recently appointed Litter Committees of Piedmont Beautification and Men's Garden Club. At least a dozen low-income teen-agers hired for eight weeks with federal funds are being assigned to the above committees of which Dr. Wood Lay and Walter Soderberg are chairmen.

The city's Parks and Sanitation departments have offered their cooperation to the committees on this summer project. In addition to improving the appearance of our city the Big Pickup is expected to yield useful information for an effective program of LITTER PREVENTION.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION 'IS NO BED OF ROSES'

The maintenance personnel of the Parks and Recreation Department – the shock troops of city beautification – are now in a situation similar to that of a small poorly equipped fire department with four major fires all raging at once. (1) The rains and season have grass and weeds growing in the parks and parkways at top speed. (2) This is the period for preparing the beds and setting out marigolds, salvia and petunias in 30 mass plantings throughout the city. (3) With schools recently dismissed all public recreation areas now require maximum maintenance. (4) In this season of outdoor living an increased volume of litter and trash thrown down by thoughtless and careless citizens has to be picked up before grass can be mowed every week or two. It has to be picked up seven days a week on the Main Street Mall.

Those of us who are responsible for just one average-sized lawn can only surmise the predicament created for Supervisor Roy King and our 16 to 18 maintenance personnel by the above yards and parkways, hundreds of acres of parks and playgrounds, and dozens of flower gardens.

We who maintain our home plantings know how many working hours and days are lost each month when the weather is not suitable for mowing, or weeding, or planting or pruning or spraying. We know additional time is lost getting our equipment repaired and serviced.

Maintaining public plantings is an essential part of making our cities livable. Yet it is highly seasonal, not subject to advanced mechanization, and most weather-sensitive. If Spartanburg is to overcome these obstacles and reach an adequate level of civic attractiveness at a cost acceptable to its taxpayers, then those with an interest in and ideas on beautification need to get their heads together. The sooner the better.

CHECKLIST FOR JUNE GARDENING

Summer Protection: As we enter a month that is hot, weedy, and perhaps dry, nothing could help our choice shrubs, roses and vegetables more than a fresh layer of mulch to keep the soil moist and cool and to smother the weeds while gradually decomposing to improve the soil. "Mulch with what?" you ask. This writer's preference is half rotted leaves from last fall or pine needles (straw). If you do not have plenty of these on hand make plans now not to let this happen again. Find a place to store this fall (1) your own leaves, (2) a truck load or two from the city's street department, or (3) what you can collect and haul yourself. (Filled plastic bags fit nicely into a station wagon or your car's trunk.) Running the material through a shredder before using it 'puts the icing on the cake.' Your plants will show their deep gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Flowers & Shrubs: This is the last month for feeding. Keep the soil moist . . . **Chrysanthemums** can be pinched back for another month . . . **Geraniums** bloom better if left somewhat dry . . . **Iris** are divided after blooming with woody centers thrown away and leaves on young outer pieces trimmed to 4"-5" fans . . . **Rambler and Climbing Roses** should be pruned back to healthy new growth or to the base to produce strong wood for next year's bloom . . . **Spring bulbs** can be divided and replanted as foliage turns yellow . . . **Softwood cuttings** can be made during next two months . . . **Faded blooms** should be removed regularly.

Vegetables: Who is ahead at the end of the third inning in your contest with the weeds? With a little bit of luck – and sweat – you can still win. Tackle them in the cool of the day and right after rains . . . Not much can be **planted** this month but crowder peas and cabbage and broccoli seeds . . . **Vining plants** can be helped by putting a shovelful of soil over a leaf node on each vine to form secondary roots in case borers weaken or kill the vine near the primary roots . . . **Corn ear-worms** can be controlled by putting Sevin, or, better yet, a drop of mineral oil on the green silks. . . . **Strawberries** should be renovated now by pulling out old woody plants and giving nitrogen fertilizer and mulch to young plants and between rows. Most new runners should be snipped off to prevent overcrowding . . . **Garden Bonus** – As early vegetables are harvested and finished the space can be given to young chrysanthemum plants to be transplanted again at blooming time for display, and to marigolds, zinnias and other flowers for cutting or color. Provide some space for planting your favorite fall vegetables in July and August.

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SPARTANBURG ROSE SHOW HAD REAL DRAWING POWER

The Spring Rose Show on May 17th & 18th drew 32 exhibitors from as far away as Atlanta and approximately 600 visitors. Twelve Silver Awards were given compared to only one at the 1974 Show. Top Awards were won by the Reverend Ed Ellis of Greenville. Other Silver Award winners were Mrs. George Stone, Mrs. Marvin Robinson and Suzy Still, all of Spartanburg, and by Mrs. R. H. Anderson of Newberry and Mrs. Charles Bell of Greenville. Ribbons were won by three members of the Men's Garden Club: W. N. Baldwin, John Cantrell and Gil Hooper.

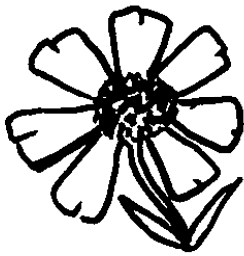
About 20 members of the Club under the leadership of Dick Sloan together with 22 local businesses assisted in making the 1975 Rose Show a record breaker.

OPTIMIST IN OUR MIDST

The Editor of *Garden Tips* attended the national convention of the American Rhododendron Society in Seattle in May. After visiting the best rhododendron collections in Washington and Oregon at the peak of the blooming season he was so impressed he brought back 55 varieties with him to try to grow in Spartanburg.

LANDSCAPE JUDGING COMPLETED

Winners in the annual rating of institutional landscaping will be announced soon at ceremonies to be held at the Chamber of Commerce. They were selected after an analysis of the rating sheets filled out during inspections by MGC teams last fall and last month. The analysis were made by Charles Hart, Julian Foster, Everett Seixas and Buster Walker.



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT E. W. MARSHALL

Greetings from Saluda, N. C. where I have been spending many long, happy hours trying to stay ahead of the weeds, bugs, blight and canker - not to mention the two 3 inch rains within 10 days, the chiggers from picking boysenberries and raspberries and stings from yellow jackets.

Business has been picking up this past week with the half-runner beans, baby crookneck squash and cabbage coming on strong, the Silver Queen corn tasseling and putting out silks and the tomatoes that were not destroyed by bacterial canker coming on this week. Right on, Mother Nature!

The Chairman of our Landscape Judging Committee, Charles Hart, presented the awards to the various winning contestants at the Chamber of Commerce on June 25th. I want to thank him and his fine committee for doing such a good job.

Your Board of Directors has approved our sponsoring a booth at the Piedmont Fair in October. The theme will be Litter Control. Walter Soderberg and his Litter Committee have already started making plans for a hard-hitting practical demonstration of what is being done and what can be done.

We all owe our Secretary and Editor of *Garden Tips*, Harold Hatcher, a standing ovation of thanks for working with the teen age group sponsored by the Litter Committee of Piedmont Beautification. Harold has enjoyed 100% support from Walter Soderberg and Dr. Wood Lay, Chairman of this committee.

After proof reading the above my theme seems to be committees, committees, committees, but isn't it wonderful when committees really work and do the assigned job.

PROGRESS REPORT ON LITTER PREVENTION PROJECT

Nine boys and nine girls are working in four teams 25 hours per week collecting litter from Spartanburg streets and taking it in plastic bags to the old West End School on Forest Street where it is sorted, weighed out with as much as possible to be recycled. It is hoped that the full records that are kept on the collection and sort will be helpful in working out a year around program of prevention and control.

FUTURE LANDSCAPING OF A SECTION OF NORTH PINE STREET was discussed by the subcommittee of which Henry Pittman is chairman at a meeting June 27th with the landscape architect of the state highway commission. The architect presented preliminary drawings indicating recommended types and locations of trees and shrubs along the department's right of way. The Men's Garden Club which initiated the project would be expected to provide the young plants for the project and the Highway Department to plant and maintain them. Over 500 young trees are already being grown for this purpose by members of MGC.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB SCHEDULES A 'FREE FOR ALL'

Many gardeners have discovered in recent weeks that there is a lot they don't know about growing good vegetables. And some have proved they have worked out some of the answers pretty well. The July meeting of the Men's Garden Club is designed for both of these groups. There is no truth to the report that the subject will be "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Mustard Greens but Were Afraid to Ask". Instead it will be an exhibit and roundtable discussion of "My Favorite Varieties of Vegetables". All gardeners are invited, no, urged to bring some products from their vegetable gardens. In addition to the "Recommended Varieties" we need some 'horrible examples' and "Not Recommended Varieties" to protect other gardeners from making the same mistake! Those who do not have a vegetable garden this year should attend this meeting to decide wisely whether they would be better off with one or without one next year.

There ought to be plenty of door prizes at this meeting. It will be at the usual time and place: Monday June 21 at 7:30 P.M. at Church of Advent's Satterlee Hall, corner Advent and Kennedy. Visitors are welcome.

WINNERS LISTED IN ANNUAL LANDSCAPE JUDGING

The following companies and organizations were recently cited for outstanding contributions to the attractiveness of our community through the landscaping and maintenance of their grounds:

INDUSTRIAL A: First, Deering Milliken Tetra Pak at Whitestone; Second, Kohler Co.; Third, Deering Milliken Armitage on I-85.

INDUSTRIAL B: First, Arrow Automotive Industries; Second, Metromont Materials; Third, Abbott Laboratories.

COMMERCIAL: First, Spartanburg Bank & Trust at Hearon Circle; Second, Citizens & Southern Main Office; Third, First Citizens Bank & Trust at Pine-wood.

PROFESSIONAL: First, Drs. Hanna, Hull & Green; Second, Dr. H. W. Higgins, Dentist; Third, Fiske-Carter Construction Co.

PUBLIC A: First Greenville-Spartanburg Airport; Second, Spartanburg Water Works; Third, Main Post Office.

PUBLIC B: First, Charles Lea Center; Second, Mary Black Memorial Hospital; Third, Wofford College.

CHECKLIST FOR JULY GARDENING

LAWNS: 'Tis the season for high mowing, deep watering (during dry spells) and allowing no weeds or wild grasses to go to seed. When chrysanthemums wilt its time to start watering your plants.

SHRUBS: *Azaleas* and other evergreens with yellowish leaves and dark green veins need chelated iron sprayed on foliage and soil. *Camellias* putting out new second growth can be fed now. *Hollies* and *boxwood* can be cut back or shaped up. *Hydrangeas* (blue or pink) can be pruned as flowers fade. Cut back new growth of *Wistarias* for bloom next year. For a few new plants from cuttings try putting 4 to 6 inch lengths in a pot of moist peat and sand, which is then put in a clear plastic bag and tied, then set in a shady place for about six weeks. Young rooted cuttings will still need tender care after transplanting.

FLOWERS: Let your roses have their midsummer rest, but remove weak and twiggy growth and any suckers from the rooting stock, usually with 7 part leaves instead of 5 part. Sow *Seeds* of asters, zinnias, cosmos, calendulas and California poppies for all color, and English daisies for next year. *Dahlias* can be cut back halfway after the first crop of blooms for a fall crop. Half of flower buds can be removed for larger blooms. Feed, mulch and give support if necessary. To make *cut flowers* last longer make a slanting cut, place immediately in a pail of water to avoid interrupting the flow of water to the bloom, remove enough leaves so none will be under water in the vase. Dahlia stems should be sealed with hot water or a flame. It is said that dahlias, gladiolas and zinnias should be cut after sundown and other flowers in the early morning. *Plants in containers* now need more frequent watering.

VEGETABLES: In this month of rapid growth and hot days sufficient *water is crucial*. Plants use about 40 gallons of water to produce a pound of solid matter. The water requirements vary from 12 to 18 inches for most vegetables to 24 inches for tomatoes. Sandy soil requires more frequent watering since it holds only 1/2 inch per 12 inches of soil depth compared to 1 1/2 inches for loam and 2 1/2 inches for clay. For *fall vegetables* you can sow this month beans, cabbage family, beets, carrots, cucumbers, summer squash, rutabagas and tomatoes. More water will be required for germination and subsequent growth than in the spring garden. Suggestion: Soak soil in row day before planting, mulch lightly or shade or sprinkle until seeds come up. In the meantime pick all vegetables as soon as they are large enough to prolong the plants productive life.

PIEDMONT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE will meet the fourth Friday, July 25th instead of the third Friday. Same hour and place - City Council Chambers at 11:00 A.M.

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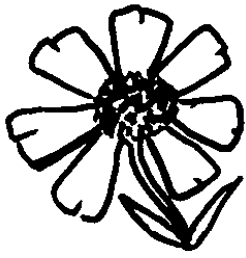
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DRUMMOND OUTLINES STEPS FOR BETTER LAWNS

A necessary change in program after *Garden Tips* went to press in June gave our monthly meeting a speaker who clearly had done his homework on "An Easy Way to Have a Better Lawn". Club Treasurer George Drummond, supported by a carefully selected exhibit of lawn grasses and chemicals, made the following points among others:

1. He recommended for this area centipede, zoysia, Kentucky Fescue 31 or shady lawn mix. Centipede was his personal preference.
2. He gave detailed instructions on changing to a centipede lawn by setting 4 inch by 12 inch strips of sod every two feet and having it smother out existing grasses over a three year period.
3. Centipede can also be started from seed if the ground is well prepared and it is watered daily the first 3 or 4 weeks.
4. Centipede, he stated, requires less fertilizer and water than other grasses.
5. He recommended using a small amount of Scott's Turf Builder with 25% nitrogen.
6. One should change directions from time to time when mowing and catch and remove the clippings.
7. Instead of having grass on banks or steep slopes have a ground-cover such as pachysandra, periwinkle or ajuga.

DR. THOMAS T. GALT, M.D. of 142 Hillbrook Drive recently became a LIFE MEMBER of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. Emmett L. McArthur of 674 Rutledge became a LIFE MEMBER before attending the National Convention last year. The \$100 life membership fee goes into an endowment fund/the income from which supports the national program.



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CHECKLIST FOR AUGUST GARDENING

Lawns: We came thro July without a dry spell but there is still time for one. Mow cool-season grasses 2½ inches high for drought insurance and as soon as blades have grown about 1 inch to thicken turf and smother out weeds and crab-grass . . . We are coming into the best season for sowing fescue grasses . . . One can lighten the load on mower motor by raising the back of mower blades one notch.

Shrubs: Flower buds are now forming for next year. Shallow-rooted plants need 1 inch of moisture per week: Azaleas, camellias, dogwoods, hydrangeas, mums and the shrubs with winter berries . . . To protect camellias from winter damage plant them where the low winter sun will not strike them, particularly in the mornings. A northern exposure with shade is suitable. They can be gibbed now for earlier and larger blooms. Garden stores stock gibberellic acid . . . It is now too late to apply nitrogen fertilizer except on lawns . . . Removing faded crepe myrtle blooms promptly encourages a second blooming.

Vegetables: Time to sow beans, beets, carrots, lettuce, radish, parsley, rutabagas, spinach, kale, chard . . . For best flavor harvest vegetables as follows: Tomatoes after they have ripened fully on the vine; sweet corn after silks turn brown and while kernels are still in milk stage and immediately before it is to be cooked and eaten; cantaloupes after a crack appears around the stem; green beans before the beans bulge in the pod; summer squash when 6 to 8 inches long; okra when 2 to 3 inches long; watermelons when thumping produces a low-pitched sound.

Flowers: The weed-growing season has passed its peak but some weeds are still trying to ripen seeds to perpetuate the family name! Don't let 'em . . . The best time to divide plants is right after they bloom . . . Sow pansies, forget-me-nots, foxglove, calendulas, snapdragons and plant crocuses, colchicum and madonna lilies . . . To gather your own seed for next year first spread them on a paper to dry, then dust with fungicide to prevent rotting, and store in a jar with a lid and in a cool place . . . August is the only month to plant Oriental Poppies. Use a 2 inch length of root planted vertically 1 inch below the surface in a sunny place with loose soil and no mulch . . . Roses are ready for their last feeding but with low nitrogen. Continue spraying . . . To revive wilting cut flowers make a new slanting cut and dip stems in hot water which moves faster to the bloom. Repeat the process if necessary . . . To fill in a gap in the flower border put blooming plants or ornamentals in a large pot and set it on top of an inverted empty pot. It may need extra watering.

FACT SHEET ON STREET LITTER IN SPARTANBURG

Most discussions of the 'litter problem' include a wide variety of opinions but not many hard facts. Very little action results. We report below the results of an extensive survey just completed to obtain information that could be used in beautifying Spartanburg through reducing the volume of street litter.

Who collected the information?

Piedmont Beautification Committee, a City Council-appointed advisory group of 30 members, and the Men's Garden Club of Spartanburg were assigned 20 persons who were employed 200 hours each under a federal summer jobs program. Members of the two sponsoring organizations provided daily supervision on a volunteer basis.

How did they obtain the information?

The 20 employees collected litter along many heavily-traveled streets and highways and in badly littered residential areas of the city. The plastic trash bags they filled were taken to the old West End School on North Forest Street. The first 540 filled bags were then weighed, emptied on large tables and sorted into 16 classifications or types of litter. Each type was then weighed, counted and hauled to the sanitary landfill, except for returnable pop bottles and aluminum beverage cans which were turned in for recycling. The figures obtained from the 540 bag sample were applied to the total 1500 bags which were collected in a similar manner. This provided the totals and percentages which are reported below.

What were the results of the survey?

1. Over a quarter million pieces of litter were picked up. It's total weight was approximately 9 tons or 18,000 pounds.

2. Although litter can be found throughout the city it is most abundant (1) in lowest-income neighborhoods, (2) where it is not picked up promptly and attracts additional amounts, or (3) where it can be thrown out the car window with little risk of being detected by other motorists, nearby residents, or law enforcement officers.

3. By number of pieces 54% of litter is paper, 26% is plastic, 16% is cans, 2% bottles and 2% miscellaneous.

4. Measured in pounds 39% of street litter is a type which will rot or disintegrate relatively fast (paper, cloth, wood); 38% will rust or deteriorate very slowly (steel beverage cans, plastic cups and wrappers); and 23% never decomposes (aluminum beverage cans and beverage bottles). Measured in number of pieces the comparable figures are 54% fast, 37% slow, and 9% never.

5. Although an unbelievably wide variety of litter was collected and sorted nearly all street litter is containers or wrappings of drinks, food, or smokes thrown out car windows. Most noticeable of these were over 40,000 beer cans and bottles, approximately 14,000 pop cans and bottles, 950 liquor bottles, and a large number of plastic and styrofoam cups which were not counted separately from cigarette wrappers and other plastics. By weight 45% of litter is non-returnable beverage containers and less than 1% is returnable for deposit. One of every 8 pop bottles in the survey were returnable.

What conclusions can be drawn from the survey?

1. New packaging materials such as aluminum and plastics which are weatherproof are replacing less durable metal and paper packaging and greatly increase the necessity for effective litter control and prevention.

2. Effective enforcement of present litter laws which call for the arrest and fining of persons throwing litter on the streets would be extremely costly if not impossible. The quarter million pieces of litter collected in this project is very small percentage of existing litter throughout the city and county, all of which probably was left at times and places when the litterer would not be apprehended by a law enforcement officer.

3. The regular cleanup of so much litter would require assistance of local government which in turn would involve heavy costs to taxpayers. Wages and overhead costs for this modest 8 week project were over \$10,000 in addition to considerable volunteer labor and contributions by concerned citizens. What is required is a drastic reduction in the amount of litter with the collection of the reduced amount accepted as an essential government service like garbage collection and street cleaning.

4. To attain this necessary reduction in the volume of litter those who eat and drink in their cars along the streets and highways must be given acceptable alternatives to the convenience of throwing the empty packaging out of the window unnoticed. These alternatives might include a convenient litter container in the car, litter receptacles at more parking places, and the opportunity to return all empty bottles or cans for a deposit or refund.

5. This reduction in volume could be hastened by the cooperation of those businesses which sell cold beverages, particularly beer, to take out in the evening hours — the source of a high percentage of 'hard' litter.

6. Any litter control worthy of the name must be a year round activity with continued research, education and enforcement of new laws which can be enforced and at acceptable costs.

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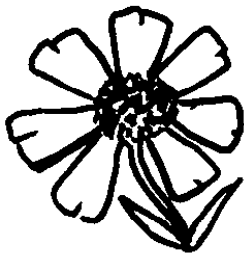
The Men's Garden Club is bringing Dr. Walker Miller of Clemson University to Spartanburg next Monday, August 18th for an open meeting on "The Care of Ornamental Shrubs." We are looking forward to this his first visit with us. Such a wide variety of ornamentals can be grown in this area that the discussion should be helpful to everyone who hears it.

The meeting will be at Satterlee Hall, corner Kennedy and Advent Streets at 7:30 P.M.

At the last meeting vegetables from the gardens of 9 Club members were displayed, discussed, and distributed to those who do not grow their own. The refreshments included samples of Xtra Sweet sweet corn served steaming hot and the new prize-winning watermelon that is yellow instead of red. One member reported that he had a good yield from Better Boy tomatoes planted where they could receive only 3 hours of sunlight per day – good news for persons with shady lawns.

GARDEN CLUBS COUNCIL STARTS A NEW PAGE

Mrs. Bruce Foster of 155 Lakewood Drive is the new President of the Council replacing Mrs. Jesse Wilson of 247 Cedar Springs Road who resigned to resume fulltime university studies. New officers of the Council and of its 40 affiliated garden clubs will meet at the Council's new offices in the new Art Center on Spring Street. No, not New Year's Day, but August 26th at 10:00 A.M.



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CHECKLIST FOR SEPTEMBER GARDENING

Lawns: This is a big month for lawns. Weeds, crabgrass and other annual grasses are smothering out desirable grasses right now. For hard to kill weeds, ground ivy, white clover apply Silvex according to directions. It is stronger than 2,4-D amine. For the grasses Clout or Ortho Crabgrass Killer may be used with 2 or 3 applications at weekly intervals. A quart jar attached to garden hose eliminates a lot of pumping and lugging. Avoid a fine mist (or windy day) around tender ornamentals . . . Also time to seed or reseed. To avoid later disappointments, take time, effort, and expense to prepare soil properly before seeding, as follows: Rough grade, remove debris, add fertilizer, lime and soil conditioner, till 4 to 8 inches deep, go over in both directions with water-filled roller, sow seed evenly, rake lightly to cover them, roll again with half as much weight as before, sprinkle lightly and frequently until grass has good start . . . Established lawns need at least 'two square meals' a year in January or February and September or October. For a quality lawn, slow release nitrogen is worth the extra cost.

Flowers: Iris — last chance to renovate. Lift entire clump, shake out dirt, pick out healthy rhizomes with leaf fans trimmed to 4 inches/8 inches apart. Plant on mounds with roots extending outward and downward and rhizomes barely covered, water in. . . For masses of bloom keep your mums fed and watered until color shows. They can be moved while in bloom with a spadeful of soil attached . . . Order bulbs and roses for fall planting. Daffodils do better if planted in early fall because the bulbs have less time to dry out in the bags, perhaps damaging the tiny flower bud. Early planting also gives needed time to develop strong roots.

NEXT MEETING STRICTLY BUSINESS — BUT NOT ROUTINE

Most meetings of Men's Garden Club consist mainly of a qualified speaker on a gardening subject followed by discussion. This leaves little or no time to consider garden club business. The September meeting next Monday the 15th will be devoted entirely to club projects for coming months. Bring your ideas and react to other ideas to be presented at Satterlee Hall, corner Kennedy and Advent, at 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Those who attend these meetings appear to enjoy the useful information, door prizes, refreshments and fellowship.

WEST SIDE STORY: VISITS TO YARDS OF GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

For sometime the Editor of GARDEN TIPS has wanted to visit briefly the yards of members to discover their interests and needs in order to make the bulletin more helpful to them. During the first week in September he made eleven such visits in his own part of the city. In many cases the members are not at home, but the grounds were viewed and the following notes taken.

Jerome Azzara, 4122 Shepard Road in Oak Forest: Beautiful centipede lawn under tall pines and oaks. The sprinkler and bags of lime and Weed and Feed chemicals nearby was no surprise. One notes also the healthy young live oak and pyracantha espaliered against the end of the brick house.

J. Ray Johnson, 4133 Shepard Road: Clear evidence of Tender Loving Care by Ray. Green weedless lawn, well-fed, mulched and pruned evergreens at foundation, dozens of white pines on property lines for screening, 3 foot rhododendron loaded with bloom buds. The neat backyard included area for vegetables with healthy tomatoes tied to 5 foot fence, a formal bed of 15 Tea Roses mulched and sprayed and all but one in bloom, metal garden house for tools, and basketball hoop for the youngsters, presumably.

J. Richard Sloan, 4118 Shepard Road: This large corner lot had few large trees but an unbelievably wide selection of choice flowers and ornamentals, a dozen dwarf fruit trees, figs, grapes, raspberries, asparagus. And at least, 25 hybrid roses bushes in bloom. Also blooming: colchicum, mums, begonias, asters, petunias, hostas, pampas grass, etc. A deluxe swimming pool completes the outdoor decor.

Harold Stewart, 4134 Shepard Road: Bumper crop of sweet and hot peppers, poinsettia from last Christmas getting ready for next Christmas, Japanese Yew thriving on Miracid diet. The family longs for acerage such as it had before moving to this house.

Stanley Stull, 4610 Scherra Court: Moved to this new house and bare lot 1 year ago, 32 white pines 5 feet tall planted on property lines last fall doing well, bluebirds visited the feeder. Working for good lawn and ornamentals.

Henry Ramella, 105 SpringValley Drive: This was the only member found working in his yard in the hot weather when the visits were made! He was weeding and pruning. A 10 feet sasanqua in corner of front yard, healthy and attractive evergreens at foundations of house, clipped boxwood hedge by patio, dozen young rhododendrons under tall trees, orange and lemon plants, espaliered pyracantha on wood wall, ripe figs, a compost pile.

W. N. Harrelson, Fairforest: His business of boarding, breeding, and training dogs does not leave enough time for his 2 acre yard, especially since he enriched soil with several truck loads of rotted leaves. He likes his Tiffany Bermuda grass which does not have to be mowed so often. Is experimenting with photinia, multiflora rose, English ivy and Tall Hedge as screen planting on his property lines. Prefers ivy on wire fence. But that does not stop invasion of kudzu from adjoining property. Six varieties of strawberries, a hive of bees and a patented box for purple martins.

Rodney Moon, 145 Walden Circle: Another member who 'never met a plant that he didn't like.' His well manicured lawn and shrubbery prove it. His vegetable garden includes unusual varieties. But first love seems to be propagating azaleas and many other evergreens in his ample coldframes and plastic covered 'greenhouse', surrounded by his spacious oak woods.

J. Howard Foster, 106 Pinedale Court: Another active gardener. In addition to his lawn he works not just one vegetable garden but two -- one with a fine-mesh fence around it where he plants vegetables that rabbits like and a second without a fence for the few vegetables rabbits don't bother! (His property adjoins the large woods at the Girl Scouts Camp.) Quality of the vegetables equalled only by high quality and dimensions of his compost pile. Prefers Centennial sweet potatoes and 8 foot lengths of large bamboo poles for tomato stakes. Large back lawn was seeded with one bushel of Centipede grass runners. Two favorite trees are a Burbank plum and a dogwood bought at Men's Garden Club sale six years ago for \$3.00.

T. S. Horton, 205 Navaho Drive: All shrubs planted in groups and surrounded by one course of bricks and mortar. Screen planting of 12 foot crape myrtles on property line with groundcover of liriopse. 10 foot loquat and young live oak and ginkgo. Kerria loaded with yellow blooms and 6 staked tomatoes loaded with large green tomatoes.

Woodrow T. McCarter, 191 Midway Drive: Boxwood at foundation, thrift at edge of lawn, vegetables suffering from drought, dwarf fruit trees and ripe damson plums, 70 foot Lombardy Poplar.

W. S. McPherson, 332 Ammons Road: A yard whose beauty catches the eye. Healthy turf under three spreading trees 3 to 4 feet in diameter. The oaks Bill planted in the backyard in 1939 are 2 feet in diameter. Deep backyard includes mass plantings of azaleas, day lilies, iris, peonies, shasta daisies, gladiolus, marigolds, salvia. Compost pile and shredder keeps soil conditioned for vegetables, flowers, shrubs and trees. This is a yard and garden showing good landscape design.

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SOUTH CAROLINA CITY LEADS THE WAY

Charleston Pride, "a total environmental improvement program," was incorporated in 1971 as a non-profit organization "to inspire a united effort throughout the County in combatting ugliness and promoting improvement." In order to obtain broad participation there are no membership dues. Small annual appropriations from county and city governments and a few contributions cover the expenses of its volunteer workers and office which is located in the Clemson Extension Service.

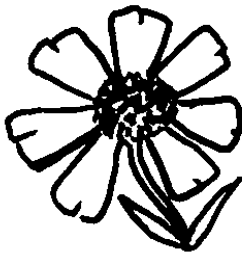
The organization has a working board of 24 members and carries on educational and action projects in close cooperation with the 48 local garden clubs and other interested civic organizations. Recent projects include Beautification through Plantings, Children's Gardening for Recreation, Anti-Litter Drives and target area cleanups, Organization of Block Leaders, and supporting environmental protection laws.

Charleston Pride, Inc. in its first four years received three national awards, four state awards, and the Governor's Trophy for the best overall county program in South Carolina.

LANDSCAPING THE NEW ART CENTER IN 2 EASY STEPS

1. Start saving your old newspapers and magazines.
2. Bundle them up and take to Hillcrest Shopping Center, Village Shopping Center or Union Street Fire Station between 9 and 1 on Saturday, September 27th.

Small bundles add up to tons.



October 1975

GARDEN TIPS

COUNTY STEPS UP ITS LITTER LAW ENFORCEMENT

Twenty two persons have been fined in the past five weeks for littering according to those in charge of the cleanup. An additional number have been ticketed by highway patrolmen in this county.

Constable Floyd Lancaster who has been in law enforcement over 15 years is assigned fulltime to enforcing state and county litter laws. He works out of the office of Solid Waste Management in the Courthouse. He has assisted in approximately 200 litter convictions in the past 15 months and before 13 of the 14 magistrates in the county. Fines paid totalled nearly \$5000 with work fines of some 250 hours cleaning up litter. There was one 30 day jail sentence. There has been only one second offender.

The state's litter law was amended in June of 1975 authorizing persons enforcing litter laws to accept cash bonds on the spot and give a receipt as is done with traffic, hunting, and fishing violations. The bond is usually \$15 and ordinarily forfeited savings valuable time of the enforcement officer, the magistrate and the accused person by not having a trial. If the bond is paid before the hour of the trial the case is dismissed. If not paid by then the accused is tried and/or fined.

The next task is to formulate a practical and effective program of litter enforcement for the City of Spartanburg which is not included in the above enforcement activities.

ANNUAL ELECTION & AUCTION NEXT MONDAY

The Nominating Committee consisting of Sidney Dunlap, Julian Foster, and Griff Smith are lining up a winning team of officers and directors to submit to the Club's meeting Monday, October 20th. Of course there will be opportunity for additional nominations from the floor, followed immediately by the election.

The Annual Auction which takes place at this meeting is a little like our childhood Christmases: You never know just what to expect and there often are some pleasant surprises. Auctioneer George Drummond makes a heroic effort to replenish the Club's treasury. But the big-hearted (and tight-fisted) persons present wouldn't think of bidding your favorite plant above the bargain level.

Two requests: 1. A wide selection of surplus plants and garden supplies from members to be auctioned. 2. A roomful of persons prepared to buy some of their fall planting needs from the Men's Garden Club. Last year 50 plants brought \$70.00.

We meet at Satterlee Hall, corner Kennedy & Advent, 7:30 P.M.

CHECKLIST FOR OCTOBER GARDENING

Lawns: Last chance this year to sow grass in bare places or new areas. Make good seed bed first except when overseeding ryegrass for the winter only (5 lb. per 1000 sq. ft.) . . . Time to lower mower a notch or two for a closer cut . . . Also to fertilize with high nitrogen if not done in recent weeks . . . Can apply a thin layer of humus soil where needed. . . . Don't let leaves accumulate on the grass – or in the gutters and downspouts.

Shrubs & Trees: Planting season is here and plants are available in quantity. In choosing a location for the new plants consider the amount of sun and shade each needs in both summer and winter, the amount of drainage (air drainage also if tender), wind exposure, eventual size, how each fits in its surroundings. Then dig a big hole, enrich the soil and after planting water well and mulch with leaves, sawdust or compost to prevent drying or excessive freezing and thawing. If the plant is tall staking for a few months will keep the roots from loosening. When buying a fruiting plant see if it is one of the many needing a special mate for pollenization . . . Check established evergreens for scale, bagworms and other harmful insects. Handpick or spray with mala thion. . . . For larger camellia blooms thin or gib.

Flowers: Get some protective covers ready for your favorite tender blooms. Anytime now there could be a 6:00 P.M. forecast of a 10:00 P.M. frost. It was on October 2nd last year. The first freeze usually is followed by a few weeks of mild weather . . . Time to add to your collection of spring blooming bulbs. Its easy to place some small bulbs at the base of a newly planted tree or large shrub. Tulip bulbs may be stored in refrigerator tray until time to plant next month. Usually best to keep colors separated when planting. Some new bulbs can be potted and put in protected place for early bloom inside . . . Plants to be moved inside for the winter should be potted ahead of time and moved in later . . .

Vegetables: Protect your green tomatoes from frost by covering or picking to ripen inside. One gardener with whom the Editor is intimately acquainted saved a three month supply this way last year . . . Here are three things that will make better soil and vegetables for next year: (1) Sow winter rye or oats to turn under in the spring, (2) spade or plow under some leaves or sawdust to rot during winter, or (3) start a compost pile of leaves and other organic matter. The compost making can be speeded up by first shredding with mower or shredder, by piling in a shady place, by keeping pile moist, by mixing in some soil or old compost, by adding lime or nitrogen, or turning a time or two for aeration. If you do not want to make compost the fast way at least give Mother Nature the opportunity to make some for you the 12 month way.

Date _____

To: George Drummond, Treasurer
397 East Henry Street, Spartanburg, S. C. 29302

Enclosed is \$8.00 for membership in the Men's Garden Club of America and its Spartanburg affiliate for the period ending December 31, 1976, including subscriptions to the national and local publications.

Enclosed is my contribution for \$ _____ (\$1.00 or more) to support the projects of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, and to receive its monthly GARDEN TIPS for one year.

Signed _____

Address _____

Check one of the above boxes, sign, write check, tear off and mail now. Otherwise you might forget, or misplace this convenient form.

CLARENCE W. CORELL of 122 Greengate Lane recently became the third member of the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club to become a Life Member of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. Such memberships presently are \$100.

VISIT THE INTERSTATE FAIR EXHIBIT of the Men's Garden Club. This year it is a project of the Litter Control Committee of which Walter Soderberg is Chairman. It is in the House of Flowers, the first booth on your right as you enter. It is a follow-up to our summer collection and research project.

THE WOMEN'S GARDEN COUNCIL'S round-up of old paper and phone books netted over 35 tons. Proceeds go for beautification. They are inspired to have another in 6 months. Start saving!

OPPORTUNITY TO THINK BIG, THINK BEAUTY

South Carolina has given the nation an award-winning landscape architect, Robert E. Marvin. The Men's Garden Club of Greenville is presenting him in a public address on LANDSCAPING: THE LINK BETWEEN MAN AND NATURE in the Auditorium of J. L. Mann High School, this Thursday, October 16th at 8 o'clock.

You can join a carpool to hear this expert by calling our Landscape Committee Chairman Everette Seixas at 582-2215.

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MGC NEW EXTENDING ITS OUTREACH

Instead of following current trends and raising membership dues the Men's Garden Club hopes to leave dues within easy reach of all (\$8) and instead extend its services to more members and readers. To encourage its friends to join and former members to rejoin at this time all dues received now will be applied to 1976 instead of 1975.

Long-time member Ernest Halstead has demonstrated what can be done by signing up 30 new members in three weeks on this plan. Committee Chairman Frank Cunningham says this is the best time for all present members to bring in one or more of their prospective members for prompt follow-up. All new members will receive special recognition at our November meeting.

All readers are asked to fill in and mail promptly the convenient form at the top of this page.

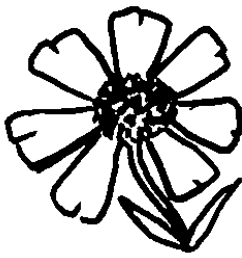
IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have mailed from time to time complimentary copies of GARDEN TIPS to a number of persons interested in gardening and beautification. If these persons are interested in continuing to receive this monthly publication and/or wish to give some needed support and encouragement to this community service, they are urged to fill in the form above and drop it in the mail.

ON BEING JUDGE FOR A DAY

Fall judging of local institutional landscaping will take place Saturday, October 25th according to Committee Chairman Charles Hart. Teams of Men's Garden Club members using uniform scoring sheets will visit our 100 sites on that day. Additional members are needed to serve on the teams so it will not be too heavy a task for a faithful few.

All will congregate at the Chamber of Commerce Building at 8:30 A.M. for coffee, supplies and instructions and finish about noon. Say YES to Charley at 583-6442.



GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

November 13, 1975

WOMEN TO WITNESS "CHANGING OF THE GUARD"

The meeting of the Mens Garden Club next Monday at 7:30 P.M. is no ordinary meeting.

1. It is the final meeting of the year.
2. It's the one meeting of the year when women are especially urged to attend.
3. Over 40 new members have joined us recently. They are urged to attend this meeting with or without their 'guests' and start getting acquainted.
4. The meeting will honor the following elective officers who are completing their terms: Edw. W. Marshall as President and Frank Cunningham, Sidney Dunlap, Roy King and Everett Seixas as Board members.
5. Newly elected or re-elected officers and Board members will be installed. They are listed in the Roster printed elsewhere in this issue to be saved for your future reference.
6. No speeches are scheduled.
7. A vote on the following important question is not expected to consume excessive time: Does this local club approve or disapprove the national organization's desire to increase national's share of the dues from \$5.00 to \$7.50 effective January 1976? The Board will discuss this question at a special meeting and report to the Monday meeting prior to the members' vote by secret ballot.

Let's celebrate the end of a successful year and help President 'Snow' Marshall turn the gavel over for another good year. How? By being at Satterlee Hall, corner of Advent and Kennedy, Monday, November 1st from 7:30 to 9:00 P. M. Refreshments, of course.

BIGGER PROJECT GETS LONGER NAME

During the past year this bulletin has changed from a 2-pager to 4 pages. Its mailing list has increased from 100 to over 200. Its field of interest has expanded beyond gardening and the Men's Garden Club. To accurately reflect its broaden scope the name is now changed from GARDEN TIPS to GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION. At present it is mailed to current members of the Club and to Friends of MGC and of this bulletin who contribute \$1.00 or more in support of its projects. Let us keep you on that list thru Big 1976.

CHECKLIST FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER GARDENING

LAWNS: Do not delay overseeding warm-season grasses. Mow established grass closely, sow 10-20 lb. ryegrass per 1000 sq. ft. & rake down to soil, fertilize if necessary, keep moist and mowed to 2"... This is good time to spread some lime if not done recently. Can be purchased in bulk at fertilizer stations for about \$10 per ton...Do not allow leaves to smother your grass. Save them for mulch or compost...Passer-by will know soon whether you fed your lawn recently in preparation for the rigors of winter.

SHRUBS & TREES: Replace unhealthy, overgrown or unwanted plants with improved or desired varieties for better-looking yard next year....Newly planted broad-leaved evergreens are helped by spraying on anti-drying agent such as Wilt-Pruf. It also helps on evergreen branches used for indoor decorating and on broad leaved house plants...Do you have evergreens with yellowish foliage that need spraying now with iron chelates?....Start your annual pruning by taking some hardwood cuttings for additional plants for yourself, friends or club. Set the 6" sections in a trench outdoors with 1-2" above ground. Transplant to rows if and when they root....

FLOWERS: Bulbs planted now will provide color from the Snowdrops and Aconites in February to late Tulips in May...Pansies planted now have long blooming season. Fertilize monthly...Can also plant sweet peas, larkspur, snapdragons, calendulas, poppies and phlox...Why not try a few plants under florescent lights this winter? A 4' 80 watt workshop fixture for \$15 puts you in business. Also good for starting flower or vegetable seeds and cuttings.

VEGETABLES: Plant cabbage, lettuce and onion seeds in coldframe for early transplanting...Store green tomatoes in cool dark place until they start to ripen... Plow or dig under organic matter and lime so it will be ready to work for you next spring.

GENERAL: The good gardener doesn't let his tools rust while they rest. Metal parts should be cleaned, sharpened, repaired, polished and coated with oil. Linseed oil or paint helps the wooden parts. On your mower clean housing, filter, spark plug, pour spoonful of oil in cylinder, change oil, drain gas tank, sharpen and balance blade. If you don't happen to get kicks from such activity then hire it done or buy new equipment. For goodness sake don't let it make gardening a chore instead of a joy.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS, 1975-76 (File for reference)

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB (Meets 3rd Mon., 7:30, Satterlee Hall on Advent St.)

President: Gilman S. Hooper, 1075 Partridge Road, 582-6952

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Treasurer: George Drummond, 127 Dolphin Drive, 579-1114

Secretary & Editor: Harold Hatcher, 124 Briarwood Road, 576-9482

Past President: Edw. W. Marshall, 177 Connecticut Avenue, 582-1697

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cleasure, W. O. Ezell, Chas. M. Hart, Rodney Moon, Wm. C. Morgan, E. Henry
Pittman, Andrew Proia, Henry Ramella, and J. Richard Sloan.**

GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL (Meets 1st Tuesday, 10:00, Arts Center)

President: Mrs. Bruce Foster, 155 Lakewood Drive, 583-6462

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**PIEDMONT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (Meets 3rd Friday, 11:00, City
Hall)**

Chairperson: Mrs. Myles W. Whitlock, Jr., 125 Pawnee Drive, 576-1839

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Community Involvement: Mrs. R. T. Thomason, Jr., 101 Eastwood Circle

Litter Control: Harold Hatcher, 124 Briarwood Road, 576-9482

Cemetery St. Cemetery: Mrs. Cammie F. Clagett, 723 S. Liberty, 583-0620

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GROWING CONCERN ABOUT LITTERING was reflected in the two-thirds page feature story by Debbie Dalhouse in the HERALD—JOURNAL Sunday, October 26th. Results of the secret balloting at the MGC exhibit at the Fair provided the headline, "Stiff Fines for Litterers Favored." The Exhibit displayed over a dozen styles of car litter baskets contributed by leading variety stores. Since then some stores have included them in their ads and at special prices.

BIRD-LOVERS AND CONSERVATIONISTS will meet Monday, November 17 at 7:30 P.M. at the Art Center to form a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. The Garden Club Council is sponsoring the meeting and has arranged for the Southeast director of Audubon to be present to assist.

HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP for Senior Citizens, also sponsored by Garden Club Council, will be held at Art Center November 18. Will include information on house plants.

LANDSCAPING OF 150 COMPANIES were rated by 7 teams from MGC Saturday, October 25. The number was larger than in the spring since the large apartment projects of the city had asked to be included in the contest.

TO ERR IS HUMAN. To really foul things up requires a computer.

YARD OF THE MONTH for October was R. R. Burchfield of 305 Dupre Drive. Vandals went to considerable trouble to steal the sign soon after it was placed in the yard by John Carlton and Sidney Moorehead for MGC. A new sign has been made.

SPECIAL THANKS to all responsible for delightful gift of 4000 bulbs from Holland to City of Spartanburg. Wouldn't it be nice if they multiply!

AGE is mostly a matter of mind. If you don't mind it doesn't matter.

ERNEST HALSTEAD & WILLIAM MORGAN had perfect attendance at MGC meetings this year. Twenty other members attended the majority of the meetings.