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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT IS WITH SOME KIND OF NOT UNUSUAL FEELINGS THAT I SIT HERE AT NIGHT IN A BROAD PORCH OF A HOUSE ON THE EDGE OF THE FOREST. IT SEEMS THAT I CAN HEAR A HUNDRED LITTLE VOICES COMING OUT OF THE NIGHT SHROUDED TREES OF THE RIVER'S EDGE. NOW I CAN HEAR THE GREAT OWL ANSWERING HIS MATE FARTHER DOWN THE RIVER. INDEED! WHAT A CONTRAST THESE SURROUNDINGS ARE TO THE SMALL-TIME, RAUCOUS RANTINGS OF THE SO-CALLED ARTISTS OF RADIO AND TELEVISION. WHAT A QUIET AND RESTFULL SITUATION, BUT I FIND IT HARD TO PUT THOUGHTS TO THE COLD PAGES OF PAPER!

ANTEN TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AT NIGHT, MORNING SHOWS UP THE DEWY HABITATS OF THE PLANT WORLD. I LOOK OUT ACROSS THE LAWN AND SEE THE TALL, STUBBY REMAINS OF THE TWO OLD HOUSE-SITE WALNUT TREES, LONG SINCE DEAD BUT STILL STANDING ANCIENTLY. OVER BY THE RIVER BANK CAN BE SEEN THE CHANGING, REDDISH FOLIAGE OF THE BLACK HAW, WHOSE SWEET FRUITS TASTES GOOD AT FROST TIME. HERE ALONG THESE BANKS IN A 300 YARD STRIP CAN BE FOUND FIVE KINDS OF OAK, SWEETGUM, BLACKGUM, LONG LEAF PINE, ENCHINATA PINE, LOBOLLY PINE, BIRCH, IRONWOOD, WHITE ASH, BLACK WILLOW, SYCAMORE, HICKORY, ARBORESCENS, VACCINEUM, WITCH-HAZEL, ARAILIA, BEECH, SASAFRAS, DOGWOOD, CRATAEGUS, AMERICAN HOLLY, RED CEDAR, LUPINE AND MANY PLANTS IN THE HERBACEOUS GROUP. ALL THESE WE CAN FIND NOT FAR FROM THE BACK DOOR. HOW MANY ARE TO BE FOUND OUT IN THE FOREST?

IT IS WITH A PROFOND SENSE OF DUTY TO PERFORM AT THE REAL FUNCTION OF SUCH A FINE GROUP OF PEOPLE AS IS THE N.C.W.F.S. I KNOW THAT AS PRESIDENT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION, I STAND TO GAIN MUCH MORE IN KNOWLEDGE THAN I AM CAPABLE TO GIVE. HOWEVER, I SHALL CERTAINLY TRY HARD TO GIVE ACCOUNT OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP. MAY WE ALL GO FORWARD AND BENEFIT TOGETHER.
WE WILL MEET AT THE STATE WILDLIFE LODGE AT SINGLETARY LAKE. THEY HAVE FACILITIES THERE FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR NEEDS. WE HOPE TO HAVE A FORESTER GUIDE FOR OUR FIELD TRIP.
FROM FAYETTEVILLE TAKE HIGHWAY 87 TO ELIZABETHTOWN, TURN TO LEFT AND CROSS CAPE FEAR RIVER. YOU ARE ON HIGHWAY 41. DRIVE ABOUT SIX MILES AND JUST AT THIS END OF WHITE LAKE TURN TO RIGHT ON HIGHWAY 53. IT'S ONLY A FEW MILES AND LOOK FOR THE SINGLETARY LAKE SIGN ON THE LEFT. THE LODGE IS ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS OFF THE HIGHWAY...

SPRING MEETING...MORROW MOUNTAIN...MAY 20, 1962

THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY WAS HELD AT MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, WITH PRESIDENT WALTER BRAXTON PRESIDING.

MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING AND OF THE SPRING BOARD MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED. A TREASURY BALANCE OF $168.94 WAS REPORTED.

MISS JOSIE PRITCHARD GAVE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AS FOLLOWS;

PRESIDENT: MR. GORDON BUTLER
VICE PRES: DR. H.R. TOTTEN
CORRE. SEC: MISS SANDRA MELVIN

MR. BUTLER AS PRESIDENT, WILL BE ADDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MR. MELVIN'S NAME WILL BE DROPPED, AT HIS REQUEST, LEAVING THE PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

MR. GORDON BUTLER
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MRS. CARL Pegg
MRS. H.P. SMITH
MRS. H.R. TOTTEN
MRS. PAUL SPENCER
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THE SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS ACCEPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MRS. BRAXTON ASKED THAT EACH MEMBER WRITE AN ARTICLE TO BE USED IN THE NEWSLETTERS.

MRS. ROBERT TROXLER GAVE AN ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT ON THE BOONE BOTANICAL GARDEN, AFTER WHICH MRS. H.R. TOTTEN MOVED THAT THE SOCIETY DONATE $75.00 AS AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO THE GARDEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. BRAXTON AND CARRIED BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS. MRS. HERBERT SMITH SUGGESTED THAT THE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE PLANTS FROM THEIR OWN GARDENS FOR THE PROJECT.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE SOCIETY ARE:
DR. AND MRS. NATHANIEL WALKER OF THOMASVILLE
MR. AND MRS. O.C. ALLEN OF WINSTON-SALEM
MR. WALLACE PATTERSON OF CHAPEL HILL.

MR. DAVE CASON ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO THE NEW OFFICERS AND MRS. CASON PRESENTED A CHECK OF $10.00 FROM THE SOCIETY TO MR. BRAXTON IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS SPLENDID SERVICE DURING HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT.

MR. BUTLER THEN TOOK OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

MR. MELVIN MOVED THAT THE SPECIAL DATE FOR THE SPRING MEETING BE SET AS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY = WITH FREEDOM TO CHANGE IT ANOTHER DATE IS MORE DESIRABLE, AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

AFTER THE MEETING, DR. TOTTEN LED THE GROUP ON AN INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE TOUR OF THE PARK, ENTERTAINING THEM WITH STORIES ABOUT THE TREES, SHRUBS AND WILD FLOWERS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
REBECCA CAUSEY, RECORDING SECRETARY
BY-LAWS
OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS SOCIETY IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IS TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

SECTION 2. OTHER OFFICES. IN ADDITION TO ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, THE SOCIETY MAY MAINTAIN BRANCH OFFICES AT ANY OTHER PLACE OR PLACES IN THE STATE, OR IN ANY OTHER STATE, AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 3. CORPORATE SEAL. THE SOCIETY SHALL HAVE A SEAL UPON WHICH SHALL BE IMPRINTED ITS NAME AND THE WORDS, "NORTH CAROLINA."

ARTICLE II
(MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF MEMBERS)

SECTION 1. MEMBERS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS SOCIETY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ALL PERSONS WHO MAKE A GIFT OR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS SOCIETY OF AS MUCH AS ONE DOLLAR ($1.00), SUCH MEMBERSHIP TO EXPIRE AT SUCH TIME AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ONLY MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE SUCH DONATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, HOLD OFFICE, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR, IF NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY; AND, IF A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THEN ON THE DAY FOLLOWING, AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, OR AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DESIGNATE, WHEN AND WHERE THEY SHALL ELECT BY PLURALITY VOTE, BY BALLOT, A BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TRANSACT SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

SECTION 3. QUORUM. TEN PER CENT (10%) OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS SOCIETY PRESENT AT ANY MEETING SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR SUCH MEETING. A POLL OF THE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, AND ANY ACTION BASED UPON SUCH POLL, HOWEVER, SHALL BE CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CALL A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FALL OF EACH YEAR, AND OTHER SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE CALLED FOR ANY PURPOSE AT ANY TIME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OR SECRETARY, UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF TWO TRUSTEES, OR OF ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, OR UPON RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHICH REQUEST OR RESOLUTION SHALL STATE THE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES THEREOF.

SECTION 5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. NO NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY. FOR ALL SPECIAL MEETINGS WRITTEN NOTICE SETTING FORTH THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING AND THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED THEREAT SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OR THE SECRETARY, TO EACH MEMBER; BUT THE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO WAIVE THE SAME, AND WHEN SUCH WAIVER HAS BEEN SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY, NO NOTICE OF SUCH MEETING SHALL BE REQUIRED. SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ANY SUCH SPECIAL MEETING.
ARTICLE III
(TRUSTEES)

SECTION 1. DUTIES. THE BUSINESS AND THE PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THERE SHALL BE FIVE TRUSTEES, EACH OF WHOM MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY. THEY SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS BY BALLOT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED. THE TRUSTEES SHALL ACT ONLY AS A BOARD, AND INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE ONLY THAT POWER AS MIGHT FROM TIME TO TIME BE BESTOWED UPON OR DELEGATED TO SUCH TRUSTEE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 2. INCREASE OF TRUSTEES. THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES MAY BE INCREASED TO ANY ODD NUMBER, NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7), BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE THEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND IN SUCH CASE THE ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES MAY BE CHOSEN TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES. IF ANY VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL OCCUR BY REASON OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR OTHERWISE, THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ELECT SUCCESSORS TO HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPired TERM OF THE TRUSTEE, OR TRUSTEES, WHOSE PLACE SHALL BE VACATED.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THIS SOCIETY SHALL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY, ON THE DATE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, HEREOF. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MAY BE CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN OR ANY TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BY GIVING TEN (10) DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH TRUSTEE, BUT SUCH NOTICE MAY BE WAIVED BY ANY TRUSTEE AT ANY MEETING AT WHICH EVERY TRUSTEE SHALL BE PRESENT, AND ALL BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT A MEETING OF TRUSTEES WHERE ALL TRUSTEES ARE PRESENT SHALL BE BINDING.

SECTION 5. QUORUM. A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 6. DEPOSITORIES. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL DESIGNATE THE BANK, OR BANKS, IN WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED THE MONEYS OR SECURITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE IV
(OFFICERS)

SECTION 1. OFFICERS GENERALLY. THE OFFICERS OF THIS SOCIETY SHALL CONSIST OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OR PRESIDENT; A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; OR VICE PRESIDENT; SECRETARY; AND TREASURER. THE CHAIRMAN-PRESIDENT SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND ALL OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE CHosen FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO HOLD OFFICE FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND TRUSTEES OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REMOVAL AT ANY TIME BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1-A. THE RETIRING OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN MUST TURN OVER THEIR RECORDS AND REPORTS IN APPROVED ORDER IN TWO WEEKS AFTER THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE INSTALLED.

SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND AGENTS. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT ITS DISCRETION MAY ELECT ADDITIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN-VICE PRESIDENTS, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT TREASURERS, A GENERAL MANAGER, AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS
OR AGENTS AS IT MAY DEEM ADVISABLE AND PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES THEREOF.


SECTION 7. VACANCIES. IF ANY VACANCY SHALL OCCUR AMONG THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY BY DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR OTHERWISE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OR THE SECRETARY, WILL CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES, AT WHICH SPECIAL MEETING THE TRUSTEES WILL ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE OFFICER WHOSE PLACE HAS BEEN VACATED.

ARTICLE V.
(FINANCES)

SECTION 1. THIS SOCIETY IS A NON-STOCK CORPORATION, BUT THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE RECEIPTS OF THE SOCIETY FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS DONORS; SUCH RECEIPTS SHALL ENTITLE THE POSSESSORS THEREOF TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY APPEAR FROM THE FACE OF SAID RECEIPTS.

SECTION 2. DUES. THE DUES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS SOCIETY, AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, HEREOF, SHALL BE ONE DOLLAR ($1.00) PER YEAR.

SECTION 3. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS. NO OFFICER, COMMITTEE, OR MEMBER
OF THIS SOCIETY SHALL UNDERTAKE ANY FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ARTICLE VI
(COMMITTEES)

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER, WHO WILL PASS UPON AND AUTHORIZE ALL PAYMENTS OF THE SOCIETY AND PREPARE LEAFLETS AND OTHER LITERATURE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

SECTION 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE FALL MEETING, WHO SHALL PRESENT AT THE SPRING MEETING THE NAMES OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING TERM. AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AS LARGE. THESE THREE SHALL CHOOSE A FOURTH AND FIFTH MEMBER.


ARTICLE VII
(AMENDMENTS)

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THIS SOCIETY SHALL HAVE POWER BY A VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF SAID TRUSTEES TO MAKE, ALTER, AMEND, AND RESCIND THE BY-LAWS OF THIS SOCIETY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR RECISSION SHALL BE APPROVED UNLESS EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR RECISSION AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRECEDING ANY MEETING, BY MAILING SUCH NOTICE TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS TO SUCH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; BUT SUCH NOTICE MAY BE WAIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.


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FALL BOARD MEETING

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY MET ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT THE HOME OF H.R. TOTTEN, WITH 7 MEMBERS PRESENT. THE PRESIDENT, MR. BUTLER, CONDUCTED THE MEETING.

DR. TOTTEN LED DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETING PLACES—DAUGHTON PARK AND WHITE LAKE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD MEET AT WHITE LAKE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. MR. BUTLER PROMISED TO SEE TO GETTING A GUIDE TO LEAD A GROUP ON A FIELD TRIP, AND SINCE MR. MELVIN IS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD BE ASKED TO GIVE US SOME POINTERS ON THE PLANTS WE MIGHT EXPECT TO SEE GROWING THERE.

THEN FOLLOWED DISCUSSION ABOUT MATERIAL TO BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. THERE WILL BE A PARAGRAPH ON MRS. NEAL, WHO HAD BEEN MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR SOME YEARS PRIOR TO HER DEATH. MRS. TOTTEN FELT IT WOULD BE NICE TO INCLUDE A LIST OF PLACES VISITED IN PAST YEARS TOGETHER WITH DATES AND PRESIDENTS WHO WERE IN OFFICE. THIS LED TO A MOTION THAT WE SHOULD FILE IN THE LIBRARY ALL SECRETARY’S BOOKS AFTER THEY ARE FILLED. THIS WAS SECONDED. MRS. BRAXTON AND MR. BUTLER WERE TO INQUIRE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BOOK MRS. COLEMAN HAD WHEN SHE CAME INTO OFFICE, AS SHE BEGAN WITH A NEW BOOK.

DR. TOTTEN THOUGHT SOME RESOLUTION SHOULD BE DRAWN UP PROTESTING THE POISONING WITH CHEMICALS OF GROWTH ALONG THE ROAD SIDES, AND COPIES OF THE LETTER SHOULD GO TO THE GOVERNOR AND HIGHWAY OFFICIALS. BUSINESS FOR FALL MEETING. MR. BUTLER SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF MASSES OF CHILDREN COLLECTING SPECIMEN PLANTS FOR BOTANY CLASSES SHOULD BE ATTACKED ON THE LOCAL LEVEL AS ALL CASES WERE INDIVIDUAL WITH DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND NOT ALL WERE DESTRUCTIVE.

THE BUSINESS FINISHED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED UNDER THE TREES WHERE THE MEETING TOOK PLACE.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

DR. & MRS. TOTTEN
MR. & MRS. BRAXTON
MR. BUTLER
MISS PRITCHARD
MRS. PEGG

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ELEANOR PEGG
ACTING SECRETARY

FUN WITH OUR NATIVE WOODY PLANTS


SO IT IS ALSO WHEN ONE STARTS A WILD FLOWER GARDEN, OR AT LEAST SO IT WAS WITH US WHEN WE MOVED INTO OUR NEW HOME SITUATED AT THE EDGE OF CHAPEL HILL, DOWN IN THE TRIASSIC BASIN. THE LOT CONTAINS ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF AN ACRE, AND BEFORE BUILDING COMMENCED WE TOOK A FAIRLY GOOD CENSUS OF THE NATIVE PLANTS AND TRIED TO PRESERVE WHAT WE HAD. AFTERWARDS WE STARTED BRINGING IN HERBACEOUS THINGS, BUT THE AREA WE HAD SELECTED PROVED TO BE UNSUITABLE. IT WAS TRUE THAT DESIRABLE NATIVES WERE GROWING THERE, BUT WHAT WE FAILED TO REALIZE WAS THAT THESE HAD PERSISTED DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN RADICALLY CHANGED WHEN THE STREETS IN THE SUBDIVISION HAD BEEN CUT THROUGH. SO WE HAD TO START ALL OVER AGAIN IN QUITE ANOTHER AND A MUCH, MUCH SMALLER AREA.

SINCE THE NEW SPOT FOR HERBACEOUS NATIVES WAS SO SMALL, WE CONCENTRATED MORE THOUGHT AND TIME ON THE SHRUBS AND THE UNDERSTORY TYPE OF PLANT; OF THESE WE ALREADY HAD A GOODLY NUMBER ON THE LOT—NOTHING RARE OR UNUSUAL, BUT MOST WELCOME. OF TREES THERE WERE MORE PINES (LOBLOLLY AND SHORT-LEAF)
THAN WE WANTED, AND AS THE MAPLES, HICKORIES, ELMS, OAKS, SYCAMORES, GREEN
ASH, AND OTHER TREES INCREASE IN SIZE, WE ARE TAKING OUT SURPLUS PINES
ALONG WITH SOME UNWANTED SWEETGUMS. ONE BEECH, TWO SPECIMENS OF HORNBEAM
(CARPINUS), AND SEVERAL PERSIMMONS ARE BEING CAREFULLY TENDED; WE MAY CHANGE
OUR MINDS ABOUT THE LATTER, BUT THE BARK IS FASCINATING. THE BIRDS ARE RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL AMERICAN HOLLIES, AND WHILE THESE ARE STILL SMALL AND
MAY BE ALL MALES, WE ARE ADOPTING A "WATCH AND SEE" ATTITUDE AND WILL KEEP
AT LEAST ONE. WE STILL HAVE NOT REACHED A DECISION ABOUT THE RED CEDARS—
even the female one which is in the wrong place and whose berries disappear
with the arrival of the first flock of cedar waxwings.

SOME DOGWOODS, ONE RED BUD, A SMATTERING OF SOURWORTHS WITH SPRAYS OF
BLOSSOMS REMINISCENT OF SIAMESE DANCERS, AND INNUMERABLE HAWThorns COMPRISED
THE GROUP OF SMALLER TREES. MOST OF THE HAWTHorns WE ERADICATED, BUT ONE
EACH SPRING HAS A SHOWER OF WHITE BLOSSOMS RAISED ABOVE THE EARLIER BLOOMING
SHRUBS. LATER INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED SOME SMALL HAWKS, BUT I HAVE STILL NOT
DECIDED WHETHER THESE ARE BLUE OR BLACK HAMS. IN TIME THERE SHOULD BE MORE
FOOD FOR THE BIRDS.

THE LOT WAS FAIRLY THICK WITH SHRUBS, MOSTLY WILD RAISIN BUSHES(VIBURNUM)
AND DEERBERRY (POLYCODIUM NEGLECTUM), THOUGH THERE WERE ALSO BLUEBERRIES,
BOTH VACCINIUM TENELLUM AND V. VAGILLANS. WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE
FORMER AS A GROUND COVER IN ONE AREA, BUT THE PROCESS IS A SLOW ONE, AND THE
BIRDS BEAT US TO THE FRUIT. THE SHRUB I PERHAPS LOVE BEST OF ALL IS THE
STAGGER-BUSH(PIERIS MARIANA) WITH ITS LOVELY, HANGING CYLINDRICAL FLOWERS:
I WISH I KNEW AN EASY WAY OF PROPAGATING THIS. DECIDUOUS HOLLIES, ONE MALE
WINTERBERRY (ILEX VERTICILLATA), WILD ROSE, WINGED SUMAC, NEW JERSEY TEA
(CEANOTHUS) AND ONE OF THE ST. ANDREW'S CROSSES COMPLETE THE LIST OF SHRUBS
WHICH WE ORIGINALLY FOUND ON THE LOT. AMONG THE VINES MIGHT BE MENTIONED THE
TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE AND A CLIMBING DOGBANE (TRACHELOSPERNUM DIFFORME) WHICH
IS NOT PARTICULARLY BEAUTIFUL BUT IS RATHER INFREQUENT HERE AND WHICH MUST BE
PERIODICALLY CUT BACK OUT OF THE BLACK GUM. THE PROSTRATE FORM OF STRAW-
BERRY BUSH (EUONYMUS AMERICANA) ON WHICH I HAVE YET TO SEE A BLOSSOM IS
FAIRLY ABUNDANT.

THE FOREGOING WAS THE FUN OF DISCOVERY WHICH WAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE
FUN OF ACQUISITION. GIFTS FROM FRIENDS, MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY,
AND PURCHASES FROM NURSERY HAVE ABOUT DOUBLED OUR NUMBER OF NATIVE SPECIES.
SOME PLANTS WERE BROUGHT IN INADVERTENTLY, AS WAS CLETHRA OR SEED THEREOF
ALONG WITH ANOTHER VACCINIUM(?). THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF WHAT MIGHT TURN
OUT TO BE TITI (IF IT IS, IT IS IN THE WRONG SPOT). ALL THESE WERE PLEASANT
SURPRISES.

FOR THE MOST PART IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND NATIVE SHRUBS IN NURSERY CAT-
ALOGUES, BUT FROM ONE SOURCE OR ANOTHER WE DID MANAGE TO SECURE A FEW. BEFORE
THOSE "NATIVES" WHICH OCCURRED NATURALLY WITHIN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
WE SAW SPECIMENS OF THE RED AND THE BLACK CHOKEBERRIES, AND QUITE A SIZEABLE
BED OF MALE SWEET FERN (COMPTONIA ASPLENIIFOLIA) HAS DEVELOPED FROM THE ORI-
GINAL PURCHASED PLANT. THE LEAVES ARE NOT AS FRAGRANT AS TEXTS LEAD ONE TO
EXPECT, AND ONCE ESTABLISHED, IT TENDS TO SPREAD BEYOND ITS ASSIGNED TERRI-
TORY, BUT WE STILL FIND IT DESIRABLE. FROM ANOTHER SOURCE WE OBTAINED SEVERAL
WILD INDIGO PLANTS (AMORPHA FRUTICOSA) WHICH ARE GRADUALLY INCREASING IN
NUMBER. CLADADISTIC LUTEA HAS BEEN PLANTED FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS AND WE ARE
ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE FIRST BLOSSOMS; PERHAPS IT HAS NOT FLOWERED BEFORE
BECAUSE IT IS SOMEWHAT CROWDED. LIKE MANY PEOPLE PUTTING OUT PLANTS IN A NEW
PLACE, WE PLANTED TOO MANY THINGS TOO CLOSELY AND HAVE BEEN SORRY EVER SIN CE.
IN ONE CATALOGUE MY HUSBAND CAME ACROSS NINE BARK (PHYSCARPUS), WHAT DID IT
MATTER IF IT WAS THE YELLOW-LEAFED FORM. WE GOT IT AND HAVE NEVER BEEN SORRY—
IT IS A WONDER MORE PEOPLE DO NOT GROW THIS; IT IS AS LOVELY AS ANY OF THE
SPIRAEA AND JUST AS EASY TO GROW.

IT IS AS I GO DOWN THE LIST OF PLANTS THAT FRIENDS HAVE GIVEN US THAT I
FEEL THAT I COULD ALMOST CALL OURS A FRIENDSHIP GARDEN. FROM THE MOUNTAINS
WE RECEIVED TWO WHITE PINES AND SEVERAL KALMIA, THE LATTER ARE STILL SMALL BUT HAVE REWARDED US WITH A FEW BLOOMS UPON OCCASION. SOME FRIENDS WITH A FAIR AMOUNT OF LAND NEAR CHAPEL HILL GAVE US SEVERAL AMELANCHIER, A LOT OF RED BUD, FOUR OR FIVE FLOWERING ASH (CHRIONANTHUS), A WILD MOCK ORANGE (STYRAX), SOME UPRIGHT STRAWBERRY BUSH (WHICH IS SPREADING ALL OVER THE LOT), AND ONE OF THE TWO BACCHARIS THEY HAD. WHY FLOWERING ASH AND STYRAX ARE NOT USED MORE IN LANDSCAPE WORK I DO NOT UNDERSTAND; TIS TRUE HILLSBORO HAS SOME OF THE FORMER, BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE LATTER SO USED AND IT IS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS MANY OF THE SO-CALLED EXOTICS.

AND THEN THERE IS THE GEORGIA BUCKEYE WHICH HAD LONG FASCINATED ME; I HAD SEEN IT GROWING ON DRY HILLSIDES AND IN SWAMPY AREAS ALONG CREEKS. NOT FINDING IT IN ANY OF OUR NURSERY CATALOGUES, WE DECIDED TO CONSULT THE PLANT BUYER'S GUIDE. TO OUR UTTER AMAZEMENT WE FOUND JUST ONE PLACE LISTED AS OFFERING IT=THIS IN ENGLAND=AND ONLY SEEDS! WE LATER LEARNED THAT IT IS ONE PLANT WHICH CANNOT BE DIG UP AND TRANSPLANTED, AND WE WERE FURTHER INFORMED THAT THE SEEDS MUST BE PLANTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE RIPE. WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL RED FORMS OF THIS ESTABLISHED FROM SEEDS PROCURED LOCALLY.

FROM ANOTHER FRIEND WE RECEIVED SOME AZALEA NUDIFLORA, A CORALBERRY OR INDIAN CURRANT (SYMPHORICARPUS), AND SOME OF THE FRAGRANT CALYCANTHUS. THE LATTER IS PLANTED NEAR MY KITCHEN WINDOW WITH MALICE OF FORETHOUGHT. WE ALSO HAVE SOME OF THE NON-FRAGRANT CALYCANTHUS.


THEN THERE ARE TWO SHRUBS, THE SOURCE OF WHICH I HAVE FORGOTTEN, BUT WHICH I STRONGLY SUSPECT WERE BROUGHT HOME FROM A NCWFPS MEETING. ONE IS A BUSH HONEYSUCKLE (DIERSVILLA SÉSILIFOLIA) WHICH IS DOING VERY NICELY, BUT THE OTHER I HAVE NOT YET IDENTIFIED. MAYBE SOME OTHER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY TOOK HOME THE SAME TWO SHRUBS AND CAN HELP ME WITH IDENTIFICATION--THE UNKNOWN HAS NOT YET BLOOMED.

FROM THE WILD WE GATHERED A CLUMP OF YELLOW-ROOT (XANTHORRHOZA) AND PLANTED IT BESIDE THE LILY POOL WHERE IT HAS MULTIPLIED BEAUTIFULLY AND WHERE EACH SPRING IT DELIGHTS US WITH PANICLES OF DAINTY, BROWNISH-PURPLE BLOSSOMS. CAROLINA JESSAMINE WAS LAYERED IN THE WILD AND RESCUED FROM THE ENCROACHING JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE. CROSS-VINE (BIGNONIA CAPREOLATA) WAS ALSO COLLECTED SOME YEARS AGO, AND WHILE IT HAS NOT YET BLOOM, I AM CONSTANTLY INTRIGUED BY THE LEAVES--A COMPOUND LEAF IN WHICH THE THIRD LEAFLET HAS BECOME MODIFIED INTO A BRANCHED TENDRIL.

I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE TO INCLUDE HERE ALSO MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA SINCE IT DOES OCCUR NATURALLY IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF OUR STATE, BUT THE CHEROKEE ROSE, WHICH HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF GREAT JOY AND SO TROUBLE-FREE, WOULD HAVE TO BE EXCLUDED EVEN THOUGH IT HAS BECOME NATURALIZED IN OUR SISTER STATE. THE MORAINIC LOCUST, A PODLESS AND THORNLESS VARIETY OF THE ORDINARY HONEY LOCUST, WAS MOST PLEASING FOR SOME YEARS, BUT FOR THE LAST TWO GROWING SEASONS THE SUCKERS FROM THE WIDELY-SPEAKING ROOTS HAVE BECOME A DECIDED NUISIBLE IN THE LAWN.

IN ALL FAIRNESS ONE SHOULD MENTION FAILURES AS WELL, THOUGH FORTUNATELY ONE TENDS TO FORGET THESE. HOWEVER, MANY OF THESE, SUCH AS OUR FAILURES WITH CAROLINA LAUREL CHERRY, HALESIA, AND THE LINDEN, CAN BE ASCRIBED TO OUR HAVING BEEN SUPPLIED WITH FIVE FOOT SPECIMENS WITH INSUFFICIENT ROOT SYSTEMS WHICH COULD NOT SURVIVE OUR SUMMER DROUGHTS. OUR RULE HAS BECOME, "DO NOT ACCEPT OR TRY TO TRANSPLANT ANYTHING OVER 18 INCHES AND EXPECT IT TO SURVIVE!"

TO THIS LIST OF PLANTS WE HAVE, MIGHT EQUALLY WELL BE APPENDED A LIST OF ONES WE STILL WANT TO INCLUDE AMONG OUR PLANTINGS: VIRGINIA WILLOW (ITEA), A FEMALE WINTERBERRY, MOUNTAIN HOLLY AND OTHERS IN THE GENUS, SWEET BAY AND
FUN WITH OUR NATIVE WOODY PLANTS (CONTINUED)

OTHER MAGNOLIAS, SPICEBUSH (BENZUIN), HORSE SUGAR, HALESIA, WAX MYRTLE,
ARISTOLOCHIA, BITTERSWEET (CELASTRUS), PAMPAN, WITCH-HAZEL STEWARTIA,
LEUCOTHOE, SEVERAL AZALEA, TRAILING ARBUTUS, WINTERGREEN, OTHER ERICACEOUS
PLANTS, PARSLEY-LEAVED HAWTHORN, HAZELNUT, WILD HYDRANGEA, DOGWOODS...OTHER
THAN THE FLORIDA.

THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON AND WE COULD RUN OUT OF GARDEN SPACE, BUT...
GROWING THE NATIVE WOODY PLANTS REALLY IS FUN!!

BEATRICE B. DOAK
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TEN NATIVE PLANTS

AMONG OUR NATIVE PLANTS THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF INTERESTING SPECIES TO
CHOOSE FROM, BUT THESE TEN I WOULD BE SATISFIED TO START WITH:

1) MAGNOLIA GLAUCA, SWEET BAY. FROM QUITE A LARGE FAMILY, THE CREAMY-
WHITE, SMALL FLOWERS ARE FRAGRANT, FOLLOWED BY THE LITTLE OPENING RED FRUITS
IN AUGUST. THE WHITISH, CLEAN BARK OF THE YOUNG TREES WITH THEIR GLAUCOUS
LEAVES, MAKE IT A VERY DESIRABLE TREE INDEED.

2) GORDONIA LASTANTHUS, LOBLOLLY BAY. TO MY WAY OF THINKING THIS IS A
WONDERFUL TREE. IT BELONGS IN THE FAMILY OF CAMELIAS BUT IT'S HABITAT IS
THE EASTERN SWAMPS. THE SHOWY WHITE FLOWERS ARE BORNE ON TALL COLUMNAR
EVERGREEN TREES. IF YOU HAVE A SOIL NEARLY SUITED TO THIS TREE, BY ALL
MEANS TRY ONE.

3) ILEX HUMEL, HUME HOLLY. THIS TREE IS NOT A STRAIGHT LINE SPECIES BUT
IS A RESULT OF A CROSS AND NAMED FOR DR. HUME FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.
THE TREE IS NOT AS COLD RESISTANT AS THE AMERICAN HOLLY BUT IT HAS SO MANY
DESIRABLE QUALITIES UNTIL IT IS WELL WORTH PLANTING. THE BERRIES ARE LARGE
AND BRIGHT AND STAY ON WELL. THE LEAVES ARE LIGHT-SPINED AND STAY DARK GREEN.

4) CYRILLA RACEMIFLORA, LEATHERWOOD. THIS IS A RATHER UNUSUAL TREE INsofar
AS THE USE OF IT IN LANDSCAPE WORK. THE TANNISH, SOFT BARK AND VARIABLE
ARRANGEMENT OF LIMBS AND BODY IS VERY ATTRACTIVE. IN SUMMER, USUALLY THROUGH
AUGUST, THE WHITE FLOWERS IN SLENDER RACEMES COVER MUCH OF THE TERMINALS
OF THE SHINING GREEN LEAF-STUDDED LIMBS.

5) AZALEA NUDIFLORUM, PINKSTER FLOWER. THIS IS THE COMMON DECIDUOUS
AZALEA FOUND NEARLY ALL OVER THE STATE, MOSTLY ALONG STREAM BANKS. THE
STEMS CAN BE TRAINED TO STATELY BOWER-LIKE SINGLE OR DOUBLE CANES OUT FROM
A SLOPE, OR IT CAN BE PRUNED SEVERELY TO A MANY CANED BACKGROUND BORDER
PLANT.

6) LEUCOTHOE AXILLARIS OR ANDROMEDA. THE VARIETY AXILLARIS IS FOUND
MOSTLY IN THE MID AND EASTERN PART OF THE STATE ON STREAM BANKS IN SHADY
SPOTS. IT IS ONE OF OUR GOOD ERICACEOUS EVERGREEN PLANTS WITH LOW GROWING
HABIT WITH THE RACEMES OF WHITE FLOWERS, USUALLY HANGING UNDER THE RECURVING
CANES. THE VARIETY CATESBAEI IS VERY SIMILAR, FOUND GROWING IN THE MOUNTAIN
SECTIONS.

7) COMPTONIA ASPLENIFOLIA, SWEET FERN. THIS LITTLE SHRUB IS FROM THE
FAMILY MYRICACEAE, OR THE MYRTLES. IT IS STOLONIFERUS IN HABIT AND MAKES A
GOOD COVER PIECE, FOR THE BORDER. IT GROWS WELL IN POOR, SANDY SOIL. THE FLOWERS ARE JUST ABOUT LIMITED TO BROWN CATKINS BUT THE ATTRACTIVE LINEAR-LANCEolate LEAVES ARE SWEET SCENTED.

YUCCA FILAMENTOSA, ALOIFOLIA, BEAR GRASS, ADAM'S NEEDLE. FOR MY PURPOSE, THE YUCCAS ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE PLANTS IN MANY WAYS. FOR OUR SECTION THEY ARE AMONG THE FEW HARDY PLANTS THAT HAVE A SEMI-TROPICAL APPEARANCE. THE ONE WE ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH IS THE FILAMENTOSA, OR AT LEAST, A VARIETY OF THE SAME. IT'S ACAULESCENT HABIT OF STEM GROWTH KEEPS THE LEAF SPREAD CLOSE TO THE GROUND. THE LONG STALKED INFLORESCENCE OF WHITE FLOWERS ARE MAGNIFICENT. THE VARIETY ALOIFOLIA MOUNTS ON A LONG STEM, SOMETIMES 10 TO 12 FEET, TOPPED WITH SHORTER STEMS OF WHITE FLOWERS. THE YUCCAS ARE A FINE ADDITION TO MOST GARDENS.

STOKESIA LAEVIS, STOKES ASTER. WHILE THIS IS NOT A SPECTACULAR PLANT, I LIKE TO PLANT SOME THINGS THAT ARE HARDY AND EASY TO HANDLE. THEY BLOOM FROM ABOUT AUGUST UNTIL FIRST WITH A BLUE OR PURPLISH TERMINAL FLOWER. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE A DISTINCT AMERICAN PERENNIAL, THEY ARE NOT MUCH PLANTED IN THIS LOCALITY. I HAVE HAD GOOD STANDS OF PLANTS COME UP AND BEAR AFTER ESCAPING TO THE BORDER.

ZENOBIA PULVERULenta, OFTEN CALLED HONEYCUP. NOW WE GET BACK TO THE ERICACEAE, THE BIG FAMILY OF MANY INTERESTING PLANTS. THE TANNISH STEMS AND THE SILVERY FOLIAGE WITH NODDING WHITE LITTLE CUPS OF FLOWERS ARE VERY STRIKING IN THE GARDEN; ALTHOUGH THIS PLANT HAS UNDERGROUND ROOTS, IT CAN BE POTTED AND PRUNED OR, GIVEN THE SAME TREATMENT IN THE GARDEN BORDER.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

GORDON BUTLER

THE MAGNOLIA FAMILY

THE MAGNOLIA FAMILY OR MAGNOLIACEAE IS GEOLOGICALLY ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT OF OUR BOTANICAL VARIETIES. FOSSIL FORESTS SHOWING THE TRUNK, LEAVES, AND EVEN SEED CONES HAVE BEEN FOUND DATING BACK TO THE EARLY CENOZOIC ERA IN THE FORMATION OF OUR PLANET. THE FAMILY WAS THEN NATIVE EVEN BEYOND THE ARTIC CIRCLE, AS THE ICE AGE GRADUALLY SPREAD ITS TENTACLES OF INFLUENCE FROM THE POLAR REGIONS INEXORABLY TOWARD THE TROPICS, ALL LIVING THINGS EITHER MIGRATED BEFORE THE GLACIERS OR DIED AND BECAME EXTINCT. THE MAGNOLIACEAE SUCCESSFULLY ADAPTED THEMSELVES TO THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT AND MOVED SOUTH IN FRONT OF THE GLACIERS, EVENTUALLY BECOMING FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE TEMPERATE AND SUB TROPICAL REGIONS OF NORTH AMERICA AND ASIA. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MANY MORE VARIETIES OF TREES SURVIVED IN THESE AREAS AS COMPARED TO EUROPE. THERE THE MOUNTAIN RANGES LARGELY LIE IN AN EASTERY-WESTERY LINE WHEREAS OUR MOUNTAINS RANGE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. THUS IN EUROPE TREES COULD SURVIVE THE GLACIAL PUSH ONLY SO FAR UP THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES AND THEN DIED FROM THE COLD. HERE, IN AMERICA, TRAVELING LATERALLY ALONGSIDE THE MOUNTAINS, PROGRESSING BEFORE THE GLACIERS, LIFE WAS MAINTAINED. EVEN AS THE MAGNOLIACEAE ARE ANCIENT SO THEY ARE BELieved BOTANICALLY TO BE THE FIRST OF THE FLOWERING TREES. THEY BEAR PERFECT FLOWERS CONTAINING SEPAL, PETAL, PISTIL AND STAMEN. OFTEN THE SEPALs AND PETALS ARE VIRTUALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE. WHEN THESE ARE OBVIOUS, THERE ARE 3 SEPALs AND 6 TO 9 PETALS. THE STAMENS ARE MANY AND ARE SPIRALLY ARRANGED AROUND A MULTI CARPEL PISTIL.
THIS LATER DEVELOPES INTO THE FRUIT WHICH IS CONE SHAPED CONTAINING THE OFTEN FLESHY SEEDS. THE LEAVES ARE USUALLY LONG, WITHOUT MARGINAL TEETH AND ARE ALTERNATELY PLACED ALONG THE TWIG. THE FAMILY CONTAINS BOTH DECIDUOUS AND EVERGREEN VARIETIES. THEY RANGE IN SIZE FROM SMALL SHRUBS TO FOREST GIANTS AS TALL AS 200 FEET WITH BOLES 10 FEET IN DIAMETER. TREES OF THIS SIZE HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE CADES COVE AREA OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS. THE FAMILY MAGNOLIACEAE CONSISTS OF 10 GENERA WITH APPROXIMATELY 80 SPECIES, MOST OF WHICH ARE TROPICAL. ONLY TWO GENERA, THE MAGNOLIA AND THE LIRIODENDRON ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE LIRIODENDRON, BETTER KNOWN AS YELLOW POPULAR OR TULIP TREE, IS THE MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY WITH GREATEST COMMERCIAL VALUE. IT WAS ALSO VALUABLE TO THE SOUTHERN INDIANS. LACKING THE WHITE BIRCH TREES USED BY NORTHERN INDIANS TO MAKE CANOES, THEY USED THE LONG STRAIGHT TRUNKS OF THE POPULAR TO MAKE DUGOUT CANOES. THE POPULAR WAS THUS KNOWN TO PIONEER SETTLERS AS THE CONE TREE. TODAY IT IS VALUABLE PARTICULARLY FOR USE IN FURNITURE VENEER CORES. IT IS STRONG, LIGHT WEIGHT, AND DUE TO ITS POROSITY ACCEPTS GLUE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. THE TULIP TREE IS UNIQUE IN SEVERAL WAYS. IT HAS A LEAF SHAPED LIKE THAT OF NO OTHER TREE OR SHRUB. THE LEAF DEVELOPES AT THE TERMINAL END OF THE GROWING TWIG, APPEARING FIRST AS A PAIR OF STIPULES FORMING AN OVAL, FLAT BAG WHICH CONTAINS AND PROTECTS THE LEAF ITSELF. WHEN THE LEAF EMERGES FROM THE STIPULAR BAG IT IS FOLDED ALONG ITS MIDRIB AND UNFOLDS AS IT MATURES. THE STIPULES REMAIN ON THE TWIG FOR A LONG TIME AND WHEN THEY FINALLY DROP, LEAVE A SCAR WHICH MAKES THE POPULAR EASY TO IDENTIFY EVEN IN WINTER. THE FLOWER GIVES THE TREE ITS NAME FOR IT CLOSELY RESEMBLES A TULIP. THEY ARE ABOUT 2 INCHES WIDE WITH THREE SEPALS AND 6 PETALS WITH STAMEN AND PISTIL NUMEROUS. THE FRUIT DEVELOPES FROM THE CONE LIKE-PISTIL AND CONSISTS OF MANY SINGLE WINGED SAMARA WITH A SEED AT THE BASE. WHEN THESE FALL THEY SPIN TO EARTH, TWIRLING LIKE AN AIRPLANE IN AN ECCENTRIC FALL. THE EMPTY AXIS OF THE CONE REMAINS ON THE TREE ALL WINTER, ITS PISTOL HANDLE DAGGER SHAPE FAMILIAR TO ALL.

THE MAGNOLIA ITSELF IS OFTEN CALLED OUR FINEST EVERGREEN TREE AND IS ONE THAT HAS BEEN WIDELY PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS NAMED FOR PIERRE MAGNOL, A FRENCH BOTANIST OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY. THERE ARE ABOUT 35 SPECIES OF MAGNOLIA WITH 9 NATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES. MANY OF THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND CULTIVATED. THE FOREMOST SPECIE AND THE TRUE EVERGREEN IS OUR SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA OR GRANDIFLORA. IT GROWS FROM 60 TO 100 FEET HIGH WITH A BROAD BEAUTIFUL SHAPE. THE LEAVES ARE 5 TO 8 INCHES LONG AND REMAIN ON THE TREE FOR TWO YEARS. THE FLOWERS ARE WHITE, LARGE, 6 TO 8 INCHES ACROSS, AND VERY FRAGRANT. THE FRUIT OF THIS TREE IS A CONE CONTAINING FLESHY SEEDS WHICH UNIQUELY ARE SUSPENDED ON A FINE THREADLIKE FILAMENT. THESE SCARLET COLORED SEEDS ATTRACT MANY BIRDS TO THE MAGNOLIA TREE. THIS TREE IS A DELIGHT TO ALL GARDEN LOVERS AND ITS FLOWERS, LEAVES, AND FRUIT CONES ARE FREQUENTLY USED IN DECORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

THE VIRGINIANA OR SWEET BAY IS ALSO EVERGREEN IN THE SOUTH BUT LOSES ITS LEAVES IN THE NORTH. IT WILL GROW TO 60 FEET IN THE SOUTH BUT ONLY AS A SHRUB IN COLDER REGIONS. IT HAS SMALLER LEAVES 3 TO 5 INCHES LONG AND SMALLER FLOWERS MORE ROUNDED THAN THE MORE OPEN GRANDIFLORA.

THE ACUMINATA OR CUCUMBER TREE IS ANOTHER WELL KNOWN NATIVE SPECIES. IT GROWS TO 80 OR 90 FEET IN THE FORESTS BUT WILL FORM A PYRAMID WITH GROUND SWEETING BRANCHES IF IN THE OPEN. THE FLOWERS ARE NEITHER SHOWY NOR FRAGRANT BEING ABOUT 3 INCHES ACROSS AND GREENISH WHITE. BEES OFTEN
IGNORE THEM AND THEY ARE THUS POORLY POLLINATED. THIS PRODUCES THE GREENISH, KNOBBY FRUIT WHICH GIVES THE NAME CUCUMBER TREE TO THIS VARIETY.

THESE THREE ARE THE BEST KNOWN VARIETIES OF THE SOUTH. THE LESSER KNOWN OF OUR 9 NATIVE SPECIES ARE:

MACROPHYLLA OR BIG LEAF WITH LEAVES UP TO 3 FEET LONG AND 12 INCHES WIDE.

FRASERI OR MOUNTAIN MAGNOLIA.

TRIPETALA OR UMBRELLA MAGNOLIA WHICH HAS ILL SCENTED FLOWERS

CORDATA OR YELLOW CUCUMBER TREE FOUND IN NORTH CAROLINA ONLY IN MOORE COUNTY.

PYRAMIDATA OR PYRAMID MAGNOLIA FOUND IN THE LOWER UNITED STATES FROM GEORGIA TO LOUISIANA.

ASHEI OR ASHE MAGNOLIA FOUND ONLY IN A VERY FEW FLORIDA COUNTIES.

THE BALANCE OF THE MAGNOLIAS KNOWN TO US ARE IMPORTED VARIETIES FROM ASIA AND ARE FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS JAPANESE MAGNOLIAS. WHILE SOME SPECIES GROW TO HEIGHTS OF 30 TO 50 FEET, THE SHRUB VARIETIES ARE MORE COMMON. THEIR BEST KNOWN CHARACTERISTIC, THOUGH NOT COMMON TO ALL, IS THE PROFUSION OF SHOWY BLOSSOMS WHICH APPEAR IN THE SPRING BEFORE LEAVES APPEAR ON THE DECIDUOUS PLANTS. THESE FLOWERS ARE OFTEN PURPLE ON THE OUTSIDE AND WHITE ON THE INNER SURFACE. BEST KNOWN OF THE IMPORTED MAGNOLIAS ARE:

LILIIFLORA
KOBUS
SOULANGEANA (A HYBRID)
SIEBOLDI
STELLATA

"A WONDERFUL FRAGRANCE, DEEP AND RARE
THE BREATH OF THE GREAT MAGNOLIA FLOWER
THAT, AFTER THE LONG DAY'S DIM AND GLARE
COMES SOFTLY FORTH LIKE A SILENT PRAYER
TO BLESS AND SWEETEN THE GRATEFUL HOUR"

"QUEEN OF THE SOUTH AND LOVE OF THE SUN
HAPPY INDEED MUST THE SLEEPER BE
WHO FINDS HIS REST WHEN AT LAST IT IS DONE
UNDER THE BROAD MAGNOLIA TREE."

COMPILED BY DAVID A. CASON, JR.

(ED. NOTE) THIS PROGRAM WAS GIVEN ON JULY 5, 1962 TO THE GREENSBORO WILDFLOWER CLUB. WE THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS THAT OUR CLUB HAD EVER HAD, SO I ASKED DAVID TO PUT IT ON PAPER SO THAT WE MIGHT SHARE IT WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE N.C. W.F.P.S., INC. FOR HIS TIME, EFFORT AND WILLINGNESS TO SHARE, PLUS ALL THIS INFORMATION, WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

VAB.
WHEN OUR PRESIDENT, MR. BUTLER, ASKED ME AT THE MAY MEETING TO TELL WHY I HAD LABELLED THE DISHES I HAD BROUGHT TO THE PICNIC, I SAID, "BECAUSE MY FAMILY HAD OFTEN LOOKED AT MY CONCOCTIONS AND ASKED, 'WHAT IS THIS?' SOMETIMES, I HARDLY KNOW MYSELF WHAT TO CALL MY EXPERIMENTS. KNOWING THAT DAY-LILIES ARE PRIZED BY THE CHINESE AS AN ARTICLE OF DIET, WHAT WAS MORE NATURAL THAN TO MAKE STRAWBERRY JAM HALF AND HALF WITH CHOPPED LEMON-LILY PETALS, IT'S DIFFERENT. YOU CAN BUY GOOD STRAWBERRY JAM AT THE AND P STORE BUT YOU CAN'T GET STRAWBERRY-LEMON LILY JAM THERE.

MY PHYTOLACCA PICKLES WERE NOT ORIGINAL. THE COLORED PEOPLE ON OUR PLACE USED TO TELL OF THEIR MOTHER'S MAKING 'POKE GREEN PICKLES.' CUT THE THICK BUT TENDER STEM IN PICKLE LENGTHS, PEEL OFF THE THIN OUTER SKIN AND PICKLE AS YOU WOULD PEACHES.

OUR EDITOR ASKED ME TO WRITE ABOUT SOME OF MY ORIGINAL DISHES BUT, INSTEAD, I SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT A NEW BOOK I'LL BRING TO THE OCTOBER MEETING TO SHOW YOU. IT IS "STALKING THE WILD ASPARAGUS" BY EUELL GIBBONS--ALL ABOUT ODD THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF EATING, BUT WHICH THE AUTHOR HAS DISCOVERED TO BE Eatable, AND I HOPE TO BRING ALONG SOME OTHER NEW BOOKS TO SHOW YOU, "BIRDS AND TREES OF NORTH AMERICA" BY REX BRASHER. I RECEIVED THROUGH THE MAIL, A BROCHURE TELLING THAT THESE FOUR VOLUMES PRICED AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS COULD BE BOUGHT FOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS, PRE-PUBLICATION, IF PAID BEFORE JANUARY 15. BEING SCOTTISH, I COULDN'T RESIST SUCH A SAVING, SO I RUSHED THE $160.00 FOR THE BOOKS, SIGHT UNSEEK, AND, SO FAR, IN MID-SEPTEMBER, I HAVE SEEN ONLY TWO OF THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THESE WITH YOU.

KATE MCP. FERGUSON

"TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NO MAN," IS AN AXIOM THAT WE ALL FEEL MORE FORCEFULLY AS THE YEARS GO BY. ONE NEWSLETTER DOES NOT GET ON ITS WAY UNTIL ANOTHER IS IN THE PLANNING. THE RESPONSE FOR SUITABLE, WORTHWHILE MATERIAL HAS BEEN MOST GRATIFYING. TO EACH CONTRIBUTOR, MY SINCERE THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE; IT IS ALWAYS LESS WORK TO SAY NO THAN YES WHEN ASKED TO WRITE AN ARTICLE. BUT, JUST THINK HOW VITAL IT IS THAT EACH ISSUE HAVE SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR EACH MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THIS IS AN INVITATION TO EACH MEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING CONCRETE FOR PUBLICATION. IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE A BACKLOG OF ARTICLES TO GO TO FOR OUR NEWSLETTER.

ON APRIL 29, 1951 THE N.C.W.F.P.O.S., INC. CAME INTO BEING. THERE WERE 88 CHARTER MEMBERS. TODAY WE HAVE 150 MEMBERS. THIS ORGANIZATION WE HOPE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. IT WILL IF EACH MEMBER MAKES IT HIS OR HER BUSINESS TO CONTRIBUTE SOME OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS.

IT IS WITH SORROW THAT WE LEARNESt OF THE PASSING OF ANOTHER OF OUR CHARTER MEMBERS, MRS. ADA (W.B.) NEAL DIED MAY 2, 1952. MRS. NEAL WAS A MOST FAITHFUL MEMBER AS LONG AS HER HEALTH PERMITTED. SHE WAS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FROM 1954 THROUGH 1958. WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. (A NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, MISS JOSEPHINE PRITCHARD OF 400 RANSOM STREET, CHAPEL HILL, N.C., WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SEND THIS INFORMATION)

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SOME OF OUR LIVING MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.; MISS BESSIE POPE OF P.O. BOX 1264, HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA. SINCE 1958, MISS POPE HAS HANDLED THE MONIES OF OUR SOCIETY, KEEPING AN ACCURATE RECORD OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, COLLECTING DUES, PAYING THE BILLS; AND REMINDING THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES BY THE MAY MEETING THAT THEY ARE DUE. THEN SHE FURNISHES THE EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER A MAILING LIST AND ALSO A LIST OF THE PAID MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FALL NEWSLETTER; THAT IS A LOT OF WORK IN ANY LANGUAGE.

WE ALL APPRECIATE THE TIME AND WORK THAT SHE SO GENEROUSLY AND FREELY DONATES. BUT LETS SHOW THIS APPRECIATION BY SENDING OUR DUES TO HER IF WE CANNOT
ATTEND THE SPRING MEETING. AS YOU ALL KNOW THE DUES ARE ONE DOLLAR PER MEMBER AND PAYABLE AT THE MAY MEETING EACH YEAR.

MRS. G. O. (BEE) DOAK, BLESS HER, HAVING SERVED AS EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER FROM 1957-61, KNOWS MORE OF THE VICISSITUDES OF THE EDITOR THAN ANYONE, HAS CONTRIBUTED AN ARTICLE "FUN WITH OUR NATIVE WOODY PLANTS," AND NOW SENDS THIS TREMENDOUS ITEM FOR THE EDITOR'S NOTES AS FOLLOWS:


OCTOBER 14, 1962 IS THE DATE FOR OUR FALL MEETING AT SINGLETARY LAKE, DO PLAN TO COME AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

SINCERELY,

MRS. WALTER B. BRAXTON

EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER.

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MISS POPE ALSO REPORTS THAT MRS. KATE WURRESSCHEKE IS NOW IN A NURSING HOME. WILL SOMEONE PLEASE SEND ME HER ADDRESS SO THAT SHE CAN HAVE HER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER.

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT, AGAIN THROUGH MISS POPE, WE LEARNED OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF MRS. LENA SHIPWASH, MISS MARGARET WOOD AND MISS FRANCES YACUM. PERHAPS THE NECESSITY FOR CANCELLATION WILL CHANGE AND THEY CAN SOON COME BACK INTO OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH RENEWED ENTHUSIASM.

REMEMBER...IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1962 DUES OF $1.00, THEY ARE PAST DUE SINCE MAY. MAIL THEM TO MISS BESSIE POPE, POST OFFICE BOX 1264, HIGH POINT, N. C.