

GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION

March 11, 1976

PRESIDENT HOOPER REPORTS ON CLUB'S BEGINNINGS

Nell and Julian Foster have loaned me a very interesting booklet, "The Dirt-daubers Garden Club's Program for 1952." That club was, I understand, the predecessor of the present Men's Garden Club. It was founded in 1950. So we passed our 25th anniversary last year. There were 19 Charter Members of whom 3 are still members of the Club - Jim Culcleasure, W. O. Ezell and Karl Seldin.

They were better planners than I, having all programs set and published at the start of the year. Many of their interests were the same as ours; Fertilization, Spraying, Landscaping and Grasses, among others.

The MGC has contributed much to Spartanburg and we need to work hard to continue these contributions, particularly those of Mr. W.O. Ezell which have added so greatly to the beauty of our city.

From the front page of the 1952 booklet was this quote:

"To him who, in the love of nature,
Holds communion with her visible forms,
She speaks a various language."

—William Cullen Bryant

YOUR CLUB & COMMUNITY URGENTLY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

Mark your calendar to be a good citizen on Saturday morning April 10th. That is the day the readers of this bulletin are needed to do their part in "Keep Spartanburg Beautiful Day" - as other citizens will be doing throughout the nation.

Men's Garden Club has beautification projects on both North and South Pine Street. We are expected to give two to four hours April 10 to picking up the litter along that street from one end to the other.

We will meet at the YMCA parking lot at 9:00 A. M. to receive our empty bags and assignments. It's OK to bring along your wife and children or a friend.

Help give the thousands of motorists on Highway 176 a good impression of our city, at the same time registering a public protest against the thoughtlessness of that Minority - the Litterbugs.

GARDENING CHECKLIST FOR MARCH

Review last month's Checklist for jobs you did not do yet. Phone 582-6779 to be put on mailing list for Clemson Extension's Garden Notes.

LAWN: Your first mowing can be at lowest setting of mower and with grass catcher for a clean start . . . Cool-season grasses can be sowed now for new lawns or on bare spots after ground is well-loosened. . . The appearance of thousands of lawns is spoiled by the presence of wild onions in the spring. Knock them out with the old One, Two: One - mow, and Two - spray immediately with 2-4-D. It may be necessary to repeat the treatment the following fall and spring. The 2-4-D spray will kill other lawn weeds too. Pre-emergent crabgrass killer will complete the job of giving you a clean lawn. . .

SHRUBS & TREES: Prune oldest wood to ground level when spring flowering shrubs drop their blooms, then feed for healthy growth. . . Examine underside of camellia leaves for white specks. This is tea scale which is damaging thousands of fine bushes. Spray with miscible oil or malathion . . . Overgrown hollies, abelias, ligustrum, hedges, etc. can be pruned back severely now for dense shapely plants in late summer. . . Give fig and pecan trees some 10-10-10 . . . Start spray schedule on fruit trees.

FLOWERS: Prune Tea Roses back to 3 to 6 healthiest stems 12"-24" long, finish planting pansies, dividing perennials, giving phosphate to the bulbs, sowing seeds of hardy annuals. . . To get stockier plants from seed sowed indoors cut down on heat and increase light as soon as they germinate. Have coldframe ready to move young transplants outside for more space and to harden any grow on for final planting. . . It is risky to rake all protective covering out of flower beds before April 1st. Plant some flowers in your vegetable garden and some vegetables in your flower beds. . . Winter may not be over. . . What have you done for your compost pile lately?

VEGETABLES: Think quality, not quantity. Anyone with a small sunny spot somewhere in the yard can have a Postage Stamp or Mini-Garden. With boards it can be raised and filled with sawdust, peat, leafmold or compost to make rich loose loam for easy care and fast growth. It will also be decorative and interesting. Don't waste space with rows. Completely cover it with lush plants which will keep down weed growth and provide shade for soil and roots. Water and fertilize as needed for maximum yield and quality. No expensive tools needed. . . In March plant asparagus seeds or roots, beets, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, radish, spinach, strawberries, and turnips. . . Do not let fertilizer come in contact with tender roots. . . Store leftover seeds in cool dry place for later use. . . Sow a \$.49 package of marigolds here and there in your garden. They will add at least \$5.00 to the appearance and may scare away \$10.00 worth of insects which are persnickety about odors.

MGC DIRECTOR HART MADE SOME 'BEAUTIFUL' NEW FRIENDS

Charlie Hart never thought much about camellias until his neighbor offered him some camellia seeds. He planted them. They came up. Charlie "got interested in them". In the 20 years since that happened growing camellias has brought him a lot of pleasure and new friends.

He now propagates new plants and varieties by grafting and cuttings. On his average-size lot in Converse Heights 104 blooming-size camellias, including 40 in his small greenhouse, add beauty to his front and back yards. And he knows the name and life-history of every one.

About the only expense connected with this rewarding and absorbing hobby is a few dollars a year for camellia fertilizer and pesticides, and a subscription to the national camellia magazine.

"For your yard," advises Mr. Hart, "do not select the varieties with high fancy blooms entered in the camellia shows. They cannot take our winters year after year. Instead consider the following 16 cold hardy varieties which have been my most reliable bloomers over the years:

Red: R. L. Wheeler, Prof. Sargent, Mathon-Liaana, Empress.

Pink: Perfection, Debutante, Bernice Boddy, C. M. Wilson, Dr. Tinsley, Magnoliae Flora.

White: September Morn

Variegated: Donkelaari, Ville de Nantz, Kumasaka, Gov. Mouton, Herme".

"Plant in semi-shaded area or north side of building but not on the southside of buildings where frost damage would result."

SUDDEN SPRING IN EARLY MARCH

An unseasonably warm spell the first of March deluged gardeners with fresh blooms. This writer took a stroll through a large garden and found these 40 varieties blooming on March 6th: Anemone, Apple, Aucuba, Azalea, Bloodroot, Breath of Spring, Candytuft, Camellia, Chinese Fringe, Daffodil, Daphne, Flowering Cherry, Crab, Peach, Pear, Quince, Forsythia, Grape Hyacinth, Hazelnut, Hepatica, Hyacinth, Jasmine, Narcissus, Nectarines, Pearl Bush, Pacysandra, Pansies, Peach, Plum, Photinia, Pirris, Pussy Willow, Raphaelepis, Redbud, Scilla, Shadblow, Spirea, Star Magnolia, Strawberries, Thrift, Vinca Major, Vinca Minor, Violets.

And April is supposed to out-bloom March!

THOUSANDS OF BLOOMING HYACINTHS ON MORGAN SQUARE made at least two people very happy this week - this writer and the man who came up to him asking their name and where he could buy the seed!

WHAT IS THE NAME of that weed with the small white blooms that has already ripened its seed for next spring before we could get the mower cranked up to cut them?

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS DESIGNED TO INCREASE GARDENING
KNOW-HOW**

"Fertilization and Nutrition of Plants" is the subject to be discussed at the March meeting of MGC by Jerry Lindsey of Charlotte, a representative of Scott Seed and Fertilizer Company. Few if any of us have soil that contains all the nutrients that our plants need. How much of what to add is the Big Question, and the one we will consider next Monday at Satterlee Hall at 7:30 P. M.

The 31 persons who attended the February meeting found Jack Bracken's remarks and slides on Pruning most interesting and helpful.

A discussion period, door prizes, and Snow Marshall's refreshments are other features of the monthly meetings.

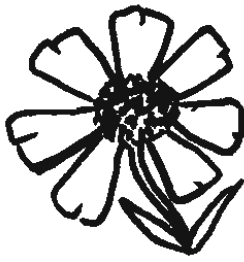
SPECIALISTS LIST REASONS FOR BOOM IN HOUSE PLANTS

This is our first month to say "Hello" to each of you who belong to Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. During coming months we hope to answer many of your questions and we welcome them.

With ecology on everyone's mind the indoor foliage industry is experiencing a boom that is predicted to continue until 1980 before levelling off. No longer is love, care and propagation of house plants confined to the home or the lady of the house, or to ferns and philodendrons. Every niche in almost every home, every office with a good window, or even those without windows but with the help of grow lights, are living centers pro-ecology, not to mention beauty, decorative power, therapy, pride and love.

You will find a variety of plants in many outlets from those hardy faithful philodendrons to pteris ferns, bromeliads, dracena of every variety, cacti, small plants to tree size plants, all for the home or office. We will cover light requirements, watering practices, fertilizing tips, decorative uses, containers, the revolutionary new water-growing methods, questions most asked by our customers, and any other subjects you may choose.

An important thing for every plant lover to remember is that with today's variety in plants, artificial light sources and containers the only limitation for plant use is your imagination. - Tim & Martha Murphy, Leaf & Petal, at Westgate Mall



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April 1, 1976

YOU ARE INVITED TO A THRILLING DISPLAY

Deering—milliken, Inc. is extending a special invitation to the Men's Garden Clubs of Spartanburg and of Greenville to visit its beautiful and enlarged plantings and gardens at this peak of their blooming season.

Date: This Sunday, April 4, 1976 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Place: Research Center at I-85 and Highway 176

Featuring: 100,000 Pansy blossoms
 18,000 Tulips - red, yellow and pink
 Hundreds of blooming azaleas including the new
 Mother's Day Red
 Japanese Kwanzan Cherries
 Dogwoods, Flowering Peaches, etc.

Refreshments served

Parking in Main Lot north of buildings

Directions: All four entrances will be open.

1. From Highway 176 via Frontage Road opposite lake and fountain
2. From I-85 travelling east use first exit immediately east of 176
3. From I-85 travelling west take Frontage Road at Old Boiling Springs Road to bridge over I-85 at Deering-Milliken.
4. From Highway 9 turn west on Iron Ore Road south of I-85

The invitation, issued through the company's horticulturist Jack Bracken, includes members and their friends.

Come, all ye lovers of beautiful plants, blooms and landscaping, for a thrilling experience.

CHECKLIST FOR APRIL GARDENING

Lawn: Getting late for preemergent crabgrass killer but just right for 2-4-d weed and onion 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, semi-annual feeding with slow release type is preferable. 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.

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" with 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.

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.

DOES OUR PROGRAM MERIT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Members who have not yet paid 1976 dues to MGC can save a fellow member calling them or visiting them if they would forward their checks promptly to Treasurer George Drummond at 397 E. Henry Street. This is the breakdown on annual dues: Local club retains \$4.50 to cover costs of GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION and its other projects and expenses. \$7.50 goes to the national office for its magazine and other projects. Total \$12.00 or \$1.00 per month.

The Treasure reports the following membership totals: 1974, 100 members; 1975, 76 members; April 1976, 91 members.

To remain eligible for the special 1.8 cent bulk mailing rate we must maintain a mailing list of at least 200. A number of persons who are interested in gardening and beautification have made a small contribution to MGC to cover costs of mailing them the monthly GARDENING & BEAUTIFICATION. It would be most helpful if those of you who receive complimentary copies or are former members not willing to rejoin would help the club in this limited A contribution of at least \$2.00 is suggested for those who cannot or will not become full members.

PLACE A SWEET POTATO IN A GLASS OF WATER in the house if you want only a few plants to set out.

ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF BERLING' GERMANY is green, open space consisting of parks, gardens, playgrounds according to an Associated Press release. There are approximately 200,000 trees, 90 miles of footpaths and 17,000 benches where one can relax and enjoy the greenery. How else could its residents have survived so much?

APRIL REMINDER: Plant some for the worm,
Some for the crow,
Some to pull out,
And some to grow.

THE ROSE SHOW would be less subject to the vagaries of the weather if held in early fall rather than in May in the opinion of local rosarians.

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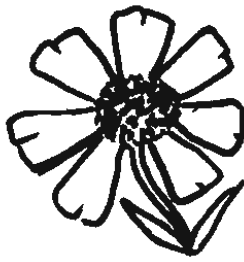
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- April 4, Sunday, 2:00–5:00 P.M.: Visit mass plantings at Deering-Milliken
- April 6, 10:00 A.M.: Governor's Conference on Beautification, Carolina Inn, Columbia, S.C.
- April 10, Saturday, 9:00–1:00: County-wide Litter Clean-Up. Mens Garden Club is calling for an additional dozen volunteers to help it 'tidy up' Pine Street. Will meet at YMCA parking lot at 9:00 A.M.
- April 16, Friday, 11:00 A.M: Piedmont Beautification Committee meets at City Hall to start Tour of areas to include in Five Year Beautification Plan.
- April 19, Monday, 7:30 P.M: Men's Garden Club present discussion by David Sloan of "Repair & Maintenance of Lawn and Garden Equipment", at Satterlee Hall, corner of Advent & Kennedy Streets. Door prizes and refreshments.



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May 14, 1976

MESSAGE TO NEW GARDENERS AND SOME VETERANS

It seems that every once in a while Mother Nature, either alone or in concert with other forces, conspires to really test a gardener's resolve and patience. This has been such a year for me.

First I got a late start on everything including cultivating and feeding the roses and planting annuals. Next the late frost killed back my roses so severely that the whole first bloom was lost. To make matters worse, the Bermudagrass lawn has developed some very bad brown spots.

Fortunately there are always compensations. This year as usual the pansies have been beautiful. Solid beds of blues and golds have bloomed for weeks. Frost doesn't hurt them. They have a wonderful range of bright colors. Try some if you haven't already.

The roses have finally started to bloom. And there is nothing like a few nice roses to build up one's resolve to keep on gardening.

New gardeners, be of good cheer, for bad years come to all of us.

I look forward to seeing you at Harold Hatcher's this Monday at 7 o'clock where we will see how a real pro does it!

— Gil Hooper

MAY MEETING FEATURES TOUR OF 'FOUR SQUARE' GARDEN

The meeting of Men's Garden Club next Monday evening at 124 Briarwood Road will include a walk through 7 acres of woodland, fruit and vegetable gardens. The project is in the fourth year of a ten year development program. Shady trails have been opened, five small ponds constructed, and thousands of evergreen shrubs of many varieties have been propagated and planted. An ever-flowing creek provides the irrigation.

Growing in a one acre sunny area are 12 varieties of fruits and 20 different vegetables with the aid of truckloads of rotting leaves and chips.

Also growing there are a couple white pines, cypresses, sycamores and red-buds to be transplanted later to MGC beautification projects.

In the flower garden a host of blooming foxgloves are the most conspicuous feature in this month of sparse bloom.

To reach the meeting place take W. O. Ezell Blvd. to the traffic light at the 900 block and turn south 2½ blocks to 124. Or take Reidville Road to the traffic light at Park Hills Baptist Church and turn north, keeping *left* to the bottom of the hill which is 124.

The walk will start at 7:00 PM instead of our usual 7:30 in order to be finished before dark. Guests are invited.

COUNTRYWIDE LITTER CLEANUP DREW BROAD PARTICIPATION

Spartanburg had its first countywide cleanup campaign on Saturday April 10, 1976.

WHO SPONSORED AND ORGANIZED THE CAMPAIGN?

It was a joint effort of the four litter committies of the county's Clemson Extension Service, The Spartanburg Beautification Committee, The Garden Club Council and the Men's Garden Club.

HOW MANY PARTICIPATED IN THE CLEANUP?

The campaign committee received reports from 112 clubs and organizations that approximately 1900 of their members picked up litter. It is not known how many individuals responded to the broadcast request to clean up in front of their own property or residence.

WHAT GROUPS VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

The committee has received reports on the following:

- 30 troops of Girl Scouts with 523 participants
- 28 troops of Boy Scouts with 510 participants
- Over a dozen Clemson Extension groups with 371 participants
- 4 public schools with 136 participants
- 3 colleges with 25 participants
- 8 Ruritan service clubs with approximately 100 participants
- 3 Lions Clubs, 2 Sertomas, 1 Optimist Club with 65 participants
- 6 Garden Clubs with 96 participants
- 6 Church organizations with 53 participants
- 2 neighborhood improvement associations with 30 participants

Many of the scout troops were sponsored and assisted by churches and service clubs.

HOW MUCH LITTER WAS PICKED UP?

The dozens of groups that reported this information averaged 2 to 3 filled bags per volunteer. 6250 large plastic bags (30 gallon size) were distributed to participating groups. In addition a few participants furnished their own bags. It is estimated that approximately 5000 bags were filled. At an average weight of 10 pounds this amounts to 20 tons — primarily empty food and drink containers and wrappings.

WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE COLLECTED LITTER?

Many groups hauled it to containers or landfills. The Spartanburg National Guard furnished two large trucks and 4 men to haul some to the landfill. Most of it was picked up the following week by county and city governmental departments and taken to the landfills.

WHAT AREAS WERE CLEANED?

To encourage participation the groups that volunteered were asked to select the littered area they were most concerned about. If they had no preference they were assigned nearby areas that were particularly offensive and unsightly. Two such were Spartanburg parking lots at each of which over 40 bags were filled.

In relation to population the Inman community had the best participation followed by Fairforest, Landrum, Duncan, Pacolet area and Westview. Although a third of the participants were from the city of Spartanburg communities all the way from Enoree to Chesnee took part. Even so there were not enough volunteers to reach all the notorious litter spots. Nor was the campaign committee able to get any organized participation in a few large communities, for example Woodruff and Cowpens.

WHAT WERE THE EXPENSES AND WHO PAID THEM?

In asking youth groups to help clean up litter thrown in violation of state law by thoughtless adults the committee felt that those who volunteered were entitled to some reward. Scouts who participated were given a 3 inch circular 'patch' for their uniforms saying "DON'T BE A LITTERBUG". Extension Service youth volunteers received attractive pins. The 1400 awards cost \$600.70. The only other expense of the campaign was the 6250 plastic bags at a wholesale cost of \$372.95.

Total expenses of just under \$1000 are underwritten by Spartanburg's wholesale distributors of beer and soft drinks and drive-in restaurants. Interested individuals and some clubs showed their appreciation by providing refreshments for some of the participants.

WHAT DID THIS CAMPAIGN TELL US?

1. A surprisingly large amount of litter is accumulating on the ground, due in part to new 'convenience packaging'.
2. Growing concern was evidenced by the fact that some 2000 persons including many prominent men and women picked up all types of litter in this very limited campaign effort.
3. Cleanup Campaigns by volunteers have educational value and improve appearance of areas cleaned, but the task is too unpleasant to attract the huge number of volunteers needed to keep the county clean.
4. Major emphasis must be placed on litter prevention, which would include but not be limited to the following:
 - (A) A marked increase in the number of litter containers so motorists and pedestrians will have convenient places to deposit their empty containers and wrappings. This will require some public and private expenditures but not as much as the cost of either allowing litter to accumulate or the cost of picking it up.
 - (B) Intensive education and law enforcement to get the message across that IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR HOME COUNTY BE CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MAY

Lawn: This is a crabgrass month. Set mower a notch higher to shade out some. Also, pull or cut it out while it is young and tender. If extensive try spraying . . . And mow every week whether it needs it or not! Use any grass clippings to smother weeds or for compost.

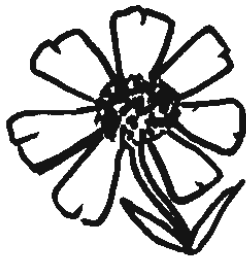
Shrubs: Early bloomers are ready for feeding and pruning. Mulch will protect against hot dry days, especially on the shallow-rooted azaleas and camellias. Superphosphate is again available and needed for heavy bloom next year. Pinching buds of rank growing azaleas increases bloom. Pinching growing shoots of conifers now makes them denser. But do not break out the growing tip of the main leader.

Flowers: Keep planting annuals in empty spots for color . . . Cut faded flowers to avoid setting useless seeds . . . Green bamboo stakes are least conspicuous support for tall plants . . . Plant dahlias where they get 6 hours or more of sun . . . Start pinching buds out of mums for compactness . . . Geraniums need less water than other plants but keep moist and slightly pot bound.

Vegetables: Not too late to plant limas, melons, cucumbers, eggplant, southern peas, peppers, sweet potatoes, squash. Harvest time for lettuce, radish, spinach, peas, asparagus, onions, strawberries. Time to declare war on the weeds and shoot them down as soon as they appear. Otherwise they will win the war and you'll condemn gardening as a waste of time and money. Right after each rain or watering go hunting for them when their resistance is down.

General: Now is a good time to start a new compost pile with clippings, prunings, rakings, clean garbage, coffee grounds, etc.

EIGHT TEAMS OF MGC MEMBERS will be participating in the semi-annual rating of 150 landscaped areas this Saturday, May 15.



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June 17, 1976

PRESIDENT HOOPER ANNOUNCES CLUB ACTIVITIES

First, a "Thank You" to Mrs. Hatcher and Harold for the hospitality and a wonderful tour of their gardens and woods at our May meeting. It's very unusual to find such a beautiful spot within a city and even more unusual to know two people who could do so much with it. Again, thank you for sharing it with the Club.

Second, don't forget the Garden Club's regional meeting. It will be held Saturday June 26 at the Holiday Inn, I-26 and Rt. 64 in Hendersonville. Three of our members will be nominated for important positions: 'Snow' Marshall for regional president, Everett Seixas for national director and Frank Cunningham for regional secretary (a repeat). Let's get a good crowd out to support them. There will also be a good program. I have registration forms and will be glad to provide them. Lunch will cost \$5 per person and reservations must be in by Tuesday June 22. We shall take a final count at the next meeting of the Club and phone in reservations the following morning.

MEMBERSHIP: Preparation for the corporate membership drive is moving along under the able leadership of Bill Morgan. Members of his committee will be contacting corporate friends in the near future. We still need more regular members. If you know any potentials invite them in.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: If any of you plan to attend the national convention I shall be glad to provide a credential card for you to be a representative of our club. The place for this 44th annual meet is Fort Collins, Colorado, July 24-29.

ROSE SHOW: Sidney Moorhead has accepted the chairmanship of the committee which will stage the Rose Show this fall.

FAIR EXHIBIT: Rodney Moon is chairman of the committee to prepare the Club's exhibit in the House of Flowers at the Interstate Fair.

NEXT MEETING: Our Speaker for the monthly meeting next Monday at 7:30 will be Southeast Representative, Ortho Division of Chevron Chemical Company. The talk will be on "Insect and Disease Control." He will be coming all the way from Columbia. I shall appreciate a good turnout to make it worth his while. See you Monday night at Satterlee Hall.

-Gil Hooper

"Remember that the label on the chemical container costs the producer a million dollars — so be sure to follow the manufacturers's directions to the letter. Labels should never be taken lightly.

— Dr. Larry C. Grove

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN JUNE

The plants are now at an interesting stage. So their enemies are approaching and the gardener's job in June is to protect them — which is easier said than done. One can cope with the weeds, insects, diseases and drought through eternal vigilance. But how do you deal with a problem like squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, birds, moles, etc.? They are unfair competition because of all the overtime they spend on the job!

LAWN: Raise the mower a notch if you haven't already — to conserve moisture. If you go away for more than two weeks arrange for mowing, and watering if necessary, to prevent serious damage to lawn.

FLOWERS: End of season for sowing annual seeds and beginning of season for sowing perennial seeds in moist shady location. Weeds in most active growth now steal moisture, nutrients, light and air from favorite plants. Also harbor insects and diseases. Remove them and mulch to prevent further problems . . . Bulbs can be moved, iris divided and trimmed, mums pinched back for another month . . . When petunias pass their peak cut back to 6 inches, and fertilize for second round . . . Keep ground moist around your roses and faded blooms removed to renew blooming. Prune ramblers and climbers back to healthy new growth or to base . . . It is said that the best time to water flowers is in the morning to minimize the chance of fungus problems. Since that risk is not present with lawns they may be watered in the cool of the evening to reduce loss through evaporation. Place coffee cans or similar containers under sprinklers to measure out one inch of water per week.

SHRUBS: End of season for feeding . . . Continue to prune as needed and to mulch to preserve moisture . . . Check conifers for bagworms in suspended spindle-shaped nests covered with dead needles . . . Take softwood cuttings of azaleas, camellias, roses and other woody plants.

VEGETABLES, FRUITS: Keep up the war on weeds through mulching, cultivating or pulling . . . Be prepared for arrival of insects and diseases . . . For fall garden plant pole beans, cabbage, broccoli, cucumbers, okra, summer squash, tomatoes . . . By making plantings in March and August one can harvest carrots from the garden twelve months of the year . . . Good strawberries next May start with renovating the old bed now by mowing off all leaves, removing old woody plants, loosening and fertilizing soil and preventing new plants from becoming weedy or too thick. Rooted runners can be transplanted to a new bed in August for a small crop next spring.

THINGS TO ENJOY FROM THE GARDEN IN JUNE:

FRUITS: Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants, plums, apples, peaches, figs, cherries, apricots.

VEGETABLES: Asparagus, beans, cabbage, beets, carrots, broccoli, endive, cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, onions, peas, spinach, summer squash, turnips, rhubarb.

FLOWERS: Pansies, petunias, ageratum, daylilies, dahlias, Iris, hydrangea, Shasta daisies, Stokes asters, gardenias, impatiens, coleus, hypericum, azaleas, roses, delphinium, dianthus, digitalis, babysbreath, poppy, lilies, primrose, yucca, evening primrose.

CHARLOTTE LEADS NATION IN LITTER CONTROL

Our neighboring city of Charlotte is beginning the third year of an intensive litter control program. It is a pilot project in the nation and carried out in cooperation with three national organizations.

To obtain first hand information on how the new program is working the following Spartans went to Charlotte June 10th and interviewed its Coordinator Mrs. Marylyn Williams: John Cantrell, Spartanburg County Chairman of the Governor's Beautification Committee, Betty Clifton representing the Garden Clubs Council and HANDS, Harold Hatcher representing Clemson Extension Service and Spartanburg Beautification Committee, and Stanley Stull representing the Men's Garden Club.

The Charlotte Clean City program operates the year round with the objective of **reducing all types of litter**, on both public and private property. It is based on a comprehensive new city ordinance which took effect last August after being mailed to 80,000 homes and businesses along with their utility bills.

The Charlotte litter control program is operated by the city's Public Works Department which has increased its number of street sweeping machines from one to five, has placed 350 attractive 30 gallon litter containers throughout the business districts, employed six fulltime litter collectors and a fulltime Coordinator to work in conjunction with a 20 member citizens committee made up of representatives of industry, government, schools and community organizations on a broad educational program to change attitudes and habits concerning littering. Thus far persuasion has been used on violators of the ordinance rather than imposing the prescribed penalties.

An interesting feature of the program is systematic monitoring to measure its effectiveness. This is done by an actual count every 30 days of the number of pieces of litter in 51 representative areas. For the past several months these counts have shown a reduction in the number of pieces of 70% since the program started. In other words, the particular program eliminated approximately two-thirds of the city's litter of all types.

The persons mentioned above were in agreement that the Charlotte program is the proper approach to litter control but felt that to be really effective in Spartanburg County where less than a third of the population lives within the city limits, it should be carried out jointly by city and county government.

SEVEN BENEFITS FROM MULCHING

- 1. Prevents water evaporation.**
- 2. Suppresses weed growth and makes any that appear easier to remove.**
- 3. Keeps soil cooler in hot weather.**
- 4. Adds organic matter to the soil.**
- 5. Reduces soil erosion.**
- 6. Prevents soil compaction and splashing.**
- 7. Prevents alternate freezing and thawing.**

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HOUSE PLANTS APPRECIATE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

What is it? You go to the doctor once a year for a "Checkup" and to the dentist every six months. Your plants deserve as much and will thrive and grow much easier for you if you practice preventive maintenance. Ten minutes per month per plant is all you need.

Thoroughly inspect your plant looking for signs (cobwebs, trails, holes, etc.) of spider mites or other types of mites, mealy bugs, aphids or scale. Be certain to turn the leaves over and look at the undersides – the place where most insects are actively at work.

If no insects are found simply wash the plant with a mild soap solution (one tablespoon of non-detergent liquid soap to one gallon of water). Spraying it on is of course the easiest way – top and underside of leaves – followed by a clear water rinse.

If insect signs are found follow the wash with an insecticide designed specifically for control of that pest. A repeat treatment is generally needed in ten days to eradicate babies as they hatch from their eggs and larvae.

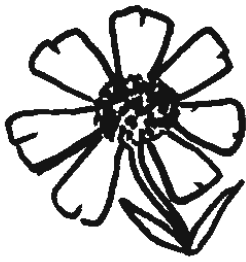
Also during this monthly check trim leaves and remove dead leaf areas, prune where necessary and in general give that plant some TLC.

This is also a good time to practice plant euthanasia. You may have been nursing a plant all winter expecting it to revive when spring came. If it hasn't, throw it out. There's nothing as potentially hazardous to your healthy plants as a sick one. If months of nursing hasn't worked, it's time to get rid of that sickly plant and treat yourself to a healthy new plant.

– LEAF 'N PETAL

"I thought it was a myth that good gardeners have green thumbs until I learned how important it is to keep weeds pulled from around our choice plants."

– Editor



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A LETTER FROM THE CLUB'S PRESIDENT

Fellow Gardeners:

Another gardening year has ended, and another year of activity for our club is rapidly coming to a close. Thanks to the effort of many club members it has been a successful year. We have had some outstanding achievements which will be discussed at our next membership meeting.

Corporate participants have led to an increase in our membership. Unfortunately our individual membership has dropped, and we must work hard in the coming year to rebuilt it.

We must also think of meaningful projects that will continue the club's reputation for bringing beauty to our city.

Thank each of you for your support during the last year. Hopefully we can do an even better job next year.

Sincerely yours,
Gilman Hooper

MONDAY'S MEETING IS CLUB'S ANNUAL 'LADIES NIGHT'

The accent is on fellowship and socializing Monday, November 15 at 7:30. Instead of an invited speaker the President has some surprise awards to announce. Also, members in attendance will state briefly one of their gardening achievements in 1976.

Bring your wife or other guests so they have a better understanding of your club. Where? Satterlee Hall, at Advent and Kennedy.

FILE THIS ISSUE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Many members have stated that there should be a complete list of members available for their information. For the first time such a list or roster is being distributed to all members. You will find it on the remaining pages of this issue.

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