

Annual Meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1920.

The Annual Meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs Ladd on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>. 24 members present. After roll call the minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup> were read and approved. Also the annual report of the Treasurer which showed a balance of \$22.95 followed by the Secretary's annual report. Mrs Huntington as Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following names for Officers for the coming year: -

Mrs Herring - President

Miss Lapsley - Secretary

Mrs Stillman - Treasurer.

Mrs Herring spoke of her disappointment that no one had been found willing to be President, that she would consent to serve another year if a new plan of government agreed upon at the last Executive Committee meeting proved acceptable to the Club. Mrs Herring then read the plan: The Executive Committee at its special meeting held on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> decided to present to the members of the Garden Club a change of government hoping to stimulate interest in the work by distributing responsibility. For this reason it is proposed for the President to appoint and



the Club elect Chairmen of Committees to take charge of each of the Club months (July and August being counted as one month) arranging for place of meeting and program. Each Chairman to choose a member of the Club to work with her. The Chairmen of said Committees, forming with the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer the Executive Committee. The plan was discussed at length and then approved by unanimous vote.

The Club then adjourned to the Annual meeting. Mrs Hibbard presided. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for the President and the Secretary, Mrs Hibbard cast the ballot for the Treasurer.

Mrs Serring then read the list of Chairmen appointed for the Club-year! -

May - Mrs H. R. Stevens

June - Mrs Corner

July and August - Mrs Yates

September - Mrs Huntington

October - Mrs Tyler.

The President said that she herself would take care of April.

Letter book for the Club was discussed. Mrs



deciding some form of civic work.

Mrs Herring read letters from Mrs Kessel of the Norristown Garden Club and Mrs Stout of the Shopt Hills Club telling of what they were doing. Notice having been given at the meeting of Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> that the Club would be asked at the Annual Meeting to vote on omitting the last clause of Article III of the Constitution, reading held on the second Wednesday of March each year. Voted to omit clause. The first part of the article reading "The Officers of the Club shall be a President, three Vice Presidents and a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected at the annual meeting" was amended to read: - "The officers of this club shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and Chairmen of Committees to be elected at the Annual Meeting." Article III as changed to be printed on slips together with the names of the officers for the year and sent to each member with her due bill.

Mrs Barrows proposed that the Club be enlarged to 75 members, after discussion it was voted to do so.

At the request of the Woman's Farm and



Garden Association the Club decided to pay \$2 instead of \$1 a year for membership in that Association.

Letter was read from the American Forestry Association telling of the deplorable destruction of our forests, and asking for memberships to aid in carrying on their campaign for perpetuation of our forests.

The President told us that the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> would be held in the evening at the home of Mrs. Leggett when Mr. DeLor would give this illustrated lecture on Australian Flora.

Mrs. Corner, chairman for June, delighted us by reporting that a meeting would be held at Mrs. Gardings in peony time. The President announced the appointment of Mrs. John G. Foster as chairman of the Flower Show to be held in the fall.

Mrs. Hibbard read an article from the Flushing Club's Garden Bulletin on Roses, by J. Horace McFarland, Editor of the American Rose Annual.

E. A. Stillman,  
Secretary.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1920.

An evening meeting of the Garden Club was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Leggett. There were 34 members present and almost all had availed themselves of the privilege of bringing a guest. There was no business. The President welcomed the guests of the evening and introduced the speaker Mrs. J. Otto Philon, now an old friend of the Club.

Mrs. Philon had recently returned from a delightful trip to Hawaii, Samoa and Australia and had taken very beautiful pictures which were thrown on the screen. Those of Hawaii and Samoa were particularly fine, everything showing a luxuriance and profusion of growth, due to the marvellous climate.

After the lecture refreshments were served

Josephine H. Lapsley  
Secretary.



May 12<sup>th</sup> 1920.

A meeting of the Garden Club was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs W. J. Cooke. There were 33 members present, the President presiding. Minutes of the annual meeting and of the business meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that the Club's Garden work at Camp Raritan has come to an end. As the Army has appointed its own staff of workers there is no further need of volunteer service.

The President said that she had received a letter from Mrs M. Kinney of Madison, regretting her inability to accept an invitation to speak before the Club but inviting the members to visit her Iris garden. Motion was made that the Club go, and after some discussion it was settled that the President should write Mrs M. Kinney asking her to set the date when the Iris are at their best.

As there was a little time before the arrival of the lectures for general discussion Mrs Taylor made a plea for some one to take charge of the vegetable garden at the Children's

Home.

Mr J. E. Moon was the lecturer of the afternoon and his general subject was Trees and Shrubs. His talk was in an informal style, questions being welcome, and a good deal of interesting and useful information was given. Mr Moon as President of the Nurserymen's Association is particularly interested in the Plant Exclusion Act and the State Quarantines both good in their way but working hardships on growers and making their future uncertain, and he said that he might at some time ask the help of the Garden Club in fighting these measures so they would stand in their present form.

Josephine H. Lapeley  
Secretary



May 26<sup>th</sup> 1920

On May 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs E. J. Patterson entertained the Garden Club at her home. There were 42 members present. The President presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The names of the new members were read, the President begging that application for membership be always accompanied by some word as to the qualifications of the applicant.

Through the President, Mrs Van Broekhoff asked for volunteers to take over her hospital work during the Summer months.

The President asked if members had any changes to offer.

Mrs Charles Stout of the Short Hills Garden Club was then introduced and told in a very interesting, simple way how to grow show dahlias, every point being clearly covered and some hints given on Dahlia shows. Mrs Stout was kind enough to say that if members wished more information and telephoned her, she would do her best to supply it. She also spoke of the fascinating work of hybridizing and growing dahlias from seed. Refreshment was served. The Club enjoyed a stroll through Mrs Patterson's charming garden. J. B. Lapley, Secretary.



June 14<sup>th</sup> 1920.

A meeting of the Garden Club was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Mrs Harding's. 39 members present. Mrs Harding's peonies were at their height and the members enjoyed seeing them in the garden, also the Show arranged in the home. Mrs Barrows and Mrs Mellick exhibited with Mrs Harding. A short business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President spoke of the pleasure the excursion Mrs McQuincy's at Madison had given the Club, and invited discussion on the proposed trip to Mrs Wilder at Pomona. It was voted that Mrs Harding write Mrs Wilder and ask her to set a date.

There was no speaker, but the President asked Mrs Harding to say a few words about the culture of peonies.

After refreshments on the lawn the day was cooler and the Peonies were even more beautiful.

Adjournment.

Josephine H. Lapsley  
Secretary.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1920

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Garden Club met at Mrs Martin's. 36 members present. After the roll and minutes of the last meeting, the President announced that Mrs Patterson was the transportation committee for the excursion to Mrs Wilder's at Pombria. June 30<sup>th</sup> was settled upon for the day, the President to send Mrs Wilder notifying her.

The President again asked for volunteers to take Mrs Van Brock's hospital work for six weeks.

It was suggested that the Club have a Director for questions and also suggestions for Club work.

It was also suggested that the Club take in some men as associate members.

Mrs Paris, President of the Flushing Garden Club was the speaker and her subject was a Garden Club as a Civic Asset. She told of the work that her club had done in the way of cleaning up and beautifying the town and inspiring others to do the same.

As the Club seemed enthusiastic over doing something along civic lines, the President



proposed that it make a start by planting  
a Community Christmas tree. Any one de-  
siring to donate money for the purpose  
to send her name to the Treasurer.

After tea the members had the pleasure  
of enjoying Mrs Martin's garden.

Adjournment.

Josephine H. Lapsley.  
Secretary.

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1920.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> The Garden Club met under the tree on Mrs Eaton's lawn. There were 18 members present.

After the minutes the President read a note from Mrs Paris expressing great pleasure in her trip to Plainfield and giving the Club an invitation to the Flowering Flower Show in the Spring. She also enclosed a printed linen sign gotten up by the N. J. Botanical Society and used by the Flowering and other clubs for the protection of wild flowers. An experience meeting had been planned by the Committee, but instead the hostess had asked Mr Harrison to speak. His subject was "Unusual Plants and Trees" and he made many interesting suggestions and urged the planting of greater varieties of shade trees, of which he had 300 kinds in America.

Mrs Jones read a short article on "What a Garden Should be, and the meeting adjourned.  
Josephine H. Lapley,  
Secretary.



August 11<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Seven members enjoyed an informal meeting of the Garden Club on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs Simpson. In the absence of the President Mrs Yates, who had charge of the meeting, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Each member was asked to write a list of the flowers grown in her garden during July and August. The combined lists showed over 60 varieties, Mrs Stillman having the greatest number.

The Secretary read a humorous article on winter window boxes and the meeting adjourned to enjoy a cool drink.  
Josephine H. Caspary  
Secretary

September 15<sup>th</sup> 1920.

A meeting of the Garden Club was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Miss Hallway, 22 members present. After the minutes of the August meeting, at the request of the President, Mrs. Warren spoke of the flowers she had seen growing this summer in Glavin Park, telling of the varieties, wild ones and cultivated here, and those who combinations. The President told of some wonderful Lotus flowers she had seen growing at Riverhead L. I.

The President announced that the Dahlia Show would be held at the Packard Show Room, after noon and evening of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Warren read the list of classes. The Show to be open to amateurs only and prizes of \$2.50 to be offered by the Club.

Mrs. Harding sent word that she had good pome roots for sale for \$1. each.

Mrs. Charles H. Conners of the State Experiment Station at New Brunswick was the speaker of the afternoon. He told in a general way of the work of the 13 Departments, and more particularly of his Department, giving the