

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB - September 14, 1995

The meeting started with a visit to the back garden of Betty Abercrombie to see her water gardens. Marie White gave a short presentation about them which even the local frogs seemed to enjoy! The members then proceeded to the home of Marian Moreland where refreshments were served. The business meeting was called to order by Vice President Julie Harrison, due to the absence of President Phyllis Tucker. She presented a gift to Marie as a thank you for doing the program. The minutes of the May and June meetings were read and approved as presented. Julie extended a special welcome to Linda Beall, the guest of Judy Post.

Treasurer's Report: Marie reported that bills of \$30.00 for the picnic and \$10.00 to the Officers' Club were paid leaving a balance of \$1,150.89 on hand.

The following committee reports were given:

Historian: Marian Moreland reported that Ann Still has the scrapbook, but she circulated pictures taken at the June Installation and August picnic.

Federation: Marie White reported that the next meeting will be on the 28th of September.

Horticulture: Esther Neckere reported that she was "starting from ground zero" just as the pamphlet from Behnke Nurseries which she handed out. The Horticulture theme this year is "Ponds" and the vegetation associated with them. Esther displayed a book called Garden Pools and Fountains and passed out a handout about installing a flexible pond liner. Among the information that she covered was the need for a sunny location, a sit by seating area to enjoy the site and sound, that a pond acts as a reflection to enlarge space, and the proper way to construct a pond.

Civic Development: Elaine Arnold reported on the June work session where the park areas were cleaned and mulched. Because of the drought another work session is needed and a date of September 23 was chosen. A sign up sheet was passed around and members were asked to be there at 9:30 am. Elaine recommended that the club participate in 4 work sessions a year and that some of the plants needed to be replaced. Jimmy Nell Finley made a motion, seconded by Peggy Stovall, that "Elaine be allowed to buy new plant material for the park." So moved.

Publicity: May Kemp. No report.

Sunshine: It was reported that Roger Heagy deeply appreciated the help following the death of Mary Ellen.

Environmental Study: no report

Old Business: Dotty Garrison was thanked for hostessing the lovely picnic at her house in August. Peggy Martin gave a report on the flower show at the County Fair, complete with pictures of many of the arrangements. Peggy was also commended for all the hard work that she did for the Fair.

New Business: Peggy Martin passed around the information about a flower show sponsored by the Hilltop Garden Club on October 13th. Jimmy Nell Findley passed around a sheet about a "Tulip Mania" at the Smithsonian on Sunday, October 1. She also had a thank you note for the fruit sent to her husband, Bill during his illness.

Next month's meeting will be October 12 at the home of Elaine Arnold. The program will be about water plants, presented by John Peter Thompson. The 50/50 raffle was won by Julie Harrison who donated her winnings to Elaine Arnold towards new plants for the park. Julie announced that new ideas are needed for Ways and Means. A motion for adjournment was made and the meeting was completed by 9:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

May Kemp