

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Application For State Award

Date: February 24, 1965

Name of Club Applying: SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Name of Club President: Mrs. A.J. Tobert,

Address: 530 South Park Street, Asheboro, North Carolina

Name and Number of Award or Scroll: #4 - MARJORIE J. DOUB SILVER BOWL FOR BEAUTIFICATION.

DESCRIBE FULLY: (Use Extra sheet if necessary) The Shamrock Garden Club accepted the project of landscaping a small area to the rear of the Charles W. McCrary Elementary School at the request of some of the teachers there and the supervisor of Art Education in the Asheboro City Schools. They felt that this small knoll was an ideal spot for flowers and would offer the children something of interest and beauty for their very own. Most of the classrooms, the Library and offices face into this area with large window-walls, but their view was not very inspiring. Although the site had an ideal exposure for growing things - open to the sun, yet sheltered on three sides by the building and a small grove to the north or open end - the ground was rough, typical scraped-over land with rather spotty patches of thick turf. There is a fall of about six feet on the east and west sides of the knoll - the west side was badly eroded and beginning to wash into the individual room play-areas below. The south side slopes more gently toward the building.

This is not the usual idea of a public place but for 185 school days per year we would have a "captive audience" of about 545, including 515 children in grades one through six and the teachers and other members of the staff.

Mr. Guy B. Teachey, Superentendant of Asheboro City Schools, gave us permission to use this plot with the stipulation that there would be no added chores for the custodian. This meant that there would be no built up beds, rocks or anything that would require hand trimming or interferred with mowing, which is done with a riding machine. We developed the plan to show the most color during the weeks of late summer and early fall and months of early spring to late spring, while school is in session. It would be necessary to have plants of a uniform size and height and graded down to a low border on all sides, with walkways wide enough for the mower. Also, they would have to give a maximum amount of beauty and color with minimum care. This is why we selected mostly bulbs and annuals with a lesser number of shrubs and perrennials which we knew to be fairly rugged. One of the problems we faced was how to refuse all the material that was offed to us, but which we knew to be unsuitable, and accept other things which would fit into the plan!

Signature of State Project Chairman Mrs. L. E. Hughes, Jr

Address: 111 West Central Avenue, Asheboro, North Carolina

SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB

ASHEBORO, N. C.

Beautiful presentation -

Well planned project and plantings

THE SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

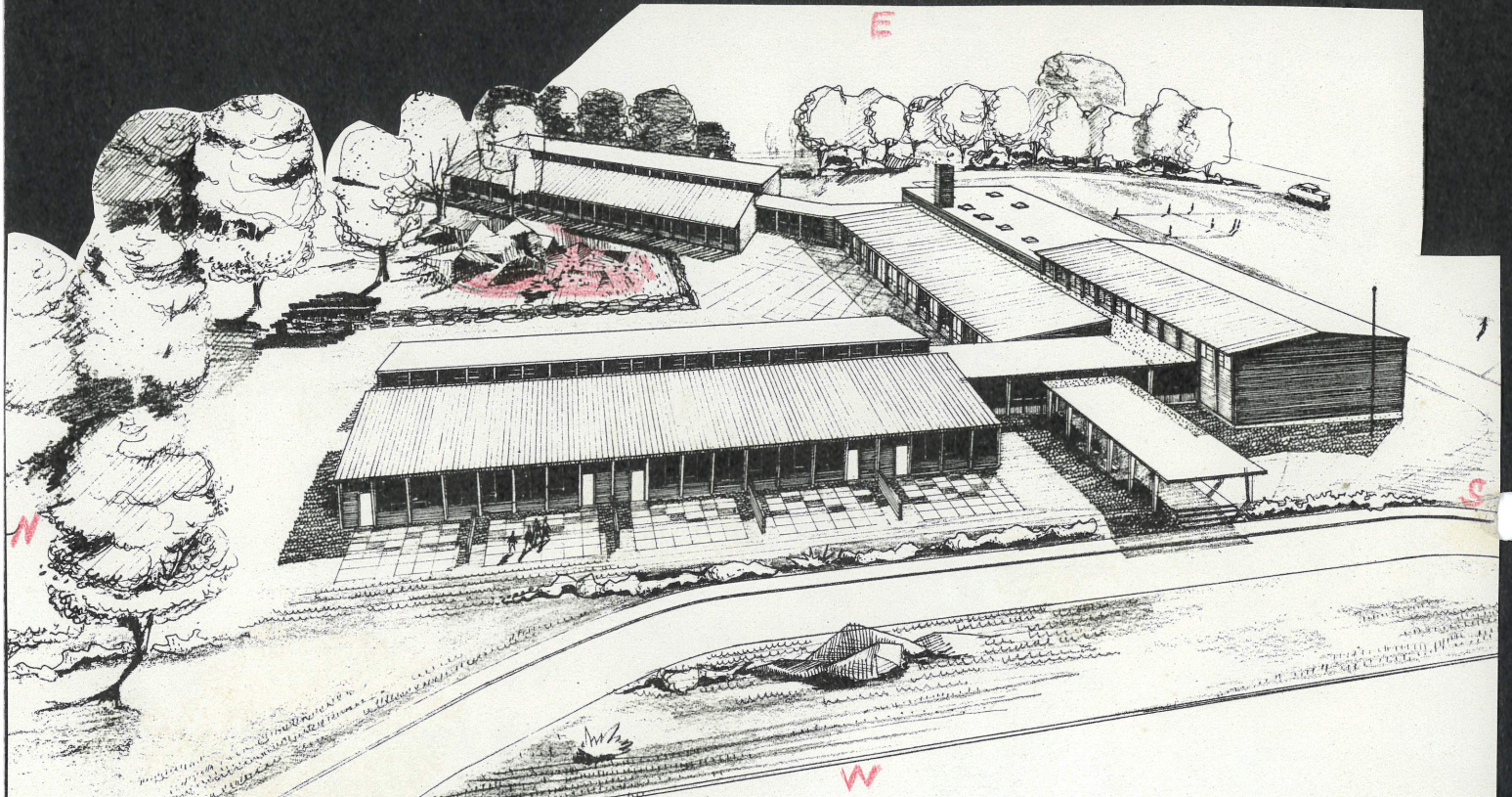


PRESIDENT:
Mrs. A.J. Tobert,
530 South Park,
Asheboro, N.C.

ONE YEAR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, March 21, 1964 to February 28, 1965
COMPLETED December 10, 1964



PROJECT CHAIRMAN:
Mrs. C.E. Hughes, Jr
111 W. Central
Asheboro, N.C.



(Drawing from working plans
of architect John James Croft, Jr. A.I.A.
Asheboro, North Carolina)

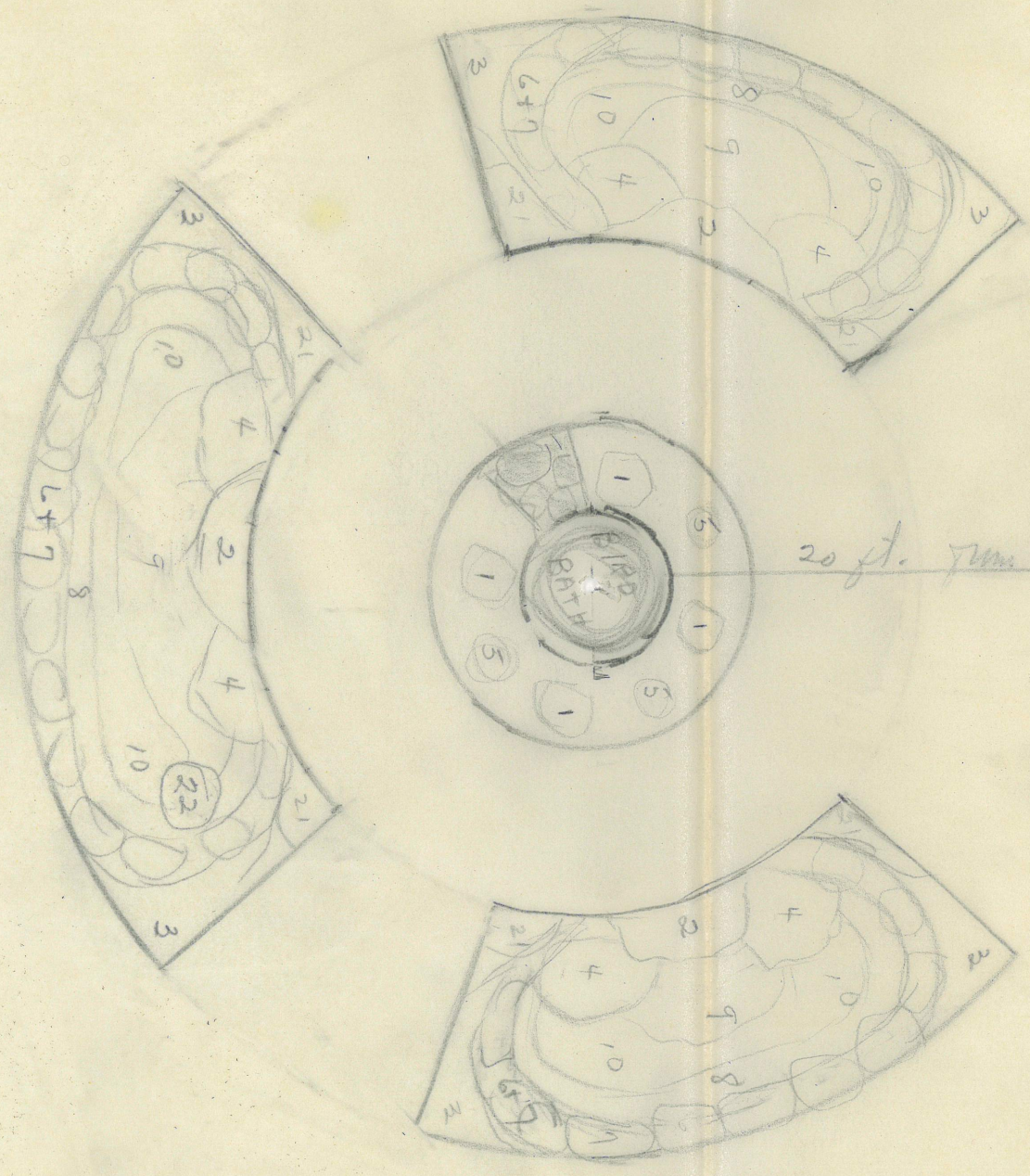
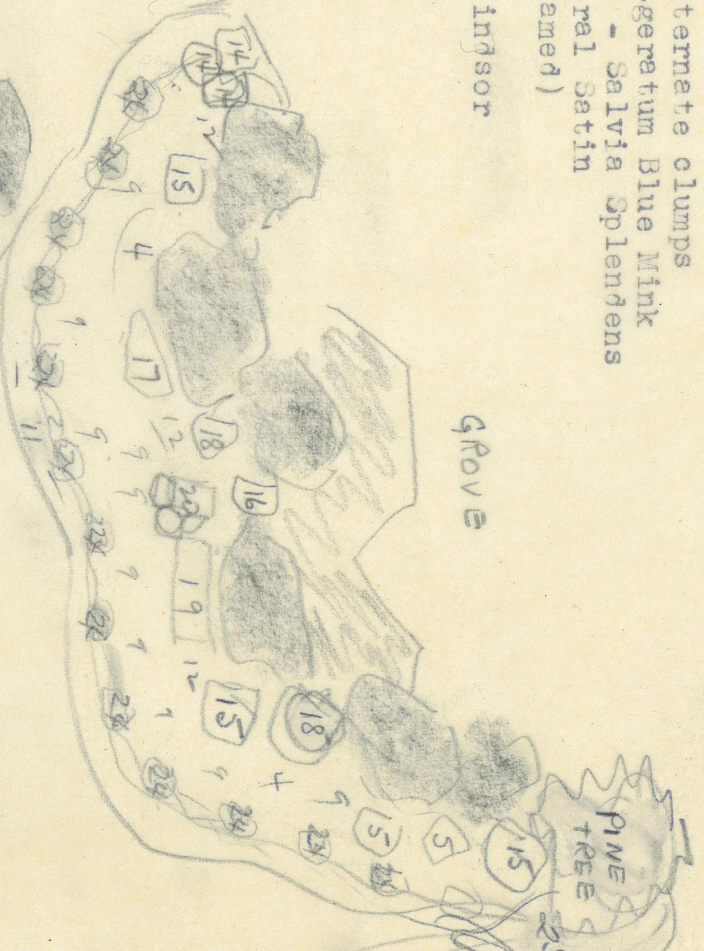
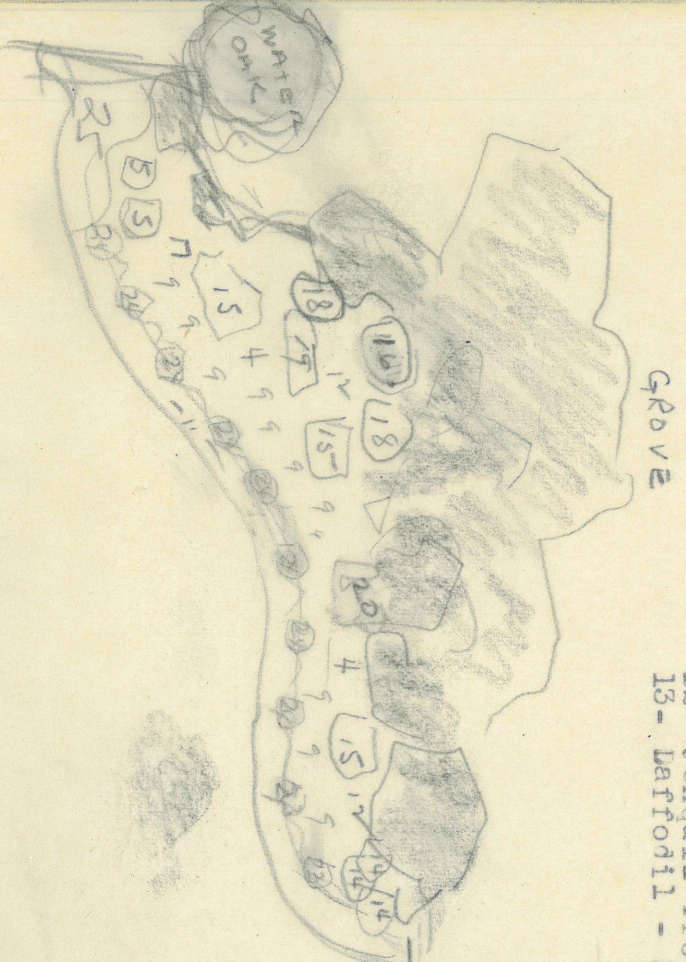
Charles W. McCrary School
400 Ross Street
Asheboro North Carolina
Inez C. Lewallen, Principal

Shamrock Garden Club Project.

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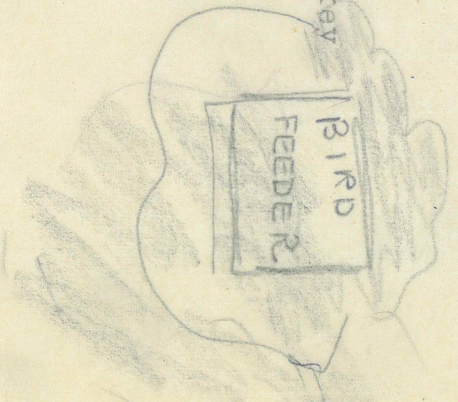
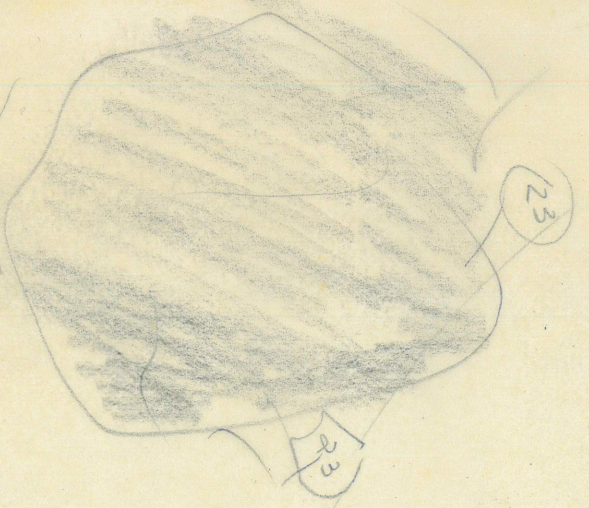
BOULDERS.

- 1 - Iris Old Kai
- 2 - Med. Yellow Border Iris
- 3 - Med. Blue Border Iris
- 4 - Daffodil - Brookville
- 5 - Azalea - Coral Bells
- 6 - Stachys Lantana
- 7 - Oxalis SHAWROCK (Alternate clumps)
- 8 - Scilla Hispanica - Ageratum Blue Mink
- 9 - Tulip Scarlet Beauty - Salvia Splendens
- 10 - Petunia Comanche, Coral Satin
- 11 - Early Daffodils (unnamed)
- 12 - Tongueitl Trevithian
- 13 - Daffodil - Duke of Windsor



- 14 - Dutzia Grecillitis
- 15 - Forsythia
- 16 - Magnolia Soulangeana
- 17 - Yellow Dahlia
- 19 - Prunus Communis
- 20 - Iris Siberica - Deep Blue
- 21 - Daffodil Twink - Maritola Sparkey
- 22 - Dogwood - Pink
- 23 - Dogwood - White
- 24 - IRIS HYBRIDS
- 25 - LARIDORE

BIRD FEEDER



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PINE TREE

CHARLES W. McCRARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I. SETTING

A. Background

The Charles W. McCrary School was built in 1958 and is now in its sixth year of operation. It is a fire-resistant, brick building which is modern in every detail. In addition to twenty classrooms, it has an auditorium, cafeteria, library, multipurpose room, teacher's lounge, health room, storage room, offices and spacious halls. The school community was formed from areas previously served by three Asheboro elementary schools. At present there is a membership of 515 being served by seventeen classroom teachers, a principal, a part-time music teacher, art teacher, and secretary, a custodian, maid, and a cafeteria staff of seven people.

B. Location

The school is situated on a twenty acre tract in the northwest section of Asheboro. The site borders Ross Street on the west, Foust Street on the south, and Presnell Street on the north. This location is most desirable because of the beautiful views and the natural wooded areas.

C. Community

Located in a section previously known as "Hog Eye", the school has served two socio-economic extremes and a small middle class group.

D. D. Support of the School

1. Interest in the school is general in the community. Attendance at P.T.A. meetings is good, and many willing helpers are available for school activities and projects.

2. It is interesting to observe that the school has notably affected the cultural and intellectual levels of the community during the six years it has been in operation. The name "Hog Eye" is no longer associated with the area, and a definite improvement can be seen in the homes, the care and beauty of the yard, and the construction of buildings.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT OF SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB AT THE CHARLES W. McCRARY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



March 28th, 1964



August 28th, 1964

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The project site - facing northeast. Mrs. A.J.Tobert, president of Shamrock Garden Club is assisted by Dwight Holland, supervisor of Art Instruction in the Asheboro City Schools. They measured the area, decided on the best vantage point for the bird bath, and placed stakes and strings for future digging.



Mrs. W.K. Edwallen, principal of Charles W. McCrary School, wanted the children to feel that they had a part in the project and that it was for them and their school. She also felt that it would be educational for them and that they should know something of the effort involved in the cause of beauty. Accordingly, she assigned some sixth grade boys as helpers. We were not to pay them for "working" but to give them small cash rewards for refreshments. Edging tools were used to cut the tough sod into squares and strips. These were then placed on the eroded parts of the bank, starting at the bottom. After the pieces were fitted together, Ajuga Reptans was planted in the crevices in good soil, to give the groundcover a start and later check the erosion. Aluminum Grass-stop borders were placed around the completed beds, then we added peat moss and leaf mold to the soil.



Mrs. A.J. Tobert
Mrs. Hugh York
6th Grade Boys.

Time: May 26, 1964

Our bird bath is put in place! This feat of engineering was accomplished by two of the members of Shamrock Club; Mrs. A.J. Tobert, the president, and Mrs. C.E. Hughes, Jr., chairman of the project. The bird bath was delivered to the site but there was no time to install it - we had bought it at a bargain too. Our tools for the job were trowels, a dish pan (for mixing) a pail of water, a small size bag of ready-mix cement with directions printed on the bag and one carpenter's level - the latter was borrowed. The ground was scraped away for a few inches and the base was set in concrete. We then arranged flat stones around the base for about twelve inches and poured the concrete among the stones for a solid foundation. Since the weather was now quite warm, we did not start to work until 5:00 P.M. and it was about seven when we finished, so we left it as a complete surprise for the children next morning. Their reaction was all that we had hoped for and one little girl wrote us that she loved the bird bath and was sure the birds would enjoy it too!



For a time we were somewhat hampered by bad weather - both extremely wet and extremely dry - and because of the prominence of the location and the obvious distraction to the whole school, we did not work at the project until after 3:00 P.M. We were a little late in getting the annuals planted but one started, they did rather well. We did not plant as many as we would have liked to make a good show, but we had to leave space around the borders for the early fall planing of bulbs and perennials. During the summer, the beds were watered during the dry spells and weeded and cut back as needed. When school started in late August we received more than fifty letters from the children, expressing their appreciation. As the weather grew cooler, the color of the annuals became better and it was indeed a bright spot. Due to the sheltered location, the frost did not hurt the plants until after Thanksgiving and it was the first part of December before we would pull them out and plant the remainder of the bulbs. Holes were made with a crowbar, plant food placed at the bottom, then the bulb and soil replaced. In this way it only took a few hours to plant the many bulbs.

Since we were limited as to the time we could work, it was not easy to recruit club members at the proper time. Some were unable to come out or to do this type of work but they gave freely of their moral support, spare plants, money-making projects and hat-passing. Actively helping were:

Mrs. A.J. Tobert
Mrs. Sue Vestal
Mrs. A.R. Hix
Mrs. Currie M. King
Mrs. Clyde Redding
Mrs. C.E. Hughes, Jr
Mrs. Hugh York



August 28, 1964



View toward south-east
showing bird feeder.

Mrs. William K. Lewallen

213 Ridgcrest Road, Asheboro, North Carolina

September 1, 1964

Dear Mrs. Tolbert,

You can't imagine how happy we were when we came back to school this fall and saw the beautiful flower garden and the bird feeder close by. The brightness and the beauty remind us constantly of the loving care which must have been given to the beds throughout the summer. We know that much hard work was required to carry out such a project. We are extremely grateful to each person who had a part.

Sincerely,

Joy C. Lewallen

FINANCES AND COST OF PROJECT.

No labor was hired for the project but we had some help from family and in-laws for some rototilling of the back beds and Mrs. Tobert's son placed the bird houses and bird feeder which she donated. Money making projects were selling garden gloves, selling candy and silver offerings. All plants except tulips were donated.

Plants and Bulbs Used:

- 500 Tulip Scarlet Beauty
- 200 Scilla Hispanica
- 200 Daffodil Hybrids
(groups 12 of kind)
- 1000 Early daffodil
(unnamed)
- 12 yellow dahlia
- 6 Syringa
- 2 Magnolia Soulangeana
- 5 Forsythia
- 5 Prunus
- 6 Azalea Coral Bells
- 6 Deutzia Grecilis
- 100 Iris Hybrids
- 50 Ajuga Reptens
- 3 Iris Siberica
- 10 Begonia Evansia
- 25 Liriope
- 75 Stachys Lantana
- 75 Oxalis (Shamrock)
- 84 Petunia Coral Satin
- Comanche, snow ball
- 48 Salvia Splendens
- 36 Marigold Sparkey
- 50 Ageratum Blue Mink

Cost:

Grass Stop Border	6.50
Peatmoss	6.50
Birdbath	8.50
Tulips	30.00
Pine Straw	3.50
Book	4.85
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	59.85

THE SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB
Organized and Federated
1949

Club Flower - Shamrock
Club Bird - Cardinal

Time of Meeting:
Second Thursday 3:00 Pm

OFFICERS 1964 - 1965

President -----	Mrs. A.J.Tobert
First Vice President -----	Mrs. Sue Vestal
Second Vice President -----	Mrs. W.P.Stone
Recodring Secretary -----	Mrs. C.E.Hughes, Jr
Treasurer -----	Mrs. R.E.Nance
Corresponding Secretary -----	Mrs. Hugh York
Chaplain -----	Mrs. S.C.Frazier
Historian -----	Mrs. C.E.Hughes, Jr
Parliamentary Referee -----	Mrs. John M. ⁴ eely
Representative to Greater Asheboro Council of Garden Clubs -----	
	Mrs. A.J.Tobert
	Mrs. Sue Vestal
Chairman of HANDS committee -----	Mrs. Hugh York

CLUB COLLECT

Father of all loveliness, help us to grasp the meaning of growing things. Give us wisdom, kindness and fellowship, with vision wide and our aims unified. May we loose self in the aim of beauty, service, and sharing with others; never forgetting that Thou art the Creator of all.

CLUB SLOGAN

"Make to you the world a bit
more beautiful and a better
place for having lived in it."

SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP April 1964 - March 1965

Burkhead, Mrs. L.D.

Gochran, Mrs. John L. Sr.

Crisp, Mrs. C.G.

Cheely, Mrs. J.A.

Frazier, Mrs. S.C.

Garner, Mrs. J.F.

Hall, Mrs. May Byrd

Hedrick, Mrs. E.L.

Hix, Mrs. A.R.

Hughes, Mrs. C.E.Jr.

King, Mrs. Currie McD.

Ledwell, Mrs. George

Lewis, Mrs. L.S.

Nance, Mrs. R.E.

Neely, Mrs. John M.

Ridge, Mrs. W. Ernest

Scott, Mrs. Corbett L.

Sistrunk, Mrs. J.N.

Slack, Mrs. J.B.

Redding, Mrs. Clyde

Stone, Mrs. W.P.

Thurston, Mrs. Jennie

Tobert, Mrs. A.J.

Trogdon, Mrs. S.E.

Vestal, Mrs. Sue

York, Mrs. Hugh

Associate Member:
Mrs. John S. Lewis

Honorary Life Members:
Mrs. A F. Parrish
Mrs. Mattie Bennett

Located very nearly in the geographical center of North Carolina, Asheboro is in the heart of the thriving Piedmont section of the state. It is 25 miles south of Greensboro, 69 miles west of Raleigh, and 73 miles north of Charlotte. The long-eroded and timber-covered Uwharrie mountains, in the midst of which Asheboro is located, unfold a variety of beautiful scenery from the three highways which criss-cross the area.

The mean temperature in Asheboro is 60.5 degrees, with recorded temperatures rarely dipping as low as zero degrees or climbing as high as 100 degrees. Its moderate temperatures and rainfall help to make Asheboro an ideal place to live.

Asheboro's growth has been constant for many years. The Federal Census in 1960 placed Asheboro's population at 9,449 while the population of Asheboro township, which comprises most of the Asheboro School District, was reported to be 17,343.

For many years Asheboro has been interested in providing recreational opportunities for its citizenry. Included among the facilities presently available are a public nine-hole golf course, a Country Club which has its own nine-hole golf course; an Archery range; a Teen-Age club building; a swimming pool, a wading pool, six lighted tennis courts and a lighted softball field which have been provided by the Asheboro Memorial Foundation: McCrary Athletic Field; Asheboro High School Athletic Field and Central High School Athletic Field. The city also sponsors supervised playgrounds at different schools during the summer months.

The Acme-McCrary Employees Recreation Association has one of the best buildings and facilities for industrial and community recreation that can be found in the south. Within this splendid structure is a gymnasium, a glass enclosed swimming pool for year-round use, bowling alleys, a cafeteria, a reading room, lounges, soda fountain, and other accommodations.

The city sponsors a softball league for adults as well as a variety of recreational activities. A Little League baseball program is also provided.

ASHEBORO NORTH CAROLINA

Located in Randolph County very nearly in the geographical center of North Carolina, Asheboro is in the heart of the thriving Piedmont section of the state. Crossed by three major highways, (220, 49 & 64)

Religious activity is centered in a large number of churches representing the following denominations: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Congregational Christian, Holiness, Friends, Episcopal, Evangelical and Reformed, Lutheran, Church of God and Wesleyan Methodist.

A wide variety of civic clubs and fraternal organizations provide opportunities for social contact and evidence considerable civic spirit.

Asheboro is a busy commercial and industrial center. There is a wide diversity among the industries, which include a number of textile plants, a leading flashlight battery plant, a manufacturer of electric blankets and electric heating pads, furniture plants, a shoe manufacturing plant, lumber plants, meat processing plants, and others. Agriculture is a vital part of the economy and it, too, is diversified.

Asheboro has six Elementary Schools, one Seventh-grade School, one Junior High School and two High Schools.

- from A Self-Study Cooperative program
in Elementary Education 1964.

Mrs. Hugh York Is Hostess To Shamrock Garden Club

Mrs. Hugh York was hostess to the Shamrock Garden Club at her home on Worth Street, Thursday morning. Associate hostesses were Mrs. Sue Vestal and Mrs. Jennie Thurston.

The meeting was held on the patio at the home of Mrs. York. Potted plants and spring flowers were used as decorations with an arrangement of roses and petunias in a straw hat at the center of the main table.

The chaplain, Mrs. S. C. Frazier, opened the meeting with a poem "A Basket of Flowers" followed by the official collect of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

President, Mrs. A. J. Tobert, presided and presented the list of hostesses for the next season. She also reported on the club project which is planting an area at the Charles W. McCrary School. Mrs. Tobert said that some club members, assisted by some of the sixth grade boys at the school, had finished digging the flower beds according to the plan originally drawn by Dwight Holland. She noted that aluminum grass stop borders had been purchased and installed and a bird bath had been placed in the center. Some planting has been done and is to be completed during the summer and fall, Mrs. Tobert stated.

Tubers of yellow dahlias were donated to the project by Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines.

Mrs. A. J. Tobert, Mrs. Clyde Redding, Mrs. W. Ernest Ridge and Mrs. C. E. Hughes, Jr., attended the state convention of the Garden Club of North Carolina, in Winston-Salem on April 29th. They reported on the meeting and told of the tour of Old Salem and the tea held at Salem College as a part of the

convention entertainment.

After the business meeting, Mrs. York, who is district chairman of horticulture, invited the members on a tour of the pine woods back of her house and also the adjacent woods and wild flower plantings of Mr. and Mrs. William Cobb.

They were asked to list all the wild flowers noted on the walk and upon return Mrs. A. J. Tobert was awarded a container with four variegated foliage geraniums for listing a total of thirty-six plants. Mrs. McDonald King was runner up with thirty.

The hostesses used a decorated wheelbarrow for the iced Cokes which were served with ham biscuits, stuffed celery, pickles, cheese straws and cookies.

The club voted to have future May and June meetings in the mornings with the next one to be held in June with Mrs. W. Ernest Ridge.

Shamrock Club Meets With Mrs. Ernest Ridge Thursday

Mrs. W. Ernest Ridge was hostess to the Shamrock Garden Club when it met Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in her home on Sunset Avenue. Mrs. McDonald King was associate hostess.

Mrs. A. J. Tobert, club president, presided and the meeting was opened by the chaplain, Mrs. S. C. Frazier, who read a poem, "The Legend of the Raindrop" and also the official club collect of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

This being the last meeting until early fall, no formal program was planned and routine reports were heard. Further reports were given on the club projects, which is planting an area at Charles W. McCrary School and plans were made for additional work during the summer months. Mrs. Tobert and Mrs. C. E. Hughes, Jr., chairman of the project, read

letters from some of the children who attend the school in which they expressed their appreciation of the club's efforts.

The club voted to grant honorary life membership to Mrs. Mattie Bennett, a charter member of the club. This status has been given to several retired charter members and gives them all privileges of the club without required attendance or payment of dues.

The meeting was adjourned by reading of the club collect in unison and a social hour was enjoyed during which the hostesses served assorted sandwiches and lemon tarts with iced punch. Miss May Spees, who is visiting Mrs. John M. Neely, was a guest of the club.

Also, at this time, Mrs. Tobert displayed the Certificate of Honor from the Garden Club of North Carolina which is awarded to high-rating clubs for outstanding service.

What Endures In Art, Music Endures In History,

Holland Tells Shamrock Garden Club

Dwight M. Holland, supervisor of Art Education in the Asheboro City Schools, was guest speaker when the Shamrock Garden Club met Thursday afternoon in the meeting room at Randolph County Public Library. Mrs. S. C. Frazier and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon, were co-hostesses.

Introduced by Mrs. A. J. Tobert, Mr. Holland used the themes, "Learning to Care" and "Learning the Meaning of Hard Work". He said that during our recorded history man has always been judged by the

things he had considered most important for his time and that the things that reflected man and his god and man and his religion were the things that had endured in art, music, architecture and related cultural subjects.

He noted that this was because these things showed that man had cared for his God, his fellow human beings and his country. How the present civilization will be judged five hundred years from now, will depend upon the things which we now consider most important.

He commended the club on their project at McCrary School, saying that this was one area that proved concern for others and especially for the children.

The president, Mrs. A. J. Tobert, presided and the meeting opened with the reading of a poem by the chaplain, Mrs. S. C. Frazier, on the meaning of Thanksgiving.

During routine business of the club, reports were heard from various committees. The finance chairman, Mrs. Clyde Redding, reported that the candy selling project had been a success and all candy had been sold. It was brought out that Mrs. Tobert had sold fifty-nine

containers of candy and Mrs. Redding was responsible for selling sixty-one.

Mrs. Hugh York, district chairman of horticulture, brought several copies of the magazine, "Horticulture" and asked that members consider subscriptions, as the club gets extra points and a cash commission on each subscription.

Mrs. A. J. Tobert, Mrs. Hugh York, Mrs. Clyde Redding, Mrs. Ernest Ridge and Mrs. C. E. Hughes, Jr., who attended the annual meeting of District VII in Wadesboro on October 20th gave brief reports and impressions of the meeting.

It was noted that the two permanent flower arrangements in the meeting room were given to the library by the Shamrock Garden Club and Mrs. John M. Neely asked for a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Tobert and Mrs. Hughes for making the arrangements and donating containers and some of the materials.

The meeting adjourned with the reading of the club collect.

The hostesses served coconut cake, coffee and nuts to the seventeen members and Mr. Holland

The next meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John M. Neely.