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GARDEN CLUB HOLDS OPEN MEETING

The Highlands Garden Club's annual open meeting on Thursday, July 19th at High Hampton Inn was well attended by many members and their guests. Mrs. Earl DeNoon, President, announced that the usual business meeting would be omitted and called upon Mrs. Thomas Tyson to introduce the speaker of the afternoon, Mr. William Pitkin, a landscape architect who lives between Asheville and Black Mountain.

Mr. Pitkin, a graduate of Cornell, has studied gardens in many European countries and was for six years Superintendent of Parks at Rochester, N. Y. before coming to Asheville.

Mr. Pitkin introduced his talk on the Design and Planting of Small Gardens by saying that gardens were formerly for show, but are now for enjoyment; a garden is like an outdoor room and should be planned to fit in with the owner's house, way of life, and interests. He pointed out that there are two essentials for a small garden---first, consideration to every detail, and second, garden architecture or design, is more important than the planting. There must be a plan which will provide good design, good proportion and easy maintenance. Mr. Pitkin remarked that garden accessories such as a well designed gate, a piece of garden sculpture, or plants in interesting containers, all add to the attraction of the garden; and that originality and distinction should be sought for.

After this interesting and informative talk, the members and guests enjoyed a social hour in a private room where an attractive tea table was set with a delectable array of sandwiches as colorful to see as they were delicious to eat.

The Garden Club's special thanks go to High Hampton Inn for their graciousness.

HEARS ASSISTANT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Miss Mary Bascom Cook, Assistant to the Dean of Students and Assistant of Christian Education at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, was the guest speaker at the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Meeting Sunday evening. Her talk was on Christian Vocations and Church Careers, and she presented many useful, factual, and interesting points concerning this topic. Rev. Dan McCall presented Miss Cook with a beautiful Celtic Cross scarf pin on behalf of the Youth Fellowship.

The program was concluded with a social period and refreshments were served by Gail and Doyle Calloway. There were approximately sixteen members who attended.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

The Board of Directors of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce met Monday evening at the Town Office. Plans were completed for the big Square Dance Festival to be held here on August 2nd. It was decided that dance judges will include both local and out-of-town people. The Chamber is optimistic about the affair, and it is that the Festival will bring additional funds for new brochures and folders on the Highlands area. This additional literature will aid in the publicity of Highlands and will promote business for the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Maynard, Skipper and Rex, of Belton, S. C., returned Monday from their trip to Europe. Mr. Maynard will be in the Colonial Shop all of next week.

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