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THE WEST DURHAM BLOSSOM GARDEN CLUB held its March meeting at a local restaurant. Mrs. Beulah Edwards was hostess. Second vice president Julia Freeland presided until president Doris Reddrick arrived.

The garden gates were opened by gardener Gertrude Gibson. Gardener Mary McClary presented a special gift to Mrs. Reddrick from the club members.

Gardeners Mary McClary, Georgia Taylor, and Mary Love made their reports.

President Doris Reddrick stressed the importance of all clubs in the Durham Council of Garden Clubs taking advertisements in the 55th Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina Convention souvenir book and/or become patrons.

West Durham Blossom Garden Club voted to buy a half page ad.

Gardener Margaret Fuller gave a report on "Soils of Durham County". Soil is used as the foundation material for roads, homes, industrial and commercial development, she reported.

There are several broad groups of soils found in Durham County. Southern and Eastern Durham County Soil form a group of very sticky, heavy, plastic clay. Water moves very slowly into the soil. They stay wet and swell when wet. When dry they are very hard and the soil shrinks. They range in color from gray to red. Because of slow drainage, they have a high erosion hazard.

Because they shrink and swell, and are poorly drained, proper footings and excavation can be a problem, she said. These soils can crack concrete.

Northern Durham County Soils are red to yellow or brown in color. They are better drained. They are silty clay soils. Rock fragments are more commonly found near the surface, and on steeper areas the soil can be very rocky.

Bottomland soils, a third group of soils are found along streams, creeks, and rivers, are gray to brown in color, and are flooded frequently. Usually, these soils are nearly level and tend to be wet for part of the year, particular from fall until spring.

Bottomland soils can be sandy to silty or clayey in nature. This is due to new soil being deposited during floods. Because of this mix of soil particles, bottomland soils are not good to build on. They tend to get saucy and sloppy when disturbed. Often, blue mud is found under the surface layer and they can have a foul smell. Because of the poor properties and flooding hazard, these soils are best left undisturbed and in natural vegetation.

Other members present were gardeners: Naomi Parkers, Dorothea Johnson, Mary Jarmon, Margaret Allen and Margaret Fuller.

**The Conservation Pledge**

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my county — its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

**GET YOUR \$\$ WORTH**

**Start Composting**

For the vegetable grower, as well as the flower gardener, compost performs a bouquet of important garden tasks for practically nothing. The process of composting also helps you recycle much of your household garbage — egg shells, fruit and vegetable peelings and scraps, coffee grounds with paper filters, moldy bread, paper plates and even black and white newspapers (preferably shredded for more efficient decomposition) are all good composting materials, in addition to grass clippings and raked leaves from your yard. Turning these materials into compost that will greatly enhance the fertility of your soil (by improving texture and drainage, adding nutrients, keeping it aerated and introducing essential microorganisms) makes sense for good gardeners, as well as recyclers. And it's easy to start composting. Now's a good time, here are some how-tos:

You can make your own compost bin simply by enclosing the sides of an outdoor area at least three feet wide — old wooden boards, inexpensive low garden fencing, large-capacity, well-cleaned metal drums, or chicken wire may be used. Choose a site near your house so it will be convenient to recycle kitchen debris year-round, and make sure the area is open to air and rain as well as to sunlight. Compost piles or bins must get lots of oxygen to support the bacteria that decomposes organic matter and converts it to useful compost.

To begin a compost heap, create a layer of kitchen and green garden scraps about six inches deep; cover with two inches of soil and non-green material like browned leaves, sawdust, straw. Continue to alternate layers in this way.

Keep the compost aerated by

**HOME GAME**  
BY VIRGINIA TRUAX

**SPRING TONIC** — Rhubarb lovers can now enjoy this treat all year by freezing the fresh stalks now appearing in stores. Cut deep red stalks into one-inch pieces, coat with sugar and freeze in plastic containers for later use.

**FIRST AID** — A quick dab of vanilla on a minor kitchen burn will relieve the pain.

**SPRING CLEANING** — It's window-washing time. Using a rubber squeegee makes lighter work of the chore! If, or when, your squeegee begins to age, revive it by rubbing the edge with very fine sandpaper.

**EGG TRICK** — Those who crave fried eggs can make them healthier by removing much of the fat. Simply rest the egg for a few seconds on a slotted pancake turner that you've covered with a paper towel.

**HAM GLAZES** — A few choices for topping your Easter ham: (1) 1/2 cup corn syrup, 2 tablespoons prepared mustard and 1 cup applesauce; (2) 1/2 cup each of vinegar and molasses or (3) 1/2 cup crushed pineapple and 3/4 cup brown sugar.

**REPAIR JOB** — A remedy for thick nail polish is the addition of a few drops of polish remover or rubbing alcohol. Mix well before applying to nails.

**TEAR JERKER** — Stains on metal pans can often be removed quickly by rubbing a raw onion over the surface. Gone is unsightly rust.

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**Clubs & Socials**

THE DURHAM SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN will meet Sunday, April 1, 3 p.m. in the Room of White Rock Baptist Church on Fayetteville Street. Program members are invited to attend.

**FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA** — In celebration of its 25th anniversary, Fleur de Lis Club will present "Spring Fashions '90", Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Towers, Research Triangle Park. The program with dinner, will feature the latest in spring fashions and music. Proceeds will be used for the projects. For reservations or additional information, call 493-2268, 6 p.m.

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turning material with a shovel every few weeks. Also try to keep your pile moist, but not wet, to ensure the ongoing process of decomposition. Under optimal conditions, the compost pile you start now will be ready for your garden within a few months.

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LORENZO A. LYNCH, PASTOR  
SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1990  
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10:55 A.M. Worship  
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