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Open Gate club meets

The Open Gate Garden Club met with Mrs. C.L. Morris on April 12. Seventeen members enjoyed a delicious dessert course.

Mrs. Sam Collins, President, welcomed all members and introduced two new members. Mrs. Collins introduced Mrs. Eugene McCarter, who presented a delightful program on "The Meaning of Flowers."

She stated that the promise of the periwinkle or vinca is to know someone a long time and to know someone well. The French know the periwinkle as the virgin's flower, and in England periwinkles are sold with a song. In lore, the flowers carried in a packet evoked sweet memories of a lover long ago.

In the Victorian flower language, a yellow rose spoke of jealousy. But in Western United States, it speaks of familiar love, humble and native to the land. It was immortalized in a popular song, "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

When Robert Burns compared his love to a red, red rose, he was identifying it with beauty and deep love. The white rose suggests purity and silence. It is sometimes called "the flower of light."

The pure white lily is known as youthful innocence. It is identified with goddesses of the Western world. Christianity associates the lily with the Virgin Mary.

The name Aster means star and clusters of the small daisy-

like flower reminded people of the night sky. In Europe, asters are supposed to have magical powers.

Dahlias suggest the instability of perfect beauty. The English called it fickle. The Spanish made a holiday in its honor, "The Day of the Dahlia."

Poppies suggest the consolidation of rest, the wonder of dreams and the sleep of death. In the dream of the red poppy, the lover seeks erotic passion, but while poppies offer a deep and intimate dream.

The peony symbolizes prosperity for the Japanese. It grants the power to keep a secret. Nymphs could hide in the clenched petals.

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KM Garden Club meets

The Kings Mountain Garden Club met Wednesday at the home of Margot Plonk on West Gold Street. Grace Mitchell shared hostess duties.

The front porch of the Plonk home featured a birdhouse motif. The twin-parlor living room and dining room were bright with azaleas, spirea, alstroemeria, sunflowers, mums, and assorted greenery.

Upon arrival members enjoyed an attractive dessert and fruit course served from the dining room table. The table, covered with a scarlet damask cloth, was centered with a seasonal arrangement of Easter eggs and grass and Varoos candy. The buffet included

raspberry cream cake with mint leaves and raspberry sauce, apple walnut cake, fresh raspberries and strawberries, Easter egg ambrosia salad with colored marshmallows, molded Easter mints, pastel drizzled yogurt pretzels, and fruit punch with a fruited ice ring incorporating pansy accents.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, the business meeting was called to order by the secretary, Emily Suber. Club members signed a card to accompany a violet for their president, Jackie Cooper, who is in the hospital.

In other membership matters, Mrs. Suber reported that Mary Pat Elledge will be moving to

Florida. A discussion followed concerning candidates for membership. The vice-president, Hilda Leonard, will contact the membership over the summer to establish a monthly schedule of responsibilities for club year 2000-2001.

Grace Mitchell announced that she and her husband will be holding an auction at their house on May 6 in preparation for a move to Charlotte. Mary Mauney displayed a baby Chinese flowering peach tree, an offspring from the 50-year-old parent tree in her yard which blooms in December, January and February. Margo Plonk won the drawing for the tree.

Mary Mauney and Hazel Jackson announced plans for the May outing to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont. Members voted to go on Tuesday, May 9, with lunch being provided by the hostesses.

For the program, Mrs. Plonk introduced Todd Frady, owner of Frady's Florist and Gifts, a new business located at the former site of Secret Garden and Allen's Florist on East King Street. Frady said he acquired his love of flowers from summer visits to his grandmother's house and gardens. He presented a demonstration of flower arranging, using white dogwood branches, red azaleas, red snapdragons, purple iris, white snowballs, red tulips, purple asters, lavender periwinkle, tanged honeysuckle, perfume

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ENGAGEMENT



CHRISTY MARIE CORN
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Corn-Nantz

Houston and Cathy Corn of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Marie Corn, to Lewis Preston Nantz, son of Kenneth and Mary Nantz of Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1999 graduate of Cleveland Community College. She is employed by Caromont Family Medicine, Kings Mountain.

The groom-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1999 graduate of Gardner-Webb University. He is employed by Plant Outsourcing Services.

A May 27, 2000 wedding is planned.

Lifestyles Deadlines

The Herald welcomes your lifestyle news for publication in each Thursday's paper. Lifestyles items include weddings, engagements, anniversaries, birthdays, club news, church news and community news.

Deadline for information and articles is 12 noon Monday. When holidays or other reasons make it necessary for the paper to publish a day early, the deadline is Friday at 12 noon. Items received after that time will run in other areas of the paper if time and space permit. If not, they will be held until the following week if they are still timely.

Merry-Go-Round 2000 set

An 11th hour extension of the April 27-29 Foothills Merry-Go-Round Festival 2000 will resurrect a bit of the entertainment world of the early part of the past century.

A 3 p.m. matinee Sunday, April 30 at the long-silent Rogers Theatre in uptown Shelby will feature one of leg-

endary comic Charlie Chaplin's silent movies and an old-fashioned sing along.

The Chaplin movie will be shown to the music of a vaudeville-era organ being donated to the Rogers Theatre Consortium by Larry Jones of Charlotte. Jones, an accomplished theatre organist, will be at the keyboard during the matinee.

The consortium recently launched an initiative to raise funds to purchase and restore the theatre, which was opened in 1936.

The festival will begin

Thursday with a home run derby at the Cleveland Community College ball field. Registration and qualifying begins at 5 p.m.

Also on Thursday, First National Bank will sponsor a by-invitation-only Honors Awards reception and presentation, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the bank.

Friday's activities begin at 3 p.m. with kiddie attractions and food vendors on the square. Attractions and vendors will run through the evening's 7

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