## SOCIAL

# pen Gate Garden Club meets

Twelve members of the Open Gate Garden Club met October 13 at the Masonic Hall with Betty Grant as hostess. Delicious refreshments were served before the

Margie Bridges, president, welcomed members and the Club Collect was read in unison.

The table featured an arrangement of mums.

During the business meeting, Bridges stated that six members were going to the district meeting on October 21. Polly Phifer gave the treasurer's report, noting a \$306.68 balance.

Members were reminded that dues this year would be \$22. This is an increase due to not having a fund raiser this year.

Olivia Mayhew gave a report from the Fair Committee on the club's exhibit at the Cleveland County Fair. The club received honorable mention and \$60. The comment on their card was "not enough color.'

Bridges had called Laurie Varley, Community Outreach Coordinator for Hospice, and reported that anything the club could do for Hospice would be appreciated.

The Woman's Club Floral Fair was discussed. Bridges stated that she receive a letter about entering exhibits, but the club felt it was too late to do a niche. Melba Boyles made the motion, seconded by Dot Ham. Some expressed an interest in entering specimens.

Bridges stated that the weeding on the back lot had been completed and asked the club to complete the project soon. She will contact the committee which includes Phyllis Carpenter, Betty Alexander, Joanne Cox and Flora yarbro.

Bridges gave the program on chrysanthemums, stating that chrysanthemums were first cultivated in China as a flowery herb. As an herb, it was believed to have the power of life. Legend has it that the boiled roots were used as a headache remedy; young sprouts and petals were eaten in salads; and leaves were brewed for a festive drink.

The ancient Chinese name for chrysanthemum is "Chu." The

Chinese city of Chu-Hsien (which means Chrysanthemum City) was so named to honor the flower.

The chrysanthemum was first introduced into the western world during the 17th century. In 1753 KarlLinnaeus, renowned Swedish botanist, combined the Greek words "chrysos," meaning gold, with "anthemon," meaning flower. The earliest illustrations of mums show them as small yellow daisylike flowers.

Regardless of the flower type, they all belong to the Compositae, or daisy, family. Since the chrysanthemum was first introduced into the United States during colonial times, its popularity has grown such that mums now reign as undisputed "Queen of the Fall

for many, their introduction to the chrysanthemum was a corsage for the girlfriends and mothers at homecoming football games. Mums remain the most widely grown pot plant in the country and is one of the longest lasting of all cut flowers.

The plants need full sunshine at least five to six hours and there are many kinds of mulch which are satisfactory, and they differ in various parts of the country. Some plants even have to be staked.

Olivia Mayhew will host the November meeting at the Masonic

Polly Phifer won the friendship basket.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

Eric Gay, left, owner/broker, congratulates Bobby Pennington of Kings Mountain, who won the 27-inch color TV that was given away at Coldwell Banker's booth t the **Cleveland County Fair.** 

## FOOD INSPECTIONS

Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following food handling facilities during the week ending

\*\*Denotes 2 extra points when an employee attended a food handling course.

#### Restaurants

Drewerys Grill, Polkville Rd., 92. Hong Kong Chinese Rest., Kings Mountain, 95. Hampton Inn, E. Marion St., 98.5 Polygrub-UMG Mfg., Grover, 95. Rogers BBQ, Grover, 95. Trading Post, Casar, 96. Fish Barn, Beaver Dam C. Rd., 91. Winter House Deli, E. Marion St., 96.5

### Food stands

Mooresboro Quick Stoop, 98. White's Kitchen, Casar, 94.5\*\* Whitmar Lake Grill, 95.5.

Meat market Stage Coach Mkt., Lawndale, 100.5\*\*

Rest homes Golden Years, Lawndale, 96.

School cafeterias Burns Middle, 98\*\*



**ELISE SMITH** Elise Smith named Little Miss Wal-Mart

Five-month-old Elise Smith of Kings Mountain was presented as Little Miss Wal-Mart Franklin Square on Friday, October 22.

After announcing winners, everyone celebrated with soda and cake. Elise and other contestants helped raise over one thousand dollars for the Children's Miracle Network.

Each contestant received a medal for participating in the contest.

Elise is the daughter of Zach and Michelle Smith.

