FLOWER SHOW REPORT IN FULL

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF KENT COUNTY COUNCIL FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

As announced in KENT NEWS last week the Exucutive Committee of the Kent County Council for Home Demonstration Work met and received the following report of Mrs. J. Price Ewing on Flower Show which wac held at Chestertown Armory in September. The following is the full report:

On April 11, 1931, a group met at the home of Mrs. I. Price Ewing to discuss the advisability and prospects for a Flower Show for Kent County, and it deemed advisable to formulate plans. The principal organizations of the community were invited to send a representative to confer. At that meeting four of the Women's Clubs were represented, namely, Still Pond, Fairlee, Flatland and Quaker Neck, and three organizations sent representatives, namely. The Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Farm Bureau.

The desirability of a Flower Show was heartily endorsed and the date determined as September 11th and 12th.

Prior, to this meeting, Mr. Ballard had kindly advised cpon the last of entries and judging scales. Since no one at the meeting had had previous experience with flower shows, it was decided to accept the list of entries and judging scales as presented. The flower work in the clubs for this year had been in annuals, so annual flowers were to be the feature of the show. Rules were formulated to govern the show, and Mr. Wilbur Hubbard kindly passed on the legal phraseology of the following phrase that relieved the committee from responsibility:

"The comittee will not be responsible for vases, bowls, potted plants, or anything else left uncalled for after 1 p. m. Sunday, September 13th.

The following committes were appointed:

Registration, Miss Mary Nicholson, Flatland Chairman.

Exhibition, Mrs. T. H. M. Bramble, Fairlee Chairman.

Awards, Mrs. Walter Harris, Still Pond Club Chaiman, with Betterton Club cooperting.

Staging and Arrangements was taken over by the Rotary Club, cnder Mr. Richard Collins, Jr., is their contribution to the success of the Flower Show, and the Organization and Commercial entries were managed by Mrs. Nell C. Westcott, as an expression of interest of the Chamber of Commerce.

The question of a Ways and Means Committee was discussed, but it was decided to appoint a Treasurer and to delay the forming of a Ways and Means Committee until the various clubs and anyone who might be interested in doing so had made their contribution.

A few prizes were solicited, but a number of prizes were offered without solicitation. The first prize offered was six (6) rose buushes from Mr. W. A. Culp, and the first money promised was ten dollars ($10.00 from the Farm Bureau.

The Registration Committee under Miss Mary Nicholson not only received and classified the entry blanks, but has made a most complete permanent record of the exhibitors and awards won, that should be of inestimable value to future flower show committees.

The Reception Committee, Miss Grace Wilkins, Chairman, was most faithful and efficient. To receive and check the classifications of 345 exhibits, the great majority of which arrived between 10.30 and 12.00, to supply name cards for those which arrived unmarked, to check up all exhibitors on the lists of registrations, and to remain cheerful and pleasant through all

The Exhibition Committee, Mrs. T. H. M. Bramble, Fairlee Chairman, was most efficiently organized. Sixteen (16) sub-chairman of committees on classes were appointed, each to find her own committee of not less than three (3) beside the chairman, who would be responsible for caring for the entries in their classes during the Show. It is amusing to look back upon the organization of these committees and to remember that each committee was asked "to try to work up their classes so that there should at least be five (5) entries in each class." "The objective for the Flower Show was to be not less than 100 entries." The Exhibition Committee also provided for the covering of the tables with green paper. The Reception Committee was at first included in the Exhibition Committee but later because of the importance of each, and the large amount of work involved the Reception Committee was separated. The Chairman of classes were:

Class 1. Mrs. E. R. Anthony.
Class 2. Mrs. Walter Bramble.
Class 3, 4. Mrs. Bates Chaires.
Class 5, 6. Mrs. J. W. Baxley.
Class 7, 8. Mrs. Romie Morris.
Class 9, 10. Mrs. George Williams.
Class 11, 12, 13. Miss Louise Pennington.
Class 14, 15. Mrs. Ernest Strong.
Class 16. Mrs. W. B. Wilmer.
Class 17. Mrs. E. C. Thomas.
A. B. C. D.
Class 17. Mrs. Townsend Anthony.
E. F.
Class 18. Mrs. Walter T. Morris.
Class 19. Garden Clubs, Mrs. D. W Ingersoll.
Class 20. Organization Entries, Chamber of Commerce.

Children's classes

Class 21. Mrs. Bayard Sutton.
Class 22. Mrs. Orin Downey.
Class 23. Mrs. Linwood Sutton.
Class 24. Mrs. E. V. Walbert.

The Exhibition Committee had a most difficult and exacting job. It was no small achievement to arrange and care for such a large number of entries in a space too small, and to spend two whole days and evenings in hard work in blistering heat. We cannot appreciate them enough.

The Awards Committee, Mrs. Walter Harris, Chairman, composed of members of the Still Pond and Betterton Clubs, presented a truly wonderful list of prizes. An especially economical price was secured for the ribbon awards, after long and difficult shopping. The prizes were:

6 Rose Bushes, Mr. William A. Culp.
5 Prize Dahlia Tubers, Mrs. Howard Owens.
2 Ornamental Wall Brackets, Stam Drug Store.
1 Bale Peat Moss, Jones & Satterfield.
1 Bale Peat Moss, Massey & Wilmer
100 lbs. Bone Meal, Metcalfe Bros.
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Certificate for $3.00, W. Atlee Burpee Co.
Material from Catalog $5.00, Henry A. Dreer Co.
2 Plaques, J. S. Kreeger.
Flower Pot Stand, R. Ellis Clark.
Bulgiano, Seeds.
Toulson's Drug Store, Seeds.
Vase, Anonymous.
Subscription to Better Homes and Gardens, Anonymous.

For the Children's classes two prizes were given anonymously, a vase and a subscription to Better Homes and Gardens. Each child's entry had attached to it a package of seeds from Bolgino Seed Co. and Toulson Drug Store.

Three grand prizes and three sweepstakes with one prize for children had been the goal. To secure 15 prizes (counting the two lots of seeds) was a most agreeable surprise for us all, and we are deeply gratified to the Awards Committee for their hard work and splendid achievement.

To the carpenters who gave so generously of their time, to Adkins & Co. who loaned the lumber, and to the Volunteer Fire Company who loaned the tables, we extend our heartiest thanks. The gentlemen of the Rotary Club assumed the very difficult job of equipping the room for exhibition and of decorating with evergreens. This was the exhibit of the Rotary Club under organization entries. Certainly they secured the maximum amount of exhibition space, and at the same time left room for a great many visitors to move easily among the tables.

Four organizations accepted the invitation to enter exhibits, and four local commercial firms reserved space. Actually three organizations exhibited. The Library Committee with a splendid display of garden books and magazines, for which they took orders, one-half of their commission will go to the Flower Show. A great deal of interest was shown in this exhibit and doubtless another year even more persons will leave orders for books and magazines. The Rotary Club entry has already been explained. The Women's Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Company had a creditable exhibit of house the rush and in the extreme heat, was indeed, an heroic undertaking.

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Two commercial exhibitors failed to appear. Even though we lost the fees, it was perhaps well that we had the additional space. The two commercial firms who did show, attracted a great deal of attention, and many visitors expressed their gratification in realizing for the first time the nursery resources of local florists. On Friday evening Mrs. Rumsey Anthony gave a dclightful and instructve talk and demonstration on the principals of flower arrangement.

The County newspapers have been most generous in giving space to notices of the Flower Show, in printing lists of entries, preliminary entry blanks, etc, We extend our thanks to them all. We also express our appreciation for the space gratuitously allotted for the distribution of entry blanks and receiving of entries at the community Festival. Ladies from the various clubs presided, and the flowers with which they decorated the booth were no little incentive to the public in sending in their flowers to the Flower Show.

Flatland Club, Mrs. Harry Williams, Chairman, operated the tea room with a menu of tea, coffee, cookies, salad, sandwiches and ice cream. They occupied a small space in the front of the room. Everyone knows that the Flatland ladies are famous for their good cooking and the tea room once more proved their reputation. Mr. George Baldwin generously loaned a frigidaire, which was doubly appreciated in the exceptionally hot weather during the two days of the Show.

The really big feature of the show was the Zinnia Garden. Those who were fortunate enough to see it Friday evening saw it at its best, when every petal and every leaf looked so fresh and lovely as though the flowers were still in the garden in which they grew.

In order that every member of the Women's Clubs would have at least some one thing on exhibition, each club was allotted space for 48 Zinnia plants and every member urged to produce at least one plant. These plants were arranged in a prepared frame work and the result was very lovely. The design of the garden was the work of Mrs. D. W. Ingersoll. It was really ingenious to plan for so much display in such a small space. Existing doors in the real wall of the Armory were turned into a trellised doorwoy, vine clad and with a rounding door step. A gravel path separated the two halves of the garden and the whole was enclosed by a fence loaned by Jones & Satterfield. Miss Louisa Travers, Chairman, Fairlee Club, erected the frame work and arranged the flower display, assisted by Mrs. Ingersoll.

The aim was to have every member of every club grow at least one flower. About 70 per cent. of the total number of members in the clubs competing (that is, all except Millington which is so newly formed) actually produced their Zinnias for the show. How many more grew plants and did not deliver them is not known. On the whole the garden may be considered a real success.

Details of the scoring may be helpful to each club. The judging was rated as follows:

Number of members exhibiting	50 points
Cultural perfection	35 points
Uniformity of color	15 points
Total	100 points

Rock Hall —

Cultural perfection	20
Uniformity of color	10
Number exhibiting	25
	55

Fairlee—

Cultural perfection	30
Uniformity of color	12
Number exhibiting	25
	67

Galena—full score

Cultural perfection	35
Uniformity of color	15
Number exhibiting	5
	55

Note that Galena was the only club that had full rating for culture and color, in other words, the best flowers. It is a pity that so few of the members of the Galena Club took part.

Swan Creek—

Cultural perfection	25
Uniformity of color	12
Number exhibiting	10
	47

Still Pond—

Cultural perfection	30
Uniformity of color	10
Number exhibiting	46
	86

Betterton—

Cultural perfection	20
Uniformity of color	7½
Number exhibiting	27
	54½

Quaker Neck—

Cultural perfection	35
Uniformity of color	12
Number exhibiting	50
	97

Chestertown— low rating in culture was because of the variation in size of the blooms.

Cultural perfection	15
Uniformity of color	7½
Number exhibiting	26
	48½

Flatland—

Cultural perfection	30
Uniformity of color	10
Number exhibiting	35
	75

Exclusive of the Zinnia display, there were 328 entries for judging and 17 entries not eligible for judging, all because not more than one entry in any one class was permitted. One person tried to make four entries in the one class of Asters.

The number of exhibits and the quality of the flowers was a surprise to everyone. The judges wished to congratulate the flower growers of Kent County. They said that if the flowers as a whole had not been well grown they would not have endured the heat so well as they did. The foliage plants were very fine, not a poor specimen among them, and most of them worthy of professional growers.

The result of all this was a flower show on September 11th and 12th at the Chestertown Armory with a total of 345 exhibits. The classes were so large and the material presented so varied that it was found necessary to create several additional classes They were:

Class 1. Section D. Arranged in a jug.

Class XV. was so large and so varied that a double set of awards was made.

Class XVI. Section D. Baskets of Dahlias.

Class XVII.

Section G. Ornamental boxes.
Section H. Zanseveria.
Section I. Orchid (?) plants.
Section J. Cactii.

The Judges were: Mr. W. R. Ballard, Mr. Mark Shoemaker of the University of Maryland, Mrs. Schane, of Baltimore.

At the April 11th meeting the hope was expressed that the Flower Show might be made an annual affair and that a plan be worked out to the end that future shows be adequately financed and the committees be freed from the humiliation of begging for prizes and funds. Such a plan has been presented, but its disposition has not been determined at the time of preparing this report.

A number of valuable suggestions culled from the experience of this Flower Show have been received from many sources.

The frame work for the Zinnia Garden and the division markers between organization and commercial spaces are the property of the Flower Show. Until it shall be determined what disposition is to be made of them, Adkins & Co., have kindly stored them at their warehouse in Chestertown. Other minor effects are being stored by Mrs. Ewing.

The cleaning up of the Armory after the show on Monday morning was done by Miss Genevieve Brown, Mrs. Bates Chaires, Miss Schellinger and Mrs. Ewing. They were helped greatly by Mr. Thompson Brown, who carried out all the dead flowers, decorations and other trash. Four wagon loads of debris were carted away by wagons supplied by Mr. Leon Brown.

The Chairman wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the Flower Show for their wonderful co-operation, and efficient work. The Show could not have succeeded unless each one had done his or her part to the utmost.

Talks were given by Miss Helen N. Schellinger, Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Florence Mason, District Agent for the Eastern Shore.

SWINE SANITATION PAYS

In a season of depression more than ordinary care should be given to "the little things" that mean the difference between success and failure. Sanitation for swine (as well as all other animals) is a paying proposition as this article attempts to set forth and has been proven many times.

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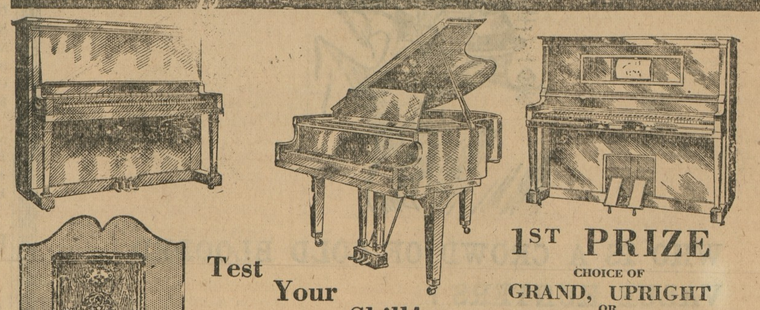
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