JANUARY 1951

On Thursday, January 4, 1951, the Covington Garden Club met at the Episcopal Church House, with Mrs. Peytral presiding.

Minutes of the October, November, and December meetings were approved as read, and the Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $82.07.

The President announced a Camellia Show, sponsored by the Ozone Home Demonstration Club, to be held on January 6th and 7th, at the Pearl River Grammar School, and stated that blooms to be displayed were to be in by noon, January 6th.

Also announced was the date of the annual camellia show sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church, January 20th and 21st, entries to be in by noon of the 20th.

The President announced that Mrs. Louis Lester would talk on potted plants at the February meeting. Each member was asked to bring her favorite plant for display, such plants to be at least three months old.

Miss Winnie Magee, who was to speak at this meeting, could not be present because of illness in her family. She sent her regrets and asked that she be given another date.

In the absence of the scheduled speaker, Mrs. Peytral presented some material furnished her by Miss Magee. She selected an article on pruning as being of particular interest at this time.

After the discussion, the group moved to the beautifully decorated tea table and were served sandwiches, sweets and coffee by the hostesses Mrs. Louis D. Ross, Mrs. N. L. Clark, Mrs. Monroe Simmons, and Mrs. Clara Burns.

MARCH 1951

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday, March 1 at the Christ Church Episcopal House.

Mrs. M. T. Benedict read the minutes of the last meeting, in the absence of the secretary, and they were accepted as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of on had.

Mrs. Peytral introded the speak, Miss Winnie Magee, who showed pictures and talked on landscaping.

APRIL 1951

Mrs. J. T. Burns and Mrs. S. Katz joined with Mrs. R. W. Leche in welcoming members of the Covington Garden Club to the lovely gardens of Mrs. Leche's home at Lacombe on Thursday, April 5, 1951.

There was no business transacted, all the time being spent in a walking tour of the Gardens.

Following the tour of the grounds, the group entered the house for refreshments. The rooms were lovely with many floral arrangements, as was the tea table with its beautiful silver punch bowl and the members enjoyed the refreshments during a festive social hour.

MAY, 1951

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday, May 3, 1951 at the Riverside Drive home of Mrs. M. L. Pittman. The minutes were accepted as read, and the treasurer's report accepted.

Mrs. Peytral, the President, announced that she would appoint her nominating committee for officers for the 1951-1952 season shortly so that the election could be held at the June meeting.

Mrs. Louis Lester spoke on house plants, and answered many questions put to her by the members.

Following her talk, the hostesses served delicious punch and other refreshments, and a social hour was enjoyed.

JUNE 1951

The Covington Garden Club held its final meeting of the season on June 7 at the Pavillion of the State Park at Abita Springs, which was beautifully decorated with native shrubs and flowers, and which made a perfect setting for a Garden Club meeting.

The Treasurers report for the year was read by Mrs. V. J. Peytral in the absence of Mrs. Benedict, showing a balance on hand as of May 31, 1951 of $65.97.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. H. D. Hagerty, Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the following were elected as officers for the 1951-52 season:

Mrs. M. T. Benedict, President

Mrs. H. G. Bentz, 1st Vice President

Mrs. Lowell McKee, 2nd Vice President

Mrs. O. J. Hebert, Treasurer

Mrs. Ed Peytral, Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Raymond Saal, Recording Secretary

Appointments to the Executive Board were:

Mrs. V. J. Peytral, Chairman

Mrs. Ralph Guichard

Mrs. A. L. Magruder

Mrs. H. P. Kenney

A general discussion of ways and means to improve and stimulate interest in the club brought out some interesting angles. The meeting closed with a motion to have an executive meeting before the October regular meeting so as to discuss the various ideas mentioned

Delicious refreshments of punch, french pastries and mints were served by the hostesses, Mrs. H. P. Kenney, Mrs. A. Boustalot, Mrs. A. Perez and Mrs. M. J. Bryer

OCTOBER 1951

The Covington Garden Club met in regular session on October 4, 1951 in the garden of Mrs. Mayer Israel with 34 members present.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. M. T. Benedict, the Club's new President, and she expressed her appreciation at being so honored. Mrs. O. J. Hebert, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of $54.92.

Mrs. Benedict reported to the membership the feeling of the Executive Board that in order to have funds to present better programs, dues should be raised from $1.00 annually to $2.00 annually.

Mrs. Krause called attention to the fact that the constitution sets the dues at $1.00 and also states that the constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of those present, provided notice of intention to amend has been mailed to each member at least two weeks before such meeting. The Secretary was instructed to give this notice, and the change in dues would be voted on at the next meeting.

Mrs. Benedict reported that she had been appointed chairman of the flower display for the coming Parish Fair and asked the cooperation of members in making the flower booth successfu.

Mrs. Heyer then gave a paper on sweet peas and other plants of the season.

Mrs. Kruase spoke of one of the first projects of the club, the beautification of Covington, recalling the planting of day lillies along Boston Street, etc. She then made the following motion:

That the President of the Covington Garden Club appoint a Committee of three to cooperate with the St. Tammany Parish Library Board in landscaping with plants and shrubs the grounds around the headquarters library building on Boston Street,

And that the Covington Garden Club appropriate the sum of twenty dollars to be spent by the committee, in whole or in part, according to their best judgment.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lowell McKee and after an affirmative vote, the President appointed the committee as follows, Mrs. O. J. Hebert, Chairman, Mrs. F. F. Chapman, and Miss Ottilie Lambert.

Mrs. Saal spoke about the scenic trail being opened by the Covington Business Club.

Mrs. Benedict announced a prize at the end of the season for perfect attendance, and in the drawing for the day's entrance prize, Mrs. B. Warren was the fortunate member.

Punch and cakes were served by the hostesses, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel showed the members around their extensive camellia garden.

Hostesses were: Mrs. R.H.Saal, Chairman, Mrs. J. Alsina, Mrs. J. D. Bailey, Mrs. T. M. Burns, Mrs. Clara Burns, Mrs. Jas. T. Burns, Mrs. Woodrow Blossman, Mrs. A. R. Blossman, Mrs. Henry J. Bryer, Mrs. E. W. Woodruff.

NOVEMBER, 1951

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday afternoon, November 8, 1951, in the Colonial Room of the Southern Hotel, with the President, Mrs. M. T. Benedict, in the chair.

After the call to order, the minutes of the October meeting were presented by the secretary and accepted as read.

Mrs. Victor Peytral announced the hostesses for the day as follows: Mrs. Ed Peytral, Chairman, Mrs. Hugh Blair, Mrs. Vivian Busey, Mrs. Russell Blackwell, Mrs. F. F. Chapman, Mrs. J. F. Crozier, Mrs. W. L. Crabbe, Mrs. W. L. Clark, and Mrs. B. Warren.

In accordance with a discussion at the October meeting, and all requirements of the charter and by-laws with reference to the amendment of the charter having been met, the President asked for a vote on raising annual dues of the club from $1.00 to $2.00. A written, secret ballot showed thirty-three of those present for the raise in dues and fifteen against. It was moved by Mrs. Haggerty and seconded by Mrs. Tugenhaft that the raise become effective immediately and this motion received an affirmative vote.

A new members, Mrs. E. J. Cooper, was introduced and welcomed to the club.

Mrs. Benedict announced that the December meeting would be held at the Hotel, and asked each member to bring a small gift for a Christmas exchange.

Mrs. Hebert reported on the beautification of the library grounds. She stated that fill had been donated and placed around the building and that further work would be held up until the

soil had properly settled and conditioned. The Club was pleased to hear that up to the present time it had not been necessary to spend any of the money allocated for the project.

It was announced that persons in the surrounding territory were invited to enter exhibits in the flower show of the Pine Cone Garden Club, of Hammond, November 17 and 18.

Mrs. Owen Heyer presented a timely and informative report on plants of the season, including wedgewoods, tulips, feeding of camellias, et.

While the speaker prepared his exhibits, the drawing for the entrance prize was conducted, with Mrs. Bryer winning.

Mr. Richard Jones, of Louisiana State University, was introduced by Mrs. Peytral. Mr. Jones spoke on roses, presenting exquisite specimens of each variety discussed. He made specific recommendations for the types best grown in this locality and it was felt that the members gained much valuable information from Mr. Jones. After his talk the roses were distributed among the members.

The usual delightful social period, with refreshments, followed the meeting.

DECEMBER 1951

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday, December 6 with Mrs. Victor Peytral, Mrs. Leroy Dunn, Miss Virginia Fairfax, Mrs. M. Fernandez, Mrs. A. R. Fournier, Mrs. J. A. Flower, Mrs. Paul Friedlander, Mrs. Sidney Frederick, Mrs. Rene Grunewald, and Mrs. Carl Young as hostesses.

A short business meeting was conducted by the President, during which the secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and accepted.

Mrs. Hebert reported that in connection with the library project the committee was still awaiting for the fill on the grounds to settle before proceeding.

Mrs. Benedict presented the outdoor Christmas decoration project, announcing that prizes would be given for the best decorated doors and yards in town. She appointed Mrs. A. R. Blossman, Mrs. Leo LeBlanc, Mrs. W. T. Kentzel, Mrs. J. Tugenhaft, and Mrs. Leroy Dunn to serve as committee.

Miss Virginia Fairfax gave the timely hints on plants of the month.

It was announced that Mrs. Heyer was in Gulfport for the dedication ceremony of an organ in memberof her father, and an invitation was extended to the members from Mrs. Heyer to attend the services, whould would be held on the following Sunday.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Charles Morse, who presented a delightful program as follows:

Two readings by Mrs. Valois, one being a "Message from the English Speaking World,"

Musical selections appropriate to the season by Mrs. Jonette Dunning,

A reading by Nikki Barranger,

Violin selection by Mrs. Gautreaux, and then a medley of Christmas tunes with Mrs. Dunning.

A the conclusion of the program Mrs. Morse thanked the gracious performers for being with us.

Small, gaily wrapped Christmas packages were exchanged among the members, and the entrance prize was won by Mrs. Bentz.

During the social period following, Christmas cakes and beverages were served by the hostesses.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - COVINGTON GARDEN CLUB. 6/1/51.

Alsina, Mrs. J.	Military Road,
Bailey, Mrs. J.D.	Military Road
Burns, Mrs. T.M.	713 Boston Street
Burns, Mrs. Clara.	505 Independence Street.
Burns, Mrs. Jas. T.	Mississippi Street
~~Blossman, Mrs. Woodrow~~	1416 Jahncke Avenue.
Blossman, Mrs. A.R.	917 - 23rd Avenue
Bryer, Mrs. Henry J.	5856 Vicksburg St. N.O. 19, La.,
Bentz, Mrs. H.G.	1818 Jahncke Ave.
Blair, Mrs. Hugh	Military Road.
Benedict, Mrs. M.T.	Folsom, La.,
Busey, Mrs. Vivian	"Little Hill", Military Road.
Blackwell, Mrs. Russ ell	Folsom, La.,
Chapman, Mrs.F.F.	1510 America Street
Crozier, Mrs. J.F.	1905 Jefferson Ave.
~~Crabbe, Mrs. W. L.~~	Abita Springs, La.,
Clark, Mrs. W.L.	505 Independence St.,
Chandler, Mrs.W.A.	Military Road.
Dunn, Mrs. Leroy	1916 Louisiana Ave.
Fairfax, Miss Virgina	724 Boston, St
Fernandez, Mrs. M.	912 - 19th Avenue.
Fournier, Mrs. V.R.	4115 Vincennes Place, M.O.15, La.,
Flower, Mrs.J.A.	Military Road.
Friedlander, Mrs. Paul	1930 Mississippi St.
Frederick, Mrs. Sidney	P.O.Box 456, Lake Charles. La.,
Guichard, Mrs. Ralph	P.O.Box 847 Covington, La.,
Grunewald, Mrs. Rene	912- 19th Ave.

Guynn, Mrs. S. L.	1700 Jahncke Ave.
Glockner, Mrs. Wilfred	2109 Theard Street.
Hawley, Mrs. J.A.	1402- 21st Ave.
Hagerty, Mrs. H.D.	Abita Springs, La.,
Heyer, Mrs. Owen	Box. 725, Covington, La.,
Hebert, Mrs. Olivier J.	621 Rutland St.,
Hickey, Mrs. L.P.	Military Road
~~Harrison, Mrs. C.W.~~	Old Landing Road, Covington.
Hinderman, Mrs. George	Military Road.
Hebert, Mrs. Barton	405 Jauffroid St.,
Jacbos, Mrs. E. A.	815 - 19th Avenue
Jones. Mrs. W.G.	Jefferson Ave.
Katz, Mrs. Sigmund	Washington Street.
Kenney, Mrs. H.P.	Abita Springs, La.,
Krause, Miss Louise	724 Boston St.
Koch, Mrs. Walter	Military Road.
Kentzel, Mrs. W.T.	2105 Theard St.
Lambert, Mrs. F.A.	Military Road.
Lambert, Miss Ottilie	Military Road.
Larue, Mrs. Felix	1530 - 3rd St. N.O. 13, La.,
Leche, Mrs. R.W.	Lacombe La.,
Loustalot, Mrs.A.	Abita Springs, La.,
LeBland, Mrs. Leo	906 -23rd Ave.
Magruder, Mrs. A.L.	313 Vermont St.
Menetre, Mrs. Emile	909 - 23rd Ave.
Morgan, Mrs. W.J.	Abita Springs, La.,
Magee, Mrs. Price	Box 116, Folsom, La.,
Mayfield, Mrs. H.L.	Monroe Street.

Morse, Mrs. Chas. F.	Military Road.
Muller, Mrs. Frotscher	c/o Box 725, Covington, La.,
Mugnier, Mrs.Emile	Folsom, La.,
Mott, Mrs. Gerard	803 - 19th Ave.
McKee. Mrs. Lowell	Folsom, La.,
Nunez, Mrs. L.J.	Madisonville, La.,
Ogden, Mrs. Phil	Military Road.
Ogden, Mrs. Garland	Military Road.
Odenhiemer, Mrs. S.	Ramsey Road.
Perez, Mrs.Albert	Abita Springs, La.,
Pittman, Mrs. M.L.	Riverside Drive.
Peytr al, Mrs. V.J. Sr.,	919 - 21st Avenue
Planche, Mrs. M.P.	Ramsey, La.,
Poole, Mrs. Welden	1707 Jahncke Ave.
Privette, Mrs. W.R.	1402- 21st Ave.
Peytral, Mrs. Ed.	Abita, Road.
Percy, Mrs.Walker	Military Road.
Pedneau, Mrs. T.A.	Folsom, La.,
Reeder, Miss Nell	820 - 23rd Ave.
Reeder, Miss. S.L.	820 - 23rd Ave.
Ross, Mrs. Louis D.	1310 - 22 Ave.
Saal, Mrs. Raymond	Ramsey Road.
Simmons, Mrs. J.M.	503 - Independence St.,
Simmons, Mrs.W.D.	Southern Hotel, Covington. La.,
Smith, Mrs. R. Gordon	6615 Canal Blvd. N.O. 19, La.,
Talley, Mrs. S.E.	1205 - 19th Ave.
Thomas, Mrs. W.J.	5820 - Louis 14th St. N.P. 19, La.,

Tugenhaft, Mrs. Julius	Mandeville Road.
Usina, Mrs. F.B.	Military Road.
Valois, Mrs.Walter	1812 Louisiana Ave.
Warner, Mrs, J.H.	21st Avenue.
Warren, Mrs. B.	621 Rutland Ave.
Woodruff, Mrs. E.W.	115 Hancock St.,
Young, Mrs.A. Laurie	1311 Louisiana St.,
Young, Mrs.R. Carl	1805 Jahncke Ave.

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