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QUESTION No. 1

Q. What is an arboretum?

A. An arboretum is "a place where trees and shrubs are cultivated for scientific or educational purposes."

QUESTION No. 2

Q. What is the Connecticut Arboretum?

A. The Connecticut Arboretum is an area of some seventy acres of land at Connecticut College (a privately endowed institution without state support) in New London, which has been set aside for the above-named purposes, and for recreation. Only the native trees and shrubs will be included.

QUESTION No. 3

Q. What are the outstanding features of the Arboretum at the present time?

A. The main features are:

**The Entrance.** It consists of a stone court just off the Norwich Road and opposite the Williams Street gate to Connecticut College; extending down the hillside from the entrance court are grassy steps flanked on either side by nearly a thousand laurel plants and native red cedars, leading to a pond, and into the Arboretum. The entrance was given by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, and the flanking cedars by Dr. C. B. Graves of New London, and Gales Ferry. The Hartford Times awarded second prize to the Arboretum Entrance in their Highway Beautification Contest for 1933.

**The Plant Collection.** The collection of trees and shrubs is growing in three nurseries. There are now nearly 5000 plants of 258 species, representing 89 genera. These make up about two-thirds of the woody plants that grow in Connecticut. The plant collection has been extended by a grant from the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, twenty individual Garden Clubs, and numerous interested persons.
The Hemlocks. The crowning glory of the Arboretum is a grove of ancient hemlocks which have stood since the time of the Mohegan Indians. The hemlock grove and environs is called "Bolleswood" and is the gift of Miss Anna Hempstead Branch and her Mother of New London. The open air chapel is in the center of the grove.

The Outdoor Theatre. An outdoor theatre at the north end of the pond where a charming setting has been made among the trees for outdoor plays and other activities. It is the gift of Miss Frances Buck and her Mother of Chicago.

The Bird Sanctuary.

Trails, bridle paths, and picnic spots.

QUESTION No. 4

Q. What are the needs of the Arboretum?

A. Funds to make possible the securing of the approximately 100 kinds of plants still missing from the plant collection, and to provide for the planting of the various units when the specimens are a little older. These units are being planned to bring out scientific relationships as well as native beauty.

QUESTION No. 5

Q. How may an individual or an organization help?

A. By becoming a member of the Arboretum Association. Your club may become an annual member for $10 yearly, or a supporting member for $25 yearly. Individuals or groups of individuals who are interested in establishing memorials such as tree groups, etc., are invited to participate. Checks for membership should be made out to "The Connecticut Arboretum Association" and should be sent to either of the following persons:

Miss Katharine Matthies, Secretary
255 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

George S. Avery, Jr., Director of the Arboretum
Connecticut College
New London, Connecticut

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ADAPTED FROM THE BRINKERHOFF PLAN
The membership for 1932-1933 includes the following Garden Clubs:

- Westport
- Cheshire
- Fairfield
- Old Greenwich
- New London
- East Haddam
- Branford
- Bridgeport
- Stamford
- Wilton
- Riverside
- New Haven
- Wethersfield
- Spring Glen
- Mystic
- Shippan Point
- Darien
- New Canaan
- Norwalk
- Glenbrook

The membership for 1932-1933 also includes the following individuals:

- Raymond E. Hill
- Lillian Wadsworth
- Florence L. Barrows
- Mrs. Charles Cutler
- Mary R. Miller
- Strong Comstock
- Dr. Henry Hubbard
- Mrs. Warren J. Lynch
- Mrs. Thomas H. Beck
- Mrs. E. C. Henderson
- Mrs. H. B. Spelman
- Sarah L. Middlebrook
- Mrs. Helen Binney Kitchell
- And numerous members
  - of the staff of
  - Connecticut College

QUESTION No. 6

Q. What is the Arboretum Association?

A. The Arboretum Association is the organization responsible for the Arboretum and its welfare. Your club upon becoming a member of the Association is asked to elect a representative to the Executive Board. This board meets twice each year to decide the policies of the Arboretum.

QUESTION No. 7

Q. How do we profit from membership in the Association beside supporting a worthwhile undertaking?

A. Such membership entitles your club to receive trees for CIVIC planting in your community. Over a thousand two-year-old dogwoods and elms are now ready for such purposes, and some of the member clubs have already availed themselves of the opportunity.
QUESTION No. 8

Q. For whom is the Connecticut Arboretum?

A. The Connecticut Arboretum is for the use of the people of Connecticut as well as for the students of Connecticut College. It is a conservation project of the highest order. The generations ahead depend upon us for their heritage, and surely the flora of Connecticut is worthy of gathering together in one beautiful place and preserving for them.

FACTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Plant Collection

Thirty-three species representing 26 genera of woody plants are to be found in their native state in the Arboretum property. The following figures apply to the nurseries only, and indicate their growth.

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(January) (4938 specimens)

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