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THE
CONNECTICUT ARBORETUM
AT
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
NEW LONDON

Bulletin No. 1

January 1, 1934

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

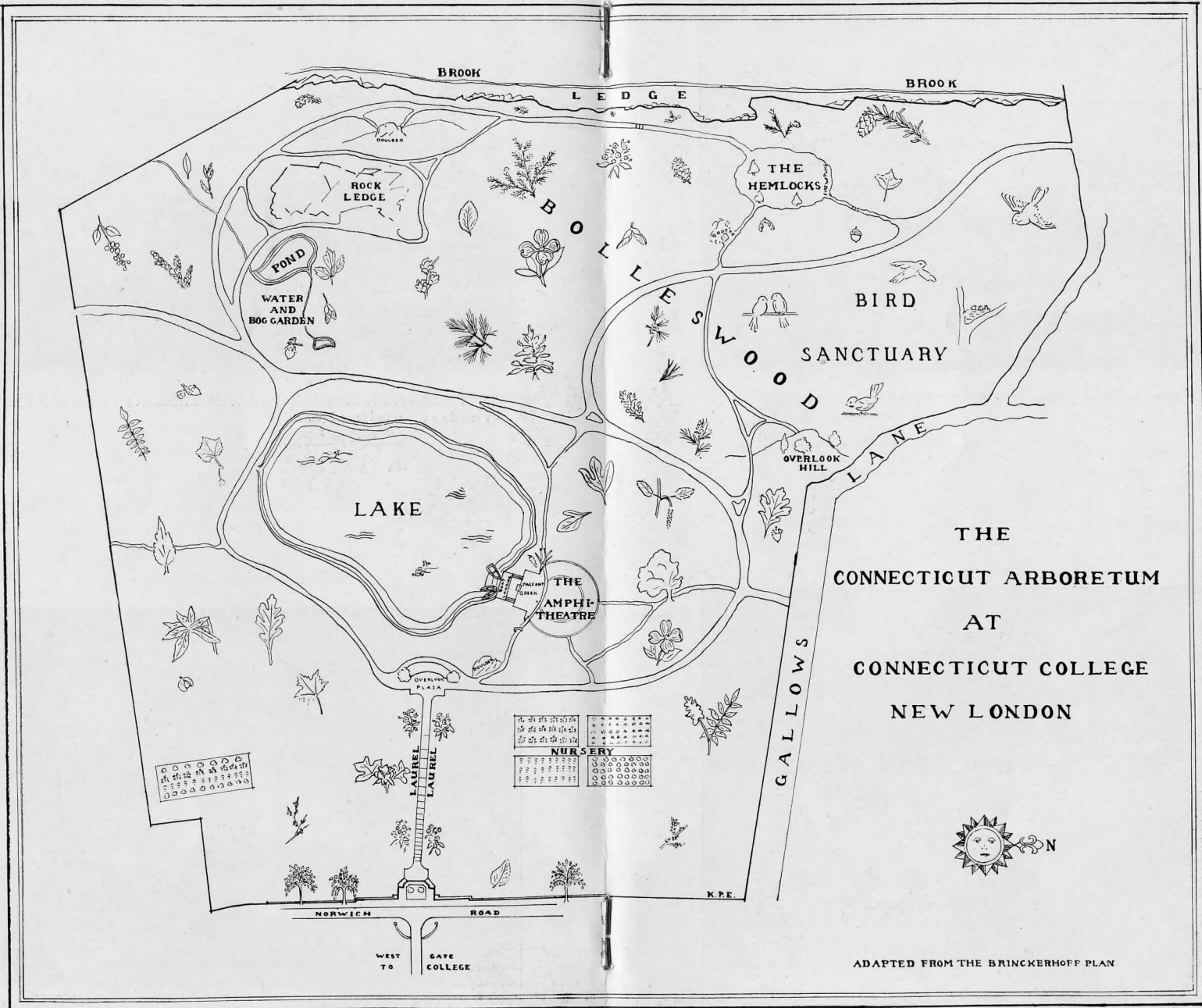
George S. Avery, Jr., Director of the Arboretum
Connecticut College
New London, Connecticut



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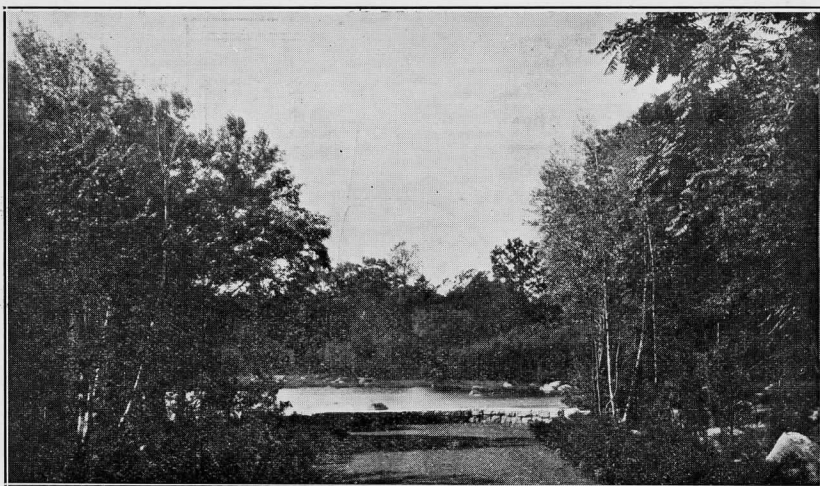
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NORWICH ROAD

WEST TO GATE COLLEGE



ADAPTED FROM THE BRINCKERHOFF PLAN



From the Overlook Plaza westward across the lake.



Eastward — a December snow on the lake and laurel-flanked steps of the entrance. The boat landing and pageant green at the left.

The membership for 1932-33 includes the following Garden Clubs:

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

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

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

1931	0 species	0 genera
1932	110 species	66 genera
1933	176 species	80 genera
1934	258 species	89 genera
(January)		(4938 specimens)

WATCH IT GROW WITH YOUR HELP!

Additional copies of this bulletin may be had for the asking
by addressing the Secretary

Miss Katharine Matthies, 255 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn.