SEPTEMBER 14 FIELD TRIP TO GREENE COUNTY

This was the first hike for some of our members and in spite of the terrible drought we saw quite a few wild flowers - especially right along the creek. I thought the blue lobelia flower was the most beautiful - a rich shade of indigo blue in an unusually shaped flower. The willow herb still had a few inconspicuous flowers. The purple loosestrife was nearly finished but must have had a spectacular display. There were some asters left and bur marigolds. Some tiny pools had duck weed. We also saw the shed skin of a large sycamore tree growing by a creek - struggling to stay alive! Some of the short branches had large healthy leaves. I hope this tree makes it and lives for many more years.

A train track runs right along the edge of this valley - making it even more interesting.

Mr. & Mrs. Haywood & Dr. Mary Joy offered us exceptional hospitality at their home after the hike. Mrs. Haywood had made gallons of homemade vegetable soup - very good! Plus homemade apple & pumpkin pie. And there was plenty for the 26 people who came on the hike. I almost forgot to mention the gallons of iced tea that we drank.

Altogether a very enjoyable occasion.

Our thanks again to the Haywood family.

RARE PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING

Rare Plant Committee meeting will be held December 6, 7, 8 at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pa.

SYMPATHY

Belatedly, we extend our condolences to Mary Lou Brown upon the death of her mother.

MISSACHICKON'S MEETING PLACE BURNS

As I sit writing this, the TV picture is showing Community Presbyterian Church ablaze. This church on Woodland Ave., Ben Avon had been the meeting place of our sister society, Missachickon Nature Club.