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THE COVER

Royal Palms in a South Florida Garden

Pictured is the entrance to the estate of Col. and Mrs. R. H. Montgomery which adjoins the famous Fairchild Botanical Garden south of Coconut Grove, near Miami.

Stately Royal Palms line the curved roadway leading into the grounds. In the background many other species of palms which have been collected from all parts of the tropical world may be seen.

The Fairchild Gardens will be featured in the garden tour at the time of the annual Convention in Miami.

Photo by Nixon Smiley, Miami Herald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Melville Hall, Fort King Road, Zephyrhills, has been appointed Director of District V succeeding Mrs. C. Verne Klintworth, Tampa, who has resigned.

Reservations for State Flower Show Awards Banquet must be accompanied by a check for the full amount. Tickets are \$3.25 each, including tax and tip. Write to Mrs. Eugene A. Smith, Banquet Chairman not later than March 5th, address 315 S.E. 17th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale.

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Editor's Page

This is the convention issue and the pages are so filled we have to hold over several interesting articles until June, the last issue of the club year. The deadline for all copy is **April 12.**

Some one asked: "Why go to convention?"

Different people go for different reasons depending upon their attitudes toward life. Whether you go as a delegate or simply as a visitor (any member is welcome), here are some of the things attendance at convention can mean:

1. You meet and mingle and make new friends among the diversified people who have an interest in common—love of growing things and creating beauty. (I think people are the most interesting growing things on earth so I place the fellowship with the members of the Federation as the first pleasure derived from convention.)
2. You learn how our big organization functions, and transact the necessary business.
3. You hear guest speakers who open new vistas.
4. The forums contribute new ideas to burnish your thoughts.
5. You see gardens and horticulture of another section of the state.
6. You see arrangements designed with materials found in another area of Florida.
7. On display will be many exhibits including books and materials to facilitate our garden club work.
8. You get out of your daily routine. If you have been working too hard in your garden or in your club, then come to convention because it is stimulating and just because it is fun.

"Nature's Bounty for a More Beautiful Florida," the convention theme, has a lush and luxuriant sound, and Miami a reputation as a gracious hostess, so we believe April 8, 9 and 10 will be happy days.

Have you heard?:

"Happiness adds and multiplies when you divide it with others."

A small boy's philosophy: "The more friends you have, the more you own of the world."

Katherine G. Parkinson

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of the
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

SAN FRANCISCO — APRIL 27 to MAY 1, 1953

Headquarters — Fairmont Hotel

Special features of the convention in addition to business sessions are: Monday evening, a tour of Chinatown; Tuesday lunch, forum on Flower Show Schools with a panel of experts; Tuesday evening, speaker on roadside control; Wednesday lunch, lecture and demonstration of flower arrangement; Wednesday afternoon, talk on pruning followed by sightseeing trip; Wednesday evening, discussion of modern landscape problems; Thursday morning, discussion of roadside control and water; Thursday afternoon, modern gardens will be visited; Friday morning, elections, Awards presented at luncheon, officers installed at evening banquet; Saturday all-day conservation tour. The program lists three formal and two informal dinners in addition to special breakfasts.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- March 12, 13, 14 Second Annual Florida Flower Show—War Memorial Building, Ft. Lauderdale. Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Headquarters, Governors' Club Hotel; Chairman, Mrs. Fred Trowbridge, 1609 N.E. 25th Avenue.
- March 25-April 1 Nature Study Course, Torreya Park.
- April 8, 9, 10 Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs—Bayfront Auditorium, Miami, Headquarters, Biscayne Terrace Hotel; Chairman, Mrs. R. C. Lohmeyer, 1340 Normandy Drive, Miami Beach
- April 19 National Garden Week (See December 1951 issue of the Florida Gardener for suggestions)
- April 27-May 1 Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of National Council of State Garden Clubs, San Francisco, California. Headquarters, Fairmont Hotel
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STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

From left to right: Miss Jeanne Garrard, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. William A. Quigley, Finance Committee Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Lohmeyer, Convention Chairman; Mrs. Henry Freeman, President of Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County; and Mrs. Halle Cohen, President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members:

March and April will be crowded with Garden Club events, flower shows, lectures, garden tours and other activities of the clubs and important on the list is your Second Annual Florida Flower Show to be held in Fort Lauderdale March 12-14, the theme, "The Florida Story, Exotic Beauty and Golden Glory."

Members will have the opportunity of learning about plants according to families as all exhibits in horticulture will be grouped in that manner. This is a new experiment in flower shows and will be of great educational value.

The convention in Miami April 8-10, will be planned to provide information that will be helpful in carrying out the program of the Federation, the theme, "Nature's Bounty for a More Beautiful Florida" is all inclusive and we shall try to show helpful suggestions that will help to achieve results.

As the administration draws near its close it is thrilling to recount the wonderful accomplishments of the Member Clubs and the fine cooperation in all Federation projects. Garden Club members can accomplish any goal if they put their efforts behind it.

The presidents will receive forms soon for the filing of yearly reports with me so that I may send them on to National Council. Please send back to me not later than the required date you will find on them. They were splendid reports last year and I am sure they will be even better this year.

Hoping to see you at the Flower Show and Convention, I am,

Most sincerely,



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Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. R. C. Lohmeyer was appointed to serve as general chairman of the State Garden Club Convention by Mrs. Henry Freeman, Miami president. She and her co-chairman, Mrs. H. F. Lineberger of Miami Beach together with the committee



MRS. HENRY FREEMAN

PRESIDENT OF HOSTESS CLUB

Mrs. Henry Freeman, president of Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County is a native Floridian.

She became interested in Garden Club work through Highland Park Garden Club and served as its president. After a term as corresponding secretary of Presidents' Council (made up of presidents and past presidents), she was elected its president. This is her second year of service in the capacity of president.

She has been a member of the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show Board for several years, and is active in the Old Cutler Road Garden Club.

Before coming to Miami, where Mr. Freeman was associated with the Dade County Parks Department, they lived in New Orleans. At present they are living among tropical splendor on a large orchid range, of which Mr. Freeman is manager.

It was through her husband's enthusiasm for plants and flowers that she became an active gardener.



MRS. R. C. LOHMEYER

chairmen appointed by the various clubs in Miami have cooperated in planning this Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention.

Mrs. Lohmeyer has shown a great deal of interest in the activities of the garden club. Last year she served as president of the Tropical Garden Club. Upon acceptance of the invitation for the 1953 convention to be held in Miami, she began making the numerous local arrangements necessary for such a large undertaking. She is also serving as the schedule chairman for the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show and as a member of its Board of Governors.

Mrs. Lohmeyer's activity and interest are not limited to the garden club alone. She is a member of the Woman's Club and many other civic organizations which have her wholehearted support.

She and her attorney husband have recently moved into their new home in Miami Shores.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Biscayne Terrace Hotel

Miami, Florida

April 8, 9, 10, 1953

Theme: "Nature's Bounty for a More Beautiful Florida"

Tuesday, April 7, 1953

6:30 P.M. Preconvention Dinner: Executive Board, Past State Presidents
Hostess Clubs — Tropical Garden Club and Miami Beach Garden Club
Miami Beach Woman's Club, 2401 Pinetree Drive.

Wednesday, April 8, 1953

9:30 A.M. Registration: Biscayne Terrace Hotel.
9:30 A.M. Executive Board Meeting: Panorama Room, Biscayne Terrace Hotel.
1:00 P.M. Luncheon: Executive Board and Past State Presidents
At the home of Mrs. C. J. Bryson, Bay Point. Hostess Club, Riverside
Garden Club.
3:00 P.M. Forums: Horticulture, Parliamentarian.
4:00 P.M. Forum: Flower Show and Flower Show Schools.
7:00 P.M. Opening Dinner of the Convention: Officers and special guests formal
(Others optional), Mrs. Halle Cohen, President, presiding
Biscayne Terrace Hotel
Call to Order
Song: "America the Beautiful" led by Mrs. S. A. Dulaney
Invocation: The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Barry, V.F.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Welcome to the Convention: Mrs. Henry Freeman, President, Council
of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County.
City's Welcome: Honorable Chelsia J. Senerchia, Mayor, Miami.
Response to Welcome: Mrs. Karl A. Bickel, Director, South Atlantic
Region.
Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Local Committees:
Speaker:
Song: "Moon Over Miami" led by Mrs. S. A. Dulaney
Announcements: Mrs. J. F. Lineberger
Adjournment
Reception: Honoring Officers and Past Presidents.

Thursday, April 9, 1953

8:00 A.M. President's Breakfast and Round Table Discussion: Mrs. Eugene A. Smith,
First Vice President, presiding
9:15 A.M. Forums: Garden Centers, Garden Therapy, Junior Gardening.

Morning Session

Bayfront Auditorium

10:00 A.M. Call to Order: Mrs. Halle Cohen, President, presiding
Invocation: Mrs. Walter A. Daffin
Presentation of Program for Convention: Mrs. Henry Freeman, President,
Hostess Council
Rules of Convention: Mrs. R. E. Stevens, Parliamentarian
Report of Credentials Committee: Mrs. W. Lee Barber, Chairman
Minutes of First Day's Session: Mrs. Louis Sheerwood, Recording
Secretary
Announcements — Introductions
Reports of Directors 1, 3, and 5
Reports of Chairmen
Report of Nominating Chairman
Instructions to delegates for voting, Mrs. Johnson H. Pace, Election
Chairman
Recess
12:30 P.M. Luncheon: Biscayne Terrace
Invocation: Dr. Glen C. James, White Temple Methodist Church
Address

Afternoon Session

Bayfront Auditorium

- 2:00 P.M. Call to Order: Mrs. Halle Cohen, President, presiding
Reports of Directors 2, 4, and 6
First Reading of Resolutions: Mrs. Frank D. Moor, Chairman.
- 3:00 P.M. Tour of Fairchild Tropical Gardens

Evening Session

McAllister Hotel

- 7:30 P.M. Formal Banquet: Honoring outgoing Officers, Chairmen, and Past State Presidents
- Invocation: Dr. R. Wiley, Miami Beach Community Church
Address: Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, President, Stetson University
Presentation of Awards: Mrs. A. Marshall Mullikin, Awards Chairman
Song: Way Down Upon the Suwannee River
Adjournment

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mrs. George C. Menninger, Soloist Accordionist: Mr. Philip Schneider

Friday, April 10, 1953

Morning Session

Bayfront Auditorium

- 9:00 A.M. Suggestions for "A More Beautiful Florida"—Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Third Vice President, presiding
- 10:15 A.M. Call to Order: Mrs. Halle Cohen, President, presiding
Invocation: Mrs. W. A. Daffin, Chaplain
Report of Credentials Committee
Presentation and voting on proposed changes in By-Laws: Mrs. Harry M. Griffin, Chairman
Reports of Chairmen
Ten Minute Recess
Report of Election Chairman
Presentation of New Officers
Recess
Luncheon—On Your Own

Afternoon Session

Bayfront Auditorium

- 2:30 P.M. Call to Order: Mrs. Halle Cohen, President, presiding
Report of Credentials Committee
Final Reading of Resolutions: Mrs. Frank D. Moor, presiding
Call for invitations 1954 Convention and 1954 Third Annual Florida Flower Show
Business
Announcements
Installation of New Officers: Mrs. Mary N. Ten Eick, Past President, Installing Officer
Adjournment

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

Mrs. George H. Newsome announces that there is ample space for all exhibits desired for the State Convention. It is necessary to make advance reservation of space and this may be done by writing to her at 311 North Coconut Lane, Miami Beach.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

District 1, Mrs. W. D. Dutton, Pensacola; District 2, Mrs. J. Guy Williams, Lake City; District 3, Mrs. Carrol Griffin, Jacksonville Beach; District 4, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mount Dora; District 5, Mrs. Joe Hayes, Winter Haven, resigned—Mrs. A. Marshall Mullikin, Winter Haven, appointed; and District 6, Mrs. Porter Baldwin, West Palm Beach—alternate, Mrs. George Newsome, Miami Beach; 2nd alternate, Mrs. C. Kay Davis, Ft. Lauderdale, appointed by State President.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be sent to each club president 30 days prior to the Convention.



CHARLES TORREY SIMPSON MEMORIAL GARDEN CENTER

By Mrs. Louis Novelty, Associate Editor
Miami

Named for one of our most outstanding horticulturists and botanists, The Simpson Memorial Garden Center lies amidst a huge growth of native and introduced plantings known as a hammock, at 55 S.W. 17th Road, Miami. It is made of native rock and open beams and is a perfect example of rustic building suitable to its particular setting.

The property is owned by the City of Miami in perpetuity as a park, while the building itself is owned and maintained by the Garden Clubs. A large auditorium, office, kitchen and porches have provided space over the years for many shows and gardening events, while it is rented to certain organizations for meetings. At present the building program is on, and a large patio is being enclosed to provide more space for meetings and shows, while a large new kitchen will add greatly to the facilities for serving. The present office and kitchen will provide much needed storage.

The clubs maintain the building and all moneys received from it go back into the maintenance fund. The City co-operates in the form of help in keeping up the grounds, and in labor of other sorts. The Director or Park Superintendent employed by the City is Mrs. M. M. Black, a member of South Florida Garden Club who knows all the plants in the hammock, and grows beautiful orchids. She makes a gracious hostess and her assistance is invaluable.

A fine library, many books from the shelves of Dr. Simpson's private library, others donated by the Garden Clubs are there for the use of the general public who are welcome to browse and read in peaceful quiet, while a regular library service is maintained for Garden Club members who may take the books out for limited periods of time.

Many shows have been held and will be held this year in the Center, among them the Rose Show, by the American Rose Society, the Hibiscus Show by the American Hibiscus Society, Begonia by the Begonia Society, and others.

A semi-monthly program is presented by the various clubs from October thru May to which the public is invited. The speakers are well known authorities on horticulture, flower arrangement and allied subjects.

We hope that all guests at the Convention will visit our Center of which we are justly proud.



WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, FORT LAUDERDALE

HOW TO ENTER THE STATE FLOWER SHOW

By Mrs. Eugene A. Smith

From all over the State comes the same cry, "How do I go about entering the State Flower Show?" No matter where you live, the same procedure is followed. So, this is the way to plan . . .

First of all, study the Schedule found on pages 6-13 in the December issue of the Florida Gardener.

Next, remember that the Show is in Ft. Lauderdale and figure the distance to be travelled in order to enter plant material and have it arrive in top condition.

Now, decide in the Arrangement division which class you are best qualified to enter. Of course, it makes no difference where you live as to the class you prefer to enter, but realize that if plant material is carried from home, it must be well conditioned (that is, cared for in such a way that it will hold its fresh appearance at least four days). Should you decide to buy flowers and plant material in Ft. Lauderdale, write to a florist in the city to reserve the necessary material for you. Remember, also to have plenty of extra material to substitute for any that might be bruised or broken en route.

Having decided the above, write to Mrs. Herman Schoonbeck, 250 Palmo Way, Palm Beach, this must reach her not later than March 3rd. Ask for a place in the class in which you would like to enter. Offer a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice in case classes are filled.

Finally, plan to be at the Auditorium in Ft. Lauderdale not later than eleven A.M. on Thursday, March 12th, the opening day of the Show, since arrangements must be in place not later than twelve noon.

Bring card with you acknowledging entry.

Having decided the classes in Artistic Arrangements which you will enter, now turn to the Division in Horticulture. Here you can have full sway. You have so many splendid potted plants which should be shown and shared with the general public. In order to enter these specimens, write to Mrs. C. Kay Davis, 1000 S.W. 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale and ask to have them registered. This must be done by March 3rd.

Then, get to the Auditorium early Thursday morning, March 12th, to have them placed. They must be labeled correctly. If possible, potted plants could be delivered on Wednesday March 11th, the day before. Then, the opening day could be devoted to preparing your arrangement.

Cut plant material must be handled carefully and carried to the Auditorium Thursday morning, March 12th. It, too must be labeled correctly. If you are uncertain, an identification committee will be there to assist. Be sure that this, too has been hardened in order to preserve a fresh appearance as long as possible.

This is a State Show, so you want your part of the State represented. There is such beautiful plant material from every section of Florida, you will want our visitors to see and enjoy the plants you love and enjoy.

Now that you have studied the Flower Show schedule and have found the many classes you can enter, you must realize how very easy it is to enter your plants and arrangements. Write to Mrs. Schoonbeck and enter in the Arrangement Division. Write to Mrs. C. Kay Davis and register your Horticulture specimens. If you are sure of cut material you plan to enter ask to have that registered also. However, if you do not register cut plant material ahead of time, remember that cut plant material, **and it alone**, can be registered the morning of the Show.

All Junior Entries will be sent to Mrs. Wm. Knox, 649 Isle of Palms, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

So . . . now you are ready . . . and the day of the Show will find you anticipating the beautiful arrangements, the handsome potted plants, and the beautiful cut plant material from all over this exotic, and golden State of Florida . . . the theme of the 2nd Annual Florida Flower Show:

The Florida Story . . . Exotic Beauty and Golden Glory. . . .

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GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

By Dr. H. S. Wolfe, Head Horticulture Department,
University of Florida, Gainesville.

Note: This NEWSLETTER is sent to every Club President. Individual members may subscribe for it by sending \$1.00 to Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville.

In the fall of 1938 when Dr. H. H. Hume took over as Dean of the College of Agriculture, he asked the writer to leave his research position at the Sub-Tropical Experiment Station and return to teaching as head of the Department of Horticulture. Dean Hume had long been intimate with the garden clubs of the state, and after we had spent a few months adjusting ourselves to the new harness, we began to consider how we might do something to aid this splendid movement. It came to our attention, I cannot remember just how, that in Ohio the Floriculturist of the Agricultural Extension Service had for some time been sending a monthly newsletter to the garden clubs of that state, and we sent for some sample copies. The Florida Agriculture Extension Service has never had any staff members trained in and assigned to ornamental horticulture and floriculture, so that there was no one comparable in Florida who could be asked to undertake such a service. But it seemed to Dr. Hume and me that the teaching staff in Horticulture, with aid from research workers in the Agriculture Experiment Station, might be able to render a real service to the garden clubs by starting a newsletter. Accordingly, we made our first bow in early October, 1939, with a preface explaining that there would be monthly issues from October through May.

From the first the newsletter, entitled "For Florida Gardeners," has been a cooperative affair. The cost of mimeographing has always been borne by the Agricultural Experiment Station, whose trained staff has printed and mailed the copies. The articles have largely been written by the members of the teaching staff in Horticulture, but many splendid contributions have come from our research colleagues, and in earlier years from Dean Hume also. The writer has served from the start as editor and his secretary has cut the stencils; and for several years his department funds have been used for postage, after changes in the regulations governing the mailing of material under government frank made it possible to distribute the newsletters under the Agricultural Extension Service frank.

The aim of the Garden Club News Letter has been from the first to supply sound information which might be helpful to Florida amateur gardeners. We have tried to have some article each month on things to be done in the garden that month, and other articles on matters of less immediate concern—basic information on how plants grow, on methods of propagation, on new books for gardeners, and on particular plants or plant groups. One handicap has been that there has been no general program for the Federation and so no way of helping meet the program needs of individual clubs. For a couple of years it was possible to send the newsletters to every club member, but this proved too expensive. Consequently, the clubs as a whole have benefitted only to the extent that the horticulture chairmen—if the president remembered to give it to them—summarized and passed on the information to other members. In spite of these limitations, the editor and his staff have been encouraged to feel that their efforts were in some measure successful in aiding the advancement of gardening in Florida.

STATE FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

From left to right: Mrs. Halle Coben, President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Mrs. James A. Weaver, Program Chairman; Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Staging Chairman; and Mrs. Fred Trowbridge, Florida State Flower Show Chairman.

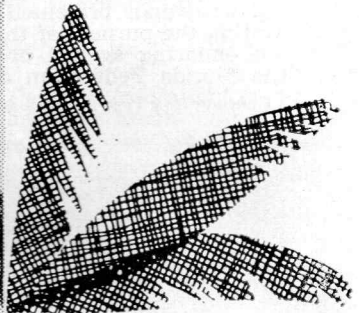


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BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

By Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, Chairman
Jacksonville

The dedication of the Sixth Blue Star Memorial Marker on the grounds of the Welcome Station on U. S. 1, Florida's Blue Star Memorial Highway near the Florida-Georgia State Line November 28, 1952 was a solemn beautiful service.

The ceremony opened with the presentation of Colors by a detachment from the American Legion Post 9 Drum and Bugle Corps, Sergeant J. C. Goss, Jr., H. M. Gunter and T. A. Kuskosky.

The Senior Chaplain Captain Charles A. Dittmar of the Naval Air Station offered the invocation, Colonel H. W. Tarkington, Chief of Florida Military District spoke on the significance of the Marker declared: "National property is National Honor of the highest value. We are honoring here today men who showed courage, not only physical courage but courage of their convictions, because all had the high ideals of America and the heritage of liberty in their hearts."

Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, State Blue Star Memorial Chairman presented the Program, stating the purpose of the Marker: "Was an enduring symbol of gratitude from the Florida Federation of Garden

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BIRDS

Mrs. Harry G. Clark, Chairman
Lakeland

The songs of the Mockingbird, Cardinal, Florida Wren, Blue Jay, Boat-Tailed Grackle, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Florida Sandhill Crane, Limpkin, Barred Owl and Chuck Will's-Widow are now recorded on a 10-inch 78 rpm record.

The bird songs were recorded by P. P. Kellogg and A. A. Allen, of Cornell University's Department of Ornithology, who went into the fields and wilds of Florida armed with parabolic sound reflectors and other special equipment to get them. This is the first "state" recording made by the two pioneers in the field of bird song recording. Records for other states will be made if the Florida record is successful.

The Cornell professors have previously issued recordings of the songs of North American birds by this same division of the Cornell University Press, Comstock Publishing Associates. This record has been ordered by our Garden Club Library at Gainesville and is available on the usual loan basis, as well as from the regular record stores.



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

From left to right: Captain Charles A. Dittmar, Colonel H. W. Tarkington, Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, Mrs. Halle Coben, Mr. J. A. Brewer, Mr. Julian Warren and H. M. Gunter.

FLOWER SHOWS AND FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Mrs. Lester H. Simon, Chairman
Tampa

Flower Shows Scheduled

March 5 through June 1, 1953

- March 5-6—**Palmetto**—"Better Homes and Gardens." Woman's Club, Mrs. H. W. Pace, Chairman.
- March 5-6—**Sebring**—Sebring Garden Club—"Days To Remember," Mrs. E. A. Skipper, chairman.
- March 6-7-8-9—**Miami**—Miami Metropolitan Flower Show—"Tropical Fantasies." Fifth Annual Flower Show—Garden Clubs of Dade County.
- March 7—**Clearwater**—"Florida Treasures." Clearwater Garden Club.
- March 7—**Auburndale**—Flower Show. Auburndale Garden Club.
- March 7-8—**Clermont**—"Through the Garden Gate." Clermont Garden Club, Mrs. Forest Colegrove, chairman.
- March 7-8—**Kissimmee**
- March 7-8—**Ft. Pierce**—"Golden Shores of the Indian River." Indian River Circle, Community Center, Walton on S. Indian River Drive. Mrs. L. C. Faunce, chairman, Rt. 1, Box 200 B, Ft. Pierce.
- March 9-10—**Belleair** (Clearwater)—"Florida Holidays." Biltmore Hotel, Mrs. Arthur B. Kline, chairman, 303 Ponce de Leon Boulevard.
- March 12—**Daytona Beach**—Spring Show. Cherry Laurel Club.
- March 12-14—**Ft. Lauderdale**—Annual State Flower Show. "The Florida Story—Exotic Beauty and Golden Glory." Mrs. Fred Trowbridge, chairman, 1609 N.E. 25th Avenue.
- March 14-17—**Miami**—Shenandoah Garden Club. Mrs. R. E. Turner, chairman, 1331 S.W. 22nd Terrace.
- March 16-21—**Eustis**—"Flowers on the Air." Lake County Federation of Garden Clubs. Fair Grounds, Mrs. Howard Gamble, chairman, Eustis.
- March 17-18—**Valrico**—"Sanctuary." Valrico Civic Building, Mrs. H. M. Hackney, chairman.
- March 17—**Avon Park**—"Blossomtime in Avon." High School Gymnasium.
- March 18-19—**Sarasota**—"Silver Jubilee." Municipal Auditorium, Mrs. Claude D. Case, chairman, Route 4, Box 733, Siesta Key.
- March 18-19—**Manatee**—River Garden Club—Spring Show. Garden Center.
- March 18-19—**Stuart**—"Living With Flowers." Mrs. L. A. Arbogast, chairman, Box 745.
- March 19-20—**Punta Gorda**—Spring Show. "Happy Days With Flowers." Mrs. E. O. Husted, chairman.
- March 20—**Hollywood**—"House, Garden and a Gardener."
- March 20-21—**Wauchula**—"The Talk of the Town." Mrs. M. C. Kayton, chairman, Box 92.
- March 20-23—**Miami**—Spring Show, Poinsettia Garden Club. Mrs. Lester Drye, chairman, 8011 N.E. Miami Court.
- March 21-22—**Orlando**—"This is the Life." Orlando Garden Club—Exposition Park.
- March 21-22—**Lakeland**—"Beauty at Your Own Doorstep."
- March 21-22—**Ormond Beach**—"Pascua Florida"—VIA Club House, Ormond Beach Garden Club, Mrs. J. B. Powell, chairman.
- March 24—**Daytona Beach**—"Tropical Living"—Garden Walk of Eight Gardens. Garden Club of Halifax Country, Mrs. Robert A. Gardiner, chairman, 2500 S. Peninsula Drive.
- March 25-26—**Dade City**—"Old South." Pasco County Fair Grounds, Mrs. W. F. Edwards, chairman, 312 Southview.
- March 26-27—**Belle Glade**—"A Garden Symphony." Belle Glade Garden Club.
- March 27—**Jensen Beach**—Spring Show. Mrs. Ezra Ditterline, chairman, 1718 Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce.
- March 28-29—**Ft. Pierce**—"Tour of Tropical Homes and Gardens." St. Lucie County Federation of Garden Clubs, Miss Helen O'Hea, chairman, Rt. 2, Box 285.

- March 28-29—**Tampa**—"America the Beautiful." Jackson Horticultural Building. Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Mrs. J. W. Baker, chairman. 1202 Park Circle.
- April 7-8—**St. Petersburg**—"Silver Anniversary Birthday Party." Municipal Pier, Mrs. G. K. Palmer, chairman, 5063 Dartmouth Avenue.
- April 8—**Belleair Beach**—Spring Show. Mrs. Harry E. Peterson, chairman.
- April 16—**DeFuniak Springs**—"DeFuniak Springs Springtime," Coca-Cola Club Room, Mrs. J. M. Wooten, chairman.
- April 16—**Uleta**—Spring Show. Uleta Garden Club, Mrs. Susan Severino, secretary.
- April 16-17—**Plant City**—"Around the Clock with Flowers."
- April 17-18—**Bartow**—"America My Native Land." Civic Center, Mrs. L. R. Isbell, chairman, Rt. 2, Box 293.
- April 18-19—**Palatka**—"Around the World." Woman's Club Building, Mrs. L. G. Hebel, chairman.
- April 18-19—**Pensacola**—"Floral Melodies." Sander's Beach Pavillion. Mrs. P. G. Wahlstrom, chairman, 14 Sulu Drive, Warrington Station.
- April 18-19—**Ocala**—Spring Flower Show. Pioneer Garden Club, Mrs. C. E. Winston, Jr., chairman.
- April 23—**Greenwood**—"Peace." Greenwood Garden Club, Mrs. N. A. Pender, chairman.
- April 23-24—**Zephyrhills**—"So Dear to Our Hearts." Garden Center, Mrs. Melville Hall, chairman, Ft. King Road.
- April 25-26—**Macclenny**—Spring Show. Woman's Club, Mrs. E. G. Frazer, chairman.
- April 26-27—**Lake City**—Spring Show.
- May 2-3—**Orlando**—Hemerocallis Specialty Show. Conway Garden Club, W. R. Boon High School Auditorium, Mrs. A. A. Rayburn, chairman.
- May 9—**Tampa**—"Flowers in the Sanctuary"—Staged in Eight Churches. Davis Island Circle, Mrs. J. H. Staley, chairman, 402 Columbia Drive.
- May 28—**Miami**—Spring Show—Hibiscus Garden Club.

Flower Show Schools Announced

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| March 5-6-7— Tampa —Course V
Mrs. J. R. Bear, chairman
4103 Barcelona | Instructors:
Mrs. Earl B. White
Mr. Joe Crevasse, Jr. |
| March 5-6-7— Port St. Joe —Course II
Mrs. H. R. Maige, chairman
805 16th Street | Instructors:
Mrs. Horace Tompkins
Mrs. E. P. Scholz |
| March 18-19-20— Neptune Beach —Course IV
Mrs. Frank L. Brown, chairman
Box 783 | Instructors:
Mrs. Earl B. White
Mrs. Talmadge E. Coffey |
| May 11-12-13— Miami —Course IV
Mrs. T. E. Coffey, chairman
4110 Lybyer Avenue | Instructors:
To be chosen |

IMPORTANT NOTICE

READING EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD IN FLORIDA ON MARCH 9, 1953
For details write Mrs. Lester H. Simon, State Chairman.

NEW NATIONAL ACCREDITED AMATEUR FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

Miss Elizabeth Calerdine, 637 N.E. 18th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale.
Mrs. Ben McCormick, 1202 2nd Ave., Jacksonville Beach.
Mrs. Frances Perry Badger, 122 No. First St., Jacksonville Beach.
Mrs. Alma M. Funk, 3206 Palmira Ave., Tampa.
Mrs. Hudson P. Meacham, 705 Daniel St., Orlando.
Miss Cornelia M. Miner, 512 Highland Ave., Orlando.
Mrs. Lena B. Hyden, 5710 N. Miami Ave., Miami 37.
Mrs. E. W. Nodurft, 1118 S.W. 8th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale.
Mrs. George J. Roark, 1780 Yates Ave., Pensacola, transfer from Mississippi.

Please note change of addresses of:

Mrs. George Robinson, Naval Air Station, Quarters N. Long Beach Calif.
Mrs. Edward R. Parker, 8828 Guthrie Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif.

New National Accredited Instructor of Horticulture

Mrs. Alma M. Funk, 3206 Palmira Ave., Tampa.

GARDEN CENTERS

Miss Edna W. Mixsell, Chairman
Sebring

Is your Club dreaming of a Garden Center? Why not make that dream come true in 1953! The possibility of having one is not too remote to try.

The question recently was asked, "What is a Garden Center?" The person who inquired believed it to be a meeting place of club members interested in horticulture. That is true, but more important, its purpose is to provide a link between organized members of the Garden Club, potential gardeners and the general public; for the purpose of increasing knowledge of horticulture, conservation and civic beautification—a headquarters for all gardeners.

A Garden Center should have a library of books and magazines on gardening subjects, with magazine racks for current publications and seed catalogues. Seeds in labeled containers, usually contributed by members, should be available for distribution. Lectures on horticulture and conservation, soil testing displays and garden clinics with plant identification, corsage and flower arrangement workshops, and book reviews are helpful; films and slides obtainable from the University Extension Department at Gainesville, are desirable.

We have seen photographs in issues of our "Florida Gardener" and have read with much delight about some of the beautiful and outstanding Garden Centers in our State, but **KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MAY START WITH AN ACCESSIBLE AND PLEASANTLY FURNISHED ROOM IN A LIBRARY, STORE OR OTHER PUBLIC BUILDING. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO START, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE SPACE.**

If your Garden Center is not included in the following list, information concerning it will be appreciated.

District 1

Panama City Garden Center
Pensacola Garden Center

District 3

Jacksonville Garden Center

District 4

Daytona Beach: Garden Center of
Halifax District
Fort Pierce: St. Lucie Garden Center
Ocala: Pioneer Garden Club Center

District 5

Bradenton: Manatee River Garden
Center
Haines City Garden Center
Lakeland Garden Center

St. Petersburg Garden Center
Sebring Garden Center
Tampa Garden Center
Zephyrhills Garden Center

District 6

Belle Glade Garden Center
Homestead: South Dade Garden Club
Center
Fort Lauderdale Garden Center
Miami Garden Center
West Palm Beach Garden Center

A Garden Center should fit the needs of the community it is to serve; upon the full realization of its importance and advantage to a community, there will be many volunteers to assist, keeping the Center open once or twice a week until it develops to a full time schedule.

Your State Chairman will be happy to furnish information or assistance in starting a Garden Center for your Club.

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HORTICULTURE

Hemerocallis

By Mrs. Bright Taylor
Ocala

Editor's Note: Mrs. Taylor, Garden Club's Library and Short Course Chairman, has achieved notable distinction in hybridization of Hemerocallis. She received the National Council Purple Ribbon Award for Horticultural Achievement in 1947. Her first introduction, Prima Donna, was voted an Award of Merit by The Hemerocallis Society.

This article was requested in the belief that it would be an inspiration to other members in their horticulture work.

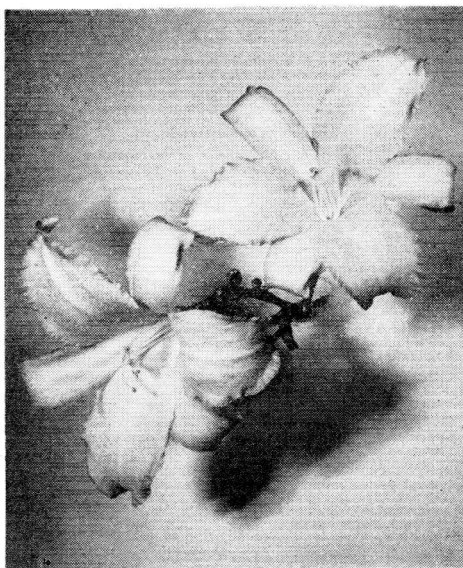
Gardening, even for a beginner, is a most rewarding pastime. No one who has seen the miracle of small hard seeds becoming fragrant blossoms or has felt the responsiveness of growing things to his care, can long stay out of tune with the universe.

But it is only when he approaches it from the creative side that he discovers the ultimate in gardening pleasure. To know he has assisted even in a small way, the unending processes of nature, brings a sense of satisfaction that can soothe and sustain the most troubled spirit.

Daylilies caught our fancy because they are so easy to grow and require no elaborate spray and dust schedules—and yet their performance varies widely. One would grow vigorously and bloom repeatedly while another from the same nursery, grown under similar conditions, gave a poor performance. It was intriguing—and to find out which and why became a project. Within our garden a test plot was set up and as many varieties as possible were purchased and planted. Careful notes were kept on foliage, rate of increase, floriferousness, etc., and the results tabulated and compared from season to season. Before 1939 it was comparatively easy, since there were not so many named varieties and the price of new ones was modest.

But the war brought changing conditions—labor costs shot up, with all other things in proportion, making garden maintenance a problem. A lesser interest might have weakened, but it was too deep-rooted by this time to be dropped for mere money reasons, so we went commercial, in a quiet way, and surplus plants were sold or exchanged to get the new ones so necessary.

Our collection had now reached a considerable number. We were learning many things, too—among them the fascinating game of hybridization. For our records through the years had brought



Prima Donna

to light an interesting fact—many plants of apparent vigor failed to maintain it after a year or two in Florida and this was more likely to be true of those whose foliage died down in winter; the evergreen foliage seemed a badge of southern hardihood. Why not, then, breed varieties that were acclimated from the beginning—crosses between parents that had the necessary characteristics? Again it was intriguing and Project No. 2 began.

The first crosses went back to species—the rose colored *H. fulva* var. *rosea*—rarer than now, since it had come over from China only a few years before, and new in our garden. *H. aurantiaca* var. Major had been a good performer for years. If the color of the one could be transferred to the larger, finer blossom of the other, what a remarkable hemerocallis that would be! It was no more profound than that and to that end we have been working twelve years. We have made progress, but as to the specific aim with which we started we can not yet claim success. We have originated some interesting types and our first introduction, Prima Donna, was recently voted an Award of Merit by The Hemerocallis Society. There is nothing world-shaking about that to anybody else, but to us it is recompense for years of hard labor and a stimulus to future endeavor.

Within the limits of the environment of everyone there is a plant or group of plants so well adapted to his needs and tastes that the collecting of them becomes a high adventure, the growing of them a real occupation and the understanding of their ways a personal triumph. To learn, firsthand, facts about plant life—to know, not because you have read it

in a book but because you have seen it happen in your own garden—is a source of real satisfaction. But perhaps the greatest satisfaction of all which comes from specializing is the fact that it has no end. Once you have achieved the goal set in the beginning, another and more challenging one takes its place, and, although in your innermost soul you know you will go the way of all flesh without attaining the ultimate, every day is made happier and richer by the striving.

JUNIOR GARDENING

Mrs. John H. Dolcater, Chairman
Tampa

I want to express my sincere thanks to each Junior Chairman for sending in the splendid Point Hour Reports to me. These reports indicate that great progress has been made in the Junior Garden Work.

The National Junior Chairman feels that there is great need for definition as to what constitutes Junior Garden Work. She has prepared a brief outline, specifying in broad terms, the aims of National Council of State Garden Clubs for our Juniors. The following outline has been approved by the National Board, and will be accepted as a standard for our National effort:

JUNIOR GARDEN WORK

1. Junior Garden Work should consist of a balanced program of instruction in Horticulture, Conservation, Nature Study, Flower Arranging, and Flower Show Practice.
 - (a) This is not intended to discourage specialization, but rather to encourage instruction in all of the important phases of Garden Work.
2. All Junior Garden Work must be sponsored by a member club, a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.
 - (a) Sponsorship means the full acceptance of the responsibility for the instruction of children. This includes the planning and execution of a complete and balanced program.
3. The sponsoring club must provide talent best suited to teach and to demonstrate to the children effectively. This talent may come from within the sponsoring club, and where this fails, from

outside sources. The emphasis, however, should be on the teaching of Juniors by our senior club members. They must also provide: Financial Assistance, Transportation, Judges for Contests and Flower Shows and Awards.

4. National Council encourages Junior Garden Work in all established children's groups, such as schools, 4-H, Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Children's Homes, Orphanages, Correctional Institutions, etc., as well as formally Organized Junior Garden Clubs. However, paragraphs 1 and 2 especially apply here.
5. Hit and miss instruction of large groups which does not present a balanced program, and which is not sponsored by a member club, should not be included as accredited Junior Garden Work.

REMINDERS FOR MARCH

Please send in your annual report of your Junior activities, giving total number of Junior Clubs, new Junior Clubs organized during the year, and if not working with organized groups, state the number of children taught in other youth groups such as Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H or neighborhood groups, etc. Please state number of Junior Audubon Clubs you are working with.

Make plans to participate in the State Flower Show which will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, March 12, 13 and 14th. Please send your best Junior work for exhibition. See the Schedule in March Florida Gardener. We want our Junior Division to be outstanding.

APRIL

Please make your plans to exhibit some of your outstanding Junior Work in prominent places during the week of APRIL 20th, which is NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK—to be observed throughout the nation. NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK is always the week in April which contains the date of April 21st, which is the birthday of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day. Special radio programs may be planned with the Juniors taking part. Let me urge you to continue with your intensive program with the Juniors as you are now building up your Point Hours for the calendar year—1953. **Keep a strict record of all instruction given to the children, with the total number of children and the total number of hours.** Keep my Junior Outline and Point Hour Bulletin for reference. If I can be of any assistance to you at any time, please let me hear from you.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

By Mrs. Karl A. Bickel, Chairman

Sarasota

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We welcome as new Life Members of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. the following members, both of whom were presented with Life Membership by their garden circle in honor of their exceptional work in behalf of gardening over a long period of years.

Mrs. A. E. Cummer, Sarasota, and Mrs. Christy Payne, Sarasota.

NATURE STUDY

Mrs. Leland J. Lewis, Chairman

Tallahassee

There is still time to register for this year's Nature Study Course to be given March 25 to April 1st at Torreya State Park. There will be a full program of handicrafts, pictures in the evenings, study of the stars at night, field trips for studying wild flowers, birds, frogs and reptiles.

A trip to the caverns at Marianna with a picnic lunch will occupy one day. These caverns are said to be comparable to Carlsbad in New Mexico.

Each president is asked to recommend persons for the Course which is for leaders who will guide young people into an appreciation of nature study. Use the Application Blank which was printed in the December issue of The FLORIDA GARDENER. Number is limited to 25 and it is hoped that each District will be represented.

TORREYA STATE PARK, 1,138 acres, partially developed, is located near Rock Bluff, 13 miles northeast of Bristol, in west Florida, off State Highway No. 12.

If you plan to come, write to: Mrs. Leland J. Lewis, 565 Oakland Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, and make arrangements to meet at her Tallahassee residence whence an automobile will take you to Torreya.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Mrs. R. E. Stevens

Daytona Beach

METHODS OF VOTING

To explain the purposes of the various methods of taking the vote and to emphasize the procedures used in each case is the subject of this article.

Robert's Rules of Order recognizes seven methods:

1. Viva voce (by voice) pronounced viva voce
2. By Show of Hands
3. By Rising
4. By Ballot
5. By Roll Call
6. By General Consent
7. Absentee voting, either by mail or proxy.

1. **Viva voce vote.** This type is most commonly used in our club meetings. When the Chair puts the question in this method, he says, "All in favor say, 'Aye,' All opposed, say, 'No'." Then the result is announced: "The Ayes have it and the motion is carried." (or the reverse). Even if the vote seems unanimous in favor of the Ayes, the No vote must be taken except in motions of courtesy.

Often it is hard to decide which side "has it" in a viva voce vote as a few determined NOES will sound more numerous than many more that number of AYES. (Try it some time). In such case the Chair should call for a second vote, saying, "The Chair is undecided as to the result of the vote. We will take the vote by rising." Then the result is announced: "The Affirmative has it and the motion is carried," or "The Negative has it and the motion is lost."

If a Member doubts the Chair's decision as to the result of a viva voce vote (also a show of hand vote), he may call out from his seat without rising or even without being recognized the single word, "DIVISION." Then the Chair MUST retake the vote by a rising vote.

2. **By Show of Hands.** Some clubs adopt this type as common procedure. If such is used, the Chair puts the question: "As many as are in favor of the motion will hold up their right hands. Down. Those opposed will signify it in the same way." Announce result: "The Affirmative has it and the motion is carried" (or the reverse).

3. **By rising.** This type of voting is always in order when a 2/3 vote is required, or if a DIVISION is called. Or it may be ordered by a motion, made and seconded by two members who wish the vote to be taken by this method. Such incidental motion is undebatable and carried by a majority vote. When this type of voting is in order or is ordered by a motion, the Chair puts the question thus: "Those in favor of the motion will rise. Be seated. Those opposed will rise. Be seated." Announce result: "The Affirmative has it and the motion is carried" (or the reverse).

In the case of a 2/3 vote the result is announced: As 2/3 are in favor, the motion is carried" or "As 2/3 are not in favor the motion is lost." If the 2/3 vote is ordered counted, the Chair announces result: (an example) "24 votes were cast, 16 necessary to carry. As 14 voted in the affirmative and 10 in the negative, the motion is lost." A counted vote is recorded in the minutes. However the club may by a 2/3 vote suspend the rule for that meeting.

4. **Ballot vote.** Reason for a ballot vote is its secrecy. Such should be used in electing to membership and in election of officers. It is also useful when a highly debatable question is causing tension. Such tension may be relieved if some member moves the vote be taken by ballot. Such incidental motion is undebatable and carried by a majority vote.

When a ballot vote is in order or ordered, the Chair appoints tellers who distribute, collect and count the ballots. The Chairman of Tellers announces first the total of votes cast, then the number each side or each candidate received. However the Chair **Must** announce which side carries or in case of elections who are the officers elected. The full report of the tellers should be recorded in the minutes unless the club orders such not to be done.

5. **By Roll Call.** This method of voting is used to put each member's vote on record in the minutes. It is particularly useful when the voter is responsible to his own club as to how he voted, as in the case of a delegate. It is also useful when a project involving large sums of money or intense club participation is under discussion so that official record of how each member voted is kept.

In ordinary meetings it requires the incidental motion to order a roll call vote. Such motion is undebatable and carried by majority vote. When such type of vote is ordered, the Secretary calls the roll of members, calling the President's name last. Members respond with "Aye," "No" or "Present," the latter signifying desire not to have his vote recorded. After taking the vote, the Secretary rereads same so as to be assured of its accuracy, then reads the number of votes on each side and the Chair announces the result. All of this roll call voting **MUST** be part of the minutes.

6. **By General Consent.** Much time is wasted in ordinary meetings by taking formal votes in routine matters where there is evidently no difference of opinion. So it is permissible for the Chair to take the vote **BY GENERAL CONSENT**. In this type of voting, the Chair says, "Unless there is objection, so and so will be done," as "the minutes will

stand approved as read," or "the Treasurer's report will be filed," or "The Chair will appoint the committee," or "The amendment will be accepted," or "The motion will be withdrawn," etc. **BUT** if **ONE** person calls out, "I object," then the Chair must call for the usual type of vote.

7. **Absentee voting.** Robert's "Parliamentary Law," page 191 says, "It is a general principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote was taken. Each member must vote in person, so that a member temporarily leaving the hall cannot authorize another to cast his vote for him in his absence." However if a group has widely scattered membership, a provision may be placed in the By Laws to permit absentee voting. This is not necessary if the Charter or State laws authorize absentee voting.

PUBLICITY

Mrs. J. W. Dunlap
Jacksonville

The attention of all Club Publicity Chairmen is called to the fact that the coveted Mary S. Compton Award for publicity is based on the best coverage of news from September to April in any one Club year. This award will be presented at the 1953 Convention.

First, purchase a large, sturdy, attractive scrapbook and save **every** news clipping and picture regarding your Club; keeping the banner name of the paper and the dateline with the article. They may be divided chronologically, by months, or by departments, ie,—horticulture, meetings, special events, etc. Although the judges do not consider the artwork when awarding the prize, still it is wise to submit the material in a neat, well-coordinated manner, for its attractiveness subconsciously appeals to those perusing its pages.

Read carefully the requirements listed in the Award section of this year's State Yearbook, and plan accordingly.

Stress interesting write-ups of meetings (starting with a punch line of importance; not "the meeting of blank was held at the home of blank, etc); the "before and after" approach to Civic achievements, and of course, valuable horticultural and flower arranging information with an inspiration for better gardening, which is, after all our reason for it!

Your Club's participation in the Florida Federation activities and events is of

great value. For instance, your entries (and perhaps award) in the State Flower Show, local members attending State Board or District meetings, delegates off to State or National conventions, or perhaps planning for the post-convention trip to Hawaii.

All of the scrapbooks submitted last year were of excellent quality and differed mostly in the quantity of new items, so you see, the competition is keen. The final decision is usually made on the cleverest approach to the subject, the eye-appeal of the lead-line, and the interesting and unusual props used in pictures. Play up the human interest angle wherever possible. Avoid having too many people in pictures, or trite postures which have been over-done, such as; the chairman holding the report with the committee looking at it, or the past president presenting the gavel to the incoming president, etc. Try to get some feeling of action or unusual background. Remember, the publicity chairman is supposed to serve as "director behind the scenes" and does not appear in the picture unless she has played some part other than publicity chairman. And above all else, don't paste the same write-up in several sections of the scrapbook, for the judges read every one, and like elephants, they remember!

Mats of the Litterbug cartoon, both one and two column sizes may be borrowed upon request.

Although we work separately in our own locality, each individual article is of great value. If the column inches of news printed throughout the state were linked end to end, it would make a chain which might stretch from Pensacola to Miami and halfway over to Tampa!

So sharpen your pencils, be friendly with the newspaper editors and photographers, put on your thinking cap, and let's tell the world how wonderful the Garden Club is, and how to have a "More Beautiful Florida"—with miles of good news. . . .

1954 Engagement Calendar

Mrs. Lee Millican, Chairman

The 1954 Calendars will again have a beautiful, natural color photograph of a garden or flower on the cover and on the box top, and will include photographs selected from those sent in by clubs and circles throughout the state. It is hoped to have every district and as many different clubs and circles represented as possible.

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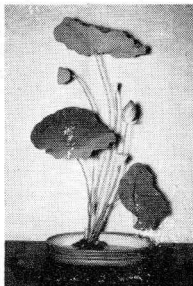
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DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CLUB NEWS

DISTRICT 1

ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. G. W. Adams, Director
Mary Esther

Annual Fall Convention of District I was held in Panama City on November 20th with the Federated Circles of the Panama City Garden Club as hostesses. From the beautiful dinner honoring the State officers and District officers on the evening preceding the meeting on through the entire meeting, the Convention was a splendid one. The cordial hospitality of the hostesses; the beautifully arranged Garden Center, where the morning session was held; the enjoyable luncheon at the Cove Hotel where the afternoon session was concluded, all made the entire delegation enthusiastic and appreciative of the Panama City gardener's preliminary preparation.

Honored guests attending were Mrs. Halle Cohen, State President; Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Third Vice President; Mr. Frederic G. Winter, Superintendent of Highlands Hammock State Park and Mrs. Guy E. Yaste, Chairman of Instructors in the National Council of Garden Clubs.

Club reports, messages from District and State Chairmen were highlights of the morning session. Three new clubs, Marianna, Garniers Beach of Fort Walton and Valparaiso Garden Club were represented. The Gulf Beaches Club of Panama City Beaches, which was admitted to the Federation in October was welcomed also.

Mrs. W. D. Dutton, president of the Pensacola Federated Garden Clubs was elected District Nominating Delegate.

The plan to divide District I was defeated by a unanimous vote.

Marianna extended invitation for the Spring Conference and Pensacola invited the District to hold the Fall 1953 meeting in that city.

Attendance was the largest on record and the entire club membership joins the Director in thanking the Panama City Garden Club for the enjoyable meeting for which they made such wonderful plans.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. E. P. Scholz, Associate Editor
Pensacola

Myrtle Grove Garden Club, Mrs. D. H. McGouan, president, is beautifying the grounds of Myrtle Grove School. This year they will plant pine seedlings. These grow very fast and in a few years can

serve as a background for a shrubbery border. They are urging all residents who live on the Myrtle Grove highway to plant crepe myrtles by the roadside, and in their yards. Crepe myrtles have proven very satisfactory in this section; it is a very inexpensive shrub and gives glorious returns. The members of this club are planting many Peace Roses also.

Brentwood Park Garden Club, Mrs. R. M. Pyle, president is planning a special Arbor Day program by planting four trees in honor of each of their past-presidents. They will continue this custom as their Presidents retire. This Club will landscape and furnish with playground equipment a park for the children of the community.

Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. W. D. Dutton, president, is sponsoring a sale of ornamental shrubs and fruit trees; the members of the federation are asked to send to the Chairman a list of what they desire in shrubbery, azaleas, camellias and fruit trees. This can serve as a basis for orders. By buying in quantity the materials can be purchased much cheaper and at the same time the Federation profits by a percentage on the sales. The event is not limited to Garden Club members only, as any one can take advantage of the sale.

DISTRICT 2

ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. E. A. Baumel, Director
Lake City

The annual meeting of District 2, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs convened in Live Oak at the Methodist Church on Thursday, October 30, 1952, at 10:55 A.M. Mrs. E. A. Baumel, Director of District 2 called the meeting to order. The invocation was offered by Rev. H. H. Davidson, followed by a welcome to the city extended by the Hon. Fred Glass, Mayor of Live Oak. Mrs. Alex McKeithen, as president of the hostess club, gave greetings to all the guests and club members. The response on behalf of the visitors was given by Mrs. Leland J. Lewis, past director of District 2. Mrs. W. L. Tedder introduced Mrs. Halle Cohen, Mrs. J. R. Parkinson, Mrs. E. A. Baumel, Mrs. Leland J. Lewis, Mrs. J. W. Lindler, Mrs. Dale W. Hendryx, and Mrs. Graham Black, and the ladies were presented with corsages.

Mrs. Halle Cohen, president of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs then delivered her message to the members, furnishing us with many ideas as to how to forge ahead in the future. After this excellent speech, Mrs. Baumel then introduced Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

Mrs. Perry, P.T.A. president of Live Oak, explained Amendment 2 and why all should vote in its favor.

Mrs. John R. Parkinson was then asked to tell us of the Florida Gardener Magazine, and gave a most informative talk of the magazine and its purpose.

Mrs. Dale W. Hendryx, Book Chairman, and Mrs. Baird, District Book Chairman were introduced, and explained how books were chosen for our use.

Mrs. Leland J. Lewis spoke on the Nature Study Course, and the delegates were then formed in a group, and instructions were given as to the nomination of delegates and president to elect members of the nominating committee from District 2 to attend the annual convention. Mrs. J. Guy Williams nominated Mrs. Glover, who was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Baumel spoke on the redistricting now in progress, and asked for suggestions to decrease the size of the districts. After considerable discussion, the opinion was voiced that Jefferson County be put back into District 2, and that Columbia County be added to the new district. The matter is in the hands of the Revisions of By-Laws committee, and this suggestion is to be given them.

The meeting adjourned until after luncheon.

At 2:05 the meeting re-convened, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Mathewson were introduced. Mr. Mathewson, Director of Florida State Forest Ranger School gave an excellent lecture on the "Conservation of Trees," after which a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Mathewson, and appreciation was shown to the Mayor of Live Oak and to Rev. H. H. Davidson.

The luncheon committee then gave their report, and an invitation was extended by the Perry and Foley clubs for the next district meeting.

This was followed by the reports of the district chairmen and the various clubs, and a rising vote of thanks was given the Live Oak club for the pleasant and instructive meeting held in their town.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. J. Broward Culpepper,
Associate Editor, Tallahassee

The Monticello Garden Club used a novel way to point up conservation. Each member of the Club received a copy of the State law on conservation of trees and plants. Following this, a program was held in which samples of the plants and branches of the trees were on display for identification purposes.

The needs of our young people have been recognized by the **Lantana Garden Club** of Foley. Although there is an active membership of less than 45, these members have sponsored a Youth Center in their club building, with one age group meeting there once a week, and another every other week—for games and other entertainment, with at least two club members chaperoning. They have also organized a Junior Garden Club. These youngsters, in turn, are assisting with the Garden Club Library.

Although the **Apalachicola Garden Club** was organized fairly recently, its importance is fast being recognized by the community. Fifteen homes or lawns are participating in a Beautification Contest, and plans are being laid for a Flower Show. In reporting their activities, the Secretary, Mrs. Terry Bird, said, "The towns in this area being so small, we invite garden club members from surrounding towns when we have a program in which we feel that they might be interested." What better way could there be for exchange of ideas and inter-city cooperation?

The **Hamilton County Garden Club** of Jasper hopes soon to make Jasper an Iris Town. They bought two thousand Dutch Iris bulbs and resold them at cost. Among their many other projects has been the planting of large beds of azaleas, camellias and shrubs on each side of the entrance to their Evergreen Cemetery.

The inauguration of Governor Dan McCarty gave the **Tallahassee Garden Club** an opportunity to use its many camellias in bloom at that time. The Club decorated the Mansion and Governor's office for this important occasion. For two days during these festivities, large boxes of camellias were placed at the railroad station and at the airport accompanied by the sign: "Welcome to Tallahassee. Take one—Courtesy Garden Club." The annual camellia show was held in mid-January, the theme being, "Camellias through the Years."

The Tour of Holiday Homes sponsored by the **Quincy Garden Club** was an outstanding success. Following the slogan suggested by National Council, "Every Light a Prayer for Peace," it was noteworthy that in all the houses the religious significance of the season was particularly stressed. The President of this Club, Mrs. Bob Davidson, served on the committee for planting the grounds of the new Gadsden County Hospital, and many club members donated plants and untold hours of labor to assist in the success of this large undertaking. Two other civic projects are also being carried on—the beautification of the courthouse grounds and the land surrounding the Quincy Public Library.

DISTRICT 3

ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. Robert L. Fairing, Director
Gainesville

The annual meeting of District Three of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs was held at 10 A.M., November 5, 1952, at the Hotel Bennett, St. Augustine, Florida. Over 300 in attendance made this by far the largest meeting this District has ever had.

The theme of the meeting was "Gardens for Morale." Mrs. Wm. Husson led the singing of "America," the Invocation was given by Rev. H. C. Hardin of the First Methodist Church, St. Augustine, and Mr. W. Howatt, City Attorney, extended a welcome to the City.

Mrs. Ralph C. Waterhouse, president of the St. Augustine Federation welcomed the members and delegates. Mrs. M. M. Parrish, Sr., Past President of the Florida Federation and present Custodian of Records and Fellowship gave the response.

The District was honored by the following State Officers attending: Mrs. Halle Cohen, President of the Florida Federation; Mrs. Eugene A. Smith, First Vice-President; Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Third Vice-President; Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, Blue Star Memorial; Mrs. Dale Hendryx, Book Service; Mrs. Lee Millican, Budget and Finance; Mrs. M. M. Parrish, Custodian of Records; Mrs. R. E. Stevens, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Jack Dunlap, Publicity; Mrs. W. H. Beisler, Visiting Gardens.

Mrs. Halle Cohen, State President, and Mrs. Eugene Smith, First Vice-President, were the principal speakers. Their messages were stimulating and provocative.

Ideas and ideals were imparted to be taken back to the Clubs.

The Director called upon the District Club Presidents for their annual reports. These reports included not only the policies, purposes, and accomplishments of each individual club, but also their objectives and any problems encountered. Excellent reports were given and inspirational ideas were obtained from Mrs. Elliot Soule, Flagler Beach; Mrs. H. H. McDonald, Gainesville; Mrs. Joseph Cooper, Green Cove Springs; Mrs. Robert Paterson, Green Cove Springs; Mrs. J. W. Wilson, High Springs; Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, Jacksonville; Mrs. G. S. Bullock, Jacksonville Beaches; Mrs. Harry T. Gray, Mandarin; Mrs. W. N. Barry, Newberry; Mrs. S. E. DeHaven, Palatka; Mrs. Ralph C. Waterhouse, St. Augustine.

The District Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Prestridge, had species and varieties of plants new to the District

III area which were distributed to attending members who were already keeping horticulture records of some new plant. Books on garden literature, horticulture, landscape design, and flower arranging were displayed and sold by the District Book Chairman, Mrs. T. E. Cleary.

Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Editor of the Florida Gardener spoke and urged members to send items of garden interest to Mrs. L. T. Nieland, Associate Editor for the District. The necessity of keeping the staff of the magazine informed of the correct mailing address of all club members was stressed. Mrs. Nieland was introduced and urged the cooperation Mrs. Parkinson suggested.

Mrs. Waterhouse introduced her committee for the meeting: Mrs. R. P. Davis, Mrs. Wm. Farnell, Mrs. Charles Grace, Mrs. R. M. Pattie, Mrs. George White, Mrs. Rogero Mickler, and Mrs. Robert M. Brown.

Mrs. Carol Griffin, Jacksonville Beach, was elected to represent District three on the State Nominating Committee.

The chairman outlined the idea of re-districting the State. Mrs. Cohen further explained the plan and had a revised district map circulated among the members. Motions were made and carried that recommendations be sent to By-Laws Revisions Committee that District III be divided into two districts.

Mrs. MacArthur, President of the Jacksonville Club, invited the District to meet in Jacksonville in 1953.

The general meeting adjourned and forums were held.

Forum leaders: Mrs. Howard Isbell, Awards; Mrs. F. W. Burt, Conservation; Mrs. H. D. Duke, Garden Therapy, acting Chairman for Mrs. Wesley Coleman who was unable to attend; and Mrs. Fred Avril, Junior Gardens, were introduced.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. L. T. Nieland, Associate Editor
Gainesville

Callahan Garden Club, Mrs. J. L. Irvin, president, won first place for its entry, American Holidays, at the Nassau County Fair. Mantel and sideboard arrangements were used for Christmas, the New Year, Easter, and the Fourth of July. Other appropriate displays included a child's birthday table and a dining table for Thanksgiving.

Members of the Gainesville Garden Club have been requested to submit their ideas for a possible Gainesville entry in the State Flower Show to Mrs. J. Walter Davison, exhibits chairman. These sug-

gestions will be screened by a committee of three judges with the winning idea or combination of ideas to be carried out for the Club's exhibit in the State Show.

The Camellia Garden Club of Green Cove Springs, Mrs. Robert M. Paterson, president, is cooperating with the Green Cove Springs Garden Club and other civic groups in the development of Spring Park by buying and planting designated plants, trees, and shrubs for its section of the park. The club is also beautifying the south entrance to the city on Route 16 and plans to sponsor a Peace rose garden as soon as a suitable location can be secured.

The Jacksonville Garden Club, Mrs. W. E. MacArthur, president, sets as its first objective the completing and maintenance of the Garden Center. The horticultural classes and lectures on flower show practice held at the Center each month continue to be well received. The Club carries on an active garden therapy program with plants and flowers distributed to the N. A. S. Hospital, Hope Haven Hospital for Crippled Children, City hospitals, homes for the aged, U. S. O. Centers, Travelers Aid Desk, and the Eartha White Colored Mission.

Extensive plans for an old fashioned country fair April 16 and 17 are being made by the **Federated Circles of the Mandarin Garden Club**, Mrs. Harry T. Gray, president. The fair will be held at the Community Club and the proceeds will go toward the landscaping and planting of the grounds by the garden club. All members have agreed to set aside a plot thirty by fifty feet where they will grow their plant material for competition at the country fair. In addition to this general project, each circle is active in civic beautification. **Magnolia Circle** is landscaping the Church of Our Savior, a tourist attraction because of the memorial window given by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The **Cherokee Rose Circle** and the **Magnolia Circle** are working together to beautify the roadsides throughout Mandarin. Each end of the Julington Creek Bridge is being landscaped by the **Honeysuckle Circle** and the **San Jose Circle** is working toward beautifying its parkways, especially those near the Bolles School. The Scott Mill Road planting has already been completed by the **Sparkleberry Circle**.

DISTRICT 4

ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Director
Mount Dora

The annual meeting of the Fourth District of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs was held in the beautiful new

Armory Building in Leesburg, November 7, 1952, with an attendance of nearly 500 members. The meeting was called to order by the District Director, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner. The Rev. Lloyd A. Cox gave the invocation. Mayor Marshall Wilson welcomed the guests on behalf of the City of Leesburg and presented the State President, Mrs. Halle Cohen, with a beautiful floral key to the City. Mrs. Roger Simms, Jr., president of the Leesburg Garden Club extended a warm welcome on behalf of the hostess club. Miss Mary Compton, past president, responded to the welcome. There were six state officials, six state chairmen and ten district assistants introduced.

Mrs. Conner introduced Mrs. Halle Cohen, the State President, as the first speaker of the morning session. Mrs. Cohen gave her usual informative and interesting address, touching on many subjects of interest to garden club members.

Mrs. Conner presented the visiting speaker for the morning, Mr. Trusten Drake, member of the State Road Department who spoke on "Garden Clubs in Relation to Highway Beautification and Clean-up."

The Conference for voting delegates was conducted by Mrs. W. J. Cody, Assistant District Director. Mrs. Vernon L. Conner was elected to serve on the State Nominating Committee.

Forums were conducted by Mrs. Lester H. Simon on Flower Shows and Flower Show School, Mrs. Wm. Knox on Horticulture, Mrs. Eugene Reasor on Junior Gardening and Mrs. E. A. McKeon on Roadside Development.

The meeting was recessed for lunch, then reconvened to continue the Club Presidents' reports. The reports were most gratifying and gave testimony as to the enthusiasm felt by the clubs in promoting the projects recommended by both National and our State Federation. A few of the worthwhile things being done by the clubs were—Civic beautification, Horticulture study projects, Conservation instruction in the public schools being added through the efforts of garden club members, the Litterbug campaign being continued and increased, more Junior Gardeners being added, new Clubs and Circles being formed and especially noticeable were the reports of splendid garden Therapy practice.

Mrs. A. M. Garrison, Chairman of Resolutions, presented a resolution recommending increasing the number of districts in the State. Mrs. Garrison moved that the resolution be accepted and Miss Mary Compton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the recommendation has been sent to

the State Chairman of By-Law Revisions.

Mr. Howard R. Bissland, State Biologist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, guest speaker, gave an interesting lecture on "Conservation." He stressed Conservation of all Natural Resources and stated that the agricultural capacity of the U. S. is continually being reduced by damage to the soil and emphasized the importance of teaching soil conservation in the schools. Mr. Bissland specifically cited the excellent work being done by the Principal of the Belleair School of Clearwater and the Lakes and Hills Garden Club of Mt. Dora.

Mrs. W. F. Robinson, Chairman for the District Meeting and all of her Committee Chairmen as well as all members of the Leesburg Garden Club are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they handled this large meeting.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. L. B. Allbritten, Associate Editor Daytona Beach

At a recent horticulture meeting of the **Melbourne Garden Club**, the speaker was Lynn M. Dewey, a Merritt Island Nurseryman, who is well-known as an outstanding hybridizer of hibiscus. Of the one hundred twenty varieties which he brought to the meeting from his nursery, fifty were his own hybrids, the newest of which the Melbourne Club was asked to name. At the suggestion of the club president, Mrs. G. A. Christian, "General Eisenhower" was accepted. In reply to Mrs. Christian's letter asking permission to name this hibiscus in his honor, the great American who was soon to become President, immediately wrote a personal letter expressing his deep appreciation and sincere pleasure. This letter was read on one of the club's weekly radio programs. An invalid artist, Jeannette Pinkerton, of Sharpes, Florida, heard the broadcast and asked to draw a pastel of the blossom of the "General Eisenhower," which is a large, full, double flower, with petals of primary yellow, tipped with pink. The framed picture was sent to a meeting of the American Hibiscus Society, which acclaimed enthusiastically not only the work of the artist but also the magnificent beauty of the new hybrid. May Mrs. Roger Broome, publicity chairman of Melbourne Garden Club, stated that the picture has been on exhibition locally for several weeks and that it would be presented soon to the new President of the United States.

Eau Gallie Garden Club, Mrs. Y. M. Edwards, president, is busy completing plans for its annual spring clean-up week. Through the winter the group has campaigned to eliminate local traffic hazards and to make citizens and tourists alike safety-conscious. Signs proclaiming the fact that Eau Gallie is a bird sanctuary

were erected at the north and south city limits on U. S. 1.

Patients at a nursing home were cheered at Christmas by the members of **Pinecastle Garden Club**, Mrs. Evans Crump, president, who distributed 22 baskets of homemade "goodies" in addition to many potted plants. Proceeds from a successful plant sale were used to continue beautification of the north entrance to Pinecastle.

Another group making invalids happy during the holidays was **Vero Beach's Allamanda Circle**, Mrs. S. B. Taylor, chairman. To the December meeting each member brought a package conforming to "Glamour for a Shut-in" and labeled for a man or a woman. The most unusual ones were a U. S. "Male" Box with a Santa Claus standing by, a chimney with Santa emerging, a shoe box covered with Christmas Cards, and a gilded shell filled with gaily wrapped small packages.

Hoping to encourage the citizens of Ft. Pierce to renew their interest in horticulture as well as in flower arrangement and to beautify the grounds around their homes, **St. Lucie Federation of Garden Circles**, Mrs. Richard Haynsworth, president, will hold a combined flower show and garden tour, March 28-29. Alert action by the federation prevented the erection of a fire station in a city park and the sale of lots in Goodwin Botanical Gardens. The club is now working to have Ft. Pierce designated as a bird sanctuary.

No club in Florida has surpassed **Weirsdale Garden Club**, Miss Margaret Snook, president, in hard work and successful accomplishment this year. An almost unbelievable degree of originality and artistic perfection was exemplified in Weirsdale's flower show, theme of which was "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Classes of flower arrangements had the intriguing titles of chapters in the book.

The horticulture section, "Through the Garden Gate," was remarkable for the quantity and the variety, as well as for the quality of specimens exhibited. Particularly noteworthy were the classes of dahlias. With their truly outstanding conservation display, water gardens, nose-gays, and eye-catching arrangements, the junior gardeners almost stole the show. An appealing, hospitable note was the serving of delicious Florida orange juice by the juniors, costumed as "Alice." According to its custom, Weirsdale Garden Club decorated a community Christmas tree and sponsored an appropriate religious program, with music by the high school band. At the December club meeting Mrs. W. E. Gaither demonstrated novel ways of using native plant materials in holiday decorations for homes and gift packages. Fellow club members

are proud of Weirsdale's Mrs. W. B. Morrow's flower arrangement, pictured in The Florida Gardener engagement calendar.

For Halifax District Hospital in Daytona Beach **The Garden Club of the Halifax Country**, Mrs. Samuel Hawkes, president, made 62 Christmas decorations for patient's rooms. As a further example of its interest in the entire Halifax area the club donated a substantial sum of money for beautifying the cemetery at Ormond Beach.

Hibiscus Garden Club, Mrs. Wilbur Eichholz, president, has completed the landscaping of the patio of the psychiatric unit of Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach—its continuing project for the past two years. On Arbor Day the club planted two large hibiscus bushes in the patio, with an appropriate program which was attended by patients. In a special effort to increase the knowledge of its members on flower arrangement, the club program for each meeting has included the presentation of a chapter from a book on this subject.

Ortona Garden Club, at Daytona Beach, Mrs. W. A. Emerson, president has recently begun an ambitious project with great therapeutic value at Halifax Hospital. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph Camp, members have equipped a cart with flower arrangement supplies which they wheel around twice a week to all sections of the hospital for use in freshening the bouquets. The Club collected a large number of flower containers for the wards and private rooms and bought planters for the lobby, the waiting rooms, and the children's wards.

DISTRICT 5

ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. C. Verne Klintwork, Director
Tampa

"One of the best District meetings we've ever attended" has been the general response from those who attended this meeting held in the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, on November 25th.

All but four of the thirty-six clubs of the District were represented. After the opening procedures of Greetings and Welcome and Response, our State President, Mrs. Halle Cohen, presented, in a most interesting manner, the many services offered each club through the State Federation and everyone profited by her informative talk.

Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Editor, outlined the Aims and Purposes of the Florida Gardener and urged all to send in necessary information on time.

Mrs. Bright Taylor impressed everyone with her talk, "Hemerocallis, its place

in the Florida Garden." She named best varieties for our area and urged everyone to plant more and better daylilies.

President's reports were given in a question and answer forum. This proved a very interesting method of reporting and many attending have asked that this form be used again at next year's District meeting.

During the business session Mrs. Joe K. Hays of Winter Haven was elected to represent District Five on the State Nominating Committee. District Five also voted that it did not wish to divide, but stay as it is.

Mrs. R. M. Dwyer, Lakeland, Assistant Director presided at the luncheon. She introduced Mr. Karl A. Bickel, Sarasota, a member of the State Park Board, who spoke briefly, but interestingly of our State Parks, then introduced Mr. Miles Collier, Everglades City, also a member of the State Park Board who outlined in detail what our State Parks have to offer all of us, and their value to the State, also outlined the support needed from the State if they are to continue and progress.

After lunch the meeting adjourned into conferences; Awards—Mrs. Marshall Mullikin; Flower Shows and Flower Show Schools—Mrs. Lester Simon; Junior Gardening—Mrs. John Dolcater; Horticulture—Mrs. Truman Green; Garden Therapy—Mrs. Wesley Coleman, Mrs. Elton Edwards.

Small's Orchid Greenhouses were open to all who wished to visit them.

The St. Petersburg Garden Club, Mrs. Oakley Vineyard, President, were hosts for the day and provided every courtesy and convenience to make the meeting a memorable one for District Five.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. P. J. Harvey, Associate Editor
Tampa

Recently the **Bartow Garden Club** decorated about seventy store windows with hibiscus blossoms, featuring arrangements of various types such as a child's umbrella covered with pink La France hibiscus was placed in a baby shop window, an arrangement in a tall pair of boots in a barbershop, Hawaiian scene in dress shop, garden scene was created in a hardware store, and others. The Club hopes to encourage the culture of hibiscus by this display. \$271.00 was cleared from the annual Plant Sale. Forty potted plants were taken to Spastic School at Bartow. Sixty bed-side Christmas pieces were made and distributed to white and colored hospitals, Paralytic and Old Folk's Home. Wreaths were placed on Courthouse, City Hall, Library, Hospital and Civic Center. A soil testing workshop was held on January 14th, Horticulture

Chairman, Mrs. V. I. Thackrey instructing.

President, Mrs. E. F. Mitchell, of **Fort Meade Garden Club** reports that the Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Christmas lighting and decorations of homes and grounds.

The Arcadia Garden Club invited all to participate in their city-wide Christmas lighting contest. Prizes of 23 potted plants from the Club nursery were given. They also decorated the Community Christmas tree and the City Park. A plant sale and supper netted sufficient funds to finish the parking lots at the Hospital, this Club's Civic Project.

At Poinsettia Circle of the **Manatee River Garden Club**, Christmas Flower Show, "Christmas Throughout the House," guests were taken on a hypothetical tour of the home, complete from door to invalid trays. There were more than 50 arrangements and 105 outstanding horticultural entries. Tri-color in arrangements went to Mrs. R. R. Bradley, a member, for her mantel decoration.

The Palm River Garden Club begins its third year with a civic project of developing Public School grounds and a junior club. The enthusiasm of the juniors and the cooperation of the school principal, insures the goal will be attained. To give personal assurance of interest, the club's president presents the young garden club members with some small gift, such as a plant, bulb or seed.

New Port Richey Garden Club has a membership largely composed of newcomers to the state, and has chosen the theme "Know Your Own Garden." The monthly study meetings stress the beautification of individual gardens to enhance the beauty of the city as a whole. The Club decorated the Bandstand in city park for Christmas, and sponsored singing of carols by the High School Glee Club.

Plant City Federation of Garden Club Circles sponsored a Holiday House Tour with the theme "Christmas As You Like It," and also the city-wide outdoor Christmas decorations. Arbor Day, January 16, is being observed by each circle planting a tree in the civic beautification project. A flowering tree is being planted in memory of the late Mrs. Harry Hayner, who was Second Vice-President.

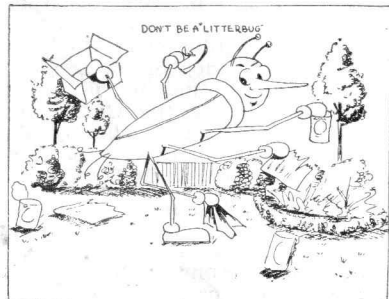
The Winter Haven Federation of Garden Clubs made Christmas arrangements and decorations and carried them to the Home for the Aged in Bartow. A Christmas tree was decorated for the outside entrance of the Winter Haven General Hospital, also one for the reception room. Wreaths were made for each patient's hospital tray. The Lake Elbert and Central Ave. entrances into the City were decorated with a large Christmas tree containing one hundred lights and many

gaily wrapped packages. A gala party was given the children of the Spastic School at the Bartow Airbase, carol singing, gifts and refreshments helped to make a happier holiday. Nora Mayo Auditorium was decorated for the annual Hospital Charity Ball on New Year's Eve.

The Zephyrhills Garden Club sponsored the annual home and garden Christmas decorations contest and in cooperation with the Dade City and New Port Richey Garden Clubs participated in the county-wide Flower Show, "Pioneer Days of Pasco County" held in connection with the Pasco County Fair in January. Landscaping grounds of the Zephyrhills High School Music Hall is presently being completed as is the renovation of the Club's Horticulture building, located near the Garden Center in Zephyr Park, in preparation for the forthcoming Spring Flower Show. Annual distribution of hibiscus plants to new home-owners in the vicinity is underway.

Periwinkle Garden Club of Ft. Myers had the Fifth District director, Mrs. C. Verne Klintworth as guest at their first meeting of the Year. They reported: "We feel that we have gained much knowledge of the work of the Garden Club by being a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs." Planting of the grounds of the new public library are completed. In December club members helped decorate "Holiday House" for the benefit of the local hospital. One member decorated fifty (50) breakfast trays at the hospital on Christmas morning as she has done for several years. "Strolling Flower Show" was the theme chosen for the big show in February during the week of the Edison Pageant. Artistic arrangements of flowers, fruit and tropical foliage were displayed in forty shop windows along the main street.

Mrs. Mary Applegate, member of Hillsborough Garden Circle of **The Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs** has been and is doing a wonderful work with the spastics, going once a week to Bayside School to instruct children in corsage making, creating Christmas ornaments, growing of dish gardens, also button gardens. Mrs. Betty Walker, 1st Vice-President



of Bayshore Garden Circle has been working to get a donation from a Foundation for Bayside School for Orthopedically handicapped children. A check for \$1,000.00 has been received from an anonymous donor in New York City. \$500.00 of the money is to be used, according to Mrs. Elton Edwards, Therapy Chairman for 5th District, to purchase a combination radio and amplifier used in teaching speech to deaf children.

DISTRICT 6 ANNUAL MEETING

By Mrs. Ivan L. Van Horn, Director
Belle Glade

Over 300 garden enthusiasts attended the annual meeting of the Sixth District, November 8th, at the George Washington Hotel, West Palm Beach. Mrs. Ivan L. Van Horn, Director, presided; pertinent topics were covered by Mrs. Halle Cohen, State President, and Mrs. Eugene A. Smith and Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Vice-Presidents.

Advice was given by Mr. Paul Dehrer, supervisor of parks and recreation, West Palm Beach, regarding planting and maintaining most suitable types of trees for streets and parkways in cities. Colored slides and a lecture was conducted by Mrs. Wilhemina Greene, Winter Park, picturing gardens of Central America and Columbia.

Rev. Harry H. Waller, West Palm Beach, offered the invocation; Mrs. E. D. Anthony, Jr., President of the West Palm Beach Garden Club, hostesses, welcomed the assembly with Mayor H. Elmo Robinson extending the greetings to the group. Mrs. Irving Zumpf responded to these gestures.

Past District Directors were introduced and District and State Chairmen gave interesting reports; Sixth District can well be proud that each of its chairmen took advantage of this opportunity to get across important messages and new ideas in their fields.

Mrs. Porter Baldwin, West Palm Beach, was named delegate and Mrs. George H. Newsome, Miami Beach, alternate, of the nominating committee for state officers.

One of the highlights of the business sessions was the adopting of a resolution regarding redistricting to be presented for consideration to the Committee on Revision of By-Laws. This resolution would create two districts from approximately the present Sixth District.

An important motion passed appointing Mrs. H. B. Swinglehurst, co-director of District 6, to direct the district's efforts by means of a resolution to secure legislation to better control cobra snakes in

captivity in Florida. Since these snakes can survive and multiply outside captivity in this state measures were considered urgent for the safeguarding of the public.

Luncheon was served in the main dining room where hand-painted place cards and cornucopias of tropical fruit and foliage were featured.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Louis Novelly, Associate Editor
Miami

WELCOME TO MIAMI ! ! ! The Council of Garden Club Presidents of Dade County, as hostess for the 1953 Convention is happy to have you as our guests, and hope you will have such a good time you will want to come back. All of our clubs are busily doing their part in making this meeting one that will go down in history as "The Glamour Convention."

Highland Park, for instance is making a thousand dried material corsages, and they are truly beautiful. Imagine a small club like this taking on a job of that size!

Hibiscus Club, too, is busily collecting out-of-the-ordinary souvenirs for you.

Outside of the immediate Miami area, other clubs have had exceptionally interesting programs and projects. For instance, **Pompano Beach** has sold souvenir plates for the building fund. These plates show historic Hillsborough lighthouse in the center with scenes of the yacht basin, farmers market, and deep sea fishing forming the border. Hibiscus, the club's flower is inserted between each scene. The scenes are done in green.

South Bay—Members and others who wish to contribute are giving plants, shrubs and trees for the beautification of the Jeffries Memorial Roadside Park now being developed on city-owned land adjacent to Highway 27, with members taking an active part in the project.

Springview—A group of young women, this very enthusiastic "baby" of the Miami Springs Club, have taken on a man-sized project. Springview being a newly developed, barren section, they took it upon themselves to sell each home owner the idea of planting a tree on his property under a planned program and sold 526, making for a lovely community and a proud group of young Garden Clubbers.

Pahokee-Canal Point—Can you figure out this puzzle—Patterns to Palms? Know what it means? Ask any member of this group and they will gladly tell you about the "Be Your Own Hattie Carnegie" idea. Seems these ladies got together, made hats from patterns, armloads of material and plans for becoming "Hatties" in their own right, had a fashion show with prizes being donated by local

business men, and with the \$150.00 purchased 150 small Royal Palms to add to those already planted along the highway, which is their beautification project.

Key West—A most interesting report on the migration of birds through Key West is given by Mrs. Frances Hames, chairman who says that one hundred and ten species have been noted this year, ten of which have never been seen before in this area.

If you missed the January issue of National Geographic, hunt one up for Key West and Key West Garden Club have really received national recognition. There is a wonderful color spread and story of which all of us in Sixth District are extremely proud.

Belle Glade—"Visual horticulture" is being studied, for a placard showing the eleven important steps in growing roses with a diagram of proper rose pruning, was placed in the garden center for use of the general public. Roses are being replaced in the Reidel Memorial Triangle, too.

Ft. Lauderdale—The largest mine-sweeper built in Southeast Florida was recently launched with Miss Sallye Senerchia, daughter of Miami's Mayor officiating. Members of the Fort Lauderdale Federated Garden Clubs greeted each visitor with a hibiscus corsage. They also arranged the flowers on the banquet tables, carrying out the national colors of Red and White gladiolus tied with blue ribbons. Carissa plum was used for the background. Music by Marine bands entertained the guests. Mrs. Fred Trowbridge is President of the Ft. Lauderdale Federation.

Allapattah—Miami area—This re-activated Club has chosen a beautification program at Allapattah School for their year's work and have planted Ligustrum, Ixora and hibiscus in a well landscaped design, allowing for addition or change of planting as time requires. Armed with trowels, shears and shovels they are doing the actual planting themselves.

Miami Springs—A memorial monument to Marines who have fallen in the defense of their country stands in Miami Springs and a beautification program to keep this monument in the eyes of all has been undertaken by this Club. It is on the original site of the First Marine Aviation Force in 1918. The memorial stands on a mound 14 feet by eighteen feet by three feet high, and a "Star" of crotons has been planted using large and small to bring out the design. A hundred crotons were donated by the First Marine Aviation Force Veterans Association, thirty-five from the Parks Department and sixty-five from members and friends. It will be maintained by the Parks Department.

Poinsettia—Miami—has asked for the privilege of sponsoring a Peace Rose Garden in the newly acquired Villa Vizcaya property which will become a public park under direction of Dade County Parks Department in the near future. The idea as proposed and being considered by the higherups is for each club in Dade County to contribute a Peace Rose to this section and at some future time a proper ceremony will be held dedicating it to the fulfillment of peace throughout the world.

Biltmore Heights—Coral Gables—With the help of a few hardworking husbands this group of young women have planted fifteen trees and over a hundred shrubs, on the grounds of the new South Miami Elementary School, where many of the "juniors" are enrolled. All plants were either donated by members or obtained free of charge. Money for this and their other welfare project is raised through one yearly event, a bar-be-que to which all are invited.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

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Clubs and the Garden Club of Jacksonville to our Honored War Dead, to those who are now serving in the Armed Forces and to those who will serve in the defense of America."

Mrs. Halle Cohen, President of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs unveiled the Marker and delivered the dedication address stating "This is but a symbol of the feeling all of us have for those who have defended our Nation; if enough of us can realize the significance of this symbol we can have freedom and will fight for the dignity of all Mankind."

Formal acceptance of the Marker was made by James A. Brewer, District Engineer of the Florida State Road Department, Lake City, Florida. Benediction was by Captain Charles A. Dittmar of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida.

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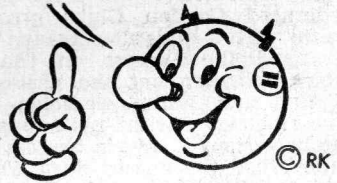
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