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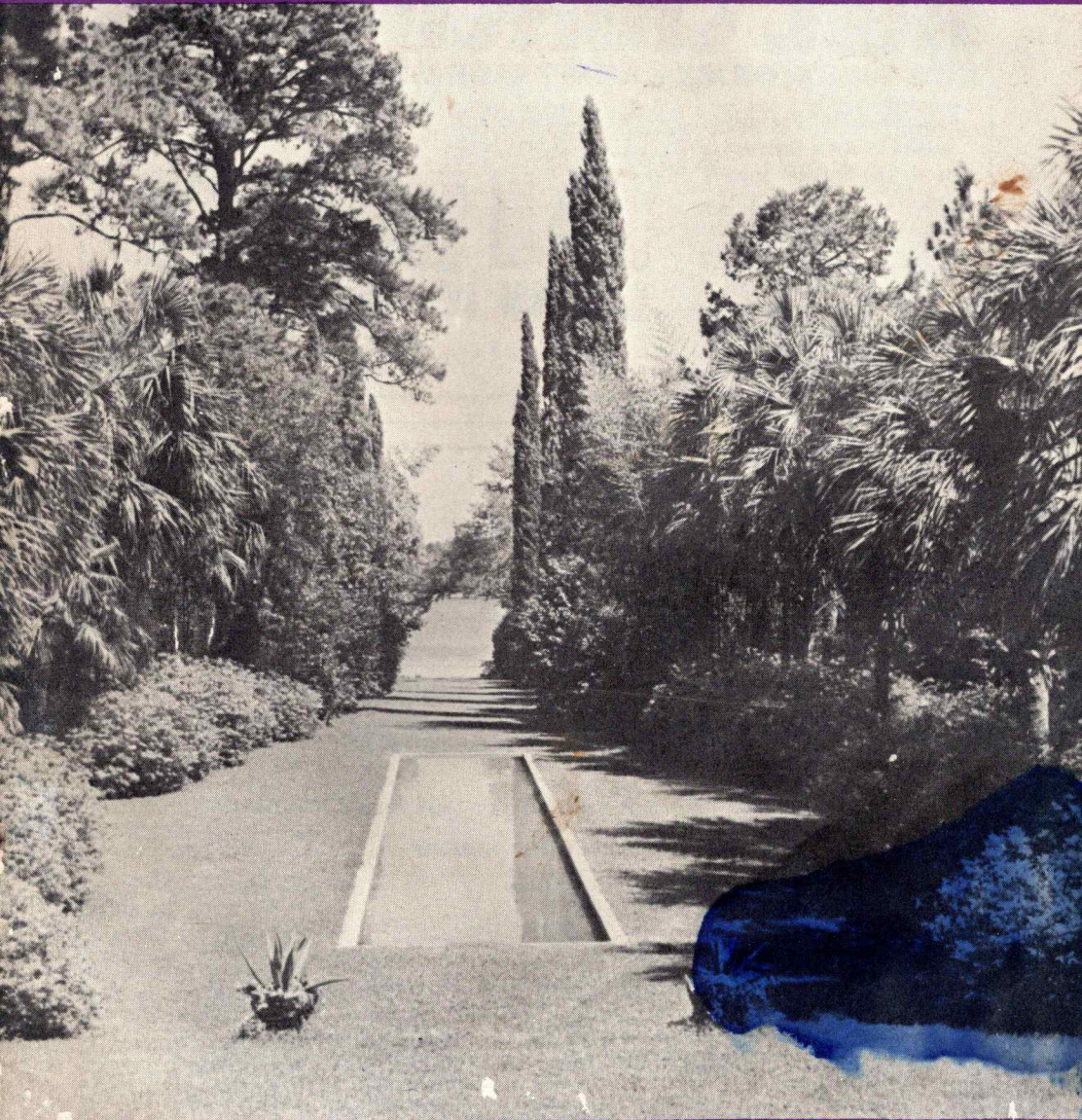
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THE POINT OF VIEW —

The half-way point in this administration is noted as we look backward upon the accomplishment through the "capsule" reports listed in this issue.

Emphasis is placed upon **Parks and Memorials**, with an article by Mrs. Bowles. Another merit to be shared is an article by Mrs. Knox on **Plant Distribution**. The program of The Short Course for Gardeners scheduled for June 19-21 was given in the last issue. The Course, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Griffin, will be held at the University of Florida, Gainesville. All members are urged to attend.

We look forward to the next year. As we do, we broach this point: persistent effort, hard work and unswerving determination are necessary if we are to complete the goal set for the two years. "The tradition is that a blacksmith can sin in only two ways. The first is to burn his iron. The second is to pound a cold iron." These are sins for our members, too, for the iron can be the chairmanship we take. It is our talent, which we can burn to uselessness by overheating it with too many commitments, spreading our time over too large an area and improper treatment of our iron. We are in as much trouble if we pound on our talent when it is cold, that is if we have allowed the fires of study, experience, determination and cooperation to die out. This year will pay dividends if we try to accomplish the thing which is beyond us, for by doing our power will be increased that much.

Fay M. Mayes

THE COVER

The Reflection Pool, a long and narrow turquoise pool reflecting palms and azaleas is the focus from which the eye travels down a cypress shadowed vista at Killearn Gardens located at Tallahassee. Killearn Gardens was donated as a State Park by the family of Mr. Alfred Barmore Maclay in his memory. The name Killearn derives its origin from a small village in Scotland, the birthplace of Alfred Barmore Maclay's great grandfather, the Reverend Archibald Maclay. After Mr. Barclay's death, Mrs. Maclay continued the development of the Gardens for 10 years before the dedication of the gardens to the State in 1954. Many native and rare trees and plants are to be found in this distinctive garden, among them two fine specimens of Torreya from the Torreya State Park, which are native in a limited area. — Courtesy Florida Park Service.

Florida Parks and Historic Memorials

by MRS. EUGENE W. BOWLES,
Chairman, Marianna

It has been estimated that Florida Park System has a book value of fifty-two millions. During 1954-55 some 2,140,494 persons visited the 20 parks and 19 historic memorials. The Garden Clubs of Florida, along with other individuals and groups, have helped to bring about this marvelous record. Garden Clubs from their beginning have advocated the protection and development of parks so that the heritage of beauty can be used and enjoyed by the people of Florida and her visitors without depleting them and that future generations may have this same pleasure.

Florida Parks offer a variety of interests—archaeological, scenic, historical or recreational. Each park differs from the other and each changes with the seasons. Many recreational facilities are available in the parks for public use—picnic areas, barbecue pits, boats, cabins, swimming areas, etc.

The historic memorials commemorate points of interest in the development of Florida—its birth, its protectors—as well as sites of interest important in the early history of our country.

"Florida's need for parks is increasing with its rapid population increase," says Mr. Emmett Hill, Park Director. "The need also grows greater as more and more private land is fenced or the public excluded in other ways. The public, being denied land use by private owners, then looks to the state, counties, and cities for areas where they can enjoy nature and the out-of doors.

"Desirable industries, in their efforts to find suitable locations, invariably place public recreation high on the list of 'musts' which have to be met to qualify a prospective site. A state park within easy reach of officials and workers quite frequently tips the scale in favor of a particular locality."

The Park System is extending its services and adding park areas to meet the needs of this fast growing state. We feel that our park properties are priceless as attractions for Florida residents and their visitors. It is hoped that the people of this state will know and enjoy the parks and help make them known to Florida's visitors. Detailed information concerning the Parks and Historical Memorials may be obtained from Florida Park Service, Tallahassee, Florida.



Mrs. Eugene W. Bowles
Chairman of
Parks and Historic Memorials

Mrs. Eugene W. Bowles is vice-president of Marianna Garden Club after serving two terms as president. She has been District Chairman of Junior Gardening and is Junior Chairman of 1956 Spring Flower Show. She has served the Federation as Chairman of Revision Committee and is now Chairman of Parks and Historic Memorials. She is a Student Flower Show Judge.

A native Floridian, she was graduated from Florida State College for Women. She has had experience as teacher, principal, and Home Demonstration Agent. Her civic activities include PTA, Brownie Scouts, Woman's Club—in all she held executive offices. She is now president of Jackson County TB and Health Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of Florida TB and Health Association.

Mrs. Bowles is active in the Methodist Church, having served as Chairman of Commissions and Committees. She has served as local and district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. And in the Church she is also busy with the music, Altar Guild and with Building Committee.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: For reasons of space in this issue we are carrying excerpts from the President's report to the convention instead of the usual message.)

Report of The President

A STRING OF PEARLS

A String of Pearls seems a fitting title for this report to the thirtieth annual convention—the Pearl Convention—in speaking of this great Federation of 24,910 members in 911 Clubs and Circles. Our members are united in purpose and working in harmony toward our objectives. All are held together by a silken cord of devoted service, all are giving freely.

This is a graduated string of pearls with each pearl of particular value that the whole may be in proper relationship.

The lustre of some of the larger pearls you are aware of as the elected officers have given their reports. Tomorrow the luminous quality of the District Directors will glow as they summarize the Federation's advancement in their Districts.

I would like to speak of the sheen of some of the rosy-hued pearls which enhance our strand as you will not hear reports from all the Board members although you will see most of the State Chairmen in action upon forums, symposiums, workshops and clinics. We are proud of the service our members have received from the Federation and of the exhibits presented at this convention.

Notable in service to our members:

Increased communication of programs, projects and ideas through the bi-monthly production of THE FLORIDA GARDENER.

Greater understanding of how Conservation affects each of us was aided through the presentation of authorities on this subject, in four Area Conservation Conferences; and the integration of its teaching will result from the development of the Teacher Training Workshop this summer at Florida State University.

The successful Landscape Design Short Course and a study plan for clubs.

Increased leadership training opportunities by enlarging the enrollment for the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course to include three persons from each of the 11 Districts.

Our present Junior Leaders are well equipped with program guides in the 24-page booklet produced last summer and distributed to all Junior Chairmen and available for those more recently appointed.

The BOOK OF INFORMATION published as source material for all clubs.

And distributed with the BOOK OF INFORMATION, the objectives, program outlines and materials for most of the major phases of our Federation program.

The processing of 35 Flower Show Schools and the training of more Judges.

The development of better quality flower shows through the advisory service given by the Flower Show Chairman to new clubs and consultation with advanced schedules and

The large number of demonstrations given by our Judges Chairman and others skilled in instruction.

The materials of value compiled by our Horticulture Fellows doing Post Graduate work at the University of Florida, especially one in Landscape Plans for City Public Plantings.

Our emphasis upon producing better Horticulture supported by the Monthly Horticulture NEWSLETTER from the University of Florida sent to each club, and by the information our Horticulture Chairman produces in each issue of THE FLORIDA GARDENER.

There is a major development taking form in plans being laid to secure enactment of a permissive County Zoning Law which will protect our roadsides and property values. Meanwhile, public understanding and enforcement of the Litter Laws are making headway.

The Garden Club Library is augmented with the newest books needed by our members. The Garden Club Short Course is already planned for June at the University of Florida.

A realistic appraisal of the use and maintenance of Garden Centers has been a forward step in service to our members.

Production of an all-color Flower Arrangement Calendar and the suggestions mailed to all clubs by the Budget and Finance Chairman have given ways to add to club treasuries.

Another aid has been the increased Book Service.

The development in each of the 38 chairmanships have been significant and thousands of club members, too, have given service abundantly.

(Parenthetically: Occasionally I learn of the—shall we say—frustration of some member who is trying in her own way to give service but seems misunderstood. There is a message in this string of pearls for her also. As gardeners we know every planting cannot result in perfect flowering. There must be proper preparation, nurture, and there are the risks of weather and other circumstances for the developing plants to meet successfully. Is not one value of our gardening in the deepening of our understanding of the pattern of life our Creator seeks to show us in these plants within our gardens? To put this in the phaseology of our String of Pearls imagery: We have observed that "the wounded oyster mends its shell with pearl". May we surmount any obstacles in so beautiful a manner.)

Uniting all this work and purpose and fellowship is the clasp upon the String of Pearls represented by the President, who has this rewarding task. And at this point it seems fitting to give a summary of my stewardship. I promised you last April when the gavel was presented to me that I would give the next two years of my life to the Federation. I have now given constantly during these 11 months as faithfully as I could. The Federation's program is so broad and the vitality of all the departments of it is so great that it requires the full time of the President—and many of the other officers and Board members devote themselves as assiduously to their responsibilities.

The travel has been considerable. The Federation has been represented, where it was within the province of the President, at all meetings of the Federation and associated organizations. If there was a conflict of affairs for me a member of the Board represented the Federation. On general Federation business I attended:

8 Spring Presidents' Conferences,
11 Fall District meetings,

1955 National Convention in Chicago,

The National Council Board meetings—in October in Tulsa, Okla., and in January in New York City,

1956 South Atlantic Region meeting in St. Simons Island, Ga.,

State Board meetings in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Tampa (Davis Islands), Fort Walton Beach,

4 Area Conservation Conferences in Lakeland, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale and Marianna,

1955 June Garden Club Short Course and the February 1956 Landscape Design Short Course,

The Florida Council of Flower Show Judges' annual meeting and the State Flower Show,

The State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting in November in Pensacola and in February in Jacksonville,

Also visited 19 clubs participating in programs by speaking, dedicating or judging shows (was only able to show horticulture and arrangements seven times).

Produced, with the assistance of the Corresponding Secretary and those who wrote articles for it, the BOOK OF INFORMATION.

Wrote messages for five issues of THE FLORIDA GARDENER and the State Flower Show booklet, articles for two issues of THE NATIONAL GARDENER and for two city Garden Club magazines.

Appointed the eight panels of 24 Evaluation Judges for flower shows seeking National Council Awards; also handled all applications for all National Council entries.

There are many papers, certificates and applications which require the signature of the President. These must be handled as they come in or the President's desk becomes a bottleneck in the progress of the Federation's program.

The mail is in great volume. I answer it as rapidly as possible, fitting it in with the travel, placing it in the order of the greatest urgency to the greatest number of people.

There have been many conferences, program planning sessions and consultations upon the various programs and projects of our Federation. These are the major duties I have performed to the best of my ability.

As we look at this shimmering STRING OF PEARLS, each in its proper place upon the silken cord of service, it does gleam so brightly as we bring JOY IN GARDENING as OUR ROLE IN OUR STATE'S DEVELOPMENT. We are profoundly aware that our Federation members are giving unstintingly. The words of Kahlil Gibran from "The Prophet" seem suitable closing words:

(Editor's Note: These lines were used in March-April issue to conclude the President's Message.)

"It is when you give of yourself that you truly give . . .

There are those who give little of the much which they have—and they give it for

recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome. And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life and their coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue;

They give as in yonder valley the Myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth . . ."

Katherine G. Parkinson

Report of First Vice-President

As First Vice-President, during the past year, I have:

Attended all Board meetings but one. Attended eleven District meetings and spoke on Garden Centers.

Attended the Conservation conference in Lakeland; also participated in a radio program on Conservation.

At the request of the President, represented the State Federation at the Civil Defense Meeting, called "Operation Home Front."

Was a delegate to the South Atlantic Regional meeting at St. Simons Island, Ga. Served as representative of the Florida Federation at the Landscape Design workshop and spoke on "Study Courses."

Attended the Landscape Design Short Course at the University of Florida; the State Flower Show and the annual meeting of the Accredited Flower Show Judges of Florida in Daytona Beach.

Served on various committees, as judge in flower shows and have spoken at numerous club meetings.

Attended the State Convention in Tallahassee and conducted a Symposium on Garden Centers and a Garden Therapy Workshop.

Served on the Park Short Course panel sponsored by the General Extension Division, University of Florida, and the Florida Institute of Park Executives.

As Garden Center Chairman, prepared a bulletin which was issued to each club. Classified Centers under three headings:

(1) Own Building, (2) Civic Building or Room, (3) Library Corner or Shelf, in an effort to give a clear, accurate picture of Centers in our state—their promotion and development. Had a display of Garden Center floor plans at the Convention and compiling a book, "Garden Center Floor Plans," which will be placed in our Library at the University of Florida. Five Centers under classification "Own Building" and 11 under "Library Corner or Shelf" have been added this year, resulting in the following analysis:

Own Building	26
Civic Building or Room	4
Library Corner or Shelf	30
Total	60

I have endeavored to interpret and support the policies and objectives of the State Federation and have responded to all requests for advice and assistance.

Mrs. Vernon L. Conner

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Report of Second Vice-President

The joy and responsibility of serving as Second Vice-President affords the privilege of reporting that I have:

1. attended and reported at every Board meeting.

2. attended Presidents' Conferences in Districts IX, X and XI, at our President's request represented her and read her message at Districts X and XI.

3. attended the National Convention in Chicago and the South Atlantic Regional meetings at St. Simons as a State delegate. At the Regional meeting appeared on the Landscape Design Workshop and spoke on the Landscape Design Issue of The Florida Gardener.

4. attended 9 of the 11 District meetings last fall, at each spoke on The Florida Gardener.

5. attended the Short Course for Gardeners, Conservation Conference in the area and several District Workshops in District XI with participation on some of the programs.

6. it was a privilege to serve as organizing Officer for three new clubs, Pompano Beach Highlands Garden Club, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club and the Broward Garden Club. Responded to requests from Clubs for assistance with state objectives, by-laws and spoke at 14 different clubs in state on various subjects. Served as installing Officer for nine clubs.

7. served as a judge for eight flower shows, including the state show, La Florida Linda and attended the an-

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FROM THE GROUND UP

By MRS. REGNER HANSEN, *Chairman, Ft. Pierce*

During our spring months, we have considerable windy weather, which helps our trees shed their leaves more quickly and we find our grounds covered with dead leaves, as new ones appear almost simultaneously. A wise gardener gathers these leaves that have fallen to mulch her gardens and to add to the compost heap. It almost seems that nature, herself, has given us a demonstration in good summer gardening, in this, for truly mulching is the secret of preserving moisture in the ground during the warm, dry spring months, and it is also nature's air-conditioner for cooling the soil about our shallow-rooted plants. Sunny bare ground invites nematodes, and also looses acidity. Most of our plants need soil slightly on the acid side, so mulching with oak leaves aids in keeping our soil in better balance.

The summer garden can be a riot of bloom. Many of our annuals thrive in the hot weather and can be sown so as to have continuous bloom. There are many varieties of zinnias to give color and variation in sizes. Marigolds, tithonia, torenia, gaillardia, salvia, cosmos, coleus, are a few of the annuals that do well in the entire State for the summer months. There are others that might be more limited.

It is important to keep a regular fertilizing schedule, and until our rains begin, watering is very essential. Be sure to soak ground well, and morning is the best time for the job, so that plants do not go into the night wet to invite fungus diseases.

Captan and ferbam are excellent fungicides, so keep on hand those fungicides that contain these substances in their formulae. Dusts and sprays containing DDT or chloradane should also be available to use when insects become pests on the plants. Pesticides containing lindane are excellent, also.

Summer in Florida is a delightful time, warm it is true, but no hotter than many other places. Our nights are cool, the air so fresh, and the gardens are at their best. Those of us who stay here will really have Joy in Gardening and will be rewarded in our efforts by much beauty.



Mrs. Regner Hansen
Horticulture Chairman

Mrs. Regner Hansen is serving her second term as President of the Capron Trail Garden Circle of Fort Pierce. She has held numerous chairmanships in her Circle and also in the St. Lucie County Federation of Garden Clubs. This year she was the General Chairman of that Federation's Annual Flower Show. She is a member of the American Orchid Society and is growing 10,000 orchids at the present count.

Horticulture has always been interesting to her from the time, as a child, she found and planted a wild violet into her mother's flower bed. Her first horticulture entry in a flower show won a tri-color, a gloxinia seedling in bloom, and she won a tri-color in the second State Show with a rex begonia. She is an accredited Flower Show Judge, and enters both horticulture and artistic classes.

Mrs. Hansen is chairman of the School Trustees of St. Lucie County, a member of the Board of the St. Lucie County Democratic Executive Committee, treasurer of Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church, past General Superintendent of that church's Sunday Schools, Secretary of Judges' Council, District X, and for a number of years has headed polio, cancer, etc. drives in her community, adjacent to Ft. Pierce.

PLANT DISTRIBUTIONS

By MRS. WILLIAM C. KNOX, *Chairman Ft. Lauderdale*

The first Plant Distribution of The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. took place at the District Meetings in the fall of 1952. The members receiving plants in that first distribution were, for the most part, those who had sent in reports on the unusual plants they were growing, or a summary on how they grew some particular plant or how their plants survived the cold. About 75 names were on the first list; today there are 270. Many of those receiving plants in 1952 have just received theirs from this, the Sixth Distribution, which began in March of 1956. Some of the original members have dropped out because of lack of space, or moving out of Florida, or deciding they did not have time or interest to keep the required records on the plants they received. Yes, this keeping of records on the distribution plants is a requirement of the project.

Members do not need to give detailed reports on the growth of each plant each year, but they are asked to report whenever their plants make real progress, as tripling in size in one year, coming into bloom for the first time, growing too rank to be attractive, or dying and what the possible cause of the death might be, as too wet or too cold. We like to hear from members once a year, and if we do not hear from them every other year they are dropped from the list for future distributions. We are happy to say very few have been dropped so far.

We are nearing the maximum number that we can handle, but there are still openings for those interested in taking part in this project, if they will send a horticultural report of some nature and indicate their willingness to keep records on the care and progress of the plants they receive. These reports may be sent to your Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. Regner Hansen, Rt. 4, Box 157, Ft. Pierce, or to Mrs. Wm. C. Knox, 649 Isle of Palm, Ft. Lauderdale.

Seeds are obtained for these plants from nurseries and Botanical Gardens in South America, South Africa, Australia, India, France and England, to name some of the countries, plus many from local Botanical gardens and interested people.

At the present time all of the plants are being grown in Ft. Lauderdale and members are asked to pick them up there. They are sent across the state whenever we know of anyone coming through Ft. Lauderdale or when our members travel to other sections. If any of you could take back plants from a trip to the East coast we would appreciate it greatly and would have them ready if you could give us a little notice, as this transportation of the plants

to their destination is our biggest problem, at the moment.

The plants are all government inspected and the fee which your Florida Federation paid for inspection and grading of plants for plant sales and exchanges covers these distribution plants. This is the only expense incurred by the Federation for this project, which may seem for only a few members now, but which in time will be of value to all the members, we hope. One of the plants on the first distribution, *Dizygotheca elegantissima* (*Aralia*), is now available through the nurseries as a result of its having been grown from seed for the distribution, when the nurseries thought it could not be done and the only plants available had been from slow-to-root air layers. Other plants causing interest have been the potato tree with its large purple flowers in heavy clusters, the *Ylang-Ylang* with its fast growth and fragrant flowers and the *Cassia sulcata* blooming in profusion in its first year, even in the northern part of the State.

The purpose of this project is to learn how and what is grown in various parts of the State through the reports you send in when you join. This data is being compiled, to send back to the Clubs for the use of new gardeners in each area, as soon as enough data is available to warrant it. These reports will be welcomed from anyone, whether or not they wish to become distribution members, so please send them along. Through the distributions themselves we hope to learn which of these plants, not now commonly grown in Florida, will make satisfactory additions to our gardens, so that later, through the nurseries, they can be made available to all who are interested in having them. It offers a challenge and an opportunity for research and pioneering in landscape material to those who are interested. Please feel free to contact us, if it appeals to you.

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nual meeting of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges.

8. secured the Trade Mark for the TRADE NAME for the Federation's Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar.

The major responsibility has been to serve by the appointment of our President as Managing Editor of The Florida Gardener. It is a joy to pay tribute to the staff, Mrs. Parkinson, Editor-in-Chief; Mrs. Green, Business Manager; Mrs. Gurke, Circulation; Mrs. Nieland, Newscast Editor; the 11 Associate Editors and the Assistant Advertising Managers, without their devotion and whole-hearted cooperation we would not have The Gardener in its present form.

It is a pleasure to report that we are publishing six issues per year at the same rate of 25c per member subscription dues and that new permanent mailing plates were made without cost to the individual member. The Publishers Press Inc. of Miami is our present publisher and The Ace Letter Service is mailing through the Miami Post Office.

Four issues have been planned, assembled, and edited. Plans have been made to continue promoting one or more phases of Garden Club work in each issue. It is hoped that this plan will be of immeasurable value to the members of the Federation and will continue to serve the needs of the membership. It has been a rewarding pleasure to serve and cooperate with fellow gardeners.

Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr.

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Report of Third Vice-President

As an elected representative I have attended all Board meetings and many other related Garden Club functions, but main effort and time for the Federation has been devoted to the appointed Chairmanship — that of National Council Flower Show Schools. This Chairmanship has two distinct phases — that of the actual schools and the resultant accrediting of Flower Show Judges.

There will have been 35 schools held during 1955-1956. Papers have been processed for 25 schools, resulting in these figures:

Attendance	1,206
Examinations	408
Examination Fees	\$102.00

Each local Chairman has received a letter of instructions and/or reminders, amplifying instructions given in Handbook, together with necessary forms for proper recording of the school.

Those taking the Reading Examination April 1955 received their papers with instructions for submitting application for Certificate. Consistent follow-ups were made for submission of applications within prescribed time limits.

The April 1956 Reading Examination will be held at four locations, with 27 members scheduled to take the examination. Two Clubs have requested an October examination. All requirements for a Certificate must be fulfilled before taking Reading Examination (National Council ruling).

There are 250 Accredited Judges in the state—38 applications were approved this year, and 50 Accredited Judges received Refresher Certificates.

State records include a card file of Accredited Judges. Work is going forward on a more complete file—Accredited Judges and Student Judges. It is hoped that a complete list of Student Judges will be available by early Fall.

Information concerning schools and certificates was prepared for the Nov.-Dec. Gardener. An effort was made there to state as briefly as possible the requirements for Certificate to enable all to have an understanding of requirements.

No stress has been made to promote a greater number of schools—no such effort will be made by this Chairman. Stress will continue for the improvement of schools—for them to meet National Council requirements and to give our members the very best schools.

This is interesting but detailed work—there is much pleasure to be had in serving the Federation and in the close association with members, state-wide. Appreciation is acknowledged of the cooperation of the Flower Show School Committee and the members of the Board, and of all those who have served the schools so faithfully.

Mrs. W. M. Allison

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Report of Corresponding Secretary

During the past year the following mailing lists have been compiled and mailed to approved personnel and agencies: The Master List of Clubs and Circles, with names and mailing addresses of presidents and circle chairmen; District Lists of Clubs and Circles, with names and mailing addresses of presidents and circle chairmen compiled for each District Director; List of corresponding Club Chairmen were furnished State Board Chairmen, upon request.

Notices of Board meetings were sent and synopsis of the minutes of these meetings were prepared and mailed to Board members and Club presidents, as well as various other bulletins.

Invitations to the Convention were mailed to all Board members and to each Club President and Circle Chairmen, with credential cards enclosed.

All correspondence has been answered and stationery supplies have been ordered and distributed to Board members.

Attended all Board meetings and all eleven District meetings, at which time the 1955-1956 Book of Information was distributed to all Club and Circle Presidents.

Also attended the Garden Club Short Course in Gainesville and the Conservation Area Conference in Lakeland.

Served on the Book of Information and the Finance and Budget Committees.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Federation in this office and I'm looking forward to being of greater service during the coming year.

Mrs. N. C. Rawls

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Report of Recording Secretary

Your Recording Secretary has recorded all minutes of Executive Board meetings and the convention in Tallahassee. She has filed all corresponding reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen.

Attended four District meetings, State Flower Show, Regional Conference of South Atlantic Region in Sea Island, Georgia.

Organized 12 new Circles and visited several Clubs in neighboring cities. She serves on Resolutions Committee.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Florida Federation in this capacity.

Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap

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Report of Treasurer

According to our audited report we have received \$16,863.18 since June 1, 1955. We have spent \$12,872.05. The balance brought forward from the preceding administration was \$7,242.03. As of March 10, 1956, we have a bank balance of \$11,323.16. Our other assets include Bonds with a cost value of \$832.50. I am happy to report that the state of our finances is sound.

Our national dues of \$2,496.10 and another installment on our fellowship fund will complete our major expenditures for the year.

Where else save the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs could anyone carry on such a big program on sixty cents?

Thank you one and all for your cooperation.

Mrs. Ernest W. Cason

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MRS. TRUMAN GREEN,
Business Manager

Mrs. Truman Green, a past President and Board Member of the Davis Island Garden Club is an accredited Flower Show Judge, a member of Chapter II, Floralia Clubs of Florida and an honorary member of the Floralia Club of New Jersey.

Mrs. Green's civic activities are many, among them the Parent Teacher Association, First Vice-President and Past President of Travelers Aid Society of Tampa. She is the temporary Secretary of Keep Florida Beautiful Committee and "Mile of Beauty" Chairman for the Greater Tampa Beautification Committee. Mrs. Green is active in the Auxiliaries of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church where she is a member of the church school staff.

Mrs. Green's hobbies are growing orchids, fishing, swimming, sports events and the Children's Theatre. Her greatest interest is her husband and their two children, Pat and M'lissee.

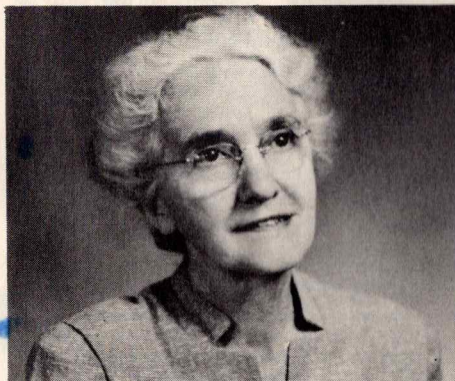


MRS. ANDREW A. GURKE
Circulation Manager

Mrs. Andrew Gurke is serving her third term as President of the Hollywood Garden Club and is serving as Conservation Chairman of District XI for the second year. She served as Judges Chairman for the Hollywood Garden Club annual Flower Show for three years. Mrs. Gurke is a member of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges, having completed five courses, and hopes to be accredited this Fall.

Mrs. Gurke is active in many civic affairs and has been cited for saving a City Park from being turned into a public parking lot.

Mrs. Gurke is a member of the Hollywood Woman's Golf Association and the Gulfstream District Golf Association. Her other main interest beside golf and gardening is playing bridge.



Mrs. L. T. Nieland
Club Newscast Editor

Mrs. L. T. Nieland, Club Newscast Editor, has served as circle chairman, president of her club, and held a variety of other offices and chairmanships in her 24 years as an active garden club member.

She was State Conservation Chairman in the administrations of Mrs. M. M. Parrish, Mrs. W. H. Covington, and Mrs. Merle B. Mann, and served as University Extension Chairman under both Mrs. Porter Baldwin and Mrs. Harry M. Griffin. While holding this chairmanship, she initiated three projects with the cooperation of the General Extension Division: The State Garden Club Library, the correspondence course in landscape design, and the assembling of 100 Pack-Libraries of interest to gardeners.



Mrs. Bradley Morrah of Greenville, S. C., right, President of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Mrs. LeRoy Collins, wife of the Governor of Florida, and Mrs. Robert Parker, center, chairman of the Pearl Banquet, are shown at

the banquet during the Pearl Convention in Tallahassee. Following the banquet, Governor and Mrs. Collins held a reception at the Grove for delegates of the convention.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS Not Listed Previously

The Blanche Covington Award for Leadership was given to Mrs. Vernon L. Conner of Mount Dora for her work in promoting the Mile of Beauty state-wide and for bringing recognition to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs by winning the National Council Hilda Fox Award for roadside improvement within the state.

The Mary S. Compton Awards for Publicity were won by Lakes and Hills Garden Club of Mount Dora and The Orlando Garden Club.

Mrs. W. H. Covington was presented with a Special State Award for Meritorious Service in Nature Study and for creating the Leadership Award. Mrs. Covington is the only President to have served the Federation for four years.

Two (non-competitive with other states) National Council Awards were presented at the Convention. The Davis Island Garden Club of Tampa won the Blue Ribbon for Achievement in Home and Garden Shows for their "At Home with Flowers" show. The Rose Rosette National Council Award was won by The Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles for the show "Tampa's Centennial with Flowers."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO COME

- June 4-9, 1956 — National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- June 19-21—Short Course at University of Florida, Gainesville.
- February 11-13, 1957 — South Atlantic Regional Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 1957—National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, Miami.
- April 5, 6, 1957—Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, Miami.

Dwarf Paw-Paw Blooming

The paw-paw of Florida has been blooming during the month of May around many of our State Parks and Historic Memorials. It may be seen in many other places in Florida and along roads and in fields. This small shrub rarely grows waist height, but it has a profusion of greenish, cream-white flowers about the size of dogwood flowers. However, the four inner petals are dark purple at the center. The fleshy fruit is edible in the fall

Report of District I

The 16 Garden Clubs of District One have enjoyed steady growth and progress during the past year. With a membership of more than 1,400 we have 19 National Accredited Judges, 48 Student Judges and three Instructors. Grateful thanks goes to the Crestview Club for the well planned Presidents Conference in May and to the DeFuniak Springs Club for the stimulating District Meeting in September.

Gulf Area Club served as hostess club to the State Board Meeting held in Ft. Walton Beach, Feb. 7-8th. This event was a highlight in our Garden Club activities. Several Clubs have contributed 100% to the National Permanent Home Fund. Roadside Development is every Club's project and many "MILES OF BEAUTY" are developing. Civic beautification has been stressed by all Clubs.

Strong programs on Conservation have broadened the great scope of this vital subject. Juniors objective, "More and Better Juniors" has stimulated Junior Gardening. Garden Centers are increasing. Garden Therapy accomplishment is outstanding.

"Keeping Florida Highways Clean" as a slogan, has developed interest in the use of many "Litterbug" cans advantageously placed. Several Clubs have installed highway signs, "THIS IS A GARDEN CLUB TOWN". Good publicity, radio and television has "Told the Story" of district projects.

Seasonal Flower Shows, general and specialized have been sponsored by all Clubs. Two Flower Show Schools have been completed. We have two Life Members of National Council of State Garden Clubs and two Life Members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. History of District One has been compiled and distributed to members. With courage and cheerfulness the members of District One are happy in the realization that Garden Club "PROGRESS THROUGH SERVICE" is good for our hearts, our bodies, our minds and our souls.

Mrs. Guy E. Yaste,
Director

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Report of District II

The message from District II brings the same story from every club — a hometown lovelier than it has ever been before and cleaner — and more people seeking beauty in their everyday lives than ever before.

This spring throughout most of our district we have been thrilled by the azaleas in bloom along our main streets, planted under the sponsorship of our garden clubs. One club reports they are extending this planting together with dogwood down another of their streets,

and that their town council has set up their annual budget to maintain and extend it each year. And this civic planting has so inspired the individual homeowners to beautify their own gardens, that the day will come when this whole little town will seem one massive flower garden.

Another club tells of having completed their planting of 3,000 azaleas, and in their roadside project, 200 dogwood, 100 magnolias, 100 crepe myrtle, 400 pines, 300 yucca, 50 red bud, and 100 loquat. One of the larger clubs sends in the astonishing record of work on two city parks as well as other public plantings for which they have furnished from their own nursery 3,000 flowering trees and shrubs this year. This same club works with 200 Juniors and gave 33 shade trees to the school on Arbor Day.

We have one new club admitted to the Federation this year, and one new garden center opened.

This is only a brief part of a story so wonderful to tell, and already it seems, I have left the best part out.

To the members of my district I wish to say, thank you, I have loved both my job and you.

With all who are dedicated to the task of beauty I share this thought of Sara Teasdale:

"Give all you have for loveliness
Buy it and never count the cost
For one white singing hour of peace
Count many a year of strife well lost
and for a breath of ecstasy
Give all you have been or could be."

Mrs. Stanley Sheip,
Director

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Report of District III

This district covers counties in one of the oldest parts of Florida. Many beautiful gardens and experienced gardeners are members of the Federated Clubs and are interested in the development of the Federation's program. Individual clubs and circles made applications for 22 Federation awards. The Monticello Club sponsored and worked toward getting a State Fire Control Unit for their County.

Mrs. David Lanier of the Madison Club won a tri-color award at the State Flower show. Mrs. James Groover of the same club won a third for her entry. Tallahassee Club won 4 awards out of the five entries they sent to the Junior Arrangements Class. Tallahassee, Foley, Live Oak and Madison clubs sponsored individual flower shows. Tallahassee and Live Oak Clubs have accredited judges. Monticello club conducting an intensive beautification of the grounds around ACL railway station.

Tallahassee club planted live oaks on the city streets. Foley, Madison, Tallahassee and Perry clubs planted at court houses, hospitals and community build-

ings. Mayo, Monticello and Perry Clubs beautified their cemeteries. All clubs are active in "Don't Be a Litterbug" campaign.

All clubs use newspapers and some radio and TV to publicize their club activities.

Director of District III has attended all Executive Board meetings held in the past year, and the annual convention. She hopes that Presidents, Chairmen of circles and individual members will contact her for any help or information she can give.

Mrs. J. Birney Linn,
Director

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Report of District IV

The theme "Know Your Federation" has for the term served as a challenge and an opportunity to the over 4,000 members of the 20 clubs and 158 circles in District IV. A challenge to greater achievement in familiar fields and at the same time, an opportunity to learn more of the aims and objectives of the State organization.

Gardeners subconsciously have been practicing therapy on themselves for years, so it's perfectly natural to want to introduce that interest to others. With horticulture, therapy and flower show activities vying for top interest of the members and their Junior Gardeners they still have time to work toward safeguarding the beauty and safety of our highways and the conservation of our natural resources.

There were 28 Standard Flower Shows and 2 all Junior Shows. The Annual Citrus Fair had over 5,000 visitors from all over the United States. Three Flower Show schools were well attended and more names were added to the ranks of the Student Judges, making it now 35. There are 33 accredited judges.

A special slide program on birds of the area, with appropriate commentary, is being prepared by one of the clubs.

Restoration of historic beauty spots and the preservation of ancient trees; the development of a new park of about 30 acres are special projects of some of our clubs.

The enriching experience of the past two years has been wonderful for this Director and words cannot express her appreciation of the friendship, the support and the cooperation of the members of District IV.

Mrs. J. Lynwood Price,
Director

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Report of District V

District V has had an informative constructive year. There are 12 clubs with 37 circles and a membership of 1,246 in the district. Flower shows have been staged by eight clubs—five standard and

three specialty shows. Six blue ribbons were won at the State Flower Show for arrangements, there were five blue ribbon winners in horticulture, and an award of merit won for a special exhibit—we are proud of our exhibitors. Two Flower Show Schools have been held—both course IV.

Civic projects are under way in five of the represented towns. They include beautification of parks and roadsides and the landscaping of school, hospital, and library grounds. Garden therapy is being promoted by seven of the groups. Six of the clubs have special horticulture projects—one club has had a series of monthly lectures on the subject. Community clean-up programs and **Don't Be A Litterbug** campaigns are sponsored by eight of the clubs.

State and National Parks have been visited by 475 of our members. All of the clubs have used the material made available by the University of Florida extension division and each club has to the best of its ability worked for the aims of our Federation. Now we are looking forward to another good year of joy in gardening.

Mrs. H. T. Burnett,
Director

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Report of District VI

Know, grow and progress with our Federation are the watchwords of the 41 Clubs, 49 Circles in District VI, total membership 2,245. Nine new Clubs have been welcomed this year: Pierson, DeBary, Tuscawilla of Daytona Beach, River Dunes of Ormond Beach, Floribunda and Jacaranda of Eau Gallie, Orange City, Sea Grape of Cocoa Beach and DeLeon Springs. One Club is on probation, Highlands of Daytona Beach.

Thanks to New Smyrna Beach for a well planned District Meeting and to DeLand for the Presidents' Conference. Clubs participated in the following phases of the State Program: Conservation, Therapy, Birds, purchase of 300 National Council books, Flower Show Schools, Garden Center programs, Short Course, 26 attending; Landscape Design Course, Junior Gardeners 700, 95% of Clubs have a Civic landscaping project, many conducted clean-up campaigns.

Miles of Beauty and Nature Study Course quota is filled. A detailed summary of the above has been filed with the permanent records of the Federation.

Thanks to the Ortona Garden Club and District VI Junior Chairman for another splendid Junior Workshop and to the Council of Garden Clubs of the Halifax District and DeLand Club for Horticulture Clinics. Eighteen Flower Shows were held.

Your Director is proud of the splendid cooperation of District VI Clubs with the State Flower Show Chairman, on the

State Show "La Florida Linda" held in Daytona Beach. Both senior and junior tri-color winner in horticulture were in this District.

Thanks to the Clubs, assistant Director and Chairmen for your cooperation. Your Director appreciates the honor of your gift of a life membership in the Federation. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Mrs. Ralph F. Spicer
Director

Report of District VII

Conservation is probably one of the most important phases of garden club work and we have been stressing conservation in this district. We had a good representation at the Conservation workshop in Lakeland and also the district Conservation workshop in Winter Park.

The Junior Garden Club work and also the Therapy chairmen are doing a remarkable job and almost 2,000 juniors are being taught garden club work with essay contests, scrapbooks, bird-house and feeding stations, horticulture, wild-flowers, and arrangements. Invalids, under-privileged and crippled children and adults are being helped through therapy programs.

Roadside beautification, civic beautification, clean-up and litter bug campaigns, adoption of travel trash cans and landscaping schools, parks, hospitals, youth centers, tourists' clubs, sale of litter-bags and holders, as well as getting litter-laws enforced are going forward.

We are very proud of our new Garden Centers. The Orlando Garden Center was opened several months ago and now the Winter Park Garden Center has opened, they are both accomplishments that we are quite pleased with.

Our flower show schools are well attended and our flower shows are getting better all the time. The state flower show was a work of art and thoroughly enjoyed. The committee deserves much credit.

District VII has always had a good attendance at the nature study course, the short course and landscape design short course.

There have been many applications for awards, of all kinds. We are happy over those won this year.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Laughinghouse as our new Director; we will enjoy working with her. I have enjoyed working with the president and board members.

Mrs. L. E. Spencer,
Director

Report of District VIII

KNOW NATURE'S NOMENCLATURE has proven a huge success among our 4 new Circles, 6 Counties, 28 Clubs, 111

Circles and total membership of 4,751. Two National Awards and 25 State Awards have been applied for.

Many bird baths and feeders have been installed; berrying shrubs planted, illustrated bird lectures and slides presented.

Forty attended the Conservation Area Work Shop. Clubs are studying water and Soil Conservation, presented qualified lecturers and shown slides on different phases of Conservation.

Over 400 attended the District meeting in Tampa; among them 6 State Officers, 3 Past State Presidents, 14 State Chairmen, Directors from Districts 1-5-11 and 100% attendance of District VIII chairmen. 20 Club Presidents made reports. A display of National Council books attracted considerable interest; 126 were purchased.

Twenty Clubs and Circles are having Standard Flower Shows; one particularly stressed Conservation, showed specimens, giving names of all plants on State list. We have 58 accredited Judges, 31 Student Judges; 7 entries were placed in State Flower Show. Flower Show Schools have been conducted with Courses II and III.

Civic projects and Garden Therapy have been carried on extensively; we have given generously to the National Council Permanent Home Fund and 87 are subscribing to the National Gardener. Garden Centers are owned by 4 clubs, six using buildings on which they help with upkeep.

We have 8,171 Junior Gardeners, Point Hours totalling 155,318. Arbor Day was observed. Roadside Development and Litterbug is progressing. 498 members visited National and State Parks. Our oldest member, 92, was presented a National Council Membership pin.

Publicity is handled through daily papers, Radio and TV Stations and The Florida Gardener. It has been a great privilege to serve you.

Mrs. W. A. Bingham,
Director

Report of District IX

There are 25 Clubs and 38 Circles with a membership of 1833 in District IX and four new Clubs have been organized in the past year. All Clubs are participating in all phases of the Federations Program, and very great interest is shown. Each Club has sponsored a Spring Flower Show, and many Clubs and Circles have had Specialty Shows.

Five Flower Show Schools have been held in the District this year.

Many Clubs are making their Cities more beautiful by planting Petunias around all Public Buildings and along the Highway approaches into the City.

Garden Therapy Programs are carried

out by helping with Schools for Spastics and retarded children.

Mrs. M. C. Kayton,
Director

Report of District XI

District relations of mutual helpfulness have been furthered by association, conference and correspondence.

Four workshops accelerated the interest in and promotion of: HORTICULTURE, CONSERVATION, JUNIOR GARDENING AND PARLIAMENTARY LAW. Conservation and Education were stressed as main projects. "In all things, success depends upon previous preparation and without such preparation there is sure to be failure."

Each club included at least one program on conservation, Junior Gardeners being indoctrinated, also. District Awards for Conservation and Landscape Design projects will be awarded at the President's Spring Conference.

Five clubs contributed \$250 to the State Scholarship Program—this being one-fourth of the amount specified for use this year.

Bird Day has been officially declared by the Governor, promoted by clubs in this District. Each city has established Bird Sanctuaries. Reports show a marked increase in the interest and study of Landscape Design. Three clubs recorded horticulture projects for distribution, 25 clubs celebrated Arbor Day, five cities have garden centers, 75 (approximately) attended State Convention and we have five FFGC Life Members.

Ten Clubs and Circles contributed 100% to the National Home Fund. Twenty-six clubs reported Garden Therapy activity.

Twenty-seven clubs sponsored Juniors, three Junior Flower Shows were held and 13 Standard Flower Shows, two being Placement Shows. Entries were made in the State Show. Five Flower Show Schools were held.

Quarterly directives were mailed each club. Probably the greatest benefit any of us will ever get from our programs and meetings is our close association with each other and a great realization of the Joy to be found in Gardening!

District XI anticipates the joy of hosting you "all" at the State and National Conventions next Spring. Come one — come all!!!

I shall continue to watch with pride and interest the progress of the fine clubs in District XI. Your love and kindness will be remembered always.

Mrs. R. C. Lohmeyer,
Director

Report of District X

All clubs cooperated in promoting Federation Projects. Ten applied for

awards, 2,000 paid Federation dues, 8 clubs promoted bird projects, 104 books were purchased through National Council Service, 203 members received National Gardener; 12 clubs sponsored conservation projects, and 58 members attended the area conference November 1st. Eight entered exhibits at Florida State Flower Show, 8 clubs sponsored standard shows, 2 sponsored flower show schools.

Six clubs contributed to Florida Gardener, 4 own Garden Centers, 3 are saving funds for centers, 15 will attend University Short Course, 16 clubs sponsor Garden Therapy, all are contributing to \$1,100.00 Slat House, a District X project built at T. B. Hospital. Twelve clubs recorded horticulture projects, 15 clubs sponsor 810 Junior Gardeners, 20 participated in educational projects.

Three members were honored with life membership to Federation, one club was represented at Nature Study Course. Over 150 visited State, National, or historic memorials. Newspapers and radio serve all in publicity; plantings beautify highways and roadsides and "Litterbug clean-up" projects were sponsored. District Meeting and Workshops of Junior Gardening, Garden Therapy and Horticulture were well attended. Approximately 75 attended convention.

We have 27 clubs and 36 circles; 3 clubs were new this year; Town and Country, Lake Park and Chosen. District Chairmen have been helpful in promoting Federation work; my sincere appreciation to them and all our members. Your splendid cooperation and support have been inspiring, and I have felt it an honor to represent you. I thank and wish you and our new Director continued success.

Mrs. Ivan L. Van Horn
Director

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AWARDS

The popularity of the Awards offered by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. is substantiated by these figures: A total of 165 Applications of Intent to apply for Awards was received by the deadline date of February 1st. Twenty-three Adult and nine Junior Awards were given to first place winners with 35 Honorable Mention letters going to the Clubs and Circles for the year.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to the State Chairmen who so ably assisted in the judging of the material submitted for Awards.

The opportunity to work closely with the many Clubs and Circles during the year has brought a distinct pleasure to this Chairman. An added appreciation of the purpose of the Federation's work has been gained by the association with the President and the State Board members. To be a part of this fine group is most rewarding.

**Mrs. Albert Curry,
Chairman**

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Blanche Covington Nature Study Course

As Nature Study Course Chairman, I have attended all but one Board meeting. I have secured Camp O'Lena as camp site for this year's course as well as having secured Instructors for the Course.

We have raised the quota this year to include three members from each District to attend with all expenses paid with the exception of transportation. This year's course promises to be an excellent one.

**Mrs. W. P. Thomas,
Chairman**

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Birds

Your Birds Chairman's activities this year began at the July Board Meeting in Gainesville, Florida. At this time it was decided to place our emphasis on the Junior Gardeners to put over our Bird Program. This was met with great enthusiasm, which is so evident in the fine Scrapbooks sent in, which show much study and interest. I have supplied each Director with material for her respective Bird Chairman. Also I have planned programs and participated in programs in various localities.

More Clubs have had Bird Sections in their Flower Shows. I have helped with many exhibits, and feel that this has had a wonderful influence on the response to our Slogan, "Every Garden a Bird Sanctuary," in that more interest was created, and helpful lists of sug-

gestions were furnished individual Club Members to make their Gardens Sanctuaries.

Your Birds Chairman has attended three District Meetings, and three Board Meetings, and followed requirements for selecting awards for the Scrapbooks on Birds seen in Florida. I contributed an article for the Florida Gardener on Conservation of Birds, also took part in a Junior Gardening Symposium at the State Convention in March.

**Mrs. Elbert W. Trussell,
Chairman**

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Blue Star Highway

Worked on the General Committee for the Convention in Tallahassee and with local Officers of the Garden Club and acted as official hostess to the State Officers of the Federation.

Have prepared and mimeographed 300 copies of complete information on the BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. Submitted a resolution which was passed by the Convention to extend the Memorial Highway to Ala-Fla lines and participated in a forum. Assisted in entertaining the delegates at the Governor's Mansion. I was appointed a member of "Make Florida More Beautiful Committee" by Gov. Collins.

Attended the formal opening of the Interpretive Museum Exhibit of the State Constitution Convention Historic Memorial and the Tampa and Ft. Walton Beach Board Meetings. Reported to South Atlantic Regional Chairman, giving the location of each Blue Star Marker in the State.

**Mrs. C. B. McLeod,
Chairman**

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Book Service

Book Service the past year has become more than a name, and has really become a service to more clubs and circles.

Book sales and displays were held at all District Conferences and Presidents' Conferences. These sales were very successful and netted the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs \$212.79, a considerable increase over last year.

Our goal for next year is a Book Service Chairman in every club and circle in the state. Here's hoping we make it.

**Mrs. Herron Neely,
Chairman**

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Budget and Finance

As your Budget and Finance Chairman since June, feel that I have gained far more than I have given. Attended and reported at October and February Board meetings. Handled publicity in connection with October Board meeting.

Had numerous conferences to set up 1955-56 Budget adopted at February Board meeting. Prepared and mailed letter on Club Finances — Ways and Means—to all Club Presidents.

Served in various capacities at 1956 State Flower Show. Attended and reported at Pre-Convention Board meeting. Participated in three Forum sessions at the 1956 Convention. Learned from Dr. Doak Campbell Budget means BUD GET!

**Mrs. Julius L. Gresham,
Chairman**

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Arrangement Calendar

As Calendar Chairman for the past three years it has been a pleasure to serve and watch the project grow.

All details connected with the planning and publication of the calendar were completed along with letters and other cards to the President and follow-ups to all who had not ordered. Fifteen thousand calendars were sold with a profit of over \$4,000.00 to Clubs and Circles participating in the State project.

The time is drawing near for orders to be made for this year; remember, many members want a copy for their own use, so send in your orders now. Thank you all and good wishes to you and your new Calendar Chairman and her Committee for continued success.

**Mrs. W. D. Dutton,
Chairman**

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City Public Planting

Your Chairman revised Award #12, and wrote Award #7, the new City Public Planting Award, incorporating the purpose of the former Mary Nunez Ten Eick Award. Prepared a mimeographed sheet for distribution to all presidents along with the Book of Information at the Fall District Meetings. Attended to having the seven entries for the Public Planting Award judged. Spoke at a Convention Forum on City Public Plantings.

City Public Plantings is a new Chairmanship on the Board this year and your Chairman believes that beautiful, successful public planting is a real opportunity for garden clubs to set an example which could start a chain reaction and spread beauty throughout a community, for, fortunately beautiful planting is contagious. We can all be proud of the wonderful public planting already accomplished by garden clubs and encourage more of it in the future. City public planting is one more way in which gardening can bring joy.

**Mrs. A. Marshall Mullikin
Chairman**

Club Programs

During the past year a five page bulletin on program planning techniques was made available to every Club Program Chairman in the State through the packet of information given out at the Fall District Meetings. Substantially this same material appeared in the recent March-April, 1956 issue of the Florida Gardener—and is recommended for the attention of every Program Chairman.

A Program Planning workshop was held at the Convention, covering the general points to remember in connection with program work, ie, information, inspiration, recreation, and methods of achievement. Three guest participants—from a very new Club, one a little older and a well-seasoned club, presented their problems and each gave a resume of their best program of the year.

A master file of materials, papers, speakers, ideas, etc., has been compiled, and is continually being enlarged for the use of Program Chairmen of the Florida Federation. Club members are especially invited to write the State Program Chairman and help with further work in this direction by giving their experiences, ideas, suggestions, names of speakers, films available, etc. This contribution will be most appreciated by all those who seek help in program planning.

**Mrs. Leonard R. Toy,
Chairman**

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Conservation

A three-point program has been the objective of your chairman of Conservation.

1. Bring four area conferences within range of most clubs and members.
2. A conservation workshop for teachers for the summer of 1956, twenty teachers to be awarded a scholarship, each representing a county.
3. A study and revision of the present protected plant list and conservation law.

An evaluation of the conferences which had an over-all attendance of approximately 500 shows a greater interest in conservation with an overall integration into the general program, and a lively inquiry into sources of materials and their use. The conservation program planning workshop at Convention stressed appreciation of what resource use education should mean to the individual and the club.

The conservation workshop for teachers July 9-July 25, 1956, Florida State University, carries graduate credit. The following Clubs have assumed a share of the Federation pledge of \$1,000 for 20 scholarships: Garden Club of the Halifax County, Gainesville Garden Club,

Delray Beach Garden Club, Pompano Beach Garden Club, Founders Circle, of the Lakes and Hills Garden Club, and the Miami, North Miami, Central Miami, and Tropical Garden Club of Miami.

The present plant list is being studied for necessary revision. Extreme rapid depletion of many native plant materials necessitates detailed study within each District, thereby making possible corrective educational measures and a meaningful plant protective law. "The next step in our State Conservation program (in carrying the information as near as possible to the members) is to hold a Conservation Conference in each District similar in pattern to the Area Conservation Conference this past year."

Robert L. Fairing
Chairman
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Counselor

The duties of the Counselor are to be of service to the State President on any and all occasions, and I have endeavored to follow this plan.

It has been my pleasure to represent the State Federation at the Annual Meeting of the National Audubon Society in New York, as well as at the meeting of the Executive Board of Keep America Beautiful.

As Secretary of the South Atlantic Region I was a delegate to the Regional Meeting on St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

Finally, I was happy to assist our State President by installing the newly elected Directors at the 30th Annual Convention, and to be Chairman of Arrangements for the Opening Reception at the National Convention in 1957.

Mrs. Eugene A. Smith
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THE FLORIDA GARDENER

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RECEIPTS:

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\$ 8,795.58

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\$ 3,657.41

Mrs. Truman Green,
Business Manager
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Circulation Manager

In July, 1955, clubs were asked to send in new lists of club members so that when the new mailing plates were made they would be accurate. Many co-operated but some did not, therefore old lists were used from the files. Copies are being returned to the Circulation Department from each issue because of poor addresses, moving of members, etc. With no forwarding address the name plate is removed from the mailing lists into an inactive file.

To date there are over 1,000 names in that file, which means the members will not receive The Gardener until they notify this department of their correct address. This is the time of year when members will be leaving their homes in Florida. No matter how long or short the period of time they will be away if we send their copy of the next issue it will be returned to us without proper instructions to their local post office in regard to the forwarding of 2nd class mail. Returned copies to us means a charge of two cents each; 25,312 copies were sent out of the March issue, over 300 were returned. Your chairman has tried to send information to all District meetings so that the wasted postage and waste of copy be eliminated.

Please send names typed and state code and name of Club and Circle when writing. Cooperation of each member is needed to operate this department and it is deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke,
Chairman
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Flower Shows

As State Chairman of Flower Shows, I have registered 91 flower shows and prepared the Flower Show Calendar published in THE FLORIDA GARDENER; have publicised flower shows in the Florida Advertising Commission bulletin, WHAT'S HAPPENING IN



Mrs. Vernon L. Conner of Mount Dora, First Vice-President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is shown at the right as she is presented the Blanche Covington Award for Leader-

ship at the banquet on the last night of the Convention. With Mrs. Conner is Mrs. W. H. Covington of Tallahassee, a past state president of the federation and the donor of the award.

FLORIDA and have sent information about shows held in Florida to the FESTIVAL INFORMATION BUREAU in New York for news release to newspapers and periodicals.

Sample schedules have been sent upon request and have made comments on schedules submitted by flower show chairmen; have written articles about schedule making for the state magazine.

As member of the State Flower Show Committee, have cooperated with the Chairman of Flower Show Schools and the Chairman of the Judges Council to correlate the work of the department.

In summary, improving the flower show schedule has been the major endeavor of this chairman during the past year. We strive always for improvement as nothing reaches a state of perfection unless it has reached the end of development and growth. The knowledge gained from each flower show experience serves as a guide for future progress.

Mrs. Arthur F. Coe,
Chairman
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Flower Show Judges

Judges and flower show judging have made great progress these past few years. Many names have been added to the lists of both student and accredited judges and more are ready to be added.

The Council of Judges in their programs within the districts are adding to the knowledge of judging and are establishing a uniformity of standards of judging. This, along with the assisting of students to get their required assignments, is the purpose of the Florida Council of Flower Show Judges.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held in Daytona Beach on March 3, with the members of District VI Judges in charge of the stimulating program. At the close of the luncheon program the following District Directors were installed:

- I. Mrs. Horace Tompkins, Pensacola.
- II. Mrs. Joseph Allison, Panama City.
- III. Mrs. Leland Lewis, Tallahassee.
- IV. Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe, Jacksonville.
- V. Mrs. James W. Day, Gainesville.
- VI. Mrs. Harry M. Griffin, Daytona Beach.
- VII. Mrs. Hudson P. Meacham, Orlando.
- VIII. Mrs. J. H. Mennell, St. Petersburg.
- IX. Mrs. Mark Powell, Lakeland.
- X. Mrs. Paul Stewart, West Palm Beach.
- XI. Mrs. Jesse O. Hyden, Miami.

In addition to leading the programs in their Districts, these chairmen are ready to help secure judges for your shows, if you wish. The Book of Information has complete addresses.

Mrs. J. Lynwood Price

Garden Club's Library and Short Course

The 1956 Short Course will open on the campus of the University of Florida, Gainesville, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, June 19th and close on Thursday the 21st, at 3 p. m. Housing will be in Broward Hall and meetings in the air-conditioned Recreation Hall.

The theme of the Short Course follows that of this administration, "Joy in Gardening," and presents such subjects as: "Fun of Outdoor Living," Patios, Lanai and Terraces; "Garden Maintenance—Fun or Frenzy"; "Gardening Is Fun in the Caribbean Too"; "It's Fun to Be Up-to-Date in Flower Culture", and "It's Fun to Share". Speakers include: Mr. Henry Martin, Horticulturist and Superintendent of Grounds, Florida State University, as well as members of the University of Florida's staff. The instructor in Flower Arrangement is Mrs. Heatherly Dutton, from Avondale, Penn.

It is advisable to make advance reservations directly with Mrs. Edith McBride Cameron, General Extension Division, Gainesville. Your chairman urges all members to make use of the excellent reading material and latest books which are available in the Extension Library. Refer to your Book of Information for a complete listing.

Mrs. Carroll Griffin,
Chairman

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H. Harold Hume Fellowship In Horticulture

Since 1940 the H. Harold Hume Fellowship in Horticulture has been granted annually to a student in the Graduate School of the University of Florida, nominated and approved by the Head of the Department of Horticulture and the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

At the present time the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is sponsoring two fellows. Mr. Joseph H. Bolick has a research project for his M.S.A. thesis. He chose a problem on the response of selected annual flowers, planted at different times of the year, to different types of Fertilizer application and to cutting back after the bloom period is over. He expects to receive his degree in June, 1956.

Mr. A. Scockton Renfroe received his B.S.A. at the University of Florida in June, 1955, and entered at once on his graduate program. He is taking a minor

in Landscape Architecture. At the February Board meeting appropriation was approved for Mr. Renfroe to develop a thesis in preparing landscaping plans for small civic buildings such as garden centers in various parts of the state. This appropriation is to continue from February 1956 to February 1957, at which time he expects to receive his advanced degree.

Mrs. P. B. Huff,
Chairman

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Historian

As we come to the close of the first year of the Administration of Katherine Parkinson we can all look with a great deal of pride and a sense of satisfaction at the development of our program.

The program has grown and developed with the months, as capable and enthusiastic chairmen have planned and developed programs for gardeners and for all those interested in the development of our great State.

Some of the outstanding events of the year include the well developed "Short Course for Gardeners" held at the University of Florida, where a fine and well rounded course in Horticulture was given us by members of the Faculty of the University. There, too, was a course in the utilization of plant material so many desired.

The Conservation Conferences were new this year and gave us valuable information that we all need so much to better appreciate and conserve our important material resources which we must save so that we may live. The Litterbug program went forward; now we see those green trash cans along our highways just waiting for that choice bit of trash that we motorists save for the can just ahead. Our Roads have grown more beautiful and we are off to a good start as we find an awakened public wanting to cooperate.

Our expanding and growing program brought us another and entirely new Short Course — the Short Course in "Landscape Gardening," which also was held at the University of Florida with Faculty members giving us the benefit of their experience. This surely will help us to continue to develop a more beautiful State.

Junior Garden Clubs are on the increase. Therapy is bringing joy to shut-ins and handicapped persons. It is a most rewarding program.

These are but a few of the many fine programs being developed and assuring us — Joy in Gardening.

Miss Anna E. Heist,
Chairman

Horticulture

Objectives of the horticulture chairman has been to increase interest in horticulture awards and to promote better quality horticulture for exhibits at our shows. She was pleased to find that interest in the awards seemed to increase this year, with a number of entries having been received.

Four District meetings were attended, to which these objectives were outlined. A forum held at one and talks at others. A demonstration of orchid potting technique was given at the workshop of District X. Talks have been given on various subjects pertinent to horticulture, or exhibiting at smaller meetings. The gardens of this chairman are always open to the public and especially to any member of the Federation.

The chairman judged in seven shows, regretting that others had to be refused. She attended 3 district judges meetings, participating in some of them. The annual State meeting was attended, also.

Articles have been contributed regularly to the Florida Gardener, and she acted as General Chairman of the annual St. Lucie Co. Flower Show, one of the larger ones in the State.

It is the earnest desire of this chairman to assist our Federation in every way possible, to help our people become acquainted with our plant life, soils, and planting seasons, so we may all assist in making Florida the gardening State of the nation.

Mrs. Regnar Hansen,
Chairman

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Junior Gardening

There would be no report if it were not for the 267 able leaders that have sent in complete reports to this chairman. Florida compiled a total of 4,184,872 hours in the education of 23,749 young people. This chairman knows many Junior leaders failed to complete their work in time to mail any report. Much work is done by many unsung leaders and to those I add my thanks.

There were workshops conducted in five districts, three of which it was the privilege of your chairman to attend. At each of our eleven districts your Chairman presented a working schedule that was either read by the District Junior leader or presented in person. A course of study was compiled and distributed to all clubs that reported Junior leaders as of 1955-56, at district meetings. Over one hundred have been mailed to leaders thruout the state since then.

Many complete Junior Flower shows were held adhering to strict standard rules. In the majority of senior shows presented, a Junior schedule was included.

At convention, five informed and informing Junior leaders from all sections of our state explained the method of applying for the new Junior award. This chairman wishes to thank Miss Calderine for her inspiration five years ago at the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course. She urges all leaders of youth at attend this sponsored camp so that you too may learn and share with others.

Mrs. C. E. Saunders,
Chairman

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Landscape Design—its principles, problems and applications — is the newest facet of our state-wide Garden Club program. Developing in every Garden Club member a personal and individual awareness of good landscape design, and having every member's home an example for her neighborhood and her community are the twin objectives of this department.

During this first year we have furnished every Garden Club and Circle in the state with an outline of study based on Raymond P. Korbobo's book entitled "Complete Home Landscaping and Garden Guide." We held a Landscape Design Short Course at the University of Florida at Gainesville and had a Symposium on the subject at the State Convention. We established a new state Landscape Design Award of \$25.00.

We are in the process of compiling a scrapbook to submit to National Council to apply for the Lorena Spillers Award in Landscape Design. Every Garden Club in the state is being urged to send to the State Chairman of Landscape Design, all programs, lecture summaries and newspaper publicity concerning landscape design study carried on in its own town, for incorporation in this scrapbook.

The University of Florida has rewritten its General Extension Course in Landscape Design. Information regarding this can be secured from the General Extension Service, Seagle Building, Gainesville.

Probably the most important and significant development is the establishment of a number of local Short Courses, open to the public, with meetings held once a week for eight or more weeks. These are being sponsored by local adult education groups, usually in conjunction with the State Agricultural Extension Service.

If you are interested in having a Landscape Gardening Short Course in your area, write your State Chairman of Landscape Design for particulars and a list of suggested topics and speakers.

Mrs. John H. Connery,
Chairman

WEATHER RECORD

Editor's note: As a matter of record, a brief history of the severe cold waves recorded in the state are given in this article.

Everyone talks about the weather, but, no one does anything about it is a common expression. However, with the rapid strides made in the "Weather Modification" service that is now available, it is possible that the phenomenal freezes which have been recorded in the past history of Florida, may never again be repeated.

There have been disastrous hurricanes in the past years. Florida has also recorded stellar cold waves with freezing temperatures throughout the state. No record is available for some areas, as there were no occupants to record the reading. However, since 1740, there are records of wide spread damage due to low temperatures in the state.

It is a matter of record that a severe freeze was recorded in 1766 in St. Augustine with all evergreens and citrus being killed. On the morning of January 3, 1766, the ground on the of the St. John's and the Volusia river's were frozen to the depth of an inch. A snow storm in 1774 blanketed Florida. Snow covered such a vast area, that it was referred to as "white-rain." Again snow fell all day followed by sleet on January 10, 1800 to a depth of five inches on the St. Mary's river.

Early in the history of Florida, the most important and largest crop was citrus, then the growing of pineapple became wide spread and third to reach significance was vegetable crops.

One of the most remarkable freezes known in the history of Florida was on February 8, 1835. The temperature at Jacksonville fell to 8 degrees above zero. At Fort King, then an Army Post near Ocala, the temperature dropped to 11 degrees. The St. John's river near Jacksonville was frozen several rods from the shore line. All fruit trees north of the 28th parallel were destroyed, including the roots. Several years brought 20 degree temperature in the northern part of the state from 1845 to 1856. People attempted to skate on ponds during the severe cold wave on January 19-20, 1857 along the St. John's river which registered temperatures as low as 16 degrees. In November 1860, the record for low temperature was 25, this degree of cold for the month of November has never been exceeded.

The sleet and snow of the cold wave in 1879 caused much damage. Limbs heavy with ice broke under the weight. A freeze that ranks with the great freeze of 1857 was recorded in 1886. From January 9 through 13, great damage was noted on the Indian River. This cold wave destroyed the entire crop of fruit for the year. Volusia's temperature reached 18 degrees, a low for this year.

A disastrous freeze entered the state on the morning of December 27, 1894 by the 29th the entire mainland had freezing weather. The great freeze of 1895 which was only two months after the December 1894 cold wave coming in on February 7 lasted through the 10th. This freeze coming so soon after the one earlier destroyed all fruit trees that were spared with the December cold wave. More property was destroyed than by any other recorded cold wave. The reduction from 6,000,000 boxes of fruit to 75,000 indicates the damage for the year.

In 1899 from February 13-16, high winds and snow accompanied the cold wave bringing a low of 6 degrees in Gainesville, Jacksonville had a low of 10 degrees and Jupiter a low of 28 degrees. The temperature fell to 2 degrees below zero in area of the northern part of the state. This freeze of 1899 along with the one in 1835 were the most severe recorded since 1800.

(This data was taken from the Florida Edition of the Makers of America, published under the patronage of the Florida Historical Society of Jacksonville.)

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Mrs. John R. Parkinson, President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is shown cutting the ribbon which officially opens the Fifth Annual Florida State Flower Show held in Daytona Beach. In the background are: Mr.

Francis Morrison, Mayor of Daytona Beach; Rev. Edward Rowley, Jr., and Mrs. Tom Mateka, Chairman of the opening ceremony, who gave the greetings and introductions.

Mrs. Edward H. McKeon Awarded The Margaret Douglas Medal by The Garden Club of America

Mrs. Edward H. McKeon, a past State Chairman of Roadside Development for Florida and a member of the Pompano Beach Garden Club, Inc., was awarded

the coveted Margaret Douglas Medal by the Garden Club of America at their Annual Convention in Denver this spring. This award is made annually; however, it has only been made five times. It is given upon the recommendation of the Conservation and Medal Award Committee for notable service to the cause of Conservation Education.

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Legislation

Organization procedure was adopted at the February Board meeting. District Directors have appointed Legislation Chairmen. Club and Circle Presidents are to appoint Legislation Chairmen. Questionnaires have been sent to all qualified candidates and results of this survey will be available to all club members.

Local garden clubs are asked to sponsor open meetings after election to which the elected representatives in the area are to be invited. The need for our proposed legislation will be explained and discussed.

It is important that every club member support our program. An alert, informed membership can accomplish the objectives of our Federation.

**Mrs. Harry A. Keefe,
Chairman**

LEGISLATION CHAIRMEN

- District
I. Mrs. N. S. Rubin, 1221 N. Barcelona St., Pensacola.
II. Mrs. Tom Watts, Chipley.
III. Mrs. Walter Keyes, 2116 E. Randolph Circle, Tallahassee.
IV. Mrs. A. H. Tebault, 175 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine.
V. Mrs. C. Stewart Comeaux, Ritz Apts., Oklawaha Ave., Ocala.
VI. Mrs. E. W. Gautier, New Smyrna Beach.
VII. Mrs. Wm. T. Chennell, 1045 Lancaster Dr., Orlando.
VIII. Mrs. C. P. Millard, R.F.D. No. 1, Bradenton.
IX. Mrs. Latimer C. Farr, Wauchula.
X. Mrs. H. B. Swinglehurst, Box 315, Stuart.
XI. Mrs. C. Kay Davis, 1000 S. Eighth St., Ft. Lauderdale.

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Life Membership

In 1955-56 Life Membership in the Florida Federation reached 35, with 11 new members; the following 5 names received certificates and membership cards at the 30th annual Convention.

Mrs. Ralph Spicer, Daytona Beach, retiring Director of District VI.

Mrs. R. E. Stevens, Daytona Beach, State Parliamentarian.

Mrs. J. Lynwood Price, Jacksonville, retiring Director of District IV.

Mrs. Thurston Roberts, Jacksonville, Past-President of Jacksonville Garden Club.

Mrs. J. G. Kellum, Tallahassee, Past-President of Tallahassee Garden Club.

It is a source of joy to this chairman that some of these memberships were given in love and appreciation of service. Others were presented to members of long and good standing who felt they would always hold Garden Club aims and ideals dear to their hearts and wished to be a permanent part of this club.

The 30th Annual Convention was honored to have 14 Life Members present.

Mrs. Covington Riley.

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Parks and Memorials

As Chairman of Parks and Historic Memorials, it has been my pleasure to work closely with the State Park Service in promoting the Parks of Florida. The most effective publicity for them was the Map on the September-October Conservation Issue of The Florida Gardener which located each Park and Historical Memorial.

Information concerning them has been given at State Convention District Two Convention, Area Conservation Conferences, and Local Meetings.

A Tour of the State to see and enjoy the Parks was sponsored by the Park Board April 9-19. Every opportunity available has been used by your Chairman to urge Garden Club members and others to know and use the lovely Parks of our State.

**Mrs. Eugene W. Bowles,
Chairman**

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Radio and Television

During the excitement of the Awards Banquet at the State Convention, did you dream of the awards your club might receive next year?

With that in view, why not plan now for a radio or television program? Developing such a program is a very rewarding experience. As plans are made, subjects selected, research done, script prepared and auditions held, the working together, with singleness of purpose, binds the members into a harmonious unit. Hidden talent is often discovered.

Presenting programs on gardening and garden club activities is a service to your community. Neighbors outside of the garden club group are reached with valuable information. This is a reward, too.

The tape recordings submitted this year are interesting and informative. Include them in your program. (See pages 80-81 in the "Book of Information.")

And dreams do come true, if you only work hard while you dream. May your unified efforts continue to promote State and National objectives through "The Garden Club of the Air".

**Mrs. Grier C. Barnhart
Chairman**

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Resolutions

As Resolutions Chairman, I have served with a committee composed of the following members: Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap, Mrs. Robert L. Fairing, Mrs. Melville Hall, Mrs. Harry A. Keefe, Mrs. Eugene A. Smith and Mrs. R. E. Stevens. Six Resolutions were passed at the Convention this year. In summary they are:

1. The United States Forest Service and all interested pulpwood and forestry associations sponsored a Southern Forest Fire Prevention Conference in New Orleans April 13-14, 1956, and in order to stimulate public opinion, we voted to endorse this conference.
2. The Blue Star Memorial Highway which was supposed to traverse the length of the state now terminates at Tallahassee. It was voted to extend it on U. S. 90, on what is known as the Old Spanish Trail, to a point where this route reached the Alabama-Florida line.
3. The State Enabling Act for Zoning was endorsed but conclusive action was not taken at the 1955 Legislature, so it was voted to reaffirm our endorsement of this act for action at the 1957 Legislation.
4. The Florida State Road Department, with Honorable Wilbur Jones as Chairman, was urged to extend Travel Trash Can routes, Roadside Parks and Picnic Areas as rapidly as is feasible, and that suitable signs be erected saying "Unlawful to throw papers and trash on highway. Violators Prosecuted, \$100.00 fine."
5. To promote safety, beauty and cleanliness on the highway, it was voted to urge that a bill be passed to prosecute the driver of any truck hauling trash, crates or other litter without having secured covering for the truck. Penalties will be not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 for violation.
6. Anti-litter laws provide penalties for dumping of trash, garbage or rubbish on public roads, so it was voted to request all law enforcement officers to enforce provisions of the State's anti-litter laws.

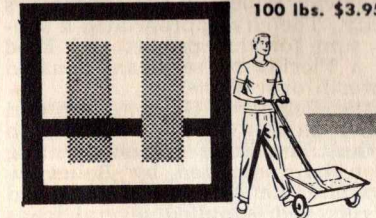
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NEWS CLUB CAST

By *Adelaide O. Nieland*

Florida Garden Clubs are now actively closing out another successful year.

Civic Projects

The Starke Garden Club recently planted over 100 juniper, arbor vitae, and a number of other shrubs along U. S. Highway #100 and the approaches to the city. The city appropriated a substantial sum for this project and Fred Mahan, a Florida nurseryman, donated plants worth over \$1,000.

Both the Belleview Garden Club and the Archer Garden Club are working on city parks. The Lake Lillian planting will soon be completed by Belleview members and the Archer Club has had stumps removed, supplied several loads of soil and has had water piped in to an area in the center of town. With grass to be kept trimmed by the city and by benefit of professional landscape plans, Archer Garden Club members hope to make this a real beauty spot.

The South Peninsula Garden Club of Daytona Beach has donated 200 feet of garden hose for use of the R. J. Longstreet School grounds and the Daytona Beach Garden Club has given material for a retaining wall for plants to be set out in front of the City Hall. The club will also furnish plants to beautify the City Hall grounds.

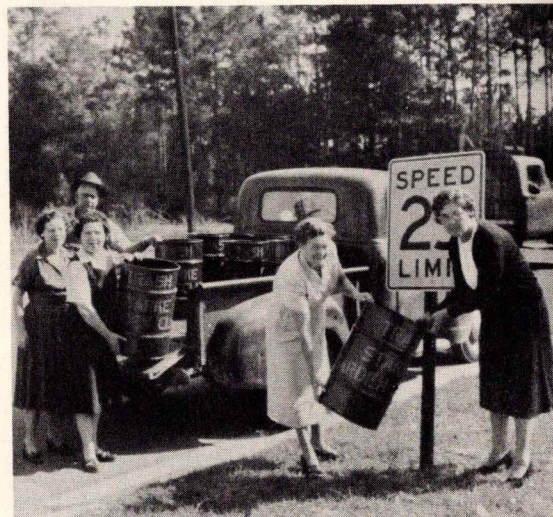
The Azalea Circle of the Gainesville Garden Club recently purchased brick planting boxes which will be planted with azaleas and placed by the windows of the new City Library building.

Horticulture

Both the Lake City Garden Club and the Garden Club of Lake Weir have increased their knowledge of plants by means of garden tours. The Lake Weir Club also visited a Leesburg nursery where Mrs. Alice Smart identified various plants and outlined methods for their care and the Archer Garden Club secured similar information by a visit to the gardens of the University of Florida.

Garden Therapy

Members of the West Orange Garden Club of Winter Garden grow plants in support of one of their major projects, flowers for the West Orange Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are placed in



Starke Garden Club members placing trash cans at the five highway approaches to Starke. Cans were placed at the new Hospital grounds, USO Building and Schools. Left to right: Mrs. J. D. Doyle, Civic Chairman; Mr. Edwin Smith, City Employee; Mrs. Harry Mooty, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Frazier Shaw, Roadside Development Chairman, and Mrs. M. F. Hazen, President.



the lobbies several times each week and bouquets are distributed for the patients. Twenty dozen annual plants supplied to one of the local grammar schools provide an added source of cut flowers and serve to beautify the grounds at the same time.

The Azalea Circle of the Ortona Garden Club distributed plants at Easter to the Halifax Hospital and Convalescent Home as part of its continuing therapy project.

Conservation

The Garden Club of Lake Weir has registered its endorsement of human conservation and resource conservation by contributing \$50.00 toward a scholarship for therapy work at the University of Florida and voting another \$50.00 toward a scholarship for the conservation short course for teachers to be held at Florida State University this summer.

Garden Centers

The Garden Club of the Halifax Country has donated two wrought iron tables and eight chairs for the Daytona Beach Garden Center.

Committee chairmen of the Gainesville Garden Club are responsible for weekly exhibits at the Public Library. These are generally educational, featuring various phases of Garden Club work.

Junior Gardens

Juniors of the Belle Glade Garden Club not only staged a separate flower show, but also demonstrated how quickly a creditable show can be staged. From the time the first tables were put in place to the time everything was in readiness for the judges, their "Learning by Doing" show took less than two hours to assemble. The six sponsors of the Garden Study Club planned carefully and the juniors co-operated fully to make this unusual accomplishment possible. Another noteworthy feature of the show is the fact that it was held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Parent Teacher Association.

Belle Glade Juniors also put on a program for their senior sponsors, the Garden Study Club, by bringing arrangements, dish gardens, and seedlings to demonstrate what they had learned.

The juniors of the Jacksonville Garden Club, assisted by the senior club, held a two-day flower show which included an entertaining pageant in honor of the queen and her court.

Gainesville Garden Club juniors staged their flower shows this year in each of the four grade schools.

Programs

The Jacksonville Garden Club has devised a plan to coordinate the many phases of our Federation work into their programs. Joint meetings of the various committee chairmen on the governing board and the circle chairmen are held with full discussions on activities resulting in a well-rounded program for the year ahead.

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Roadside Development

Major emphasis has been placed on an educational campaign designed to mold public opinion in favor of enactment in-to law of the State Enabling Act for Zoning; to combat the littering of high-ways and public areas; to arouse public sentiment in the matter of demanding strict enforcement of Florida's anti-litter laws; have warning signs erected stating penalty for throwing trash on rights-of-way and seeking passage of a bill making it mandatory that trucks hauling trash be equipped with secured coverings.

In addition to attending and speaking at Presidents' conferences, board, district, club, Suncoast League of Municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, city council, county commissioner and civic meetings promoting these objectives, this chairman has contacted legislators, advocated use of "litterbags" and trash receptacles; had copies of Beatitudes for Beautification printed, the state's anti-litter laws and model anti-litter ordinance photostatted for statewide distribution, with copies of the latter sent, by request, to the National Institute of Municipal Clerks for use in the United States and Canada.

State Road Landscape Engineer L. K. Thompson was presented in a convention forum to stimulate interest in Mile of Beauty plantings and a roadside exhibit has been assembled and widely shown.

**Mrs. Melville Hall,
Chairman**

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State Headquarters

Inasmuch as the University of Florida was in need of land for expansion for housing dormitories and married housing units, and as the Gainesville Garden Club indicated Parry House did not fill the requirements for a Garden Center, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs exercised the prerogative of giving notice as of February first, 1956, to terminate the lease of Perry House.

An acknowledgement from Mr. W. Ellis Jones, business manager of the University, of receipt of the letter from the President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs confirming the intent of the Federation to terminate the lease, expressed appreciation for the kind remarks of the President, concerning co-operation between the Federation and the University.

**Miss Mary S. Compton,
Chairman**

Visiting Gardens

In order to continue the splendid achievements of the Visiting Gardens Chairmen in previous years, may I have your co-operation in the following:

(1) Help complete the listing of all gardens in your District open to the public. Please include Highway number in location.

(2) In order to encourage more visitations, publicize by means of radio and local papers, gardens in your area.

(3) Encourage Clubs to conduct tours and pilgrimages in their District, thus taking advantage of the beauty of National Parks and Memorials in Florida.

(4) Provide Chambers of Commerce with information regarding tours of public gardens in your vicinity.

Members anticipating visits to gardens this summer where visiting garden cards are necessary, are referred to The Florida Gardener, Sept.-Oct. 1955, page 18, for instructions in obtaining such cards. Happy vacation!

**Mrs. C. P. Millard,
Chairman**

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Permanent Home Fund

National Citations have been awarded to clubs giving One Dollar per member. Important: If any club or circle—National counts each circle a club—has contributed the equivalent of One Dollar per member before the idea of giving Citations was adopted, IT MERITS A CITATION. Send the data on a postal card to your chairman and a Citation will be awarded.

Pictures and plans for our Permanent Home were displayed at the State Convention; also a map showing clubs reporting 100% participation. Special donors were listed. The following clubs not previously recognized: Clearwater Garden Club, Clover Garden Club, Garden Gate Circle, and Flowering Tree Garden Club of Tampa; Rose Circle, Lake Wales; Poinsettia Circle, Hibiscus Circle of St. Petersburg. Thanks to all clubs giving any amount to this project. Florida contributions reported to State Chairman total \$6,389.64.

I have attended all Board meetings, Conservation Work Shop, South Atlantic Regional Meeting, helped at State Flower Show, and attended State Convention.

I enjoyed the privilege of serving on the State Board, and regret that I cannot continue.

**Mrs. G. T. Smith, Jr.
Chairman**

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