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Calendar of Events

ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCES 1971

X Stuart	May 26	VI Titusville	June 4
XI Hallandale	May 27	V Lake Weir	June 7
XII Miami	May 28	IV Jacksonville	June 8
IX Bartow	June 1	III Perry	June 9
VIII Tampa	June 2	II Bonifay	June 10
VII Conway, Orlando	June 3	I Pensacola	June 11

COMING EVENTS

January 15, 1971	Arbor Day
January 27-28, 1971	Tropical Short Course, Coral Gables, U. of Miami
March 24-26, 1971	Deep South Regional Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
March 28-April 3, 1971	Blanche Covington Nature Study Course, St. Andrews State Park, Panama City
March 29-31, 1971	LDS Course III, Series V, Tallahassee
May 1, 1971	State Bird Day
May 16-20, 1971	NCSGC Convention, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour
May 20, 1971	Florida Council of Flower Show Judges, Annual Meeting, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour
May 21, 1971	State Convention, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour
June 23-25, 1971	Short Course, U. of Fla., Gainesville

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

January 19-20, 1971	Sheraton-Cypress Hotel, Winter Haven
May 20, 1971	7:00 A.M. — Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour
May 22, 1971	American Hotel, Bal Harbour



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COVER STORY

WASHINGTON OAKS GARDENS STATE PARK:
These beautiful gardens are located on 340 acres of land, bounded by the Intracoastal Waterway on the west and the Atlantic Ocean on the east.

The park lies two miles south of Marine-land on State Road A-1-A.

The area was part of a Spanish land grant to Bautista Don Juan Ferreira in 1815. The land was developed as a plantation by General Joseph Hernandez, hero of the Seminole War.

A surveyor named George Washington, who may have been a relative of the first President of the United States, married Hernandez's daughter, Louisa, in 1844. They were given this land by Hernandez and lived here until 1856, developing the plantation and starting an orange grove.

The gardens, groves and plantings were expanded when the place was purchased in 1936, by Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Young. Mr. Young was chairman of the Board of General Electric and a cabinet member during President Hoover's administration. The property was donated to the State in 1964 by Mrs. Young, after Mr. Young's death.

Focal point of the park is the garden area. Both native and exotic plants and shrubs are featured in the gardens, which have been planned to fit into the natural setting of huge oaks, cedar and sabal palmetto.

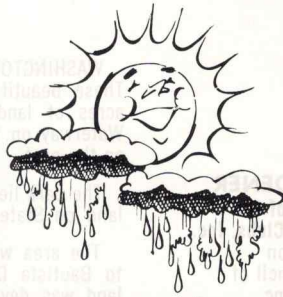
Another feature of the park is the citrus grove which boasts several varieties of oranges, tangerines, grapefruit and kumquat. Other fruit-bearing plants at Washington Oaks Gardens include persimmon, pears, figs and grapes.

The traditional blooming season is: January 1 - April 30. The park features well-planned trails which will enable you to enjoy to the fullest the natural beauty of the area.

Again on behalf of FFGC we express thanks to the Division of Recreation and Parks for loaning us color transparencies of State Parks, from three areas of Florida for TFG covers.

— Editor

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Forty clubs were contacted and 27 reacted enthusiastically. From

Florence, Italy, a garden club leader remarked, "Yours is indeed a wonderful idea, especially in a time when people tend to destroy rather than protect the blessings of nature." The Hudson-Quebec "Gazette" said, "This is a splendid project for the Carissa club — of only 18 members." (Courtesy of Mrs. Dominic Sputo, President — excerpts from an article, St. Augustine Record!)

STARS — should be before the names of the following Judges in District XII:

MMES. Harry E. Crim, Edwin B. Dean, I. J. Dresch, M. S. Farrar, Morgan P. Gilbert, Charles H. Hawkins, Frank W. Hewlett, Wagner Melius, Robert E. Adams, J. L. Anderson, J. Forrest Diehl, Henry E. Freeman, Norman Hendry, John W. Hood, R. A. Justin, Frank Nichols and Raymond E. Turner.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

A new year challenges us. How do you plan to fill the days? Objectively? Involved? Kindly? Caring for your fellow man? Making Florida a more beautiful place in which to live? The best things in life are free but we are all going to pay a price to renew the assets we have so carelessly and thoughtlessly spoiled. We MUST be more selective in our use of insecticides and detergents. We MUST protect our scenic rivers and work for clean water. It all depends on YOU.

The year ahead is filled with exciting prospects for garden club members. With Florida hosting National Convention, our thoughts are centered in the beautiful Americana Hotel in Bal Harbour, where garden club members from all over our nation will be converging to sample our hospitality, to enjoy our floral beauty, to delight in the blue green waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Members in Florida are assembling beautiful, creative designs to make the tables festive. Excitement is high, rates are low and we are hoping that everyone will plan to attend and meet our fellow members from Alaska, California, Washington and Mississippi.

Our one day State Convention will follow National, giving you the opportunity to combine the two events and to be inspired.

Atlanta, Georgia will host the Deep South Regional meeting on March 24-26th, giving you the priceless opportunity to meet the other members of the five southern states comprising our region.

Be sure to check your calendar of events in the Gardener for the dates of Blanche Covington Nature Study Course and Landscape Design Course in Tallahassee, offering you education in nature and design.

Garden club members will be thrilled to know that our board member Mrs. John Kressman was honored and recognized by Governor Kirk for her outstanding contribution throughout the years in the field of Conservation. Fifty-two Floridians active in preserving our environment, were cited, including Conservation 70 leaders and other distinguished Conservationists, including former board member Mrs. Roger Waybright. They were cited for "struggling in the field before Environmental Quality was a household word." Our sincere congratulations to Hilda Kressman. It is encouraging to see credit given where credit is due. So many of our members are doing such worthwhile things, making such fine contributions of time and talent to our state, filling us with deep pride in their accomplishments.

The pages of 1970 have been closed and sealed forever.

Let us make 1971 a banner year, one to be proud of, one to remember with pleasure and pride. My best wishes go with you.



Hazel Dillingham

MRS. ARTHUR PIERCE, JR., *Chairman Foreign Tours*
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New Bird Sanctuary

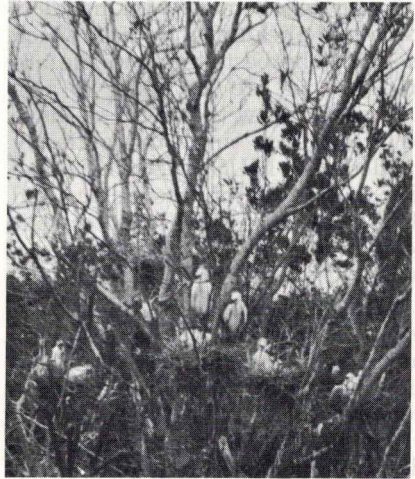
JOSCELYN DUNLOP

Bird lovers will be interested to learn that Timucuan Island, once known as the dwelling place of Indian royalty, has been named Florida's latest bird sanctuary, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Garden Club of Lake Weir.

Naming the island a bird sanctuary was the culmination of a six year dream by members of the Garden Club of Lake Weir, and appropriate dedication ceremonies were held at the island at the height of the annual bird "invasion."

During the breeding season, especially in late spring and early summer, countless birds, from white ibis to egrets, blue herons to anhingas, make it their home. Even though a number of summer homes are now located on the island, the birds nest close to the causeway road, unruffled by any passing cars and ignoring people, for the most part.

The island, repeatedly mentioned by early historians, has a romantic past, complete with a



four century old legend of beautiful Indian maidens being kidnapped by the Timucua Indian residents and taken to the island, where "they were espoused all, and loved beyond measure." The Timucuan, unlike other Florida tribes, were said to be remarkably fair skinned, and of above average height.

In any event, when the white man first settled on the island in the 1880s, they found the island covered with a luxuriant growth of wild orange trees, on which they budded sweet stock. Horses and farm equipment were ferried to the island by barge, since, at that time, there was no causeway.

In 1957, the MacKenzie brothers of Ocala, owners of the island, began its development for residential use. However, when a large Indian mound was discovered, all operations ceased until the mound could be examined scientifically by officials of the Florida State Museum.

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Editorial

AS I SEE IT

Nineteen Seventy-One: let's resolve to renew our efforts in helping to reverse the trend of environmental carelessness, through a "growing horticultural community"; helping the "now generation improve the mess man has made of America"; and expand our program of preparing today's children for tomorrow.

GUEST EDITORIALS: "Where There is no Vision, the People Perish" by Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr., Past FFGC President, and "Florida's State Parks," by Mr. Ney C. Landrum, Director, Division of Recreation and Parks. These articles are vital to FFGC: the one on leadership is timely as new leaders for 1971-72 are now being selected and the one on State Parks is a reminder for us to take time to see our parks "at every opportunity."

The Volusia County Public Library and the St. Lucie-Okeechobee Regional Library, Fort Pierce are recipients of one year subscriptions to TFG through EBSCO'S Magazine Division, Birmingham, Alabama. EBSCO makes Vulcan

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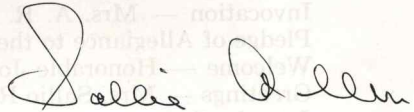
ERRATA . . . As editor, I apologize to all writers for the glaring mistakes in the N/D issue.

ATTENTION — officers and/or chairmen reporting changes to the Florida Gardener. Please check the N/D issue page 5 (editorial) for complete information, including an example for reporting. As editor, we commend the response of many interested leaders/readers, and especially those following the example referred to above.

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By Ella G. Alsop,
FFGC HISTORIAN 1941-43



ATTENTION PRESIDENTS: leaders are educators and have special privileges, opportunities and responsibilities; won't you join me as editor and circulation manager in educating your members and make a special effort concerning policy 16. It is on page 78 "Supplement" Book of Information!

Also, you can help the Assistant Treasure of FFGC: instruct the treasurer serving with you to send dues to: Mrs. Edward F. Smithers, P.O. Box 41, Ponte Vedra Beach — 32082; you will find full information pertaining to dues on page 183, 1969-70 Book of Information; and as editor I thank you.

Fourty-Fifth Annual Convention

THEME: FLORIDA'S WORLD OF CREATIVITY

Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida

May 21, 1971

Hostess Clubs — Garden Clubs of Miami and Miami Beach

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1971

10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. — *Registration* — Main Lobby

4:00 P.M. — Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971

7:30 to 10:30 A.M. — *Registration* — Main Lobby

7:30 A.M. — Breakfast — Theme: "Salute to our Gallant Youth"

Honoring: Garden Clubs of District 12

Presiding: Mrs. A. A. Gurke, First Vice President, FFGC

Invocation

Awards Presentation — Junior and High School Gardeners —

Mrs. Sidney Davis, Awards Chairman, FFGC

Reports of State Officers:

President — Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham

First Vice Pres. — Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke

Second Vice Pres. — Mrs. Sidney Davis

Third Vice Pres. — Mrs. Wm. T. Chennell

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Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Ray C. Knopke

Treasurer — Mrs. Carl K. Youngkin

Assistant Treasurer — Mrs. Edward F. Smithers

Decorations — Town and Country Garden Club, Miami

9:30 A.M. — Formal Opening of the Forty-Fifth Annual Convention, FFGC

Presiding: Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham, President

Invocation — Mrs. A. R. Mullins, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag — Mrs. J. D. McCullagh

Welcome — Honorable John F. Beatty, Mayor

Greetings — Mrs. Sallie Rahm, Director District 12

Introductions

Report of Credentials Chmn. — Mrs. Carl K. Youngkin, Treas.
FFGC

Report of Convention Program — Mrs. Edwin Dean, Convention
Chairman

Report of Convention Rules — Mrs. Carroll Griffin, Parliamen-
tarian

Appointment of Committee to approve the minutes

Appointment of Timekeeper

Reports of District Directors

10:50 to 11:00 A.M. — Break

11:00 A.M. — Report of Nominating Committee — Mrs. Carroll
Griffin, Chmn.

Appointment of Tellers — Mrs. John G. Wood, Chairman

Election of Officers

Report of Florida Gardener Editor and Business Manager —
Mrs. Jack Allen
Report of Florida Flower Arrangement Calendar Treasurer —
Mrs. Arthur Pforr
Report of Symposium Chairman — Mrs. John Downing
Report of Headquarters and Endowment Trustees Chmn. —
Mrs. Vernon L. Conner
Resolutions — First Reading — Mrs. Wm. A. Lemons, chairman
Recess — Lunch

12:30 P.M. — *Theme: "Life CAN Be Beautiful"*

Honoring — State and National Life Members

Presiding: Mrs. Sidney Davis, 2nd. Vice Pres. FFGC

Invocation — Mrs. Carroll Griffin, Past President FFGC

Presentation of Life Members

State — Mrs. Ann G. Keen, chairman

National — Mrs. A. A. Gurke, chairman

Decorations: Ken Pines Garden Club, Miami



2:30 P.M. — Business meeting continued

Presiding: Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham, President, FFGC

Reports of State Chairmen

By-laws Amendments — Mrs. R. M. Pyle, Jr., chairman

Resolutions — Final Reading — Mrs. Wm. A. Lemons

Final Report of Credentials Chairman — Mrs. C. Youngkin,
Treasurer

Report of Elections Committee — Mrs. John G. Wood, Chmn.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements



7:00 P.M. — Banquet — *Theme "Florida, Thy Name is Beauty"*

*Honoring National Officers, National Chairmen, Past State
Presidents of FFGC, Guardians of Garden and Headquarters
Benefactors*

Presiding: Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham, President, FFGC

Invocation — Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, Past Pres., FFGC

Introduction of Speaker — Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Past Pres.
FFGC Vice President, National Council

Address — Mrs. Maxwell W. Steel, National Council State
Garden Clubs

President's Citations

Awards Presentation

National — Mrs. Frank Woodward, III, Chairman

State — Mrs. Sidney Davis, 2nd. V.P. FFGC Chairman

Installation of Officers

Acceptance Speech

Courtesy Resolution — Mrs. Wm. B. Lemons

Adjourn — Sine Die

Decorations: Coral Gables Garden Club

CHAPTER 70-241

HOUSE BILL No. 3604

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the establishment of an environmental education program for the state; creating an advisory council; providing for an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Short Title — This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Florida environmental education act of 1970."

Section 2. Environmental education program. — There is hereby created an environmental education program for the State of Florida. This program shall be administered by the commissioner of education pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the state board of education. In developing the environmental education program special emphasis should be given to the following:

(a) Coordinating the efforts of the various disciplines within the educational system that are concerned with environmental education.

(b) Developing and distributing instructional materials for use in environmental education.

(c) Developing programs of in-service teacher training in environmental education.

(d) Coordinating the efforts of private organizations and governmental agencies that are concerned with environmental education.

Section 3. Environmental education consultant. — The commissioner of education shall establish in the division of elementary/secondary education the position of consultant in environmental education. The consultant shall be appointed at the earliest practicable date following the effective date of this act and one of his duties shall be to immediately begin assembling the vast amount of materials from private and governmental sources relating to environmental and ecological problems of the state. Special concern shall be given to the urban environment and the needs of the intercity.

Section 4. Appropriation.—There is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of education the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) for the 1970-71 fiscal year to be used in carrying out the provisions of this act. The commissioner of education has authorized two (2) positions in addition to the number of positions approved in the 1970-71 legislative budget to be assigned full-time to the development and implementation of the environmental education program. These funds shall be in addition to and shall become a part of other funds appropriated to the commissioner of education for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved by the Governor June 30, 1970.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 30, 1970.



PROGRESS

Mr. Floyd Christian, State Commissioner of Education, named Mr. Richard Tillis, as Florida's first Environmental Consultant. Mr. Tillis is the current director of the Pine Jog Conservation Education Center in West Palm Beach.

Commenting on his appointment, Dick said, "he was looking toward the outdoors for the conservation students classroom, for all Americans, but especially the elementary school child; this kind of outdoor-based conservation education is as necessary as air, as right as rain and the need for it in 20th Century America is as real as rock." (The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs congratulate Mr. Tillis on his appointment, and will follow his work with interest. Editor)

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS SALUTED BY GOVERNOR CLAUDE KIRK

Hilda Kressman "armed with a boundless love of natural beauty, and determination and willingness to become involved, has played a vital role in the environmental awakening of people in Florida." Serving as a former editor of the Florida Gardener, she helped to activate FFGC into a greater dedication of its conservation programs.

Evelyn Waybright, "the smiling, gracious lady from Jacksonville, who has given all of us an outstanding example of dedication to a cause, began her crusade for environmental education in the school systems of Florida. Demonstrating extraordinary leadership, she rallied Women's Clubs and others to support the creation of a Resource-Use-Education Program for In-Service Classroom Teachers."

Hilda and Evelyn were appoin-

tees of Governor Kirk, as members of the Natural Resources Committee, representing FFGC and FFWC respectively. Mr. Lyman Rogers, Chairman of the Governor's NSC, appointed Hilda chairman of the Natural Beauty Sub-committee and Evelyn, chairman of the Conservation Education Sub-committee.

(From the portfolio of the first Governor's Conservation Awards 1970 held October 19, Tallahassee.)

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Policy No. 16 — FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC., GOVERN ALL CLUBS AND CIRCLES (MEMBERS): It is the responsibility of each club to keep the membership list up to date. The circulation manager of the Florida Gardener should be informed of changes of names, addresses, zip code, new members added and members dropped. Club or circle magazine code number must be sent with new or corrected address. Twenty-five cents must accompany any change of name, address, or zip code requiring a new plate.

INFORMATION

There is an unwritten policy pertaining to obituaries in the Florida Gardener. Only brief memorials are permitted for board members!

Florida's State Parks

NEY C. LANDRUM

No one is likely to doubt that state parks are a good thing, but it is surprising how much diversity of opinion there is among those who think they have the perfect concept of what a state park should be. When it comes to visualizing the ideal state park, everyone is his own expert.

For those primarily interested in nature, a state park must rival paradise itself in its unspoiled natural splendor. Some visitors, in search of aesthetic gratification, may feel that state parks can be enhanced by judicious landscaping, and find a stylized garden of azaleas and camelias preferable to the less orderly displays of nature. For those who prefer to camp, picnic or swim, a state park must provide an abundance of facilities for such purposes. Still other users have more of an educational interest in state parks, and seek effective interpretation of the area's fascinating natural and cultural history.

Whatever the motivation of a state park visitor, however, he has one basic interest in common with all others: a desire to fulfill an outdoor recreational need. To satisfy such needs is the *raison d'être* of the state parks, and of the entire Florida recreation and parks program.

Public outdoor recreation programs are recognized today as a priority responsibility at every level of government — and this recognition did not come a day too soon. Florida is fortunate indeed to have a broad and dynamic program designed to place adequate and varied outdoor recreational opportunities

within reasonable reach of every citizen and visitor. While most people need hardly stop to think about justification for something so obviously beneficial, there are three good reasons why Florida is involved in outdoor recreation so extensively. First, there is a social need to be met; the health and well-being of Florida's people are measurably influenced by satisfying recreational experiences. Next, there is an economic consideration; Florida's renown as a recreation mecca is an essential factor in the state's all-important hospitality industry. Finally, outdoor recreation is the practical foundation upon which many conservation efforts are built, and numerous unique and irreplaceable segments of the natural landscape are preserved and protected as state parks and recreation areas.

Florida first got into the state park business in the mid-1930s, through cooperative efforts with the Civilian Conservation Corps. During those early years, eight of Florida's finest state parks, comprising over 42,000 acres, were acquired. Most of these represented outstanding natural areas — such as Florida Caverns, Highlands Hammock and Myakka River — indicating a strong concern for preservation as much as for meeting active recreation needs. With the momentum thus provided, Florida began adding new parks to the system with regularity, acquired through donation, lease, transfer and occasionally even a cash purchase. Because new state parks were taken at random when and

where they became available, however, the system failed to achieve a desirable geographical balance. Many parts of Florida had no state park, while other areas had several within easy reach. By the early 1960s, burgeoning outdoor recreation demands throughout Florida brought a realization that new state parks had to be planned and acquired on a more systematic basis.

In 1963, Florida's program was reshaped and revitalized by passage of the landmark Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Act. A Land Acquisition Trust Fund was created, and subsequently a \$20 million bond issue floated for the purchase of new state parks. Since 1963 alone, 35 new park sites, containing some 50,000 acres, have been acquired at a cost of almost \$40 million. More important, however, is the fact that these new sites have been deliberately selected at locations where the need was most critical. New seashore parks, easily accessible to the major population centers, have received particular attention. Since 1963, the amount of recreational beach in the state park system has been increased by almost 100%. Through these timely efforts, Florida saved for all time such prized sites as Cape Florida, Wekiva Springs, Caladesi Island, Ichetucknee Springs and many others.

Today, Florida boasts one of the finest recreation and parks programs in the country. There are 86 separate units in the system, comprising more than 120,000 acres of land area. For planning and management purposes these various units are grouped into five categories: state parks, state recreation areas, state preserves, state historic (and/or archaeological) sites, and state floral gardens. Recreational

opportunities afforded by this diverse inventory are available within an hour's drive of almost any point in the state. Whatever his preference might be — swimming, picnicking, hiking, camping, boating or just enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the great outdoors — a Floridian stands a good chance of finding complete fulfillment in nearby state parks.

As public demand for outdoor recreation grows, however, so must efforts to expand Florida's state park system be intensified. New parks must be added, and existing ones developed and managed with utmost care and skill to insure that the greatest possible benefit is derived consistent with good husbandry. The mammoth challenge implicit in the task ahead has been accepted readily by the Division of Recreation and Parks of Florida's Department of Natural Resources. The more than 400 men and women of this agency have dedicated themselves to the proposition that Florida's state parks program shall be second to none, and no effort will be spared to maintain this distinction.

But state parks are for people and require people support. Above all, Floridians should use the parks at every opportunity — for the success of the program is measured not by numbers of parks or acres, but by the satisfaction of recreational needs. Using the state parks, however, places on every citizen the responsibility to help protect and maintain them, and to leave them so that each succeeding visitor may enjoy the same refreshing and rejuvenating experience from his contact with the outdoors. If this responsibility is fully met, the state parks which Floridians enjoy so much today will still be looked upon by the generations of tomor-

row as their most precious legacy.

(Mr. Landrum is a native Floridian! Professionally he has been associated with the following State Agencies: Board of Conservation, Recreational Development, Beach Preservation Association, Director of the Improvement Trust Fund, Natural Resources and he is our new Director of the Division of Recreation and Parks. Editor)

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

MRS. GEORGE LOBBAN

Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada

Through a neighbor that had spent a holiday in the U.S.A. Mrs. Lobban was given a copy of the Florida Gardener. Of special interest to her were: "Psalm of the 20th Century" (she requested permission to use it in their 1971 year-book), Roadside Development, and an Orchid Exporter. She wanted the record "Bird Song," which has been taken care of by our corresponding secretary. (As editor, it is gratifying to learn of Mrs. Lobban's interest and her comments on TFG. We hope Madam President gave her permission to use the 20th Century Psalm. This chairman will seek a source for orchids and pass the information on.)

PATRON'S PLAQUE

Time marches on and as the end of the current administration approaches we take this means of appealing to dedicated members and friends of the federation for assistance in achieving a goal.

The names of Alan T. Barber of Zephyrhills, Mrs. David C. Stouder of Miami, Mrs. Alan K. Howell and Mrs. Arlie Hopkins, both of Melbourne, Mrs. E. H. Ellison of Carabelle and Mrs. Henry W. Mich aels of Miami have been added to the Patron's Plaque roster since we undertook this assignment.

Only five plates on the handsome mahogany and bronze plaque gracing the west wall of the foyer at State Headquarters remain unfilled. Our dream is to complete the plaque prior to the close of Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham's tenure as state president.

A \$500 donation to this project will give personal satisfaction to the donor, a boost to the Headquarters and Endowment Fund on which interest earned is earmarked to help maintain the permanent home of some 30,000 Florida garden clubbers, and will be a lasting record of dedication. It is Federal Income Tax exempt.

If you will help us carry the ball across the goal line please write Mrs. Melville Hall, 1302 12 Ave., Zephyrhills, Florida 33599.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke, *President*

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DECISIONS? DECISIONS?

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When leadership is considered as systemized knowledge in general, then it is a science as well as an art, and so leaders are made, not born. A leader must obtain knowledge and be competent, for leadership depends upon preparation, a plan and the ability to carry it out. Skillful performance and appealing guidance have more than ordinary significance. The studied action, ability to lead, guide and direct, requires skill, hard work, patience, tact and consecration in order to proceed to the spectacular in fulfilling the objectives of the organization. Yet knowledge without wisdom is a source of trouble. Leadership means responsibility; power is duty. A leader must have goals to prevent the frustration of failures. "The greatest danger is not that he aims too high and misses it, but he aims too low and reaches it."

There are many people willing to lead, and yet they are ill-prepared both knowledgewise and emotionally to fill the office. There are those who seek office and do reach the top, without contributing an original idea. Moreover, they lack interest to pursue continuing worthwhile projects. It is important to regard the ideas of others, for inspiring ideas may introduce a chain reaction and so change the face of the world. No one ever climbed a hill by thinking about it. Perseverance is the key word. "A diamond is only a piece of coal that stayed with it."

The responsibility of leadership should not be underestimated, however it is the work of committees and the members who make it possible for a leader to look good. Working together in harmony is necessary. The leader must work with four kinds of members: the tired, the retired, the tiresome, and the tireless. To a leader on the right track all kinds of opportunities are open. Give the chairman an assignment, present your ideas, then let him feel free to research and make plans, for good leadership depends not on depth of knowledge in all subjects. Advice may be had for the asking; problems can be discussed. A leader does not take credit for the accomplishments of others.

One of the most valuable lessons any leader can learn is to make it easy for others to follow, for the leader who is courteous, kind, consistent, and respects others as individuals, can expect them to follow. The first point of courtesy must always be truth, as "Do unto others" is the creed. Courtesy and cooperation are seeds to be planted if success is to be achieved. A kind word dispels discouragement. Success is never put across by being cross. "Everytime one gives a person a piece of his mind, he loses peace of mind." Saying unkind things indicates that one is not on good terms with others, and cannot be on good terms with oneself.

We grow in the direction that we express ourselves.

Great leaders have convictions; ordinary leaders have opinions. Have visions and dreams, for if you dare not, you do not. The work of an executive as always is an endless chain of problem-solving and decision-making. To accomplish great and small things, plan more work than you can do, then do it;

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Oxides of nitrogen — Irritate lungs, damages vegetation. Combined with hydrocarbons and upon exposure to sunlight, they also can cause photochemical smog.

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for the person who succeeds is the one who does as much today as he plans to do tomorrow. Leadership is an art, but only those prepared, who give of their abilities, learn to communicate, have the confidence and cooperation of those in the organization, can achieve success. A man may go down in history as the president, but the people may perish.

and respiratory irritation, corrosion, damages vegetation and crops. Has been implicated in most air pollution disasters involving fatality.

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The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute points out that these dirty and hazardous pollutants will be brought under control only through public pressure and private action — such as mechanically filtering and electronically cleaning air in the home.



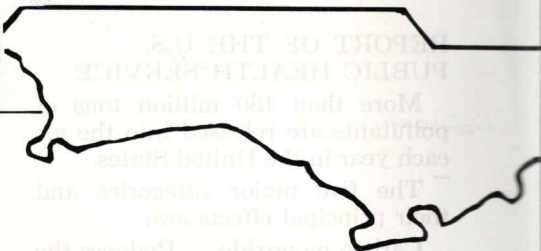
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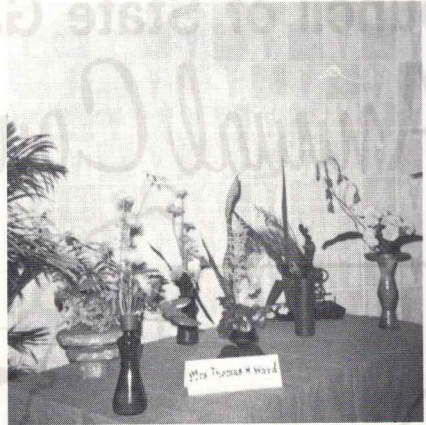


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1971

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH FLOWERS

Highlighting the week-end of November 20 in Broward County was the "Promenade Expo," presented by the "Beaux Arts Society," a group of less than one hundred women dedicated to the cultural advancement of the community. The Pompano Beach Harness track provided the stage for the giant extravaganza that emphasized the oriental influence as their thread of continuity, in endeavoring to alter the carnival-like event to a cultural exposition.

Because of their affiliation with the local Moringa Garden Club (TFGCFL), Beaux Arts chose two of its own members, Mrs. Harry Seanor and Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, Jr., to head up an educational and artistic exhibit through gardening, thus creating an opportunity for related gardening en-



thusiasts to reach a previously unmatched quantity of people in one broad sweep.

Those invited to participate, in addition to District XI's twenty-seven clubs and circles, under the directorship of Mrs. Daniel S. Newman, were the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, Inc., Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, Gold Coast Bonsai Society, Ikebana Chapter No. 98 and Plantation Orchid Society. Space and adherence to the over-all theme were the only restrictions of the contributing artists and groups with all materials supplied individually. Mrs. Clifton Schandelmayer directed the horticulture staging, using unique and naturalistic materials. Featured on the program were: (1) Nationally known Horticulture Instructor, Mrs. Wm. C. Knox, lectured on her unusual fern exhibit, identifying along with cultural information; (2) Mr. and Mrs. Durward B. White, Amateur orchid growers, presented a unique display of "Flasking orchids," educating the public in the life cycle of an orchid from seed to plant, and exhibited



Mrs. Mary Seanor and
Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, Jr.

many beautiful, blooming orchids; (3) as Florida is famous for its palms, Mrs. Gertrude Cole agreed to exhibit part of her giant collection and was present to answer questions; (4) "Arrangements from your own Backyard" supplied the theme for Mrs. Thomas H. Ward's lecture-demonstration for home decor. Materials used included crotons, shrimp plant, sanseveria, gerberas and other commonly grown plants; (5) Mrs. A. M. Friedman inspired many with her creations of table arrangements, utilizing inexpensive appointments and flowers, but stressing color and texture for striking results.



The exhibit appealed to all groups with its floral beauty and educational accent, and provided the "pause that refreshes" among the carnival-like atmosphere. A young father and mother gives us insight to a pressing need in our metropolitan-urban society; quote, "This is the first time we have been able to see a flower exhibit as a family. Thank you so much." District XI is proud of its participation in Promenada Expo, with hopes there will be many lasting "FRIENDSHIPS THROUGH FLOWERS." (Factual information by Mrs. Harry Seanor, President of FGC of Fort Lauderdale, and Mrs. O. Edgar Williams, Jr., member Moringa Garden Circle).

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. Francis D. Tracy, for whom the garden center of Upper Keys Garden Club was named, passed away October 19, at the age of 92. She will be long remembered as a wise counselor and a delightful source of local lore. Her interest was genuine, her dedication everlasting.

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A tour of our Headquarters grounds scheduled immediately following National Convention makes a spring clean-up and garden improvement program important, more than ever. Again clubs or friends have an opportunity to help toward the expense involved, and, at the same time pay tribute to an outstanding member, by contributing \$100.00 to have her name placed in the Directory of Landscape Design Donors at Headquarters. Checks should be made payable and addressed as previously stated.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe has called on cities throughout the country to follow the lead of Washington, D.C.; Tokyo; and New York City in conducting experimental bans on downtown automobile traffic. Secretary Volpe commended the initiative and imagination of those civic officials who have already taken such action as well as the residents, commuters, and businessmen who have cooperated in the experiments.

The Secretary offered the services of the Department of Transportation as a clearinghouse for information obtained from these experiments and he stated that the Department had made preparations to receive, analyze, and distribute the data collected.

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When I was about eight years old, I spent a lot of time ant-watching. As I watched, my admiration for them and their habits of hard work grew, and I felt a desire to help them. Observing their struggles with a heavy earthworm or grub, I would try to assist them by moving it nearer their anthill. Inevitably good intentions led to disaster, because the ants, panicked by my actions, would flee, pausing now and then to wring their feelers in distress.

So it is sometimes when we try over-zealously to help wild creatures, and in fact upon occasion we may be actually "killing with kindness."

There appears to be some doubt, for instance, about the desirability of hummingbird feeders. A controversy has long been standing as to whether sugar or honey should be used and how much to dilute either of them. Since this doubt exists, wouldn't it be advisable to forego the feeders and instead plant plenty of nectar-producing flowers. There is a wide variety of lovely blossoms that will enhance the garden and feed the hummers at the same time. Some of the favorite Florida flowers for hummingbirds include shrimp plant, flame vine, trumpet vine, bauhinia, bottle brush and citrus.

Similar circumstances exist in other matters of attracting birds. It's very well to maintain a feeder for seed-eating birds, and stock the feeder with seeds such as millet and sunflower. However, it's prob-

ably better to put out a standard amount of seed at approximately the same time each day rather than trying to keep the feeder filled constantly. In this way the birds learn the whereabouts of other sources of seed, and aren't suddenly stranded if the feeder's owner takes a vacation. Also, the birds get a more varied diet as they search the neighborhood for weed seeds.

Besides the feeder, seed-bearing plants such as Spanish needles can be allowed to grow in borders, and supply good natural food. The painted buntings are attracted to Spanish needles, as are goldfinches. In fact, the goldfinches that have come to our yard have been too shy to come to a feeder, but have fed at length on the Spanish needles.

Fruit and berry producing plants are available in such an assortment and can be things of beauty in themselves, besides attracting birds such as orioles, woodpeckers, mockingbirds, catbirds, thrashers and others. Some bird favorites in the fruit-producing plant category are nightshades, pokeberry, lantana, day jasmine, ravinia, callicarpa, loquat and sabal palm.

And, of course, leaving shrubs and plantings unsprayed by insecticides is essential. This is the way the gardener can furnish the vital protein, in the form of insects. What is sometimes not considered by the gardener is that at some time all songbirds eat insects, even those usually placed in the seed-

eating or fruit-eating classes. A good example of this is the cardinal, whose liking for sunflower seeds is known by almost everyone. But during nesting time the baby cardinals are fed insects, including aphids. What will happen to the nestlings if those aphids have just been doused with insecticide?! We have also seen the adult cardinals devouring big hornworms that they plucked from the poinsettias.

A good rule to try and develop, then, is to keep as close to the natural scheme of things as possible when attracting birds to the garden . . . the result will be more pleasure for the person and more benefit for the birds.

(Mrs. Bolte is a garden club member, but her great interest is birds.)

Florida Conservation Week to be March 21 through March 27, 1971. The National Wildlife week will be the same week. The Florida Conservation Council voted recently to coordinate conservation week with wildlife week. It is suggested that other groups coordinate their conferences during the same week. Present plans call for Orlando to be the conference site. Theme of wildlife week will be "WILDLIFE — WHO NEEDS IT?" NOTE: CONFERENCE SITE IS NOT DEFINITE. December Issue Florida Conservation Digest.

"SOLID WASTE BILL SIGNED," Air & Water News, Page 1, November 2, 1970.



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- Jan. 16-17 — Amaryllis and Evergreen Garden Circles of Lakeland Garden Club
"Camellias in Today's Moods"
Garden Center of Lakeland
- Jan. 23-24 — Garden Club of Jacksonville
"Camellias and Royalty"
Jacksonville Garden Center
- Jan. 30-31 — Winter Haven Council of Garden Clubs
"A Time for Camellias"
Winter Haven Garden Center
- Jan. 30-31 — The Garden Club of Lake Wales
"The World of Camellias"
The Woman's Club Bldg.
- Jan. 30 — Island Garden Club
"Neptune's Jewels"
Sonesta Beach Hotel, Key Biscayne
- Feb. 11-12 — Periwinkle Garden Club
Strolling Flower Show
"Flowers Jubilee"
Fort Myers
- Feb. 20-21 — Panama City Beach Garden Club
"Circus"
Panama City Beach Garden Center
- Mar. 8-9 — Belleair Garden Club
"Leading Lady"
Biltmore Hotel, Clearwater
- Mar. 13-14 — Palm Springs Garden Club
"The Dynamic Seventies"
Palm Springs Village Hall
- Mar. 12-13 — Manatee Garden Club
"Accent on Flowers"
Garden Center, Bradenton
- Mar. 13-14 — Bartow Garden Club
"Flowers Are All In Blossom, Birds Are All In Song — ALL . . . Just For YOU . . . NOW"
Civic Center
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- Mar. 13-14 — Coral Gables Garden Club
"Bountiful Tropics — NOW!"
Fairchilds Gardens
- Mar. 15 — Clearfield Garden Club, Tampa
"Colorful Lyrics"
Clearfield Community Center, Tampa
- Mar. 19 — Hollywood Garden Club
Spring Flower Show
Hollywood Garden Center
- Mar. 19-20 — Upper Keys Garden Club
Frances Tracy Garden Center, Tavernier
- Mar. 19-21 — Metropolitan Miami Council
"Beauty Unlimited — at Tropical"
At Tropical Park Race Track, Miami
- Mar. 20 — Fed. Garden Clubs, Ft. Lauderdale
Senior Show: "It's a Wonderful World, Let's Keep It That Way"
Fort Lauderdale Garden Center
- Mar. 20-21 — Garden Club of Lakeland, Inc.
"Florida's Favorites — Flowers and Faces"
Lakeland Garden Center
- Mar. 20-21 — Milton Garden Club, Inc.
"It Is Written" — Bulbous Show
Masonic Hall, Milton
- Mar. 20-21 — Jensen Beach Garden Club
"Look, Learn, Listen"
Langford Park, Jensen Beach
- Mar. 20-21 — St. Lucie County Fed. of Garden Clubs
"Age of Ecology"
Fort Pierce
- Mar. 22-27 — Lake Co. Council of Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
"The World From Our Gardens"
Exposition Park, Eustis
- Mar. 25-26 — Tampa Fed. of Garden Club Circles
"Decisions, Decisions, Decisions"
Tampa Garden Center
- Mar. 26-27 — Manatee River Junior Garden Clubs
"Pretty Maids In A ROW"
Manatee Garden Center, Bradenton
- Mar. 27 — Federated Garden Circles of Fort Lauderdale Junior Show
"It's A Wonderful World, Let's Keep It That Way"
Fort Lauderdale Garden Center

Mar. 27-28 — Travelers Palm Garden Club

In The Gallery — Jupiter

Mar. 27-28 — Sarasota Garden Club
"Red, White and Blooming"
Municipal Auditorium

Mar. 30 — Lauderdale By-The-Sea Garden Club

"America The Beautiful"
Jarvis Hall, Lauderdale By-The-Sea

Mar. 31-Apr. 1 — Camellia Garden Circle

"Dancing Into Spring"
Forest Hills Recreation Center,
Tampa

Apr. 1 — Archer Garden Club
"Florida"

Apr. 1-2 — St. Petersburg Garden Club
"My Cup Runneth Over"
St. Petersburg Grace Center

Apr. 2 — Dunedin Garden Club
"April Splendar"
Placement Show

Apr. 3-4 — Garden Club of Jacksonville
"13th Annual Pageant of the Cross"
Jacksonville Garden Center

Apr. 3-4 — Pensacola Fed. of Garden Clubs, Inc.

"A Woman's Vanity"
Pensacola Garden Center

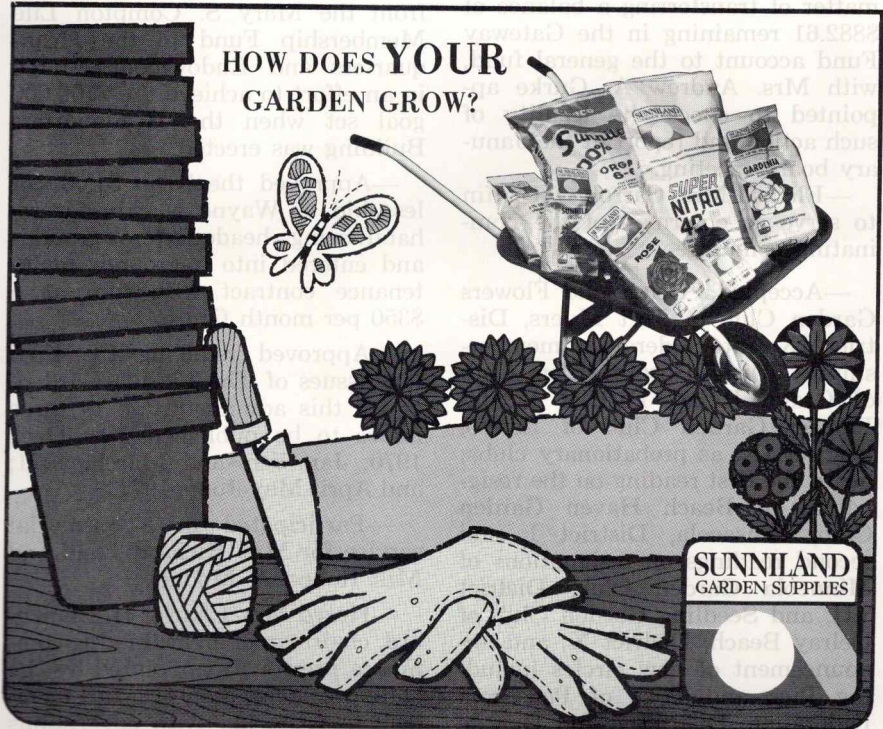
Apr. 16-17 — Conway Garden Club
"Today's Challenge"
Orange County Agriculture Center

Apr. 21 — Tampense Garden Club
"Suddenly It's Spring"
Lighthouse Point Village Hall

Apr. 22-23 — Hallandale Garden Club
"The Flower People Are Showing
Their Bloomers"
Hallandale Recreation Center

Apr. 24-25 — In-Har-Bee-Garden Club
Indian Harbour Beach
"America! America!"

Apr. 26 — The Garden Club of Largo
"Spring Fantasy in Largo"



PAST . . . FUTURE

SEPT. 22-23, 1970,

HEADQUARTERS

With State President Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham presiding the board of directors:

—Ratified appointment of Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons as District V director filling the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Richard Land, Mrs. J. B. Threlkeld as High School Gardeners chairman succeeding Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. James F. Hussey as Florida Gardener circulation manager.

—Accepted the audit report of Colley, Trumbower and Howell, CPA's of Orlando, for the year ending May 31, 1970.

—Took under consideration the matter of transferring a balance of \$882.61 remaining in the Gateway Fund account to the general fund, with Mrs. Andrew A. Gurke appointed to check the legality of such action and report at the January board meeting.

—Elected Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin to serve as chairman of the nominating committee.

—Accepted Friends and Flowers Garden Club of Fort Myers, District IX, into federation membership; Carlisle Rose Garden Club of Grand Ridge, District I, and Pioneer Garden Club of Estero, District IX, as probationary clubs; heard the first reading on the resignation of Beach Haven Garden Club, Pensacola, District I, and second readings on resignations of Minneola Garden Club, District VII, and Seedling Garden Club of Delray Beach, District X; and announcement of new circles including Pick and Poke of Pensacola Federation, District I, and Duc de

Rohan (a men's group) of Palatka Garden Club, District IV.

—Took cognizance of Jan. 19-20, 1971, as date of the board meeting at Cypress Gardens; Jan. 27-29, 1971, as that of the Tropical Short Course in Miami; and March 28-April 3, 1971, as date of the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course at St. Andrews State Park.

—Applauded announcement of Mrs. Alan K. Howell and Mrs. Arlie Hopkins, both of Melbourne, Mrs. E. H. Ellison of Carrabelle and Mrs. Henry W. Michaels of Miami as new patrons for State Headquarters.

—Approved transferring \$10,000 from the Mary S. Compton Life Membership Fund to the Headquarters and Endowment Fund in an effort to achieve the \$100,000 goal set when the Headquarters Building was erected.

—Approved the basic \$1,000 or less bid of Wayne Martin for rehabilitating headquarters grounds and entered into a grounds maintenance contract with him at a \$350 per month figure.

—Approved reducing the final four issues of The Florida Gardener for this administration to three issues to be published Nov.-Dec., 1970; Jan.-Feb. and March, 1971; and April-May-June, 1971.

—Participated in a memorial service for Mrs. Richard Land and Mrs. Robert A. Mooney.

—Heard Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, chairman of an evaluating committee previously appointed by the state president, request board members to write her with suggestions

for up-dating and improving the federation's operation for incorporating in a report to be given at the January board meeting.

—Approved honoring State President Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham in the Parade of Presidents Book.

—Heard announcement by Mrs. Edwin B. Dean, chairman, relative to the forthcoming National Council of State Garden Clubs convention which has as theme "This Wonderful World of Creativity" and for which the FFGC will serve as hostess group.



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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS — 1971
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COURSE LOCATION	DATE	LOCAL CHAIRMAN	INSTRUCTORS
II Tampa (Seminole Garden Center)	Mar. 1-3	Mrs. Chas. Thompson 1019 Berry Avenue Tampa, 33603	Mrs. Thos. Ward—F.A. Mrs. John Bear—F.S.P. Miss Kathy Sample—Hort.
IV Pensacola (Garden Center)	Mar. 8-10	Mrs. E. R. Moffett Rt. 7, Box 446 Pensacola, 32506	Mrs. Katherine S. Walker—F.A.
IV St. Petersburg (Garden Center)	Mar. 17-19	Mrs. Daniel Kelly 2 W. Truman Drive Holiday, Fla.	Mrs. H. Tompkins—F.A. and F.S.P. Mrs. J. R. Rosenberg—Hort.
Reading Examination—April 22			

Fumifugium

"FUMIFUGIUM, or the Aer and Smoak of London Dissipated," printed by W. Godbid for Gabriel Bedel and Thomas Collins. The date of this remarkable publication by John Evelyn, Esquire, was the 13th of September, 1661.

"Sir,

"It was one day, as I was walking in your Majesties palace at Whitehall that a presumptuous smoake issuing from one or two tunnels near Northumberland-house, and not far from Scotland-yard, did so invade the court, that all the rooms, galleries, and places about it were fill'd and infested with it; and that to such a degree, as men could hardly discern one another for the clowd without manifest inconveniency.

"I will infer, that if this goodly City justly challenges what is her due, and merits all that can be said to reinforce her praises, and give her title; she is to be reliev'd from that which renders her less healthy, really offends her, and which darkens and eclipses all her other attributes. And what is all this, but that hellish and dismall cloud of sea-coal? that her inhabitants breathe nothing but an impure and thick mist, accompanied with a fuliginous and filthy vapour, which renders them obnoxious to a thousand inconveniences, corrupting the lungs, and disordering the entire habits of their bodies; so that cathars, and consumptions rage more in this one city than in the whole earth besides.

"But the remedy which I would propose, has nothing in it of this difficulty, requiring only the removal of such trades, as are manifest nuisances to the City, which I

would have placed at farther distances; especially, such as in their works and founnaces use great quantities of sea-cole, the sole and only cause of thos prodigious clouds of smoake which so universally and so fatally infest the Aer, and would in no city of Europe be permitted. Such we named to be brewers, salt-boylers and lime-burners.

"That all low grounds circum-jacent to the city, especially east and south-west, be cast and contriv'd into square plots or fields of twenty, thirty, and forty akers, or more, separated from each other by fences of double palisads, or contr'spaliars, which should enclose a plantation of a hundred and fifty, or more, feet deep, about each field. That these palisads be elegantly planted, diligently kept and supply'd with such shrubs as yield the most fragrant and odoriferous flowers, and are aptest to tinge the Aer upon every gently emission at a great distance.

"That the fields, and crofts within these closures, or invironing gardens, be some of them planted with wild thyme, and others reserved for plots of beans, pease (not cabbages, whose rotten and perishing stalks have a very poisom and unhealthy smell, and therefore, by Hyppocrates, condemned near great cities.)

"And this is what (in short) I had to offer, for the improvement and melioration of the Aer about London, and with which I shall conclude this discourse."

Lest you think the type-setter had a bad day, I should point out that in the days of King Charles, there were no standard precise forms of spelling.

(COURTESY "KAMPONG NOTES" Mrs. Edward G. Sweeney).

A NEW BEGINNING

Education presents a unique challenge to anti-litter work, particularly when the focus is on *young people*.

It is known that children can learn the littering habit easily by imitating others. Educational programs have the *potential* for preventing this from happening.

Preventive education in the anti-litter field is still at the experimental stage, however. In many schools, as past surveys have shown, it falls short of real effectiveness.

This may signal a need to reconsider the approaches and the methods of instruction.

In an effort to cast more light on the whole subject, and as a follow-up to the experimental school study reported in issues 15 and 16 of *The Litter Letter*, a new survey was made in the spring of 1970. It was conducted by *garden-club members* in selected cities.

The cities represented all regions across the country. They ranged in population from 2,300 to more than 600,000. The survey covered *elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools*.

The findings suggest that anti-litter education in the schools *can* work. But they also suggest a fundamental *change in direction* to make it work better.

OF SIGNIFICANCE . . .

It was found that anti-litter instruction was offered *to some degree in all of the schools covered*. It was at the greatest level in elementary schools and decreased progressively through junior high and high schools.

Seventy-four per cent of the elementary schools reported programs offered *regularly* or *extensively*. This dropped to 58 per cent in the junior high schools. In the high schools, none of the programs could be called *extensive*, and only 31 per cent were regular.

Of importance was a finding that *a relationship exists between the regularity and the effectiveness of preventive education*.

In the elementary schools, where the most extensive programs were found to be offered, 50 per cent (of the schools) reported a *significant* impact on children's attitudes and behavior with regard to littering. The figure for junior high schools was 31 per cent and for high schools 21 per cent.

Along with regularity, a factor that enters the picture, as shown in the experimental study covered in issues 15 and 16, is that *children in elementary schools are more receptive to anti-litter instruction than older ones and are less inclined to litter when they receive such instruction*.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

It was found in the 1970 survey that most familiar methods of instruction were being used in the anti-litter programs.

Oral instruction was far more prevalent than any other type. More than 81 per cent were using this method.

The heavy reliance on oral classroom instruction emerges as a primary deficiency in the whole approach!

Understandably, most teachers prefer oral instruction because they are accustomed to it. Anti-litter information is presented in the same manner as, say, the geography of Uruguay. Unlike geography, however, littering involves *attitude* and *behavior* which are not influenced dramatically by a purely oral approach.

Psychologists point out that children learn more by *doing* than by *listening*. A child who is merely asked, or told, not to litter may accept or reject the idea.

But a child *involved* with some anti-litter *activity* will tend to develop *attitudes in line with the good work he is doing*. And activity in this sense means actually *cleaning up*, or *having a hand in preventing litter*, rather than the traditional writing of an essay or producing of a skit.

What all this suggests is that anti-litter instruction in the schools will bring its greatest results if, along with oral instruction, emphasis is placed on *participation*. There are several forms this can take. Here are examples:

As part of instruction in *hygiene*, neighborhood surveys to see firsthand how unsanitary practices can affect health, and follow-up talks by the children with parents to be sure they follow proper practices.

As part of instruction in *civics*, forming of patrols to keep school yards clean.

As part of instruction in *science*, designing, planting and maintaining of school-yard gardens. (Surprising numbers of children are interested in doing so.)

As part of instruction in *creative art*, designing of attractive litter containers for the school yard.

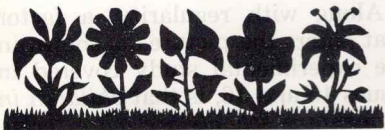
As part of instruction in *manual arts*, production of school-yard litter containers.

One of the most encouraging things to come out of the garden-club school survey was that *90 per cent of the teachers interviewed expressed an interest in new ideas*. This indicates that they would be willing to try the *activist* approach to litter prevention.

Thus a great opportunity exists for garden clubs to meet with local school officials to explore new approaches and concepts that hold a key to ultimate solution of the litter problem.


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A Memorial Tribute

LONA "Z" GRIFFIN



It was a great shock to learn of the death of one of our most beloved members, Lona Griffin, on November 7, 1970. Memorial services were held in Daytona Beach, November 10. Many members of the Board of Directors attended as well as local garden club members. Lona was the number one garden club representative in her area for many years. She was a charter member of the Daytona Beach Garden Club and a honorary member of the Arlington Garden Club.

Her services to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs began many years ago and in many capacities. She was President of the Federation 1939-1941 and was considered one of the most outstanding in the history of our organization. Lona served as President of the Florida Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges 1961-

1963 and held a master judge certificate. She was a fine flower arranger and exhibited in many flower shows as well as for the Florida Arrangement Calendar. She loved flowers and with her husband Harry designed a beautiful Spanish garden around their home. She was a gracious hostess to board members visiting in District VI as well as her local clubs. She was currently serving on the Board of Directors of our Federation as Foreign Tours Chairman.

Lona was an honorary life member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Halifax Hospital, served on the local library board and on the board of directors of the American Red Cross for 20 years. Survivors are her husband, Harry, son, John W. and five grandchildren. She was born in Connerville, Indiana where interment services were held on November 12. She had been a resident of Daytona Beach for 40 years.

Many words of tribute are being written by saddened friends. Excerpts from a few letters are: "The humor and wit she always managed to inject in everything she did. Her wonderful personality and contributions of all of her self to our Federation and the Judges' Council will always be with us. Her happy spirit will live forever in the hearts of all who knew her. She brought sunshine to my life as she did to yours and others. She was ever honest and straightforward. While recently working in Jacksonville on arrangements for a calendar picture we had a good laugh even then and

feel so grateful to remember her in that way. She meant a lot to me. Her loss affects me deeply. We will miss her true blue attitude and understanding heart." These words brought comfort to her family and a close friend. There is satisfaction in knowing that now gone she built her work and character in the world around her.

We feel the poignancy of
Shakespear's mourning
Then can I down an eye, unused
to flow,
For precious friends hid in
death's dateless night.

Written by
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"THE MEN ARE HERE" was the theme used by the Palatka Garden Club at a dinner meeting September 23, when 17 (all) men of the "Duc de Rohan" circle were installed by Mrs. Sam G. Vercoe, Director of District IV.

Mrs. Maurice S. Dillingham's (President FFGC) congratulatory message was read: "We need men in our organization, we need their strong arms and energy and the inspiration they give us."

Miss Hazel Fuller, a young 70 was intrigued with the idea of an all men's circle. She immediately became involved and urged the embryonic idea into a remarkable, hard-working organization.

Several City officials were present, including Mayor and Mrs. Ivan Hudson.





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