

July 20, 1954

The regular meeting of the Key Largo Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Florence Booth with 10 members and 5 guests present.

Everyone enjoyed swimming and a picnic lunch before the meeting was called to order by the president at 1:30 pm

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Communications: Mrs. Booth read a letter of resignation from Olga Unger--it was accepted with regret and the secretary instructed to write to Mrs. Unger. Mrs. Sheffel sent her best wishes and regrets that she could not be present at the meeting. A card of greeting was read from Bess Sabin.

There was no treasurer's report.

List of members was checked. Motion of Mary Easton, second of Ann Baldwin and passed that the membership be opened for women who are interested in belonging to the Garden Club. Mrs. Booth stated that she felt we should take any member who could receive help in her gardening from this organization.

Mrs. Tracy reported that she had heard from Mrs. Goodyear about plans for the Key Lime Festival and would see her when she returns. Some discussion of what might be done by the Garden Club for the Festival followed and Mrs. Tracy suggested three bowers to show what can be and is raised on the Upper Keys.

Mrs. McAllister, a member of the American Hibiscus Society was introduced. She gave a demonstration of three types of budding and described the method of cross pollination that can be used to secure hybrids of the hibiscus.

In cross pollination she removed pollen from the filament, which is the male element and placed it on the stigma, the female element. She then described how with this fertilization the seed travels to the ovary and is there held for development.

She illustrated the side graft and wedge graft

During a question period there was discussion of nutritional sprays and the magazine "Tropical Homes & Gardens." Mrs. McAllister also told of her recent trip to Oak Ridge and experiments with various isotopes on plants.

Next meeting will be at Mrs. Clarke's. Secretary will notify all members by card.

Seeds of wood roses and queens slipper vine were distributed and also small plants of the passion flower.

All enjoyed a slice of the 50 pound watermelon raised by Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

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