

November 15, 1955.

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at the Tavernier Fire House. Called to order at 2:15 pm by the president Florence Booth.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer reported expenditures during month of \$20 for Keys Memorial Post, American Legion float and \$3 for petty cash to Secretary. Balance on hand \$93.57

Communications were read from American Legion Auxiliary, Key West Garden Club and Upper Keys Youth Council.

Motion Mary Jones, second Ann Baldwin, carried that report of the nominating committee be postponed until the December meeting.

The December meeting will be the Christmas party at the home of the president with plant exchange and a covered dish lunch.

Five new members for 1956 paid dues of \$2. They are Dolores Kaus, Key Largo; Essie Fosselman and Thelma Miller, Islamorada, Vivian Albury and Grace Radebaugh, Tavernier.

The President greeted the large gathering with representatives from Marathon and Key West and introduced the speaker, Dr. R. Bruce Ledin of the Subtropical Experiment Station, whose subject was "Use of Natural Key Materials". Each guest received a copy of lists of natives prepared by Dr. Ledin. Using slides Dr. Ledin told of the native shrubs and trees, many of them fast disappearing because of destruction through building. Many are found in no other part of the world.

In answer to the question as to what would be a suitable highway plant for beautifying the road he suggested the Orchid Tree which could be planted in 3 types to prolong blooming, seagrape, silver buttonwood, geiger tree, tababuia and thatch or silver palms.

Dr. Ledin's talk was both instructive and fascinating and members and guests accorded him a rising vote of thanks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm followed by refreshments served by the committee consisting of Vivian Gross, Peggy Ely, Gertrude Holzinger, Sally Davis and Mary Clarke.

Charles T. Cohen
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