

December 17, 1957

The December meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at Florence Booth's home. We have been privileged to have these "Christmas Parties" every year with Florence, and the covered dish luncheons in her lovely room are always a delight to us. Even a Garden Club meeting can settle itself into a round of dull business, and it is such things as these occasions that give it a new lift and meaning for us.

After the delicious luncheon and "get to-gether", the meeting was called to order by Acting President Gertrude Thompson, at 2 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Vera Kirtley reported both for November and December. November- Book Fund, \$131.30, General Fund \$124.17; Total, \$255.47. December - Book Fund, \$232.20, General Fund \$124.17; Total, \$356.37.

Communications - Letter from Carolyn Cohen to Secretary, dated Nov. 26, 1957, stating that she found it impossible to continue as President of the Garden Club, and therefore tendered her resignation as ~~President~~ President, effective Nov. 30, 1957.

Secretary instructed to send letter expressing regret.

Deposit Check returned from Fantastic Gardens, and turned over to Treasurer.

Committee Reports - A Bougainvillea hedge was suggested as the next step in our planting at the Coral Shores School. Motion made by Florence Booth, seconded by Francis Tracy, to take money from Treasury for the plants, buying them from either Curry or Dick Wood, or whoever made the best offer. Discussion as to whether red would make a hedge, since Professor Albury claims he does not like purple, the usual hedge type of bougainvillea. Motion made to table discussion until next meeting, committee to discuss this first with Professor Albury.

Lotte Uhe suggested the committee also give a report on what has grown and what has not. Most of the plants are in good shape, and we can plant more in the rainy season. Lotte suggested that we plant 1 or 2 really good things, and label them.

Lotte reported on the sale of plants and pandanus at the November sale- a total of \$100.90. She said she has the remaining material at her house, and will hold them for sale at the Feb. 22 Flower Show.

Gertrude Thompson suggested that we continue the November meetings with some kind of show, in the evening, at the Coral Shores School.

On the sick list were Clara Russell and Essie Fosswelman. Secretary to send cards.

The Flower Arrangement Calendars were distributed, and remainder turned over to Secretary to bring to next meeting for further sale.

Report of Year's Work read by Secretary.

Dues were collected for 1958, this to continue in Jan. meeting.

The Nominating Committee then presented its slate for 1958 officers. Gertrude Thompson was nominated for Preseident, Francis Tracy, Vice President, Vera Kirtley, Treasurer and Alida Tjader, Secretary.

From the floor, Lotte Uhe nominated Carolyn Cohen.

The vote was taken, and Gertrude Thompson was elected, 27 to 4.

After that, we had our exchange of plants, the meeting having been adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida Tjader, Sec.