

FEBRUARY- 1958 FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM ... CORAL SHORES P.T.A.

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This being February, the birthday of the Parent Teachers Association, we are honoring one of our founders, Mrs. Jack Wilkinson. Most of us know her as just "K".

Kay became active in P.T.A. in 1943. Her first job was that of Room Mother, followed by various other jobs and chairmanships until in 1948 when she became president of the Tavernier School P.T.A. At this time the faculty consisted of only three teachers.

The following year, 1949, she was elected as Vice President of the County Council. It was during this year also that she represented the P.T.A. on a Planning Committee to investigate possibilities of securing a new school for the Upper Keys. The work of this committee went a long way towards securing the first of Coral Shores. Kay was secretary of this group for 3 years. For the next school year, "K" was re-elected to serve as president and it was during this time that the Tavernier P.T.A. received three awards. One for increased Membership, one for registered Study Group Courses, and one for completing all points necessary to receive the Blue Ribbon. This is the highest award given to a local P.T.A. group.

It was also during this time that "K" received the National Parent Teachers Magazine Achievement Certificate for selling the subscription quota.

This was a very crucial time, the school was very much over crowded, in fact there was one class being taught in the tiny kitchen at the Clinic Building in Tavernier. And it was now that "K" worked even harder on the school bond issue. "K" was responsible for sending out Questionnaires to all the Freeholders in the Upper Keys, informing them of the Bond Issue. As a result of the Bond Issue, the Matecumbe and Tavernier Schools consolidated into the one school, Coral Shores. "K" was elected the first president of Coral Shores, and also elected to serve again as Second vice president of the Monroe County Council for the Upper Keys. At this time she represented the Council at the State Convention in Pensacola.

It was during her first term as president that she helped start the School Lunchroom Program, as well as establishing the school Library.

During the school year 1951-52, "K" was elected to serve a second term as president of Coral Shores. It was under her fine leadership that the Coral Shores P.T.A. again won the Blue Ribbon and Study Course Certificates.

The following year 1952-53, "K" worked very hard as a room mother and helped start the excellent Immunization Program that now exists in our fine school.

In 1953-54, she was elected to serve as the official Health chairman. This job is one of the most important ones in the school and also entails a great deal of work. All weekly records for immunisations, consent slips etc. were handled by "K". This was the year that the First Health Council was organized in Monroe County, and "K" was instrumental in this as well as