

MINUTES

December 20, 1955.

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at the home of the president, Florence Booth. After a covered dish luncheon the business meeting was called to order at 2pm by the president with 28 members and 5 guests present.

The president read an inspirational poem. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$103.87 with disbursements of \$20 during the month leaving a balance of \$83.87. Members dues totalled \$36. Total \$135.12

Letter of thanks to Dr. Ledin read.

The president gave an orchid corsage to Fern Butters for her birthday.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1956, unanimously. President, Alida Tjader; Vice President, Vivian Gross; Secretary, Mary Easton; Treasurer, Margaret Bond.

Roll Call of Members for Flowers in Bloom as follows: African Tulips, Poinsettias, Christmas Candle, Gardenia, Hibiscus, Wood Roses, Chrysanthemums, Blakiana Buhinia, Sultanas, Pentas, Verbena, Jasmine Rose, Thunbergia, Amaryllis, Ixora, Crotons, Zinnias, Roses, Oleanders, Apricot Tree, Bougainvillea, Pink Hibiscus, Christmas Cactus, Copsia.

The January Meeting will be at the home of Mary Jones, Plantation Key. February Meeting will be at the home of Carolyn Cohen.

Secretary accorded a rising vote of thanks for the December bulletin

Librarian announced the new book for the library, "Climbers and Ground Covers".

Mary Clarke and Susan Lund displayed beautiful Christmas decorations they had made, many from Key materials. They explained their construction and answered questions. Shown were, a Christmas wreath of Florida Holly, Australian pine with candy canes for door wreath, centerpiece of leaf, coral and gold figures; basket of roses with native growths, rose and madonna, wreaths of various types and silvered materials. Mrs. Lund explained how to preserve poinsettias for use in the home, and also care of Hibiscus for such use.

The president gave Mrs. Tracy, program chairman, a corsage of Vanda orchids. To each of the 1955 officers she presented a stephanotis plant.

Mary Jones displayed two pomelos and explained how they had come from India and been grafted to the sour lemon with resulting sport known as the grapefruit. She also showed tangelos, a combination of grapefruit and tangerines.

An apricot tree, grown by Susan Lund was displayed.

A raffle for an African Violet was won by Lotte Uhe and the Madonna raffle was won by Mary Clarke. \$10.10 plus a donation of \$1.00 made a total of \$11.10 for the Youth Council.