

January 20, 1959

The January meeting was held at Gertrude Thompson's beautiful brand-new home on the ocean in Tavernier. There was an unusually large attendance - your secretary lost count - about 50, including 11 guests, 3 of whom, Mrs. Anne Brown, Mrs. Javes and Mrs. Leslie Prime, became members.

Before the meeting opened, Susan Lund presented to Gertrude a beautiful boat-like dried arrangement, made from a coconut boat (sheath) with sponge and wood roses, gilded and festooned with dollar bills. Florence asked Alida to present one of Florence's beautiful orchid corsages, set in a many legged wire spider, each leg holding dollar bills. This was our way of letting Gertrude choose her own house-warming present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, and a resume of our 1958 activities, was read by the secretary. These were approved. Vera Kirtley turned over to Nora Dickerson, our new treasurer, the final report for 1958 - \$272.54 in the Book Fund, \$137.20 in the General Fund, a total of \$409.74.

At that point, Alida suggested that we dispose of the Book Fund. Nikki Beare suggested using this money towards a scholarship. Alida said that this money would be insufficient to cover a scholarship, certainly at this time. Vivian moved, and it was seconded and passed, that we put excess money in the savings bank and let it collect interest. Alida moved, and it was seconded and passed, that we put \$350 in the savings bank, and, as our treasury increased, to add to these savings. This, it was thought, might make possible a scholarship or some other worthwhile act in the future.

Secret Pal "Thank YouS" were given out. Have you thought of your Secret Pal lately?

Committee Reports - School Committee - Mrs. Tracy said that the School sign was just finished, with one change in wording - instead of "Landscaping by UKGC" - "Landscaping Courtesy UKGC". We liked the change. Susan Lund was appointed Chairman of the School Committee for 1959, to be aided by Addye Turner, Anne Baldwin, Mrs. Tracy and Mary Perez. Mrs. Tracy was given a vote of thanks for her capable and enthusiastic handling of this project for 1958.

Nikki showed the booklet, to be ready next month, charge \$1.00. This booklet will have the names, telephone numbers, and addresses



of the members, and the list of officers and directors for the year. Last but not least, the program. Being loose-leaf, it can carry on from year to year. It is an attractive booklet and should prove invaluable.

Vivian read the program for 1958. Copy given to Sec. for file. Florence offered to contact Miami Orchid Circle members to see whether one of our meetings could feature a trip to some of the "show" gardens in Miami. The program sounds interesting as always - Vivian is truly one of our prime movers, both in her choice of programs and in her helpful ideas that so well expedite our business

Christmas Tree, Tavernier - Helen Brunton said that a Silk Oak tree had been received by Marie Price's husband, from Davis Nurseries. Mrs. Tracy said that a Silk Oak was mainly a North Florida tree, and would not do well for the purpose - the Australian Oak or Brazilian Oak so-called, and intended for this order, would grow easily here, and could be trimmed to Christmas Tree shape. Since Jack Davis Gave the Silk Oak, Vivian moved, and it was seconded and passed, that Sec. write Jack Davis a letter of thanks, and ask whether we could purchase from him the type of tree wanted. Nikki proposed that the present Silk Oak be included in the School landscaping. This was accepted.

Flower Show \* Alida said that she, Florence, and Lisa Hokensen had been able to get together with Stella Bendixon and 2 of her 4 committee members - Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Krieter - of the Key Largo Garden Club. Vivian and Peg Ely of ours were unable to make the meeting. She referred the members to last ~~xxx~~ years rules, copies of which were handed around, and explained the changes the Committees planned to make - notably, that we would have more preparation time, starting to open the show at 3 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. She said that Dr. Bond, new Pres. of the C. of C., wished the Garden Clubs to appoint the judges. Addye Turner was appointed Judges' Clerk. Alida said that the committee had tried to do away with local door-prize soliciting. Margie Bond added that Dr. Bond approved of this move. However, since the public is usually interested in door prizes, having paid admission, Gertrude the Homestead suggested that we ask the Homestead Furniture Co. and



The Homestead Floral ~~and~~ Gift Shop and another Homestead Furniture shop be ~~xxque~~ contacted in this respect, since they do a large business on the Keys. This was approved. Also, Florence moved that we donate \$10.00 from our Treasury as a prize. This, too, was approved. Alida suggested that we ask the Chamber to pay for posters, rather than solicit for these, as has been done. Approved. Alida also said that the Committee had suggested \$2. prizes for the best of each of the 10 classes, funds for these prizes to be divided between the two garden clubs and the C. of C. This was approved. We do not yet have the Key Largo Garden Club's reaction to this proposal, but when we do, the mutual committees can discuss this further and decide the issue. Application blanks will be sent out after the next committee meeting.

New Business - Parks. Gertrude asked for volunteers for the Parks. <sup>Adelyc Turner</sup> Alida and <sup>Shirley</sup> volunteered to look over the beaches and bring plans to the next meeting. After the Flower <sup>Shirley</sup> further action could be taken on this.

Lea then read the Program - an article on the Morton Collectanea from Tropical Living.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Then came the most marvelous refreshments, made and served by Rae North, Susan Lund and Helen Brunton. Everyone explored Gertrude's beautiful house, and, judging by the enthusiastic hub-bub of 50 women talking at once, a most delightful afternoon was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida Tjader