

September 16, 1958

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at Lea Smith's home. It was scheduled to be held at Dottie Brink's. Our sympathy goes to Dottie for the loss of her father, and our thanks to Lea for "taking over" when she herself has been so recently bereaved.

Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Gertrude Thompson, with 24 present, including guests as follows: Peggy Smith of the Key Laro club, introduced by Pat Lett, Rosemary List by May Pryor and by Thelma Miller.

Treasurer Vera Kirtley reported \$278.04 in the Book Fund and \$67.86 in the General Fund, making a total of \$345.90.

Sick - Lotte Uhe, and still seriously ill, Bill Kinzy. Vivian reported that he was leaving the hospital in Houston to have an amputation at North Shore Hospital, Miami.

Committees - Plaque for School - Margie Bond, in Lotte's absence, showed sample of plaque. By many it was considered too small. Also, question of placement was raised. Gertrude suggested we ask "Prof." where he would like to have the plaque, and placement would help determine size. This business to come again before the next meeting.

School Planting - Mrs. Tracy reported that she had gone to Newcomb Nursery, Homestead, accompanied by Lea and Alida, to purchase as many as possible of the wanted plants. 9 were found. Also, there were two donations by Mary Perez - a lime and a hibiscus. James donated a Bambox tree. She reported that the lignum vitae had been cut back by the mowing machine, and that two lost poincianas had been replaced. She said that plants were needed to hide the oil tank near the cafeteria kitchen. She presented a list for the files of the plants purchased, donated and replaced and also a list of the fruit trees ~~already~~ that had been standing before the new purchase. She also presented a bill for the plants, James' labor, and fertilizer, totalling \$26.04. Paid. Gertrude suggested that we have James remove the banana plant, a by this time well-known source of irritation to the Garden Club. It was not intended where it is, and it is still there. Also, we must somehow eliminate the garden that found its way into our plan - uninvited.

Leaflet - Alida passed around copies of the new one, and Gertrude suggested that it get to the realtors and others who would be interested, as soon as possible. Plenty will be left for the entrance desk at the Nov. meeting.

Flower Arrangement Class - Gertrude proposed no guests. This was agreed to by the meeting. Mrs. Culley offered Blueberry Hill Key as a place for the meeting. Hazel's offer was enthusiastically accepted, and Helen Brunton offered to act as co-hostess.

Class to start at 10:30, covered dish lunch from 12:30-1:30, class through the afternoon. Everyone to bring a covered dish, own flowers for arrangements, scissors, container. Mr. McLean to be paid for materials he brings, and transportation.

Scrap-book- Mrs. Tracy to take care of it for the rest of the year.

November meeting - Unless Mrs. Sheffel comes from Miami with the film, and returns with it, Alida will get it, Mrs. Tracy return it. Thelma Miller and Essie Fosselmann will again take care of the sale of plants. For refreshments, ^{Mrs. Tracy, Chairman} May Wallace, Gertrude Thompson, Lisa ~~H~~okinson, Alida Tjader, Nora Dickerson volunteered to contribute. Publicity - Alida to take care of asking Mr. Burroughs whether he would contribute a sign or two, and to inform the Radio station in Homestead. Nicki to take care of Homestead News.

Mrs. Tracy then showed some beautiful ~~xxxxx~~ grapes grown on the Keys by ^{Mr. Tigr} of Tavernier. Grown on wire netting, they were as beautiful as any grapes grown in better known grape growing areas, but they are not as easy thing to do. However, some have been successful with this, and Gertrude suggested that Mrs. T racy ask Mr. ^{Charles Tigr} whether he would sell us some cuttings.

Helen Brunton then spoke in Lea's place on A Fall Garden on the Keys. This talk was delightfully presented, and gave the technique of setting out a vegetable garden here. Successful vegetable gardeners, such as Vivian with her collards, tomatoes, escarole, parsley, Nicki with a 60 lb. watermelon, Gertrude with her Burpee's Hybrid tomato seeds, and others (I hope no feelings are hurt that I have not run through the entire list) told their stories, while those of us who have raised few vegetables beyond the blossom stage kept sadly quiet.

It was a refreshing afternoon, with many participating in the talk, and Helen's own was so entertaining and so provoking that it made the rest of us "up and speak."

The meeting was then adjourned, delicious refreshments served, and so ended another "third Tuesday."

Respectfully submitted

Alida Tjader