

June 15, 1954.

The regular meeting of the Key Largo Garden Club was held at the home of Ann Baldwin with 11 members and 3 guests present.

Mrs. Booth, newly elected president appointed Carolyn Cohen secretary protem.

Mrs. Booth read a poem "I will Do My Part" and asked for cooperation from all members in her new position.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurers report.

A letter was read from Helen Cunningham resigning from her office as secretary and member of the club. It was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Cohen was elected to fill the position as Secretary.

A letter from chairman of the Key Lime Festival asking appointment of a liaison member from the Garden Club was read. Mrs. Tracy was appointed to fill this position.

New members accepted were Margaret Belding, Jane Sutcliffe and Carolyn Cohen.

A bill for a subscription, paid by Mrs. Hall was ordered paid.

Motion of Mrs. Grant, second of Mrs. Sabin and passed to give a gift certificate from Burdines to Mrs. Scheffel. All members subscribed to the fund and a card will be signed next month.

Discussion followed on vines. The following information was of interest to the members.

Stephanotis will grow well here and blooms for 2-3 months, late in the winter. It is sweet smelling and grows into trees and has an attractive green leaf. It is well to start in a tub and surround by DDT to prevent pests. Stephanotis is from the Greek meaning "fit for a crown" and the French meaning "crown". It is a genus of Old World tropical woody vine of the family Asclepiadaceae.

The Passion Flower or Maypop (*Passiflora incarnata*) is also successful here. This is one of the most beautiful, unusual and appealing of our native flowers. It received its name from the Spaniards when they saw it in South America, who saw in the plant a resemblance to the crucifixion. The fringed corona represents the halo about Christ's head, or, the crown of thorns; the pistil is for the three nails; the five stamens are five wounds; the sepals and petals stand for ten of the disciples; the young seed pod is the vinegar soaked sponge; the tendrils are the whips; the leaves (three or five lobed) represent the hands of Christ. The blossoms are fragrant, about two inches across. Though usually purple, there is also a white variety with a pale lavender corona, and another has a greenish white flower with the corona blue on the tips, white in the middle and purple at the base. The vine bears an edible fruit two inches long. It prefers a dry soil, and can often be seen along the shoulders of the roads.

Mrs. Tracy spoke of the success in growing grape vines and said that it can be grafted. She also suggested that the natives grow well and it is better to use them than the imported types.

Mrs. Cohen promised to bring seeds from the "true blue" flower, and also secure seeds for the wood rose, a fast blooming vine, from Jerry Ellis.

clitoria ternatea
Passiflora