

Feb. 17, 1959

The regular meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club was held at the Futch's very attractive blue house on Bay Ridge. There was a large attendance, spread through the living room and Florida room. With so many, and your secretary milling about on Flower Show business, it was difficult to count, so your secretary has no record of the number present, but Mildred Gasser, Marie Gau and Louise Wilson brought guests and introduced them to us. Before starting the meeting, Gertrude asked for a hostess for the next meeting. Blanche Sturdevant volunteered, with Bonnie Shreffler and Gaines Dean as co-hostesses.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported \$404.30 - \$350. of this to go into the Savings Bank.

Committee Reports - School - Susan Lund reported that all looked lovely there, and that she would see Mrs. Tracy as to the next time for fertilizing the plants. Helen Brunton said she would get the Silk Oak and deliver it to Susan for planting at the School. Alida said that she had written Jack Davis requesting a Brazilian Oak, but had as yet no answer.

Flower Show - Tickets were distributed for sale, and applications passed around and turned in. Alida suggested that next year we form a larger Flower Show committee, and get the framework of the show taken care of well in advance, since the distances here make it impossible for a small committee to accomplish anything efficiently in a short time -

There was a discussion of the problems of growing ~~xxxxxxx~~ loquats and avocados on the Keys. These are as a rule unsatisfactory here, grafted avocados better than those straight from seed, but for both of these the mainland is better.

New Business- Gertrude Thompson said that Mr. Dubell offered his place for the enjoyment of both Garden Clubs on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 2:00 p.m. He sent a list of plants he wished to give away. List filed. His place is now at its best, and should be seen by all our members.

Nora Dickerson gave a most interesting program on the Aloe

Vera. This program ranks with the best we have had in the Upper Keys Garden Club, and was indeed a refreshing experience for all of us. We would like to hear more from Nora.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed a valentine cake, cookies and other goodies, and so passed another pleasant Garden Club afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida Tjader, Sec.