

Audubon is sponsoring "Dirty Picture" contest

FLORIDA KEYS — Sponsoring a "Dirty Picture" contest may seem out of character for an Audubon group but the pictures they want are graphic proof of pollution and not the usual variety the words may bring to mind.

According to Mrs. Frances (Penny) Allen, president of the Monroe County Audubon Society, an open invitation is extended to all amateur photographers in Monroe County to get out their cameras and record on film examples of pollution.

These photos may be of litter, garbage, smoke sewage and "polluting dirt" along with evidence of chemical pollution of the air or water.

At a judging to be held at the Marathon High School January 26, a cash prize will be awarded for the best (or worst) photograph illustrating conditions of pollution.

Any resident of the county is eligible to enter. Mrs. Allen said, except members and families of the Monroe County Audubon Society. Photos may be entered at the Old Island Candlemaker's Shop in Marathon or mailed to the Society at Box 564, Marathon, Fla. 33050.

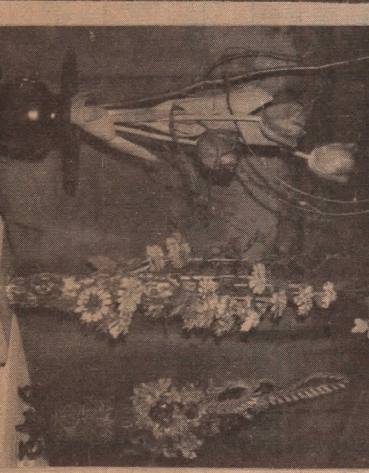
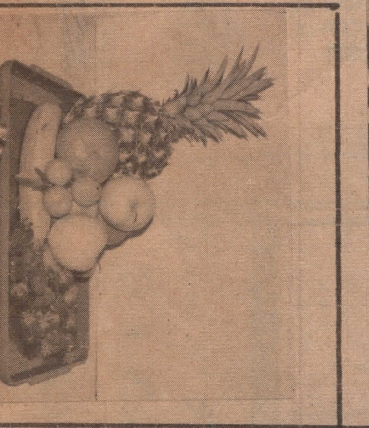
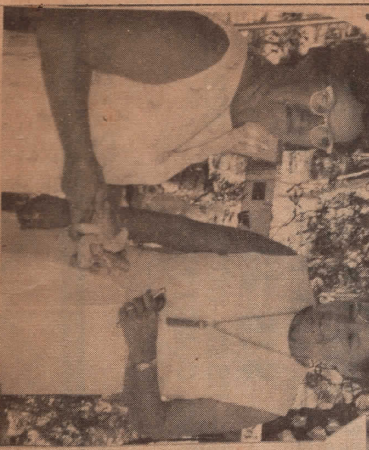
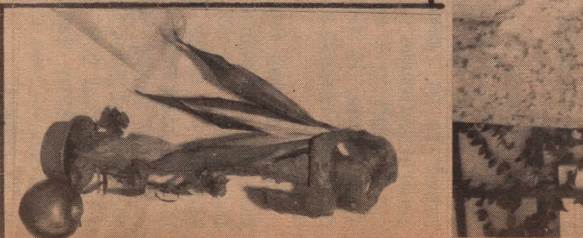
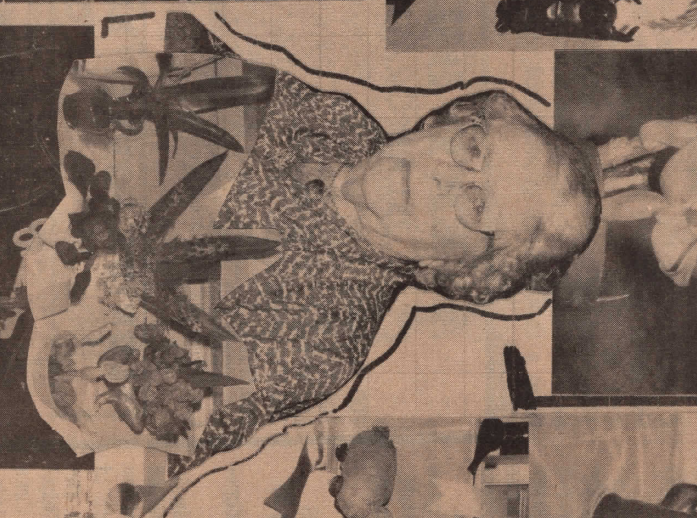
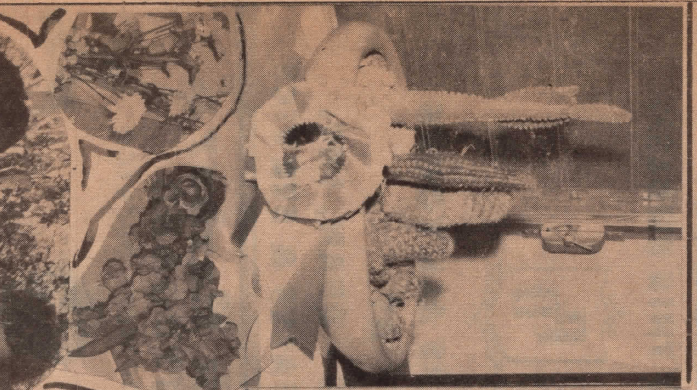
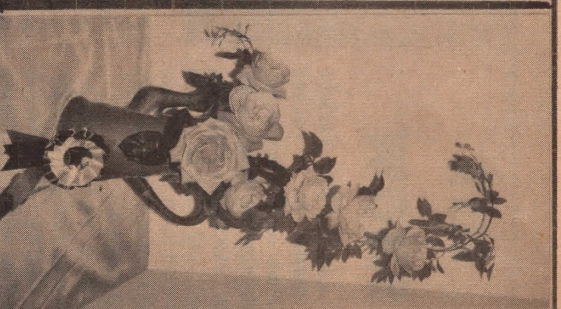
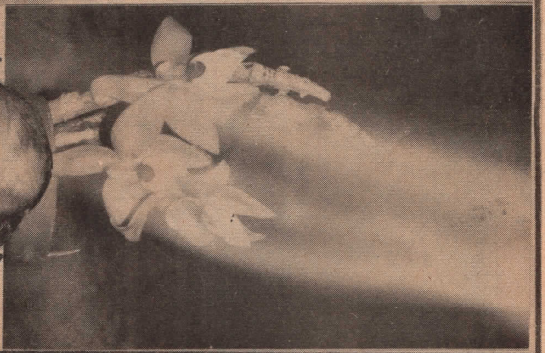
Deadline for entries is January 17, 1971 and all entries should have the name and address of the contestant and the location where the photo was taken written on the back.

Angel of Keys is stricken with hemorrhage

TAVERNIER — Mrs. Francis Tracy, "The Angel of the Keys," suffered a cerebral hemorrhage about 6 p.m. Monday at her home on Sunrise St. here and was rushed to Keys Community Hospital for emergency treatment.

Tuesday, Mrs. Tracy, 92, was in grave condition at the hospital.

SHE was taken to the hospital by the Tavernier Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Mrs. Tracy, who came to the Keys in the early Thirties with her husband, Roy, a boat captain who died several years ago, was known as the "Angel of the Keys" for her medical care, sailing to the sailboat to render assistance. Hers was the only medical care available in the Upper Keys for years. She is a registered nurse who graduated from the John Hopkins School of Nursing in Baltimore, Md. The Francis Tracy Garden Center, home of the Upper Keys Garden Club, was named in her honor.





FLOWERS FLOWERS

away with a total of 27 ribbons for her entries in the 11th Annual Upper Keys Garden Club Flower Show last week.

One of her most eye-catching exhibits was 'Garden of Eden' (extreme right, center), made of a piece of driftwood, a bit of Drucenia, several small red carnations and an apple!

Mrs. Dorothy Caswell won the Tri-Color, Best in Show Award for her arrangement of Pink Peace and Queen Elizabeth Roses (shown left of Mrs. Lund).

The Show took place in the Francis Tracy Garden Center, and Mrs. Tracy was there wearing one of her fabulous smiles.

The Junior exhibits were very professional in appearance, and the small animals and birds fashioned from potatoes, squash, cucumber, and anything else that came to hand, were a sight to behold! Ricky Fisher won the Red, White & Blue Ribbon Rosette for his Cactus Dish Garden (left, second from top) as the outstanding educational exhibit.

Other Junior winners were Willie Johnson, Sharon Mahoney and Mary Hommell. Awards in this division were furnished by Florida Keys Electric Coop.

Crystal Jurgen won the Francis Tracy award in the Horticulture division.

Dorothy Caswell won the Artistic Merit, which was sponsored by the First National Bank of the Upper Keys.

Margaret Griscom's old fashioned bouquet of sand-dried flowers (unusual in this area) won the Miniature Award, and Dee Castor's Corsage won her an award. Pride in the event and love

for the beautiful plants and the faces of all the ladies present.

Jan Helmly raced around snapping color pictures for the Club's Memory Book.

Dorothy Harwood and Edith Glasscock said this year's was the finest boutique shop in the history of the Club, and showed the lovely creations with pride.

Last September we had a very lovely letter from Rose Knepple written while she was sitting by a fireplace in Vermont. We were delighted to find we were sharing her table, and over hotdogs and sauerkraut (not to mention all the other goodies), we got acquainted. Rose brought a brand new orchid to the area -- the Swan Orchid (or Cyonoches Chlorochihon) -- and it is lovely. When the picture was taken, the flash reflected upward, and the orchids look as though they are giving off a glow! (Just above Mrs. Tracy, top, center). The orchid is a yellow chartreuse with 'white hat, green nose and a yellow tongue,' -- quoting Rose.

Incidentally, Rose posed for us among the orchids and she is just to the left of Mrs. Tracy.

Mrs. Malcolm Knox, of Plantation Key Colony, has served as President of the Upper Keys Garden Club for two years, and March is her last month in that position. (Lower right).

One startling event -- the moon eclipsed the sun while we were at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, and someone pointed out that during an eclipse, the light spaces between the shadows of leaves were crescent shaped. We looked, and sure enough! The spaces were shaped like tiny dancing crescents.

Bazaar set by UK Garden Club

FLORIDA KEYS — Christmas time is here with the Christmas Bazaar and Baked Goods Sale to be held by the Upper Keys Garden Club Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12 at the Francis Tracy Garden Center from 9 to 4.

Besides the white elephant items, there will be artistic handmade items, ceramics, macramé bags and decorated ornaments for sale.

Coffee will be served during the sale.

GARDEN

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Upper Keys Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Come and meet your friends at the Upper Keys Garden Club Annual Christmas Bazaar, Friday and 12th at the Francis Tracy Garden Center. Our Bazaar is bigger and better and Christmas decorations, ceramics, macramé bags, cor-sages, miniatures, shellwork, and many other beautiful gift items, all handcrafted.

You will be able to purchase delicious homemade cakes, cookies and breads at the bake sale. Or maybe the white elephant table will have just the thing you have been looking for.

Coffee will be served. Upper Keys Garden Club Bridge Mrs. L.A. Austin, hostess for the Wednesday afternoon card games at the Francis Tracy Garden Center, invites out of town players, as well as locals, to come and join in the fun. Mrs. B.H. Duddleston of Trumansburg, N.Y. participated last week. Bring your own group and join in the progressive bridge games. You meet the nicest people.

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KEY NOTES

Upper Keys

By JAN HELMLE

beautification of the Upper Keys . . . all with genuine interest and lack of pettiness. She was a wise counselor, a delightful source of local lore.

Mrs. Malcolm Knox and Jan Helmle attended the recent Presidents' Conference of the South District of Association of Florida Hospital Auxiliaries. It was held at Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale.

Mrs. L. C. Brown of Plantation Key Colony was fêted at a birthday dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, Islamorada. Others who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton. It was also Mrs. Clayton's birthday.

UPPER KEYS — The Upper Keys Garden Club will not just have their usual Christmas party this year but hope to learn of some of the current ecological problems. At noon, December 15, Tuesday, the group will meet at the Francis Tracy Garden Center for a covered dish luncheon followed by the set of dishes.

A drawing will be held with prizes of a ceramic plaque, macramé bag and a full set of dishes.

Garden club changes party

However, it was difficult to concentrate. For barely a half hour before, Mrs. Francis Tracy, R.N. the (beloved) "Angel of the Keys" had succumbed. It was a month to the day that she'd been admitted to the hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. In less than two months she would have celebrated her 93rd birthday. As we mentioned before, it was remarkable that, up to a month ago, she had been vitally interested in everything happening on the Upper Keys. She was involved! Caring for those who were sick . . . favoring local hospital care . . . garden club activities . . . conservation and

DEATHS

Mrs. Francis Tracy, 92 of 118 Sunset Drive, Tavernier, Fla., passed away Oct. 19, 1970 at Keys Community Hospital. Mrs. Tracy and the late Capt. Roy Tracy, become permanent residents of Fla. in 1916, settling in Miami where they owned and operated the West End Boat Yard until retiring to live in Tavernier in 1937.

Mrs. Tracy, a registered nurse, has been active in Keys Community affairs and has received many awards and honors. The Garden Club House was named in her honor. A bronze plaque in her honor. A bronze plaque of the Keys. She was always available in time of trouble or need.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Katherine Price of Belle Glade, Fla., four great nieces, Mrs. Annabelle Insley, Salisbury, Md., Mrs. Alice McVay, Wilmington Del., Mrs. Elizabeth Hinson and Mrs. Louise P. Curry, Miami, seven great nephews and nieces. Services were held at the Barnam Funeral Home, October 21, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in Middletown, Delaware.

Garden Club honors past members

Two long time and loved members of Upper Keys Garden Club, who have recently passed away, were honored at the October 20 meeting.

Mrs. Sam Lund gave a deeply thoughtful tribute to Mrs. Francis Tracy, her friend for more than three decades here on the Upper Keys. Mrs. Tracy had passed away the previous day.

Pink candles were then lighted in memory of Mrs. Elmer Thompson whose last office was that of club treasurer.

A silver tea service, donated by Mrs. Ralph Thompson, past president who herself is seriously ill, was used for the first time. Mrs. E. M. Townsend poured. Miss-Eva Junell of Sweden, grand niece of Mrs. John Nelson served at the punch bowl.

Table centerpiece was a pink palm boat with sails of gold net and filled with coral vine blossoms. Photographs and a painting of Mrs. Tracy by Mrs. Robert Merrick were an important part of the decor.

Hostesses were Mrs. Leslie Prime, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Ernest Frederick and Mrs. Lucille Raiff.

Looking toward the club's flower show in March was program topic of Mrs. Dwight Caswell and Mrs. S. B. Griscom, artistic division chairmen, and horticulture chairmen Mrs. M. B. Waldin and Mrs. W. F. Jurgens.

"Now is the time to start cultivating and grooming the plants you intend to show," they emphasized.

"Plants to be eligible for exhibit must be owned by the exhibitor at least three months prior to the show."

Winter residents who have returned to the area include Virginia and Bill Stover. Maine is their summer retreat. Back from Pennsylvania are the Richard Snyders of Tavernier.

She says she is much better and will be happy to get back home by the end of September.

Neighbors who helped Ron Cross celebrate his birthday included Mr. and Mrs. Edwain K. Smith, of Pompano Beach. The Oliviers and Smiths are long time friends from when both families lived in Chicago.

One advantage of having a wife who's an active garden club member is that you get some beautiful flower arrangements created by other members when you're in the hospital. Mal Knox, whose wife Pat is past president of Upper Keys Garden Club, is at Keys Community Hospital where he underwent surgery Tuesday. Especially attractive arrangements are those from Mrs. William Jurgens, Plantation Key Colony, and Mrs. H. E. Hoff, Vacation Village.

Got a note the other day from Eunice (Mrs. Ron) Bell, recently hospitalized on Long Island. She asked me to convey her thanks to all her friends in the Keys for their get well wishes and prayers.

Upper Keys Editor Larry Wycoff and his wife Sue Ann entertained his mother, Mrs. Barbara Dougall of Dallas, Texas, last week. She was accompanied by Larry's sister, Jene, a senior at Turner High School in Farmers Branch, a suburb of Dallas. While here, they visited Theatre of the Sea and spent a day in Key West.

Club. The public is invited to meet and chat with Mrs. Weaver at 4 p.m. Sunday, August 23, at Sunset Inn Resort. A BPW member, Mrs. Weaver was its Florida state legislative chairman for the past two years.

THE FILM, "To Touch a Child", will be shown when Upper Keys Century Chapter, BPW, meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 at San Pedro Catholic Church Social hall. Guest speaker will be Charles Chester, program coordinator of the newly organized Community School. After the program, a business meeting and towel workshop are scheduled.

Mrs. N. O. Pearce, Tavernier, says she had a delightful trip to England. She visited relatives in St. Ives. Most of her time was spent in Cornwall, but she also stayed a short while in London.

Newest members of Upper Keys Garden Club are Mrs. C. B. Van Alen, Marathon; Miss Clarence Parker, Tavernier; Mrs. Marshall Reimig.

Upper Keys Keynotes

Fire Department

By JAN HELMLE

Incoming officers of Taver-

nier Volunteer Fire Dept.

Auxiliary were installed by

Mrs. George Gabriel, outgo-

ing president, at an impres-

sive ceremony Monday eve-

ning. Mrs. Eugene Schaaf is

president with Mrs. Doris Al-

bury, vice president; Mrs.

Tom Gourd, secretary; and

Mrs. Sue Carey, treasurer.

Other participating members

include Mrs. Robert Brunton,

chaplain; Mrs. Anna Belle

Baldwin, sunshine; Mrs. Eve-

lyn Weeks, kitchen assisted

by Mrs. Alice Koziol and

Mrs. Anna Thompson.

Auxiliary meetings are

held at 8 p.m. the last Mon-

day of each month at the Ta-

vernier Firehouse. Visitors

are welcome.

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It's been a long time since

we've done any serious, in-

volved college term paper-

type research. But when one

hears such a disclosure as

Mrs. Cliff Carpenter made to

board and other Upper Keys

Garden Club members Mon-

day our curiosity needs satis-

fying.

"Mrs. Francis D. Tracy

was the last surviving one of

the Stuarts (Stuarts) of En-

gland." As Mrs. Tracy's

neighbor and girl friend for

the past five years, Mrs. Car-

penter was entrusted to go

through Mrs. Tracy's papers

after her recent death. As

she has been so very busy

since the funeral last Wed-

nesday, Mrs. Carpenter

hasn't had a chance to sort

out all papers, but she did

find this family information

and a page from the Dil-

worth family Bible that tells

Mrs. Tracy's parents were

Thomas Francis Dilworth

(Mrs. Tracy was named for

him) and Henrietta Maria

Stewart.

Out came our encyclope-

dia: Stuart (Stewart) royal

family that ruled Scotland

and England . . . dates back

to 1160 beginning in a family

of hereditary Stewards of

Scotland of whom Robert II

became king in 1371. The

family notables include Mary

Aux. installs new officers

Queen of Scots, claimant to the British throne who lost the power struggle to Elizabeth I . . . Mary's son, James VI of Scotland, who became James I of England . . . his son Charles I who was beheaded during the Puritan Revolution in 1649, but whose son, Charles II was restored to the throne . . . followed by his brother James II . . . then William & Mary . . . then Anne, James II's daughter who was the last Stuart to rule England. After 1807, the claim passed to the descendants of Henrietta, daughter of Charles I.

Now we have to find out when Mrs. Tracy's family came to the U.S., where they settled, etc.

Mrs. Tracy, whose love, according to Mrs. Carpenter, was administering to sick people, was so highly thought of by people on the Upper Keys that several organizations plan memorials to her. A peaceful spot for quiet meditation is planned by the Upper Keys Garden Club for its Francis Tracy Garden Center. The Islamorada Lions Club is donating to the Florida Lions Eye Bank in her memory. Keys Community Hospital Auxiliary has established a Francis Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund for a Coral Shores High School graduate who intends to go into nursing or other health field. Anybody wishing to donate to these memorial funds should contact their representatives: Mrs. L. C. Brown, Leslie Prime, Mrs. Donald Strange, listed in same order as above orga-

nizations. We have heard that that memorials are planned by Coral Isles Church, that Mrs. Tracy attended, and Upper Keys Flotilla 68, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary also.

After a wonderful European trip Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wittman, of Venetian Shores were home for a little while. Then they visited members of their family in Chicago, fished in Wisconsin, saw friends in Minnesota. Now they're home on the Keys again.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Snyder of Plantation Key, who were in Brookville, Pa., all summer, have returned. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowers, Key Largo, are back from attending the National Button Show in Clearwater. Bertha won several ribbons for her entries. She's quite proud of her granddaughter, Lee Ann Soos, who's homecoming

queen at Rockford (Ill.) College.

Nominations for officers will be made when Upper Keys Flotilla 68, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Coral Shores School. Details of the flotilla rendezvous to Flamingo on November 14 and 15 will be discussed. Vince Dunbar is chairman.

The family of

Francis Tracy

will hold in grateful remembrance
your kind expression of sympathy

The golden flower
new like the sunshine
in her life.