

KELLOGG MEDAL FOR CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

AWARD #1

UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB, Inc.

TAVERNIER, FLORIDA 33070

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

(Type or print all information)

APPLICATION FOR AWARD NUMBER 1 NAME OF AWARD Kellogg Medal for

Special Achievement

DATE OF APPLICATION Jan. 17, 1980 SENT FROM STATE FED. OF Florida

APPLICANT'S NAME IS: (Type EXACTLY, in full, as to appear on any award won):

Upper Keys Garden Club

CLUB ~~XXXXXXXX~~ X COUNCIL

DISTRICT XII INDIVIDUAL

INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION STATE Florida REGION Deep South

ADDRESS P.O. Box 794, Tavernier, Florida 33070

(Address of applicant must be complete, including zip code)
"Botanical Gardens"

TITLE, OR THEME OF PROJECT, SHOW OR ACHIEVEMENT Upper Keys Government Center

REQUIRED DESCRIPTION of work of individual, club/s state. Briefly describe project. Attach original application form permanently in book; second copy with gem clip for easy removal. The brief description MUST BE included. (Use back if necessary).

Detailed information to be a part of the Book of Evidence.

Planning and planting "Botanical Gardens" at Upper Keys (Monroe County) Government Center. This landscaping unified a new building and an old motel (remodeled as an office building) so that they complimented each other even though very different in architecture. The Government Center serves an unincorporated area (population approximately 1500). Cost of landscaping this million dollar investment was in excess of \$10,000, funded through special appropriations by Monroe County Commission and contributions by individuals and organizations. 100% participation.

SIGNATURE OF STATE AWARDS CHAIRMAN Hazel M. Simmons

ADDRESS PO Box 13686, Gainesville, FL 32604

SIGNATURE OF STATE PRESIDENT [Signature]

NOTE: State Awards Chairman must mail application to National Awards Chairman; applications MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JAN. 15th. Check with UPS or P.O. to assure arrival time. Insure pkg.

NATIONAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Lofton M. Milstead, Jr.
1309 Summit Drive
Charleston, WV 25302

IMPORTANT: HAVE YOU INCLUDED: 1. A) FLOWER SHOW DESCRIPTION ABOVE HERE? B) THREE (3) signed EVALUATION FORMS? C) PICTURES? D) PUBLICITY? E) TWO (2) SCHEDULES? F) EXPENSE RECORDS? NOTE... DESCRIPTION above MUST include theme, town, club name, membership, names of judges, number participating, number of entries, which top awards were given, give title of Conservation and Educational Exhibits. State if Juniors participated and how. #11 must list 10% member clubs exhibiting. #17 must list gardens visited. #18 must list 5 or more clubs participating. #30 must list 1/5 clubs exhibiting. #5, 18 and 20 not eligible consecutive years. Note Rules 1, 2, 9 and 10.

2. OTHER AWARD DESCRIPTION (fill in above) List club size, city size, project size, number of clubs participating, member effort, statistics, expenses, summary of project. Note Rules 1, 2, 9A and 10.

READ AND REREAD award descriptions and rules to be sure you have met ALL requirements.

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PLANNING and PLANTING

"B O T A N I C A L G A R D E N S"

MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, TAVERNIER, FLA.

A project to landscape four areas with native low maintenance plants, (Ramp Entrance Front, 100', Sunken Garden, 25' x 30', Hillside area, 220', and Mall, 300' x 85') to unify an existing building and a new building so that they compliment each other even though very different in architecture. This government center serves an unincorporated area (population approximately 1500). Cost of landscaping this million dollar investment was in excess of \$10,000, funded through special appropriations by Monroe County Commission and contributions by Monroe County individuals and organizations.

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AGENDA

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday - October 21, 1980 - Plantation Key, Fla.

Regular Meeting 10:00 A.M. Plantation Key
Governmental Center

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WHEREAS, said landscaping has beautified and enhanced
said governmental facility, and

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OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, does hereby publicly express its deep and grateful appreciation to The Upper Keys Garden Club and all its members who helped with the landscaping of the grounds surrounding the Upper Keys Governmental Center at Plantation Key, Florida.

2. That the Clerk of said Board is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to The Upper Keys Garden Club.

Passed and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of October, 1980.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 21, 1980 - Upper Keys Garden Club received resolution from Monroe County Board of County Commissioners commending them for work done in organizing and overseeing the landscaping of the Upper Keys Governmental Center.

OUR STORY BEGINS...

In September, 1979, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners contacted Mrs. Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club - would the Club be interested in a landscaping project at the new Government Center on Plantation Key?

We came -- we looked -- would the membership be able to transform a dead-grass sunken garden and a coral rock expanse of earth into an attractive, eye-catching, inviting area?

Well, it was certainly a challenge, if nothing else, so in October all those interested members of our 100 member Club met with Don Schloesser, Chairman of the County Commission at our Francis Tracy Garden Center at Mile Marker 94 on U. S. Highway 1.

Our thirty year old Club has been involved in several landscaping projects at schools and public buildings through the years.

So we said "Yes", after the details were explained:

1) The Public Works Dept. of the County would be doing the labor. (That turned out to be an exaggeration!)

2) \$3500 was the amount stipulated, but more funds would be made available. (\$5000 additional was allowed at the September 18th Commission meeting.)

3) The County would maintain the area after planting was complete. (As of this date, we're still watering!)

So now we had a real job before us -- what to do first? Study the areas, photograph them, measure all the space to be planted, and decide WHO... WHAT... WHEN...WHERE...HOW...

So what was there? A 300 foot mall, a 220 foot hillside entry up to the first level, a 24 x 30 foot sunken garden, and a building entrance from High Point Road. (All uninviting, dull, and plant-less, we might add.)

Committee members began their tasks, after determining that the plan should,

1) Utilize native trees and shrubs in the mall, using low maintenance plantings for texture and color harmony.

2) Control foot traffic making easy access to all of the buildings from the parking area, using curving sidewalks and ramps for the handicapped.

3) Shading and screening the near-by old zoning building (a nice conservation measure, too).

4) Partially screen the mall from the parking area.

5) Screen from view the unsightly road equipment stored at the end of the mall.

6) Last, but not least, take this delightful opportunity to carry out the PLANT GOLD theme of the National Council of State Garden Clubs golden anniversary.

At just the right time, the Monroe County Agent, Ray Zerba, gave a course in Landscape Design for the Florida Keys, and nine of our club members received one credit from the University of Florida for taking the course.

The final plans were drafted, presented to the County Commission, accepted unanimously, and so in March 1980, we were on our way!

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OUR INVITATION
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

9-8

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Commissioner Blair presented recommended guidelines for the placement of information signs at the airport and requested that the Commission review the guidelines for discussion at the September 25, 1979 meeting.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

An item concerning a resolution adopting Rules of Procedure for Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment was withdrawn from consideration on the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Blair to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, to execute an Airport Agreement by and between the County of Monroe, State of Florida, and B&E Enterprises for operation of a gift shop. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #198-1979

See Res. Book #16 which is incorporated herein by reference.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Kerr to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County



County Agent Zerba discussing soil (bedrock) needed for plantings during break in landscape class.

Many problem areas to cope with, such as road dep't at end of mall.



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FREE LANDSCAPING COURSE

The Florida Cooperative Extension Service is offering a Saturday short course entitled "*Landscaping in the Keys*" to be held Saturday, Nov. 10th and Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1979 at the cafeteria in Coral Shores High School. One Continuing Education Credit will be offered to all those who attend both sessions. The course is designed to look in detail at the various plants that are commonly grown in the Keys.

This course has never been offered in the Upper Keys area before. It is realized that a lot of information is being presented all at once and that the sessions are long, but restrictions on travel and a desire to conserve energy dictate this type of presentation.

Please call toll free 664-9190 or 664-2521, ext. 263 to let us know if you'll be coming.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10th, 1979:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Plants as Environmental
Modifiers

10:30 - 11:30 AM Understanding Our Growing
Conditions

Questions and Answers

Lunch Break

Landscape Design Principles and

and Covers for the Keys

Lk

Plants for the Keys

th, 1979:

Common Plants for the Keys

Plants for Shade

Questions and Answers

Lunch Break

Evergreen Trees for the Keys

Deciduous Trees for the Keys

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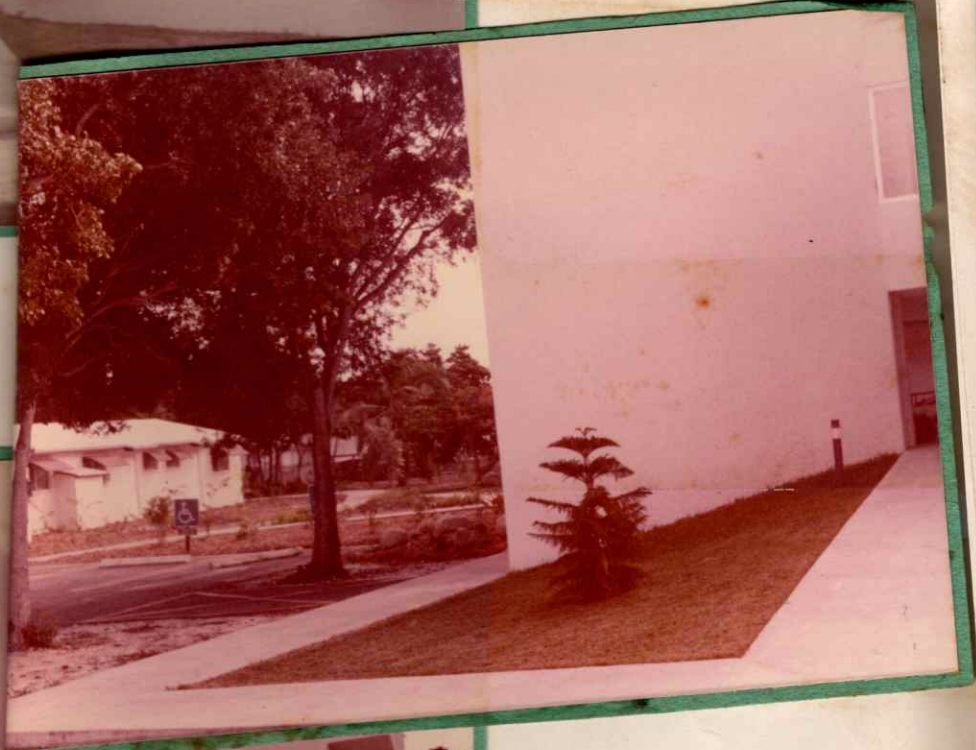
Plants for the Keys



Ramp Entrance

← East side - before
planting

after planting →



West side -
before planting

after planting -



HOSPITAL ACROSS ROAD

(a)

(b)

THREE
LARGE
MAHOGONY
TREES
BENCH.

ramp (tis needed)

hospital.)

CANCEL
(GRASS HAS GROWN
BACK)

NORFOLK
IS. PINE

FOR
CHRISTMAS
TREE
IF
DESIRED

CLUMP OF
3 SABAL PALMS
FL. STATE TREE

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WHEEL CHAIR RAMP - HIGH POINT DRIVE ENTRANCE - HOSPITAL ACK

THREE

LARGE

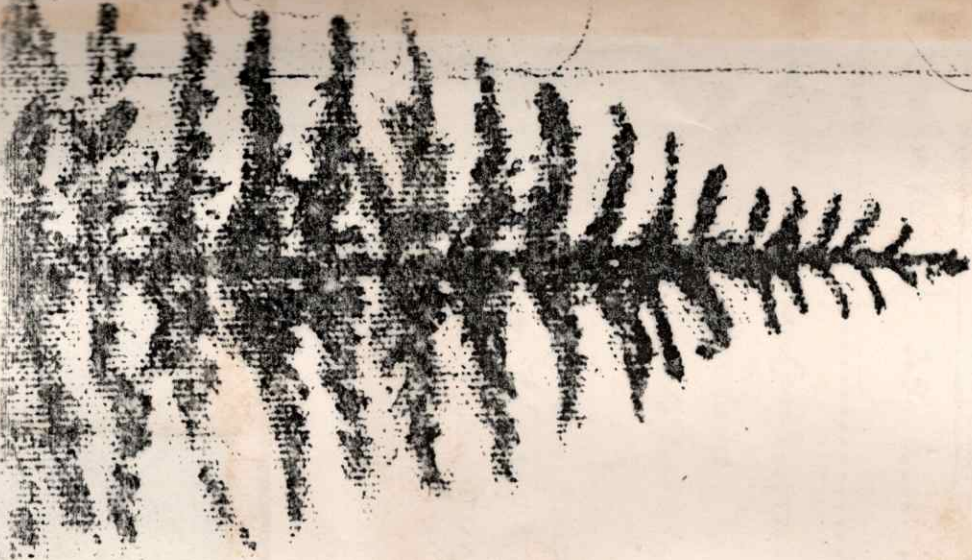
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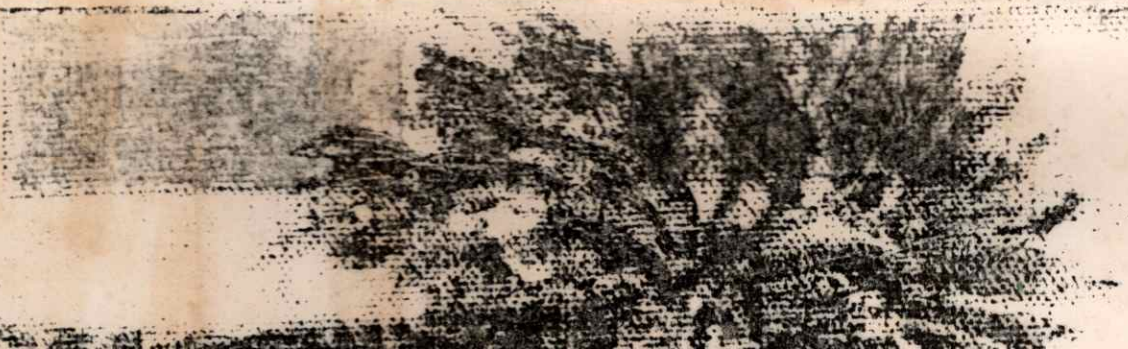
NORFOLK
IS PINE

FOR
CHRISTMAS
TREE

ISIDE



Stamp



Plantation Gov't Center...North entrance....High Point Id.

Landscaping planned by the Upper Keys Garden Club.

NOTE: please place one more wheel chair sign, on the west side of the ramp (tis needed)
the grass (erst front) except for a 5' hole for planting one

one NORFOLK ISLAND PINE.....\$35.00

(to decorate at the Holidays. It can be seen from the Highway and Hospital.)

ee CABBAGE PALMS planted in a clump (west side of front).....\$405.00

The Florida state tree.

ve Carissa (dwarf) 2.50 @.....12.50

CANCEL
(GRASS HAS GROWN
BACK)

in bags of pine bark.....15.00

ve large flat Boulders (small)..... OMIT

no grass in center front

did want Chatahoochee rock (brown)
but too expensive

NE FRONT (RAISED AREA)

BED OF 4 CLUMPS OF CHAMAEDOREA PALMS,
5 DWARF CARISSISA, 5 BOULDERS, CLUMPS OF
LIRIOPE MUSCARI

J. Nargo
Ellis
Betty
Wilson



SUNKEN GARDEN

ered and set up..... \$1150.00

(but he said that he would hold the price)

, 41" wide 50" long. Pumps for recycling the water, and can be
h the garden hose. The electric outlets are in place for the
ling effects.

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will donate and plant all of the Ferns, Philodendron and Bromeliads

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the safety of people in wheelchairs and walkers from the ramp area

....WE SUGGEST.....that a 4' wide decking be built at the level of

iling of the proper height OVERHANGING THE SUNKEN GARDEN. Placing

ng the walkway on both sides. This would cut down the sunken garden

ecking was placed on all four sides. would also help 2nd floor

ght window washing

> These waterfalls, delivered and set up..... \$150.00
(these retail for 1650, but he said that he would hold the price)

Waterfalls - 24" high, 41" wide 59" long. Pumps for recirculating the water, and can be filled as necessary with the garden hose. The electric outlets are in place for the pumps and special lighting effects.

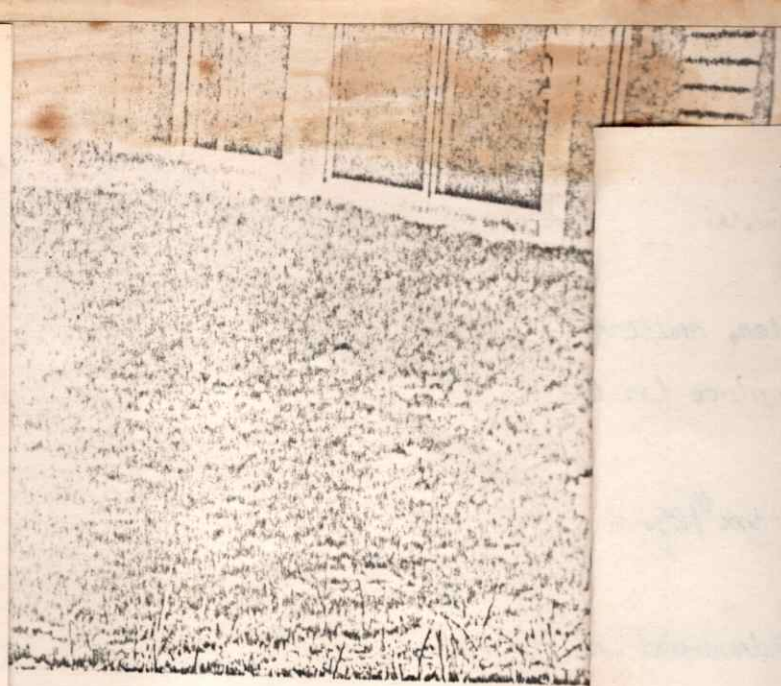
Cost of good putting soil to be furnished by the county..... approx \$125.00
12" to 24" coral boulders to be furnished by the county.

> UPPER KEYS GARDEN Gifts will donate and plant all of the Ferns, Philodendron and Bromeliads
after the fountain and all of the rocks are in place (the sooner the better).

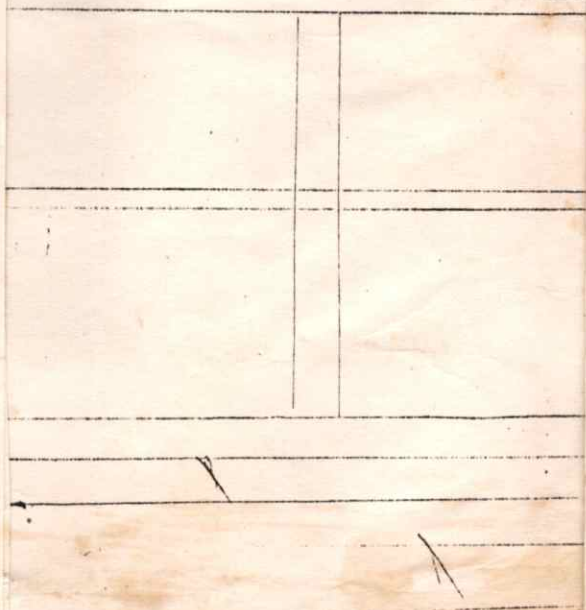
REAR NOTES: Regarding the safety of people in wheelchairs and walkers from the ramps over
over to the court room.... US SKYST..... that a 4' wide decking be built at the level of
the walkway, with a railing of the proper height ON SHADING THE SUNKEN GARDEN. Placing
benches (no backs) along the walkway on both sides. This would cut down the sunken garden
to 22' x 17', if the decking was placed on all four sides. would also help and floor
window washing

Alpha Swimming Pool
Cynthia Elwood
Betty Johnson

SUNKEN GARDEN



RUSTIC) BENCHES ALONG W
ID DECKING (AROUND ATL
SS or REDWOOD) 3 SIDES &



COURT ROOM

COURT YARD

SUNKEN GARDEN

OPPOSED

SAFETY: WHEEL CHAIRS + WALKERS

DROP OFF IS DANGEROUS

WE SUGGEST

STRONG (BUT RUSTIC) BENCHES ALONG W/
RAILING AND DECKING (AROUND ALL 3 SIDES)
(CEDAR OR CYPRESS OR REDWOOD)

4'-0" DECK
BETWEEN
PILARS
NEXT TO
WALK

26' x 30' - COURTYARD

N W CORNER (FACING STEPS)
SET 4 1/2 ABOVE GROUND LEVEL

#1

3 waterfalls surrounded
By many ferns, philodendrons
and coral (boulders 12" to 24")
THE PLANTS TO BE GARED FOR AND
PLANTED BY "UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB
OF FAVERNIER. ALL MEMBERS ARE
FURNISHING A PLANT FOR THE COURTYARD.

#2
SET 3 1/2
ABOVE GRO
EAST GEN
FACING
COURT RD

IF A

#3 ON GROUND
SET IN
SOUTH WEST CORNER
FACING STEPS



THE STORY CONTINUES...

In May, the workmen completed the first project, the building of decking around the sunken garden, (still full of dead sod!). Key West and Upper Keys Public Works departments were the helping hands.

Work continued all summer with many of our 100 members "actively" (that means with shovels, mulch and dirty hands) participating while others donated plants that they had grown. County Agent Ray Zerba helped us, also.

The Key Largo and Marathon Garden Clubs were invited to plant a tree in the Mall Area, so the "participating circle" was enlarged.

Also, local nurseries contributed plants, trees, time and talents.

Making walkways, moving rocks and boulders, placing waterfalls in the sunken garden for the Patio de Cascada (Courtyard of the Waterfalls), 200-plus plantings, mulching, designating 168 holes to auger, attending to every detail...this was our challenge...and we had to have it completed by the end of the County's fiscal year, October first.

Eleven days wrought the transformation!

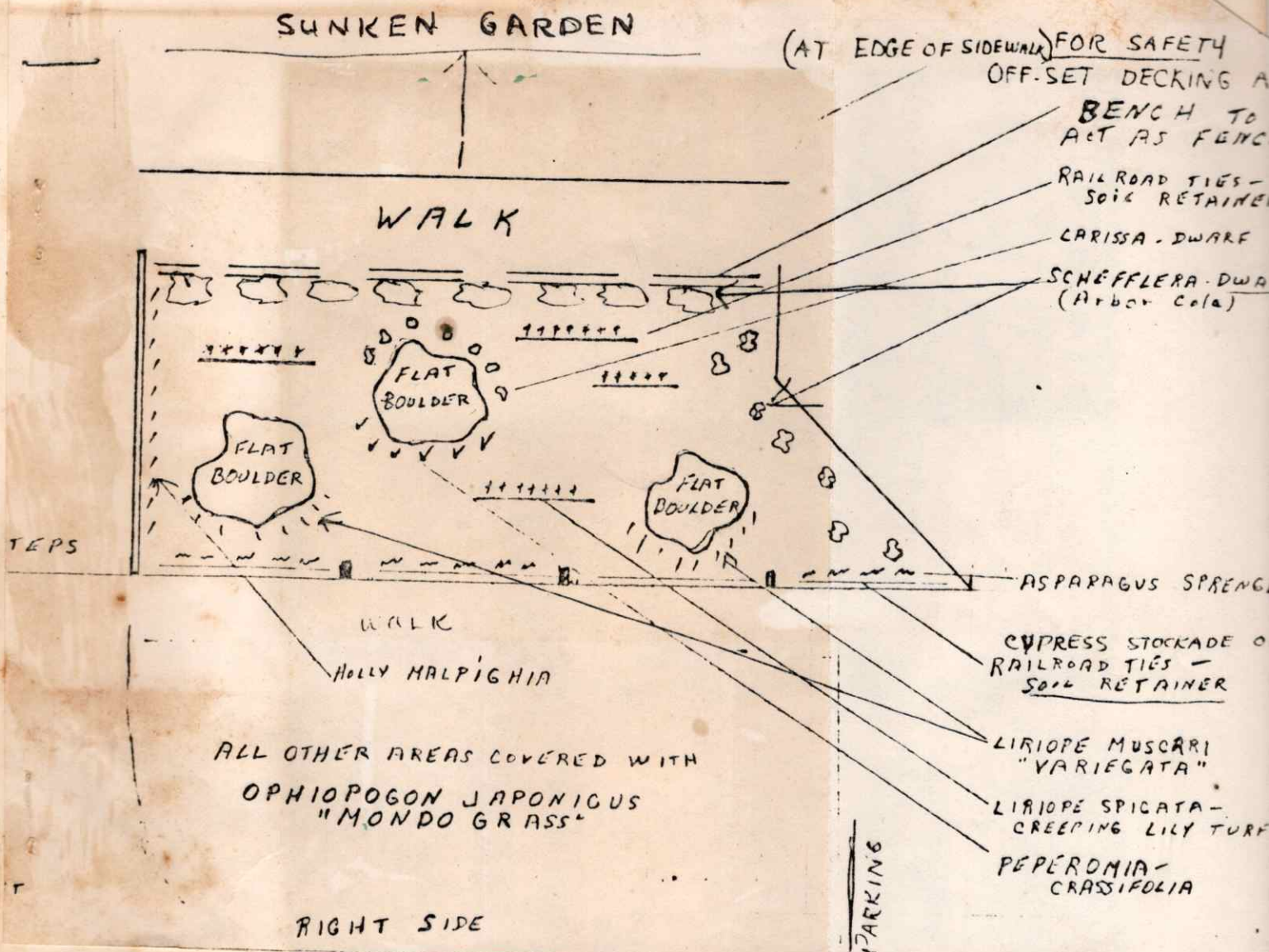
Thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to our area were utilized to live in harmony with the old poinciana, mahogany and sapodilla trees already there...to provide shade, a place to rest, and also a place to learn, (as soon as all the trees bear markers).



SUNKEN GARDEN

(AT





proposed landscaping

HILLSIDE

(embankment to lower level
court room)

R.R. ties or landscaping timbers... P.R. S. 4

Flat rock boulders (furnished by county....

12 Carissa (dwarf) \$2.50 @ (27)

9 Schefflera (dwarf) 5.00 @ (24)

12 Holly (dwarf) 2.50 @ (30)

20 Liriope Spicata 2.00 (for 6-8 plants)

15 Liriope Muscari " "

50 Mondo Grass " "

12 Peperomia Crassifolia 2.00 @ Can.

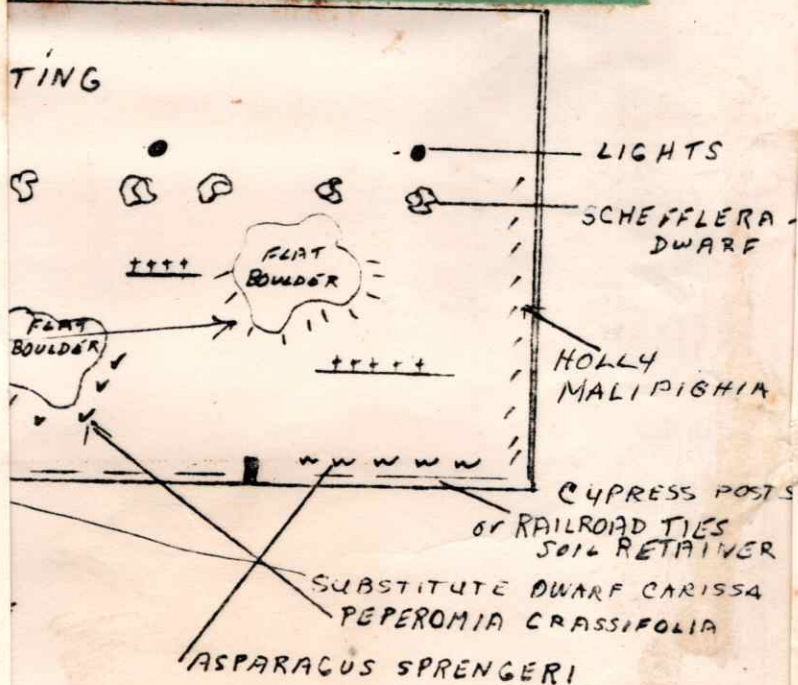
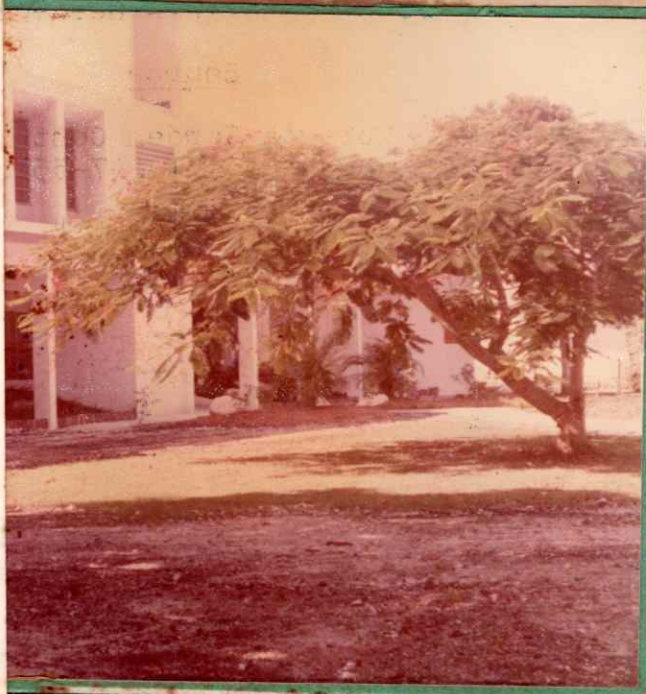
24 Asparagus Sprengeri

TOTAL proposed
north embankment

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north a



HILL SIDE

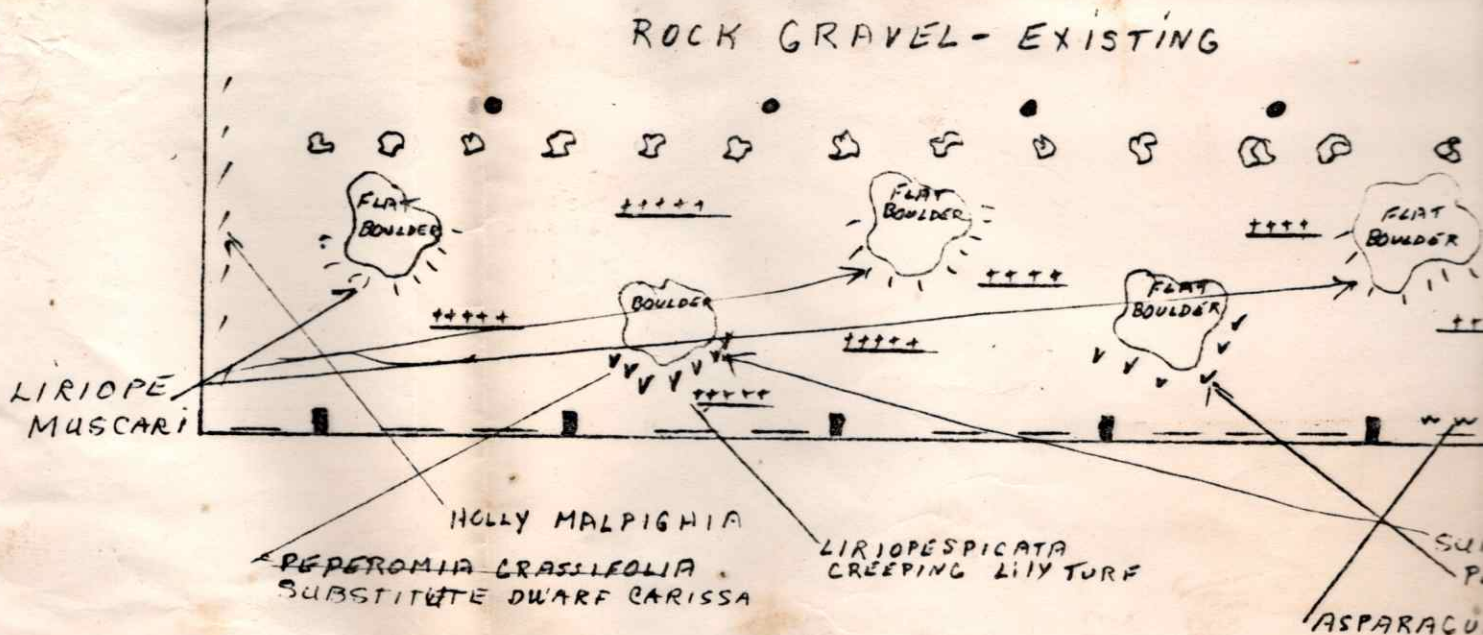


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HILL SIDE

BESIDE

CO



ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED WITH
OPHIPOGON JAPONICUS
"MONDO GRASS"

Landscape plan for Mall
of
Plantation Government Center

Objectives:

1. Control foot traffic, making easy access from parking lot, Building and Zoning and Sub-station.
2. Utilize native trees and plants for lowest possible maintenance.
3. Soften and shade Building and Zoning building.
4. Partially screen Mall from parking lot.
5. Make Mall an attractive retreat for people and birds.

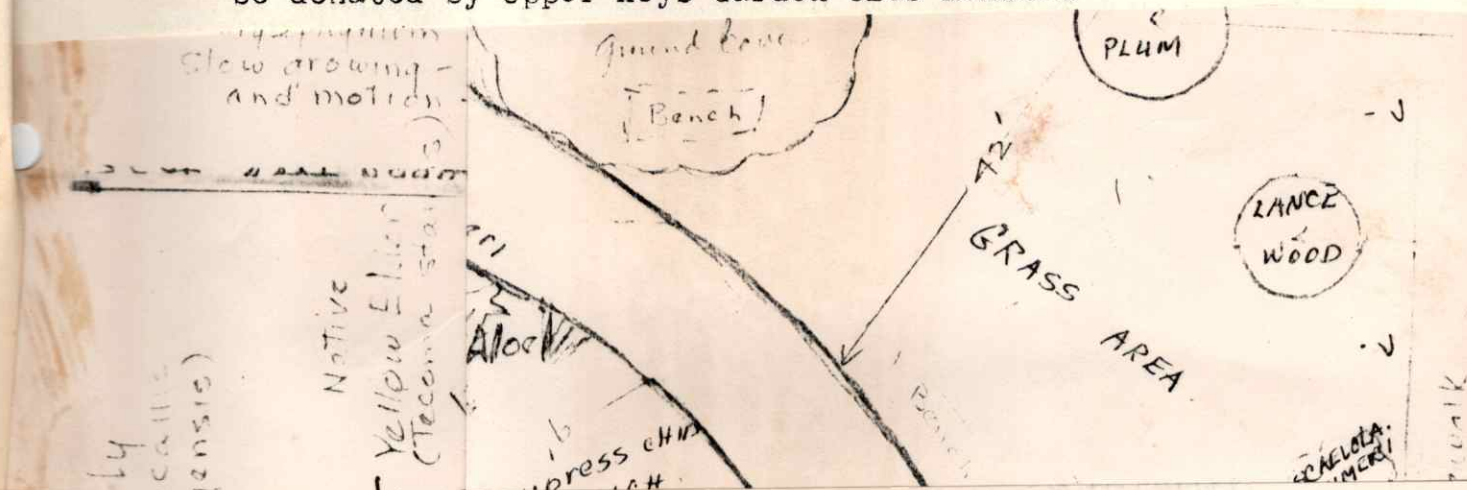
Plant materials needed:

<u>Plant or tree</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Price</u>
1 Tabebuia argentea	Morey's Garden Center Homestead 1-247-3535	\$10.00
1 Areca cane palm	" " "	8.00
1 Satin leaf (Chrysophyllum oliviforme)	Florida Keys Native Nursery D.N. Sprunt 852-5515	3.50
1 Key Thatch Palm (Thrinax microcarpa)	" " "	3.50
1 Paradise Tree (Simarouba glauca)	" " "	3.00
1 Pigeon plum (Coccoloba diversifolia)	" " "	2.50
1 Lancewood (Nectandra coriacea)	" " "	3.00
2 Buccaneer Palms (Pseudophoenix sargentii)	" " " \$4.00 @	8.00
1 Lignum vitae (Guaiacum santum)	" " "	4.00
5 Cocoplum (Chrysobalanus icaco pellocarpus)	" " " \$2.50 @	12.50
3 Wild Coffee (Psychotrin undata)	" " " \$2.75 @	8.25

7	Randia aculeata	Florida Keys Native Nursery	\$3.00 @	\$21.00
5	Yellow Elder (Tecoma stans)	Native Tree Nursery Silver Palm Dr. 1-665-2039	\$5.00 @ (some will be donated by Garden Club members)	???
3	Cassia bahamensis	" " " 20 gal. size	\$20.00@	\$60.00 (will try for smaller size.)
25	Dwarf Yellow Lantana (Lantana depressa)	Tropics North Nursery South Dade 1-245-8011	\$1.20 @	\$30.00
7	Plumbago capensis	Key Islander Tropical Gardens	\$2.50@	\$17.50
2	Philodendron Selloum	" " "	\$4.95@	\$ 9.90
6	Florida Keys Lily Hymenocallis keyensis	Florida Keys Native Nursery .25 to \$2.50 @ (most will be donated)		

Approx. total
\$184.15

Remaining shrubs and ground cover will
be donated by Upper Keys Garden Club members



THE AT 8' FENCE TO SCREEN BALL FROM ROAD EQUIP
 UPPER KEYS IDIA'S TO HELP IN SCREENING

CAMP
 CL
 KEYS

GIANT
 SAPODILLA

SAPODILLA

PARADISE

to 30'
 Areca or
 Cane Palm
 (Clump)

Building
 dble w. = double
 Low shrub
 D = door, not a
 Remove C
 fre

75'

Royal
 Poinciana

Bench

Boston Fern
 Ground cover

Bench

NATIVE
 Satin leaf
 Chrysophyllum
 Slow growing -
 and motion

PIGEON
 PLUM

LANCE
 WOOD

GRASS
 AREA

Aloe

press chms
 CH

NATIVE

Yellow Elder
 (Tecoma stans)

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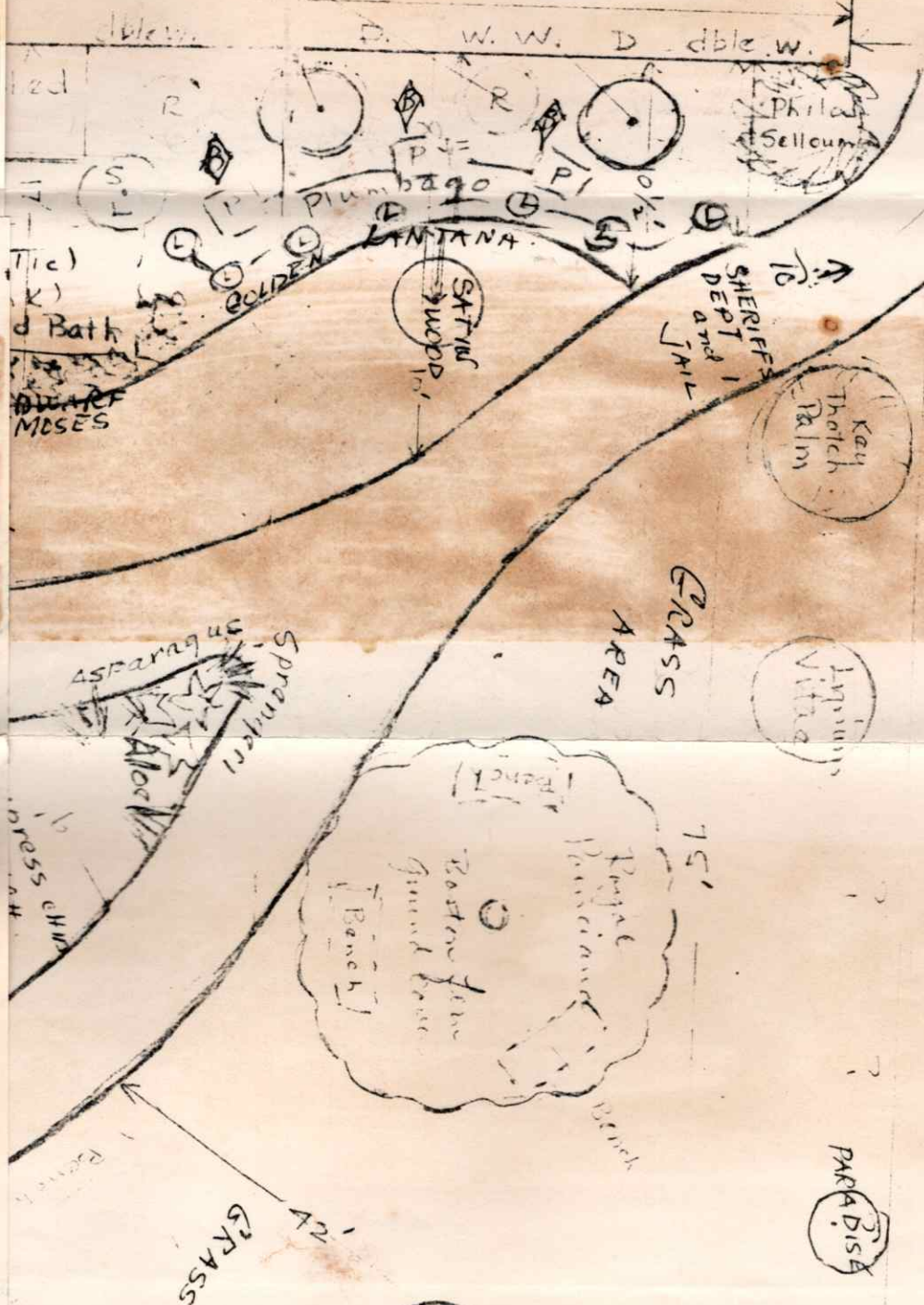
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 (MERI)

SAD

D = down, not in use.
 Remove cement from in
 front of each.

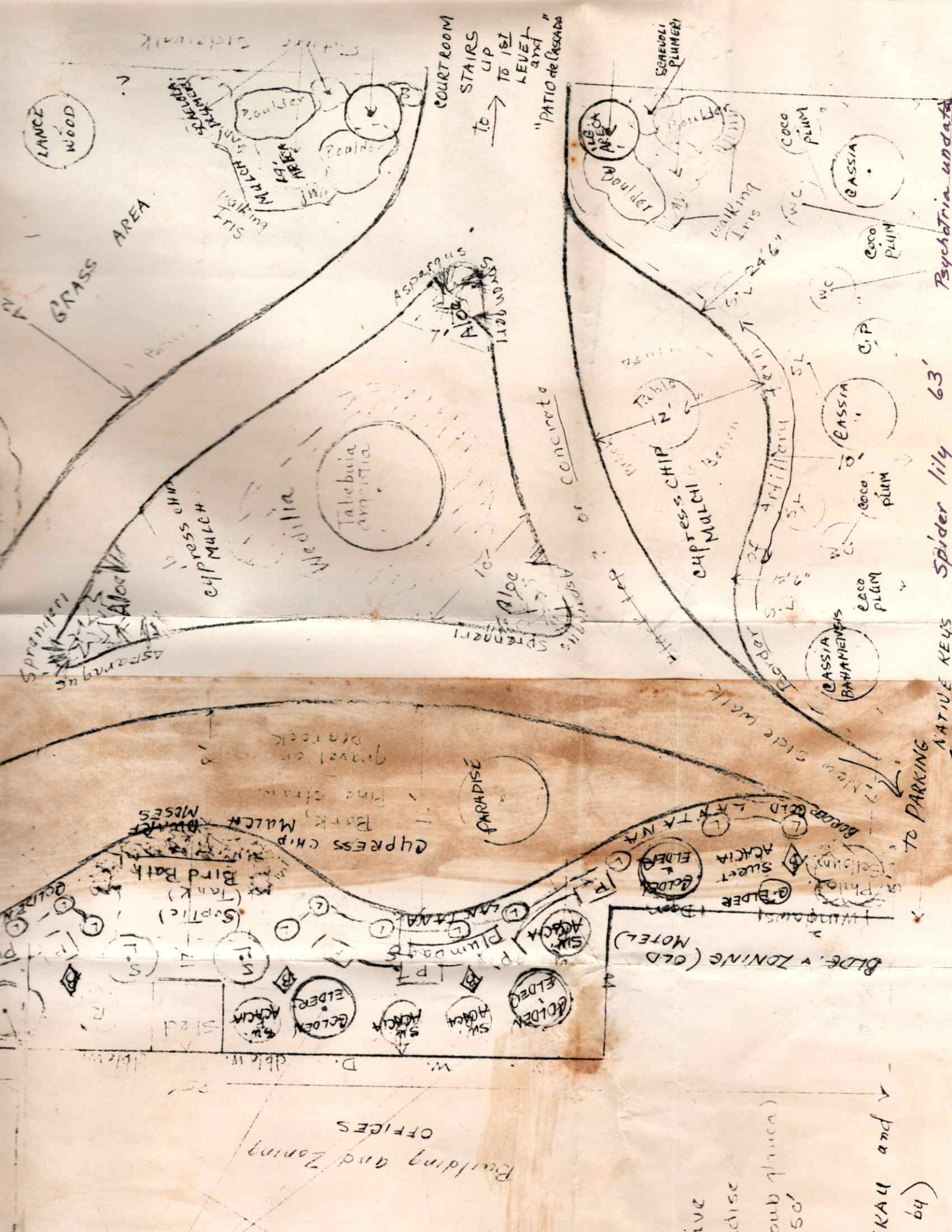
Native
Satin Leaf
Hydrophyllum chloroforme
etc. growing - gives grass
and mottled - and clear

Native
- Yellow Elder
(Tecoma stans)



KALL and V.

Building and Zoning
OFFICES



Old Motel made
into offices on
Government com-
plex at one side
of mall





Screening
Road Dept.



Mall plantings
in place.
Cypress mulch
throughout.





don Schloesser

PAGE 24 THE REPORTER, JANUARY 3, 1980

from the desk of COMMISSIONER

It's not only the beginning of a new year, but the beginning of a decade. In this column, I have tried to keep you informed, not only as to what has been done, but why I have taken the stands I have on the various issues. For the purpose of this column, I went back through my records to see what this Commission could claim as its accomplishments. The Upper Keys has had its fair share of good things. The following is a partial list.

> Our most substantial accomplishment is the progress made at the Government Center. Back in 1976 there was parking space in front of the Sheriff's area for about 10 cars. People attending court and the Commission meetings had to park on the shoulders of U.S. 1 and along Key Heights Drive. Our first purchase was the lot just north of the substation. This area was made into a parking lot for about 30 cars. The lot cost about \$12,000. Our next purchase was the land with the motel for the purpose of the new building. The motel was remodeled into offices for Building & Zoning, Social Services and the Employment Office. With the help of \$300,000 of Federal funds, along with almost \$400,000 County money, we have the almost complete, new Government Center. The budget this year allocates \$200,000 to complete the interior of the building. The parking lot is finished and it will accommodate about 60 more cars. The Upper Keys Garden Club is master-planning the landscaping and by next year everything should be finished. The total investment will be slightly over one million dollars. We, in the Upper Keys may have had to wait until last to get the facilities, but they are the most beautiful and functional. There has been a tremendous amount of energy that has gone into this project, and there were times it appeared that it might not fly.

Mall area - must have light pole removed.

Must screen to become 85' x 300' mall.

Party Bridge Games are held every Monday, 1: PM at Key Largo Civic Club Center.
Winners for Dec. 24th: 1st Bob Tuck, 2nd Ver
Abrams, 3rd Lillian Goldenberg, 4th Millie Forb
and Low Score Louise Wyckoff.
For information call Ada Mott 451-1065.

KEY LARGO CIVIC CLUB BRIDGE

NOVICE BRIDGE

the forties and fifties, flower children, commune
cults and hippies of the sixties, we're staggering
little trying to solve the problems of drugs, inflation,
oil, Iran, illiteracy, crime, interest rates which
create \$9,000,000, cars and \$100,000, homes, on budget
that won't stretch, and \$1.00 a loaf of bread, but I
sure we'll survive this too. Like the Chinese, I'd ju
like to have all my bills paid by the end of the yea
Unfortunately, I don't get them until January is ha
over.
Maybe someday, all the world's leaders will s
down and clean house of all the previous year
problems each New Year's Eve. It never hurts t
clean the slate and start out fresh and new. C
course they'd be at each other's throats again o
January 2nd, but wouldn't it be nice to have just on
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road priority program. We are about 75% through
that list. Most important, they have been built
according to the priority list. Right now we are held
up on new construction until we get the state
financing straightened out.

We approved the Land Use Plan earlier this year
and have the Housing Element approved. These are
two of the elements of the Comprehensive Planning
Act of 1975. We still have other plans to have
hearings on and approve, such as the Coastal
Element, Utility Element, Recreation, Traffic and
Intergovernmental Elements. These plans are
finished and will go to public hearing in the near
future.

Of all the governmental entities involved, Monroe
County is the farthest along. That includes every
town in Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties in
addition to each county itself. The competency of
our Planning Department must be applauded for the
job that has been done. Because the job is finished,
as of the first of this year, our employees will be
phased out, except for the up-date work.

The immediate future holds many challenges for
us. The most critical problem we face is the disposal
of our solid waste. Getting the incinerator built and
in operation before we run out of landfill space is
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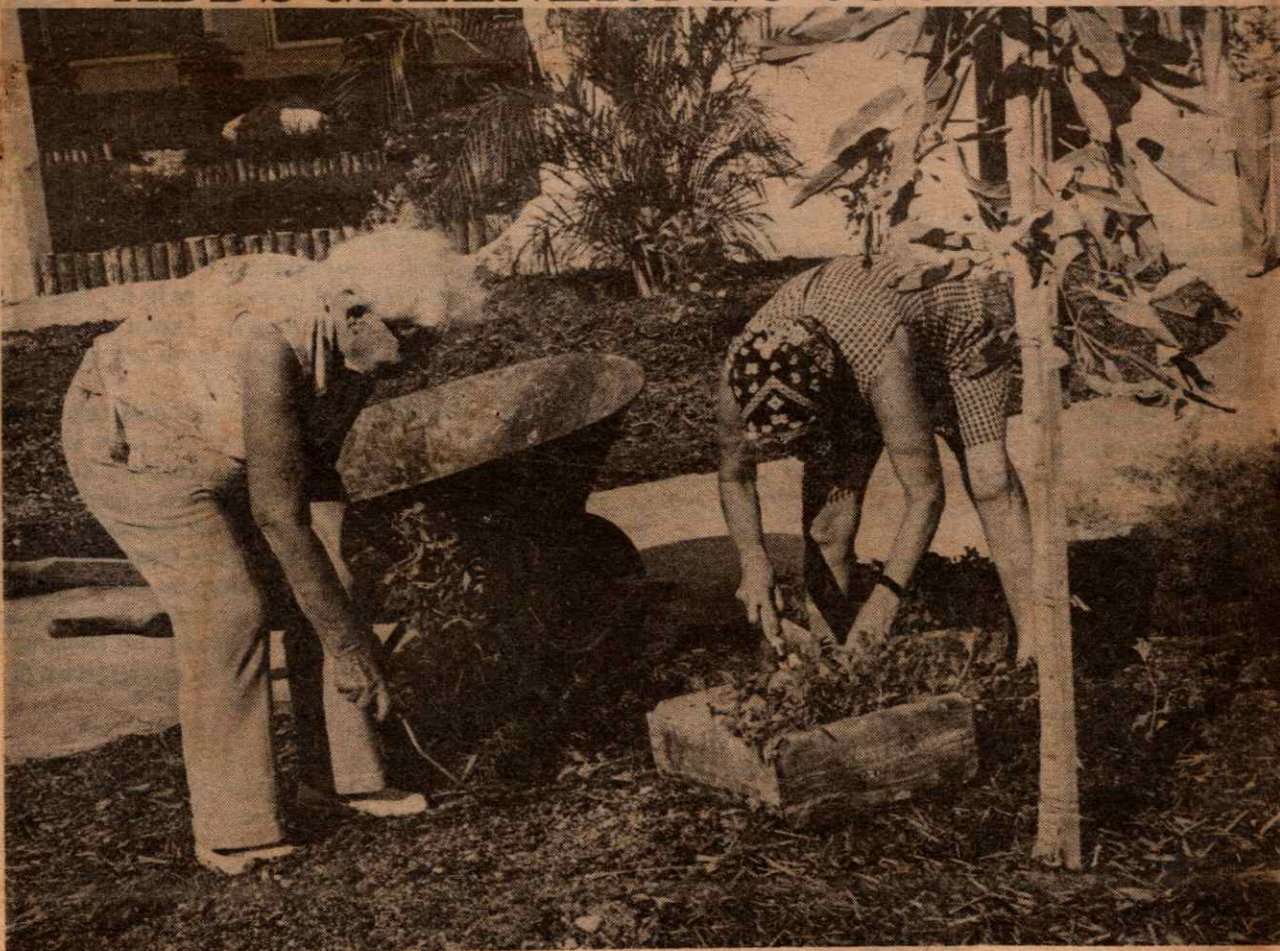


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OUR STORY ENDS....

You could never believe it unless you had been here to see it all happen!... a transformation of ugliness into beauty.. a public service, but a personal satisfaction for each

person who was involved, with a hope that others will enjoy the fruits of our labor...through a restful moment as they hear the waterfalls...a lift in spirits as they view the flowering gold... or a nature stroll through the gardens.

The formal dedication of the

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GARDEN CLUB GETS 'GREEN THUMB' AWARD



Betty Wilson, President of the Upper Keys Garden Club, accepts a resolution from Commission Chairman, Don Schloesser, for their achievements in the landscaping of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. Standing behind the beaming smiles of the Garden Club members, Commissioners Jerry H. Richard Kerr, George Dolezal and Curt J. on. The Board of Commissioners awards the Garden Club for their efforts supervising the landscaping of the new courthouse facility on Plantation Key. (Story on Pg. 16)

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COMMISSION HONORS GARDEN CLUB

The Upper Keys Garden Club was honored at last week's County Commission meeting for the work they did in organizing and overseeing the landscaping of the Upper Keys Governmental Center. A resolution commending the Club for its time and effort was read to the public just prior to the award presentation by the Commissioners.

"Whereas the landscaping has beautified and enhanced the governmental facility," the resolution stated, "the Board of County Commissioners desires to publicly express its deep appreciation for their contribution."

Betty Wilson accepted the award for the Upper Keys Garden Club and afterward cited the Commission for the "confidence" that was placed in the Garden Club to oversee all the planning and implementation of the project. Mrs. Wilson, current President of the Club, also commended her assistants, Doris Sturn, Polly Krider and Kami Kloski who helped with the supervision during different phases of the landscaping work.

(Picture on Pg. 34)



building, October 21, included a special proclamation of gratitude to the Upper Keys Garden Club.

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BOTANICAL GARDEN IS PROJECT OF GARDEN CLUB

Photos by Michael Craven

The Upper Keys Garden Club is planning and planting the "Botanical Gardens" at the new Upper Keys County Government Center. Over a year in the planning stages, the finishing touches are being given by the members of the Garden Club.

Over thirty different varieties of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area have been located and planted at the Center, along with many large, old mahogany and sapodilla trees. They are there for the enjoyment of all residents and a showcase for their Northern visitors. Markers are planned to identify the trees and there will be benches for visitors to sit and relax while enjoying the shade of the many larger trees.



Camille Kloski (l) and Orpha Wainwright (r) apply finishing touches to the "Sunken Garden" part of the landscaping project at the Government Center on Plantation Key.



Mrs. Betty Wilson, Pres. of the Garden Club



L to R Bonnie Runde, Lottie Deloriae, Evelyn Oliver, Millie Gasser, Jean Vecella



Jerry Brehme (L) and Myra Stedman (R) Ms. Brehme is a "Long time member," and Ms. Stedman is 1st V. President.

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At our last meeting, we passed the necessary resolution to move forward on the Federally sponsored program that allows the county to issue tax-free bonds for the purpose of substantially lower interest rates on homes purchases. We started on this procedure back in November of 1978. The second step involved a feasibility study by our financial consultants. In the meantime, the Feds decided to cut back on this program. Our staff met with Senator Dick Stone in Tampa back in April of this year in our effort to be able to participate. It now appears that we are in the program. This will mean that we will be eligible to issue up to 20 million dollars worth of bonds. This program is designed to meet the needs of middle-income people, in the fifteen to twenty thousand dollar income range, to purchase homes. The interest should be substantially less than under conventional financing. I don't believe I'll ever get accustomed to the slow way government works. We have been working this through channels for two years.

Once again, at our last meeting, we did not receive any bids and/or proposals to build the Senior Citizen building on land at the Government Center in the Upper Keys. We are still making every effort to find a contractor. One of the problems is that when we use Federal money, we have to conform to Federal guidelines, such as the Davis-Bacon Act. That little piece of legislation requires that all workers be paid the "prevailing wage" of the area. The "area", in our case includes Dade County. We didn't have this problem with the Government Center because a Hialeah contractor did the job. The Senior Citizens building is a \$50 to \$60,000 dollar job and it doesn't pay a Dade contractor to come down here. We haven't given up and don't plan to. Because of our "planned growth" policies, which don't allow much room for speculative building, our workers have been busy all through the recession in Monroe

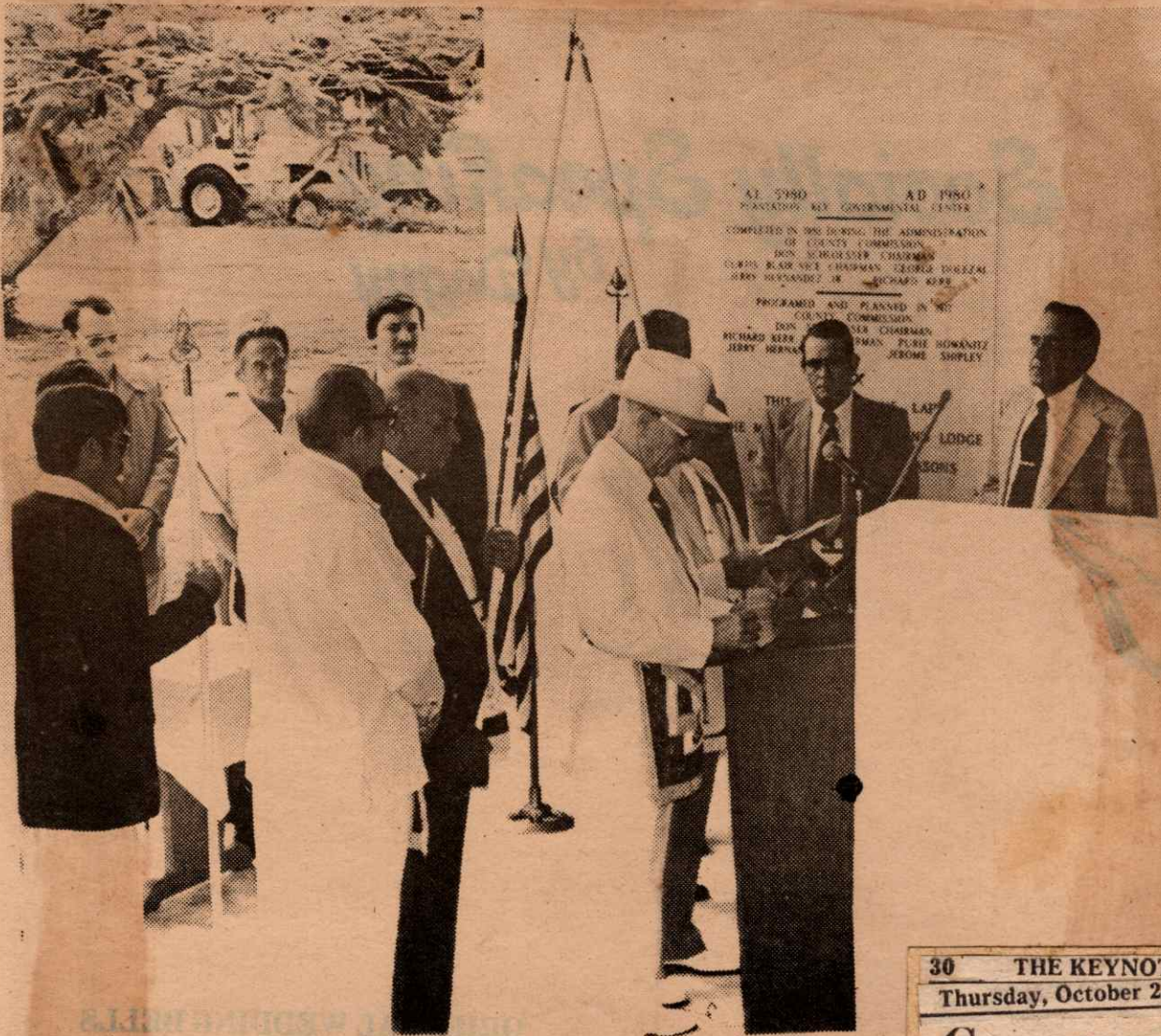
will have to adopt an "interim" budget, which is a continuation of last year's budget. Our fiscal year ended on September 30th and we won't get any new tax money until February. Until then, we must operate the County on carry-over money from the various budgets.

There is a mis-understanding by many people as to how government works on funds that aren't spent the year they are appropriated. In any given general revenue budget, what money is not spent goes back into General Revenue and is counted as income for the subsequent year. It is not carried over in a specific account. The exception to that rule is the Special Tax Districts. All funds in those accounts are carried over in the same account for the next year. In Tavernier, for example, any funds that were not spent this year remain in that account to be used solely for people living in the Tavernier Special Tax District. We cannot use funds raised in Tavernier to fund a fire truck or ambulance in Marathon...and vice-versa.

We always have enough carry-over money in General Revenue to keep the County going in a normal year until the new tax money comes in. In a normal year, the funds start coming in November. This year we will have to try to stretch until February, and that doesn't seem feasible at this time. Should we not make it, we would have to borrow. All of this mess is a result of the reassessment and TRIM legislation. Other counties are having the same problem we have. The last session of the Legislature really fouled up the Counties. If the Feds would have put the same kind of restrictions on the State that the State put on us, we'd have heard them screaming in Tallahassee all the way down to Key West.

The first public noise ordinance the Key West held at the Pla

GOVERNMENT CENTER CORNERSTONE



A formal cornerstone laying ceremony was conducted at the government center on Plantation Key last Sat., conducted by the Masonic Lodge. Present Chairman of the Monroe County Commission Don Schloesser, who was also Chairman when the facility was planned in 1977, presided over the ceremony.

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Thursday, October 2, 1980

Court to get new plantings

UPPER KEYS — The Upper Keys Garden Club will meet at the Plantation Key Governmental Center at 9:30 a.m. Friday to place plantings around the building.

Members are requested to bring their trowels and plant donations.

The club's board of directors will meet 9:30 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Francis Tracy Garden Center.

COURTHOUSE GETS 'GREEN THUMB'

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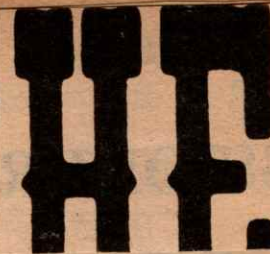
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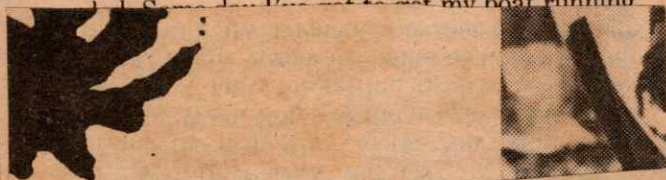
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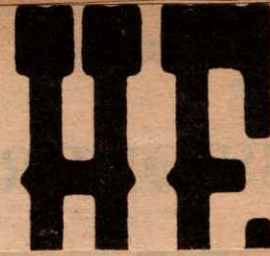
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All too often "a" Commissioner is either criticized or given credit for something that is done in the County. It takes the vote of at least three County Commissioners to authorize various projects. "We" Commissioners authorized the expenditure of the last \$1,000. in our discretionary account for recreational use at Harris Park. By law, we cannot give any group funds. What we do is authorize legitimate expenditures, purchased by an through the County, for worthwhile purposes.

We passed the Resolution agreeing to the cooperative effort with the City of Key West

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Nursery supplied:

Plants	\$ 2,200.00
Labor	1,014.50
Mulch (50 yds.)	1,250.00
Soil (90 yds.)	1,350.00
Nursery mix (22 yds.)	365.00
Tractor (front loader for hauling)	140.00
Hole driller (36" auger, \$45 per hr.)	315.00

Girl Scouts' Native Nursery

Plants	200.00
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Contracted for, and supervised by Upper Keys Garden Club members:

(Clearing land, building sidewalks)	
Bulldozer	105.00
Forms, concrete, labor for walkways	737.35
Concrete	720.00

Indian labor and cypress for making deck	1,000.00
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Purchased from local supplier:

3 Waterfalls for sunken garden	<u>1,135.00</u>
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Total expenditure:	\$10,531.85
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LOUISE HILL, DIRECTOR, DIST. XII FFGC
AND OTHER CLUBS COME TO VISIT PROJECT
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

REPLY TO:

P.O. Box 2545
Key West, Florida 33040

October 27, 1980

Mrs. Betty Wilson, President
Upper Keys Garden Club
P.O. Box 794
Tavernier, Fla. 33070

Dear Betty:

As a follow up to my on site visit to the Upper Keys Government Center in Plantation on Thursday, Oct. 23, 1980, I wanted to again give my praise for a landscaping job well done by the Garden Club. I was particularly impressed with the health of the plants used in the planting as well as the plant selections. Your reliance on native plants should mean reduced maintenance requirement for the county in the future. I would encourage anyone who is intending to plant an area where continued maintenance would be difficult to achieve, to go to only low maintenance plantings. The Upper Key's Garden Club I feel had good insight into which plants would provide just such a situation. I also feel that the finished project refutes those who complain that natives are "so unattractive". They only need to look at the way in which you displayed them to have living proof that this does not need to be the case.

My greatest hope is that the County will over the years not forget who provided them this planting so that what you have done here can be a perpetual memorial to the dedication for public service which the Upper Key's Garden Club exhibits in all of its endeavors.

Hoping to work closely with you in the future to support your other worthy projects.

Sincerely,


Raymond H. Zerba, Jr.
Extension Agent II

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DAVID P. KIRWAN
COUNTY COURT JUDGE
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida



Upper Keys Government Center
Plantation Key, Florida 33070
305/852-5927

November 3, 1980

Mrs. Betty Wilson, President
Upper Keys Garden Club
P. O. Box 373
Tavernier, FL 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Please accept my congratulations and thanks for a job well done on the landscaping of the Upper Keys Government Center. It is obvious to anyone who views your work that you have spent many long hours in accomplishing the task. The quality of the landscaping reflects those long hours as well as your expertise. Those of us who work at the government center will be the daily beneficiaries of your efforts. Please accept my warmest thanks.

Sincerely,


DAVID PL KIRWAN

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County Court

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040



Paul E. Esquinaldo, Judge

October 20, 1980

TELEPHONE
294-4641
Ext.
220 or 230

Mrs. W. Wilson
Pres., Upper Keys Gardening Club
Tavernier Post Office
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I sat in Plantation Key on Friday, October 17, and noticed a lot of gardening activity around the Courthouse and was advised the Upper Keys Gardening Club should get the credit for the beautification of the courthouse grounds.

You are to be congratulated. The plants and walkways are beautiful and they've changed the drab-look of the building. The green of the plants seem to give visitors to the Court peace-of-mind, tempers don't flare up.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Paul E. Esquinaldo

PEE/acr

State Attorney

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
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TUREK BLDG.
TAVERNIER, FLORIDA 33070



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November 18, 1980

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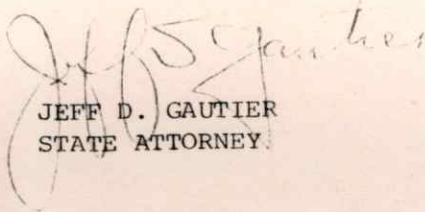
Mrs. W. W. Wilson
Upper Keys Government Center
P.O. Box 794
Tavernier, FL 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

My staff and I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and your fellow garden club members how much we are enjoying the beautiful landscaping which you provided in the Plantation Key Government Center.

All of your fine effort and hard work has paid off and you can be very proud of your accomplishment.

Sincerely


JEFF D. GAUTIER
STATE ATTORNEY

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I have reviewed this Upper Keys Garden Club project personally: inspecting the pictures before hand and their landscape design layout. I have also visited the finished project of the Upper Keys Government Center on Plantation Key.

It is functional and useful. This is a splendid example of how proper landscaping can enhance the attractiveness of public buildings, small triangles, ovals, parks, recreation areas, as well as streets and boulevards in new subdivisions outside city oimits.

The proper placement of plants and shrubs by the Club will not make for traffic hazards. Native trees and plantings are a wise choice and afford ease of maintenance. The Garden Club will see to overall care by enlisting aid from other groups.

Upper Keys Garden Club sets a good example of civic pride through their own efforts and willingness to do and share.

A worthy project, deserving of a high Award!

Sincerely,

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RE: Plantation Government
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Plantation Key, Florida

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Landscape Architect and a member of the American Institute of Landscape Architects, I have been asked to evaluate the landscape installation at the subject complex.

The open areas between the buildings and adjacent to the parking is part of the entry to the Government Center. This is nicely laid out, preserving the existing trees and using small scale flowering trees to highlight this interesting walkway. Planting is small but mostly of native variety and is planted in such a manner that it allows room to grow properly. Existing native trees provide shade to the parking and soften the buildings.

Two areas are under the overhang or roof areas and are nicely handled as these areas slope up to the entry or floor elevation. This is done with low ground covers, cypress dowels, boulders, and highlighted by the use of *Brassaia Arbocola* as a back ground.

Once one is on the upper or floor level you immediately view a sunken boulder rock garden bordered by a wood boardwalk. This area features three small cascading waterfalls on different levels with native fern, *Philodendron* and other tropicals that tolerate the shade. It is quite unique in the treatment of this area and the light sound of the water coming over the waterfalls is quite a relaxing atmosphere when visiting this center.

The landscaping is nicely designed and is definitely a credit to the entire area and the citizens of Monroe County.

Sincerely,

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