

MINUTES OF MEETING held October 10, 1952. (Friday)

The October meeting was a planned tour of the Sub-Tropical Experiment station at Homestead.

Members met at the home of Mrs. Grant at 9 A.M. and proceeded in three cars to Homestead, where, after checking directions, we proceeded to the station.

Present were Mrs. Grant, Mr. & Mrs. Goin, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Bridgham, Mrs. Jaffee, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Carpenter & Mrs. Shupe. Mrs. Schaffer was absent due to the serious illness of her mother. The party was met at the Station by Dr. Ledin.

There were so many things to be seen at the Experiment Station it was decided to concentrate on plants which were native to the Keys.

Following is a list of native Keys plants which make nice ornamentals: Wild Lime (small tree), Torchwood (small tree), Sword Bush, Canella Winteria (*a tree with very attractive red berries), Wild Coffee (bush), Marl Berry (a small tree with white flowers), Wild Tamarind (storm resistant tree), Lignum Vitae (shade tree), Keys Spider Lilly, Snow Berry (vine), Darling Plum(edible), Clusia (small tree, they gave us 4), Seven Year Apple (small tree), Seaside Mahoe (flowers), Mahoe (tree with Hibiscus-like flowers), Thatch Palm, Silver Palm, Buccaneer Palm (looks like dwarf Royal), Paradise Tree (flowering), Sandbox Tree (bears odd pods), Jacquamontia (vine with blue flowers).

Dr. Ledin is co-author of a book coming out now, "Four Hundred Plants for South Florida" by Morton & Ledin.

After the tour the party drove to the Redlands Fruit & Spice Garden and spread a picnic lunch on one of the tables. Mrs. Heinlein came and visited with us a few minutes and explained the purpose of the Spice Garden and the community center.

It was decided to send a gift to Mrs. Scheffel. The gift chosen was the book, "A Man Called Peter", and Mrs. Jaffee offered to get it in Miami. Each one present desired to share in the gift.

The next meeting is to be at Mrs. Jaffee's home, "Harbor Lights" on Windley Key, on November 14th.