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AWARD

BOOK OF EVIDENCE
F.F.G.C. DISTRICT XII
#38 CLASS B
ACHIEVEMENT IN ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT
UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB, INC.
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APPLICATION FOR AWARD

DISTRICT # XII

DATE OF APPLICATION Oct 22, 1986 AWARD TO BE PRESENTED IN 198 7

AWARD # 38 CLASS B NAME OF AWARD Achievement in Roadside Improvement

APPLICANT'S NAME: (Club(s), Circle and Club, Council, Individual, High School, Intermediate, Junior or other youth unit and sponsoring club.)

NAME THE UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB, INC. DISTRICT XII FLORIDA

ADDRESS P.O. Box 373 TAVERNIER, F L 33070

62 members 100% participation "MILES AND MILES OF BEAUTY"

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT: "A mile of beauty", a five-fold project along U.S. I (a Federal Aid Highway). Working with other organizations, and the Monroe County Commission, D.O.T., and other Dep'ts, to obtain approval. Phase I completed 1985, Phase II planned, permitted, \$100,000. allowed by state D.O.T. Mostly native plantings that blend in with existing growth, please see lists and plans. Third: the use of the original \$6,734. worth of 12' trees, in groupings for Bird Sanctuaries throughout the 107 miles of the Florida Keys. Fourth: The efforts of our club with Federal, State, and County Officials in gaining ordinances and laws for control of all billboards [locally and for all states]. Fifth: Working with our members on the appointed Highway Beautification Committee, to gain the designation of "SCENIC HIGHWAY" for the 107 miles of our Florida Keys. We are now on the state list.

SIGNATURE: CLUB OR CIRCLE PRESIDENT Mrs. Lynn Shullaw

ADDRESS 245 Hibiscus Street, Tavernier, FL 33070

NAME OF LOCAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN Barbara Green and Betty B. Wilson, co-chairpersons

ADDRESS OF LOCAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN 215 Tide Ave. Tavernier, F.L. 33070

B.B.W. tele: 305- 852 - 3024

Fasten this copy to inside of front cover of Book of Evidence and BEFORE JANUARY 30TH (unless otherwise specified in individual award) mail to:

STATE CHAIRMAN OF Roadside Development

NAME MRS Hazel Simmons Hodges

ADDRESS P.O. Box 14788
Gainesville, FL 32604

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John Stormont

OUR STORY BEGINS

Early in 1985, when the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority started construction of a new pipeline system, replacing the antiquated 14" pipeline running down from Dade County to Key West ... the pipeline company was trenching through and destroying our beautiful native trees in its path. Everyone in the Keys was in an uproar over the situation.

The president of the Upper Keys Garden Club suggested that rather than fight and obstruct the work, we should meet with the D.O.T. the Aqueduct Authority and the pipeline management to work out a solution. An appointment was arranged and it was agreed that there was about three months time to root-prune the Memorial trees in the median strip which runs through Tavernier. An attempt would be made to work around the other existing trees.

The D.O.T. engineers and the pipeline company asked for the name of a nurseryman who could handle the job of root-pruning and potting of trees to hold them for replanting. Jerry Droney was selected and work began immediately.

Officers of the garden club walked the two miles of highway, listing and counting the trees to be removed. The pipeline company took video photos of the entire strip. At this time it was also guaranteed that a stand of southern grass in the median would be replaced in Tavernier.

In March of 1985, the pipeline company, Botunco and McPhail, called to say that their work was finished and they had video taped the finished landscaping. Approval of the garden club was needed to finalize the project. Could I call a meeting?

Board members of our garden club were invited, as were members of civic organizations in Tavernier. Also attending were Jerry Droney, the nurseryman, and Dale Baldwin a landscape architect from Tavernier. The tape was viewed and suggestions made by those attending. (See enclosed letter from Botunco - McPhail.)

That is how the beautification project for the Upper Keys began; it has been in a continuing state since that time.

Bortunco - McPhall

A Joint Venture
Mile Marker 102 1/4, Key Largo, Florida 33037

May 25, 1985

Mrs. Betty B. Wilson
P. O. Box 794
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Betty:

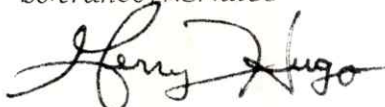
I would like to recap our informal meeting of yesterday with yourself and other members of the Garden Club. Mr. Ron McPhall and myself furnished a Video-Tape machine, TV set, and Video-Tapes of the Tavernier medians prior to construction start for viewing. We explained the contractors position in regards to contract documents, the relationship between the Owner, Engineers, DOT, and the Contractor, the grade and alignment change through Tavernier, the revegetation as opposed to Sodding situation, and a count of the trees and shrubs done on the morning of May 24, 1985 (82 total). We also discussed the DOT required seeding mixture.

Mr. Droney covered the replanting situation that he has accomplished and his discussions with DOT. The Garden Club is basically satisfied with the tree replanting and ground contour of the medians, but indicated some concern about the revegetation. The Contractor explained the hydro-seeding accomplished thus far, plus the minimal amount of rain up to this point. The Garden Club agreed that more time and some rain would be needed before results would become very visible. Mr. Droney commented that the light showers we received Saturday and Sunday evening have started the greening process and that state mix grows in stages needing 30-60 days with recurrent showers.

The contractor indicated his willingness to furnish more trees subject to financial limits of \$2,000 and DOT approval being received by the Garden Club for their beautification plan. Gerry Hugo agreed to speak to the Tavernier Rotary Club if requested, to answer any questions local businessmen might have. A count of the trees originally in Contract #5, Tavernier medians will be forthcoming when the Video-Tapes are viewed on a larger TV screen.

Sincerely,

BorTunCo/McPhall



Gerry Hugo
Construction Manager
BorTunCo/McPhall

cc: Mr. Tom Chasteen
Mr. Ron York
Mr. Jim Sweet
Mr. Lew Vickers

GH:nw

OUR STORY CONTINUES

In late 1985, Mayor Ken Sorenson, the county commissioner representing the Upper Keys, urged the commission to set aside \$10,000 for Phase I of Highway Beautification. Mayor Sorenson agreed to chair a committee to handle the project. So that as people enter the Keys from Mile Marker 106 on the north, we would begin a journey on a scenic highway of not only the ocean on the east and the Bay of Florida and Gulf of Mexico on the west, but we would have native and exotic trees throughout the entire strip of the Overseas Highway, a colorful sight to behold.

Mayor Sorenson called a meeting with representatives of D.O.T., Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, Monroe County Road Department and others, to clear all the permits required for this large undertaking.

FFGC District XII Roadside Development Chairman, Betty Wilson, suggested that County Extension Agent, Janet Bunch, be invited to speak to the garden club at the next meeting to explain the plan. Dale Baldwin, Landscape Architect, was invited to present the landscaping plan for the first 13 miles of Phase I. The Upper Keys Garden Club had been trying for years to get permission for such a project, so it was hoped that the club could donate money for beautification in the median in front of the clubhouse.

The presentation was well received and that day the club voted unanimously to donate \$500 from the treasury. Another \$250 was donated by individual members as memorial trees for loved ones.

This started the ball rolling and many civic organizations joined in the cause.

Bids went out to nurserymen on the Keys for the trees that had been selected; over \$6,700 worth of healthy 12' stock. Other money went for soil and staking. Holes were augered in the bed-rock, which is under the surface in this area and everything was on go ... until D.O.T. engineers and planners found that they had been using an outdated set of plans. When the four-lane highway had been widened the 60' median required for planting trees with trunks over 4" diameter trunks had not been maintained.

So here we were with thousands of dollars of healthy trees in pots and no place to put them, county workmen and machinery already in action and many pages of landscape designs to be scrapped.

(See letters from FFGC and Governor Graham.)

377-5512

(253-7508) *John P. Harrison*
County Commissioner

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Upper Keys
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Mr. Tony Grau, District Permits Engineer
Regional Service Center
Florida Department of Transportation
401 NW Second Avenue
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mr. Grau:

I have recently learned that the extensive beautification of US 1 in the Upper Keys from MM 106 to MM93 has run into a snag after having been originally granted the necessary permits from the DoT and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority.

Could you please fill me in on the facts of the situation? Mrs. W. W. Wilson, one of the Upper Keys Garden Club members involved in the project, is very concerned that the \$10,000 worth of trees purchased for the project are going to die if the problem is not resolved soon.

Having the facts of the proceedings so far will enable me to determine what steps might be considered in resolving whatever problem there is.

Sincerely,

Elise Haymans

Elise Haymans, Chairman
Roadside Development
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cc: Mrs. W. W. Wilson
Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons
Mr. Andy Lewis

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MONEY FOR ROADSIDE BEAUTY



Bobbie Green, president of the Upper Keys Garden Club presents Barnett Bank Vice-President Bob Carlin with a check for \$700, to be added to the Highway Beautification Fund. Carlin, representing the Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce accepted the check as part of the chamber's project in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Monroe County government to upgrade the appearance of US-1 in the Upper Keys. Also participating in the presentation was Betty Wilson, Florida Federation District Chairperson for Roadside Development.

HIGHWAY COMM. GETS GARDEN CLUB BOOST

Phase I of the "Highway Beautification Project" was the topic of discussion at the Tuesday meeting of the Upper Keys Garden Club. Guest speakers were Janet Bunch, from the County Extension Office in Key West, and Dan Carter, from the Dale Baldwin & Assoc. firm in Tavernier. These members of the Beautification Committee were appointed by County Commissioner Ken Sorensen, who is chairman of the Monroe County project.

Mr. Carter stated that, "Mr. Sorensen's committee was allotted \$10,000 for the purchase of several hundred trees. A meeting was held recently by that committee, with representatives of D.O.T. and the FCAA, and others, to clear all of the permits required for this large undertaking." Carter also stated, "there will be thirteen miles of these large size tree groupings, both native and exotic, to add color and beauty to the median strip as you enter the Keys, from the north."

Ms. Bunch is in charge of selecting and planting of these trees, from MM 93 north to MM 106, where the four-lane with median begins. She told the group that lists of the trees specified, have gone out to the local nurseries for their immediate bids." She said that they will be using county labor, and it is their plan for the work of digging the large holes, planting and staking the trees, to take one to two weeks."

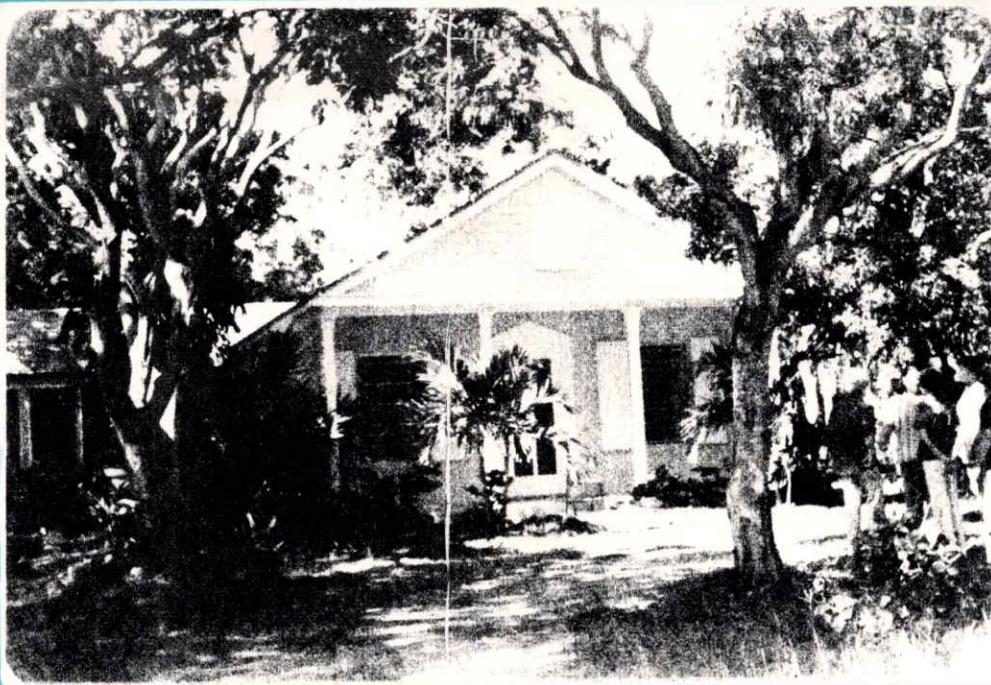
The business meeting of the club, which meets at the Frances Tracy Garden Center, MM 94, was conducted by the new president Bobbie Green. The luncheon committee was Betty Pankau and Camille Kloski.

Betty Wilson, who is Florida Federation District XII Chairman of Roadside Development, spoke to the women about supporting the project. She reminded the club that the Florida goal is *Pathways of Gold* by 1987, with the use of colorful plantings of trees and wildflowers. D.O.T. has been cooperating with the Florida Federation in their plantings, even sewing the wildflower seed, in the northern part of the state. D.O.T. has even been arranging their mowing times around the blooming, and seeding of the beautiful wildflowers.

Mrs. Wilson also reported that a new Highway Administration report, ranking states on aesthetic quality, based on the number of sign boards, outside the right-a-way per 10 miles of highway, ranked Florida as one of the 10 ugliest states in the nation, because of its billboards, instead of using logo systems.

The club voted to donate \$500 from the general membership, and an additional \$200 in donations were made by individuals, as memorials to loved ones. A "Beautification Project Fund" has been set up, by the Upper Keys Chamber, at the Barnett Bank of Tavernier, with Bob Carlin, Exec. V.P. in charge. Donations are already coming in.

FRANCES TRACY GARDEN - UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB



AND DESIGNATED BIRD SANCTUARY MM94



FRANCIS TRACY GARDEN CENTER BEAUTIFICATION
PLANTINGS OF JACARANDA AND TABEBUIA ARGENTIA
MADE IN MAY 1985 ALONG THE 220' FRONTAGE OF
THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE UPPER KEYS
GARDEN CLUB, INC. THAT RUNS ALONG U.S. 1





NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, Inc.

AWARD #38, Achievement in Roadside Imp.
Upper Keys Garden Club

Upper Keys G. C. is to be congratulated for an outstanding project, and for the tenacity and follow-through to accomplish a goal.

The Awards presentation--the Book of Evidence--is far too much!! Had there been competition it probably would not have won because of the abundance of material which should have been condensed. Also reference to any year other than the current award year should have been in a one page summary statement...not more than that!

Plantation Key Gov
Tavernier, Florida
Telephone: 852-50

Upper Keys Garden Club
Lynn Shullaw
245 Hibiscus Street
Tavernier, Florida 33070

IBC

Dear Ms. Shullaw:

On behalf of Monroe County, I would like to express my appreciation to the Upper Keys Garden Club for their efforts and hard work leading to accomplishment of various U.S. 1 beautification projects and in attempting to help solve many of our sign and billboard problems in the Keys.

Any good projects, although at times temporarily side-tracked, require diligence and patience to ultimately accomplish what was set out to be done.

Thank you for all of your good work.

Sincerely,

John C. Stormont
Commissioner, District 5

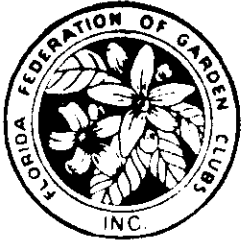
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Mrs. W. W. Wilson
P. O. Box 794
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Betty:

Enclosed is a letter from Governor Graham to Hazel Simmons. This was in response to her question to him about the US 1 beautification, which came about after my conversation with you on that Sunday morning.

I, as you know, had written to Mr. Tony Grau in the District 6 office, as well as asking Andy Lewis in the Tallahassee office, to find out what the problem was with this project. Hazel went right to the top and this is what the Governor learned about the project.

The comments about future beautification in the Marathon area should be of great interest to you and others in that vicinity.

At any rate, I think that you should be having some action down there on your project, since the Governor became directly involved.

I do need a status report from you for my final report. I hope you will be able to say that work has resumed. Satisfaction will be all the deeper once this effort has been completed, won't it?

Best wishes for an early success. You have been a pleasure to work with and I look forward to sharing in many more endeavors in the future.

Most sincerely,

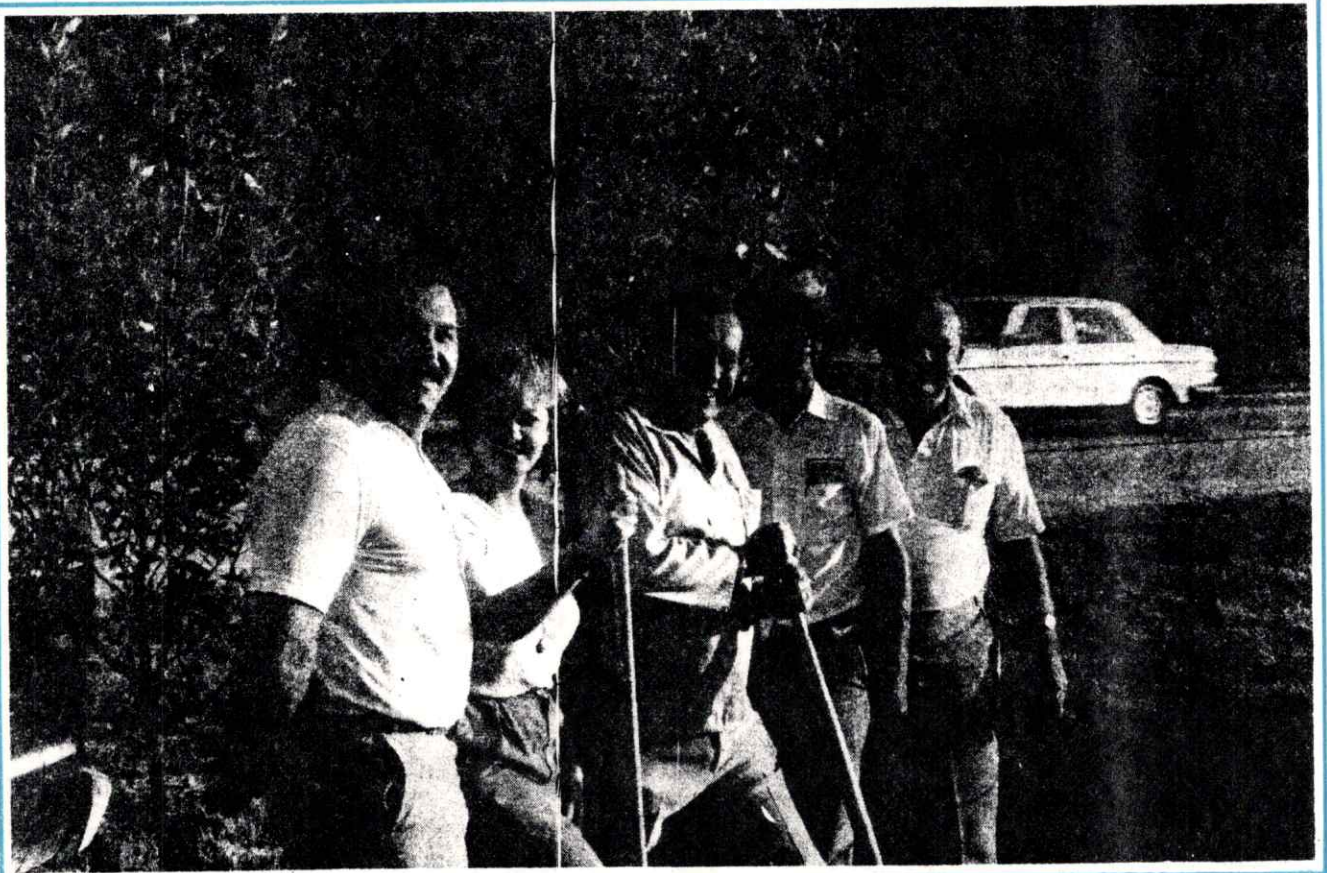
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BEAUTIFYING U.S. 1

DECEMBER 6, 1984 THE REPORTER PAGE 7



Upper Keys Highway Beautification Project is officially off and growing. Former Mayor Ken Sorensen presides over groundbreaking ceremony in the median of U.S. 1 near mile

beautifiers to plant the first tree. Seen here: Dan Carter, Landscape Architect; Janet Bunch, County Horticulturist (County Extension Service); Ken Sorensen; Gil Hammond, Public

works Supervisor and Dale Baldwin of Dale Baldwin and Associates, landscape architects who have volunteered their services to design the project.

mayor DA. Appointed by the county commission as a committee of one to follow through with his administration of the Highway Beautification Project, Sorensen meets here with other key

AND CONTINUES...

Many political forces went into action at that point. Chairman Sorenson was on an extended vacation and the D.O.T. held fast to their rules. Finally an agreement was reached with the D.O.T., Governor Graham and Mayor Sorenson; the Department of Transportation would replace the amount spent on the trees thus far and as soon as a landscape plan for low shrubbery could be approved, work would



STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB GRAHAM

March 13, 1985

Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons
President
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Post Office Box 13686
Gainesville, Florida 32604

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

Thank you for your letter of February 10. The Apalachee Parkway beautification project last month was a tremendous success, and this was due in large part to the contributions of dedicated citizens like you. It was a privilege for me to be a part of this great community effort, and I hope that other cities can catch the community spirit we experienced while working along the Parkway.

I share your concern about the difficulties that have caused delays in the beautification of U.S. 1 near Tavernier but assure you that the problem with the landscaping in this area does not in any way reflect a breakdown in the relationship of your organization or Monroe County with the Department of Transportation.

The plans for this landscaping were prepared rather quickly using data that did not show changes made during the last roadway construction project in this area. These plans were submitted by Monroe County to the Department with a request for the required permit. Because of the tight timeable, DOT engineers did not make a field review to verify the design information and simply issued the permit with appropriate stipulations requiring that all work comply with prevailing safety and design standards. As the installation of the plants began, it became apparent to the field inspectors that the landscaping, as it was designed, did not meet the appropriate safety criteria, and the Department was then forced to stop the work on this project.

Mrs. Hugh C. Simmons
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Recognizing the merits of the project and with a commitment to support these efforts, the Department has agreed to replace the unsatisfactory plant materials with vegetation suitable for placement in the median. Before this effort can proceed, however, an alternative plan is needed from Monroe County.

In addition to the work in the Tavernier area, I have asked the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for beautification of U.S. 1 throughout all of Monroe County. An early area of emphasis will be the Marathon area where the Department is now involved in a major construction program to four lane the highway.

During the coming months I expect the Department of Transportation to work closely with your organization and with Monroe County in these efforts. If we can be of any assistance to you, we would be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,



Governor

BG/rgf

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... AND CONTINUES

Everyone complied and finally in August 1985, the shrubbery designs were approved and planting began.

Phase I is completed.

The Monroe County Beautification Committee, appointed by the county commissioners, was asked by D.O.T. to coordinate all landscaping along the Overseas Highway. Two members of this committee are members of the Upper Keys Garden Club.

After many years of trying to get a moratorium on billboards, the county commissioners gave approval in 1985. Members of the Beautification Committee surveyed the sign boards on the Keys and found many had been unlicensed for several years. Now a D.O.T. representative from Miami checks the illegal signs every two weeks, posting notices for removal.

The \$6,734.00 that was given by the state to replace the trees that had already been purchased for Phase I was spent for shrubbery and the trees were given to the Monroe County Beautification Committee to distribute along the Keys, in designated spots. Care of the new plantings is handled by the county workmen.

The value of this project is without measure.



PLANTING ALONG OUR 220' FRONTAGE ON U.S. 1

FLORIDA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

REPLY TO:

P. O. Box 2545
Key West, Florida 33045

March 27, 1985

Betty Wilson
Upper Keys Garden Club
215 Tide Avenue
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your recent letter of March 23, 1985 concerning the Upper Keys Highway Beautification Project. I was disappointed to learn that neither you nor Dale Baldwin could acquire a variance from D.O.T. in the proposed tree-planting median strip area. I do appreciate your efforts and the efforts of other Garden Club members, however.

Perhaps the letter from Governor Graham will aid us in our never-ending efforts to beautify U.S. 1.

If I may be of further assistance with this or other projects, please don't hesitate to contact me at 664-9128 or 294-4641 x 160.

Hang in there, Betty. We need your help.

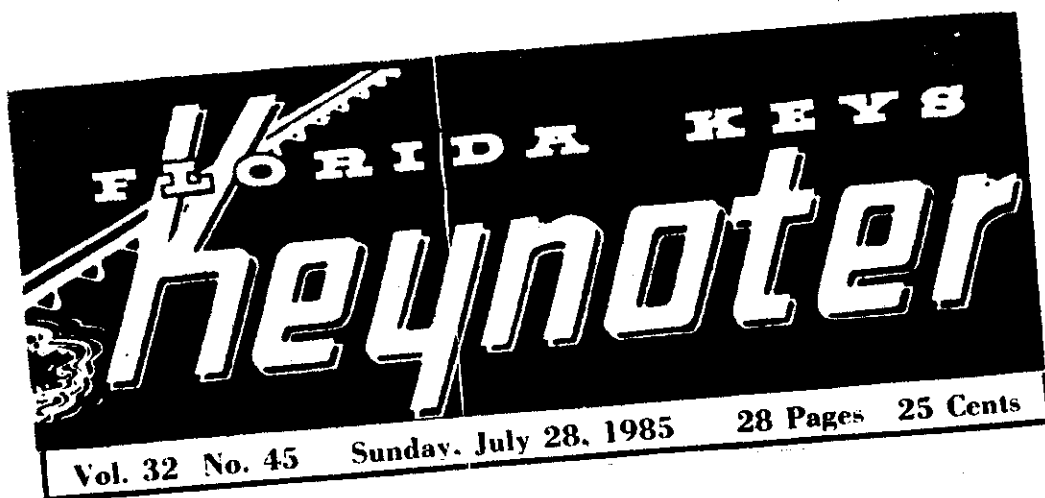
Sincerely,

Janet S. Bunch
Extension Horticulturist

JSB/db

cc: J. Fisher, County Extension Director
R. Fisch, Highway Beautification Committee

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



UK gets plants along roadway

By PHIL FOLEY

Upper Keys News Director

UPPER KEYS — It's been more than a year since the Monroe County Commission appropriated \$10,000 to plant trees between the north and southbound lanes of U.S. One on Key Largo. The work remains largely undone.

The project was one of the last acts of former County Commission Chairman Ken Sorensen before he left office. The idea was to plant trees in open areas of the road's median between mile markers 106 and 93.

Although \$10,000 worth of trees were purchased, to date trees have been planted along only three sections of the highway.

According to Janet Bunch, Monroe County extension service agent, 50-75 trees were planted behind the guardrails at the Marvin D. Adams Waterway and at mile marker 93 and at the entrance to John Pennnekamp Coral Reef State Park.

The remaining trees, she said, were planted at Harry Harris Park in Tavernier; the Plantation Key Government Center; the Islamorada Branch Library; Switlik Beach Park and the Sombrero roadside planting in Marathon; Little Duck Key Veterans Park; U.S. One on Stock Island; and Higgs-Rest Beach and Key West International Airport in Key West.

According to Miss Bunch, it took the county six months to get the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to approve plans for the median plantings, only to have them revoke the permit after the trees were purchased.

The problem, said Miss Bunch, was that the county had purchased mainly royal poinciana for a plan based on DOT aerial photos of the medians.

Stephanie Conway, a DOT landscape architect, said the aerials did not show recent roadway construction. She added that although county planners were told they would have to comply with present

highway safety standards, "it was partly our fault and it got by us."

Miss Conway said present highway safety standards prohibit the planting of any tree in the median that will grow more than four inches in diameter.

County Administrator Kermit Lewin announced at the commission's June 7 meeting that DOT had sent the county a check for \$6,734 to reimburse it for trees that couldn't be used in the Upper Keys project.

Miss Bunch said the money will be used to purchase 1,400 plants that will be placed in six spots in the Upper Keys. She said the plants include seagrape, Keys spider lily, buttonwood, bougainvillea, coco plum and scaevola - a shrub noted mainly for its dramatic leaf pattern.

According to Miss Bunch, planting is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late-August. She said the shrubs will be planted in masses using "mainly natives with a few exotics for color."

Dan Carter, a landscape architect with Dale Baldwin Associates, said the project should take three weeks to complete once planting begins.

He said the 1,400 plants will be enough to cover six of the median islands between mile markers 106 and 93, but he noted this is only 10 percent of the area available for planting.

"At (mile marker) 106, we're trying to get an impact as you come around the curve," said Mr. Carter. This will be done by planting on two 100-foot median islands and on 150-foot one.

He added shrubs will be planted in a 100-foot island near Hibiscus Park; a 100-foot island near the Key Largo Shopper and a 150-foot island near mile marker 93.

Mr. Carter said the remaining areas will be planted if and when the county gets additional funding for it.

Last year the Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce raised \$2,000 in donations to add to the county's funds. But according to Dr. Jim Boilini, former head of the chamber's

highway beautification committee, half of that has been returned to the donors since DOT voided the county's first permit.

Mr. Carter said that although the project has been "very frustrating," the DOT is "working with us now."



13 MILES OF
PHASE I UPPER KEYS
HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT





UPPER KEYS GARDEN CLUB Inc.

Francis Tracy Garden Center • Mile Marker 94
P. O. Box 373 • Tavernier, Florida • 33070

November 27, 1984

Monroe County Commission
Key West, Florida 33040

Dear Commissioners:

Our Board of Directors and the general membership of the Upper Keys Garden Club emphatically agree with the idea of sunsetting the billboards in Monroe County within a five-year period.

We find them exceedingly unattractive and a disagreeable sight for those who are coming down to see our beautiful Keys.

We appreciate all you can do to see this through.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Upper Keys Garden Club

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Green".

Barbara Green, President

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The Upper Keys Garden Club of Tavernier has been active in Highway Beautification for 35 years, and helped the County Commissioners in 1977 when by official Resolution it became established. see resolution. page 21. Our club has always been represented by one. More recently we have had two members from our club appointed to the H.B.C. by County Commissioners. This group meet once each month, year around to make plans and assist D.O.T in requests. Our Garden Club has been an active participant with H.B.C. in each of their projects, when it was to be brought before the Commission. Additionally, one of our members was selected to work on a five-person panel, appointed by the commissioners, for working out the legal problems in billboard removal: see 4-page report to Commission. Pull out information page 26.

Below

Phase II planting begun

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A PLANTING WE WILL GO



Sensitive to the pleas of Keys residents who complain about the unsightly roadside conditions, Florida Department of Transportation crews are busy in the Upper Keys planting trees in the

median strip of US-1. A DOT engineer said that once completed, the project should greatly enhance the visual attractiveness of the Keys.

MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP April 1985

Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carter, P. O. Box 1065, Islamorada 33036 (Bus. 852-3221,
Home 852-4237)

Islamorada Chamber of Commerce

Joan Cutler, Postmaster, Islamorada Post Office, Islamorada
33036 (664-4738)

Upper Keys Garden Club

Mary Evalyn Wulff, 120 Camelot, Tavernier 33070 (852-9707)

Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce

Roland Fisch, P. O. Box 1178, Marathon 33050 (743-2133)

Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce

Frank Powell, Rt. 2, Box 38, Summerland Key 33042 (743-3140)

Mid-Keys Citizens Association

Bob Ernst, 7525 Gulfstream Blvd., Marathon 33050 (743-6872)

Marathon Garden Club

Jean de St. Croix, P. O. Box 2721, Marathon Shores 33052
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Big Pine Botanical Society

Mary Dennis, P. O. Box 222, Summerland Key 33042 (872-2887)

Florida Keys Recreation and Conservation Council

Dorothy Lund, Rt. 1, Box 613, Big Pine Key 33043 (872-2459)

Key West Garden Club

Martha Lorimer, P. O. Box 523, Big Pine Key 33043 (872-9527)

Federation of Garden Clubs liaison :

Betty Wilson, P. O. Box 794, Tavernier (852-3024)

Ex officio - Florida Cooperative Extension Service

Janet S. Bunch, County Extension Horticulturist, P. O. Box
2545, Key West 33040 (294-4641 x160)

RESOLUTION NO. 208 - 1977

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MONROE COUNTY
HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICA-
TION COMMITTEE and the same is hereby established as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members, each
member to receive appointment by a County Commissioner of Monroe
County, Florida. Each member to serve until resignation, death or
termination of the term by the Board of County Commissioners,
or until the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a suc-
cessor. The County Executive or his representative shall
serve as an ex officio member.

The Committee shall hold an organization meeting and shall
elect among themselves a Chairman and vice-chairperson and a
secretary.

The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's
Rules of Order.

PRIMARY FUNCTION

The primary function of the Committee shall be to study,
develop and oversee plans for the beautification of U. S. Highway
No. 1 and toward this end from time-to-time submit its plans and
recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for implemen-
tation and approval. It is the Board's intent that the plans and
recommendations shall, when performed, become part of the County
Master Plan in the County transportation element.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS, Inc.

AWARD #38, Achievement in Roadside Imp.
Upper Keys Garden Club

Upper Keys G. C. is to be congratulated for an outstanding project, and for the tenacity and follow-through to accomplish a goal.

The Awards presentation--the Book of Evidence--is far too much!! Had there been competition it probably would not have won because of the abundance of material which should have been condensed. Also reference to any year other than the current award year should have been in a one page summary statement...not more than that!

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Plantation Key Government Center
Tavernier, Florida 33070
Telephone: 852-5050

November 19, 1986

Upper Keys Garden Club
Lynn Shullaw
245 Hibiscus Street
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Dear Ms. Shullaw:

On behalf of Monroe County, I would like to express my appreciation to the Upper Keys Garden Club for their efforts and hard work leading to accomplishment of various U.S. 1 beautification projects and in attempting to help solve many of our sign and billboard problems in the Keys.

Any good projects, although at times temporarily side-tracked, require diligence and patience to ultimately accomplish what was set out to be done.

Thank you for all of your good work.

Sincerely,

John C. Stormont
Commissioner, District 5

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