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NEW GARDEN — Dr. Fred Bond hands deed to an acre of land to Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president of the Upper Keys Garden Club. The land will be used for a garden to be known as the Francis Tra-

cey Garden Center and eventually as a club house site. Looking on are county commissioner Harry Harris, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Ingrid Nelson, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, and Mrs. Tracey.

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PART OF THE PROPERTY

U. K. Garden Club Plans Public Garden

Tavernier — The Upper Keys Garden Club became a property owner last week and members are planning a public garden.

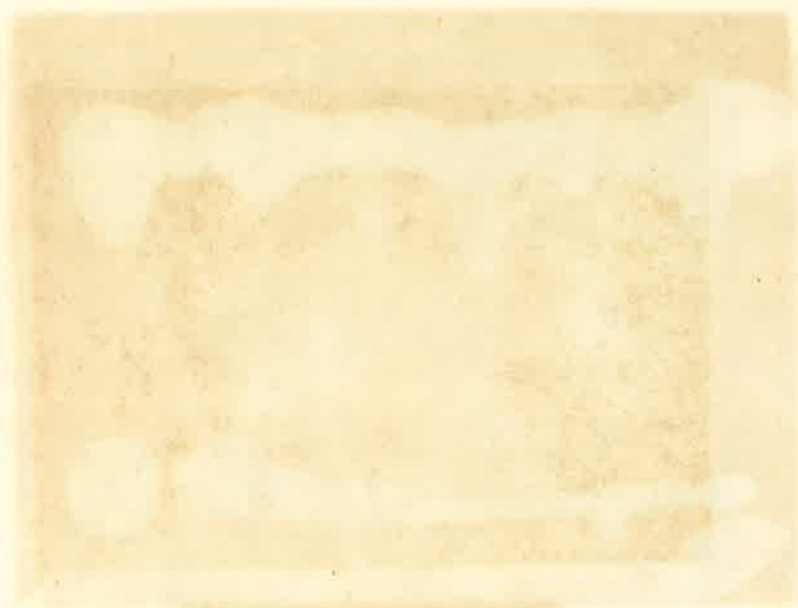
Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Bond of Tavernier turned over clear title to nearly an acre of land along the Overseas Highway to Mrs. Arthur Gasser, President of the garden club and Mrs. Frances Tracey, for whom the gardens will be named.

Mrs. Tracey is a member of the garden club and a long-time resident of Tavernier.

Mrs. Gasser said club members plan to beautify the property with many native flowers, trees and shrubs. A number of native trees already stand on the piece of land, which is adjacent to the entrance to Sunset Gardens about two miles north of Tavernier.



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NATIVE TO THE KEYS RETAINED ON
THE PROPERTY



Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president of the Upper Keys Garden Club, announced this week that construction on the organization's Frances Tracey Garden Center will begin in the near future.

Land north of Tavernier was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bond last year and the club has been beautifying the grounds and raising funds in preparation for the building.





BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION



Club Lays Cornerstone

TAVERNIER—Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club met between showers to lay the cornerstone for their new clubhouse at the Francis Tracy Garden Center Friday.

Work on the building was started last week and a cylinder containing information about the club was placed in a cornerstone

of Maine granite taken from the 1874 wreck of the Mohawk. The cylinder and material for the cornerstone were donated by Nelson Sturdevant.

D. L. Skidmore, contractor for the building, said the work is expected to be completed so the club can hold meetings in its new headquarters by early fall. A housewarming, open to the

public, will be held when the center opens this fall, said Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president of the club.

The clubhouse is on property donated by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bond of Tavernier. The building was designed by George Coffin and many firms and individuals have donated money and supplies, said Mrs. Gasser.



CORNER STONE — Placing tube containing documents and information in a cornerstone for the Upper Keys Garden Club's new headquarters on Key Largo are Mrs. Francis Tracy and Harry Harris while Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bond



WORKING ON THE WALLS





ROOF UNDER
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FRANCIS GARDEN CENTER NEARING COMPLETION





GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS CLEARING UP THE GROUNDS AROUND THE CENTER



First Meeting Set At Garden Center

TAVERNIER — Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club will hold their first meeting Tuesday in their new club house, according to Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president. The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

The club house is located at the Frances Tracy Garden Center at Sunset Point, just north of Tavernier.

Mrs. Gasser said a formal public opening of the garden center will be held later.





Garden Club Meets In New Clubhouse

KEY LARGO — Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club held their first meeting in their new clubhouse at Frances Tracy Garden Center, Sunset Point, Sept. 15.

Donations are still coming in, and the clubhouse now has a refrigerator and 10 card tables. Each club member has pledged to buy a chair.

Beginning in October, plans are to hold weekly card games open to the public on Friday afternoons at the clubhouse. Night card games are also planned for later this year.



MORE THAN 200 Upper Keys Garden Club members and their guests attended the formal dedication of the Francis Tracy Garden Center in Tavernier. Pictured above, left, are Mrs. Frederick T. Bond (who with her husband do-

nated the property for the garden center); Mrs. Arthur Gasser, center, Upper Keys Garden Club President; and Mrs. Francis Tracy. Mrs. Tracy, 87-year-old long-time resident of the Keys, and her husband, Captain Roy Tracy, built their house on the ocean in 1927.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1964

Garden Club Prepares For Opening On Nov. 29

TAVERNIER — Members of the Upper Keys Garden Club are holding weekly workshops and preparing for the public opening of the Francis Tracy Garden Center Nov. 29.

Mrs. Roy Tracy gave a talk on native trees and plants at the Oct. 20 meeting.

The gardens, located north of Tavernier, are headquarters for the club, and will include all native Keys trees, shrubs and other plants. The gardens, which will be open to the public, will also contain a number of tropical plants, and all will be labeled with markers or plaques, said Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president. "There will be paths and cool shady spots to sit and enjoy our lovely Keys," she added. "We believe this will be a place for our local friends and tourists to enjoy."

The club also plans other public activities, including card parties each Friday afternoon, said Mrs.



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PLANTING THE FIRST MEMORIAL TREE
IN THE SECTION SET ASIDE FOR OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN





NEW TREE — Examining the blossom of a tree they planted during Tree Planting Week are Mrs. Roy Tracy (left) and Mrs. Arthur Gasser, president of the Upper Keys Garden Club. The tree was planted at the club's new garden center on Key Largo where plans are to build a new clubhouse. The garden center was named in honor of Mrs. Tracy. (Keynoter Staff Photo)



At a coffee-brunch held last week by the Upper Keys Garden Club at the home of Mrs. Roy Tracy, it was announced that the Frances Tracy Garden Center is finished.

The contractor, S. J. Skidmore has done his best and departed. Colored tiles for the windows and bathrooms, donated by a New York friend, have been installed. There is still more landscaping and extra touches inside, but they could move right in tomorrow!

Twenty-five members attended the coffee-brunch at 10:30 before going up to inspect the Center. Martha Flacher, Eleanor Thompson and Marian Austin were co-hostesses.



The Upper Keys Garden Club
cordially invite you to attend
Open House
of the
Francis Tracy Garden Center
Tavernier, Florida
Nov. 29, 1964 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Gasser at the refreshment
table at Open House .



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AT THE OPEN HOUSE , November 29, 1965

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#21- Upper Keys Garden Club, Francis Tracy Center, Tavernier, Fla.

You are to be congratulated for the Center which is filling a void and will be an inspiration to all in your community. You have made a fine beginning and keep up the wonderful work. Add a few of the "suggested services" that are given in the Book of Information on this Award.

Date of application Nov. 1964 Awards to be presented in _____

Name of Award Garden Center Award No. 21 Class _____

Name of Club, Federation, Council, or Circle applying _____

Upper Keys Garden Club

City Islamorada District 12 Number of Members 79

Signature of Club or Circle President Mrs. Arthur Gasser (Mildred)

Address Islamorada Box 8 RFD Florida

If Award is for individual, give name and address _____

If Award is for Junior Club, Group, or member, give name and school.

Name	School	Number in Group
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BEFORE DECEMBER 1, return original application to Awards Chairman Miss Rosamund Meriwether
1552 Placentia Ave. Coral Gables.
BEFORE JANUARY 15, unless another date is specified in award, send duplicate application, with material to be judged, complete and signed -- 33134
TO Mrs. Harry Kelly,

911 Candlewood Drive, Tampa 33603

Material submitted should be securely fastened in a FOLDER unless Scrapbooks are specified in the individual award instructions. IMPORTANT--read full details in AWARDS RULES in the Book of Information.

EXCEPTIONS: Year Books, Posters and Schedules.

Year Book: Fasten duplicate application securely inside cover, folding to fit.
Posters: Paste duplicate copy on back of poster.
Schedules: Handle same as Year Books. Please do not submit loose papers.

Awards #1, 1-A, 2, and all of #6 series of awards: Submit two (2) complete entries for judging.

Award #16 - Flower Show Schedule: Submit three (3) complete entries.
The reason for this is that one entry is submitted for judging and the duplicate copy retained in permanent file at Headquarters to be available for loan to other clubs upon request.

All materials submitted for Awards will be on display at the Annual Convention. These MUST be picked up from the Awards Room Committee at close of Convention. The Awards Committee will not be responsible for any unclaimed displays.

AWARDS YEAR -- January 1 to January 1, unless otherwise specified.
High School Gardeners and Juniors -- September to June, unless otherwise specified in individual award instructions.