

Report on School Beautification

April-1958

Committee, Francis D Tracy Chairman

Mrs Harry Smith, Mrs Blanch Sturdevant, Mrs Geo. Myers, Mrs
Mrs Raymond Miller.

Mrs Miller, Mrs Smith and Mrs Tracy met at Brooks Nursery
4-3rd and transported 75 Purple Bouganvillae to School
also purchased soil. and sheep manure.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Sturdevant and Mrs Myers joined Mrs Tracy
at 1 P.M. on school grounds where Mr Alden Perrine
had sent his colored man to help by opening the cans
and by three thirty all plants were set, fertelized and
waters.

Having no rain plants were thoroughly water three
times since then and are in excellent shape.

On March 31st we had hired a man to dig the 75 holes for
plants, four feet apart and 4 ft from drive as this was
too haavy work for the ladies.

, We also purchased 10 ft of fifteen inch fencing to
protect the Monstera deliciosa ,planted last summer
given us by Spice Garden .

There are six extra Bouganvillae to be planted in front
of Cafatorium , this week.

Mrs Kirtley the Tres .gave me a check for \$60.00 the amt.
voted for this work , memorandum is attached .

One days work by James Johnson	10.00	
10 # Peat Moss	1.00	
25.00s Vigero	2.06	
100 # Sheep Manure	4.85	
75 Bouganvillae Plants @ 50	37.50	
100 # Top soil	50	
10ft Flower Guard	1.45	\$60.00
	<u>\$57.36</u>	

This will be used for spray material

Bal. on hand
\$ 2.64

Francis D. Tracy - clu,

Report to Upper Keys Garden Club
on plantings at Coral Shores School
Sept. 1958

Purchased from Newcombs Nursery Sept 4th
9 Plants \$14.00
Newcombs Donation from Mary Pereze 2 "

- 1 Mango
- 1 Avacado
- 1 Carambola
- 1 Barbadoes Cherry
- 1 Egg Fruit (Canistel)
- 1 Loquat
- 1 Guava ,Hibred Supreme, large fruit
- 1 Guava ,Red Cattley or Strawberry .
- 1 Star Apple

These all Grafted two yr plants .

Donations from Mary Pareze

- 1 Lime Tree
- 1 Tree Hibiscus
- Labor planting ,cleaning and fertelizing
Sept 6th by James Johnson
- Fertelizer

\$10.00

2.64

, \$ 26.645

James donated a Bambox Tree ,and this
was planted in front yard as was the
Tree Hibiscus, and replants of two Royal Poincianas
broken off,one Bouganvillia, poor shape replaced,

Original trees in rear yard

- 1 Sour Sop
- 1 Sugar Apple
- 1 Governors Plum
- 1 Barbadoes Cherry,total 14 trees

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

SUB-TROPICAL EXPERIMENT STATION

August 28, 1958

ROUTE 2, BOX 508
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

Mrs. Alida Tjader
Upper Keys Garden Club
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Dear Mrs. Tjader:

I think your Garden Club has a very good idea in planting fruit trees at the Coral Shores School. They will be useful in landscaping but also they will furnish fruit which the children can eat. In this respect, I should think that you would want to plant a number of Barbados cherry bushes-- they will not only be very useful in landscaping (and they grow well on the Keys) but also they will furnish fruit for the children to eat--fruit which is very high in vitamin C. I would definitely NOT plant an akee tree-- the fruit is poisonous when unopen and the black seeds are poisonous at all times. The fruits are attractive and the children will be tempted to eat the fruits. So DO NOT PLANT THE AKEE!

If you wish to purchase the fruit plants and want good varieties that are grafted or produced by cuttings or airlayers, I suggest Newcomb Nursery on Redland Road between Avocado and Biscayne Drives. Mr. Newcomb has propagated good varieties of guava, mango, avocado, Barbados cherry, loquat, and other fruit plants. Besides, he has more or less made a specialty of studying the plants that do good on the Keys and can recommend the best species and varieties. I am enclosing a copy of the 1956 catalogue.

This Station usually has a number of fruit plants on hand for distribution to interested cooperators. Right at the moment, however, we find ourselves rather in short supply. However, I think we could find a Jambolan plum, Star apple, strawberry or Cattley guava, and perhaps a few other plants. I am afraid that you would have to wait until October to get these plants as I will not be here in September. I would suggest first that you see what you can get from Mr. Newcomb and then later this fall or next spring we can furnish you with some fruit plants which you do not have.

Sincerely,



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Associate Horticulturist.

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