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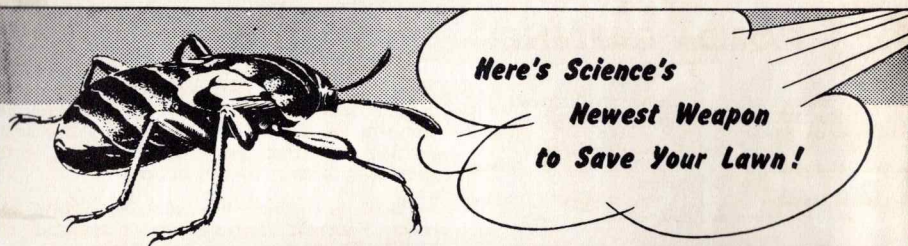
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The group of pictures is representative of Junior Gardening work being done throughout the state. The focal point of a Junior Show, "Fantasy Land," is shown in the center.

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## THE POINT OF VIEW —

Gardening in Florida is a year around joy or a task. Advertisers take note! Regardless of whether our gardens are located in the subtropics or in the temperate northern part of the state, summer-gardening is important.

Have you seen the beautiful new all-color Florida Engagement Calendar for 1957? They are now available.

Throughout this issue guides and comprehensive information on Junior Gardening by Mrs. Saunders may point the way to a more effective approach to this important phase of our garden club work. No amount of technique can repair an engine that isn't under the hood; an intelligently conceived and expanding program is essential.

If we have a purpose on this earth as gardeners and we do have — it is to assure the conservation and the wise use of our resources as well as the growth and development of our inherent beauty. If every garden club in the Florida Federation does not sponsor a Junior Club next year, it isn't because the Junior Gardening Chairman hasn't furnished the club with the necessary information.

Enjoy gardening by gardening with Juniors.

*Fay M. Mayes*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO COME

September 27, 1956	Florida Council of Flower Show Judges, Lakeland at The Cadet Restaurant, 9:30 a.m.
October 25-26, 1956	Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Board meeting, Jacksonville
February 11-13, 1957	South Atlantic Regional Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia
March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 1957	National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, Miami
April 5-6, 1957	Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention, Miami
April 25, 1957	Florida Council of Flower Show Judges Annual Meeting, Lakeland.
June 18-20, 1957	Short Course for Gardeners, University of Florida, Gainesville.
November 6-8, 1957	State Flower Show, Lake County Council of Garden Clubs, National Guard Armory, Eustis. Theme "Floridarama."

### ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

District I:	September 25—Valparaiso
District II:	September 26—Marianna
District III:	September 27—Live Oak
District V:	September 28—Gainesville
District VII:	October 2—Orlando
District VIII:	October 1—Clearwater
District IX:	October 3—Winter Haven
District XI:	October 4—Miami
District X:	October 5—Boynton Beach
District VI:	October 23—
District IV:	October 24—Palatka

### DISTRICT CONSERVATION CONFERENCES

September 25—	District XI—Birch State Park, Ft. Lauderdale.
October 10—	District IX—Bartow.
October 18—	District V—Ocala National Forest.
October 30—	District VII—Orlando.
October 31—	District IV—Jacksonville—Prudential Insurance Building.
October 31—	District VIII—St. Petersburg.
November 8—	District I—Pensacola.
November 16—	District X

Do you know the world in which we live? Won't you help a child learn how to enjoy the beauty around him, the value of conservation and a love of gardening?



They learn early the art of dipping pine cones and branches for Christmas decorations. Left to right: Lee Gresham and Beverly Ann Brown are shown having fun learning from the Ortona Garden Club of Daytona Beach how to make decorations for school and home.

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## President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members:

Since the State Convention important Federation activities have been successfully completed and events of interest to you have occurred, so this will be a letter of news to you.

The Blanche Covington Nature Study Course was conducted as scheduled at O'Leno State Park under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Thomas with Junior leaders enthusiastic about its value to them.

The Presidents' Conferences in all 11 Districts pointed up the great vitality of the garden club movement in Florida. The District Directors had planned well. The Presidents and members of the hostess clubs were most gracious. All the visiting club Presidents and Program Chairmen would want to have their appreciation expressed along with Mrs. Conner's and mine to the Eglin Air Base Officers Wives Club, Bontifay, Foley, Mandarin, Lake Weir, Ormond Beach, Lady Lake, River-view, Wauchula, Jensen Beach and Pompano Beach Garden Clubs.

A two-day session of the State Board was held with the Pompano Beach Garden Club as hostess immediately following the Presidents' Conference there. We have a remarkably competent Board and each member has set up definite plans leading to the objectives for which she is responsible. Our method of work has been for each chairman to bring in her proposed objectives and plans for their accomplishment, and this is followed by full and free discussion with the other members contributing whatever experience they have had in that particular field; finally the objectives and plans are adopted. All members of the Board are interpreters and promoters of the total program while carrying the major responsibility for a particular phase.

Upon the doctor's orders after an operation, Mrs. Truman Green resigned as Business Manager of THE FLORIDA GARDENER. We deeply appreciate her fine contribution to our Federation through her service on the staff and she has our warmest good wishes for a rapid recovery. We welcome to the Board Mrs. D. M. Young of Shalimar who has accepted this important post. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Green through a lengthy conference effected a smooth transition of responsibility and we anticipate continued success.

The National Council Annual Meeting was held in Salt Lake City June 4th-9th with seven Florida delegates in attendance. A State Federation is limited to two National Awards annually (in addition to the awards non-competitive between the States) and the Florida delegation was proud we received Award #15 Red Ribbon Certificate of Merit for Junior Point Hour Achievement and Award #19, A Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit won by the Arlington Garden Club of Daytona Beach. Also, in the Houbigant French Garden Competition Mrs. Fred H. Best of Rio Vista Club of Eau Galle won second place in East of the Mississippi Division and Miss Violet Ann Gamache of Sarasota was the other Award of Merit winner of Florida.

The final State project of the season was the popular Garden Club Short Course at the University of Florida. The earnest horticulturists and flower arrangers happily gathered in large numbers in Gainesville agreed Mrs. Carroll Griffin had planned well with the staff at the University to meet our needs.

The beautiful all-color Flower Arrangement Engagement Calendars are now off the press and clubs are urged to take advantage of the discount for cash on orders before September first.

The timing of this Junior Gardening issue by Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. Saunders seems most appropriate as during these months most club programs are being prepared and we hope this presentation will inspire each club to include some Junior Gardening activity.

It occurs to me that there are three motivations for Senior garden club members furnishing leadership to Junior Gardeners:

1—Some people are stirred to action with Juniors because they wish to preserve the gains in our community beautification and conservation programs and realize that only by passing on to the next generation similar understanding can these be



## THE JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

### WHAT IS A JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB?

**Age:** Kindergarten through High School.

**Meetings:** Minimum for a calendar year ..... 5  
**Number of Members:** Minimum ..... 6

**Program:** At least one lesson of instruction or demonstration in horticulture, conservation, nature study, flower show and flower show practice.

**Sponsor:** Any member of a garden club affiliated with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. This automatically constitutes membership in the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Leader:** Each club should appoint a particular member responsible for the program of the Junior Club. This program may be carried out through and with the co-operation of the horticulture, conservation and bird, flower show and flower show school chairmen. A club may be formed and conducted by a therapy chairman, and as such reported to both the Junior leader and the State Therapy Chairman.

**Participants:** Clubs may be formed in all established children's groups; i.e. Schools, 4-H clubs, Scouts, Campfire Girls, Children's homes, orphanages, Correctional institutions. The Junior Club may have a corp of officers, if desired.



**Mrs. Clifford E. Saunders,  
Junior Gardening Chairman**

Mrs. Clifford E. Saunders, newly-elected president of the Orlando Garden Club, has been a Florida resident for six years. Born, married and educated in Illinois.

Mrs. Saunders was active in the community life of suburban Chicago. She was a member of the Beverly Hills Junior Women's Club, Morgan Park Woman's Club, Morgan Park Methodist Church, on the staff of the Y.M.C.A., councillor of a Tri-Hi-Y club, co-director for three years of the Beverly "Y" day camp, past president of the Hilltop Players of Chicago, 2nd year director of the first Children's Theatre of Illinois and teacher of dramatics at the South Branch of the Chicago Conservatory of Music for five years.

Since moving to Orlando, "Sandy" has been active in the First Methodist Church as flower chairman, and the Orlando Players. She is a member of the Hibiscus Society and was chairman of their first International Show last year.

Mrs. Saunders is a P.P.G., her most important degree. As a picture packing grandma, she is very proud not only of her four grandchildren, but her two children who are still Yankees. Mrs. Saunders as District VII Junior Gardening Chairman, conducted the first Junior Workshop held in the State.

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## FLOWER SHOW PARTICIPATION

DO NOT WAIT to be asked to participate in a senior flower show. When the schedule committee is planning their details, state how much space you would like allotted your Juniors for horticulture, artistic arrangements, conservation materials and scrap books.

If you have never staged your own Junior show, start this year. An ideal place for such an undertaking is the elementary school because your audience as well as the participants are already there. Be definite with the principal and teachers about the number of entries you want, the number of tables or benches that must be available for display and the exact time the show will begin and end. Send this information home with the children as their parents as well as you and your assistants need to know this and from the one in charge.

### WHAT COMMITTEES?

Your Junior section or show should comprise the same committees as a senior show. Consult the November-December issue of 1955 for a complete study. The addition to this would be to have many adult "workers" on hand the day of the show for assistance to the Juniors in placement.

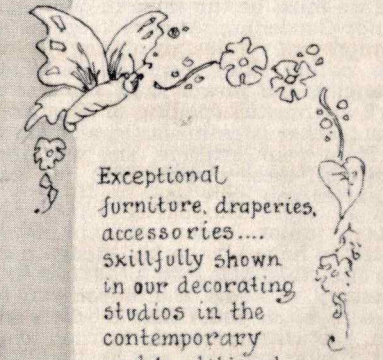
### RULES

Make certain your Juniors adhere to the rules! Our future senior club members will only be as competent as you as a leader are correct in their instruction. Ask your club to provide "The Handbook for Flower Shows" if you do not own one. Make sure YOUR schedule carries out the theme of the senior show if that is where you are participating. Carry this theme to all sections including horticulture and conservation exhibits. Allow at least four months from the time of your beginning preparation to the day of the show so that your juniors will be able to have their horticulture IN THEIR POSSESSION the full three months required. Junior Awards are published in our Book of Information. Study them; apply for the flower show award early. Will your Juniors be on the honor roll this year?

(Mrs. M. Getsy Barber of Jacksonville was presented on the Junior Gardening Forum at the Annual Convention in Tallahassee this year. Excerpts from her message are included in this article.)



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## When Do You Begin Your Junior Work?

Mrs. C. E. SAUNDERS, *Orlando* Junior Gardening Chairman

The minute you are appointed the chairmanship of Juniors in your club is the time to begin. First, you realize you have been chosen to an enviable position: that of aiding our children to become better citizens. Second, by your appointment you know your president believes you to be a leader, because you must inspire as well as teach. Third, you have been chosen because you are dependable, willing to learn new ideas as they present themselves and have some knowledge of gardening.

### PROGRAM

Your program planning begins when you see what is necessary in your community. If you are to work through the Scout troops, the head of that organization should be contacted. Remember to be a club you must have at least six meetings AND present a balanced program. The ideal way is to contact the Superintendent of Public Instruction BEFORE the school year begins (this means in August) and ask for aid in setting up your planned course. In turn you will meet with the principal of the school and finally with the teachers with whom you will be dealing.

Our teachers are highly specialized and we must be the same in our field of Junior Gardening. Always keep the goal in mind that we are presenting horticulture, nature study, conservation, flower arranging and flower show practice and NOT arithmetic, spelling or English! If your teacher is enthusiastic, and she will be from your attitude, she will incorporate all these sections into her teaching; after you have gone.

As a junior leader, you are not expected to have all the knowledge necessary for this balanced program. It IS necessary to know where you can find those to teach you. That is where your club horticulturist, conservation chairman, flower arranger and bird authority will be of great value. IF they know what you want; if they know it NOW and not the day before the Junior meeting, their knowledge will be shared with you. With the book list in this issue, you have much material at your hand for study, most of it free for your asking.

### BUDGET

Petition your club for a budget. If your materials are all furnished, it may be you would like to give an award to your group in the form of a bird book,

mechanics for arranging, or a memorial bird bath. Your senior club needs funds for its adequate program, and your Junior club does, too.

### HELPERS?

Many of your senior club members feel it a privilege to share the responsibility of the Junior Chairman. Often a temporarily "shut-in" member will be able to assemble materials into packets for a handcraft meeting. Many of your members are competent drivers and would take one who does not have an available car, to her assigned school or group. Many offer a baby sitting service to the Junior chairman for the hour or two she is teaching. Whatever your talent as a senior member, share it with **YOUR JUNIOR CHAIRMAN!**

### WORKSHOPS

This year it is hoped that workshops will be held in each of our 11 districts, by the District Junior Chairman. The best time is in the spring when the planning begins after the club year ends. If there is one this fall in your district plan to attend.

A Junior Gardening Manual has been published by National Council and is free for the asking. It may be had from Mrs. Sam Peeples, National Junior Gardening Chairman, Vicksburg, Miss.



### CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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### Presidents' Conference District IV

Left to right: Mrs. John R. Parkinson, of Daytona Beach, President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., principal speaker; Mrs. Vernon L. Conner of Mt. Dora, 1st Vice-president, Flor-

ida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin of Jacksonville Beach, District Director, and Mrs. Euben H. Bowden, President of the hostess Club, the Mandarin Garden Club.

### NEW AWARDS IN HORTICULTURE

An Award of \$25.00 is offered by Mrs. W. F. Jefferis of Orlando to the small club or circle (50 active members or less) who select a specific "Foliage or Flowering Plant" as their horticulture project for next year. First award will be given in 1958 as a complete growing record over a one year period is required.

For further requirements and information see Award No. 13 in Book of Information.

#### New Horticulture Program Award

Mrs. Jefferis offers a \$25.00 Award this year to any circle or club of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for the most outstanding program presented on horticulture during the Garden Club year (prior to February 1st).

The program must stimulate interest in gardening and must definitely pertain to horticulture. Additional information and requirements will be given in Book of Information.

### ADDITIONAL NATIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. was presented two competitive awards at the National Council of State Garden Clubs convention in Salt Lake City.

#### National Council Award No. 15 Red Ribbon Certificate of Merit for Junior Point Hour Achievement

The Arlington Garden Club of Daytona Beach was presented Award No. 19, a Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit. The citation presented with the award reads: "In presenting the Garden Therapy Certificate to the Arlington Garden Club of Daytona Beach, Florida, National Council of State Garden Clubs recognizes the contribution made to the handicapped children in providing a suitable setting for the buildings that house them and the instruction of the small patients in growing plants at the Junior Service Orthopedic Center.





**Presidents' Conference District X**

Left to right, seated: Mrs. John R. Parkinson, State President; Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, 1st Vice-president; Mrs. Graham W. King, Delray Beach, District Director. Left to right, standing: Mrs. Olan Spencer, retiring president,

Jensen Beach Garden Club; Mrs. Arnold Taube, president of hostess club, Jensen Beach; Mrs. L. F. Peterkin, secretary for the meeting, and Mrs. Ivan L. Van Horn of Belle Glade, Chairman of the Garden Club Short Course.

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The only requisite to be a Junior leader is that you have a love of children, a desire to learn and teach, patience with your senior club members, and realize the need of our great country for children strong in the knowledge and love of nature, conservation and beauty. It isn't easy, but it is satisfying! Is this YOU? A Junior Club is only as productive as the senior club sponsoring it. Our Juniors are a challenge. Do you accept this? Will Florida have "MORE JUNIOR SPONSORS" in 1957 to report at the National Convention of State Garden Clubs in Miami?

**New Junior Award—11-J Achievement Award**

This award has been set up according to the standards suggested by National Council. To qualify for this award it is imperative a Junior Club conduct the balanced program of horticulture, conservation, nature study, flower show and flower show practice.

**FLORIDA STATE STANDARDS "A"**

An award of five dollars will be given the Junior Gardening group achieving the highest number of points in this section.

1. Participate in a flower show. This may be in conjunction with a senior club, county fair or school ..... 15 points
2. Have a club project ..... 10 points  
This could be the labelling of trees around a school, in the city; construction of accurate bird houses; nature trail, rooting cuttings; distribution of plants; beautifying a public building.
3. Plant a tree observing Arbor Day ..... 10 points  
Arbor Day is the third Friday in January in Florida.
4. Have a conservation program ..... 10 points  
May be combined with the Arbor Day program for economy of time.
5. Report OR year book with club, school, (or group name) sponsor club, number of meetings, number of children instructed, activities of the past calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). This is to be mailed to the State Junior Chairman before February 1 ..... 20 points
6. Prepare a club scrap book ..... 5 points  
This may be the same book as the one you prepare for your flower show OR it may be on birds, wildflowers or school beautification.
7. Each member to have an individual garden ..... 10 points  
This may be a plot, a dish garden, terrarium, pot plant.
8. Garden Therapy ..... 10 points  
This may be in the form of a club project: i.e. making of tray favors for a hospital, corsages for T.B. patients, etc.
9. Clean-up campaign in school or city ..... 5 points
10. Have a Garden Center ..... 6 points  
This may be in a church, school corner or room, public library shelf, any public building or a member's home.

**FLORIDA STATE STANDARDS "B"**

Certificates of merit will be given for those achieving a score of 70 or over in this section. Will be presented at presidents' conference in each district.

1. Three well-planned programs in horticulture ..... 10
2. Stage a well-planned flower show ..... 10
3. Take part in a flower show ..... 10
4. Send a scrap book to be judged for an award ..... 10
5. Compete for any State OR National award ..... 10
6. Help decorate home, school or church for Christmas ..... 10
7. Plant sun flower seeds or fruit bearing shrub for birds ..... 10
8. Have a program on any three of the following subjects:
 

a. Bird Lore ..... 10	e. Feeding Stations ..... 10
b. Wild Flowers ..... 10	f. Bird Bath ..... 10
c. Conservation ..... 10	g. Garden Therapy ..... 10
d. Bird Houses ..... 10	h. Fire Prevention ..... 10

Application for either section of this award must be in the hands of the State Awards Chairman BEFORE January 1 in order to be eligible. If your proof of accomplishment was sent in scrapbook form, your club would be complying with numbers 2, 5, and 6 in section "A" and numbers 4, 5, in section "B." READ YOUR AWARDS AS OUTLINED IN THE BOOK OF INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

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maintained and strengthened. 2—Others feel a concern for the unrest and unwise pursuits of some young people and believing that Junior Gardening is a fruitful antidote assume the development of this program. 3—Others gain much joy in teaching young people and in watching the glow of comprehension light up the eyes of the young that they find pure pleasure in this activity. Hannah Kahn expressed this in three lines in the Ladies Home Journal:

Child, give me your hand  
That I may walk in the light  
Of your faith in me.

May you have a happy and relaxing summer in the peace of your garden.  
Faithfully yours,

*Katherine G. Parkman*



## Study Materials

### HORTICULTURE

Guide to Gardening with Young People" by Richard R. Kinney ..... \$3.25  
"Picture Primer of Indoor Gardening" by Margaret O. Goldsmith ..... \$2.00  
"The First Book of Gardening" by Virginia Kirkus ..... \$1.95  
"Play with Leaves and Flowers" by Salesman (a do it yourself book) ..... \$2.00  
"Story of the Soil" Grass, etc. Free from Swift and Co. Agricultural Research Dept., Union Stock Yards, Chicago 9, Ill.

### CONSERVATION

"Johnny Grass Seed" project from the Isaac Walton League of America, 31 N. State St., Chicago 2, Ill. .... 10c  
"The Big Three," a playlet by E. Miller and F. Snyder from the Forest Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.  
"Flowers of the South" by W. Green, \$5.00

### NATURE STUDY

Golden Nature Book Series: Flowers, Birds, Insects, Trees, by Zim ..... \$1.00  
Maxton Books for Little People ..... 59c  
Kit for Audubon Jr. Clubs from the National Audubon Society, 1130 5th Ave., New York 28, New York. Excellent organizational help ..... \$1.50  
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"Our Insect Friends and Enemies" by Parker, for 4th and 5th grades ..... \$2.00

### BIRD LORE

Florida Audubon Society general membership \$3.00; Student membership, \$1.50; Club and Circle membership, \$5.00. Each month a practical booklet is published and sent to each member.  
"Gourd Seeds for Martin Nests" available from Mr. Laymon M. Hardy, Box 494, Naples, Florida. These are free for a self-addressed envelope.  
"Bird Chart," Dwight and Church Co., 10 Cedar St., New York, N. Y. .... Free  
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### TREES

Bulletin #4 on Arbor Day, Common Trees of Florida, both from Board of

Forestry and Parks, Tallahassee .... Free  
Forest Service Film Catalogue ..... Free  
Dept. of Audio-Visual Instruction, General Extension Division, U. of F.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Miss Elizabeth Mason, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 50 - 7th St. N. E., Atlanta 23, Ga., Forest Service Division. Ask for materials for Florida as suggested by the State Junior Chairman, Mrs. C. E. Saunders.

**Flower Show and Flower Show Practice:**  
"Junior Flower Arranging" by Catherine N. Cutler (8 to 12 year olds) .... \$2.95  
"Flower Arrangement Workshop" by Myra J. Brooks. Fundamentals .... \$2.00  
Handbook for Flower Shows,

Nat'l Council  
"Better Flower Arranging" by Elizabeth Bear. 6th thru High School ..... \$1.25  
"Button Gardens and Diminutive Arrangements" by Florence Casebolt, \$3.00

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PLEASE NOTE AD IN THIS ISSUE  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
COST OF PRINTING ON BACK COVER  
OF CALENDAR.

## "STAGING A JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW IN TWO HOURS!"

by MRS. BERT HOPSON, Belle Glade

The stage of the elementary school auditorium proved to be an ideal site for staging a junior show. This was demonstrated when the first all junior standard flower show was held in Belle Glade Monday, April 9th, at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The show, "LEARNING BY DOING," was sponsored and staged by six members of the new Garden Study Club, assisted by the junior club members.

A very minimum of labor, props, cost and time was utilized. Everything needed was right there for the staging. The garden backdrop of the stage proved an ideal background. Eight cafeteria tables, covered with grey paper, were used for staging the exhibits. The helpers were the junior club members, who loved every minute, truly "LEARNING BY DOING."

In less than two hours after the tables were made available the show was set up, exhibits placed and clerks assembled ready for the judges!

The auditorium was opened on the previous afternoon to enable those junior members who had to ride the school bus to make advance entries. These were lined up on the stage in front of the curtain, ready to be placed when the show was set up the next day. The entry chairman was on hand the next morning for the other entries which were also placed on the stage front.

The elementary principal and teachers were most cooperative. They readily excused work groups of junior members from the two and one-half fifth grade rooms. These juniors proved "eager-beavers," moving the tables onto the stage, washing bottles, carrying water, wrapping and price-tagging the potted plants for the plant-sale booth, and cleaning up afterwards. They gained valuable experience in all phases of the staging of a flower show.

The purpose of staging the show at the time and place of the Parent-Teacher meeting was to give the busy teachers and busier parents an opportunity of seeing the show without having to make a special trip. After all, in a small town this group makes up the main audience of any junior show. The show opened at 4:00 p.m., four hours before the PTA meeting. It was scheduled to close an hour after the meeting. However, by en-

thusiastic demand of the elementary teachers, the show was reopened the next morning at nine o'clock. At this time, each room of the elementary school, attended by their teachers, made a steady stream through the show from nine to ten-thirty. It was necessary to close at this time because the cafeteria tables had to be back in place for use at 11 o'clock.

From the moment of its inception through dismantling of the show, each phase of the work was a real joy to the junior assistants. The juniors, themselves, were their most severe critics.

The ease of staging this show so impressed members of the senior club that enthusiastic plans are forming now for another show next year.

Chairmen! stage shows for your juniors! We really "LEARN BY DOING!"

(This show was staged by Mrs. Bert Hopson, President of the Garden Study Club, and Mrs. Luther Jones, Chairman of the Show.)



In commending, and pledging support to, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' effort to clean up and beautify Florida's roadsides and public areas, secure enforcement of anti-litter laws, have open trucks hauling trash equipped with secured coverings, and adoption of state-wide zoning legislation I want to pay tribute to the garden clubs of Pasco County, in general, and Dade City, in particular.

The latter group has worked diligently to landscape courthouse, school and hospital grounds, plant parkways and an entrance park which travelers along U. S. 301 and home-folk alike enjoy

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Sheriff, Pasco County





## How's Your Record?

Can you as president of your club put your hands on your Junior Chairman's record of accomplishments of this year? Did she give a verbal report to her successor interspersed with "I just can't remember when we did that" . . . or "I don't think we had time to complete project . . ." Too often we hear a new chairman say she would like to do the work but "IS there something I can use as a guide?" The fault lies with those who have failed to keep records or neglected to pass on the materials that had been given to the president at the district meeting, intended for the various chairmen.

### RECORD FOR JUNIOR LEADERS

To partially correct this, Mrs. W. E. Turner of District VIII prepared and published a most complete record and report book for junior leaders. It contains sheets in duplicate so that the leaders' club and the State chairman may each have a clear picture of what has been accomplished throughout the year. This book sells for \$1.25 and has been tested for one year by several clubs. It is available to all Junior chairmen in the state as it has been accepted by the board.

### CONTENTS

This report book is serving a dual purpose. First it is an "on the spot" account of what your Junior Club is doing and workers accomplishing because there is a "Junior Garden Organization" form, a "Junior Garden membership list," a "Junior Garden monthly report blank," "special Arbor day form" and a final report page.

Since the point hours have been discontinued as of this year, that form is now void in that one section. Second, this book serves as a tie with the incoming leader and officers as information is available in a concise form. The new leaders can evaluate what has been done, note programs that were successful and projects that drew the most participation and co-operation from the children, what landscaping or beautifying had been accomplished, how much money was available and how much actually spent and finally what type of activity did not meet with success. To be an informed worker you must have knowledge of the past in order that you may work in the present more effectively with and for Juniors!

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR JUNIORS**  
Another tool has been made available

to assist you, in the printing of membership cards for Juniors. Just as you have visual evidence of your membership, so should it be for the Juniors. It has been given in most instances this year at the final meeting as a reward for work well done. Mrs. Turner is again the originator of this card. It is available in quantities of 1000 for \$9.00 or may be purchased for one cent each. These cards and the record book may be purchased from: Mrs. W. E. Turner, Box 969, Rt. #2, Largo, Florida.

When applying for Award 11-J this book may be used as a part of your proof of accomplishment.

### AUDUBON TOURS TO CORKSCREW SWAMP NOW BEING CONDUCTED

The first guided tours ever conducted into the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in southwest Florida started June 16 and will continue every Saturday and Sunday through August 26, the National Audubon Society has announced.

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As we know, The National Gardener is the Bulletin of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and is the connecting link between Clubs, Club members and our National organization.

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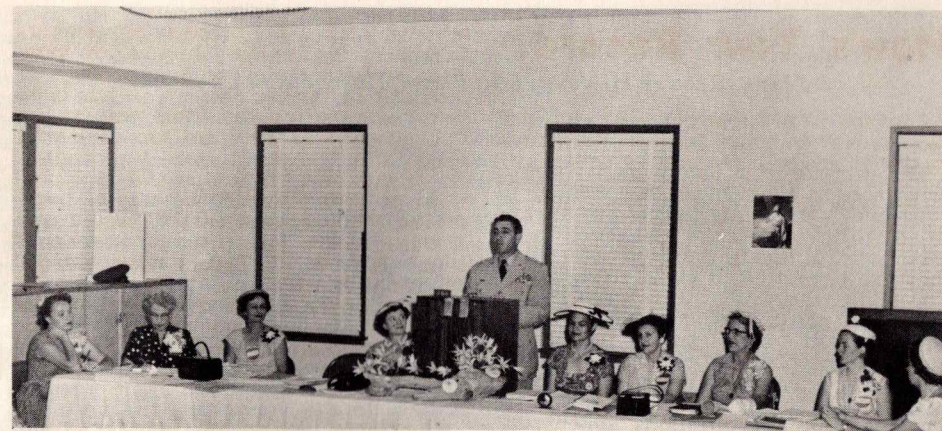
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### Presidents' Conference District I

Col Frank H. Mears, Base Commander, Eglin Air Force Base, addressing the Fifth Annual President's Conference, District I, on May 14. The Hostess clubs were the Eglin Air Force Base Officers' Wives' Garden Club, Mrs. Charles R. Johnson, Chairman; and the Garnier Beach Garden Club, Mrs. Wilbur Holley, Co-chairman.

Seated left to right:

Mrs. R. E. Hagerman, Conference Secretary, Valparaiso  
Mrs. D. M. Young, who gave the Invocation, Shalimar  
Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, Assistant District Director, Valparaiso  
Mrs. John R. Parkinson, President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs  
Mrs. Robert Gottfried, Director, District I, Shalimar

Every adult club member should covet the opportunity of sharing her talents with the children of her community.

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Mrs. Henry R. Thompson, who gave the RESPONSE to Col Mears' WELCOME, from Sunflower Garden Club, Pensacola.

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# FROM THE GROUND UP

by MRS. REGNER HANSEN, Fort Pierce, Horticulture Chairman

The miracle of a lovely plant from a dried seed is a never-ceasing wonder to everyone. Our young people are always filled with awe and are awakened to an awareness of the miracle of life when they are permitted to plant a few seeds. The adult who wishes to reach a child's innermost spirit is wise to encourage a child to plant a small garden, be it flowers or vegetables. Working together in the garden encourages interest in nature. A child is normally inquisitive and curious and will ask questions which will open channels to the study of wildlife, conservation and birds.

## Teaching Children

There is no better way than working together in a garden while the child is still young, to train him to a sense of real values and to educate the child to want for himself the traits of kindness, gentleness and good behaviorism. The child that is taught to feed song birds does not desire to shoot them. Those that learn the value of trees and forests are careful with their campfires. As these boys and girls study nature, they become the kind of citizens that are law-abiding, realizing that our fish and game laws are protective laws just as all of our laws are designed to be.

Our junior garden clubs can be a big aid in developing a child's mind. They can teach our children how to plant seed, care for house plants, how to identify wild flowers and birds. They teach the value of trees, water and soil and the children love it. A word of warning to leaders of junior garden clubs—Do not talk down to the youngsters and do not underestimate their abilities. They can grow as good an annual as any adult, and they are capable of growing excellent house plants. The trick is not to give them so much to care for that it becomes a chore.

## Juniors Like to Exhibit

Children like to grow plants that will show results. They love to grow vegetables and a place to exhibit these should be included in the flower show schedules. They like house plants that will bloom for them and, for some reason, they like cacti and succulents. Coleus and caladiums appeal to them because of their color and rapid growth. Except for cacti, they do not care for plants that are slow growing or have just green foliage.

## Planting Seeds

At each meeting some phase of horticulture should be included in the program. In the fall a demonstration of planting seeds into a flat is popular. It might be best for the junior leader to be responsible for bringing cheese boxes or wood-bottomed cigar boxes, soil, and seeds for each junior. As an encouragement, it is well to consider those kinds of seeds that germinate more readily. Explain to the youngsters the necessity of watering and regular fertilizing and do follow this up with a demonstration of thinning out seedlings and transplanting.

## Cuttings

Juniors enjoy trying their luck with cutting, so demonstrations showing lengths of cuttings advisable is a good start for a program. A contest might be welcome with each junior given two cuttings to root, one in soil, peat or vermiculite, and the other in water. Results will interest members immensely for they will feel that they are making a true scientific study and test.

Dish gardens and terrariums are always excellent programs. The leader will find the juniors making these for home and for each room in the school!

Another good subject is identification of wildflowers and birds. Include native trees and some of the shrubs used in the locality.

## Arbor Day Planting

They will always remember Arbor Day as a wonderful event if they can plant a tree with a real ceremony commemorating the event. Excellent programs for this may be obtained from our State Forestry Department. A flowering tree, preferably please, and also preferably one that will flower in a year or two from planting.

A field trip or visit to a garden will be appropriate. Horticulture and conservation are almost inseparable, so a trip like this can be used to point out birds and wild flowers, as well as good garden practices.

## Flower Shows

National Council recommends that a section displaying junior garden club work be included in our flower shows, so much of a junior leader's program will be slanted to develop a good section. It is necessary for this junior section to be staged just as well as any other section of the show. Too often we

find it just filling in and crammed into some corner, with no apparent unity in them or staging to the rest of the show. As soon as the general theme of the show is announced, plans should be formulated to make the junior section tie in with the theme.

Artistic classes should be planned to have enough variety to keep displays from becoming monotonous and to show to the public that these young people are developing artistic skill. There must be a division of horticulture with classes of cut specimens and potted plants. The schedule should be written with enough latitude to allow members to bring in the things they really desire to show. Juniors should be encouraged to help set up the show whenever their school hours permit. It is amazing how much real help some of the older ones can be and they are so willing to do much of the fetch and carry necessary. These juniors like to hand out programs and act as hostesses at the shows also.

Boys, as well as girls, are interested in the junior garden club program. It is interesting to note that at several shows they have been winners of tri-colors, or best in section ribbons. A case in point, one boy who loved growing plants so much he became interested in junior garden club work to such a degree that he became an excellent arranger of flowers also. When he left high school he went to work for a florist and is now head of a large florist shop.

## Learn By Teaching

The junior leader gains almost as much as her charges when she is vitally interested in her work. She has to study enough to keep ahead of the young people. She learns, much to her surprise, that these young people never forget her and believe she is a paragon of knowledge. When they see the tree that was planted on Arbor Day in bloom, they remember her and feel that she was the inspiration for this beauty. She gains knowledge of horticulture along with her young members, and finds that she, too, is making terrariums and dish gardens for her home and friends.

## Dish Gardens

A word more about dish gardens. It is interesting to note that all plants are not suitable for these. This is the place to use the slower growing kinds of plants. A study must be made of the requirements of various plants as it is a mistake to plant in this small area those plants that have entirely different needs when it comes to watering. A dish garden should be artistic, and when working with very small children, the dish garden might tell a story. If these are to be displayed in a flower show, they must be planted in time to have the plants established, for even the juniors

must earn their ribbons, or they soon realize that the ribbon does not mean much if it is given indiscriminately.

## Higher Standards

In all our garden club work, our aims should be to set higher standards, grow better horticulture, have better shows, and in all things improve our work. To this end, then we give of ourselves to these juniors for they shall in time be taking our places in the garden club work and in the work of making our communities better and more beautiful. It is well worth the time invested to give these young people the opportunity to grow more conscious of their surroundings. One father expressed it this way: Until my daughter joined a junior garden club, I was not aware of neglecting my garden. When she pointed out that my grounds were unsightly, I realized that she was right. "From that day forth, we have had a garden that I am proud of, and she has brought flowers into our life. We now have flowers in our home every day, whereas we did not before except for parties. Now our meals are graced with a floral bouquet and it is amazing how much more we enjoy our meals and each other's company."

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# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

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J. M. Crevasse, Jr.  
Instructors:  
Mrs. Herbert Sara  
Mrs. Alma Funk

## COURSE IV

September 19-21, 1956 — Jacksonville  
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November 13-15, 1956 — Clearwater  
Mrs. Julio J. Guerra, *Chairman*  
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Mrs. Arch Walker  
Mrs. Horace Tompkns  
Instructors:  
Mrs. John Bear  
Mrs. Alma Funk

## COURSE V

October 9-11, 1956 — Panama City  
Mrs. Joe Allison, *Chairman*  
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Instructors:  
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Mrs. Horace Tompkns

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## READING EXAMINATION

DATE: October 30, 1956.

LOCATIONS: Pensacola, Quincy, Mi-  
ami, St. Petersburg, Examination can  
be given in additional locations. Request  
for holding the examination should be  
made by the Club President, or her  
appointed Local Chairman, to the State  
Chairman of Flower Show Schools by  
September 10.

ELIGIBILITY: Only those who have  
completed all requirements for a Judg-  
ing Certificate are eligible to take the  
Reading Examination. See the Hand-  
book, its 1953 Supplement, and Page 12  
of the November-December 1955 issue of  
the Florida Gardener for requirements.

REGISTRATION: Those desiring the  
examination in October will register  
their intention with either the Local  
Chairman or the State Chairman of  
Flower Show Schools no later than Sep-  
tember 15 in order that eligibility can  
be verified and proper number of ex-  
amination papers ordered from the Na-  
tional Chairman.

# FLOWER SHOWS SCHEDULED

MRS. ARTHUR F. COE, *Chairman*, Jacksonville

1956  
August 5 Mid-Florida Chapter American Hibiscus Society Annual Show,  
Municipal Auditorium, Orlando.  
December 8, 9 Orlando Garden Club—Christmas Show, Garden Center.  
1957  
January 26, 27 Garden Club of Jacksonville—Camellia Show, Garden Center and  
Woman's Club.  
March 9-11 Garden Club of St. Petersburg—Spring Flower Show.  
March 16, 17 Melbourne Garden Club—Spring Flower Show.  
April 4-7 Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, Dinner Key Auditorium.  
Note: **FLOWER SHOW CHAIRMEN**—Flower Show dates should be established at  
least six months in advance to allow horticulturists time to plant and plan for  
exhibits. When selecting dates for the Spring Flower Show, keep in mind other  
important events: The 1957 National and State Convention will be held in Miami  
the first week in April; Easter in 1957 is April 21; avoid conflicting flower show  
dates with nearby clubs. Send the dates of your flower show to the State Chair-  
man of Flower Shows, Mrs. Arthur F. Coe, 2577 Forbes Street, Jacksonville 4, for  
listing in the Flower Show Calendar.

## NEW FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS RULES

MRS. W. M. ALLISON, *Chairman*,  
Ft. Lauderdale

The following recommendations of  
the National Council Flower Show  
Schools Committee were adopted at the  
Salt Lake City National Convention,  
June 7, 1956. It is requested that all in-  
terested in flower shows and flower  
show schools note these rulings:

1. That students and judges be per-  
mitted to receive credit for judging and  
exhibiting in American and National  
Horticultural Society and American  
Plant Society Shows when same are con-  
ducted and scheduled to meet the Na-  
tional Council of State Garden Clubs'  
requirements for Standard shows.

2. That where cash awards are offered  
in State and County Fair Shows, stu-  
dents and judges may receive credit for  
exhibiting and judging, provided such  
cash awards are received by such gar-  
den club rather than by the individual  
club members.

3. That the number of applicants for  
the reading examinations from each  
state need not be limited in number so  
long as the two dates set for these ex-  
aminations are observed.

4. That judging of a small flower  
show in the series of courses, or in an  
advanced course may be conducted by  
panels of three judges working together.  
Each student or judge shall be required  
to prepare her own point scoring and  
comment sheet.

5. Answering the requests that this  
Committee offer a solution to the pres-  
ent practice of student judges charging  
fees for lectures and clinics, etc. this  
Committee recommends that screening  
and rules govern such practices be es-  
tablished by the various states con-  
cerned.

## ODE TO A GARDEN CLUB

MRS. N. RITCHEY JOHNSON, Ft. Lauderdale  
A Garden Club is such a wonderous  
thing,  
A strangely strong, entangling mass  
Made up of plants and people, trees and  
teas,  
And problems over rules that we should  
pass,  
Or what to do about the bugs this Spring.  
A Garden Club is such a wonderous  
thing!

You join because you love the living  
earth,  
The tender, brave, young plant, the tow-  
ering palm,  
And seek the solace of some kindred  
hearts,  
The yearning of your own soul thus to  
calm.  
But, though there's little peace, there's  
work and mirth,  
And such true friends, your spirit feels  
a second birth.

You dread the tasks you're given — or  
you love them!  
The Christmas Sale, Workshop, or  
Flower Show,  
The memory-wracking names of horti-  
culture —  
You try your best one tenth of them to  
know!  
The books to read — you'll never get  
above them!  
But best, the gals who'll work, where  
e'er they shove them!  
And so I end my ode to Clubs, and to  
this year,  
With pride for all we've done together  
since last Spring,  
And memories I shall always hold most  
dear  
A Garden Club is such a wonderous  
thing!



# GARDENERS ARE DISCUSSING...

## STATE LAND USE AND CONTROL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mrs. John R. Parkinson, President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., was appointed by Governor Leroy Collins to the State Land Use and Control Commission on March 28. Mrs. Parkinson was elected secretary at the organization meeting of the committee and is the only woman on the five member board.

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Mrs. Melville Hall is a member of the National Council Committee on "Litter Prevention". Mrs. Edwin W. Deuter, the National Chairman, announced the appointment.

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## MRS. CARROLL GRIFFIN, "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

The Ribault Garden Club presented a golden scroll, in appreciation of her devotion and interest in horticulture and the beautification of the Beaches, to Mrs. Carroll Griffin. The annual award is judged on the point system. The 1956 woman of the year, Mrs. Griffin is a past president of the club and is now Director of District IV. She has been active in civic, club and church work for many years. Mrs. Griffin is an accredited Flower Show Judge, she served two years as Radio and TV chairman and one year as Short Course chairman for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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## DAYLILY AWARD PRESENTED

Mrs. A. D. Duck, Hibiscus Circle of the Green Cove Spring Garden Club, won the daylily awarded at the 12th Annual Short Course for Gardeners, University of Florida, Gainesville. The coveted prize was a prima donna daylily which was awarded the Stout Award by the American Hemerocallis Society for 1956. To win the award Mrs. Duck wrote on "Why I Like Daylilies" . . . "Daylilies inspire me to forget yesterday, worry not about tomorrow, but, enjoy God's gifts of beauty and our friends day by day."

## "LITTERBUG" GOES TO THE PARK SHORT COURSE

The history of the "Litterbug" slogan and the work developed to the present time was presented by members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. upon request of the University of Florida Extension Department at the Florida Institute of Park Executives Short Course at O'Lena State Park. Mrs. John R. Parkinson, president, as coordinator of the panel presented Mrs. Vernon L. Connor, First Vice-President; Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr., Second Vice-President; Mrs. Melville Hall, Chairman of Roadside Development, and Mrs. Eugene W. Bowles, Chairman of Parks and Memorials on a panel discussion of the "Care of Parks—Litterbugs."



Mrs. Earl D. Crocker, a member of the Periwinkle Garden Club of Ft. Myers, has been awarded the American Legion's annual community service award for 1955. By the votes of members of the Legion and six other civic groups, she was judged the person who had rendered "the most service to her community in 1955" and awarded a bronze plaque. Mrs. Crocker, a tireless worker, has served in many capacities for her club, among them chairman for the Strolling Flower Show for six years.

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## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. has three new life members. Mrs. Harry M. Griffin was presented with a life membership by the Daytona Beach Garden Club. Mrs. W. P. Thomas was presented a life membership at the Annual Garden Party of the Lakeland Garden Club and Mrs. Oliver Kingham was given a life membership by the Auburndale Federated Garden Club.



The President's Conference of District V met at Weirsdale, with the Federation president, Mrs. John R. Parkinson, as the featured speaker. Front (left to right): Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mt. Dora, the Federation's 1st Vice-president; Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Daytona

Beach; Mrs. Robert L. Fairing, Federation Conservation Chairman. Back row (left to right) are: Mrs. H. T. Burnett, Director, District V; Mrs. D. Niel Ferguson, Assistant Newscast Editor, The Florida Gardener, and Mrs. C. Stewart Comeaux, District Legislative Chairman.

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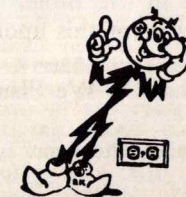
For complete information on planting pine seedlings (which is generally applicable to other evergreens, and to some extent to hardwoods) write the Florida Forest Service, Box 1200, Tallahassee for a copy of "Pine Planter's Guide."

"Woodman spare that tree, touch not a single bough; by 1975 you're going to need it—and how!"

## THE BEST

There are two seas in Palestine; both are fed by the same river. One is brackish and dead. The other is sweet and living. What makes the difference? One of them receives and keeps. The other receives and gives. Were you asked to be your clubs' Junior Leader?

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Beach area and site of Junior Wildlife Organization Camp on Lake Eton showing palm-studded shore line located in the Ocala National Forest.

## Program Outline

Here is a program outline which can be adapted to most types of Arbor Day celebrations:

SONG (one): "America," "Trees," "God Bless America."

### INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING (one selection): Joel 1:19-20; Isaiah 5:24; Exodus 22:6; Isaiah 44:14; or selected passages from "Forests and Flame in the Bible." (The Florida Forest Service will provide copies of this upon request.)

POEM: "What Do We Plant When We Plant The Tree?"

SONG: "Smokey the Bear." (Please request from Florida Forest Service).

ESSAY: "Why Should We Prevent Woods Fires?" (Best in a contest for members of your group).

TALK: Suggested topic, "How to Plant Trees," or "The Importance of Trees to Everyone". (Community leader or the Florida Forest Service will be happy to provide a speaker or suggest one).

RECITATION: "Why We Keep Arbor Day." (For seven children. Please request from Florida Forest Service).

READING: "An Arbor Day Tree." (For four small children. Please request from Florida Forest Service).

CEREMONY: Planting the tree and dedicating the tree or forest.

SONG: "America the Beautiful," by group.

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Will YOUR club be among those to push our slogan "MORE JUNIOR SPONSORS" this year?



### Presidents' Conference District XI

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Vernon L. Connor, Mt. Dora, First Vice-President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.; Mrs. John R. Parkinson, Daytona Beach, President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Luther H. Atkinson, Pompano Beach, Director District XI, and Mrs. W. K. McLean, President of the Pompano Beach Garden Club, the hostess Club for the conference.



# NEWS CLUB CAST

By Adelaide O. Nieland

Now that clubs of the Federation were recessed for the summer with a year of worthwhile achievements to their credit, program committees are busily planning for an even better year ahead.

Despite the extra demands of recent flower shows and annual meetings, members have continued to carry on several interesting projects, both old and new.

## Civic Beautification

Friend O'Garden, a new circle of the St. Petersburg Garden Club, is beautifying the town hall of Redington Beach. The committee, with Mrs. Frank England in charge, has built flower beds, filled them with topsoil, and planted many shrubs. The Central Miami Garden Club has initiated a similar project at the YMCA Park, Allapattah Branch, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Stansbury and Mrs. Albert Kerr. Shrubs and trees have been donated by members of the club.

Casablanca is to have a "Mile of Beauty" planted by the Driftwood Club of the Pensacola Federation. Two other clubs of this Federation also have beautification projects. The Larkspur Club has added 45 azaleas in the border planting at the U.S.O. building and the Poinsettia Club has put out 120 azaleas on the Island Texar Drive.

The grounds of the A. K. Sutor School are being landscaped by the Sunflower Garden Club of East Pensacola Heights, where spiraea Vanhouttei, nandina, and azaleas will be used in combination. The DeFuniak Springs Garden Club continues to maintain its Lake Yard project and the Zephyrhills Garden Club has put out additional plantings at the garden center. This club also landscaped the school grounds with junior gardeners responsible for the clean-up work. The Jasmine Garden Circle of the Deland Garden Club has outlined an overall city beautification project in which they hope several other circles will want to participate.

## Garden Therapy

The garden therapy committee of the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala furnished plants and flowers for the local hospital,

and also provided seeds and plants for the convalescent homes. The inmates of the homes were encouraged to maintain window boxes and to make flower arrangements with tray nosegays an added feature for holidays. One circle directed its efforts to assisting a semi-invalid child with gardening.

The Arlington Garden Club of Daytona Beach kept a scrapbook record over a five-year period on their project at the Junior Service League's Orthopedic Center where the grounds were beautified and maintained and members worked with the children in garden therapy. A certificate of merit for their unusual record was awarded the club at the annual meeting of the National Council of State Garden Clubs at Salt Lake City.

*In recognition of the work done in garden therapy by the Gainesville Garden Club, the Weirsdale Garden Club has requested that the fifty dollars sent to the State garden therapy chairman be given to the Gainesville Garden Club.*

Palatka Garden Club circles share in the club's therapy program by taking turns each month in supplying the many needed articles for a local nursing home. The Garden Club of Jacksonville observed Memorial Day by distributing Peace roses cut from home gardens and from their Memorial Park to all patients at the Naval Air Base Hospital. The new hospital in Lake Worth has been selected by the Town and Country Club as a long-range project. Shrubs grown and donated by the members will be used to beautify the grounds and a cutting garden will be maintained as a continuing source of plant material for the therapy work the club will carry on in the hospital.

## Flower Shows

Television has branched out to flower shows! the Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles being the first in the state to have a flower show televised.

*The Pensacola Council of Flower Show Judges sponsored a placement flower show in one of the local furniture stores. Pieces of fine furniture provided the setting for arrangements and potted plants were displayed in the Florida room. This proved a profitable venture, because the store management paid all expenses and also mailed the Council a check for \$100.*

The Lake City Garden Club held a successful show, "Parade of Spring," with the exhibits displayed in several local homes. The Miami Shores Garden Club sponsored a single class show, arrangements in bottles, at its May meeting and the Sunnyland Garden Club of Daytona Beach held a zinnia show at the Garden Center in June.



Mrs. W. E. Turner, Junior Gardening Advisor for District VIII, working with 7th grade students in landscaping of the

new Tyrone Junior High School in St. Petersburg.

The spring flower show held by the Gainesville Garden Club was unique in that circles were assigned identical booths for displaying educational exhibits representing some phase of garden club work. "Floral Events in a Woman's Life" was the theme of the flower show held in the Garden Center by the Indian River Circle of the New Smyrna Beach Garden Club. The Mandarin Garden Club staged their first standard flower show this year, using for their title, "Springtime in Mandarin."

## Junior Gardens

The "Dwarf Marigolds" Junior Garden Club held its second annual spring show this year at the Weiss School. This was a standard show with Mrs. C. H. Overman in charge. Junior Gardeners recently organized in Dunnellon have made corsages for various occasions, including local commencement events.

## Garden Centers

The Garden Center of the Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles is now free and clear, both the building and property mortgages having recently been burned.

The Cross City Garden Club plans to have a Garden Center downtown as a service to new gardeners, especially. The Pensacola Federation is negotiating with the City Council to secure a site for a new Garden Center and the Starke Garden Club has appointed a building committee looking toward the establishment of its future Garden Center. Palatka Garden Club members are working hard to have their Center ready to open this fall.

A new powder room has been added to the Zephyrhills Garden Center, a gift from Mrs. I. A. Krusen, past president of the club. Early in the current season the Mandarin Garden Club bought additional equipment for the new Garden Center so that workshop activities and flower shows could be carried on more readily. Space at the Mandarin Community Club is rented to the Garden Club for a nominal sum and, under the terms of the lease, the Garden Club is responsible for making any improvements it may need.

The Jacksonville Garden Club plans to keep its Garden Center open daily throughout the summer. Rather than closing entirely for the summer, the Daytona Beach Garden Center will, for the first time, remain open one day a week.

## Horticulture

The Orange Park Garden Club had a clinic on hibiscus early in June with a large number of specimens brought by the members. A demonstration on propagation by cuttings, air-layering, and grafting was given by Mr. E. D. McCall, County Agent of Clay County. A similar meeting was held by the Orange Blossom Garden Club of Lutz with gloxinias the topic flower. Mr. Bailey discussed gloxinias and then judged the many fine specimens brought to the meeting for display and study. These had been grown from bulbs by the members.

## Roadsides and Zoning

Roadside signs with Litterbug slogans have been placed at the three highway entrances to Palatka by the Garden Club





### EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS MAKING DISH GARDENS

The Federated Garden Clubs of Ft. Lauderdale, Inc. sponsored this club at the Exceptional Children's School located in Ft. Lauderdale. Mrs. Dorr S. Davis, the

leader for this club has done outstanding work with the children in horticulture, flower arranging, dish gardens, Christmas decorations and Arbor Day programs. Ft. Lauderdale won the Junior Garden Therapy Award for work done with this school.

and cans have also been obtained for the club's project at the Memorial Bridge approach. By fall members hope to have completed their plantings as planned for Highways 17 and 100. The Enabling Act for Zoning was given special consideration at the annual meeting of the Mandarin Garden Club with various aspects of the subject discussed by George W. Simons, Jr., town planner and past president of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association.

#### Fund Raising

The Brooker Garden Club sponsored "Southland Minstrel," clearing \$360 and will further increase their funds by making corsages to be sold for Mothers' Day. Profits from the sale of its cook book are largely responsible for the present \$1800.00 now in the treasury of the DeFuniak Springs Garden Club.

The Nosegay Club of Pensacola gave a program on Colonial Williamsburg with members dressed in period costumes, slides of Williamsburg shown, Williamsburg stationery sold, and a free-will offering collected. Both the Pensacola Federation and the Starke

Garden Club are planning special Holiday projects to raise money. Pensacola will again have a Christmas bazaar and Starke will sponsor a Christmas Store with gifts and decorations made by their members.

#### Miscellaneous

Garden Clubs and friends of garden club members are contributing more and more to worthwhile projects in honor of an outstanding member. The Central Miami Garden Club voted to give \$50 for a conservation scholarship in honor of their founder, Mrs. Howard Stansbury. The silver pitcher for the most blue ribbons in horticulture awarded at the third annual flower show sponsored by the Orange Blossom Garden Club was given in memory of Mrs. T. A. Kerr and the silver trophy for the largest number of blue ribbons won at the same show was donated in memory of Mrs. Sol Meltzer.

The Eglin Air Force Officers Wives Garden Club published a weekly Garden Guide with drawings to illustrate designs and inserts on "Don't Be a Litterbug." The Jacksonville Garden Club releases a monthly magazine carrying

feature articles on various phases of Federation work and alerting members to current events in their club.

Cherokee and Iris Garden Club, "parent clubs" of the present St. Augustine organization, are keeping pace with the State Federation. They, too, had a "Pearl Anniversary" meeting in celebration of their founding 30 years ago. A treasure hunt in the garden of Llamias House, where the luncheon meeting was held, revealed souvenir pearl earrings attached to the shrubbery for all the guests present.

The Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles now has a regularly scheduled television program.

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### The State Tree

The palm tree has long been a symbol of Florida, and it was quite appropriate, therefore, for the 1953 legislature to name a variety of palm as Florida's state tree.

The sabal palmetto—much more widely known as the cabbage palm—is the variety selected.

Our state tree may grow as tall as eighty feet, with a straight clear trunk up to two feet in diameter and covered with shallow ridges and fissures. It grows naturally in moist, sandy soil or hammocks over most of the coast region, including the Keys and west to the Apalachicola River.

The foliage consists of fan-shaped leaves from five to eight feet long and usually somewhat broader, borne on leaf stems from five to seven feet long.

The fruit is a rounded berry about a third of an inch in diameter.

Its value as a symbol is doubtless what won the state tree title for the cabbage palm. But it is not without commercial value also. Two Florida manufacturers make whisk brooms, brushes, etc., from the sturdy fibers below the cabbage palm's bud. From the leaves are made pocket books, hats, baskets, and various woven goods.

*(Courtesy Florida Board of Forestry.)*

## IDEA MART . . .

### SUGGESTED PROGRAMS

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**NATURE STUDY:** Build bird houses and feeders according to specifications. Study migration lines and flyways. Identify wildflowers in each season. Slides available from Mrs. Ray Green, 242 Chase Ave., Winter Park. (60 for \$10).

**FLOWER ARRANGING AND PRACTICE:** Basic principles; use dry and fresh materials. Have group participation. Have a flower show of your own. This year's aim, "Every Junior Club A Showcase." Have a section in a senior show. Teach and show by age groups. Teach the way Juniors may serve on flower show committees.

Always obtain the very best member of your club in her field to instruct the assisting Junior leaders at least a week before you plan to take your program to the children.

Be definite, be prompt, be sincere, be enthusiastic, and you'll be a better club member as well as a Junior Leader.

### ARE YOU A LITTERBUG?

Florida started this slogan. However, at this time Florida is behind in its teaching program of roadside education. Material is available from National Council Books, P. O. Box 4298, Philadelphia, Pa., or order through your Club's Book Service Chairman. Any of the books on the reading list may be obtained by your book service chairman and a profit be made by your club. Mrs. Melville Hall, Ft. King Road, Zephyrhills, will send you additional information for a Junior program featuring "THE LITTERBUG."

### THE WINNER!

Mrs. Melville Hall, Zephyrhills, was the advertising contest winner for the May-June Issue. Mrs. Hall wrote on the "Cohen Brothers" ad.

Runner-ups were: Mrs. Fred Trowbridge, Ft. Lauderdale; Mrs. Harold B. Spaet, Miami Beach; Mrs. Harry de Lashmutt, Lake Worth; Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mt. Dora; Mrs. Ernest Cason, Tallahassee.

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