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# 1961-1962 CALENDAR

## COMING EVENTS

- October 11, 13, 1961—National Council Board Meeting—St. Louis, Mo.  
 November 2—"Don't Be A Litterbug—Keep Florida Green" Day  
 January 19, 1962—Arbor Day and "Tag Day" for Conservation Building  
 January 24-26—Tropical Short Course—University of Miami  
 March 14-16—Deep South Regional Convention—Biloxi, Mississippi  
 March 31, April 1—Florida State Flower Show, "Dramatic Beauty"—Jacksonville  
 March 31—Annual Judges Council Meeting—Jacksonville  
 April 2, 3—Thirty-sixth Annual State Convention—Jacksonville  
 April 8-14—Blanche Covington Nature Study Course—O'Lena State Park, High Springs  
 May 12-16—Thirty-third Annual National Council Convention—Los Angeles, California  
 June, 1962—Seventh Annual Conservation Workshop for Teachers—Florida State Univ.  
 and A. and M.—Tallahassee  
 June 20-22—Short Course for Gardeners, University of Florida  
 (Dates of District events and Workshops to be announced by District Directors)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- October 3, 4, 1961 ..... Silver Springs, Ocala  
 January 10, 11, 1962 ..... Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale  
 April 1, 1962 ..... Pre-convention, Jacksonville  
 April 3, 1962 ..... Post-convention, Jacksonville

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| I—Pensacola ..... October 31         | VII—Orlando ..... November 7        |
| II—Marianna ..... November 1         | VIII—North Tampa ..... November 8   |
| III—Monticello ..... November 2      | IX—Winter Haven ..... November 9    |
| IV—Arlington ..... October 27        | X—West Palm Beach ..... November 15 |
| V—Dunellon ..... November 3          | XI—Hollywood ..... November 13      |
| VI—Cocoa Beach, Rockledge October 26 | XII—Coral Gables ..... November 14  |

## PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE—1962

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| I—Santa Rosa Beach ..... April 30 | VII—Mt. Dora ..... April 27        |
| II—Port St. Joe ..... May 1       | VIII—St. Petersburg ..... May 8    |
| III—Greenville ..... May 2        | IX—Indian Lake Estates ..... May 9 |
| IV—Jacksonville Beach ..... May 4 | X—Jupiter ..... April 26           |
| V—Newberry ..... May 3            | XI—Pompano Beach ..... April 26    |
| VI—New Smyrna Beach ..... May 7   | XII—Opa Locka ..... April 24       |

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Mrs. Ernest Stevens, Ft. Myers, interprets "Tropical Expression" in a design using anthurium, curled dracaena leaves and philodendron foliage.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue, the Florida Gardener passes a milestone, it is now ten years old. By way of a birthday celebration, we give you full color on the cover pictures for the coming two years.

Is there anyone who has not yet heard that the magazine won the National Council Certificate of Merit as the best state publication in 1960? A great achievement! We congratulate Mrs. Jack Dunlap and the staff who served with her for attaining this distinctive honor. It is a challenge to the new staff which is accepted as a bequeath.

From the beginning, the individual member has been the inspiration in promoting the program of the state federation and the National Council, the purpose of the magazine. As the membership and the program has increased during the past decade, so has the quality of the inspiration—gardeners in Florida have made great accomplishments.

The magazine's small size imposes limitations, but as far as the space goes, we will continue to bring you little droplets of information and ideas to further the Cause of gardening in our communities, in our state and in the nation.

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## President's Message ...

Dear Friends,

The tranquility of warm, southern summer days is drawing to an end . . . and soon there will be "frost on the pumpkin" and a sharpness in the air as the world increases its tempo of activity. We hope that each of you enjoyed a restful vacation and will return refreshed and eager to put into action the BLUEPRINTS FOR PROGRESS which you planned in the spring!

Enthusiasm and sincerity of purpose are perhaps the two most magnetic of the intrinsic values needed to truly accomplish the aims toward which we strive. Let us work together as a team to promote the objectives of our organization. The potential power of our tremendous membership should not be underestimated. Let us use this power wisely and well.

We are grateful to the Editorial Staff and the Committee Chairmen who worked tirelessly all summer to produce the 1961-1962 Book of Information. Why not plan a Club program based on the interesting material it contains? Ask all new members to read it as their first duty to the Federation, for when they understand the broad scope of our activities, they will become better Garden Club members.

Club Presidents or Awards Chairmen are urged to note the numerous changes in the Book of Information, so that individuals or Clubs who develop successful projects may win Awards, as the reward of credit which they so rightfully deserve. Be sure that the project meets every qualification and the requirements in submitting them. The Awards Banquet is to be the climax of the 1962 two-day State Convention.

Many state committee chairmen have already planned a full and stimulating program of events! We wish we could tell you

all of them, but to mention a few: the possible construction of a Conservation Building at the Youth Camp in Ocala National Forest; resuming the Landscape Design Schools as soon as there is a full enrollment; plans are completed for the most fabulous state flower show of all time on the weekend preceding the Convention (so that you may attend both, as a package deal!); the Garden Club Library has been transferred from the University of Florida to Headquarters; interesting Short Courses and Nature Study will be available in several parts of the state; beautifying the grounds at Headquarters is well under way and another marvelous foreign tour is on the schedule. Just to hear the extensive plans of our enthusiastic chairmen is truly exciting!

We are also joining with the five other states in The Deep South to promote a Regional Roadside Development Project, and Florida is taking an active part in National Council.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding Florida Gardener Staff who will bring you news of these activities and articles of such interest that you will truly anticipate the arrival of your bi-monthly publication!

Check the Calendar of Events very carefully and try not to set conflicting dates for Club events. Take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered, and see that other members of your group participate to the fullest extent in the well-rounded overall program of the Federation.

It will be through this sincere cooperation and combined effort of more than 30,000 minds and hearts plus more than 60,000 hands working in unison that we can make Florida the *number one* State Federation in National Council. Each Club can grow in quantity and quality. Together, we can make 1961-62 one of the most outstanding in the 36 years of our impressive Garden Club History. Let us try!

Mazel E. Dunlap

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Let us never forget that cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. Unstable is the future of a country which has lost its taste for agriculture. If there is one lesson in history that is unmistakable, it is that national strength lies very near the soil.

Daniel Webster.

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By Mrs. Earl W. Lau  
Coordinator of Districts

The key personnel of each of the twelve districts in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs are the District Directors. We join with the members in saluting them in their dedicated work.

Elected by the qualified voting members within the districts, the Directors form a vital link between the State President and the clubs they represent. They are the hub of the wheel around which the total gardening program evolves. They interpret the policies and objectives of the State Federation and the National Council.

District Directors great responsibilities are spiced by many rewarding experiences, they know the thrill of organizing new clubs and of coordinating the interests of the long established clubs. They assist with planning educational programs on many varied subjects: conservation, horticulture, landscape design, flower arranging, junior and senior high school gardening, world gardening and garden therapy - all facets of the state-wide program.

Our Directors travel many miles each year visiting clubs and circles, giving counsel, programs, directing workshops, presiding at all district meetings, installing officers and by invitation, they will visit every club in the respective districts during their term of office. Become acquainted with your District Director. She is your friend and she can enrich your club activities.

### WELCOME NEW CLUBS

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs salutes the new clubs received into the Federation.

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## “ADVENTURES IN HORTICULTURE”

MISS CELIA GRANT—*Horticulture*

The following observation by Dr. Henry Nehrling, the noted naturalist who came to Florida in 1886 and established his wonderful experimental garden at Gotha, near Orlando, reflects our feeling about Horticulture:

“Recently a friend said to me: ‘What are you doing here in this wilderness, without neighbors or amusements? This hermit’s life would be intolerable to me.’ I answered him, that a lover of Nature is sufficient to himself wherever he may be, and for a plant enthusiast that is not a dull existence, but Paradise. . . . In both the cultivation, and enjoyment of gardens, is peace, rest and contentment. Pleasure is not a luxury of life, but one of its necessities, and ornamental Horticulture is one of the truest and most stimulating pleasures in life, and may be enjoyed by him who possesses only a window-box, as well as the favored mortal with acres in abundance.”

Surely all horticulturists feel this way for it is not only stimulating but a continuing adventure, with infinite facets leading into new and ever widening interests.

One of our most interesting adventures in Horticulture has been observing the surprising variety of flowering trees in different parts of the state. We are so fortunate in having such distinct differences in the North, Central and Southern areas of our state and yet we can observe the overlapping or blending of the plant growth so that a tree which does well in the central area will also adapt itself, to a certain degree, farther north and farther south. It is our good fortune too to have a climate which enables us to have something in bloom almost every month of the year.

One of the hardiest and most versatile of the small flowering trees, the Crape Myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica*, has been planted in our Southern States for years. A native of South and East Asia it is highly prized in India and China where it is sacred to the goddess of love and bloom and beauty. This also grows all over Cuba where it has become naturalized and is found in every home garden. *L. indica* has been hybridized and many lovely shades are available from white, through shades of rose to red and in shades of lavender.

There are several tropical varieties of *Lagerstroemia* which will grow only in the southern part of the state. *L. speciosa* or Queen’s Crape Myrtle is a spectacular sight when in bloom in June and July. It grows to about thirty feet in height, the leaves are much larger and rough textured, the bloom is larger and borne in long racemes, sometimes pink or often lavender. There are several other tropical varieties but we have not seen these.

The planting of *Tabebuia*s by the Garden Club around the lake shores and in the parks at Orlando is beautiful in early Spring when they are a mass of yellow bloom. We have been told the variety is *umbellata*, one introduced by Mr. Mulford Foster. There are many of the *tabebuia*s which do well in the central and southern part of the state — *T. argentea* is an interesting tree with deeply furrowed, thick grey bark and narrow silvery green leaves. In March it is thickly covered with trumpet shaped, golden yellow blooms. *T. pentaphyllum* has leaves and blooms more like a flowering cherry tree, the delicate pink appearing in February or March. *T. pallida* is similar in leaf and bloom but is smaller and, while it blooms heavily in early Spring, it is almost never without some bloom. It is a lovely little tree suitable for small areas and for street and park plantings.

There are so many beautiful specimens among both the old and new introductions, as well as our natives, and they are so satisfactory. A flowering tree usually needs so little care and gives us so much in beauty. Organize an adventure of your own, no doubt there’s something nearby which you may not have noticed before. We are looking forward to noticing what is blooming around Jacksonville next year at convention time.



# HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

MRS. VERNON L. CONNER, *Chairman*

"IN A GARDEN," composed by Mrs. J. Park Stewart, Orlando, was adopted by the Board of Directors as the official song of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. The lilting tune and impressive words should be known by every gardener. The Live Oak Circle, Orlando, purchased a copy for each member; sales have been made in many other states; and two copies were included in a World Gardening package to Italy. This inspirational song will add much to junior, high school or senior garden club programs. Auto-graphed copies are available from the Headquarters for \$1.00.

Presidents give generously of their time and talents in order to serve the club and community faithfully and well. They are the recognized leaders and upon their shoulders rest the responsibility of growth and progress. A new Headquarters' book has been provided in which clubs and circles may honor their past, present and future presidents. It is called "PARADE OF PRESIDENTS." Those honoring ALL past presidents will be known as either HONOR CLUBS or HONOR CIRCLES and will be listed as such in this new book and in *The Florida Gardener*. These leaders deserve recognition; so pay tribute to them by having their names recorded for posterity in the Parade of Presidents' book. Send names of presidents and years they served, together with \$10 for each name to be entered, to Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, P. O. Box 183, Mount Dora.

The Headquarters is rented to help defray cost of maintenance, therefore, kitchen utensils and serving dishes must be provided. Most of the needed items can be secured with trading stamps and it would be wonderful if you would help by sending us a book of stamps. Your Chairman purchased 150 bottles of vanilla and received as premiums two 80 cup coffee urns. A grateful 'thank you' to each vanilla purchaser.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Mr. Hubert Owens, University of Georgia, for his gift of three rare and important 1698 Ikenobo Japanese flower arrangement prints; and to Mrs. Ray Greene, Winter Park, for 1000 of her lovely orchid correspondence notes which were sold as a benefit for landscaping.

The parking area, driveways and a small portion of the sprinkler system have been completed. The landscaping and patios are badly needed but they cannot be acquired until the funds are provided.

This is the most important and progressive project ever undertaken by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Lack of knowledge, lack of interest, lack of cooperation or a state of apathy are great deterrents to progress. We are judged by our actions and not our intentions and when the Florida Federation members make up their minds to act there is no goal beyond their reach.

This is YOUR Headquarters and we want to develop a garden that will be a credit to you and one that will bring spiritual nourishment and aesthetic enrichment to every visitor. This is THE opportunity for members, clubs and circles to express appreciation for the blessings received in their journey along life's highway, their faith in the future, and their dedicated determination to bequeath a rich gardening legacy to those who follow in their footsteps.

The following items of furniture have not been spoken for and the prices are per unit:

|                                       |          |                           |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Secretarial Desk and Work Station     | \$443.75 | 13 Folding Banquet Tables | 58.55    |
| Secretarial Posture Chair             | 75.50    | 1—56" Chair Truck         | \$ 33.92 |
| 3 Arm Chairs                          | 93.50    | 5—80" Chair Trucks        | 36.13    |
| (Name plates can be put on the above) |          | 1—Table Truck             | 42.93    |
| 117 Sampsonite folding chairs         | 9.30     | 2—Shaw Walker Files       | 119.33   |
|                                       |          | 1—Anderson Hickey File    | 58.25    |

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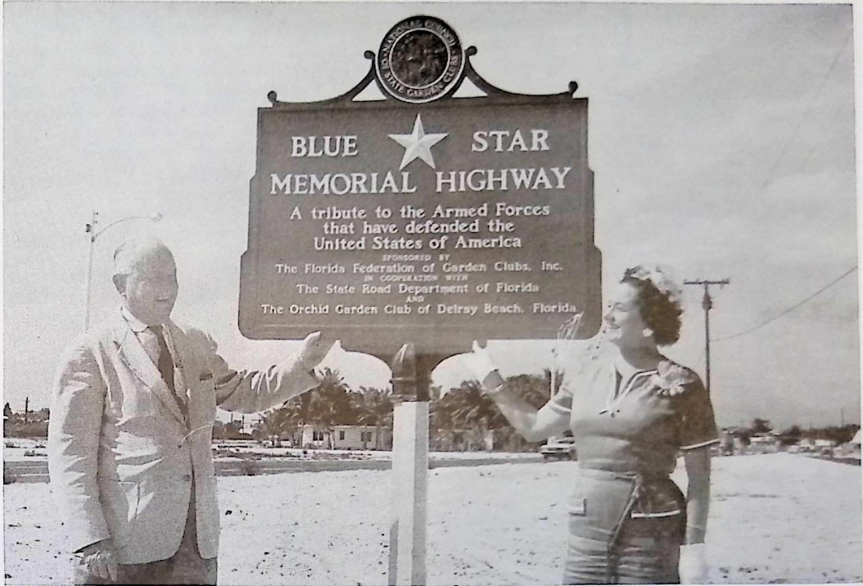
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| Mrs. George J. Roark, Pensacola, Arm Chair for Library | \$ 93.50 |
| Gulf Area Garden Club, Fort Walton Beach               | 17.50    |

## DISTRICT III

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| Begonia Circle, Greenville Garden Club, furnishings                           | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Allene P. Bussey, Tallahassee, in memory of her Mother, Mrs. J. S. Pratt | 10.00 |
| District III, Florida Council of Flower Show Judges                           | 10.00 |

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| Yaupon Garden Club, Carrabelle, chair Assembly Room .....   | 10.00  |
| DISTRICT IV   |        |
| Arlington Garden Club, Jacksonville .....   | 10.00  |
| Founders Circle, Garden Club of Orange Park, in memory of Mrs. Loraine Hayes  | 10.00  |
| Rose Circle, Fernandina Beach, honoring Mrs. Chester V. Loach .....   | 5.00   |
| DISTRICT VI   |        |
| Carnation Garden Circle, Garden Club of Deland .....  | 10.00  |
| Holly Circle, Garden Club of Deland .....   | 10.00  |
| Jacaranda Garden Club, Eau Gallie, chair Assembly Room .....  | 10.00  |
| Orange Blossom Circle, Garden Club of Deland, chair Assembly Room .....   | 10.00  |
| Founders Circle, Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club, honoring Mrs. Samuel A. Harper,<br>two chairs Assembly Room .....   | 20.00  |
| Orange City Garden Club, furnishings .....  | 10.00  |
| Blue Sage Circle, Garden Club of Deland, furnishings .....  | 10.00  |
| Jasmine Circle, Garden Club of Deland, landscaping .....  | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Griffin, Daytona Beach, in memory of Mrs. H. Eugene<br>Couchman, Past President, Arlington Garden Club .....  | 10.00  |
| DISTRICT VII  |        |
| Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mount Dora, in memory of Mrs. Carl Simon,<br>Kansas City, Missouri .....   | 10.00  |
| Orange Blossom Circle, Orlando Garden Club .....  | 5.00   |
| Mrs. Earl W. Lau, Winter Park, in memory of Father of Mrs. Volie A. Williams  | 10.00  |
| Magnolia Circle, Lakes & Hills Garden Club, Mount Dora, in memory of Mrs.<br>Homer D. Rice .....  | 10.00  |
| Pine Ridge Garden Club, Orlando, honoring Mrs. Leonard Toy .....  | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chennell, Orlando, in memory of Mrs. B. W. Yale .....  | 10.00  |
| Garden Club of Sanford in memory of General Harry P. Newton .....   | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Robert N. Guthrie, Orlando, chair Assembly Room .....  | 10.00  |
| Nasturtium Circle, Apopka, honoring Mrs. Leonard Toy .....  | 10.00  |
| PARADE OF PRESIDENTS—HONOR CIRCLE: Founders Circle, Lakes &<br>Hills Garden Club, Mount Dora, honoring Mrs. John A. Heist, Mrs. Carl S.<br>Graves, Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mrs. Harry Backus, Mrs. Ognacio Mach-<br>lanski, Mrs. William T. Bland, Mrs. Henry Land, Mrs. Robert Travers and<br>Mrs. Alfred Rehbaum, Jr. .... | 90.00  |
| DISTRICT VIII   |        |
| Belleair Manor Garden Club, Largo, landscaping .....  | 10.00  |
| Green Fingers Circle, Garden Club of St. Petersburg, in commemoration of their<br>25th Anniversary .....  | 25.00  |
| Hillsborough Garden Circle, North Tampa Garden Club .....   | 10.00  |
| Mrs. R. R. Simmons, Jr., Tampa, chair Assembly Room .....   | 10.00  |
| Old Fashioned Garden Circle, Tampa Federation, honoring Mrs. C. C. Shorton  | 10.00  |
| New Port Richey Garden Club honoring Mrs. Melville Hall .....   | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Melville Hall, Zephyrhills, in memory of Mrs. A. L. Davenport,<br>Maitland .....   | 10.00  |
| PARADE OF PRESIDENTS: Zephyrhills Garden Club honoring Mrs. Lee G.<br>Cass .....  | 10.00  |
| DISTRICT IX   |        |
| Mrs. A. J. Williams, Lakeland, landscaping .....  | 100.00 |
| DISTRICT X  |        |
| North Palm Beach Garden Club .....  | 10.00  |
| Jensen Beach Garden Club honoring Mrs. H. B. Swinglehurst .....   | 10.00  |
| Jensen Beach Garden Club in memory of Mrs. J. C. Moran .....  | 5.00   |
| Mrs. Marshall M. DeWitt, Delray Beach, landscaping .....  | 10.00  |
| DISTRICT XI   |        |
| Broward Garden Club, Fort Lauderdale, furnishings .....   | 10.00  |
| DISTRICT XII  |        |
| Coral Gables Garden Club .....  | 26.00  |
| Ixora Garden Club, Miami .....  | 8.50   |
| TRADING STAMP BOOKS received from: Miss Mary S. Compton, Mrs. Mar-<br>shall M. DeWitt and Mrs. Vernon L. Conner.  |        |





*Dedication of Blue Star Memorial Marker, May 3, 1961 at North Entrance of Delray Beach followed at the close of an eventful day which began with District X President's Conference at 9:00 A.M. followed by lunch at the Seagate Beach Club. At time of dedication, there was only the marker in a barren area, but now in September the landscaping has been completed—what a difference the planting has made. Come and see for yourselves.*

*Pictured above, Mayor George V. Warren, Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap, President Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, who made the dedication.*

Photo courtesy Delray Beach Journal.

#### **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL DRAPE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN**

It is the wish of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs that the official Blue Star Memorial drape be used at the dedication of every Blue Star Marker. This drape is handsome and because of its value the following procedure for its care and use is required.

The Blue Star drape shall be kept at the Headquarters Building. The Headquarters Secretary shall be responsible for its safe-keeping and shall mail the drape in a specially designed carton, by insured parcel post upon request of bona fide borrowers.

#### **TERMS OF LOAN**

Written request, at least two weeks in advance of desired date for use of drape, to Headquarters Secretary.

Borrower pays all transportation costs of drape which shall be returned by insured parcel post in carton provided.

A deposit of \$10.00 is required for the

loan of the drape. When the drape is returned in good condition, the deposit less transportation costs, shall be returned to the borrower.

The borrower shall be responsible for damage or soil. However, all cleaning and repairs will be done under the direction of the Headquarters Secretary. **DO NOT HAVE THE DRAPE CLEANED.**

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Address request to:

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The Garden Club is a serious organization and by no means leans towards a social rating. It is broad in concept and welcomes its members from all groups of its citizenry.

Ninah M. N. Cummer, 1945.



### TEACHERS AT 1961 CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Here is the group attending the Sixth Annual Conservation Workshop for Teachers at Florida State University. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Eugenia Swain of Sebring; Mrs. Mildred Vawter of Clearwater; Mrs. Daisy N. Waldron of Punta Gorda; Dr. John O. Boynton, professor of geography and the director; Mrs. Allen Morris of Tallahassee, workshop chairman; Mrs. Frances Webb of Bonifay; Mrs. Kathryn S. Wilkinson of Indiantown; Kenneth Yates of Bonifay.

Second row: W. Hoyt Porter of Niceville; Mrs. Rebecca N. Rabon of Chattahoochee; James D. Revell of Greensboro; Mrs. Mildred L. Savage of Apopka; F. M. Shuler of Bristol; Mrs. Edith Snider of St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Joan M. Stancil of Stuart.

Third row: Mrs. Velma Hendricks of Milton; Mrs. M. G. Iles of Everglades; McCoy Lewis of Clearwater; Maggie LeGuin of Wildwood; Mrs. Velma Lockett of West Palm Beach; Charles M. McAllister of Dothan, Ala.

Fourth row: Mrs. Clendora Bowden of St. Petersburg; Mrs. M. L. Bradbury of Miami; Mrs. Mary Jane Carpenter of Jupiter; Mrs. Regina F. Dashiell of Panama City; Mrs. Olga Dean of Bainbridge, Ga.; Mrs. Stella Gilmore of Opa-Locka; and Mrs. Louise Haynes of Bainbridge, Ga.

The sixth annual Conservation Workshop for Teachers, sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, was in session at Florida State University, Tallahassee, June 19-July 7.

Twenty-five teachers and two undergraduates attended classes and field trips under the direction of Dr. John O. Boynton of the geography department. Three states, Alabama, Florida and Georgia were represented, with Florida having teachers from 17 counties present.

The Audubon Society of Martin County paid the entire expenses of two teachers to attend the workshop.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs gave \$50 grants to 21 teachers. These grants were made possible by donations from circles and clubs throughout the state.

Daily sessions covered information about natural resources, conservation and methods of teaching conservation practices in the classroom. Conservation information was brought to the group by specialists from state agencies dealing with economic and natural resources. Trips were made to the North Florida Experiment Station (agriculture), Tall Timbers Plantation with Mr. Russell Mason, executive director, Audubon

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## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Mrs. Roy A. Bair, Chairman

It is to the advantage of flower show judges that National Council makes it mandatory to subscribe to the National Gardener. From time-to-time vital information is released through this medium of communication of special interest to judges and to those in the process of becoming judges.

For instance, the May-June issue, pages 29 thru 31, gave detailed procedure for those who wish to become Nationally Accredited judges. And to those who have already received a certificate, the National Council reminds us to take a Refresher Course when the certificate is two years old and before the certificate is three years old. In extreme emergencies, an extension of time may be granted by applying to the State Chairman of Flower Show Schools shortly before the three-year time limit has expired.

Of wide interest is the new ruling for selecting the coveted flower show awards; the Tri-color award and the award of Distinction is chosen from a selected group of Blue Ribbon Exhibits with a score of 95 points or more. No longer do the two highest scoring exhibits AUTOMATICALLY receive the awards.

Mrs. Luther Adkinson of Pompano Beach is the newly appointed National Reading Chairman and Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe of Jacksonville has been approved by the National Council to teach Advanced Refresher Courses. The service these two members are giving is a credit to the Florida Federation.

### Attention Club Finance Chairmen!

For your money making plans, Mrs. F. E. Puckett, Chairman of Projects and Promotion, will have products of interest to both the horticulturist and flower arranger. Watch for the announcement about them. All articles will carry a good margin of profit.

There are a few cartons of Southern Wild Flower Napkins on hand, packed 100 packages to a carton, cost \$25.00 per carton, plus postage. These are lovely for teas, card parties and district luncheons. The sale of these will help yourselves and help the State Federation. Send your orders to Mrs. F. E. Puckett, 51 Carrera St., St. Augustine.

## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS APPROVED

Course II Melbourne - September 14-16 Mrs. Geoffrey J. Donovan, Chairman. 2525 Espanola Way, Melbourne. Mrs. Alma Funk, Horticulture and F.S.P.; Mrs. A. R. Mullins, Flower Arranging.

Course III Tallahassee - September 25-27. Mrs. D. L. Hood, Chairman. 906 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee. Horticulture: Mrs. Alma Funk; Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe, F.A. and F.S.P.

Course III Ocala - October 24-26. Mrs. Howard Fox, Chairman, 1707 Warfield Dr. Ocala. Horticulture and F.S.P.: Mrs. Alma Funk; F.A.: Mrs. A. R. Mullins.

Course IV (pending approval) Winter Park - November 1-3. Mrs. Earl Lau, Chairman, 1665 Pine Ave., Winter Park. Horticulture and Landscape Design: Mr. Joe Crevasse; F.A.: Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe.

Course V (pending approval) Jacksonville—October 25-27. Mrs. G. F. Fresher, Chairman, 1335 Greenridge Rd., Jacksonville 7. Mrs. Millard Davidson, Horticulture; Mrs. Alma Funk, Landscape Design; Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe, Flower Arranging.

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## FLORIDA GARDENERS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs received 12 awards, more than any other state, at the National Convention held in Philadelphia.

THE FLORIDA GARDENER won the Certificate of Merit for the best state publication. Its editor for the past two years was Mrs. Jack Dunlap, now the State President.

Florida won the Gold Ribbon Award for the state flower show held in Sanford, Dec. 1-3, 1960. Theme: "This is Our Life", Mrs. Fred R. Ganas, Sanford, Show Chairman.

Mrs. Goodyear Sicard of the South Florida Garden Club of Miami Beach received the White Ribbon Special Achievement Certificate for distinguished service to the blind. The project was done in braille.

The Green Ribbon Conservation Certificate was won for the state-wide conservation program under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Hendrickson of Jacksonville.

The Moringa Garden Circle of Ft. Lauderdale, Mrs. Turner Narmore, President, received a Certificate of Recognition for the illustrated booklet, "Protective Plants".

The booklet, "Fun With Birds" by Mrs. Alan D. Cruickshank of Rockledge won the Certificate of Distinction.

The Florida Federation received Recognition for Distinctive Service in Horticulture for the introduction of plants not commonly grown in the state. The project was under the direction of Mrs. Wm. C. Knox and Dr. D. J. McSwiney of Ft. Lauderdale.

The Blue Star Memorial Highway Certificate of Merit was received for exceptional number of highway markers. Mrs. George J. Roark of Pensacola was chairman.

The Succulent Society of Sarasota, Mrs. E. J. Jackson, President, received the

Award of Merit for a Plant Society in recognition of their experimental gardens.

Mrs. Louis Oakley of St. Petersburg, earned the Presidential Certificate presented by Mrs. Jamie Johnson, National President for her World Gardening project.

The Florida Federation also received the junior award in the Smoky Bear Color Contest and a Citation for the state Garden Therapy program of 1960, Mrs. James Steele of Miami, State Chairman.

The South Atlantic Region (now Deep South Region) won the Certificate of Merit for Unified Regional Activity with Garden Therapy as its project. Florida was one of the 11 states participating.

*Editor's Note: Much credit is due Mrs. Lester Simon of Tampa, retired State Awards Chairman, for the careful preparation and handling of Florida's entries for National Awards. Mrs. Simon also prepared the comprehensive report on State Awards and the National Council Flower Show Achievement Awards published in the May-June issue of the Florida Gardener. Thank you Mrs. Simon, you share in the honor that has come to our Federation.*

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### HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CENTER

Less than two years ago, the Hollywood Garden Club acquired a Garden Center. Since then, the members have all worked hard giving card parties, rummage sales, a Christmas Bazaar and flower shows to raise funds to make the building and the grounds an outstanding beauty spot in the community. Now the members have had the thrill of seeing the final notes burned and checks given to members who graciously advanced money to the club to finish the landscaping.

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*Visit Florida's State Parks: Amid their beauty can be found rest from the work-a-day world and spiritual refreshment, a gift from God to all men.*



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**WINS AWARDS**—Mrs. Carl Sisk (left) and Mrs. George Stoinoff (right) proudly at the awards won by the Hollywood Garden Club from the Florida Nurseryman and Grower's Association. Mrs. Sisk was honored for her orchid garden house and Mrs. Stoinoff as landscape chairman for the club, accepted the award for garden center beautification.

Sun-Tattler photo by Ron Davis



## DESIGN FOR LIVING

MRS. EDWARD HENRIQUEZ, *Chairman*  
*Landscape Design*

Have you stopped to think that "design" means "pattern" and that we are constantly making a certain pattern by our manner of living? Modern man to a great extent creates his own environment on the earth. He pushes, pulls, carves and moves the earth transforming it to suit his daily needs and he rarely stops to consider the kind of surroundings he is creating

Economic considerations and changing values crowd out other thoughts so that time for contemplation of such things as aesthetic values has little meaning for the doer. And yet, the aesthetic can be a vital part of the economic when understood and correctly applied to living patterns.

Many people are beginning to realize that the little extra spent in time and money to "design" any public or living area is paid back a hundred times in added convenience, comfort and looks. A beautiful pattern for living instead of an ugly one is something we all may have. All that we need to do is realize that we must establish a consciousness of what the possibilities are. This consciousness must be established in us, in our families, our friends and our officials, city, county, and state, so we will have an awareness of what is going on around us.

During the past two years the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has offered to its members and any others who cared to attend, a very fine series of Landscape Design Study Courses. These courses are being presented in many states and are considered one of the most valuable training programs ever offered by the garden club. Their intention is to instruct members and the general public in the basic principles of Landscape Design. Garden Club members receive an appraisers certificate after successfully completing the four courses and are then able to serve in an advisory capacity on park, school, and beautification boards and in many other ways. Appraisers also act as judges in garden displays and contests. Plans for our next series of study courses are in the making and the dates will soon be announced.

Florida is an extremely beautiful state but its beauty is being wasted daily. Our responsibility should be to save beauty where we can, enhance it everywhere and create it where it does not yet exist. We can do all of these things and enjoy every

## 1962 EUROPEAN TOUR

Plans are under way for the 1962 European Tour. The enthusiastic reports from the groups on the 1961 Tour has stimulated early activity in completing arrangements to offer the opportunity again to other fortunate Florida gardeners. The Tour is sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and will follow the popular plan of dividing into two groups, one group will visit European countries, the other the Scandinavian countries, there will be a choice. Travel by jet.

minute of it by using the information we gain in the Landscape Design courses. When you have taken the series you will realize as never before what the possibilities are. The history of man on this earth can be traced by the development of his environment.

As we consciously design our lives we can at the same time consciously design and create the kind of environment we want to live in, both public and private. We hope that every member will want to be a part of this growing consciousness of beauty and design for living.

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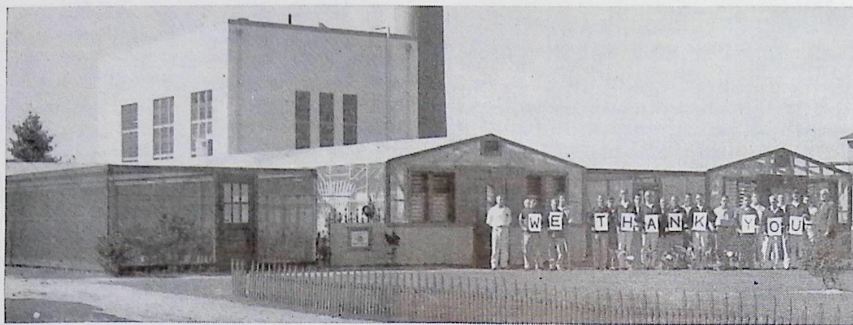
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**"WE THANK YOU"** — *The flash card message from the Better Citizens Club comprised of 25 inmate students in the vocational and agriculture class at Raiford state prison. Pictured in the background are the greenhouse and lathhouse provided by Florida gardeners who donated nickels to this state-wide Garden Therapy project.*

## RAIFORD FLOWER SHOW

By Mary Noble

The sign over the entrance says Florida State Prison, and all around the base of it are masses of purple and white petunias. One hundred and fifty rose bushes of 54 varieties bloom in front of the medical building. Many are new and unnamed, sent for testing by nurseries all over the country.

Gladiolas three feet tall line the walkway to the greenhouse. Five-foot hollyhocks bloom near the canteen area. Morning-glories climb on a fence within the grounds. A bed of yellow snapdragons is planted by the chapel.

All this beauty within the prison grounds is the work of the 25 men in the vocational and agriculture class in the education department. On May 26, 27, these students, who call themselves the Better Citizens Club, displayed their plants and projects in a flower show. Each man has his own project within the horticulture program, and each entered his finest plants in the show. There were also educational exhibits, flower arrangements, corsages, and terrariums.

Six garden club women were judges, awarding blue, red and white ribbons to the best entries in the competitions. Judges included: Mrs. Jack Dunlap, Orange Park, President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs; Miss Mary Noble, Jacksonville, Corresponding Secretary, FFGC; Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, Jacksonville Beach, State Chairman of Flower Shows; Mrs. Arthur F. Coe, editor, *The Florida Gardener*; Mrs.

R. J. Miller, Mandarin, chairman of Garden Therapy, District IV, FFGC; and Mrs. J. Lynwood Price, president, Garden Club of Jacksonville.

Outstanding entries were a beautifully colored dracaena plant, an orchid plant of specimen proportions with 11 new growth, a flower arrangement of excellent design made of snapdragons and African violets.

The visit to the prison flower show was an experience for the visiting judges. All agreed that the horticulture displays were of outstanding quality.

A noteworthy arrangement was made by a man who was considered incorrigible until he asked to enroll in the vocational agriculture program several months ago.

"It shows the worth of a nickel", commented one of the judges. For it was with nickels that the first greenhouse was built—five cents per member donated by the 30,000 members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Mark B. Jordan, teacher of vocational agriculture, says this first greenhouse got the horticultural program off the ground. Now a second greenhouse built from prison funds houses thousands of orchid plants donated by a California nursery.

The project is still in need of assistance. Judges noted that corsage materials were makeshift, with plant-ties substituting for floral tape. Almost all the vases for the arrangements were loaned by prison employees or their wives. Many plants are growing in ingenious containers, including cuspidors bought as army surplus for three cents each. Abandoned light fixtures and



## GOLDEN BLOSSOMS

The *Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.* are celebrating their 50th Birthday with a Golden Blossoms Project from now through 1962 and 1963.

Your club or circle can help Girl Scouts in your community with their Golden Blossoms Project by offering places for the girls to plant flowers, shrubs, and trees with yellow blossoms.

Invite local Girl Scouts to plant in your beautification projects. If your club will give planting instructions, will compile lists of yellow flowering plants which grow well in your community, or provide plants or seeds, let the local Girl Scouts know about it, as encouragement for the girls to plant in their own yards.

Several committees may be interested in this project—Junior Gardening, Flower Shows, Roadside Development, and Landscape Design.

*Editor's note.* Further information can be obtained from Assistant Editor of the Gardener.

bomb casings too, were used for potting large plants. Fertilizer, insecticides, and plants are needed.

The judges were amazed at the number of plants being grown in hanging baskets. The baskets were made by the students from various bits of scrap material, and the plants were beautifully grown.

Following lunch in the canteen, the judges toured the greenhouses. Projects of propagation by cuttings, seedling culture, bromeliads from suckers, annuals in plant bands, shrubs in cans, and specimen-sized houseplants were admired. Experiments in potting media, construction of greenhouse benches, and cultivation of terrariums were under way.

It all adds up to Garden Therapy. R. E. Upton, Jr., director of education, explained the value of flowers all over the grounds. "It is easier for men to adapt to the outside after they have lived with flowers here."

Mr. Jordan was honored on flower show day by a poem written by his students praising his guidance and kindness. He is equally proud of a color photograph sent by one of his graduates, who runs a florist shop in South Florida and is a respected citizen because of his training at Raiford.

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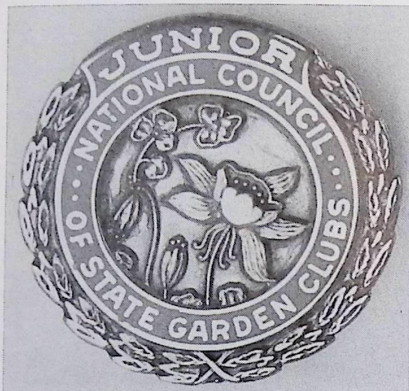
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### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Dora W. Dutton (Mrs. W. D. Dutton) of Pensacola.

Mrs. Dutton was the president of the Pensacola Federation, 1952-53; Second Vice-President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs 1953-55 and during her term as vice-president, she served as chairman of the Florida Flower Arrangement Committee. She lectured extensively on gardening subjects and was an instructor in corsage making.

Mrs. Dutton died in her sleep August 1, 1961, while visiting her daughter Mrs. Wilmeta Engleson in Westerly, Rhode Island.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The library collection of books, films, slides and tapes, which the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs makes available on loan to clubs and individual members, is now housed in the beautiful Library Room at State Headquarters, Winter Park. Details will appear in another issue of THE FLORIDA GARDENER. Meantime, the following are revised rules for borrowing materials and the mailing address:

### RULES:

The only charge—postage from Winter Park and return.

Loan period—two weeks, with renewal for two weeks if others are not waiting for the books or materials.

Prompt return, good condition. Borrower must make good any loss or injury.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

According to a report of plant pathologists at the Horticultural Field Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture in Orlando, Florida, sugar kills nematodes by increasing the osmotic pressure of the soil solution in which they live. Enough sugar is added to the soil to produce a greater amount of dissolved solids in the soil solution than in the cell fluid of the nematodes. Because liquid tends to move from a less concentrated solution to one more highly concentrated (osmosis), the body fluid moves out of the nematodes and they die as a result of dehydration (exmosis).

More, however, will have to be done on this to make it practical for the average gardener, such as, how much sugar for a given area, etc. but it sounds like something is cooking.



## Youth Conservation Camp In Ocala National Forest

Mrs. W. S. Miller, Chairman



Junior Nature Camp boys make friends with an inhabitant of the forest, a native deer. Photo: courtesy of Florida Game & Fresh Water Commission.

August 7th rang down the curtain on the most successful season at the Youth Conservation Camp sponsored by the Florida Game & Fresh Water Commission. Over 650 children attended.

During the three months season, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., were in close cooperation with the Camp. The first two weeks were for younger girls, the second for teen-agers, and the last two weeks were for boys.

Located on a high ridge above the shores of beautiful Lake Eaton in Ocala National Forest, the campsite is surrounded by native trees and shrubs, all are correctly identified and labeled.

Many impressive improvements have been added to the camp and extensive plans are being considered for future improvements. Garden Club members are urged to visit the grounds to observe the importance of this delightful manner of teaching our future citizens careful natural resource use in our state, a quality of knowledge that can not be estimated in terms of dollars and cents values. However, the value is evident in the expressions of the eager children who line up for recreation, study or the marvelous meals and inspirational programs planned for their enjoyment and interest.

Be very sure that your district takes advantage of the Sears Scholarships, one for a boy and one for a girl, for the camping season next year. It is yours for the asking and it is important to the future of Florida.

More than \$6,000.00 worth of exhibits and much valuable equipment is used in the daily educational program administered by trained instructors.

Additional funds are needed to complete the Conservation Building. Here are the projects which need your support: "Fun With Birds", Helen Cruickshank; "Let's Teach Flora", Van Blanchard; State Litterbags and Christmas card enclosures, Mable Miller; "Arbor Day", "Tag Day" on the calendar for January 19th, 1962, to benefit the Conservation Building; "Penny Jars for Little People" and "A Project for Every District" are fund raisers for this purpose.

It is hoped that by concentrated cooperation we will be able to accomplish this wonderful achievement during the coming year. The need is for an assembly room, four class rooms and four offices including a First Aid station and lavatory, all under one roof. A substantial sum is accumulated, but it isn't enough. We would welcome the support of other organizations and agencies interested in the Youth Conservation program.

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## New High School Gardeners Awards

MRS. HARRY K. KELLY,  
*Awards Chairman*

High School Gardeners - a brand new section! Enthusiasm for this new phase of garden clubbing has resulted in eight new awards. They are: "Outstanding Unit," Mrs. Charles Blanchard, donor; "Achievement In World Gardening", Mrs. Louis C. Oakley, donor; "Conservation", Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr., donor; "Horticulture", Mrs. Truman Green, donor; "A Flower Arranger's Corner" (Landscape Design), Mrs. Edward G. Henriquez, donor; "Flower Show Schedule", Mrs. Carroll O. Griffin, donor; "Silver Trophy" for Sweepstakes, State Flower Show, Ribault Garden Club, donor; "Therapy", Mrs. Riley Moffett, donor.

Isn't that exciting?

There is more—

An award for "OUTSTANDING SERVICE" has been established by Mrs. C. R. Mayes, Jr., immediate past president of the State Federation - a beautiful piece of sterling silver to the winner.

An "AWARD OF MERIT" to the individual securing the greatest amount of advertising in "Florida Gardener."

And in the JUNIOR DIVISION—

A new award sponsored by Mrs. Ray Green - "Wild Flower Scrapbook" (by individual).

For your District!

An "AWARD OF MERIT" to the district securing the greatest number of paid subscriptions to "The National Gardener".

Many, many thanks to all those listed above in creating these new awards to further our Garden Club Program and our sincere appreciation to the following for assuming responsibility in order that we may continue those worthy awards "Commercial Public Planting" by NORTH TAMPA GARDEN CLUB: "Landscape Design" by MRS. JACK W. DUNLAP and "City Public Planting" an anonymous donor.

Space does not permit full details on these many fine awards. Consult the AWARDS SECTION of the new Book of Information for *details*. May we suggest that you consider the rules governing Awards in planning your Club or Circle Program. Your group will benefit in more outstanding programs, increased interest and overall—A BETTER CLUB YEAR.



*A happy moment for Mrs. Johnson Pace, Miami, as she receives the silver Blanche Capel Covington Award for Leadership from her daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Burton.*

*Photo by Vera Novelty.*

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Mrs. Johnson Pace's garden club activities began with the very new and very small Miami Garden Club in 1926 when organized gardening was beginning its influence in Florida. She served all offices in her club including president. She was a member of the first President's Council of the Garden Clubs of Dade County; active in district work before the era of District Directors; officer of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs for 10 years, from 1939 to 1949, as Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary and First Vice-President. She is a Life Member of the state federation and has served on the Board of the National Council. She instituted and has been the continued donor of the Margaret Y. Pace Award for "Birds Seen in Florida" scrapbook offered annually by the Florida Federation to a junior gardener.

Imbued with a great love for family, city, state and nation, Mrs. Pace has manifested leadership qualities through the years by her contributions to community betterment.

### ATTENTION! NATIONAL AWARDS APPLICANTS!

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*Please keep cover simple - emphasize quality - not quantity! Awards 12 - 23 - 25 deadline — Application and supporting evidence must be in the hands of Mrs. Harry Kelly, 911 Candlewood Dr., Tampa 3, before October 10, 1961.*

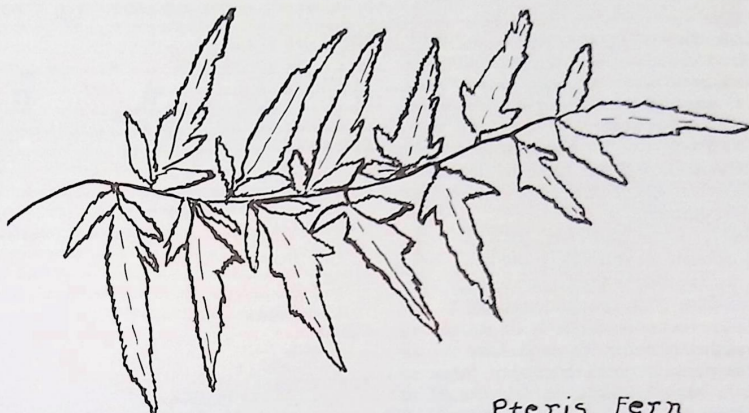
#### A REMINDER

Send NATIONAL GARDENER subscriptions to Mrs. A. O. McIntosh, 2916 Granada Blvd., Coral Gables.



# . . . FERNS . . .

MRS. W. F. JEFFERIS, *Special Plant Societies Chairman*



*Pteris Fern*

Eons ago, before the age of man, gigantic ancestors of our present day ferns formed mighty forests over the land. These in their turn were submerged and over the centuries became vast beds of coal. Today the extinct species of ferns far outnumber the living species.

To many people ferns have a value in the landscape not surpassed by any class of flowering plant. The immense variety and geographical distribution of ferns make it possible to select species adapted to almost any climate and location.

The majority of ferns are terrestrial, a few climb, some prefer dry sunny locations, while others are at home in humid swamplands. Because the ferns are so varied in their characteristics they may be used for a wide variety of purposes—in exposed northern spots where flowers will not grow, as massed plantings for walks and edgings, rock gardens, bog gardens, sunny walks and banks of the deepest shade.

The ancient Incas knew and used ferns for medicinal purposes. Some of these are in use today and may be bought in the markets of Peru.

Excerpts from the diary of the Spanish botanist Ruiz, in his exploration of Peru, (1777-1788), notes and records the use of many ferns which were seen and collected.

The roots of the *Polypodium crassifolium* was used as an infusion, for pains in the side. The rhizomes of *P. angustifolium* were used in nearly all parts of the country as a purge, to induce perspiration, to help relieve the fevers of malaria, and to treat shock. A gelatine like substance exuded from the stems of the tree fern *Alsophila* was applied to wounds as a healing agent or used as an astringent when mixed with other herbs.

*Notholaena aurea* is also used to induce sweating and to treat dropsy. *Equisetum xylochaetum* and *E. Giganteum* are used in the treatment of ulcers, acne, and as a diuretic.

The stems and petioles of *Cyanthe cuspidata* secrete a sticky substance used in treating wounds and broken bones. The young frond tips of *Dryopteris paleacea* may be eaten as is or used as a salad. An infusion made from the rhizomes and fronds of *Cheilanthes incarum* is used for bronchitis and allied lung diseases.

Several species of ferns are used for diseases of the kidneys and to treat diabetes. A tea was made from *Asplenium triphyllum* to improve the blood.

These ferns and a great many more have through the pages of history proved their worth and usefulness to mankind as well as lent a touch of beauty and mystery to the landscape scene.

We in Florida are blessed with a large number of native species of ferns and undoubtedly Florida has more ferns growing within its borders than any other state.

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FILM LIBRARY TRAVELS  
TO AUSTRALIA

Through the World Gardening program, 175 colored slides of Florida flower shows, hat shows, flower arrangements, horticulture, scenes of Seminole Indian village life, and other subjects were sent to Australia to add to the "Peeps of the World" series of shows.

The film was sent at the request of the Red Cross and will be used in Australia and other countries to raise funds for worthwhile projects.

To date, four churches, two schools, three horticultural societies, medical association, architectural group, civic organization and five private showings to varied groups have been reported with successful money-raising benefits for each. One school raised "8 pounds" with a supper followed by showing the slides from Florida. This amount will be matched by the Australian government for school use. A burned out church has been helped. The horticultural societies were delighted to see slides of many of their own familiar plants. The flower arranging pictures were considered "far above anything we have attempted in Australia", according to the report.

The slides library was provided by the 12TH DISTRICT FLORIDA COUNCIL OF FLOWER SHOW JUDGES and will travel throughout Australia before they are sent to other parts of the world. A commentary on each group of slides was written by MRS. LOUIS NOVELLY, Accredited Judge of Miami.

**ATTENTION Program Chairman**

"Wonders of the Southern Woodlands", an entertaining 15 minute color slide program has been prepared by the *Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association*, for programs of women's groups.

The program is available in 41 counties in Florida where pulp and paper company members of the Association operate. The member firms provide slides, screen, projector and narrator.

If your group is interested in "show-me" trips, inquire about the possibility of a trip through a paper mill, planted forest, or tree nursery when you arrange for the program.

The counties in which the program is available are located in FFGC Districts I through District IX.

*Editor's note.* A list of persons to contact in each county to arrange for the program can be obtained from Assistant Editor of the Gardener.

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### BLANCHE COVINGTON NATURE STUDY COURSE

Mrs. Thomas Peacock, Chairman  
Mrs. A. F. Christopher, Co-Chairman

For the average person, 5:30 A. M. is an hour that is strictly for the birds.

That's why 36 Florida women who took the nature study course at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Fort Lauderdale, April 23-29th, were up at dawn each day.

The camp, open to three women from each of the 12 districts in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, is conducted each year in a state park. During the week-long camp, the campers took field trips to the Seminole Reservation at Dania and Fairchild Tropical Gardens at Miami. The Fort Lauderdale Garden Club members entertained the group at tea.

Although sponsored by the state federation, the camp is not limited to garden club members. Girl Scout and Camp Fire Girls leaders, youth conservation and Audubon Society members, Junior Gardener leaders and therapists are among the group. When they returned to their hometowns, the campers passed along their learning to the youth organizations with which they work.

Pictured here are three of the campers who attended the Blanche Covington Nature Study Course held in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, Fort Lauderdale, April 23-29. Left to right: Miss Carol Beck, State Botanist, Mrs. Allen F. DeLoach of Jacksonville and Mrs. Daniel H. Bishop of Mount Dora.

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The Nature Camp will be held in O'Leno State Park, High Springs, April 8-14, 1962.

### FERNS

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A few of the more conspicuous ferns to be seen as we drive along our roads are several species of climbing ferns which can be seen growing high in the "boots" of the Sabal palmetto or cabbage palm. Ditch banks and streams are lined with the Osmunda fern, the roots of which are used as a potting media for orchids and bromeliads. Polypodium polypodioides or resurrection fern grows on the limbs and trunk of trees, looking like small dry shriveled twigs until after a rain when the "twigs" suddenly expand and become beautiful feathery ferns.

Our "asparagus fern" is not a fern at all, but Asparagus plumosa, and belongs to the lily family.

Ferns are propagated by divisions, buds and offsets or by means of spores which form on the underside of the leaf fronds.

Many ferns will grow and thrive under a wide variety of conditions, but a little leaf mold added to common garden soil will generally prolong the life of all ferns.

The American Fern Society publishes an illustrated booklet, devoted to the general study of ferns. Annual dues are \$2.50.

Applications for membership may be sent to the treasurer: Dr. Walter S. Phillips, Department of Botany, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.





## GARDENING HINTS...



September is dig up, clean up, stake up and plant up month. September's chores are numerous and varied in the yard and garden.

There are weeds to be pulled, seed beds and flats to be started for winter annuals, spraying for insects, moving and pruning, staking and tying of shrubs and plants which might blow over during high winds. September is really the work month in the garden before winter gets here.

Spraying for insects should be repeated between seven and ten days to break up the egg cycle of the bugs.

Prune and trim straggly shrubs and vines to avoid skimpy weak growth.

Keep Azaleas and Camellias well watered to prevent bud drop this coming season. If allowed to dry out the stem wood hardens and will not swell when the time comes for the buds to open.

Plant iris this month. Plant in masses of the same color and variety. They are more striking than mixed groupings. Try some of the Spanish and Dutch varieties. Be sure to give Japanese iris plenty of water at blooming time or they will not thrive.

If the lawn needs resetting or patching up now is a good time to get it done.

Don't work too hard: take time out to enjoy these last few summer days.

October is one of the best bulb planting times of the year. There are a large number to choose from and our Florida gardens would not be complete without a few bulbous plants to lend a splash of color to yards and gardens. Remember bulbs like a well drained soil with an abundant supply of humus.

Caladiums begin to lose interest in life and die back this month, they should be dug and dried off for a few days before storing in a cool dry place.

Stocks and Lupines must be sown where they are to grow as they do not stand transplanting. The Giant Imperial stocks are fine, and the Hartwegi Giant Lupines make a grand show. Sow them early and let them get strong before cold weather sets in.

Keep flower and vegetable gardens weeded so that the weeds will not take up fertilizer and water needed by the valuable plants. Do not dig too deep while weeding, you may break the fine feeder roots.

Check and recondition your house plants after the hot summer months. Trim back to give a neat appearance, then feed with a good soluble fertilizer once a week. When plants show new growth they may be transferred to larger containers to make room for excess root growth.

If you have not already done so, begin to move valuable and tender plants into a sheltered place where they will be protected from frost and the cold winter winds.

Leave your pruning shears in the shed when you go out to work in the garden from now on. If you don't, Jack Frost will get the tender new growth of your plants and shrubs.

For greener winter color in your lawns, sow Italian rye, Kentucky blue or red top grasses.

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### NOTICE!!!

Changes in names of club or circle presidents should be sent to:

Mrs. Earl Hath, Executive Secretary,  
National Council of State Garden Clubs,  
1440 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis 10, Mo.  
*and*

Miss Mary Noble, Corresponding Secretary,  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs,  
1003 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville 5.

### ATTENTION CLUB TREASURER

Your club dues of \$1.00 per capita are payable June 1, 1961, on all members from whom your club received dues during the 1960-61 club year. Dues are delinquent after November 1. PLEASE make your check payable to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and send to the State Treasurer, Mrs. E. O. Williams, 2601 Acacia Court, Fort Lauderdale.

# State and National Life Members

MRS. FRANK W. HEWLETT  
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Have you thought of honoring your outstanding Garden Club member with a State Life Membership?

A Life Membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is one of the highest recognitions given to one interested in furthering Garden Club aims and ideals.

A Life Membership can be given by an individual, friends, Club or Circles to a Garden Club member as a means of honoring her devotion to Garden Club work. Some members purchase their own membership, because they will always be interested in the State Federation and wish to be a permanent part.

Each Life Member receives a Life Membership Certificate, a Life Member identification card, and is recognized at each convention.

The State Chairman is sent a letter of application with recommendation, accompanied by a check for \$50.00. Application is approved by three members of the Life Membership Committee appointed by the State President.

For further information, write Life Membership Chairman, Mrs. Frank W. Hewlett, 2406 S. W. 23rd Terrace, Miami, Florida.

## New Life Members of The Florida Federation

Mrs. William Hodgkin, Miami Springs, given by Miami Springs Garden Club.

Catherine Laughlin, Panama City, given by Azalea Circle.

Mrs. William B. McGee, Tallahassee, given by Garden Clubs and Circles of District III.

## TEACHERS CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

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Society, and to forests in the area demonstrating different phases of forestry management.

Five teachers were given \$50 grants to the Workshop on Economics and Resource Use Education at Florida A. and M. University.

Mrs. Allen Morris, Tallahassee, has been state chairman for the workshops in 1960 and 1961. Mrs. J. Broward Culpepper, 2068 W. Forrest Drive, Tallahassee, is the chairman for the 1962 and 1963 workshops.

## National Council Life Membership

A Life Member of National Council is one whose keen interest in the welfare and progress of the Garden Club world is proven by her loyalty and support of the ideals of the National Council. A fee of \$100.00 accompanies the letter of application with recommendation, and sent to the STATE Life Membership Chairman, to be forwarded to National Life Chairman for approval.

## National Council Life Members

Mrs. Camillus Angel, Pensacola, 1961.

Mrs. E. K. Ballard, South Miami, 1961. Membership presented by her husband.

*Editor's Note: In error, Mrs. Ballard was listed under STATE Life Members in the May-June issue.*

## FLORIDA COUNCIL OF FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

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## FLOWER SHOWS SCHEDULED

MRS. CARROLL GRIFFIN, *Chairman*

November 18 — Arlington Garden Club, Jacksonville, "Holiday Homes".

December 2, 3 — Federated Garden Circles of Palatka, "Holiday Fun". Civic Center, Ravine Gardens.

December 8-10 — Metropolitan Miami Flower Show. Specialty Show—Vizcaya, Dade County Art Museum.

December 9, 10 — Winter Park Garden Club, Christmas Show.



"Aid to the Aged" - the golden years are depicted in beautiful yellow glads and daisies. Violet Mums are used to express the dignity and repose of the aged couple. Mrs. Anthony Lane of Miami has interpreted the headlines of today in this design of a pyramid of flowers representing the steadfastness and strength of our people. Photo by Ardmore Studio.

### Attention Flower Show Chairmen:

Register flower shows early with the State Chairman of Flower Shows, Mrs. Carroll Griffin, Ocean Air Court, Jacksonville Beach. Send name of Garden Club, dates, place and theme. To assist with plans for shows, Mrs. Griffin has Flower Show Kits to loan upon request. Remember the attractive and useful horticulture entry cards Armour Fertilizer Co. has so generously provided in the past? A new supply is ready for the 1961-62 shows. Estimate your needs and order direct from Armour Fertilizer Co., Jacksonville, Florida.

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From "Florida Forestry Reporter", June, 1961, issue, published by Florida Forest Service, Tallahassee, Florida.

PLEASE send a copy of your club year-book to the Editor and to the Assistant Editor, Mrs. Roger Waybright, 806 South Shores Road, Jacksonville 7. Yearbooks contain valuable TREASURES AND TRINKETS worthy of sharing with others.

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## GARDENER'S SHORT COURSE



Mrs. Edith McBride Cameron of Gainesville and Mrs. Crawford T. Bickford of Englewood are shown above with a flower arrangement created by Mrs. Bickford during the 17th annual Garden Club Short Course conducted June 20-23 at the University of Florida. Photo by University of Florida Photo Service.

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One hundred and ninety three enthusiastic gardeners attended the four-day session of the Garden Club Short Course at the University of Florida in June. "Better than ever" were the comments of members who had attended the courses in the past. "We will never miss another one", declared those who experienced these advantages for the first time.

Aside from the stimulating lectures and workshops, the Co-Ed Club in Broward Hall, was highly complimented for quality food and prompt service. The shuttle buses operating between the residence hall and the various buildings not only transported the students to classes on time and in comfort, but offered the opportunity to compare notes and make new friends from all areas of Florida.

Of special interest was the informal reception at the home of President and Mrs. J. Wayne Reitz and a tour of their lovely garden.

Aside from new and scientific aspects of the plant world, there were bird watching trips for the early risers, visits to the greenhouses for the dirt gardeners and ele-

## FOR OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

PENSACOLA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS is happy to report that the entire area within the corporate limits of the City of Pensacola was designated as a bird sanctuary by the CITY COUNCIL on May 11, 1961.

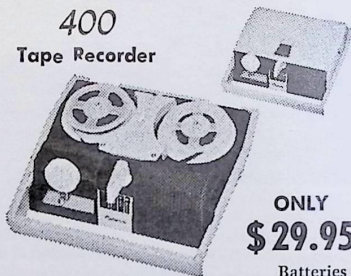
MRS. WILBUR FORREST received a certificate of honor commending her outstanding leadership in the campaign for the protection of the bald eagle at the state convention, and her name will be enrolled in the FFGC book of honor. The GARDEN CLUB OF STUART is the original sponsor of the campaign headed by Mrs. Forrest.

Fields and streams replaced textbooks in the study of birds, plants, rocks, and insects and their relationship to man, for MRS. J. K. COLEHOUR, a member of RAVENSWOOD CLUB of the Pensacola Federation, when she attended the Audubon Summer Camp in Hunt Hill Saron, Wisconsin.

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## TREASURES & TRINKETS

Club Activities and Accomplishments

Reported to

MRS. ROGER J. WAYBRIGHT

Our title was selected with the hope that news items will bring more treasures than trinkets to our readers. There is no way of knowing if material printed in the Gardener will become as seeds planted in fertile soil that will take root and grow. One reader may consider a news item inconsequential, not worthy of mention, a trinket, while another will receive a treasured idea from the same item. An associate editor thought the title "most appropriate for our Florida Federation what with the early days of pirates and with our gold and silver coasts."



*Beautification of the dividing islands on Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach, is under sponsorship of Ribault Garden Club. R. A. Langiotti, left, assistant maintenance engineer, State Road Department, Philip Kinsey, acting city manager of Jacksonville Beach, and Mrs. Charles R. Moore, chairman of roadside development for the garden club, were on hand as the first palm was hoisted into place.*

### FLORIDA'S BEAUTY

"Florida's Beauty—Our Heritage and Our Responsibility", administration theme selected by Mrs. JACK DUNLAP, FFGC president, will inspire even greater beautifica-

tion activity among clubs, although the activity is considerable now.

**RIBAULT GARDEN CLUB**, Jacksonville Beach, chosen this year as one of the 50 southern garden clubs to participate in the Sears Roebuck Foundation "HANDS" program, has begun a long range beautification project of improving highway entrances to the beaches area. Palms are being planted along dividing islands of Beach Boulevard, recently repaved eastern terminus of U. S. Highway 90. Cooperation is being given by the **CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT**, and civic clubs. A master plan will include trees and suitable shrubbery.

Mrs. Donald Price represented the **TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CLUB** in Charleston at the annual meeting of the Sears Roebuck Foundation Community Improvement Program. The Tallahassee club has participated in the program for the past four years.

After Hurricane Donna, **CUTLER RIDGE GARDEN CLUB**, Miami, distributed more than 700 plants and trees to disaster areas in the Florida Keys.

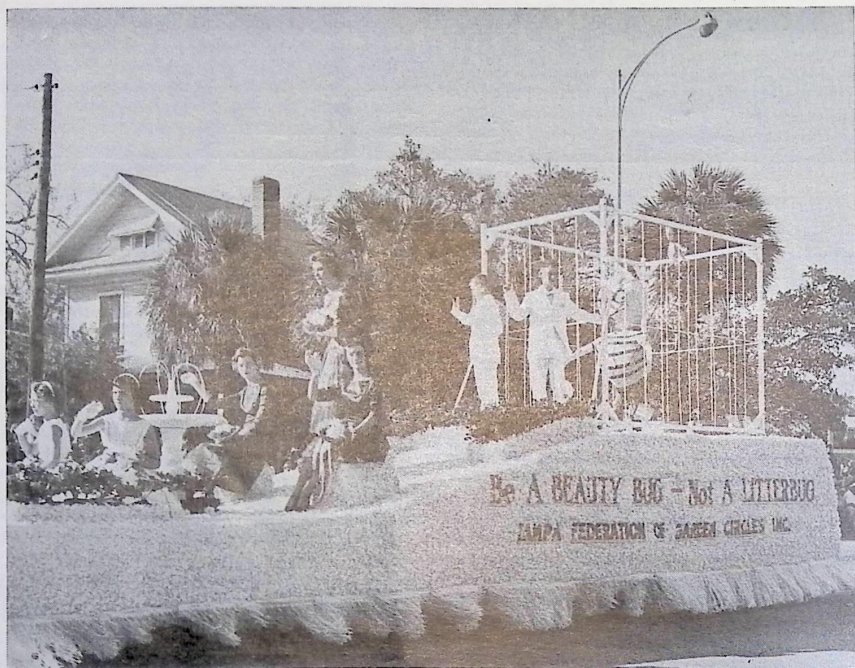
Because of dry weather, the energetic president of **POMPANO BEACH HIGHLANDS GARDEN CLUB**, Harry C. Howick, watered plants in the club's road beautification project 32 times in several months, an average of twice each week. Beautification of the railroad station was a project of the **POMPANO BEACH GARDEN CLUB**, in line with the club theme of "Civic Interest". Another club in District XI, **DANIA GARDEN CLUB**, planted 120 palm trees in their city, raised money by having a silver tea, and had their first placement show this year.

The Park-Proud-Program of **LAKE WORTH GARDEN CLUB** resulted in beautification and other improvements in community parks. The Flower-Of-The-Day feature at club meetings is printed for clipping by the public. Seeds have been planted for a "Mile Of Trees", a project still some three years in the future.

The **GARDEN CLUB OF LAKE LAND** has adopted a project to beautify Lake Morton by planting azaleas, day lilies and flowering trees. The project committee includes two club members, a landscape architect, a City

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### BE A BEAUTY BUG — NOT A LITTER BUG

The Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles presented the Litterbug message to thousands of spectators who viewed the Gasparilla Parade. To finance the project, club members made and sold melaleuca bark corsages at the Florida State Fair. The attractive float was decorated with 100 plants of deep red azaleas, the lovely girls wore pink dresses and Mr. Litterbug, himself, was enclosed in a glittering silver cage. Mrs. Fred Horton was Litterbug Chairman. The two leading workers in raising funds to finance the project were Mrs. W. W. Hinton and Mrs. Tony Ferlita.

### TO INSPIRE YOUTH

Youngsters attending the YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP in Ocala National Forest this summer saw some fine educational exhibits prepared for the camp by conservation groups in the state. DISTRICT III sent five young gardeners on scholarships. ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL sent one on funds raised on Tag Day during National Wildlife Week and another on a Sears scholarship awarded for outstanding work. ANSONIA GARDEN CLUB, Hollywood, sent three youngsters for two weeks. This club is sponsoring a High School Junior Garden Club. They have furnished a flower arrangement for monthly meetings of Watkins Elementary School PTA. Books are being added to the club library.

CUTLER RIDGE GARDEN CLUB is sponsoring two Junior Clubs, Gulfstream Garden Club and Cutler Ridge Heirlayers. DEERFIELD BEACH GARDEN CLUB and

LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB are making plans to sponsor Junior Garden Clubs. The Deerfield Club has received a conservation award and studied birds.

All clubs in Broward County have taken on the project of furnishing plants for landscaping the Attachs School in Ft. Lauderdale, which will be ready for September school opening.

FOUNDERS GARDEN CLUB of Lake Alfred has proved a small club of 15 members can accomplish big things by undertaking the complete landscaping of a new school as a two-year project. The work is half finished and the community has already benefited by the beautification.

A new club, COOPER CITY GARDEN CLUB, was instrumental in obtaining 25 Ficus trees and placing them on the school grounds. The club has concentrated on horticulture.



## KEY DEER PRESERVE ENLARGED

The North American Wildlife Foundation gave the government 167 acres of land on HOWE KEY, DISTRICT XII, for the preservation of the very small key deer.

Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall accepted the land from C. R. Gutermuth, secretary of the foundation. It is the fourth donation of land by the foundation for the National Key Deer refuge in the Florida Keys.

Key deer are the smallest of all American deer. They grow to about the size of a collie dog. There were only 32 key deer in Monroe County 10 years ago but there are now more than 200 animals because of preservation measures strongly supported by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.



*Key Deer, native to Florida's keys, from an original water color painting by the noted nature artist, Al Kreml. This painting was reproduced in the 1956 series of Wildlife Conservation Stamps. Photo, courtesy of National Wildlife Federation.*

"Once they are gone, the trees and the grasslands and the clean bright water, the screaming wild fowl, the beaver and the antelope; we can only remember them with longing. We are not God; we cannot make America over again as it was in the beginning. But we can come to what is left of our heritage with a patriot's reverence."

Donald Culross Peattie.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Workshops occupied many garden club members during the summer. TYNDALL AIR FORCE OFFICERS' WIVES GARDEN CLUB held a workshop on flower arranging. Before the Corsage Show, members of SAND AND SEED GARDEN CLUB, Hialeah, got in trim with classes on corsage making. Ten accredited flower show judges cooperated with KEN-PINES GARDEN CLUB, Miami, on their Summer Flower Arrangement Symposium held for ten two-hour sessions. Summer workshop meetings were held in place of regular meetings by the DR. PERRINE GARDEN CLUB.

The summer workshop meetings of the HOLLYWOOD GARDEN CLUB were educational tours to beauty spots in Ft. Lauderdale, Naples, Vero Beach and Boynton Beach. This club received the FNGA Gold Trophy for a public building, and a member, Mrs. Carl Sisk, was given a FNGA Award for her Orchid House, a garden work area. After the annual meeting, the ORANGE BLOSSOM CIRCLE of West Palm Beach Garden Club went on a Tour.

An Orientation Workshop was the dual presentation of the LAKES AND HILLS GARDEN CLUB of Mt. Dora and EUSTIS GARDEN CLUB. It was designed as a one-day indoctrination course for incoming club and circle officers and committee chairmen with half-hour sessions of speaker and question and answer presentation covering a variety of subjects.

Other workshops scheduled for the future are DISTRICT VII's Therapy, Junior Gardener, Conservation and Hobby Workshop, October 23, Orlando Garden Center with ORLANDO GARDEN CLUB as hostess. The workshop is being patterned after the successful one at Mt. Dora, and those present may learn "how to" at each table or just do what they desire.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY is inviting those interested to an all day workshop on September 6 where state board members will instruct, with a study of "Book of Information" and parliamentary procedure included on the program. The first joint meeting of all club members on October 31 will be on horticulture which will be stressed by the Council for the next two years.

A two-day DISTRICT IX Workshop, Lake Placid, at Miami YMCA Campsite, planned for October 2 and 3.



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Commission representative, and the Director of Parks and City Beautification.

Garden therapy at the SOUTHWEST TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL is one of the projects of GARDEN GATE CIRCLE of the Tampa Federation. A Camellia garden of 30 plants given by members was planted, 130 Geranium cuttings were potted and given patients for Easter, 6 trees were planted and dedicated to patients, and a lamp post and marker erected by this circle.

DISTRICT IV therapy chairman recently entertained at her home in Mandarin, with the third annual picnic for the NORTH FLORIDA MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CHAPTER. Rooted cuttings and instructions for caring for the plants were given patients attending, and taken to patients unable to attend.

The "Haven of Rest" was selected for a project by the BROWARD GARDEN CLUB, Ft. Lauderdale. With the theme, "Getting to Know Florida First", LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA GARDEN CLUB members are studying wild flowers and native trees, and have started fall seedling plants.

The ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS is sponsoring planting of palm trees along the median strip of Ponce de Leon Boulevard, a recently completed section of U. S. Highway 1, in cooperation with ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION.

City Commissioners aided the LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB with a clean up campaign by supplying a truck. The club landscaped the fire station and the City Building, and showed a litter bug film in the school.

### ON THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

At the DISTRICT III Presidents' Spring Conference, all members of YAUPON CLUB of Carrabelle wore green thumbtacks on one hand to indicate they were hostess-members. Attractive seashells were used as place-markers, ashtrays and flower containers.

DISTRICT XI was proud that there was 100% attendance of Broward County Garden Club presidents and program chairmen at the Conference with LAKE PLACID GARDEN CLUB as hostess.

"Information, Please!" was the theme of DISTRICT IX Conference at which WAUCHULA GARDEN CLUB was hostess. A question box answered by state officers at the close of the meeting gave detailed information to club presidents.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB was hostess group for the meeting in DISTRICT IV at which FFWC president, Mrs.

## NEW GARDEN CENTER

When the WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB, INC. resumes regular meetings in October, they will be held in the newly built Garden Center, completed and dedicated in May. The attractive center built in Dreher Park, surrounded by lush tropical plants overlooks a picturesque small lake and will be used for monthly board meetings, circle meetings and other events.

Mrs. Jack Dunlap, State President was present at the dedication along with city officials and other dignitaries, Mrs. Marshall DeWitt, Delray Beach, State Chairman of Garden Centers and Mrs. James F. Kirwin, Director of District X.



Mrs. James F. Kirwin, West Palm Beach, director District 10, left, and Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap, President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, at the dedication of the West Palm Beach Garden Center.

Photo by Bill Allison

Dunlap, spoke on "Blueprints for Progress". Original flower hats were created by Mrs. K. Emmett Gardner, St. Augustine, for a show during luncheon. One of the flowered hats was presented to the Federation president.

The FEDERATION OF CLUBS OF DELRAY scanning gardens and making recommendations to Beautification Coordinating of Delray Beach has resulted in 42 Certificates of Merit for Beauty Spots being given to delighted and proud home owners.



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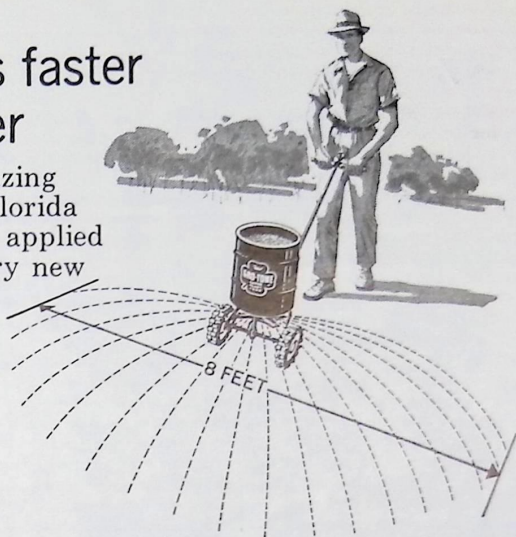
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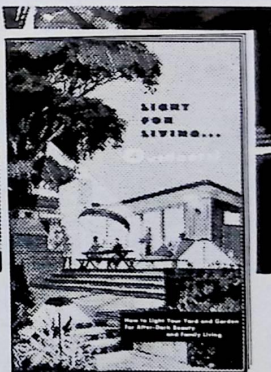


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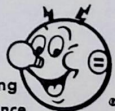
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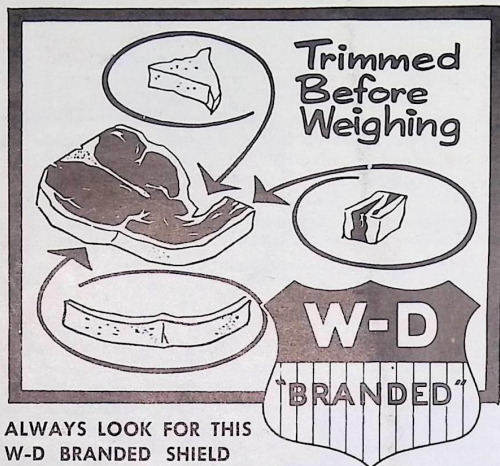


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