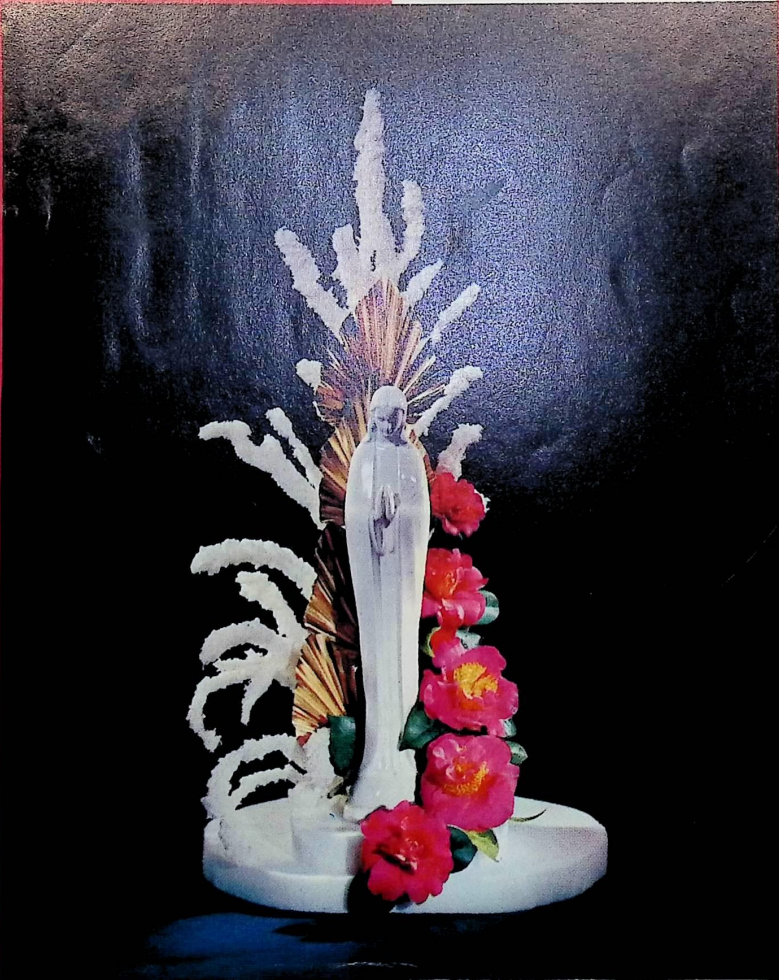


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

January 8, 9, 1964State Headquarters, Winter Park
 May 11, 1964Pre-Convention, Hollywood Beach Hotel
 May 14, 1964Post-Convention, Hollywood Beach Hotel

COMING EVENTS

November 5-7, 1963—Landscape Design Course III, University of Miami
 November 29, 1963—"Don't Be A Litterbug Day"
 December 4, 1963—"World Gardening Day"
 January 17, 1964—Arbor Day
 January 22-24, 1964—Gardeners Tropical Short Course, University of Miami
 April 2, 1964—Judges Council Annual Meeting, Orlando
 April 13-15, 1964—Deep South Region Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 May 12-13, 1964—38th Annual State Convention, Hollywood Beach Hotel
 May 17-21, 1964—National Council Convention, New York City
 June, 1964—Ninth Annual Conservation Workshop for Teachers—Florida State University (date to be announced)
 June, 1964—Fifth Annual Conservation Workshop for Teachers—Florida A & M University (date to be announced)
 June 23-26, 1964—Gardeners Short Course, University of Florida
 September 29, 30, 1964—Advanced Refresher Course, Judges Council
 November 3-5, 1964—Landscape Design Course IV, University of Miami

PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCES — 1964

I—April 20—Crestview	VII—April 28—Maitland
II—April 21—Chattahoochee	VIII—April 29—Temple Terrace
III—April 22—Madison	IX—April 30—Sebring
IV—April 23—Mandarin	X—May 1—Lake Worth
V—April 24—Weirsdale	XI—May 28—Pompano Beach
VI—April 27—Cocoa Beach	XII—May 29—Miami



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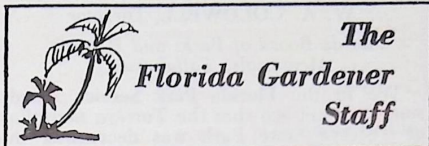
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COVER

At this season, lovely figurines, carefully tucked away for a year, are taken from their tissue wrappings and once again are featured in artistic designs to decorate the home.

In the arrangement pictured on our holiday issue cover, Mrs. Ben R. McCormick of Ponte Vedra Beach sprayed finger sponges a flat white, clipped palmetto leaves were sprayed gold and placed behind the porcelain figure to form a strong vertical line. Fresh camellias from the garden add color and enchantment to the design and portray the spirit of the "Living Christmas".

Mrs. McCormick is a member of the Ribault Garden Club, District IV.

Photo by Virgil Deane

From time to time this space has been used to ask you, the members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, how we may make your magazine more useful, more interesting. Your replies have helped us plan the issues to bring you information on special subjects. Most numerous of the recent requests have been for articles on botany.

Botany is a subject dear to the heart of the State Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. Philip James of Miami, a fine horticulturist and an ardent student of plant families. Beginning with this issue, we will include in the contents the first of a MEET THE FAMILY series prepared by Mrs. James. She would like to hear from you if there is a particular plant family you would like to know better. To give impetus to the State President's TREE project, we plan to become better acquainted with tree families in forthcoming issues.

Before there will be an opportunity to scribble off another message, Thanksgiving and the holiday season will have come and gone. In the words of an old spiritual—"Count your many blessings—count them one by one. . . ." We who live in this beautiful state have much to be thankful for.

The Gardener staff jointly wish each of you and our wonderful advertisers a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.



Nell Coe

DEADLINES FOR THE
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NEW CLUBS

A hobby as wonderful as gardening should be shared. Mrs. J. Gordon Gose, National President, in her message to Florida members in the **BOOK OF INFORMATION** encourages us to share, "We who believe in the value of garden clubs must endeavor to enroll more members in the organization." From juniors to grandmothers, there is a place for everyone to participate in the gardening movement that is such a powerful force for good.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs enthusiastically subscribes to Mrs. Gose's objective for the National Council. In our state where cities and towns are experiencing phenomenal growth and gardening may be a year-round activity, there is great opportunity to open the garden gate to newcomers in our communities and offer friendship and the benefits derived from membership in the garden club.

Proudly we welcome these new clubs into the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs:

District VII

Camellia Garden Club of Orlando with 29 members. Mrs. Darrell Tromble, President, 5810 Breskin Drive, Orlando.

District VIII

Bay Bouquet Garden Club of Dunedin with 26 members. Mrs. Charles B. McDaniel, President, 7612 Bay Shore Drive, Dunedin.

With pleasure we announce the reinstatement of the Grandview Garden Club of Eau Gallie with 15 members in *District VI*. Mrs. Lida Milligan, President, 1656 Forest Way, Eau Gallie.

**HOW MANY ARE WE?
MEMBERSHIP COUNT**

Clubs	381
Circles	735
Members	30,111
Clubs on Probation	21
Probationary members	519



**THE FLORIDA TORREYA:
EFFORTS TO PRESERVE IT**

W. A. COLDWELL, *Director*

*Florida Board of Parks and Historic
Memorials, Tallahassee*

We in the Florida Park Service noted some 8 years ago that the *Torreya taxifolia* at Torreya State Park was decreasing in numbers. The Florida Forest Service, at our request, sent dendrologists to advise us what steps should be taken to attempt to correct this situation. Plots surrounding trees have been cut down in order to give the Torreya more air and sunlight, various fertilizers have been applied, and the results have been remarkably negligible. Meanwhile, over these years, samples of roots, stems, and also foliage have been collected by or sent to various academic departments of botany and bacteriology, both within Florida and out of the state. To date, this blight has not been identified.

Meanwhile, in order to maintain the species, seeds were taken from the female tree at Killlearn Gardens and planted. We now have at Killlearn Gardens a beautiful stand of 114 Torreya trees in an open field. Other seeds from this same tree have been raised at Torreya State Park by Superintendent Homer Barber, the 125 seedlings he transplanted into open areas at Torreya State Park are now about 6 inches high and to date do not show any evidence of blight. Again, at Killlearn Gardens, we have an additional 28 trees growing in another locality within Killlearn Gardens State Park. This year we will again harvest seeds at Killlearn and Torreya state parks.

If the trees raised from seed and now transplanted continue to thrive as indicated, it is conceivable that within a very few years a sufficient number of female trees will bear a sufficient quantity of seeds to make it possible to distribute the seeds to other areas for those who wish to raise the Torreya for scientific purposes.

FLORIDA GARDENERS

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Greetings from The President

For Christmas

The hopes within your heart are promises,
And the day is right for miracles.

Grasp the glad, brave commitment
With thankfulness,
And let no man deter you.

It may be that miracles will be wrought
Through such as you.
Be still! Hear the angel voices!



Dear Garden Club Members:

What beautiful thoughts and pictures Thanksgiving and Christmas bring to the minds of the great American people. Our childhood memories are of decorated trees, gathering with family and friends, first giving "Thanks" before enjoying the traditional turkey, dressing and all the trimmings!

With the spirit of giving prevailing at this time of the year, garden club members have a wonderful opportunity to practice therapy by creating and or providing ONE more gift to send or take to a person in one of our many institutions . . . a rewarding experience, indeed! Many of these patients are forgotten completely. Mrs. Robert A. Burton, Jr., Garden Therapy Chairman, says, "all sorts of gardening material is needed at Avon Park to be used in the rehabilitation program."

Your club Book Chairman can order GIFT BOOKS for you on gardening, fiction or any subject you may choose, giving your club a percentage of each sale.

The Florida Arrangement Calendar is a lovely remembrance from members to friends at home and in far away places. Mrs. A. R. Mullins and Mrs. Earl W. Lau of the Calendar Committee, are congratulated for their outstandingly beautiful and useful Calendar.

World Gardening Chairman, Mrs. Louis C. Oakley has many fine suggestions to help you spread friendship, and knowledge in gardening throughout many distant countries.

Increasing Club Membership and promoting Community Betterment are two projects of our National President, Mrs. J. Gordon Gose. Our state with its many new homeowners and growing communities has a great potential for increasing membership in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and in the National Council. As we grow in numbers we shall promote civic beautification, assume initiative to preserve our natural resources and protect our heritage of the great outdoors.

As we prepare to decorate our trees to spread gaiety and happiness in our homes during the Holiday Season, keep in mind that Florida will some day have its own living Christmas tree!

The Officers and Board Members join in saying to you, "May peace and love fill your hearts, and may the Christ Child's blessings bring you great joy and happiness this Christmas Season."

Very sincerely,

Louise M. Hewlett



TREES FOR HOME GARDENS

By MARY NOBLE,
Plant Societies Chairman

I think everybody who lives on Oleander Street should have at least one oleander, don't you? And an oak for every resident of Oak Street, a pine on Pine Street, and a holly if you live on Holly Lane.

Of course, it may be impractical for the Oak Street people to fit an oak into every garden, but the hollies and oleanders are of reasonable size and can be worked into any design.

What is your street name? If it has no horticultural connotation, why not beautify en masse anyhow by persuading all the neighbors to plant one of something pretty? You might choose crepe myrtles, dogwoods, crabapples or magnolias.

The idea need not be limited to trees or shrubs. You might suggest that everybody on your block set out a dozen Paperwhite narcissus bulbs somewhere in their front yards, and you would all enjoy the perfume. Or encourage mass planting of Easterlilies, petunias, or whatever gets the most votes from the participants and is suitable for the exposure and shade on your street.

Mimosas do have a wilt, which will eventually kill most, or all of them. But remember that mimosas are deciduous and drop their leaves in winter. Therefore, falling foliage does not necessarily indicate the presence of wilt and call for chopping down your tree. It may have several good years left.

A mimosa which had bare twigs and branches during the summer obviously has the blight, and if it was severe this year, you might as well remove the tree during the winter and replace it with something else.

There wilt-resistant mimosas, but these are rather hard to come by, and there is no point in planting another mimosa unless it is guaranteed to be of this type. Replace trees with goldenrain trees, crabapple, crybaby trees, Oriental magnolias, or many other flowering trees available in local nurseries for fall planting.

Reprint from Florida Times Union

CHRISTMAS EVE THOUGHTS FROM THE HERB GARDEN

'Twas pennyroyal bloomed that night
The angels came to earth,
And o'er the stall at Bethlehem
Proclaimed our Savior's birth,
And thyme was on sweet Mary's bed,
To bring her courage rare,
While shepherds lifted up their hearts
In silent, joyful prayer.
And now in fond remembrance of
That night so long ago,
I add this sprig of rosemary
To keep His love aglow.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

By MRS. HARRY A. KEEFE, *Chairman*
610 N. Glenwood Ave., Clearwater

You can promote LIFE MEMBERSHIPS in The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs! Many of our club members are not aware of the benefits to be had while supporting our garden club work through LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

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Kathy Sample
Advertising Manager

NOTICE TO AWARDS CHAIRMEN

Unless otherwise stated in an award, the time limit for applying expires DECEMBER 1. Consult the Awards section in the new 1963-64 edition of the BOOK OF INFORMATION for instructions for making application for State and National Awards. Please specify the award number and name when requesting application.

Carefully follow instructions for mailing entries for Judging—send completed material to the State Chairman specified in the award before the deadline.

All applications for STATE and NATIONAL awards and all entries for NATIONAL awards are processed by the Florida Federation Awards Chairman:

Mrs. M. S. Dillingham
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SONG OF THE COCONUT TREE

By LOUIS A. GAITANIS

I remember the song of the palm tree
When the night wind blew offshore,
The soft click-click of the coconut tree
Though I hear the song no more.

And now when the winds are sighing
Awake, I listen in vain
For soft click-click of the coconut tree
In the cold and snow and rain.

It's been many years since boyhood
And I long again to hear,
The soft click-click of the coconut tree
A song that is sweet and clear.

I must go back to the southlands
Land of the sun and the sea,
For the soft click-click of the coconut tree
Oh, that is the song for me!

WILDFLOWERS OF THE U.S.A.

The National Committee for the Wildflowers of the United States announce that work is underway on a five-volume series on U. S. wildflowers. Each region volume will describe 1,500 to 3,500 plant species. Half a million dollars has been raised to defray the cost of publication.

Note of Gratitude

It is joyful news that Frank W. Hewlett, Junior, is responding to medical care and is recovering from the unfortunate accident he suffered from diving at Key Biscayne, August 25th.

Frank Junior is the only son of our beloved State President, Louise, and Dr. Hewlett. A second-year student at the University of Florida, his college career is temporarily interrupted.

Three vertebra were injured in the accident, but with no resulting paralysis, a frequent aftermath of this kind of injury. The healing process will take time and convalescence will be slow, but Frank Junior will recover. We are thankful.

President Louise appreciates your kind thoughts and prayers for her son's recovery and she is grateful for your messages of encouragement during the weeks of anxiety and watchful waiting.

THE EDITOR

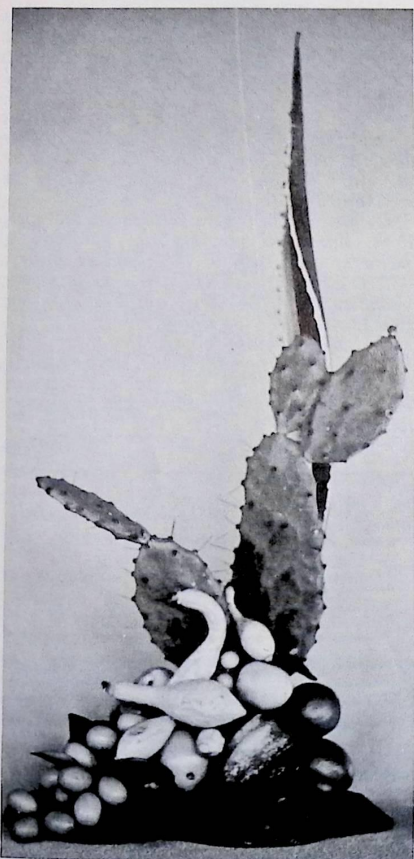
WORLD GARDENING DAY

By proclamation of Farris Bryant
Governor of Florida
December 4, 1963, will be known as
"World Gardening Day"



The first Christmas tree was a palm. In Florida where palms are native to the state, many out-door trees will be decorated this holiday season in honor of the Babe of Bethlehem. The palm pictured here is adorned with 500 gaily colored lights. For best effect, the light strings follow the line of the frond rather than looped from frond to frond.

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TROPICAL SHORT COURSE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

The Eighth Tropical Short Course will be held January 22, 23, and 24, 1964, on the University of Miami campus with Hillel House as headquarters. The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the Botany Department at the University cooperate in offering this Course to all Garden Club members and interested visitors under the supervision of Department of Continuing Education.

Mrs. Wm. C. Knox of Fort Lauderdale, Horticulture Instructor and 1963 recipient of the Blanche Covington Leadership Award, will lecture on do's and don'ts in growing our lovely Ornamental Ferns.

Roses are cultivated more in our Florida Gardens each year. Mr. Norman E. Welker of Lauderdale-By-the-Sea, American Rose Society member and judge, will lecture on the subject, "To Show, One Must Grow".

"Palms and Their Place in the Florida Landscape" is the timely topic of Mrs. Lucita H. Wait. She is a charter member of Fairchild Tropical Garden and of the American Palm Society, having been its executive secretary for the past six years.

Mr. Joe Crevasse, Jr. of Gainesville, Horticulture Instructor and nurseryman, will discuss general horticulture problems.

The flower arranger lecturer-demonstrator will be announced in the January issue of the Gardener.

Registration fee will be \$7.00 for the course with single day registration available at \$4.00. Make checks payable to the University of Miami. Mail to Division of Continuing Education, P. O. Box 8005, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Inquiries may be addressed to the Division of Continuing Education or Mrs. Robert E. Adams, Chairman, 110 N. W. 63rd Ave., Miami, Florida, 33126.



MRS. CHARLES B. NETTLETON

It is with deep sorrow that we bring you the sad news of the death of Mrs. Charles B. Nettleton, Immediate Past President of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Our beloved "Miss Carrie" was killed in an automobile accident October 14 in her home town of Covington, Virginia, on her way to attend the meeting of her garden club.

To her daughters and their families, members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs extend sincere sympathy. We share their grief, "Miss Carrie's" passing is our loss, too.



EMPHASIS—TREES

MISS CELIA GRANT, *Tree Chairman*
422. Jessamine Street, West Palm Beach

News is trickling in from clubs and districts about their plans for participating in the State President's Tree Planting and Propagation program. It is thrilling to hear about them.

Out Pensacola way, extensive highway construction is in progress and this is not the time to plant trees. Instead, the seedlings and plants are accumulating in a "tree bank", awaiting the departure of the road work crews and heavy machinery, then roadside beautification will begin in earnest.

Along the East Coast, clubs are planting trees in parks, one club, the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, is establishing a memorial botanical garden involving the transplanting of more than 1800 plants. An enormous undertaking that will result in an educational and scientific asset that will benefit the entire area.

In Central Florida and along the Gulf Coast, school grounds, private and public areas are receiving tree planting treatment. The landscape is changing because of their endeavors.

Not to be surpassed by the adult members of the garden club, the Junior Gardeners have a very special project of their own. The historic city of St. Augustine is making preparations to celebrate their four hundredth birthday. The Juniors are assisting with the restoration of a small edition of a sour orange grove. The fruit of this grove is a far cry from the delicious and greatly perfected oranges grown in our state today where citrus has become one of Florida's major industries. But when Ponce de Leon landed on our shores, the sour orange was the kind of fruit he found. The restoration of the grove in St. Augustine will be authentic. There are still many specimens of this native growing in the wild, undeveloped areas in the state.

The planting of 180,000 trees in two years may have seemed to some an overwhelming project at the start, but the idea has taken root. Clubs, districts and individuals have enthusiastically adopted the project and the program is well launched.

Tell us what you are doing to participate. We would love to hear.

THE ATHENIAN OATH

"We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of public duty; that thus . . . we will transmit this city, not only, not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

FLORIDA MEMBERS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Miss Mary Noble of Jacksonville and Mrs. Truman Green of Tampa, eminent orchid hobbyists, attended the World Orchid Conference held in Singapore, October 3-11. Every three years orchid growers from everywhere gather to exchange ideas at a world-wide meeting. In 1954, the meeting was held in St. Louis; in 1957 they met in Hawaii; in 1960 the place was London.

The Singapore meeting climaxed a trip around the world for these two Florida Federation travelers, who circled the globe in opposite directions. Mr. and Mrs. Green embarked from California, Miss Noble from New York. From London Miss Noble went to Kenya for a three-day safari among the big game (photographing, not shooting). Then to India for ten days, and on to Singapore with stops in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Penang. The route home was by Formosa, Hong Kong and Japan.

Mary Noble is Trustee of the American Orchid Society and Florida Federation Chairman of Plant Societies.

Mr. and Mrs. Green and Miss Noble will return to Florida before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Green is Secretary for the Headquarters and Endowment Committee, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Mrs. G. O. Gjoerloff of Apopka, was the official representative of the American Society of Landscape Architects at the Grand Council meeting of the International Federation of Landscape Architects held in Warsaw, Poland, September 9-11.

Captain and Mrs. Gjoerloff are on an extended tour of Europe and will not return to Florida until after the New Year. Mrs. Gjoerloff, a graduate Landscape Architect, is a popular instructor of the Landscape Design Study Courses of the National Council. She is visiting the famous gardens of Europe with camera in focus to record the best examples of landscape design practices on the Continent. These pictures will be added to her slides collection to share with Garden Club members on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

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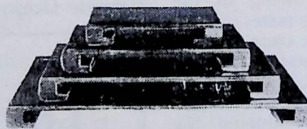
- November 6-9, 1963—Azalea and Wildwood Garden Clubs of Sumter County, "The American Woman—Her Moods and Types", Pavilion, Webster
- November 17-18, 1963—Evening Star Garden Club of New Port, Clearwater, "Autumn Adventures", Auditorium, Largo
- November 19, 1963—New Port Richey Garden Club, New Port Richey, "My Calendar of Memorable Days", Shuffleboard Club House
- December 6, 1963—Tropical Garden Club, Tampa, Placement Show, "Open The Door To Christmas"
- December 7-8, 1963—Pioneer Garden Club, Ocala, Holiday House Tour, three homes, a church and the Garden Center
- December 7-8, 1963—Mandarin Garden Club, "The House is Ready—Christmas is Coming", Mandarin Garden Center
- February 8, 1964—West Palm Beach Garden Club, Tour of Homes
- February 15-16, 1964—Miami Beach, Four Garden Clubs Joint Show, "My Country—Let Freedom Ring and Nature Sing", Miami Beach Garden Center
- February 22-23, 1964—Town and Country Garden Club, Lake Worth, "Holidays in Flowers", American Legion Home
- February 29, 1964—Garden Club of DeLand, Florida, Inc., "Suddenly its Spring", Tour of Homes
- February 29-March 1, 1964—Stuart Garden Club, "How Does your Garden Grow", Stuart Woman's Club
- February 29-March 1, 1964—Travelers Palm Garden Club of Jupiter
- March 10-11, 1964—The Gulf Beach Garden Club, St. Petersburg, "The Waterless Seas," Bath Club, North Redington Beach
- March 13-14, 1964—Pompano Beach Garden Club, Inc.
- March 13-14, 1964—Manatee River Garden Club, Bradenton, "Variation on a Theme", Municipal Auditorium
- March 13-14-15, 1964—Metropolitan Miami Flower Show, "Persian Gardens", Mahi Mosque, 1500 N.W. North River Drive
- March 14-15, 1964—Palm Springs Garden Club, "Paris—S'il Vous Plait", Springs Village Hall
- March 31, 1964—Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Garden Club, "All Things Fair", Community Church
- April 4-5, 1964—Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc., "Tapestry", State Fair Grounds, Electrical Building
- April 10, 1964—Garden Club of Tarpon Springs, "Through the Garden Gate"
- April 11-12, 1964—Melbourne Garden Club, Inc., Airport Auditorium
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The EUPHORBIACEAE has 220 genera and over 4000 species. I wonder how many colorful croton varieties there are in the nurseries? The most important members of the family economically are Manihot (tapioca), Hevia (para rubber), Aleurites (tung



Euphorbia pulcherrima

oil) and Ricinus (castor oil). Have you ever heard how many early explorers were killed by eating Manchineel "apples"?

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Aleurites	montana	Mu tree
Antidesma	bunius	Tropical currant
Codiaeum	variegatum	Croton
Euphorbia	lactea cristata	the Monster
Euphorbia	leucephala	White headed
Euphorbia	pulcherrima	Poinsettia
Euphorbia	splendens	Crown of Thorns
Hevea	brasiliensis	Para rubber
Hippomane	mancinella	Manchineel
Hura	crepitans	Sand Box tree
Jatropha	multifida	Coral Plant
Manihot	esculenta	Tapioca
Ricinus	communis	Castor bean

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1. Learn and use fundamentals of effective publicity.
2. Attend publicity workshops. Local areas vary in their requirements for news.
3. Study publicity handbooks.
 - a. "PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY POINTERS" available from National Council Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110
 - b. "GUIDE FOR PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN" (free) The Sperry & Hutchison Co., 4242 W. 42nd Pl., Chicago, Ill.
4. Plan a purposeful long-term publicity program.
 - a. Use all media—press, radio, TV, and "word-of-mouth."

b. Keep a current file of factual material on local, state, and national objectives and activities.

c. Sources: officers, chairmen, year-books, Federation magazines, National Gardener, Editors of newspapers and radio and TV.

d. Know and respect regulations of each media.

REMEMBER ALWAYS:

1. Give the who, what, where, when, why.
2. Date your material — this is more important than you suspect.
3. Give your editors current stories, promptly and correctly.
4. Resolutions, human interest stories, are attractive to newspapers. They couldn't care less and paper is too expensive for them to use just a meeting story of eating and installing officers.



1964 TOUR PROGRAM

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
MRS. JOHN R. PARKINSON, *Chairman, Foreign Tours*



For the seventh year FFGC Foreign Tours project offers unusual opportunities for pleasure and experiences in far places to members, their families and friends. There is something different about these trips. Perhaps it is because all these travelers are part of a known group, each sharing a garden club background and some similar interests, that contributes to happy, congenial groups.

In 1964 three transoceanic trips have been planned—two to Europe and one around the world—to give a wide choice to ardent travelers. These are outlined briefly below and a post card of inquiry will bring complete details when mailed directly to TOM DUFFY TRAVEL SERVICE, INC., 527 South Warren Street, Syracuse 2, N. Y.

THREE TOURS IN 1964

1. *6 Countries of Europe.* To meet the needs of the first time traveler to Europe and those whose time and expense is limited, we will again offer our popular 21 day tour of Europe. Over 200 members have found this trip to be a delightful experience. Departure is scheduled by air from Miami on May 18th. The group will visit *England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France.* The expected all inclusive rate will be \$1,040.00 per person from Miami and return by air. Those who prefer steamship travel can plan on leaving New York on May 14th on the S.S. FRANCE at rates starting at \$995.00 per person. As before the group will travel in comfortable motorcoaches, stay at carefully selected hotels (rooms with bath) and will have a highly trained escort with them throughout the trip. In addition to a well planned sightseeing program, special flower shows, musical events and local attractions will be covered. Of particular interest will be the Chelsea Flower Show.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1964 Tour of the SIX COUNTRIES OF EUROPE is repeating the itinerary of the popular 1963 Tour. Please refer to the January-February, 1963, issue of the Gardener, pages 18-20, for detailed information about the countries, cities, and wonderful events included in this fabulous 21 day trip.

2. *Grand Tour of Europe.* Many of our members have the time and means to enjoy a leisurely tour of Europe allowing more time for sightseeing, shopping and individual activity. This new tour offering is truly a dream tour of Europe. Only the very finest hotels in Europe will be used. The itinerary covers every major area in seven European countries at a comfortable pace. The trip has been planned to include many special events taking place in Europe. The escorts are the best to be found anywhere. It promises to be the finest 47 days you will ever spend as a traveler. Briefly outlined the places included are:

ENGLAND: London, Stratford for the Shakespeare country (2 days).

HOLLAND: Amsterdam, The Hague, Marken, Volendam.

BELGIUM: Brussels, Ghent, Bruges.

GERMANY: Cologne, Konigswinter, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Baden-Baden, Black Forest.

SWITZERLAND: Lucerne, Zurich, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, Brunig Pass.

ITALY: Cernobbio, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Capri, Sorrento, Pompei, Amalfi Drive, Genoa.

FRANCE: Nice, Paris, Monte Carlo, Grasse, Cannes.

Departure from New York will be on the S.S. FRANCE May 14th and returning on the CARONIA June 30th. The all inclusive cost is \$1,795.00 per person. By air from Miami and return at \$1,826.00.

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TAIWAN: Taipei.

CHINA: Hong Kong and side trip to Macau.

PHILIPPINES: Manila, Tagaytay Ridge, Fort Santiago.

INDONESIA: Djakarta, Kelajoran, Kota.

SINGAPORE: Singapore.

THAILAND: Bangkok, Wat Arun, Nakorn, Patom.

BURMA: Rangoon, Burma Road, Victoria Lakes.

INDIA: Calcutta, Kathmandu, Delhi, Srinagar (Kashmir),

Shikora, Agra, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri and Bombay.

EGYPT: Cairo, Luxor (optional), Thebes.

JORDAN: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho and Dead Sea, Petra.

LEBANON: Beirut, Byblos.

SYRIA: Damascus, Baalbeck.

TURKEY: Istanbul.

GREECE: Athens, Delphi, Piraeus, Aegina, Arachova.

Only 20 people will be accepted. The all inclusive cost is \$3,500.00 per person. The tour departs from Miami on August 1st and arrives back in Miami on September 25th. We're working on a special list of events to be included in each tour. Music Festivals, Concerts, Theatre attractions, Garden visits and local features.

OPTIONAL TRIPS ON AROUND THE WORLD TOUR:

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The calendars "Flower Arranger of the Year" will again be chosen from the winning entries in this contest.

Send contest pictures, requests for entry blanks, and orders for the 1964 calendar to:

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PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS LEARN WREATH MAKING



So interested are these members of the "Bachelor Buttons" High School Gardening Unit of Pensacola in the construction of a wreath, they are not aware of the presence of a photographer nor distracted by the flash bulb. Mrs. Charles H. Blanchard, Federation First Vice-President and National Chairman of High School Gardeners, demonstrates the intricacies of wreath making using native dried materials that would become humus if left under the plant or tree.

Instructions for making the wreath contained in LET'S TEACH FLORA, manual for High School Gardeners, available from State Headquarters, P. O. Box 1604, Winter Park, Florida. 32790 (Zip).

Photo by Dorene Angeles

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, *Chairman*
P. O. Box 183, Mount Dora, Fla. 32757

The State Headquarters will be each member's gift to tomorrow. It is not the responsibility of any particular district, club or individual but should be the culmination of the combined efforts of a united membership.

Tomorrow's progress rests in all of our hands and today turns to tomorrow entirely too fast. "You are now gazing at the future.

Progress has been made at Headquarters and it is due to the dedicated efforts of some clubs, circles and members who have given not once or twice but many times. These donors can rightfully be proud of their participation because they are planting seed that will flower tomorrow. Their footprints will be left in the sand of time and the Headquarters will be a living and lasting memorial to their efforts. We are fortunate to have such visionary members. They are our gardening guardians, our stewards of tomorrow, and we praise and salute them for their generous faith which is the root of all good works.

Today is the link between yesterday and tomorrow. On April 9, 1959 the convention delegates voted to erect a Headquarters as soon as possible. Total of gifts from clubs, circles, district benefits or honoring directors, and district Council of Flower Show Judges, from April 9, 1959 to September 21, 1963 is as follows:

District I, 1,335 members	\$ 633.00
District II, 932 members	1,226.50
District III, 1,449 members	325.00
District IV, 4,816 members	1,172.09
District V, 1,302 members	445.00
District VI, 2,610 members	2,000.40
District VII, 3,190 members	6,083.75
District VIII, 5,906 members	5,370.69
District IX, 2,284 members	1,610.60
District X, 2,430 members	1,483.00
District XI, 1,345 members	874.00
District XII, 2,494 members	1,414.38

There is still much to be done. Irrigation is needed in Memory Woodland before flowering trees, azaleas, etc. can be placed there; a wall, fence or hedge is needed to enclose your property; and an invested ENDOWMENT FUND is needed to defray cost of the Headquarters' maintenance.

All gifts and bequests to the State Headquarters are exempt from income tax and Federal estate tax.

Yes, tomorrow's progress rests in our hands and with your help the goal of having every club and circle represented in this gardening memorial will be achieved.

Sincere gratitude is expressed for the following gifts received between July 24 and September 21:

DISTRICT II

Another HONOR CLUB for this fine area of gardeners. *Chattahoochee Garden Club* honored all past and the current president in the PARADE OF PRESIDENTS' book. Their \$100 gift was in tribute to Mrs. A. C. Blount 1942-44, 1947-48 and 1949-50; Mrs. J. H. McDonald 1944-46; Mrs. H. B. Hirt 1946-47; Mrs. J. B. O'Connor 1948-49; Mrs. A. H. Feagin 1950-52; Mrs. Stanley S. Sheip 1952-53 and 1961-63; Mrs. John J. Feira 1953-54; Mrs. C. E. Jackson 1954-59; Mrs. Julian S. Davis 1959-60; and Mrs. J. W. Lamb 1963-

Miss Evelyn McDonald, President 1963- was honored by the *Quincy Garden Club* in the PARADE OF PRESIDENTS' book.

DISTRICT VI

The *District Florida Council of Flower Show Judges* perpetuated the name of Mrs. Phillip E. Mock, Ormond Beach, in the IN MEMORIAM book with a \$10 contribution.

DISTRICT VII

Chase and Company, Sanford, evidenced their interest in the beauty and growth of the Headquarters' garden with a generous gift of 1,000 lbs. of their QUALITY SUN-NILAND FERTILIZER.

Howard T. Powell Studio, Winter Park, noted for fine photography, provided more pictures of your building at no cost.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chemnell, Orlando, gave \$25 in memory of LeRoy B. Giles, William P. Hurd, Jr., and Miss Laura Campbell.

Mr. Horace Hamby was honored in memory by *Camellia Circle, Apopka Garden Club*, with a \$5 contribution.

A palm container given by *Mrs. Daniel Bishop, Mount Dora*, added \$7.50 to our fund.

The *Clover Leaf Garden Club, Pine Castle*, honored Mrs. R. E. Miller, President 1953-55 and 1959-61 in the PARADE OF PRESIDENTS' book and paid tribute to her husband's memory with a magnolia tree for MEMORY WOODLAND. The total gift was \$29.50.

DISTRICT VIII

Mrs. Melville Hall, Zephyrhills, secured a \$25 contribution from *W. M. Larkin*, outstanding attorney of Dade City.

The *Zephyrhills Garden Club* honored Mrs. Vernon L. Conner, Mount Dora, with a \$15.00 donation.

DISTRICT X

Another fine name has been added to the DIRECTORY OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN DONORS. *Mrs. Graham W. King, Delray Beach*, sent \$100 in memory of her Mother, Mrs. A. E. Tate, High Point, North Carolina.

DISTRICT XI

Pompano Beach Highlands Garden Club sent \$10 in memory of Mr. Samuel Whitford and Mrs. Caroline Howick.

IN THE BEGINNING

Birth of the First Garden Club

The history of the origin of the first garden club is like a bright and happy story from the past. Every good thing has a beginning, and this good thing began in what is now known as the Deep South Region of the National Council in the college town of Athens, Georgia.

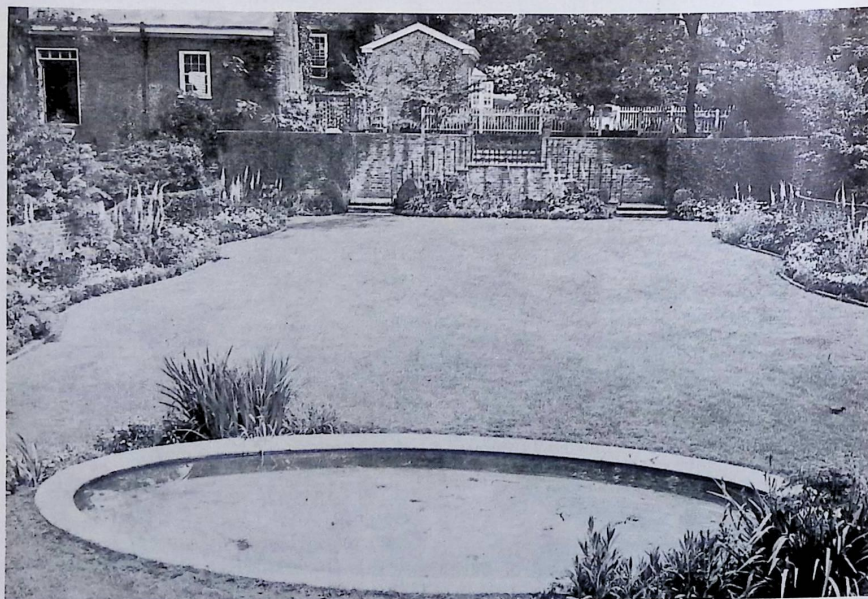
With no idea of making history, one chilly afternoon in January of the year 1891, twelve ladies met in the parlor of the home of Mrs. E. K. Lumpkin in Athens and formed the Ladies Garden Club. Thus began a movement that has spread over a nation and to lands beyond the seas developing into an organization with more than four hundred thousand members.

Since the first garden in Eden, groups have assembled to study plants, but the Ladies Garden Club of Athens has the distinction of being the first to elect officers, adopt a constitution and organize according to parliamentary procedure. Drawn together by a mutual interest in the care of plants and outdoor beauty, an interest undoubtedly stimulated by Athen's handsome ante-bellum homes with their spacious grounds and elaborate gardens, each member of the Ladies Garden Club experimented with different varieties of flowers and vegetables and shared with other members the information

gained. Records show that the programs of the semi-monthly meetings included lectures by well-known horticulturists of the day.

Club enthusiasm and activity continued to grow, and in May, 1892, the Ladies Garden Club held its first flower show. Very little information about this first show has been preserved, but there is a good account of a show held two years later. By 1894, the annual flower show became an elaborate affair. There was a printed booklet containing the rules for entering, judging and a list of premiums (awards). A copy of the booklet is still in existence and has provided a pattern for flower show schedules of the present time.

The activities of Ladies Garden Club attracted considerable attention in their community, numerous articles appeared in local newspapers praising the club's work. From correspondence, notices in other newspapers and conversation over teacups, word of the club's achievements soon spread to other communities. Civic leaders from other towns and cities, near and far, visited Athens, made inquiries about the club and returned home to organize garden clubs of their own. Within a few years a city without a garden club was the exception rather than the rule.



Pictured here is the Perennial Garden unit with brick residence, kitchen and smokehouse, built in 1840, in background. These buildings now serve as Headquarters Museum for the Garden Club of Georgia.

The Deep South Region of the National Council is proud that it can claim the birthplace of the first garden club. The Garden Clubs of Georgia, fully cognizant of the widespread influence the Ladies Garden Club of Athens had wrought, resolved in 1936 to create a living memorial to honor the twelve founders of that first club. The area surrounding the landscape architecture building on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens was selected as the ideal location for such a memorial. Mr. Hubert Owens, Head of the Landscape Architecture Department at the University, and as National Chairman instituted the Landscape Design Study Courses of the National Council, was made director of the project. Prof. Owens planned a series of gardens that is a singularly fitting tribute to the original club members. Actual construction began in April, 1939, progressed as funds donated by clubs and individuals were available, and was completed in September, 1941.

Located adjacent to a busy street, the Founders Memorial Garden is itself a spot of charm and tranquility. Reminiscent of the fragrant boxwood hedges and old-fashioned blossoms characteristic of the gardens of the founders, the Memorial garden has five formal units. Approaching from the street, a courtyard is entered. This area on two levels is paved with brick and cut stone. The buildings enclosing the courtyard were built about 1840 as residences for university professors. One small building, originally a smokehouse, has been remodeled to serve as a Museum and Trophy Room for the Garden Club of Georgia.

Directly behind the Museum is a small boxwood garden enclosed by a white picket fence. The 2,000 boxwoods in this unit are planted in patterns symbolic of the State of Georgia—a peach, a watermelon, a cotton boll and a Cherokee rose, Georgia's State Flower. From the boxwood unit a gate opens into the terrace garden. This is a shady graveled area enclosed by a low brick wall, it affords a dramatic elevated view of the perennial garden five feet below.

The perennial garden is enclosed by a graceful serpentine brick wall, patterned after the one designed by Thomas Jefferson on the campus of the University of Virginia. The grass carpet down the center of the garden is bordered by six-foot beds that follow the lines of the wall. Constructed of old brick, the dull red color of the wall is complemented by the rich green of the low spreading trees planted on the outside. At the far end of the garden is a large oval pool.

The Memorial Garden has become a mecca for garden-minded folk, thousands visit Athens each year to see it and to experience the inspiration it gives. It is an important community asset as well as a

credit to the Ladies Garden Club. The founders would be pleased with their memorial.

NOTE: Credit is given to Mrs. Edward J. Allen of Miami, Florida's Chairman of Flower Shows, for supplying the material for this article gleaned from articles in GARDEN GATEWAYS, official publication of The Garden Club of Georgia, from the NATIONAL GARDENER and from a research paper by Marjorie M. Fowler. Photographs were furnished by Prof. Hubert Owen, Landscape Architect, University of Georgia, Director of the Memorial Garden project, whose inspiration and skill has created a living memorial of great beauty.



Garden figure presented to the Founders Memorial Garden, Athens, Georgia, May 1, 1954 by the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Sculptor, L. T. Posey of Sarasota, Florida.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

MRS. ROY A. BAIR, *Chairman*
256 Alhambra Place, West Palm Beach

Continued interest among Garden Club members in the Flower Show training program of the National Council is evidenced by the 228 registrants in the spring Flower Show School series. Florida proudly announces 75 student judges who have successfully completed three courses. Ten schools are registered for fall and more students will be working toward acquiring the coveted judging certificate.

Our students must be provided the opportunity to earn blue ribbons and judging credits to be eligible to take the Reading Examination. This test is the final phase of the training period before becoming an accredited judge.

Some students are having to repeat courses because their credentials were not completed in the eighteen (18) months maximum time allowed between the last course and the Reading Examination.

We welcome the Judges who have moved to Florida from other states and are now listed in our files. If you have transplanted judges residing in your area, please extend invitations to them to judge and exhibit. Many need Refresher Course credits.

It is imperative that Judges send change of address information to this chairman for the records.

FORTHCOMING FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Course III, Winter Haven, November 19-21. Chairman: Mrs. Malcolm C. Peters, Rt. 1, Box 436, Winter Haven. Instructors: Mr. J. M. Crevasse, Jr., Horticulture; Mrs. John R. Bear, Flower Show Practice and Flower Arranging.

Course IV, Melbourne, November 11-12-13. Chairman: Mrs. Geoffrey Donovan, 2525 Espanola Way, Melbourne. Instructors: Mrs. Millard Davidson, Horticulture; Mrs. Ira J. Varnedoe, Flower Show Practice and Flower Arranging.



FLORIDA COUNCIL OF FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

Membership Statistics

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Amateur Judges	306
Student Judges	94
TOTAL	530

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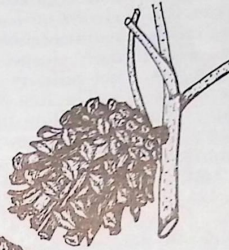
BY LOUIS A. GAITANIS, *Gainesville*

The green pines pointing like arrows at the white clouds in a blue sky is so typically Florida. On many a day I have paused for a few moments to enjoy such a vista. A few pines in the yard or garden can be a joy.

There is one pine, however, that is quite prevalent in much of Florida which for many reasons is not desirable for yard or garden plantings.



Slash Pine
(*pinus elliotti*)



Loblolly pine (*pinus taeda*), also known as old field pine, is the one in question. Although it is a fast grower and is more shady than slash or long leaf pine it is more brittle, has more limbs, they tend to be larger, especially on open grown specimens and it has a great abundance of cones. As a result this tree produces a considerable amount of litter that takes time to pick up and the cones are a menace to efficient mowing. Loblolly is also much more susceptible to cronartium disease than other varieties of pines. This disease looks like a canker on the limbs and trunk.

In advanced cases on larger trees it may cover several square feet of the trunk. Eventually this disease causes dead wood which may then be attacked by termites. In a strong wind badly damaged trees frequently break off at the point where the cronartium has done the most damage.

It is wise to promptly remove and replace seriously diseased trees while they are still small. The cost of removing a large pine may reach \$100. If cronartium is on a limb or limbs and has not yet reached the trunk, pruning these limbs will very likely save the tree. Some success may be had in cutting off lightly infected spots on the trunk and painting with pruning paint.

Slash pine (*pinus elliotti*) is probably the best variety of pine for yard and garden plantings unless the site is very dry. In addition to being a reasonably fast grower, the limbs are smaller, cones are larger and far fewer and the litter less. Cronartium does infest slash but the incidence is considerably less than in loblolly. It attacks long leaf even less and in my fifteen years of active tree farming I have not found cronartium on spruce pine (*pinus glabra*). Spruce pine, found in the northern part of the state has very small cones, short needles and has a Christmas tree type of growth. Because of this growth characteristic and its somewhat smoother bark it is an excellent tree for children to climb. It can be pruned so as to take only a small amount of ground space. It merits wider use.

NATIONAL CALENDAR CONTEST

Florida Federation members should be represented in the 1965 Engagement Calendar of the National Council.

NEED: Photographs of your prize-winner flower arrangements and Pictures of gardens showing examples of good landscape design

SIZE: 8" x 10" glossy prints or color transparencies (preferably 4" x 5")

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A STEP TOWARD CONSERVATION THE FLORIDA YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

By Mr. Wayne S. Gunter, *Counselor*

Children do a lot of different things when school lets out for the summer. The hot months can drag by, or they can fly. They drag for those who aren't having much fun; they fly for the ones who are. Time flew for those lucky few hundred campers who attended the Florida Youth Conservation Camp this past summer. And the whole summer passed all too quickly for this writer who served on the camp staff and ended up having one of the most rewarding experiences of his lifetime. Let me tell you about it.

The Florida Youth Conservation Camp, operated by the Florida Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission, is situated in the heart of the Ocala National Forest north of Silver Springs. The camp offers the opportunity for the youth of Florida to spend one or two weeks close to Nature, learning to better know and appreciate the many gifts of natural beauty. The young campers are guided by a carefully selected staff of counselors and instructors, all experts in their particular fields, and all interested in children.

This year, the camp was under the able direction of Denver Ste. Claire, Ocala representative of the Information and Education Section of the Florida Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission. The vibrant, staunchy Ste. Claire, backed by the best staff in the camp's history, made this camping season the best one ever.

As a newly ordained Confederate Yankee fresh from the blue hills of Pennsylvania, I came to YCC for the first time this year. I had been told it would not be long before I fell in love with it. I have. The 57 acre area of the camp is nestled under tall, stately pine trees beside beautiful Lake Eaton. There are ten concrete cabins which house the youngsters, in addition to three army tents which are used as needed, which is often; a massive cafeteria ("mess hall"), with a lunch room, playroom, and spotless kitchen; a modern bathroom ("latrine"), wide waterfront with spacious beach, fishing dock, lifeguard tower, boat rack and shelter; a nature compound, with many representative animals exhibited in carefully constructed cages; a designated area for campcraft study; a newly improved riflery range, and a brand new archery range.

There was a one-week session, three two-week sessions for boys, and one two-week session for girls. Sunday afternoon found the camp a busy place with cars coming in and going out, loaded with campers to be registered for their two (or one) week session. After a swim test each camper sat

down to the first of many delicious meals expertly served by the experienced kitchen staff under the direction of Mrs. Lee Dowdy. Following supper and a get-acquainted period with his counselor, the camper was led with his new comrades to the council fire area, where, sitting before a friendly blazing fire, he was introduced to all the staff and oriented to the rules and regulations of the camp. Emphasis is always on *learning* and *fun*, not on military regimentation. There were, for example, daily inspections to encourage *neatness*, not military uniformity.

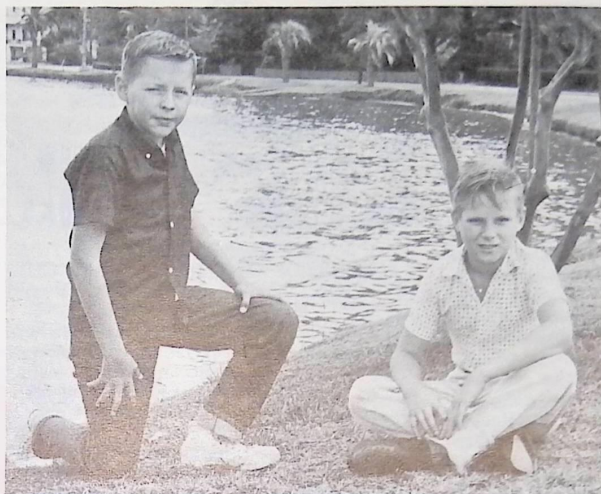
The first Monday morning saw the campers falling into their daily schedule. After a 6:30 reveille and well-balanced breakfast, the campers returned to their cabins or tents and prepared for morning inspection. Then began the cycle of the morning classes, each 30 minutes long: Waterfront (two periods), Nature, Archery or Riflery, Fishing, and Campcraft. These "classes" were friendly, the discussion informal. The campers were *learning by having fun*.

In the campcraft department, my specialty, the children were instructed on such topics as clothing and equipment for camping out, hiking methods, firebuilding, axemanship, use of the snakebite kit, first aid, pitching a tent, and survival training. The campers were given the opportunity to apply their newly-acquired skills by actually going on a camping trip or cookout.

At the waterfront, directed by Tennessee "Cracker" David King, the campers were taught swimming fundamentals, the safe handling of the canoe and rowboat, and rules of water safety. Down the beach, fishing classes were conducted by Bill Pace.



Water fun in Lake Eaton at the Youth Conservation Camp, Ocala National Forest.
Photo by W. S. Hunter



Greg Smith and Kenneth Thompson, two boys from the Five Points School in Lake City, were awarded Sears scholarships and spent two weeks in July at the Youth Conservation Camp. The Fall program of the Lake City Garden Club was on Conservation, with emphasis on Junior Garden Club participation.

Out at the rifle range, "Deadeye" David Cook, a qualified NRA Rifle Instructor, instructed the youngsters in the proper and safe use of firearms. .22 rifles were used. Next door to the rifle range was the archery range, under the capable organization of Mike Borja. Here, the functions of the bow and arrow were explained, as were the rules of care and safety of the equipment.

In the Nature compound, veteran YCC camper—counselor Frank Mustin, enlightened the children in the ways of the forest and the habits of the animals and plants that live there. There were live animal specimens, from salamanders and snakes to wild boar and deer for study.

Morning classes concluded, the noon meal was a much anticipated event. After this came a one hour rest period, giving the campers (and counselors) an opportunity to relax and cool off in the hottest part of the day. Then came the first of the day's two "canteen" periods. Campers could charge to their accounts one soft drink and one candy bar, plus any film, envelopes, writing paper, stamps, post cards, flashlights, pencils, combs, T-shirts, etc. that they might need. The afternoon "projects" period of special activities afforded the opportunity to pursue special interests. Offered were insect study, an advanced riflery class, blazing a nature trail, special campcraft projects, tracking and stalking, and a class in photography. Most popular was making animal molds from plaster of paris and realistically painting them.

Chief Counselor Charlie Wilson directed the recreational activities and the physical fitness body building exercises. The final scheduled activity of the afternoon was the free swim, a welcome and refreshing finale to a busy daylight session.

But the day was not over. Following supper and evening canteen, the camp

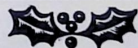
moved into the "evening program", an enjoyable experience. On different nights, there was an evening hike, scavenger hunt, songfest, skit nite, reptile talk, counselor hunt (perhaps this one should be starred), treasure hunt, lizard hunt, talk on scuba diving, plus the council fire rituals.

Finally, after a shower, the campers "sacked out" at 9:00 p.m., dozing off quickly after a full and happy day.

One day per session, classes were suspended for "Fun Day." The fellows enjoyed the "Miss Lake Eaton" contest most, even though Miss Lake Eaton was a male.

On the last Friday night of the two-week camping period, the campers were treated to an Indian ceremony staged by the counselors, and achievement awards were distributed to expert campers in each instructional area. Fishing citations were given to each boy or girl who had caught one or more fish. And a handful of campers in each session were chosen to join the "Order of the Alligator", a secret organization where the lucky few received a minutely-detailed alligator mold.

The last day, Saturday, was a mixture of happy reunion and sad farewell. The campers were glad to see their parents, but sorry to leave their many new friends. But they'll be back next year. And so will I.



DON'T BE A LITTERBUG DAY
November 29 has been proclaimed
"Don't Be a Litterbug Day"

Keep Florida clean and beautiful, put your trash in a receptacle, not scattered along the streets and highways. Carry adequate litter bags in your boat, bring them ashore for disposal. Keep our waterways, lakes and streams free of refuse and trash. Don't be a Litterbug anywhere!

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LOOKING AHEAD

Committees are at work making plans and preparations for your visit to the National Convention to be held in New York City, May 17-21, 1964. Early birds already have their rooms reserved at the Waldorf-Astoria. With the World's Fair to see, too, you will want to make your reservations early.



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NATIONAL COUNCIL LIFE MEMBERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Andrew L. Kouns on becoming a Life Member in the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Past president of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. Kouns now makes her home in West Palm Beach and the Florida Federation proudly claims her.

A belated birthday gift, Mrs. Roy A. Bair received her Life Membership in National Council at the meeting of the State Board of Directors in Miami Beach, October 1. In behalf of the donor, Dr. Bair, the certificate was presented by the State President, Mrs. Frank W. Hewlett. Mrs. Bair is a member of the West Palm Beach Garden Club and serves as State Chairman of the Flower Show Schools Committee.

BIRD LORE

MRS. GRAHAM W. KING,

Bird Chairman

P. O. Drawer K, Delray Beach

A Garden Club is the logical group to promote and endorse community Bird Sanctuaries. This can be accomplished in the following manner:

FIRST—Present a Petition to the Mayor and City Council. (Sample Petition).

To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of

The Garden Club of request the Honorable Mayor and members of the Council to consider favorably the following petition:

Inasmuch as Conservation of our natural resources is of utmost concern to every patriotic citizen and of importance to our National economy, we present to you the following facts and needs.

Our outdoor assets have been drastically depleted by various abuses. Some provision must be made for wild life if it is to continue to exist. In this all-over plan of conservation, the value of birds is no longer a matter of speculation but has reached a point of scientific fact. Scientists claim the human race could not exist nine years without birds. Their economic value is our "first line of defense" against noxious weeds and against insects that destroy our crops, our gardens, and our trees. The Department of Agriculture states that birds save us \$400 million yearly. Added to this practical value, our entire community is enriched by their beauty of form and song, and the charm and inspiration of their presence.

Toward this end we respectfully petition that you formally proclaim the city of..... a "Bird Sanctuary," with suitable laws for protecting all of our birds from molestation, intimidation, wounding, slaughter by hand-thrown missiles, traps, shooting, etc. or the robbing of their nests. We further request that you give the Garden Club of permission to place at the various entrances of suitable plaques stating that our town is a Bird Sanctuary.

Signed.....

SECOND—The Council and Mayor shall pass a proper *Ordinance* (note sample below), making specific provisions for enforcement by punishment of any infringement.

THIRD—The Mayor shall then issue a *Proclamation* embodying this Ordinance, which must go in local newspapers or be placed in a public place, such as a Post Office. The Proclamation should include a condensation of the facts stated in the Petition, and the whole Ordinance.

SAMPLE ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the city of

That the entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the City of be, and the same is hereby designated as a Bird Sanctuary.

That it shall be unlawful to trap, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob their nests. Provided, however, if starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of the proper health authorities of the City of....., then in such event said health authorities shall meet with representatives of the Audubon Society, Garden Club or Humane Society, after having given at least three days actual notice of the time and place of said meeting to the representatives of said clubs. If as a result of said meeting no satisfactory alternative is found to abate such nuisance, then said birds may be destroyed in such numbers and in such manner as is deemed advisable by said health authorities under the supervision of the Chief of Police of the City of

Anyone violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately. Done and Ratified in City Council.

(Date and Signatures)

FOURTH—Erect one or more suitable plaques or signs on highways near city limits, preferably "two-faced ones", both sides of which can be plainly seen and read. The signs may be as simple or ornate as you wish, so long as they are pleasing, durable and easily read by motorists. Sometimes the town or public highway authorities help with these and you have no idea the interest and pride they create.

FIFTH—When a City Council has passed an ordinance making the community a "Bird Sanctuary", four (4) copies of the Ordinance shall be sent to the State Bird Chairman who will file them at the following places:

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National Audubon Society,
Florida Audubon Society.



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MILE OF BEAUTY



Members of the "work crew" of the Mile of Beauty Project of the Mountain Laurel Circle, Palatka Garden Club, left to right, are Mrs. Fritz Paul, member of Project Committee, Mrs. Amy Owen, Circle President and Mrs. Violet Ward, Beautification Chairman.

Upon completion of the four-lane highway on U. S. 17 in East Palatka, the Mountain Laurel Garden Circle began the major project of planting a Mile of Beauty. Merchants, industries and individuals in the community have contributed money, labor and equipment to assist the Garden Club in the \$2,000 beautification undertaking. Preliminary to beginning the planting program plans were cleared with the State Road Department and the Putnam County Commission.

CLUB TREASURER REMINDER

From the Bylaws of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Article XI, DUES AND FINANCES, Section 2.—The annual dues of each member Club shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per capita and shall be payable on or before June first on all members from whom the Club received dues during the preceding year with the exception of Life Members of the Florida Federation. Dues shall be delinquent after November first. Of each one dollar (\$1.00), fifty cents (50c) shall be used towards the financing of "The Florida Gardener", and twenty-five cents (25c) for annual per capita dues to the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. From the general fund an adequate sum shall be used to maintain the H. Harold Hume Fellowship Fund at the University of Florida.

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GARDEN THERAPY

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BOOK LIST

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Principles of Nursery Management—W. P. Duruz
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Standardized Plant Names—American Nurseryman
Pronouncing Dictionary of Plant Names—
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Operating a Garden Center—John J. Pinney
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Dahlias—Stuart Ogg
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Variegated Foliage Plants—Paul Fischer
Succulents in Cultivation—Vera Higgins
Miniature Roses—Roy Cenders
Arranging Flowers for the Sanctuary —
Patterson-Knight & McReynolds St. Claire
Enjoy Your Flowers—Compton
Japanese Flower Arrangements for American Homes—Kittel
How to Know the Ferns—Frances Parsons
10,000 Garden Questions Answered by 20 Experts—2 Volumes (American Garden Guild Book Club)
The New Book of Lilies—Jan De Graaff
All About Begonias—Bernice Brilmayer
Growing for Showing—Rudy J. Favretti
The Evergreens—James H. Beale
National Garden Therapy Manual—Berry & Hulbard
Roses: Growing for Exhibiting—Harold H. Allen
Commercial Flower Forcing—Laurie, Kiplinger & Nelson
Florist Crop Production & Marketing—
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Seed and Potting Composts—Lawrence & Newell
Growing and Selling Bedding Plants—Florists Review
The Azalea Book—F. P. Lee
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Modern Foliage Plants—Graf
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Mrs. Edward G. Henriquez, 7804 Broward Ave., West Palm Beach, was presented a Life Membership in the Florida Federation at the District meeting held in Stuart, October 24. Mrs. Henriquez is the State Chairman of Landscape Design. The honor of the Life Membership was the thoughtful gift from her husband.

In recognition of dedicated service to the Garden Club over a long period of time, the Miami Beach Garden Club presented Life Memberships to Mrs. Paul Ochiltree, 2655 Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach, and to Mrs. Arthur L. Walters, 5223 Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach.

A dedicated member of the Plant City Garden Club, Mrs. Henry McElveen, 1114 N. Vermont Avenue, Plant City, was presented her Life Membership at the fall meeting of District VIII held in Zephyrhills, October 17.

A highlight of the District II meeting held in Quincy, October 30, was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. Florence W. Brooks, P. O. Box 305, Quincy.



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A stepped-up campaign against the nation's "water litterbugs" has brought encouraging results during the 1963 vacation season, Keep America Beautiful, Inc. has announced.

With the popularity of boating, fishing, swimming, water-skiing, and near-the-water camping growing so fantastically fast, we are confronted with a new kind of pest—water litterbugs.

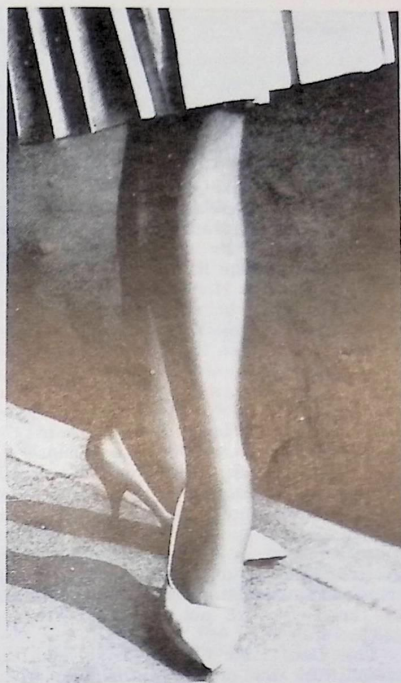
Just as highway and city trash-tossers have been facing the wrath of people tired of looking at litter, so the water litterbug has come in for a share of well-earned indignation.

Litter, both the kind that floats and the kind that sinks, has contaminated too many swimming areas and fishing streams. It has endangered too many boats and boaters as it floats in the water. It has virtually ruined many of our waterfront recreation areas.

For the past year Keep America Beautiful, Inc. has been distributing a six-page, illustrated guide titled "Litter Prevention . . . An Aid to Conservation." It has been used by individuals, clubs, state and federal agencies, conservation and sportsmen's groups.

The guide offers such anti-litter suggestions as litterbags in every boat—to be emptied in proper trash receptacles on docks and at shore points. It stresses observance of all anti-littering laws. It calls for picnickers on shore to dispose of rubbish carefully so that none will blow or be washed into the water. It asks special care in keeping litter away from campfires so that underbrush and woods will not be set on fire.

Amphibious litterbugs will be headed for extinction only when every person using our state's waterways and shores is aware that it is the individual's responsibility not to desecrate the outdoors with a single item of litter.



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MORE ABOUT TREES

Upon recommendation by the *Garden Club of Stuart*, Martin County now has an official tree. By order of the County Commissioners, the *Bauhinia Blakeana* (also known as the Hong Kong Orchid tree) will henceforth be the County's symbol. This beautiful tree, with its lavender blossoms, grows well in this area.

The *Fort Lauderdale Federation of Garden Circles* has inaugurated a wonderful new program in recognition of gardening accomplishments by non-members of the garden club in that city. Each month a plaque is awarded for the *tree of the month* and the *garden of the month* judged to be the best from those nominated by various garden circles. Judging is done by a committee headed by *Mrs. Jack Allen*. This project has encouraged the cultivation of trees and the beautification of home grounds by those who are not affiliated with the garden club.

The *Lake Park Garden Club* laid the groundwork for civic beautification when they planted two sections of parkways on one boulevard, and two triangles on another, with *Bauhinia Blakeana* and other flowering trees, palms, and shrubs.

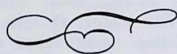
Stressing trees in its program for this year, the *Ixora Garden Club* had *Mrs. Frank Nichols*, District XII "Tree" Chairman, as guest speaker for the first fall meeting.

THOMAS JEFFERSON NEWBILL BOTANICAL GARDEN

A priceless collection of rare plants, numbering some 1800, has been donated to the *Fort Lauderdale Garden Club* by the late *Thomas Jefferson Newbill* and his widow. The couple spent many years bringing shade-loving plants from the American tropics and planting them at their home in *Fort Lauderdale*.

An agreement has been signed between the *Florida Agriculture Experiment Everglades Station* and the *Federated Garden Circles of Ft. Lauderdale* for the establishment at *Forman Field* of the *Thomas Jefferson Newbill Botanical Garden*. The plants will be moved within the next year to the *Forman Field* site. This Garden will be adjacent to the *Broward County Junior College* and the College will offer a course for credit in *Ornamental Horticulture* in 1964.

Purpose of the Garden is to propagate and distribute plants; study of cold tolerance, general culture, their use in the landscape, and for the pleasure of the public. Look for the announcement about the completion and dedication of this wonderful addition to Florida's gardens next year.



'IS THIS LITTER YOURS?'

Under a *Litter Bug Tree* is *Matt Newton* of *Orange Park* whose poster won the contest in his school. The tree was placed at a busy highway intersection and decorated with litter gathered from the roadside, not pictured is the sign *IS THIS LITTER YOURS?*

During *Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up Week*, sponsored by the *Orange Park Garden Club*, District IV, litterbags were distributed by *Junior Gardeners* to all children in the first three grades at the elementary school. Each child decorated his bag with a drawing of a *Litter Bug* then placed the bag in the family car.

JOHN PRINCE PARK



Keys to grounds at John Prince Park in Lake Worth are received by Miss Camille O'Neill, Beautifications Chairman of the Lake Worth Garden Club, from Mr. N. C. Korte, Supt. of Parks of Palm Beach County, while Mrs. Alma Tarr Browne and Mrs. Alfred J. Butler, District X Director, look on. The grounds were allotted to the Lake Worth Garden Club by the County and will be used by the Club in its active participation in our State President's two-year "tree planting and growing" program. Husbands of members are now joining the Lake Worth Garden Club. They meet each Friday afternoon at John Prince Park, work for two hours and then enjoy a picnic supper.



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The slides of carefully selected subjects were donated to the Headquarters Library by Florida Federation members of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Roadside Improvements.

COMMUNITY BEAUTY

In conjunction with the Home and Neighborhood Development Service, Sear Foundation grant, thirty palm trees have been planted in the Jacksonville Beaches area by the Ribault Garden Club. Twenty of these trees were added to the beautification of Seabreeze Elementary School and ten were planted at the Aquatic Club.

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5. The joy derived from designating your garden as a Bird Sanctuary.

ISABELLE KING,
Bird Chairman

BLUE STARS SHINE ON FLORIDA HIGHWAYS

As a tribute to the men and women who have served in the United States armed forces the Miami Garden Club, Mrs. R. A. Mooney, president, placed a Blue Star marker on U. S. Highway No. 1 at the East entrance of Greynolds Park.

In behalf of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. Jack W. Dunlap, past president, made the address of dedication, Mrs. Frank W. Hewlett, State Federation President, unveiled the marker. Music was furnished by North Miami High School Band, and Mr. L. N. Landry of the State Road Department accepted the marker as a significant landmark in the Memorial Highway system in Florida.

Others participating in the ceremony were Com. Vance Lawson, Post 8330, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Dr. Norman S. Lunde, who gave the Invocation and the Benediction; Col. E. K. Ballard, Commander of Air Force Squad 9968, and Mrs. Nicholas Tierney, State Chairman of Blue Star Markers, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.



DEERFIELD BEACH MARKER

The Deerfield Beach Garden Club proudly presented a Blue Star Memorial marker to their community with appropriate dedication ceremony on the median of U. S. 1 north in Deerfield Beach. Pictured here are Garden Club leaders who attended the ceremony and participated in the program. From left to right, Mrs. E. O. Williams of Ft. Lauderdale, Chairman of the 1964 State Convention, Mrs. Frank W. Hewlett of Miami, President of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs who unveiled the Marker; Mrs. Claude E. Fletcher, President of Deerfield Beach Garden Club, and Mrs. Ward B. Gedney, Chairman of the program of dedication.—Photo by Pompano Beach Town News.

TREASURES & TRINKETS

Youth Conservation Camp

Five proud girls from the *Junior Garden Club of Stuart*, District X, spent two weeks in August at the Youth Conservation Camp in Ocala National Forest. Three of the girls attended on scholarships awarded by the *Stuart Garden Club*.



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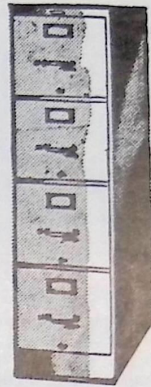
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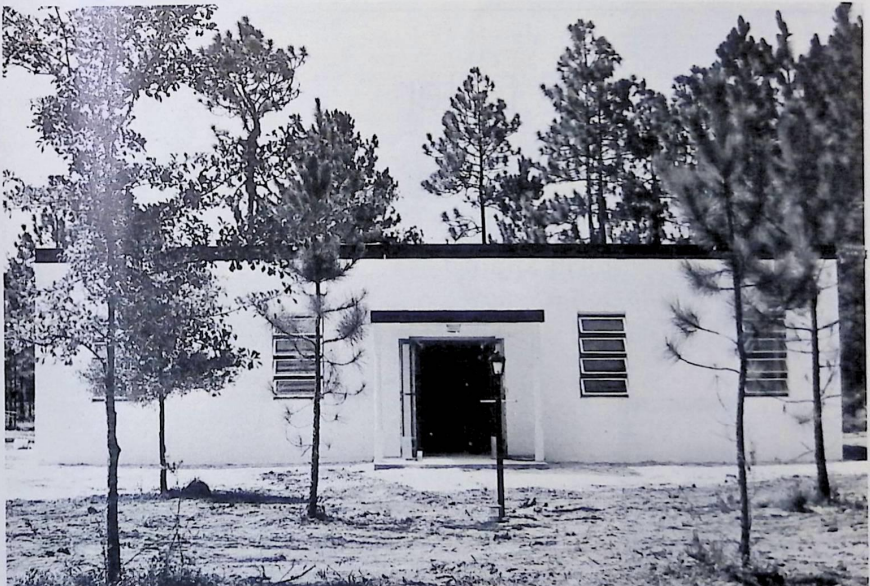


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Mandarin Garden Club, District IV, has completed its new air-conditioned Garden Center ahead of schedule. Mandarin will be hostess club to the District IV President's Conference in April, 1964. This anticipated event was the incentive for the early construction and completion of their new building. Since the picture was made, landscaping of the grounds and parking area has begun.

LANTANA POST OFFICE BEAUTIFIED



The once barren appearance around the Lantana Post Office has now been changed. Mrs. J. B. Eberhart and Mrs. Norbert McNamara spearheaded the beautification project sponsored by the Jasmine Circle, Town and Country Garden Club of Lake Worth.

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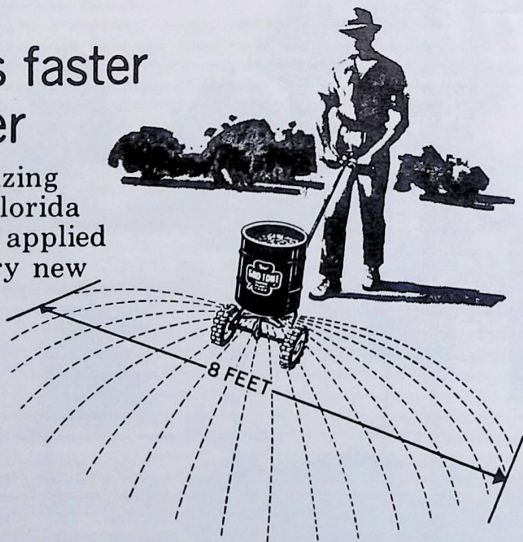
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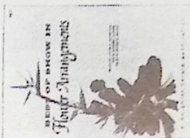
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