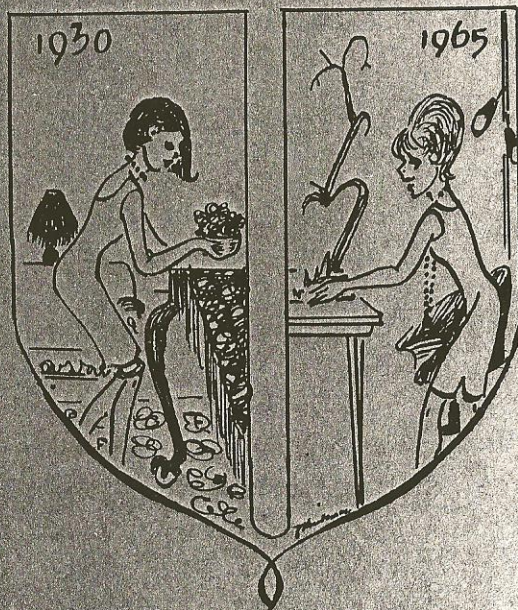

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TWIN CITY
GARDEN CLUB



THIRTY-FIVE YEARS WITH THE TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

All over the country in the 20's the Garden Club movement had slowly but steadily become popular. The 30's saw a tremendous increase of interest in the art of flower arrangement. Many magazines were carrying articles on special plants and arrangements appropriate for each season. People were becoming more and more interested in knowing scientific ways for growing plants and proper ways to make arrangements. Heretofore, although the Garden Club of America was organized in 1913 with thirteen states as chartered members, this knowledge had been acquired nearly completely over the back fences in most areas.

Champaign-Urbana picked up the tide early one evening in July 1930 when 26 persons met on the front lawn of Mrs. Albert Hill's, 501 S. Broadway, Urbana and organized the Twin City Garden Club. Mrs. M. D. Gordon was elected president at this first meeting and a good foundation was laid for the new club. Mrs. Gordon is the only original member who is still with the club.

This group could view its club thirty-five years later with great pride. The club has had its ups and downs, as does any organization, and today it can well hold its own for performance and achievements. It is an Illinois Blue Ribbon Club, is full of enthusiasm and, as one member said, "How can you do anything else if you belong to the Garden Club?!"

We hope you enjoy reading "Thirty-five Years with the Twin-City Garden Club". Feel its pulse and momentum and re-live many of the activities of which you were a part. Allow yourself to be further stimulated with plans for the future based on the successes of the past.

Your History Committee

Mrs. G. M. England, Chairman
Mrs. M. D. Gordon
Mrs. M. M. Hickman
Mrs. C. W. Hott
Miss Lola McClurg

JULY, 1930 - DECEMBER 31, 1936

OFFICERS:

1930-31
Pres. Mrs. M. D. Gordon
Vice Pres.
Sec.
Treas.
Program Chr. Mrs. W. R. Tyler

1934
Pres. Mrs. I. M. Woodruff
Vice Pres. Mrs. Brentlinger
Sec. Mrs. Bucher
Treas. Mrs. W. H. Severns
Program Chr. Miss Esther Anell
Flower Show Chr. Mrs. W. R. Tyler

1936 (minutes missing)
Pres. Mr. W. K. Galeener
Vice Pres.
Sec.
Treas.
Program Chr.
Flower Show Chr.

1932-33
Mrs. A. P. Kratz
Mrs. Bucher
Miss Esther Anell
Mrs. Flint
Stella Tyler (Mrs. W. R.)

1935
Mr. W. K. Galeener
Mrs. F. A. Jorgenson
Mrs. C. S. Bucher
Mrs. W. H. Severns
Miss Audrey Sexton
Mrs. Mayme Innis

PURPOSE:

The earliest written material available on the purpose of the organization was stated in March 1933 by Mrs. A. P. Kratz. She said the object of the Garden Club was "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of native growth and to encourage home, civic, and state beautification". A constitution had been made in the Fall of 1930 but was not available.

MEETINGS:

Monthly meetings were held in the evenings at the home of Mrs. W. R. Tyler, 610 W. Washington St., Urbana, for several months. By December 1932, public places served for meetings. Bradley Hall was used until April 1933 when an open house meeting was held in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. The club met here in the lounge until July 1933. It then met in homes for a couple of months when the group went back to the Y. W. C. A. The room at the Y. W. C. A. cost \$1.00 for 50 chairs and \$2.00 for 100. In October 1933 the club moved to the Bucher Clinic reception room, 209 W. University Ave., Champaign. The fee for the room was \$1.00. The meetings were scheduled for 7:30 p.m.. Interesting displays were on hand for almost all of the meetings. The monthly board meetings were held in the president's home.

During the first year, it was decided to call the roll at every meeting with each member replying in answer to a previously announced question. Also, in one of the years between 1930-1936, in addition to the regular speaker, some member would give monthly tips or garden reminders.

Most of the programs were about horticulture, but the club was working hard to learn how to make nice "bouquets" as the minutes always called them. Many members gave programs, but the University of Illinois specialists were often called upon and were available because the meetings were in the evenings. Occasionally an outside person gave the program.

A few of the programs were:

New Varieties of Flowers-Mrs. Bucher
Pests of House Plants-Mrs. Compton
Do's and Don'ts of Flower Arrangement-Amanda Gordon
Illustrated Lecture on Wild Flowers-Dr. Hottes
The Vegetable Garden-Prof. J. H. Lloyd
Use of Lime on Lawns and Gardens-National Lime Association,
Mrs. Roma Medford

Hanging Baskets-Miss Margaret Nelson
Review of Four Gardening Books-Mrs. W. H. Severns
Demonstration of Christmas Tables-Miss Audrey Sexton
Our Shade Trees-State Natural History Survey, Dr. Sawyer
How to Ball and Burlap Plants in Preparation for the Show-
Stella Tyler

Herbs in Our Garden-Mrs. Wilder

Members brought "bouquets" and these were judged and discussed. After flower shows, entries were reviewed and the judges' decisions explained. The club also toured greenhouses, flowershops and had field trips. A plea was made at this time to conserve native stands of forests.

In 1933 Prof. James Hutchinson in a talk on houseplants mentioned the shrimp plant as a very new one, and mentioned that rubber plants were ubiquitous. Succulent plants were becoming more popular in the home. He mentioned that tea leaves, coffee grounds and match heads do no good in or on the soil of houseplants, but apparently people still think they do...In 1934 the club displayed a collection of 100 named succulents and a few dish gardens, courtesy of Art Floral Co. and the University of Illinois. Mrs. Gordon displayed cacti she had raised from seeds...Mr. Lodge of Monticello stated in April of this year that "one must raise lilies to be fashionable"...Prof. Colby gave a talk in August 1934 on "small fruits and fruit trees" in which he explained a new device on the market called "oozo", a canvas hose, evidently a forerunner of our "soil soakers"...Mrs. Gordon told of a new type of trowel she had seen at the Chicago World's Fair "A Century of Progress". It had been designed by the president of the Federated Garden Clubs. Garden Clubbers were evidently all dirt diggers in these days.

PROJECTS:

The Garden Club was very community minded at this time. They planted trees in the lawn of the Courthouse in Urbana and West Side Park in Champaign to commemorate George Washington's bi-centennial. The two trees cost \$5.00. They helped the Champaign Chamber of Commerce plant a garden for unemployed persons and gave talks about

flowers to school children. They furnished dried arrangements for the Outlook Sanitarium. The Garden Club furnished table arrangements for large dinners given by Welfare Organizations at the Ice Rink several years. One year a plant was donated by Stella Tyler to the person making the best arrangement. They worked with the Women's Club on plans to beautify the triangle at the junctions of Routes 10 and 45. This project was not accomplished because the State Highway did not approve. The Civic Improvement Committee planted seeds of various hardy annuals near the Urbana Country Club where trees and shrubs had been removed and left an ugly bank. Members also donated plants and shrubs. Seeds were also planted at the new cut-off on Route 25 across from Hunter's Lumber Co.

The club sold tickets (50¢) for the Chicago Flower Show at the Navy Pier. They also announced details of shows in St. Louis, Springfield, in and around Chicago and downstate neighboring towns. Groups of members attended these shows and reported on them to the club. Some of our members were often called upon to judge these shows.

The members were interested in self advancement and obtained "Home Gardener's Pronouncing Dictionary" for 35¢ each. These were used to learn the botanical names of their plants and how to pronounce them. The club sold these dictionaries. Better Homes and Garden leaflets were ordered for intensive study-- "B-90 Dates for Blooms of Trees, Shrubs, and Plants" and "B-91 Plants Requiring Special Soils". The club sponsored magazine subscriptions and profited from the commissions.

They planned many study tours and had study groups which covered many subjects, primarily horticulture.

They sponsored a Junior Club during this time which really reached such great fame that this group was asked to bring one of their table arrangements to the National Council Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1934. This group also sent entries to the Chicago Flower Show, nine entries in 1935. Honors of this type for the club as a whole were not mentioned. Our club instructed the Junior Club in work on essays, posters, gardens and plants.

Annual Flower Shows were held and the club was active in supporting the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1931-Study groups were started in July 1931. They met once a month in homes. Judging flowers and arrangements, ways to prepare for exhibits, garden furniture, roses, lilies, house plants, bulbs, tropical fish, Japanese arrangements, evergreens and many other things were studied. The group was usually led by their own members...Sprays of flowers with a note were sent at the death of a member, and it was decided that the Twin City Garden Club would

plant an evergreen on the grave with permission from the family and the cemetery. It was mentioned that this was done only once. The tree cost \$1.00.



1933-Several times during the year a member would invite the whole club to visit her garden at a stated time... President Kratz and Mrs. Severns attended the annual meeting of the Federation of Garden Clubs of Illinois and made a detailed report of the meeting to the club.

1934-Year books were made available for the first time. The cover was hand-made and the book was sent in for a prize by Horticulture Magazine...The club was given a wild flower tour in Monticello by Mr. Lodge. Fifty-seven

of the members attended...The first club picnic was followed by a lecture by the East Lawn Burial Association...

1935-In March the members had a seed exchange. A planned wild flower tour near Homer was called off because of bad weather... The club hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. at the Champaign Country Club, October 7, 1935. They had a nice luncheon for 75¢...In May the club bought a stereopticon and reflectoscope machine. This was often rented to different clubs.

1936-no records.

FLOWER SHOWS:

October 1930-Almost immediately after its organization the club put on a small flower show in Mrs. W. R. Tyler's garage.

Spring 1931-Their first real show was held at the Old Women's Building. In order to use these facilities, the Home Bureau had to be invited to participate, and it was a county-wide show. It is not recalled that anyone but club members made entries, however. Lem Keeler and Mr. Innes made a pool for this show.

Fall 1932-This second show was similar to the first.

May 1933-A fine, large show was held at the Ice Skating Rink with a total cost of \$12.06 (printing, \$7.25, hauling \$2.91, poster board \$1.60). There were several hundred entries. Sophia Booker and Amanda Gordon brought a wild flower garden in from the woods, complete with logs, stumps, trees, leaves, and numbers of flowers. On the opposite side, a 10'x12' cactus garden was displayed. Amanda Gordon collected cacti from members and friends, and these were put into a bed of sand. An old cow's skull gave "atmosphere"

to this display. Horticulture, tables and eye level niches were featured. The Boy Scouts helped with the show and the Junior Garden Clubbers had their work displayed. Prof. King, Prof. Flint and Prof. Dorner put educational displays in the show. Seven hundred containers were painted grey for this show and the grey tags matched. A luncheon was held at noon the day of the show.

May 8, 1934-The show was held at the Ice Skating Rink at a cost of \$52.88. The members were told by President Woodruff to "get busy and plan to do big things". This was a Tulip Time Show and each member bought bulbs from Art Floral at the special price of \$2.50 per hundred and planted them in tin cans so a massed tulip display could be featured. A luncheon was again held the day of the show.

May 25, 1935-A county-wide show was held at the Women's Gymnasium. Books on gardening were on display from Champaign, Urbana and the University of Illinois libraries. Prof. White, Prof. Dorner and Prof. Glenn had educational displays there.

August & September 1935-Round Robin displays or small shows were held with four arrangements in each of three homes.

1936-no records

FINANCES:

The fiscal year was from January to January and the dues were \$1.20 per year of which 20¢ went to the State.

September 1933-balance \$12.00. Five dollars was sent to the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. for dues.

February 1934-balance \$24.00. The year book billing was \$3.45.

September 1935-balance \$22.34.

(It should be remembered when looking at these figures that this was during the depression and rib steaks sold for 25¢ a pound.)

REMARKS:

As one reviews the material available for these years one is conscious of how vitally interested all members of the club were, how hard they were working to teach others and how much they wanted to give to the community as a whole. They were reaching out to other garden clubs in downstate Illinois and were cooperating in a fine way with the state organization. They were full of individual enthusiasm, the members striking out on their own and donating time, effort and plants. By the end of the period, much of this first wave of enthusiasm had cooled down to a hard core of steady workers.

For the first six years, there was no problem at all to secure general chairmen for the flower shows. Hard work was put



into building up the membership and no one seemed to be dragging his feet. Many subjects were discussed in detail at each meeting. Men were members at this time.

Miss Margaret Nelson joined the group in 1934, Mrs. Harry E. Potter, husband and daughter in 1936 and Mrs. Charles Kappes in 1935. The club had 98 members in 1935.

JANUARY, 1937 - DECEMBER 31, 1941

OFFICERS:

	1937	1938
Pres.	Mr. J. H. Morgan	Mrs. H. R. Thomas
Vice Pres.	Mrs. H. R. Thomas	Mrs. Bernard Jefferson
Recording Sec.	Miss Grace Slocum	Mrs. Orom Butler
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. B. L. Jefferson	Mrs. C. H. Puterbaugh
Treas.	Mrs. Mayme Everman	Mrs. M. H. Smith
Program Chr.	Mrs. I. M. Woodruff	Mrs. Shriner
	1939	1940
Pres.	Dr. T. S. Hamilton	Dr. C. H. Puterbaugh
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Julian Fellows	Miss Margaret Nelson
Recording Sec.	Mrs. Orom Butler	Mrs. Orom Butler
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. C. H. Puterbaugh	Mrs. Wilber Smith
Treas.	Mrs. Martha H. Smith	Mrs. Martha H. Smith
Program Chr.	Mrs. Hackett Wilder	Mrs. E. K. Vandermark
	1941	
Pres.	Mrs. E. K. Vandermark	
Vice Pres.	Miss Margaret Nelson	
Recording Sec.	Mrs. C. C. Burford	
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. M. D. Gordon	
Treas.	Mrs. Harry Potter	
Program Chr.	Mrs. Orom Butler	

MEETINGS:

From 1937 to September 1940 most of the meetings were held at the Y. W. C. A. for which the club paid \$2.00 per meeting. After September 1941 they were generally held on the fifth floor of the City Building, Champaign.

The Board meetings were usually held either immediately before or after the regular meetings, and this was once each month. In 1939 the July and August meetings were discontinued.

The club usually had covered dish suppers in homes at least once each year. In 1941 the Holiday covered dish dinner was held in addition to the regular monthly meeting for December.

Several meetings during this five year period consisted of a tour of three homes in which were displayed various categories of set tables, coffee tables, hall and mantel arrangements, and these arrangements were the combined work of the club. The homes would be open for a couple of hours late in the afternoon, and again in the evening. These meetings were quite popular.

At most monthly meetings, a member gave "garden hints" or discussed some specific plant or group of plants. In addition, a formal program with a speaker was usually heard. Almost all of the topics discussed were concerning horticulture, and sometimes members gave the program, but very often a specialist from the University of Illinois would do it. Occasionally, some outsider, like a representative from a company, would give the program.

A few of the programs were:
 New Varieties of Vegetables-Prof. B. L. Weaver
 Growth Promoting Substances-Prof. Weinard
 Spring Maintenance, Divisions and Planting-Prof. Hutchinson
 Home Life of the House Wren-Dr. Kendiegh
 Vegetable Gardening-Mr. Ben Soby, University of Michigan
 Soils, Fertilizers and Mulches-Mr. Morgan
 Flower Show Judging-Demonstration
 Talk on Frozen Foods
 Talk on All American Winners
 Talk on Trees

Two study groups met in addition to the regular meetings. There was an evening study group which met in the homes and an afternoon group which always had a pot-luck luncheon. Each group met once each month and both studied horticulture, primarily.

There was usually a special display at the regular meetings of the club. It varied from gourds, containers, special types of flowers, plants, seasonal arrangements and other items of interest. These were usually discussed or judged. At one meeting twenty arrangements were displayed. Members judged them and offered changes which were made to see if they improved the arrangement.

In September 1941, Prof. Hutchinson, University of Illinois, Floriculture Department, spoke on "Tulips". He mentioned how the war in Europe had affected the tulip and daffodil bulb supply and that land in Oregon selling for \$25 an acre was better for growing tulips than the \$2500 acre land in Holland. He also spoke of the shortage of Easter lilies and that it was so desperate that some other lily might have to be substituted for it. This started the great bulb growing industries in Oregon and is worthy of being mentioned.

In January 1940, frozen foods were so new that our club had a program on them; another bit which reflected the life of that time.

PROJECTS:

All during these years Miss Margaret Nelson and Mrs. Jorgenson worked through the schools with school children. These students very often sent exhibits to the Chicago Flower Show as it was always called in the minutes. (It was never referred to as the World Flower Show as it is today.) These Junior Club members came away with a number of ribbons. The club paid their entry fees and seemed to be very proud of this work. At the end of this period, Mrs. Jorgenson resigned but she still worked with the children in the following years.

Two study groups met in addition to the regular meeting each month but both studied horticulture, primarily. A special gladiolus group was also formed at this time. The minutes always re-

ferred to corms as "bulbs" and the club obtained the "bulbs" for members at 2¢ each.

Some of our members continued to judge neighboring Flower Shows and the club still supported the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. actively. They contributed to the Lincoln Memorial Garden and at this time they had a ten minute radio program on WDWS for twenty weeks.

Members were urged each year to subscribe to Garden Glories, the publication of the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. for 30¢ per year. Many other magazines could be obtained through the club at reduced rates and the club made money on this until 1939 when the magazine companies said they could no longer pay the commission. The commissions went into the Library Fund. The library seemed to be very active and important to the members and much was said about new books which were available. Members made bird stations and plant labels and sold them to swell the Library Fund.

Each year the club sold tickets to the "Chicago Flower Show". Other large shows were mentioned and evidently fairly large groups went to at least some of them, and very often reported on these shows at the next meeting. St. Louis was mentioned several times, Lake Forest and many others. The Holland Tulip Festival was also mentioned.

A plan was developed to adopt the flowering crab as a special tree for our community.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1937-This year's year book was like a calendar and had special dates marked and the program for the month was clearly shown above.

1938-The club started having a bulletin board on which new books which were available and plants which members desired to exchange were listed...Our club was invited by the Champaign Women's Club to attend "Ozarks in Southern Illinois" by W. T. Lodge of Monticello... Mrs. Severns and the Hamiltons were asked to judge a Bloomington show...At this time, flowers in a container were being called arrangements instead of "bouquets" as they were in the first six years... During these years the club was still trying to build up its membership.

1939-Here we find the first mention being made of qualified Garden Club judges. Prior to this, one evidently got on the list by sending his or her name and the expected charges, such as transportation, to the State Chairman. In October 1939, however, the first accredited school for judges was mentioned...The club purchased a lantern, and charged other clubs for its use. Two dollars was charged if a Garden Club speaker accompanied it...A large group attended the Danville Garden Tour and during this year Fair entries

were solicited.

1940-\$5.00 per year was paid for storage of club properties.

FLOWER SHOWS:

July 27, 28, 1938-This show was held in the Community Room of the City Building in Champaign. Dr. Hamilton was chairman and there was no charge for the use of the room. The "parallel system" of judging was used for the first time. There were 85 exhibitors, 40% of whom were members. There were 425 exhibits and 15% of the exhibitors received 70% of the awards. Two thousand visitors registered but probably 2500 attended. There was no charge for the show.

July 1939-A gladiolus show was held.

September 21, 22, 1939-Dr. Hamilton was chairman of this show. No "egg crate niches" (flower pictures) were used at this show and the sickroom bouquets were also eliminated. There was a special exhibit of decorative gourds and the show contained junior work, mirror, modernistic, Oriental, vegetable, fruit, weed, table, window, mantel, miniature, and gourd arrangements and corsage bouquets. A non-competitive system of awards was used and the show cost \$50.25. The group did not decide to have this show until early in September.

May 15, 16, 1941-Not much is recorded about this show except that it was a "streamlined" show. One hundred seven species and varieties were exhibited with a total of 288 exhibits. There were 40 adult exhibitors and 30 children.

FINANCES:

November 1937-There were 68 paid members and the treasury had a balance of \$17.09.

January 1938-The balance was \$119.89.

March 1939-The balance was \$59.00. There were 75 members.

November 1940-The balance was \$50.84 with 68 paid members.

December 1941-The balance was \$20.95 with 61 paid members.

REMARKS:

The second period from 1937 through 1941 showed problems of getting officers and show chairmen. The war in Europe was affecting the club. New plants and products were coming onto the market but the group no longer seemed to have that heady enthusiasm which had kept them eager to push ahead in all directions.

Membership was fluctuating from 98 in 1935 to 75 in 1939 to 61 in 1941.

Mrs. Irwin Chase joined the group in 1941.

JANUARY, 1942 - DECEMBER 31, 1946

OFFICERS:

	1942	1943
Pres.	Mrs. E. K. Vandermark	Mrs. W. L. Schwalbe
Vice Pres.	J. H. Morgan	Miss Esther Anell
Sec.	Mrs. C. C. Burford	Mrs. Findley Wiseheart
Treas.	Mrs. Harry Potter	Mrs. Grace Butler
Program Chr.	Mrs. W. R. Tyler	
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. Findley Wiseheart	(this office was dropped)
	1944	1945
Pres.	Mrs. Wilbur Smith	Mrs. Grace Butler
Vice Pres.	Miss Esther Anell	Mrs. Ople Wiseheart
Sec.	Dr. C. H. Puterbaugh	Miss Esther Anell
Treas.	Mrs. Raymond Turner	Mrs. Wilbur Smith
Program Chr.	Dr. T. S. Hamilton	Miss Margaret Nelson
	1946	
Pres.	Mrs. Grace Butler	
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Ople Wiseheart	
Sec.	Mrs. Esther Towner	
Treas.	Mrs. Wilbur Smith	
Program Chr.	Miss Margaret Nelson	

MEETINGS:

Both study groups continued, one a night meeting, the other a luncheon-afternoon group. Both met once a month in private homes. Both studied various aspects of gardening, mostly the horticulture part if it, but sometimes arrangements. The studies were led by group members.

August of each year was usually an evening pot-luck picnic supper followed by a program. An annual Christmas party was held almost every year, and it was also pot-luck, and was usually held at a church. A different church was used each year.

Most meetings continued to be held in the Champaign City Building. However, the April meeting in 1942 was held in the Champaign Library.

These were war years and this was reflected in the programs. Many were still on the old faithfuls, however, like roses and day-lilies but new interests were entering the picture. Rationing was reflected on the programs and short talks were given about canning and freezing foods. Fruit and vegetable cultivation was very important and there was an increasing use of house plants. Dried materials were coming into use in arrangements.

A few of the programs were:

Iris-Prof T. S. Keith
Gladiolus-Prof. F. M. Clark
Dehydration of Fruits and Vegetable-Prof. E. W. Lehmann
South American Travel Pictures-Dr. R. E. Crist
Insects, Damage and Control-Dr. Charles C. Compton

Conservation of Wild Life-Dr. T. S. Hamilton
 Winter Birds-Dr. Kendiegh
 Color-Miss Florence B. Robinson, Landscape Architecture Department
 Roses-Mr. Edward Bechly
 Soybeans-Mrs. L. F. Williams
 Demonstration of Flower Arranging-Mrs. W. R. Tyler
 House Plants-Mrs. M. D. Gordon

Fewer programs were given by our own members than in previous years, but displays of special interest were still being made for meetings such as arrangements, special flowers and plants.

PROJECTS:

Both study groups continued, both still studying mostly horticulture. The Junior Club was still going strong and took many ribbons at the Chicago Flower Show.

The club was primarily concerned with the war efforts, victory gardens, sending flowers which had been solicited from the members to soldiers in the hospital at Chanute, making decorations for tables where lunches were served in connection with the blood bank, providing plants for USO window boxes, decorating the USO and contributing to the Red Cross as a group.

They were still supporting the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. and entertained this group at its downstate convention. This event cost the club 93¢.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1942-The University of Illinois test plots of hedge plants, grasses and turfs were announced..The Chicago Flower Show was held at Thorn Hill Farm near Morton
 Our plant sale netted

1943-Our secretary write the Governor ing the removal of highways as metal the war.

1944-The Garden Club activated. It was ments of special events, seed and plant ex-

1945-Mrs. Thor spoke value of vegetables beans were the best Arrangements of vegetables were made in October of this year by some of the members.



Arboretum this year. \$25.56.

was instructed to of Illinois request-metal signs from the was scarce during

bulletin was re-used for announce-news and offers of changes...

of the nutritional and said that soy substitute for meat...

FLOWER SHOWS:

July 25, 26, 1942-Mrs. W. R. Tyler was general chairman. No details were given.

1943-There was no mention of a show. These were war years and gas was rationed.

1944-There was no show.

September 15, 1945-The show was held at W. Lewis & Co. Store. No details were given.



FINANCES:

January 1943-balance \$30.21

October 1943-balance \$37.45

March 1944-balance \$55.71

November 1945-balance \$49.78

April 1946-balance \$66.43

November 1946-balance \$70.43

REMARKS:

In this period the members were very concerned with their war efforts. The club was trying to do its bit. By the end of 1946 several of our enthusiastic members had passed away and Mrs. W. R. Tyler had lost her husband and had moved to Southwest United States. All of this was a blow to the club, and it had lost its period of feverish activity. Somehow there was less excitement reflected in the minutes. No longer were the years' minutes summarized and by 1946 even the minutes were incomplete and the reports unfinished.

A number of the names of our present members began to appear in the minutes and these members were beginning to support the main activities of the club: Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Kappes, Miss Nelson and Mrs. Potter already mentioned and Mrs. Beetle, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Lechner, Mrs. Puterbaugh and Mrs. Wilsheart.

There were 50 members in 1945.

JANUARY, 1947 - DECEMBER 31, 1952

OFFICERS:	1947-48	1949-50
Pres.	Mrs. H. J. Leichner	Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Irwin Chase	Mrs. Frank Terry
Sec.	Mrs. Laura Wendt	Mrs. Arnold Mileham
Treas.	Mrs. Frank Terry	Mrs. Roy Hamrick
Program Chr.		Mrs. Wilbur Smith
(not elected)		Mrs. Irwin Chase
	1951-52	
Pres.	Mrs. John Miller	
Vice Pres.	Mrs. O. L. Curl	
Sec.	Mrs. W. C. Noel	
Treas.	Mrs. L. C. Auby, Mrs. C. N. Beetle	
Program Chr.	Mrs. R. H. Michalek '51	
(not elected)	Mrs. H. F. Hannah '52	
	Mrs. T. G. Scott	

The slate of officers was presented at the November meeting and they were elected at the December meeting to serve two calendar years.

Amanda Gordon was appointed Custodian of Properties on March 16, 1948 and she was responsible for their storage for many years. On January 18, 1949, Amanda's son, Charles, was awarded \$2.50 as a gift "for his generous work in moving club properties to the Gordon home".

Special committees: (no year books in present form until 1949)

	1949	1950	1951	1952
Contests	*	-	-	-
Outside activities	*	*	*	*
Garden Tours	*	*	*	*
Membership	*	*	*	*
Publicity	*	*	*	*
Library	*	*	*	*
Courtesy	*	*	*	*
Telephone	*	*	*	*
Custodian of properties	*	*	*	*
Flower Show	-	-	-	*
Program	*	*	*	*

When Mrs. Bucher was replaced as librarian in 1951, Miss Margaret Nelson was appointed to take her place, a position in which Miss Nelson worked faithfully until she left the community in 1957.

MEETINGS:

Most of the meetings were held in homes. Hostesses named over and over were Mrs. O. T. Butler, Mrs. Irwin Chase, Mrs. E. N. DeAtley, Mrs. Charles Kappes, Mrs. H. J. Leichner, Mrs. Harry Potter. Some of the meetings were afternoon meetings, some evening meetings. The afternoon meetings were preceded by a luncheon, usually a covered

dish luncheon. In January 1947, the luncheon fund had \$35.00 extra which was turned over to the general treasury of the Garden Club.

The first meeting to be held at the Urbana Community Building was December 13, 1949. After that, there were fewer meetings in the homes, several each year, however, until the Community Building became the accepted place of meeting.

The club membership was open to anyone interested in gardening, but invitations were sent out. The membership attendance averaged 25 to 40 at each meeting. In 1950, the paid membership totaled 50.

During this period there was often a guest speaker but often one of the Garden Club members, usually the chairman for the day, conducted the program. Some of the subjects covered were: Church Arrangements, Conservation, Daffodils, Desert Flowers, Evergreens, Flower Arrangements, Hemerocalis, Herbs, House Plants, Lillies, Garden Pests, Soils, Spring Bulbs, Terrariums and African Violets. Dr. F. S. Hamilton talked on Gladiolus; Mrs. Wiseheart on Begonias; Mrs. Paul Magel, Chrysanthemums, Their History and Culture; Mrs. Leichner showed colored slides of Yellowstone Park and Mrs. C. C. Burford talked of our State Parks and gave several Book Reviews. For the most part, the speakers were not listed in the year books of this period.

During 1949 there was a contest at each meeting conducted by Mrs. Laura Wendt. The race was to see who could identify the most of that day's specimens-seeds, weeds, tree leaves and winter branches, for example. A yearly prize was awarded to Mrs. Charles Kappes at the Christmas meeting for having the highest score. This period always had a Christmas party and a picnic in July or August except in 1950 when they had a covered dish luncheon in July. Neither a picnic nor Christmas party was held in 1951. They went back to the picnic in July 1952. There was no August meeting in 1950.

A speaker from Art Floral, October 18, 1949, gave each club member a rose and treated the women to delicious chocolate.

PROJECTS:

Self advancement dominated the projects of the late 40's and early 50's. Contests were held at the regular meetings and most of the programs through this period had no speakers listed in advance. Sometimes outsiders gave talks but for the most part it was membership participation and many of these who participated so actively during this period are well equipped to lend weight to any group today. Their shows were coming back to a grander style, but shows were not their primary interest.

The club made plans to set up a Junior Club this year. Apparently the one which was so active in the 30's had fallen by the wayside early in this period.

They planted shrubs at the Champaign County Farm and the Garwood Home.

On November 1952, Mrs. Lebaugh and Mrs. Johnson were appointed to see about "appropriate gifts for the ladies at the Home".

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1947-In March of this year the group was interested in new ways of garbage disposal and in December the Christmas party was a series of games, pictures, exchange of gifts and dinner. The average attendance for the year was about 22.

1948-In March, the group invited the Champaign Women's Club to the regular meeting to enjoy flower pictures and a lecture...In April, they bought trays for their luncheons...In October, they moved that the study group chairman be elected with the officers of the club instead of being appointed by the president...They also ordered 50 boxes of notepaper, special calendars and post cards...There was no December meeting.

1949-In January, the move to change the meetings from the second to the third Tuesday was defeated...Gardens visited were Auby, Hannah, Kappes, Smith and Wendt...In December "The Nativity" and "The Christmas Rose" were read and Christmas Carols were sung. This was a covered dish luncheon meeting followed by a social hour.

1950-In May, Mrs. Wilbur Smith left town. She had been a member of the Twin City Garden Club and an enthusiastic, loyal supporter since 1937...In December, at their covered dish luncheon, members told of Christmas traditions, customs and uses of Christmas greens.

1951-In February, the club reviewed 20 years in the Garden Club with past Flower Show slides and remarks by Mrs. M. D. Gordon...The December meeting was a covered dish luncheon. The tables were well decorated and there was a "holiday atmosphere". There was a program of music, readings and Christmas decorations.

During the period 1947-52 the Christmas meetings were the annual meetings.

FLOWER SHOWS:

1950-No flower shows were mentioned for this period until 1950. At a picnic at Mrs. Freda Maxwell's in July an Autumn Show was proposed for September 26 and 27 in the First Methodist Church of Champaign. This meant quick work. The 40 members made 145 entries. No mention was made of awards.

1951-Again in July the proposition for a September Flower Show came up and again this would involve hasty planning. This time the show was to be in the Urbana Community Building. The show was named

"Craving for Beauty in an Artistic Manner". Mrs. W. D. Jackson was general chairman and Mrs. Walter Reymer, clerk. There was a good deal of emphasis on table settings. The show was attended by 500 viewers and cost the Garden Club \$40.35.

1952-This time the Garden Club began in February to get ready for a Flower Show to be held in the Urbana Community Building May 18 and 19. On Lincoln's Birthday, a group met at 10:00 a.m. to make tablecloths for the show, had a pot luck lunch and stayed on for the regular meeting. The show was to be financed by volunteer donations. No admission was charged.

FINANCES:

The treasurer's report at each meeting ran a little less than \$100 although on November 14, 1950 the club had only \$56.29.

To augment the club's finances there were plant auctions and white elephant sales and, according to the secretary's report "bidding was good and \$6.55 was netted" at one of these sales.



REMARKS:

The membership in 1950 was 50 and the group was getting back some of its enthusiasm for Garden Club work after the war interval. They were beginning to again be interested in new things and flower arrangement seemed to be becoming more important. Line arrangements were mentioned in 1951. The book "Flower Arrangement" by Rockwell and Grayson was highly recommended to our members. Flower Shows were coming back, but the big performances of the 30's were not yet being repeated nor was the public as interested in that their attendance at these shows was small compared to that of those attending the earlier shows. However, the attendance at the regular meeting was increasing with the increased membership; 49 attending October 1952 out of the 57 members.

JANUARY, 1953 - DECEMBER 31, 1958

OFFICERS:

(elected)

1953-54
Pres. Mrs. A. Mileham
Vice Pres. Mrs. C. T. Henson
Sec. Mrs. T. G. Scott '53
Mrs. Arthur Kinzer '54
Treas. Mrs. E. N. DeAtley

(non-elected)

Program Chr. Mrs. W. L. Schwalbe '53
Mrs. Ople Wiseheart '53, '54
Mrs. Walter Reymer '54
Flower S. Chr. Mrs. H. F. Hannah '53, '54
Mrs. M. M. LeBaugh '53
Mrs. C. H. Wilborn '54
Mrs. C. M. Bectol '54

(elected)

1957
Pres. Mrs. Robert M. Kosanke
Vice Pres. Mrs. F. L. Wiseheart

Sec. Miss Lola McClurg
Treas. Mrs. F. H. Congleton
(non-elected)
Program Chr. Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen

Flower S. Chr. Mrs. Curtis W. Sleeter
Mrs. D. W. Burnett

1955-56
Mrs. H. F. Hannah
Mrs. E. N. DeAtley
Mrs. Vera Winklepleck '55
Miss Lola McClurg '56
Mrs. Arnold Mileham

Mrs. Irwin Chase '55, '56
Mrs. M. M. LeBaugh '55
Mrs. R. M. Kosanke '56
Mrs. Grant Brown '55, '56
Mrs. John Miller '55, '56
Mrs. Glenn Hansen '56
Mrs. Harry Potter '56

1958

Mrs. Grant Brown
Mrs. Robert Denomy
(also Flower S. Chr.)
Miss Lola McClurg
Mrs. Wayne W. Geiling

Mrs. C. T. Henson
Mrs. T. G. Scott

Special committees	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Garden Tours	*	*	*	*	*	*
Outside Activities	*	*	*	*	*	-
Membership	*	*	*	*	*	*
Publicity	*	*	*	*	*	*
Library	*	*	*	*	*	*
Courtesy	*	*	*	*	*	*
Custodian of	*	*	*	*	*	*
Properties						
Contest Research		*				
Budget and Finance						*
Junior Club Work						*
Beautification and Conservation						*
Exhibits and Flower Shows (other than Annual Shows)						*
Christmas Luncheon						*
Chrysanthemum Tea						*
President's Tea						*
Rose Show						*
Wildflower Tour and other outside activities						*

These special committees are listed to show the club's interests and how they changed through the years.

MEETINGS:

The meetings for this period were primarily at the Urbana Community Building. The programs were very diversified. Sometimes a guest speaker who was a specialist gave the program but more often it was given by one of the club's own members. Some of the subjects covered were:

Annuals We Enjoy Most
Best Annuals to Plant-Mrs. W. D. Murphy
Bontinous Bloom in Border-Mrs. T. G. Scott
Catalogue Mania
Chrysanthemum Tea and Antiques
Christmas Parties and Decorations
Clematis for Beauty in High Places-Mrs. Paul Magel
Color Where Needed
Day Lilies
Delphinium
Evergreen and Shrubs-Mrs. T. G. Scott
Flower Arrangements and Arranging
Flowering Bulbs
Flower Show and Planning
Flower Show Review-Mrs. Robert Kosanke
Flowers of the Bible
Gladiolus
House Plants-Mrs. John Miller
A Look at Landscapes-Mrs. T. G. Scott
Lillies-Mrs. Paul Magel
Peonies
Planning Flower Shows-Mrs. C. H. Wilborn, Mrs. C. M. Bectol
Planter Boxes, In and Out
Planting Trees
Pruning and Grafting-Forcing Shrubs
Roses-Mrs. F. B. Johnson
Slides-Mrs. H. J. Lechner
Table Settings
Weeds-Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart
What New to Order-Mrs. Edwards

No programs were listed in 1955 or 1956. All were "to be announced". However, each meeting had a special roll call topic and a committee, and occasionally the topics but not the speakers were listed. "Horticulture Highlights" were featured in 1957 and 1958 had short talks on "Now is the Time" for something pertinent to the month.

Each year the club procured at least one hired outstanding speaker who usually spoke on Flower Arranging. Dorothy Biddle was to have come during this period but had to cancel her engagement because of an injury.

During the years 1953 and 1954, the birthday of each member was recognized at the meeting of the month in which the birthday

occurred. In January 1953, seven members received corsages of carnations; in February, 9 members received pots of violets; the six born in March received jonquils; 8 Aprilites received cards of sweet peas; the Mays potted lilies-of-the valley; June, roses; July, larkspur; August, gladiolus; September, asters; October, calendula; November, chrysanthemums; December, narcissus bulbs.

During 1953, there was a Question and Suggestion Box near the door.



PROJECTS:

During this period the club supported the Lincoln Memorial Gardens, planted trees and flowers at the Community Nursing Home, made entries at the Champaign County Fair and took charge of floriculture at this Fair. They held a June Walk each Spring and made arrangements for the College Town Tour, a project of the Junior Woman's Club for which the proceeds were used to help the deaf. October 1957, they made arrangements for Illini Union's special chrysanthemum show sponsored by the University of Illinois' Floriculture Club.

Floral arrangements at the two public libraries were still being made. Mrs. Harry

Potter, Urbana and Mrs. Finley Wiseheart, Champaign were in charge of these arrangements.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Up to 1953 there seems to have been food at nearly every meeting, but in January of that year it was voted not to eat except on special occasions. The social program since then has usually included four events: a Spring Tea (a green tea or St. Patrick's), a June Picnic at Hessel Park, a Chrysanthemum Tea in October (60 attended in 1953 at Mrs. T.C. Henson's) and a Christmas "covered dish" luncheon. There were gift exchanges at these Christmas meetings in 1949-50-51 and 52.

1953-In October, 16 members of the Twin City Garden Club attended the first day of the Flower Show School in Danville.

1954-In December, 53 members attended the annual luncheon. Displays had been made by Art Floral, Robeson's and Lewis's for Christmas ideas.

1955-In September, a motion was made and carried to buy a gavel. In December, the group voted to include the by-laws in the year book. At this regular covered dish luncheon several arrangements were on display, the Christmas Story was read and there was a gift exchange.

1956-In November permanent name tags were made and 10¢ per member was charged to finance the project. In December, the group had its regular covered dish luncheon and annual meeting. The talk was on "Evergreens for Landscaping and Christmas Decorations".

1957-The Christmas Party was the usual covered dish luncheon with gift exchanges...A budget had been requested this year for the first time...Two live evergreen trees donated by Margaret Scott were auctioned off. They brought \$10.50. More money was needed by the club because it was going to have to pay rent for its Flower Show next year and for speakers for the regular meetings. The executive board was authorized to find means for increasing the club's income... Miss Margaret Nelson left this year to make her home in Michigan and she has been greatly missed by the club...In December the group voted that the vice president should also be the Flower Show Chairman.

1958-Gardens visited in July were those of Brown, Granger, Hickman, Nichols and Wiseheart...There was no meeting in August...In September Mrs. George Satterwhite of Danville gave "Tricks of the Trade" regarding flower arrangements...In November it was voted to omit the 1959 Flower Show because no one had been found to assume the duties of vice president whose chief job now would be that of Flower Show Chairman. After this duty had been removed, a vice president was found...At the annual luncheon in December, it was voted to have no gift exchange but the usual covered dish luncheon was held with its festivities. At this meeting, the group had a discussion on "What Do You Want on Next Year's Program?"

FLOWER SHOWS:

1953-Very little information was given on this show. It was held June 9th in the First Presbyterian Church, Champaign. Mrs. M. M. LeBaugh was general chairman, and Mrs. Walter Reyner was the show's leading winner with six blue ribbons. The minutes stated that the publicity was inadequate because of the numerous weddings and other social events which had to be reported.

1954-Mrs. C. H. Wilborn was the general chairman and the show was held June 26th at G. C. Willis Store, Champaign.

May 25, 26, 1956-Mrs. Grant Brown and Mrs. John Miller were co-chairmen for a show held at the Urbana Free Library. The theme was "Garden Greetings" and Mrs. Finley Wiseheart took the sweepstakes.

1957-This show was held at Carter's Town & Country Store in May and the theme was "Living with Flowers". Mrs. T. G. Scott won the tri-color award. There were 564 registered guests and many who did not register. Accessories, such as dishes and linens, were furnished by Cross Roads Gift Shop.

April 28, 29, 1958-"It's Spring Again" was held at the Urbana Community Building and the tri-color ribbon went to Mrs. Robert

Kosanke. Mrs. Robert Denomy was chairman and 400 attended.

Apparently the annual flower show was free until 1958. Then a 50¢ charge was originated (\$1.00 per family). The 1958 show netted \$93.48.

Rose Shows—The first Rose Show was held at the Busey Bank June 15 and 16, 1956 with Mrs. F. B. Johnson in charge. This show has been held annually ever since except for 1960 and 1961.

REMARKS:

In December 1954, it was voted to limit the membership to 100. This ruling was rescinded November 13, 1956, and the membership was again open to anyone interested. By 1955, the club had grown to 91 members and, with a few exceptions, the meetings were held in the Urbana Community Building.

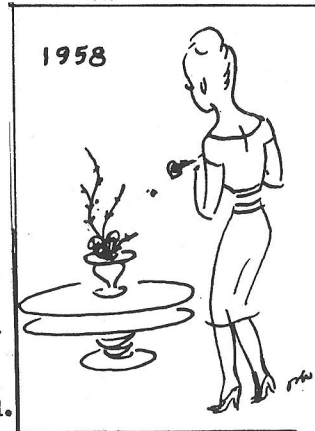
There was no record of when the club joined the Federation, but after a discussion on March 8, 1955, the club voted "to stay in the Federation". The club was active in sending delegates to the annual meetings of the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. In 1953, they were asked by the State to organize District IV but they felt they could not because of the work involved. However, the organization meeting was held in Champaign at Mrs. DeAtley's. In May of 1953, we again hosted the District, also in November 1955. The district included Mattoon, Danville and Bondville.

This was a period of adjustment for the club. The membership was growing and the expenses were climbing. The club wanted better speakers, better year books and everything cost more. From the programs can be seen that lectures on one flower were popular because of the development of new strains and specialized methods of growing certain types of flowers. Members wanted to raise their own flowers for arrangements and foliage was becoming more important—important enough to be considered in landscape planning.

The period finds less mass membership participation and it was getting harder and harder to find show chairmen.

FINANCES

During 1953 and 1954, the Garden Club was comparatively poor, with an average of about \$60.00 in the treasury. In August 1954, it was voted to raise the dues from \$1.20 to \$2.00. This raise, together with the plant sales, brought our treasury up to \$328.28 by September 1958. Since \$240.00 had been budgeted, this left a little surplus to pay some outside speakers.



OFFICERS

	1959	1960-61
President	Mrs. Grant Brown	Mrs. Charles Nichols
Vice Pres.	Mrs. C. H. Wilborn	Mrs. George Anderson
Secretary	Mrs. Harold Congleton	Mrs. M. M. Hickman
Treasurer	Miss Lola McClurg	Mrs. Wayne Geiling
Program	Mrs. C. T. Henson	Mrs. George Anderson
Rose Show Chr.	Mrs. C. H. Nichols	
	Mrs. C. H. James	
	Mrs. Charles Kappes	
	1961-62	1962-63
President	Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart	Mrs. Grant Brown
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Wayne Geiling	Mrs. George England
Secretary	Miss Ethelyn Kirk	Mrs. Ethelyn Kirk
Treasurer	Mrs. Kenneth Wood	Mrs. Kenneth Wood
Flower Show Chr.	Mrs. W. B. Gorray	
Rose Show Chr.		Mrs. Charles Nichols
Program Chr.	Mrs. Wayne Geiling	Mrs. Clyde Kesler
	1963-64	1964-65
President	Mrs. George England	Mrs. Kenneth P. Wood
Vice Pres.	Mrs. M. M. Hickman	Mrs. George P. Anderson
Secretary	Mrs. Reginald Eggleton	Mrs. John Theodore
Treasurer	Mrs. Gilbert Winklepleck	Miss Opal Cunningham
Flower Show Chr.	Mrs. Kenneth Wood	Mrs. Grant Brown
Rose Show Chr.	Mrs. Grant Brown	Mrs. Floyd Huff
Program Chr.	Mrs. Donald Smith	Mrs. M. M. Hickman
	1965-66	
President	Mrs. George P. Anderson	
Vice Pres.	Mrs. B. G. Ricketts	
Secretary	Mrs. Paul Lawrence	
Treasurer	Miss Opal Cunningham	
Fall Show Chr.	Mrs. Grant Brown	
Rose Show Chr.	Miss Joan Beetle	
Program Chr.	Mrs. George England	
Program Chairmen, Rose Show and other Flower Show Chairmen were not elected.		
Horticulture Workshop	Flower Arranging Workshop	
1959 Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart	1959 Mrs. Robert Kosanke	
1961-62 Mrs. M. M. Hickman	Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart	
1962-63 Mrs. H. F. Hannah	1961-62 Mrs. A. Gordes	
1963-64 Mrs. H. J. Lechner	1962-63 Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart	
Mrs. H. F. Hannah	1963-64 Mrs. Clyde E. Kesler	
1964-65 Mrs. Priscilla Smith	Mrs. George Anderson	
Mrs. Stanley Van Koten	1964-65 Mrs. Reginald Eggleton	
1964-66 Mrs. P. G. Jones	Mrs. Dale Carlson	
	1965-66 Mrs. Dale Carlson	
	Mrs. L. J. Hartmann	

Table Setting Workshop
1961-62 Mrs. George Anderson
1962-63 Mrs. George Anderson

Junior Garden Club Sponsor
1964-66 Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart

Flower Show School
1963-66 Mrs. Clyde Kesler,
Courses I, II, III, IV, V

Special Committees	'59	60-61	61-62	62-63	63-64	64-65	66
Beautification & Conserv.	*	-	-	-	*	*	*
Conservation	-	*	*	*	-	-	-
Courtesy	*	*	*	*	*	*	-
Custodian of Properties	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Exhibits & Flower Show (other than Annual)	*						
Budget and Finance	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Garden Tours	*						
Horticulture		*					
Junior Club Work	*						
Publications (Florets Editor)					*	*	*
Library and Publications	*						
Library	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Membership	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guest Book	-	-	*	*	*		
Publicity	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitality & Name Tags							*
Name Tags and Reception	*	*					
Name Tags			*	*	*	*	
Telephone	*	*					
National Gardener, Garden Glories and Calendars		*					
Books and Calendars			*	*	*	*	*
Awards		*	*	*	*	*	*
Ornithology		*					
Year Book							*
Scrap Book		*	*	*	*	*	*
College Town Home Tour	*						
Parliamentarian					*	*	*
Champaign County Development Council							*
Christmas Luncheon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Chrysanthemum Tea	*	*					
Wildflower Tour	*	*					
Bird Walk		*					
History							*
May Luncheon		*	*	*	*	*	*
June Picnic		*			*	*	*
Flowers for Libraries			*	*	*	*	*
September Tea			*	*	*		
February Tea-Past Presidents				*			
September Tea-Past Presidents					*	*	*
Semi-annual meeting Garden Club of Illinois					*		
Flower Show School					*	*	*

Special Committees (cont.)	'59	60-61	61-62	62-63	63-64	64-65	66
Nursing Home Garden Project					*	*	*
Nursing Home Mother's Day Corsages					*	*	*
Calling Committee						*	*
Horticulture Workshop			*	*	*	*	*
Flower Arranging Workshop	*		*	*	*	*	*

MEETINGS:

The May meetings were luncheon meetings with entertaining programs and installation of officers; the June meetings, picnics and usually a tour of gardens; the September meetings have become Past President's Teas and the Christmas meetings festive luncheons, either pot lucks at the Community Building or catered luncheons at places like the Holiday Inn or Haggerty's. The Christmas meetings usually have entertaining or light programs.

Gardens toured during this period were: Robert Adam's (sweep-stake winner of the 1964 Rose Show), Leichner's, Winklepleck's, Mrs. Glenn Gordon's and Mrs. Harold Alger's. The Lincoln Statue in Urbana was also visited.

A few of the programs were:

Roses-1. Mrs. Charles Nichols (2) 2. Wandells
How to Grow Chrysanthemums
Lilies-Mrs. M. M. Hickman
Panel, Growing Tips-Mrs. M. M. Hickman, Mrs. M. D. Gordon, Mrs. Walter Reymeyer, Mrs. Robert Kosanke
Weed Killer Injury to Garden Pests
How to Use Insecticides and Fertilizers
Film on Christmas Trees, How They Grow
How to Select Your Evergreens: Trees and Shrubs
Landscaping (2)
House Plants-Mrs. Neal Boyd
State Wild Flowers-Dr. Robert A. Evers
State Parks and Memorials-Mr. Chagnon
Conservation and Legislation-Prof. Keith
Tour of Allerton Gardens-Donald G. Smith and Walter Keith
Tour of Nettie Hart Woods
Putting Our Gardens to Bed-Mrs. M. M. Hickman, Mrs. M. D. Gordon, Mrs. Charles Nichols and Mrs. Finley Wiseheart
Down to Earth with a Gree Thumb
Growing Flowers by Light-Illinois Power Co. (2)
Flower Arranging-1. Dorothy Biddle 2. Mrs. Raymond Rohde 3. Fritz 4. Harold Cook (2)
Dried Materials for Winter Arrangements 1. Mrs. Louis Basala 2. John Boewe
Holiday Arrangements-John Boewe
Williamsburg Arrangements
Notes on Japanese Design and Floral Arrangements
Panel of Our Own Arrangers-Mrs. Charles Nichols, Mrs. J. C. Martin, Mrs. George P. Anderson, Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. F. L. Wiseheart, Mrs. Clyde Kesler and Mrs. George England.

Birds

Film on Cancer

Dish Gardens-Mrs. Robert White

Plants of the Bible-Miss Lola McClurg

Lecture and Slides-Mrs. Charles Walgreen

Slides of Gardens Visited-Mrs. H. J. Leichner

Slides of European Gardens-Mrs. James Johnston

Slides of Bermuda-Mr. W. K. Galeener

Flowers and What They Represent to the Narrator-Mrs. M. M. Hickman

Garden Readings-Christmas Readings

Review of "Merry Hall" by Beverly Hall

Flower and Fashion Show

Changing Gardens

Points on How to Win Blue Ribbons

Presentation and Discussion of Flower Show Schedules

Review of Flower Shows and Slides

Table Settings-10 exhibition tables.

More emphasis was put on flower arranging and flower shows during this period. Horticulture and conservation were also important.

A poll of members in 1965 showed that 50% of the membership were interested primarily in horticulture and 50% in flower arranging. This is an excellent division for a club and makes for good program planning.

PROJECTS-

1959-Flower arranging workshops were started this year and the club again made arrangements for the College Tour. They still sold Garden Club calendars and made a small profit. They contributed as usual to the Lincoln Memorial Fund. They sponsored an indoor garden project at the Community Nursing Home and bought plant trays and florescent lights for \$22.00. Mrs. T. G. Scott donated twelve African violets...They put on the 4th Rose Show at Busey Bank and continued work with the Junior Club.

1960-61-The group continued to sponsor National Gardener, Garden Glories and the sale of Flower Arrangement calendars. They made arrangements for the College Town Home Tour, laid out new flower beds and plantings at the Champaign County Nursing Home and voted to make Mother's Day corsages each year for the ladies in the Home. On Arbor Day they planted trees given by Wandell to the schools in the name of the club and presented pins to school children. Their year's program was directed toward their Christmas Flower Show, a show which was a joy to the community and a financial triumph for the club. They planted trees in the swimming pool enclosure at Crystal Lake Park and bought three spruces and three weeping crab for the intersection of Sangamon and Crescent near the new swimming pool in Champaign. They still put arrangements in the libraries of the two communities. Horticulture workshops continued, as well as flower arranging workshops, to help with the entries in the Flower Show.

1961-62-The projects remained much the same as 1961-62 and a table setting workshop was established with Mrs. George P. Anderson as chairman. A newsletter was started by Mrs. Bryan which developed into our Florets, a paper which has been put out five times a year since 1962.

1962-63-All three workshops continued in addition to the regular meetings. Conservation was beginning to be very important and, again, a plan was mentioned to promote the planting of crab apple trees in every garden in Urbana.

1963-64-Special chairmen were set up to handle Florets, our club's publication, the Nursing Home Garden, the corsages, for the Nursing Home for Mother's Day. A Flower Show School was planned for and the club planned for and hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. Horticulture and Flower Arranging workshops continued and a Flower Show was planned for November. The club won the State Civic Improvement District Project competition of \$200.00 and won the district year book award and sent in an application sponsoring a Junior Garden Club which was approved.

Work was started landscaping the Lincoln Memorial statue across from the Urbana High School and \$250 was allotted this year. The total project was estimated at \$2000. A like project was to be worked out for Champaign.

1964-65-Projects for this period were much like 1963-64. However, a Fall Flower Show was planned for the Champaign Retailers, and beautification plans for the Illinois Central Railroad Station grounds were developed. The club took out a sustaining membership in the Illinois Nature Conservancy and planted petunias in the downtown concrete planters. They assisted the Lily Society in its North American Annual Show in July by loaning materials, making entries and helping where they could.

ITEMS OF INTEREST-

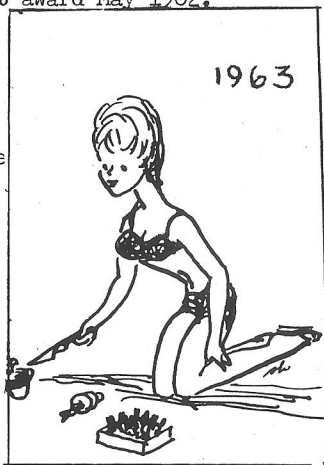
1959-On January 5th, the Garden Club gave a luncheon honoring Mrs. Denomy who was leaving for Tacoma, Washington. In September, Mrs. Reimer moved away and, in October, new members for the year were given corsages by Mrs. Wilborn. In November, Mrs. Roy Pearson moved to Florida and, at the November meeting, Mrs. DeAtley showed Christmas trees made of can lids...The December annual pot luck meeting was held at the Community Building...The treasurer received so many dues that day "the exact total was not available". Miss McClurg announced that it was near \$400...The first Margaret Scott award was given Mrs. H. J. Leichner.

1960-61-(January 1960 to June 1961) In March plans were made for chartering a bus to the World's Flower Show...During the 60's a short sketch or report was given at each meeting on the activities of officers and committee chairmen...A prayer was read at the March meeting from the National Gardener and the president hoped to open

following meetings with a like prayer...It was planned that the main speaker should start his talk at 2:00 p.m. and it was hoped that members who could not come earlier could come in time for the program...A calling committee was set up...The club cleared \$90 on the Harold Cook lecture in April...Fourteen members went to the woods northeast of Homer with a sack lunch by May and 120 corsages were made for Mother's Day for the Champaign County Nursing Home... In June, Mrs. Basala won first prize identifying twigs...For the roll call for this meeting each member was to give her name and the length of time she had been in the club...In October, a tablecloth for the speaker's table was used for the first time...In January 1961, the club decided to raise its dues so it could remain in the Federation...Mrs. Gordon was given permission to sell the 28 Garden Club trays and other Garden Club property not in use... It was decided that past presidents should be invited to board meetings...Different colored name tags were used this year to denote the length of time a member had been in the club...In May, 1961, Mrs. Harry Potter was awarded the Margaret Scott award...The Flower Arranging workshop continued through the summer to help members get ready to enter the Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Association show held at the Illini Union.

1961-62-In June, it was decided to put the names of Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Magel in the year book for arrangements they were making regularly for the two libraries...It was decided not to list the College Tours as one of our projects...The Flower Arranging workshops were being held regularly at the Community Building for \$3.00 a meeting... Mrs. William B. Corray won the Margaret Scott award May 1962.

1962-63-In September, Mrs. Gordes, newly elected president left town and Mrs. Brown became our new president...Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Humphrey each received six blue ribbons at our November Flower Show and their names were sent to the State's Award Chairman...In February, Mr. Galeener gave tulip bulbs to members who wanted them...At the June meeting, the club voted to sponsor the five accredited Flower Show Schools, that the incoming president should take over in June and that the Flower Show Chairman, Horticulture and Flower Arranging workshop heads and Editor of Florets should be on the Board...Mrs. Robert Kosanke was awarded the Margaret Scott award May 1963. She left the community during the summer and is greatly missed by the club.



1963-64-It was voted not to continue the table setting workshop this year but to have a review before our November Flower Show...Because of bad weather only 8 members attended the January meeting...Our club was invited to participate in the World Flower Show...In February, Mrs. Nichols reporting on the State meeting on Flower Show prac-

tices said "that decorative wood will henceforth be the term for wood of all types. Tinted flowers may be used unless stated otherwise. No artificial flowers may be used, even in staging"...Members signed petitions to save Busey Woods from being turned into an industrial area...Mr. Galeener again gave members bulbs...In March, the club voted to pay half of the expense for members attending Flower Show School Course I...In April we hosted District IV meeting at the Redwood...We planted thirty-two planters with petunias in downtown Champaign...Miss Margaret Nelson attended our luncheon in May.

1964-65-Mrs. Irwin Chase was given honorary membership in September... It was suggested that the nominating committee report in February and the officers be elected in March...In November, we participated in the Green Meadows Girl Scout Council Style Show...In January 1965, the club was worried that the Lincoln statue was to be moved from the area which we were landscaping. The club was influential in the decision which was made not to move it...\$50 from the Conservation Fund was sent to the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. to help pay for their supplement in the Sunday Sun Times...In March, the meetings were changed to the third Tuesday to be effective September 1965. Horticulture would now be on the first Tuesday...In March, Mrs. Nichols won an award at the World's Flower Show with a score of 90 points... Mrs. M. M. Hickman gave an illustrated lecture on lilies at this show...Mrs. Sanderson stressed the need to preserve the prairie hen and wanted letters written to the governor. The group voted to send \$10 to the Prairie Chicken Foundation...In May, the club was shown the ribbon we received as a blue ribbon club... This award was made by the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc...In June, it was voted to alternate our December pot luck luncheons with catered luncheons... The new membership requirements put into effect for the year were stabilized by a vote to call the past year a year of grace...Twelve trays of petunias, gifts from Wandells, were planted at the Champaign County Hospital by Mrs. Titus and her committee...Members were urged to attend the Conservation meetings at Allerton in September and to help with all conservation projects.

FLOWER SHOWS

1959-This show was held at the Community Building. It was not a big show, but a pretty one. Many members brought forced branches for decorating and the show had many entries-tables, arrangements and woodland scenes in niches, miniatures and the horticulture section had a fine display of tulips and daffodils. The Orchid Society had a beautiful orchid display. Programs had been printed for the show. The money made from the show was to be used to finance programs.

December 2, 3, 1960-This show was called "Deck the Halls" and was held in the First Methodist Church of Urbana. Mrs. J. C. Martin was chairman and Mrs. Charles Erikson, co-chairman. Mrs. L. M. Rehman took the sweepstakes and a ward of distinction in Flower Arranging. Mrs. J. C. Martin won a tri-color on her table and Mrs.

Nichols a special award on her buffet table. The Margaret Scott Violet Society won a special award for its display of African Violets. The club netted \$414.17 on this show.

The show was beautifully staged with a white carpeted aisle bordered by white trees glittering with ornaments. This aisle led to an enormous flocked Christmas tree. Door swags, window decorations, wreaths, kissing balls, gift wrappings, trees, Christmas scenes, candles, tables of all kinds and regular arrangements in niches were featured. The programs were printed but had a stenciled design on the cover. There was an interesting bird feeder display at this show. This was an accredited show.

June 7, 8, 1962-"Deep in June" was held at Westley Foundation in Champaign. Mrs. Corray was chairman and Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Thomas won tri-colors. Mrs. Donald Smith won the award of distinction. \$217.60 was gained from tickets, \$48.70 from the tea and \$85.25 from the sales table. 517 registered.

This show featured events in the lives of an imaginary couple graduating from college, becoming engaged and being married. The center aisle was decorated for a wedding and led to a full sized bride and groom mannequin. It featured arrangements for living rooms, bedrooms, kitchens, porches and churches, table settings (buffet, tea, set, and card) and niche arrangements. There were 26 arrangement classes, 51 horticulture and 3 corsage classes. Displays were made by the African Violet Society and the Orchid Society, and there were many educational displays. The Lily Society had one on propagation and identification. Miss Ethyl Kirk had a flower stamp collection displayed. The florists had displays leading to the show proper. The club had a sales table. The programs were a soft pink with deeper pink bride and groom figures. The lettering was in black. These were hand screened. The show was an accredited show.

November 21, 22, 1964-"Take Time..." was sponsored by the Champaign Chamber of Commerce at the Moose Home. Mrs. Kenneth Wood was chairman. Mrs. Donald Smith won the tri-color award for table settings, Mrs. Harry Potter for artistic arrangements, Mrs. Stanley Torgerson the award of distinction and Mrs. William Peer the horticulture award.

This was a holiday show and the focal point was a beautiful winter scene at the apex of two aisles, lined for the most part with tables on each side featuring much the same type of arrangements as the 1962 show. The programs were a bright Christmas red with a raised gold clock motif. Several florists and merchants made displays and the club had a sales table. This was an accredited show.

Receipts for this show were \$1015.00. After expenses the balance was \$826.33. President Kennedy was assassinated during this show.

Rose Shows

June 5, 6, 1959-The 4th annual show was held.

June 1960-There was no show this year as Busey Bank was remodeling.

June 1961-A small rose show was held at Mrs. Nichols. No awards were given.

June 7, 1963-The 5th annual show was held; Mrs. Nichols was chairman.

June 5, 1964-The 6th annual show was held; Mrs. Brown was chairman.

June 4, 5, 1965-The 7th annual show was held, Mrs. Huff was chairman.

Lily Show

July 9, 10, 11, 1965-North American Lily Society Annual Show was held at the Illini Union. Mrs. Hickman, one of our members, was chairman.

October 16, 17, 1964-Autumn Fantasy was put on for \$250 for the Champaign FINANCES: Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Brown was chairman

January 1959-\$361.19 in the treasury. The dues were \$2.00 and there were 117 members.

January 1960-\$453.88 in the treasury. The dues were increased to \$3.00 for one and a half years.

January 1961-\$1001.31 in the treasury. The dues had been increased to \$3.00 per year. Plant sale money went for books for study classes and later for the club in general. \$100 was frozen for show properties for future shows and \$25 was set aside for the president to attend state meetings. \$50 was allocated to Urbana and \$50 to Champaign for projects. \$200 was for beautification of the Champaign County Nursing Home.



February 1962-\$935.56 in the treasury and the budget in September was for \$417 as compared to \$427 the previous year.

January 1963-The treasury had a balance of \$1015.66.

January 1964-The balance was \$1579.36.

February 1965-The balance in the regular account was \$1227.42 and the Flower Show School fund had a balance of \$247.41. The budget, June 1964, made allowances for the Lincoln Memorial Fund, year book, rent, state dues, postage, courtesy, programs, workshops, florets, Fall Tea, State Convention expenses for president, Flower Show School, Illinois Nature Con-

servancy, June Picnic, Conservation and Beautification and miscellaneous.

REMARKS:

These have been busy years for the Twin City Garden Club. Many new activities were planned and enthusiasm generated. The club paid one half of the expenses for Courses I, II and III and, as a result of these schools, we have seven new Junior Judges: Miss Joan Beetle, Mrs. R. D. Bradle, Mrs. M. M. Hickman, Mrs. Clyde Kesler, Mrs. B.G. Ricketts, Mrs. E. P. Sawyer and Mrs. Kenneth Wood. In addition to these we have three regular judges: Mrs. Louis Basala, Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen and Mrs. Charles H. Nichols. Mrs. Hansen has been a State Officer for many years and Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Basala have both been District Presidents.

Many members: Anderson, Brown, Eggleton, England, Hickman, Kesler, Owens, Wiseheart, and others have put on programs in the name of the club for local and neighboring organizations. Anderson, Atkins, Basala, Corray, England, Gordes, Grace, Hendricks, Huff, Johnston, Kesler, Kirby, Lee, Lawrence, Martin, Nagel, Nichols, Peer, Potter, Smith, Stahl, Wiseheart, Wolf and many others have made arrangements or brought special exhibits to the regular meetings. Many others have given programs to the club, and most of these are listed under "Programs". There is excellent support and cooperation and each and every member has contributed to the overall picture.

Many spent hours at each Flower Show or whatever the project might have been, and all the past presidents, officers, and chairmen would be the first to say that, without the backing of all of the members, any undertaking would have been impossible.

It is to this loyal membership that we owe all of our successes and the opportunity to plan for future activities. To them, 119 strong in 1965, we present this history "Thirty Five Years With the Twin City Garden Club."



1930-31
Mrs. M.D. Gordon*

1932-33
Mrs. A.P. Kratz

1934
* Mrs. I.M. Woodruff



1935-36
Mrs. W.K. Galeener

1937
Mr. J.H. Morgan

1938
Mrs. H.R. Thomas

1939
Mr. T.S. Hamilton

1940
Dr. G. Putterbaugh

1941-42
Mrs. E.K. Vandermark*

1943
Mrs. W.I. Schwalbe*

1944
Mrs. W. Smith

1945-46
Mrs. O.I. Butler

1947-48
Mrs. H.J. Lechner

1949-50
Mrs. F.W. Wiseheart

1951-52
Mrs. John Miller

1953-54
Mrs. A. Mileham

1955-56
Mrs. H.F. Hannah

1957-58
Mrs. R.M. Kosanke

1958-59
Mrs. Grant Brown

1960-61
Mrs. Charles Nichols

1961-62
Mrs. F.W. Wiseheart

1962-62
Mrs. A.B. Gordes

1962-63
Mrs. Grant Brown

1963-64
Mrs. G.M. England

1964-65
Mrs. Kenneth Wood

1965-66
Mrs. G.P. Anderson

YOUR PAST PRESIDENTS
in Review
1930-1965
Pictures available from
Garden Club scrap books



The Twin City Garden club honored Mrs. W. R. Tylor at a tea Tuesday, left to right, Mrs.

H. J. Leichner, Mrs. Tylor, Mrs. O. I. Butler, Margaret Nelson, Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart,

Mrs. W. V. Jackson and Mrs. C. S. Bucher.

September 1946



HONORED AT TEA. Past presidents of the Twin City Garden Club were feted at the traditional tea in their honor Tuesday afternoon in the Urbana Community Building. Past presidents attending were, seated from left, Mrs. Grant Brown, Mrs. George M.

England and Mrs. Kenneth Wood and standing, from left, Mrs. H. J. Leichner, Mrs. M. D. Gordon, Mrs. Hugh F. Hannah, Mrs. Charles Nichols, Mrs. Orom Butler, Mrs. F. W. Wiseheart, Mrs. Arnold Mileham, and Mrs. John Miller. September 1965

News-Gazette Photo by Larry Brooks

(The top picture was selected because it showed so many of the earlier members; the second, not because it was the best but because it showed more of the past presidents—several were still dressed in period costumes and make up for a program they had just put on for the club.

TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME-- The name of this organization shall be the Twin City Garden Club.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT--The object of the Club shall be to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in the protection of native growth; and to encourage home, civic, and state beautification.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP--Membership shall be open to any resident of either sex of Champaign or Urbana who is interested in the object of the Club.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS--

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the regular January meeting of the Club. Vacancies shall be filled by action of the Board whenever they occur.

Section 3. The officers and the chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS--

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held the first Tuesday evening of each month, unless decided otherwise by the Board.

Section II. Special meetings shall be held at times decided by the Board.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS-- The Constitution may be amended by the vote of two-thirds of those present, provided the amendment has been previously sanctioned by the Board, and has been read at a previous regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS--

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be the usual ones for those offices.

Section 2. The Board shall have general control of the affairs of the Club, including the current expenses. It shall approve the plans submitted by the standing committees.

Section 3. The Board shall have a meeting once a month.

Section 4. The duties of the standing committees shall be decided by the Board.

ARTICLE II. DUES-- The membership dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) from January to January. Any member not paying his dues on or before the November meeting, two written notices having been sent, has forfeited membership.

Adopted July, 1935--New members applying for membership after July 1, the fee is 50 ¢ up to Jan. 1.

ARTICLE III. QUORUM--Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting of the Club, and five at a Board meeting.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees:

1. Program
2. Exhibits and flower shows
3. Publicity
4. Telephone
5. Libraries and hospitals
6. Garden tours
7. Reception
8. Junior club work
9. Civic improvement and development
10. Constitution
11. Plant exchange
12. Membership
13. Conservation
14. Research
15. Magazine
16. Year Book.
17. Rooms and Luncheons

Section 2. Each committee shall have three members appointed by the President, with the sanction of the Board. No officer of the Club shall be chairman of a Standing Committee, and no member shall be chairman of more than one committee. Amended 1934.

Section 3. Reports from the chairmen of the Standing Committees shall be called for at each meeting of the Board of Managers.

Section 4. Special committees may be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS--

Section 1. A nomination committee appointed by the President with the sanction of the Board shall be announced at the Sept. meeting.

Section 2. At the October meeting, the nominating committee shall present one candidate for each office, the election to be at the November meeting. There may also be nominations from the floor. No officer or chairman of a standing Committee may serve in the same capacity for more than two years in succession. New officers take office at the January meeting.