

Stoneman Douglas and Lucita H. Wait; also Occasional Papers edited by Dr. David Fairchild. Anyone interested in the Garden should secure a copy of Lucita H. Wait's book "The Fairchild Tropical Garden—The First Ten Years." This book is on sale at the Garden Library for \$3.00. Mail orders, postage extra.

The Fairchild Tropical Garden is not endowed. It is supported by membership fees and donations. Memberships range in price from \$10.00 a year to Life Memberships at \$500.00, as follows:

Membership—Life Members \$500.00

Annual Dues

Donors	250.00
Fellows	100.00
Associates	50.00
Sustaining	25.00
Contributing	10.00

Checks should be drawn to the order of the Fairchild Tropical Garden. Dues and contributions are deductible in Federal tax returns.

Each year the Garden is assisted in a substantial manner by the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, through its Parks Department. Mr. A. D. Barnes, Superintendent of the Dade

County Parks Department has been a constant and loyal friend to the Garden, and from the inception of this project the Board of County Commissioners has shown great interest in the Garden, and has rendered invaluable assistance.

Throughout the year, but more particularly during the winter season, there is great activity at the Garden, including botanical classes, in charge of competent botanists and horticulturists. Many very enjoyable social events take place in the new Nell Montgomery Garden House.

The public is cordially invited to visit the Fairchild Tropical Garden. It is open every week-day throughout the year from sunrise to sunset. No admission is charged. The Montgomery Palm Museum and Library is open on week-days until 4:00 P.M., closed all day Saturday; open on Sunday, hours 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Admission to non-members 25c.

The Fairchild Tropical Garden may be reached by taking Highway No. 1 from Miami to LeJeune Road, south to Coral Gables canal bridge, then to Cutler Road, which is the straight road south from Cocoplum Plaza. Or take South Miami bus from Miami to South Miami; taxi to Garden.

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RADIO GARDEN CLUBS

PASCO ROBERTS

St. Petersburg

The Radio Garden Club is a 15-minute program over Radio Station WSUN (St. Petersburg, Fla.) five days a week (Monday through Friday) at 1:45 to 2 P.M. It is devoted to What Grows in Florida . . . How to Grow It . . . and Where to Get It. Under the heading of What Grows in Florida this includes every form of plant life . . . including flowers, fruits, vegetables, shrubs, vines, air plants and trees

of all kinds. The subject matter comes from various sources . . . from experience of listeners, personal experience, from people who are specialists . . . from departments of agriculture or horticulture . . . text-books . . . magazines . . . in fact any source with information of use to Florida gardeners. Even manufacturers of garden items furnish much useful information.

How to Grow It . . . Comes from practically the same sources.

Where to Get It . . . Is a popular de-

partment . . . and much of this information comes from listeners who send in their lists of seeds, cuttings, trees or plants that they have to sell or trade. Whenever a certain subject is discussed . . . some of these names are mentioned as the source of supply. Every day this source changes. This way many people are helped with their hobby . . . part-time business or even full time business. Many retired people on pensions supplement their earnings by growing things for sale. Nurseries either small or large are also mentioned as a source of supply. If they issue a catalog this is mentioned . . . if what they have applies to Florida. Same with seed companies.

Motorcades or field trips to groves, arboretums, gardens or nurseries is another feature of the Radio Garden Club. This helps to increase our knowledge and future possibilities on the resources of our state. Last season we made three motorcades to the 50-acre arboretum of Col. Wm. R. Grove at Laurel, Fla., which is also the home of the Lychee and known as Lychee Orchards, Inc. This development has shown what can be accomplished in little over 12 years. Other side trips to small and large nurseries were made last year. These Motorcades and field trips we hope to enlarge on this coming season and in the future.

Many people often asked me How and Why the Radio Garden Club was started. I think I have answered the Why question. How it started came about in this way. For several years I went over my native state as a photographer taking pictures of all beautiful things . . . such as flowers . . . trees . . . shrubs . . . and all that grows . . . plus the natural resources of Florida . . . Nature moods such as Sunrises, Sunsets, Rainbows, etc., and attractions such as Sunken Gardens, Silver Springs, Bok Tower, Cypress Gardens, St. Augustine, etc.

During a period of about 8 years I

made over 30,000 color slides in Kodachrome natural color . . . also many large color and black and white photos. Being a gardener anyway (and a farmer during a part of my youth) I naturally was interested in the things that I photographed in many parts of the state. I brought home many cuttings, seeds or plants . . . and soon had to buy 2½ acres to make room for growing them or for experiments to find the practical side as well as the joy of trying new ideas or plants.

One day in the latter part of June 1949 I chanced to meet a preacher acquaintance at the postoffice. He told me he was buying a radio station and wanted me to help out with some musical programs. I told him I would be glad to help in this way . . . but I had an idea for a Radio Garden Club that I thought people needed . . . and after explaining the idea . . . it was launched on the 4th of July . . . and continued for 64 programs . . . when the station changed hands, it was then transferred to a larger station, WSUN, on November 14th of 1949 . . . and at present it has reached over the 300 mark.

The mail response to the program has been what might be termed Tremendous . . . in fact . . . more than one man could handle . . . or even answer all the questions. This situation has been somewhat relieved . . . for as the program progressed . . . many new ideas have taken shape to meet the situation.

How Has The Radio Garden Club helped the residents of Florida? Well . . . if you could sit down and read the letters received . . . you would get a better idea. For it seems that there is so little information available or practical for gardeners . . . this program seemed to fill a much needed source of not only how to grow things in Florida but a source of where to get what will grow here. A large percentage of letters are

from people who say they are newcomers to the state . . . and naturally are looking for information of this nature.

It seems that many of our seed stores and nurseries are not on their toes to this angle. In investigating you will find the average seed store carries a line of packet seeds or bulk seeds from various parts of the country . . . some that will grow here . . . others not suitable. But most of them don't seem to realize that people want seeds . . . shrubs . . . trees or plants of tropical . . . sub-tropical and otherwise . . . that are either native or adaptable to Florida. Of course, some items will be found here and there . . . perhaps among the garden clubs throughout the state . . . but still not enough for the many people who are clamoring for this type of material.

What Is the Future of the Radio Garden Club? At this point I might add that during most of the past year the idea was taking more time than was healthful in the matter of finance. But having Faith in the idea and being spurred on by the nice letters and faith of those who have written me . . . and Faith in the future of our state . . . I have kept the ball rolling. There were

practically no sponsors at first . . . because I wanted to establish the idea was more practical by not having the usual type of Souped-Up material . . . that so many times was not true . . . sent in by a sponsor. Products of real merit have been mentioned from time to time . . . and these were after investigation of their merits and reputation. Many items were turned down . . . for having the confidence of my listeners . . . I didn't want to lose their faith in the program.

Today there are some sponsors . . . which has helped tremendously . . . and is making it possible to give even a greater service in the future. For a while we sent out some free bulletins in mimeograph form . . . and they were popular judging by the number of requests. The costs of material and time, however, made this item prohibitive . . . so after a lot of thought and planning we have now a plan whereby you can help others . . . help yourself . . . and all will benefit.

A quarterly Journal is now being issued by the author called *Uncle Pasco's Journal* . . . and a monthly supplement called the *Source of Supply*.

WE MAKE A MEN'S GARDEN CLUB TICK

BERT LIVINGSTON

Tampa

An atomic age, filled with jet-propelled living, is making it necessary for people to turn more and more to activities that act as a safety-valve for pent-up tension. Hobbies are almost as numerous as the people who "ride" them. But more people have turned to gardening than any of the others because it is an activity in which anybody can take part, anywhere, any time. It also appeals because it requires no special skills or expensive

equipment, and can be enjoyed at whatever cost the individual can afford. Later, the gardener finds that his hobby is a way of life that is very close to all life's fundamentals—and that contact with the earth and living things is an experience that enriches his body, his heart, and is an ever-ready source of "recharging the batteries" of human nervous energy depleted in modern living.

These are the fundamental reasons why some 200 business men of Tampa, Florida, have one of the strongest, most active garden clubs in the nation—and