THE DADE CITY Garden Center, which was moved to its present site, and formerly served the congregation of St. Rita Catholic Church, will host a dessert-card benefit party next month to help pay off the mortgage. This Friday, a memorial garden will be planted at the south end of the facility.

General Garden Club
to host benefit party

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1978

ARBOR DAY

A MEMORIAL camellia garden is planted by members of the Dade City Garden Club during a ceremony Friday, Arbor Day. Memorials planted included one donated by Mr. and Mrs. James McCabe in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. McCabe; Mrs. Thomas McCabe in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Holting in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Mrs. Robert Butler in memory of her husband; Mrs. Robert in memory of Marie Wickers; Mr. and Mrs. John Boggio in memory of her father, Robert Butler; Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Jeter in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Bontwell. Already planted is another donated by Mrs. Ken Oakley in memory of her father, Warren Freeman. In other club activities during Arbor Day, members of the FBI, A and CCE club at Pasco Comprehensive High School, below, prepare to plant a dogwood donated by the organization and placed between the cosmetology building and the business building.
Organized in 1947

Club’s founder honored

DADE CITY — A magnolia tree in front of the Dade City Garden Club’s new home on S. 8th Street was dedicated last week to Miss Thelma Gilbert, organizer of the organization nearly 30 years ago.

The Dade City Garden Club property on 8th Street was purchased March 25, 1929, under the following board of trustees: Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Mrs. B. D. Thomas, Mrs. Cleon Edenfield, Mrs. D. C. Johnson and Mrs. L. C. Hawes Jr. The clubhouse, the former St. Rita Catholic Church, was moved to the site late last year, and is being renovated at this time.

The club itself was organized May 9, 1947 by Miss Gilbert, who called together a few very interested friends to meet with her in the back garden of her lovely home at 14th Street and Meridian Avenue in April of that year.

On April 21, with approximately 80 charter members, the club was affiliated. Charter members still associated with the Dade City Garden Club are: Mrs. Robert K. Butler, who donated for Arbor Day the magnolia tree planted last week, Mrs. W. P. Cain, Mrs. Carl P. Deal, Mrs. Wardlaw Jones, Mrs. J. T. McKinstry, Mrs. Charles P. Toughon, Mrs. W. C. Webb and, of course, Miss Gilbert.

The first two circles organized were the Mimosa, headed by Mrs. Everett Thornton, and Hibiscus, of which Mrs. Leslie Besinger was president.

The first officers for the Dade City General Club were: Miss Gilbert, president, Mrs. F. M. Massey, first vice president, Miss Mildred Buckaby (later Mrs. Frank Price), second vice president, Mrs. Wardlaw Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Slough, treasurer.

Present officers of the organization are: Mrs. J. F. Jeter, president, Mrs. W. F. Brewton, first vice president, Mrs. Hugh Turner, second vice president, Mrs. Wallace Bezman, treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Goldby, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Wayne Clark, recording secretary.

Four circles organized in the last few years are: Poinsettia, headed by Mrs. Cecil Jordan; Magnolia, Mrs. Ron Jones, president; Hollyhock, Mrs. Morris Nichols, president, and Hibiscus, headed by Mrs. Charles Carey, assisted by 22 functioning committee chairmen.

The invocation at the dedication ceremony last week was by the Rev. E. C. Tyner, and those among the 40 persons present included several area business representatives of the city and interested area residents.
Hollyhock Circle holds meeting

DADE CITY — The Hollyhock Circle of the Dade City Garden Club held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Browne, Feb. 8.

The program chairman, Mrs. Truman Grason, introduced her guest Vivian John of the Lacy Mac Nursery in Zephyrhills, who presented a program on the growth and care of bromeliaceous, orchids and other tropical plants. Her program was most interesting and informative. Mrs. John explained, in case of another cold spell, protect plants outdoors by simply putting a layer of newspaper over them, then a bed sheet to prevent the newspaper from blowing away. This is the best and least expensive protection from the cold you can use. Mrs. John brought several interesting and exotic plants for the club members to examine. These were plants she had brought back from her travels in South America and the Western part of the United States.

Following the business meeting a dessert was served by the hostess, Mrs. Browne and her co-hostess, Mrs. Jean Myer. The following club members were present: Mrs. Herbert Boltin, Mrs. Pete Brock, Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Mrs. Truman Grason, Mrs. Leon Jordan, Miss Thelma Gilbert, Mrs. Charles McIntosh, Mrs. A. A. McNeil, Mrs. Stennan Newton, Mrs. M. Nichola, Mrs. A. H. Reg, Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Hugh Turner, Mrs. J. Webb and Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Hollyhock Garden Circle holds meeting

DADE CITY — Hollyhock Garden Circle held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. A. H. Reppard, Jan. 11. A most interesting program on bonsai trees was presented by Jorge Lucero from Sunset Nursery, Tampa, who just returned from South America where he lectured on a tour of five countries. He explained the word Bonsai means miniature, artistic pot-tee. The artistry of potting a bonsai tree began in the 11th Century in China. During his lecture, he fashioned a beautiful bonsai tree from a small juniper bush. It was later won by Mrs. Jim Wilson.

Following the business meeting, a dessert was served by the hostess, Mrs. Reppard, and her co-hostess, Mrs. H. Holtin, to the following members and guests: Mrs. Pete Brock, Mrs. Jim Holm, Mrs. Steve McIver, Mrs. Eliza McIver, Mrs. Harry Browne, Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Mrs. W. W. Williams, Mrs. Thelma Gilbert, Mrs. W. W. Joes, Mrs. Leon Jordan, Mrs. N. McNeil, Mrs. Tom Broom, Mrs. Morris Nichola, Mrs. C. M. Glidelin, Mrs. Vera Turnbull, Mrs. Hugh Turner, Mrs. W. C. Webb, Mrs. F. Atkinson, Mrs. Trishnac Grason, Mrs. W. N. Wolfe, Mrs. Charles McIntOSH, and Mrs. Walter Williams.

Thanks for coverage

Dear Editor:

So many times we do not have time to say “thank you.” But the Dade City Garden Club would like to thank you for the splendid service you so willingly did in printing our programs, activities, and especially the time you devoted to our Flower Show.

You were always so cooperative and we want to say thanks to all.

Helen McNeil
Corresponding Secretary
Circle Membership
1951

Katherine Circle

Active

Mrs. Lotta Cheff
' W. M. Backlund
' L. L. Besemann
' A. W. Blumet
' Roy Cover
' J. E. Conner
' J. B. Fosburg
' W. R. Grange
' J. C. Larkin
' W. H. Leidt
' H. J. Marcum
' Cal Moore
' J. J. M. Kemety
' N. A. Fullam
' C. E. Tuckton, Jr.
' G. P. Wells
' Sylvia Wright
' Carrell

Associate

Mrs. Harold Wright
' J. R. Williams
' E. R. Fehlig
' W. C. Clark
DAVID ABREUFIN at the Greater Babe City Chamber of Commerce presents Mrs. J.L. Jones, president of Babe City Garden Club, with a plaque in appreciation of the organization’s bird house making project. The building, which is to be placed on the grounds of the community center, is in memory of Mrs. Mabel Jones, who passed away a few months ago. The project was organized by Mrs. Jones and is being conducted by volunteers who have worked long hours to ensure its success.

HOLLYHOCK Garden Circle members prepare ivy wreaths for the city’s annual holiday decorations. Members work throughout the month of December to complete the wreaths, which are then displayed on city buildings and homes. Members of the Hollyhock Garden Circle include (from left to right): Mrs. J.L. Jones, Mrs. E.L. Jones, Mrs. M.L. Jones, Mrs. H.L. Jones, Mrs. I.L. Jones, Mrs. J.L. Jones, Mrs. E.L. Jones, Mrs. M.L. Jones, Mrs. H.L. Jones, Mrs. I.L. Jones, Mrs. J.L. Jones, Mrs. E.L. Jones, Mrs. M.L. Jones, Mrs. H.L. Jones, Mrs. I.L. Jones, Mrs. J.L. Jones, Mrs. E.L. Jones, Mrs. M.L. Jones, Mrs. H.L. Jones, Mrs. I.L. Jones.

A DONATION to the Garden Center from the East Pensacola Heights Garden Club is made by past president Ann L. Hopkins. Accepting the check is Belle Edwards and Mrs. Helen Truax, co-chairs, while Mrs. J.L. Jones, president of the Babe City Garden Club, looks on.

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Rebuilt Dade City Garden Club

By ALICE HALL and CATHE LAIR
Tribune Correspondents

Garden Club members from throughout Pasco County, Lakeland, Tampa and Clearwater were hosted by Mrs. Dewey R. Villa, of Tampa, president of the Florida Federation, and Mrs. Frank T. Lowe of Largo in attending Dade City Garden Club's open house held recently in its newly restored Garden Center.

Mrs. J.V. Jeter, president, greeted guests at the door and Mrs. Bill Brawley, vice presi-
dent, presided at the guest register.

Mrs. Charles Carey, Mrs. Helen McNeil, Mrs. Donald McRill and Mrs. E.G. Tatum, presidents of the Lakeland, Winter Haven, Griffin and Polk County societies, joined Mrs. Ron Oakley and Mrs. Dick Lawrey hosted the decorations committee while Mrs. Wal-
lace Baumman, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson and Mrs. McRill had charge of the kitchen.

The Garden Center, which won the original location in 1914 was given to the club for meeting the property of 200 South Fifty Street. In its renovation, most of the original features of the three structures were retained and enhanced.

The Dade City Garden Center hosted an open house party for members of this community in tear of the renovation of its facilities. At left is a view of the interior of the garden from the south window.

MEMBERS of other gardening organizations were among those who joined the open Dade City Garden Club Sunday. Pictured are from left: Mrs. W.D. Bethea, Inc. president, Tampa; Federation Garden Club Director, Mrs. Frank T. Lowe, director, Federation Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FGFC); Mrs. Dewayn Toney, state president; FGFC; Mrs. J.V. Jeter, president, Dade City Garden Club; Mrs. W.B. Stehman, state environmental quality chairman, FGFC; and Mrs. William T. Brawley, first vice president, Dade City Garden Club.

PHOTO: Farmers of America members from the Dade City Junior Chapter plant and in front of the new Dade City Garden Center prior to Sunday's Vesper service at the refurbished facility which was opened to the public.

Location after moving the administrative office, Eagle Church for the past years. Parishes in 1910. Carrie Jeter, Esther Vothlbrot, Joanne Jeter, Jubilee Student, Paul and Michael Packer.
Any Hen Would Be Proud

By PANKEY GLAMSCH
Tribune Staff Writer

Once upon a time, colored eggs were considered to be an Easter time specialty. Today, in some places, eggs are colored blue, green, yellow and purple all year round. And they are decorated so beautifully it is difficult to believe they basically are dull hen eggs.

Such is the case with the eggs decorated by Mrs. Lydia Belkin of Dade City.
And, not only does she decorate them extensively and throughout the year, but she also does not confine her decorating to chicken eggs.

THERE ARE duck, goose, rheas, ostrich, emu, Japanese quail, black swan and cassowary eggs. They range in size from that of the tiny, thimble-size quail eggs to the larger, six-inch eggs of the ostrich, rheas and cassowary.

Mrs. Belkin lump them all together and calls them “the ubiquitous egg,” since the egg is everywhere.

Born Lydia Land of Plant City, she is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider for whom the stadium there was named.

“The Schneiders were from Lancaster, Pa., in the area where many Germans lived,” recalled Mrs. Belkin. “The Germans were the ones responsible for bringing colored eggs to this country.

“At Easter we used to dye them color from small bottles and always wound up with the prettiest eggs around.

“When my five children were grown and I was not dying Easter eggs anymore I read about the eggs decorated by Fabergé and got real excited, ” she added.

That was 15 years ago. At first, she made a lot of decorated eggs to hang from “Easter egg trees.” Then she branched out into eggs on bases.

By 1972, she had become so expert at eggery she was one of four persons in the United States asked to exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

FABERGE CONCENTRATED on craftsmanship and claimed the ear of Russia as one of his chief patrons.

Where he used precious metals to mold the eggs, Mrs. Belkin uses real eggs for the foundation of her works of art.

The materials used to decorate them mostly are imported from Germany, Italy, Austria and England. Tiny figures appearing in many of the eggs usually are hand carved wooden originals from Italy.

“You can’t imagine the hundreds of little tiny things you try until you get the right thing,” said the egger.

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Lydia Belkin carefully applies trim to a goose egg she is decorating.
Her Art Just Eggs Her On

By JIM DAWKINS
Tribune Staff Writer
DADE CITY — Somewhere in far-off Australia there is an ostrich who probably never dreamed her egg would end up as a work of art.

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Sun-Sentinel Writer
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THE ARTIST, in this case Mrs. Belkin described the process:

The art form uses eggs as the basic canvas of miniature paintings and sculptures.

While Easter egg dyeing might be called the most primitive form of the art, in the more advanced forms, (see HER ART, 1-6)

Photographs by
Jim Tuttle

Examples of Lydia Belkin's eggart include the smaller goose egg which she made into a jewelry box. It sells for about $25.
The ostrich egg with a nativity scene inside is worth about $200.
Turner Elected As President Of Dade City Garden Club

By ALICE HALL
Tribune Correspondent

Marjorie Turner has been elected president of Dade City Garden Club and will succeed Inez Jeter.

Other officers chosen for the ensuing year include Catherine Deal, first vice president; Gall Surratt, second vice president; Carolyn Laws, recording secretary; Helen McNeil, corresponding secretary; and Tiny Bozeman treasurer.

The new corps will be installed at the club's final meeting of the season in May.
History of club explained

NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles submitted by members of the Dade City Garden Club. The other articles will appear in future editions of Pasco News.

By BARBARA MORAN

So often friends and neighbors ask 'What is the Dade City Garden Club all about?'

It has, therefore, occurred to us as members that maybe more people in our community wonder the same thing. During the next few weeks we will try to answer this question and perhaps a few more in a six-part series.

The topics we will cover will be: The Garden Club Organization, national, state and local; the history of the Dade City Garden Club; the Garden Club of Central Florida, our past achievements; our present projects; the Garden Club Center, and our future goals.

We hope you’ll enjoy these articles and ask a friend, support our projects and help us to make Dade City the prettiest city in Central Florida.

The Garden Club Organization

The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. originated with the Federation Garden Club of New York State with Mrs. John Paris the moving spirit. She was first elected president of the then state federations to send a representative to a meeting in New York. Seven states accepted: Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and the national capital.

On May 1, 1928, the National Council was founded and was comprised of 19 state federations.

In 1929 a charter was granted to the National Council of State Garden Club Federations. The charter membership consisted of 13 state federations: Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

Since 1929 we have grown from 13 to 50 state federations and have divided into eight regions. Florida is a member of the Deep South Region.

The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is composed of 1,693 garden clubs and circles with approximately 25,000 members. It was organized April 28, 1925, and incorporated May 29, 1925. It is one of the 13 charter member states of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and its organization May 1, 1925.

The Dade City Garden Club was organized May 8, 1967, and is composed of four garden circles: Pomona, Hollyhock, Magnolia and Hibiscus. The membership is presently totaled at 79.

The general club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, or as determined by the club members.

The general club consists of an executive board with representation from all the circles. The circles elect their own officers and committee chairs.

The Dade City Garden Club is organized in accordance with the bylaws and regulations set forth by the state and national council.

We are proud of our early beginnings and look forward to future growth.

We hope this article will give you an understanding of our organization's structure. In the next article, we'll discuss our history.
Garden Club holds Flower Show

Dade City Garden Club’s Spring Flower Show, held recently in the Garden Center and with “Extra Extra” as theme, saw Shirley Jackson and Bea Merchant acclaimed as artistic and horticulture divisions sweepstakes winners respectively. Jackson had the most blue ribbon points on her entries in the artistic section and Merchant had the most in the horticulture section.

Catherine Deal, with 16 blue ribbons, was runner-up to Merchant, who had 17 for the Horticultural Sweepstakes honor.

Pat Carver’s blue ribbon winning artistic design, interpreting “Tornado Destroys Poultry Farm” in the Current Events section, won for her the coveted Creativity Award. Jean Fryor won the equally coveted Tri-Color Award on her design interpreting “Historical Preservation Society Banquet” in the Town Topics section.

Other winners of blue, or first place, ribbons in the artistic division were Ellen Sunka, Beverly Gilmore, Vee Jones, Mary Jordan and Mickey Cory.

Madelyn Butler won the Horticultural Excellence Award on her Linda fern entry and Ruth “Polly” Touchton the In Appreciation Award on her red flowering Easter cactus. Awards of Merit rosettes in the horticulture division went to Ila Dowling, Mary Cole, Annie Mae Goldsby, Bea Merchant, Alma McCollum, Mary Jordan and Elizabeth Thomas.

Other blue ribbon winners in horticulture included Cassie Dowling, Ila Dowling, Namit King, Ellen Sunka and Mary Tipton, all of Hibiscus Circle; Vicki Greipenberg, Bea Merchant, Virginia McIattosh, Vee Jones, Evelyn Repard, Jean Taubel and Marjorie Turner, all of Hollybok Circle; Tiny Bozeman, Pat Carver, Marilyn Graves, Becky Peeler, Elizabeth Thomas and Gall Surratt, all of Magnolia Circle; Madelyn Butler, Gloria Bronesky, Mary Cole, Catherine Deal, Maryon Donlinger, Iose Donlacke, Annie Mae Goldsby, Bernice Griffin, Edna Garrett, Beth Hammond, Mary Jordan, Inez Jeter, Barbara Meran, Alma McCollum, Chris O’Connell, Jean Fryor, Ruth “Polly” Touchton and Helen Tyner, all of Poinsettia Circle.

Non-member Dade City residents winning blue ribbons on horticultural entries included: Harry McKellips, Janata Frassrand, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Stravel and Beatrice Shad.

Michael Dowling, with four blue ribbons on his entries, won the Sweepstakes Award in the Junior Division.

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Garden Club bazaar
to be held Dec. 4

DADE CITY—The Garden Club bazaar will only be one day this year, according to a club spokesman. It will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Garden Center located at 1000 S. Fifth Street and will remain open until 7 p.m.

The general bazaar chairman is Jane Davis. The Hibiscus Circle, with Beverly Gilmore in charge, will organize the plant section. The corner cupboard will feature baked goods, jams, pickles, and preserves and will be managed by the Magnolia Circle with Gall Surratt as chairman.

The Poinsettia Circle, under the direction of Gloria Bronesky and Inez Jeter, will set up the boutique and large Christmas decorations. The Tea Garden will serve lunch and snacks all day with Bebe Cain of the Hollybok Circle organizing the kitchen.

Hollybok Circle, under the supervision of Marjorie Turner, will also be in charge of the small Christmas decorations and ornaments.

Two afghans, made by Ida Walker and Mabel Jordan, will be given away during the bazaar. The Public is invited to visit the Garden Center on Dec. 4 and have lunch.