The January 1946 meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs R.W. Leche with 48 members present —
In the absence of the President & also the two Vice Presidents the Secretary, Mrs H.P. Streck presided.
She appointed Miss Louise Krauss to act as Secretary pro tem.
The minutes of the Dec - 1945 meeting were read and approved —
Mrs Connors the treasurer reported a balance on hand of $133.14
Miss Krauss substituting for the Chairman of the Program Committee introduced the Speaker of the day - Mrs Sigmund Katz whom Miss Krauss said really needed no introductions - as she had been a most helpful member of the Club ever since its organization
Mrs Katz gave a most interesting & instructive talk on the growing of Camellias. At the close of the meeting Mrs Leche always a gracious hostess invited the Club to the dining room where refreshments were served.

The February meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Sigmund Odenheimer with 72 members and guests present. Miss Frotscher, presiding, asked that only necessary business be enacted. The reports of Secy, and Treasurer read and accepted. The Tres. showing a balance of $104.88 on hand A communication from the W.P.U. asking for donation towards a permanent building memorial was read and the Cor. Secy was instructed to write to the W.P.U. explaining that according to the Constitution of the Garden Club funds could be taken from the Treasury only for designated purposes. However, it was moved by Mrs. Homeyer and seconded by Miss Krause that the Club was heartily in favor of the monument and would give individual support and publicity. The Club would assist in the beautification and upkeep of the grounds surrounding such a project. The speaker of the vening, Dr. Cynthia Westcott the Plant Dr. was then introduced and gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on Azalia blight. She spoke with authority and the pictures of the work in the control of blight were both encouraging and enlightening. After the lecture, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Odenheimer and members of her family.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Streck, Secy.

The March meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Lois Burns, with 54 members and guests present. Miss Frotscher, reported that she and Mrs. Carl Young had represented the Club at the meeting called by the Mayor for discussing and plans of the proposed City Hall. The President reported that she and the Program Committee had been quite busy securing programs for the rest of this year. Secretary report was read and approved. Treasurers report showing a balance on hand of $110.56 read and accpe. Mrs. Grunwald, Chairman of Membership reported 3 new members. Mrs. Mayer Israel, Mrs. J. H. Warner and Mrs. Weldon Poole. Mrs. Woodruff, for Literary Com. recommends Home Garden as a Garden magazine for the South. Mrs. Keen for plant exchange suggested that anyone having plants to exchange or who wanted some special plants to telephone so that plants could be brought to the meeting. The Program Com. announced the speaker of the April meeting would be Miss Bertha Lee Fergerson. Mrs. Carl Young was appointed Chairman of the flower arrangement Com. for the May meeting. Mrs. Heyer aske that the Club take some active action against the dumping of trash along beautiful country roads. The Cor. Secy was instructed to write to the Mayor calling his attention to this abuse. Miss Krause asked that Mrs. Lambert, who had done this job wonderfully well, be asked to write special publicity notices of matters of interest concerning gardens and garden Club work. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Henry Mayfield Chairman of Red Cross fund drive introduced Lt. Butts who had

27 months overseas. Miss Butts told of her personal experiences in onnedtion with Red Cross work. Her talk was both timely and enlightning. Mrs. Helen Ross appealed to all members to help make the fund drive a success.

Mrs. Morgan then introduced Miss Winnie Magee, who spoke on what to plant in March. Her talk was both entertaining and practical, and she gave several valuable suggestions about proper prunning of shrubbery and preparation of flower beds for spring planting. The lecture was followed by pictures secured from LSU. Miss Magee distributed some very helpful leaflets and announced that anyone who gave in her name would be sent the bulletin and literature from her department.

At the conclusion of the program a pleasant social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Burns and her daughter served delightful refreshments in her beautifully decorated and appointed dining room.

Adding to the pleasure of the meeting were the lovely flowers provided by Mrs. Burns and artistically arranged by her.

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The April meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held at Mulberry Grove, the lovely home of Mrs. Donald Maginnis, out of doors in a perfect setting of fine old cedars and beautiful landscaping. Miss Frotscher presided and there were 36 members and guests present.

The Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The President reported acting as representative of Club at a meeting in City Hall at which nothing definite was done about the new proposed City Hall and Civic Center.

Mrs. Conners reported that the Presbyterian S.S. room had been put at the disposal of the Club for any future meetings. The offer was accepted and the Cor. Secy instructed to write a letter of appreciation of Mr. Freeland.

The May meeting will be held at Stellaurora, Mrs. Gruenwald and Mrs. Fernandez hostesses.

Mrs. Carl Young was named Chairman of the Comm ttee on flower arrangement, and each member was requested to bring some arrangement to the meeting. The Club went on record in a protest against the indiscriminate destruction of trees in and around Covington. Mrs. Fernandez spoke to the Mayor and the matter should be published.

Mrs. Gruenwald introduced 2 new members, Mrs. Bentz and Mrs Donald Maginnis. Mrs. Sheffield reported sending notice of meeting and account of previous meeting to the Farmer.

Miss Frotscher announced that a commiteee had been appointed to take charge of the beautification of the High School grounds as a Garden Club project.

The May 1946 meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held in the patio of lovely, Stellaurora, the home of Mrs. Rene Grunewald and Mrs. M. Fernandez. Miss Frotscher presided and there were 46 members and guests present.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. C. Young, Mrs. Fernandez and Mrs. Grunewald had attended a meeting which had as its objective the formation of a zoning board in Covington. Each organization was asked to send a represen tative and Mrs. Helen Ross was appointed to speak for the Garden Club. The Treasurer's report showing a balance of $105.95 on hand was read and accepted. Cor. Secy reported sending out notices of meeting. Mrs. Grunewald submitted the names of two new members, Mrs. Guichard and Mrs. Ostendorf. There was no report from the plant exchange and Mrs. Sheffield reported for Publicity Com.

Mrs. Streck reported for the High School beautification pro- ject. Mrs. Homeyer moved that the Vice- Pres not serve as Chairman of the program com, notion seconded by Miss Krause and passed unanimously. A suggestion was made by the Pres. that in view of the number of members of the Club who lived in New Orleans and came to Covington only on the week-ends, four of the meetings be held on Saturday and five on Thursday afternoons. A motion to this affect was made and carried.

Mrs. Conners moved that a new commitee a placement Com. be added. Motion carried. A discussion as to the advisability of

continuing the Club Library followed. No definite action was taken.

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Mrs. Lambert suggested the distribution of interesting papers presented to the Club, notice of meeting and publicity notes to out of town members. The Nominating Com. were instructed to present names for officers for next year. June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Feliz Larue at 5:00 P. M. on Thursday, June 13. The meeting adjourned and the members and guests enjoyed a beautiful display of flower arrangements. Mrs. C. Young was Chairman of the Committee, and the arrangements submitted were varied and artistic. The number and variety of flowers were truly remarkable and added greatly to the charming out of doors setting Mrs. Fernandez and Mrs. Grunewald assisted by Mrs. Call served delicious refreshments, punch and cake.

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The Covington Garden Club held ~~their~~ its June meeting on Thursday the 13th - at 5 P.M. in the garden of Mrs Felix Larue x - Thirty members were present x In the absence of the President Miss Fratscher, the first Vice President, Mrs. Carl Young presided - and Miss Krause acted as Secy - due to the absence of Mrs Streck - Recording Secretary -

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer the acting Secretary, read the annual report of the Treasurer showing a balance on June 13-46 of $100.88. This report was approved.

Mrs Grunewald, Chairman of the membership Committee reported one new member, Mrs. Walter Koch -

There was a brief discussion on the proposed Stock Law now before the Louisiana legislature.

Mrs Young reported that the President Miss Fratscher had added the name of Mrs Streck to the Committee on Beautification of the High School grounds and that the members of that Committee are Mrs. Leche Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Odenheimer, Mrs. Streck, and Mrs. James Burns, Chairman.

Mrs. Young called for the report of the Nominating Committee, Miss Fairfax, Chairman with Mrs Warren & Mrs Katz' –

The following ticket was presented and unanimously elected

Pres. Mrs R.E. Streck
1st V " Mrs Leroy Dunn
2nd V. " Mrs F.A. Lambert
Rec. Secy. Mrs James P. Cross
Corr. " Mrs M Fernandez
Treas Mrs M.D. Connors

Ex. Board
Mrs Carl Young
Mrs Owen Heyer
Mrs Chas. Sheffield
Mrs H.P. Kenny Abita R
Mrs Sigmund Odenheimer N.O. R
Mrs R.W. Leche Lac[illegible] R

Oct. 3, 1946

The October meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Monroe Simmons, with Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Louis Ross as hostesses. Mrs. Streck presided and there were 45 members and guests present.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The President greeted the new members present and Mrs. Grunewald announced the names of all new members, as follows:

Mrs. W. G. Edmondson

Mrs. John Rault

Mrs. Pizanie

Miss Ottilie Lambert

Mrs. Wm. Reboul

Mrs. Roy Gedney

Mrs. Robert Lobdell

Mrs. Streck announced the nomination of officers to take over the duties of Treasurer, in place of Mrs. M.D. Conners, and of Recording Secretary, in place of Mrs. James P. Cross--Mrs. J.H. Warner for the office of Treasurer, and Mrs. L.L. Morgan, Jr., for the office of Recording Secretary. The nominations were approved and Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Morgan were elected.

Miss Krause reported on the work of the Literature Committee and suggested that the books on hand will be made available to anyone who wishes to read them. For the present,

they may be obtained at her home. A list of these books will be prepared and anyone interested may obtain it from Miss Krause.

The matter of transportation was discussed and the President called upon the members for a volunteer chairman. Mrs. Grunewald offered to take over this responsibility.

Mrs. Katz was appointed in place of Mrs. J.T.Burns as chairman of the High School Beautification project. A discussion of the beautification of the school grounds followed- and it seemed to be a matter of interest to all present to show what the Club can do in a tangible way. However, some members expressed the belief that it would cost a great deal to accomplish much in this direction and- as a first step, Miss Frotscher made a motion that no more than $25.00 be spent from the club budget for this year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mrs. Lambert suggested the formation of a Youth Garden Club and it was generally agreed that this would be a fine idea, but hardly practicable at the time, and so no action was taken along these lines.

Mrs. Keen was made chairman of the plant exchange and all members were urged to take an active interest in this mutually helpful club activity.

As chairman of the Program Committee, Miss Frotscher reported that Dr. Minna ~~Cook~~ Koch has agreed to speak on Guatamala at the November meeting, to be held at the home of Mrs. Carl

Young.

Mrs. Steck asked for volunteers among the membership as co-hostesses for club meetings, and a schedule of future meetings for the year was read.

The President then turned the meeting over to the Program Committee and a delightful (if difficult!) quiz was presented by Miss Frotscher, in which the members were put on the spot as to their knowledge of the origin of various everyday fruits and vegetables. The first prize, a lovely wooden bowl filled with fruit, was won by Mrs. Robert Lobdell. Booby prizes, however, brought forth much keener competition- and at least a half dozen members shared the final honor, taking home, as a result, a banana each.

Refreshments of soft drinks and delicious cakes were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Ross, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Streck that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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Miss Frotscher welcomed the members at the opening meeting of the 1945-46 season with an urgent appeal for an active member ship, in which each member feels free to offer suggestions and opinions on all matters pertaining to Club activities, and encouraged free discussion because "a live Club will fight".

The semi-annual roll call was read and Secy report read and approved. In the absence of Mrs. Carl Young, Chairman of the Bond Drive Com. of June 22, Miss Frotscher reported a total of $66,500.00 was purchased through the Club. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Young was unanimously passed.

The Scrap book which was turned in by Mrs. Moses w as given to the Cor. Secy to be kept simply as a record of Club activities.

The November meeting is to be held at the Homr of Mrs. Fournier with Alice Kay as speaker, and the Dec. meeting at Mrs. Haggertys. with Mrs. Jessie W. Katz, speaking on Camelliam. The April meeting will be held at Mrs. Walter Simmons. The January, March, May and June meetings have not been placed, and any one who could act as hostess is urged to volunteer.

The Feb meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Odenheimer with Cynthia Westcott, the Plant Dr. as speaker. Members are asked to give suggestions to Mrs. Will Morgan, Chairman Program Com. for speakers or ideas for future programs.

If anyone fails to receive a card of notification of meeting please let Cor. Secy know at once so an investigation can be made

Mrs. LeRoy Dunn resigned as Cor. Secy and the Nom. Chairman Miss Fairfax placed the name of Mrs. Emanuel Fernandez before the Club. The nomination was seconded, and the vote unanimous. The Treasurers report showing a balance of $93.10 was read and approved.

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The November meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. V. R. Fournier in Abita Springs with a very large attendance of over Sixty members and guests.

Miss Lydia Fretscher presided, and announced that the next meeting will be he held at the home of Mrs Richard Leche onthe Mandeville Highway.

The meeting places for the remainder of this year have been aranged, the Feb. Meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. S. Odenheimer, with Miss Cynthia Westcott, the Plant Doctor, as speaker. This meeting will be held on Saturdayinstead of Thursday.

The Secty.'s report was read and ~~approved~~ accepted.

The treasurer's report shewing a balance on hand of 104.26 read and approved.

Cor, Sectry reported sendinf out 95 cards.

The membership committee submitted the neames of the following new members, Mrs. Tamke, Mrs Hawley, Mrs.Lowell Mckee and Mr. Betz. Mrs. Newman

Mr. Woodruff reported for the Literature Co. nad Mrs. Sheffield for the Publicity.

Mrs. Dunlap, for Transportation Co, asked that members willing to offer rides to the me meeting, as well as these desiring transportation, phone her or Miss Fretscher, so arrangements could be made prior to the meeting.

Miss Fretcher ask members for flowers for veteranso graves for armistice day. and said the club would send flowers to the monument in Court house square on th at day.

Mrs. Homeyer was delegated to interview the mayor concerning the ~~planting~~ possibility of the club memorial planting in the park.

Mrs Homeyer moved and that the club back Mr Heintz in his endeavors to have a causeway built across the lake. Seconded and unanimously passed and The Cor, Sec. was instructed to so notify Mr. Heintz.

Mrs. Morgan then introduced Mrs Kay, who spoke charmingly on her personal experience in the Gardens of Old Virginia. Mrs. Kay's speech brought not only a series of lovely word pictures, but carried as weel the feeling of these beautiful and historic places, giving them their proper place in the making of American history.

Nov. 9, 1946

The regular monthly meeting of the Covington Garden Club took place on Nov. 9, 1946, at the home of Mrs. Roy Carl Young on Jahncke Avenue.

Fifty-six members were present and the meeting was conducted by Mrs. H. R. Streck, President. In the absence of the Secretary, Miss Krause read the minutes. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $130.58.

The President announced that, in accordance with the usual custom, flowers would be placed on the Memorial Shaft in the Court House grounds on Armistice Day.

Two new members, Mrs. V. J. Peytral, Sr. and Mrs. Wilfred Glockner were introduced to the club by Mrs. Rene Grunewald.

Miss Aimee Moake, chairman of the hospital proposition, from the Woman's Progressive Union, addressed the group and gave an outline of the subject. The need for a hospital in Covington was endorsed by the organization. Following a short business meeting, Miss Frotscher introduced her niece, Miss Minna Frotscher Koch, of New Orleans, as guest speaker for the evening.

Miss Koch chose as her subject "Vacation in Guatamala". With the use of slides, she illustrated her most entertaining and interesting talk, so that the listener literally enjoyed with her the towns and gardens and various tours to spots of interest in the second largest country of Central America.

Following the programme, a vote of thanks was extended Mr. S. E. Talley for the loan of the Grammar School Lantern.

The business meeting was then adjourned and a delicious plate luncheon was served by Mrs. Young, who had as her co-hostess, Mrs. A. Laurie Young.

Mrs. Frances Morgan
Recording Secretary

Dec. 12, 1946

The Covington Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. H. D. Hagerty in Abita on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 12.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. H. R. Streck, who dispensed with all committee reports after having the minutes of the previous meeting read by the Secretary and the Treasurer's Report. (A balance on hand of $136.06) 3

Mrs. Rene Grunewald introduced/new members Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Dansereau.

Miss Sally Farell of the State Library Commission spoke briefly on libraries and suggested that the Garden Club lend its support to the Business and Professional Women in obtaining a library for St. Tammany.

Mrs. Streck announced a Red Cross Meeting to be held the following night and urged all members interested to be present. After which she dismissed further business and turned the meeting over to Miss Lydia Frotscher, program chairman.

Miss Frotscher, in turn, called upon Miss Martha Guzman who had graciously consented to take charge of the Christmas program. A choir composed of Mrs. Paulette P. Kercheval, Mrs. W. G. Edmondson, Mrs. Elsie Galatas and Mrs. Mary McGann, with Mrs. E. L. Pizanie as pianist- and under the direction of Miss Guzman entertained the guests and members with a charming arrangement of Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Kercheval and Miss Guzman sang a duet and Mrs. Kercheval sang two solos, followed by several of the more popular songs in which the assembly joined.

The evening was a highlight of the Christmas season and Mrs. Hagerty's beautiful home was attractively decorated with vases of pointsettias andyule greens. A plate lunch consisting of turkey and all the trimmings was served by the hostess and there is no doubt that each one present enjoyed the evening and will remember the Garden Club's Christmas party for a long time to come.

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