



**Mrs. John C. Vosoff**  
**15<sup>th</sup> GCFM President**  
**1953-1955**  
**145 clubs – 11,203 members**



This administration covers the uneven period due to a change in bylaws making the annual meeting in May, instead of October, to correspond with National Council. The Horticultural Committee continued to present monthly prepared programs with leading horticulturists as speakers, holding clinics at all meetings and conducting field trips. Average attendance was 190, Mrs. Earl Bourne, Chairperson. The project to exterminate the Japanese Beetle through the use of the milky spore disease was introduced by the Committee of the School of Applied Gardening. Mrs. Lucien B. Taylor later completed its fifth year.

Landscape Design, Mrs. Samuel Kirkwood, Chairperson, and Radio, Mrs. William Susan, Chairperson were added to the GCFM Board.

Conservation presented educational programs with state representatives as speakers at the meetings. Subjects studied: water, wildlife, reforestation, and soil conservation. In November, a two day flower arrangement symposium was held with J. Gregory Conway, as instructor.

Additional activities of GCFM were cooperation with Girl and Boy Scouts in the National Litter campaign and continued weekly programs at the Veterans Hospitals. There was an increase in NEWSLETTER circulation, Mrs. Vosoff, Editor. The fourth and fifth courses of Flower Show School were completed. Flower shows sponsored by GCFM included the New England Spring Flower Show and Open House at Gore Place. After 22 years, Mrs. Joseph S. Lech retired as scholarship chairperson.

From 1953-1955 a Tornado Replanting Project was conducted to assist in repairing the devastation caused in Worcester County by three tornadoes.