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***“We Have Promises to Keep”***  
**191 clubs – 12,165 members**



The theme of this administration was the watchword of the clubs. The Action Committee for the Environment held an all-day meeting with seven expert speakers organized by Leslie Frost. The subjects covered were: Energy, Conservation, Legislation, Reclamation and Recycling, Pollution and Litter Control. Panels of the ACE Committee were set up in different areas of the state to assist the clubs.

Emphasis was on Horticultural Garden Therapy, and the presentation of a program prepared for a state meeting of Nursing Home Activity. A total of 204 attended Fall Presidents' Conference at Sidney Country Club. Seminars on Civic Development and Historic Preservation were held.

Junior Gardeners were slowly increasing and there were three high school clubs. Eight additional clubs contributed to World Gardening with a total of \$1,389. There were two new Life Members.

Sponsored flower shows with other organizations were: New England Spring Flower Show, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Essex Agricultural and Technical Show, Topsfield Fair, North Shore Horticultural Society Show, Central District and Worcester County Horticultural Society, Barnstable County Fair, Heritage Plantation, two Christmas Shows and Fair and Horticultural Hall; a Regional Flower Show with Worcester Horticultural Society.

GCFM sponsored tours to Montreal International Flower Exhibition and Exhibition 50 in Washington – raised \$1,200. The Bob Thomas lecture and workshop raised \$1,436.26 for the scholarship funds.

The March-April issue of *Newsletter* became the program issue, including a list of speakers and programs available.