

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
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Mrs. Hewlett, Mrs. Dillingham...

I am so pleased you have invited Mrs. Bryant and me here today

Mrs. Bryant two years ago

Florida has come a long way under your inspiration

Some philosopher -- correlation -- stage of civilization and status
of women

I don't know -- but in the field of conservation surely true

In many ways I feel your partner -- for a decade --

1953 - Speaker (Mrs. Tom Smith) -- Sabal Palm -- slash pine
(Mrs. Farris Bryant) --

Small beginning -- an exercise

Since then conscious of your concern -- and activities

Because of you -- individually and collectively -- campaign
was conservation oriented

Because of you -- we have taken the signs off the highways

Never before -- not easy -- many people offended

During this campaign -- political signs

I didn't hear from you -- didn't expect to -- but felt that

I had your support

Because of you -- more done for conservation -- for beauty -- than
in all other administrations put together

Confident your active interest made passage of outdoor recreation
bond issue possible

Eternally grateful

We are not finished

Report where we are

Litigation in circuit court

Validation and sale of bonds months away

May or may not be in this administration

But we are moving ahead

Early 1961 -- committee of directors of all conservation agencies

William R. Kidd

"Outdoor Recreation at Crossroads"

1961 session was upon us too soon

Governor's second session not supposed to be productive

Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963

Established administrative and legal tool

Provided a source of funds

We have not stood idle

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control

State Road Department -- wayside parks, boat ramps, fishing walkways,
causeways -- beautiful highways

Park Board -- Coral Reef State Park -- \$2M gift

New park in St. Johns County -- by gift

strengthen it administratively

Phosphate industry

Islands

St. George Island Causeway -- and park

TIIF - land inventory

No longer sell land

Don't sell islands

Have developed a state-wide outdoor recreation program

Parks and historic memorials play an important part

Criticism of use of Outdoor Recreation money

Not for Cross-State Canal

Not for Flood control

Multiple use concept

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Mental retardation

Mental health

Medical aid to indigent old

Encephalitis, polio, TB

Prisons -- 16 in cell

So large - so complex -- voting blocs are becoming important

You must be on "beauty bloc"

Demanding consideration

So Florida will always be what Ponce de Leon discovered -- land of

Flowers