

Department notes

NEW GOVERNORS

THE GOVERNING body of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens is the 25-member Board of Governors appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three-year terms. We are pleased to welcome three new members: Dr. Jenny L. Batongmalaque, appointed by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Marilyn C. Stoke, appointed by Supervisor Pete Schabarum; and Merrill J. Cate, appointed last July by the late Supervisor Burton Chace.

25TH YEAR

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1948, articles of incorporation were signed establishing the California Arboretum Foundation and marking the beginning of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Twenty-five years later, on the same date, a party will be held in the Mediterranean Room at the Brookside Clubhouse in Pasadena celebrating that signing in a number of ways. Honorary life memberships will be bestowed on the founding fathers and on longtime supporters. A history of the past will be available in a limited edition, hard-cover book and will also appear in the March issue of *Lasca Leaves*. The party is being held at the Brookside Clubhouse because the Arboretum lacks facilities large enough; even so, attendance will be limited to the first 350 who respond to the announcement, due after the first of the year. As the Foundation approaches its 25th anniversary the many activities planned for

1973 mark its identification with the new emphasis on the theme: the Arboretum is for people. Among the activities every supporter is looking forward to are Baldwin Bonanza III, another Queen Anne Frolic, field trips to Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands, and the Hugo Reid Roundup.

MEADOW BROOK

CURRENT visitors to the Arboretum are having a fine time watching the work on the Meadow Brook, an exciting project described in our last Department Notes. Of particular interest is the construction of the 1,000-foot stream bed consisting of, first, a layer of heavy polyethylene film, then pumped concrete, then the placement of 300 tons of large rocks and 50 tons of cobble stones, and finally a layer of colored cement to give a completely realistic look which, indeed, it does have. The project is being financed by the County and by matching funds raised by the California Arboretum Foundation from two past fund-raising events, the Queen Anne Frolic and Baldwin Bonanza II.

NEW GATEHOUSE

GROUND WILL be broken this month for a new gatehouse located just to the east of the hitherto practically unused steps to the rotunda. The old gatehouse will be used by Las Voluntaries who have been looking forward to having a home on the grounds of their own. Financing is again being handled through matching funds by the County with the California Arboretum Foundation raising funds through special events. The new gatehouse will alter the traffic flow, directing entering visitors up through the rotunda within easy reach of nearby attractions like the Demonstration Home Gardens, ground cover and juniper display gardens.



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