



This 6,000-square-foot shade area at the Arboretum was built to provide cover for outdoor events. It is designed so that the saran-covering can be put up or taken down easily and quickly according to the weather and the requirements of the event.

HOWARD MILLER

HOWARD A. MILLER, one of the original signers in 1948 of the articles incorporating the California Arboretum Foundation, died after a brief illness in Huntington-Memorial Hospital in San Marino on April 28. Mr. Miller, a resident of San Marino for 38 years, will be remembered for his many years of service on behalf of the Arboretum. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation from its inception until his death, serving as treasurer until five years ago when he became an honorary member. He was also a member of the Board of Governors of the Department, serving from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1974. Mr. Miller belonged with that group of persevering pioneers led by Dr. Samuel Ayres, Jr., who ultimately were to persuade the Board of Supervisors that Los Angeles County should have an arboretum. Perhaps because of his considerable experience in civic affairs—Mr. Miller was the founding director of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, and had been director of the Metropolitan Water District and assistant manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—he was selected to make the presentation to the Board. It was a wise selection, for Mr. Miller impressed the supervisors with the desirability of the project, leading those gentlemen to lend

their weight to subsequent negotiations that made the Arboretum a state and county institution.

AWARD TO RUSSELL J. SEIBERT

LONGTIME friends and associates of the Arboretum will be happy to learn that Dr. Russell J. Seibert, director of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum from 1950 to 1955, was recently named the winner of one of the most prestigious awards in American horticulture—the Arthur Hoyt Scott Garden and Horticulture Award.

Dr. Seibert was honored for developing Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, from a private estate into an outstanding public display garden known for its cooperative plant exploration ventures with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was also recognized for his introduction of a number of new plants from Peru and other parts of the world. Dr. Seibert has been the director of Longwood Gardens since leaving the Arboretum.

The award, in the form of a specially designed gold medal and a check for \$1,000, was presented last month by Dr. Theodore Friend, president of Swarthmore College, at the annual Spring Garden Festival of the Scott Associates on the Swarthmore campus.



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