

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

ALL THREE GARDENS will ring in the Christmas season in their own unique ways this year.

Handmade macrame ornaments, dried flower arrangements, and a 10 foot flower stalk of the *Agave americana* decorated with golden ornaments in the Rotunda will remind Arboretum visitors of the holiday spirit. The Queen Anne Cottage, the Depot, and the Hugo Reid Adobe will also be adorned with authentic period decorations to evoke Christmases past.

At Descanso Gardens the theme for the Christmas show will be "Home for the Holidays" with the Hospitality House decorated by innovative interior designers, decorators, lighting experts, florists, and nurserymen. There will be an admission fee of \$1.50 per person for

William Aplin



Each Christmas Grace Robinson (left) and Ruth Brankey add more ornaments they have made to the Arboretum Christmas collection.



The Rotunda at the Arboretum is decorated during the Holiday Season with flowering poinsettias, dried plant arrangements, and handmade macrame ornaments. The display expands each year as more decorations are completed.



the show which is open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Dec. 1 through 9. Yule logs and other holiday items will be featured at a Christmas boutique in the Gift Shop. Proceeds from the show and boutique will provide part of the \$10,000 which the Guild has pledged to contribute annually for support of the Gardens.

The first Sunday in December will open "Holidays in the Garden" at the South Coast Botanic Garden in Palos Verdes. The week-long display of Yuletide exhibits by local garden clubs, plant societies, and individuals in Frances Young Hall will give visitors ideas for home decorations and an opportunity to shop for unusual presents. A cup of coffee and a home-made pastry at the "Wassail Bowl" will make a fitting finale for the visit. The Palos Verdes Symphonic Band, conducted by Richard Schwalbe, will entertain at a Christmas Concert in the Garden at 2 p.m. on Dec. 16.

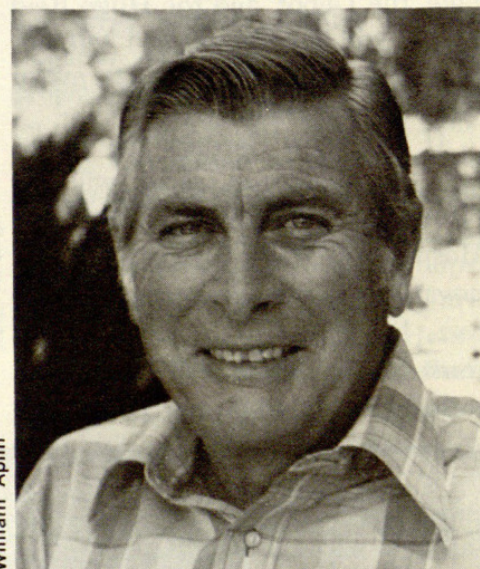
## BROMELIAD SOCIETY HEAD

**T**IM LORMAN, staff horticulturist at the Arboretum, will assume his duties as president of the Bromeliad Society in January. For several years he has been active in the society, two years as second vice-president and the three previous years as a member of the board of directors. He has also served as bromeliad hybrid registration chairman.

Mr. Lorman will have a demanding schedule during his two year term as president. On a recent trip to New Orleans, La., he attended the ceremony at which newly trained bromeliad show judges received their certificates. In May he is scheduled to visit the world bromeliad conference in Orlando, Fla.

During the time he is not at his job at the Arboretum supervising the nursery and greenhouses, Mr. Lorman gives talks about bromeliads to garden clubs and plant societies. He will also be on hand at the Arboretum open house in Oc-

tober. These lectures support the primary public function of the bromeliad society, which is educational. "Basically, we are trying to get more and more information and books available to members and potential members," said Mr. Lorman. Current publications of the 3,200 member society include a bromeliad glossary, a cultural handbook, and an international checklist of bromeliad hybrids.



James P. Curry

## CAF PRESIDENT

**J**AMES P. CURRY was elected president of the California Arboretum Foundation, a support organization for the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Mr. Curry was first vice-president of CAF last year and served for the previous seven years as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Alhambra native attended Los Angeles City College and was active in the area business community for many years. Before retiring from C & H Sugar as Southern Regional Sales Manager, Industrial Products, in March of 1979, he was president of the Vernon Rotary Club, the L.A. Sales Managers' Club, and the Illuminators, a food industry organization.

Mr. Curry and his wife, Beulah, live in Arcadia and have three grown children.



Harriet (Mrs. Roger) Gurley, 1979 chairman of the Descanso Gardens Guild Christmas Show, surveys the festively decorated library in the Hospitality House.





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