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Please Note!

You will notice that in your pay envelope this month is an Employee Information Sheet. Please fill it out and return it to the Business Office by Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. This sheet will become a part of your permanent personnel record. Anytime in the future that you have occasion to fill out an application for a higher level position you may consult this sheet. Please fill the sheet out Completely!! Thank you.

Employee Eavesdroppings

Congratulations to Rito Cervantes who was appointed to Tree Trimmer. Welcome to Robert Irwin who has come to us as Tree Laborer. "Goodbye and goodluck" to Frank McCall who is leaving Descanso Gardens.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Lerchenmuller's wife. Our deepest sympathy to you, Joe.

Joe would like to thank all of those who expressed their sympathy and thoughtfulness.

Kathy Moreno is staying on until the end of May, for which the Information Aids are truly thankful. Kathy was quoted as saying, "We would like to have a girl, but boys are born in the family." How about twins, Kathy?"

Arboretum Articles

Three BIG shows on three successive weekends was a real man-sized venture. Not only the three big shows, but the added ceremony of Dedication of the Hugo Reid Adobe on May 5, needed and received the full cooperation of the entire staff. We wish to express our thanks for the excellent teamwork shown by everyone. We can't rest on our laurels, however, because we have the County Art Exhibit to run from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, and the American Society of Landscape Architects Exhibit to get ready by June 17<sup>th</sup> and extending through the 25<sup>th</sup>. During this period the school year ends, and it will mean an additional workload for the Children's Education Department.

During the time the show activity was going on, the parking lots were paved and the "striping" completed; Gerry Patten, Ed Pugh, and Jerry Gause cut signs and splashed paint in a heroic manner - all of which helped expedite movement of the crowds. Even so, the Information Aid Department had to resort to many impromptu revisions for tram tours because of road conditions within the Arboretum.

While the Iris Show list of prizes awarded did not show names of any of the employees, the Orchid Show awards showed Joe Lerchenmuller getting a first for a Paphiopedilum albion FCC.RHS., a second for a Miltonia (Solfatari x Woodlands "Ebony") and a third for a Paphiopedilum Bell Ringer "Chimes" AM.Ads. Also, Glenn Hiatt entered a flower arrangement in a class "for men only" and received a blue ribbon. Congratulations to both of you! Unfortunately, we did not have available the list of prize winners in the Spring Flower Show at the time we went to press. If there were any outstanding awards given employees, we will include their names in the next DELASCAN.

Unfortunately all of the black swans' brood have disappeared - probably the prey of predatory animals. Better luck next time, papa and mama swan!

For those of you who are interested in the culture and growing of cymbidium orchids, we have available in the business office a fact sheet written by Glenn Hiatt. Come in and pick up your copy!

Descanso Discourse

The first of May finds Descanso Gardens on the move. The Administration Offices have been relocated in the house formerly occupied by John Threlkeld. The new offices are large and roomy and "just what we have needed for years" says all the staff. The old office is to be removed some time in the future to make way for the Japanese Tea House and other attractive gardens. Don Graf is also unpacking after selling his home in Covina and moving into the upper roost of the Hospitality House.



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