

Employee Eavesdroppings

Congratulations to Mark Anthony who was appointed the new Superintendent of Descanso Gardens on November 1, 1961.

Welcome aboard the jeep train to our new temporary Arboretum Information Aid, Bill Dickey.

This reporter will probably lose his job if he isn't more careful in reporting promotions, to wit. Mr. Glenn Hiatt has been promoted to the new position of Assistant Director and has been doing a fine job in Dr. Stewart's absence. Congratulations, Glenn.

Tom Parker had to undergo a bit of surgery, while the Fall Flower Show was going on. Too bad you had to miss it, Tom, and we are all plugging for your early return.

Arboretum Articles

Take a trip around the Arboretum to see the Floss Silk Trees now popping out with their glorious pink lily-like blossoms. Recently, when Frank Halvorsen took a group of honor students around the Arboretum, a young lad recently returned from Mexico, told him that some Mexicans liked to chew on both the roots and seed of the young Floss Silk Tree. Frank turned this information over to Art Lanz, our pharmaceutical genius, who will investigate this scientific possibility. Our question to Frank is ---- why?

Work is progressing on the new entranceway to the Arboretum - the latest phase being the building of a retaining wall along the sides of the future tropical water lily pool.

The Flower Show, held on November 3, 4, and 5, was attended by 13,110 visitors.

If you see Joe Lerchenmuller going around with blue and red ribbons pinned in his hair, play along with him. His orchid winners in the show were superb, and he justly deserves the prizes. Congratulations, Joe. Frank Halvorsen had three bonsai entered in the Flower Show, one of which, the Ombu, Phytolacca dioicca, from Argentina, ~~excited interest~~. Frank had displayed a part of a branch from a tree grown from the same seed pod to show the amazing possibilities of the bonsai art.

Descanso Discourse

A hearty welcome back to Dorothy Pool who has been absent due to illness. She will start the Fall Children's classes very soon.

All Arboretum employees are invited to come see and enter a display in our Annual Christmas Decorations Show which will be held December 2 through 10, from 10:00 AM to 4:15 PM in the Hospitality House.

Many of the migratory birds which visit Southern California each fall and winter may be seen at Descanso during semi-monthly bird walks to be conducted by the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Open to all bird lovers (which may or may not include employees), the walks will start from the Gate House on each second and fourth Sunday at 8:00 AM, on November 12 and 26. A new bird check list will be provided all participants. Among the many species to be seen during the walks will be: Ruby Crowned Kinglet; Gambel's White Crowned Sparrow; Audubon's Warbler; and the Varied Thrush. If you are interested come join the 'Bird Watchers'.

Education Editings

Three new classes on Holiday Plant Craft began this week at the Arboretum. Another Holiday class of 16 students and a Boy Scout Nature course for 18 students were launched at Descanso. Christmas is coming fast!

The Descanso Gardening class begins Saturday and has many new advantages, including better soil, larger plots, a longer season and a fine new sprinkling system. All this and a new greenhouse, too! The sprinklers were made possible through an anonymous gift to Youth Education.

The Arboretum class on Greenhouse Propagation won a "Special Award" ribbon for



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