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Employee Eavesdroppings

Farewell to the following members of the Arboretum staff: Marjorie Naramore, Gertrude Woods' right hand gal, has had to resign by request of her doctor. She will need to be less active in her next job. Best of luck in locating just the 'right one', Marge. Ray Daniels, custodian, left us to take a position with the State Highway Division in Saugus. Hope you like the new work, Ray.

We wish to welcom Ennis Kelley, our new custodian, who is replacing Ray Daniels. We wish, also, to re-welcome Bill Dickey who is now a permanent Information Aid. Robert Smith is the new Information Aid, As-Needed. A hearty welcome to you, Robert. After February 13 a new face will appear at the Gatehouse. This will belong to one Donald Herman who begins being another Information Aid for the Arboretum.

Arboretum Articles

This may seem silly to ask but "Anyone for tree pruning?" If so, there will be a demonstration of such by Don Woolley, Chief Horticulturist at the Arboretum, and "Doc" Thompson, Horticulture Instructor of Mark Keppel High School, Alhambra, on February 17, 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Types of deciduous trees to be used in the pruning will be apricots, apples, figs, peaches, nectarines, and plums. Should we have inclement weather, the date will be the following Saturday, February 24.

Did you know we are having an 'art showing'? Well, we are! From February 15 through March 20, down at the Coach Barn, we are having a showing of the American artist, the late George Ford Morris. Artist Morris was the most outstanding painter of horses in the United States. Some of his race horse paintings are among the exhibit.

Descanso Discourse

'Hello' to Martin Stoner and Paul Risk, new Descanso Information Aids, As-Needed. They come to us just as the busy season starts.

Asa Crapo was snowbound January 22. Six inches of fluffy beautiful (?) snow around his home. Next time, any snow-loving people with shovels looking for something to shovel?

A stork is hovering over the home of the John Threlkelds. He will be hovering until the end of March when a 'wee' package will be delivered. Congratulations on the impending event, Emma and John!

J. Schlegel is driving a Thunderbird, Charles Carvin a Volvo. How lucky can some people be!!

The largest Camellia exhibition will be held at Descanso on February 24 and 25. There will be 100,000 entries. Anyone may enter camellias for competition, with as little as a single camellia being accepted. Entries will be accepted between 6:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Judging will be held from 10:00 AM until noon on February 24.

Education Editings

The Arboretum and Descanso winter classes are well under way with full registration. Schools are scheduling far ahead, even into May, so every day carries a full program. Among the volunteers doing important work are Elizabeth Parker, Indoor Gardening classes; Rae Richardson and Sally Sherman, flower arranging classes; Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Hall, mothers of students giving one-half day a week. At Descanso Gardens Mrs. Monax teaches flower arranging.



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