

Descanso Discourse

WELCOME ABOARD!! Julian Medina, Park Maintenance Helper. Hope you like it here.

Sympathy is extended to Dorothy Pool who had such an unfortunate mishap during the first week of her vacation. She suffered severe pavement burns when inadvertently dragged by her car a great number of feet. She is back to work, but still has one badly damaged leg. So sorry, Dorothy.

Library Listings

Recently acquired for our Library are the following:

Steiner	- Philippine ornamental plants
Ott	- My ivory cellar: the story of timelapse photography
Michener	- American social insects
Pierce	- The song of insects
Leach	- Rhododendrons of the world and how to grow them

Education Editings

What this Arboretum needs is an ANEMOMETER!! Bet you never thought of that one before! What is it? Well, all the fifth and sixth grade youngsters know, and many ask why there isn't one here.

Last year 5,640 school children, together with their teachers, studied our Weather Station as a special interest section of the Plant Science field trip. This Station is one of extremely few that may be visited by schools, and is considered by Science Supervisors to be of prim importance.

Recently the Youth Education Section gave a barometer to help complete the instrumentation, but the present need is an anemometer. While it may not be considered a necessity for growing plants, it is a necessity for maintaining the standards of educational opportunity that we have established. Besides, it is always interesting and profitable to "know which way the wind is blowing" - no?

Tom McGah has thoroughly explored all the possibilities up to the Weather Bureau's \$1,200.00 special. He has now located a good instrument that records force (Beaufort Scale) and direction for \$99.35. This is the one we would like to have. Tom leads off with a \$5.00 contribution which yours truly matches. (Gertrude Woods, speaking). Elsie is alerting the Foundation members through Lasca Leaves. The next donor gave 35¢, next \$1.00, Youth Education another \$5.00, so we now have \$16.35. Anyone want to help??

Classes are registering for Fall courses; pumpkins are ripe for harvest; gardens ready for "plowing"; schools scheduling trips far ahead. It is good to be here looking forward to the best year yet!!

Arboretum Articles

From the Information Section we learn that all is in readiness for the flood of school tours which will begin with the starting of school. These tours have become valuable in the educational world, and are used in the curriculum of schools all over.

As reported in last month's Delascan, the Norman Isbells are expecting the arrival of a BOY. Anyone care to take a bet!!

Joseph Lerchenmuller has been promoted from Gardener to Nurseryman. Congratulations, Joe!! Norman Isbell is now Senior Arboretum Information Aid. The same to you, too, Norm!! John Dancer, Arboretum Information Aid, A/N is back on the weekend staff after his sabbatical from teaching.

Greetings to John Branner, our new Park Maintenance Man Helper.



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