

Children's Education

A new course for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders began this week, sponsored by the Director of the Program for the Gifted Child of the San Gabriel School District.

This is a new and different challenge to test and determine the capacity of these children for advanced learning in Botany and Horticulture. They will meet at the Arboretum two hours a week for the spring semester with Don Herman, instructor. Nine top students are enrolled.

Tak Niiya is back at Descanso after a brief sick leave. He was severely missed though several staff members waded into the education game and kept the Youth Education Program afloat.

The two new Garden Classes are scheduled for two Mammoth, Great, Super-colossal four-hour planting days this week and next, all of which will assure bumper "crops" before the end of the term - that is barring storms, bugs, birds, frost, squirrels, mumps and measles.

The "special training" Garden Skills Class from Monrovia Schools is seeing the first color in their bulb-flower garden while approaching the "thinning" stage in their vegetable plots.

The black swans are nesting in the upper lagoon now; the first egg was sighted January 7; 4 eggs are being incubated; nesting boxes (3) were placed in suitable areas for the Wood Ducks through the interest of Dr. Salter, a Los Angeles optometrist who resides in Arcadia.

Peacocks are approaching full song - help! - help! - help! - Help! - Help! - H E L P! H E L P!! H E L P!!! H E L P!!!! H E L P!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! as are the Department employees, the latter inspired by Security (Social) and Insecurity (Mathematical).

Gatehouse Gleanings

It is always good to hear, as the reputation of the Arboretum spreads throughout the world, that the work of individual employees is chosen for special honors. Ed Pugh, Information Aid, and Gerry Patton, Staff Artist, received requests from The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for permission to include their work in the permanent collection. CONGRATULATIONS to you both!!

Don't forget the first big flower show of the year, February 22 and 23, when the Temple City Camellia Association sponsors their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Camellia Show in the Lecture Hall. Last year's show was exceptionally fine.

From the Social Committee

Below is a ballot for your selection of a picnic area for this year's gathering of the Arboretum clan. We have a choice of a park with both baseball diamond and a pool; one with pool, no baseball facility; one with especially good eating arrangements. Please put your 1st, second, and third choice on the ballot.

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- Farnsworth Park, baseball field and good eating facility - - - - - ☐
- Monrovia Nursery, swimming and eating facilities - - - - - ☐
- Legg Lake, good picnic grounds - no swimming or baseball field - - - - ☐
- San Dimas Park, good baseball grounds and picnic facility - - - - - ☐
- Arcadia Park, baseball and swimming available and picnic area - - - - ☐

- - - - - to your Social Representative or  
Lee Wakeman, Chairman Soc. Com. - - - - -

BALLOT FOR ARBORETUM PICNIC



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