

soils have a moderately slow permeability. Available water-holding capacity is 4 to 6 inches. Fertility is low."

The entire area is expected to become a vast metropolis by 1980, centered around the projected, controversial Palmdale Intercontinental Airport. Ecological considerations aside, the area is already laid out in a grid of streets and avenues reminiscent of New York City's boroughs of Manhattan or Queens. The avenues encompass the alphabet, running east and west. The streets run north and south, reaching easterly to 260th Street, the dividing line between Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. By the time the predictions of urban planners come true, the Department hopes the High Desert Arboretum will be ready to help thousands of new home owners learn about plants for their gardens.

The other parcel of land is the Lux Arboretum, located in the foothills of Monrovia about ten miles northeast of the Arboretum. It was willed to the California Arboretum Foundation in 1955, and subsequently turned over to the Department, by Dr. George P. Lux, a dental doctor whose avocation was horticulture. Dr. Lux imported many plants from Mexico, where he had large holdings, in the 1900s, and was among the first to introduce avocados to the United States. The property consists of one hundred and fifty-four acres at elevations of nine hundred to thirteen hundred and fifty feet. The terrain is mountainous yet offers frost-free areas for tender plants by reason of the air drainage or circulation through the canyons and slopes that eliminates frost pockets. An all-year water supply for the Lux Arboretum and three residences in the area is provided from stream beds. The site constitutes one of the very few remaining natural canyons in the foothills and, aside from its value as a place for growing tender plants, offers a superb setting for use as a nature study area.

CAF Election

THREE NEW OFFICERS were elected by the Board of Trustees of the California Arboretum Foundation, Inc., all to serve a one-year term. They are Mr. Donald Camphouse, President; Mrs. Peter L. Douglas, First Vice-President; and Mr. Harrison Chandler, Second Vice-President. Mr. Camphouse previously served as secretary-treasurer to the Board and also has served as the mayor of Arcadia, president of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and president of the Arcadia Rotary Club.

Appointed for one-year terms as secretary and treasurer were Mrs. Chester L. Williams and Mr. William E. Eilau. Four Board of Trustee members re-elected to three-year terms were Mrs. John N. Fehrer, Mrs. Jerome K. Doolan, Judge Joseph A. Sprankle, Jr., and Mr. Ernest E. Hetherington. Appointed as an honorary trustee was Mr. Charles Crum, an Arcadia resident who is president of the California Nurserymen's Association and general manager of Rosedale's Nursery in Monrovia.

Expressions of appreciation for ten years of dedicated service to the Foundation were tendered outgoing CAF president Ernest Hetherington. In addition to his work on numerous committees, Mr. Hetherington served as secretary to the Foundation before becoming president in 1970.

Canoe, Anyone?

A SOMEWHAT cryptic telephone call from Alice (Mrs. Peter L.) Douglas, CAF vice president, brought this message: anyone having, or having access to a canoe is asked to get in touch with her, and all CAF and Las Voluntarias members should look forward to an upcoming "party to end all parties." A canoe party?



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