

levels here. It has to be noted, of course, that insects and humans have very different respiratory systems, and this is encouraging for us. On the other hand, we and insects are not so different metabolically speaking, and that could be the rub. In any case, Dr. Hanson and his colleague cautiously conclude that "these preliminary results have confirmed our suspicions that the Southern California climate is not what it used to be and the change may affect the life span of humans as well as flies." We have had some thoughts along these lines, too.

## Coffee Shop

RATHER EXTENSIVE renovation and upgrading of the eating facilities in the Peacock Pavilion have elevated what was heretofore a snack bar into a coffee shop with menu to match. To add to the comfort and attractiveness of the surroundings, air conditioning has been installed and each day a bouquet of fresh flowers will be placed on the tables. Robert Parker and Charles Russell of Acreage Concessions, Inc., operators of the facility, and Dolores Hubbell, executive secretary for the California Arboretum Foundation which oversees the operation, extend a cordial invitation to everyone to drop in to the new Peacock Pavilion Coffee Shop to inspect the quarters and sample the menu.

## Repeat Bonanza

PLANNING one fund-raising event on the heels of another is like preparing tomorrow's menu on a full stomach — usually there is little appetite for the job. Not, however, for Las Voluntarias. Having proven themselves under fire, they know that planning for an event several months in advance is the price of success. So it is that that colorful treasure and plant sale, the Baldwin Bonanza, held a year ago last May, will be repeated next April 8th and 9th. What

the planners are looking for now is help in the form of donated, salable articles: botanical and historical books and pictures, antiques, jewelry, attractive bric-a-brac, choice white elephants in good condition, and so on. For its part, the Arboretum will offer a selection of rare and unusual plants, the kind next to impossible to find in nurseries. It is hoped that each member of the Foundation will donate at least one *good* item, always bearing in mind that all donations are tax deductible. Articles may be left at the Arboretum gatehouse window any day from 8:30 to 5, and since they have to be sorted, catalogued, and priced, the sooner the better.

## Appointment

THOSE WHO HAVE seen the Arboretum's new aquatic garden or who have read Frederick Lang's account of its development in our last issue, have already had the opportunity to form an impression of Mr. Lang's work and style. From everything we have heard, the impression is highly favorable and so we are particularly pleased to report that he has been retained as a consulting landscape architect for the department. Some of the projects on his agenda are new landscaping around the Queen Anne Cottage, landscaping of Baldwin Avenue and the Foothill Freeway where they adjoin the Arboretum, reworking the entryways of Descanso Gardens and South Coast Botanic Garden, and developing plans for future landscaping at our High Desert Arboretum. When he is not working on these projects or serving on several Orange County urban renewal committees, Mr. Lang will be teaching at U. C. Irvine and working with his firm, Lang & Wood, on a variety of recreational, school, and commercial landscaping jobs, the most immediate being a 425-unit housing complex called Crystal Springs Terrace, just south of San Francisco, and Dana Point Harbor, south of Laguna Beach.





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