

## DELASCA STAFF NEWS

July 10, 1959

In cooperation with the Social Committee we are planning to print a monthly issue of DELASCA staff news; to be distributed in the 10th of the month pay envelope. Each Social Committee member is a contributing writer, so if you have news to report, please contact your respective representative as noted below:

Administration Building  
Gatehouse  
Field

Service Area  
Descanso Gardens

Nora Talmon  
Don Graf  
Norman Aronson &  
"Marty" Martinez  
Glenn Hiatt  
Frances Raitt &  
Garner Engel

The BIG news for this month is of course the Annual Picnic. Everyone should make an attempt to attend as this affair is going to be a great one - plenty of food for all and lots of fun. A map is enclosed to aid the weary travelers.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The staff here has been in quite a turmoil these past weeks with all the moving into new offices in the nearly completed wing. The library has been completely moved, with thanks to Sully's crew for a prompt and efficient job. Russ and Carol are almost beside themselves with all the room they have. The girls in the Business office are experiencing the same feeling, having moved into the old library quarters. Dr. Enari, Gerry Patten and Glen Hiatt have new spacious facilities in the wing also. Dr. Ames and Dick Strong are very happy with their offices in the Administration Building.

The Herbarium will not be staffed and in full swing until about this time next year. Lou Martin is already scheduling education classes for the Fall to be held in the basement of the wing. Landscaping of the building will soon be underway.

FIELD

The Collector's Garden of the Home Demonstration Gardens is getting quite a face-lifting and is worth a visit from all staff members. Plans for the Fragrance Garden (Blind Garden) are finally coming through. Speakers, recorders, and special plantings should be installed and ready for use in early Fall. The Hugo Reid Adobe is practically finished and will be quite an added attraction for our visitors. In the near future the "Jungle" will be fenced off, leaving just one pathway through the area. This should ease the problems experienced by the Gatehouse crew, and help McCandless with his maintenance of this section.

GATEHOUSE

The attendance figures as reported by the Gatehouse indicate another record year of over 372,000, an increase of 77% over the last fiscal year. This fine record is in no small way a result of the combined efforts of all the staff in keeping the Arboretum attractive and useful to our visitors. Congratulations to everyone.



### SERVICE

Tom McGah has processed 500 packages of seed sent from Australia by George Spalding. Many new acacias in this group are already germinating. Quinn Buck has been experimenting with the drug Colchicine on camellias, trying to develop polyploids for future breeding; it looks quite promising. Jack McCaskill has returned from a 10 week European tour where he took in all the famous botanical gardens. Glenn Hiatt and Quinn Buck were invited to judge at the Annual Fushia Show, June 17th at the Great Western Exhibition Center in Los Angeles.

### DESCANSO GARDENS

If any member is looking for a cool spot to spend a weekend, be sure to visit the shade gardens at Descanso. Attendance records were also set at Descanso this year, with approximately 236,000 visitors reported, an increase of 351%. Though the dropping of an admission charge had some influence on this increase, the fine staff of the gardens is also to be congratulated. The Gatehouse will soon have a saran shade cover, which should make life somewhat cooler for Frances.

### PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Dr. Enari has recently returned from the hospital where he underwent minor surgery. Good health and a speedy recovery to you, Lee.

Welcome back to Jess Tomory, who is doing very well after a brief illness.

John Soback will be leaving the staff July 10th, and will be missed by all, especially the Greenhouse crew. We wish you much luck in your future endeavors, John.

A welcome is extended to new staff members and returning members:

Johnny Allen	Park Maintenance Man Helper
John Provine	" " " "
Don Kelley	" " " "
William Hawkinson	" " " "
John Valadez	" " " "
Karl Huessenstamm	Guard

Jane Heinzelman has retired from Descanso Gardens to the "home life". Her services will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Frances Raitt (Bassford) and Scotty Raitt on their recent marriage. Inez Marie is a new addition to the Joe Macias family. June 22nd was the big day - Congratulations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who are one year older during the month of July:

Joe Macias	21st	Nora Talmon	21st
Lou Martin	24th	Art Scanlon	28th
Don Graf	31st		

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