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ARBOR DAY, 1969

March 7 marks an important day for the Department. Programs have been planned for all three facilities which include the ceremonial planting of a tree and distribution of seedlings to children.

March 7 was officially established as Arbor Day in 1909 by the California Legislature, the day being significant because it is Luther Burbank's birthday. Arbor Day also marks the beginning of Conservation Week, celebrated in schools by various programs and projects.

At the Arboretum, a Moreton Bay Chestnut (Castanospermum australe) will be planted in the outdoor flower show area. Bare root 'Aleppo Pine' (Pinus halepensis) seedlings will be presented to children at the conclusion of the ceremonies, which begin at 3:30 p.m.

The guests during the ceremonies will include: Mr. Frank G. Bonelli, Mrs. Patricia W. Bridgers, Dr. Arie J. Haagen-Smit, Mr. Grant Brown, Mrs. Robert Harmon, and Mrs. Joseph King. Mr. Maurice A. Machris, President of the Board of Governors of the Department will act as Master of Ceremonies, and will be assisted by Cadet Girl Scout Troop 49 who will serve as hostesses. Francis Ching will make the welcome address.

Arbor Day at Descanso Gardens will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 7. It is co-sponsored by the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc. and the La Canada Girl Scouts. An 'Empress Tree' (Paulownia tomentosa) will be planted in the ceremony, and 'Gold Medallion Trees' and 'Aleppo Pines' will be given to children. Additionally, the Descanso Gardens Guild is giving four flowering trees, kind not yet specified, that will flower in each of the four seasons. These trees will be planted at a later date.

Guests will include: Mrs. Samuel Ayres, Jr., Mrs. Gary Hanson, Mr. Ken Delfino, and Miss Karen Stanley. Opening remarks will be made by Mark Anthony. Frank Simerly will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

South Coast Botanic Garden will celebrate Arbor Day with a ceremony featuring the planting of a 'Scarlet Flowering Gum' (Eucalyptus ficifolia), and the same kind of tree will be given to children. Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8.

The entire affair is sponsored by the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, who, working with Superintendent Don Woolley, enlisted the aid of six local garden clubs in contributing trees to be distributed.

Guests include: Mr. A. E. Nielsen, Mr. Ralph C. Dills, Mr. Robert G. Beverly, Mr. Burton W. Chace, and Mr. Arthur Arndt. Mrs. Frances (R. O.) Young will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies, and Dr. William S. Stewart will deliver the welcome address.

RAIN DELAYS COMPLETION OF RESEARCH LABORATORY BUILDING

A question in the minds of Research Division staff is when will they be able to move into their new building. Moving day had been set for July, but recent heavy rains have set the timetable ahead an as yet undetermined amount.

Currently, the majority of the Research Division's twelve staff members occupy three small rooms in the Administration building. Other members use the Herbarium and Library as offices while their equipment is stored in almost every building on the grounds, including the Coach Barn. When the new Research Laboratory Building is completed, the Research Division will be able to have their entire staff and all their equipment together in one building thus making possible research studies on a larger scale than they are now used to within a more convenient and useful environment.

At the present time, the Research Division is using its facilities to full capacity. Dr. Cheo recently received a research grant from the National Science Foundation which will enable him, with the assistance of John



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