D E L A S C A N

January 10, 1962

Employee Eaves Droppings

Happy New Year, Everyone, and may your fondest hopes come true! If you heard a long sigh of relief, the biggest part of that sigh came from the Gatehouse. The week between Christmas Eve and New Year's showed a turnstile count of 9,043, while the turnstile registered 18,942 for the entire month. We had the flu bug help people, like Maida Boyle, to have a miserable holiday time, and, we had some of the worst vandalism in the history of the Arboretum. Old Hotfoot, the characterful Muscovy duck, and one of the oldest members of our bird colony, was killed, along with the "widowed" black swan. Pellets were found inside the Hugo Reid Adobe to show how the windows were broken. The conjecture was that some young person had a sling shot tucked in his pockets when he came in "with responsible adults". It has long been the custom of Gatehouse attendants to ask youngsters with toy guns to park their guns in the Gatehouse, or return them to their cars. Does anyone have suggestions to prevent a reoccurence? Please be on the lookout and capture, if possible, these desperados.

The Christmas Party at the Elk's Club in Arcadia was enjoyed by most of the participants. Perhaps the caterers served too many dinners from the outside of an otherwise delicious prime ribs of beef roasts, and then unfortunately ran out of desert for the people who had been served the poorer cuts of roast. These facts are reported for the use of the Social Committee in the future. Otherwise, the social part of the evening, with Frank Simerly acting as Master of Ceremonies, was a huge success. Special thanks should go to Streeter Turner and his girl for showing the less agile ones how to do"The Twist". Some of the major prizes were drawn by Lloyd Anderson, a painting by Gerry Patten; Roger Burns, won the Ceramic Christmas Tree by Elsie Murray; Joe Erby, won the Mosaic, done by Pam Simerly; Helen Hiatt won the table Christmas tree made at the Children's Education Department; Lorene Johnson, won a Camellia; Elsie Murray, a Camellia; Dr. & Mrs. Stewart, he a cypripidium and she a tie pin; Streeter Turner won a cypripidium and some of the others got away without giving their names. And say, did you see Joe Lerchenmuller twirling around on that dance floor? Not bad, Joe! And it was reported he went up to some of the younger guests there, and said, "Why don't some of you 'old folks' get up and join in the fun?". Mother, reach me the arnica bottle, please.

Karl Heussenstamm, our genial guard at the Arboretum, is truly a man of many talents. He has had his book "Creative Spirit", published by the Philosophical Library, Inc., New York. The inside flap of the book cover has this note, "This volume of free verse describes in direct and simple style the modern mystic's experience and vision in a world striving for peace". Throughout the book there is an individualistic style which maintains a continuity that blends the entire book into a "modern symphony of words". Using this simile, an occasional phrase, like "Moments", takes one with Karl through the solitude of nature, peaceful and questing, then moves on in an adagio movement "Heaven on Earth", with dissonances of man in minor key, finally culminating in "True Heaven", where his thoughts in words choir with full-throated ease as glorious chords in a paean of praise. It is not a book to be read lightly, but if you like philosophy, get it, man, get it! Thank you, Karl, for letting us share this talent with you.

Library Listings

Recent arrivals in the library consist of more volumes in the catalog of the Hunt Botanical Library.

We have also received the new Western Fertilizer Handbook and several publications on African plants.

Discanso Discourse

Descanso Gardens has been greatly improved by the moving of the Service Area from near the Gate House. As you drive up to the main entrance, the view into the Gardens is one of color, oak trees, the pond in the background and of course, THE DUCKS.

A SAD NOTE: We have suffered a great loss - - H omer and Jethro have gone into the great beyond. Apparently made good eating for one gluttonous coyote. We miss Homer, his friendly personality, tail wagging and cheerful conversation.

Come June, there will be another future Ranger (?) living in the Hospitality House. Chris Graf will have a new brother (?) sister (?) Twins (?) ?????

We take this opportunity to welcome our new Ass't Supt. Frank Simerly and hope that he will be happy working with the gang at Descanso.

Some of the Girl Scout troops of Los Angeles, Padadena and Glendale have donated the GIRL SCOUT ROSE. Making a replica of their emblem and bordering it with boxwood - planting the roses inside the emblem should be a most attractive spot come June. It is a lovely yellow color.

A PLEA!!! If there should be anyone that has a used refrigerator that they no longer use, but is in good condition, we would be most happy to have it. Our kitchen needs one.

Cuttings from several hundred old fashioned roses will be given to the public at the Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration to be conducted Saturday, January 20, at 1:30 P.M. at Descanso Gardens.

County Supervisor Warren M. Dorn will welcome the visitors. Each person will be issued a bundle of 10 cuttings from the many varieties of old fashioned roses in the Descanso Rose Garden. The cuttings will be distributed by members of the Glendale-Crescenta Valley Girl Scout Council.

The demonstrators will be stationed at 13 different locations so visitors can move from one area to another where different types of roses will be pruned. If you are interested in free rose cuttings, be sure to be present!

Education Editings

Registrations are rolling in for the Youth Education section. Mrs. Hovanitz is giving much needed daily help during Marg Naramore's absence. Marge is confined at home by Doctor's orders.

The Lasca Gardening class is spotting out vegetables for the February class. The Descanso childrens' gardens are winning the race against the birds.

Speaking of birds, --- the beautiful new bird fountain, gift of the Pasadena Audubon Society was installed at the Lasca Children's Building last week, thanks to Sully and Karl. This is becoming a good area for bird watchers, nine species were recently observed on the feeder all at one time. Birds are good plant watchers too! Robins, Audubon Warblers and two thrush work over the vegetable plots every late afternoon for insects.

Social Committee Soundings

The following employees have been elected to serve on the Delasca Social Committee for 1962:

Information Center	Lorene Johnson
Adm. Building	Dolores Hubbell
Headhouse Area	Boyd Keith
Field Crew	Ruben Ramirez
	Bill Hawkinson
Descanso Gardens	Joe Macias
	Lloyd Anderson

Camera Club Clippings

Barney Barnett, president of the Camera Club, has issued a clarion call to have all recipients of camera equipment as gifts show the results of improved working tools at the next meeting January 25; the other members, who were not quite so fortunate, should have some shots of Christmas activities to brag about. Remember, the Seminar Room, 8:00 P.M., January 25. Barney would like an especially heavy turnout as he outlines the planned activities for the year.

Historical Happenings

If you haven't observed the Indian Madonnas, you've missed something. They are coming down until next Christmas. Do try to see the next two important horse painting shows going up this month. Horses of the West by Mitchell is a very delightful and informative show. Next month the outstanding painter of the Western World, George Forde Morris and his racing horses is an extraordinary show to be seen. The best in 1962 to everyone from the Historical Center.

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D E L A S C A N February 9, 1962

Employee Eavesdroppings

Farewell to the following members of the Arboretum staff: Marjorie Naramore, Gertrude Woods' right hand gal, has had to resign by request of her doctor. She will need to be less active in her next job. Best of luck in locating just the 'right one', Marge. Ray Daniels, custodian, left us to take a position with the State Highway Division in Saugus. Hope you like the new work, Ray.

We wish to welcom Ennis Kelley, our new custodian, who is replacing Ray Daniels. We wish, also, to re-welcome Bill Dickey who is now a permanent Information Aid. Robert Smith is the new Information Aid, As-Needed. A hearty welcome to you, Robert. After February 13 a new face will appear at the Gatehouse. This will belong to one Donald Herman who begins being another Information Aid for the Arboretum.

Arboretum Articles

This may seem silly to ask but "Anyone for tree pruning?" If so, there will be a demonstration of such by Don Woolley, Chief Horticulturist at the Arboretum, and "Doc" Thompson, Horticulture Instructor of Mark Keppel High School, Alhambra, on February 17, 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Types of deciduous trees to be used in the pruning will be apricots, apples, figs, peaches, nectarines, and plums. Should we have inclement weather, the date will be the following Saturday, February 24.

Did you know we are having an 'art showing'? Well, we are! From February 15 through March 20, down at the Coach Barn, we are having a showing of the American artist, the late George Ford Morris. Artist Morris was the most outstanding painter of horses in the United States. Some of his race horse paintings are among the exhibit.

Descanso Discourse

'Hello' to Martin Stoner and Paul Risk, new Descanso Information Aids, As-Needed. They come to us just as the busy season starts.

Asa Crapo was snowbound January 22. Six inches of fluffy beautiful (?) snow around his home. Next time, any snow-loving people with shovels looking for something to shovel?

A stork is hovering over the home of the John Threlkelds. He will be hovering until the end of March when a 'wee' package will be delivered. Congratulations on the impending event, Emma and John!

J. Schlegel is driving a Thunderbird, Charles Carvin a Volvo. How lucky can some people be!!

The largest Camellia exhibition will be held at Descanso on February 24 and 25. There will be 100,000 entries. Anyone may enter camellias for competition, with as little as a single camellia being accepted. Entries will be accepted between 6:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Judging will be held from 10:00 AM until noon on February 24.

Education Editings

The Arboretum and Descanso winter classes are well under way with full registration. Schools are scheduling far ahead, even into May,so every day carries a full program. Among the volunteers doing important work are Elizabeth Parker, Indoor Gardening classes; Rae Richardson and Sally Sherman, flower arranging classes; Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Hall, mothers of students giving one-half day a week. At Descanso Gardens Mrs. Monax teaches flower arranging.

Education Editings - cont'd

An Arcadia Science teacher requested a special field trip recently for 23 picked high school students. Dan Martel, Mr. Noble, Francis Ching, George Lewis and George Spalding participated in their respective fields. Each did a splendid job presenting their work in capsule form.

Pasadena Audubon Society had a brief ceremony Sunday morning dedicating the new bird bath to the memory of one of their late members. It is a thoughtful gift to the Youth Section.

Social Committee Soundings

Your newly-elected Social Committee held its first meeting and elected the following officers: Chairman - Bill Hawkinson, Secretary - Lorene Johnson, Treasurer - Dolores Hubbell. Frank Simerly will act in an ex-officio capacity.

Plans were discussed for the annual picnic held in the summer - you'll hear more as definite arrangements develop.

This is your committee - so keep in touch with your representative and inform him of any illness, special event, etc. To refresh your memory, representatives from the sections are as follows:

Administration Building	- Dolores Hubbell
Field Crew	- Bill Hawkinson, Ruben Ramirez
Headhouse Area	- Boyd Keith
Information Center	- Lorene Johnson
Descanso	- Lloyd Anderson, Joe Macias

Foundation Findings

Through the generosity of our members, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Menninger, we are able to offer for sale to our friends a collection of Reichenbachia and Lindennia prints. For those who are unfamiliar with these prints, Reichenbachia prints were published by the English firm of Fred Danser in 1888. The collection was named for the famous orchidologist, Dr. Reichenbach of Hamburg, Germany. These plates are rare and valued as collectors' items. The Lindennia plates were printed in Brussels and in 1891 an English edition was printed. These, too, are valued by collectors and decorators. The Foundation cordially invites the Staff to attend this sale to be held Sunday afternoon, February 25, at 5:30 PM in the Lecture Hall. There is no charge for Staff members and spouses, but an admission fee of $1.00 is charged for guests. We regret we are unable to include children under 14 years of age. Refreshments will be served.

From the Library

"It would be helpful if the research staff would supply the Library with any printed or mimeographed material resulting from their work," comments Mrs. McGah.

Camera Club Clippings

Barney Barnett has announced Wednesday, February 21, as the meeting night for the month - 8:00 PM, Seminar Room. It will be a very important meeting and all interested should make a special effort to attend.

Saturday, February 17, is the date of the field trip to Big Bear. To quote Barney, "After shooting snow scenes, etc., (especially, etc.) we will thaw out and dry out as the guests of Medrith Johnson at her cabin on the lake. If you would like to go, speak to any Camera Club member for details".

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INVITATION

Bill and Maria Stewart cordially invite you and your family to hear a report on their South African trip.

DATE: Saturday, March 10, 1962

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

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Arboretum Activities

The Fouth Annual Orchid Show will be held at the Arboretum, March 23, 24, and 25. "Orchids Around the World" is the theme this year so one can expect to see some very unusual and exotic flowers. There will be no charge for viewing these lovely displays.

Don't forget the invitation issued by Dr. and Mrs. Stewart for Saturday evening, March 10. This will be the time to hear about their interesting trip to South Africa. Time: 8:00 PM. Place: Arboretum Lecture Hall.

Descanso Gardens Activities

Open to the public without charge, the Southern California Daffodil Societies Annual Show will be held at Descanso Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18. The Saturday hours will be from noon to 5:30 PM; the Sunday hours from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Included in the display of thousands of daffodils will be narcissi and jonquils.

Girl Scout troops in La Canada and La Crescenta have planted hundreds of daffodils in the Gardens in celebration of their Golden Jubilee.

Staff News

The Library as well as all of the Staff at the Arboretum will sorely miss Carol Hewitson who has resigned to take a position in the County Library Services in Los Angeles. Best of luck, Carol!!

Congratulations to Joyce Day who is now riding around in a brand new 1962 THUNDERBIRD!! She has wanted one for some time. We are so glad you have it now, Joyce.

Social Committee Soundings

Cards were sent during the month of February to: Jack McCaskill's mother, Mrs. Vern McCaskill, who underwent an operation. Mrs. Tony Laurie, wife of our Park Maintenance Man Helper, who has been in the hospital for some time. Mrs. Edith Marshall, mother of Ed Pugh, whos has also been hospitalized for some lengthy time.

The Staff extends to the Spaldings, Mrs. Ruth and George, heartfelt sympathy in the loss of two members of their family.

A farewell "coffee-and-cake" party was given for our Assistant Librarian, Carol Hewitson. Never will we have such an "Adoring" Grandmother in our midst!

Remember to contact your Social Committee representative when an event happens you wish made known. Plans are being formulated for the summer picnic, so expect to hear more about this later.

Foundation Findings

The Orchid Print Sale that the Foundation held in February was,most successful. For those of the Staff who are interested, and those who have indicated their desire for prints, there is a faily good selection left - if interested, call at the Foundation office and choose the ones you wish.

"Ornamental Shrubs of California" written by our own Dr. Enari and published by the Foundation is now in stock at the Foundation office.

A small supply of film very recently expired can be purchased at reduced rate. Film sizes include: Ektachrome 620, 120, 127; Kodacolor 120; Kodacolor 8 mm magazine load, Kodachrome. See the Foundation office.

The Foundation cordially invites the Staff to attend and bring their friends to Dr. Stewart's lecture on March 30. Staff members will be admitted for 50¢. $1.00 will be charged for guests. This lecture will be entirely new and different than the March 10th given by Dr. Stewart for the Staff.

Arboretum Arbor Day Descanso Gardens

At the Arboretum 2,031 children, a Band, a Gold Shovel and a Dozen very Important People re-planted a beautiful Alder on the south bank of Lasca Lagoon. Supervisor Bonelli helped with the program. [illegible]

At Descanso it took 789 children, a Band, and several Importan People, including Supervisor Dorn, to plant a Monterey Pine in the Native Plant Garden in twenty minutes flat. The most exciting part of the program was a free-for-all race with a showering rain cloud.

A whole hearted THANK YOU to the MGs, and every Staff member who helped. the Children's Education Department so willingly. LHW:mvf.

D E L A S C A N April 10, 1962

Arboretum Activities

Dr. William S. Stewart and Dr. Mildred Mathias are sharing a series of color television dates and are introducing to the television audience the "World of Ornamentals." Both are familiar with the leading horticultural and botanical gardens of the United States and Europe; Dr. Mathias having made two expeditions in search of South American plants,and Dr. Stewart having done extensive collecting in Australia and South Africa. Members of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens will find this a most interesting and beautiful program. The program may be seen from station KRCA, Channel 4, for an indefinite number of Sundays at 3:00 PM.

Color photographers should have a 'field day' during the Spring months at the Arboretum. One of the few plants producing good blue flowers, the Hibiscus huegelii, is blooming in the Australian section. The Bird of Paradise is in full bloom in the South African section. This, as you know, has both blue and orange colors. On the southeast base of Tallac Knoll, the California mountain lilac Ceanothus is in bloom; near is the Banksia collins, with its strange candle-like blooms of creamy yellow. In the Australian section one should take a close look at the Scaevola nitida with its exotic cone shaped blossoms. One of the rarest sights to see in the Arboretum is the Bombax tree with its large blossoms of white spikes stuck into a central ball, looking like a georgeous Christmas tree ornament.

NOTE: The program "World of Ornamentals" may be viewed on a color-television screen in the Seminar Room, located in the Administration Building of the Arboretum.

Descanso Discourse

Descanso Gardens is a blaze of color through the month of April. Lilacs, rich in the lovely fragrant lavender perfume; Camellias, especially the C. reticulatas in full bloom with lovely big pale pinks and reds. Primrose and even rhododendron are spreading color on the hills. Spring has really sprung!!!!

Fourth and final lecture of the year will be given on May 9 at 8:00 PM. Dr. Lee Lenz, Director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, will speak on "California Natives I Have Worked With." There is no charge.

Staff News

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Don Graf and his family, and to Jerry Schlegel and his family in the recent passing of their respective fathers. We also wish to extend sympathy and a speedy recovery to Mrs. Graf who has been in the hospital.

We, of the Arboretum staff, welcome Don Herman, Information Aid in the Education Division. Don is an able help to Gertrude Woods, and holds classes for the Children's Education. He lives in South Pasadena and is a Cal-Poly graduate.

Our birthday girl of the recent month was Joyce Day. Many Happy Returns!!!

We bid farewell to Paul Mellot and William Bennett, Park Maintenance Helpers who advanced to Park Maintenance Man status. Paul has gone to Parks and Recreation in Altadena, and William to Parks and Recreation in Lancaster. Best of luck to both of you in your new endeavors.

We are happy to report to our readers, that as of April 1, Frank Halvorsen is our new Head, Arboretum Information Aid. Our congratulations, Frank!

Wallace McCauley,or "Mac" as he is known, suffered a heart attack on Friday, April 6. As of this printing he was reported to have had a better night than previously. He is in the Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Cards may be sent. Call the hospital if you plan to visit him. He may not be allowed visitors until later.

Foundation Findings

Dr. Stewart's lecture Friday evening was indeed a successful event, and we were very pleased to see a number of the staff there. Attendance was much greater than we anticipated and we were scurrying for additional chairs for our unexpected guests.

Tentative plans are in progress for another lecture in June to be given by Mr. Frank C. Batchelor of Stellenbosch, C.P., Africa. Mr. Batchelor has extensive plantings of Proteas on his estate in Stellenbosch, and is an authority on the subject. With good luck, we will be able to have him speak while he is visiting the Los Angeles area. In the event we are fortunate to hold this lecture, we hope to see all of you in attendance.

Education Editings

This month will see the instigation of a new program at Descanso Gardens for handicapped children. Mrs. Judge Smith has interested the Roosevelt School of the Pasadena School District in programming garden activities for children of varied ages and capabilities. On March 30 it was decided that the school will provide the personnel and the Youth Education Section will provide use of facilities for a pilot run this spring. Morning activities on school time are expected to continue through the next school year.

Business is good! Descanso had 915 children on 25 bus trips. LASCA had 2,339 students on 63 trips that covered special subjects for primary and high school. Most, however, were elementary grades. Alhambra High sent 144 students for a special two hour session on Plant Science the first part of April. Dan Martel, Francis Ching, and George Lewis gave them a tremendous capsulization of their respective fields; weather, research, and propagation. Many thanks to each of you.

Dorothy Pool concluded a Boy Scout Nature Badge course. She reports that during the study of Chaparral plants the boys tried washing their hands with "amole." It worked, but they are still allergic to soap.

NATURE NOTES: The LASCA swans abandoned their nest for reasons unknown. Two of our Canadian geese show signs of home building in the upper Lagoon. They are demanding privacy by threatening all comers from either side of the pond.

Library Lists

Several new publications on the plants of areas in which we are particularly interested have been received recently. The 1962 U.S.D.A. insecticide recommendations is here.

Historical Happenings

Have you ever seen a manioc - no - not maniac. Well, come and visit the Coachbarn and have a look at a Cassava Squeezer!

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D E L A S C A N April 10, 1963

Information Section

Norman Isbell wishes to thank all of the Arboretum personnel who gave such wholehearted cooperation in making the Home Owner's Lawn Show a real success. His special thanks to those individuals who came in after hours to help out.

Sometimes the Information Section encounters difficult situations - such as was caused by a reporter for the Pasadena Independent-Star News writing a humorous article titled, "Bird Watching is for the Birds." Too many phone calls to the Arboretum gave proof that some bird hobbyists are unable to laugh at themselves; truly a sad state of affairs.

Youth Education Section

We are just recovering from an overhaul of the grounds by the Professional Gardening class. Some of the many tasks accomplished were: removal and replacement of various plants, pruning, planting of a camellia bed, seeding of a lawn, and fertilizing of the area. Many thanks to all who helped out by providing the necessary tools, plants, equipment, etc. to help complete the job.

The swan family is doing fine. Mama and Papa are still protecting the rapidly growing cygnets. The goose family is still on its way. Mama is still setting, and Papa is still belligerant.

Library Listings

Recent arrivals in the Library are:

Reuther, W. Plant analysis and fertilizer problems
Payne, T. Life on the Modjeska ranch in the nineties
Martinez, M. Los pinos Mexicanos
Coltman-Rogers, C. Conifers and their characteristics
VanMelle, P. J. Trees and shrubs for the small place
Barrett, J. W. Regional silviculture of the U. S.
Woman's Club of Havana. Flowering plants from Cuban gardens
Bond, T. E. T. Wild flowers of the Ceylon Hills
Lothian, T. R. N. The Practical home gardener

Foundation Future

We are happy to report that our secretary, Mrs. Elsie Murray, is improving and will eventually be back with us before too much longer.

The last in the series of lectures offered by the Foundation to members and non-members will be held on April 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Mr. John S. L. Gilmour, Director of the Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Cambridge, England will illustrate his talk on "The Cambridge Botanic Garden." Non-members are charged $2.00.

Personnel News

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Wakeman became the proud papa and mama of a fine baby boy. Name William.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Marge Wood who overcame many obstacles; to wit: a car accident in which she received a whip lash; her daughter's tonsillectomy; and a long time backache. Glad to have you back, Marge!!

Bernice McKeen, Chairman of the Blood Bank, wishes to thank the following people who gave to the Blood Bank: William Dickey, James Cochran, Harold Martinez, Charles bransford, Clarence Smith, John Branner, John Basye, Clifford Parks, Norm Isbell, and Robert Caldwell, local printer, who gave through our bank to replace blood used by Elsie Murray in her recent operation.

Historical Happenings

An exciting new exhibit covering pre-historical to modern period of Santa Anita Rancho, of which the Arboretum represents central core, will be available to interested visitors on May 1 in the Coach Barn Museum of the Arboretum Historical Center. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

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5/9/62

D E L A S C A N

May 10, 1962

Arboretum Activities

On Sunday, May 20, there will be two attractions for enjoyment held; from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, the Epiphyllum Society will present its annual show in the Lecture Hall; and in the afternoon, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the historical area the Hopi Indian Club will give Ingian agricultural dances. These are of ancient origin and reflect the reverence for the Great Spirit in the high culture of this noteworthy Indian tribe. There will be a group dance on the mall in front of the Queen Anne cottage.

For those of you who have not taken advantage of the exhibit, "History of Agricultural and Horticultural Tools Through the Ages" now is the time to do so as May 20 will be the final day of display.

Descanso Gardens Activities

The "History of the Rose Garden" is now in full bloom. As you may, or may not know, this garden was established in 1948 by the noted rosarian and horticulturist, Dr. Walter E. Lammerts, now a resident of Livermore, California.

Do you have mosquitoes? If so, you may take any wide mouth jar to Descanso Gardens; starting May 21, mosquito fish will be given away, Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the information center.

Staff News

We are extremely sorry to have to report at this time that Mr. Wallace McCauley passed away on April 14 at the Methodist Hospital in Arcadia. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. McCauley and son.

A very cordial welcome to Penny Poole, our new library assistant. It isn't often we have such a young and charming addition to our staff. We hope you enjoy your work at the Arboretum, Penny.

We also have a new permanent Park Maintenance Man Helper, and an As Needed Park Maintenance Man Helper; James Cochran and Ralph Dunn, respectively. "Hello" to both of you and best wishes in the new job.

Descanso Gardens has a new As Needed Park Maintenance Man Helper, too. Robert Hopballe is his name. Greetings from all the staff, Robert.

Library Listings

New books recently added to our Library:
Trees of Palo Alto
Principles of plant breeding - Allard
Diagnosis of mineral deficiencies - Wallace
History of Descanso Gardens - Finch
Volume 2 of the new Sander one - table list of orchid hybrids

NOTE TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

There will be two other 'shot factory dates' so make sure you remember them! June 1 and July 13. These are tentative at the moment so check for sure. If you have not had the first shot you may still get yours at the time these are given. In case you have forgotten, the shots are for polio and tetanus.

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6/8/62

D E L A S C A N

June 8, 1962

Arboretum Activities

Beginning Tuesday, June 12, there will be an historical exhibit in the Coach Barn on "Gold and California." The display is open during the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM, daily. There will be many artifacts from the gold mining days of early California. In keeping with this exhibit, a picture will be shown on June 16, of this era. The showings will be at 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:00 PM in the Lecture Hall.

While on the subject of movies; did you know a series of movies will be shown each Saturday until September 8? The general theme is "Peoples and Plants from All Over the World."

Foundation Findings

The Foundation is most fortunate in being able to sponsor a lecture on June 13th, 8:00 PM, in the Lecture Hall by Mr. Frank Batchelor of Stennenbosch, South Africa, who will speak on"Proteas - Their Possible Use in Southern California Gardens."

Mr. Batchelor is renowned for his commercial introduction of Proteas, the beautiful flowering shrub of South Africa, to world market and has pioneered their commercial growing in South Africa.

The Staff is most cordially invited and we would especially welcome any of the Staff from Descanso. Tickets are available at the Foundation office or may be purchased at the lecture. Admission is 50¢ to Staff members.

We are happy indeed to welcome Elsie Murray back, who, as you may know, has been 'under-the-weather' for a while.

Social Committee Soundings

PLEASE COME!! FUN FOR ALL!! GOOD FOOD!! STAFF PICNIC!!

All Staff members, their families and guests are invited to come, have fun, and delicious food at the picnic to be held June 17 at the Monrovia Nursery, 18331 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa. Fun begins at 1:00 PM; dinner at 4:00 PM; everybody home by 6:00.

Games and prizes for the young folk; swimming, soft ball, games for all.

Staff and immediate families FREE; guests $1.60. Be sure to get in touch with your social representative for reservations NOT LATER THAN JUNE 14.

Barbecued dinner will be catered by Lyons Catering Company.

Library Listings

Recently acquired:

New biological series, entitled:

The Cell
The Life of the Green Plant
The Plant Kingdom

Others:

Humphrey, Makers of American Botany
Northen, Home Orchid Growing, 2nd edition
Klingman, weed control as a science
Penfold, Eucalypts
O'Gorman, Mexican Flowering Trees and Plants

Education Editings

Descanso Youth Education reports constant use of the Handicapped Garden by students of the Roosevelt School, Pasadena. Ambulatory students are building raised beds for the use of wheelchair students. Lumber is supplied by Descanso Guild. The same boys have done a fine job leveling and clearing the area and their first plantings are underway.

The Writer's Club of Pasadena has presented a fine bird bath to the Children's area. It will be installed where it can be viewed by classes meeting on the porch.

Education Editings - cont'd

Lasca's Gardening class ended last Saturday. Harvest included 167 lettuce, 108 kohlrabi, 145 bunches radishes, 191 bunches chard, 70 bunches beets, 93 bunches green onions and the first of the greenbeans. Believe us!! Every one was counted!!

Registrations for summer classes are heavier than ever. Two volunteer teachers at Lasca and one volunteer at Descanso make it possible for a total registration of 375 children. We need more volunteers.

Descanso Discourse

GIRLS!! Save your old nylons - they are needed at Descanso Gardens for plants that have been pollenized.

The 1963 ALL AMERICA ROSE SELECTIONS are in bloom. 'Royal Highness', most worthy of its name - a very pale pink, and 'Tropicana', a lucious orange-red. These two beauties will surely be a MUST in everyone's garden next spring.

David Villasenor of Pasadena will have a one-man show in the Hospitality House for the next two months. He is the foremost Sand Painter of our times. If you have never witnessed his show, it is most worthwhile. His "Indian Madonna" is a masterpiece.

Information Aid, John Scurlock is entering into holy matrimony with Carol Ann Tarter on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 PM. The ceremony will be performed at the Pasadena Bresbyterian church. All are invited.

Penny Pool's Phonetic Phantasy

Petite Penny Pool patiently proffered palatable pellets to her pet peahen, pondering her plight while perched over nine eggs placed pediculously on a pallet near the planter by the Gatehouse.

Penny's pal palpitated over the pernicious peccadillos of a philandering pixilated peacock. Prowling predators procured five eggs, possibly a portion intended to pacify predatorial progeny. Proper procedure for Penny's peahen in her present predicament presented problems. Parental phenomena provided persuasive purpose. Parching heat, penetrating precipitation, parades of passing people pestered Penny's peahen preparing for parenthood.

Proudly the patient peahen preened platitudes for Penny, the pubescent poult peeped in protest, preferring promenades for provender. And so - a peafowl was born.

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NOTE: New date for inoculations. June 15th at 3:30 PM in the Lecture Hall.

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D E L A S C A

July 10, 1962

Library Listings

Recently acquired publications:

Author	Title
Emerton, J. H.	Common spiders of the United States
American Asso. of Nurserymen	1961 Plant patent supplement
Hitchcock, C. L.	Vascular plants of the Pacific Northwest
Shurtleff, M. C.	How to control plant diseases in home and garden
Clausen, C. P.	Entomophagous insects
USDA	1962: After a hundred years
Lind, E. M.	Some common flowering plants of Uganda
Northen, R.	Home orchid growing rev.
O'Gorman, H.	Mexican flowering trees and plants
Klugman, G. C.	Weed control as a science

The Library is open six days a week and all are welcome to use its facilities. Complete lists of the newly acquired publications are always kept on the catalogue cabinet. Would anyone like to be furnished a copy of this list as it is issued? Let us know. We may be able to provide it.

Staff Picnic

The Staff gives special thanks to: Bobby Vargas for the extra good job done for the children at the Staff Picnic; Ruby Miller for her assistance in many areas; Ric Simerly for acting as Life Guard at the pool; the California Arboretum Foundation for its support; and to all Social Committee and Staff members who contributed to the success of the picnic.

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Baseball night has been arranged for September 21, 1962; Los Angeles Angels vs. Cleveland Indians. General Admission $2.50, bus from the Arboretum to the game and back $1.00. Come and bring your family and friends. This event seems unsuitable for very small children, but teenagers would enjoy it. Please get your money in as soon as possible as reservations are limited. If anyone wishes to attend the game but does not wish to take the bus, the charge will be $2.50. More information on the game later.

As We Go to Press

Bernice McKeen, in the Business Office, took off today for the Methodist Hospital to have a little cutting done. All are concerned for her healthy return. Our best wishes go with you, Bernie!

It is nice to see and hear Frank Halvorsen in the Gatehouse again. For those of you who thought he was on an enjoyable vacation, such was not the case. Frank has been nursing a very badly hurt foot and had to keep it elevated all of this time. Glad to have you back, Frank.

The Gatehouse loss is our gain. Lorene Johnson, former feminine aid at the window, is now ensconsed in Dr. Lou Martin's office. Good news for us in the Administration Building. Hope you like it up here, Lorene.

If you see Margaret Van Frank with a perennial smile on her face it is due to the fact that her daughter-in-law presented the Van Frank family with an 8 lb. 4 oz. boy!!!

NOTE: PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ARBORETUM GROUNDS PERSONNEL.

PARK MAINTENANCE MAN (07009) $409 to $506 Apply by 5PM July 13,'62

Minimum Requirements: One year's experience in park or golf course maintenance, gardening, or nursery work. NOTE: Completion of a recognized training course in horticulture or landscape gardening may be substituted for six months of required experience. Examination may consist of the Co. Standardized Test of mental abilities, a writtin test of knowledge of grounds maintenance, custodian duties, and dealing with the public, and an Appraisal of Promotability.

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8/9/62

D E L A S C A N

August 10, 1962

Employee Eaves Droppings

The BIG NEWS from the Information Department at the Arboretum is the appointment of Norman Isbell to Senior Information Aid, effective August 1. We shall expect Frank to walk more erect now, after being relieved of a load of detail that he has carried so long. Frank's comment, "I'll have to put rocks in my shoes to keep my feet on the ground!"

The news from the As-Needed Information Aids is: Bob Smith handed out cigars on the arrival of a baby girl. Bob now has a son and daughter. Congratulations, Bob!

Jerry Gause wife presented him with a baby boy, their first child. Needless to say this was a nervous experience as the baby came a week late. Congratulations to you, too, Jerry!

We hear,via the grapevine, that the long-legged bird is hovering over the home of the Norman Isbell's; a delivery to be made sometime in September.

Arboretum Addings

For staff interest and public interest, we wish to supplement the game bird population of the Arboretum Lagoons by giving sanctuary to certain waterbirds recovered at the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. Included are Canada, Lesser, Cackling Geese, Snow Geese and Whistling Swans.

Staff News

We wish to welcome to the Arboretum Charles Mozolan and John Branner, both Park Maintenance Men Helpers.

Welcome to South Coast Botanic Garden,as a permanent Park Maintenance Man Helper, Le Roy Burkitt. Kenneth Graves is an As-Needed Park Maintenance Man Helper for South Coast.

Don Woolley is the Supervisor of South Coast Botanic Garden. He will be missed at the Arboretum, but all wish him well in his new position.

Library Listings

Barton, L. V. - Seed preservation and longevity . . . Entoma 14th edition
Lucknow Bot. Garden - Monstera deliciosa . . . Butler, J. D. - Hydroponics as a hobby
Sinclair, James B. - Plant diseases, how to identify them
Kazarian, E. A. - Plastic films for . . . construction

Gertrude's Gleanings

You would be surprised at what has shown up this summer at the Youth Education Section in the Arboretum. When vacation time comes along - so do a lot of other things! For instance, four cute bantams that now run the ranch from the back door on out; one white leghorn rooster who set up a crowing marathon under the building (this one has moved on to the field of nutrition - ask Tino); Three large white rabbits appeared under the fence in Ross Goodriche's section,and a neighbor phoned asking us to "do something." We did!! Rabbits joined the nutrition field, too. Twelve baby cliff swallows appeard as a result of cleaning nests off a nearby house. One garter snake, five toads, and two turtles joined the staff early in the season. Two pet ducks applied for admission which was refused, but they no doubt found a way under the fence later. A new soil manager joined the Education Section via the skip-loader and Billy Hawk. His name is Botta Pocket Gopher, and he knows and does more about soil than most of us.

All this is good fun,but it is the 257 children that have made a wonderful summer. Sixteen classes have been successfully concluded with the help of two outside teachers and four volunteer helpers. We increased the Arboretum attendance by 1,381 people who will never forget it!!

Social Committee Soundings

REMINDER!!! If you are interested in going to the BASEBALL GAME on SEPT. 21, please let your Social Committee representative know by August 24. So far, very few have signed up for reservations - not enought to fill a bus - so this might have to be cancelled unless we receive more reservations. Those interested in going to the game, can still go, but must furnish own transportation, if we do not have more wishing to go in a bus. Let us hear from you.

NOTE: BLOOD BANK on Monday, August 20, Arcadia Elks Lodge #2025, 27 West Huntington Drive, at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

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9/6/62

D E L A S C A N September 7, 1962

Descanso Discourse

WELCOME ABOARD!! Julian Medi na, Park Maintenance Helper. Hope you like it here.

Sympathy is extended to Dorothy Pool who had such an unfortunate mishap during the first week of her vacation. She suffered severe pavement burns when inadvertently dragged by her car a great number of feet. She is back to work, but still has one badly damaged leg. So sorry, Dorothy.

Library Listings

Recently acquired for our Library are the following:

Steiner - Philippine ornamental plants
Ott - My ivory cellar: the story of timelapse photography
Michener - American social insects
Pierce - The song of insects
Leach - Rhododendrons of the world and how to grow them

Education Editings

What this Arboretum needs is an ANEMOMETER!! Bet you never thought of that one before! What is it? Well, all the fifth and sixth grade youngsters know, and many ask why ther isn't one here.

Last year 5,640 school children, together with their teachers, studied our Weather Station as a special interest section of the Plant Science field trip. This Station is one of extremely few that may be visited by schools, and is considered by Science Supervisors to be of prim importance.

Recently the Youth Education Section gave a barometer to help complete the instrumentation, but the present need is an anemometer. While it may not be considered a necessity for growing plants, it is a necessity for maintaining the standards of educational opportunity that we have established. Besides, it is always interesting and profitable to "know which way the wind is blowing" - no?

Tom McGah has thoroughly explored all the possibilities up to the Weather Bureau's $1,200.00 special. He has now located a good instrument that records force (Beaufort Scale) and direction for $99.35. This is the one we would like to have. Tom leads off with a $5.00 contribution which yours truly matches. (Gertrude Woods, speaking). Elsie is alerting the Foundation members through Lasca Leaves. The next donor gave 35¢, next $1.00, Youth Education another $5.00, so we now have $16.35. Anyone want to help??

Classes are registering for Fall courses; pumpkins are ripe for harvest; gardens ready for "plowing"; schools scheduling trips far ahead. It is good to be here looking forward to the best year yet!!

Arboretum Articles

From the Information Section we learn that all is in readiness for the flood of school tours which will begin with the starting of school. These tours have become valuable in the educational world, and are used in the curriculum of schools all over.

As reported in last month's Delascan, the Norman Isbells are expecting the arrival of a BOY. Anyone care to take a bet!!

Joseph Lerchenmuller has been promoted from Gardener to Nurseryman. Congratulations, Joe!! Norman Isbell is now Senior Arboretum Information Aid. The same to you, too, Norm!! John Dancer, Arboretum Information Aid, A/N is back on the weekend staff after his sabbatical from teaching.

Greetings to John Branner, our new Park Maintenance Man Helper.

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D E L A S C A N

October 10, 1962
10/11/62

Employee Eavesdroppings

A genial welcome to Dr. Robert Gonderman, our new Plant Physiologist, who comes to us from Michigan State University. We are wondering, Bob, if you will miss having to shovel snow this winter.

Welcome to our new Tree Trimmer, Charlie Bransford.

Recent employees to move up the ladder on the staff are: Francis Ching to Chief Horticulturist; Joe Lerchenmuller to Nurseryman in charge of Orchids. Hope you both like the new positions.

Denis Kucera has moved on to Riverside where he will help create a new growing acreage for the University of California at Riverside. Nice going, Denis.

On October 2, Master Ronald Allen Isbell put in his initial appearance at the Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena. Weight 7 lbs. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Isbell. CONGRATULATIONS!

Library Listings

Recent Library arrivals:

Steiner - Philippine ornamental plants
Eliovson - Discovering wild flowers in southern Africa
Meeuse - The story of pollination
Couch - Diseases of turfgrasses
Benson - Plant taxonomy
Letty - Wild flowers of the Transvaal
American Iris Society Check List 1950-1959
Harrison - Handbook of trees and shrubs for the Southern Hemisphere

Arboretum Articles

In case you have been wondering just what is going on at the corner of Hugo Reid and Baldwin Avenues the scoop is this: Preparation of approximately four acres for an Experimental Garden facility. Following the initial fencing and screening with Acacia cardiophylla, grading and installation of irrigating equipment are now in progress and will be followed by soil preparation with anticipated planting in the late winter and early spring. This facility will provide accomodations for experimental plots and plantings of the research staff.

Historical Happenings.

The Historical Center has been active for the past few months, first obtaining sponsorship for some of its needs and events, etc., second, instituting last summer and still continuing - a workshop for children in the third, fourth and fifth grades. This workshop is called 'Early California Indian and Rancho Tales' in which children participate - via a day in the life of . . . Each an important period in California history. Third is the beginning of our Docent History Workshop for Junior and Senior High School students. Our fourth venture is to institute an archeological 'dig' upon Tallac Knoll via the assistance of the Pasadena City College archeological professors. This should prove very interesting and educational as it will help to get some date established for some of the artefacts we have which were found on the hill and other areas in the vicinity.

If you have an 11th or 12th grader in your family inform him that the Docent History Workshop began as of October 6. Classes are held on Saturdays (holidays excepted) at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: Dr. George will be here on November 2. He will give polio, tetanus, and flue shots. Take your pick!!

NOTE: A telephone training class will be held in the Lecture Hall on November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Mrs. Irene Serna of Communications will be the teacher.

11/9/62

D E L A S C A N

November 9, 1962

Library Listings

Recently received in the library are the following:

National Academy of Sciences. Mutation and Plant Breeding
Usinger. Aquatic insects of California
Lee. Forest botany of China

Arboretum Articles

The Information Department personnel might look a bit smug after tucking the Fall Flower Show into the pages of history. With 6,000 going through the turnstiles on Sunday; to be able to report "no incidents, no accidents" is a mighty nice feeling. Total attendance for the show was 10,761 for the two and one-half days.

The next big show at the Arboretum will be the San Gabriel Camellia Show, which is to be held February 23 and 24. By that time, we will have forgotten all about politics, real estate taxes and Christmas, and will have nothing to worry about except income taxes. Isn't TIME wonderful!!

The Information Department is hoping to have their new tram loading station in operation by the time this DELASCAN appears. The new station is located just off the patio in back of the Gatehouse, which makes it very convenient for Norman Isbell to keep an eagle eye on operations. It will necessitate, however, a change in tram tours. They will now head down the hill; pass the fountains; turn right at the Jungle Area; out to "west acres;" around the Display Gardens and stop at the Coach Barn. On the return trip; pick up at the Coach Barn and Hugo Reid Adobe; around the Jungle Area to the Latin American Section; then around the west side of Africa and Australia to unload "at the end of the walk" where the trams usually loaded.

We had reported so many babies for the Information Department this past year, it makes us feel as though something is missing when we have none to report. Oh! Well! Guess we will wait just a little bit!!

Social Committee Anouncement

Make your plans now to come to the Annual Christmas Party to be held at the American Legion Hall, 131 North Marengo, Pasadena on December 15, 1962. Social hour - 6:30 p.m., dinner - 7:00 p.m., dancing 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets for staff member and one other person, $1.25 per person; guests $2.50 each. Tickets must be picked up and paid for no later than December 10, 5:00 p.m.

Descanso Discourse

On November 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Garden House will be held a lecture on "Plants Approved for Hillside Planting in Los Angeles Area." Mr. Milford Bliss, Chief Building Inspector, Department of Building and Safety, City of Los Angeles, will be the speaker. The California Native Plant Committee, Conrad Fanton, Chairman, invite all to the free lecture.

December 1 through 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Descanso is having their Christmas Decorations Show. This has always been a real beautiful treat for just "looking" or "just getting ideas."

Your AID Chairman, Lee H. Wakeman, wishes to thank all who had a part in taking our Department over the 80% goal.

California Arboretum Foundation, Inc.

As we go to press our attention was called to the lecture to be held tonight, November 9, in the Lecture Hall on "The Tulip and the Netherlands." Dr. Fran A. Stafleu will give an illustrated talk on the Dutch bulb industry. He is the author of many botanical papers.

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Foundation Findings

The marble facing for the Gateway Pool has arrived from Italy and we expect installation work to begin within the next week or ten days. This is a very happy event as it will make possible complete construction of the pool within the next month or two.

A new book on the history of horticulture in Southern California, written by Victoria Padilla, has just been published. This is one of the most interesting and informative books to come along in many a moon and should be of interest to all those with gardening interests. The Southern California Horticultural Institute, joint sponsors of the book, have generously allowed the Foundation to offer the book to Arboretum staff members at the same reduced price as Foundation members, namely, $8.50 plus tax.

Elsie Murray, Assistant Secretary of the Foundation was on a week's vacation. She is now knee-deep in completing plans for the fall activities of the Foundation. The Lecture and Tour series proved so successful that they will be offered again this year. Staff members are always most welcome, so plan to attend some or all of the evening lectures.

Education Editings

Any children in your family? Registration for Youth Education classes is now open offering courses for youngsters 7-15 years of age. Classes begin September 16. Courses offered are:

Greenhouse Gardening (Junior High grades) students experiment with and propagate choice indoor and out door plant materials.

Exploring Nature (grades 3-4) offers outdoor opportunities in the Arboretum to study plant and animal life. There are indoor workshop projects resulting from Arboretum walks.

Indoor Gardens (grade 2) will have personal experience watching and growing plants. Make an indoor garden - plant a tree seed - where and how do plants come?

Gardening (outdoor - grades 4-6) each student has a 50 sq. ft. garden plot to learn how to plant vegetables and flowers - their care - cultivation, weeding, and watering. A good harvest goes home with each student.

Holiday Plant Crafts - three classes will open in November for grades 3-8. These workshops will make Christmas decorations for the home, tree ornaments, and Holiday flower arrangements. Register now!

Any employees interested should write for complete information, schedule and registration forms to: Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Classes will have limited enrollment.

Do you know insect nets go fishing? An Arboretum visitor leaned over the lake at the boat house and out of his shirt pocket fell his -- teeth. Our Jack fished the teeth out of 4 ft. of water and a "grinning" visitor thanked all.

Arcadia Historical Society

Two paintings of early day Arcadia railroad scenes, and various other mementoes of pioneer railroading in Southern California, are among the items now on display in the rotunda of the Administration Building. The exhibit features paintings by Mrs. Edna B. Lenz. The OLD SANTA ANITA RAILWAY STATION and the FIRST LOCOMOTIVE used by the Santa Fe Railroad. The Santa Anita station was built by the railroad at the insistence of "Lucky" Baldwin who refused to allow the train to steam through his property unless the railroad agreed to make stops on his ground.

The balance of the exhibit covers equipment used by railway men at that early period of railroading in California; in particular two telegraph keys, one being the first of its kind c 1888 used for the first through-service to Chicago, etc. There are also old railroad passes loaned by Bob Melbo of Arcadia from those collected by Mr. W. H. McCarr dating from c 1888 through 1959. This exhibit was made possible through the energy and interest of Mr. Bruce R. Wetmore.

Camera Club Clippings

At the meeting of the Arboretum Camera Club, August 31, the election of officers resulted in the following slate: Frank Simerly, President; E. Barnett, Vice-President; Gerry Patton, Secretary-Treasurer; and Swithin Chandler, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Roger Burns entertained the group by showing slides of Canada, which were taken the first part of August. The September meeting, to be held September 28th, will feature open competition, with members and friends bringing either slides or black and white prints. The prints will be judged separately. If you had heard the merry "razzing" Roger endured for his one man show, you would realize we are all amateurs. Bring in your work and have an evening of fun and relaxation in this interesting hobby.

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