

Morton, Marquet

January 20, 1936

Mrs. Joy Morton
Hotel Vista del Arroyo
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Morton:

I should have written you before, thanking you in behalf of Mr. van Gemert, Mr. Kammerer and myself for the generous Christmas present you gave to the Arboretum. Getting final statements for the year, inventories and the like delayed things somewhat. We are truly most grateful to you, for it will enable us to use about half of it to buy rare plants, and the other half to hire outside speakers, and to hire Mr. Schantz to conduct a series of field trips for interested persons.

We would like to have Mr. Schantz to conduct field trips in the Arboretum for the purpose of studying birds, wild flowers, trees and shrubs. I know of no one better qualified for this general work than he is. I have talked with him and he is agreeable, but definite plans have not been worked out as yet. This we hope to do soon so the trips can be announced.

We are having fine weather for the moving of trees and shrubs and have most of it done. You will see a decided change in the neighborhood of the Administration building and along Forest Road to Spring Road.

Inclosed please find your statement for December. Your totals for the year are as follows, according to Tony's books:

Residence Grounds, 1935	\$2,000.61
Garden and Greenhouse, 1935	2,187.06
Our work at Residence, 1935	<u>187.40</u>
	\$4,375.07

The total expense for the Arboretum for the past four years is as follows:

1932	-	\$32,972.74
1933	-	31,194.53
1934	-	39,505.22
1935	-	39,995.93

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Now that most of the changing is done around the new building, Mrs. Cudahy set my budget at \$35,000.00 for 1936. I believe I can keep it there by not buying many plants except what we can pay for out of the money you gave us, and by doing no new work to speak of except what planting we are doing now.

Mr. Rosenbaum called me day before yesterday, asking if he could have his money for draining the Residence. I told him I would remind you.

Our new man a Mr. Reaser, credit man for the Sinclair Oil Company, moved in the Eickhorst house. We got rid of the Fred Schroeders this past week, and have one of our own men living on that farm. Now all our farm troubles are ironed out. I believe we shall go along this year with much less grief.

John and Rudolph are working along daily. They are moving evergreens now, in the area where the old chicken yard was, to help hide the cyclone fence put up last year.

The temperature was five degrees below this morning, but it is nice and sunny so the tree moving is going along splendidly. I don't imagine you can even feel chilly where you are as you read about our five degrees below zero weather.

Everyone here is well, except Kellicut and he is improving daily.

With best wishes to you both, and regards to the Troms.

Yours sincerely,

CEG:ER

P. S. Mr. Kellicuts first name is Roy.