

Quercus.
Ital. Quercia.
Gall. Chesne.
Hisp. Robre.
Eychbaum.



*Thou wast a bauble once; a cup and ball,
Which babes might play with; and the thievish jay
Seeking her food, with ease might have purloin'd
The auburn nut that held thee, swallowing down
Thy yet close-folded latitude of boughs
And all thine embryo vastness, at a gulp.*

William Cowper (1731-1800) "Yardley Oak"

☛ Arboretum News and Notes ☛

A DISTINGUISHED LOAN TO THE LIBRARY. A few years ago, George H. Judkins of Berwyn, Illinois presented to the Riverside Library a valuable set of two-hundred-year-old books on horticulture. These volumes printed in Amsterdam comprise the Dutch edition of an original work in Latin compiled and printed in Germany between 1737 and 1745 by Johann Weinmann, director of the longest established pharmacy in Regensburg. Entitled *Phytanthoza Iconographia*, this work is considered a landmark of early color printing and as such is of interest to artists and engravers as well as to botanists.

Recognizing this, Mr. Judkins requested that the books be placed where they could be available to students of horticulture and to artists. The trustees and staff of the Riverside Library have agreed that the Arboretum's Sterling Morton Library is the ideal place. With this much appreciated loan the Riverside Library is not only carrying out the donor's wishes but adding generously to our Library's resources.

A NEW UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FACILITY. Late in May, members of the Arboretum staff attended an open house at the controlled-temperature greenhouse for medical plants recently completed at the University of Illinois Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station located just east of the Morton Arboretum. This new greenhouse in which such climatic elements as temperature and humidity can be accurately controlled, is the first of its kind in the middle west and one of three in the world. Experiments to be conducted here on the relation between temperature and the production of drugs by plants, reflect the renewed interest in plants as sources of drugs or drug precursors. (The early Illinois settlers who made a tonic by brewing a kind of tea from twigs of the spice bush may well have had a sound

idea.) Plants to be tested include not only well-known medicinal plants, but thousands of species hitherto unexamined as potential drug sources.

ARBORETUM VISITORS. In August, the Society of Architectural Historians visited the Sterling Morton Library. Each summer this organization which consists of professional architects and laymen who share a common interest in architecture, past and present, conducts a weekend tour to a region of particular significance. This year's Chicago visit included the western suburbs for examples of the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Sterling Morton Library as an example of the work of Harry M. Weese, one of the country's outstanding contemporary architects, among whose larger buildings in the Chicago area are Pierce Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago and the Christian Science Church now under construction at Wacker Drive and Wabash Avenue. Of interest to the visitors was also the Library's fine collection of books on landscape design as well as the landscaping of the Arboretum itself.

In September, the Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges of Illinois, Inc. held its annual guest-day meeting at the Arboretum. This group whose members must be participating gardeners as well as accredited flower show judges, is a study group offering at its monthly meetings opportunity for its members to do "graduate work" in the field of flower show judging and to keep abreast of recent developments in horticulture. Each September student judges are invited to the meeting, a full day devoted to as many pertinent activities as possible.

A particular interest for the group this year was the Arboretum's outstanding collection of ground covers. A short business meeting, luncheon, and a visit to the Sterling Morton Library to

see some of its rare, old books on horticulture completed a busy day for members and guests from all parts of the Chicago area.

THE J. STERLING MORTON UPPER GRADE CENTER. On Chicago's west side a fine new Upper Grade center (grades 7-8) was recently dedicated. It was named for J. Sterling Morton, well known as Secretary of Agriculture under President Cleveland and as the originator of Arbor Day. Although Mr. Morton lived in Nebraska he was associated with Chicago, where his influence has been felt through the many public benefactions of his descendants in these parts. Especially in the Morton Arboretum, founded by his son Joy, who carried on his father's love of trees, has J. Sterling Morton's spirit been perpetuated in Illinois. Thus, as Cyrus Adams III, a member of the Chicago Board of Education, said in his remarks at the dedication ceremony, "it is entirely fitting for the school system of Chicago to do something to honor a name which has been responsible for doing so much for the city." And in concluding his remarks, to those who would be using it, Mr. Adams said of the impressive new school, "This wonderful testimonial is in your hands. Use it well."

THE 1965 EXHIBITION OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY. At a June showing in the Thornhill Building, the Nature Study and Camera Club of the Morton Arboretum projected the slides accepted for its first contest and exhibition of nature photography. More than one hundred persons had entered slides in two classes, one for individual slides and one for series. These covered a wide range of subjects from scenic views to fossil plants. Special medals were awarded to ten outstanding individual slides, among them the open mouth of a copperhead, scenes in desert and canyon, fish, birds, and a striking photograph of the fruits of "doll's eyes" (White Baneberry) taken in the rain. In the series class, a sequence on the swallow-tail butterfly was one of three medal winners. Twenty honorable mentions were awarded to slides of equally varied subject matter.

Those who showed their interest in nature photography by attending the Exhibit, will be glad to know that the club plans to hold one annually. Next year it will be held earlier, probably in May, to avoid conflicts with the many events of June.

CLASSES. Many subscribers to the *Quarterly* have expressed interest in the courses offered at the Arboretum. Those who have taken courses receive by mail the *Program of Educational Activities* as it is issued each quarter. Others wishing to receive this schedule may address the Registrar at the Morton Arboretum, or phone 969-5682. Please do not call during the noon hour or on Saturdays or Sundays.

Advance registration is required for all courses. Schedules for winter are available the first week in December; for spring, the middle of March; for summer on June 1, and for the fall the middle of August.

THE GINGKO TEA ROOM WILL CLOSE for the winter on November 1, concluding its first and very successful season of operation. The many Arboretum visitors who have enjoyed this delightful spot may look forward to its reopening in May.

THE PICNIC GROUNDS. The picnic area at the Junction of Park Boulevard and Route 53 will remain open until cold weather makes it necessary to close the facilities.

AT THE GINGKO SHOP. As a result of Mrs. Zurcher's recent travels in Europe, a number of new subjects have been added to the collection of old flower prints for sale at the Gingko Shop. Many are individual pages from old and rare books, the complete editions of which may be seen in the Sterling Morton Library.

The shop will remain open through December 23 with an attractive selection of cards and other items for Christmas in addition to its usual interesting wares. It will be closed during the winter months and will reopen about the first of April.