

Arboretum News and Notes

LOWER MICHIGAN WILDERNESS TOUR. The Arboretum's Education Department is sponsoring two eight-day tours to Lower Michigan during the summer of 1973. One trip will be limited to teens only, and the other will be for mixed ages: older children, teens, and adults. For information, telephone 969-5682.

JENS JENSEN COLLECTION. When Leonard Eaton completed his book, *Landscape Artist in America*, in 1964, he donated some Jens Jensen correspondence and other original materials to the Sterling Morton Library at the Arboretum. A few years later some items were acquired by the library from the estate of the late Ralph Fletcher Seymour, longtime friend of Jensen and publisher of his books, *Siftings* and *The Clearing*. This was followed by a gift of several original landscape plans from the Chicago Historical Society, and in 1971 by a gift of clippings and other items donated by Ragna Eskil of Chicago.

In 1972 the Arboretum was designated as the official repository for Jensen archives from The Clearing, the school which Jensen established at Ellison Bay, Door County, Wisconsin, and which is now managed by the Wisconsin Farm

Bureau. Carol Doty of the Arboretum staff and Orvetta Robinson of the Illinois State Museum went to The Clearing in July, 1972, for the purpose of making a preliminary survey of these archives. At that time materials dating through 1951 were transferred to the Sterling Morton Library, and additional photographs and papers were acquired from Grace Richardson of Green Bay, sister of the late Mertha Fulkerson, Jensen's secretary.

It is hoped that other Jensen letters, landscape plans, photographs, clippings, and other materials can be gathered from scattered sources to form a substantial collection available for study at the Sterling Morton Library. Recent utilization, for example, was made by several students from the Landscape Architecture Department at Iowa State University at Ames, accompanied by their professor, Robert Harvey. The collection already contains sufficient interest for persons working in landscape architecture, conservation history, education, folk arts and crafts, and, to a minor extent, political science. Gifts or information about possible sources of additional Jensen materials will be appreciated, and may be directed to Carol Doty.

<i>Climatological Summary</i>			
<i>Data</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>
<i>Average mean temperature</i>	72.2° F	65.3° F	50.6 F
<i>Highest temperature</i>	93° F	86° F	78° F
<i>Lowest temperature</i>	45° F	35° F	22° F
<i>Days maximum above 90° F</i>	4	0	0
<i>Precipitation</i>	10.67"	5.82"	3.24"