

Lilac Sunday — Open House

Sunday, May 20 should see the lilac collection at peak bloom and on this Lilac Sunday the Arboretum staff will also hold "Open House." Staff members will be on the grounds from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. to answer questions regarding the plants of the lilac collection and the collections of shrubs, vines, dwarf fruit trees and hedges, as well as the Larz Anderson collection of Japanese Dwarf Trees. In addition, various items of mechanical equipment used to care for the grounds will be demonstrated. These will include a brush chipper, Blitzer mowers, sprayers and planters.

During the Open House the meadow road from the Forest Hills to the Arborway Gates and beyond the lilacs will be closed to automobile traffic. Parking will be permitted from the Conifer collection to the Viburnum collection near Bussey Hill. The Bussey Street, South Street and Centre Street gates will be open. Parking will also be permitted on the paved areas of the Bussey Institution on South Street.

Botanical Exploration of the Trans-Mississippi West, 1790-1850

The Director of the Arnold Arboretum is pleased to announce the publication of a new book by Mrs. Susan Delano McKelvey, research associate of the Arnold Arboretum and long a member of the Committee to visit the Arnold Arboretum. Mrs. McKelvey's earlier writings on Lilacs, Yuccas and the history of the Arboretum are familiar to readers of *Arnoldia*. Her latest book represents the culmination of long and meticulous research in checking the routes and the collections of botanists who assisted in "opening the West." The names of Lewis and Clark, Nuttall, Douglas, Coulter, Leavenworth, Audubon and Fremont are a few of the more important collectors considered, although some are remembered more in history for companion accomplishments. Excellent maps by Dr. Erwin Raisz translate historical fact in graphic clarity. Footnotes are frequent and offer many anecdotes of charm and poignancy. Mrs. McKelvey has made a real contribution to the available knowledge of the western United States.

"Botanical Exploration" is a large book, in large octavo size and is nearly 1200 pages long with 9 text maps and two in a pocket. The price is \$25.00. Orders may be addressed to the Librarian, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.