

of members in those areas whom we knew only by name. The Sneeds said their trip had been greatly enhanced by these members whom they visited along the way. Hospitality and help given by members to each other are proving to be an increasing pleasure to those who travel far from their own home areas.

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### David Barry, Jr. 1897-1978

One of our most dedicated charter Palm Society members, David Barry, Jr., died February 1, 1978, at his home in Santa Monica, California. He leaves his wife, Emilie, a daughter, Mrs. Charles T. Munger, a son, David Barry III, a sister, Helen Barry, and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Barry was born in Houston, Texas, but from 1902 on made his home in the Los Angeles area and Honolulu, Hawaii. After graduation from Stanford University in 1920, he joined his father in the Wilshire District real estate firm of David Barry & Co. After service with the Office of Price Administration during World War II, he moved the firm to Brentwood, where he owned and developed business property until 1953, when he became relatively inactive in this field. In the early 50's, Mr. Barry's plant hobby was commercialized as California Jungle Gardens, a nursery specializing in the introduction of tropical plants new to California. He was a past President and Director of The Palm Society, and was also a member of the American Horticultural Society, The Bromeliad Society, American Plant Life Society, and the Los Angeles Garden Club.

Mr. Barry's interest in palms began in 1930. His love of the tropics was so strong that, when he could not visit them, he introduced palms from the tropics as a substitute. His devotion

was such that in the days before the overseas airplane he used tins as shipping containers for palm seeds, enclosed with moisture-retaining packing. For many years he operated an "International Palm Seed Exchange Service," with his tins going back and forth from botanical gardens and collectors. When on a trip around the world in 1957, he saw mature palms from his seed in such places as Panama and Durban, South Africa.

His intense efforts over the years to introduce cold-hardy palms into California will never be forgotten, as today in gardens, both botanical and private, there are many specimens that are living memorials to his dedication and interest, such as *Caryota ochlandra*, *C. urens*, *Chamaedorea brachypoda*, *C. fragrans*, *C. klotzschiana*, *Chambeyronia macrocarpa*, *Jubaeopsis caffra*, *Linospaxis*, *Neodypsis baronii*, and many others.

Mr. Barry's enthusiastic interest was not in palms alone, as he had a keen interest in bromeliads, cycads, and a variety of tropical plants. In the early 50's he introduced *Philodendron seloum*, followed by many hybrids of his own. But he must be considered "the grand old dad" of California palm people.

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### Biennial Meeting

If you have not already done so, there is still time to sign up for the Biennial Meeting in San Diego and Los Angeles, California, July 8-14. An entertaining and instructive series of talks and garden tours has been arranged, as well as optional tours to the San Francisco Bay Area, Baja California, and Costa Rica. For a leaflet containing programs and cost schedules, write to Jim Wright, 2151 Burghener Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110.