

**THE COYOTE HOWLS**  
May 31, 1977

The beginning of summer must be coming very soon here in the Southwestern desert. The afternoon temperature outside the window is 93 degrees but there is a good breeze that drifts fresh air thru the open window, although that air today is tainted with the smell of Malathion applied just after dawn to the garden to control the many insects that like to invade this green oasis, coming from all over to feast and multiply in relatively good surroundings. The peaches are about ready for harvest, the grapes are swelling, potatoes are being dug, carrots, beets, lettuce and cabbage grace our table moving rapidly from the garden to the refrigerator. It is time to replant that the flow of goodies keep on. The watermelon plants are up but the pumpkins planted last week are still now showing, tomatoes are growing, others are picking but ours have not yet blossomed. The desert plants are either in full bloom or just past their prime, the Yuccas are beautiful with flower spikes twenty feet tall and more than 2 feet across, with solid white florets. The Saguaro has bloomed and the fruit is forming, the prickly pear with it's white and red blossoms is about finished. The golf courses are green and almost anytime you might see the sprinklers spreading needed moisture. The greens have reached their summer perfection and the golfers invade the place at dawn planning to be home before the heat chases them to cool shade. May has been beautiful with cool nights and mostly cool sunny days. There have been some cloudy days and once or twice there have been 12 inch showers with a drop of rain every 12 inches or so, the real quarter inches, with thunder and lightning are supposed to come later. The swimming pools are busy, with swimmers in the earlier mornings and gossipers and drifters in the afternoons, and the sunbathers absorb tremendous amounts of sunshine and sun tan lotion. These are good days for the siesta, a beautiful habit that pauses and refreshes. The dawn patrol must still be being made but it happens too early for the coyote. The bird nesting and mating period is about over, happily so because most of the nesting material came from the garden. A neighbor called one evening concerned because the parade of birds from the garden to the surrounding trees made him wonder if there was anything left. Here the grackles chase the crows with their three foot wing spread, and almost every evening the coyotes let out a

devastating series of howls. The truck traffic from Nogales carrying produce from Mexico is letting up and often in the quiet hours of the night the silence is unbelievable, no tree toads and crickets here singing thruout the night. We thought we would miss the winter visitors but this is not so, they are gone but activity goes on. The moon and stars are close here, one could almost reach out and pick them like we hope to pikc the peaches. It is nice to be contented. The Desert Coyote and the Beautiful Aloe send you greetings.

**PLAN GALA SUMMER FIELD DAY FOR MIDWEST LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS AND NURSERYMEN**

Huntley, IL — The Illinois Landscape Contractors Association and Matt Tures Sons Nursery will jointly host a Summer Field Day for the Industry, Wednesday, August 3, 1977. The site of the Field Day is Matt Tures Sons Nursery, near Huntley, Ill.

Part convention, part equipment exposition, and part "picnic", this is the 16th annual field day the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association has sponsored since it was founded in 1959.

Field Day Chairman, Bud Vancina, says the group is anticipating an attendance in excess of 1500, with some 100 exhibit spaces filled with the goods and services used by the industry. There will also be a steak barbecue luncheon hosted by ILCA for those attending, and refreshments aplenty throughout the day.

A highlight of the event will be tours of the nursery itself, which will run continuously throughout the day. Matt Tures Sons Nursery is one of the largest, most varied and cleanest nurseries in the Midwest. Matt Tures started his nursery in Des Plaines, Ill., in 1924, and in 1953 the nursery moved to Roselle. In 1958, the Huntley operation was begun and all operations presently emanate from that location.

Huntly is located some 50 miles northwest of Chicago. The field day site is on the "Huntley blackout" between Huntley and Dundee.

In the 16 years that ILCA has been sponsoring this annual summer show, the group has visited nearly every major nursery in Illinois, as well as leading botanic gardens and arboretums.

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