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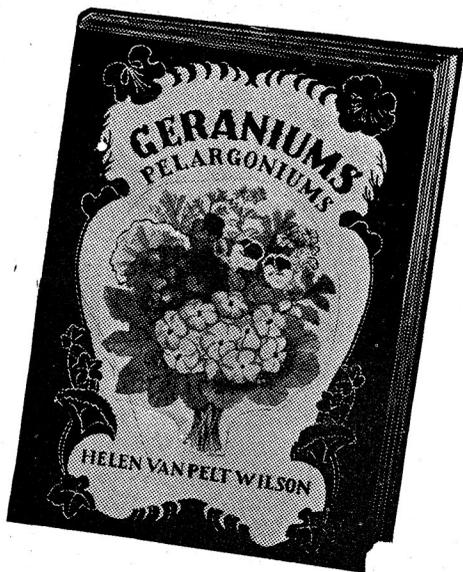
LOOKING FORWARD

● The long-looked-for and keenly enjoyed Annual Convention in San Diego has come and gone. Like the New Year resolutions we make every January, we, who have the welfare of the American Begonia Society at heart are inspired to look around for new ways to make this Society finer, more worthwhile, more comprehensive in its activities; how to bring in more and more good members and thus spread this happiness and love in growing lovely shade plants more thoroughly about us. Surely this is the way we all feel?? As this Editor watched the procession of prize winners at the Annual banquet, true, it was led again and again most decisively by smiling Robert Calvin, (and who would not smile as he did, at the receipt of ALL the

TROPHIES and one PLAQUE with most all the other prizes and Certificates . . .) followed by the other fortunate ones, all overjoyed with their success, it was particularly noticeable that the whole of the gathering was sharing the pleasure of the winners. Certain it is, that the spirit demonstrated was one of delight over merit being given where merit was due, but part of it was engendered by the setting of the banquet, the splendid camaraderie and good sportsmanship of the ensemble, the mental vision of the lovely plants we had enjoyed through the day and the feeling that this show and meeting would bring much pleasure to more people than had been done before. And so we keep on growing. It is right that each one should take part in this growth, and while the year is
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Robert Calvin	A. D. Robinson
Sweepstakes Cup to Individual Winning Most Points in Show	
Robert Calvin	A. D. Robinson
6 1st places @ 3 points, total	18
1 2nd place @ 2 points, total	2
1 3rd place @ 1 point, total	1
Total points won	21
Sweepstakes Cup to Branch Winning Most Points in Show	
Alfred D. Robinson Branch	
7 1st places @ 3 points, total	21
4 2nd places @ 2 points, total	8
7 3rd places @ 1 point, total	7
Total points	36
Plaque for Best Non-Commercial Group Exhibit	
Alfred D. Robinson Branch	
Plaque for Best Commercial Exhibit	
Walter Andersen's Nursery	
Total Entries in Last Begonia Show	221
Total Entries in Show This Year	441

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED

San Diego Branch

F. A. Best.....	4
Mrs. Helen Bailey.....	2
E. D. Brooks.....	5
Mrs. Elmer Brown.....	2
Mrs. B. A. Carlson.....	3
Emerson Cooper.....	2
J. O. Davis.....	3
W. W. Easton.....	3
Mrs. Ida N. Hall.....	3
Mrs. Addie Lee.....	9
Mrs. Hazel McBride.....	2
J. S. Michel.....	6
Mrs. H. E. Nelsen.....	6
Mrs. A. F. Owen.....	1
Mrs. H. S. Owen.....	8
Mrs. T. J. Riedy.....	2
Mrs. Blanche Roat.....	2
Mrs. L. J. Shetler.....	2
L. O. Vickers.....	3
Miss Anna Weerts.....	4

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A. D. Robinson Branch

Mrs. Annabel Barry.....	1
Robert Calvin.....	21
Mrs. Alice Clark.....	11
Esther Henderson.....	2
Mrs. A. D. Robinson.....	1

36

Eva Kenworthy Gray Branch

Mrs. Charles Calloway.....	8
Donald Haworth.....	11
Mrs. Katherine C. Taylor.....	5

24

La Mesa Branch

Mrs. Olive Bailey.....	1
Mr. and Mrs. Russ Eaker.....	3
Mrs. A. O. Kent.....	9

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Hollywood Branch

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Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch

Walter J. Knecht.....	5
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Individual Winning Most Points

Robert Calvin, A. D. Robinson Branch

Branch Winning Most Points

San Diego Branch

No. of 1st awards 31 @ 3 points, total 93

No. of 2nd awards 27 @ 2 points, total 54

No. of 3rd awards 25 @ 1 point, total 25

Total points won at show.....172

Mrs. Alice Clark and Donald Haworth tied for 2nd place for Sweepstakes Cup to individual.

Mrs. A. O. Kent and Mrs. Addie Lee tied for third place.

Sweepstakes Cup to Branch: 2nd place, Eva Kenworthy Gray; 3rd place, La Mesa.

Remembrances Of The A. B. S. Convention In San Diego

By MRS. CLARENCE E. MOORE, Publicity Chairman

● We hope that you were as glad to be here as we were to have you, and that you will long remember Saturday, August 31st, and the beauty of both the convention grounds in historic Presidio Park, and the banquet room in the San Diego Woman's club house. Everyone here worked very hard to make the 13th convention of the American Begonia Society something to remember us by. Mrs. Russel T. Bailey was chairman of the 7th annual Begonia and Shade plant show and it was her vision that saw the possibilities of the park grounds with its border of big shade trees.

The competitive plants were placed in an area about seventy-five by one hundred and seventy-five feet, with six long rows of tables filled with outstanding begonias and other shade plants. Along the road to the south, stately palm fronds were made into a fence and wind protection and in front of them were the non-competitive plants, literally hundreds of them grouped along the south side, and to the east and west, the background for them was laurel all in bloom. Mrs. J. C. Young was in charge of them. They certainly gave a lovely finishing touch, and people seemed just as interested in the great variety as in the magnificent plants on the tables.

Donald Haworth, La Jolla Branch, J. C. Young and J. S. Michel headed the construction committee, and everyone worked from early morning to late at night. Dr. C. E. Collins, president, and R. E. Lee, vice president and general chairman of the convention almost lived at the park, as did Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Ella Marguerite Fewkes and D. D. Laing took care of the difficulties of registering the hosts of plants.

The most unique exhibit was the miniature yard and lath house built by Chief Pharmacist and Mrs. M. L. Rice. It even had a moss wall. The open space between the trees was covered with camouflage wire, and no wind or strong rays bothered the exhibits. Members of the society were on guard all day and evening, and bonded watchmen watched by the light of floodlights.

On the other side of the long colonnade was the registration of guests, by Mrs. J. A. Hegel, San Diego Branch; Mrs. Lillian Pater-son, La Mesa; Mrs. L. M. Wescott, Point Loma and Mrs. Bertha M. Lee, La Jolla. New Member tables, with our Mrs. A. P. Carlton, information, Mrs. C. E. Moore and Mrs. A. L. Stone, and garden tours, Mrs. H. E. Nelson and Mrs. H. N. Owen. Then came the com-

mercial displays, under Mrs. H. E. Foley and they were very lovely. The business meeting was held towards the base of the gently sloping hill, with shade or full sun as desired. We all thank the park officials for making this park available, and for the valuable help given us. Saving palm fronds all summer was nice of them.

At 6:30 we went to the club house, and we are indeed sorry that some who had tickets couldn't use them, and that the room didn't hold four hundred, for then the disappointed ones could have been seated. J. A. Bovet and Mrs. C. E. Collins had charge of dinner arrangements, and the dinner was delicious. At each place was a blooming tuberous begonia plaque, set into a standard. It will always bloom, for it's made of plaster. Tuberous begonias were scattered along the centers of the long tables and broken by wooden baskets of them and in front of the stage was the historical pageant. A model of the Museum at Presidio Park was in the center backed with masterpiece tuberous begonias and sandy roads leading the right and left of it had small cacti along the edge, with ribbon of *B. corallina de lucerna* blooms, with realistic figures of men and women walking along the road. The figures were found by Mrs. Adams in Mexico and were of colored clay. Back of the stage was a solid bank of tuberous begonias in all the varied colors, and back of this a drop curtain of rex begonias. Mrs. Ernest Adams and H. L. Nelson headed the committee for this beautiful decoration.

H. E. Foley had charge of the program, and Point Loma, La Mesa, La Jolla helped furnish talent. It will be long before we forget the wonderful bird calls and whistling by Mrs. Hunter, who with her husband are the new owners of the Alfred D. Robinson place. Alfred C. Hottes, past editor of *Better Homes and Gardens* told us how plants were named, and he knew what he was talking about. Other numbers enjoyed were—a dancer, a song soloist and the orchestra.

The next day, Sunday, over two thousand people visited the convention grounds. We took in many new members, and we as well as the surrounding branches will take in many more because of this wonderful showing of plants. Again we thank you who helped make the show what it was. I want to thank the secretaries of the different branches for their cooperation with the banquet tickets and their fine letters.

Calla Lily Begonia and Rex

By SALLY BANCROFT

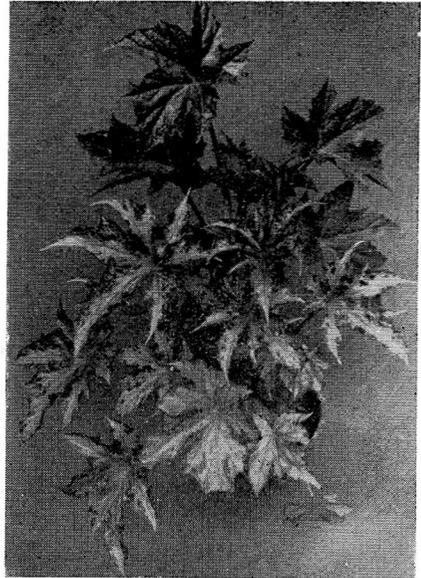
Alfred D. Robinson Branch, San Diego, Calif.

● Sweepstake winner of the Calla Lily Begonia at the Hollywood Show, 1945, Russell Eaker, talked to the A. D. Robinson Branch at their meeting of August 23rd about this rare begonia as well as Rexes. Interesting highlights were that the Calla Lily Begonia gets along well on rank neglect! When watering begonias skip this particular one every other time for it should be kept on the dry side, but the leaves should never get wet. For this reason winter time care should be under glass. In watering place the water carefully around the edge of the pot. This begonia is fibrous rooted. The clump may be pulled apart to start new plants or slips may be cut. Allow a slip to cure for three or four days. However, a plant raised from seed is much stronger. In potting the Calla Lily Begonia use well-rotted leaf mold but not a rich soil and do not feed.

Concerning Rex Begonias the members were advised in purchasing any new plants to first of all inspect for pests. Look under the rim of the pot for slugs, under the leaves for minute black worms, and for mealy bug. These three and snails are the more serious pests of Rex Begonias. For potting mixture Mr. Eaker feels that everyone has his pet, but straight coarse leaf mold is his preference. Spring is the time to repot. If they are done in the fall they are too liable to rot. When repotting dump out the plant, cut off about half the old root, loosen the remaining one then put into a larger pot. Cut off large leaves and do reshaping for a well-balanced plant at this time. This reshaping helps offset the shock of roots being removed. Mr. Eaker maintains that his nicest plants are those he has repotted every year. Rex Begonias do not care for too much draft or cold wind. Placed where they receive only filtered light their color is much nicer, nor is there anything more fascinating than the variety of color marking found in Rex Begonias.

Warning was given not to feed tuberous begonias heavily for they are too apt to rot next spring. And to all begonia lovers, now is the time to start preparing the soil mixture for next year's plants.

As Russell Eaker is a successful grower of begonias the A. D. Robinson Branch appreciated the sharing of his knowledge. Mr. Eaker is a past president of the San Diego Branch.



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Author of Fuchsias, Ballerina of the Garden

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Continued flowering can be encouraged by removing all spent blooms and seed pods. The frequent gathering of perfect blossoms for table decorations will also help. Also the removal of all long and flowerless branches will stimulate new flowering branchlets to form. Of course, all pests must be discouraged by regular spraying and by removing the litter of fallen leaves and flowers from the beds.

In colder climes, it is time to quit feeding and to taper off gradually on watering. This will harden the shrubs preparatory to their winter dormancy. Outdoor plants should not be pruned yet. Plants in the greenhouses should get more light, by removing the shades and by cleaning the paint from the glass. Indoor plants can be taken out and hardened off for a few weeks in anticipation of winter storage.

Watch out for frosty nights. If there is any danger of nippy temperatures, all potted and tubbed plants should then be cut back and taken indoors for over wintering. Also all beds should be thickly covered with a mulch of leaves, straw, salt hay or other insulating material. Smaller outdoor plants, which are treasured, can be dug up with a good root ball and placed in tubs for storage under cover. Those shrubs which have proved unsatisfactory during the past season can be pulled up and eliminated to make room for some of the newer and finer varieties which have come on the market. Their beds should be worked over with a fresh supply of leaf mold, loam and manure.

From all who attended San Diego Convention we hear: "How can we put on as fine a Convention when it is our turn?"

FIBROUS BEGONIAS FROM CUTTINGS

By MINA ROTH, Morton, Ill.

● Being a very interested Begonia Fan, I feel the urge to share the success I have had with the raising of my plants from cuttings. So many think that they are hard to start.

I always root my cuttings in a half glass of rain water which I set in a north window where no sun may strike them until they are well rooted. The next procedure is to plant them in pots with ground and sand, and the percentage raised is very satisfactory.

My favorites happen to be Begonia McBethi, B. weltoniensis and B. richardsiana and, of course, others.

I hope this simple method of propagation will be of help to others.

I always wait expectantly for The Begonian and read it thru page by page—and hope it will keep on gaining in size.

Shade Garden Shrubs

● At the August meeting of the Whittier Branch of the American Begonia Society held at the residence of our President George Barber at 503 W. Philadelphia St., Mirandy, well known radio personality was guest speaker.

She spoke on *Shade Gardens*. She said a garden was a "paradise enclosed," "A joy of expression—Joy not to impress—to express." "A garden should give an atmosphere of peace."

She then told us of many shrubs to use in the shade gardens with our Begonias. Some of the shrubs which she recommended were, Abelia, Azalea, Berbery Brunfelsia, Dogwood, Daphne, Gardenias, Hydrangeas, Jasmynes, Pittosporums, Tree Peonies, Pleroma or Princess Flower, Evergreen Pear, Wisteria, Viburnums, Weigela, and many others.

Mirandy's personality and her distinct and unusual expressions were enjoyed by all who heard her.

MADELEINE HALL.

● Excerpts from a letter to Mrs. Downing, Organization Chairman of A.B.C. Round Robins:

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FERTILIZERS

B. X. BRAEMAR

By ALICE M. CLARK, San Diego, Calif.

● *Braemar* has been a most elusive begonia. For three years I have been seeking a specimen to draw and this one was grown from a cutting, the stock of which is now lost. It is not even to be found in the lath house of Mrs. F. T. Scripps in Pacific Beach where it originated as a chance seedling about 1937. It bears the name of the estate, Braemar, which she contrived to make a garden spot by the seashore.

Naturally, the parentage of Braemar is unknown. When it was small and unfamiliar to me, I confused it with *Dorothy Grant*. The dark olive-green leaf surface and deep red back are characteristic of both of them but there the resemblance ends. The foliage of *Dorothy Grant* is thinner and puckered, the veins are red. It has a glossy finish and is quite cupped. White hairs are distributed all over both begonias, but they seem coarser on *Braemar*. Perhaps this is because it is almost as thick in texture as *Sanguinea*.

Someway, as I was making the drawing, I felt that *Braemar* was like a *Scharffiana* that had left her furs in Alaska and had come south for the summer in a cooler costume. They both have the same thick succulent feeling and the long, strong inflorescence with the many brown stipules all over the young buds. The red hairs on the outside of the petals of *Braemar* are smaller and daintier however. Each of them has leaves with the short turtle-tail point at the end.

Mr. Robinson said that the spreading habit of *Braemar* made it fine for baskets—which is also true of *Scharffiana*. I wish I had grown mine that way. Every joint develops a branch which makes it far too heavy for the single trunk, so it requires much staking. It probably grows to good size in the ground. My plant is two feet tall to the top of the flower peduncle.

The first inflorescence started in July, thrusting up like a swan's head on a long stalk from an upper leaf axil. When it throws

off its first large stipules it branches into two main sections that go on subdividing. Now, two months later, that same flower stem is fourteen inches long with the umbel a foot across and it is still growing. It was far too large to get into the picture but should project from the joint just below the young leaf at the top. The bloom I have drawn is smaller because it is on one of the branches instead of the main stalk and there was another panicle coming which had to be omitted. *Braemar* is really very free-flowering.

The nodes on the trunk are as close as one-and-a-half inches, growing farther apart near the top. There is quite a knee above the joint. The stems are reddish except for a light green ring at the node and at the axis. They are thickly covered with white hair. The papery brown stipules, more than an inch long, are not at all consistent, sticking to some parts and leaving others clean. The round petiole varies from two to three inches in length.

The leaf is egg-shape, except for the short point and the curves that cut into the whitish sinus, but are not full enough to overlap. There is a slight wave to the edge but most of the leaves are flat and extended, with a dull waxy surface. The green veins are barely indented on top but are raised in strong red ribs from a light center on the back. The largest one shown measures nine by five inches.

All the flowers, so far, are male, which again is like *Scharffiana*. I shall report any seed pods that may show up later. The flowers are packed away like a fussy traveler's clothes, with thin brown tissue between every fold. This gives a dull appearance at first but, when free of their wrappings, the blooms are quite lovely. From tip to tip of the two white obovate petals is one and one-half inches. The other two are equally long but a bare one-eighth inch wide. They have an uneven edge, slightly ruffled, which makes them gracefully different. It seems strange that such strong peduncles cannot hold the flower trusses upright even though there are so many. The buds have that "poached-egg" appearance, though the few red hairs spoil the simile. The stamen form a small round golden tuft.

I hope that many eastern growers still have *Braemar* because it is distinctive and fine and should be a great favorite with those who know its beautiful waxy perfection.

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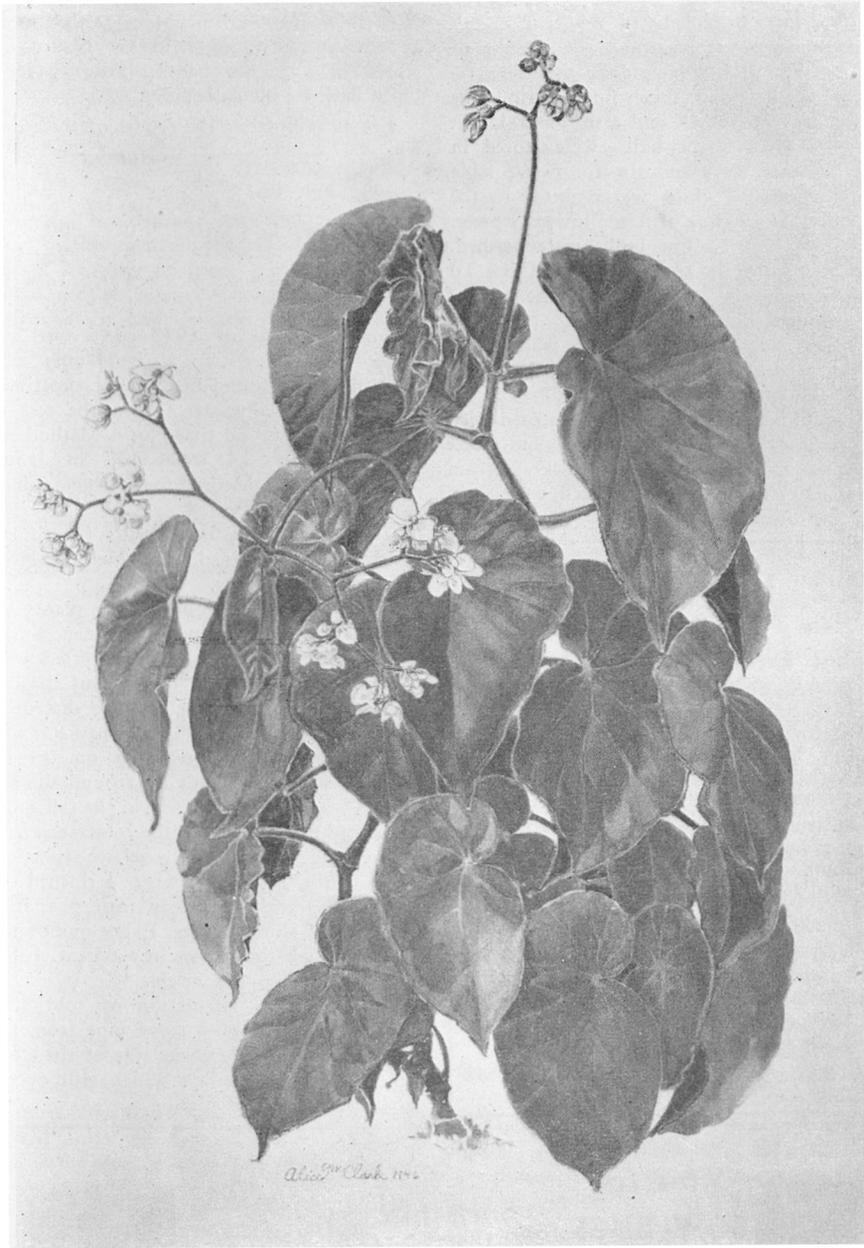
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Begonia Braemar

Winter Storage of Tuberous Begonias

By CHARLES O. DEAN (Mass.)

• Our editor has requested that I give my personal experience regarding the storage of tuberous begonias. I have done some experimental work along these lines during the winter of 1944-1945 and also 1945-1946.

In 1944-1945 the bulbs were stored in four different ways and the following table gives the results, which was reported in the November 1945 issue of *The Flower Grower*.

Method No. 1. The bulbs were washed, dried and stored in an open flat. Of the 10 bulbs stored, all came through the winter and sprouted nicely.

Method No. 2. The bulbs were washed and packed in dry peat moss. Of the 13 bulbs stored, 10 sprouted and 3 spoiled.

Method No. 3. The bulbs were stored with the soil attached to the roots and were sprinkled lightly all winter to keep them damp. Of the 7 bulbs so packed 6 were in good condition.

Method No. 4. The bulbs with the dirt attached were placed in berry baskets and stored in a potato barrel. There were 10 bulbs and 9 kept splendidly.

Let us summarize the results of these tests:

Method No.	Number		Percent of Spoilage
	Number of Bulbs	Bulbs Spoiled	
Method No. 1	10	0	00
Method No. 2	13	3	23 10/13
Method No. 3	7	1	14 6/7
Method No. 4	10	1	10

In the winter of 1945-1946 our bulbs were stored using two methods only which were those we found best in our experiments of the previous winter. From the test this last winter, I found that No. 4 Method storing 15 bulbs, 14 were O.K. in January and using No. 1 Method for storing 15 bulbs, 11 were O.K.

In checking the final results for the two winters, I ascertained that Method No. 4 gives the best results.

Before storing our bulbs, the plants were allowed to remain in the garden until a sharp frost killed them and then after cutting the stalks down at the junction of the bulb, I dug them with all the attached dirt on the roots, placing them in berry baskets which permit identification marking on the side, and also a circulation of air around the bulb.

The seedlings I dug early in the fall, potted them and placed them in the coldframe. When the nights became too cool, I transferred them to the greenhouse where I ripened them off, finally storing them in their pots in the same barrel as the others. Every one of them came through the winter in excellent shape—that of a nice round marble.

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San Francisco Annual Flower Show

By LILIAN ASHE, Sec. San Francisco Branch

● This year's Flower Show exceeded all its predecessors in beauty, perfection of blooms and displays. It attracted an unusual number of visitors, not only local and neighboring residents, but tourists from almost every State of the Union. The spacious rotunda of our City Hall furnished the most fitting location for this fascinating exhibition which is financially sponsored by the State of California.

Several local flower organizations participated in this event. The dahlias attracted attention by their immense sizes and richness of color. The roses were admired for their perfect shape and delicate fragrance. Weird cacti and succulents. Fuchsias were well represented by numerous standards and baskets of perfect form and infinite varieties. Huge displays of cut blooms skillfully arranged added immeasurably to the general ensemble.

The Begonia section contained a diversity of Tuberous, Rex and Fibrous types. Mr. William Sharp, the manager of the Begonia Exhibit, used a new method in arranging the displays which added much to their attractiveness. Cut blooms and flower arrangements were placed on tables, with potted plants on stepped-up benches in the background. Cascades of begonias trailing out of hanging baskets were suspended from tall stands. The old timers agreed that they had never seen a better and more colorful display than this year—the blooms were never so perfect, never so ruffled and frilled. These exquisite flowers aroused keen interest among the visitors. We sold almost 300 Bulletins on the culture of begonias and could have disposed of considerably more if our supply did not run out.

The first prize among all the other flower societies was awarded to the San Francisco Branch of the American Begonia Society for its spectacular flower arrangement made by Mrs. Theresa Ferrero. We also received the second prize for the general display of assorted plants. Mrs. Hyacinth Smith won the Trophy Sweepstake for beginners and Mrs. Merrill Butler for the amateurs. In the commercial division, The Waltz Begonia Gardens presented a striking assortment of Rexes which won the first prize. For the Tuberous type, the first prize was awarded to the McMills.

The Golden Gate Park Conservatory also had a fine exhibit containing an exceedingly attractive collection of Tuberous Begonias.

Our show enjoyed an extraordinary success this year; there were more entries than ever before and a fine spirit of cooperation prevailed among the members.

ROUND ROBIN NEWS

By FRANCES DOWNING, Calera, Ala.

● We are ready to start Greenhouse Management R.R. #2. Dr. Drummond, Director of this Robin is very pleased with the progress of the group. The SOILS R.R. grows slowly. Several members are needed before it can start flying.

The House Plant Robin grew quickly and #2 must soon be started.

The Epiphyllum Robin #2 needs a new Director. There is room for several members in this group. For lovely epiphyllum blossoms next spring one must handle these plants with care during the winter months ahead. Join this Robin if you need help—or if you are willing to share your knowledge of the Orchid Cactus with others.

The Advanced Semperflorens #3 awaits new members, and the Small Leaved group is almost complete. #2 will soon be started.

The following groups await new members eagerly: Orchid R.R.; Herbs; Impatiens; Terrarium and Dish-Garden Plants.

These Round Robins have been asked for:

Poolside Plants; Primroses; Propagation of Begonias from Cuttings; Garden Photography and Garden Gossip. The latter will deal with bits of news its members find in articles and books and from other R.R. members. It will be a very informal Robin and will appeal to those Begoniaites who indulge in much arm-chair gardening.

To you who will have a surplus of begonia cuttings this fall—won't you please send me a list of the varieties you will have and share these cuttings with Begonia fans everywhere? Sources of begonia plants are so few. Collectors are more than glad to pay for cuttings and the postage. Only through sharing our surplus cuttings by scattering them far and wide, can we hope to preserve some of our rarer begonias and to give the BEGONIA its rightful place in the floral world.

Outside of California the begonia is a little known plant. Very few people grow more than the Lucerna, Beefsteak, Grapeleaf and the semperflorens types. As you and I know, a bewitched begonia collector could never be satisfied with just these four groups. I'll be looking for your lists.

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Letter to the Armchair Explorers

By SKIPPER FLORENCE CARRELL

● Your Skipper wasn't disappointed because only a few Armchair Explorers were in attendance at the Convention in San Diego last month. Although we would have liked very much to have talked with you about BEGONIA SEED, we knew you were staying home in order to give those rare Begonia seedlings the kind of attention that you alone can give them. Another year at convention time, we will have some of our rare Begonias from the tropics on display, and try to find ourselves a little corner where we can meet and get acquainted. Let's make plans for this.

We want to report on Begonia seed just received. From the Dominican Republic of the West Indies comes seed of two different kinds of Begonias, one semi-recumbent and the other a tall growing species. From Mulford Foster in Colombia comes seed of an unnamed Begonia. We know he now has his collecting equipment and we can be expecting more Begonia seeds from him before long. From Mexico we received seed of a variety of the *Heraceifolia* Begonia.

We want to express our thanks to Mrs. E. T. Boeshar, 4634 Prospect Ave., Hollywood 27, Calif. for her generous help with the Seed Fund this past season. Mrs. Boeshar made over 2000 of those tiny glassine seed envelopes for us all gratis. This has been a wonderful help to your Skipper and Mrs. Boeshar promises to continue with her fine work. We all thank you, Mrs. Boeshar. So you see the Skipper has a Mate!

Have you sent in your \$2 for passage on this new Armchair exploration adventure? If

First Garden Visitation by Foothill Branch

By CRYSTAL E. REED, Glendora, Calif.

● Regardless of the hot weather a splendid representative group met for the first Garden visitation of the FOOTHILL BRANCH at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Heffner. They have a very fine assortment of tuberous, Rex and fibrous begonias and a good collection of other shade plants, then on to the home of Mrs. Reynolds, whose specialty is Funchias. Mrs. Clark's garden in Uplands was a life-time work from which much pleasure is derived. After Luncheon we visited the Nursery of Mr. and Mrs. Zug who specialize in all types of begonias.

Mrs. Thomas, also in San Dimas, has a lovely garden. In Azusa we visited Mr. and Mrs. Wood who surrounded their home with a large shade garden with water pools for coolness. Mr. Woods has his specialty garden of Cacti and other succulents at the rear of the shade garden. Mr. and Mrs. Heth showed us how to achieve success with begonias and other shade plants by using canvas protection from sun and wind.

The day was finished with the sight of the beautiful conservatory of Dan and Grace White. They also had a fine display of gardenias and other lovely flowering shrubs. A big day filled with delightful enjoyment.

not, and you think you will be wanting seed to plant in the spring, better get your name on the list. Remember "The early bird always catches the worm" and if you are late you may find the choicest items gone. Join us and have lots of fun.

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THE DIRECTORS ROUND ROBIN

By BESSIE R. BUXTON, Peabody, Mass.

● One of our members is doing some hybridizing. She picks a wide open flower which shows pollen grains, and rubs it over the pistil of another flower, then lays it aside and repeats the process each day until the seed pod begins to enlarge, usually three or four days later. This method is better than using a brush, for much pollen is lost in transferring it. If one desires to keep the pollen for a time, dry the flower and store in a small bottle.

Naphthalene flakes are recommended for various pests. Use one quarter cup of the flakes or of crushed moth balls in the bottom of a paper bag. Set the plant in the bag, close and leave over night in a warm place. Or flakes may be sprinkled on the soil and removed in the morning.

We are still discussing the merits and demerits of sawdust, and a Florida member concluded that the fatal results she had using a sawdust mulch was because the sawdust was from pine trees, from which turpentine is made. When the sawdust was wet, the resulting liquid containing some turpentine, leached out of the sawdust.

The members of the tuberous group are planning a scrap book, with pictures of the members and their blooming plants. Clippings from magazines, colored pictures from catalogs and short personal notes about each member are included. When sufficient material is assembled, the book will be hand-bound and mailed to each member for inspection.

The Rex Robin suggests a mixture for their favorite begonia, of one quarter each, loam, manure, leaf mold (or peat) and sand, with a little fish meal added. A Rex lover who lives in a north apartment with very little sun, finds that the Rexes bloom better than the fibrous kinds, and the Rex Purple Glory has bloomed for more than a year. She buys her leaf mold at a drug store, also French's Bird Gravel to use for sand. City dwellers will have their favorite plants, in spite of handicaps! She advises the use of small pots because the Rex leaves rot if they touch the soil or the side of the pot. Chlorinated water will cause them to drop their leaves, so rain water is used. A California member propagates Rex by cutting a circle just above the stem and inserting the stem in soil with the leaf circle flat on the soil. The rest of the leaf was cut into wedges and set, point down, in moist sand. From one Rex leaf, many plants may be obtained in this way.

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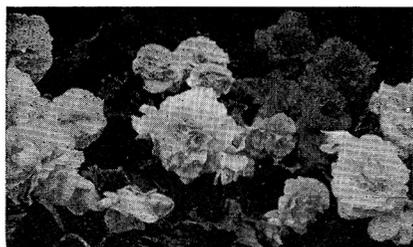
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LOOKING FORWARD

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Your Editor.

Ventura Flower Show

By JESSE A. POOLE, Glendale, Calif.

● A really beautiful display, a monument to the untiring work of the sponsors, The Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch of the A.B.S. The Ventura Flower Show held on July 26, 27 and 28 was both educational and thoroughly enjoyable.

The large gymnasium of the Junior College was completely filled with the display; commercial exhibits, specimen flower blooms, a section for regular flower arrangements, and another for miniatures.

The commercial exhibits were varied: a large display of Burpee's giant zinnias, a shade garden filled with ferns, begonias, etc.; miniature gardens and jungles in large and small glass bowls, and many other features.

The cut flower section was filled with tables decorated with silver and black and covered with vases filled with beautiful blossoms, each marked with a card telling the correct botanical name, the variety and in some cases, the common name, together with name of exhibitor.

The flower arrangements were beautifully staged with perfect flowers and accessories. You would have to see the miniatures to believe my words of enthusiasm, tiny vases with still tinier flowers, little gold shoes filled with greenery and tiny flowers of scarlet and yellow, a small bunch of Cecil Brunner roses so perfect that all remembrance of the container is gone, and a complete bridal scene

in miniature, are only a few of them.

The special display for begonias and other shade loving plants was well planned and occupied a lath house which took up one entire corner of the gymnasium.

After careful inquiry I found that the mechanical work of the show was as follows: First, the date is set by the Ventura Branch, the executive board then selects a chairman, usually one of their own group, he in turn selects the chairman for each of the sections. About five committee meetings are held prior to the show and the last one is just a few days before the opening of the show in order that every one may get a complete picture of the final plans.

The City of Ventura and its capable Chamber of Commerce deserves a great deal of credit for the show's success. Since I am asked to tell you of their part in this annual event, this is the picture as I see it: During the initial stages of the planning the committee draws up and submits to the City of Ventura a proposed plan with budget of the estimated cost. As soon as this is approved the show is on. To make it clear, the City of Ventura pays all bills.

One more important feature then remains to be taken care of, that is the labor required for the physical arrangements of the show. This is how that important item is managed. The tables are erected and the designing of the display is the work of the Superintendent of Parks. This one item alone is a three-day job and requires the complete covering of the floor with waterproofed paper, the construction of the tables, lath house, niches for flower arrangements, etc. At previous shows the vases were furnished by the Ventura Branch, but because these were destroyed by fire last year, it was necessary to purchase almost 500 new vases for this show. This expenditure was now also born by the city.

Meetings were held by the Committee Chairmen and the Superintendent of Parks in the Chamber of Commerce offices. Publicity was handled by the Chamber of Commerce Secretary who attended all meetings, the publicity was furnished by the chairmen of the different sections and by the contact chairman, and the releases were carefully timed. Three "ads" appeared in the Ventura papers, one in various neighboring towns. In addition to this a full page was purchased in THE BEGONIAN.

With these arrangements out of the way, the next question was "where to get the flow-



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ers?" Private homes were contacted by telephone or by personal calls, and one of the advertisements contained an appeal to the public to exhibit. Invariably when chairmen had asked for 5 or 6 tables it was necessary to add more tables to their section to take care of the quantity of flowers brought in. This created last minute changes and the able assistants of the Park Department soon overcame the difficulty.

The most unique feature of the show (this was the seventh annual presentation) is that it is *non-competitive and the admission free*. Even commercial space is gratis! This year the show drew an attendance of over 5,000, with 28 states and two Canadian Provinces shown on the registry. The A.B.S. offers ribbons and certificates to exhibitors of begonias but Ventura does not ask or desire this. Being non-competitive the disappointments and chagrin of the losers are avoided. People exhibit because they love their flowers and not for the honor of acquiring a ribbon or certificate. Maybe Ventura has something!

What prompts such an exhibit? What warrants the terrific amount of labor involved in setting up the physical side of the show? There seems to be but one answer: the members of the Ventura Branch enjoy the work and are anxious for others to share their joy in the floral beauty they so love. The wide awake city of Ventura is far sighted enough to realize the publicity value of the exhibition and to back it unreservedly.

One criticism. While groups of people constantly gathered around the miniature lath house where the begonias were housed, I did not see a single piece of A.B.S. literature being offered to the public. What a grand opportunity was missed. Did the Ventura Branch slip up on this detail? Possibly so, but the National Officers did too, for they were the recipient of a full page advertisement well in advance of the show and this should have been sufficient to have called for a bombardment of Ventura with A.B.S. literature . . . and a word of praise to the student body of the Junior College for the exceptional shade garden they have created on the grounds. If you go to Ventura be sure and go over and see it.

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CONDENSED MINUTES 8th Annual Meeting & Flower Show, American Begonia Society, held in Presidio Park, San Diego, Calif. under the auspices of the San Diego Branch, A.B.S.

Meeting called to order at about 2 p.m. President Hart in the Chair. Board members present Messrs. Hart, Lawrence, Nelson, Dere, Hawkins; Mesdames Wilkes, McRae, Weber, Drummond, Crowder, Carrell, Hartwell.

Community Singing of "Star Spangled Banner" opened the meeting.

Dr. Collins, President San Diego Branch, gave a cordial welcome to everyone and introduced Mr. Austin, Vice Mayor of San Diego, who again welcomed the Association and assured us that San Diego was more than happy to be host to such a gathering—

Reading of minutes 7th Annual meeting and Inspection of Plants in the Robinson Memorial, Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, Calif. Sept. 16th, 1945, read and approved as read.

Yearly reports of Treasurer, Business Manager, and Editor, Membership Fees Chairman, Public

Our New Officers of the American Begonia Society

● From all sides congratulations have been extended to the new officers who will devote the next year to the guiding of our fame and fortune:

President: George Lawrence, President Elect: Mrs. Mary Hazel Drummond, Treasurer. "Bill" Walton, and Director Hugh Hixon.

These with the officers carried over have an interesting period ahead of them, but the success can only be measured by the closeness of the cooperation of all members with them. Upon this unity of purpose rests real success—this year and every year.

WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER

Tuberous: When the foliage begins to turn yellow water less often, then cease watering entirely, turn pots on sides and let the tops drop off of their own accord. Pulling will injure the bulb. Dry tubers thoroughly and store in dry place.

Fibrous: Less water is needed as nights get colder.

Rex: Add fresh leafmold around the top of the pots if needed. Water less since this is the beginning of their resting period.

Seed: Seed of fibrous begonias can be planted now, place seed pan in warm place and cover with glass, keep soil moist.

Do all watering before noon.

Relations and Speaker's Bureau, Librarian, Seed Fund Chairman read, and on motion accepted as read and made part of the minutes.

President appointed Mr. Hefner, Chairman, Mrs. McRae and Mr. Prince as a committee to tally the votes and report as soon as completed.

President Hart extended a welcome to all members to attend the meetings of the National Board, A.B.S. held in the Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, on the 4th Monday of each month.

Capt. Dere sent out an S.O.S. for copies of the Sept., 1945 and January, 1946 issues of the Begonian as his supply is entirely exhausted.

Mr. Hefner stated the votes had been tallied and they wished to report as follows:

Mrs. Mary Hazel Drummond, President Elect.
Mr. Walton (of the Inglewood Branch) Treasurer
Mr. Hixon (Parent Branch Long Beach) Director for 3 years. Committee thanked and dismissed.

MATTERS DISCUSSED BUT NO DEFINITE ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME

Meeting place for the 1947 Annual Meeting and Flower Show Trial Growing Grounds for begonias—grounds to be located in different sections of the country and reports to be made available.

More publicity be given the new hybrids that are being grown.

Suitable medals or awards be created to recognize these outstanding plants.

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Dr. Lauder asked for a report on the Robinson Memorial, President Hart reported briefly, but promised soon to have an article in the Begonian giving a detailed report.

Mrs. Clark reported that Mr. Robinson's original Nursery is now taken over by Mrs. Hunter.

Mrs. Crowder reported she had some of the Bessie Buxton Books on hand should anyone wish to purchase them.

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned to meet again in the Banquet Room, Woman's Club House at 7 p.m. Dr. Collins, Presiding:

Prest. Hart lead in singing "God Bless America." Mr. Alfred Hottes speaker, gave a very interesting and humorous talk on plant names and their significance which was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Bailey presented the awards to the winners in the Begonia Show.

Installation of newly elected officers by Mr. Dyckman, Founder of the American Begonia Society, was a nice ending for a busy joyous day.

Eighteen Branches represented at the banquet. 330 persons were seated at the tables.

1358 persons signed the guest book.

Introductions were made, Committees mentioned and thanked, and the sincere appreciation of the National Board was given the San Diego Branches and all who helped to make this a show outstanding in Flower Shows and so well managed as to work with clock-like precision.

At the conclusion of the meeting A. E. Nelson, as Past President once removed, presented from the Society to Mr. Hart an Eversharp, Everlasting Fountain Pen as a gift of appreciation for his fine leadership and inspiration.

Goodbyes were said and "thanks a lot" and the Convention was over though many of the visitors stayed over for the Inspection Tours on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted.

GONDA HARTWELL, Corres. Sec.

FLOWER SHOW CALENDAR

OCTOBER 5th: GLENDALE BEGONIA SOCIETY—SHOW AND DINNER.

Show 1 p.m. 'til 6:30. Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 No. Central.

Dinner tickets, \$1.65 each; 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2nd, 3-9 P.M. — NOVEMBER 3rd, 2-7 P.M.:

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Meeting Dates and Places

The next meeting of the American Begonia Society Board will take place in Model Room
Los Angeles Library—Grand Street Entrance, Monday, Oct. 28th at 7:30 p.m.

THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD BRANCH

Tuesday, October 1st, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C. H. 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.
Mrs. Harry Meyer, Secretary, 111 Leighton Dr.

BELLFLOWER BRANCH

Wednesday, October 2nd, 6 p.m., "Pot Luck"
Home of: J. W. Jensen, 615 E. Flower St.
Bellflower, Calif.
Mrs. Ardell Radle, 920 Flower St.,
Bellflower, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

Wednesday, October 2nd, 7:45 p.m.
American Legion Hall, 1641 Taraval St.
Secretary, Mrs. Walter Ashe, 1855 - 33rd Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

Thursday, October 3rd.
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 So. Main St., Orange.
Mrs. E. K. Burdick, Sec.-Treas., Rt. 4, Box 296,
Anaheim, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

Friday, October 4th, 8 p.m.
Woman's Club House, 1003 Azusa Ave., Azusa.
Mrs. James M. Reid, Secretary
643 No. Wabash Ave., Glendora, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

Tuesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m.
Pasadena Public Library
Lester F. Harrell, Sec.-Treas.
668 Bellefontaine St., Pasadena, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

Tuesday, October 8th, 8 p.m.
Mrs. Helen Hansen, Sec.-Treas.
9757 Magnolia, Arlington, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

Thursday, October 10th, 8 p.m.
325 No. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.
Mrs. Mildred Dressel, Secretary
432 W. Fairview, Inglewood, Calif.
"Country Store," Capt. Roy Dere.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.,
Mrs. Roslyn Duval, Secretary
843 N. Sierra Bonita, Los Angeles, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

Thursday, October 10th, 2-4 p.m.
Neighborhood House, 800 Santa Barbara St.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.
Mrs. Stanley Pateman, Sec.-Treas.
P. O. Box 17, Goleta, Calif.

CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS BRANCH

Friday, October 11th, 7:30 p.m.
Mrs. Esther L. Randall, Sec., 3638 Cerritos Ave.
Long Beach 7, Calif.
Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ailmon,
4404 Greenbrier Rd., Lakewood Village.

SEQUOIA BRANCH

Friday, October 11th, 7:30 p.m.
Members' Homes.
Mrs. Albert Lowery, Secretary,
620 W. Grove St., Visalia, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

Monday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall, 57th St. and Dairy Ave.
Mary Hotalling, Sec.-Treas.
324A Temple Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

Monday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m.
La Mesa Grammar School, La Mesa, Calif.
Sec.-Treas.: Mrs. J. Porter Hock
5881 Vale Way, San Diego 5

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

Monday, October 14th, 8 p.m.
42 East Market St., North Long Beach, Calif.
Miss Gladys Bullard, Secretary,
2651 Easy St., Long Beach, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA CLUB BRANCH

Irregular Meetings
May T. Drew, Pres.
Box 331, Narbeth, Pa.

SO. ALAMEDA CO. BRANCH

Thursday, October 15th, 8 p.m.
Scout Room, Markham School, Hayward, Calif.
Sec.-Treas.: Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss
26706 Monte Vista Dr., Hayward, Calif.

EVA KENWORTHY GRAY BRANCH

Monday, October 21st
Community House, LaJolla
Tillie Genzer, Sec.-Treas.
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

WHITTIER BRANCH

Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
Union High School, Room 19,
Lindley Ave. entrance, Whittier, Calif.
Madeleine Hall, Secretary,
509 Friends Ave., Whittier, Calif.

EAST BAY BRANCH

Tuesday, October 22nd, 8 p.m.
Council Chambers, Berkeley City Hall
Dick G. Goodnow, Secretary,
2519 Milvia St., Berkeley 4, Calif.

MARGARET GRUENBAUM BRANCH

Mrs. W. E. Jones, Sec., Willow Grove, Pa.

GLENDALE BRANCH

Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
329 No. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Calif.
Mrs. Helen Grigsby, Secretary
958 E. Mountain, Glendale 7, Calif.

ALFRED D. ROBINSON BRANCH

Friday, October 25th, 7:30 p.m.
Loma Portal School
3341 Browning St., San Diego, Calif.
Mrs. J. J. Howarth, Secretary,
4319 Del Mar Ave., San Diego 7, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

Friday, October 25th, 8:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
720 N. First Ave., Arcadia, Calif.
Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Secretary
132 May Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH

Monday, October 28th, 7:30 p.m.
Mrs. Charles A. Nicholson, Jr.
9400 N.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

Monday, October 28th
Hard of Hearing Hall, 3843 Herbert Ave.
Mrs. A. P. Carlton, Sec.-Treas.
624 Arroyo Dr., San Diego 1, Calif.

SANTA MARIA BRANCH

Sec.-Treas.: Mrs. Peter Mehlschau
Nipomo, Calif.

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