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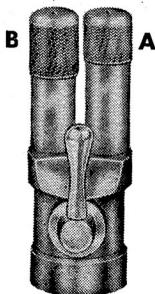


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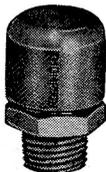
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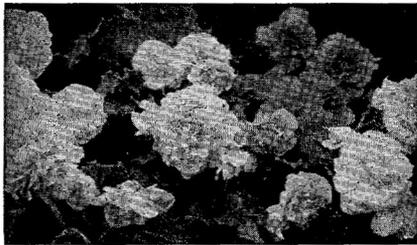
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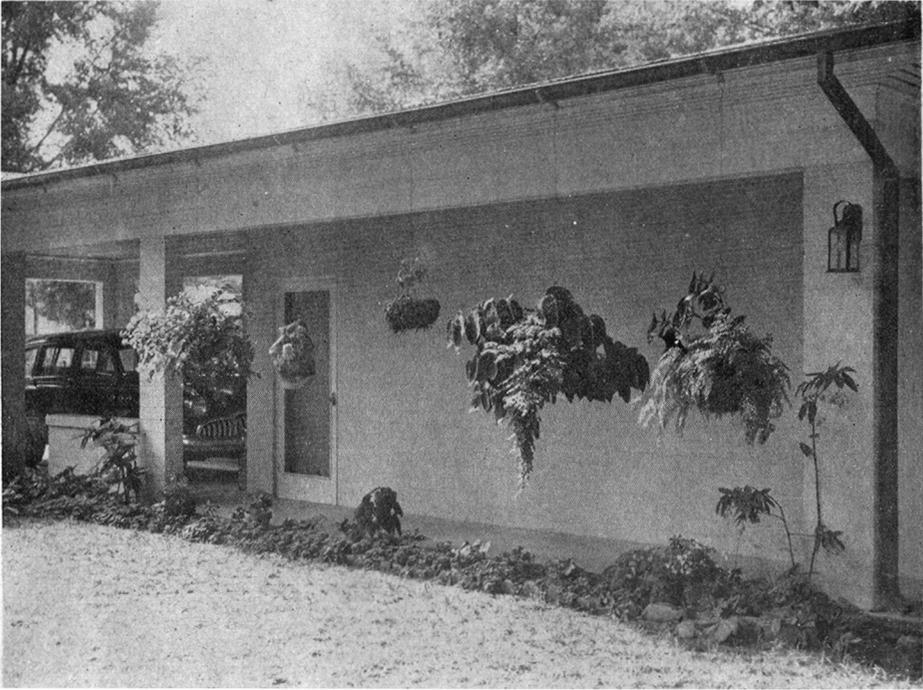
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My Begoniarium

... as told to Wm. Henningsen, Photographer, Orlando, Florida
By Mrs. George R. Crisler, Winter Park, Florida



A House Planned for Begonias—Mrs. George R. Crisler, Winter Park, Florida

When my husband was stationed at Santa Ana, Calif., during the war, we rented a beautiful house belonging to Mrs. Stella Ross. This home had a large conservatory and it was then we became interested in Begonias and hot house plants. On our return from the Air Forces in 1946, we soon found a lot and had our house plans drawn up to accommodate Rex, Cane, Hanging Basket and Tuberous Begonias in the Court. (Shown in picture 1).

Although we moved into our new home in March, 1947, we were unable to obtain any Begonias until the fall of 1948. Our first try to germinate Begonia seeds which we had brought from California three years earlier was unsuccessful. After repeated failures to find Begonias locally, Helen Winquist consented to order them so that I might have a source of supply through her nursery. There are now a number of places in Winter Park, Orlando and Zellwood, where many varieties of Begonias can be purchased.

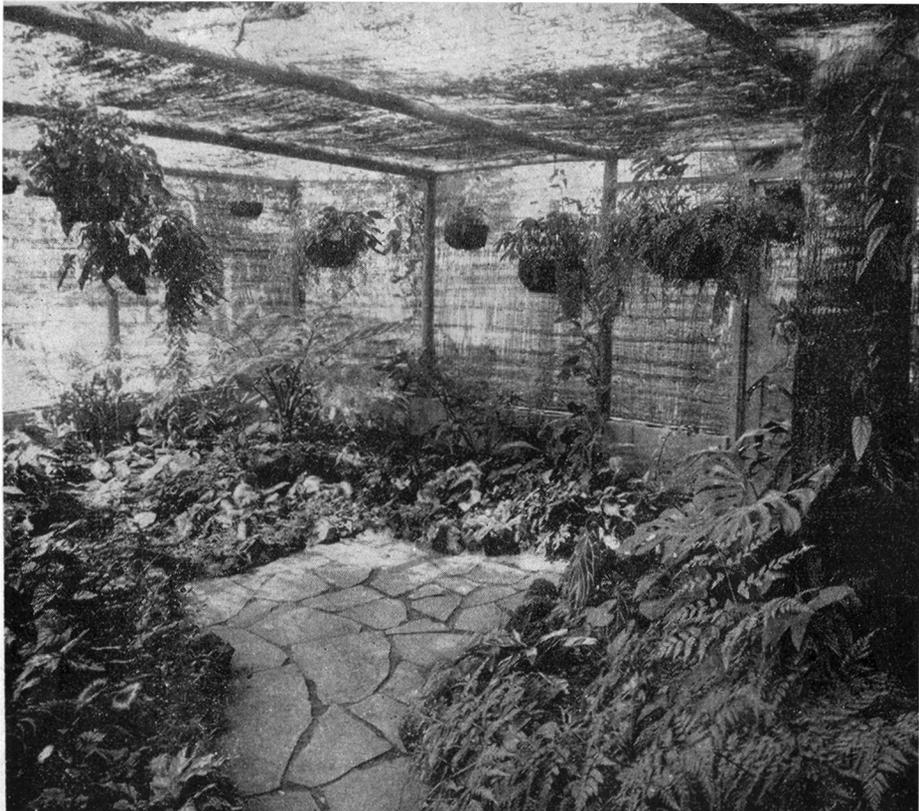
We soon overflowed the original, planned areas and on checking discovered that an 18' x 25' Begoniarium would be less expensive

than a greenhouse. This Begoniarium using war-excess camouflage wire netting, cypress poles, coquina rocks for terracing and fabricated flagstones for paths, was completed April 28, 1949. (Picture 2 shows the view from the entrance.)

We now have over 400 Begonia plants, comprising over two hundred varieties. A large number of baby plants is not included in the above counts. By the end of last summer the Begoniarium was no longer adequate, so the overflow was transferred to beds under oak and guava trees.

Just six months after acquiring the Begonias, they won the Sweepstake prizes in the Winter Park and Orlando Garden Club Shows. In the 1950 Garden Show in Winter Park, they won the blue ribbon in the Special Collection Section consisting of eight entries. They were also entered in a non-competitive First All Begonia Show in Central Florida at Mead Botanical Gardens. As these plants were dug out of the ground for the Show, they suffered a set back because the pots were

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View from entrance of Mrs. Crisler's Begoniarium

not adequate for the enormous root system. I was highly pleased when the Begoniarium was included in the Annual Winter Park Garden Tour made in late February, 1950.

(The blooming African Violet shown in Picture 3 was grown from a leaf in the ground.)

Last fall, the hurricane which went west of Orlando and gave us gusts of eighty mile wind velocity did not harm any plant in the Begoniarium or under the oak trees. The only damage seemed to be small brown spots on the leaves not protected by the cement wall, which I attribute to the salt water in the wind and rain. Since they can take wind and torrential rains, I am not very careful with the hose when I water. They may be watered at high noon with the sun filtering through the wiring without any damage to the leaves. When the thermometer goes to 85°, I sprinkle the camouflage wiring, to simulate an enormous air cooler as used in the West. This will drop the temperature from 5 to 10° in a few minutes in spite of high humidity. When the temperature goes to 40°, the Begoniarium is protected on three sides by a shed and tarpaulins. If the tem-

perature goes still lower, paper is rolled across the top and a small kerosene stove set in the center of the walk way. This past winter, the plants became acclimated to the cold to the extent that uncovered African Violets in the ground under the oak trees bloomed profusely this spring.

Over six hundred people have signed the guest book and many others for one reason or other have seen the Begoniarium without signing the book. This fact evidences an increasing interest in Begonias in Florida and for that reason, although the Begoniarium is not open to the public, any plant lover who is in this vicinity is invited to pay it a visit.

(Editor's note: The A. B. S. wishes to thank Mrs. Crisler for her kind invitation and we personally hope many Californians as well as those from other states will have an opportunity to visit Florida during the coming year and see these beautiful gardens. If you do, please contact your Editor upon your return and share your experiences with The Begonian and its readers. We also thank Mr. Henningsen for the use of his superb photographs and article.)

*** Florida: Visit California in September ***



Intimate detail of planting in Mrs. George R. Crisler's Begoniarium

Library Notes

There is much new material of interest to report to the membership this month—The following books have been added to the library for circulation:

GUIDE TO EASTERN FERNS by Edgar T. Wherry—the author a professor of Botany at the University of Pennsylvania and former president of the American Fern Society—this book should prove of value to all gardeners since each fern is well illustrated and thoroughly described.

THE AFRICAN VIOLET by Helen Van Pelt Wilson—added to the library to meet the constant demand for more material on this plant since interest of even our begonia fans has grown by leaps and bounds during the past year.

BOTRYTIS STEM ROT OF TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIA by C. M. Tompkins in *HILGARDIA*, Vol. 19, No. 13, Febr., 1950, should prove of interest to all who have had difficulty with this type of begonia. This paper discusses the symptoms of the disease, the casual organism and control measures and is well illustrated.

PLANTS AND GARDENS Vol. 5, 1949—the publication of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, profusely illustrated and one of our finest garden publications.

JOURNAL OF THE CALIFORNIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—Vol. X, 1949—should prove of interest to any gardener in the country for its fine descriptive material.

CALIFORNIA GARDEN—Vol. 40, 1949, the oldest garden magazine in California and founded by our own Alfred D. Robinson,—Mrs. Clark served last year as editor.

PLANT LIFE, Vol. 5, 1949, the year book of the American Plant Life Society containing the Gesneriaceae edition and *HERBERTIA*, Australian edition with the usual fine monographs on Amaryllidaceae.

Kindly note that the last four books mentioned are bound copies of some of the exchange material received by the American Begonia Society during the past year and should prove of value to lovers of plants of any kind. May I suggest that you add all of the above to your present library list and request at your leisure for good reading and research.

Gladys C. Nolan, *Librarian*

NEW EASTERN BRANCH WELCOMED BY THE A. B. S.

A hearty welcome to the Elsa Fort Branch of New Jersey—our sixth branch on the Northeast Coast.

The first New Jersey Branch was organized under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Fort of Merchantville, New Jersey. Mrs. Fort will continue to sponsor the new Branch which was named in her honor. Glowing reports of the activities of the group insure a bright future for the Elsa Fort Branch.

Mrs. Arianna Paynter, Branch Representative Director, writes, "The first South Jersey Branch was organized in April, 1950, and is now thriving with eleven keenly interested members. At the May meeting the Branch adopted its Constitution and By-laws. After a display and short study of many varieties of Begonia, belonging to the hostess and President, Mrs. Essie Morris, a short quiz by Mrs. Fort followed, and a Begonia brought to the meeting by Mrs. Fort was awarded to the member having the most answers correct. The June meeting discussion was centered on Rex Begonias, which have been purchased by several of our members, and on the tuberous Begonias, which are being started by various members. At the July meeting Mrs. Harlena White, one of the members, presented a paper on The Tuberous Begonia and a discussion of the topic followed. With the coming of summer we are now happily anticipating our Branch picnic, during which we will observe and enjoy nature in general."

Mrs. Essie V. Morris, Lawnside, N. J., has been elected as first President of the Branch; Mrs. Marion R. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Arianna Paynter, Representative Director; and Mrs. Nancy E. Barnes, Chaplain. Mrs. Lucia H. Jackson was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee.

Branch meetings will be held in the homes of the members.

The Elsa Fort Branch was voted upon and accepted as an official Branch of the American Begonia Society by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting June 28th, 1950.

We are happy to have The Elsa Fort Branch welcomed as a member of our A. B. S. family, knowing they will be a worthy addition. We extend our best wishes and assurance of our whole-hearted support.

Louise Schwerdtfeger, Dir. of Pub. Rel.

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In Memoriam

R. G. (Scotty) Hudson, died July 7th after a heart attack at his home in Huntington Beach.

Member of the Orange County Branch of the A.B.S., Mr. Hudson was a peerless grower of the tuberous begonia and added great impetus to the culture of these magnificent flowers in Southern California. He was president of Pacific Flower Shows, Inc., which staged the magnificent Long Beach shows. He was also an enthusiastic member of the Fuchsia Society and an active force in all his community civic affairs.

Although born in Sydney, Australia, he had lived in Huntington Beach for 16 years. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Hazel D. Hudson, a daughter and two step-daughters and one brother, all in Southern California, and two sisters in Sydney, Australia.

He contributed fine articles on his techniques of growing begonias to this magazine and our branch and the entire American Begonia Society express our sympathy to Mr. Hudson's family and our regret in the loss of a great friend and plantsman.

—Helen Meyer



A request has been made for a new Robin that will deal with the culture, growth habits, blooming period, and dormancy of the newer begonias. We will need a Director. Who will offer to direct this Robin?

The Lone Star House Plant Robins are making fine progress and the No. 3 group is being formed.

We still have room for several members in the "Nut House" Robin No. 4. These groups deal with the problems of growing rex begonias under adverse conditions. Members of these Robins report with glee that their "rexes are alive and happy all because of the Know-How they have received" from their Robins.

Oregon members have asked for a Semperflorens Robin for the West Coast.

The Pelargonium Robin for the West Coast awaits one more member and it will start flying.

Do share your surplus cuttings with other Begonia fans and let's help scatter our lovely

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Begonia Ricinifolia and Her Sisters

By Marie Minter, Encinitas, California

In trying to discuss any one group of begonias, one often runs into collectors who for one reason or another have tried to collect and correctly name a certain group which belong together. Such is the case with *B. ricinifolia* and its sisters. Some one suggested that in cases of doubt one should buy from several reliable dealers and, in a kind of "best two out of three," one could find the particular named variety that was wanted. This isn't always feasible for the average grower, not only from the monetary standpoint, but also from the fact that dealers do buy their stock from other dealers and if one makes a mistake in the name, others will follow suit. I have had to resort to this method of obtaining certain named begonias but it has been in cases where the original stock has disappeared but the original hybridizer has been able to identify the plant wanted. Such is not the case with *B. immense*, which will be discussed later.

It is in the hope of bringing a little light on the identification of this group that I am attempting to classify these begonias according to the color of the leaves and the size, from the largest to the smallest.

The two bronze-green leaved varieties in this group are *B. ricinifolia* and *B. Marion*. The latter originated at Rosecroft Gardens.

I realize that descriptions of coloring will vary considerably between growers on the west coast and those with shorter growing seasons and different light intensities, such as experienced on the east coast, and for those growers the color of the leaves will probably be on the dull dark-green cast with the plants showing the bronze overcast only during the summer when the plants receive more light.

In the dark green class I would put *B. ricinifolia magnifica*.

The bright, almost lettuce-green class includes *B. immense*, *B. Fisher's ricinifolia*, and *B. dwarf Fisher's ricinifolia*. The latter begonia comes to us from the Greentree Nursery, in Pennsylvania.

The largest leaved begonia in this group is *B. ricinifolia* which often has leaves 15 inches across. The next two largest are *B. immense* and *B. ricinifolia magnifica*. *B. Fisher's ricinifolia* and *B. Marion* belong to the medium sized group. Their leaves are about the size of a dinner plate. *B. dwarf Fisher's ricinifolia* has the smallest leaves and very seldom goes over the salad plate size. It will not equal the size of *B. Fisher's ricinifolia*

leaves and is more often grown throughout the mid-west and east. It is not common among growers on this coast.

B. immense is of obscure origin. We know that it was listed in the Rosecroft catalogs and all written descriptions seem to agree that the leaves are large and are on a shorter stem than those of others in this group. However, there seems to be much dissension between growers on this coast. Whether this particular plant has reverted to the smaller leaves of *B. Fisher's ricinifolia* or whether *B. immense* is still being grown by private collectors and just who has the correctly named plant of it, is still under discussion. The best description and picture we have is in Mrs. Gray's book. "No other name known, probably so-called because of its immense leaves and large cluster of flowers. Its growth is also immense. Leaves smooth and shiny on top, and at times tinted bronze; light green veins. Underside of leaf light green, tinted red, veins and stem hairy."

I can find no description of the color of flowers for this particular begonia except in an article in the Gardener's Chronicle some years back which credited this begonia with white flowers. If this is true, it is a radical departure from the pink flowers of all the rest of this group. However, if the description of the color was taken from a plant being grown on the east coast and from a plant blooming during the late part of the year, we may have to discount that small clue. It has been my experience that many of the plants having from light pink to dark pink flowers on this coast will fade out to white upon being grown in other sections of the country.

I have included in this little discussion the name of a begonia new to me this year, but one that has been grown for a number of years by a limited number of people. Whether *B. ricinifolia magnifica* is the true name of this plant is open to discussion. In Bailey's Cyclopaedia of Horticulture there is a description given of *B. ricinifolia* variety *gigantea odorata*, Hort., which seems to fit this begonia. "—is a double hybrid (*B. ricinifolia* and *B. fulgens* x *B. Scharffiana*) of German origin. Leaves large, round-cordate, the lobes extending one-third or less deep and notched; flowers on long scapes, standing above the leaves, delicate rose-color and with tea-rose odor."

I know this particular begonia has very

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fragrant pink flowers. It resembles *B. ricini-folia* in the shape of the leaves but the color of the leaves is more of a dark green rather than bronze green.

Your Editor Received -

A copy of the 1950 Year Book from the San Gabriel Valley Branch with a very attractive cover design combining the mission theme with begonias and containing synopses of the national and branch histories and many other items of reference interest as well as the roster of members. Things like this help a newcomer to a branch become quickly acquainted.

A note from photographer Garrison Clarke, 117 E. Arbor Vitae Street, Inglewood, California, that reproductions of photographs made by him for the Society may be obtained in the 8 x 10 inch size for 75c each and in the 5 x 7 inch size for 50c each.

A letter from Mrs. Alma Carnes of our active Hub City Branch (Compton, California) enclosing the following item with permission to print from *Home Town Happenings*—K F I—8:45 A. M., May 21, 1950—as taken from the *Los Angeles Farm Bureau News* for April, 1950:

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Surely not only the garden but the garden club planted with these vegetables is bound to grow!

Inquiries about the *Philodendron selloum* article by David Barry, Jr., President of The American Plant Life Society, whose publication "Plant Life" is in your A.B.S. Library. His California Jungle Gardens (page 164) is fascinating.

A letter from Author Degener reporting the safe arrival of four Hillebrandia corms at the New York Botanical Gardens and enclosing

a few seeds of the monospecific genus *Alsindendron* and the shrubby violet, *Viola trachelifolia*; both sound very interesting.

A lot of pleasure in visiting the extremely well-managed Ventura Flower Show; the Shepherd Branch and Mr. Knecht entered many very fine plants. The tallest plant in the show was in the College's propagation exhibit—a vine from Armchair Explorers' seed of *Hawaiian Wood Rose* about 10' tall! Also, a lot of joy in the success of the Santa Barbara Branch in its magnificent entries in that show—a fabulous tent-full of beauty!

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A YOUNG INITIATE



Bobbie Lodwick, Aged 5, and His Begonia Basket

Bobbie Lodwick, 5 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Coup, of Hollywood, watched Grandfather make so many baskets he thought he would like to try it himself. Marking his strips of wood and sawing them himself, he nailed them together like a veteran carpenter. Then he carefully examined all the begonias in their lath house and selected the one in the picture for his basket and presented it to his grandmother.

Mrs. Coup, a charter member of the Inglewood Branch and thereafter active in the Hollywood Branch, whose formation she assisted in 1941, is rightfully proud of her precocious grandson. Congratulations, Bobbie!

INGLEWOOD INVITES YOU TO ATTEND—

THE 18TH ANNUAL A.B.S. CONVENTION AND SHOW

Sponsored by the Inglewood Branch

On the next two pages you will see your Convention City for 1950. The large block of buildings appearing almost centrally on the right hand page is the Inglewood High School. The street bounding these buildings on the lower side, slanting diagonally across the pages from "A" to "A" is Manchester Blvd. The Crozier School is the building group at the lower right edge, one block from the High School marked "B." You are looking southwest from your airplane. The line of palm trees is on Grevillea Street fronting both the High School and Crozier School, at "B." Market Street, with the street car line runs from "C" to "C." We are a good deal bigger than we were last time we played host to you, in 1941! Happy landing!

MOTEL OR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
If you wish accommodations, get in touch with: Theresa C. Olmstead, 3652 Olympiad Drive, Los Angeles 43, California; phone AXminister 3-0898.

PLACE AND TIME: Inglewood High School, Manchester and Grevillea in Inglewood; Labor Day Week-end: *Saturday, September 2nd, and Sunday, September 3rd.* Annual Business Meeting will be held at the lovely new auditorium of Crozier School, which faces Grevillea Street just one and one-half blocks north of the High School.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 9:00 A. M.:
The Gymnasium (facing Manchester) will be open to receive island exhibits and competitive plants and will remain open as long as necessary to complete setting up island exhibits.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 7:00 A. M. TO 9:30 A. M.: The Gymnasium will be open to complete branch exhibits and receive competitive plants. All branch exhibits must be in place by 9:30 a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 8:00 A. M.: Registration of delegates and members will commence.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9:30 A. M. TO 1:00 P. M.: The Begonia Show will be closed for judging.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1:30 TO 10:00 P. M.: Begonia Show open to members and public. Registration fee for members is 50c; admission to the public is 50c.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2:30 P. M.: The Annual Business Meeting begins at the Crozier School.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 6:00 P. M.: The Banquet (tickets available through

Representative Directors—\$1.75 each) will begin promptly in the Study Hall of the High School, followed at 8:00 p. m. by the evening meeting:

Program

1. Presentation of awards to Begonia Show winners.
2. Installation of new officers for the ensuing year.
3. Feature of the Evening: Talk by Mr. Frank Reinelt, of Capitola, California.
Inglewood Branch President, Mr. Bert Slater, Master of Ceremonies.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 10:00 A. M. TO 10:00 P. M.: Begonia Show.

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

RIBBONS will be given for first, second, and third place.

Attractive **CASH AWARDS** will be given. Inglewood Branch Trophy will be given to the individual winning the most points, based on the following point system:

- 3 points for each 1st place.
- 2 points for each 2nd place.
- 1 point for each 3rd place.

American Begonia Society Certificates of Award will be given.

The following cups will be awarded:

Gonda Hartwell Cup for the **BEST REX BEGONIA** in the show.

Mary Hazel Drummond Cup for the **BEST TUBEROUS BEGONIA** in the show.

Effie Chapman Cup for the **BEST FIBROUS BEGONIA** in the show.

Gordon Baker Lloyd Cup for the **BEST RHIZOMATOUS BEGONIA** in the show.

President Bill Walton will award a cup to the **BEST 8 x 10 ISLAND** in the show.

Inglewood Branch Sweepstakes Award for the **BEST 8 x 18 ISLAND** in the show.

AMENDMENT TO SHOW RULE NO. 4

Competitive entries may be made up to 9:30 a. m. Saturday, September 2nd, but where possible please oblige the Show Committee by bringing them in by Friday, September 1st.

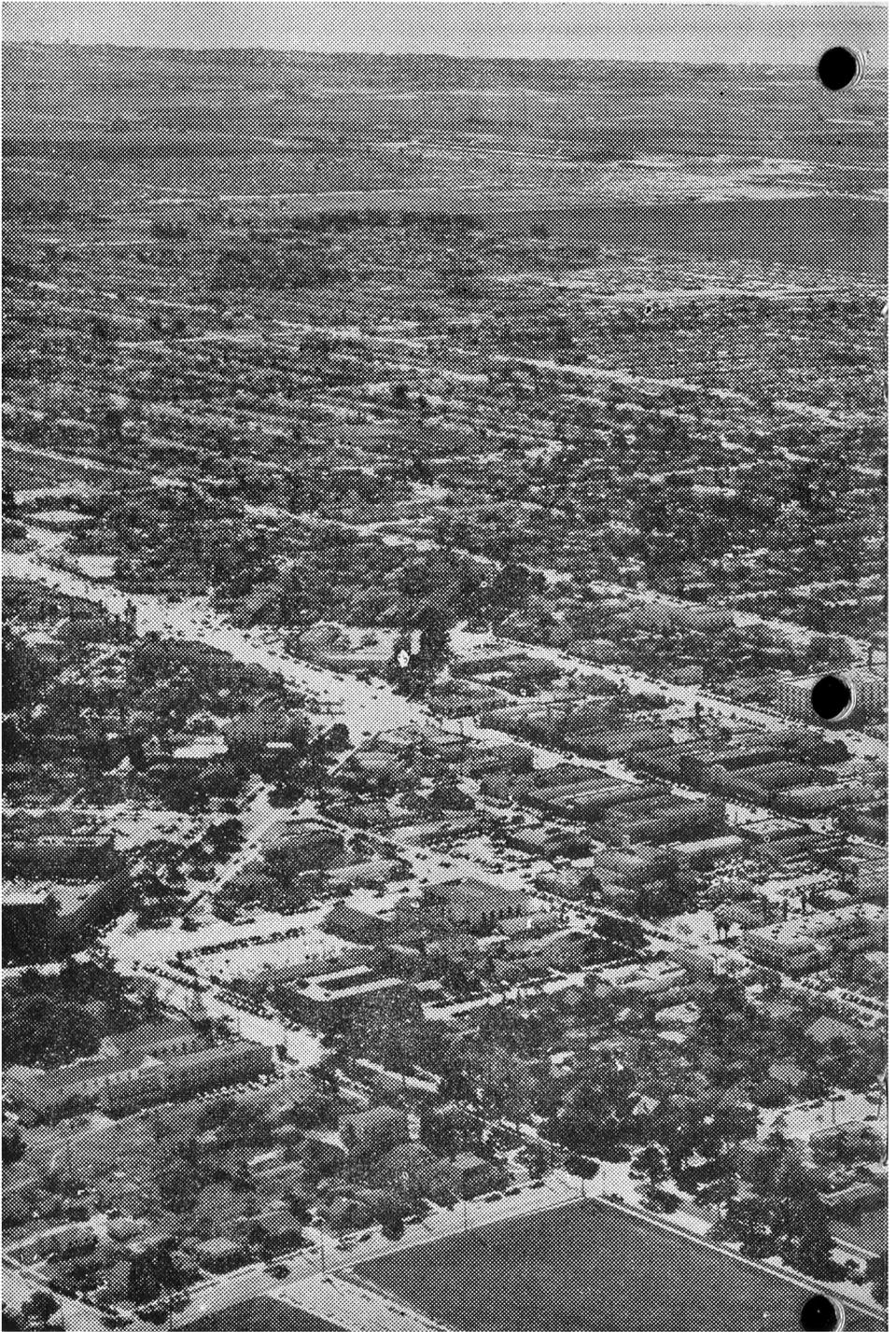
A WORD TO REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTORS

The National Board will appreciate your bringing or sending in a written Annual Report for use at the Convention. They may be mailed to Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, Secretary, American Begonia Society, 1719 Alamos Ave., Monrovia, California. They will be fastened together and be available for the members' perusal at the National Convention.

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Inglewood, California: Looking toward the Pacific Ocean

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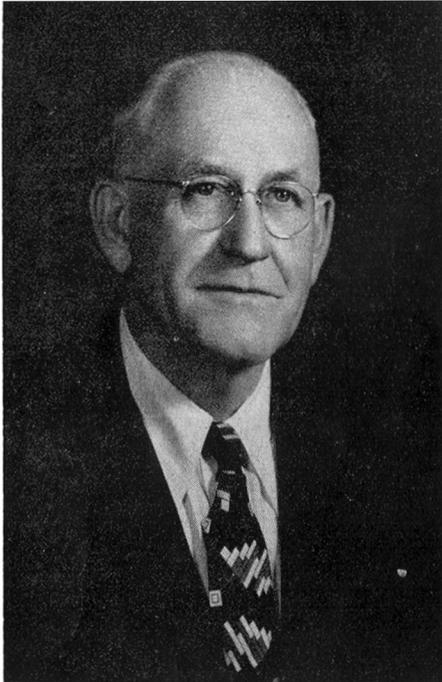
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Courtesy of the Inglewood Daily News

INTRODUCING FRANK S. MOORE A.B.S. PRESIDENT-ELECT



President-Elect Frank S. Moore

Portrait by Witzel

Born in Santa Monica, California, he is truly a native son. He received his education in the Los Angeles public schools and State Normal. Entering the electrical signal department of the Southern Pacific Railroad for a few years, he found the prospects limited and, noting that the welding industry was in its infancy, entered that field.

Later on, at the close of World War One he opened his own business and was at one location for 25 years, till World War Two. He then went into war production, taking charge of the welding department of one of the great aircraft plants. At the close of the war he took an extended vacation and during the past year has been with the University of California at Los Angeles Experimental Laboratory.

As a relaxation from these activities he and his wife, Violet, have for many years been interested in Begonias and shade plants and have acquired a fine collection and have become highly skilled growers.

They have both been active in the Glendale Branch, Frank having been President in 1948.

Visit the National Convention, September 2nd and 3rd, in Inglewood, and become acquainted with our good looking President-Elect.

PRESENTING YOUR NOMINEES

For President:

Mr. Calvin E. Trowbridge is a landscape gardener by profession and became interested in begonias upon recognizing the huge possibilities in this plant family. He was President of the Inglewood Branch in 1949 and this year is devoting a tremendous amount of time and energy to the Society as Treasurer and Flower Show Chairman.

Mr. Charles Richardson joined the Society in 1944 in the San Francisco Branch and lost no time the next year when he moved to Glendale in joining that branch. There he served on the board of directors, as corresponding secretary, two terms as vice-president and this year became their president, increasing attendance by his program of large plant sales to finance fine speakers.

For Treasurer:

Mr. J. S. Human, retired businessman, father of five fine sons, joined the Society in 1948 at the Glendale Show and now serves the South Gate Branch as Representative Director. Although not a Begonian for long, he has a fine collection with some 175 rex varieties and 75 fibrous and rhizomatous types, his big interest being the enjoyment of his hobby and the encouragement of others in the growing of his favorite plants.

Mr. E. O. Sherer, president of the Santa Monica Branch for the last two years and vice-president in 1948, has been in the Society for five years but has been a hobby gardener all his life. He was also president for two years of the Santa Monica Garden Club. He spends much of his time helping other people learn the knack of good gardening. He has some very fine tuberous in his "begonia treasury."

For Director (3 year term):

Mr. Howard A. Small:

Joined the San Gabriel Valley Branch about three and one-half years ago and worked so tirelessly for the branch that they elected him president of it in 1949. Then he became their National Representative this year. Although his collection is varied and interesting, his first love is his goodly number of fine rex begonias, which he has grown for 15 years.

Capt. E. F. Barker:

Although an active and busy Navy Captain, both he and his wife are ardent begonia fans in the San Diego and La Mesa districts. Capt. Barker was elected president of his San Diego Branch in 1949 and proceeded to stimulate branch activity. He, too, has been serving his branch this year as National Representative and has a fine lath house.



Armchair Explorers

Guest Columnist:

Gladys Dipp, Freeport, Mich.

Oh, come all you Armchair Explorers!
 Don't you feel a desire to roam?
 Let's charter a sea-going schooner
 And say farewell to our home.
 We'll enter Hawaii's blue harbor,
 Where fragrance and colors abound;
 Woodroses climb to the house-tops,
 Lush ferns greenly carpet the ground.
 Let's visit a tropical garden—
 Oh look! Orchids growing on trees;
 There stately Anthuriums blossom
 And Alocasias grow with great ease.
 Our eyes have been feasted on beauty,
 Our hostess has given us seeds,
 And now we set sail in our schooner—
 A minute is time,—all we need.
 Now, on to the Philippine Islands
 For Begonia seed and rare fern.
 We'll flit through the dense vegetation;
 Our fears of the forest we'll spurn.
 India's our next destination.
 Its highways are dusty and hot
 And there on one side sits a beggar;
 Compassion we have for his lot.
 We've joined a Ghose expedition
 For Begonias in Khasia hills;
 And perhaps we'll go up into China—
 All sorts of rare seeds give us thrills.
 Shall we travel now o'er the ocean?
 Explore Africa far and wide?
 Streptocarpus, Aloe and Arum,
 Proteas and tree ferns abide.
 We'll gather the seeds as we travel;
 Begonias so rare, hope to find.
 Then back to our schooner in fancy;
 South America's now on our mind.
 Exploring throughout this wide country—
 Such wonderful sights we shall see
 In jungles; the gay Epiphyllum
 And Gesnerias fascinate me.
 So let's gather up many species
 Of the tropical plants we find.
 Philodendrons, Achimenes, please us,
 But Begonias are first in mind!
 We want to climb Mexico's mountains;
 Enthusiasm's still at its height!
 And visit their most gorgeous gardens—
 Some rare seeds would make our hearts
 light

Our trip was a glorious adventure—
 Our armchair a schooner so swift—
 We've enjoyed our colorful fancy—
 Now to Home, Sweet Home, we must drift.

August

There has been nothing of interest to report to you, so last month I took a vacation. Hope you didn't miss me too much. Several new batches of Begonia seed have arrived: species Begonia seed from Philippines and from Panama—all unnamed. From Brazil we have *B. alto de serra*, *Cantareira*, *cucullata*, *luxurians*, *macrocarpa*, and these Gesneriad species: *Corytholoma Douglasii* and *Sinningia Reginae*.

I am now making up the collections of Begonia seed for your January distribution and find that I have 90 different kinds of Begonia seed to offer you. A most wonderful collection of rare Begonia seeds! I hope you are as thrilled over the number of kinds as I am. They will be packaged in small collections and you may have as many different collections as you wish. I have had the feeling that the \$2.00 collection may be too large for some folks. Watch the Begonian for the lists of these collections and then order early to be sure of getting what you want, for, as in the past, the seed is limited and will go just so far and no further.

There seems always to be lots of work to do in the garden. Don't get out the armchair yet or you will be neglecting the watering that must be attended to daily. The garden needs continuous soakings these warm days. It will be well to use some liquid fertilizer on those potted plants which are doing so much growing right now. Early morning watering is best; I enjoy working in the greenhouse early in the morning before my family awakens.

I would like to get several sets of back issues of the Begonians. Does anyone have them to offer for sale or exchange for seeds? Write me.

Our Convention date is getting close; would love to have another visit with you this year. Bring your unusual begonia plants and enter them in the show and maybe win a prize. I invite you all to come visit our booth over in the corner of the Flower Show. Cheerio.

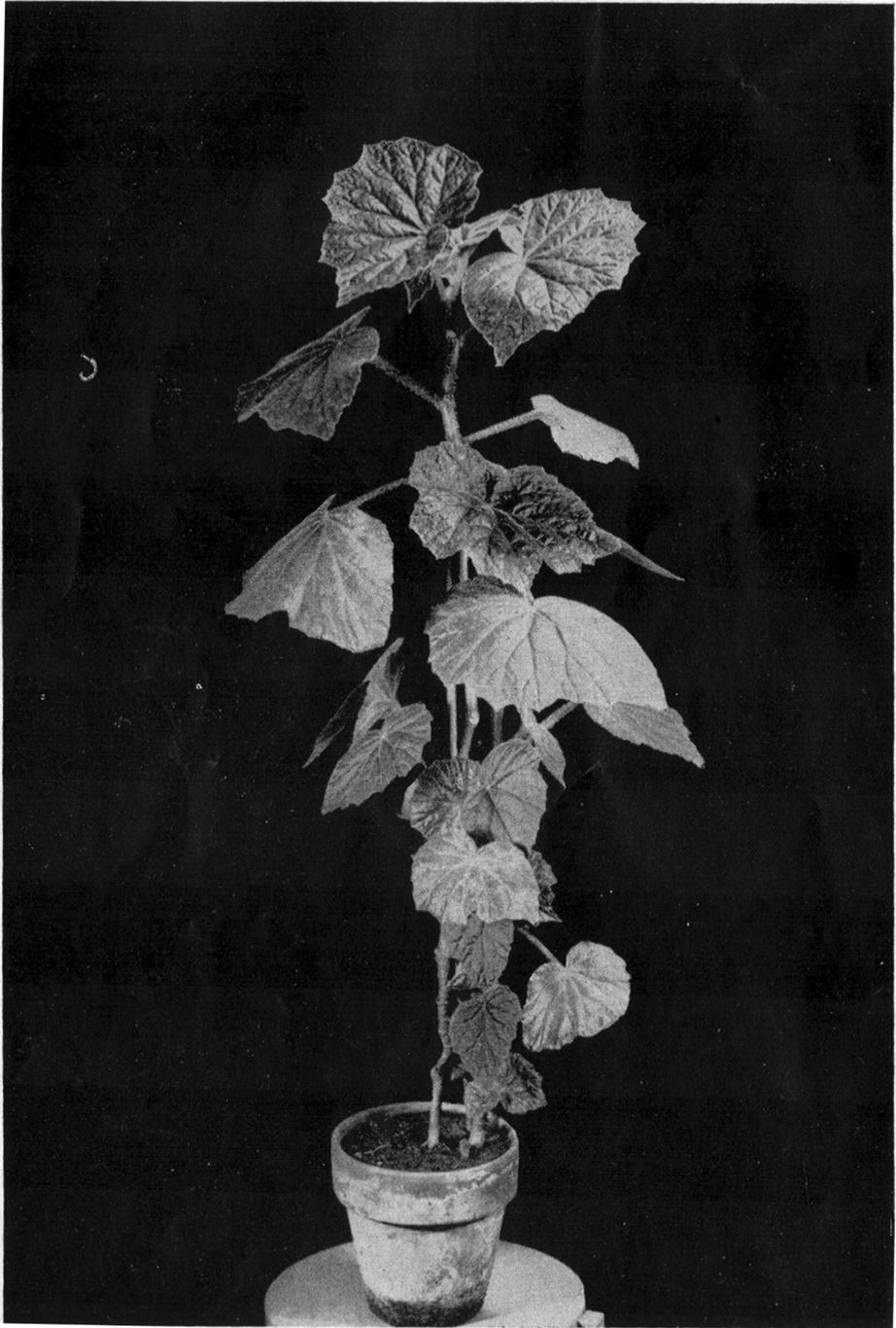
—Florence Carrell

WEAR YOUR A.B.S. PIN

If you do not yet own an emblem of your Society, send in \$3.32 to Mrs. Edna Korts, 3628 Revere Avenue, Los Angeles 26, California, at once so you may be able to wear your Society's pin at the Convention.

"BUY BEGONIAN"

Begonia Hugeli



Photograph Courtesy of Helen K. Krauss

B. HUGELI

By Bess Hall

Here is a species that has apparently been overlooked by the amateur hybridizer. At least we have no records of any plants being offered for sale that have *B. Hugeli* as one of the parents. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that we have only been growing this plant since 1938 when it was received from Kew Gardens. Another factor would be the lateness in the year when the plant blooms. However, it offers possibilities that should not be overlooked. Most of the hirsute types of hybrid begonias have proven to be very hardy and have withstood our very unusual winter weather without much damage and have been satisfactory plants for those growing plants in the house during the winter time.

B. Hugeli was discovered in Brazil in 1855 by Ludwig Riedel. It is of medium height, densely white pilose; stems erect, green, with a wide band of red at the nodes. The leaves are very one-sided, broad-ovate, shallowly lobed and toothed. The upper surface is a light olive green, the reverse flushed with red. The flowers are white, with white hairs on the back of the petals. They are somewhat smaller than those of the other species hirsute begonias, but appear in fairly large clusters.

Of the hybrids from other crosses, only *Gertrude* and *Neely Gaddis* have the white flowers, white bearded without. Here is a plant that has this particular characteristic to begin with, so perhaps in the future we can look for other hybrids with this particular color combination in the flowers. I sincerely hope so.

Sheltered Garden Book Reviews

"SUCCESS WITH WILD FLOWERS" by Frank C. Pellett. 200 pages. 116 half tone photographs by the author, 4 color plates. Published by De la Mare Co. Inc., N. Y. C. \$2.50.

Most shade gardeners are ever alert to find material for early spring blooming and what is more pleasing than a wild flower garden if well chosen and cared for. The author, with 40 years experience in the field, tells the reader how to succeed with wild flowers, under what conditions you may expect them to flower, and how to avoid failure. He reveals the possibilities of developing attractive gardens even with the most commonly found wild flowers suited to cultivation. Chapters include Natural Plant Association, Cycle of Season, Making the Wild Garden, First Flowers of Spring, Flowers in Summer and Fall, Plants for Deep Shade, Mints for the Herb Garden, Edible Plants and Poisonous Plants. It is profusely illustrated and makes interesting as well as authoritative reading.

Reviewed by: Dorothy F. Michaelson.



Q + A = Success

by Research Dept.

Question: Is *rubro-venia* supposed to be classified as a *rex*-type?

Answer: No. *Rubro-venia* is a species in itself. I think where this misconception arose was from a conclusion that because it was listed under the *rex-cultorum* group and because it has been crossed with *rex* varieties, it must belong to this group. The nearest classification for *rubro-venia* would be a species rhizomatous. When you ask yourself "What is a *rex* today?" and try to break down the present day *rex* into a single cross, you cannot do it. The *rex* as we know it now will be found to have several blood lines. It has been crossed with fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous begonias, then recrossed with other species and hybrids until it is in a class by itself. But it is still a hybrid. I do not believe that the species *rex* is in cultivation at the present time. From the chart in *Begonias for American Homes and Gardens* by Mrs. Krauss, it does not seem to have been used except for the original cross.

Question: Is what I have heard true: that there are two *B. Feasti*?

Answer: There is a possibility that there are three very similar begonias. Under the corrected name of *B. erythrophylla*, Mrs. Krauss says that in order to establish the correct name, Karl Fotsch experimented with crosses similar to those made by Warszewicz and obtained similar results in 1915. No mention was made whether or not Mr. Fotsch destroyed this cross or whether it was released under the name of *B. erythrophylla*. The third plant in this group seems to have come to us from Mexico some years ago. There seems to be only slight differences between the plants I have of *B. erythrophylla* (syn. *B. Feasti*) and the one from Mexico—chiefly in the height of the flower stems and minor differences in the coloring on the back of the leaves.

Many of these variations occur over the course of years from various causes. It would make an interesting hobby in itself to collect all the different variations of any hybrid in which one was particularly interested. I recently saw a plant of *phyllomaniaca* whose leaves grew in a spiral fashion instead of being opposite. The variations in species plants coming from different parts of the world have caused a great deal of confusion to the serious student of correct nomenclature and we are at the present time growing plants with slight variations under a general title, in-

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News of Our Branches

FLOWER SHOW DATES

August 5th & 6th

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH will sponsor its Fifth Annual Begonia and Shade Plant Exhibit in the Hayward Veterans' Memorial Building by invitation of the Memorial Building Commission. Any member of the A.B.S., whether a branch member or not, is cordially invited to exhibit. The show will be free and the public is invited.

August 12th & 13th

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH invites all members and their friends to visit our Third Annual Flower Show at the Barbour Bldg., 27 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Those who have attended our previous shows have been very pleased and felt it well worth their time—so keep the date marked on your calendar.

August 26th & 27th

PETALUMA BRANCH invites all to attend the Flower Show at Kenilworth Park in which they will enter a display of all seasonal flowers as well as their specialty—begonias and shade-loving plants.

September 2nd & 3rd

National Show at Inglewood High School
Gymnasium

EAST BAY: Held our June meeting and annual picnic at the home of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Haberland, Sr., Walnut Creek, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Helwig, Program Chairmen. Arrivals began about 10:00 a. m. and at 2:00 p. m. a big pot-luck dinner was served.

A generous supply of plants and other merchandise was donated by merchants of the Bay Area, friends and members of our Branch. A bingo game and plant sale were held to dispose of the plants.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of a fine *rex* begonia to Mr. Haberland and a fibrous "*orange rubra*" to Mrs. Haberland for their hospitality and graciousness in opening their private picnic grounds to us every year.—C. F. Jensen.

GLENDALE: Our August meeting will be an Open Forum on Begonias with capable speakers from our own branch. Door prizes—plant sale—refreshments. In our new location: Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 North Central Ave., Glendale.—Violet Moore.

LA MESA: Have you noted the change in our meeting place? It is now Porter Park, La Mesa.

MIAMI: Pres. Lucile Kendricks called our June meeting to order at 8:00 p. m. Business being taken care of, we had a table of rhizo-

matous begonias brought by members. They were discussed, and those which were unnamed we attempted to identify. A plant and cutting sale was held—proceeds going toward refreshments.—Mrs. A. E. Sackett.

MISSOURI: We're proud of our progress in the last three and one-half years. Starting with seven, we now have seventy-five members, including only two men: Mr. Rose, our vice-president, and Mr. Webb, who although a new member, has been interested in begonias a long time. He was a customer of both Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Gray.

We have been invited to show our Begonias at the State Fair in Sedalia, Mo.

We like to meet with our different members, that way we can enjoy their Begonias and also help them with their problems, of which we have many, as we are pioneers in this area. It is hard to grow Begonias by correspondence. Each hostess is responsible for the invitations for her meeting, and we serve cool or hot drinks according to season, reserving all our time for Begonias. Our flower sale comes before the meeting, to keep our enthusiasm from getting out of hand when we see something we want. Specimen plants or special leaves are auctioned for the Society. Each hostess received a plant and a plant or cutting is given to each new member and visitor.

Each month our President, Mrs. Cooper, gives us a lesson in pronunciation—usually four words—and we try to have the plants, if possible. We are really a Study Club, part of our time being spent in general discussion.

We are also proud of our small library in which our Librarian, Mrs. Kratz, reports good interest.

We hope for greater strides every year.
—Leora Calmese.

ORANGE: "Oh, dear! Where's our speaker?" was the question at our July meeting; but it all turned out well with Mr. M. Grivel of the "5 & 10 Nursery" near Tustin answering most of our questions in our impromptu Question-Answer program. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Miller of Whittier were guests again and answered questions concerning their begonias. (16 of our members had attended the Whittier meeting to hear Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara. Of all the beautiful begonias!)

After the plant sale we had refreshments at tables decorated by Mrs. Earle Tracy's own begonia blossoms—and of course she took none back home!

The day after our meeting we were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our

faithful member, Scotty Hudson of Huntington Beach. We will all miss him.

—Helen Meyer.

SACRAMENTO: For our June meeting we were very fortunate to have as our speaker one of our own members and a man with a very interesting background, Mr. Ira G. Shepard, who is Manager of the California State Fair "Hall of Flowers" and who is also responsible for the nurseries and hot houses and landscaping of the State Fair Grounds each year. "Shep," as his friends call him, studied landscape architecture in this country and finished his education at Kew Gardens in England. There he was required to study many famous gardens all over Europe before receiving his "Certificate of Completion" in landscape architecture.

Mr. Shepard's instructive subject was "The Use of Begonias and Shade Plants in Landscaping Shady Nooks." He brought a number of his own rex begonias and caladiums for our plant sale.

On Sunday, June 18th, we held a very successful Garden Tour in conjunction with the local Fuchsia Society. Six beauties were visited and refreshments were served in the garden of our vice-president, Melville Newfield, Chairman of the tour.—Mrs. John R. Williams.

SAN GABRIEL: Had an Armchair voyage in July. Dr. Samuel Ayres (vice-president of the board of directors for the State Arboretum in Arcadia) showed and explained his wonderful collection of pictures, taken on his trip to Australia, to a fascinated audience. When he was finished we all felt as though we had made the trip with him (at a great saving.)

In August we will be honored by the presence of our true friend and advisor, Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné, of Santa Barbara. He will speak on his new Begonias as only he can.

Our Branch Show Chairman has the situation well in hand and promises a super-show for August 12th and 13th in the Barbour Bldg., 27 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. The public is cordially invited. We'll be seeing you.—Clarence W. Johnston.

SEATTLE: Our well-attended June meeting was held at the C. E. Vorobik home north of the city on Sand Point Way. Mr. Clyde Keeling, show chairman, described in detail the part our Seattle group would play in staging the East Side Club's July show. Each member was polled relative to the variety and number of potted plants he would furnish, along with decorative material and other necessities required for the Seattle A.B.S. exhibit. This careful planning assures an excellent show.

Our principal speaker was our own Helen Buzard (Mrs. J. A.). She gave us an excellent indescribable program, showing us specimen blooms and plants of innumerable

members of the Begonia family and telling us something of each. We could write an almost unending list of the begonias discussed, but to hear Mrs. Buzard, with her background of travel and years of shade gardening experience, tell us of each specimen as she held it in her hand, was a pleasure and education for everyone present.—S. A. McClanahan.

WHITTIER: Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné brought nearly a truckload, it seemed, of his begonia introductions to the crowded patio of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Miller for our June meeting. Following are a few hastily scribbled notes of his talk taken by your co-editor, who, with your editor and many national board members and dozens of members of other branches were able to avail themselves of Whittier's hospitality:

Diculata: dichroa on *undulata*—pink flowers, good bushy plant.

Mrs. Frey's *incarnata* x *Limminghei*: wide-spreading basket—overpot and you will get a bunch of shoots.

Bright star: (Frey)—is only held by Mrs. Frey; the distributed plant is *silver star*.

Fred Brown: pinetorium x *Mazae*—new leaves and stems have orchid fuzz; a good companion for Joe Hayden.

Pinetorium: Found by MacDougall in dry pine woods in Mexico.

Rhizomatous begonias should be divided or repotted after they have bloomed, rested and started growing.

Obtained *epipsila* from the Seed Fund. It is like *sanguinea* but has brown fuzz and deep green upper leaf surfaces whereas *sanguinea* has no fuzz and grey-green upper surface.

Luwalter—Mazae x *incarnata*—we don't have trouble naming our hybrids; if a friend drops in and admires one especially, we name it for him!

The difference between *Barkeri* and *Fred-die*: *Barkeri* has recurved hair on the stems; *Freddie* has clustered, scale-like hairs.

The variable 27S is very hardy, growing well out-of-doors in Fresno.

Negrovenia was at one time thought to be identical with the plant we know as *Dayii*, but the wings on the seed pod are different and the original description is of a tall and long-jointed plant that is not like *Dayii*.

Foliosa was first described a long time ago but later a botanist obtained specimens which he believed varieties because some lacked stigmas and petals. By growing a specimen I discovered the original botanist was correct because after pollenization the stigmas and petals promptly dropped off. The later botanist had only seen the old, pollenized flowers.

Lobulata grows to six feet; introduced by the

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New York Botanical Garden, it resembles *vitifolia* but is much more vigorous.

C. M. Kelly introduced *Barkeri* to us; crossed with *manicata aurea* it gave us *Freddie*, with pink blooms and leaves to 18". Why don't you try self-pollenizing *Freddie* and see if you don't get at least one good plant with variegated leaves?

Mazae is an interesting parent; crossed with *Limminghei* it gave a dark foliaged plant; crossed with *incarnata* it made a dark *incarnata*; crossed with *reichenheimi* we obtained *Joe Hayden*.

From seed we grew plants of *strigilosa*—the probable parent of old "*rubella*"—the pen-wiper plant. My "*rubella*" has very red backs to its leaves. We also obtained *hispidavillosa* from seed.

The Seed Fund introduced *quadrelocularis*—a brittle leaved plant; also one known only as "*Fernando Costal*" (No. 2366), which should be good for hybridizing.

From Mr. MacDougall's seeds we have No. 242S with big green leaves, silvery stems and tall flowers.

From China came *circumlobata*. From Colombia in the Seed Fund came No. 8, which makes a good companion for *Lady Waterlow*; and No. E11 with growth like *washington street*, dying down in winter, flowers pink and white.

Hattie Worden grows five feet with red backed, shiny, green leaves.

Liebmanni x *imperialis* crosses had green or red backs and green or silvery fronts to the leaves; *Liebmanni* x *Dayii* produced *Skeezar*.

"BUY BEGONIAN"

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stead of giving each one a varietal name. Sports are apt to occur among our hybrids but should not be named unless they are a distinct departure. For the different slight variations in each hybrid the general name should be retained.

EASTERN DIVISION

Mrs. Dorothy Michaelson, Eastern Chairman

Question: I am anxious to get the right soil mixture for *B. Templini*, to get good growth and still keep the creamy blotches. A friend warned me not to give it anything but a "poor" soil. I forgot and planted it in my regular potting soil and now I have a "*Jessie*" in its place. Do the striped leaved begonias in the *compta* class require a "poor" soil too? I grow good *calla lily* begonias in a rich soil and have no trouble with them, so I question my judgment.

Answer: There are differences of opinion as to a heavy or light soil mixture. I think

a light soil mix containing a good deal of sand and leaf mold is ideal. Some garden loam as a base is more sandy than others and that is your guide. If it is of heavy texture add more sand and leaf mold or peat. You might try this to start with: equal parts of loam, leaf mold and sand, with 1/8 by bulk of dried cow manure and a pint of bone meal to each bushel. Be sure your plant has a sunny window to bring out the rich coloring of the leaves. Choose the coolest part of your room and try hanging it from a bracket, in that way it will have better humidity and air circulation, which are factors in growing.

When I say "sunny window," you will have to use judgment. In the winter when the sun in the south window is not too strong, that is an ideal location; towards February and March as the sun gets higher and stronger, use thin glass curtains to diffuse the rays.

I think your *Templini* reverting to "*Jessie*" was not through the richness of the soil as much as not having the right amount of light or sun. It is always a wise rule to use a lean mixture and add small amounts of fertilizer two or three times a year. That way you can observe their wants and act accordingly.

(Western note: As a western grower who often buys and receives rooted plants from the East, may I comment that the soil from some sections seems to be composed of a clay-like consistency. When dried, it is almost as hard as a rock. When you buy plants and almost immediately begin to have trouble getting them to grow for you, by all means examine the original root ball and you may find, as I have on occasion, that the small plants have been planted in such a heavy soil that the roots could not possibly penetrate and break through to the better type soil that you use. Once this clay-like soil dries, it is almost impossible for even water to penetrate it.)

ROBIN NEWS, cont. from page 168

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HYBRIDIZERS: Why work with the old varieties such as *Scharffi*, *Scharffiana*, *ricinifolia*, *sempreflorens*, *lucerna*, etc.? Why not use new blood? *Hugeli*, *hispidavillosa*, *Dayii*, etc. Try for radically different new forms!

CONDENSED MINUTES meeting National Board A. B. S. held in room 1305 City Hall, Los Angeles, Calif., June 26th, 1950. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p. m. Salute to the Flag and Statement of Aims and Purposes of the Society led by Mr. Walton.

Present for the meeting: President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, Membership Fees, Editor, Directors, Librarian, Business Mgr., Public Relations, Secretary. Branches represented: San Gabriel Valley, Glendale, Hub City, South Gate, Inglewood, Parent Chapter, North Long Beach, La Mesa, San Diego, Santa Monica, El Monte, Redondo Beach Area, Riverside.

Reports of Treasurer, Membership Fees, Business Mgr., Editor, read and accepted as read and ordered filed.

Public Relations Director reported new Branch, the Elsa Fort Branch, New Jersey, and moved that they be accepted as a regular branch of our Society. **SO ORDERED.**

Librarian Nolan listed new books for the month; books rebound for loan purposes; 10 courtesy exchanges sent out during June.

Historian Mrs. Hixon—still working on the second volume.

Director Mrs. Korts gave a most interesting review of her visit to a meeting of the Arboretum Committee. After hearing Mrs. Korts, members felt they had gained valuable information and a much better understanding of what this Arboretum will mean to the people of this vicinity as well as the whole U. S. Col. Gale suggested that the Editor and Mrs. Korts work out an article for publication in the Begonian.

Director Jack Bailey reported he had visited around among the Branches and always enjoyed their meetings—found good speakers at the meetings and good attendance and a lively interest.

Show Chairman Cal Trowbridge reported on the coming Convention and Flower Show; going to have a fine Convention; banquet tickets ready to pass out to the branches; price \$1.75, which includes tax and tips; can take care of 450 and hope they have at least that number present; fine ham dinner; see your R. D. for reservations and make them as early as possible.

Letter read from Joe Littlefield asking Representative Directors and Branch Secretaries to get news items to him well in advance of event dates as he will be glad to have "news" but it must be on hand and ready for publication at the deadline.

Motion passed authorizing Business Manager to prepare and have printed at least 5000 file cards for the Nomenclature Department so they can go ahead and make up the cards—at an expenditure of not to exceed \$50.00.

Discussion followed regarding naming and classification of Miniatures and it was the consensus that a small committee be appointed to go into this subject, work out a schedule, and submit it to Mr. Butterfield for his approval. President to work with Mary Choate in securing such a committee and outlining the work.

Discussion concerning an award to be placed by the National Board in the Inglewood Show—for the best Educational Exhibit. Further information will appear in the Begonian regarding this trophy. Watch your magazine.

Following report of Nominating Committee read and accepted:

American Begonia Society National Board
Gentlemen:

The Nominating Committee reports the following candidates for the offices of the Society:

President-elect, Calvin E. Trowbridge, Chas. Richardson.

Treasurer, J. S. Human, E. O. Sherer.

Director, Howard A. Small, Capt. E. F. Barker.

Signed, Chas. Wiley, Chairman; Earl Wiltse.

Motion by Mrs. Haskill, seconded by Col. Gale, "That the report of the Nominating Committee, as read, be accepted. **SO ORDERED.**"

President Walton called for nominations from the floor at this time for President-Elect—none; Treasurer—none; Board Member—none.

President Walton: "There being no nominations from the floor for either of the three offices, nominations are hereby closed. **SO ORDERED.**"

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gonda Hartwell

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2nd Thursday, Aug. 10, 7:45 p.m. Willard School, Ward Street C. F. Jensen, Sec. 3720 Cerrito Ave., Richmond, Calif.

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3rd Thursday, Aug. 17, 8:00 p.m. Columbia Grammar School, Rm. 60 Mrs. Mary Bradley, Cor. Sec. 701 Asher St., El Monte, Calif.

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3rd Monday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m. 208 Social Hall, Pasadena City College, Colorado Blvd. J. F. Thompson, Sec.-Treas. 739 No. Wilson, Pasadena 6, Calif.

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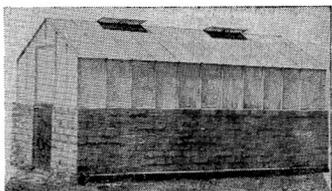
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(An infinite list could be made of our California members who have introduced rex seedlings of excellent merit and other crosses as yet not so widely circulated, unnamed, or only locally publicized. Due to resurgent interest in hybridizing and interest in obtaining new species, this list covering about 50 years should certainly double itself in the next five. Dates are approximate only. Plants named are either early, or important, introductions. Additional nominations to this compilation will be welcomed.—The Editor.)