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Introducing

Calvin E. Trowbridge, President-elect

American Begonia Society President-Elect "Cal" Trowbridge was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but moved to Los Angeles at the age of eight. It was during his school years that he acquired the desire to work with plants.

Upon graduation he obtained a position with Barker Bros. store as an *interior* decorator but switched to out-of-door decoration at the earliest possible moment.

His fifteen years of gardening experience included work as head gardener at Lake Tahoe Tavern and in Encino for stars such as Ben Blue and Lou Costello. A very particular gardener, the Los Angeles places he cares for are outstanding the year around.

Since March, 1948, he has been a member of the A.B.S. Three months after joining, at the Inglewood Branch, he was made National

Representative and since has missed only one National Board meeting. This is his third year as National Show Chairman as well.

In the past he was affiliated with the Hollywood Garden Club and the Fuchsia Society but gave up these in order to concentrate all his efforts on his A.B.S. work.

"Cal" has some very definite ideas on publicity, membership campaigning and programs to keep the interest of our old members white hot which he will unfold in the months to come.

Incidentally he will be the youngest president the A.B.S. has yet elected, coming into office at the age of thirty-nine.

Under Mr. Trowbridge, we look forward to another year of great progress for the American Begonia Society.

The BEGONIAN

August—

May the Lord in meeting guide us
And with wit and grace provide us.

A Wayfaring Man and *Begonia Cavum*

By Thomas MacDougall, New York City

Illustrations: Front and Back Covers

(Mr. Thomas MacDougall's years of exploration and plant collecting are well known to begonia fanciers. The rich new finds of begonias which he has sent to Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara for botanical investigation have provided most of the new species described in recent years. Among them are such beauties as *Begonia Mazae* and his namesake, *Begonia MacDougalli*. For twenty years Mr. MacDougall has been studying the Oaxacan Chontal tribe of Mexican Indians, their primitive rites and culture and it was on his latest trip to obtain further data that he had the following intriguing experience.—Editor).

December 4th, last, found us early out on the trail. We were traveling in the Chontal Indian territory of Oaxaca, Mexico. Four days afoot had been followed by a day of rest as guest of an old friend in the village of Santa Maria Ecatepec. Now, accompanied by Indalecio, son of my host, I was on my way to San Lorenzo Jilotepequilla and to its nearby peak, Cerro Jilote. Our path out from Santa Maria was over level or pleasantly rolling country, through fine stands of pine in places, of oaks and other broad-leaved tree species in others. The early morning air at this (6000 foot) altitude was chilly, but soon we were being warmed by a brilliant tropical sun. We reached San Lorenzo after two hours of easy walking, and continued slowly on through the village.

In San Lorenzo pre-Columbian beliefs and practices still flourish, but these are secrets, jealously guarded by the Chontal "hierarchy." I hoped to reach a large cave on Cerro Jilote where evidence of some of these practices might be observable, but I knew better than to mention this to the village authorities. If

we should stumble on to some of these things, it would be in the course of botanical collecting.

By good fortune we came upon a friend of Indalecio, one Martin, who also remembered me from a visit I had made just ten years ago. Martin agreed to help and we followed him to a spot where he was able to indicate the approximate location of the cove. With that, he left.

Finally, after much rough climbing, we came to an area which we recognized as that pointed out by Martin. Here we picked up a faint trail which led through thorny thickets to a narrow rock ledge. A cliff walled us in on the left, while the steep mountain slope, 5000 feet down to the hot Tequisistlan river valley, formed a barrier to the right. Continuing along we came, first, to a high shallow cave, the floor littered with turkey feathers; next, to another, somewhat deeper, cave where the fireplaces of past offerings formed geometrical patterns on the floor. Then, a little beyond the second cave, a sharp turn in the path brought us suddenly to the end of the ledge and face to face with the imposing entrance to the large cave we were seeking.

Low "defense" walls, probably of pre-Columbian construction, were strategically placed in front of the cave. As we entered, I might have been thinking, "Now I can concentrate on a subject without being distracted by some rare plant." Experience in southern Mexico has taught me otherwise, but just the same it was a real surprise to find here, well within the entrance, three small but thriving colonies of *Begonia cavum*. The type habitat of the species was indeed a cave (very small), but for all I knew that might have been a freak

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habitat. (Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné's introductory description and account of the discovery of this species may be found on page 20 of the January, 1948, *Begonian*.—Ed.)

After we had explored the cave and its contents I returned to the *Begonias*. It was now around noon and as much light was entering the cave as could be expected. I tested the light with a meter. Two of the *Begonia* colonies appeared hopeless for a hand-held camera but the third indicated a chance for success with "Super XX" film, using the widest opening at 1/10th second shutter speed. The accompanying illustration was the result. After picture taking I made herbarium specimens and collected seed, of which there was an abundance.

Indalecio in the meantime was taking it easy, resting on a nearby stalagmite. It was at this moment that two young "vigilantes" of the village suddenly rounded the turn and appeared at the cave entrance. Both carried muzzle loading shotguns, ready at the hip, and by their menacing and agitated attitude they appeared capable of violent action. Evidently they had come expecting sacrilege, but finding no evidence of this, they became more friendly. Later on it developed that they were especially sensitive to ridicule of their ancient beliefs and customs.

The discovery of *Begonia cavum* in this cave on Cerro Jilote confirms the aptness of the

name given to the species by Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné. It might have proven to be also a cliff dweller, but this additional evidence pointed to it as a true cave denizen. By coincidence, and just about the same day, one of my boys was finding *Begonia cavum* in still another cave. He had gone to the fiesta of December 8th in the Mije indian village of Ixcuintepec and brought back to me in Tehuantepec tubers and flowering material. These were collected in a cave between the villages of Lachiguirí and Coatlan.

In the Cerro Jilote cave only one other green plant grew with, or near, the *Begonia*—a solitary *Adiantum* fern.

The dainty and delicate *Begonia cavum* survives in the "struggle for existence" by adapting itself to a unique habitat in which it need not compete, or even associate with, any other flowering plants.

(From Mr. Ziesenhenné's description we note that *Begonia cavum* is only three inches tall, of a dull green color with doubly toothed leaves and bears white flowers. "The tuberous base is quite unusual for it is lima-bean shaped and is encased in a thick fibrous husk or coat which may be peeled off in layers." The structure of the flowers is so unlike that of other *Begonias* Mr. Ziesenhenné had to originate a new section to cover it—"Dissep**begonia**."—See "The *Begonian*" Vol. 15, p. 20).

Library Notes

The "dog days" are almost upon us and we feel the need to relax and look on the lighter side of gardening and your Librarian has long felt a little humor was needed to lighten our days, so I am happy to announce the acquisition of Reginald Arkell's little book of garden verse, *GREEN FINGERS*, a present from a Good Gardener. There is a chuckle in every poem and I feel any *Begonia* grower will fully appreciate the wry humor expressed by this English author. His droll poems about our common garden pests alone warrant the

time spent on this little book and I am sure anyone who has read "Green Fly" will not soon forget his method for their untimely end.

All our members will be pleasantly surprised by the good news to be announced in a feature article by the undersigned in the September *Begonian*. It is always a pleasure to bring you good news! I hope to see many of you at our Convention in Hollywood on September 1st and 2nd and shall plan to meet you there.

Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian.

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THE PASSING OF A GRAND LADY

Mrs. Eva Kenworthy Gray



Courtesy of Mrs. Dorothy Behrends

Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhene presents *Begonia Kenworthyi* to Mrs. Eva Kenworthy Gray at La Jolla, September 19, 1950.

As we come to Convention this year we are saddened by the loss of our Grand Lady of Begonias, Eva Kenworthy Gray, on July 11th at the age of eighty-eight. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charles Calloway of La Jolla and Mrs. Helen McCabe of San Diego.

Born in Booneville, Missouri, she moved to California about the turn of the century. A fine and careful gardener, begonias became her foremost plant love and responded magnificently to her touch. Baffled by inability to obtain information about her ever-growing collection and producing her own crosses to add to it, she set about the task of bringing some order to the confusion. In 1931 she published *The Begonia Book*, the first English publication in America about Begonias other than dealers' catalogues. Today it is a valuable list of the begonias then grown in California.

Mrs. Gray's begonia introductions are legion and include the famous 'Medora,' the 'Superba Strain' of cane begonias (of which Mrs. Charles Calloway has such a fine collection), 'Neeley

Gaddis' and 'Nelly Bly,' 'Irene,' 'Vesperia,' 'Viauscharff' and dozens of others down to 'Janei,' a *Suberlandi* cross she introduced last year. (Vol. XVII, page 97).

Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhene paid tribute to our Grand Lady last year when he named a fascinating begonia found in Mexico by Thomas MacDougall, *Begonia Kenworthyi*. At the last September meeting of La Jolla's Eva Kenworthy Gray Branch, Mr. Ziesenhene presented a plant of her namesake to Mrs. Gray. One of the most unusual begonias introduced in years, its smooth, pointed leaves have a misty bloom over the color, which in certain light intensity remains blue-green and, as perfectly beautifully shown in a specimen grown between rock out-of-doors in half-sun in the Westchester area of Los Angeles, turns to an indescribable amethyst. The growth of the plant makes one think of an unheard of ivy. We are very glad such a lovely plant will memorialize Mrs. Gray's own name forever.

THIRTY

Begonia

Credneri

(Syn. Hairy Thurstoni)

By Marie Minter,
Encinitas, Calif.



Courtesy Alexander Sim Nursery

It is almost impossible to trace back through the years and find where one begonia or another has picked up a new name, but in the case of *B. Credneri*, we at least have the satisfaction of knowing why this particular begonia has long been called *B. hairy Thurstoni*. In 1887, Mr. G. Thurston in New Jersey made a cross between *B. metallica* and *B. sanguinea* which gave us the plant that is familiar to most every grower of begonias as *B. Thurstoni*. This particular plant, while listed as being in the hairy fibrous group, due to the parentage, has hard glossy leaves, with only a few hairs visible anywhere on the surface.

Three years later, Haage and Schmidt in Germany made a cross of *Scharffiana* x *metallica* and produced two plants, one known as *B. Credneri* and the other as *B. Credneri, compacta*. Naturally, when the plant was introduced in this country, those avid collectors of begonias were amazed to find that here was a plant so similar to *B. Thurstoni* in leaf shape and coloring, with the exception that this plant had white hairy leaves. So someone started calling it the "*hairy Thurstoni*" and the name has survived to this day.

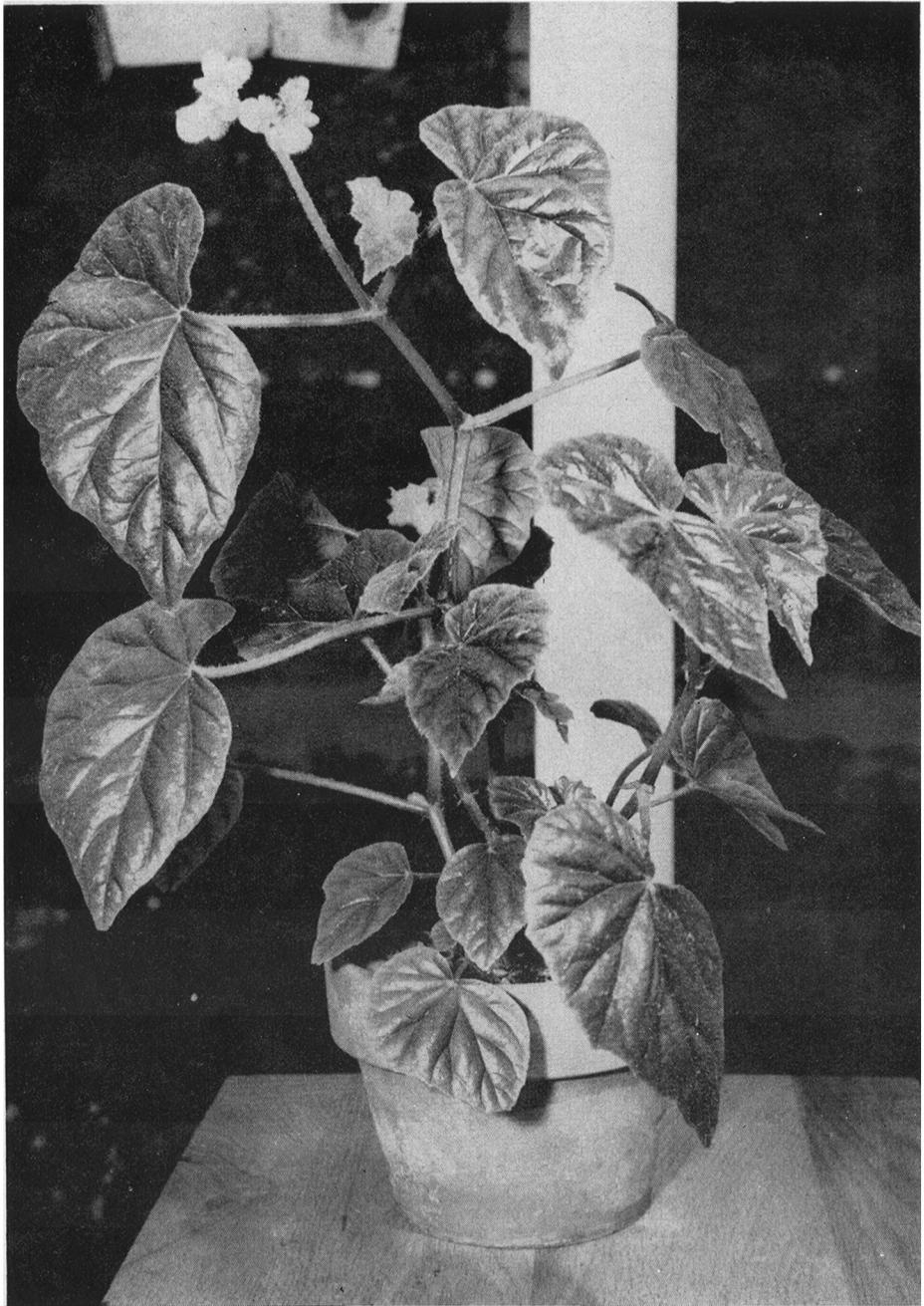
BEGONIA THURSTONI

Credneri's Half-Sister

Credneri does have a little softer leaf but the same shiny looking surface under the hairs as *B. Thurstoni*. Both the coloring and flowers are very similar.

B. Credneri compacta, while not very generally known, is still found in some collections. However, unless one grows both varieties side by side, one cannot be too sure which one has. *B. Credneri, compacta*, as the name implies, is a more compact form, and should be classed as a small bush type. *B. Credneri* itself is taller, and all growth is more loose and joints are spaced farther apart.

Both plants make excellent garden subjects and are considered to be very hardy. As pot plants they are unexcelled, taking much the same treatment as any of the hairy fibrous, whether being grown outside all year around or being taken in during the winter. Any hybrid which has survived for over fifty years is bound to be a good one for even the rankest amateurs to grow.



Plant of Mrs. T. E. Topham, Riverside

Photograph by Ken Garrison Clarke

BEGONIA CREDNERI



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Question: What is meant by a "suitable container" for potted plants to be exhibited at the Convention?

Answer: It is the opinion of most of the judges at the convention that the ordinary red clay pots are the most suitable for exhibition plants. They must be clean. Just giving the pot a scrubbing in soap and water isn't enough. One should try to remove all the discoloration. This may take some time as you may have to go over the pot again and again and let it dry thoroughly between scrubbing to be sure that no tell-tale rings are left.

Plants grown in tin cans are definitely frowned upon. Tin cans may be the answer to your problems in your particular garden, but remember that your plants are on public view and naturally they should be dressed in the best material available.

If the plants are too large or not the type to be grown successfully in clay pots, redwood boxes may be used. These should be clean

also. I do not know of anything that will clean redwood successfully but a good stain will cover quite a few of the water marks. Inquire at your local lumber yard for an oil stain suitable for redwood. Even half-barrels, frequently used in the garden may be definitely improved with such a stain.

Painting the pots or boxes isn't always a good idea. The rough lumber used in making plant boxes does not take to a good finish coat of paint where stain will penetrate the pores of the wood and makes a more desirable finish.

Question: What can I do to groom my plants further? I have removed all the broken or disfiguring leaves, staked it with small stakes, etc.

Answer: For the smooth leaved varieties, I would go to your local nursery and inquire about a preparation used for cleaning and shining leaves. There is a preparation used widely by experienced exhibitors that shines the leaves far better than mere washing. For the hairy fibrous, use a good paint brush with soft bristles to remove all the dust. Work over each leaf and groom your plants within an inch of their lives.

Your Editor

Mrs. Karl Wihtol of Red Bank, New Jersey, who is not close to any of the eastern branches, sent her Begonia Book to get additional names on her doubtful plants. It is one of the finest projects of the kind we have ever seen. Looseleaf, each page contained a tiny snapshot of the plant, a brief description of points not obvious in the picture, and a pressed leaf thereof. Her most successful method of keeping the leaves in true color was by carefully flattening them between scotch tape, sealing out the air. She is now trying a method of removing the air between two pieces of cellophane and heat-sealing the edges. It is a big book and represents many hours of careful work—but she has a fine permanent record of her hobby which can be added to and filed in any order she might choose.

Glendale Branch informs us it has swelled the advertising fund of the A.B.S. by \$18.00 earmarked for the Garden Section of the Los Angeles Times.

Mrs. Paulyne Meyer, Secretary of the San Francisco Branch, sent in a list of the speakers for their past several meetings and mentioned Mr. Harry Nelson of San Francisco City College ("Soil and Soil Mediums"), Mr. John Drucker of Fort Bragg ("Rhododendrons"), Mrs. Christle Geer ("Begonia Culture" with slides), Mr. Wm. Schmidt of Palo Alto ("Pel-

argoniums"), Mrs. Muriel Waltz ("Rexes"), and the great Frank Reinelt ("Tuberous"). This is one of the best lecture series we have been advised of. Visitors to this Branch will be sure to take away some very good information besides having an enjoyable time. HOW ABOUT SOME DETAILED REPORTS ON LECTURES LIKE THESE? They are joining the Southern Alameda County Branch and Santa Cruz Branch for a July picnic with visits to the Capitola begonia farms. Wish we were there!

We also congratulate the Petaluma Branch on their roster of guests at their recent meeting which contained names of persons up and down the whole Pacific Coast. They showed the European Gardens slides of the California Spray Chemical Company and the plant table was banked with peonies.

Notice has been received of the establishment of the Saratoga Experimental Gardens at Saratoga, California, under the inspiration of Ray D. Hartman, over 40 years a nurseryman on the Pacific Coast, and under the direction of Maunsell Van Rensselaer, for 16 years director of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. The chief purpose will be the testing of shade trees and native shrubs for improved strains and propagation techniques. Operated on a non-profit basis, the gardens are expected to be ultimately self-sustaining.

For the sheltered, but not shaded, garden:

GARDENIAS

Alfred C. Hottes

(Reprinted by the kind permission of California Garden, publication of the San Diego Floral Association, because each year Californians plant scores of gardenias that do not thrive. Basic misunderstanding arises from thinking they need shade, whereas they are sun-lovers. However, they do want shelter from the wind — as do your begonias; so, especially along coastal areas, bring some of your hardy cane, hairy and wax begonias out into warmer, sunny, wind-protected areas around your pet gardenia; they'll take it.)

Gar-din'i-ah or gar-dé'ni-ah—. Capejasmine. Named for Dr. Alexander Garden of Charleston, South Carolina, who corresponded with Linnaeus. Family Rubiaceae, related to bouvardia and coffee.

The Capejasmine, *Gardenia jasminoides (florida) (augusta)*, comes from China but for many years it was believed to be wild at the Cape of Good Hope, hence the name, Capejasmine. The plants grow 6 feet tall. The flowers are considered the standard of fragrance. They are waxy white, blooming from May to September and occasionally at other times. They are usually double, produced solitary in the axils of the leaves.

The foliage of the various gardenias is a beautiful shining green. Generally there are three leaves at a joint.

There are a number of varieties derived from this species among which are *fortuniana*, which is also called *veitchi*. This is more of a winter bloomer and is desired by florists who have improved the plants to increase the size of the flowers and the profusion of bloom. For this reason, Belmont and Hadley are the two varieties most commonly grown in commercial greenhouses and even in gardens. The variety Mystery is the most popular, however, in the garden, as it bears large flowers that bloom freely throughout the spring and summer.

G. radicans is a dwarf, spreading plant with miniature blossoms 1½ inches across. It is ideal for potting or for low hedges. Its flowers make fine boutonnières.

G. thunbergia, a native of South Africa, is quite different from the usual gardenias. It is not as hardy but the bushes are often 10 to 18 feet tall. The waxy white flowers have bright yellow stamens, a long tube and 8 to 10 petals. The foliage is glossy and attractive. When growing conditions suit plants of this species, they bloom heavily through the fall and winter. They seem to favor a more neutral soil than the other gardenias. They are slow in growth, prefer sun, and demand ample water.

General Culture of Gardenias

Temperature. Gardenias are known to stand 15 degrees, so they are not as tender as most

people believe.

Soil. Usually gardenias like a slightly acid soil with a pH value of 6. Most of the soils in California are alkaline, so it is wise to prepare the beds to give proper growing conditions as well as to prevent the alkaline moisture rising by capillary attraction. A good soil mixture consists of equal parts of sand and loam to which some leafmold or peatmoss is added. When preparing the bed, throw in some chunks of charcoal which help to absorb any toxic substances which may develop. For a single plant dig a hole 3 to 4 feet deep and fill the bottom with gravel. Water should not stand around gardenias. Add sand or gravel to heavy soils to keep them porous and well-drained.

Planting. Gardenias are choice plants and deserve the best attention you can give them. Even though the soil is well prepared as advised above, set the plants a little high or raise the level of the bed to assure that no water will accumulate around the crown of the plant.

Sun or Shade. Gardenias, unlike camellias, prefer full sun although they will exist in shade, generally producing fewer flowers. "Sunset" advises that, in hot regions, they should not be planted near a white or light colored wall because of reflected heat and excess light. However, in cooler regions, this might be highly advisable.

Feeding. Feeding should aim to preserve the acidity of the soil. Nurserymen sell special ready-mixed fertilizer which is made something like this: 1 pound of sulphate of potash, 2 pounds ammonium phosphate, 10 pounds cottonseed meal. A tablespoon to each foot of plant spread is sufficient. This feeding may be done every six weeks during the spring and summer.

Mulching. The roots of gardenias are produced quite close to the surface. An inch-deep mulch of peatmoss will keep the roots cool, help to supply acidity and prevent weeds.

Watering. Be sure that gardenias are supplied with sufficient moisture at all times. Spray the foliage as well as the ground except when the flowers are in bloom or when the

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Invitation

To the 1951 A. B. S. Convention and Flower Show

Sponsored jointly by the Hollywood and Santa Monica Bay Branches

The Flower Show will be held in Plummer Park, at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., and the afternoon and evening meetings and the banquet, at the Hollywood Post of The American Legion, located at 2035 North Highland Ave. This change as to the meetings, and Banquet, was made necessary by the limited space available at the Park.

MOTEL, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Contact Miss Ada Sullwold, Housing Chairman, 1516 North Hayworth Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 31, 12:00 Noon: The building and patio will be open to receive island exhibits and competitive plants, and remain open until islands are completed.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 7:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M. Building and patio open to receive competitive plants, and 'last minute' work on islands. All Branch exhibits MUST be in place by 9:30.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 8:00 A. M. Registration of Delegates and Members starts at Plummer Park.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon. *Armchair Explorers and Seed Fund meet* in Band Stand in back of Patio.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 9:30 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. *Show closed for Judging.*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 2:00 P. M. Show open to Members and the public. Registration fee for members is 50 cents, which entitles them to all activities at will, and the public will be admitted to the Show only, at 50c per person.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 2:30 P. M. *Annual Business Meeting* will be called to order in the Auditorium at the Legion Hall, which is both large and AIR CONDITIONED for your comfort.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 6:00 P. M. *THE BANQUET*: (Tickets are available at your Branch at \$2.00 each). In the Dining Room which is directly below the Auditorium at Legion Hall, followed at 8:00 P. M. by the evening meeting in the Auditorium. The Invocation at the Banquet will be given by Rev. C. T. Harrison, Retired, formerly Pastor of Hollywood First M. E. Church.

PROGRAM FOR EVENING MEETING

1. Presentation of awards to show winners.
2. Installation of Officers for 1952.
3. Feature of the Evening: Talk by Mr. Worth A. Brown, an outstanding Begonia authority, of Capitola, California.

Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Clarence Hall, who is a Past President of The American Begonia Society.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2, 10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. Show open to the public.

There will be a Snack Bar for the convenience of those who may desire refreshments which will be under the direction of Mrs. Esther Sherer. Come and get 'em.

Garden Tours will be available for those who may wish to see some outstanding gardens in this area. Check your program for addresses. 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

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SCHEDULE OF AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place in all classes.

Attractive cash awards will be given.

Points will be given to winners as follows: Each First Place, 3 points; Each Second Place, 2 points; Each Third Place, 1 point. The cash awards will be based upon the total number of points received by an exhibitor.

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.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CUP for the most outstanding plant in DIVISION (i) in the show. (This Division is open to both amateur and commercial exhibitors.)

LOUISE SCHWERDTFEGER CASH AWARD—A \$25 cash award to the winner in Division P, as determined by vote of all visitors attending the Show.

SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH AWARD for the exhibitor whose exhibit shows the most effort in presenting an entry at the Show. (This entry may or may not be a winner in the judging.)

PROPOSED REVISION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

At the 1951 Annual Convention Meeting President Frank Moore appointed a committee consisting of Mr. W. E. Walton, Chairman, Mr. George Lawrence and Mrs. Elinor Slocum, to check the present Constitution and By-laws and suggest such changes as they deemed necessary and report at a later date.

After almost a year of constant work, the committee reported to the National Board Meetings and at the last meeting, June 25th, Mr. W. E. Walton, Chairman, read the proposed revision to the Board and the following draft, section by section, was approved by the National Board for submission to the vote of the membership at the National Meeting to be held September 1, 1951.

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON SAME.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the American Begonia Society and shall be conducted on a non-profit basis. The main office of this Society shall be within the County of Los Angeles.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Society shall be to stimulate interest in begonias and shade loving plants; to encourage the introduction and development of new types of begonias and related plants; to gather and publish information in regard to the kinds, propagation and culture of begonias and other shade loving plants; and to issue a bulletin which shall be mailed to all members in good standing.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons who are interested in begonias shall be eligible to membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may revoke the membership of any member for just cause.

Section 2. There shall be three classes of membership in this Society known as Annual, Life and Honorary. Membership shall cover the immediate family except that only one member of the family shall receive the official publication and exercise the right to vote unless additional dues are paid.

ANNUAL MEMBERS. Annual members shall have all the usual privileges of member-

ship, and shall pay dues of an amount stated in the by-laws. Annual memberships shall be for one year from date dues are paid.

LIFE MEMBERS. Life members shall have all the usual privileges of membership. The payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall entitle any person to Life Membership and Life Members shall be exempt from any further payment of dues.

HONORARY MEMBERS. Any person whom this society shall deem worthy of the honor may at any Annual Meeting be elected an Honorary Member by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and such election shall specify whether such Honorary Membership is Annual, terminating at the next Annual Meeting, or for life. For each person elected an Honorary Life Member, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be transferred from the current funds of the Society to the Life Membership Fund. Honorary Members shall have all the usual privileges of membership and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 3. Each annual, Life or Honorary Member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Society.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be President, President-Elect, Past President, three Vice-Presidents, one Director from each Branch Society, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor, Director of Public Relations, Business Manager, Membership Secretary, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Librarian, Chairman of the Speakers Bureau and Slide Library, Flower Show Chairman, Historian, and the Chairman of the Committee on Awards.

Section 2. The President-Elect, one Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society. The President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past-President. The Treasurer shall serve one year and the Vice-President shall serve for three years. These elective officers shall be installed at the annual meeting.

Section 3. A Director shall be elected annually by each branch.

Section 4. All remaining officers shall be appointed annually by the President subject to the approval of the elected members of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of this Society and shall be the administrative and executive body of the Society.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society at a time and place to be designated annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1. Branch Societies may be organized by any group of seven or more members of this Society and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be issued a Charter. Upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, the Charter of any Branch may be suspended and, after due hearing, upon action of a majority of the board may be withdrawn.

ARTICLE VIII
FUNDS

Section 1. The current funds of the Society shall be expended only upon order of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Neither the board of Directors, nor anyone delegated by them, nor any of the officers shall incur any debt or liability in the name of the Society beyond the available or maturing funds in the hands of the Treasurer, excluding money and securities held for a specific purpose.

Section 3. All monies received for Life Memberships shall be invested by the Treasurer as may be directed by the Board of Directors, and only the interest accrued therefrom shall be used for the current expenses of the Society.

Section 4. The fiscal year shall start on September first.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting. Such amendment shall then be submitted by mail to the membership in accordance with Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2. The Secretary shall mail a ballot covering the proposed amendment to each member of the Society with a request that the members vote by mail upon said amendment within 20 days of the date the ballot was mailed. Thirty days after the ballots were mailed to the members if two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted. Ballots received more than thirty days after the ballots were mailed out by the Secretary shall not be counted.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
DUTIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of this Society.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter, or whenever the President is unable to perform the duties of his office.

Section 3. The Past President shall be the chairman of the Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of the Past President, Treasurer and Business Manager, and shall submit an annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of the Society. Any proposed expenditure in excess of \$50.00 not covered by the budget shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for recommendation before being voted upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of, or the disability of the President and the President-Elect. The Vice-Presidents may be assigned by the President the duties of one of the appointive officers outlined in Article II of these By-Laws.

Section 5. The Directors shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors when possible, shall make such reports and recommendations as will further the interests of the Society and shall file an annual written report of the Branch activities with the Board of Directors at the last regular meeting of the Board prior to the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies of the Society and shall pay out the monies under the directions of the Board of Directors. He shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine. He shall make, to the Board of Directors, monthly and to the Society annually a report of all receipts and disbursements. The annual report made by the Treasurer shall be accompanied by a report of audits made by an audit committee of two members appointed by the President.

ARTICLE II
DUTIES OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, shall conduct necessary correspondence and shall have charge of

the records of the Society, except such basic records as are necessary for the proper functioning of the various departments and offices.

Section 2. The Editor shall have charge of the Publications Department and shall under the direction of the Board of Directors, prepare and issue such publications as the Board of Directors and the Society shall authorize and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall require of him. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.

Section 3. The Business Manager shall act as business agent for the Board of Directors and for the Publications Department; shall act as advertising manager for the official publication and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may require of him. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses, if any.

Section 4. The Membership Secretary shall receive all dues which shall be deposited immediately with the Treasurer; keep an accurate roster of the membership of the Society, and have charge of the mailing and selling of back numbers of the official publication, less than one year old; and of the sale and distribution of all other special bulletins and directories. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.

Section 5. The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of the importation and development of new kinds of begonias and allied plants; of the administration of the Special Seed Fund; of collecting information relative to the culture, propagation and housing of begonias and allied plants.

Section 6. The Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names of species and established varieties of begonias; of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias; and shall cooperate with the Editor in the publication of the results of his work.

Section 7. The Public Relations Director shall have charge of the Public Relations Department; of contacting prospective members; promoting and assisting in the formation of new Branch Societies; and seeing that the affairs of the Society receive the fullest publicity.

Section 7. The Librarian shall establish and maintain a circulating library for the use of the officers and members of the Society; shall preserve three copies of all publications of the Society and shall have charge of the mailing and selling of all issues of the official monthly publications over 12 months old.

Section 9. The Chairman of the Speakers Bureau and Slide Library shall provide lists of speakers and a slide library for the use of Branches.

Section 10. The Chairman of the Flower Show Committee shall prepare show schedules and encourage begonia shows and the use of begonias in flower shows.

Section 11. The Historian shall maintain a complete history of the Society.

Section 12. The Chairman of the Committee of Awards shall be the representative of this Committee on the Board of Directors. The duties of this committee are outlined in Article V of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society; shall transact all business of the Society between annual meetings; arrange for annual meetings and any special meetings; establish and appoint such special committees as may be necessary to promote the objectives of the Society; approve the establishment of Branch Societies and issue charters to them; elect Honorary Vice-Presidents and make such regulations as may be necessary for the good of this Society.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and/or monthly on call of the President, or in his absence by the President-Elect, the time and place to be published in the official publication.

ARTICLE IV

DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The activities of the Society shall be divided into departments and committees under the charge of officers elected or appointed for such department or committee.

Section 2. The Department Directors may recommend the appointment of such special officers, assistants, or specialists as may be necessary to properly conduct their department.

Section 3. Each Department Director shall make a report at the annual meeting and such other reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEE OF AWARDS

Section 1. The Committee of Awards shall consist of six members and the Nomenclature Director. Two members will be appointed yearly for a three year term by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. In event of a vacancy it shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the unexpired term. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Committee of Awards.

Section 2. The Committee of Awards shall study each year the system of ratings and awards and make its recommendations of general policy to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Committee of Awards shall submit yearly to the Board of Directors for their approval a list of accredited judges in various parts of the country.

Section 4. The Committee of Awards shall receive and study carefully the reports of the judges and on the basis of this study shall make its recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall grant the awards of the American Begonia Society, including the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal, subject to such regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL DUES

Section 1. The dues for annual members shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) payable in advance. Members in arrears thirty days shall be dropped from the rolls of the Society and their names removed from the mailing list of the official publication until the arrearage has been paid.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section 1. The president shall appoint not later than 150 days before the annual meeting, a nominating committee of three, who shall be Presidents or Past Presidents of Branch Societies. This Committee not later than 90 days before the annual meeting shall report to the Board of Directors at least two nominations for each elective office to be filled at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least fourteen members of the Society, if made and delivered to the Secretary at least 80 days before the annual meeting.

Section 3. An official ballot containing the names of all nominees shall be mailed to each eligible voter at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 4. Eligible voters shall mail their ballots to the Secretary of the Society at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting. Ballots received prior to the day before the annual meeting shall be counted. Ballots received the day before the annual meeting or later shall not be counted.

Section 5. The Secretary will deliver the ballots to a committee of three members appointed by the President. This committee shall count the ballots, make a report in writing at the annual meeting of the results of the election together with the ballots cast.

Section 6. Vacancies, elective or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

ARTICLE VIII QUORUM

Section 1. Fifty members shall constitute a

quorum for the Annual Meeting or any special meeting.

Section 2. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any Board Meeting.

ARTICLE IX BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1. Any member of this Society may affiliate with any Branch Society, provided he meets the requirements for membership in that Branch.

Section 2. Each Branch Society shall have a Constitution and By-Laws both of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors; it shall require that all members maintain membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, a Secretary and a Director; it may determine its own officers other than those specified above; it may make additional qualifications for membership; it may determine the manner in which its local activities shall be financed; and it may determine its own activities and meetings provided that those activities and requirements in no way conflict with the National Constitution and/or By-Laws

Section 3. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws and all subsequent amendments.

Section 4. Each Branch Society shall file with the Membership Secretary the names and addresses of all new members together with their dues, as received. Each Branch Society shall furnish the Secretary of the Society with the names and addresses of all the officers of the Branch immediately following elections.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be initiated by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for this purpose or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Such amendment shall then be submitted by mail to the membership in accordance with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2. The Secretary shall mail a ballot covering the proposed amendment to each member of the Society with the request that the member vote by mail upon said amendment within 20 days of the date the ballot was mailed. Thirty days after the ballots were mailed to the members, if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted. Ballots received more than 30 days after the ballots were mailed out by the Secretary shall not be counted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WALTON, *Chairman*
MRS. C. M. SLOCUM
GEORGE G. LAWRENCE

The Story of Edward Ensign

William Henningsen, Regional Director, Central Florida Branch

Reporter-Photographer



Photo No. 1

About five years ago Edward Ensign of Bee-man Park, Orlando, Florida, started raising Begonias. He also raises Orchids and many other shade and heat loving plants from all parts of the world.

It was my pleasure to be at his place on June 17th and I made a few shots of his hobby. It takes time, money, and especially true love to grow what he has in his green houses, and he is not in the business of growing plants to sell. Mrs. Ensign is his helpmate in the

raising of their plants and it does one's heart good to see what can be accomplished when husband and wife love the SAME hobby.

Photo No. 1 shows his first green house, and before it was finished he knew it would not be big enough, so later he had the larger one erected. Photo No. 2 shows one side of the large green house. You will note that the benches are made of heavy square wire which gives plenty of ventilation. The right half of the bench holds all plants which he grew from seed, and those large plants under the bench are from rex leaves which were put there and never potted. (In taking the picture, Mrs. Ensign thought it would look better to put a few potted plants in front.) You will notice that all of the plants are raised in pots.

What does Ed. Ensign use for potting material? Just leaf mould and peat! Some day soon, I hope, you will see many new types of rex, grown by Edward Ensign, and you may rest assured they will be different as he just saves those which have the most curves, twists, spirals, etc. Edward Ensign is a member of the newly formed Central Florida Branch of the American Begonia Society.



Photo No. 2



Plant of Fred Schultz, Inglewood

Photo by Ken Garrison Clarke

BEGONIA HOUGHTONI

By A.B.S. Research Department

About 1922 a begonia was discovered by Dr. Houghton here in California and subsequently named after him. It is one of the better pot plants and excellent for ground planting, where one wishes a hairy fibrous of the bushy type.

This particular begonia grows about 3 feet and will spread almost as wide when planted

in the ground. For those growing pot plants it makes a nice addition to the lath house or house, as the case may be, because of its tendency to send many branches from the base, soon filling the pot.

Most of the descriptions I have say that this plant is of the *B. Scharffi* (*B. Haageana*) type and this will just about describe the tex-

ture of the leaves. The coloring of the surface of the leaf is a little more brown than *B. Scharffi* and the back of the leaf is a deeper red. The shape of the leaves is quite variable. Some will have long points, some will mimic the shape of *B. Scharffi*, while others will look more like *B. metallica*. No two seem to be just alike. The differing shape of the leaves will always make this plant easy to identify. The size of the leaves is about half that of *B. Scharffi*.

The flowers are very soft pink but bearded with a deeper red than *B. Scharffi*. The staminate flowers have four petals and the pistillate flowers five petals. The flower stems rise well away from the leaves but it is not as pro-

fuse a bloomer as *B. Scharffi*.

There is another plant called *B. 'Dwarf Houghtoni'* which greatly resembles *B. 'Houghtoni'* but it differs in being of still lower growing habit and the leaves are still more variable and much smaller and narrower. The bloom comes on shorter stems and are small in clusters. This type should be excellent for the house as it would not take up the room that the larger type does. It would be a good basket plant for the lath house.

I have bought both plants from different nurseries under the name of *B. wrophylla*, but this name should be discarded entirely, as it rightfully belongs to an entirely different plant.

Beginners' Corner

HOW TO GROW SEEDS AND SPORES

By Roy K. Dere

Mixture of half CERES SPONGE-ROK and half Wilgro Redwood Leaf Mold. Put through a flour sifter and roll the SPONGE-ROK with a rolling pin to make it smaller. Chop up the Leaf Mold so they will go through the sifter and when ready to use, dampen it so that you cannot squeeze any water out of the mixture.

First Method (we call the fool-proof method).

Take a one-gallon glass jar (dill pickles come in it and you can get it at your meat market) with a 4-inch opening. See that cover goes on air-tight. Lay jar on its side, put seed mixture into jar just level with the opening—this will make a seed bed about 5 x 8 inches. Level off, but do not pack. Take a salt shaker that the seeds will go through, and put a half teaspoon of very fine SPONGE-ROK (just as fine as you can make it) into the salt shaker, then put seeds in and mix up. Then sift over seed bed. We find

that a wire put on salt shaker helps to reach end of jar easily if your hand is large. Now put cap on jar as tight as you can make it. Put jar in a dark place and leave for about 10 days or until you can see the seeds coming up.

Fern spore may not come up until the following year, so do not disturb fern spore.

Do not destroy the greenlike moss that comes up on your fern spores as it is part of the spore germination.

In this jar method you do not have to water as the water in the seed mixture condenses on the inner walls of the jar and runs down into the seed mixture again.

After you can see the little plants, bring out to the light. Keep changing the jar around so that the plants will grow straight. When they have their second set of leaves they are ready to transplant. For free leaflet write:

1742 N. Leafdale Ave., El Monte, Calif.

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weather is excessively hot and the soil is somewhat dry.

Why leaves become yellow. Yellow leaves are due to improper soil, excess moisture from lack of drainage, or too low temperatures. *G. fortuneana* is more susceptible to unsatisfactory conditions than the Mystery variety.

Why buds drop. Buds drop when the soil is too moist or too dry. Cold drafts cause both leaves and buds to drop.

Disbudding. Larger flowers result if some of the side buds are removed. Flowers for the home should be cut just before the center petals unfold.

Pruning. Pruning is generally unnecessary

unless the planted is becoming one-sided in its development.

Insects. The Japanese wax scale can be controlled by spraying with an oil emulsion early in the season or as soon as first discovered. Coleus is also subject to this scale and lovers of gardenias avoid planting them near to each other.

For more detailed culture of this shrub, the reader is referred to a leaflet, "Gardenia Culture," by H. M. Butterfield, College of Agriculture, Berkeley, California, which will be sent free on request, and to "Gardenia Culture," by Guy Yerkes, Furman Mulford and Lucia McCulloch, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, leaflet 199.

BRANCH BUILDING BLOCKS

GOODWILL ADVERTISING

There are many ways of promoting goodwill for a branch and obtaining 'free' publicity which can lead to contacts with large numbers of persons who might not otherwise know of its existence.

Working up a mailing list for invitation letters (for regular meetings or special events), tapping such sources as other garden clubs and adult education garden classes, often provides many new visitors who may be converted to Begonia enthusiasts by judicious follow-up methods.

Paid advertisements in local publications from time to time will encourage those respective editors to give more space to your meeting notices. ("Business is business.")

Missouri Branch had a fine idea in January. They invited Mr. Jackson of the Kansas City Star to be their guest, and after the meeting, according to Secretary Mona Ayers, he interviewed the Flower Show Committees about their plans for the year. If you are going to do something unusual or big, try to capture at least one reporter as your guest and see what happens.

Get a prominent speaker and invite all the other garden clubs in your community—as Riverside did this spring when they had Gordon Baker Lloyd. (Of course it's still better, when your National Representative is a newspaperman, as is their R. H. Terrell!)

The latest clever method to come out should produce a lot of interesting publicity and curious visitors and, finally, enthusiastic new members, for the Glendale Branch. They joined with the Mountain View Branch of the California Fuchsia Society in planning four series of "open gardens" for four summer Sunday afternoons (1 to 5 p. m.) consisting of those of from five to eight members on each day who were willing to invite all garden lovers in. A schedule and nice joint letters were prepared, inviting readers also to join as members and were circulated as widely as possible. We'll be glad to hear the results of this hospitality. They should be unusually good.

A. B. S. PIN

This pin is the sign of our mutual interest by which we may be known in all gatherings of garden lovers.

Send \$3.32 to Mrs. Edna Korts, 3628 Revere Avenue, Los Angeles 26, California, for yours.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

PRESENTATIONS

During the past year we received notice of several appreciative presentations which we did not have space for at the time:

Mrs. Alice Manly, Santa Barbara Branch Secretary, reported the presentation of the A.B.S. pin to the outgoing president, Mrs. Jessie Ayersman, by the incoming president, Mrs. Ethel Arnold, in appreciation of her work in 1950.

Mrs. Mona Ayers, Missouri Branch Secretary, reported their branch decided to present its new president with a pin at the commencement of her term of office instead of the close thereof so she could use it during the time of her service.

Mrs. Walter Marsh, Hub City Branch Publicity Chairman, states that Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Culo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June and were presented with a lovely plant from their branch.

It is indeed a nice thing to remember the sick and unfortunate and to share the joys of celebrants like the Culos, and it is also nice to remember those who are doing their club work well, even if they are clever enough to make it seem easy and simple and no trouble at all. It isn't. It's lots of work and it is very encouraging to be shown that the members appreciate it. Many other branches make appreciative presentations of various types and we believe they really help.

NEW OFFICERS

Hub City Branch (Compton, Calif.) held elections in June. The following are our new officers: President, Mrs. Dorothy Powell; Vice-president, Mr. Ray Stone; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Sarson; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Powell; National Representative, Mrs. Mildred Ogden.
—Mrs. Walter Marsh, *Publ. Ch.*

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SANTA MONICA ROUNDTABLE

Mrs. Mary Choate, Mrs. E. O. Sherer, Mrs. Della MacLanahan and other Santa Monicans came up with the following answers at our April meeting:

1. What causes stem rot?

A. *Pythium intermedium* or *Pythium ultimum*. Soil too wet, atmosphere too warm and moist. Use sterile soil and containers, reduce humidity and spray with weak copper fungicides.

2. What temperatures do rex begonias like in winter?

A. (Mary Choate) I believe it advisable to keep rex begonias at a cool temperature through the winter months with not too much moisture. Rexes need a resting period and this is the ideal time to give it to them.

3. Which type of begonia should be kept rootbound? Which repotted often?

A. (Della MacLanahan) Most any of the blooming types, some rexes. The rhizomatous types of begonias do better when repotted often.

4. What kind of spray will not burn the foliage of maidenhair fern?

A. Only the weakest solution of sprays should be used and no spray containing oil should be used. Mr. Sherer 'dunks' his in a weak solution of soapsuds.

5. What kinds of begonias grow out-of-doors best?

A. Most any of the hardier types of begonias will grow successfully out-of-doors if there is no danger of frost and they are not in direct sun or wind—the Lucernes, the semperflorens, many cane types and some rexes.

6. How can you tell which begonias to pinch the tops and make them bush?

A. Any of the semperflorens may be pinched back in the fall of the year or when they get too leggy and spindly. Hanging baskets, too, should be pinched back in order to make a fuller, more symmetrical basket.

—Mrs. Marie Haskell, *Publicity*.

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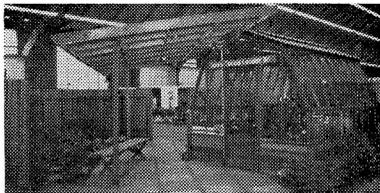
Precious Drops

San Diego Branch Newsette gives the following timely caution, apropos for any district which suffers from summer water shortages:

"The growing season is now at full scale, many of our gardens are beginning to show color as a result of early work, the extra hour at night gives us more time to work in the garden. Owing to the water shortage, wherever possible, I suggest watering only when essential and not sprinkling more than necessary in order to avoid waste. Water or sprinkle as late in the afternoon as permissible. That way your plants will receive more benefit than they might if done early or during the hot part of the day. If we all cooperate I am sure enough water will be saved to see us through the summer. Check all pipes and connections for leaks. Don't take the attitude 'As long as I pay for it I will use as much as I want.' That could be disastrous. Save your water."

Redondo Area Believes in Advertising

At the last National Board meeting this Branch's National Representative, Harry Marshall, presented \$10.00 to the Treasurer for national advertising in conjunction with the movement sponsored by the Santa Barbara Branch to bring Begonias and the American public together.



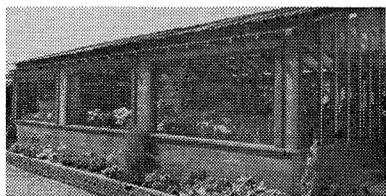
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"ROYALTIES" FOR HYBRIDISTS

By Alice M. Clark, San Diego, Calif.

Giving hybridists their just due is a favorite subject of mine. Since the process of plant patents is an expensive procedure, and not too successful anyway, I have a suggestion for what could be called "royalties" to encourage introducers of new begonias. This would not apply to nurserymen, nor to begonias that are easily found—just to those that are new and scarce, whose sponsor or family is still living. This scheme is an endless chain based on an honor system. Lots of people do not think it will work, but it has done so in one instance, as I shall relate, and I have enough faith in gardeners to believe its scope can be broadened.

Mrs. Carlton and I initiated this experiment with Begonia 'Rufida', a hybrid of Connie Bower, which is very scarce. I turned over the purchase price of a plant she bought from me to its originator. Mrs. Carlton and I then made a pact that, if we grew more plants, we would continue to sell them at the same price and to remit to the hybridist. In addition, we would only sell, never give away, cuttings at a small fee which would also revert to Miss Bower. Those who acquired the cuttings or plants would continue the chain. This system has worked nicely between the two of us. I don't know whether any more links have been forged in it, but it has served to make the recipients of new plants appreciate them more and remember the originator, while she re-

ceives the slight token of our appreciation. A commercial grower might give a small percent to the hybridist of plants he was propagating and pass on the same agreement to the purchaser of these plants. This would stabilize the price of the plant and probably send him more customers, since the price would always be the same, until the market demand was met and sales dropped. By this time we could hope that the royalties had encouraged the hybridist to bring out more introductions.

I would like to see this system applied to the scarce begonias of Roy Berry, the money going to the family or a memorial fund. It certainly should be tried with the fine new items Mr. Ziesenhenné is bringing out, as well as those excellent products of other present-day hybridists. It is a simple way to say thank you to those who have given us so much pleasure. If other begonians approve of this scheme, a list of hybridists and begonias selected for these royalties could be printed in *The Begonian*, so the application could be more general.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

(How about a volunteer system with *Begonia Kenworthyi* as a starter, honoring Mrs. Gray's memory by paying a tiny tribute to Mr. Ziesenhenné, who is picking up her torch and raising it to new heights?—Editor.)

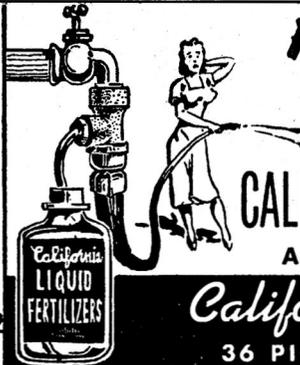
BRANCH TREASURERS' FORUM

The Treasurer of each branch is invited to submit an article not to exceed 350 words, on "Ways and Means" for increasing the branch treasuries, including pro or con on plant sales, etc., and describing his branch's most successful methods, concluding with his ideas of the best uses for branch funds (hall rental, show expenses, charity, advertising or what have you).

The four most thought-provoking articles will be selected for publication in full in an early issue of *The Begonian* after the deadline. Others may be quoted.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS FORUM IS SEPTEMBER 30th, 1951.

Send your articles direct to the Editor, 808 Mariposa Ave., El Segundo, Calif. Editing will be kept to a minimum. We want *your* ideas. Let's trade know-how!

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PEPPER AND SALT FROM ALFRED C. HOTTES

Mr. Hottes' talk at a recent Inglewood Branch meeting was entitled "Let Us Re-make the Home Grounds" or "We All Make Mistakes" and was peppered with a series of pungent observations and salted with wise experience from which we quote:

"So often we don't judge the result; we judge the effort."

"Whatever we do, we make mistakes; whatever we do somebody is always trying to tell us how to do it right."

"People think they are born with the ability to arrange their home grounds."

"An apple with one wormhole is not a perfect apple. The one awful thing you do in landscaping your home grounds is the one thing that shows up."

"A rock garden is something that somebody cannot help but have because he loves Oregon, or Colorado, or the Sierras."

"Simplicity is what we want. Take the junk out of the yard that is not beautiful—(You know what is beautiful).—and let the junkman take it away."

"When you make a mistake, don't emphasize it."

"A pool should be in the lowest spot of the yard where the water would naturally run—not in a high spot—because then you feel as

if the dam might burst."

"Keep the utilities in the logical utility area."

"Curves in walks should be direct. Put the walk where people will walk on it."

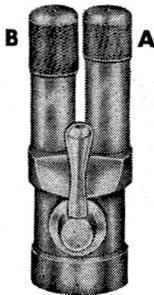
"If I put a heavy background planting at the rear of my lot, I do not know by looking how long my lot actually is and I own not only to the length of my lot but to the top of my trees as well. You never lose space by taking 15 to 25 feet of the back of your lot for lovely flowering trees and large shrubs."

On the effect of lines: "A straight line gives a feeling of stability. Undulation is uplifting to our natures. Globes are hypnotic. Pyramids are the most exalting of all forms—as in Gothic architecture's vaulted roofs. One finds them in nature in the conifers. Too many pyramids make a saw-toothed edge instead of a feeling of exaltation. Group them so that a series of smaller pyramids make one larger pyramid."

"When you first plan your place, be sure your vistas are lovely. A little screening will do the trick."

"Everybody makes mistakes, but the awful thing is to live with them. Change them as you find them."

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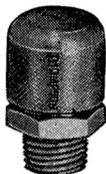
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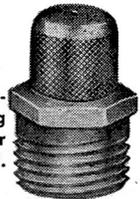


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August Newsletter

Last month Maud Nichols, Joyce Ann and I took a little vacation in San Diego. We visited the gardens of Mrs. Hunter at Rosecroft which is always like a fairyland to me. I remembered the annual picnics we had there in the early days of our Society when Mr. Robinson had the gardens. We visited also the large Sierra Vista Gardens of Mrs. Edna Lowry in Lemon Grove where we saw some lovely begonias as well as many fine plants. We drove down to Tijuana, Mexico, where we ate a Mexican dinner and enjoyed several hours of shopping up and down the streets. We bought crazy hats, belts, canes, perfume, baskets and had our pictures taken with Joyce Ann on the donkey, and Maud and I in the rickety Mexican wagon, we had such fun. The next day we drove along the coast another 60 miles to Ensenada to the fabulous hotel built by Jack Dempsey, Hotel Riviera del Pacifica, there we ate our dinner in great style with different Mexican waiters for each course and to the music played by a group of Mexican musicians. After dinner Joyce Ann and I went wading in the warm waters of the Mexican shore and I could easily have spent my entire summer right there. The next day in San Diego we visited the enchanting greenhouse of Mr. Charles Cass, one of our Seed Fund members. I was charmed with the place for it was completely filled to overflowing with an assortment of exotic plants of all kinds, bromeliads in soft pastel shades, some almost transparent, of his own hybridizing. *Platycentrum* ferns he had grown from his own crossings, some showing most interesting characteristics, and the most wonderful lot of fine begonias, mostly rare kinds. I asked him if he would write us a story of his new crosses for our *Begonian*.

There were ferns of all kinds, orchids, many climbing plants, philodendrons, etc. Mr. Cass loaded up our car with plants and cuttings. At the County Fair in Del Mar, Maud was in her glory at the flower show for it was indeed a wonderland. She bought some unusual geraniums at one of the little stands and we had a nice visit with the A.B.S. members J. W. Phillips and wife of Del Mar.

Cow-girl Joyce Ann was also in her glory for we found a pony riding ring where we finally left her to ride until she got blisters while we saw the rest of the Fair. The following morning we started off for a visit with Dick and Marie Minter in Encinitas. They gave us armfuls of avocados and off we went again to visit all the plant nurseries between there and home. Of course we had to buy all the unusual plants we saw whether we had room or not. Maud groaned when I found some new ferns at the last nursery for we had no more room.

In the mail came a packet of spores of a native flowering fern of Louisiana sent us by Mr. J. P. Toberman, and in the same mail some seed of *Tibouchina grandiflora* var. *obtusiflora* from Brazil, some hybrid rex begonia seed from a member and a lot of letters to answer, I shall try to get them answered soon.

I should like to remind you about the wood rose seeds from Hawaii which I now have, they are such fun to grow as you can almost watch the vines stretch out and the cut leaves unfurl.

I hope you saw the picture of the calla begonia in the last *Begonian* — we still have plenty of seeds left for you, also cultural leaflets, seed lists and the free seeds mentioned before; if you want them send a large stamped envelope. Many kinds of begonia seeds, fern spores, gloxinias, etc., on hand and to be had by members for the low price of 25c per packet; hybrid rex is 50c.

I hope to see all of you at the convention September 1st and 2nd at Plummer Park, Hollywood. You will find me at our booth possibly wearing that crazy Mexican hat covered with bicycle riders, man on a burrow, baskets, etc.

Adios, Amigos. Hasta luego.

Your skipper, Florence Carrell

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Calendar of Coming Events

(Visitors are always welcome!)

August 3rd, 4th, 5th

Ventura: Theodosia Burr Shepberd Branch: Annual Flower Show, Ventura Junior College Gym, between 2000 and 2300 Poli St. Doors open 1:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, closing each night at 10:00.

August 5th

BEGONIA DAY IN SAN DIEGO: A Tuberous blossom for every patient in all hospitals!

August 9th

Inglewood: Round Table discussion!

August 11th & 12th

Southern Alameda County Branch: Sixth Annual Begonia and Shade Plant Show at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 737 Main street, Hayward, California, courtesy of the Memorial Building Commission. Admission is free! **VACATIONERS:** Mark this date and place on your itineraries.

La Mesa: Show. Contact Mrs. McManus, Rt. 1, Box 1070, La Mesa, for details.

August 24th

A. D. Robinson Branch: 10:00 a. m. Clark Garden, 3030 Homer St., San Diego. Mrs. Annie Robinson, speaker; topic "Streptocarpus and Gloxinias." **THIS IS THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON.**

August 25th

New England Branch: 11:00 a. m. North Street Greenhouses, Danielson, Conn. 12:00 m. box lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Martin, hosts. 2:00 p. m. Speaker, Mrs. E. E. Martin, "Rex Begonias."

August 25th & 26th

San Diego Branch: **BEGONIA & SHADE PLANT SHOW:** Saturday 1:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.; Sunday 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. at the Japanese Pavilion, Balboa Park, San Diego. (Small admission charge.) Competitive exhibit for ribbons. **VISITORS:** Don't miss this one!

Sept. 1st & 2nd

1951 National Convention and Show: See page 168.

September 22nd

New England Branch: 12 m. Box lunch. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buxton, hosts, 114 Central Street, Peabody, Mass. Speaker, 2 p. m.

September 28th

A. D. Robinson Branch: 10 a. m. Brown Garden, 3233 Tennyson St., San Diego; Marie Minter speaks on "New Begonia Introductions." White elephant sale.

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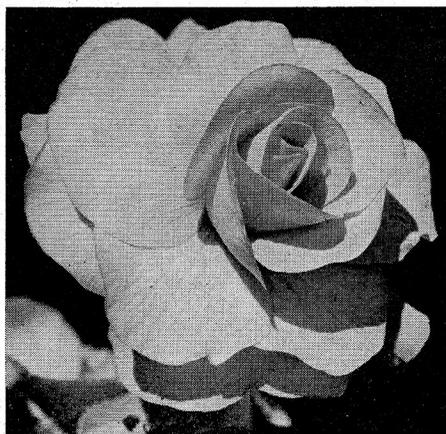
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Audrey Adams, Secy.
6139 Graywood Ave., Bellflower, Calif.

CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH, ORLANDO, FLA.

1st Friday, Aug. 3, Sept. 7

Member's Homes

Mr. Ted Wolf, Secy.-Treas.
Rt. 19, Box 3700, Orlando, Fla.

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, DALLAS, TEXAS

1st Thursday, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, 7:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Russel B. White, Secy.-Treas.
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EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Aug. 9, 7:45 p.m.

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3rd Thursday, Aug. 16, 8:00 p.m.

Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 804 E. Valley

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FOOTHILL BRANCH

1st Friday, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, 8:00 p.m.

Woman's Club House, 1003 Azusa Ave., Azusa

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FORT, ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Aug. 4, Sept. 1

Mrs. Marion R. Thompson, Secy.

129 White Horse Pike, Magnolia, N. J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Aug. 22, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central Ave.

Mrs. D. H. Bradley, Cor. Secy.

1301 San Luis Rey Dr., Glendale 8, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Community House, La Jolla

Tillie Center, Cor. Secy.

7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

GRUNBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Home of Members

Box Lunch 12:30, Program following

Mrs. Ernest Jones, Secy.

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2nd Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.

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Mrs. Walter J. Butt, Cor. Secy.

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HUB CITY BRANCH

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Roosevelt High School Cafe

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Mrs. Dorothy Sarson, Secy.

1108 E. Glencoe Ave., Compton 1, Calif.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Aug. 13, 8:00 p.m.

Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.

Mrs. Dorothy Sarson, Secy.

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INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Aug. 9, 8:00 p.m.

325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.

Virginia Smith, Secy.

1419 W. 104th St. Los Angeles 47, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, Aug. 13, 8:00 p.m.

Porter Park

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3rd Thursday, Aug. 16, 8:00 p.m.
Faculty Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Esther Krabach, Cor. Secy.
8438 Fairview Lane, Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern
Mrs. Juanita Pritchard, Secy.
11150 Duncan Ave., Lynwood, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Friday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Members' Homes
Mrs. Fred M. Owens, Secy.-Treas.
1312 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Aug. 8, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. John C. Schmucker, Secy.-Treas.
Box 233, Brownsville, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH, CLEVELAND, O.

4th Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, 10013 Detroit St.
Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. Edward Lobser, Cor. Secy.
25912 Westlake Rd., Bay Village, Ohio

WHITTIER BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Union High School, Room 19
Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.
Mrs. Gretchen Bauchop, Secy.
9741 S. Santa Fe Springs Rd., Whittier, Calif.

CONDENSED MINUTES meeting National Board, American Begonia Society, held in the City Hall, Los Angeles, Calif., June 25th, 1951, with President Moore presiding.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p. m.

Present for the meeting Messrs. Moore, Walton, Trowbridge, Sherer, Lorenz, Small, Spaulding; Mesdames Korts, Schwerdtfeger, Nolan, Hartwell. Mrs. MacLanahan unable to be present. Branches represented: Glendale, San Gabriel Valley, Riverside, Inglewood, Hub City, South Gate, Redondo Beach Area, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Bellflower, Whittier, El Monte.

Salute to the Flag and Statement of Aims and Purposes of the Society.

Minutes meeting May 28th, read and after ad-

dition of minor changes, approved as submitted. At the suggestion of the President, motion by Mrs. Nolan—"that we dispense with our regular order of business and proceed at once with the order of old business." Second by Sherer. **SO ORDERED.**

President Moore then asked Walton to proceed. Mr. Walton stated that "the revised Proposed Constitution and By-laws as I will read it represents the opinion of the Committee. I want the Board to understand this is our last meeting for the approval, and we should try to get in agreement, if it is at all possible. We will take it up by Article and Section, one at a time. I shall now read the proposed revision dated June 25th, 1951." After reading each Article, and each Section, each item received the endorsement of the Board, and a "SO ORDERED."

The Proposed Constitution and By-laws, as endorsed by the Board, appears in this August Begonian and will be brought up at the Convention, Sept. 1st, 1951, for vote. Please read this carefully and be prepared to vote on same.

Col. Gale asked that the Board extend to the Committee its sincere thanks for the work put in on this matter. Second Mr. Sherer. **SO ORDERED.**

REPORTS—Business Mgr., Treasurer, Membership Fees read reports of their respective offices. Reports accepted, as presented.

Librarian Nolan reported—Books purchased for resale "Green Fingers" and "Beautiful Leaved Plants," new material in circulation "Sunset Ideas for Building Plant Shelters and Garden Dork," donated by Lane Publishing Co.; "A to Z on Fuchsias," donated by Mr. Harry Marshall, Redondo Beach Area Branch.

Mr. Trowbridge asked that any branch planning to send contributions to host branches, send remittance to Mr. Wm. Haskell, of the Santa Monica Branch, Convention Treasurer. Also reported Mr. Frank Rich will not be able to take the office of Flower Show Chairman next year; we will welcome suggestions.

Mrs. Marek reported on her recent visit to the San Francisco and East Bay Branches. Felt San Francisco is very seriously thinking of having the Convention in 1952.

Branch reports, due to the lateness of the hour, were very brief and incomplete:

Pasadena, pot-luck at the James Giridlian Garden in July.

Santa Monica, new meeting place; Gladys Nolan, speaker.

Riverside, entered a booth at the Padua Hills Flower Show; July meeting with spaghetti dinner.

El Monte, had the slides at last meeting; were very much enjoyed.

Glendale, meeting with Maria Wilkes as speaker. Hub City, pot-luck dinner; Mr. Dyckman installing the officers.

San Gabriel Valley, Mrs. Jensen our next speaker; had our Flower Show. Fine display.

Whittier, meeting at Penn Park—begonias and fuchsias.

Santa Barbara, Clarence Hall of Ventura, July speaker.

Meeting adjourned to meet again July 23rd, same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted,

Gonda Hartwell, Secretary.

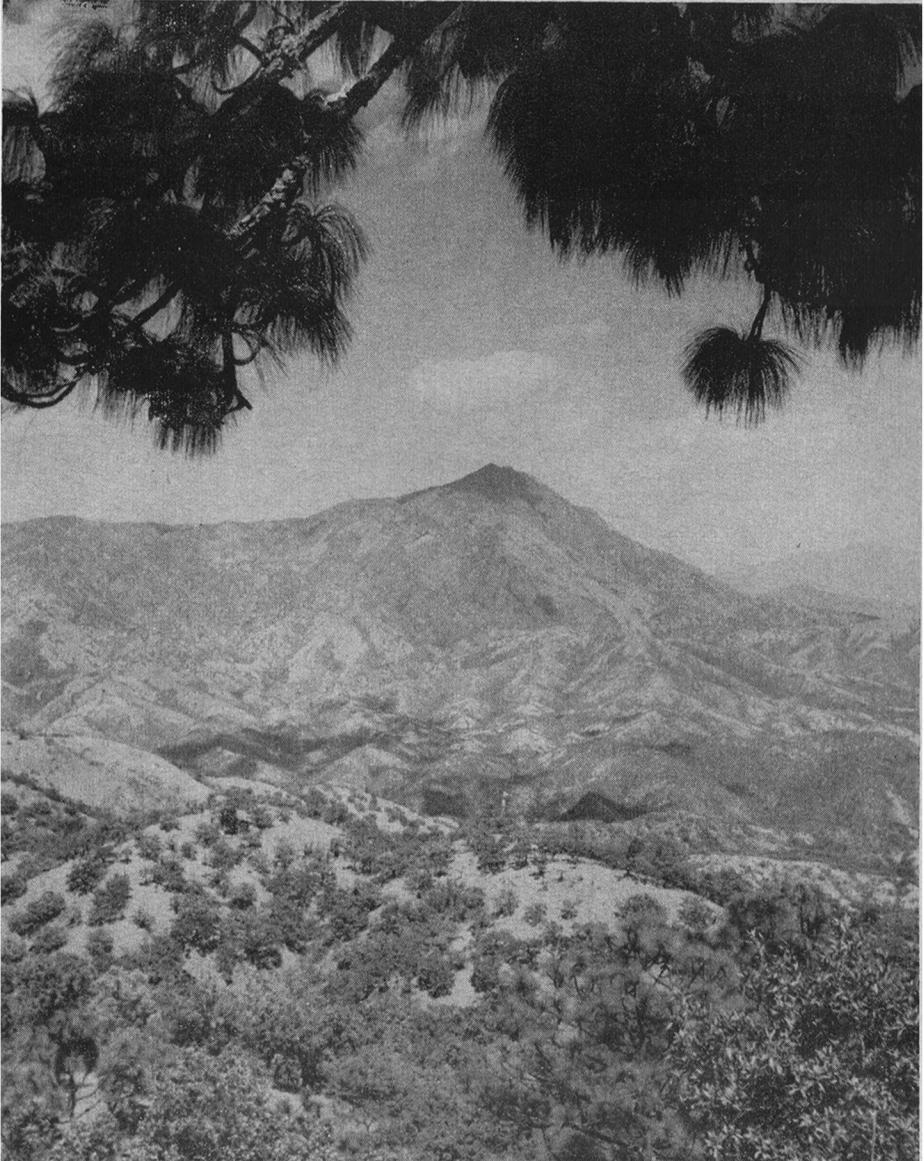
BRANCH SHOWS

Riverside had a fine exhibit at the Padua Hills Fuchsia Show. They always put so much good work into their displays that they are outstanding.

Missouri is planning its own September show—watch for dates.

Violet Wooden of Humboldt County Branch writes that they won second prize against two local clubs using cut flowers with their potted plant exhibit, directed by Mrs. F. Brelle, at the Fortuna Flower Show in April. Stair-steps centered on a table were covered with rex and fibrous begonias and a few coleus. Congratulations to our most northerly California branch.

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As seen from a ridge to the Southeast. Cave dwelling place of *Begonia cavum* is near the top of the peak. (See page 161)