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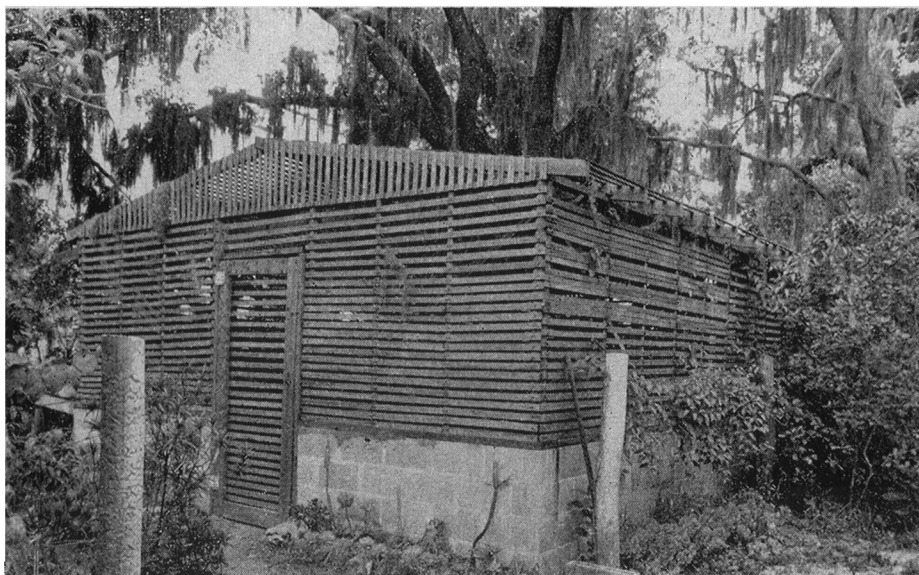
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Speaking of Slat Houses

A Picture Story by William Henningsen, Central Florida Director

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October—

*For him who beads the nippy morning,
Sheltering safe his tender blooms,
That 'morning' will not change to 'mourning.'*



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Photo One (opposite page): I had my experience here in Florida with cypress posts. No matter how you treat them, they will be eaten up by termites, so I built myself a real slat house. You will see the cement blocks are four high; then I used a 'celcured' plate 2 x 8 with 10 inch bolts every 3 feet, imbedded in cement. The uprights are 2 x 4's and cypress posts spiked into the plate; the uprights are 5 feet high.

Photo Two: The interior. Benches are covered with 90-pound green roll roofing. You can see where the house is braced in the back lefthand corner, which faces south, and the front is braced in both corners. Last November a hurricane passed a little to the west of us here in Orlando. We just received gusts up to 85 miles an hour (just a breeze, you know). I (being a 'damnyankee') can't get used to them, but the old slat house took it

in good stride — just enough give. The back part of the roof is covered by 10 feet of 'Homosote'; that portion I keep for growing seed, etc.

Photo Three: The right side. You will notice I raise my rex in pots. Halfway down you will see many 'Manda's Woolly Bear.' Just the other day I happened to look at one of the pots and it is full of little seedlings. The plants are covered now with seed pods, which I am taking off and saving. (Yes, don't tell me!) I forgot to remove my 'tea' pail. (Cow tea). I use that, Hyponex or Orthogrow for my potted plants, alternating once a week, and I find I get no burn. I feel when I water with the hose and when we get the heavy rains, it washes all the good through the pots and they will lack food, so I do like to feed and give a change in their diet.

I hope I have helped a little with these pictures, and I conclude with — Good Luck to you all and God bless you.

The Naming of Begonias

By H. M. Butterfield

Nomenclature Director

The rules for naming species of begonias are far more definite and well worked out than for horticultural varieties. An attempt was made by the London Conference in 1930 to establish a set of rules for naming horticultural varieties but these rules were never fully complete nor were they widely accepted by the organizations interested in plant specialties, such as begonias. Those interested in Standardized Plant Names have done some very good work in trying to get more uniformity in plant names and more support for good rules in naming plants. Some general agreement may be reported on certain rules for naming horticultural varieties.

A varietal name should be used for only one variety of a kind, such as a begonia. This should be recognized as a policy for all future naming. Where a duplication exists from past years, the plant society concerned may legislate to cover the situation, as in the case of the two begonias known as Pres. Carnot. The cane variety, President Carnot has priority but the rex variety bearing the same name is so well known that many claim the name should be retained but with "rex" attached to show its proper place. The purpose is to prevent more confusion. If somebody independently applies an entirely new name there is the probability of more confusion rather than less. No person has yet been given the right to rename horticultural varieties independently of the general will of growers and fanciers. Until official action is taken in such cases, the present confusion will likely continue.

Similar names for different varieties tends to lead to confusion and should be avoided in the future.

Varietal names should not be translated when transferred from other languages, although the translated name may be given in brackets, as *Comtesse Louise Erdoedy* (Countess Louise Erodody).

In the future horticultural names should not have a prefix on a personal name. For example, Mr., Miss, or Mrs. should not be applied. As far as possible all initials of personal names should be omitted.

Avoid long words or words that are hard to pronounce.

Omit articles in the given name, as "a", "the", etc.

Hyphens in given names should be avoided in most cases.

The horticultural name should consist of one word as far as possible and should never have more than 3 words.

The rule of priority should apply in the future to all horticultural names as well as for botanical names. An attempt is being made to assemble all published names applied to begonias and it is hoped that a list of all such names may be published by the American Begonia Society so that any person wishing to check on either priority or duplication may do so. At present it is possible to check with Mrs. Bessie R. Buxton of Peabody, Mass., and with Mr. Frederick J. Bedson of England to see if a name has been used before.

Most begonia fanciers agree that some official system of publication of horticultural names is needed. This may be done in the *Begonian* with the permission of the editor or in any publication that has adequate distribution to qualify. A simple listing of a name without adequate description should not be considered satisfactory to establish the priority of a name. A name applied but without any description in a suitable publication should not merit any standing or priority.

At times the originator may wish to change a given name. If the change is made before the variety is introduced there should be no confusion but a change of the name after the plant is introduced will at least require suitable description and publication, calling attention to the change in name. The right to name or change the name of a variety should rest with the originator or with any person whom he may designate in writing. An oral permission to name or rename may lead to trouble in case of death of the originator unless a written permit can be produced for evidence. It is assumed that all varieties be distinct and merit naming. Inferior seedlings should never be named or recognized officially in any system of registration. Seedlings should be tested 3 years under suitable conditions to be sure that they are distinct and are worth naming. A system of testing is badly needed. Begonia growers need some system of testing such as enjoyed by rose growers affiliated with the All America Selections.

Occasionally growers have sold seedlings and

customers have been given the right to name worthy seedlings. Unless the originator has given permission to name, preferably in writing, the customer should have no right to name the seedlings.

The federal government has a copyright law that allows the individual to gain a copyright on names that are new and distinct. No grower has any right to grow a begonia and apply a copyrighted name without permission of the owner of the copyright, as long as the copyright is in force. Some growers have tried to get around this copyright by renaming a variety but that is not ethical nor to be supported by persons interested in proper nomenclature.

Plants that are propagated asexually, as by cuttings, may be patented under the federal patent law, if the originator is able to prove the new plant is distinct and pays the necessary fees involved. Not all plants patented to date have been adequately proved to be distinct, though most are distinct. Naturally the originator of a patented plant should be allowed to name the variety or he may elect to consign the patent to another and may also give right to name but such a plant must not have been disseminated at the time of patenting. Many begonias may be worthy of a plant patent but the cost may be more than a small grower can afford. Salmon Beauty originated by Rocco Zeparro was patented Dec. 28, 1937, and since then several other begonias have been patented.

The outlook for a satisfactory set of international rules covering the naming of horticultural varieties is still uncertain. The recent conference in Europe failed to take action and yet action is badly needed. Unless international rules are set up, then the American Be-

gonia Society may wish to take the initiative and establish its own official rules to guide propagators and breeders. These remarks apply to horticultural variety names and not to botanical names. It is urged that official action take the place of individual action in trying to name or rename. This should extend to group names as well, such as *Begonia hie-malis*, *B. tuberhybrida*, *B. rex-cultorum*, and *B. cheimanthus*. Such names as just listed may be meritorious but official action of a national organization, such as the American Begonia Society, should make such names official if they are found to be satisfactory names. We cannot depend on the federal bureau that admits plants to this country to check names to be sure they are correct. Latin names should not be applied to either horticultural varieties or to groups of such varieties if this can be avoided, according to the opinion of horticulturists who have given the problem a good deal of study. Botanists should have no right to handle the situation but the American Begonia Society and similar organizations may take the lead in officially passing on varietal names or group names applied to such varieties. The question of cost of maintaining files of such names as growers apply and how breeders may check on new seedlings to see if they are distinct and worthy, needs further attention. All registration of seedlings should remain the right of the originator and no other person should have the right of registering a seedling without the written permit of the originator. Where the originator is dead and a seedling of merit remains unnamed, then the American Begonia Society may wish to take official action to establish a recognized name. All such problems need further study.

President "Cal" Says:

It is a great honor to be your 20th president and share in making this a wonderful year. I say 'share,' because it will take all of our members, getting together behind your officers and working hard to make this a strong, successful organization and exploit all its possibilities.

Arrangements are being made to include some northern members in the official work of the Society. We need close ties with our fine, growing northern branches.

We would like to see more study groups formed within large branches — like Inglewood's 30 people interested in all the details of how to grow begonias from the ground up.

Personally I would like to see at least 1000 new members in this organization this year plus retaining those we already have. This is

not a rash wish. It merely means acquainting people with begonias and with the A.B.S. I would like to see an A.B.S. leaflet go out with each order mailed by the begonia dealers for that purpose. People all over the world want to know how to grow begonias. It is up to us, together, to put the message across.

I solicit your help because one man or a few cannot do it alone.

Cal

HELPING HANDS

In June the Ventura's Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch completed a project at the Santa Paula Spastic School. This was the planting of a plot 8 by 25 feet of Begonias under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knecht.

—T. M. Lemmon.

Bulb Associates for your Begonias

By Worth Brown
Capitola, California



Courtesy Vetterle & Reinelt

(We present herewith a summary of Mr. Brown's speech before the American Begonia Society's National Convention, prefaced by Master of Ceremonies Clarence Hall's introductory remarks:

Worth Brown is best known to you as author of that fine book on Tuberous Begonias but grows only for wholesale trade. A graduate of Stanford University, he and his wife have two boys. He is the only grower with a complete set-up because he has a dairy ranch where the cows give milk, which he sells, and manure, which is so fine he packages it and sells it in the east, plus fertilizing his bulbs! He and his sons love boat racing. He flies for fun also.)

Since you had such a complete lecture last year on Tuberous Begonias, and I am going to be conceited and believe you have read my book, I decided to be different and describe all types of bulbs suitable for the sheltered garden. Some will do well in the sun, as well as the shade, depending on the intensity in various areas, such as coastal or inland, but all will enjoy the sheltered garden.

There are different connotations of shade such as dense shade, deciduous shade — where leaves drop exposing the beds to sunlight in winter — and moving shade, as under lath where a given area is subjected alternately to light and shadow. Shade is not a constant factor. There are three principal effects of

it in the garden: darkness, coolness, and the arresting of the evaporation of moisture.

I will take up the most important bulb family first.

Lilies: This is such a large group some prefer shade, some hot sun, but all want cool roots, however, and lots of moisture.

L. pardalinum, a native, also known as Sunset or Leopard Lily, is very good in shade; very recurved, to 6 feet tall.

L. superbum of the east coast has very similar requirements.

L. Humboldtii of the west likes shade even better.

L. Washingtonianum (named not for the State but for Martha).

L. columbianum carries up to 40 lilies on a stalk and may be planted in either sun or shade.

L. Martagon is common in Europe, having naturalized widely. It is called the Turk's-Cap Lily and is light purple about 4 feet tall. Likes shade better than sun. There are many varieties.

L. canadense is bell-shaped; comes from the eastern United States.

L. rubellum, light pink and very fragrant, comes from Japan and is an excellent small lily.

L. umbellatum, the Candlestick Lily, has been developed into many fine new varieties, my first choice being Fire King.

L. regale is recommended for sun but 25 to 30 years ago when it was first introduced from China we put them in the lath house and they grow very well there, being a little taller and richer in color.

L. Sargentiae was crossed with *L. regale* to produce the fine new Creelman Hybrids.

I find the American regal lilies the best.

Begonias:

Nothing is quite as wonderful for the shady garden as the large flowering double tuberous begonia, but I have the feeling that through the years, while the large hybrids are the most beautiful, we sometimes have a tendency to forget some of the other fine types.

When you are planting, try the *multifloras*. They are the most colorful with their masses of small flowers. You can put them in pots and knock them around and bring them to a show without damage. They come in a full range of begonia colors since two years ago we brought out a white one to complete the range.

Another good type is the new *crispa*, larger and lovelier than the old ones. Because they only have four petals you do not need to stake them and they hold their heads up well. *Crispa marginata* is a variation with the two-toned flower in interesting color combinations, greatly improved over what you may have had a few years ago.

B. Martiana will stand more sun than any other I know. It is considerably darker in the sun and somewhat shorter.

Pendula or hanging basket types have been greatly improved. You will find there are a great many more forms and there are actually two separate groups. One is crossed back onto the large doubles and back again onto the *pendula* type and has much larger flowers. The criticism of this is that they don't have as many blooms and don't come down into a cascade as far as the true *pendulas*, and, since they are wider in diameter but not so thick through, from the side they do not show as much color.

We are working on all these types and feel there is a place for them and are continuing to try to improve them as well as the doubles. Of course, the progress is not as rapid with these odd types because we do not grow as many of them. The reason the doubles have made such great progress is the great number that have been grown, so we can go into the field and find that many more variations.

Leucojums: The snowflakes are like snowdrops in form but are really of the amaryllis family. They are perfectly hardy and naturalize well. (The kind I like best, of course, is our "Capitola Giant.")

Muscari: The grape hyacinths are not as

familiar as they might well be. "Heavenly Blue" is the common one, although the true "Heavenly Blue" has been off the market for years, and they sell *armeniaceum* instead. They are perfectly hardy and naturalize well. There are over 25 varieties in commercial production, including one (*M. comosum*) with greenish-purple flowers over 20 inches tall. The pretty Feathered Hyacinth type is very late flowering. *Muscari* can also be grown well in pots. They all deserve a lot more attention than they are getting.

Scilla: *S. campanulata* is a good one, 12 to 15 inches tall, which you can naturalize for years without disturbing the clump and is one of the few plants that do well under conifers, such as firs and pines. *Peruviana* makes a bulb 2 to 2½ inches in diameter and grows differently from the others, sending up a bloom stalk about 12 inches tall topped by an umbel of hundreds of little blue blossoms.

Gloriosas: Like a tiger lily in form, the most common are yellow turning red as they age. They actually climb 6 to 8 feet by tendrils which grow on the ends of their leaves. The foliage otherwise is like tall lilies. They grow from little tubers. The pistil grows out at right angles instead of straight out. They take the same soil as begonias and bloom in late spring or summer. *G. Rothschildiana* is the best known but *G. superba* is also available.

Chionodoxa: Excellent; well known in the east. Try *Luciliae*.

Triteleia violacea, really *Brodiaea uniflora*, is one we grow and like very well. It is similar to *Chionodoxa* but will grow in either warm or cold climates.

Caladiums: Most of the United States is too cold for growing the fancy-leaved types out-of-doors, but *esculentum*, the "Elephant Ear," fills up a shady hole awfully fast and the leaves are very decorative. The taro of the South Sea Islands is a caladium. One of them grows 8 to 9 feet tall in New Guinea with leaves 6 feet long.

Callas: The whole series of related plants that include *Zantedeschias* and *Arums* come next. *Aethiopica* (the large white) is definitely the best, although the smaller whites are useful. The yellow and pink varieties do better in the sun. *Arum pictum* and *Arum palaestinum* may be used but have a bad smell.

Hyacinths: Need sun except for two alpine—*amethystinus* and *azureus*—which like shade.

Iris: While most species prefer sun, our native iris from the woods have to have shade and are very good. There are also two varieties from Palestine, *I. histrioides* and *I. reticulata*, that do well in partial shade.

Achimenes: Some fine new ones are coming

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up; some have an open lip with practically no tube and others are like their close relative, the gloxinia, in form. They should be treated much the same as a begonia. 'Ambrose Verschafelt' is a hanging basket type in lilac with violet veins. 'Vivid' and 'Dazzler' are good reds and 'Little Beauty' is a fine dark rose color.

Calochortus: Our natives are well appreciated in England. The better known "Mariposa Lily" is not good in shade but the pendent types must have shade. They reach 12 inches and are hardy but must be taken care of as they are a little difficult to grow. *Pulchellus*, 'Golden Lantern,' *albus*, and *amoenus* (rose) are suitable.

Erythroniums: The "Dog's Tooth Violets" were first found in the eastern United States but we have some fine varieties in the west. *Tuolumnensis* makes a nice-looking big bulb but is difficult to grow and not a good yellow; *californicum*, introduced by Purdy, is the best yellow. *Hendersonii* is purple; *revolutum*, pink. They must be grown in the shade.

Fritillarias: Are fine western natives for the sheltered garden. They will grow to a height of about 10 inches. Some varieties will not grow in sun; others dislike shade. The best ones for shade are:

F. lanceolata — purple, mottled yellow; *F. pluriflora* — pink; *F. ludica* — yellow. Von Tubergen in Holland is introducing a new one this year — *F. persica* — deep purple, 24 inches tall.

Cyclamen: Particularly interesting to begonia growers because they are the perfect companions. *C. persicum*, the large flowered florists plant can be put in the same place you had tuberous begonias during the fall and thus give you a full season of color. Even better, leave them all year round in the ground, merely lifting the begonias when they are through.

There are also two hardy cyclamen—*neapolitanum* and *Atkinsii*—which bloom in summer, pink or white and are worthwhile, but for this climate the ordinary commercial varieties do just as well.

Goodness knows! I am still putting tuberous begonias at the head of the list, but I am also urging you to try some of the fine bulbs listed to accompany them. You are like the boy whose girlfriend's father asked him, "Are your intentions honorable or dishonorable?" He replied, "You mean I've got a choice?"—You, too, have a choice when it comes to bulbs for a shady garden.

Our Cover Picture

Begonia "Mrs. Fred Scripps"

Probably 99% of our readers know about or have grown this husky, variable-leaved begonia — a sort of bear among begonias with its shaggy coat and love of the out-of-doors.

Mention has been made of the little mystery of its birth. Mrs. Minter reports that the parentage was attributed to *Haageana* (Scharffi) because that and *luxurians* were planted close together and were in bloom at the same time. Attention has been called to the little ruff

in the center of the leaves like that of *luxurians*. BUT some see traces of *Scharffiana*, some see *Scharffi*. As far as we know, no one has been able to set viable seed on Mrs. Fred Scripps which could be grown to see what variations would be thrown — some by laws of heredity should be close to each parent in form and the balance mixed. No one, as far as we know, has ever tried a *Scharffi* or *Scharffiana* cross with *luxurians*. Why don't you owners of *luxurians* try and see what you get?



Mrs. Leora Calmese, Kansas City, Mo.—In repotting, put a little naphthaline crystals in bottom of pot; will discourage fishing worms and pill bugs. Put mothballs or crystals under the pots if set outside. A good remedy for pill bugs: sprinkle a slice of raw potato with paris green. Spray with Chlordane: 1 tea-

spoon to a quart of water, to control most bugs.

Mrs. R. E. Kartack, Wisconsin — 'Paul Brunt' is a good bloomer — male flowers very small but big clusters of female blooms with green ovaries are very showy and last a long time.

Mrs. Leora Calmese, Kansas City, Mo.—If you can't get well-rotted manure, get a sack of pulverized manure and some peatmoss, bury in the ground, and in a month you will have some wonderful material. Mix with garden soil and sand and watch your plants grow.

Mrs. R. E. Kartack, Wisconsin — *Incarnata Sandersi* will bloom even if the plants are very small during the blooming season, and I have had cuttings bloom in December.

Salem Oregon Branch Reorganizes

The Salem Oregon Branch of the A.B.S. has recently reorganized and, from the glowing reports of their meetings, is becoming very active in the study of begonias. Mrs. Margie Edlund as program Chairman has outlined many interesting meetings for the group. They plan to study begonias from certain countries and to carry out the theme through the meeting. Mrs. Fletcher was in charge of the refreshment tables the evening they studied Chinese Begonias and cleverly decorated with chaireuse china, bamboo mats and a figurine group. Each member is required to grow and to show at least one begonia each year. The Branch plans to make a display at the Oregon State Fair.

It will meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Chapel behind the Salem Memorial Hospital, 685 Winter Street, Salem. Mr. Al

Clark of the D-Vista Gardens has been elected President and, with the following new officers, is planning big things: Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Fletcher; Secretary, Mrs. Dan Scharf; Treasurer, Mrs. Norman Baker; Natl. Director, Mrs. G. G. Craig.

The Revised Constitution and By-laws were submitted to the National Board and A.B.S. members at the Annual Meeting in Hollywood, the afternoon of September 1, 1951, were voted upon by those present and approved. The Branch will retain its original Charter.

With "Hat Parades," Pot Luck dinners, Wiener Roasts, garden visitations, successful plant sales and well planned programs, we feel they are well on the road to success.

We appreciate their efforts and work and pledge our support to the begonia growers of the Salem Oregon Branch of the A.B.S.

Louise Schwerdtfeger, Public Relations Director.

Library Notes

It is always a pleasure to announce a new book of interest to all shade plant gardeners and *ALL ABOUT AFRICAN VIOLETS* by Montague Free, a fitting companion to *ALL ABOUT HOUSE PLANTS* by the same author, is such a volume. Mr. Free has made a thorough study of this plant, beloved by most of our membership, and has written his experiences in a most interesting and readable manner. He has done something no other writer on this plant has attempted by giving to all of us a complete list of named varieties and their synonyms—So much confusion has existed

by duplication of names of this plant that it is a joy to find an authoritative source for reference. Copies will be available to our membership and the book will also be for sale thru your library after the 25th of this month. Order early. \$3.50 per copy (Calif. members please include sales tax.)

Remember the holidays are just around the corner and I can think of no finer gift to a *Saintpaulia* enthusiast. Do your Xmas shopping early! and add to your library material by such support.

Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian.

Your Editor

At the Convention we made the personal acquaintance of the Plantsmith and received a copy of some of his printed leaflets entitled, whimsically, "Cabbages and Things." The things are a whale of a lot of solid gardening know-how packed into succinct items garnished with humorous verbiage and potent little cartoons. It is a bi-monthly with a 1951 price of 25c a year!

News comes from the South that the tuberous begonias at Cardoza Gardens are bigger 'n' better than ever this year. Have you seen them? It's well worth the trip to Corona del Mar, just south of Balboa-Newport.

Members around New York: The 1951 Autumn Courses of Study for the New York Botanical Garden have been released and sound better than ever, as do the free Saturday after-

noon Programs—especially Oct. 6th—"Garden of the Gods of Venezuela." That country is the incubator of a number of begonia species! Write the Garden, Bronx Park, N. Y. 58, N. Y. for information about membership and programs.

Dorothy Jonson writes that, "Destruxol's TENDER LEEF SPRAY is the new name for Destruxol's ORCHID SPRAY, which has long been advertised in the BEGONIAN as a safe spray for Begonias. It is a non-oil emulsion . . . and Begonias, you know, cannot stand oil. The name of ORCHID SPRAY was always a bit misleading . . . many people thought it was exclusively for Orchids. Actually it is a beautiful product for Begonias, Fine Ferns and other House plants generally. So the Destruxol Corporation has designed a new label which carries a picture of a Begonia along with other varieties of plants for which the spray is recommended."



1951 Convention Banquet — American Legion Dining Room — Hollywood

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Two Hundred eighty-eight attended the banquet which climaxed the first day of our 1951 Convention and Show. Rev. C. T. Harrison of Hollywood gave the invocation and Past President Clarence Hall smoothly mastered the ceremonies while a fine ham dinner slid down palates almost unnoticed because of the interesting conversation.

During the afternoon the business meeting at Fiesta Hall formed a prelude to the Show with the magnificent flower arrangements in the lobby presented by artist Marjorie Rankin,

assisted by Mr. Rankin. At the meeting the Amended Constitution and By-laws as printed in the August issue were adopted by votes of 98 to 4 and 96 to 0.

President Moore had read the results of the vote for officers:

Mrs. Edna Korts, president-elect; Mr. William Haskell, treasurer; Mr. R. H. Terrell, director for 3 years.

San Francisco's delegation showed up in Indian war paint and their Chief, Carl Meyers, on behalf of the *Combined Northern Branches*



Photo by Weaver Service

ood. 'Pompons' on curtain are Antonelli Tuberous Begonia Blossoms.

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made a bid for the 1952 Convention to be held in San Francisco under joint sponsorship of San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Southern Alameda County, East Bay, Petaluma and Humboldt Branches. After some repartee from the biggest delegation (Ventura's 32 from Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch) the offer was accepted with thanks.

The meeting adjourned until after the banquet and a tour of the show was made.

Truly Old California in style, the exhibit rooms surrounded a patio in which several

branches carried out the garden theme and hanging entries swung from the open corridor. There, too, were our loyal commercial advertisers' booths.

In one wing were the beautiful flower arrangements, the interesting new seedlings, fine fibrous specimens and as a 'topper,' the Library Table and the Seed Fund Booth. Mrs. Behrends introduced Mrs. Carolyn Rector, who autographed copies of her new African Violet Book, sold autographed copies of Worth

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Brown's "Tuberous Begonias" and displayed the galleries of the coming Montague Free book on African Violets.

At the Seed Fund Booth Maud Nichols and Florence Carrell talked themselves hoarse instructing visitors about the seedlings on display. When the vote was counted Sunday, they had won the Louise Schwerdtfeger \$25.00 award for the most educational display.

Across the hall Dr. Drummond's tables of instructive material on Ferns and Bromeliads could not qualify for that Award (it being for begonia material) but held people enthralled and remained crowded as everyone stopped to inspect the specimens and beautiful rare books.

There also was the tribute of the Eva Kenworthy Gray Branch of La Jolla to their namesake, which showed many fine specimens of her introductions and could have stood hours of study for comparisons of leaves, etc.

The other wing held a rainbow of tuberous begonia blossoms from the Santa Cruz Branch and Palos Verdes Begonia Farm and a contrasting rainbow of glorious rexes intermingled with ferns and background planting simulating a natural rock garden presented by Mr. L. T. Graner, a commercial grower of rexes here. On the tables between were the rex, tuberous and rhizomatous competitive entries. Outside, giant eucalypti and old shrubs and mellow air created a gracious and relaxing atmosphere in keeping with the inner beauty. But the Hour of the Banquet drew close and everyone hurried to the stately American Legion building.

Mr. Worth Brown of Capitola held everyone's attention with the talk reported on other pages and Clarence Hall M. C.'d cleverly.

As Show Chairman, Cal Trowbridge presented the awards which were highlighted by Lawrence Halverson, San Gabriel Valley Branch member, winning Best Plant in the Show with his giant fibrous hanging basket (whose story you will read in a later issue), which gave him

the Effie Chapman Cup for best fibrous; and—the Gonda Hartwell Cup for the best rex; and—\$23.00 for his 23 point total!

Another highlight: M. F. Harpester, all the way from Morro Bay (250 miles away) with 50 gorgeous plants of tuberous, won the Mary Hazel Drummond Cup for the third time, making it his own at last. The bloom that won was an outstanding variegated seedling from European seed. Being judged the person putting in the most effort for the show, he also walked away with the Santa Monica Bay Branch silver cup. Cal spoke of his motor court in Morro Bay where he grows beautiful fuchsias too and gives one away to each tenant. He had 26 points.

Mr. Gresham of El Patio Gift Shop, Encinitas, California, won the West Los Angeles Tribune trophy for the best seedling in the show. A cross of two as yet unnamed introductions from south of the border, its history will appear in a later issue.

Outgoing treasurer Ed Sherer of Santa Monica Bay Branch had 34 points, the highest point total of the show (18 were in African Violet Classes!) and therefore won the Hollywood Branch Trophy given for the highest point score — a large wooden garden shrine containing a statuette of St. Francis.

Other high scorers included Terry Olmsted of Hub City, Glen Motschman of Inglewood, and Marie Haskell of Santa Monica Bay; and Mrs. John Cheney of Pasadena, a young lady in her 80's, won 13 points.

San Francisco's past president, Art Mann, with jollity and solemnity thanked outgoing officers for their service and welcomed and installed the new officers.

Worth Brown Cup

Mr. Worth Brown offered a cup for the best tuberous begonia in the 1952 show, which was gratefully accepted, and the meeting closed with the arrival and distribution of giant tuberous blossoms from Brown Bulb Ranch and Vetterle & Reinelt.

IN MEMORIAM

The many friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, wife of Carl Fisher, will be grieved to learn of her death on August 18th. She was a member of the Orange County Branch and an advertiser and contributor in the Begonian. Besides her husband she leaves six fine grown sons and two daughters. The youngest daughter, Johanna, will live at home and help with the nursery, as her husband is in Korea.

Mrs. Fisher began to grow rex begonias in 1932. She had nice plants on the north side of her house and grew many young plants from cuttings in boxes with glass over the tops, becoming very successful with rex begonias.

In 1939 they moved to a ranch near Anaheim where she had room for some greenhouses. Here Mr. Fisher built four greenhouses to contain the beautiful rex plants. Mrs. Fisher did quite a lot of hybridizing and had named some of her best seedlings. There are around 7000 pots of rex begonias in the greenhouses besides fibrous begonias, epiphyllums, saintpaulias and ferns. Mr. Fisher and Johanna expect to try to carry on with these plants which Mrs. Fisher loved so much all her life and which brought so much happiness to her. They plan to have the nursery open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Orange County Branch joins me in this tribute.—*Florence Carrell.*



Armchair Explorers

October Newsletter

Convention over, the girls back in school and I am very busy with my correspondence once more. Foreign correspondence is a special hobby of mine and the longer I am in this Seed Fund department the more I enjoy it.

I am thrilled this month to tell you of the many kinds of new seeds I have for you. From South America come: *Begonia macrocarpa*, *B. cantareira*, *B. alto da serra*, *B. luxurians*, *B. cucullata*, *B. semperflorens* (wild native type). Also *Sinningia Maximiliana*, *Sinningia reginae*, *Corytholoma Douglasii* var. *Leopoldii*, and *Tibouchina grandiflora*. From Mexico *B. metallica*. From Hawaii seed of German hybrid *Kalanchoe*. From India two kinds of *Amaryllis* seed, hybrids of the huge flowering kind. All

above seed is 50c per package.

Other foreign letters received recently were from the Philippines, England and Australia. Soon I expect to have many more kinds of rare seeds to offer you. I want you to feel that being a member of the American Begonia Society has its rewards in being able to get unusual seed at the lowest price possible. I have had letters this past week from other countries saying that I could soon expect seeds of such items as anthuriums, philodendrons, miniature species rex, unusual fern spores, etc. I can hardly keep from telling you all about it right now. Please try to be patient along with me and soon we will be growing many new seeds in our greenhouses.

Members who can save seeds from their gardens will be doing a fine service for our Seed Fund by offering us the seeds. We will either pay for the seeds or exchange with you. Do write me if you have extra seeds.

Fern lovers have been wanting a society all their own and they will be glad to hear that an International Fern Society is being organized. Write me for information.

Crowds were at the Convention and Flower Show. I was sorry not to have been able to

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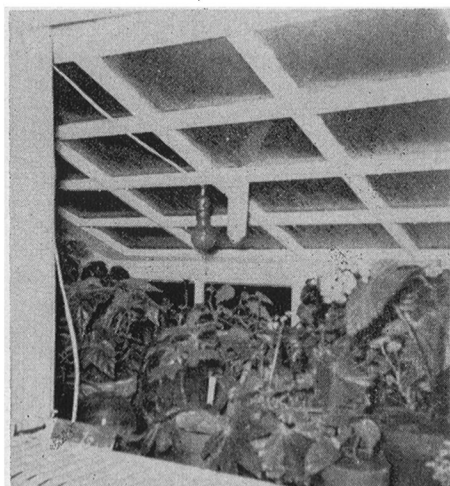
Mrs. Maud Nichols and Mrs. Florence Carrell turning the world about to uncover the Seed Fund Begonias — 1951 Convention

Photo by Dorothy Powell, Hub City Br.

visit with all of you, so many outsiders took up our time. Maud and I are making plans that next year we will be more free to visit with all you members. It was great fun seeing so many Armchair Explorers. Our meeting was a great success and enjoyed by all. For our booth we had a large corner which Maud and I papered with a lovely shade of green. A very large globe of the world with the continents made of various colored everlasting flowers was in the center, as you can see, and underneath were begonia flowers and dolls from the Philippines. The walls of our corner were well decorated with those hats from Mexico, which Maud and I decided against wearing ourselves, and various curios from Hawaii and the Philippines. Large wheels on each side made of foreign stamped envelopes were attractive, as was the entire border of foreign envelopes along the top of the green wallpaper background. We were tired, perhaps, but we were very happy. We gave away many packets of begonia seed and for the plants, folks donated a little change to our Seed Fund. With this and the \$25 Schwerdtfeger Award we won for our booth, we were able to send money along with some collectors who are leaving right away for Mexico and South America for seeds and plants. Watch for exciting news from these collectors! Maud won a first prize on her Begonia C 42, which was a young seedling and outstanding in color. I got a second on a rhizomatous, but I'm not going to let her beat me next year. Many lovely plants were at the show but more members should enter their plants and join in the fun.

Adios until next month,

Your Skipper, Florence Carrell



Window Planterium of Mrs. Marion Thompson, Elsa Fort Branch; light wiring beneath keeps correct temperature in winter.



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Question: Why do the leaves on my Rexes turn green during the summer, when all the rest of their growing time they are the normal coloring?

Answer: As your question came from a locality where the heat is more intense than it is along the coast, and the light intensity is not modified by morning and evening fog banks, I would say that it is a combination of the two factors that cause your Rex leaves to lose their color. You also state in your letter that your plants are grown on benches. As a remedy I would suggest that during the hottest part of the year you put your Rex plants under the benches where they will receive adequate light but will be in more shade than you have been giving them. Keep the ground damp under the benches and see if that doesn't improve their coloring. The color on Rex leaves is often very delicate and will fade if grown in too light a spot, especially during warm weather.

Question: I am confused about one point regarding the name on the hybrid plant of B. 'Alta-Scharff.' I have seen two plants with the same leaf conformation but with a difference in coloring. One plant seemed to have retained the white hair of B. *Scharffiana*, while the other plant retained the red hairs of B. *Laetevirides*. Should both these plants be called by the same name?

Answer: I would say yes. In hybridizing one often runs into this difference in coloring. If begonia hybridizers were working with some other plant, they would, as a matter of course, select the one plant that most pleased them and start building a stock from that one plant, destroying everything else. However, with begonias we don't have just a half dozen plants from which to choose the best, but rather we have hundreds if the cross is good. The leaf conformation will be about alike if two species are involved but there might be some difference in the coloration as there was in this case. If we group all the variations that appear under one general title rather than name each variation, future growers of begonias will be less confused. Any description of this plant should carry a notation of the variations found but this is often difficult for the writer. As a general rule descriptions are taken from the author's own plant and they might not know of a variation. It is only by chance that we find these things out.

Question: Recently I found a begonia named *B. Colichita*. Do you know whether it is a hybrid or a species?

Answer: I have seen the begonia in question and I, myself, would like some information about it. The nomenclature department has no record of it, but perhaps some of our readers have the answer. *I hope they will write me if they know where this particular rhizomatous begonia came from originally.*

Question: How do you study up on begonias? I may be asking too much but the descriptions in the books seem to be inadequate when two varieties with different names sound just alike from the description. Then too, there is the problem of keeping all the references to begonias found in different periodicals without keeping the whole magazine. How have you arranged things?

Answer: I took four large notebooks and labeled them with the general classifications found in Mrs. Krauss's book. Each page in the book is headed by the name of the hybrid, then on that page I have copied all the information I acquire from any source concerning that particular begonia. I tear out any article concerning that begonia and paste it on that particular page. Catalogs and articles that don't lend themselves to pasting, are copied by hand with the notation of the date the catalog was first offered and by whom, or the magazine's name, date of issuance, and by whom the article was written. In this way I have condensed all the information onto one page. In this way one is more apt to find the answers to some particular problem, especially when it comes to the question of just why some begonia was named in the first place. There are still some confusing problems that will have to be gone into in the future but eventually I believe they will be ironed out.

When descriptions sound alike, I have found from growing the begonias in question that the plants are so similar that no one point could be given that would explain the difference. There is a difference, it's true, but one can only find it from growing the plants side by side. Most of the begonias in this class should never have been named in my opinion, but we have lacked an adequate testing ground and hybridizers have not been working in close harmony, so someone from England or the east coast would produce and name a plant that would be too similar to a plant produced somewhere else. Only by actually growing all the varieties can one see the difference in the plants.

My note books only apply to the hybrids. I leave the study of the species to someone like Mr. Ziesenhenné who has the know-how of tracing the descriptions down.

Sheltered Garden Book Review

ALL ABOUT AFRICAN VIOLETS by Montague Free, *Home Gardening*, Oct. 25, \$3.50.

If you were able to visit the National Convention, you no doubt saw the galleries of this fine new book about our little Hamite friend, the African Violet. It is illustrated with more than 100 photographs and sketches in half-tone and full color.

Did you know there are more than 600 varieties catalogued? Mr. Free includes photographs of many favorites besides those illustrating the proper culture. Non-technical in style but comprehensive in its discussion of amateur problems, we have another good item for the A. V. fancier.

Mr. Free was over 30 years Horticulturist for the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and now holds a similar position with Home Garden Magazine.

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Many thanks to you that have enjoyed the slides and said so.

It takes many hours of work to keep the slides in condition and to replace the ones that are damaged—most damage in the mail, not in the showing of the slides.

I have a hard time getting to the places that I plan, but hope to arrive eventually. (My time is not all my own.)

This past summer found some of the slides in some far off places. They were viewed in Canada, and at many of the larger cities in the East. I hope that they will have a chance to go farther abroad in the near future.

Now that the winter months are about to set in, in the north, I hope that the program chairmen will make dates to show as many as they can; it helps to "keep the kettle boiling" thru the long winter months.

Chas. L. Wiley, Kodaslide Library,

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Begonia h. 'Rose Queen,' a lovely winter bloomer

Grow Gloom-Chasers for Winter

By Bessie R. Buxton, Secretary, New England Branch

At the July meeting of the New England Branch, Mr. William Williamson, head gardener of the Brown estate, Milton, spoke on the Winter Flowering Begonias, and although he described greenhouse procedure, his talk was of much interest.

The benches, he said, should be ready for setting the leaves by mid-October, as these varieties are best propagated from leaves. The benches are lined with heavy paper, then covered with leaf mold. Over this, a layer of sand and one of peat, all tamped hard. If sterilized with hot water, rooting will be hastened.

50 leaves must be set to insure 35 rooting.

Snap the leaf off the plant with a heel, and set in the bench, each leaf supported with a small stick. Leaves of *B. Emily Clibran* must be set in October, but the other kinds may be delayed until mid-November or early December, at the latest.

Early in January they should be ready for the first potting. Compost for this must depend on local conditions, but Mr. Williamson uses 1 part loam, 2 parts leafmold (not screened) and $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 parts sand, all well mixed. Set the rooted leaves in $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch pots, plunged in warm sand, and water carefully with warm water to avoid chill. By late February or

early March they may be shifted into 3½ inch pots. Do not allow watering to pack the soil. If this occurs, loosen it by scratching carefully. If the leaves decay, the plant will be lost. In late May or early June, shift to 5 inch pots and pinch once or twice to induce branching. These begonias may be propagated from cuttings, but the results are not as good.

These plants are subject to wilt. Spray or dip with Wilson's "O. K." combined with wettable sulphur. "Red Arrow" is also good with a handful of sulphur added. The temperature of the propagating house should be from 60° - 65° at first; later, to finish, 58° - 60°.

Always use the natural cream-colored raf-

fia for tying, not the green kind, for this is fatal to the plants.

For general begonia potting, Mr. Williamson gave the following mixture, measured in a 3 gallon pail:

2 pails good loam (a mixture of decayed sod and manure), 3 pails leaf mold, 1 pail cow manure, 1½ pails sand, ¾ pail No. 3 charcoal. Add a 3 inch pot of superphosphate, another of Clay's or Electra fertilizer and a 4 inch pot of bone meal or Vigoro.

The best leaf mold is made of oak leaves. Put the leaves in a bin for a year, shift to another bin the second year, mixing well, and use the third year. Do not screen.



Mrs. Terry Olmsted, Hub City Branch, winner of 27 points in the Rhizomatous Division. The Bunchi at the left was a winner last year too.

Photo by Dorothy Powell, Hub City Branch

BRANCH SHOWS

Humboldt Wins Again — and Again

A second prize was won at the Redwood Acres Fair held in Eureka. Our table was a series of steps in a corner. As many different types of begonias that could be offered by the members were shown. There were a few in bloom, too — quite a feat due to the lack of warm weather this season. We competed against cut flowers. Mrs. Papke and Mrs. Randel were Chairmen.

Our exhibit at Humboldt's County Fair won the first prize. A shade garden entry, it competed against the Fuchsia Society. The plot was three-cornered. Across one side was built

a small lathhouse and bench. On the bench were as many shade plants in pots that could be had. Under the bench were ferns and primroses. Across the other side were planted tall shade plants. In one corner were rex begonias and creeping shade plants. Among these were small pieces of moss covered wood and a stump with a fern growing in it. A rail fence enclosed the plot and a border of pink fibrous begonias and blue lobelia edged the lawn on the fence side and the tall planting side. Above were hanging begonias, ferns and achimenes. Mr. and Mrs. F. Papke were chairmen.

—Violet Wooden.



Photo by McCurry Foto Co., Sacramento, Courtesy Sacramento Br.

Mel Newfield, President of Sacramento Branch, writes that the branch exhibit of a "Shaded Terrace with Pergola" and their eight begonia class entries and one fern entry made a clean sweep with nine blue ribbons and sweepstakes prize of the big silver tray (on the chair arm) inscribed: "Awarded to the Sacramento Begonia Society for Best Exhibit in Outdoor Floricultural Division Amateur 1951."

Their committee was headed by National Director Mrs. Francis Flannigan, who designed

the garden. All the competitive material was supplied from members' gardens and the result brought such comments as that of Mr. Ira Shepard (in charge of all Floriculture for the State Fair) that the material shown was the very finest ever brought to the Fair by amateurs.

This unprecedented complete victory against stiff competition with its nine blue ribbons, sweepstakes tray and big cash awards, deserves a deep salaam from all the rest of us. SALAAM!

SAN DIEGO SHOW

The San Diego Branch feels that its Begonia Show of August 25-26 has been very successful. It was held in Balboa Park at the Japanese Tea Pavilion and our attendance was 1175 adults and many children. The competitive exhibits were arranged on tables on the porches and the surrounding grounds were fenced and landscaped with begonias and other shade plants from the gardens of our members.

The Sweepstakes Cup was awarded to Mrs. Griffing Bancroft, whose exhibits of Tuberous Begonias were very outstanding. Best in Show went to Mr. W. W. Easton for his beautiful 'Dyclata.' American Begonia Society awards were given and the usual ribbons, including a number of special awards for outstanding ex-

hibits.

We have a very cooperative membership and we always feel that we have been drawn so much closer together when we have worked together as we have on this show. And it is such a good feeling to know that we have helped in our small way to educate the public on the beauty and variety of the "Royal Hobby."

—Helen R. Bailey, Show Chairman

OFFICERS

We regret omitting the change of the Seattle Branch Secretary for 1951. She is: Mrs. James Fariss, 17721 Bothell Way, Seattle 55, Wash. Please address her regarding Seattle Branch matters.—*Editor*.

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Calendar of Coming Events

(Visitors are always welcome!)

October 3rd

Hub City: Second Study Class at home of Mrs. Margaret Stone. Contact Secretary for details.

October 10th

New England Branch: HARVEST SHOW, Horticultural Hall, Boston. 2:00 p. m., Annual Meeting. 3:00 p. m. An excellent speaker.

October 26th

A. D. Robinson Branch: 10:00 A. M. at Cass Nursery, 2229 Erie Street. C. L. Cass, speaker; subject "Rare Bromeliads." Election of Officers.

October 24th

Glendale Branch: Rudolf Ziesenhenné will address us on begonias and in particular — "Rex Seedlings." Mrs. Gladys Nolan will give one of her short begonia lessons.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1st & 2nd

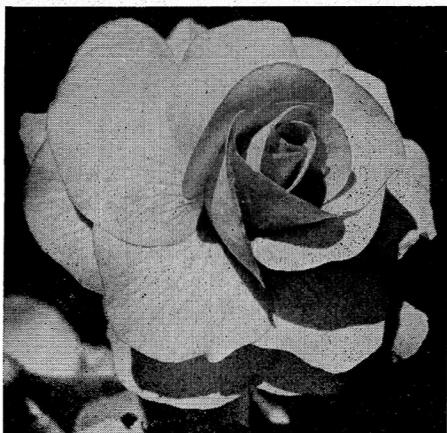
San Francisco: 1st Annual International Orchid Show, Rotunda Gallery, City of Paris, 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Sponsored by San Francisco Orchid Society, judging and awards by American Orchid Society, with which we are affiliated. (Gala formal preview for members and invited guests, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 9:00 p. m.)

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THANKS

The clerical work of the competitive show was efficiently administered by the following members: Mrs. Elinor Slocum, El Monte; Mrs. Mildred Ogden, Hub City; Mrs. Terry Olmsted, Hub City; Mrs. Jean Kerlin and Mrs. Carlisle Slattery, Glendale; and Mrs. E. O. Sherer, Santa Monica. The Show Committee extends its sincere thanks.

—Gladys Nolan



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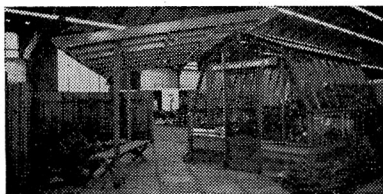
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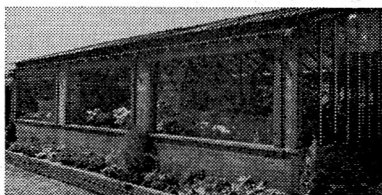
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Branch Meeting Dates and Places

BELLFLOWER BRANCH

1st Monday, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
I.O.O.F. Hall, Ardmore and Palm Sts.
Audrey Adams, Secy.

CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH, ORLANDO, FLA.

1st Friday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2
Member's Homes

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

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, DALLAS, TEXAS

1st Thursday, Oct. 4, Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Member's Residences
Mrs. Russell B. White, Secy.-Treas.
919 N. Clinton St., Dallas 11, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Ward St.

C. F. Jensen, Secy.
3720 Cerrito Ave., Richmond, Calif.

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 18, 8:00 p.m.
Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 304 E. Valley
Mrs. Gladys Adams, Cor. Secy.
11215 E. Elliott Ave., El Monte, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

1st Friday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 8:00 p.m.
Woman's Club House, 1003 Azusa Ave., Azusa
Gertrude M. Cooper, Cor. Secy.
340 W. Electric, Glendora, Calif.

FORT. ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Oct. 6, Nov. 3
Mrs. Marion R. Thompson, Secy.
129 White Horse Pike, Magnolia, N. J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central Ave.
Mrs. D. H. Bradley, Cor. Secy.
1301 N. Luis Rey Dr., Glendale 8, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Center, Cor. Secy.
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Members
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following
Mrs. Ernest Jones, Secy.
R.F.D., Willow Grove, Pa.

HEART OF AMERICA BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Members' Residences
Mr. Homer Meek, Secy. Treas.
1306 N. 28th, Kansas City, Kans.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Walter J. Butt, Cor. Secy.
861 S. Harvard, Los Angeles 5, Calif.

HUB CITY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Roosevelt High School Cafe
1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.
Mrs. Dorothy Sarson, Secy.
1108 E. Glencoe Ave., Compton 1, Calif.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 11, 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, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Park
Mrs. G. W. McManus, Secy.
7313 Princeton Ave., La Mesa, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
2255 Elm St., Long Beach, Calif.
Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.
3592 Lewis Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.
2572 Trapp Ave., Miami 35, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 16, 12:30 p.m.
Amer. Legion Bldg., Linwood & Paseo,
Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Mona Ayers, Secy.
6635 Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Mo.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Mrs. H. H. Buxton, Secy.
114 Central St., Peabody, Mass.

NEW YORK SUBURBAN BRANCH

Mrs. Dorothy F. Michaelson, Secy.-Treas.
P. O. Box 818, Denerville, N. J.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Houghton Park Club House
Harding & Atlantic, N. Long Beach
Mrs. Alberta Logue, Secy.
6050 Atlantic, Long Beach 5, Calif.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 S. Main St., Orange
Mrs. W. L. Everett, Secy.-Treas.
Rt. 2, Box 146, Orange, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

3rd Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Casita del Arroyo, 127 S. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena
Mrs. Harold Benson, Secy.-Treas.
3180 No. Crestford Dr., Altadena, Calif.

PETALUMA BRANCH

3rd Friday, Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m.
McKinley Rec. Center, Washington & Vallejo Sts.
Mrs. Hazel Chappell, Secy.
222 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

Mrs. Lillian Watts, Secy.
405 Cotswald Lane, Wynnwood, Pa.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.
Mrs. George Vanner, Secy.
7604 S. E. Tolman, Portland 6, Oregon

REDONDO AREA BRANCH

4th Friday, Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m.
2308 Rockefeller
Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mrs. Lucy A. Sault, Secy.
309 E. 220th St., Torrance, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Members' Residences
Mrs. Zena L. Twomley, Secy.
7154 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Friday, Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. J. J. Howarth, Secy.
4319 Del Mar Ave., San Diego 7, Calif.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 16, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, McKinley Park
Mrs. W. J. Holley, Secy.
2914 V St., Sacramento, Calif.

SALEM, OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 2, Nov. 6
The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem
Mrs. Dan Scharf, Secy.
3460 N. Lancaster Dr., Salem, Ore.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, Oct. 22
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Thomas Hofmann, Secy.
2327 33rd St., San Diego 4, Calif.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Garden Center, 11134 Weddington, N. Hollywood
Mrs. Nel Schoenbrom, Secy.
7961 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.
1641 Taraval St.
Mrs. William Meyer, Secy.
1422 27th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia
Mrs. Hazel Snowden, Secy.
5956 N. Encinta Ave., Temple City, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Rm. 5, Com. Center, 914 Santa Barbara St.
Mrs. Ada Schaefer, Secy.
1103 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 8:00 p.m.

V.F.W. Hall, 311 Pacific Ave.

Miss Hazelle E. Oxley, Secy.

428 Davis St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH

2nd Friday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.

1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance,

Santa Monica

Mrs. Edith King, Secy.

2627 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

SANTA PAULA BRANCH

4th Thursday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Steckel Park

Mrs. Beryl Ernsberger, Secy.

621 Santa Paula St., Santa Paula, Calif.

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 16

Members' Homes

Mrs. James Fariss, Secy.

17721 Bothell Way, Seattle 55, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.

Mr. Orville A. Rogers, Secy.

126 S. Pacific Ave., Ventura, Calif.

SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 18, 8:00 p.m.

Faculty Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.

Esther Krabach, Cor. Secy.

8438 Fairview Lane, Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern

Mrs. Juanita Pritchard, Secy.

11150 Duncan Ave., Lynwood, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Members Homes

Mrs. Fred M. Owens, Secy.-Treas.

1312 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11:00 a.m.

Homes of Members

Mrs. John S. Schmucker, Secy.-Treas.

Box 233, Brownsville, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH, CLEVELAND, O.

4th Wednesday, Nov. 28, 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, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Union High School, Room 19

Lindley Ave. Entrances, Whittier, Calif.

Mrs. Gretchen Bauchop, Secy.

9741 S. Santa Fe Springs Rd., Whittier, Calif.

CONDENSED MINUTES, annual meeting of the American Begonia Society held in Plummer Park and American Legion Hall, Hollywood, Calif., September 1, 1951, with President Moore presiding.

Meeting convened at 2:55 p.m. Executive Board members present: Messrs. Moore, Walton, Trowbridge, Sherer, Small, Spaulding; Mmes. Korts, Hartwell, Nolan, Hixon, Schwerdtfeger.

Mrs. Frances W. Spaulding was appointed secretary-pro-tem in accordance with the motion adopted at the previous board meeting to honor Secretary Hartwell by relieving her of the necessity of reporting the annual meeting.

Branches represented: Theodosia Burr Shepherd (Ventura) with 32 had the largest delegation; San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Southern Alameda County, East Bay, A. D. Robinson, El Monte, Glendale, Hollywood, Hub City, Inglewood, Long Beach Parent, North Long Beach, Pasadena, Riverside, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Santa Cruz, South Gate, Whittier.

Salute to the flag and Statement of Aims and Purposes by Mr. Wm. Walton.

On motion by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge, reading the minutes of the last board meeting was waived inasmuch as they had been published in condensed form.

Reports of Treasurer, Business Manager, Membership Secretary, Editor, Director Korts, Director Small, Public Relations Director, Librarian, Historian, and Show Chairman were read and filed. Since most were summaries of the year's activities already reported, they will not be included here. The Treasurer's report showed a slight gain over

the 1950 annual report despite heavy increases in costs; the Membership Secretary tallied present active membership at 2597! The Historian reported the use of onion skin paper for the 1950 history and the binding of only two years—1949-50—together to facilitate mailing. She submitted her resignation. Show Chairman, being President-elect Cal Trowbridge, stated he is looking for a new chairman.

Mr. Wm. Walton offered a resume of the Nomenclature Department's present status. He called for volunteers to contact the new officers to help with the enormous detail work now ready to be undertaken and promised them a liberal education in begonias. Mrs. Emma Carleton, from the floor, requested persons interested in registering their plants to write for card forms and fill them out and return them.

Branches were introduced with much hilarity.

President Moore called for the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-laws and Chairman Walton stated that the revision as printed in the August Begonian had been wholly endorsed by the Executive Board in July and therefore MOVED that the Proposed Constitution as so printed be adopted by the Convention. SECONDED by Mr. Trowbridge. Standing vote: 98 FOR; 4 AGAINST. CARRIED and SO ORDERED in accordance with the old constitution. Mr. Walton made the same motion for the Proposed By-laws, which was seconded by Mr. J. S. Williams. Standing vote: 96 IN FAVOR; none OPPOSED. CARRIED and SO ORDERED in accordance with the old constitution. Mr. Walton and President Moore expressed their thanks to the committee members.

NEW BUSINESS: PRESIDENT MOORE READ THE REPORT OF THE BALLOT COMMITTEE, as follows:

President-elect: Mrs. Edna Korts, Glendale.

Treasurer: Mr. Haskell of Santa Monica.

Director: Mr. Terrell of Riverside.

It was noted with regret only 382 ballots were received.

President Moore called for bids for the 1952 Show and Convention, and recognized President Carl Meyer of San Francisco Branch.

Mr. Meyer made a spirited bid on behalf of the Joint Northern California Branches: Santa Cruz, Petaluma, Humboldt, East Bay, Sacramento, Southern Alameda County, and San Francisco at a date in 1952 to be determined later. Mrs. Gale of Pasadena moved we accept with grateful thanks; seconded by Mr. Trowbridge. CARRIED and SO ORDERED.

Under provisions of the new Constitution Mr. George Lawrence MOVED \$50.00 be transferred to a Life Membership Fund and Honorary Life Membership be granted to retiring president, Frank S. Moore. SECONDED by Bill Walton. CARRIED and SO ORDERED.

MOTION by Mr. Bert Slatter, seconded by Mrs. Emma Carleton, that the Hollywood and Santa Monica Branches be thanked for undertaking the Show and Convention this year.

A silent tribute was paid Mrs. Eva Kenworthy Gray.

Meeting adjourned until 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Reconvened at 8:15 p.m. and turned over to Master of Ceremonies Clarence Hall, who had presided at the banquet ceremonies and the introduction of Rev. C. T. Harrison, who gave the invocation there. Mr. Hall made a clever and smooth M.C., introducing Hollywood and Santa Monica presidents and the cheering 32 delegates of Ventura.

Mr. Worth Brown was introduced as speaker. (See report elsewhere.)

Thereafter Past-presidents were introduced — 9 present. All officers and directors were introduced or paid tribute in absence.

Mr. H. P. Dyckman commented on the ABS growth from 7 in 1931, to its present size.

Mr. Carl Meyer repeated his invitation from the Combined Northern Branches to hold the Convention in San Francisco in 1952.

President-elect Calvin Trowbridge, as Show Chairman, presented the awards, reported elsewhere in this issue. He thanked everyone assisting with the Show.

San Francisco's past-president, Art Mann, was introduced as installing officer, and with a lusty (See next page)

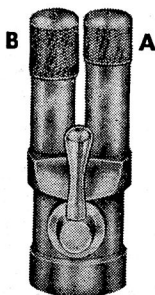
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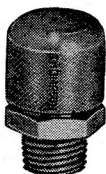
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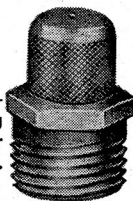


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sense of humor but timely solemnity he smoothly bade farewell to each outgoing officer with appreciation for the year's work and welcomed the successors.

Mr. Bill Walton, on behalf of the Society, presented Mr. Moore with his Life Membership Card and, on behalf of the Board, with a set of Bailey's Encyclopaedia of Horticulture.

Mr. Mann turned the meeting back to Mr. Hall, who returned the gavel to Mr. Moore for his final duties. Mr. Moore extended his thanks for the gifts and his appreciation for his year as president and welcomed Mr. Trowbridge as successor.

Mr. Trowbridge thanked the Society for the

privilege of becoming its 20th president and asked for the help of all to increase it, then introduced his wife, Marie.

Boxes of giant tuberous flowers from Vetterle and Reinelt and Brown Bulb Farms were distributed to the ladies and Mr. Brown offered a cup for the best tuberous begonia in the 1952 show — accepted with delight. (Flowers from Antonelli Bros. had graced the banquet hall.)

Meeting closed. Next board meeting to be September 24th, City Hall, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances W. Spaulding, Secy. Pro-Tem.

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