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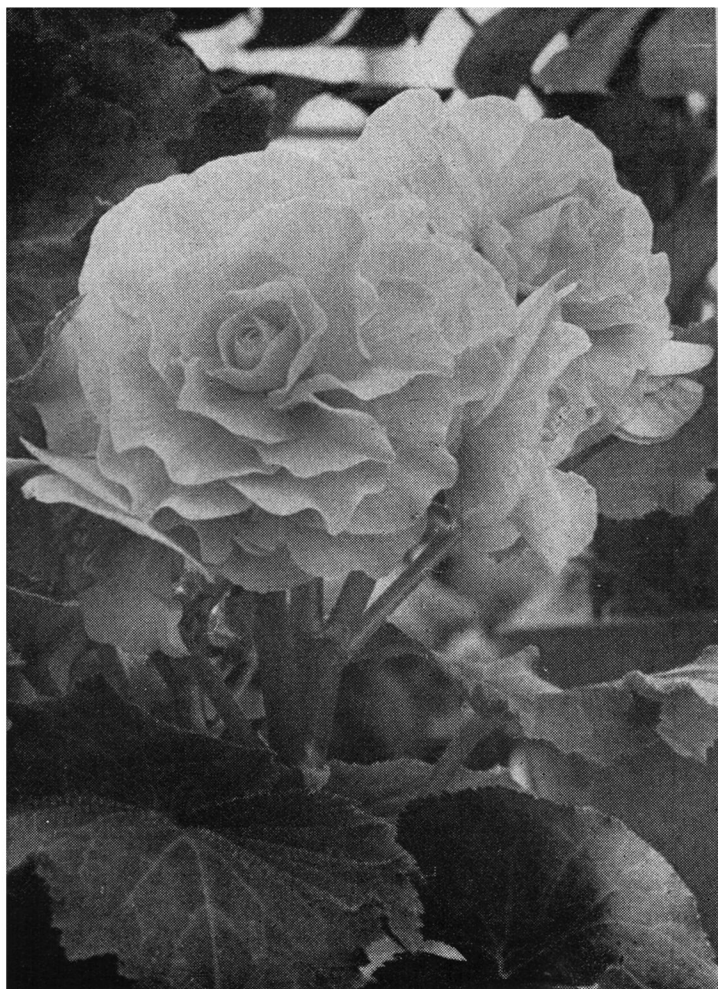


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This Society shall be conducted on a non-profit basis, and its purpose shall be to stimulate interest in begonias and shade loving plants; to encourage the introduction and development of new types of begonias and related plants; to gather and publish 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.

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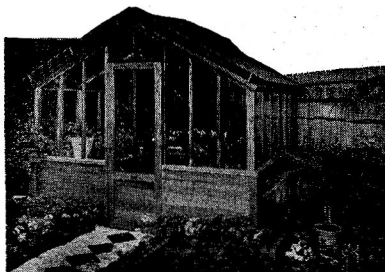


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BEGONIA CIRCUMLOBATA

(Plant of Leatherman's Gardens)

The BEGONIAN

MARCH . . .

THE MONTH OF PLANNING

All nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair
The bees are stirring, birds are on the wing,
And Winter, slumbering in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE—From "*Work Without Hope*".

BEGONIA CIRCUMLOBATA

A very interesting *Begonia* specie from China is the *Begonia Circumlobata*, which was discovered growing in a heavily wooded and rather rocky area in the hilly section at an altitude of 1200 to 1700 feet.

This rhizomatous begonia makes a beautiful plant, with rather thin leaves, about 8 x 9 inches on long stems, often 14 inches long. The leaves are a bright green, deeply lobed, the lower lobe usually larger than the others. The upper leaf surface is quite rough and pebbly, giving an appearance of "crepe paper". Young leaves are flushed with red on the back, which gradually fades as the leaves mature, leaving only a red tinge on the edge.

When the plant is young, the stems are densely covered with white hairs, making it appear to be almost white in color. These hairs are rather scaly looking, giving the plant a shaggy appearance.

The rhizomes have the habit of creeping along the surface of the soil; the leaf scars are quite close together. The growth is fairly rapid, only reaching a few inches before

throwing out side shoots, which results in a well-filled pot in just a short time.

Begonia Circumlobata is definitely a "must" for the collector. It is grown primarily for its beautiful lush foliage, bearing flowers only under ideal conditions. Some growers have claimed it is hard to grow, while others have had admirable success. To achieve this success, two cultural tips must be observed. First, *do not over-water*, as it likes to be kept on the "dry side"; second, keep the plant "growing on", repotting as soon as it needs to be, as this begonia is one that does not like to be confined or "pot-bound".

Here is a plant to challenge your "green-thumb" reputations.

Note: If you want to grow this *Begonia* from seed, see the Seed Fund list this month on page 67; or contact the growers and nurseries who advertise in the BEGONIAN, for plants.

—The Editor.

Rex Begonia Treatment

By Dorothy S. Behrends

Rex begonias are the most beautifully colored foliage plants obtainable. It was the beauty of this type of begonias that caused the remark, "A begonia fit for a King". Hence the hobby of growing begonias became the Royal Hobby.

The rex begonias are not beautiful all year long. They are often termed a "wreck" rather than a "rex" during their dormant or resting period. The extent of their dormancy is governed a great deal by the area in which they are grown. If the rexes are grown in greenhouses whereby the humidity never drops below 20 degrees and the temperature averages 65 degrees, the begonias do not go completely dormant. These are ideal conditions, to say the least, and not necessary, if one will accept the care of an unsightly plant for approximately two months out of twelve.

While a rex begonia rhizome is dormant (the winter months) it is necessary to keep it *damp* — not dry or wet.

In the Spring, when new growth begins to appear, repot the begonia in new soil. The type of soil recommended for rex begonias breaks down so rapidly, it is necessary to *gently* shake off the old soil from the roots and repot when the new growth appears.

The finest medium for rex begonias has been a loose, coarse soil. This allows ample drainage and available food at a time when it is needed.

There are many recommended soil mixes. Here is one that has been suggested by Carl Fisher, a rex specialist. Combine 3 buckets of coarse leaf mold, 1 bucket well-rotted dairy manure, 1 quart crushed charcoal, 1 cup bone meal, as an example. *Mix well.* Wet mixture down and let set for one week, and *mix well* again.

It is advisable to mix potting soils at least three months ahead of repotting time, but as hindsight is easier than foresight, let us tell you why this is advisable.

Bone meal must have at least three months to begin to break down, or become available as food, to the begonias. Therefore, the food included in the soil mix is not available to the plants for a least three months. When newly-mixed soil mixtures are used, a weak solution of Spoonit or Hyponex is suggested, to supplement the diet of the newly-transplanted begonia.

A plant should never be fed unless it is in a growing status. Therefore, the time to repot and feed is *after* new growth ap-

pears, not while it is in a dormant state.

When plants are to be moved from one location to another, including one part of the country to another, the plant may accept this move much better in a dormant state rather than in a full-foliaged condition. It is rather disappointing to a new grower to receive begonias in conditions other than in full-leaf; but if a begonia is placed in its new growing area while dormant and comes into leaf in its new environment, it becomes acclimatized much easier.

Spring is the time of the year that is most recommended for purchasing new plants of rex begonias.

To obtain the best results with the rex type begonia, one must realize the requirements necessary, other than just soil requirements. They need cool, moist air, *not* hot, dry drafts. They need subdued light and may be forced into fast luxuriant growth by warm, high-humidity locations, but this condition is detrimental to the long life of a rex.

Handled properly, these begonias may be grown year after year. They need not be lost each winter.

For the indoor gardener, trays or shallow receptacles containing pea gravel, small amounts of charcoal and water are advisable on which to stand potted rex begonias.

The water level must always be *below* the bottom of the pot, so the drainage is perfect. The pots are to rest *on* the gravel, not stand in the water; the water surrounding the gravel is for humidifying purposes only. The charcoal sweetens the water. By creating healthy conditions for our plants, one may be content that the conditions are also healthy for humans.

The gardeners fortunate enough to grow their rexes out of doors will produce conditions similar to their native habitat; shade, dampness, humidity, perfect drainage and *no drafts*.

Many rex growers remove the buds or flowers from their plants, when first observed. The blossoms add very little to a rex. The colorful foliage is the main attraction and by removing the flowers, the strength goes into the leaves.

It is hoped that prospective rex begonia growers will make the effort to create the necessary conditions a rex demands, to enjoy growing these exceptional plants.



Photo Courtesy of Sylvia Leatherman

Begonia Rosetta

By Sylvia Leatherman

The charm of the Rex Begonias is evident from their extreme popularity throughout the country. More loving care has been lavished on Rex Begonia plants in the Mid-West and Eastern sections of our country than by the growers of other Begonias. Florists have exploited the Rexes, and from a commercial stand-point, they are in the top sales bracket.

Begonia Rosetta is a universal favorite of many, because it is easy to grow, tall and bushy, with large, colorful leaves that curl and spiral. The center of the leaf is deep

green; the sections between the veins are raised and bright green. The narrow margin of the leaf is red. Silver freckles dot the entire surface of the leaf, topped with fine, brilliant red hairs.

The *Rex Rosetta*, is a seedling developed by Mrs. P. J. Wilson of California in 1945. It is listed in the Buxton Begonia Glossary.

Though surrounded by many handsome specimens, this beautiful seedling is certain to attract keen interest and admiration from among them all. It is usually available from our Begonia advertisers.

CORRECTION . . .

If you were confused in reading the beginning of the excellent article by John Paul Edwards on the Control of Begonia Diseases, on page 30, of the February, 1954 issue of the *BEGONIAN*, do not be alarmed, there is nothing wrong with your powers of sight or comprehension.

Somehow, although inadvertently I assure you, the columns were interchanged.

Please read the second column, beginning "For many years, prior to 1951, the . . .", for the start of the article; then read the first column, and on through the remainder of the article.

My apologies to Mr. John Paul Edwards for the error.

—The Editor.

Slanted Toward the Beginner . .

BEGONIA MIMICS

By Dorothy S. Behrends

(Reprinted from March, 1952 Issue)

Begonias are often referred to as 'mocking bird' plants. This means much more than a casual glance would appraise.

The tuberous begonia blossoms resemble or imitate (as non-begonia fans say) several types of flowers belonging to other families as: carnations, roses, daffodils and camellias.

The flowers on *Begonia roxburghii* and *B. Manni* are like immature cherries, due to their habit of growth from the stalk, not from the color of the blossoms.

Flowers are not the only part of begonias that resemble other plants. For instance, the leaves are very interesting and a closer scrutiny will find many that are similar to trees and shrubs. A few are listed here, but there are many more.

The illustrations are begonia leaves but without stretching the imagination a great deal, you could readily feel you were studying a leaf from another type plant.

B. Washington Street foliage is comparable to a peach leaf. This begonia is also reported to be variable as to its requirements, as some growers grow it out of doors the year around (in mild climates) with excellent results. Others probably kill it with kindness.

B. ulmifolia has leaves resembling an elm, numerous veins, bright green and hairy. The stalks or stems are quite large compared to the leaves they carry and the begonia sends up basal shoots, making a full plant; white flowers.

B. 'Corbeille de feu' may appear to be a rose leaflet, at first glance; has glossy-green leaves and produces such an abundance of them that it is often difficult to see the bright coral-red flowers.

B. Dregei is called the grape leaf begonia. That is a little far fetched, compared to California grape leaves, but by imagining a tremendous shrinkage, the shape is comparable. The underside is purple and the veining on the surface is purple. The

true *B. Dregei* species is scarce today but there are many *B. Dregei* hybrids on the market being called the species and are giving considerable beauty to the world under a false name; white flowers.

B. Francisii is called the nasturtium of the shade garden. It is a Ziesenhenné introduction and the slender rhizomes send out new roots whenever a node touches the soil or a moist, sphagnum moss totem pole.

B. luxurians has foliage that does not look like a begonia; it resembles a miniature *washingtonia palm*. This is reported to be a touchy begonia, with some growers, but as a novelty it is well worth studying for proper requirements.

B. aconitifolia (*B. Faureana*) leaves resemble the monkshood and as the years have not been unkind to this variety, it may still claim to be an excellent background begonia.

B. nelumbiifolia is called the water lily begonia because the leaves are similar to a lily pad, peltate. The leaves are light-green, borne on tall stems and grow too large for the average window gardener; white flowers.

B. 'ricinifolia' foliage resembles the castor bean so much, it is often called the Castor Bean Begonia. The lobed, bronzy-green leaves grow quite large, to 15 inches easily; pink flowers.

B. 'weltoniensis' and *B. olbia* are called the maple-leaf begonia. This is a good example of WHY one should not use common names. *B. 'weltoniensis'* is a semi-tuberous begonia and *B. olbia* is a shrubby fibrous, having a bronze-chatoyant surface, that does not resemble *B. 'weltoniensis'* at all. Both have white flowers.

There are other similarities in our begonia family. It would be an interesting lesson for the separate study groups to add to this list, even send them to the Editor for publication.



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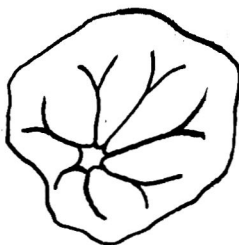
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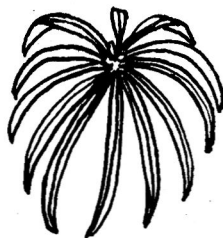
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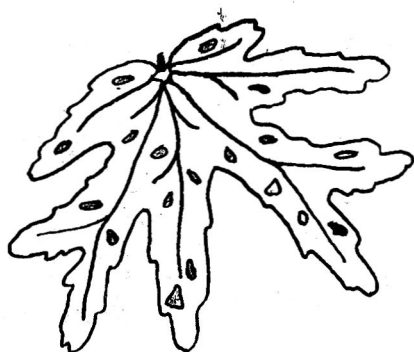
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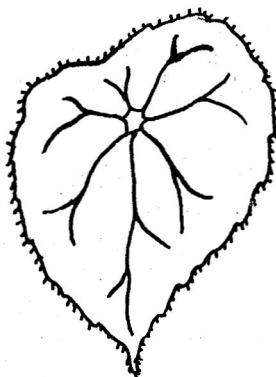
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—Drawings by Dorothy S. Behrends

BEGONIA MIMICS



NOW . . .

. . . **With Tuberous**

Now is the time to start your tubers. After experimenting with various mediums, I prefer to recommend starting them in flats of leaf mold, with the top of the tuber covered slightly. Many growers are partial to using peat moss, but I have found that it has a tendency to form a hard covering around the tuber, which is a good place for harboring grubs which would later injure the tuber. It also seems to keep the tuber too wet and cold, a condition not desirable in the San Francisco climate.

I also have had good success placing the tubers out-of-doors, covering them during inclement weather. It is wise to be sure the tuber shows a sprout before starting; then, to keep them well-spaced, as otherwise too many roots would be injured when lifting them later for potting.

ARTHUR BOISSIER,
San Francisco Branch.

Bring your Tuberous Begonias out of hiding. Put the tubers in an open flat, in a warm place, to sprout. It is of utmost importance that a sprout appear before the tuber is planted. The sprout signifies that the tuber's dormant period is ended, and it is ready to grow. Place sprouted tubers in flats of finely divided reed peat to develop a good root system. A mixture of leaf mold and sand may be used. After planting in flats, the tubers should be well watered, then not watered again until they show dryness. It is important to maintain the tuber in the flat until the roots are well developed. The plants may attain four or five inches of growth before they are ready to be removed. A good root system will insure a finer plant.

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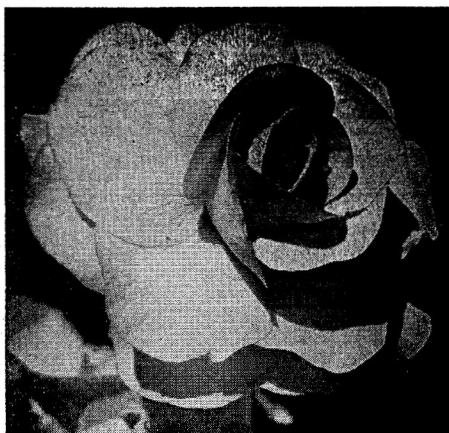
An Experiment

by Glenn W. Motschman

February 15, 1954 — The experiment has been most successful and we now have numerous good-sized blooms on many plants. It is quite a thrill to have the tuberous begonias in bloom at this time of the year. The members of our Santa Barbara Branch were quite surprised, when on a recent visit I presented their President, Mrs. Allen, with a corsage of perfect rose form tuberous begonia blooms.

We have proven through this experiment that with proper conditions anyone can have blooming tuberous begonias at any time of the year. Electric or hot water heat is best, for the plants will drop the flower buds if an open flame gas heater is used without complete venting of all gases.

I wish to thank the many members of our Society for their letters, and the interest they have shown in this experiment. It has been most interesting to conduct, and has given me much personal pleasure.



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"BLOOMING EXPERIMENT"

I was interested to see in the January **BEGONIAN** that Mr. Glenn Motschman was running an experiment in *Blooming Tuberous Begonias in Winter*, as outlined in the September, 1953 issue. I thought that you would like to hear about the experiment which I am conducting along similar lines.

HERBERT R. FITCH

"I used some seedlings which I had started late last spring from seed, and which had just started blooming in October. Some of them had already started to go dormant. On the 15th of October, I dug a dozen of them from outside beds and potted them in 6 inch pots, and brought them into my greenhouse. Using two 100 watt lamps, I gave them an extra 4 hours of light, the time switch running from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. For about two months there was very little growth, as the temperature of my greenhouse was set too low, at 54 degrees. About the 1st of December, I boosted the temperature to 60 degrees, and growth immediately began again, with the first good blooms showing about Christmas.

At present, one of these plants has 4 fully open blooms, the blooms being truly as large as in Summer. One or two of the plants has never gotten over dormancy, and several of the plants have small blooms. The first large bloom fell off after being open a day, but the blooms now seem to hold on for a week or more. It is quite a sight to see these blooms at this time of year.

The most interesting thing I have noticed is the effect of the longer day on the other types of Begonias. The light is not confined to the tuberous alone, but also covers the end of my greenhouse that houses other varieties. The growth on the Joe Hayden is remarkable, requiring that it be turned every few days to keep it from getting lopsided. My *Credneri* has continued blooming all winter and a *compta* is growing so fast that it is getting out of control. The light also falls on part of my propagating bed with soil heat, and it seems to speed the rooting of cuttings. My Rex Begonias are on the other end of the greenhouse and don't get much of the extra light, but they are growing all along this winter, which is unusual in this area."

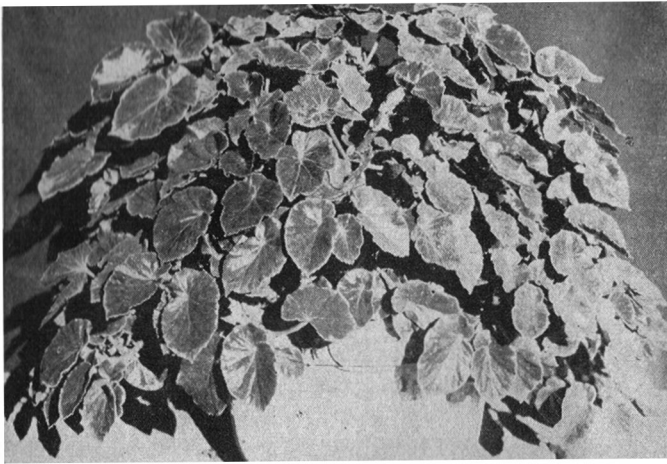


Photo by Rivera

Begonia Frutescans

By Margaret Fenn

One of the older varieties of fibrous-rooted begonias, but still a great favorite for hanging containers, is *Begonia Frutescans*. It was one of the seedlings raised by Mr. A. D. Robinson in 1936, from seeds of *B. fruticosa* imported from Germany. The graceful foliage shows its relationship to *B. sanguinea*, a specie native to Brazil.

The low-spreading, compact growth is the reason for its continued popularity. The leaves are somewhat leathery, slightly cupped, with wavy edges. The upper leaf surfaces are of a glossy dark olive-green tint, the undersides of a dark red color, both being quite smoothly textured. There is only about an inch between the leaf nodes on the stems, causing the leaves to grow close together, and making this plant a perfect subject for a hanger. The inflorescences are short, few-flowered, with small, white flowers. Perhaps, its only idiosyncrasy is the fact that it does not flower freely and

easily. Many growers have beautiful specimen plants that have never blossomed. But this quirk is easily overshadowed by the beautiful and lush display of foliage that is produced. So, don't be discouraged if you have a lovely plant, but no blooms.

The only apparent differences between this variety and the specie, *B. sanguinea*, appear to be that the leaves of the latter are thicker, longer and wider, and of a lighter shade of green and red coloring. Also, the leaf nodes are farther apart on the stems, about three inches or more, making a looser-branched plant.

Another variety, *Begonia Frutescens*, developed by Mr. Robinson, from the same seedling origin, displays the same habits as *B. Frutescans*, with the exception that it is an upright grower. Also, the leaves are more oblique, lighter and grayish-green in color, more prominent veins; smooth-leaved and few-flowered, having white blooms.

Our Cover Picture

A beautiful plant of a Camellia-Flowered Tuberous Begonia takes the 'spotlight' as Our Cover Picture this month. This photo was taken on Easter Sunday, 1952, in San Francisco, Calif., by Dan Buckley. This will remind you to get your Tuberous Begonias started NOW, and have plants like this for the coming shows.

Library Notes

As we do not have a new book to report on this month I would like to bring to your attention a few books that are very good, yet they are not circulating. *GENERA FILICUM* by Edwin Copeland is one of the best books on Ferns available; the *CURTIS BOTANICAL MAGAZINE* is a splendid book with descriptions of hundreds of Begonias; *FLOWERING PLANTS FROM CUBAN GARDENS* is an interesting book, profusely illustrated with descriptions of tropical plants both in English and Spanish; *PACIFIC COAST GARDENING GUIDE* by Norvell Gillespie clearly explains every phase of successful gardening and tells you how to have fun in your greenhouse and lath house; *HOW TO INCREASE PLANTS* by Hottes answers the common questions on the multiplication of plants frequently grown in gardens and is profusely illustrated. *NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL MAGAZINE FOR 1952* has about fifty large illustrations of Rex Begonias; *PROPAGATION OF PLANTS* by Kains & McQueston is a complete guide for growers of plants by seeds, layers, grafting, and budding. These are but a few of the books that are not circulating because members do not realize the valuable information they contain. I would like at this time to remind those who borrow books that when they return the books to the library they must enclose postage in the amount required to send the book to them. This is the way we keep the books in circulation. I am happy to report that each month finds more members taking advantage of the opportunity to read good books from our library.

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BOOK REVIEW . . .

. . . HOUSE PLANTS

A new book by the well-known flower and garden author-editor, Esther C. Grayson, which she has titled "How to Grow Better House Plants", provides a concise and practical guide for those who like to grow plants in the home. This book presents over a hundred different kinds of plants which can be successfully grown indoors, some for foliage beauty and some for flowers. The author gives full and easy directions for their propagation and culture.

An important feature of the book is an indexed chart which can serve as a guide in the selection of plants to fit every home gestions on how to get the best growing results for year-round beauty. There are condition — sunny rooms, shaded rooms, warm rooms and cool rooms — with sugmany plants proposed for luxuriant foliage greens or bright, exotic flowers to cheer the shut-ins during drab winter days.

From over sixty different family classifications, Esther Grayson has chosen varieties most easily found in greenhouses, nurseries and flower shops by the shopper who seeks the touch of nature through potted plants in home window gardens and on tables. Such plants as Orchid Cacti, African Violets, Glory Lily, Princess Flower, Shrimp Plant with their white and purple blossoms surrounded by salmon bracts, Begonias, Veltheimia, Bouvardias, Flowering Maple and dozens more to thrill the housewife who wants the growing colors of nature in her home.

Besides serving as a guide in the selection of growing of plants in the home, this new book tells about feeding and general culture, how to grow new plants from old, how to make potting mixtures, how to arrange indoor gardens and how to control insect pests. Many plant varieties are illustrated from photographs taken by the the author. The Grayson book is being published by the Hydroponic Chemical Company of Copley, Ohio, and a copy may be obtained direct from them by sending \$1 with request for book on "How to Grow Better House Plants".





The

Begonia

Branches

The SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH celebrated its 15th Anniversary on February 3rd, 1954. President William G. Damerow gave a brief history of the Branch beginning with the February, 1939 meeting, which was devoted to the election of the first officers of the then "Golden Gate Branch". The name was changed to the "San Francisco Branch" in February, 1940. The program featured an open forum on fibrous begonias. The panel of experts including Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss and Mr. Peter Borree of the Southern Alameda County Branch, and Mrs. Ann Meyer, Mrs. Beth Sackman and Mr. Arthur Mann of the San Francisco Branch, sat at a long table and were handed an assortment of different varieties of fibrous begonias. They discussed and offered their opinions as to the care and attention required by each plant, and performed the necessary pruning. This interesting and instructive program was directed by Vice-President, Mrs. Hyacinth Smith. Among the ninety-two members and guests present were five former presidents of the Branch. The serving of birthday cake and coffee completed our birthday celebration.

WILLIAM G. DAMEROW,
President.

MISSOURI BRANCH celebrated its 7th Birthday on January 20, 1954. Gladys Shaw of the Florist Association gave a wonderful talk on flower arrangements, and Begonia talks were given by Mrs. Ebert and Mrs. Woods. The year books were distributed and refreshments served for the birthday celebration.

MRS. B. E. WISE,
Reporter, Missouri Branch.

FOOTHILL BRANCH had the honor of our National President, Glenn W. Motschman, installing the new officers for 1954. He most graciously thanked the retiring officers for their successful year, then gave an inspiring talk to each of the new officers. Later Mr. Motschman gave a fine lesson on raising tuberous begonias from seed, giving proof of his success, by showing us beautiful colored pictures of his glasshouse and home, with the tuberous begonias in bloom. His lecture was very fine and enjoyed by all, and we wish to again thank him for making the long trip to help us.

MRS. R. P. GRANT,
Publicity Chairman

The December meeting of the Ocean County Branch of New Jersey was held on December 7th in Toms River, N. J. We had our Christmas Party and the business meeting together, and had a wonderful time. A lovely luncheon was served in real holiday fashion and each member brought a gift for the exchange drawing. Gifts were limited to either a Begonia plant or something pertaining to their growth or care. Top billing among the plants went to the small plant of B. Zaida, contributed by Mrs. Elsa Fort, a specimen not possessed by any of our Branch members. Other varieties included B. Luwaler and a lovely B. Rex. The highlight of the meeting however, came when our President presented our Eastern Chairman, Mrs. Elsa Fort, with a silver pin on behalf of all the Branch members, both present and absent, as a token of our appreciation and gratitude for her many kindnesses and wonderful help which she has so freely and willingly given to us.

Selma M. Braun, Secy.

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★ Calendar ★

February 26th thru March 7th
Southern California Spring Flower and Garden Show: Brookside Park, Pasadena, California.

March 6th

Houston Texas Branch: Mrs. Pollyanna Cooper will speak on "Soils". Meeting will be held at home of Mrs. Cooper, 716 Chelsea Place, Houston, to celebrate Branch Anniversary. (Meeting being held a week early because of Flower Show).

March 7th thru 13th

International Flower Show: Sponsored by the Horticultural Society of New York, will be held at the Kingsbridge Armory, Bronx, N. Y. Open Sunday, 2 to 10 P.M., Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guest tickets on sale.

March 13th thru 21st

California International Flower Show: Hollywood Park, Inglewood, California.

March 24th

Glendale Branch: Mrs. Edna Korts will speak on the Pruning and Propagating of Begonias. Guests welcome.

March 25th

El Monte Branch: Sylvia Leatherman will speak on Begonias.

April 3rd and 4th

Third Annual African Violet Show of the Lincoln African Violet Society will be held Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 6 p.m., Federal Bldg., 1235 "N" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. No admission charge.

April 8th

Inglewood Branch: Sixth Annual Presidents' Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Reservations necessary, please make yours early.

April 28th thru June 1st

Spring Garden Tour to Europe and England, visiting famous gardens and renowned nurseries in Holland, Belgium, France and England. For information, write Adrian Frylink, Hotel Chatham, 33 East 48 Street, New York 17, N. Y.

September 4th and 5th

22nd Annual Convention and Flower Show of the American Begonia Society will be held in Los Angeles, California.

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In Memoriam

The time comes to each and every one when all tasks are laid aside to go to work in the Father's Mansions. And that time came for Mrs. Frank H. Mather (Phoebe Mather) of Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Phoebe passed away January 20th, and her place in the activities of the American Begonia Society in the East will never be filled as she filled it.

She was a charter member of the Margaret Gruenbaum Branch of the A. B. S., in fact, the founder of that Branch; calling into her home several ladies of her great host of friends, and organizing the Margaret Gruenbaum Branch when the A. B. S. was very young. She has been the most active member of that Branch; the person to whom we all went with our problems of growing, knowing we would receive the desired information, a hundred percent.

She will be greatly missed by all of us here in the East, for she was very active in all phases of Begonia growing, and was a real authority on Begonias of today and yesterday. We will cherish her memory of work well done; many times we will find it difficult to go on with the work of the Society without Phoebe to help us. Her passing takes from the ranks of the A. B. S. workers, one who was tireless and most conscientious, and of inestimable inspiration to all Eastern Begonia lovers and growers.

ELSA FORT,

Eastern District Chairman, Public Relations.



Photo Courtesy Kathryn Kilderry

'PHOEBE' MATHER

Anna Lewry Mather, 'Phoebe', to her myriad of friends, was the Editor of the Begonia Bulletin for Eastern Fans; ever assiduous in sharing her vast knowledge of Begonias with others.

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Tuberous Begonias Are Easy To Grow

By Glenn W. Motschman

The tuberous begonia was originally discovered growing high in the Andes Mountains of South America in the natural leaf-mold beneath trees. They received daily rainfall and early morning or late afternoon sun. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the tuberous begonia hybrids would like to grow that way, and we should try to copy nature's conditions to the best of our ability.

Select a location that is sheltered from the wind yet receives good light. Early morning and/or late afternoon sunlight is good. Tuberous begonias will grow very well under a lathed-over area with the laths running North to South, so that the sun and shade continually change all day long, a tube house or a shelter of used fluorescent tubes. If the bed is in full shade there must be good reflected light from buildings or fences.

The soil should be a sandy loam containing large amounts of oak leafmold. One-third leafmold and two-thirds loam is a good bedding mixture. If your soil is heavy it is best to plant in raised beds containing the above soil mix to a depth of six or more inches. Soil mix for pots or boxes should be about one-half leafmold and one-half sandy loam.

We should try to copy nature's way of providing adequate humidity and moisture. The simplest way is by a daily overhead watering with a rain-like spray. The humidity can be increased by spraying the walks and surrounding areas with water at the same time and also at intervals during hot, dry days, depending on the intensity of heat. It is very important that the overhead watering be done early each day at the same hour. This is done so that the plant has a chance to dry off before the heat of the day.

Tuberous begonias can be easily grown under the above conditions, being almost pest-free. Little care is required during their growing period except, of course, fortnightly feedings at half-normal strength. I would recommend that the fertilizer used be one derived from fish or a comparable fertilizer that will produce nitrogen slowly

for a long period of time. If a fertilizer is used that produces nitrogen rapidly it will cause a luxuriant foliage growth but little or no blooms.

Clean gardening is the best preventative for disease and pests. Remove the fallen leaves and flowers from beneath the plants each week. If a flower petal falls on a leaf it will usually decay within a few days, so try to keep the plants clean too.

In order to grow specimen plants with many large blooms, it is necessary to start the dormant tubers properly. Most important, of course, is care in securing fine strains of healthy tubers from a reliable source. Cover the bottom of a shallow tray with about a one-inch layer of dry German peat moss. Place the dormant tubers, crown (concave) side up on top of the peat. Set the tray in a warm, humid place over bottom heat, if possible, or where a temperature of about 70 degrees may be maintained. If indoors, it will be necessary to *slightly* dampen the peat in order to provide the small amount of moisture they need. Remember, that until they have developed a few inches of top growth, the tubers cannot use much water.

Prepare your rooting trays with a two-inch layer of a mixture of two parts well-decomposed oak leafmold and one part German peat moss, all sifted through a quarter-inch mesh wire screen. When the tubers come to life, plant them five inches apart in the trays. The tops of the tubers should be covered about one-half inch with the same mixture. Water very sparingly, keeping the trays damp but not wet. Gradually increase watering as top growth develops. The tubers will be well-rooted and ready for planting when there is a top growth of three or four inches.

We must understand that the area in which we live will always determine the correct way to grow tuberous begonias, for if you reside in a locality where there is much humidity, such as along the coastal beach areas, the plants could do well with only pot watering, and/or maybe an occasional overhead spray. However, the method described above is easy to follow and can be varied to suit your own locality.

Book Reviews

For Your Pleasure

STYLING CORSAGES WITH GARDEN FLOWERS, by Mary Hazel Drummond, MacMillan. \$4.75. 247 p.

This book is well illustrated with drawings by Lani in a 'how to' manner. The photographs by Rivera are exceptional. The horticulturist of note, Miss Charlotte Hoak, was of inestimable help in compiling the horticultural notes.

The practical corsages suggested by Mrs. Drummond will inspire anyone to make use of the flowers and foliage found in their own backyard.

This volume is not dated and will not go out of style; it is timeless and will continue to be a handbook on corsages, for many years to come.

As Mary Hazel Drummond is a past president of the American Begonia Society, it is only fitting that we give our newer members a bit of this author's background.

Mrs. Drummond moved to Los Angeles about twenty-three years ago, with her retired dentist husband, from St. Louis, Missouri. She became interested in fashioning floral pieces and studied with various teachers in Los Angeles, and San Francisco, attending evening classes in horticulture to acquaint herself with the background of the blossoms with which she worked. This is an item of study often overlooked by many arrangers.

During Mrs. Drummond's term as the first woman president of the A. B. S., she and her husband celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at a large function of the Society in Ventura in 1948. If we believe the scribes, this is an unusual happening in Hollywood, for a couple to celebrate a 31st anniversary. Congratulations!

All during her residence in Los Angeles, Mary Hazel Drummond had been doing floral work professionally, and when her heavy task of presidency was over, she found the necessary time to write her book on the phase of gardening she enjoys best, fashioning flowers into corsages. She writes understandingly for the amateur and the professional alike.

CONCERNING REX BEGONIAS, by B. Y. Morrison, October 1952, American Horticultural Society.

A. B. S. members are grateful to Mr. Morrison for the exceptional article, together with illustrations on Rex Begonias. Material on growing procedures and identifying pictures have been so scarce and unobtainable, it is with pride we urge anyone interested in this type of begonia, to send for this issue. As a member of an affiliated Society, we are privileged to purchase this issue for one dollar.

The quarterly Journal of the American Horticultural Society is obtainable to members of the A. B. S. for three dollars and a half (\$3.50), reduced rate, per year. Each issue of 1953 has an article on Begonias. Subscriptions retroactive are obtainable as long as the supply lasts.

Send to the American Horticultural Society, Inc., 1600 Bladenburg Rd., N. E. Washington 2, D. C.

AMERICAN FERN JOURNAL, Quarterly, American Fern Society. \$2.00 per year.

It is only natural for shade plant gardeners to include ferns among their begonias and other shade plants. Identification of Ferns is something of a hazy nature among most of us. Sixty years ago a small group (19) formed a Society in much the same manner in which the Begonia Society later formed the Round Robins, by means of letters.

Although the Fern Society is not strictly for the amateur, an amateur would enjoy the Journal because eventually some of the advanced material "will rub off" so to speak, and permeate the beginner.

The fourth issue of each year contains the roster of new members so that members in any given area may contact one another and talk Ferns. Annual dues are two dollars (\$2.00) a year, sent to the American Fern Society, c/o Mr. W. S. Allen, Sec'y., 144-19 - 35th Ave., Flushing, New York.

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Special cultural sheets for growing Begonias from seed are now available, but to members who participate in our various flights as listed each month in the **BEGONIAN**, only. These may be obtained by sending in a *stamped, self-addressed envelope* with your requests, or if you send in an order, they will be sent with it if requested.

One of our specials this month is a close-out on the *Philodendron Selloum* seed. They still have wonderful germination, as we just tested some, and each and every one is showing the mold sprouts. We do not want any left to carry over, because when our plant blooms again, we will do more pollinating and have more fresh seed. These are a bargain at *three packets for 50c*, so get your orders in quick, if you want to share in this close-out.

We have just received some new seeds from the Himalayan Mountains in India. Since this seed is from a high altitude range, they are very slow in germinating. Please do not get discouraged and discard them, as they have been known to germinate as long as a year after planting. Making beautiful plants, well worth waiting for, are:

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4. 'may I find information on preserving pollen from Begonias, for later use? A. F., Penna.

WE FIND . . .

Mrs. H. H. S., Mo. (Jan.) The Henry Field Seed and Nursery Co., Shenandoah, Iowa; Drissel's Friendly Gardens, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Illinois; Yoars House Plant Nursery, Rte. 1, Bunker Hill, Indiana, are distributors of begonias near you and issue lists. W. Chamberlain Greenhouses, Rock Port, Missouri, also sell Begonias. S. L., Calif.

H. L. C., Canada. (November) Tobe's Seeds, Ltd., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, have begonias and issue a catalog.

(Members sending for catalogs should include ten cents as a courtesy to help defray costs.)

O. H. F., Penna. (March) *B. El Monte* (a Birdie Nichols Rex hybrid) and *B. Inglewood* may be obtained from Leatherman's Gardens, 2637 No. Lee Avenue, El Monte Calif.; the MacLanahans, 3734 Overland Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif., also have *B. Inglewood*.

Mrs. J. E. L., N. Y. (March) The *Helleborus viridis* and *Helleborus corsicus* seed may be purchased from Harry E. Saier, Dimondale, Mich. Plants of *Helleborus corsicus* may be purchased from Carl Starker Gardens, Jennings Lodge, Oregon.

J. F. J., Calif. (February) All begonias have a specific "blooming time". The semperflorens are considered everblooming, most rhizomatous bloom prior to their rest period. If your begonias have continued to grow luxuriantly for over the cycle of a year without blossoming, it is possible it is due to lack of light.

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Mrs. K. C., Mich. (January)

No. 1. Scatter dusting sulphur through a perforated paper bag on the begonias. Do not allow sun to be on plants having been treated. (E. K., Calif.)

No. 2. Dip or spray plants that have mildew or mold in a solution of 1 tablespoon of Lysol to 1 gallon of water. (V. D., Ill.)

(Note: These remedies are offered as help from one member to another; the A. B. S. will not be responsible for any ill effects. Try one or two plants on a trial basis, before subjecting all your plants to any cure.)

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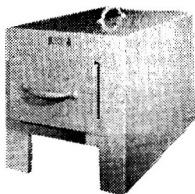
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EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, March 11, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward
Berkeley
Mr. Robert May
1140 Evelyn Ave., Albany, Calif.

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.
Wilmar Woman's Clubhouse
Emerson at Isabel
South San Gabriel
Mrs. Virginia Brandon, Cor. Secy.
3012 W. Norwood Pl., Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, March 18, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreation Hall
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FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, March 6, April 3, 2:30 p.m.
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GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, March 24, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central
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GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
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2nd Monday, March 8, 8:00 p.m.
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4th Tuesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.
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3rd Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
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1014 Havenhurst Dr., Hollywood 46, Calif.

HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

1st Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
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HUB CITY BRANCH

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3rd Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
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LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Park, University & La Mesa Blvd.
Peggy Owens, Secy.
4275 Nabal Dr., La Mesa, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

2nd Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
Fox Home at 2255 Elm Ave.
Mrs. Alberta Logue, 6050 Atlantic Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

Homes of Members
2nd Thursday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. James A. Whitaker, Secy.
1225 Stuart Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, March 23, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.
3340 S.W. 24th Terrace, Miami, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.
American Legion Bldg., Linwood & Paseo
Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Mary Wood, Secy.
626 W. Charles, Independence, Mo.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Mrs. Lester H. Fox, Secy.
170 Marsh Hill Road, Dracut, Mass.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

Mrs. Beatrice White, Secy.
1411 Poppy St., Long Beach, Calif.

OCEAN COUNTY NEW JERSEY BR.

1st Monday, March 1, April 5, 12:30 p.m.
Members Homes
Mrs. Selma Brown, Secy.
37 Broad St., Apt. 4-D, Tom's River, N. J.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 S. Main St., Orange
Mrs. Evie Darden, Secy.-Treas.
6701 S. Fee Ana St., Rt. 3, Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

3rd Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Casitas del Arroyo, 117 S. Arroyo, Pasadena
Mrs. Alva Graham, Secy.
515 El Centro St., South Pasadena

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, March 12, Members Homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.
Ronnie Hiersch, Secy.
6831 S. E. Flavel, Portland 6, Oregon

RAYTOWN MISSOURI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Schorr, Secy.-Treas.
7708 Sni-A-Bar Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

REDONDO BEACH AREA

4th Friday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mr. W. C. Cocke, Secy.
417 Calle Mayor, Redondo Beach, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.
Shamel Park, 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.
Mrs. Kay Elmore, Secy.
3935 McKenzie St., Arlington, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Friday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. L. Carringer, Secy.
825 Harbor View Pl., San Diego 5

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Mrs. Gladys Pirkner, Secy.
750 - 48th St., Sacramento, Calif.

SALEM OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, March 2, April 6
The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem
Mrs. Loren H. Edlund
865 Edina Lane, Salem, Ore.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, March 22
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Alice Shetler, Secy.
4551 Kensington Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, March 3, April 7, 8:00 p.m.
1738 - 9th Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.
Mrs. George Leslie Kutho, Secy.
1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, March 24, 8:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, Calif.
Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, Secy.
1719 Alhambra Ave., Montevia, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.
Mrs. Mary Wegener, Secy.
1611 Olive St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, March 2, April 6, 8:00 p.m.
V.F.W. Hall, 511 Pacific Ave.
Miss Hazel E. Oxley, Secy.
428 Davis St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance
Santa Monica
Mrs. Eduard Franz
153 So. Burlingame Road, Los Angeles 49

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, March 16, 7:45 p.m.
University of Washington Arboretum
Clubhouse
Mrs. H. G. Bamford, Secy.
810 W. Lee, Seattle, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BR.

1st Tuesday, March 2, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura
Mrs. Harry Fox, Secy.
3877 Mound Ave., Ventura, Calif.

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA
COUNTY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, March 18, 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Ila Shank, Secy.
1824 "B" St., Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern
Mr. Walter Partridge
4849 Beck Ave., Bell, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Friday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.
Rose Hill Club
Mrs. Leoma Caudle, Secy.
2822 - 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, March 10, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Corr. Secy.
35 Fayette St., Oakdale, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO
4th Wednesday, March 24, 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 Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Hinshaw Dept. Store Aud.
Whittier Quad., E. Whittier Blvd.,
Whittier, Calif.
Mrs. Gladys B. Bruce, Secy.
6102 Milna Ave., Whittier, Calif.

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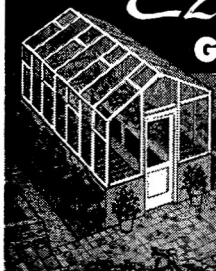
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