

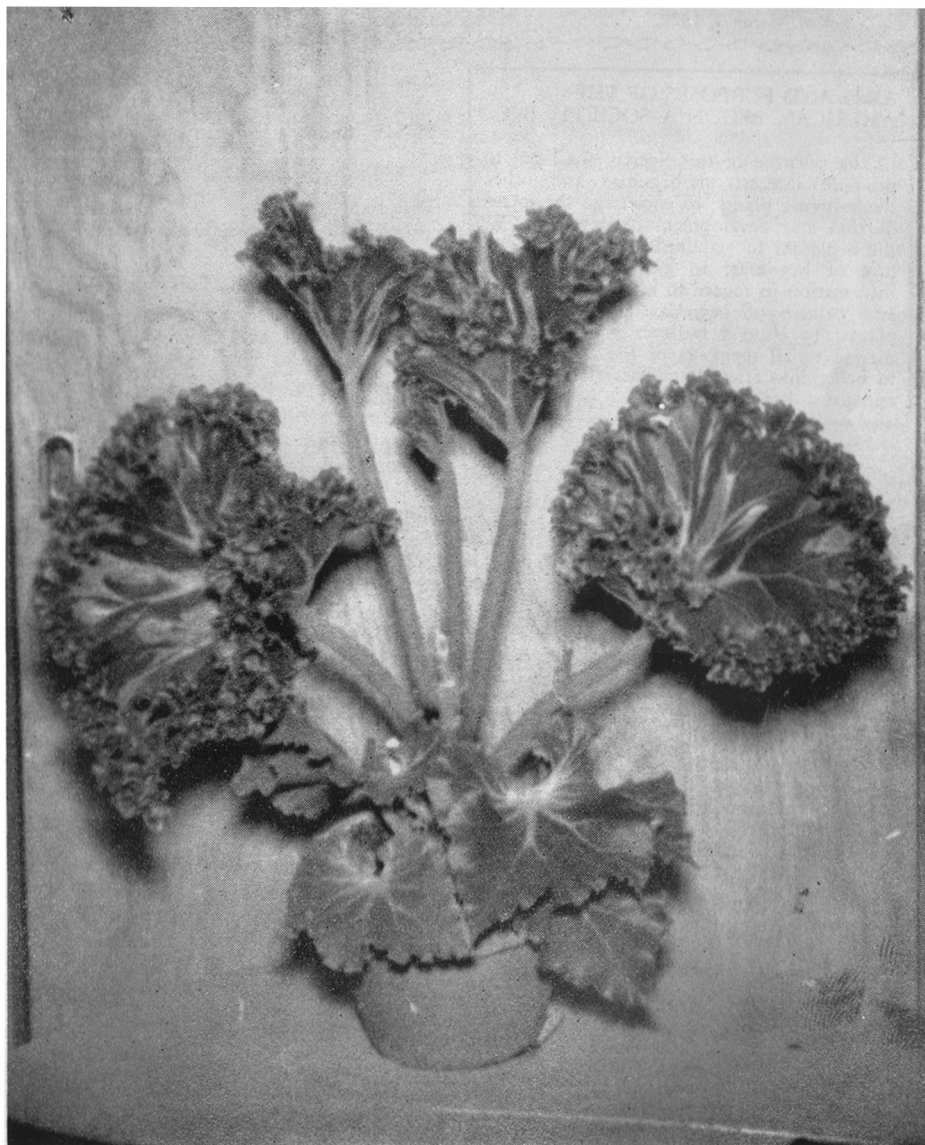
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MORREN'S LUBBERSI

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Under "Frutescent Begonias with Cane-like Stalks" in his *Les Begonias*, Charles Chevalier describes *B. lubbersi* Ed. Morren. It is a Brazilian species which was accidentally introduced in 1880 to the Botanic Garden of Brussels, Belgium, on a tree fern.

In its native home it is said to become five to six feet tall, but in cultivation in Belgium it rarely exceeded twenty inches. Stalks are cylindric, slender, slightly swollen at the nodes, erect, reflex at the top, smooth and green, later becoming brown and rough. Leaves are entire, glabrous, peltate, rhomboidal, obliquely lanceolate, the upper lobe short and acuminate, the lower elongated and slightly wavy. They are 2 inches wide and 6 inches long, with the upper face very dark green, chatoyant, and sprinkled with silver spots, which often disappear with age. The lower face is smooth and dark carmine. The petiole is fleshy, short, cylindric, glabrous, and pinkish, and upright. The stipules are quite large, entire, and grow against the stem, where they remain after they dry up.

Inflorescences are in the axils of the upper leaves and usually of six flowers which droop on short green peduncles and pedicels. They are small, thick bracts of greenish white which soon fall off. Male flowers have four petals, and two outer petals almost round and of good size, and the two inner petals very short and straight. Stamens are numerous, free, with short filaments and very wide anthers. The female flowers are smaller, with five unequal petals, and a style with thick stigma on a large ovary with three green wings.

Some years after this begonia's arrival in Brussels it had crossed the channel and was written up in the *London Gardener's Chronicle* of 1888. This article said that Prof. Morren had named the new find in honor of M. Lubbers, "talented curator of the Brussels Botanic



B. lubbersi grown in Montreal Botanic Gardens.

Garden," and that M. Pynaert of Ghent had put it in commerce. The plants that we have probably do not come from these European specimens but have come to us somewhat recently as seeds directly from Brazil.

In *The Begonian* of August, 1956, the seed fund offered seeds, judging from the dried seed pods that the flowers "must be enormous." Again in November, 1958, seed was offered and this time with "no description available." In 1959 seeds of *B. lubbersi* Regel were described as having white flowers and a "short rhizome, occasionally ascending." This plant of Regel's must be a different begonia from Morren's.

The Morren begonia, conforming to Chevalier's description, was found by Bernice Brilmayer when she visited Mr. Teuscher at the Montreal Botanic Gardens, and was still there in 1961 after the entire begonia house had been renewed following an invasion by nematodes. There were two beautiful specimens in full bloom at the Flower Show in Santa Barbara this summer, raised, I believe, by Mrs. Margaret West of the Santa Barbara Branch.

COVER PICTURE

Begonia 'Madam Queen', originated in 1957 by Beth Bath, in Santa Ana, Calif.

Begonias In Nicaragua

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During my numerous plant collecting expeditions to various parts of the world, I have long been aware of begonias in the wild, though I do not pretend to be an authority on these complex and fascinating plants. I have noticed begonias in many places, but I believe that by far the most impressive growth of the largest number of varieties which I have seen in recent times has been during several trips made to Nicaragua—most especially to the fabulous region near Santa Maria de Ostuma, which I have recently described in some detail elsewhere (in *Tropics* 1:8-14, figs. 6-8. June 1962).

In this area, which generally ranges from around 4800 to over 8000 feet elevation, a remarkable variety of representatives of the genus *Begonia* occur. Regrettably, I cannot give my readers their names, since I am not schooled in the intricacies of this technical group of plants, and I also rather suspect that a sizeable percentage of them are undescribed scientifically.

Just across the road from the delightful hotel of Santa Maria de Ostuma, one encounters at least six distinct species of begonias, growing either on the constantly damp (sometimes sodden-wet) clayey slopes through which the road was cut, or in ferny dells under the gigantic trees, which here often tower almost two hundred feet into the air in some instances. Some of these begonias are extremely showy, with handsome multicolored foliage, this usually more or less hairy or at least downy, and splendid great *cachos* (as the natives call the inflorescences) of pink or reddish or white blossoms.

In particular, usually with handsome *Adiantums* and other kinds of ferns in shady moist spots under the big trees, and amidst the planted coffee trees which characterize this part of the plantation, occurs a very striking clambering species with heavy lacquered foliage, flushed heavily with a vivid red hue, bearing

smallish spikes of intricate but not particularly showy white blossoms. This species often inches its way some distance up the tree-trunks, where it grows with a welter of lush mosses, lichens, filmy-ferns (*Hymenophyllum* and *Trichomanes*), and miniature orchids of a wondrous variety. I have not seen this *Begonia* in cultivation as yet, though it would certainly be a most welcome addition to our collections. The plants which I have bought in suffered so much through fumigation upon their arrival in this country that they quickly perished, and I have not as yet encountered the species in seed when in the area.

This particular part of Nicaragua thrives in a very heavy rainfall. Even during the "dry season" rain falls at least once daily, and the nocturnal fogs and heavy dews add further to the constantly high and beneficial humidity. Plants such as begonias naturally are exuberant under such bountiful conditions! Conditions which are often difficult to emulate in our lath-houses or greenhouses here at home.

The main hostelry at Santa Maria de Ostuma, with its superb and spectacular views, unique accommodations, and extraordinary foods, lies at an elevation of about 4800 feet, some nine kilometers north of the city of Matagalpa, in north-central Nicaragua.

Since Nicaragua is doubtless the least known botanically of all the Central American countries—and is also the largest in area—virtually everything one encounters here is of more than passing interest. There must be many undescribed begonias in the immediate vicinity, and careful search of the environs would doubtless bring to light an even more impressive array of scientific novelties in this group.

Except for the specimens in the extensive gardens at Santa Maria de Ostuma, and scattered plants in the cities of



Terrestrial species growing at 5,000 feet elevation.

Managua, Granada, and Matagalpa, indigenous members of the genus *Begonia* seem to be virtually unknown by the populace. My native guides and assistants, when in the field, almost invariably seemed to be unaware of the plants' existence, even though they could tell me in considerable detail the various ornamental and medicinal uses of almost everything else which we encountered.

Though begonias are extremely common in the immediate vicinity of the hotel, as one leaves Santa Maria de Ostuma and clammers up the often precipitous slopes of such adjacent mountains as El Picacho (more than 8000 feet elevation), the number and variety of these fascinating plants measurably increases. Here they not only occur in great and handsome array on the ground, but they also take up their places on the crowded trees and large shrubs, where they vie for space amidst an extraordinary flora of epiphytic orchids, bromeliads, aroids, ferns, mosses, lichens, and such showy gesneriads, notably several kinds of *Columnnea*, the commonest being a pretty phase of the ubiquitous *C. Schiedeana*. These epiphytic begonias are, by



Author holds epiphytic species, with assistant at his side.

and large, completely distinct from their terrestrial neighbors, and some of them are exceptionally handsome, both as to foliage and as to flower.

Invariably, these arboreal species dwell with their succulent root-stocks and copious root-systems in a thick "mulch" (I cannot think of a more appropriate term) of spreading roots from their neighbors, especially those of the ferns and the moisture-retaining mosses and lichens, which here make every passing tree a bryologist's and limnologist's dream! Some of them possess accessory roots up the stem, if this structure is elongate, and climb effectively some distances up the tree's trunk or along its larger branches. These plants, because of the "mulch" at their bases, never become dry, even for a brief period. The constant cool temperature (and it can become uncomfortably chilly here even at high noon—though this is the *Tropics*!) and the high humidity make every specimen firmly crisp and inordinately succulent, so that their petioles and stems break with exasperating ease when brushed against. Insects attack them with some frequency, in many cases, but some species seem to be largely immune to the holes and punctures afflicted by them.

In the two illustrations accompanying these random notes, we find two different species of Nicaraguan *Begonia*—one very common, the other more a rarity in the Santa Maria de Ostuma area. In the first photo, we see a terrestrial species growing on a sloping very wet hillside at about 5000 feet elevation. The insect-torn foliage of the plant can be seen at center and center right, with the bright shell-pink flowers held nicely above them. The foliage of this species, unknown to me, is very glossy dark-green, and the petioles which support it are a pleasant clear lime-green shade. To the left of the *Begonia* are several almost circular large leaves of the handsome member of the Piperaceae, *Pothomorphe peltata*, while directly in the center of the photo is a seedling of the genus *Psychotria*, in the Rubiaceae.

In the second illustration, I am holding a newly-gathered plant of another *Begonia*

which is unknown to me, this one found at about 4900 feet elevation, or possibly a bit lower. My native assistant, Fernando, is by my side. This is an unusual epiphytic species which generally starts out life in the humus-filled crotch of some large forest tree, then inches its way—utilizing copious adventitious stem-roots—up the tree-trunk for a distance of as much as ten feet. Its roughened, textured foliage is a pleasant bright-green hue (as are the very succulent and frightfully brittle stems), and the copious flowers are a pretty bright pink, with a glistening character which I find quite charming. It is rather restricted in its distribution, always growing in the very darkest parts of the wet cloud-forest which it inhabits.

Both of these illustrations are taken from color slides, and should any of my readers be interested in acquiring duplicates of the originals. I will be happy to have them made, upon request.

In the near future I plan to return to Nicaragua once again, and following this expedition, I hope that I may have some more comprehensive comments to make for readers of this publication regarding the pertinent plants which I encounter during my wanderings there.

AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

By HYACINTH SMITH

The annual installation banquet of the San Francisco Branch of the American Begonia Society, on Saturday, November 10, was especially outstanding because of the honored guests present.

Officers attending from Southern California were National President Carl E. Naumann and his lovely wife, Vera, from the San Gabriel Valley Branch, and President-Elect Terry Olmsted and her husband, Perry Olmsted, from the Inglewood Branch.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blough, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Corwin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Small, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson from the San Gabriel Valley Branch; and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Slatter from the Inglewood

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A Brief History of Begonias in California

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Many begonia fanciers are interested in the time of introduction and distribution of popular begonia species and cultivars. Records of botanical species and varieties are more readily available than similar records for the forms found only in cultivation. The literature covering the history of begonias in California has been sketchy and yet there are several old nursery catalogs that throw considerable light on the time when some of the older begonias were brought to California and who had a part in their distribution and sale. In the present account will be included a list by John Saul of Washington, D.C. for the year of 1893-4. It should also be observed that some of the early California nurserymen were in close touch with European dealers. James Hutchinson of Oakland often imported new plants within two years of introduction. James Saul of Washington, D.C. also imported many fine new varieties, and California nurseries could buy from him and others. So it is not strange that nurseries in California would bring in the best new begonias.

The earliest nursery catalog issued in California is believed to be that of Colonel J. L. F. Warren of Sacramento in 1853. Colonel Warren had operated a nursery out from Boston, Massachusetts, for more than ten years before coming to California and had visited Europe so he knew where to secure the new introductions, many of which he grew before reaching California in 1849. He was listing *Begonia manicata* in his 1853 catalog in Sacramento, California. This species had been found in Mexico as early as 1837, but Colonel Warren soon turned to the publishing of the *California Farmer* in San Francisco (1854). He continued to encourage the exhibition of plants at shows and was really the father of the California State Fair. A very fine flower show was held in San Francisco

in 1854. *Begonia manicata* was exhibited at this 1854 fair.

James Hutchinson started his Bay Nursery in Alameda in 1852. In time he moved to Oakland where demand for plants was better. His nursery stood at the northeast corner of Telegraph and 26th Street, Oakland, across from the present Sears Roebuck building. By the 1870's he was regularly importing the best new ornamentals Europe had to offer. Within a few years from the time of introduction, he would be listing the fine new varieties, including begonias. The list in his catalog of 1874-5 included *Begonia boliviensis* (1857), *Carnea*, *Edmondsii*, *floribunda* (*multiflora*)-(1846), *maculata* (1837), *multiflora* hybrids, *odorata* (*nitida*)-(1837), *palmata* (1846), *parviflora* (*parvifolia* or *dregei*), *sanguinea picta*, *rex*, *semperflorens* (1821), and *weltoniensis* (1864).

At this point we should remind readers that the seed firms were also listing begonia seed. D. M. Ferry and Company, in their 1880 catalog, listed *Begonia Non Plus Ultra* (*Benary*)-(1876), *pearcei* (1865), *sedeni* (1870) and *sedeni Victoria* (1874). Seed of *Begonia froebeli* was offered by R. J. Trumbel of San Francisco in 1882.

R. D. Fox had taken over the Santa Clara Valley Nursery after his uncle, Bernard Fox, died in 1883. This was a famous nursery in its day and contributed to the distribution of begonias. In the 1884 catalog were listed: *Begonia argyrostigma* (*maculata*)-(1819), *Edmundsoni*, *galucophylla scandena* (1874), *Gibsoni*, *L. Chretien* (1879), *metallica* (1876), *nigricans* (1857), *odorata* (1837), *palmata* (1847), *parnelli* (1874), *rubra*, *rubra alba*, *sandersonii* (1864), *sanguinea* (1820), *weltoniensis* (1864) and *zebrina* (*angularis*)-(1846). In addition he offered rex begonias and tuberous kinds.

B. K. Bliss and Sons, along with other

eastern dealers, had offered seed of tuberous kinds by 1876 or before, and at that time a packet of the seed of the new hybrids was offered at 7 cents. Many California nurseries and seedsmen included a few of the popular begonias, both flowering and tuberous, at a cost of 25 to 40 cents each during the 1880's.

John Saul, of Washington, D.C., came from a famous Irish family that took over the old Downing nursery at New Rochelle, New York, when one of the Downing brothers died and the other did not wish to operate the nursery. James Saul of this family had been sent to California to represent the firm in 1854 and was associated with the Commercial Nurseries near Mission Dolores, San Francisco. He helped with the San Francisco Flower Show in 1854.

John Saul, a brother, moved down to Washington, D.C. and there operated a wonderful nursery where many of the finest begonias could be purchased in the 1890's. Among those listed in 1893 were: *albo-picta* (1885), *Abbie Dorner* (1892), *argentea (maculata) guttata* (1888), *Bertha McGregor* (1892), *Berthe de Chateau* (1886), *Bijou* (1887), *Bruantii* (1882), *Carrieri* (1881), *Compta* (1866), *cuprea*, (form of *metallica*), *diadema* (1880), *Eugene Vallerand* (1881), *Gloria de Jouy* (1890), *Glorie de Sceaux* (1883), *Haageana* (1887), *incarnata* (1822), *John Heal* (1883), *Lubbersii* (1880), *Mme. Lionnet (M. Hardy)*-(1889), *manicata aurea maculata* (1884), *Marie Louis* (1892), *M. de Lesseps, Mettslemii, Mira* (1885), *Mirabunda*, *Mrs. E. Bonner, Neome Malet, Odorata, Olbia* (1883), *Pictaviense* (1891), *Pres. Carnot* (1890), *Rubella (rubellina)*-(1883), *Sceptre* (1878), *scharffiana* (1887), *Schmidtii (schmitiana)* (1878), *Semperflorens atropurpurea* (Vernon) (1891), *carminea*, *Gigantea Rosea* (1883), *elegans, rubra*, *Gigantea amelia, Sieberiana* (1890), *Socotra (socotrana)* (1880), *Souv. de Francois Gaulin* (1891), *Souv. de Poes. Gaulin* (1889), *Teuscheri* (1877), *Triomphe de Lemoine* (1870), *Velutina* (seedling *metallica*), and *Wetsteinii* (1885).

In addition to the above general list, Saul listed some fine rex begonias including: *Arc-en-ciel*, *Adrian Schnidt* (1888), *Ami Pygnaert, Charles Laurent* (note this early listing), *Clementina* (1888), *Comtesse Louise Erdoedy* (1884), *Desfontaines* (1888), *Fire King* (1891), *Ibis Rose* (1884), *Le Compte, Lesoudsii* (1885), *Lucy Closson* (1889), *Mme. Henri Gadie* (1885), *Mme. Fanny Messange, Marquis de Peralta, M. Charat* (1888), *Mme. Alamagny* (1888), *Mme. Charles Weber* (1882), *Mme. Rival* (1888), *Mme. Alegatiere* (1888), *Mme. Isabella Bellou* (1888), *Mme. Le Boucq, Regnault* (1889), *Robert George* (1892), *Satin Bleu, Sieboldi* (1889), *Turnefort, and Ville de Namur* (note early listing). Saul also listed such tuberous kinds as *B. davisii* (1876), *davisii fl. plena*, and *davisii lutea pleno* (1882), and *froebellii* (1872). The dates in parentheses, as given in the *Buxton Check List*, call attention to this fine list offered soon after the new instructions had been developed.

Charles Navlet, of San Jose, was an enterprising man for his day, as shown in his nursery catalog of 1894-5. Begonias listed by him were *Begonia fuchsoides alba* (1854), *Hybrid multiflora, Saundersonii* (1864), *scandens* (1788), *Enggramii* (1849), *metallica* (1869), *punctata* (1840), and *Washingtoniana* (1880).

The Germain company, founded in Los Angeles by Eugene Germain, was operating on a fine high plane as early as 1900. We are surprised by the many fine plants listed in the firm's catalogs, and begonias came in for their share of attention. The list is not long, yet shows what customers could buy at many dealers. *Begonia Clementina* (1888), *Comtesse Louise Erdoedy* (1884), *Enfant de Nancy, Lesoudsii* (1885), *Louis Closson* (1887), *Magnifica* (1901), *Queen Victoria*, and *Robert George* were among the rexes. Flowering kinds were *argentea guttata* (1888), *manicata aurea* (1884), *metallica velutina* (1899), *nivea* (1873), *Otto Hacker* (1897), *rubra, thurstonii* (1887), and *Vernon* (1891).

One of the most loved of all begonia fanciers was Mrs. Theodosia Burr Shepherd, of Ventura, California. Previous to her death in 1906 she had developed a good many varieties of her own and also grew popular varieties of her day. Her catalog of 1900 lists the varieties she grew and also has her picture. After her death, her daughter continued the nursery for several years. In 1900 she grew several dozen kinds of fibrous begonias and fifteen varieties of rexes. First let me list the rex begonias in her 1900 catalog.

Rex Begonias listed in 1900 by Mrs. Theodosia Burr Shepherd of Ventura were Amethyst, Clementina (1888), Constance, Enfant de Nancy, Lesoudsii (1885) Louise Closson (1887), Mme. le Bourcq, Mme. J. Menoreau, Marquis de Peralta, Mrs. A. G. Shepherd, Perle Humefeldt (1890), Queen of Hanover (1891), Richmond Beauty, Roi Ferdinand Major, Satin Blue, Silver Cloud, *speculata* (1892), Stella (1873), Tourmaline, and White Water.

The general collection of fibrous and shrubby begonias grown by Mrs. Shepherd were those fairly common in her day and yet she had seedlings of her own, as many begonia fanciers know. The names listed below are placed on record for those who have never seen her 1900 catalog. The catalogs issued after 1906 were by her daughter and not by Mrs. Shepherd.

Considering the conditions Mrs. Shepherd had to face, she did a remarkable job. Glance over the varieties and species to see if this is not so; Abundance, Alba Perfecta Grandiflora, albo picta, After Glow (1893), *argenteo-guttata* (1888), Ariadne, *argyrostigma (maculata) picta*, Atala, Autumn Leaf, Beatrice, Beauty, *caroliniaefolia* (1853), Charles Roocker, *compta* (1860), Daphne, *duchartrei*, Edmondsoni, Enchantress, *erfordii* (1893), Ernari, Fair Rosamond, Flammarion, *foliosa* (1825), *fuchsioides coccinea* (1899), Gigantea Rosea (1883), gilsonii (1888), *haageana (scharffii)* (1881), Hearts Delight, Her Royal Highness, I a n t h e, Jessie, Kathleen, Mme. de Lesseps, *margaretae* (1883), Marjorie Daw, (1900), Mirabunda, Mc

Bethii, Odorata Rosea, Otto Hacker (1899), Paul Bruant (1888), Pink Rubra, Pink Vernon, *ricinifolia* (1847), Robusta (1856), *ribella (rubellina)* (1825), Sandersonii (1864), Sea Shell, Smithi, Springtime, Teuscheri (1877), *thurstonii*, Vernon (1891), *Washingtoniana alba*, *Washingtoniana rosea*, *Weltoniensis* (1864), and Yosemite are the kinds listed. Several of these were originated by Mrs. Shepherd. Marjorie Daw was originated about 1900. Begonia Society members living in the Ventura area can probably list most of Mrs. Shepherd's origins.

As we look over the lists in the different nursery catalogs, we are surprised at how many new kinds appeared from year to year. The growers must have watched the catalogs closely. Growers in California probably watched the lists from eastern nurseries, such as that of John Saul, or imported directly from Europe.

E. Benary of Erfurt, Germany, was active in developing the Heterosis begonias during the 1920's and earlier. These varieties found their way into California and have been of some interest in recent years, especially in connection with breeding work.

No attempt is made here to cover the begonia history since 1900 and yet history is being made by plant explorers and plant breeders, many of whom are associated with the America Begonia Society. The Society now has a Chairman of Nomenclature and is registering begonias for this country and the world. The records will become of increasing importance as the years go by. We may hope to add gradually to the historical records of earlier days and make the history more complete.

But even the names here presented along with the date of listing will push back dates in several cases. The gathering of old California nursery catalogs has helped us to add to our information. Others may have similar sources of information. All such records should be placed on file to advance our knowledge of what has happened in California's begonia history.

Reflections After Five Years In The A.B.S.

By BEE OLSON

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Driving along the boulevard to work the past several mornings, I found my mind busily reviewing in detail two recent "Begonia" events—the National Convention and the Inglewood Branch Friendship Brunch. I found myself smiling, chuckling, savoring thoroughly all the phases of each event from the planning stages through to the last swipe of the cleanup broom.

As the pictures flashed through my mind like a movie, words came through on their sound track. Scenes brought forth other scenes from a month ago—a year ago—even longer. Suddenly, I realized this was a form of research—not of a begonia, but of "what the A.B.S. means".

A love of flowers, coupled with a chance meeting of one of the higher echelon of the A.B.S. at the International Flower Show, laid the beginnings of this "research". A warm welcome while visiting a Branch, a preview of a sample *Begonian*—the bait was taken—no struggle was made—a new fledgling member.

The wealth of material found in *The Begonian*, the whole world of mystery and creation found in the Seed Fund, the ecstasy of winning plants never before owned from a bountiful, beckoning plant table—sheer joy! Lath and tube house came into being on the home grounds, jars soon teamed with new eager life, benches slowly filled with plants—all sizes, shapes, and varieties—and all LOVED! Lectures, slides, coffee, conversation, plant demonstrations—all a part of this new way of life—all enjoyed as a spectator. In researching, this takes its proper place—the prelude.

A little job offered in so friendly a fashion by such a friendly member began the "living"—as a member—no longer a spectator, but now a participant. Another meeting to attend, but so different. Here were the working hearts, minds, and hands of the organization

busily shaping and planning future meetings and events, seeking out the needs of the members, probing for weak spots, endeavoring to make the organization every good thing it could be. Here I began to see the individual and what he or she stood for—here a face which had been so smiling and cordial at a meeting might become stern and determined as he fought for a point he felt vital—yet discussion brought about solution and it was wonderful to participate.

Months slip by and the warm feeling of friendship floods in—a place to belong. Then—a flower show and behind-the-scenes first hand are learned the hard work, the long hours of planning, organizing, the teamwork of the group—the final O.K. as a bit of peat moss is rearranged, a bad leaf removed—just a few minutes before the judges begin their part. The award—the proud feeling of the group—the conspiratorial feeling which runs deep in all homo sapiens. Then tearing down this lovely garden—what took hours to build is literally gone in minutes—all but the ribbon or trophy and that warm feeling around the heart.

Pot-luck dinners, visiting other Branches—then visiting the National Board meeting—every new and different type of meeting adds further to the knowledge and the deep inner feelings of the way each individual plays his part. Other Branches, other faces, other plants—basically the same, yet individually presented—providing that extra joy afforded the visitor. Frequent visits add to the joy of friendship and sharing. The National Board meeting—similar to the Branch Board meeting, yet so different.

Here are the tried and the true—the one that have followed the path of service and made it the right one. Each officer has weighed the responsibilities and recognized the time and effort that will be demanded of him—almost, that is

—and still he has answered the “call”. Those attending the Board meetings are those who fill elected and appointed offices, representatives of the Branches, and visitors (welcomed at all times). The atmosphere here is slightly different from that of the Branch Board meeting—and rightly so—for here the burdens of responsibility are much greater. Though everyone is friendly and greetings are exchanged, there is a business-like air throughout. There is a set order of procedure and it is followed expertly. Much business must be handled in a short period. Here lies the chance for a visitor to see and hear a person whom he has known only by name before.

The words “American Begonia Society” take on their true meaning—they stand for something—and YOU are part of it. In the final analysis you are the A.B.S.—the A.B.S. is you—the *participating member*. You shape its future. You assume its success.

Within the Branch you help direct the course of the Branch. The Branch operates more or less separately from the National—similar to our States of the United States. You strive to activate your Branch—to enlist new members—provide excellent material, both program and plant—to participate in flower shows for the benefit of your community—you continually strive, through teamwork, to make each meeting, each show, each event better and better. When your National Board asks for aid to raise money or to put on a convention, your Branch doubles its efforts in behalf of the National, resulting in a stronger National and, as a result, a still stronger Branch.

What is this? This is BROTHERHOOD—as it was meant to be. Brothers working together toward a final goal. This A.B.S. is a big and wonderful society. It had its meager beginning by one man and a handful of friends in his own home—but where can it go? It is nation-wide, with Branches springing up from time to time in new localities within a state or a first Branch in another state—in this day of world travel and communication, no imagination at all is

required to see this as a world society in the not too distant future!

Begonias are wonderful! They can be had growing to a height of over twelve feet—or so tiny they can live in a tiny dish garden—every size and shape and texture of leaf—all colors of leaves and blooms—fragrant or not fragrant—growing from roots, rhizomes, bulbs—growing wet or dry in every type of soil.

But the thing they do best is to create brotherhood. They take you and me by the heart and hand and lead us together to an organization—now national but one day to be world-wide.

AN EVENT . . .

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Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall from the Glendale Branch.

With San Francisco Branch President Carl Meyer presiding, Isadore Gold as chairman, National President Carl Naumann as installing officer, and Herbert Bloom as master of ceremonies, the evening was one of rolling interest. Mr. and Mrs. Al Allmacher presented a group of reminiscent slides which included pictures of past flower show exhibits, parties, and tuberous begonia blooms. Many slides prompted smiles and laughs as past memories were brought to the present for a wonderful moment.

The tables, beautifully decorated by Alice and Isadore Gold, and the fun and merriment of 117 persons made this an installation banquet long to be remembered.

The next day, Sunday, started with breakfast at the Cliff House, a tour of five gardens, dinner, and then ended at the San Francisco airport where our tired, happy guests departed for home.

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Mrs. J. D. of Texas asks: What is the scientific name for the begonia called 'Peach Leaf'.

Dear Mrs. J. D.: Begonia 'Washington Street'. This is a chance seedling noted around 1912 in a garden in San Diego. It is registered in the *Buxton Check List* by Mrs. W. L. Frevert.

Mrs. T. M. of Long Beach asks: Could you tell me of a nursery from which I could purchase a plant of *B. dayii*? If not a plant, perhaps some seeds?

Dear Mrs. T. M.: Rudolf Ziesenhenn, 1130 N. Milpas Street, Santa Barbara, California (see ad in this magazine) had a good supply of young *B. dayii* seedlings in September. In the November *Begonian*, the Seed Fund offered seed of *B. dayii* for 25 cents per packet.

M. R. of Berkeley asks: Is *B. cathayana* a rex begonia?

Dear Mr. R.: Bessie Graham Buxton states that *B. cathayana* is a hairy begonia species from China which is "somewhat like the rex type". It has been used a great deal in hybridizing.

A. R. of Minneapolis asks: Under what classification does *B. schmidtiana* fall? Is it easy to grow?

Dear Mr. A. R.: *B. schmidtiana* (Regel) is classified as a *semperflorens* (Latin: everblooming). It is a species discovered in Brazil in 1876 by Dr. Scharff and Mr. Haage. This begonia is very easy to grow—it seeds itself. It is also easy to propagate from cuttings. It makes an excellent basket plant.

Mrs. L. D. of Iowa writes: We are planning a trip to Brazil next year. Are there any magazines to which we could subscribe that would acquaint us with the flowers of Brazil—also gardens we might visit?

Dear Mrs. L. D.: Sociedade Brasileira de Floricultura is listed as a horticultural

organization in Sao Paulo (*Stephenson's Gardener's Directory*) and they put out a publication called *Flores de Brasil* (Flowers of Brazil). A letter to them might bring information regarding gardens to visit as well as information regarding their magazine. Address: Diretor Cultural, Sociedades Brasileira de Floricultura, Praca de Republica, 180-10° andar, Sao Paulo, Brasil. The directory also lists many public gardens in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

What is your question? For an answer in *The Begonian*, send your query to:

Bee Olson,
13715 Cordary Avenue,
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RUBY'S IRON CROSS

By RUTH PEASE

When it comes to accomplishments, Mrs. Ruby Budd of the Westchester Branch can take a bow. She has had exceptionally good luck in raising *Begonia masoniana* 'Iron Cross' from seed.

Ruby's plants are grown in a fiberglass shelter built on the back of their garage by her husband, Earl. Incidentally, she advises growing this begonias on the "dryish side".

Growing 'Iron Cross' is difficult, to say the least; but Ruby has taken her best plant to six shade plant shows this year, including the recent American Begonia Society Show, and she has won six trophies for her lovely plant.

This is an accomplishment, indeed, being able to take this type of begonia to so many shows and have it survive the wear and tear of transportation. This shows the results of constant care and grooming. How many of us have done this well?

Our hats are off to you, Ruby Budd.

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No. 1—*B. bradei*, Irmscher—

Brazil. Stems and both surfaces of the leaves are covered with a dense velvety carpet. Undersides of leaves vividly crimson, green above. Flowers large and white; crimson hairs on outside surface of petals. \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 2—*B. pariles*, Brade—

Awarded the President's Challenge Trophy for the best begonia in the 1962 Begonia and Shade Plant Show. Picture appears on cover of *The Begonian* for November, 1962. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 3—*B. venosa*—

Brazil. Growth shrubby, erect, medium height. Stems succulent, round, green, with small white lines, surrounded entirely with large, almost transparent, fine, venous, light brown vesicular bracts, in such a way that the stems, themselves, are hardly visible. Petioles as long or slightly longer than the leaves, fleshy, covered with brownish pubescens. Leaves auricular, succulent, margin entire; and green background is covered with a dense tomentum of white hairs. Inflorescence axillary, very long, succulent, red, covered with soft white hairs. Flowers abundant, medium large, white, spicy-fragrant.

This is an important plant, but we do not find it frequently. The white tomentous cover, which comes off easily when the plant is touched, constitutes the ornamental value of the plant. This begonia thrives best in a warm or moderately warm location, where it receives a few hours of morning and afternoon sunshine. This condition turns the leaves to a beautiful white. If the plant is placed permanently in the shade, the leaves remain greenish. In the winter months, care must be taken in watering the plants. Blooming time is from the latter part of summer to spring; in some places all the year round. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 4—*B. kenworthyi*—

Mexico. Leaves textured, shaped, and veined like the ivy, but more gray or powder-blue than green. Gnarled, erect,

rhizome. Prefers sun, less water than the average begonia. When it is resting, keep it warm and dry, as this plant comes from the dry country south of Chiapas, Mexico. Seeds are hand-pollinated and germination should be good under the proper conditions. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 5—*B. rubra* type—

Leaves all green; flowers red. Cane type. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 6—Unidentified Brazil species—

Heavy-textured cane type. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 7—*B. 'Paul Bruant'*—

(*B. heracleifolia longipila* x *frutescent*) Large, straight stems; light green, deeply toothed leaves, lighter veined. Fully opened pink flowers, spreading. One of the few that produce new plants on the stems, difficult to remove and grow. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 8—*B. 'Orange Rubra'*—

(*Dichroa* x *B. 'Coral Rubra'*) Clear green leaves, sometimes silver-spotted. Ornate clusters of large salmon-orange flowers. Good begonia. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 9—*B. 'Mrs. Schinkle'*—

(*coccinea* seedling.) Tapering, slightly cupped green leaves; moderate-sized clusters of orchid-pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 10—*B. ulmifolia*—

India. Sometimes called 'Elm-leaved' begonia. Tall, leaves elm-shaped, rough hairs. Small white flowers. Oddity. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 11—*B. Dwarf cane type*—

Pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 12—*B. 'Catalina'*—

(*B. 'Digswelliana'* seedling.) Also called 'Lady Waterlow'. Low, spreading plant with small green leaves and large flowers, white inside, rosy outside. Leaves and flowers color more intensely with sun. Tolerates a fair amount of heat and sun. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 13—*B. incana*—

Sometimes called *B. peltata*. White-felted, fleshy, green leaves attached to the stem near the center, like a lily pad. Numerous drooping white flowers. Grow dry. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 14—*B. 'Charm'*—

Chance 'B. Calla lily' seedling. Dwarf plant with leopard-like patches of cream and gold on bright green leaf. Light pink blossoms. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 15—*B. 'Apple Blossom'*—

Benary, Germany. Semperflorens with large white flowers with pink edges. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 16—*B. 'Organdy'*—

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No. 17—*B. dregiei* x rex hybrids—

Cross produces miniature type rex begonias. Some *B. dregiei* will appear, but most plants will be the small rex types. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 18—*B. 'Flamingo'*—

Semperflorens. Bi-colored white with pink edge. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 19—*B. 'Bertini'*—

Multiflora. Bright red single flowers, about 2½ inches across, are produced freely on compact, bushy plants. Showy for pots. Tuberous. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 20—*B. nelumbiifolia*

Mexico. Short, thick rhizomes and peltate leaves, which are hairy on the under side. The smooth, green, lily-pad-like leaves are 12 to 18 inches long and 8 to 12 inches wide, held on long, upright petioles. Many small, white flowers, carried in an upright, branched cluster. 25 cents per pkt.

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HORSEFEATHEREYE — THATAINTIT

By DOROTHY S. BEHREND
Encinitas, California

The Alfred D. Robinson Branch held a successful invitational gathering a few months ago, a Polynesian brunch in the exotic gardens of Mrs. Paul Behrends in Encinitas. Members attended in colorful muu-muus (or facsimiles) and the husbands in colorful shirts. One of the members lacked a hibiscus blossom for her hair and substituted a wild sunflower.

The occasion was in honor of President Carl E. Naumann, residing in the area for the duration of the racing season. Eight Branches were represented by attending members, including several national board officers in addition to Mr. Naumann.

Two items of special interest were discussed at this gathering.

Begonia 'Whirly Curly' is a sport (not a hybrid) and, as with all sports of various plants, occasionally it will revert to ordinary leaves. The original plant on which B. 'Whirly Curly' was found to be growing was a large, star-shaped-leaf begonia, but the straightened leaves occasionally produced after B. 'Whirly Curly' has been vegetatively produced appear more like a *B. boweri* cross. These straightened leaves must be removed to force the other leaves to curl.

It was decided to name this begonia which is produced when the curly leaves are straightened out. The originator, Susie Zug, agreed to the naming of this begonia on inquiry. The name 'Can't Curl' was discussed, but a more suitable name was chosen at this meeting of begonia enthusiasts.

The name is to be Begonia 'Thataintit'—pronounced "that-ain't-it". This name fits, because it has been found that this straight-leaf begonia has a tendency to curl again.

Therefore, if you have a sport of sport Begonia 'Whirly Curly', you may call it Begonia 'Thataintit'.

Another item of interest arose that day.

Darrel Bath is the good natured begonia enthusiast who dubbed a *B. heracleifolia* var. (without a handy name) B. 'Horsefeathers'. Now he has decided to call it B. 'Horsefeathereye'. This is an unregistered name, but the begonia is very much in demand. As we are not allowed to give a Latin name to a begonia not known to be a species, this jolly name must accept the spelling, "eye".

B. 'Horsefeathereye' is a begonia very much like B. 'Glendale', but hardier. B. 'Glendale' and B. 'Lexington' are chance seedlings out of the same seed pod, with *sunderbruchi* as the seed-bearing parent. They are completely different begonias, but they are alike in that both are "touchy" and commit suicide easily. They are beautiful and I remember them well, having registered them for Elinor Slocum.

I am sure that almost everyone is interested in B. 'Horsefeathereye' because of its jolly name, rather than its beauty or hardness.

As was evidenced at this meeting, much knowledge can be shared with others at a meeting such as this brunch. Again it was proved that begonia people are not too stuffy.



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MINUTES OF NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 7:50 P.M., November 26, 1962, by President Carl E. Naumann.

Nineteen officers, chairmen and representatives responded to roll call.

President Naumann reported that sixteen members had made the trip to San Francisco to attend the dinner and installation meeting of the San Francisco Branch. They were cordially received and entertained.

The Treasurer, Earl E. Budd, reported as follows: Balance \$992.57, Income \$627.15, Disbursements \$534.99, Balance \$1084.73. Total assets as of November 18, 1962, which includes savings, bonds, and revolving funds, is \$3790.21.

Dorothy Waddington, Membership Secretary, gave the following report: New members 78, renewals 96, monies received \$463.15, expenses \$38.34. Begonians mailed 2197.

Mrs. Waddington read a letter from the Philabegonia Branch which expressed a desire that *The Begonian* be improved for eastern readers and inclosing a check for seven subscriptions.

Richard Waddington, Show Treasurer, gave the following report: Receipts \$1554.02, expenses \$1224.64, net profit \$338.74. The President expressed to Mr. Waddington the thanks of the Society for his work as Show Treasurer.

A letter from Florence Gee, Seed Fund Chairman, was read. A quantity of seed has been purchased which will be listed in the December and January *Begonians*.

Mrs. Bee Olson, Research Director, made the following report: The Question-and-Answer column will begin in the December *Begonian*. As suggested, letters are being sent all over the world in regard to seed. A book, *Gardeners Directory*, was displayed, which has many fine articles was an especially good one on seed. The Inglewood Study Club is working with Mrs. Olson on research. Begonia slips have been sent to a group in Texas and letters of thanks received.

Report of the Advertising Manager, Ruby Budd, was read as follows: Receipts \$26.00, accounts receivable \$27.75.

Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle, Public Relations Director, received a form from the University of Michigan requesting information about the Society. Mrs. Lee moved that this information be sent, seconded by Mrs. Perz, motion carried.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jones of the Elsa Fort Branch regarding the forming of a Branch in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Arbuckle was instructed to write Mrs. Jones of the approval of the Board.

The Board received, with regret, information of the disbanding of the West Valley Branch.

A letter from the Dallas County Branch was received, informing the Board that that Branch and the Lone Star Branch were combining into one Branch and requesting information about returning one Charter. This is customary procedure.

Mrs. Lola Fahey, Librarian, reported she had answered twelve letters. A bank account has been opened in Temple City for the Library fund. The books of the Librarian have been audited and show a balance of \$121.34. A complete list of the books in the Library will be in the December *Begonian*. A list of the books available and how to obtain them will go with each new membership. There are two supplements to the *Buxton Check List*. These appear in the December, 1958, and the May, 1962, *Begonians*. Mrs. Korts moved that the Library revolving fund be brought up to the usual \$150.00, seconded by Mr. Budd, motion carried.

Mrs. Jean Kerlin, Awards Committee Chairman, reported that a list of award winners will appear in *The Begonian*. A supply of award certificates is needed. Mrs. Kerlin will investigate cost and report. A committee will work with Mrs. Kerlin regarding regulations in connection with awards. The President named Mrs. Polly Cooper of Texas, Mr. Herbert Fitch of San Francisco, and Mr. William Meyn of Whittier on this committee. Mrs. Korts moved this committee be approved, seconded by Mrs. Parker, motion carried.

Mrs. Korts reported as follows regarding the Judging School. There will be two lectures in February, two in March, and two in April. Mrs. Merrill will give one on fuchsias, Mr. Ziesenhenné on begonias, Mrs. Wilkes on orchids, Mrs. Victoria Padilla on bromeliads, and Mrs. Tokoyana on arrangements. It was suggested that the sixth lecture be on ferns. Cost of speakers will be \$25.00 each. The lectures will be mimeographed and will most between \$1.00 and \$1.50 according to costs. Mrs. Perz moved that these arrangements be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Kerlin, motion carried. The judges cards were issued for a two year period. After passing the test a second time, a longer period will be considered.

Mrs. Korts submitted a check for \$59.50 for 17 books mailed to England and \$14.00 for books sent to Texas, total of \$73.50. Expenses for mailing \$4.83. \$2.50 was given to the Treasurer in cash for sale of two plastic baskets.

Mrs. Korts submitted a bill from the insurance company for \$35.00 for bonding of officers.

A plant from Merry Gardens, Camden, Maine, has been test-grown by Mrs. Korts and entered recently in the Glendale Show, where it was awarded a Certificate of Merit. Merry Gardens have sent in the proper registration card for this plant, together with a picture of another plant which they are also going to register.

Mr. Peterson, Editor, asked about restoring the four pages which were dropped some months ago. No action was taken.

Mr. Budd asked if the profit from the show, \$338.74, should be placed in the savings account. It was decided this should be done.

The following Branches reported: Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach Parent Chapter, North Long Beach, Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, Westchester, Alfred D. Robinson, and San Miguel. Mrs. Lee also reported for the Eva Kenworthy Gray Branch and Mrs. Korts for the Santa Barbara Branch.

Mrs. Korts told of the very nice display case for the Begonia Society's trophies which has been erected in front of the glasshouse at the Arboretum. Insurance on this will be investigated.

Mrs. Lee moved that a letter be sent the Arboretum releasing them from the responsibility of this display, seconded by Mrs. Naumann, motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to write such a letter.

Mrs. Korts moved that the American Begonia Society renew its membership in the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, seconded by Mrs. Lee, motion carried.

Since Mrs. Korts is so well informed regarding insurance held by the Society, and other business matters, the President appointed Mrs. Korts Business Manager. Mrs. Naumann moved that this appointment be approved, seconded by Mrs. Olmsted, motion carried.

It was requested that the Branches send to the Secretary the names and addresses of officers.

The President spoke of the proposed regional meeting in April as suggested for the San Diego area.

There will be no Board Meeting in December.

The President extended a warm holiday greeting to one and all.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 P.M.

Margaret B. Taylor

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January 8—Knickerbocker Branch: Miss Kari Berggrav will speak on the subject "Let's Judge Begonias". The International Flower Show film, "Flowers in Wonderland", will also be shown.

January 10—Orange County Branch: This meeting will feature a different type of program based on a television show, titled "Begonia for Today", by Daisy Austin.

January 19—San Gabriel Valley Branch: Annual dinner meeting will be held at the Flamingo Club, on Huntington Drive in Arcadia. Guest speaker will be Dr. Stewart of the Arboretum, speaking on African plants and people, illustrated with slides.

January 25—Redondo Area Branch: Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman, sponsored by Cooke Products, will be the guest speaker. "Who Am I?" will be the title of her talk on sport mutations. Growers of begonias and ferns will find answers to their questions at this meeting.

February 9—E. K. Gray Branch: Walter Watchorn will speak on tuberous begonias, demonstrating their propagation by tubers and seeds.

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Miss Cynthia Webber, Secy.
5 Hillside, Ave., Bedford, Mass.

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Members' Residences
Mrs. Ruth Cook, Secy.
923 S. Edgefield, Dallas 8, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Willard School
Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley, California
Miss Dorothy F. Osburn, Secy.
5015 Cochrane Ave., Oakland 18, Calif.

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Friday, Members' Homes
Daisy Morrow, Secy.
2821 Musgrove Ave., El Monte, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Community Bldg.
2037 Third St., La Verne
Mrs. Arma J. Shull, Secy.
313 W. 2nd St., San Dimas, Calif.

FORT, ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
Miss Lola Price, Secy.
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, N.J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central
Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle, Secy.
5932 Seville Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Mrs. Charles Calloway
1311 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, Calif.

GRAY'S HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.
Hoquiam Public Library or
Messingale and Rosenear Music Store
Aberdeen, Washington
Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.
1013 Harding Road, Aberdeen, Wash.

GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Homes of Members
Mrs. Adolph Belser, Corr. Secy.
Welsh and Veree Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Georgina Barton, Secy.
2821 Herkimer St., Los Angeles 39, Calif.

HOUSTON, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, 1500 Herman Drive
Mrs. V. O. Harman, Secy.
306 Cody, Houston 22, Texas

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

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

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

1st Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., American Legion Hall
3208 West 85th St., Inglewood, Calif.
Mrs. Elsy M. Willick, Secy.
13214 Merkel Ave., Paramount, Calif.

KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Library, Horticultural Society of N.Y.
157 West 58th St., New York
Murray D. Morrison, Secy.
2109 Matthews Ave., New York 62, N.Y.

LONE STAR BRANCH

3rd Monday, Members' Homes, 10 a.m.
Mrs. M. F. Scribner, Corr. Secy.
1422 Marfa, Dallas 16, Texas

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3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Linden Hall
208 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif.
Mrs. Vera Ohlson, Secy.
1925 Maine Ave., Long Beach 6, Calif.

LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Homes of Members
Mrs. Thomas D. Day, Secy.
4056 Hollywood St., Baton Rouge, La.

MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Mrs. Ray Rosengren, Secy.
5530 N.W. 21 Ave., Miami, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 1 p.m.
World War Memorial Bldg., Linwood and Paseo
Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. R. H. Hyatt, Secy.
6812 Hunter St., Raytown 33, Mo.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.
3901 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach
Mrs. Alberta Logue, Secy.
6050 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Garden Grove, Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.
Garden Grove, Calif.
Daisy G. Austin, Secy.
1510 Kimberly Ave., Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

Meetings on Call, Homes of Members
Col. C. M. Gale, Secy.
40 N. San Rafael, Pasadena 2, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Members' Homes
Mrs. Anne W. Stiles, Secy.
R.D. #2, Box 43B, E. Delaware Trail,
Medford, N. J.

REDONDO AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each Month
Lincoln School Recreation Center
Ernest & Vail Sts., Redondo Beach, Calif.
Opal Murray Aherne, Secy.
1304 N. Poinsettia Ave., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

RHODE ISLAND BRANCH

1st Saturday, Homes of Members
Miss Ruth Harrington, Secy.
372 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R.I.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Shamel Park
3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.
Mrs. Lillian Maddox, Secy.
7172 Mt. Vernon St., Riverside, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m., Homes of Members
Constance D. Bower, Corr. Secy.
1609 W. Lewis St., San Diego 3, Calif.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Garden Center
3300 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.
Elmer A. Thomas, Secy.
913 Sonoma Way, Sacramento 22, Calif.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, Barbour Hall
2717 University Ave., San Diego
Leah Jones, Secy.
3734 - 40th St., San Diego 5, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, Golden Gate Park
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
James C. Miller, Secy.
1962 - 18th Ave., San Francisco 16, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

2nd Friday, 8:00 p.m.
Los Angeles State & County Arboretum
501 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Calif.
Mrs. Lillian Hale, Secy.
113 N. Ardmore Drive San Gabriel, Calif.

SAN MIGUEL BRANCH

1st Wednesday, Youth Center, Lemon Grove, Calif.
Mrs. Lloyd Clark, Secy.
2252 Vulner Ct., San Diego, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
2559 Puesta Del Sol
Elnora Schmidt, Secy.
3346 Calle Cita, Santa Barbara, Calif.

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.
Meeting locations will vary; call the secretary at
SUnset 2-2234
Miss Bernice Moore, Secy.
2842 West 59th St., Seattle 7, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Barlett, C.H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.
Mrs. Cora Lemmon, Secy.
316 Moorpark Ave., Moorpark, Calif.

SMOKY VALLEY BRANCH

3rd Thursday of each Month
Mrs. Robert Nease, Secy.
410 South Phillips, Salina, Kansas

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Burbank School
319 B. St., Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Evangeline Muller, Corr. Secy.
36937 Cherry St., Newark, Calif.

TALL CORN STATE BRANCH

Mrs. Edna Monson, Secy.
South Taylor, Mason City, Iowa

TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m.
West Side State Bank, Fort Worth, Texas
Mrs. E. E. Flippo, Secy.
1916 Forest Park Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

1st Tuesday Night in Members' Homes
E. Weaver,
1325 Thomas Blvd. Port Arthur, Texas

TEXASTAR BRANCH

1st Thursday, 10 a.m., Garden Center
1500 Herman Dr., Houston, Texas
Mrs. J. L. Linkenhogor, Secy.
45 Caroline Trail, Houston 24, Texas

WESTCHESTER BRANCH

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Westchester Women's Club
8020 Alverstone St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Mrs. Walter W. Pease, Jr., Secy.
8101 Vicksburg Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

WEST VALLEY BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Orcutt Playground
Clubhouse
21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, Calif.
Alice Abrams, Secy.
5310 Tendilla Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members
Mrs. A. S. Lash, Secy.
1228 Oklahoma Drive, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

WHITTIER BRANCH

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Palm Park Community Center, 1643 Floral Drive
Anne L. Rose, Secy.
1225 Ramona Dr., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members
Mrs. Griscom Bettle, Jr., Secy.
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