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FALL CARE OF TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

By NORVELL GILLESPIE

It won't be long until tuberous begonias are through for the year. It's time to evaluate the failures and successes. Candid examination of the facts now will lead to better results next season.

The complaint among many begonia growers, professionals as well as amateurs, has been the spread of the mildew disease, which struck many plantings. This does not mean that the culture of tuberous begonias is doomed. It is strictly a matter of garden sanitation and proper spraying.

Spray the plants, as well as the surrounding ground, with a fungicide recommended for begonias. Treat all nearby plants, whether infected or not, with thorough sprayings. Fortunately, mildew does not affect the tubers.

The next most common failure with tuberous begonias is the falling off of buds before they develop. This is caused by the plants being grown in too small pots without sufficient food, severe drying out, or severe overwatering. In hot weather the flowers develop too rapidly and the plants, by drawing much more water from the soil, tend to throw off the buds.

Abundant growth, with few flowers, is the result of too heavy shade. Curled and shiny foliage is a sign of too strong an exposure to the sun. The most damage is done by overfeeding, the first signs of which are a soft, glassy texture of the foliage, leaves curling under gradually, wilting, and dying off.

COVER PICTURE

Begonia 'Corallina de Lucerna', entered by Irene Nuss of Los Angeles, was judged the best begonia in the 1963 A.B.S. show and awarded the President's Challenge Trophy.

—Photo by Ralph Corwin

Amateurs never seem to get over the fact that January-started seedlings produce valuable tubers by October or November of the same year. These tubers can be used year after year for as long as twenty years, according to Pat Antonelli of Capitola. Up to the time they reach an age of nine or ten years, the tubers gain in size each year. The first year, for example, they were probably only one-half inch in diameter. Nine or ten years later, the same bulbs may be as much as ten inches across. After the tenth year the tubers seem to decline in vigor.

Depending on where you live, tuberous begonias go dormant in late October or November. Where it's cold, dormancy naturally will be hastened. The first signs of approaching dormancy are the yellowing leaves and skimpy flower crop.

While the plants still have green leaves, continue to water them lightly. When the proper time comes, Mother Nature lets you know. Wait until all growth dies down and the main stalks drop off before lifting the tubers.

Don't cut or bruise the tubers when digging, as rot may get started. If a bruise should develop, expose it to the sun. This usually causes it to heal over and the tuber is saved.

Right after the tubers are dug, wash them with water to clean off the soil. Some people still put the tubers in trays in the sun, and they have to keep shaking off the dirt as it dries from day to day. The commercial growers long ago found it was easier to wash the tubers first, then lay them in trays to dry.

Tubers should be dried thoroughly in the sun for a week. This will really dry them out. Any moisture left on

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CORRECT SCHEDULES MAKE JUDGING EASIER

By DOROTHY S. BEHREND'S
Encinitas, California

Judging begonias is not easy — when a schedule has been compiled incorrectly.

I have accepted many invitations to judge in numerous top-notch shade plant shows in Southern California, and I am concerned about the apathetic acceptance, on the part of the exhibitors, to the ill-constructed schedules.

"Exhibitors — arise!" I say.

One of the first lessons I received more than seventeen years ago, as a new member in the Hollywood Branch, was from a member, now departed. This lesson was the difference between a *semperflorens* and a *fibrous* begonia.

There is a *difference* — and I was not only given a short course publicly, but I was referred to various publications as a source of more information. Needless to say, this lesson has stayed with me.

I wish to pass this lesson on to prospective exhibitors and I hope that schedule chairmen will also take note.

I will refer impartially to three of the more recent books on begonias. One of these is Helen K. Krauss' book, *Begonias for American Homes and Gardens* (1947). A chart is found here, on the *Semperflorens Cultorum* (see page XXII), and is will defined by Mrs. Krauss.

The Chairmen of Show Schedules in Southern California appear to be unaware of this chart, it seems, because in *their* show schedules Begonia 'Digswelliana', as well as B. 'Lady Waterlow', B. 'Catalina', and B. 'Richmondensis' are consistently listed in the *semperflorens* begonia classes. Are eastern shows equally guilty?

Our literature states that *B. semperflorens* probably is no longer in cultivation, but that this begonia was crossed many years ago with *B. schmidtiana* to give stamina; later with *B. roezli* (syn. *lyncheana*) to

give the flowers color; and subsequently with *B. fuchsioides* and *B. gracilis* (hybrids), etc. All this action took place prior to most of us being here, so records are all we have to rely on.

According to Mrs. Krauss, B. 'Digswelliana' was developed by T. W. Early of Digswell, England, almost one hundred years ago, by crossing *B. odorata* with *B. fuchsioides*.

The foregoing is from documented material that was accumulated by Mrs. Helen K. Krauss and subsequently donated to the American Begonia Society several years ago. In turn, this material was given to the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia, California, and may be reviewed during visiting hours.

Named *semperflorens* begonias may be found in Bernice Brilmayer's book, *All About Begonias*, on pages 78-81.

Distinct *semperflorens* types of fibrous begonias are described in detail by Frederick J. Bedson in his book, *Successful Begonia Culture*, on pages 51-53. Miscellaneous fibrous begonias (including B. 'Richmondensis') are listed on page 44.

After reading these few pages, there will be no doubt as to what is, or what is not, a begonia belonging in the *semperflorens* classification in show schedules.

One undocumented remark, that is obviously conjecture, was made on page 70 of Mrs. Bessie Buxton's book, *Begonias and How to Grow Them* (second edition.). She "surmised" the parentage of B. 'Digswelliana' as including a *semperflorens* hybrid crossed with *B. fuchsioides*. This *could* have placed the resultant cultivar in the *semperflorens* class, but, as Mrs. Krauss discovered another parentage later, it removed 'B. Digswelliana' from any possible *semperflorens* (Continued on Page 218)

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

By DAISY AUSTIN

The 1963 Begonia and Shade Plant Show really began last year. After each year's show, when the Show Chairman and the committee see the things they might have done, plans are begun to make the next year's show an improvement — thus each show becomes better than its predecessor.

Come with me as we tour this show. Judging by the comments of the many, many visitors, the theme seemed to be, "My, what large plants!"

In the center aisle between the tables, the "tall ones", a variety of full, well-shaped begonias in tubs, held their heads well above the tables from their place on the floor.

A table full of Rex begonias displayed their splendor — and what is more colorful than the beautiful Rexes? Three different growers from three separate areas entered B. 'Jospeh's Coat', winning first, second, and third prizes. B. 'Verdugo' was outstanding. 'Patapsco' won the trophy.

Begonia 'Lucerna', four and one-half feet tall, grown in a tub and on a trellis, entered by Mrs. Irene Nuss of the Westchester Branch of the A.B.S., ruled in the Court of Honor.

Beautiful lanes to walk through were formed by baskets with the delicate flowers of the tuberous begonias and the pendant blooms of the fuchsias, combined with the daintier blossoms of Begonia 'Ellen Dee' against the fullness and greenery of the fern baskets.

We hope to be seeing more of the new introductions displayed, as they did look interesting.

One of the new divisions in the show this year was for plans of garden plots. The TexaStar Branch of Houston, Texas, sent a plan of their plot, which was their project for the past year. It contained twenty-two varieties of begonias, all grown from seed

from the Clayton M Kelly Seed Fund. The seeds had been irradiated with X rays, and a notation accompanying the display stated that the plants were larger but more compact than without this treatment.

Another new division in the show was for snapshots of potted begonias submitted by members outside of California. Here again, Texas led in the number of pictures. All were beautifully framed and placed on the wall for viewing.

The exhibit by the Research Department, directed by Mrs. Bee Olson, was the outstanding attraction of the entire show, and I know it entailed the most labor. A large map of the world was displayed on one wall, with pin-point flashing lights showing the locations of the origins of known begonias. A chart showing the cycle of the Plant Kingdom and a history of the begonia family, with terminology, was placed on each side of the map. The plants placed below were each identified by name, origin, parentage, when introduced, and by whom discovered or hybridized. The displayed was truly a magnificent addition to this year's show.

The tuberous begonia blossoms and plants on display spoke for themselves, as always, as did the violets and gloxinias.

The array of booths against one wall of the large room gave this show more a look of a real show.

San Gabriel Valley Branch displayed a retreat among the begonias and ferns, with a bench for resting at the end of a path.

The Glendale Branch display was a woodland scene with logs and a variety of plants, some growing out of the logs.

The North Long Beach Branch display was truly a begonia corner, with Rexes and tuberous begonias.

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Part of the 1963 A.B.S. Begonia and Shade Plant Show.

TROPHIES FOR SHOW WINNERS

Many exhibitors earned awards for their outstanding displays at the Begonia and Shade Plant Show held during the American Begonia Society convention September 7 and 8.

Awards were presented at the banquet on Saturday evening by Mrs. Jean Kerlin, Awards Chairman, and Bert Slatter, Show Chairman.

The coveted Calvin E. Trowbridge President's Challenge Trophy for the best begonia in the show was awarded to B. 'Corallina de Lucerna', entered by Irene Nuss.

Competition for the A.B.S. Sweepstakes Trophy resulted in a three-way tie between Bee and Wilbur Olson, Ruth and Walter Pease, and Malcolm N. Rich. Instead of the trophy, each winner will receive a Certificate of Culture.

In the novice divisions, the Sweepstakes Trophy was awarded to Mr.

and Mrs. Paul Warren.

The San Miguel Branch Challenge Trophy for a begonia that has been in cultivation twenty-five years or longer was won by Irene Nuss.

The Redondo Area Perpetual Trophy for the best *semperflorens* begonia (Div. A.)—won by Ruth and Walter Pease.

The Edna Korts Perpetual Trophy for the best cane type begonia (Div. B.)—won by Irene Nuss.

The Effie Chapman Cup and the Whittier Branch Award for the best hairy fibrous begonia (Div. C)—won by Malcom N. Rich.

The Inglewood Study Group Cup for the best hairy fibrous begonia entered by a novice—won by Clarence Hall.

The John R. William Cup and the San Gabriel Branch Award for the best rhizomatous begonia (Div. D.)—



First award went to this display by Glendale Branch.



Second award went to this display by the Fern Society.

won by Bee and Wilbur Olson.

The Westchester Branch Award for the best rhizomatous begonia entered by a novice—won by Betty Montgomery.

The Gonda Hartwell Cup and the Foothill Branch Award for the best rex cultorum begonia (Div. E)—won by P. P. Lee.

The Santa Barbara Branch Award for the best rex cultorum begonia entered by a novice—won by Helen Peters.

The Rudolf Ziesenhenné Trophy for the best tuberous rooted begonia (Div. F.)—won by P. P. Lee.

The Palos Verdes Begonia Farm and the Palos Verdes Challenge Trophies for the best tuberhybrida begonia (Div. G.)—won by R. L. Stallings.

The Mr. and Mrs. John Fahey Trophy for the best novice entry of tuberhybrida begonia—won by Paul and Jean Warren.

The Virginia Humphrey Trophy for the best wall pocket begonia (Div. H.)—won by La Veta Meyers.

The Jack Taylor Perpetual Trophy and the Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodgins Trophy for the best hanging basket begonia (Div. I)—won by Ruby Budd.

In the special division for Branches displaying a collection of six plants of different varieties (Div. J.)—first award and \$15.00 went to Westchester Branch; second award and \$10.00 went to Inglewood Branch.

The Glendale Branch Award for the highest rating new cultivar (Div. K)—won by P. P. Lee.

The Long Beach Parent Chapter Trophy for the best begonia grown on a totem pole (Div. L)—won by Ruby Budd.

The Arthur Standburg Perpetual Trophy and the Fuchsia Land Nursery Trophy for the best fern (Div. O)—won by Betty Jo Miller.

The Elsie and Roy Joyce Award for the best fuchsia (Div. P)—won by Bill Kennedy.

The Malcolm Rich Trophy for the best flower arrangement (Div. Q)—won by Grace Yerick.

The Inglewood Branch Trophy for the best and most distinguished species begonia (Div. S)—won by Betty Jo Miller.

Garden plot displays, open to Branches, other societies, and individuals (Div. U)—Glendale Branch—first; Fern Society—second; San Gabriel Valley Branch—third; California National Fuchsia Society—fourth; Inglewood Branch—fifth; Daisy Austin—sixth; North Long Beach Branch—seventh; Alice Martin—eighth.

The Bee Olson Trophy for the best garden plot plan (Div. V)—won by TexaStar Branch.

The Grace Yerick Trophy for the best snapshot of a potted begonia (Div. W)—won by Mrs. Grant Herzog, of Houston, Texas, for her picture of *B. masoniana*.

The Edward L. Korts Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the best three rex begonias under one year old (Div. Y)—won by P. P. Lee.

The Bessie Buxton Branch Perpetual Award for the best six begonias of different varieties (Div. Z)—won by Mabel Corwin.

The best commercial display was entered by Fuchsia Land Nursery—receiving the MacLanahan Trophy and the Blue Ribbon Trophy Company Award.

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Credit is due Ralph Corwin, of Rosemead, California, for the convention pictures in this issue, including the banquet as well as the Begonia and Shade Plant Show.

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BUMBLIN' BEE BUZZED THE CONVENTION

Several months ago, at the first National Board meeting called to discuss the thirty-first annual convention and Begonia Show of the American Begonia Society, your Research Director "bumbled" her way into a large undertaking by suggesting a theme for the show — "Begonias of the World".

So, with the help of Papa "Bumble" (he signs his name Wilbur) and two junior "Bumbles", Rozanne, 16, and son Lyn, 13, Mama "Bumble" and her gang started burning the midnight oil researching begonias that were to be entered in the flower show, making cards with maps in color of the country from which each begonia came, together with pertinent information such as the name of the discoverer or hybridizer, where and when it was discovered or hybridized, meaning of the name, background of the begonia or parent begonias, etc.

Time flew by, and 120 cards later, the "Map" — which was to be a world map highlighting the countries shown on the individual cards — became the main worry. Finally, a fine map, 5 feet by 7 feet, was obtained. Then Wilbur, with the help of Perry Olmsted, the new President's husband, mounted the map and found a way to make the map stand up against the wall without marring the wall in any way. The walls of the National Guard Armory, where the show was held, could not be defaced.

Darling little Christmas lights belonging to Terry Olmsted were to be used — 33 colored lights which flashed at intervals. Holes were drilled carefully in the map, in the proper countries and states, and the lights were placed — !!!! — one of the main lights disintegrated! Oh well, (shrug) we'll make a trip to town and get another. This was Terry's job. She was told that since the lights were of

Japanese manufacture, it was best to remove socket and all and put another in its place. This was done — but still just a dim suggestion of light. *Now what?* Calls to nearby members — cars delivering strings of lights and bulbs — more telephone calls — trips to stores that might handle such lights — all to no avail — nothing fit — nothing worked! So, a day of trial and error by electrician Wilbur, and finally, success! The lights were bright and they flashed.

Now — for charts covering the definitions of terminology used on the cards and brief begonia histories. This was easy — just read the books on begonias and copy the definitions of species, hybrid, etc. Definition after definition was read — too lengthy — too complicated — too ambiguous — none were just right. So, a trip to Dr. Clyde Drummond (you have read his articles in past *Begonians*) to make use of his vast library. With his help, the help of his good wife, Past President Mary Hazel Drummond, and perhaps one-third of his library, the right information was found and, in due time, recorded on the charts.

The next problem was to be sure that all plants showed up. John Thieben of the Identification Garden would bring most of them, we knew. He would bring all of his (you never saw such a crop of plants), a few from other members of the Westchester Branch, and some rare ones from Rudolf Zieshenne of Santa Barbara. We checked with him by phone and found him ready — with only a little sad news — a few had passed on to plant heaven.

Still more plants were promised by Terry Olmsted, Mable Corwin, Carl Naumann, Pearl Parker, Ruth Pease, and Alice Martin, as well as some plants from home. Wherever possible the cards were to be used



Display by the Research Department of the American Begonia Society featured theme: "Begonias of the World".

on plants entered in competition. Bert Slatter, Show Chairman, allocated three tables for plants not entered in competition, and the balance of the cards were to be used on these plants.

Early Friday morning, the sixth of September, with the help of Jean Kerlin, Awards Chairman, and Dorothy Voegeli, Inglewood Branch Treasurer, the tables were covered and decorated ready to receive the plants. In the capable hands of Victor Deutsch and Wilbur, the map rose to take its place against the wall. By late afternoon, plants began arriving from all promised sources and, with Johnny Thieben's car loaded with all the plants he had promised, work could begin in earnest.

Approximately two hours later, Johnny T. and Bumblin' B. had placed the last plant. Then they stepped back—it was done—it would do—and they were glad! Oh! Oh! Where was *Begonia nitida*? It was one of the main begonias in the show, the first begonia plant introduced into England in 1777. Gosh! Then someone

said that Alice Nuenschwander of the Westchester Branch had one. Would she be in early? No one knew. But then Ruby Budd, Advertising Manager, volunteered to drop by Alice's home early in the morning and bring it in. Whew! Saved by the Budd.

Along came Saturday morning, the seventh. Now it was time to place the cards in front of the competitive entries. Wonderful help appeared. Mrs. Amelia Matheson, of Miami, Florida, who had been helping everyone who needed help all day Friday, bounced up: "How can I help?" She carried the stands for the cards and placed them faster than the "Bumble" could locate the cards. With her efficient help, all was done by the time the judges were ready to do whatever it is that judges do.

One very pleasant surprise at this point — Edna Korts (School of Judging) brought in a lovely specimen plant of 'Gloire de Sceaux' for the table — truly an "added attraction."

Here are the plants that showed up — that is, on which cards were made — there were many for which

cards were not made. Following the name of each begonia is the country or state of its origin:

- B. *Abel Carriere* – France
- B. *Acetosa* – Brazil
- B. *Acida* – Brazil
- B. *Alleryi* – Brazil
- B. *Alto Scharff* – Brazil, Oregon
- B. *Ann Meyer* – California
- B. *Anna Christine* – Java, Brazil, Wisconsin
- B. *Argentea-Guttata* – Brazil
- B. *Axel Lange* – England
- B. *Bayern* – Germany
- B. *Boliviensis* – Bolivia
- B. *Brocade* – Mexico
- B. *Bunchii* – Mexico
- B. *Calla Lily* – New England
- B. *Carolineaeifolia* – Mexico
- B. *Catalina* – California, Mexico, Colombia
- B. *Charm* – Connecticut
- B. *Circumlobata* – China
- B. *Countesse Louise Erdody* – Hungary
- B. *Corallina de Lucerna* – Switzerland, Brazil, Malaya
- B. *Credneri* – Brazil
- B. *Cubensis* – Cuba
- B. *Davisii* – Peru
- B. *Dayii* – Mexico
- B. *Dregei* – South Africa
- B. *Drosti* – Brazil
- B. *Echinosepala* – Brazil
- B. *Egregia* – Brazil
- B. *Ellen Dee* – Brazil
- B. *Emerald Jewel* – Mexico
- B. *Erythrocarpa* – Bolivia, Ecuador
- B. *Erythrophylla* or *B. Feasti* – Mexico
- B. *Erythrophylla Helix*, or *B. Feasti Helix*, or *B. Conchaefolia* – Costa Rica
- B. *Evansiana* – China, Japan, Malaya
- B. *Flecealba* – Minnesota, Mexico
- B. *Foliosa* – Colombia
- B. *Freddie* – Mexico
- B. *Gilsonii* – New York
- B. *Gloire de Sceaux* – Africa (Island of Socotra)
- B. *Goegoensis* – Sumatra
- B. *Griffithi* – India
- B. *Involucrata* – Costa Rica
- B. *It* – Africa (Island of Socotra), India
- B. *Joe Hayden* – Mexico
- B. *Johnstonii* – Africa
- B. *Joseph's Coat* – California
- B. *Kellermannii* – Guatemala
- B. *Kenworthii* – Mexico
- B. *Kumwha* – Mexico
- B. *Lavender Glow* – Oregon
- B. *Lecco* – Switzerland, Brazil, Malaya
- B. *Lenore Oliver* – Malaya, Brazil, Wisconsin
- B. *Leslie Lynn* – Mexico, California
- B. *Limminghei* – Brazil
- B. *Loma Alta* – California, Brazil
- B. *Longipes Petiolata* – Colombia
- B. *Lubbersii* – Brazil
- B. *Ludwigii* – Ecuador
- B. *Madame Queen* – Mexico
- B. *Malabarica* – India
- B. *Manni* – Congo (Africa)
- B. *Masoniana* – Malaya (Singapore)
- B. *Maxima* – Mexico
- B. *Medora* – California
- B. *Metallica* – Brazil
- B. *Micranthera Fimbriata* – Argentina
- B. *Mrs. Fred Scripps* – Brazil
- B. *Nelly Bly* – Brazil
- B. *Nitida* – Jamaica
- B. *Noordi* – Malaya, Brazil
- B. *Palmifolia* – Venezuela
- B. *Pariles* – Brazil
- B. *Paul Bruant* – Mexico
- B. *Paulensis* – Brazil
- B. *Pearcei* – Bolivia
- B. *Philodendroides* – Mexico
- B. *Pilifera* – Honduras
- B. *Pinafore* – Malaya, Brazil, Connecticut
- B. *Pink Camellia* – Connecticut
- B. *Purpurea* – Brazil
- B. *Richard Robinson* – Africa
- B. *Richardsiana* – South Africa
- B. *Richland* – California
- B. *Richmondensis* – Mexico, Colombia

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BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

By MARGARET B. TAYLOR

The most important event in the year of the American Begonia Society is the annual Show and Convention. The wonderful thirty-first annual show, the trophy winners, and the minutes of the business session are printed elsewhere; and so there remains the pleasure of the banquet to report.

The banquet *was for fun!* A great amount of thought and effort was given to preparations. The banquet hall of the Inglewood Elk's Club was filled with a happy company in a gala mood. The decorations were done by Grace Yerick of the Inglewood Branch and her committee. Funny little green elves sat on the roofs of their clever red-and-white polka dot toadstool houses. Autumn leaves and tuberous begonia blossoms also decorated the tables.

Of course, there was also food which everyone enjoyed. Thanks go to Pearl Parker of the Inglewood Branch for this arrangement.

After all were seated, President Carl Naumann presented Clarence Hall of the Glendale Branch as master of ceremonies.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Bert Slatter, following a brief meditation.

Mrs. Gertrude White led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in her usual interesting manner.

Mr. Hall said he was asked to be master of ceremonies because of a talk he had given entitled "KISIS." These initials mean "Keep It Simple, I'm Stupid." As everyone there knew, this did not apply to Mr. Hall, as he spiced the evening with his wit.

Those sitting at the head table were introduced; the outgoing officers, the incoming officers, past presidents, Mrs. Herbert P. Dyckman, visitors from a great distance, and other guests.

Mrs. Bee Olson was introduced and thanked for her outstanding work on the educational cards on display throughout the show. Mrs. Olson expressed her appreciation to her husband and daughter for their part in the project.

The representation from each Branch was asked to stand. The Inglewood and San Gabriel Valley Branches had the largest delegations. Of the more distant Branches, San Francisco, Sacramento, East Bay in California, and Miami, Florida, Seattle, Washington, and Dallas County, Texas, were present and warmly welcomed.

Mr. Bert Slatter, Show Chairman, thanked all those who labored long and hard to make the show such a great success. Thanks also were expressed to Branches and individuals who donated the trophies.

Mrs. Jean Kerlin, assisted by Mr. Slatter, presented the trophies to the winners.

Mrs. Kerlin then announced that this year the Alfred D. Robinson



At the convention banquet, from left: Past President Carl Naumann, President Terry Olmsted, Installing Officer Carl Meyer. Standing, Master of Ceremonies Clarence Hall.



Officers of the A.B.S. installed at the 1963 convention, from left: Robert Hale, vice-president; Mrs. Peggy McGrath, secretary; Mrs. Mabel Corwin, president-elect; Mrs. Terry Olmsted, president; Mrs. Leona Cooper, treasurer.

Medal for an outstanding begonia was not awarded. The Eva Kenworthy Gray Award to an outstanding personality was presented to Dr. W. C. Drummond for his many wonderful and varied contributions. This came as a delightful surprise to Dr. Drummond and he accepted the award humbly with a few words of appreciation and pleasure.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Howard A. Anderson, Past President of the Southern California Orchid Society. Mr. Anderson showed an extremely interesting film of orchids in time-lapse photography. The film was both beautiful and humorous.

Many thanks were again expressed to those making all arrangements a success, especially Mrs. Edna Korts and Mrs. Jean Kerlin for their efforts in connection with the plant sale. Mrs. Grace Yerick was complimented for the beautiful decorations hanging from the ceiling in the exhibition hall. Many thanks should also go to Vera and Carl Naumann for the many de-

tails necessary for the success of the evening.

Mr. Carl Meyer of San Francisco was the installing officer. In acknowledging Mr. Hall's introduction, Mr. Meyer said that Mr. Hall was one of those fellows who could sell square golf balls to tennis players. Mr. Meyer installed each officer, charging them with their individual duties. He then charged the membership with their obligation to the officers.

In accepting the office of President, Mrs. Terry Olmsted promised to do her best to guide the Society as the membership would wish.

Mrs. Edna Korts, Past President, presented to Mr. Naumann his Past President's Life Membership card and a gift from the Society of the two volume edition of *Exotica*.

Mr. Naumann thanked the Board for its co-operation and expressed his pleasure in serving the Society.

Mrs. Terry Olmsted, the new President, adjourned the meeting. And so began another year in the American Begonia Society.

Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

No. 1 — B. 'Peru' —

50 cents per pkt.

No. 2 — B. 'Peru' —

50 cents per pkt.

The above seeds were sent to the Seed Fund by Lee Moore, "The Adventurer", with no information or description. We have written to him for detailed description and, as soon as we have it, it will appear in *The Begonian*. However, we do not expect an answer soon and we will probably have to wait until he returns to his nursery in Iquitos, Peru, as he goes on long jaunts collecting seeds and plants. Several beautiful and rare begonias have come from Peru, such as *davisi*, *froebeli*, and 'Veitchi' to name a few. We feel that seed offered here is something special, as Mr. Moore wrote us several months ago that we should expect something rare and beautiful.

No. 3 — B. 'Limminghei' —

Syn. *B. glaucophylla scandens*. Stems slender and training; leaves wedge-shaped, wavy, glossy gray-green. Flowers in tight clusters close to the stems, coral red. A floriferous and handsome basket type begonia, flowering in early spring. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 4 — B. *tenuifolia* —

Java. Upright and short-branched. Many-pointed, tapering leaves, deep green above, lighter below, with rosy veins. Large, abundant, delicate pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 5 — B. *deliciosa* —

Syn. Bhotan species. Medium, bushy, smooth. Branches frequently angle off from thickened red joints and, if near the soil, they will send out roots. Leaves deeply palmately lobed, dark olive-green, heavily gray spotted, red beneath. Flowers large, soft pink, usually in two-flowers inflorescences. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 6 — B. 'Joe Hayden' —

(*B. 'Reichenheimi'* x *B. mazaе.*) This is a hybrid with large, dark-

sheened star leaves with bright cream spot at the stem; red lining beneath gives reversible effect. Red flower buds open white. Vigorous rhizome creeps, divides, creates a shapely plant. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 7 — B. *heracleifolia* —

Mexico. Robust plant, star leaf, pink flowered. Leaves so dark green they are nearly black. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 8 — B. *sunderbruchi* —

Seven to nine fingered leaves are large, bronze-green, strikingly marked with light green veins, mottled red and green beneath. Each finger is pointed and scalloped on the edge. Stems ringed with collar of red hairs at joining with leaf. Two-petaled pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 9 — B. *bartonea* —

Syn. *B. winter jewel*. Miniature plant that branches freely, and dangles small, scalloped, russet-mottled leaves that glisten with silver when the light is right. Clusters of dainty white flowers in winter. Keep warm and away from drafts. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 10 — B. Unidentified —

Similar to above but with smaller foliage and flowers. Plant grows less than six inches in height and is seldom out of bloom. Seeds were purchased from the Seed Fund about eight years ago. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 11 — 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 brown pubescens. Leaves auricular, succulent, margins entire; 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. Time of blossoming is the latter part of summer to spring—in some places all the year round.

B. venosa is quite 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. It requires very little water in winter. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 12 — *B. picta* —

India species. Pebbly green leaf mottled with bronze and brighter green. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 13 — *B. Limminghei purpurea* —

New basket begonia from Brazil. See full description in *The Begonian* for August. \$1.00 per pkt.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS

***Crossandra infundibuliformis* —**

Shrubby plant with glossy, ovate leaves. This one has showy, red, tubular flowers with split limb, in angled, bracted spike. Real fresh seed. 25 cents per pkt.

***Smithiantha 'Temple Bells'* —**

Art shades. Many nodding bells, scarlet red outside, red spotted throat, from a red central stalk, above beautiful red plush, cordate leaves. 25 cents per pkt.

***Asparagus basket fern* —**

Not sure of identity. Does not climb or go dormant. Cascading type with orange-colored berries. 25 cents per pkt.

***Polypodium vulgare* —**

Golden polypodium. Fronds pendant, somewhat leathery, pinnate lobes with considerable spacing, sori golden-colored when young. 25 cents per pkt.

***Phyllitis scolopendrim cristatum* —**

Also called 'Hart's Tongue'. Rhi-

zomatous hardy fern with simple, oblong, lush, bright green fronds with undulate and crisped margins. 25 cents per pkt.

***Alstroemeria aurantiaca* —**

Also called Peruvian lilies. Peruvian lilies require special conditions to do well. They can be grown outdoors in summer, but in cold climates they must be lifted for storing in a frost-free dry place over the winter. They need some shade, a rich garden soil, and not too dry a site. Flowers are yellow, in clusters on one stalk, and last a long time as cut flowers. Something different and interesting to grow. 25 cents per pkt.

SOWING FERN SPORES

Sow at any time of year. Use bottom heat of about seventy degrees. Soil mixture should be rotted leaf mold and acid peat in equal proportions. Preferred pH range is 5.5 to 6.0.

Sow in shallow clay pans after soil has been moistened. Spores should be sown thinly. Do not cover, except with a pane of glass. Keep from direct sun, and water only by setting pans in water until tiny drops form on the surface.

Germination occurs in high humidity within three weeks. These embryos should be watered carefully from above with a fine spray, to encourage fertilization (spores differ from seed in this way). Fertilization takes place in six to eight weeks; then small leaves begin to develop. After the leaves have grown about two weeks, plants are large enough to be pricked off in little bunches, not singly.

Plants can be transplanted later when they are large enough to be handled without damage, and placed in 2¼ inch pots. Lower the temperature to about sixty degrees and use the same soil mixture throughout. All that is recommended for good growth is high humidity and a semi-shaded location.

CORRECTIONS

Make thees corrections in the August *Begonian*:

Item No. 12 should be B. Brazil. Under other genera, *Daubentonia* should read: Showy shrub with many clusters of beautiful coral flowers. This is indeed a beautiful plant and blooms over a long period of time and flowers the first year from seed, which germinates easily.

MRS. FLORENCE GEE
Seed Fund Administrator
234 Birch Street
Roseville, California

YOUR A.B.S. LIBRARY

To date, the Librarian has received and answered 130 requests of one kind or another, with more than 150 books being mailed to members of the American Begonia Society. These requests have come from practically every State, but the most interest seems to be in New England area and in Florida and Texas. Letters have come from Australia, several from England, and books and *Begonias* have been mailed to France and to Cairo, Egypt.

So far, almost everyone has been very prompt in returning books within the allotted period, with practically no damage. I am grateful for this care.

As your Librarian, I would like to ask that you limit your requests to no more than two books at a time, and please enclose the cost of mailing when the books are returned. Postage is our largest expense.

To obtain this library service, it is necessary that you be a member of the American Begonia Society.

Your request will be answered as promptly as possible, but if there

seems to be some delay, usually it is because the book you have requested is out on loan and your name has been put on a waiting list. The book will be mailed as soon as your name comes in line.

If you have a request for a book not listed in the Library list or a book you would like to purchase, I will submit the title to my dealer, with the hope that she may be able to get it from her wholesaler. This is a new service I have found recently and it has proven to be very satisfactory, giving a little profit to the Library.

I was fortunate in finding a source where the Brilmayer *All About Begonias* can be obtained and have a dozen order. The six that I did receive are gone.

We do have some very old leather bound books in the Library and several other large, thick books, which it would be unwise to try to mail, so these will not be available on loan by mail.

A revised Library book list will be ready for publication next month.

Since taking over the Library last December, I have thoroughly enjoyed many of your letters. I hope that this next year will be a happy and profitable one for all who love growing begonias.

LOLA E. FAHEY
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President Terry Olmsted

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank all of you for electing me to the highest office the American Begonia Society has to offer.

I hope that all of you who could attend our convention and show enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a wonderful show, as you will see by this issue of *The Begonian*.

Now to work! This is how our fund raising drawing came out. We collected \$413.40. Expenses, including prizes, were \$279.05. So we have a profit of \$134.35.

The winners were:

First—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hall, of Northridge, California. (\$100).

Second—Philobegonia Branch, of New Jersey. (\$75).

Third—Hazel Newfield, of Sacramento, California. (\$25).

Fourth—R. Wilson, of Duarte, California. (\$25).

Thank you all very, very much for making my project a success.

TERRY OLMSTED,
President

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert D. Rhodes, Dean of Education at Long Beach State College and resident of Garden Grove, California, died August 6, the day after he was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 56 years old.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, of whom he was very proud.

He was a member of the Orange County Branch of the American Begonia Society for four years, serving as its president for two years. To members he was just Bob; he had a ready smile and cheery words for all, a valuable member and friend.

He loved his begonias and other shade plants. As his wife, Leah, said, "Working with his plants was the therapy he needed."

A Robert D. Rhodes Memorial Fund has been established at Long Beach State College to honor the memory of his dean.

SACRAMENTO NOTES

The Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society entered the State Fair with collections and specimens of different types of begonias. Members won seven first prizes and three seconds.

At the June meeting, the golden wedding anniversary of Mel and Hazel Newfield was the theme of a surprise reception, with refreshments featuring a wedding cake.

The program was a talk, "The Romance of Begonias", by Rudolf Zieshenne.

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CORRECT SCHEDULES . . .

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florens classification.

In addition, Rudolf Ziesenhene's theory — that *B. acuminata* (syn. *B. acutifolia*) is one of the parents of *B. 'Catalina'*, *B. 'Bronze Catalina'*, *B. 'Richmondensis'*, etc. — has my endorsement. After growing this floriferous begonia, one may easily see the similarity in growth habit, etc. *B. acuminata* is not a semperflorens begonia. It is a species fibrous rooted begonia that does not lend any semperflorens parentage to a resultant cultivar, and cannot correctly be included in the semperflorens classifications in show schedules.

Therefore, no matter which summary you, the exhibitor, accept, one thing is certain: semperflorens begonia parentage is easily traced and identifiable. These do not include the small-leaved, miscellaneous, fibrous begonias.

To err is to be human. To admit an error and correct it is to be big. Let us hope our Schedule Chairmen are big; if not, they should be replaced. It may come about only at the urging of the exhibitors where apathy is lacking.

Numerous persons in various locations throughout the United States have corresponded with me, asking permission to use the article I wrote expressly for the Southwestern Judging Council in January, 1962. This article was a portion of a lecture I gave the aforementioned group in my garden, and then allowed it to be reprinted (page 64) in the April, 1962, *Begonian* (copyrighted). The article failed to note that it was a reprint.

I am glad to have heard from the many persons interested in judging begonias in these United States, and I am happy to give such permission, on inquiry.

FALL CARE . . .

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them may start decay, so play safe and give them a thorough sun bath. The sun won't injure the tubers at all.

After the tubers have been cured, store them in flats of peat moss in a cool, dry, well-ventilated location that is free from frost.

Tubers of potted plants can be left in the soil in the pot, placed in the sun, and thoroughly dried. Store away pots and all during the winter. Shake them out and replant them in new soil in February or March after the tubers have sprouted.

Sometimes tuberous begonia plants have to be lifted early to make room for some other plants. Just dig them carefully, with as much soil as possible. Put them in flats, and keep them barely moist until the foliage and main stalks drop off.

Sometimes frosts cut down tuberous begonias before they've reached the dormant stage. In that case, cut off the foliage three to four inches above the soil surface and lift the tubers with conveniently sized root balls. Move the plants to a cool, dry room, and let them dry out thoroughly. It may take four to six weeks. Then remove the dry soil and dead stalks. The tubers can be stored in flats until springtime. Hold some back in storage as long as possible to provide a longer succession of bloom.

The tubers need at least three months' rest before starting time comes in February. In some areas, it may be necessary occasionally to withhold water so that the plants will go into dormancy soon enough.

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AWARD WINNERS OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

BY BEE OLSON

Entries in Divisions V and W provided new and fascinating points of interest to the 1963 Show. A complete report giving full details on all the entries will appear in the next Begonian, but at this time congratulations are in order for the winners.

In Division V, the highly deserving winner of the trophy was the Texas Star Branch of Houston, Texas.

In Division W, winner of the blue ribbon and trophy was Mrs. Grant Herzog of Houston, Texas, with the picture of her *B.masoniana*. Second place in this division was taken by Mrs. Louise Vaughn of Miami, Florida, with the picture of her *B. 'Mrs. Townsend'*. Third honors went to Mrs. J. L. Linkenhoger of Houston, Texas, for her snapshot of *B. macdougalii*.

SNACK BAR SUCCESS

The North Long Beach Branch of the American Begonia Society wishes to thank the members of the following Branches for their wonderful response to our requests for donations of money and food:

Bessie Raymond Buxton, Dallas County, El Monte Community, Foothill, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach Parent Chapter, Orange County, Redondo Area, Riverside, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Miguel, Theodosia Burr Shepherd, Westchester, and William Penn.

Members of the North Long Beach Branch donated the roast beef and ham for sandwiches, as well as many other items.

The snack bar was successful this year, earning a good profit to give to the American Begonia Society.

MURIEL PERZ,
Chairman

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From the Show Chairman

A grateful thanks to our judges, clerks, exhibitors, and to all members who, in any way, lent a hand to the setting up of this, our Thirty-first Annual Show—to the individuals and Branches who brought their choice plants, and to those who generously donated the trophies.

The high light of the show was the educational exhibit of the Research Department. Many favorable comments were expressed to me by noted people.

And last but not least—a million thanks to those who helped close shop.

BERT SLATTER,
Show Chairman

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- B. *Ricinifolia* — Mexico, Jamaica, England
- B. *Ricky Minter* — Mexico
- B. *Rigida* — Ecuador
- B. *Rotundifolia* — Central America, Haiti
- B. *Roxburghii* — India, Burma
- B. *Rubro-venia* — India
- B. *Ruth Anne* — Mexico
- B. *Sachen* — Germany
- B. *Sanguinea* — Brazil
- B. *Scharffiana* — Brazil
- B. *Schmidtiana* — Brazil
- B. *Sir Percy* — Mexico
- B. *Sophie Cecile* — Malaya, Brazil, Wisconsin
- B. *Strigillosa* — Central America
- B. *Tamo* — Mexico
- B. *Tapestry* — Africa
- B. *Tomentosa* — Brazil
- B. *Uruapensis* — Mexico
- B. *Vellozoana* — Brazil
- B. *Venosa* — Brazil
- B. *Verde Grande* — California, Mexico
- B. *Virbob* — Mexico
- B. *Zebrina* — Brazil
- B. *Zuebrae* — Brazil
- B. *Zuensis* — Brazil

This resume is written with heartfelt thanks to all those who helped to make it a success. THANKS!

BUMBLIN' BEE.

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS . . .

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The Inglewood Branch booth was a contrast in black and white, with a white floor and maidenhair fern around a pool, and a few begonias in bloom for color.

The booth entered by the California National Fuchsia Society featured a waterfall among fuchsias and a tree fern.

The Fern Society's booth was composed of many varieties of ferns with crotons to bring out bits of color.

Two booths were entered by individuals. One was by Alice Martin,

showing a cool, relaxing patio corner; the other was by Daisy Austin, showing a variety of begonias and ferns plus a little man discovering a frog under a fern.

A snack bar, a garden shop, and a book shop were all busy places. But the plant table was where everyone stopped on the way out, to buy some of the wonderful plants they had seen on display.

The exhibited plants that had won ribbons for their owners wore them proudly. Those that did not win will be back next year to take the trophies away from the winners of this year.

And so began the plans for the 1964 A.B.S. convention and show.

CALENDAR

October 3 — Westchester Branch: Mabel Corwin will be the guest speaker, on the subject "Sporns—The Spore of Ferns".

October 3 — Whittier Branch: Carl Edmonds, of the North Long Beach Branch, will present a program on begonias. He will also install new Branch officers.

October 11 — San Gabriel Valley Branch: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced later.

October 17 — Long Beach Parent Chapter: Rudolf Ziesenhenné, of Santa Barbara, will be the speaker.

October 19 — Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch: Will meet 11 a.m. at home of hostess, Mrs. Frederick Kingsbury, 225 Lee Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. Speaker will be Mrs. Ernest C. Drew and Mrs. George DeCoursey.

November 7 — Westchester Branch: Bob Vargas will speak on "Preservation of Foliage Material for Decorations."

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Report of Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the American Begonia Society was held September 7, 1963, at the Convention in Inglewood, California. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by the President, Carl E. Naumann.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. Gertrude White.

Twenty-one officers, chairmen and representatives responded to roll call.

The President welcomed members of the Board and the many guest to the meeting.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, Earl E. Budd, was as follows: Balance \$592.85, Receipts \$691.45, Disbursements \$636.31, Balance \$647.99. The Treasurer also gave a complete annual report and working capital account.

The report of the Seed Fund Chairman, Florence Gee, was read: Balance \$100.00, Income \$96.57, Expenses \$6.57, Remitted to Treasurer \$90.00, Balance in revolving fund \$100.00.

The monthly report of the Membership Secretary, Daisy Austin, was given as follows: New members 54, Renewals 126, Monies received \$455.15, Expenses \$40.03. *Begonians* dispensed 2374. The annual report was as follows: New members 708, Renewals 1419, Total membership 2233. Monies received \$5871.22.

A report from Mrs. Korts showed that \$84.00 was received from the sale of bound copies of *The Begonian* with expenses of \$3.66. The annual report of bond investment was submitted.

The report of the Advertising Manager, Ruby Budd, was as follows: Receipts \$50.80, Accounts receivable \$68.00.

Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle, Public Relations Director, read a report of the public relations activities of the year. Mrs. Arbuckle reported the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seattle Branch were in order and asked the Board's approval, which was given. Information regarding begonias for a horticultural encyclopedia was requested and this was given to Mrs. Bee Olson for action.

Mrs. Lola Fahey, Librarian, reported that \$311.92 was received, expenses were \$204.98, balance remitted to Treasurer \$106.94. One hundred and fifty books have been shipped and one hundred and thirteen pieces of mail processed. Mrs. Fahey made the following suggestions as a matter of security: That a two volume edition of the history of the American Begonia Society, and a volume of all copies of *The Begonian* be kept in the Library of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Also that the ten copies of each issue of *The Begonian* which are in envelopes and kept for pos-

terity be stored in a metal box. It was suggested that it is not necessary to keep so many copies for posterity and that this collection be used by Mrs. Korts to continue the sale of bound volumes. It was moved by Bee Olson, seconded by Margaret Lee, that Mrs. Fahey act on the above suggestions if the Arboretum Library is willing. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruth Pease read her annual report as Historian and displayed the history book for the past year.

The following Branches reported: Glendale, Long Beach Parent Chapter, Orange County, Redondo Area, San Gabriel Valley, Theodosia Burr Shepherd, Whittier, Alfred D. Robinson, San Miguel, Eva Kenworthy Gray, East Bay, San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle, Washington, and Dallas County, Texas. From the more distant Branches the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyer and Mrs. John H. Smith (Hyacinth) from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hale and four others from Sacramento, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Warrick from Seattle, Washington, Mrs. C. N. Sikkelee from Dallas, Texas, and Mr. Badcock from Berkeley, California.

Mrs. Dorothea Waddington, former Membership Secretary, was welcomed. She expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the many good wishes during her illness.

Mrs. Mabel Corwin, President-Elect, was presented. She expressed her pleasure at being elected to this office and promised to assist Mrs. Olmstead all she could during the coming year.

Mr. Roy Joyce made the suggestion that thought be given to eliminating the office of President-Elect. There are the offices of Vice-Presidents for succession. It is difficult to obtain a candidate for the office of President-Elect because it entails a promise of three years—President-Elect, President, and Past President.

Mr. Naumann expressed his gratitude to the Board and his pleasure in serving as President.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

MARGARET B. TAYLOR
Secretary

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BUXTON, BESSIE RAYMOND BRANCH

3rd Saturday, Homes of Members
Miss Cynthia Webber, Secy.
5 Hillside Ave., Bedford, Mass.

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS BRANCH

3rd Monday, 10 a.m., Member's Homes
Mrs. George Wilkins, Secy.
3625 N. Fitzhugh St., Dallas, 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.
2039 Third St., La Verne
Miss Christine E. Kindell, Secy.
338 W. 11th St., Claremont, 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

2nd Saturday, 1:30 p.m. (except Dec. & Jan.)
Seacoast Hall, 3rd and E St., Encinitas, Calif.
Mrs. Alice E. Roberts, Secy.
523 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, Calif.

GRAY'S HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.
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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 Belsler, Corr. Secy.
Welsh and Veree Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Meetings temporarily suspended.
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. Grant Herzog, Secy.
12601 Broken Bough, Memorial Station
Houston 24, 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. Elsey M. Willick, Secy.
13214 Merkel Ave., Paramount, Calif.

KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Library, Horticultural Society of N.Y.
157 West 58th St., New York
Mrs. Phyllis Cherot, Secy.
115-44 194th St.,
St. Albans 12, N. Y.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

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, Capitol Room
1701 Main St., Baton Rouge
Mrs. Elaine Wilkerson, Secy.
5764 Robertson Ave., Baton Rouge 5, 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.
Miss Nina Austin, Secy.
1104 Askew St., Kansas City 27, Mo.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.
3901 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach
Mrs. Rebecca Anthony, Secy.
153 Ellis St., Long Beach, Calif.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.
Garden Grove, Calif.
Mrs. Maybelle Woods, Secy.
604 S. Helena St., 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. No. 2, Box 43B, E. Delaware Trail,
Medford, N. J.

REDONDO AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each Month
Lincoln School Recreation Center
Ernest and Vail Sts., Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mrs. Margaret Buell, Secy.
1441 - 21st St., 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. and Lincoln Way
Lillian A. Beach, Secy.
3006 Castro St., San Francisco 12, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

2nd Friday, 8:00 p.m.
Los Angeles State and 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. Lucille Williams, Secy.
1261 Concord St., El Cajon, 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. Clermont Morris, Secy.
539 Jones St., Ventura, Calif.

SMOKY VALLEY RANCH

3rd Thursday of each Month
Mrs. Lyle L. Melvin, Secy.
833 E. Jewell Avenue, 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.
Members' Homes
Mrs. F. E. Mahler, Secy.
1815 Sixth Ave., 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. Linkenhoger, Secy.
45 Caroline Trail, Houston 24, Texas

WESTCHESTER BRANCH

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westchester Women's Club
8020 Alverston St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Mrs. Walter W. Pease, Jr., Secy.
8101 Vicksburg Ave., Los Angeles 45, 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.
1255 Ramona Dr., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members
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