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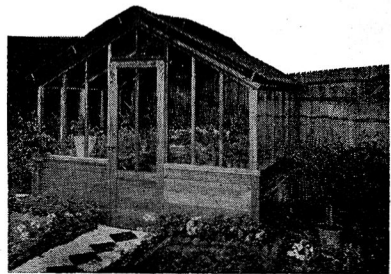
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JANUARY . . . THE HOPEFUL MONTH

While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest,
and cold and heat, and summer and winter,
and day and night shall not cease.

—Genesis 8:22.

Gillingwaters Begonias

By R. H. Terrell

You do not have to have twenty or thirty years' experience in hybridizing Begonias in order to produce prize winning plants. This has been demonstrated many times during the past two years by Begonian Mary Gillingwaters of Upland, California.

Although Mrs. Gillingwaters obtained her first Begonia only four years ago, at the close of the American Begonia Society Convention and Flower Show in Redondo Beach last August, her Begonias had taken 17 blue ribbons, five cups and many minor ribbons in only four shows thus far in 1953.

I first saw Mrs. Gillingwaters' Begonias in Arcadia in 1952 at the show conducted by San Gabriel Valley Branch of the American Begonia Society. There she took the cup for the best Begonia in the show with a beautiful specimen of her Rex hybrid "Joeli". A few weeks later at the Padua Hills Shade Plant Show her Begonias took the cup for the best collection of Begonias in the show.

Then at the American Begonia Society Convention and Flower Show in San Francisco the first of September, her hybrid took second prize in its class even after the trying experience of the former shows and the 500 mile trip to the Bay City. It was then that I became interested in Mrs. Gillingwaters' work as a hybridist and was surprised to learn that she had been hybridizing Begonias less than three years.

Upon visiting at the Gillingwaters home at 1083 North Benson Avenue in Upland, I found the place overrun with flowers, mostly Begonias, and the majority of these her own hybrids. Her small ranch home is surrounded by shelters and glasshouses literally overflowing with plants and expanding constantly in order to make room for new seedlings, of which she has several hundreds.

For those unacquainted with Begonias it is difficult to understand the intense interest the Begonia hybridizer has in producing new plants, but a visit to this garden would soon enlighten anyone to the possibility of producing new and varied types and the seemingly unlimited improvements which can be obtained from just a few good crosses. The Gillingwaters Begonias, varied in color, texture and shape, show what can be done within a very short time, even by a new hybridist.

In the accompanying photograph, Mrs. Gillingwaters is shown in a garden shelter at her home with the three hybrid Begonias which took top prizes at the American Begonia Society Convention and Flower Show at Redondo Beach in August of 1953. These three plants are from the same seedpod, and were cross-pollinated in 1950.

At the top center is the Begonia "Vigoro", the hybrid which has taken several cups and ribbons, and at the national show

claimed the prized Gonda Hartwell trophy (held by Mrs. Gillingwaters in the photo) for the best Rex Begonia in the show.

On the left is the unusual ascending Rex seedling, unnamed at the time but since named "Concha Alta" which took the blue ribbon at the National Show as the best new Rex in the introduction class this year.

On the right is the Begonia "Joeli", which took the blue ribbon for the best in its division. Previous to this year, this plant took a trophy at the San Gabriel Branch Show.

As can be seen, "Vigoroso" is a lovely spiral in various shades of green. "Concha Alta" the ascending Rex is a spiral in a saltspray green shade. "Joeli" is a rather plain leaf, with dark green vein areas and edging, with light green covering the remaining area. The parents of these hybrids were "Adrain Schmidt" by a Rex spiral hybrid.

After a visit to this garden you would think that the growing of these splendid hybrids would occupy all of the owner's time, but not so. This is only one of Mrs. Gillingwaters' hobbies. By this hobby she is attempting to introduce more beauty into the world, but it is not a commercial project, only a hobby.

She also does needlepoint, is an amateur artist of no mean ability, and her landscapes and floral subjects are beautiful. Color photography is used to keep a record of her Begonia triumphs. All of these are but hobbies — spare time activities — her occupation is citrus grower and since the death of her husband sixteen years ago she has managed his extensive orchard interests.

You haven't time to grow Begonias? Neither has Mrs. Gillingwaters, but she somehow manages to do so, and a right good job she does, as her many beautiful plants and accumulated trophies bear witness.

Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

We have received some very good seed from a wonderful collection of tuberous begonias, consisting of the various types and colors and all hand pollinated; this seed will not be in the special flight. .25c per packet for this month only.

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Most of these begonias are available, sometimes on order, from various commercial growers advertising in the BEGONIAN.

Going back several years, we find an interesting rhizomatous begonia created by Leslie Woodriff, named in honor of the Ingelwood Branch. This begonia was "lost in the shuffle" of new introductions, but was found recently in the Turner's Shade Gardens.

Begonia Whittier is a creation of Mrs. Perry Miller and is a handsome rex. This begonia may be propagated only by Mrs. Miller's permission, as she is not commercial.

A rex begonia was named El Monte, several years ago, and is still experiencing popularity. More recently, Mrs. Elinor Slocum named one of her handsome crosses (similar to Joe Hayden, only more so-having dark-red veins), in honor of El Monte's first name, Lexington. This begonia is a sturdy rhizomatous, inclining to be erect, branching from the base.

Another of her distinctive crosses was named in honor of the Glendale Branch. This begonia will never be confused with any other, having yellow-green, star-shaped leaves containing large areas of cinnamon brown.

Begonia Sacramento Star is in honor of one of the largest branches in the A.B.S. It was created by Louise Schwerdtfeger and has proven to be a large, handsome begonia that needs room and plenty of filtered light, because the flowers are an asset to this rhizomatous begonia.

Although there must be other Branch begonias available, we will await word from the Branch members, to tell us more.

D. S. B.

A PENNY FOR YOU . . .

Although a native of Mexico, where it was discovered about 1841, *B. hydrocotylifolia* has an air of the cosmopolitan about it. It is also called the Pennywort-Leaved Begonia, because the leaves are about the size of the English penny.

It is a quite small rhizomatous species, with very round and glossy leaves, rather fleshy, on very short pedicels, lying closely to the rhizome. The veins are darkly shadowed above, red underneath. The leaf edge is fringed with short brown hairs, and in the sun, a few scattered brown hairs can be seen on the glossy upper surfaces. The under side is thinly felted with brown hairs also. It blooms in midwinter, bearing pale rose-pink flowers on erect six-inch brown, hairy stems.

The culture for this charmer is the same as that of any other begonia of the rhizomatous type, except for just one precaution. **DO NOT PLANT IT IN TOO DEEP A CONTAINER.** The shallower the container, the better it likes it.

It is a little gem of a plant, being very adaptable for pot culture, as a house-plant, in the lath house or greenhouse, or even as a hanging basket. While not a fast grower, it is steady, making a very compact plant.

A very lush and lovely plant of this not-often-seen begonia was observed and admired in the glasshouse of Marie Turner in Temple City recently.

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—Glenn W. Motschman Photo

Alfred D. Robinson Medal Award

The late Alfred D. Robinson of San Diego was known throughout the world as an authority on growing begonias. A native of England, Mr. Robinson came to San Diego in 1905 from San Francisco, and after his extensive begonia plantings around his spacious home grew out of bounds, he opened the gardens as a nursery. He originated many new begonia varieties by hybridization.

Mr. Robinson joined the begonia society soon after it was organized, when it was called the California Begonia Society, and was responsible for the adoption of the name it bears today as an international organization, the American Begonia Society.

Alfred D. Robinson passed away in 1942 and the A.B.S. established a Memorial in his honor in the form of a perpetual Begonia Exhibition at the Lincoln Park Conservatory in Los Angeles. Many of the Branches contributed plants and money to help finance the care of the plants. However, this Memorial Exhibition was only allowed to be on display in the conserva-

tory for approximately two years, when the buildings were condemned as unsafe and were closed. The begonias had to be removed.

At a later date, the A.B.S. planned to establish a Memorial in the form of a plaque, to be placed at *ROSECROFT*, the Robinson's Begonia Gardens, but this was not accomplished. It was also planned to award a medal for the most outstanding hybrid begonia introduced each year. But this also was not completed.

Due to a concerted effort, this past year saw the purchase of the necessary medals. After many hours of research, the Awards Committee recommended the medal be given to three begonias this year, as being outstanding hybrids. Material as to exact dates is very scarce but the following begonias have been successfully grown, exhibited and praised for several years, and we feel they are worthy of recognition.

BEGONIA SILVER STAR, produced by Mrs. Elsie Frey, is a hybrid of *B. caroliniaefolia* x *B. Liebmanni* and will receive the

first medal.

It is a medium-sized, rhizomatous begonia; producing many basal offshoots, making a full, shapely specimen. The leaves are star-shaped as the name implies and are heavily silvered on the surface. The margins turn back frequently, making distinctive leaves.

BEGONIA FREDDIE will receive the second Medal. This is a hybrid of *B. Barkeri* x *B. manicata aureo-maculata* and is the result of Rudolf Ziesenhonne's hybridizing.

It attains a tremendous size if grown under ideal conditions and has proved to be very popular. The leaves are large, rounded and are produced on tall stems that have short clusters of long hairs. This makes it distinctive from its parent, *B. Barkeri*. The flowers are a dainty pink and are produced on tall stems.

BEGONIA ORANGE RUBRA has been awarded the third Medal. This is a cross of Leslie Woodriff. Although the proposed year may be controversial in some literary phases, the begonia is free from controversy and the Committee made their recommendation for this fine begonia.

This begonia is a cross between *B. dichroa* and a *coccinea (rubra)* begonia having coral flowers, and then crossed back on *B. dichroa*. It is usually an erect growing fibrous begonia, but due to its branching habit is often grown as a hanging basket specimen. It is rather sturdy, smooth-leaved; producing an abundance of orange-colored flowers in huge clusters.

In the event any member wants to nominate a begonia having been hybridized and grown during 1942, 1943 and 1944, worthy of consideration for the A. D. Robinson Medal, it will be necessary for the information to be presented to the Awards Committee not later than March 31, 1954.

If any of these years lack a nomination, the Awards for these years will lapse.

EDNA L. KORTS, *Chairman*

Alfred D. Robinson Awards Committee.

AWARDS DINNER

In public recognition of the efforts and achievements of the recipients of the recent A. D. Robinson Medal Awards, the highest honor that can be attained by a member of the American Begonia Society, a presentation dinner honoring these hybridizers is being planned for the near future.

A Committee appointed by the National Board at the November meeting is now making plans for this event, the details of which will be announced as soon as all arrangements have been completed.

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Correction Phase

Due to a typographical error, the Begonia originated by Mrs. Winona Jensen of Bellflower, California, "Lady Clare", was listed in the Recent Begonia Varieties Registrations on page 266 of the December issue, as "Lady Claire". Please correct your list, so you will have the name right, when you are looking for this lovely begonia.

—The Editor.



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REGISTRATION OF BEGONIAS

BY EDNA L. KORTS
Chairman of Awards Committee

The registration of begonia names has become important to all persons, even remotely, interested in hybridizing.

Amateur growers are equally welcome to the registration facilities as well as the commercial growers, and are urged to make use of this department. Accurate records as to the parentage of begonia hybrids or cultivars is necessary information all hybridists must maintain.

Technically, in the begonia world, a *hybrid* is a cross between two species; a *cultivar* is a cross between begonias not known to be species.

When a begonia is test-grown by some one *other* than the hybridizer, and recommended for registration, the stock to be offered to the public under the registered name *must* be propagated vegetatively. (By cuttings, not by seeds). More than one plant distributed from a seed pod, under the registered name, places the begonia in a "variation class", which automatically disqualifies it from ever being able to receive high honors.

Unfortunately, some of our beautiful, popular begonias have been distributed as "variations of", because they were not propagated from the *one* plant named. These begonias are beautiful and are recommended as fine plants, but are controversial. When they are praised, the question immediately comes to mind, "Of which variation are they speaking?"

When it becomes known that plants not propagated as outlined above are being distributed promiscuously, under an *accepted*, *registered name*, the begonia loses all chances of ever obtaining the coveted A. D. Robinson Medal.

Specific rules governing the registration of any specialized plant, with the Nomenclature Department of any singular plant society, must be observed by all concerned, otherwise the value and the prestige of the Department is nil.

Therefore, with the possibility of winning the A. D. Robinson Medal in mind, a few of the simple rules of *registration* are outlined here for prospective hybridists: (See A. D. Robinson Medal Awards Rules in the BEGONIAN, May, 1953)

1. The name of the female parent is necessary. The name of the male parent is desired, if *possible*.

2. A vegetatively propagated plant of the proposed registered plant, must be tested by a distinterested person under conditions or in an area other than those under which the hybridizer has grown the plant. (A testing garden is always maintained by the Hybridizing Chairman of the A. B. S., and plants sent for testing reasons are *always* returned to the hybridizer.)

3. All plants to be distributed under an accepted, registered name, *must* have been propagated asexually or vegetatively from the plant *tested* and *named*. (Any infringements on this practice should be reported to the Nomenclature Director.)

4. When a begonia becomes controversial, due to unethical distribution practices, it immediately is disqualified for further awards.

Begonia Registration facilities are open to all members of the American Begonia Society. The past few years have seen members on the West Coast registering their begonias, while the Mid West and Eastern members have not been active in this endeavor.

The A. D. Robinson Medal may be won by begonias hybridized in areas other than on the West Coast, if the plants have been tested and registered, and the rules followed as previously outlined.

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ACHIMENES

. . . LITTLE GEM

By Pat Down

Fashions come and go, in plants, as well as many other things. The human race is fickle, as proven by its fads and fancies. In the return of the Achimenes to high favor in the plant world, it is very evident. This bright-colored member of the Gesneriaceae was so popular in the early 19th century in Europe, and especially England, that its many hybrids equaled those of its present popular relative, the African Violet.

Achimenes are kin to the Gloxinia also, but said to be easier to grow, as well as more varied in foliage and coloring. They do equally well as pot subjects, bedding plants, and especially, in baskets. They will thrive in a potting mixture that is rich in humus, light and porous. Any Gloxinia or Begonia soil mixture should satisfy them.

They are fibrous rooted with scaly stolons. The varieties range from trailer to upright, bushy types. They can be planted anytime from February to June, being dormant from late fall. If the tubers should break while planting them, being quite brittle, don't let it scare you, as each piece is a potential plant.

Prepare the flat for planting by filling about half full with drainage material, then a thin layer of sifted growing medium, mostly leafmold. Lay the tubers horizontally on the soil, but if they are very small, and there is a difference in the shape of the ends, then plant them upright, the small end up. Cover with sand, Vermiculite or Spongerok, moisten and set in a warm spot, 70 or 75 degrees F. Some varieties will show green



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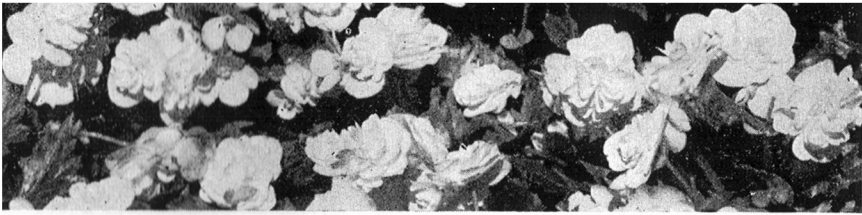
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flecks in about two weeks, while others may take up to a month.

When the plants are about 1½ inches tall, it is time to transplant them. Being shallow-rooted plants, they will do better if planted in a permanent container that is squatty. At least one-fourth of the container should be filled with drainage material, as Achimenes require copious watering while growing. Above all, do not let the soil become so dry that the leaves are limp and the plants droop, as their leaves are so thin that they are not able to retain a moisture reserve. In common with most Gesneriads, they will be burned if set in direct sun, with water spots on the leaves.

Because of the direct contrast of their colors and texture of the foliage, they are a perfect complement for Tuberous Begonias, and can be tucked in between and in front of these plants.

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It is still early enough to plant seeds this month and next, if you did not get them sowed in December, and still have blooming plants this year. Methods of sowing and germinating the seeds were outlined in last month's column.

If planted earlier, the third leaf will usually develop in about seventy days after sowing, signifying it is time to transplant the tiny seedlings.

Using a clean, redwood flat, place about one-half inch of pea gravel in the bottom, covering it with a one inch layer of a mixture of two-thirds oak leaf mold and one-third German peat moss. Top this with a one-half inch layer of the same mixture, screened through a quarter-inch mesh screen. Next, deep soak the flat in warm water (about 70 degrees F.) which has been boiled for sterilization, keeping the water about an inch below the soil level in the flat. When the surface appears to be wet, remove the flat and allow the excess water to drain out.

Using a small, smooth, forked stick, gently lift the seedlings from the flat and transplant one-half inch apart. The flats can be submerged periodically to keep the soil moist, but the plants can also be sprayed overhead with a fine mist, to prevent the surface from drying out. It will be necessary to control the temperature and humidity, and a temperature between 70 and 75 degrees F. has been found to be very satisfactory.

It is time to transplant the seedlings again, when they begin to crowd each other. A soil mixture of one-half well-decomposed oak leafmold and one-half sandy loam, to a depth of one and one-half inches in the flat, is ideal. The soil mixture should not be too deep, as such prevents good drainage, causing the soil to sour, thus retarding or destroying growth.

The twice-transplanted seedlings may be kept in any warm location, where the temperature does not exceed 85 degrees F. When the plants have reached a height of four or five inches, they can be hardened off, ready to be planted in beds, pots or other containers.

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Blooming Tuberous Begonias in Winter

An Experiment by Glenn W. Motschman

Prompted by articles on this subject that appeared in the June 1951 and September 1953 issues of the *BEGONIAN*, I decided to conduct an experiment, bringing tuberous begonias into bloom during the winter months of the year. Prior to this experiment, research convinced me that by prolonging the dormant period of the tubers by refrigeration, then growing them in a greenhouse where the temperature could be controlled, and using artificial light to provide the long daylight necessary for blooming tuberous begonias, we could have plants in bloom during any month of the year.

My research included letters to several commercial growers on this experiment. They all promptly replied and confirmed the fact that the tuberous begonia could be grown under such conditions. The tubers were supplied by Vetterle and Reinelt, Palos Verdes Begonia Farm and myself.

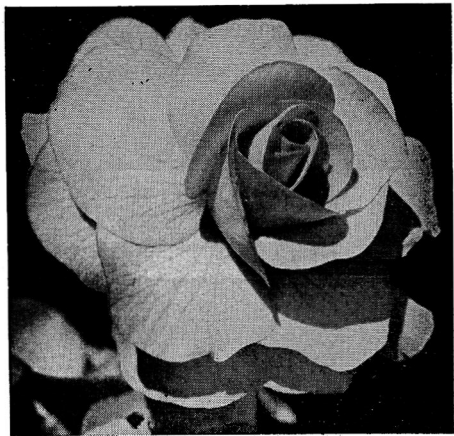
On April 10, 1953 the tubers were packed in Vermiculite-filled containers, then stored in a refrigerator where a temperature of 40° F. was maintained. On October 1, 1953, the tubers were removed from the refrigerator and placed in my greenhouse where a temperature of approximately 75° F. during the day, and 65° F. at night is maintained.

In one week the tubers came to life, and a few days later were placed in rooting trays containing a half and half mixture of well-decomposed oak leaf mold and German

peat moss. A series of 60 watt incandescent light bulbs were suspended four feet above the bench with four feet between each light. An inexpensive metal reflector directs the light to the plants. An automatic electric timer turns the lights on at 4:00 P.M. and off at 10:00 P.M. each day.

The results to date are most gratifying. Growth has been most vigorous, surpassing normal growth during the summer months. In six weeks the plants had grown four inches high in the rooting trays, and were ready for potting. The well rooted tubers were then planted in eight inch pots, containing the usual soil mix for tuberous begonias. It is now the first of December. The plants are all about nine inches high, very healthy and I expect to soon see the first flower buds forming.

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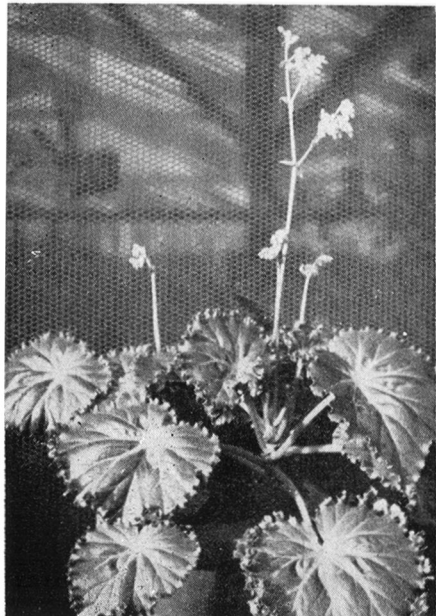
The Year Around With Begonias

BY DOROTHY S. BEHREND

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Plants are usually grown for a decorative purpose, whether they are grown for their beautiful foliage or for the flowers they produce. Begonias may be recommended in fulfilling these needs, being useful all year long.

February, March and April finds many of the rhizomatous or so-called "creeping stem" begonias in bloom. The flowers vary in size as well as the flower stems, therefore all size requirements are easily filled by choosing the right begonia for the right place. Begonia Ricky Minter, B. Lettonica and B. Pinetorum are good examples of the pink flowering varieties of this type. The crested foliage on B. Ricky Minter is especially attractive. If white flowers are preferred, the miniature *Begonia boweri* produces hundreds of tiny flowers at this time of the year. This begonia prefers a moist condition. The large type, *B. macdougalii*, is the other extreme, producing flower stems four feet high, bearing huge clusters of blossoms.



—Stanley Spaulding Photo

B. RICKY MINTER

May and June will welcome the ever-blooming semperflorens or bedding begonias. There is a wide variation in the colors of the flowers as well as the foliage, in this group. There are many ways of using these begonias to advantage, not only as mass plantings for color, but as pot subjects. By planting the seedlings in the sides of moss lined hanging baskets and pinching out terminal growth the first two months, a beautiful effect is accomplished. These two months, as well as the next two, find rex begonias in their best foliage. These begonias are not considered easy to grow, but once their demands are recognized and catered to, they are well worth the effort of supplying subdued light, humidity and protection against drafts. These begonias are dormant during the winter, normally, and must not be over-watered at that time. They are not considered a good house plant unless a moist atmosphere is available. Most homes have a dry atmosphere.

July, August and September are months belonging to the tuberous begonias. These begonias require a cool, moist atmosphere. Anyone having facilities in which these plants may be grown to their liking, are more than repaid by their beautiful blossoms. They may be found in all colors except blue. The tubers are started in hotbeds in February and seedlings may be purchased for plantings, in April and May, for flowers at this time.

October and November will find appreciation for the heavier, rhizomatous begonias. There are many that are worth while, just for their gorgeous foliage. The star type, with a silver over-layer on the surface, that has proven adaptable to many locations is the Begonia Silver Star. Another with interesting foliage is *B. fuscomaculata*, commonly called Rubellina. A begonia, long a favorite with our mothers and grandmothers, is *B. erythrophylla*, commonly called Feasti. Many variations of this begonia are available: with the crested margins, B. Bunchi; the spiral type, *B. erythrophylla helix*; and the red-backed variation, Beefsteak. The begonias having heavy, creeping roots prefer to be kept "on the drier side". All begonias enjoy a loose, rich soil, free of alkaline salts.



Our Cover Picture

Begonia Braemar is a chance seedling of unknown origin, of the hirsute or hairy group, clearly showing the characteristics of the *B. scharffi* and *B. sanguinea*. It has large, broad, loosely-spreading habit. The stems are stout, angled at the joints and reddish-green tinged, with large, orbicular-pointed leaves, the basal lobes sometimes overlapping. The leaves are fleshy, glossy dark-green above, glossy red beneath and sparsely hairy on the veins. The inflorescences are arching, up to two feet long and loosely branched; with large white flowers, pink-bearded without.

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December and January are months in which the so-called "Christmas Flowering" begonias are at their peak. Their warm-rose flowers are produced in abundance on plants having light-green to medium-green foliage. The florists are more apt to handle these begonias, rather than the nurseryman. They are demanding in their way of culture and the best advice is: duplicate their warm, humid growing conditions as nearly as possible.

Begonias are collector's items and should be cared for, as such. Hobbyists today, in the field of begonias, collect and grow the difficult as well as the less difficult types. No one ever abuses anything they truly love, therefore, abuse is not recommended for the "begonias we love."

So it is, that all year long, the beauty of begonias may be utilized as decorative items in our everyday life and the fascinating study on the subject is unlimited.

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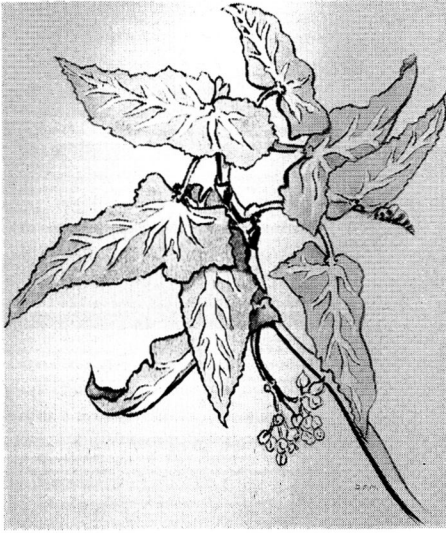
By *The Editor*

Everyone enjoys the inclusion of pictures or illustrations with the articles in the *BEGONIAN*, and it is quite a task to keep an adequate supply in the files, as several photographs are required each month, to make a well-rounded magazine for your enjoyment.

Just because some of the pictures used are large ones, it is no reason to deter those of you who have only small, *but good*, pictures from sending them in. There is a standing request to our members to periodically send in articles about the growing of their pet shade plants, even those other than Begonias. And, if possible, photographs or illustrations of them as well.

All the photographs need to be is in full focus, well-lighted, clearly depicted, *black and white* and printed in glossy finish. The American Begonia Society spends considerable money on cuts for the *BEGONIAN*, to enable the members to derive more pleasure and knowledge from their magazine.

SO, if those first pictures taken didn't turn out so good, PLEASE TRY AGAIN, and send them in. All pictures sent to the Editor are filed, unless the sender requests that they be returned. If you wish your photographs to be returned, please so state when you send them in.



LOUISIANA BRANCH JOINS A.B.S. FAMILY.

It is with pleasure that we announce the organization of our First Branch Society in the state of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, appropriately named "The Louisiana Capitol Branch."

Mr. E. Weaver, organizer of the Texas State Branch of Fort Arthur, Texas, was instrumental in starting the new Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Henry McAdams motored to Baton Rouge, La. August 26th to attend the first meeting. He showed slides of "Begonias Grown in Port Arthur" and gave a talk on the American Begonia Society and the advantages of Branch work.

The Branch Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the following officers elected: Pres., Mr. C. L. McAdams; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. O. Day; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. James A. Whitaker; National Director, Mrs. Frank L. Clack.

With twelve charter members, who are already taking a very active part in Branch work, the Louisiana Capitol Branch has every prospect of becoming "Our Pride of the South". To quote from their glowing reports of their monthly meetings—"The meetings are being held at the homes of members, the second Thursday of each month. At the September meeting Mrs. Louise N. Smith was appointed Historian of the Branch. The new President Mr. McAdams presented the group with a nice Scrap-book and talked on "The purpose of the A.B.S.". Mrs. Clyde Sartwell gave a most interesting as well as educational talk on "The Care, Growth and Planting of Begonias". An open discussion followed. For the October meeting—We

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met at Mrs. Frank Clack's and there was much excitement for The Men's Garden Club is holding a Flower Show in October and this Branch will have an exhibit, with Mrs. Sartwell as Chairman. Mr. McAdams gave each member a package of begonia seed and talked on "Growing Begonias from Seed."

The Branch Constitution and By-Laws were voted upon and approved by the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society at their regular meeting in Los Angeles, California, September 28th, 1953.

To the officers and members of our new Branch we extend greetings from the officers of the Board of Directors and the American Begonia Society.

Louise Schwerdtfeger,

Assistant Director of Public Relations.

The Whittier Branch's November meeting featured Gordon Baker Lloyd, speaking on My Garden and I. "There is always something in the garden to apply to daily living. Whatever the reason for gardening, it is always a lot of fun, but we lose a lot of the fun, if we do not know the story behind the plant."

Mr. Lloyd displayed many gardening gadgets, old and new, useful and humorous, and interspersed his talk with his wit, closing with a wise bit of philosophy.

GLADYS B. BRUCE, *Secretary.*

ATTENTION

CALIFORNIA BRANCHES

The San Gabriel Valley Branch would like to exchange bulletins so as to know what other groups are doing and what speakers they have had. Let's swap!

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★ Calendar ★

January 15th

Inglewood Branch: Demonstration of planting Rex Begonia Seeds. Also colored slides of Rex Begonias to be shown.

January 27th

Glendale Branch: Mr. Mark Anthony will speak on Camellias and Azaleas, telling us of his new Camellia, Christine Marie.

January 27th

San Gabriel Valley Branch: Birthday Ham Dinner, 6:30 P.M. Reservations necessary.

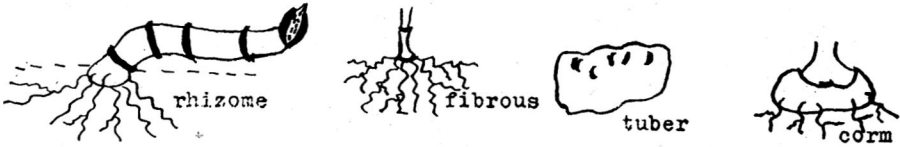
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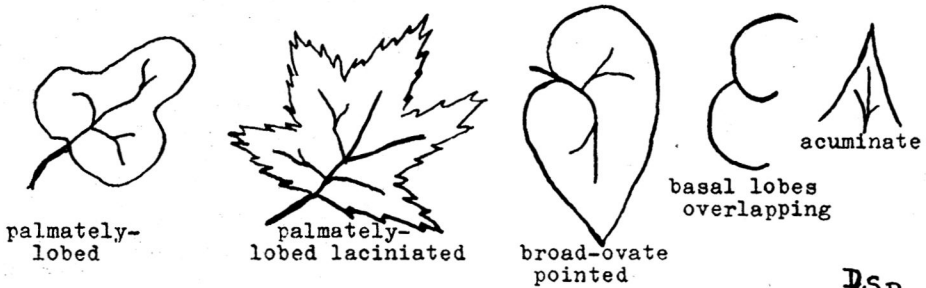
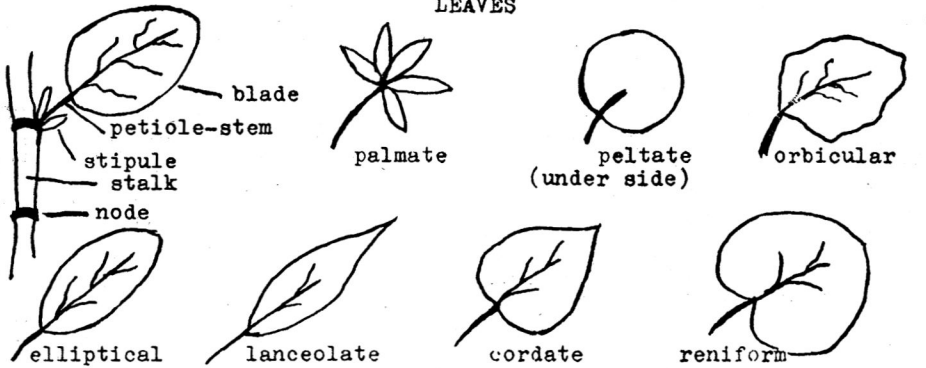
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Library Notes

We have added a new book to the Library this month, "Gardening The Small Place" by William H. Clark. This is a book written for the owner of a small lot who wants to get the most out of his garden for the least money. It covers every phase of gardening; shade gardens, wall gardens, herb gardens, water gardens, vegetable gardens, fences, terraces, patios, etc. It also has a calendar of operations, listing jobs the gardener should be doing each month as well as instructions on care of the soil, compost, fertilizers, etc.

As Mrs. Nolan told you in the December Begonian, we now have two copies of the translation of *Les Begonias*. There is already a waiting list for these books, so if

you are interested in reading this book by Charles Chevalier send your name in early. The original French edition will not be circulated.

I promised to send a list of books available for circulation to each Branch, but our Editor, Margaret Fenn, published the list in the December Begonia. This saved me a great deal of extra work and postage which I deeply appreciate and I want to extend my thanks to her for this courtesy. We still have a great many copies of the *Begonian*, from 1939 through 1951, available for ten cents a copy. I would like to hear from you.

Arline Stoddard, *Librarian*.

BEGINNER'S NOTEBOOK

To say that the botanical descriptions of begonias are confusing to the amateur and would-be begonia grower is putting it mildly. In order to help the beginner to understand some of the more commonly-used terms (and also to review for the older members), the accompanying illustrations are presented for you.

A few additional terms, not all illustrated, are herein defined:

SIMPLE LEAF—one blade.

SERRATE—notches like those of a saw.

CRENATE—with teeth rounded.

DENTATE—with tooth-like notches.

LOBED—indicates the notches extend about one fourth the distance to the base or mid-rib.

PENDUNCLE—Flower stem.

PUNCTATE—having translucent glands so that the leaf appears, when held toward the light, as though full of holes.

GLABROUS—smooth.

PUBESCENT—covered with fine, soft, plainly seen hairs.

TOMENTOSE—densely covered with matted hairs.

HAIRY—having longer hairs.

SUCCULENT—fleshy.

The hobbyists interested in plants, especially the many types and varieties of begonias, are quite particular that their plants be correctly tagged. When the meaning of a botanical term is understood, it is much easier to identify a type or variety.

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6. ' may I purchase Begonia Mother? R. S., Iowa.

7. ' may I get the mild fertilizer, so often mentioned in seed sowing articles? E. R. M., Mass.

WE FIND . . .

E. R., Maine — The New England Branch appears to be the closest to you. It takes seven members, to form a branch. Information on this venture may be obtained by contacting our Public Relations Director, as listed in the BEGONIAN.

Mrs. A. M., Louisiana — A mixture of 2 teaspoons of Clorox or Purex in one quart of water, poured on the soil in your pots of begonias, should rid the soil of earthworms.

R. S., Iowa — Begonia Mother may be purchased from the Carl Fisher Nursery, as listed in the BEGONIAN.

E. R. M., Mass — A safe, mild fertilizer for seedlings is Spoonit, using a one-half strength recommended mixture.

"Members that know the Answers" are urged to answer the questions listed in the WHERE column, beginning in the November issue. Mail your questions and answers to WHERE, c/o A. B. S., Box 2544, Los Angeles 54, California.

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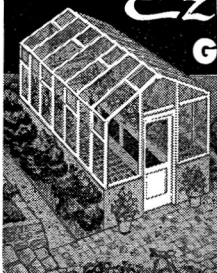
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CONDENSED MINUTES

Regular meeting of the National Board was called to order by President Motschman at 7:55 p.m., on November 23, 1953, in the Los Angeles City Hall.

The President welcomed all and introduced the guests.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past-President Korts; Aims and Purposes were read by President-Elect Koebig.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer pro-tem, Edna L. Korts, reported a working balance of \$291.00 for November.

Membership Secretary, pro-tem, Paul Behrends, reported 118 renewing members, 56 new members in November.

In the absence of the Editor, Sub-Editor Mae Koebig, stated the December BEGONIAN would be late due to the Thanksgiving holiday; also in view of the coming holidays, the date for incoming material for the January issue has been changed to December 1st. A reminder of the contest for the best articles on Begonias was given.

Ways and Means Chairman Koebig asked for suggestions on events to be sponsored by the Society for the coming year, also as Convention Chairman, he requested all branch directors to bring back ideas and suggestions for the annual Convention.

As Chairman of the Judges Class, Past-President Korts reported that 17 Accredited Judges Certificates have been awarded. Further examinations will be held after the first of the year, then an entire list of the Accredited Judges will be published in the BEGONIAN.

Awards Committee Chairman Korts reported committee was considering the awards to be made prior to 1954.

Public Relations Director pro-tem, Louise Schwerdtfeger, reported on the Wm. Penn branch; also read a letter from an Australian member. Requested that names and addresses of newly-elected Branch officers be forwarded to the Public Relations Director.

Librarian Stoddard reported sales of \$16.74 for November, the purchase of a supplement to A to Z on FUCHSIAS, 49 books out on loan.

In the absence of Seed Fund Administrator Mac-Lanahan, Dorris Motschman reported a net gain of \$30.50, turned in to the Treasurer.

Hybridizing Chairman Smith reported a test, currently in progress, of five plants furnished by a member.

Publicity Chairman Slatter reported sending material to an individual in Cuba.

Moved by Koebig, seconded by Powell, that reports be accepted as given. Carried.

BRANCH REPORTS

Reports from the respective branches were given by representatives: Glendale—Joyce, Hollywood—Doubleday, Hub City—Powell, Inglewood—Smith, Long Beach Parent—Hixon, Pasadena—Rich, Redondo Beach—Hendrix, San Gabriel—Browne, Santa Barbara—Schwerdtfeger (pro-tem), Theodosia Burr Shepherd—Snodgrass, South Gate—Arbuckle, Whittier.

OLD BUSINESS

National Ways and Means Committee Chairman for last year, Stuart Smith, presented three checks to branch directors for commission due on sale of greenhouse tickets.

President Motschman referred to a letter sent to all branches, asking for desirable dates for the Convention in 1954. Letters were read in answer and a tally taken on the votes received. Branch Directors were then asked to vote for their branch on preferred dates. Upon adding the tally, it was found that the majority of the branches preferred and had voted for Labor Day weekend. Carried and so ordered.

Awards Committee reported working on the Cultural Certificates of Award.

Chairman Fred Browne gave the following report on the Arboretum Committee: Meeting of the Committee was held on November 20, 1953, with members Frank S. Moore, Glendale Branch; Roy Joyce, Glendale Branch; and Fred Browne, San Gabriel Branch, Chairman, present. The entire

situation was explored, with recourse to copies of letters to Arboretum from Gladys Nolan; conversations with George Spaulding were discussed. Referring to condensed minutes of the A.B.S. Board meeting of April 29th, as shown in the June issue of the BEGONIAN, we find that board action authorized placing of questioned books in the Arboretum, as quote, "Recommended the 17 volumes of Candolles and Supplements to be placed on indefinite loan to the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum for safe keeping; and master copies of translations. So ordered." We find that material listed in Arboretum Pamphlet as the gift of Gladys Nolan, consisted of New York Botanical Gardens Bulletins and Periodicals, which were the personal property of Gladys Nolan. Our recommendation: That the whole affair be dropped and books on loan to the Arboretum be left in their possession, and that no further phone calls be made to the Arboretum on this matter. We further recommend that the Arboretum be placed on the mailing list to receive the BEGONIAN each month, as we believe that it is in the best interest of the Society to cooperate in every way with the Arboretum.

Owing to the impossibility of insuring any books which are in circulation, and also to the possibility of valuable books being lost or damaged in transit, it is the opinion of this committee that any valuable books which are the property of the A.B.S. be not circulated, but kept in a thoroughly safe place, such as the Arboretum. This applies equally to our copy of LES BEGONIAS, of which we have translations which can be circulated. This committee urges action by the Board, rescinding the action taken at the September Board meeting regarding LES BEGONIAS.

Signed by the Committee: Fred Browne, Chairman, Roy Joyce, Frank S. Moore.

Moved by Schwerdtfeger, seconded by Smith, that the Board accept the Arboretum Committee report. Carried and so ordered.

Moved by Korts, seconded by Browne, that the copy of DIE BEGONIEN, with two translations, be left in the State and County Arboretum, with the approval of the Board. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The President suggested that the American Begonia Society have a dinner honoring the winners of the A. D. Robinson Medal Awards. Names of various places and costs were discussed. The President appointed a committee of three: Chelsea Hendrix, Chairman, Doubleday and Koebig, to check dinner locations.

The President announced that the next Board meeting will be January 25, 1954, and wished every one a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY WALKER, Secretary.

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2nd Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward
Berkeley
Miss Dorothy Osburn, Secy.
5015 Cochrane Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Jan. 21
Wilmar Woman's Clubhouse
Emerson west of Isabel
South San Gabriel
Jean Cross, Cor. Secy.
1304 Elm, Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreation Hall
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland

FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m.
Miss Lola Price, Secy.
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, N. J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Jan. 27, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central
Mrs. Irma Brown, Cor. Secy.
3633 Grayev Ave., L. A. 39, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

GRAYS HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 11, 8:00 p.m.
Hoquiam Pub. Library, or Messingale &
Rosenear Music Store, Aberdeen, Wash.
Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.
1013 Harding Road, Aberdeen, Wash.

GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Members
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following
Mrs. Ernest Jones, Secy.
R.F.D., Willow Grove, Pa.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Maude A. Cooper, Cor. Secy.
1014 Havenhurst Dr., Hollywood 46, Calif.

HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
Mrs. E. H. Claggett, Secy.
4415 Austin, Houston, Tex.

HUB CITY BRANCH

COMPTON-LYNWOOD

3rd Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Roosevelt High School Cafe
1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.
Mrs. Kathryn Hodgson, Cor. Sec'y.
120 E. Olive St., Compton

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 11, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Friday, Jan. 8, 8:00 p.m.
325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.
Mrs. Pearl Parker, Secy.
726 W. 81st St., L. A. 44, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Park, University & La Mesa Blvd.
Peggy Owens, Secy.
4275 Nabal Dr., La Mesa, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

2nd Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Fox Home at 2255 Elm Ave.
Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.
3592 Lewis Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. James A. Whitaker, Secy.
1225 Stuart Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 26, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.
3340 S.W. 24th Terrace, Miami, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m.
American Legion Bldg., Linwood & Paseo
Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Mary Wood, Secy.
626 W. Charles, Independence, Mo.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

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

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Houghton Park Club House
Harding & Atlantic, N. Long Beach
Mrs. Beatrice White, Secy.
1411 Poppy St., Long Beach, Calif.

OCEAN COUNTY NEW JERSEY BR.

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

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 S. Main St., Orange
Mrs. Evie Darden, Secy.-Treas.
6701 S. Fee Ana St., Rt. 3, Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

3rd Monday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Casitas del Arroyo, 117 S. Arroyo, Pasadena
Mrs. Alva Graham, Secy.
515 El Centro St., South Pasadena

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Jan. 8, Members Homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, Jan. 22, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.
Ronnie Hirsch, Secy.
6831 S. E. Flavel, Portland 6, Oregon

RAYTOWN MISSOURI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Schorr, Secy.-Treas.
7708 Sni-A-Bar Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

REDONDO BEACH AREA

4th Friday, Jan. 22, 8:00 p.m.
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mr. W. C. Cocke, Secy.
417 Calle Mayor, Redondo Beach, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Shamel Park, 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.
Mrs. Kay Elmore, Secy.
3935 McKenzie St., Arlington, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Friday, Jan. 22, 10:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. L. Carringer, Secy.
825 Harbor View Pl., San Diego 3

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m.
Herbert R. Fitch, Secy.
1125 - 54th St., Sacramento 19, Calif.

SALEM OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Jan. 5, Feb. 2
The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem
Mrs. Loren H. Edlund
863 Edina Lane, Salem, Ore.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, Jan. 25
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Alice Shetler, Secy.
4551 Kensington Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, 8:00 p.m.
1738 - 9th Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.
Mrs. George Leslie Kuthe, Secy.
1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Jan. 27
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, Calif.
Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, Secy.
1719 Alamitas Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:50 p.m.
Girl Scout Clubhouse. 1838 San Andres St.
Mrs. Mary Wegener, Secy.
1611 Olive St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 8:00 p.m.
Y.F.W. Hall, 311 Pacific Ave.
Miss Hazelle E. Oxley, Secy.
428 Davis St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance
Santa Monica
Mrs. Eduard Franz
153 So. Burlingame Road. Los Angeles 49

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:45 p.m.
University of Washington Arboretum
Clubhouse
Mrs. H. C. Bamford, Secy.
810 W. Lee, Seattle, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BR.

1st Tuesday, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura
Mrs. Harry Fox, Secy.
3877 Mound Ave., Ventura, Calif.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Ila Shank, Secy.
1824 "B" St., Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern
Mr. Walter Partridge
4849 Beck Ave., Bell, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Friday, Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m.
Rose Hill Club
Mrs. Leoma Caudle, Secy.
2822 - 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Jan. 13, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Corr. Secy.
35 Fayette St., Oakdale, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO
4th Wednesday, Jan. 27, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, 10013 Detroit St.
Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. Edward Lobser, Cor. Secy.
25912 Westlake Rd., Bay Village, Ohio

WHITTIER BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Union High School, Room 19
Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.
Mrs. Gladys B. Bruce, Secy.
6102 Milna Ave., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH, PA.

3rd Tuesday, Jan. 19, 8:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Wallingford, Pa.
Mrs. J. H. Ward Hinkson, Secy.

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