

## **South Coast Orchid Society**

### **Summary of August, 1954 meeting as published in *Orchid Digest***

August 23 was the annual Potluck Dinner (and such food as did find its way to the dinner and ultimately onto our own dinner plates) prior to the regular meeting hour, so it was a full crowd that stood and pledged allegiance to the flag at 8:00 p.m. Our speaker for the evening was one of our own members, Mr. Harry Rapella, and he took us with him via colored slides, on one of his orchid collecting trips to Venezuela, where he collected several thousand *Mossiae* plants. He showed a picture where a burro was completely covered with orchids, and it was only two specimen plants. He advised all of us not to go collecting in out-of-way places because our modern hybrids are so far superior to any of the species.

Our plant table display seemed to suffer due to the heavy potluck dishes; however, the 39 plants on the Forum tables were very beautiful for the summer weather. Mr. Ernest Hetherington (whom we welcome as a new member—along with Mrs. Hetherington) and Mr. Morris Holmquist conducted the Plant Forum. After the plant raffle was completed the meeting was adjourned and more refreshments were served.

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