

## **South Coast Orchid Society Summary of December, 1954 meeting as published in *Orchid Digest***

This was the meeting where we had our first judging of orchids, under the able judges of the Orchid Digest Corporation, and some very fine flowers were on hand for judging in spite of the Christmas season's taking so many blossoms. Our Plant Forum tables were adorned with 42 very fine plants five of these plants taking Bronze Awards: C. Eloquence 'Arctic Circle' (77.8); Lc. Magadha (78); Lc. Bonanza 'Ne-Plus-Ultra' (79.5); Lc. Bonanza 'Klondike' (76.66), all from the B. O. Bracey & Co. range; and Cyp. momag 'Whatcroft Hall' (75) from the Sherman Orchid Gardens. Mrs. Max Klein and Dr. Wm. Burns conducted the plant forum.

Since this was our first judging, a program on judging seemed to be in order so our Judging Chairman, Mr. Rolan R. Howard, took all of us to judging class and pointed out the important points that will make one flower win an award and its sister will not do so. (However, look at those Bonanzas go!) Perfection is what is judged: color, clearness, harmony and lip contrast; size in proportion to the whole; remembering that we must judge according to type and breeding. Experience is one of the most important qualifications for a good judge, also he must be one who is without prejudices of any kind. It is always best for amateur judges to work with experienced judges for a long time to help gain experience and knowledge of judging.

This was also the night for some lucky person to win the fine greenhouse donated to our society by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fricker of Fricker Orchids, Temple City, California, and the lucky winner was Mrs. Virginia Dickenson of Long Beach. This is the third greenhouse the Frickers have donated to our society, so a special big "Thank You" from all of us to Fricker Orchids.

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