

OSSC History Series

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The following series appeared in the *OSSC Review* in seven parts, 1962-1963. It is presented here with only minor corrections, as close to the original as possible, including the “Editor’s note” (the editor at the time was Lillian Gold) that introduced it in July, 1962. It covers the genesis of the Orchid Digest Corporation and the formation of the first orchid club in Southern California, through 1954. During this period, OSSC was a leading force in the development of orchid judging. The steps along the way are little known. Mrs. Hanes’ account helps to explain some odd features of the Orchid Digest Corporation’s award records and clarifies the roles of many of the participants in the story of orchids in Southern California. Elvah (“Tommy”) Hanes was the wife of John W. Hanes, still famous for his Paphs, and a major figure in SoCal orchid history in her own right.

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THE HISTORY OF THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By ELVAH HANES

Editor’s note: The Review has felt for some time that one of the greatest services it could render its readers would be to publish a history of the Orchid Society of Southern California from its beginning to the present day before the sources of information were completely lost to us. Today the O.S.S.C. is one of the largest and most active societies in the U.S.A. and is located in one of the great orchid growing areas in the world. The history of the beginning, growth and evolution of our society is now being written by our Historian, Mrs. John (Elvah) Hanes. We sincerely trust it will be of interest to old and new members alike.

The Historian’s task becomes quite involved when there are no chronological records on hand for easy reference and guidance. There are records of twenty (20) years to study, evaluate, assimilate and then record in historical order. Interviews with former officers (of good memory) are required and then, and only then, can the writing of all ideas, facts and ideals begin.

Back in 1936 the Orchid Society of California was started. There were only about 350 amateur orchid growers in the State of California at that time. The society was formed in Northern California and soon started publishing the “Orchid Digest”. An interested comment appears in the Volume I, December, 1937 issue of the Orchid Digest—“Prizes are to be given for the best amateur, professional gardener and commercial exhibits” at the 1st Annual Dinner of the society. (Could this mean judging?) Another note from the same source, “An unusual feature act was staged following the dinner in which the *Orchard Digest* of 1960 was read . . . In the Digest

was recorded the history of a number of the members giving their possible (sic) whereabouts and activities . . .” One wonders today (1962) if any of the projections were close to being correct!

It was not until January of 1940 that a group in the Los Angeles area formed a local society which later merged with the Orchid Society of California. It was at the July, 1940 meeting that it was announced that the society had merged with the Orchid Society of California and they would henceforth be known as the Southern California Chapter of the Orchid Society of California. Also they would meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Several members of the Orchid Society of California from the Bay area were present at this merger meeting, including Dr. R. Millzner and Dr. Austin Cary.

The 1940 officers of the local society were:

President—W. E. Severance
Vice President—Joseph Lang
Secretary—Don Hunter
Treasurer—Mrs. R. L. Rutherford

It is quite interesting to note the listing of the first Committees to be formed:

Historian
Rating and Judging
Librarian
Membership
Programs
Reception
Ways and Means
Advertising and Publicity

The monthly meetings at first were held in private homes, later moving to the Queen Ann Playground, Recreation Center.

January, 1941 saw the birth of the “Annual Dinner”. The new officers were:

President—Howard Stites
Vice President—Dr. Hugo Kerstern
Sec’y-Treasurer—Carey S. Hill

The early Constitution states that “The object of the Society is to acquire and distribute to the members thereof practical and scientific information regarding the collection, culture and appreciation of orchids”.

Membership to the Orchid Digest became a requirement for membership to the Southern California Chapter of the O. S. of C. as it was with the mother society. The early membership roster included such well known personages as: John Asder; Robert Cameron; the late Robert Casamajor; the late Francis B. Cobb and Mrs. Cobb; James Giridlian; Clark Day Jr.; Robert Dugger; Dr. Etta Gray; Mrs. Wm. Day; Glenn Hiatt; the late D. N. Macconel; Dr. G. A. Mehlquist; J. Henry and Mrs. Orme; Mrs. Norris H. Powell (where was Norris?); the late J. P. Spitzel and Mrs. Spitzel; Fred A. Stewart; Howard Stites and Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Wilcox.

At the December, 1942 meeting there was a total paid membership of 63. By August 1944 the membership had increased to 137, more than doubled in a year and a half!

During these formative days one of the main desires seems to have been for some form of judging. As noted above, one of the first committees was "Rating and Judging". At the open meeting of January, 1943 the President, Glenn Hiatt, was requested to form some system for "judging of blossoms". This Mr. Hiatt referred to the Trustees and: At the February 8th, 1943 meeting it was announced that "a judging committee composed of Robert Casamajor, Chairman, and Dr. E. Swisher had been appointed and the committee would issue certificates as to plants brought by members at each meeting and prizes would be arranged at the end of the year, based on a schedule to be later announced".

An interesting note was recorded in the minutes of this meeting – "A non-member won the raffle plant and immediately became a member of the society." (Note too – plant not plants – they had only one plant per meeting in these early days. Look at the tables at the regular meeting now – think a bit and take a few more chances. You surely have much more opportunity to win today!)

The officers for 1943 were:

President—Glenn Hiatt
Vice President—Henry Davis
Sec'y-Treasurer—Francis B. Cobb
Trustees—J. Henry Orme
Carey S. Hill

The monthly meetings were now held at the University Club.

1944 saw the society moving further forward. However there seemed to be some difficulty as to the meeting night for they went from Friday to Monday evenings. They were still meeting at the University club. The first order of business at the January 14th meeting was the election of new officers with the following being elected:

President—Dr. Gustave Mehlquist
Vice President—Glenn Hiatt
Sec'y-Treasurer—Francis B. Cobb
Directors—J. Henry Orme
Robert Casamajor
Robert Dugger
Trustees— Howard I. Stites
Dr. F. W. Went
Lloyd C. Cospers
Charles F. Hoppe
Robert Jewell

The program speaker for this meeting was Mr. C. J. Marvin, of E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company. He showed a beautiful selection of autochrome lantern slides of several different genera of orchids. Other programs of the year included "Species and Hybrids of Cattleyas and

Cymbidiums”, “Outdoor Orchid Growing in the Santa Barbara, Ventura Region”, “The Growth of Phalaenopsis”, “How Do Orchids Get Their Names?”, “Orchids Can be Grown Under Lath” and “Dendrobiums and Their Culture”. The year ended with a good bank balance of \$497.25.



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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

PART II

1944 saw the beginning of the Plant Forum Tables as they are conducted today. Dr. Mehlquist was the one who initiated this type of discussion, going into the parentage of the hybrids to thus bring up the level of knowledge of the members.

Dr. Mehlquist left in the fall of 1944 for a position at the Missouri Botanical Gardens and Mr. Robert Dugger filled out as President for the balance of the year and was elected President for 1945. They continued with the Plant Forum as started by Dr. Mehlquist and with Ribbon Judging of plants. However Mr. Dugger states that the feeling was growing that a better standard than “It looks the best one to me” approach was needed. A most interesting note has also been given to your reporter – that during these early formative days the (so called) “Professional Growers” were kept at arms’ length. Glenn Hiatt was the exception as they did not sell plants at this time. However something broke down the bars and the Amateurs and Professionals decided they needed one another. Thus “Professionals” were on the Programs as speakers and they brought their plants in for display on the Plant Forum tables. Too, the Forum discussions were paying off in more and better plants being brought out for display.

At this time most “Amateur” growers had been using the osmunda fern fiber for their growing media. Mr. Lloyd Cospers (later author of a book on culture) was invited to do the program and he spoke on “Gravel Culture”. Orchid Research, under Dr. Henry O. Eversole had been doing experiments in gravel culture for Phalaenopsis but Mr. Cospers was the first in this area to report on experiments with Cattleyas. He had conducted a 4 year program using the Knudson formula for the nutrient feeding. The Missouri Botanical Gardens were conducting experiments along these same lines at this time too. This was the start, in our area, of semi-scientific experiments in growing media for orchids (and how we have experimented through the years).

Membership continued to grow with 137 members at the beginning of 1945. The officers were: President, Robert Dugger; Vice President, Glenn Hiatt; Secretary-Treasurer, Francis B. Cobb. Also the treasury was growing, with a balance of \$761.73 as of November 2, 1945.

With the conclusion of World War II many changes were made in all fields and the Orchid Society was no exception. New officers were installed and new committees formed. First the new officers were:

J. Henry Orme, President; Francis B. Cobb, 1st Vice President; Robert Dugger, 2nd Vice President; Walter H. Sprague, Secretary-Treasurer. Directors: Robert Casamajor, Hugh Evans and Glenn Hiatt. Trustees: Robert Cameron, Dr. Etta Gray, Norris H. Powell, Howard I. Stites and Dr. F. W. Went.

Committees appointed at the first Board meetings of these newly elected officers were: Membership Committee, Chairman Norris H. Powell; Plant Forum Committee, Robert Cameron, Chairman; Judging Committee, Glenn Hiatt, Chairman; Show Committee, Members: President, J. Henry Orme, Mr. Casamajor and Mr. Cobb. (The Secretary was instructed to apply for membership in the Pasadena Flower Show. The application was accepted and plans pushed ahead for exhibiting in the show. Dates of show, April 26 and 27, 1946.) A Librarian was appointed and instructed to purchase two sets of Sander's Lists of Orchid Hybrids. The new Librarian was Dr. Etta Gray. (How long and how faithfully she has served our society.) The President was instructed to appoint certain speakers out of the membership in sufficient time to enable them to prepare and give talks on special subjects, to fill in when it was inconvenient to obtain outside speakers.

Even as today they had their troubles. A letter was received complaining that a notice of plants for sale had been given to the officers and the members had not been given "equal opportunity" to purchase same. The officers were not sure this had ever happened but that in the future any such notice would be given officially to all members.

The Plant Forum and Judging Committees worked together and presented the following report which was accepted at the March 22, 1946 Directors meeting, only to have it rescinded at the July 31st Directors meeting. However it is such a big stride forward, judging wise, that it should be kept on record.

March 22, 1946
REPORT OF PLANT FORUM COMMITTEE

(Dr. Etta Gray – Robert Cameron)

The Committee suggests the following:

- (A) Continued urging by means of the bulletin (monthly notice) that members help by bringing more and more and better plants.
- (B) Reward members who exhibit (6) or more plants of 4" pot size, with a free raffle ticket for each group of 6 such blooming plants.
- (C) Stimulate the exhibition of superior plants and superior flowers (on FCC and AM awards pending action on these awards) by awarding:
 1. Blue Ribbons, suitably embossed or stamped, "Southern California Orchid Society", for plants bearing flowers, which in the opinion of a majority of the

Board of Officers, Directors and Trustees rate a superior classification, and that the rating sheet appearing in the American Orchid Society Bulletin of some months past, be used as a guide, with the understanding that the blue ribbon award does not necessarily conform to FCC standards, but rather means that the flower is, in the opinion of the Board, a superior flower.

2. Red Ribbons: that at each and every meeting, the best plant or flower shall be awarded a “red ribbon” as the best at that meeting. In the event a “blue ribbon” (or ribbons) are awarded, that a “red ribbon” may be awarded as second prize.
- (D) Give sprays consideration for prized along with plants (to encourage Cymbidium growers and chemiculture growers).
- (E) That lighting on the Plant Forum table be improved.
- (F) That black velvet cloth or similar cloth be used to set off the plant table.
- (G) More table – (suggest tables be divided so crowd will not be in one place).
- (H) Improved methods provided to protect rare blooms and plants. Suggestions to members on protecting their blooms and plants – staking plants – good packing. (See Spring Orchid Digest, page 14).

ADDENDA: Certificates are being prepared in lieu of Ribbons.

Instead of the above, the Directors passed a resolution authorizing or rather directing the President to appoint a “Committee of 3 Judges and their three alternates to judge plants at each meeting out of the Plant Forum and that a Blue, Red and White ribbon be awarded for the First, Second and Third plant selected by the committee”. It was further provided in the motion that “the committee should establish rules and regulations and methods of ascertaining such Award Plants and select and have inscribed the necessary ribbons, and that the judges and alternatives should be appointed on a three, two and one year term, and should be from the membership best qualified to act”. Thus was judging in Southern California moved forward.

Growth was just beginning for this new society. 1947 saw pronounced strides taken in several directions. First was the incorporation of the group as an independent society. It was felt by both the Orchid Society of California and the Southern California Chapter that they should incorporate as individual non-profit corporations and they in turn incorporate the Orchid Digest as a separate corporation, both North and South Corporations to be equally interested in the Digest Corporation. So with the new officers: Francis B. Cobb, President; J. Henry Orme, Vice President; Robert Casamajor, 2nd Vice President; Robert B. Dugger, Treasurer; Walter H. Sprague, Secretary; Directors: Glenn H. Hiatt and Emil Vacin; Trustees: Dr. Etta Gray, Lee Narver, John L. Norwood, Norris H. Powell, Jean P. Spitzel and Howard I. Stites officially in office the work began. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Sprague being attorneys started the task of writing up new Incorporation papers and new By-Laws. This was not an easy task and was not completed until the 29th of September, 1947 when the Articles of Incorporation were signed by D. Lee Narver, Emil F. Vacin, John L. Norwood, Howard I. Stites, Glenn H. Hiatt, Etta Gray, M.D., Robert Casamajor, N. H. Powell, J. P. Spitzel, Francis B. Cobb, Notary.

In due time, following the signing of the Incorporation papers the records were recorded with the office of Secretary of State and the County Clerk of Los Angeles County and ratified by the membership. Next the new By-Laws were adopted by the membership and the Secretary

instructed to “cast a ballot for the existing officers and directors to serve as such until their successors were duly elected and qualified”. The Treasurer was ordered bonded for the sum of \$1,000.00 It was also ordered that the directors draw lots for terms of office. Thus the outgoing directors at the next election would be Mr. Hiatt, Mr. Vacin, and Mr. Casamajor. 2 year terms were Mr. Stites, Dr. Etta Gray and Mr. Narver. 3 year terms were Mr. Spitzel, Mr. Powell and Mr. Norwood. All members of the old society in good standing by payment of their dues to date were automatically made members of the incorporated society. Messrs. Vacin, Narver and Sprague were appointed as a committee of Sponsorship (or membership) to pass on applications for membership into the newly incorporated society.



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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Part III

The task of incorporating the society was quite time consuming, however other activities continued to grow and advance. The most interesting being judging. A committee, consisting of Norris Powell, the late Robert Casamajor and J. Henry Orme, was instructed to study and devise a system of point scoring for judging. In the meantime judging would continue on the basis of Blue, Red or White ribbons regardless of genera. The year ended without a point score ruling having been adopted however.

A Reception Committee, consisting of Mmes. Sullivan, Spitzel, and Dugger, was formed. Said committee to introduce members to each other and to make all members feel more at ease and acquainted. (We could all do a little more of this today, too.)

It was decided that the meeting would start promptly at 7:45 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. A short time was allowed for a question and answer forum in addition to the regular speaker of the evening. It was also decided that the program committee be allowed not over \$200.00 per year for transportation of out of town guest speakers and for equipment.

The dues question, with the formation of the newly incorporated society, had to be settled also. It was voted by the membership that the “dues be \$6.00 per year with the society paying \$3.50 per member to the Orchid Digest”.

The society again participated in the Pasadena Flower Show. Dates of the show – March 13 – 16, 1947, and the society show committee was Dr. Etta Gray, Messrs. Dugger and Narver. Interesting note: “Members will be paid \$2.00 for each injured or destroyed blossom if they so request.” (Most blossoms seen coming out of a show today are injured, this could easily have been a most costly resolution!)

1948 Officers and Directors were: Robert B. Dugger, President; Francis B. Cobb, 1st Vice President; D. N. Macconel, 2nd Vice President; Etta Gray, M.D., Treasurer; Walter Sprague, Secretary; Messrs. Robert Casamajor, D. Lee Narver, J. Henry Orme, John L. Norwood, N. H. Powell, J. P. Spitzel, Howard I. Stites and Emil Vacin, Directors. However the sudden death of Walter Sprague on April 27, 1948 left the job of Secretary open. It was adequately filled by Mrs. J. P. Spitzel.

There was difficulty in finding someone to take the Program Committee Chairmanship, however Mr. Sprague presented a simplified program schedule for the year and with this aid Mr. Emil Vacin accepted the chairmanship of this important committee. Dr. Gray suggested that the programs include a 10 or 15 minute talk on the *Cattleya* species in bloom during the month. She was requested to start this new feature with a talk on *C. lueddemanniana* at the February meeting.

The Directors decided to join with the Cymbidium Society in bringing Dr. Gustave Mehlquist here as guest speaker for the Annual Banquet meeting, April 20th. The Orchid Society of Southern California to pay \$125.00 towards his expenses.

A few of the other programs for the year were: A panel to answer members' questions; Cymbidiums and Their Culture; *Cattleya* Hybrids; Collecting Orchids in Mexico; Automatic Controls, this last program was presented by William J. Bigger of Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Co.

Entry into the Pasadena Flower Show time again. Mr. Cobb was re-elected as Pasadena Flower Show Representative. The society received a guarantee fee of \$300.00 for entering the show. It was decided that \$250.00 of this money be used to purchase plants to be raffled to those bringing plants of good quality, in bloom, for use in the society display.

The Directors decided, at their February 3rd meeting, to discontinue Ribbon Judging of the Forum Tables. Instead they initiated Exhibitor Tickets as an incentive to bring blooming plants to the Forum Tables. Study of a system of judging continued and in the September-October, 1948 issue of the Orchid Digest there is an article titled "Standards and Points for Judging – Set up by the Orchid Society of Southern California". The article states that the Judging Committee used as a basis for this published form Standards as set up by the Orchid Society of New South Wales, Australia. They asked for suggestions for improvements. The categories included *Cattleyas*, Cymbidiums and Cypripediums, though the article did not include the proposed points to be used for judging Cymbidiums.

Larger quarters were again needed. They tried the Los Angeles County Museum at Exposition Park, but January, 1949 found the Friday Morning Club housing this growing organization.

The Digest requested more articles from the Southern area so a Publication Committee was formed, its duties to solicit and edit articles. Norris Powell was chairman of this committee.

1949 should be known as the year point score judging as well as snow came to Southern California. The year opened with the usual change of officers and a balance in the treasury of \$821.25. However the expense of the meetings was greater than the monthly income so measures were taken to rebuild the bank account. But first the new officers and directors: D. N. Macconel, President; Robert B. Dugger, 1st Vice President; Wilber G. Wood, 2nd Vice President; Etta Gray, M.D., Treasurer; Julius A. Muller, Secretary; Messrs. Robert Casamajor, J. Henry Orme, John L. Norwood, N. H. Powell, Francis B. Cobb, J. P. Spitzel, Howard I. Stites, Emil Vacin and Ernest Hetherington, Directors.

The President appointed the following committees: Budget, Messrs. Stites, Casamajor, and Cobb; Audit, Mr. Wilcox; House, Messrs. Dugger, Orme, Muller and Dr. Gray; Raffle, Messrs. Orme, Casamajor and Stites; Exhibits, Messrs. Hetherington, Powell, Spitzel; Program, Mr. King. Mr. Julius Leuschner was added to the House committee at their March 1, 1949 meeting.

The financial situation was all important. As we all know we cannot spend more than we make and stay in business very long, and this new board was faced with this condition. So at their March 1st Board meeting they voted to increase the dues to \$7.50 per year, making this increase retroactive to January 1. They also voted an initiation fee of \$5.00 for new members. Also the procurement committee was requested to purchase only one raffle plant and to have others donated by members.

A search was under way for a new meeting place as the rent at the Friday Morning Club was \$75.00 per meeting. Thus Plummer Park was found and at the December 6th Board meeting it was voted in as the new meeting place for the Society. (Rental in 1949 was \$10.00 per meeting.) Also at this same Board Meeting it was decided that the Reception Committee have a guest book and all non-members be requested to sign in each meeting, thus hoping that the regularly attending non-members would join.

As stated above "Point score judging came to Southern California". The judging committee had been actively working since first appointed in 1947, and now was ready to present their report. At the Board Meeting of June 17th it was voted to accept the Point Scores for Judging Cattleyas as presented by Judging Chairman Ernest Hetherington and to restrict judging at this time to Cattleyas only. Scores as presented were: 75 to 81 points, Bronze certificate; 82 to 89 points, Silver certificate; 90 to 100 points, Gold certificate. All awarded flowers to be photographed. First judging to be at the August meeting with judging to start at 7 p.m. The judging committee was: E. Hetherington, Chairman and Messrs. Dugger and Swim with Mr. Wilcox alternate. The Committee on Awards was: Messrs. Dugger, Casamajor, Powell and Spitzel. All awards to be approved by a Review Committee. At the December 6th Board Meeting the "Rules and Regulations" for judging Cattleyas were adopted as was the "Certificates of Awards" as designed by Mrs. Hetherington. This meeting also adopted the score sheets and rules for judging Cypripediums and Cymbidiums. The Cymbidium form was adopted from the form used by the Cymbidium Society of America.

The December Board Meeting was a very busy meeting. It was decided to invite the Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society to hold their spring meeting with our society

as host. It was discussed but voted to not affiliate with the American Orchid Society at least not at this time. Also Mr. Emil Vacin resigned as Director and had his resignation accepted at this meeting.

At a special Board of Directors Meeting held December 12th, Mr. J. P. Spitzel was elected Director from the Orchid Society of Southern California to serve on the Board of Directors of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Also at this special meeting Mr. Morris Holmquist was elected by the Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Vacin.

The programs for the year included “Beginners Corner”; “Cymbidium Culture”; Dr. Wendt spoke on “Control Growing at Cal. Tech”; “Phalaenopsis and Its Culture”; “Gravel Culture for the Amateur Grower”; “Kodachrome Program of Best of Shows and Exhibits, Especially Cymbidiums”; “The Relation of Light, Temperature, Shading and Humidity for Optimum Growth of Cattleyas”; “Vandaceous Culture for Southern California”; and “The Charm of Cypripediums – Their Culture and Heritage” by Robert Casamajor. A most progressive year.



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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

PART IV

The first awards granted by the Orchid Society of Southern California were awarded at the September 1949 meeting. The first award was to *C. Tethys* var. Orme. This fine flower received a score average of 80 points or a Bronze Award (remember it took 82 points for a Silver Award.) The judges were Messrs. Dugger, Hetherington and Swim, and as no you doubt have guessed the owner was Mr. J. Henry Orme, former president of the society. The second award was given to *C. Bow Bells* var. Gabriel, which received a Bronze Award with an average of 76.33 points. The owner was Fred A. Stewart, Inc. No other awards were granted until the November meeting when the late Mr. Joseph Urmston's *C. Joyce Hannington* var. Accolade received a Gold Certificate with the averaged score of 90.7. The judges having the honor of granting this rare (even today) Gold Certificate were Messrs. E. C. Wilcox, Robert Dugger and H. I. Swim. The two other awards at this meeting were also firsts in that this was the first award for Cypripediums. *Cyp. Carmona* var. Alpha received a Bronze Award with a score of 77 points, owned by Mr. E. C. Wilcox, and *Cyp. Red Knight* AM/AOS received a Silver Award with a score of 84.33, owned by Mr. H. C. Swim.

The Cymbidium family did not receive an award from the Orchid Society of Southern California until February of 1950, and strangely enough two awards were granted at this meeting. A standard, *Cym. Alexanderi* 'Westonbirt' FCC/RHS, received a Bronze Award with a score of 79 points, owned by Fred A. Stewart, Inc., and a miniature, *Cym. Minuet* also received a Bronze Award with a score of 75.2 points, owned by Sherman Orchid Gardens. As stated “point

score judging” was well on its way in Southern California. A large amount of work and study was still needed and would continue. In fact it seems to be a subject that constantly requires study and careful observations of the new introductions that are being made each year to remain a good judge.

1950 was also to have another First, as this was the year the American Orchid Society Trustees had been invited to hold their Trustees Meeting in conjunction with the Society’s Annual Dinner. So the new officers consisting of: Howard I. Stites, President; D. N. Macconel, 1st Vice President; Everett C. Wilcox, 2nd Vice President; E. W. Menninger, Treasurer; Dr. Etta Gray, Secretary and John L. Norwood, Morris Holmquist, Howard I. Stites, Robert Casamajor, Ernest Hetherington, Francis B. Cobb, J. A. Muller, J. Henry Orme, Herbert Swim, Directors, had much work ahead of them. (But then doesn’t every new Board!)

The date of the joint dinner was set for April 18, 1950. The Cymbidium Society was also co-hosting the dinner, tours and entertainment for the A.O.S. Trustees during their stay in the Los Angeles area. An invitation was extended to the Orchid Society of California to attend this Social Highlight of the Orchid Year. It was recommended that there be no judging at this dinner meeting as it would be too time consuming.

This joint effort was most successful. The Trustees and American Orchid Society members attending were: Mrs. William K. du Pont, Vice President; Mrs. L. Sherman Adams; Messrs. George W. Butterworth, Linnaeus T. Savage, Clint McDade, Frank J. Lind, George H. Pring, B. O. Bracey, Gordon W. Dillon and Dr. Norman C. Yarian. Also present were: Mmes. Butterworth, Pring, Savage, and Yarian; Mr. L. Sherman Adams of the Committee on Awards, Mr. Ralph Kieswetter, Mr. and Mrs. John Traendly, Mrs. Young C. Lott and Mrs. George Hunter.

But back to the regular activities for the year. First, Director John L. Norwood resigned and the Board elected Jean P. Spitzel to fill the unexpired term. Jean to continue as Director from the Orchid Society of Southern California to the Orchid Digest Board.

The Directors voted a fee, not to exceed \$25.00 per month, for Secretarial service.

An invitation to affiliate with the American Orchid Society was received but the Board once more voted to not affiliate, at least not at this time.

The Pasadena Flower Show representative was again Francis ‘Bert’ Cobb. A most outstanding orchid display was staged but primarily by commercial growers this year.

It was decided that a judging class should be formed, so Chairman Ernest Hetherington had to formulate plans and procure instructors for this project. He planned the first class for January, 1951 and he would conduct this First.

The Fred A. Stewart Perpetual Trophy along with the rules and regulations for winning said trophy were accepted. Mr. Everett Wilcox’s plant, Cyp. Margaret MacCaull had received the highest points for the year 1950 and so was the First to be awarded this trophy—the

presentation to be made at the January 1951 meeting, provided Mr. Wilcox could be in attendance at this meeting.

A donation not to exceed \$50.00 was voted to be given to the "Friend of Plummer Park". Actual donation given was \$35.00.

The judging of plants was becoming most time consuming so it was voted that plants to be judged must be in place by 7:00 P.M. The American Orchid Society was asked to request their judges to judge certain exhibits of the Orchid Society of Southern California at displays this coming spring, especially the Cymbidium displays in March.

Some of the programs for the year were: Judging participation by members with H. C. Swim and Ernest Hetherington assisting. Question and Answer Programs, 1. Moderator J. Henry Orme and panel members: S. J. Bracey, H. C. Swim, E. W. Menninger and Don Sherman. 2. Moderator J. Henry Orme again and panel members: S. J. Bracey, Paul Baker and Ernest Hetherington. Cymbidium night—Displays by commercial growers and talks by: Vic Daniels, Control of Cymbidium Pests; Glenn Hiatt, Light, Water and Compost for Cymbidiums and J. C. Wright, Back-bulb Propagating; Orchid Growing in Hawaii by Emil Vacin; Orchid Growing Through the Southern States, West Indies, Virgin Islands, Trinidad, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama, by Dr. Earl Wells; The Orchid Genera and Their Distribution, by Ernest Hetherington and Orchid Picturama, slides of members of the society's collections.

Total membership for the year was 212. Total Cash on Hand as of December 16, 1950 was \$1,263.83, a net increase over 1949 of \$633.13. A very nice increase indeed.



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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

PART V

Being a relatively new society there were many "Firsts" yet to come and 1951 was to have its share of these highlights.

One of the big "Firsts" of the year was the planned "Round the World" trip of the late Dr. Earl Wells and Mrs. Wells. They were to leave the first part of October. Dr. Wells resigned as Treasurer of the Society at the September 18th Board Meeting. The Board of Directors appointed Dr. and Mrs. Wells, on behalf of the Orchid Society of Southern California, Orchid Ambassadors. The Governor of California, Earl Warren, and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Fletcher Bowron, also appointed them Ambassadors of Orchids and Good-will. Mr. William Beatty was elected by the Directors to fill Dr. Wells unexpired term as Treasurer.

Another Board Member had to resign as the December 20th Board meeting, Mr. Herbert Swim, and Mr. Albert Moore was elected to fill his unexpired term.

Dues again were discussed and it was decided at the March 20th Board Meeting that: 1. Members in the armed forces (Korea) would have their dues suspended while they are in the service. 2. Also it was voted that the initiation fee of \$5.00 be suspended for the present.

The society had been entering displays in the Pasadena Flower shows now for several years but this was the first year to enter displays in the Pomona Fair and the International Flower Show. For the very attractive display of 40 Swans on a lake, pulling a boat out of a jungle fountain – boat and swans filled with orchids – the Society was given a show medal and a cash award. Mr. Howard A. Anderson was show chairman and for his outstanding efforts he was presented a plant of C. Snowden, also all members who had loaned plants for the display were given seedling Cattleya plants by the society as a token of appreciation. Another cash award was given the society for the display at the International Flower Show.

The 1951 Officers and Directors were:

J. A. Miller, President

Howard I. Stites, 1st Vice President

Morris Holmquist, 2nd Vice President

Earl W. Wells, M.D., Treasurer

Etta Gray, M.D., Secretary

Directors: Robert Casamajor, Ernest E. Hetherington, Francis B. Cobb (Their term to expire in 1951); J. A. Muller, J. Henry Orme, Herbert Swim (Their term to expire in 1952); Robert B. Dugger, D. N. Macconel and Everett C. Wilcox (Their term to expire in 1953). Mr. Jean P. Spitzel, Representative on the Orchid Digest Board.

Mr. Jean Spitzel was elected Vice President of the Orchid Digest Corporation. He suggested to the Orchid Digest Board that they consider inviting all interested California or West Coast and Hawaii Orchid Societies to become additional co-sponsors (until January of 1952 there were only three societies sponsoring the Orchid Digest, i.e. the founding societies—Orchid Society of California, Inc., Orchid Society of Southern California, Inc., and Sacramento Chapter of the Orchid Society of California, Inc. this latter society to later become the Sacramento Orchid Society.) The Directors of the Orchid Society of Southern California approved this proposal as did the Directors of the Orchid Digest and its other sponsoring societies. It was approved by the Directors of the Digest Corporation at their July 6, 1951 meeting at which time they amended their By-laws to invite and permit other societies to become sponsors of the Orchid Digest. Mr. Jean Spitzel would continue in 1952 to be the Orchid Society of Southern California's representative on the Orchid Digest Board. (Per Board of Directors 1951 minutes.)

Another first (and only time to date) the Annual Dinner was put on by an outstanding Hollywood caterer and was held at Plummer Park on the 9th of April. Cost of dinner \$2.75 per person, this included the tax and tip. The speakers for this evening were: Mr. S. J. Bracey, "Light Intensity for Orchid Plants"; and the late Mr. James L. Carberry, "Cymbidium Culture".

The other programs for the year were:

January – Joe Ozzella on Cattleyas, Francis B. Cobb gave a Resume of the Society's history.

February – J. Chalmers Wright on Propagation of Cymbidium Backbulbs "Why, When and How"; Everett Wilcox on Growing and Propagation of Cypripediums; Glenn Hiatt on Phalaenopsis Culture. Peter Black was an unexpected visitor and added a few remarks on this observations of culture in the Southern California area.

March – Jean Spitzel on Starting Cattleya Back Bulbs; Jack Hudlow on Important factors in Flowering Cymbidiums; Dr. Etta Gray on Growing and Flowering Phalaenopsis.

May – John K. Asder on Raising of Cattleya Seedlings; Don Sherman on Raising of Cymbidium Seedlings and Mmes. Sprague and Ruth Demonstrated Orchid Corsage Making.



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[1951 OSSC programs, continued:]

June – Harry Crosby on Observations on Orchid Growing in Various Establishments in Europe; Dr. D. N. Jefferson, Entomologist at UCLA on Orchid Insecticides.

July – Harold Vorhis on The Feeding and Dry Growing of Orchids.

August – Ernest Hetherington on Problems of the Amateur Orchid Grower.

September – Dr. Wendt of Cal-Tech on Orchids in Java and Experiments at the Earhart Laboratory; Gordon Hoyt was a surprise visitor and spoke on Miltonias and states that they were within the temperature range of Southern California growers; Gene Casey on How the Orchids had invaded him until his houses were bulging.

October – O. A. Matkin on Experimental Feeding of Cattleyas.

November – Herb Hager on Growing Cattleyas in the San Francisco Bay Region; D. N. Macconel on Vandas.

December – Albert Moore on Botanicals; Hans Gubler on Orchid Symbiosis or Fungi Necessary for Orchid Culture.

Another project undertaken by this hard working Board was the printing of an "Information Pamphlet on Orchids, The Orchid Society of Southern California and the Orchid Digest Corporation". Mr. Robert Casamajor, with the help of Ernest Hetherington, was elected to compose the pamphlet. (It was printed in 1952.) Also along this same line – it was decided that a new format for the monthly notice of meetings was needed and a committee composed of

Dr. Etta Gray, Howard Anderson and Jean Spitzel were authorized to design said form, and once designed to put it into use.

At the December Board of Directors meeting it was voted to try out for at least a 3 month period the serving of refreshments following the regular society meetings. This to start with the January meeting. It was also decided to spend \$40.00 per month for Raffle Plants.

A motion was passed providing that a photographer be paid \$1.00 for each photograph taken of awarded plants or flowers.

The nominating committee as appointed by the Board of Directors was: Mrs. Janice Spitzel, Chairman and Messrs. Robert Dugger, J. A. Muller, Ernest Hetherington and Alfred R. Muhlethaler.

Were you beginning to think JUDGING was forgotten? Just the reverse! New judges had to be trained and then appointed. Mr. Paul Baker, Chairman of the Judging Committee was instructed to appoint 4 members of the Orchid Society of Southern California as his operating committee, subject of course to the approval of the President of the Society. The Board of Directors passed the following resolution: "When and if the judging committee feels that an individual who has studied judging in class, and meets the qualifications of a judge, that this individual be passed upon by the judging committee, in session, and that the committee make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that such an individual be approved as judge for the Orchid Society of Southern California. Then the Board of Directors will be glad to act upon such recommendation." So during 1951 the following were qualified and voted judges of the Orchid Society of Southern California: Glenn Hiatt, Robert Casamajor, Sidney J. Bracey, Don Sherman, Clarence Chase, Mrs. Nell Howard, Guy Burroughs, Paul Baker, Mrs. Etta Gray, Mrs. Dorothy Holmquist, Dr. Earl W. Wells and Mrs. Violet Muhlethaler.

40 awards were granted in 1951 and were divided between the so called "Big Three" as follows: Cattleyas and allied genera received a total of 23 awards, 18 Bronze, 3 Silver and 1 Gold, another First, a Cultural Award to C. Guttata exhibited by John K. Asder at the August meeting. Cymbidiums received a total of 5 awards; 4 Bronze and 1 Silver Award. The Gold Award was granted to: Cattleya Tethys 'Armacost' and was exhibited by Armacost and Royston at the August meeting. Cyp. Euryostom 'Excelsior' AM/RHS exhibited by Sherman Orchid Gardens at the January meeting and at the December meeting they exhibited Cyp. Roger Coulson AM/RHS which received the last Gold Award for this year.

This most busy year was concluded with a bank balance of \$1,885.90.

The "Information Pamphlet on Orchids" was approved at the January, 1952 Board of Directors meeting and 5,000 copies ordered printed. This project was the first major printing job undertaken by the society. Mrs. Hetherington made the design for the cover of the pamphlet. Also 1952 was the first time that the membership list was printed and mailed to each member. Yes, the society was growing in several directions.

The 1952 officers and directors were:

President—Morris Holmquist

1st Vice President—J. A. Muller

2nd Vice President—Howard A. Anderson

Treasurer—William E. Beatty

Secretary—Etta Gray, M.D.

Directors: J. A. Muller, J. Henry Orme, Albert R. Moore (Their terms to expire in 1952); Robert B. Dugger, D. N. Macconel, Everett C. Wilcox (Their terms to expire in 1953); Robert Casamajor, Francis B. Cobb, Ernest E. Hetherington (Their terms to expire in 1954). Mr. Jean P. Spitzel, Representative on the Orchid Digest Board.

The Board voted to increase the purchase price for Raffle Plants to \$55.00 per month. Fred A. Stewart and Armacost and Royston donated \$20.00 per month for 3 months each, in small seedlings to the Raffle Plants. Stewart's donating July to September and Armacost and Royston October to December.

Mr. D. N. Macconel resigned from the Board at the April 7th meeting and Mr. Sidney J. Bracey was voted to fill the unexpired term.

Judging forms for Phalaenopsis were approved by the judges and officers. It was recommended by Mr. Hetherington that the forms for each genus be printed on different colored paper for easier handling in the judging room. Classes in judging were resumed with Mr. Hetherington conducting a class on Cattleyas in September. Cypripedium, Cymbidium and Phalaenopsis classes would be conducted as these flowers came into the blooming season. Joseph R. Hampton and Francis B. Cobb were appointed O.S.S.C. judges.

The 6th Gold Medal Award was given to Lc. Mem. Albert Heinecke 'Meteor' with a score of 91.75. This plant was shown by the B. O. Bracey Co. This was the last Gold Medal Award to be given by the society. This award is now the much coveted and seldom won FCC.

The following rules were presented by Mr. Hetherington and adopted by the Board of Directors:

Rules for Certificate Awards Drawn Up by the Committee on Awards, August 26, 1949

1. To award certificates: Bronze certificate, at least 75 points; Silver certificate, at least 82 points; Gold certificate, at least 90 points.
2. All plants shall be properly and correctly labeled with the name and parentage whenever possible.
3. Each plant shall be given an entry number to facilitate the keeping of records.
4. There is no limit to the number of plants an individual may submit for judging.
5. All plants shall be judged by the proper forms. Form A. – Cattleyas and Cattleya Hybrids; Form B. – Cymbidiums; Form C. – Cypripediums.
6. No judge may judge his own plant or flowers.
7. Cut flowers are eligible for judging subject to possible loss of points on flowering habit.
8. Point awards shall be arrived at by averaging the totals of all the judges participating.

9. All members in good standing are eligible to submit plants. Other plants may be submitted at the discretion of the judges.
10. Permanent records shall be kept of all plants judged.
11. To qualify for a Certificate Award, a plant or flower must be judged by at least three (3) judges.
12. The reviewing committee shall approve or disapprove all awards immediately after judging.
13. All awards must be reviewed by a review committee.
14. The judging panel shall consist of 3 judges and 2 alternates.
15. The form for judging Cattleyas and other genera is hereby made a part of these rules.
– Accepted by Directors 1-2-50

Awards Review Committee

The Awards review committee shall consist of three* members appointed by the President. The duties of the committee shall be:

1. Review all awards given by the committee on awards and approve same or recommend changes.
2. The Secretary of the review committee shall be responsible for the tabulation of all scores at judgments.
3. The Chairman of the awards review committee shall sign all Certificates issued.

*This committee increased to five members by the Directors at the July 7, 1952 Board Meeting.

It was requested that all awards be numbered and that they be published annually in the Orchid Digest.

The Board of Directors was notified that Gordon Dillon was to be in the Los Angeles area April 25th to May 2nd, 1952. It was decided that the Board would hold a special meeting and invite Mr. Dillon to attend the meeting. Several of the Board members felt that it would be good to have A.O.S. judges in the Los Angeles area judge 3 or 4 times per year at the society meetings, once during the peak of the Cymbidium, Cattleya and Cypripedium seasons. He suggested that the society write the American Orchid Society Trustees requesting this judging. This was done and the following was the result of this request:

“A communication from the American Orchid Society – “The Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society Recommendation”

‘Recommendation regarding West Coast Judging’

‘After thoroughly discussing the request of the Orchid Society of Southern California, the Committee on Awards concluded that it would be in the best interest of orchids, in general, and of the American Orchid Society, in particular, to establish on the West Coast some system of periodic judging for American Orchid Society Awards in line with the proposal of the Orchid Society of Southern California, but that it would not be possible to grant to any Society the authority to conduct such American Orchid Society judging. The Committee on Awards,

therefore, believing the desired results could be achieved in the following manner, recommends that a certain number of members of the American Orchid Society who reside on the West Coast, upon the recommendation of the the Board of Directors of the Orchid Society of Southern California, be appointed by the Trustees of the American Orchid Society for a term of one year as a sub-committee under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Awards for the purpose of conducting American Orchid Society judging in January, April and September, utilizing the facilities offered by the Orchid Society of Southern California.’

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society unanimously approved this recommendation and requests the Orchid Society of Southern California’s approval and consent to the arrangement suggested. Further, the Trustees of the American Orchid Society request that the Board of Directors of the Orchid Society of Southern California submit the names of three or five persons whom they might recommend to be in charge of the American Orchid Society judging on the West Coast in conformity with the above recommendation. The names of these persons will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting on September 25th so that the American Orchid Society judging could be instituted with the January, 1953, meeting.”

The Board of Directors discussed the recommendations carefully. They then voted to accept the recommendation and nominated Messrs. Morris Holmquist, Jay A. Muller, Robert Casamajor, Howard A. Anderson and Dr. Etta Gray to be appointed to the sub-committee on Awards of the American Orchid Society.

Mr. Dillon also discussed with the Directors at the above stated meeting tentative plans for a World Orchid Conference stating there was some hope that the conference might be held on the West Coast. (The first one was in St. Louis so why not try for the 5th one on the West Coast – L. A. area, that is?)

Now back to the judging by the A.O.S. judges. This most important first was held at the October meeting and the first A.O.S. award granted was an Award of Botanical Merit with a score of 89 points. The plant – *Cymbidium erythrostylum* owned by Lambert Day.



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The nominating committee submitted the following slate of Officers and Directors for 1953, and they were duly elected at the December meeting:

President, Howard A. Anderson; 1st Vice President, Morris Holmquist; 2nd Vice President, Glenn H. Hiatt; Treasurer, John W. Yuill; Secretary, Dr. Etta Gray; Directors, Messrs. Joseph R. Hampton, Albert R. Moore and Don Sherman. The Directors remaining on the Board were: Messrs. Robert B. Dugger, Sidney J. Bracey, Everett C. Wilcox, Francis B. Cobb, Robert Casamajor and Ernest H. Hetherington. The Directors for the Orchid Digest Corporation were: Messrs. Jean Spitzel, Morris Holmquist and Robert Dugger.

These Officers and Directors realized that time was certainly very short to prepare for a Show and Congress so they went to work at once.

The first order of business was to set up the show committee. Mr. Arthur Freed was elected Show President; Howard A. Anderson, Chairman; Jean Spitzel, Congress Chairman; and a Fine Committee consisting of Pamela Edwards, Opal Scarborough, Francis Cobb and Howard A. Anderson.

The Show was staged at the Hollywood Athletic Club, February 26, 27, 28 and March 1, 1953. The Congress Headquarters was the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Lectures were conducted during the day and evening by such noted Orchidists as: Robert Jones, Ernest Hetherington, Joseph Hampton, L. F. Hawkinson, M.D., Ferguson Beall, Robert Casamajor, Jack Hudlow, Glenn Hiatt, Herbert Hager, Norris Powell, Gordon Hoyt, Keith S. Low, Albert Moore and Rebecca T. Northen.

The Show opened Thursday evening with a formal dinner and show preview at the Hollywood Athletic Club. All of the orchid dignitaries and some of the "Hollywood hierarchy" were in attendance. It was truly a "gala affair" complete with an Orchids and Furs Fashion Show put on by Carolyn Leonetti. The trophy awards were presented by the winners at the banquet and then we all adjourned to view the show for the first time; and a most beautiful show it was too.

On Friday morning tours of various private greenhouses were conducted and on Saturday tours were conducted to the commercial ranges of: Orchid Research (Glenn Hiatt); Sherman Orchid Gardens; Norris Powell's Orchid Ranch; Fred A. Stewart's where a buffet luncheon was served; then on to Joe Ozzella's and Armacost and Royston's. Quite a long and busy day – but also quite a treat for the out-of-town visitors to visit so many and with such a wide range of genera.

The Shore Advertising Agency underwrote the show for \$5,500.00 and were supposed to furnish the trophies. However it was noted that the quality they were having sponsored by the Hollywood merchants was not desirable, so Mr. Anderson, through the assistance of Mr. Spitzel, purchased the trophies. The Board of Directors had Mr. Anderson reimbursed for the \$307.00 which he had paid for the trophies. For some reason (your reporter is unable to find any record of cause) there was a show deficit of \$541.50. Other than this deficit – the Show and Congress were a big success and many new members were gained by our society as a direct result of this Congress.

The other Society activities did not stop because of the Congress; in fact most of them became more active. Judging certainly had to grow (a large show remember) so new judges were appointed in 1953: Alvin Embree and George Ashby for *Cypripediums* only; Morris Holmquist, *Cattleyas* only; Albert Moore, Raymond MacLeod and J. A. Muller for all genera. The Board also recommended to the Trustees of the American Orchid Society that Don Sherman and Glenn Hiatt be appointed A.O.S. Judges, and further recommended that the same Judging Committee for the Southern California area be retained: J. A. Muller, Howard A. Anderson, Morris Holmquist, Robert Casamajor and Dr. Etta Gray.

The need for good photographs of the awarded flowers was stressed and with this in mind the Board decided to employ Randolph Sage as the Official Photographer. The photographic committee was asked to compile a book of black and white photographs of the awarded flowers and the book kept up to date for the society.

The question of length of time one must own a plant in order to win an award was discussed and it was pointed out that the judges were judging a flower and not the grower so there should be no time limit except for a trophy award and that would be put in the rules and regulations governing the trophy awards.

A trophy committee was formed by the Board at their July 18th meeting, consisting of Morris Holmquist, Glenn Hiatt and Ernest Hetherington. They were to formulate the Rules and Regulations governing the O.S.S.C. Trophy.

The Judging Committee on Forms (Ernest Hetherington, Chairman) was requested to prepare rules and judging forms for spray orchids.

Mr. Gordon Dillon, Executive Secretary of the American Orchid Society again met with the O.S.S.C. Board at the November 14th meeting. He discussed the forthcoming 1st World Orchid Conference which would be held in St. Louis in October of 1954. He expressed the hope of having monthly A.O.S. judging on the West Coast, possibly 5 months in Southern California, 5 months in Northern California and 2 months in Seattle. The Orchid Societies would have to request such judging.

It was decided to continue as a member of the Pasadena Flower Show and to participate in their show. Mr. Anderson was again chairman and the committee's outstanding exhibit netted the society another \$150.00 first prize.

The society was doing so well financially that it was decided to put \$1,500.00 of the funds into a savings account. The cash on hand December 31, 1953 was \$2,745.22 only \$2.88 gain for the year.

The nominating committee consisting of Quinn Buck, Albert R. Mpoore, J. Henry Orme, Ernest Hetherington and Alfred Muhlethaler, Chairman, was appointed by the Board of Directors. They presented the following slate of Officers: President, J. A. Muller; 1st Vice President, Howard A. Anderson; 2nd Vice President, Morris Holmquist; Secretary, Dr. Etta Gray; Treasurer, John W. Yuill; Directors: R. J. Chrisman, C. E. Cunningham and Glenn H. Hiatt.

Upon the President's request for nominations from the floor the following were nominated by the late Dr. Earl Wells: President, John W. Chadwick; 1st Vice President Howard A. Anderson; 2nd Vice President, R. J. Chrisman; Secretary, Dr. Etta Gray; Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Hecker; Directors: Lambert E. Day and Sidney J. Bracey. Mr. Bracey declined the nomination and nominated Dr. Earl Wells in his place. The members nominated by Dr. Wells for President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer withdrew their candidacy so the elected Officers for the year 1954 were: President, J. A. Muller; 1st Vice President, Howard A. Anderson; 2nd Vice President, Morris Holmquist; Secretary, Dr. Etta Gray; Treasurer, John W. Yuill; Directors: R. J. Chrisman, Glenn H. Hiatt and Dr. Earl W. Wells. Mr. C. E. Cunningham was defeated.

The Program Chairman was allowed \$150.00 for programs for the year, with the following programs being presented:

January—Don Sherman "Ideal Growing Conditions for *Cypripediums*".

February—Joseph Hampton "Cattleyas, Their Culture and Varieties".

March—Jack Hudlow "Cymbidium Culture".

April—W. A. Brown "How a Hobby Grows".

May—Albert R. Moore "The Culture of Botanicals and Species" – Alex Hawkes "Varieties and Sources of Botanicals and Species".

June—Sidney J. Bracey "Principles of Orchid Culture", Mrs. Frances Chadwick demonstrated "Making Orchid Corsages" prior to the meeting.

July—Herbert Hager "Keep Up to Date with Cattleyas".

August—Panel of O.S.S.C. Judges "Discussion on Awarded Plants since 1949".

September—Moderator Glenn Hiatt; Panel: Joseph R. Hampton, Joe Ozzella, Don Sherman, Ernest Hetherington and John Chadwick "Here's the Answer".

October—Amateur Panel – J. Henry Orme, Moderator; Panel: Mrs. A. E. Hecker, Messrs. Albert R. Moore and R. J. Chrisman "Growing Orchids Under Their Various Conditions".

November—Arthur Detweiler "Orchids – the Market and Distribution".

December—Mrs. Frances Chadwick "Orchids in Arrangements" with special emphasis on arrangements suited for the holiday season. This was certainly a program we'll all long remembers. Our Program Chairman had saved his allowable expense money for this program and it was truly a "Holiday with Orchids".