

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

Our meeting got off to a good start with the announcement that it had been decided that we would be the host society for the 1955 Western Orchid Congress, November 10, 11, 12, and 13, 1955. Mr. Joseph Hampton spoke on "The Use of Artificial Lights for Controlling Orchids."* The plant forum was conducted by Mr. Morris Holmquist and Mr. A. M. Thompson.
Mrs. Elva Hanes

*Mr. Hampton's talk on the same subject at the Western Orchid Congress was recorded and will appear as an article in an early issue of the DIGEST.—Ed.

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The November meeting of the Society was held at Silverado Park, Long Beach, California. Pres. George D. Field announced that the 1955 Western Orchid congress would be in Long Beach on November 10-13th.

Mr. Joseph Hampton, who was our guest speaker, talked on "The Use of Artificial Lights for Controlling Orchids." He briefly reviewed the past and present picture in Southern California. Around 1925, the orchid market was a dealers' market, but soon afterwards it was realized that many of the fine hybrids were blooming at the wrong time of the year moneywise — when there was no market for the flowers. A few progressive growers tried controlling the crop with lights, a procedure which works for some orchids, particularly the *labiata* hybrids. Today light is used extensively in this area to control the flowering period of light-controllable orchids. The plant forum was conducted by Morris Holmquist and A. M. Thompson.

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