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PROGRAM - APRIL 25, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.

ORCHIDS IN GENERAL

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It is again a pleasure to have as our speaker for the next meeting one of our own members, Mr. Paul Brecht. Mr. Brecht came down to the Southland last year and is now connected with B. O. Bracey & Company in Costa Mesa. He worked for Rod McLellan Company in San Francisco for 19 years and has also been in touch with some of the largest orchid ranges in California. He is past president of several orchid societies in the Bay area, and was general chairman of the 6th Annual Orchid Congress when it was held in Palo Alto.

Those of our members who were not present at the March meeting missed an excellent presentation of Cymbidium growing by Mr. Paul Gripp from the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. Mr. Robert Jeal, 1st vice president, introduced Mr. Gripp, who is a graduate of UCLA in Horticulture and has been with Mr. R. J. Chrisman for ten years. His talk was most instructive, sparked with wit, and dusted with a puckish sense of humor. When he had finished, we felt, indeed, that we had had a "Tour on an Orchid Range". Mr. Gripp had a very fine visual demonstration on the platform of what to do and what not to do. Plants needing fertilizing or water, plants in a run-down condition, as well as plants ready for the market were all displayed for the membership to inspect. Large, clearly printed charts told of watering, potting, feeding and soil mixes. These were especially valuable, judging by the number of people who were busily jotting down the information.

## PLANT FORUM

There were not as many plants on the tables this month as usual. Cymbidiums, Vandas and botanicals prevailed. Mr. Harry Rapella, Chairman of the Forum, asked Mr. Clark Day and Mr. John Hanes to discuss the botanicals, Vandas and Phaleonopsis. Mr. Jones and Mr. Bailey both brought most interesting collections of botanicals, on which Mr. Hanes gave a clear and detailed commentary. Mrs. Nell Howard told of her first love--Cypripediums; Mr. Gripp, Cymbidiums, and Mr. Murray Spencer followed on the Cattleyas.

## PLANT DRAWING

The plants this month were from the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates - needless to say, they were lovely, and congratulations to the lucky winners! We are also indebted to Mr. Rapella for a large donation of matured seedlings and plants; also to Southern California Greenhouse Co. and to Rheinfrank & Associates for their gifts.



## NOVICE CLASS

Mr. George Hudson, Chairman of the Novice Class, announced its new streamlining and gave a list of the prerequisites for membership - one of the most important being that those attending the Novice Class regularly MUST be members in good standing of the South Coast Orchid Society. Guests are eligible to participate in the monthly drawings at the Class, but are not entitled to the semi-annual bonus distribution.

The March 27th meeting (instead of the regular date, April 3) was held in the hillside home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Perez in San Pedro. Our California weather "done us wrong" and a heavy drizzle necessitated the meeting to be held indoors. So we crowded into the spacious rumpus room where a bright fire on the hearth took the chill off some of us and toasted others to a golden brown. The high point of the day was an impromptu talk by Lee Bentzen (aided and abetted by Sara's comments) on their recent trip to Hawaii. We only wish we had had a tape recorder so that Lee's clever and informative talk could have been preserved. When we tell you that he talked for 40 minutes without repeating himself, and held the close attention of the whole group all that time, those who missed the meeting will realize that they missed a treat. Many thanks to the Bentzens! How about going to Brazil next time?

Mr. and Mrs. Perez were delightful hosts, and the Novice Class thanks them again for their hospitality.

NOTA BENE: The next meeting will be at F. A. Stewart, Inc. on Las Tunas Drive in San Gabriel Sunday, May 2, 1960. Please note that as Stewart's does not open until the afternoon, the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. At that time it is expected to hold the regular semi-annual distribution of gift certificates for attendance.

## AWARDS

Mr. W. F. Uhlman received the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Award of a silver bowl for his Vanda seedling shown at the Santa Barbara Show.

Mr. A. E. Falk announced that 16 plants had been entered for judging at the meeting, but none were considered of award quality. He offered an innovation this month - during the intermission, those entering plants for judging could meet with the judges in the side room and discuss with them just where their plants fell down in quality. It is hoped that these talks will be fruitful in showing the members just where their plants were deemed lacking in award quality.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mr. W. C. Wilson, President, announced that the Board of Directors had decided to terminate the membership drive as of March 31, 1960. After that date, although new members will be very welcome, there will not be the bonus plant cuttings from Mr. Falk for new member and sponsor. The subscriptions to the Orchid Digest were also emphasized, and the value of the magazine to orchid hobbyists on the West Coast. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the Society will subscribe to this little magazine. It is the only official organ for us here in the West, and is especially tailored to our needs. Remember, good friends, that the magazine is no better than you yourselves make it by your support. No organization can get along without that peculiar stuff called variously, filthy lucre, long green, or mazoola -- you know that this is to your magazine as fertilizer is to your plants - its what makes it grow. So let's make the Orchid Digest grow, grow, GROW with subscriptions. Let's make our goal 4,000 members. Remember, your dues PLUS ten annual issues of the Digest for only \$9.00.

## PLANT DRAWING

The plants at the April meeting will be furnished by Ilsley's Orchids.

The following new members, along with those previously listed in last month's bulletin, will be eligible for the bonus plant donation given by Mr. Falk, as their dues were received prior to March 31, 1960. Many of them will also be eligible for Mr. Rapella's plant donation for new subscriptions to the Orchid Digest:

Please enter these names in your directory to keep it up to date:

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