

# BULLETIN of the AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

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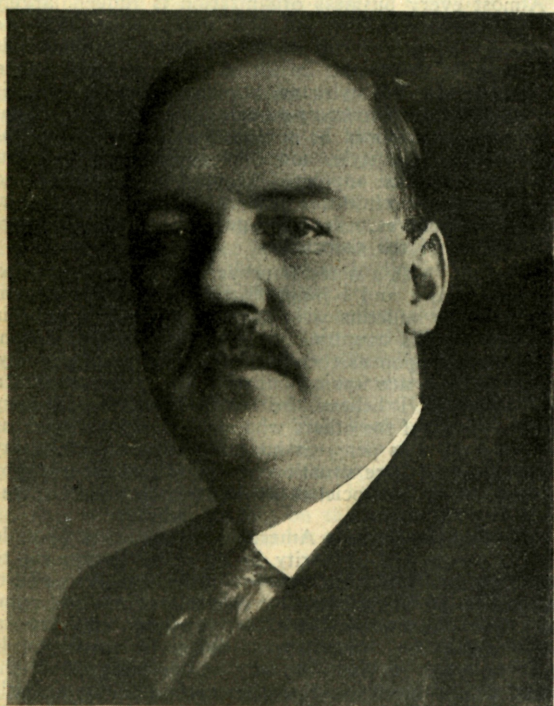
study the diseases of the Dahlia and find remedies for same, and to disseminate information relating to this flower; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at flower shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed advisable."

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**Our new President, Thomas Leavitt**  
Assinippi, Massachusetts

## Inaugural Address

The American Dahlia Society is looked up to as the parent organization by nearly all Dahlia growers and lovers. It should, therefore, take the lead in every movement which is for the benefit of the Dahlia or those engaged in growing this flower. It should be ever on the alert with new ideas which tend to improve the growing of the Dahlia and increase its popularity. It should ever exert itself.

During the last few years, while the society has grown, I feel that it has not kept pace with the times and expanded as rapidly as it should.

This, I think, is due very largely to the inactivity of the Executive Committee as a whole. The secretary has practically carried the burden alone. This is the result more of custom than anything else. When the society was small the secretary and the president guided its destinies without any apparent effort and the other members of the Executive Committee were not especially active. The governing board of the American Dahlia Society is its Executive Committee. I feel that each and every member of that board should be actively engaged in doing his or her part toward carrying the burden. I believe that the members of the Executive Committee are willing and anxious to do their part.

The American Dahlia Society has been fortunate in the fact that it has had for many years, the services of an able secretary who has been greatly interested in his work and the society, and has given painstaking effort in all that he has attempted. During the last two years he has had several ill turns, two of the most serious of these occurring shortly after our annual exhibitions. I well remember the condition of affairs in the secretary's office in the early days. It was practically impossible to receive a reply when communicating with that office. Since the advent of Mr. Rathgeber all this has changed. He has been prompt in answering correspondence, faithful in his attendance at the meetings, and painstaking in his efforts to make the American Dahlia Society the leading organization of its kind in the world.

As years roll by, he, like the rest of us, is fast approaching the sunset of life. He has been, and is today, an exceedingly valuable officer to this association. He started in his present position when the organization was in its youthful status. Year by year it has proceeded to grow. All the details of his office which he took on when he assumed that position, have likewise grown, until today we find him over-burdened with the duties of the many responsibilities he has been forced to assume. He has carried on without complaint and is apparently willing to give his last ounce of strength in the performance of his duty. But there is a limit to all things.

I believe he is altogether too valuable to be sacrificed. The history of his services as secretary is practically the



history of the advance of our society. With his great knowledge of the detail of this society, I feel every effort should be made to conserve his strength. I believe that some of the duties he now performs should be placed upon the shoulders of others. I know he will still want to carry them, but I believe it is the opinion of every member of this committee that he should not be allowed to handle the great mass of detail any longer unassisted, even though he may desire to do so. We need him more than ever today as he has a fund of information and experience which cannot be readily obtained excepting from him. This and him we should conserve.

I believe that the secretary owes it to himself and to the society to do everything possible to lighten his burden without interfering in a general way with the efficiency he has so generally manifested. I shall, therefore, during this inaugural address make suggestions which will not only tend to lighten his load but also place upon the members of this committee more of the active and detailed responsibilities than they have heretofore carried.

I believe that the secretary will have all he can possibly attend to in fairness to himself and to our association in carrying out the general activities of the office of secretary, with the increases that are bound to come to him if the recommendations I make are adopted by this Executive Committee.

I also believe that a stated salary should be paid to the incumbent of this office. I have sat on this committee from time to time and heard motions made whereby a dole was handed out to him. While I appreciate as I think all of you do, the fact that he did not enter upon his duties of the office of secretary because of its remuneration, I do feel that with the responsibilities of that office having increased from time to time that he is entitled to a stated salary, and not to be humiliated by hearing the matter discussed at various times, as to how much the society can afford to pay. I therefore recommend to the Budget Committee, if appointed, that when it makes up the budget for the ensuing year, it include the secretary on a fair salary basis.

In this connection, I am reminded that the treasurer also is paid after discussion as to how much we can afford to give. This is unbusinesslike and must be more or less humiliating to the incumbent of that position and to the members of the Executive Committee as well. The office of treasurer is a very important one, not only to the association, but to the Executive Committee whose members are the governing board of the society.

Without proper detailed reports of receipts and expenditures the Executive Committee is not in any position to determine the condition or status of the society. Without having made inquiry I believe that the treasurer should keep a proper cash book, as well as a ledger, and that the substance of the detail of these two books together with the balance on hand at the beginning and end of a stated period ought to be furnished every member of the Executive Committee at each meeting we hold. Only in this way can we become familiar with the financial detail of our society and govern it intelligently.

Being an incorporated body under the laws of the State of New York the Executive Committee is responsible for the government of our society. We are responsible if it is successful and we are equally responsible if it is unsuccessful. The fact that we may be ignorant of certain details is no excuse in the eyes of the law in case of failure. We are elected by the members at large

for the express purpose of governing their society and if we fail in any detail the responsibility is ours and not that of any other individual or individuals.

I believe the law places the full burden of responsibility upon the Executive Committee, which is paramount to requiring the treasurer to furnish a detailed statement of the financial standing of the society together with a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures at every meeting of the Executive Committee. I recommend that a salary commensurate with the above program be paid the treasurer.

I feel that a Budget Committee of three members should be appointed to make up a yearly budget for the guidance of the Executive Committee. It has long since been demonstrated that most successful business organizations lean heavily upon an annual budget system in laying out the year's work and expenditures. I believe such a system of the greatest value and benefit, not only to the business organizations but individuals as well and commend it to the earnest consideration of this Executive Committee.

Almost every business organization is judged largely by the stationery it uses. It seems to me that the stationery in use by the American Dahlia Society falls far short of the mark. Much of the type used therein is obsolete and the style and make-up and press work is not at all attractive nor up-to-date. I believe that all of our stationery should be standardized with the use of modern type and style, and I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to handle this matter, and report at the next meeting, and in the meantime that no more stationery be ordered or purchased by any officers or member of the association.

There has been a noted improvement in our BULLETIN, typographically, and I judge financially. At the present time Dahlia bulletins are issued by several Dahlia societies in this country. All of these societies ought to be looked upon as the children of the parent society. Some of them are issuing bulletins more than once in a year although I believe the number so doing is very small. Some of the others who started out to issue four or more numbers per year have fallen back, until today I believe this entire situation can best be summed up by saying that these societies are getting down to a year book.

The BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society should be the recognized authority in all things pertaining to the Dahlia. With this in mind I believe our efforts should be put forth in an attempt to increase the numbers from four to six BULLETINS per year, with eventually making it a monthly publication. In order to do this we ought to have the full co-operation of all the local Dahlia societies. I believe it would be a fairly easy matter to secure this co-operation by allotting to each society a certain amount of space in each or certain numbers of the BULLETIN. This would have to be followed up more or less to be sure that they were awake to the opportunities offered them and accepted the same by producing material of value which would be worthy of publication.

Some arrangement ought to be made whereby the members of affiliated societies should receive all numbers of the BULLETIN. At the present time some half dozen copies are sent to the secretary of each society, as I understand it, and then it is up to that secretary to see that these six copies are properly distributed among the members. With a membership of 200 or so this becomes an impossibility. In fact I believe in many cases the six copies never leave the secretary's office after their receipt.



The additional circulation to be obtained in a Class A field would in my judgment more than offset the cost of furnishing these extra copies. I believe all this detail should be carefully worked out by a committee of three and then submitted to the Executive Committee for its action. The major part of this increased work would, of course, fall on the secretary, but I feel he should have the assistance of this special committee in following up the detail and assisting him in the preparation and publication of the BULLETIN.

Our membership is now approximately 2,000 and while this is by far the largest active membership of any Dahlia Society in this country, it is not a fair representation of Dahlia lovers. I believe our aim should be to reach 5,000 members. An active campaign should be started and various ways and means set in motion to bring about the desired results. I believe it would be possible for the American Dahlia Society to obtain permission at all Dahlia shows to have a booth whereby information on the society could be disseminated and applications for membership secured. This is bound to add to the duties of the secretary and I believe a committee of three should be appointed to formulate plans for such a campaign and act with the secretary in putting them into operation.

The auditing of the books of the society ought to be done by a certified accountant as is the case in practically all business organizations and not by members of our Executive Committee in a perfunctory manner. The cost is reasonable. This is not only good insurance for the treasurer but also for the members of the Executive Committee and it would be conclusive evidence if trouble arose, that the members of the Executive Committee were not lax in their duties in this particular. I recommend this matter to the serious attention of the Executive Committee.

With an active working Executive Committee the income as well as the membership ought to increase. I hope the time is not far distant when the expenditures of the members of Executive Committee incurred by attending the meetings of the Executive Committee will be remitted by the society. This does not mean much to those members living nearby or to members having sufficient means to overlook this expense. But distance and lack of wealth ought not be a barrier to any person desirous of serving actively on this committee, if it is believed by the members that his services will be of value to the society.

Before closing I would like to say a word or two more regarding our annual show. It appears to be on the upward grade. There are numerous details yet to be perfected, many of which must receive immediate attention. The assistance of the members of the Executive Committee will be necessary in order that the exhibition shall proceed orderly and satisfactory to the members as well as the exhibitors. Classes should be so arranged that the exhibits competing in the same class should be benched together. I believe that after the larger exhibits are judged first that the Supreme Award, if any, should be made next in order, and that a minimum limit of space be applied.

I think it will be well to consider the advisability of increasing the price of admission. At an exhibition held in Madison Square Garden in November I was told by certain employees of the Garden that there is a fifty-cent crowd and a dollar crowd that follows all exhibitions and that where one prevails the other is absent. I believe attention should be given to securing exhibits other than Dahlias which would have a tendency to attract the public and therefore increase the gate receipts. Features that are of great public interest,

although not Dahlias or other flowers, may well occupy the attention of this committee. It may be wise to include some of them in our annual exhibition.

I also believe that consideration should be given to running the show a longer period than is now the case. There is no doubt but that some exhibitors feel the loss of time and expense incurred in setting up an exhibit for two days not worth while, but would feel they could do so for a longer period, without loss. The ventilating system, which was the cause of much complaint at our last exhibition, may possibly be remedied, as the chief engineer of the Garden seems to be willing to co-operate in an effort along this line.

Our annual exhibition has now reached a magnitude where more active help is needed to conduct it. If we go forward as we ought to there is no doubt but that we shall increase exhibits so as to not only require a great deal more room than we are now using, but also need considerable more help. This help will have to come from those of our members who are qualified to serve in this capacity. I believe that an active committee ought to be appointed to take full charge of the detail and management of our annual exhibition. One of these members ought to be a resident of New York City, so that he may be seen at any time by prospective exhibitors and also be in a position to act immediately on show matters requiring our attention in that city. I recommend that a show committee of not less than five persons be appointed for this purpose.

There is no doubt but that our list of membership contains much talent which could be put to work in the interests of the society. The Executive Committee members are supposed to represent the activity of the organization, but I feel, there will be plenty for them to do and that capable assistants from the ranks will be welcomed at times when we need a larger number of persons to work. The more members actively interested in the work of the society, the greater its success ought to be.

The appointment of a special Trial Grounds Committee last year has clearly demonstrated the value of its existence. It has been a valuable asset to the society and to the trial grounds as well. It has brought the two into closer contact. I recommend that the Trial Grounds Committee be made a permanent one.

I have outlined the various problems which I believe face the society. I commend them to the careful and serious attention of the Executive Committee. I believe if these recommendations are carried out harmoniously and effectively that they will be of the greatest benefit to the society. I realize the program I have outlined is an extensive one, but I also realize that the Executive Committee is composed of a large number of unusually well qualified persons to deal with such problems. I am looking forward and hoping that the American Dahlia Society may continue to grow in its usefulness and that the various departments shall become more efficient. This I believe to be also the wish of every officer and member of the Executive Committee of our society.

### Obituary

We announce with regret the passing away of the following members during the past year:

Mr. A. S. Knouth, Irvington, N. J.

Mr. George A. Busse, Long Beach, Michigan City, Ind.

Mr. J. W. Bibb, St. Louis, Mo., of the firm of J. W. Bibb & Son, 5534 Cabanne Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.



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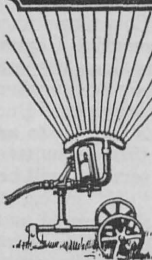
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## Committees of The American Dahlia Society for 1930

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society, held in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on Tuesday, March 18, 1930, President Thomas Leavitt appointed the following committees.

### Executive Committee:

W. L. W. Darnell, East Moriches, L. I., N. Y.  
Mrs. Frieda Fisher, Trenton, N. J.  
Derrill W. Hart, New York, N. Y.  
J. A. Kemp, Little Silver, N. J.  
Warren W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J.  
Dr. S. S. Shattuck, Everett, Mass.  
James Duthie, Oyster Bay, N. Y.  
N. Harold Cottam, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.  
C. Louis Alling, West Haven, Connecticut.

### Nomenclature Committee:

Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Prof. R. H. Patch, William B. Sweeney, J. A. Kemp, Prof. J. B. S. Norton.

### Show Committee:

Derrill W. Hart, Chairman; Mrs. S. J. Van Hoesen, secretary; Charles G. Reed, George W. Fraser, C. Louis Alling, William B. Sweeney, William J. Rathgeber, Mrs. George L. Holland, George L. Farnum, J. V. Hare, and others to be added.

### Prize Committee:

George L. Farnum, Mrs. Frieda Fisher, David Burpee.

### Budget Committee:

C. Louis Alling, Secretary William J. Rathgeber, President Thomas Leavitt.

### Bulletin Committee:

C. G. Reed, Chairman; J. S. Vincent, W. W. Maytrott, Secretary W. J. Rathgeber, President Thomas Leavitt.

### Membership Drive Committee:

Mrs. Frieda Fisher, N. Harold Cottam and Edward Korbell.

### Trial Grounds Committee:

C. G. Reed, William B. Sweeney, George W. Fraser.



# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SHOW, 1930

THE FALL FLOWER SHOW OF THE

## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 17, 18

### Show Manager:

George W. Fraser, Willimantic, Conn.

### Superintendent of Entries:

Mrs. Mabel C. Rathgeber, New Haven, Conn.

### Superintendent Amateur and Garden Club Entries:

Mrs. Stephen G. Van Hoesen, Fanwood, N. J.

### Auditing Committee:

The Executive Committee.

### Meeting of American Dahlia Society January 17, 1930

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society was held on Friday, January 17, 1930, at Hotel McAlpin, New York City.

Meeting was opened at 11:00 A. M. by retiring president, C. Louis Alling. Minutes of previous session were read for information.

Books of the treasurer were audited showing a balance of \$1,200.64 on hand. Bills receivable, \$750.00. Report accepted.

Dr. Marshall A. Howe made a report of the meeting of the Nomenclature Committee (same was printed in January Bulletin). Report of progress was accepted.

President elect, Thomas Leavitt, was then duly installed in office and made a lengthy address concerning the affairs of the society. He said that there were great possibilities for the advancement of the society before us.

Mr. Charles G. Reed reported progress for the Trial Grounds Committee.

The following motions were made and adopted by vote of the committee.

Voted, that a Budget Committee be appointed.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to be known as a New Membership Committee.

Voted, to have a Bulletin Committee appointed.

Voted, that a Trial Grounds Committee be appointed to consist of Charles G. Reed, William B. Sweeney and George W. Fraser.

Motion made that an Exhibition Committee be appointed.

Voted, that Mrs. Van Hoesen be appointed as a committee to draw up a schedule for Garden Club Section of the show.

Voted, to hold a four day show.

Recommendation made by Mr. Reed and Mr. Korbelt that admission be 75 cents this year for New York show.

Mr. Warren W. Maytrott reported on the Atlantic City show, stating that numerous horticultural societies would participate.

Voted, space be taken at Atlantic City show for purpose of soliciting membership in the A. D. S.

Voted, to donate two gold and two silver medals for Atlantic City show, same to be placed at the disposal of Show Committee. Mr. D. W. Hart was added to the committee on Atlantic City show. Secretary was instructed to advise management of above show of action as above co-operation of the A. D. S.

Mr. Kemp reported that the Elberon Society would hold their show September 3rd-4th-5th.

Voted, that an exhibition Committee be appointed.

Voted, that a Schedule Committee be appointed with Mr. Maytrott as chairman.

Voted, to hold a four days' show in 1930.

Recommended that president arrange a program for March meeting, at Hotel Commodore, March 18th.

Voted, that Mr. David Burpee be made vice-president to fill vacancy of Mr. Kerr's death.

Mr. J. A. Kemp presented a resolution in writing pertaining to adding presidents of affiliated societies:

"Fellow Members. I believe that the A. D. S. would be greatly benefitted in many ways if each affiliated society having fifty or more members in the A. D. S. be represented on the Executive Committee of the A. D. S. by appointment or election of the president of such society as a vice-president of the A. D. S."

"Signed: J. A. Kemp."

There was considerable discussion on matter of inviting the State or local societies who publish a Bulletin to merge their Bulletin with the A. D. S. Bulletin and apportion space for publication of their local news. Bulletin Committee to try and formulate an equitable basis on which this could be done.

William J. Rathgeber.

### Summary of Meeting of Executive Committee of American Dahlia Society, March 18, 1930

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held on above date at Hotel Commodore, New York City.

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Leavitt, at 10:45 A. M. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

A communication from Mrs. Louise B. Kerr was read expressing appreciation of resolutions on death of Mr. Kerr.

A lengthy discussion was held on new classification of Dahlias. It was voted to refer the matter back to the Nomenclature Committee for further consideration of recommendations, also to provide photo cuts of typical examples of the various types.

Discussion on a feasible plan for merging the various local Bulletins throughout the country, with the A. D. S. Bulletin was next in order. Many opinions were expressed. The matter was referred back to Bulletin Committee.

The treasurer's books were audited by Finance Committee, reporting balance cash \$1,680.35—reported accepted as read.

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Voted to hold annual A. D. S. show Tuesday, September 16th, Wednesday, 17th, Thursday, 18th, three days.  
April 25th was selected as date of next executive meeting.

Mr. Charles G. Reed reported that the State of Connecticut would be unable to take care of their half of the expense for installing the irrigating system at Storrs Trial Grounds until July 1st, it being impossible to get an appropriation through before that time. It was voted that the A. D. S. finance the proposition until such time as State funds become available. Committee was given full power to act in the matter.

Voted: that a committee be appointed to secure prizes for our coming show. The following were named, Mr. George L. Farnum, Media, Pennsylvania; Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Trenton, New Jersey; Mr. David Burpee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Voted: to hold a Field Day at Storrs September 20th and that the sum of \$50 be set aside for Prof. R. H. Patch for expenses of Field Day.

Voted: to get out new entry blanks with Mr. Sweeney's scoring system thereon.

Meeting adjourned to reconvene at four o'clock, P. M., for Semi-Annual Meeting.

Attest:

William J. Rathgeber, Secretary.

#### The English Language

If it is a life-time job for an American to learn the English language, there is little wonder that a foreigner falls down on some of its intricacies.

A foreigner who had recently arrived in America was having a painful experience in mastering the English language. Finally a friend told him: "Don't say 'It is me,' but say 'It is I.' You can remember that if you keep saying to yourself 'It is I,' said the spider to the fly."

Several days later he reported and said: "I'm getting along fine. I just remember that 'It is me,' said the spider to the flea,' and I get it right every time."

#### Be Sure You Have The Goods

A lion met a tiger  
As they drank beside a pool,  
Said the tiger, "Tell me why  
You're roaring like a fool."

"That's not foolish," said the lion,  
With a twinkle in his eyes.  
"They call me king of all the beasts  
Because I advertise."

A rabbit heard them talking  
And ran home like a streak,  
He thought he'd try the lion's plan  
But his roar was a squeak.

A fox came to investigate—  
Had luncheon in the woods,  
So, when you advertise, my friends,  
Be sure you've got the goods.

#### Boiling It Down

The reporter came idly into the office. "Well," said the editor, "What did our eminent statesman have to say?"

"Nothing."

"Well, keep it down to a column."

He (just refused): "Then life has no further charm; I shall kill myself."  
She: "By poison?"  
He: "Probably."  
She: "Well, you'll excuse my mentioning it, but Jack has just opened a drug store, and would you mind buying the poison from him? It would encourage him and prove your devotion to me."  
He still lives.



### Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members of The American Dahlia Society

Meeting held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, March 18, 1930, at 4:00 P. M. President Leavitt presided. About 100 members attended.

President Leavitt spoke of the activities of the members of the society and of what is accomplished from one year until the next. This work is accomplished by several members of the Executive Committee who give of their time and means unselfishly in order to bring about the betterment of this society. I shall call upon some of them to briefly outline the work in which they are engaged. First, we will hear from our secretary, Mr. William J. Rathgeber.

Mr. Rathgeber: I am not much of a hand to make speeches, rather more of a doer. A great many people write to me and suggest this and that, and why don't we do this and that and most of them are ancient history. I try to explain why the suggestions will not work out, and most of them will not. There is one thing I am very much obliged for and that is, articles for the BULLETIN. Tell us your Dahlia troubles and we will try and find a solution.

(Mr. Rathgeber then spoke upon the subject of the many bulletins published all over the country. The idea of merging all the bulletins into one bulletin and this to be issued by the A. D. S., the parent society, and have a bulletin every two months. This matter is now under consideration. Another thing taken up by us was the fact that we had planned having a four-day show at Madison Square Garden, we find it is impossible for us to do this owing to the fact that the Radio Corporation has an option for the last two weeks in September on the Garden.)

Mr. Leavitt: One of the most important activities of the American Dahlia Society is the Trial Grounds at Storrs. Data of much value to Dahlia growers is published in the BULLETIN from the observations of Prof. R. B. Patch who conducts the Trial Gardens. We will be glad to hear from Prof. Patch.

Prof. Patch—(Then read his address): I have been in charge of this work for more than eight years, going on nine years. I have tried to the best of my ability to carry on the work along the most advanced lines. I am especially interested in the growth of flowers and more than interested in the Dahlia. More people sent Dahlias to the garden in 1929 than in any previous year. While one person did not send the vast number of Dahlias that do not merit being sent to the trial gardens, that have formerly done so, this shows the Dahlia grower is being educated in the knowledge of being able to select *Good Dahlias*. There have been as many as 100 people on a single day in September, known as Field Day, visit the Trial Gardens. We are planning for Field Day on the twentieth of September this year.

After Prof. Patch had concluded reading his address he asked for questions. Many were asked and answered. (Applause.)

Mr. Leavitt then spoke of the good work of the Trial Gardens Committee of last year, Mr. C. G. Reed, Chairman, Prof. Fraser making several trips to the trial grounds in order to help score the varieties.

The president then called upon the Chairman of the Show Committee to outline his views for a better and bigger show for 1930.

Mr. Derrill W. Hart, Chairman of Show Committee for 1930 then outlined his ideas for the show of 1930. Asked for suggestions. Address received with much enthusiasm.

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The president then spoke of the consolidation of all the bulletins published in the U. S., with the hope that the added strength will help our own society. Mr. C. G. Reed, Chairman of BULLETIN was then called upon.

Mr. Reed spoke of the National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers and what it intends to do in order to make the show in September the finest one ever held.

Mr. Leavitt spoke of a Drive to be made for new members for the A. D. S. with 5,000 members as the goal and called upon the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Frank S. Fisher, for an outline of the year's work.

Mrs. Fisher spoke briefly on the subject of new members and asked the co-operation of every member present in this Drive. Membership blanks may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Frank S. Fisher, 121 Abernethy Drive, Trenton, N. J.

The president then asked if any member had any question to ask at this time.

Mr. Leigh, president of Camden (N. J.) Dahlia Society asked about the combined bulletin. That the Camden Dahlia Society wished to go on record as being willing to support this combined bulletin, and society would guarantee \$50 per year toward the expense provided 50 copies of each issue of the BULLETIN were furnished the society.

Mr. Joseph P. G. Kennedy then spoke upon the new classification of the Dahlia. Mr. Leavitt answered and stated the present classifications will be tried out for the shows in September and then all complaints, etc., will be turned over to the Nomenclature Committee for revision.

Rev. Mr. Douglas spoke about the arrangements being made for the labelling of the Dahlias at the show. Also wanted a committee appointed to turn off heat in the Garden. Mr. Rathgeber answered Mr. Douglas that this matter had been taken up with the Engineers of the Garden. After further discussion as to how to keep Dahlias from wilting, meeting adjourned.

### Who, Where, What

By Charles G. Reed

It's great to attend such meeting as were held by the A. D. S. on March 18th in New York. I wish it were possible for our members at a distance to just take a peep into these meetings which just tingled with that friendly spirit that is so inspiring that we cherish the moments that are spent together.

President Leavitt should feel that our entire membership is behind him the way they responded to his every wish. Everyone was only too pleased to be asked to do something for our society.

We missed Bill Waite at our meetings but he is a busy man as he is now horticultural advisor for Mr. Samuel Untermyer of "Greystone", Yonkers, N. Y. Bill was formerly superintendent on this estate for nine years directly after he arrived in this country. He will continue his business at Eatontown as usual and we will expect to see many of his creations at the Fall shows.

It was good to see Prof. Roland H. Patch and his wife at the meetings. Mr. Patch is keenly interested in the Dahlia and he promises a bigger and better trial garden at Storrs, Connecticut, this season.

Another professor from up that way was present, George W. Fraser of Willimantic, but we must address him now as Mr. Show Manager as he was selected for this position by President Leavitt. Mr. Fraser has had a wide experience along this line and is bound to make good.

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Mrs. Freda Fisher could not miss a meeting as I saw her at three, and she saw me after she was appointed on the Prize Committee. I was not the only one she saw as she had a list of prizes a yard long before she left for home. It takes the ladies to make the men come across.

It was nice to see the Kennedy boys out to the meetings. I hope Joe got straightened out on the formal and informal classification of Dahlias. Well, Joe, we will know more about it after the shows this Fall and may the Lord help the judges.

Another very modest New Jersey person, J. A. Kemp, was on the job early and late (mostly late) at all the meetings. Mr. Kemp has had a wide experience in association work and will make a valuable person on the executive board.

It is not necessary to tell our readers that past president Louis Alling was on hand at every meeting. He just could not pass up a Dahlia meeting. I first met him and Bill Rathgeber at the flower show on Monday evening but they were in a great hurry, so knowing that both were single men we did not detain them. We were once young ourselves.

Mrs. Stephen G. Van Hoesen, who is perhaps the best known garden club member in the east, was not only present at the executive board meeting but was located at the Spring flower show where she met many of her friends. She is one of our outstanding members on association work and she promises to improve upon her garden section at our next show over last year's show. She is superintendent of this section.

Rev. Henry Irving Batcheller was present and still has a warm place in his heart for the Dahlia and will continue to grow a few at his farm way down south. Glad to see him.

There were quite a few growers from Long Island in attendance. Among them was W. L. W. Darnell, a new member to the executive board. It is nice to see this gentleman getting back into active work for the association.

Our old friend Noonan had time to drop in and say hello to his friends.

Was pleased to see Mr. E. L. White of Spring Valley, N. Y., was an interesting spectator. Mr. White has been making a deep study of the Dahlia for several years and is a most interesting person to meet.

I met "Pete" MacFarland at the flower show and he informed me that he had been busy judging some of the classes.

"Dell" Hart was one busy person as he is chairman of the Show Committee and they have plenty to do before show time. It is mighty fine that we have such a capable member living in the big city who is in close contact with the many details that someone has to attend to for the society.

Mr. Warren Maytrott is also a busy person as he seems to have two big shows on his hands about the same time, Atlantic City and the Madison Square Garden show, but he thrives on plenty of work and his duties will be well cared for.

Yes, of course our secretary was there and just as young as any and rearing to go to make our next show the biggest ever. We all owe our deepest appreciation to Mr. Rathgeber for what he has done for our society. It takes real courage to tackle some of the great many difficult problems that have confronted our association in the past but they were met and overcome and it must be a great satisfaction for Mr. Rathgeber and those who have stood side by side throughout the years when things did not look as bright as they seem at present and watched the society creep and crawl for a time, then

getting a little stronger and now a tower of strength facing the future with unflinching courage, equipment and funds to carry on to still greater heights. It is most pleasing that our new president is so planning the work of our society whereby our most loyal secretary may be relieved from being overloaded with great responsibilities that comes with the growth of this organization. He has done a most creditable service and now his strength must be conserved as we need his council in solving our problems of tomorrow. I really do not know how Mr. Rathgeber, a man approaching the 70 year mark has stood up under the strain of our annual show when he carried the whole burden. He sure is a wonder.

Mr. Harold Cottam was an interesting attendant at all the meetings as usual. It must be very pleasing to him that he as past president had a hand in bringing about a bigger and better organization.

We were pleased to see that successful amateur, Mr. George Farnum, of Media, Pennsylvania, present. He sure loves the Dahlia and only grows the best and wins his share of prizes, too.

Our most loyal treasurer, Mrs. Rathgeber (not "Bill's" wife, but his sister-in-law) was on the job early and late. She never misses a meeting and always keeps close tabs on "Bill" and Louis Alling while they are in the big city so that they will not go astray. Perhaps both being single gentlemen is the reason.

We missed our old friend, William B. Sweeney, who writes such nice reports of our exhibitions, but he has promised to serve on the Show Committee this year and there is none more capable in association work than this gentleman who has done so much for the Dahlia.

In passing I wish to pause just a moment to pay tribute to one who was ever giving his best to our great society, Mr. George W. Kerr, who has gone to his reward, but there seemed to be something lacking as we could no longer listen to his good advice but we who knew him so well will ever miss this true sportsman who played the game hard but clean. The A. D. S. has lost a true friend but we can never forget the many kind acts that he did for his friends and others.

Mr. Fred von Rodeck is a busy fellow getting located in New Jersey, which really must seem like going to the country after living in Brooklyn for so many years. We wish him success.

And speaking about New Jersey, I almost forgot Mr. Frederick Dixon of Scotch Plains, another fellow who has gone Dahlia mad. It gets them all in time. Mr. Dixon has put on many interesting as well as educational displays at our shows. He knows his Dahlias.

I noted another amateur from Brooklyn, Mr. Timothy Murphy, who sat in at our afternoon meeting. A great booster for the A. D. S. and our annual show.

I also saw Mr. H. S. Mabie of Ridgewood, N. J., at our meetings. He grows some fine Dahlias and should show his "goods" at our next show.

I heard a lot of talk about the Atlantic City Show and it looks as if it was going to be a great show, but I do hope that another year that there will be more time between their show and the A. D. S. as one day between is not enough time for the commercial grower to stage two big shows. The Dahlia show at Atlantic City closes on the fourteenth and our show opens on the sixteenth of September. But here's hoping both will be successful this year.

I wish I could remember all those growers who sat in at our meetings but my old brain just can't keep track of them all, especially when we have three meetings in one short day.

Anyway we were mighty pleased that so many were there and the way those newly appointed committees started to work was a caution. It means that little old New York is going to see the biggest Fall flower show ever staged within its limits next Fall, on September 16th-17th-18th and if you are not there, well it will be your hard luck, but we want you as much as you want to be with us. We are just a lot of every day bunch of Dahlia growers who are doing our bit to help in every way possible in making our society a better society and we have plans under way that will be a big improvement on our past endeavors and we are going to try and bring the A. D. S. a little nearer to every member no matter where he lives. We want to make this a real national as well as an international organization and we are on our way if hard work will do it. In unity there is strength they say; if so, we have nothing to fear because we have a strong co-operative body who as individuals are giving their best for others with no selfish motives behind their efforts. It is a glorious feeling to know that such unity exists in a great national body when we hear about this and that society have their little cliques who won't play unless everything goes their way. It is time that these societies started to clean house and see some good in the other fellow—get together and be real he-men. If this can be done in a national association it can be done in any other society. Play the game, play hard but play fair and if we all do this we need have no fear about the outcome of the Dahlia industry. Let's start now to help the other fellow. That's the spirit that wins.

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### General Information

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### Officers for 1930—Dates of Shows

There are now 60 garden clubs and Dahlia societies affiliated with the A. D. S. and the number is steadily increasing. Some wonderful shows will be held this year, and it is gratifying to us to know that we have been able to help make these shows possible.

Just a word to our members. If there is not already a Dahlia society in your locality, organize one at once. Get a few flower growers together and hold a show this Fall; you will be surprised at the interest manifested, and how rapidly your membership will increase. Hold it in a Parish House or your Public Library for the first time.

Our secretary had some good pointers on staging a local show in the BULLETIN some time ago, and will be glad to mail you a copy for guidance. Affiliate with the A. D. S. and offer our medals.

### Affiliated Societies, 1930

*We cannot but help express our gratification upon the wonderful progress that is being made by both our older affiliated societies and the many new ones that joined with the A. D. S. for this year. Great credit is due to the organizers and officers of these various societies for the work they are doing to promote the welfare of the Dahlia.*

*Where it was possible to obtain the dates of the various shows throughout the country we are glad to publish them, further information can be obtained by addressing secretaries of any society as given below.*

*The American Dahlia Society takes this means of expressing their best wishes for a very successful exhibition year.*

*For convenience of our readers the societies are alphabetically arranged. Medals for all the following societies are now being made and will be sent out shortly. It is advisable where possible to arrange dates so the shows will not conflict in contiguous localities.—EDITOR.*

**Albany Dahlia Club**—E. B. Sanford, secretary, 212 State Street, Albany, N. Y.

**Amityville Dahlia and Flower Society**—Mrs. J. R. Quinby, secretary, 132 Ocean Avenue, Amityville, L. I., N. Y.

**Baltimore Dahlia Society**—Herbert O. Auburn, secretary, 2724 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Show dates, September 22-23, 1930. Would also like to say we had our election and the following officers were elected for the year 1930: president, W. A. Bochau; first vice-president, Fred Haas; second vice-president, A. L. Sullivan; secretary, Herbert O. Auburn; financial secretary, E. G. Gabrielson; treasurer, John C. Mencke, Jr.; Board of Governors: E. P. Loller, Major J. B. Eastman, H. J. Quick, C. M. Diffenderfer and Charles Fisher. You will also be interested to know that we have taken in over 140 new members since the first of the year which we feel is a record for some of the societies to shoot at.

**Berwick Garden Club**—Mrs. A. C. Jackson, secretary; E. R. Seybert, president, 320 Third Street, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

**Burholme Horticultural Society (The)**—Walter Kaufman, secretary 7421 Mountain Street, (Fox Chase Station), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Camden Dahlia Society (The)**—Mrs. Margaret Asay, secretary, 26 South 34th Street, Camden, N. J. The Ninth Annual Flower Exhibition of the Camden Dahlia Society will be held the first week in September.

**Clarkston-Lewiston Garden Club**—Mrs. N. N. Nelson, president, 8th and Libby Streets, Clarkston, Wash.

**Columbia Valley Dahlia Society**—A. L. Chenoweth, secretary, 2026 Delano Street, Portland, Oregon; president, William P. Strandberg, 510 Electric Building, Portland, Oregon.

**Connecticut Horticultural Society**—This old and honorable organization (organized in 1889) is taking on unusual activity this year. Many interesting events are planned, motion pictures, district meetings throughout the State, increased circulation of books in the society's library, etc. State exhibition this year. The All-Connecticut Horticultural Exposition will be held in the State Armory, Hartford, September 12th, 13th and 14th. A score or more organizations will co-operate with us to make this display the largest ever assembled in the State. Make your plans to actively participate in this enterprise which will have ample publicity and the active support of the State Department of Agriculture. The schedule will be out in April. President, Charles N. Murphy, South Manchester, Conn.; secretary, Lafayette J. Robertson, 219 Church Street, Hartford, Conn.; assistant secretary, Edward H. Anderson.

**Dahlia Society of California (The)**—This organization will hold their fifteenth anniversary show at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, August 27th-28th. The society is noted for its fine shows and special effort is being made to have this anniversary exhibition the best in its history. The Bulletin of the society will be combined with the A. D. S. Bulletin. Particulars of this merger will be found on another page of this issue. Officers for 1930: Lester G. Glasson, president, 1017 Stanyan Street, San Francisco; Glenn T. Mack, secretary, 1251 43rd Avenue, San Francisco; Mrs. H. C. Haake, editor California section of Bulletin.

**Dahlia Society of Southern California**—The Bulletin of this society sent us after the big show in Los Angeles, showing the numerous fine exhibits is indicative of the great activity of this organization. Although we have not received definite date for the 1930 show it is safe to say that it will eclipse any past exhibitions. Officers for 1930 are: F. D. R. Moote, president; Charles Van Valkenburg, first vice-president; E. L. Harper, treasurer; Charles Cottle, recording secretary, 2906 Glen Eden Street, Los Angeles, California; Frank L. Miller, 6250 Sloat Drive, Carthay Center, Los Angeles, California, show manager.

**Dahlia Society of Dumont (New Jersey)**—J. Mueller, secretary, 74 Brook Street; A. S. Campbell, president; W. J. Connors, treasurer.

**Dahlia Society of New Jersey**—Miss Frances Hoenfack, secretary, 62 Lakeside Avenue, Verona, N. J. Show will be held this year in connection with the Atlantic City Flower Show, full particulars of which are printed in another part of this Bulletin.

**Dahlia Society of Michigan**—(State organization.) Mrs. Sarah Cooper, secretary, Howell, Michigan.

**Dahlia Society of New England**—Officers for 1930: president, Thomas H. Hughes, New Bedford, Mass.; vice-presidents, Arthur M. French, Brookline, Mass.; Dr. Shirley S. Shattuck, Everett, Mass.; John G. Carver, Brockton, Mass.; secretary, A. E. Thatcher, 17 Hamlet Street, Uphams Corner, Dorchester, Mass.; treasurer, E. W. Darling, Fairhaven, Mass.

**Danville Floral Society**—William R. Snively, president; T. DeWitt Jobbins, secretary, Danville, Penn.

**Delaware State Dahlia Society**—H. H. Galleher, secretary, 38 South Cleveland Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware.

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**Elberon Horticultural Society (New Jersey)**—Dates for show not received. Will be announced in July Bulletin. John E. Cherel, secretary, R. F. D. 2, Box 47, Belmore, N. J.

**Englewood Dahlia Society (The)**—R. L. Williams, secretary, 87 Roosevelt Square, Englewood, N. J.

**Flushing Garden Club**—Mrs. Elizabeth D. Carter, secretary, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

**Freeport (L. I.) New York Dahlia and Flower Society**—Will hold their fifth annual flower show September 10th, at Freeport Elks Club House; secretary is Mrs. Charles C. Whitlock, 77 Roosevelt Place, Freeport, N. Y.

**Garden Club of Northampton County (Easton, Pa.)**—Membership totals nearly 100. Preparations are being made for their third annual show, which will probably again be held in City Guard Armory in September. Dates to be announced in July Bulletin. President, A. W. Grey; vice-president, A. W. Grey; secretary, A. L. Weidman, Post Office, Easton, Penn.

**Glen Rock Garden Club (Glen Rock, N. J.)**—Last year the A. D. S. silver medal went to William Payne for the best Dahlia in the show; bronze medal to Miss Ora Eastman for best 1929 seedling. Another good show is anticipated for this year. President, Fred Fleck; vice-president, William Page; secretary, Miss Ora Eastman, 103 Valley Road, Glen Rock, N. J.

**Garden Club of Noblesville (Indiana)**—H. C. Gaeth, president, Noblesville, Indiana.

**Garden Club of Woman's Club (Hackensack, N. J.)**—Mrs. A. R. Bogert, secretary, 369 Union Street, Hackensack, N. J.

**Garden Club of Westfield, N. J.**—Mrs. C. E. Tice, secretary, 735 Embree Crescent, Westfield, N. J.

**Hagerstown Dahlia Society (Maryland)**—G. T. Starner, secretary, 530 Howard Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

**Haledon Horticultural Society (New Jersey)**—James A. Malone, secretary, 27 Harris Street, Haledon, N. J. Show will be held in St. Mary's Parish House in September.

**Hazelton Garden Club**—Mrs. E. D. Chase, secretary, 126 West Birch Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Jeanette Morse, president; Mrs. Isabel Fogel Dryfoos, treasurer.

**Kitsap County Dahlia Society**—Francis M. Applegate, secretary, Port Orchard, Washington.

**Lenoxville Dahlia and Floricultural Society**—R. T. Atto, secretary, Lenoxville, Quebec, Canada.

**Maryland Dahlia Society**—Stanley Kiefner, secretary, 3817 Hamilton Avenue, Baltimore. At the annual meeting in January the following officers were elected: president, John Wanicek; vice-president, Nicholas Scheel; treasurer, Frank Wallman; executive committee: Harry Quick, Gordon Hopkins, Philip Schneider.

**Missouri Botanical Gardens**—2315 Tower Grove Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Minnesota Dahlia Society (new society)**—First officers elected: president, Howard M. England, 508 N. Y. Life Building, Minneapolis; vice-president, C. F. Kimney, 4541 Beard Avenue, South Minneapolis; secretary-treasurer, F. F. Farrar, White Bear Lake, Minn. Annual show last week of August. We are gratified to know that Minnesota is falling into line with the rest of the country in growing Dahlias. We wish them every success.

**New York State Fair and New York Federation of Horticultural Societies**—Stanley G. Barnes, superintendent Horticulture, Syracuse, N. Y.

**Nederlandshe Dahlia Vereeniging (Netherlands Dahlia Society)**, Holland—J. Meusing, secretary, Aalsmeer, Holland. Are now affiliated with the A. D. S. Many excellent catalogues are now coming from Holland and we may expect to see some fine new productions in the near future.

**National Capital Dahlia and Iris Society**—Full particulars for show and other activities of this organization have not been received, but it is safe to say that they will hold their show as usual in Washington, D. C. Following officers were elected for 1930: president, Joseph A. Herbert, Jr., 1013 15th Street, Washington; vice-president, A. B. Carter; L. W. Holland, secretary, 3 Parker Avenue, Cherrydale, Virginia.

**New Haven County Horticultural Society**—William J. Rathgeber, secretary. Several interesting events are planned for 1930, including lectures at meetings, visits to East Rock Park Iris and Rose Gardens, also two meetings to be held at Connecticut Experiment Farm, Mt. Carmel. Ninety-eighth annual show in September.

**North Glenside Horticultural Society (Penn.)**—W. S. Weil, president, North Glenside, Penn. While we have not been officially advised, no doubt they will hold another excellent show this year.

**Oyster Bay Horticultural Society**—John R. McCulloch, recording secretary, Box 46, Oyster Bay, L. I., New York.

**Ontario Dahlia Society (The)**—J. W. Trimbee, president; H. N. Reid, treasurer; C. D. White, secretary, 150 Queens Avenue, Mimico, Ontario. At a recent meeting held by the society it was decided that we at our next show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 12th-13th, and in the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario, hold a luncheon banquet and convention in connection of the show. We are having tickets issued which will be ready for sending out now soon, the price of which will be \$2.50 each, and holder of the same will be entitled to the luncheon and convention hall during speaking and both days attendance of show. We are starting this as a new project to get the growers more interested and get more acquainted with one another and possibly we would be able to hold joint conventions at later dates with attendance of the various other societies of the U. S. A. and Canada. We are arranging with the Canadian National Railroad to give a reduced fare in connection with the coming event and which they have given their consent to help in any way possible to make it a success. A real good time is looked for at this meeting and we would be more than pleased to have some of your members in attendance and take part in the same.

**Parkersburgh Dahlia Society (West Virginia)**—Frank K. Flanagan, secretary, 144 Washington Avenue, Parkersburgh, West Virginia. Hold second annual show this year. Dahlias are coming to the front in West Virginia and no doubt their show will be an excellent one.

**Plainfield (N. J.) Garden Club**—Holding exhibitions. Date of show not fixed at this time. President, Mrs. Leslie R. Fort, 945 Cedarbrook Road; vice-president, Mrs. Chester B. Lawrence, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frederick M. Genung, 1442 Highland Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

**Paterson Floricultural Society (N. J.)**—S. Hubschmidt, secretary, 167 Dewey Avenue, Paterson, N. J. Dates for show not received but we anticipate a good show as usual.

**Phillipstown Garden Club**—Hold an annual flower show in which Dahlias are an important feature. Secretary is Mrs. Clarence Michelis, 455 Madison Avenue, New York City.

**Pennsylvania Railroad Employees' Dahlia Club**—W. J. Edwards, secretary, 2114 Wilson Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penn. This large and thriving organization hold one of the best shows to be found anywhere. It is held in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Pittsburgh.

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**Quincy (Illinois) Garden Club.**—Mrs. Arthur Odell writes us for information regarding affiliation with the A. D. S. Evidently much interest is being manifested in Illinois in Dahlia growing. We hope to announce their joining us.

A farmer drove up to the bank, hitched his horse to the post and carefully muzzled the animal with a feed bag. He then went around to the back of his wagon and took out of it a chicken with a piece of string tied to one leg. With the string he fastened the chicken to the hitching post, so that it could pick up the oats dropped from the horse's nosebag.

### Going Big—This Philadelphia Suburban Society

Out in the greater northeast suburban district of Philadelphia, the Burholme Horticultural Society is entering upon its tenth year as an organization. Their annual show will be held September 26th and 27th. To date, the present year although young has been very profitable and interesting to its members and many of their friends. Wharton Huber, associate curator Department of Zoology, Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia, addressed the members at the January meeting, his subject being "Birds, their benefit to man and plant life".

William Hird, a noted flower and garden expert of Philadelphia, was the speaker at the February meeting, bringing to the members an illustrated lecture of 175 views on "The flower garden, month to month". A very interesting talk on the Gladiolus was given by Henry E. Millson, an authority on this beautiful garden flower, at the March meeting. George Johnson, vice-president of the society, and Rodman Kulp were appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee of the First National Atlantic City, N. J., Flower and Garden pageant, to be held in the world's largest auditorium September 9th to 14th. The president of this society, which is affiliated with the American Dahlia Society, is Willson S. Scheerer, and its secretary Louis Deitz.

### Iris Show

A State Iris show will be held in the Ball Room of Hotel Stratfield, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Date June 4, 1930.

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A new classification of the Dahlia has been made up by the Nomenclature Committee at a joint session with a Special Committee of the A. D. S., of which the writer had the pleasure of being a member. I personally believe it is a workable classification in which Class 1 has been opened to take in new types coming into prominence.

Classes 6, 7 and 8 divide the Cactus, very ably eliminating the word hybrid, and making a rather definite line between semi-cactus and informal decorative. Where the majority of the floral rays are revolute or rolled back for less than half their length, we have a semi-cactus. When the floral rays are generally long, irregular in arrangement and usually twisted or pointed, we have the informal decorative. This classification should be interpreted to take Dahlias that do not fit the semi-cactus Class.

The miniature decorative class we favor very much and hope to soon have a set of Little Jewel in white, red, yellow and bronze.

Class 12 is for once rightly named Ball Dahlias, and hybrid show is no more.

### Coming Events

The movement is well under way to have one big Dahlia Bulletin or Magazine to cover the greater part of the United States. This seems to be the modern and logical solution to the excessive expense of each small society issuing their own. It will probably make uniform dues in all societies, and if you belong to your local society you will also belong to the A. D. S. through affiliation and receive the big Bulletin with the news of all the societies. It is probable that each society will have space allotted for local news according to its membership or subscription, and that each society will be responsible for enough news to fill their allotment.

Another issue well worth considering is the use of a universal score card in judging. It should not be at all complicated, so that the exhibitor as well as the judge will fully understand it and one that can be used rapidly. No judge is proficient until his mind is so organized to give each quality its right value. The score card should be kept in mind in all judging and used in all close competition. Before installing this system be sure you have judges who can use it.

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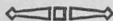
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1. Dahlias can only be entered by the raiser or introducer.
2. Dahlias shall be new varieties not less than two years old.
3. Tubers cannot be received after June 1st. Plants to June 25th.
4. All tubers or plants must be sent PREPAID. The clumps to be returned at the end of the season, if desired, at owner's risk. (Please state on the entry blank if you desire your tubers returned. If *not desired*, the tubers will be destroyed at the end of the season. There is no fee for packing. Owners will be asked to pay parcel post, express and freight charges. Parcel post packages will be sent prepaid, and owners will be notified as to the charge. Express and freight packages will be sent collect.)
5. Tubers and plants shall be properly planted and taken care of throughout the season. No distinguishing mark other than the stake number will be affixed to the stakes until the end of the season. The numerical register of the varieties in the Society's Trials to be known only to the Trials Superintendent who will not act as a juror.  
(After judging, cards will be affixed to the stakes showing the stake number, name or other designation of Dahlia, name and address of the owner, designation to show whether tuber or plant and score.)
6. No member of the jurors shall vote on varieties in which he has any financial interest.
7. None other than the duly appointed jurors will be admitted to the Trial Grounds while they are judging.
8. When finally judged the Trials Superintendent will notify all who have Dahlias on trial the number of points awarded to their entries.
9. A charge of \$2.00 shall be made for each variety entered.
10. Three tubers or plants of a variety are required.
11. The names of the varieties awarded a certificate of merit must be registered with the secretary of the American Dahlia Society before certificate is granted.
12. The American Dahlia Society to appoint judges to score and classify the flowers in the garden.
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## Sweeney's Score Plan

Field judging	Exhibition types
Date .....	Variety .....
Variety .....	Type .....
Type .....	Stake .....
Stake .....	
<b>Color.....15 total.....basic 12 points</b>	
New shade.....add 2	
Artistic .....	add 1
Burn .....	deduct 2
Washy .....	deduct 2
Variegation .....	deduct 1
<b>Stem.....25 total.....basic 15 points</b>	
Stem is judged base of ovary to first leaf bracts.	
Basic allows 8 inch stem	
Each extra 5 inches....	add 2
Straight .....	add 2
Facing or top bloom....	add 2
Crook neck.....	deduct 2
Branching, crochety....	deduct 2
Undersize stem.....	deduct 1
<b>Foliage.....20 total.....basic 14 points</b>	
Clean .....	add 2
Artistic .....	add 2
Resistant .....	add 2
Diseased .....	deduct 4
Sparseness .....	deduct 2
Coarseness .....	deduct 2
<b>Form.....20 total.....basic 12 points</b>	
Form based on present A. D. S. rules standard varieties.	
Petal regularity.....	add 2
Artistic .....	add 2
Petal substance.....	add 2
New formation.....	add 2
Variable petalage.....	deduct 2
Blowing .....	deduct 2
<b>Size.....20 total.....basic 12 points</b>	
Average for type allow in basic figure.	
Cactus 3 inch	
Dec. or H. C. 5 inch	
Single 2 inch	
For each 2 inches in diameter over average allow....	add 2
For each 1 inch in depth add 1	
Deductions same basis for under size.	
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### Dahlias In England

During the last twelve months I have had the pleasure of reading some of the American literature relating to the Dahlia. This literature included two books devoted entirely to the flower, several trade catalogues issued by American Dahlia specialists and last, but not least, four issues of the BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society.

Previous to this I had little knowledge of the wonderful development of the flower in America, although I had been for a number of years an enthusiastic grower and exhibitor of Dahlias in England, and had grown a number of varieties of American origin.

I should like to say how intensely interested I have been to learn of your favorite varieties, your methods of cultivation, your exhibitions and your trial grounds, and I am writing these notes in the hope that some American enthusiasts may be equally interested to learn something of the modern developments of the Dahlia in England.

I shall not attempt to say in which country the Dahlia is the more popular. It is true that we have only one Dahlia Society in England, but the flower is well represented at all our autumn horticultural exhibitions and it is grown in hundreds of thousands of gardens, large and small, public and private, all over the country.

In late Summer and Autumn Dahlias are a most important feature in our public parks, where they are grown in great numbers, sometimes in masses of one variety and at other times in borders containing varieties of all forms, colors and sizes, chosen principally for their freedom of flowering and the brilliance of their coloring.

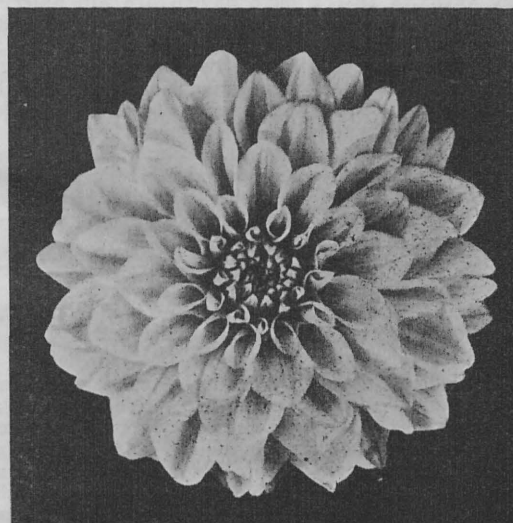
We grow huge quantities of Mignon and Charm Dahlias, which I gather are very little known in America. The Mignon type of Dahlia, of which the scarlet Coltness Gem was the first variety to become popular and is still by far the most widely grown of all, attains a height of only about eighteen inches. It is used most extensively for bedding. The flowers are single, about three to four inches in diameter and are produced abundantly from July until the frost destroys them. One great merit of the Mignon varieties is that they can be grown without stakes.

The Charm Dahlias are miniature forms of the Peony and Decorative varieties. The flowers are about four inches in diameter and many of them are exceedingly beautiful. We have them in all the colors represented in the Dahlia and as they most of them have good wiry stems they are particularly valuable for cutting for use in the house in small and medium size vases. The general effect of the Charm varieties in the garden is superior to that of any other class of Dahlia. This is due not only to their habit of growth but also to their extreme floriferousness. It is not unusual to see thirty or forty or more flowers at a time on one small plant, and this lavish display continues for two or three months, for the blossoming period is long, most varieties commencing to flower some weeks earlier than the average large flowering Dahlia. The typical Charm variety is dwarf in growth, although some of the more recent introductions are taller.

Collarette and pompon Dahlias are grown fairly extensively in this country, but the old formal show and

fancy varieties linger in only a comparatively few gardens. Nor are the peony flowered varieties very popular now, except in their miniature forms, owing probably to the weakness of their stems and to their comparatively poor decorative effect in the garden, the finely quilled cactus Dahlias do not hold quite the position that they held some years ago. Recently, however, varieties have been introduced with perfect stems and if, as seems probable, they are the beginning of a new race of cactus Dahlias, the continued popularity of this new type is assured.

The giant decorative class, which is so popular in America, is gaining ground rapidly here and already occupies a position second to none. Jersey's Beauty, Ellinor Vandever, Mrs. I. de Ver Warner and Trentonian have proved their excellence here and are grown widely. A number of other American varieties are in commerce and I might mention Starlight, Solo Mio, Golden Fleece and Marmion as having been particularly good in my own garden, although the last named sometimes came with a bad center.



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On the other hand some American favorites have been disappointing. Again mentioning my own experiences which to the best of my observation are typical of those of other growers in this country, I have to record failure with Queen of the Garden Beautiful, of which I grew six plants last year and failed to obtain one flower with a good center. Faith Garibaldi in both 1928 and 1929 gave a few magnificent flowers on good stems, but many of the blooms had imperfect centers and 90% of the flower stems were weak. El Granada, an otherwise really excellent variety of a color much wanted, also usually came rather weak in the stem.

Another great disappointment was Elite Glory, which gave an occasional spectacular bloom to show that its American reputation is not without foundation. Such blooms were, however, rare and most of the flowers had their centers badly malformed and some had only two or three rows of petals.

It may be that these disappointing varieties do not suit our climate or that I have grown poor stocks of them. It may even be that my cultural methods are incorrect. This I cannot say, but I should be most grateful to any reader who would tell me how these varieties can be induced to yield flowers with perfect centers and good stems.

The varieties that I have named are all American. We have, however, many English raised large decorative varieties and some of them are quite equal in size and in all other respects to the best imported varieties. Particular mention may be made of Grace Curling (mauve pink), Mabel Lawrence (crimson scarlet), W. D. Cartwright (orange), Thomas Hay, V. M. H. (mauve pink), and Berengaria. Four varieties distributed last year are also very promising. They are Mrs. F. V. Russell (mauve pink, shaded white), Lord Lambourne (pale bronze), Miss Annie Lile (mauve pink), and Carmania (deep yellow).

While on the subject of giant decorative varieties I should like to mention Arthur Lovegrove (cream shaded buff) and Lady Stonehaven (yellow). These two varieties were raised in Australia and are of the highest merit.

In England we do not pay quite so much attention to size, and many medium sized decorative varieties are very popular. Of the best three the first is Prestige, a most beautiful bright orange variety of English origin. The plants are dwarf and are very free flowering and it is used very extensively for massing. Marchenschon (cream, suffused cerise) is a very charming German variety and excellent for cutting. The third variety is Corry (raised by the Australian, Ormond). This is the most beautiful pink color ever seen in a Dahlia and its form is most graceful.

I have observed that Andreas Hofer is popular in America. Those who admire it should try Neptune, its white form, and Golden Sun (Goldene Sonne) which is a very beautiful yellow, shaded apricot. Both of these varieties produce an abundance of flowers on excellent stems. The last named is larger than its prototype and is a very fine flower indeed.

I read with interest the controversy in the BULLETIN regarding the respective merits of tubers and green plants. It may interest readers to learn that in this country the great bulk of the retail trade is in green plants. There is a smaller trade in pot roots, particularly for export, but I have not yet seen an English trader offering tubers from the open ground such as are commonly offered in America. Most growers in this country prefer green plants to old tubers as they consider that the former produce finer flowers.

If the editor will pardon a personal note I should like to say before concluding that I am purely an amateur grower and that I should welcome correspondence with any American enthusiast who may be sufficiently interested to write. I should also be interested to see any American professional Dahlia growers' catalogues or indeed any other literature relating to the flower.

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### The West Virginia List

By Oliver Shurtleff

Secretary West Virginia Dahlia Society

At the beginning of each year the West Virginia Dahlia Society publishes an article in its Bulletin entitled "The Best Ten". This article is made up of lists of Dahlias, ten in each list, and submitted by various Dahlia growers from a cross-section of the country. This year seventeen lists were received.

The list is not in any way to be considered an honor roll. The secretary sends requests to the growers and asks for the best ten Dahlias grown by the individual solicited or any that he has seen grown by others. The lists are published as a buying guide to aid the readers of the West Virginia Dahlia Bulletin in selecting newer and better Dahlias.

In the seventeen lists submitted for this year, sixty-six different Dahlias were mentioned! Dahlias that do well in some localities and not so well in other communities will be named by those who live where the Dahlias do well. Old time favorites are hard to break loose from, and consequently are to be found in the list.

As an illustration how one of the factors will influence the selection of an individual Dahlia in such a series of lists, let me mention Kathleen Norris and compare the standing of that Dahlia in the last two West Virginia lists. Two years ago this wonderful Dahlia received only two votes while in the last list Kathleen Norris was named twelve times.

The summary of the lists as published in the West Virginia Dahlia Bulletin follows: Jane Cowl, 15 votes; Kathleen Norris, 12; Kemp's Violet Wonder, 11; Mar-mion, 11; The World, 11; Fort Monmouth, 11; Queen of the Garden, 6; Jersey's Beauty, 5; Fort Washington, 5; Mrs. Alfred B. Seal, 5; Yellow Princess, 4; Edna Ferber, 4; Elite Glory, 4; Harry Mayer, 3; La Roda, 3; Fordhook Victory, 2; Watchung Sunrise, 2; Prince of Pantops, 2; Minnie Eastman, 2; My Maryland, 2; Lavendula, 2; Treasure Island, 2; Derrill W. Hart, 2; Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, 2.

Note—We have omitted those receiving only one vote, because in another list in this issue most of them rank higher than one vote would indicate.—Editor.

## Back To Methusalah

By W. L. W. Darnell

A perusal of the many bulletins issued by different Dahlia societies, and the hundred or more important catalogues issued by the leading Dahlia growers of the country, would leave the reader with the impression that the Dahlia is noted chiefly for being the largest flower in the garden, and that a dozen of the immense blooms guaranteed from any of the newer introductions would fill the nave of the church of St. John the Divine. Whatever beauties the variety may possess are merely appendages to the one necessity, size, and seldom in this scramble for circumference does the introducer realize that there is a large public to whom such grants are anathema, and to whom beauty and grace mean everything. The fact that the most ballyhooed of each "greatest Dahlia ever introduced" will be lucky to sell in tens, where Jersey's Beauty sells in tens of thousands, never deters one of us from aiming again for an extra inch in diameter.

Anyhow, size is merely relative, while beauty has neither boundary nor dimension. Selection, breeding and time, with size as the ultimate aim, assures us, judging from the advance during the past few years, that the sixty inch Dahlia is not so many years ahead of us, and *that* size achieved, how puny the flower will seem when another of seventy inches is introduced.

With so many flowers boasting size, their blooms yielding seed for thousands of enthusiasts to plant

millions of seedlings with the one object of attaining still more size, it would seem as if in the not far distant future we may attain the glory of filling the garden plot with one plant and hiding the landscape behind the immensity of one bloom.

Luckily there are others, the millions of garden lovers who grow for the beauty of flowers rather than for the glory of the show room, and to these we must give thanks for the survival of the smaller types of Dahlias.

In reading over catalogues of twenty years ago, one realizes how far we have come from the favorites of that time. With one or two exceptions the decoratives of 1910 are not even a memory, but turn to the ball type and the pompons, and the grower who knows his Dahlias will either grow or know most of the lists, especially of the pompons. Those rated highest then are still our best. Little Mary, Little Beeswing, Nerissa, Rosa and Sunny Daybreak still hold the lead in this charming class. Even among the show or ball type the old winners still remain in the running. Mrs. J. P. Smith, that wonderful red of Captain John R. Howell's, introduced by us fifteen years ago, is on the Roll of Honor in California for 1929, and it has won first place for us in every exhibition we have entered for each of those fifteen years.

In the hundreds of shows we have staged, the best dozen pompons have hardly changed either. When Dee Dee came we knew another claimant for honor would not be denied, and lately, several American growers have introduced one or two real pompons. Luckily this class will be safe from those who introduce a litter of

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new varieties each season, as the opportunity does not offer where form has little variation, and color is in control.

But even in pompons the question of size again flares up, autocratic, dominating the show room. However, here we reverse the order, working down to the shoe button in size, and the smaller the flower benched, the more chance the exhibitor has of making the blue. One can find no fault with this exhibition code, but it helps the pompon not at all, for the only way the pompon can prove itself, even as larger Dahlias must, is being judged commercially. The long, leafless stem, topped with a one-inch flower, wreathes the judges eyes with wrinkles of gladness, but the wholesale market has another verdict. There another type is needed. Two inch flowers—a little size added is helpful rather than detrimental—leafy stems that bunch well and make the dozen attractive. We wouldn't bother to cut Tom Thumb, Belle of Springfield, Atom and others if the fields were loaded with them, because it would be a losing proposition, doubling the overhead through extra labor. When short of the several hundred dozens a day required by our buyers, we do go after the little ones as a last resort, but it takes eighteen to twenty-one Belle of Springfield or Atom to bring the price of a bunch of twelve Elizabeth. Even Dee Dee, Katherine and Lloyd Hickman never earn their salt as market flowers. The best commercial pompons, and those best fitted to grow in every garden and give the grower the perfect flower for vase and bowl and centerpiece, are the same pompons that have sold by the thousands year in, year out, for a decade or two, and will still be selling by thousands when the \$10 Dahlia of yesterday or today will, by luck, be in the \$10 per 100 class, or without luck, be forgotten, and these pompons are Amber Queen, Ariel, Kleine

Domita, Ideal, Janet, Nellie Fraser, Sunbeam, Sunset, and Alewine.

And in passing, I can assure the garden lover that there is as much pleasure and beauty in a bed of pompons that can be purchased for the price of a few packets of flower seed, as in ten times the amount spent in high priced novelties, and dozens of flowers for decorations will be the reward instead of a few single blooms fitted for competition. At a trial by Professor Norton, in Maryland, one plant of Kleine Domita produced nearly two hundred flowers, 183 according to his record, and it is usual to average four to six dozen a plant during a good season, if given room, feed and water.

The steady increase in the popularity of the pompon is giving these little fellows back their individuality, and in time they will be as well known by their rightful names as the larger Dahlias, and outside the exhibition hall they will lord it over their kind, as they ask less and give more than any other flower that grows.

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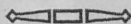
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At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, held in Newark on January 11th, it was decided that an exhibition, in addition to the one in Atlantic City, be held in co-operation with an affiliated society in North Jersey. The location and date will be announced in a later issue of the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN and in the Dahlia Society of New Jerseys News.

Officers for 1930 were elected as follows: honorary president, Mrs. Charles H. Stout, of Short Hills;

president, Edward B. Lloyd, of Upper Montclair; first vice-president, W. W. Maytrott, of Vineland; second vice-president, E. A. Andrews, of Trenton; third vice-president, J. A. Kemp, of Little Silver; fourth vice-president, W. W. Kennedy, of Red Bank; fifth vice-president, E. L. Gould, of Verona; treasurer, Mrs. Frieda H. Fisher, of Trenton; and secretary, Miss Frances Hornfeck, of Verona.

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Note—Dahlias entered at Trial Grounds are automatically considered as registered, unless name selected is already in use. If entered under a number and afterwards changed to a name, a fee of \$1.00 is required.

Registration only records the name of a Dahlia. It in no way guarantees the quality of a flower, but it does prevent unintentional duplication of a name.

**Mrs. Joseph W. Stern, Dec.** By James W. Stern, Brightwater, New York.

**Bob White, Pom, pompon.** By Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey.

**Indian Moon, Dec. Gold, reverse rose.** By Mrs. Josephine Plew Martain, La Fontaine, Indiana.

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This applies only to standard or older varieties. The new originations are not sufficiently disseminated to appear in many catalogues. These latter new ones will be found under heading of catalogues received. It proved quite a task to compile the list, but it answers the numerous inquiries as to what we consider the best standard Dahlias. No attempt is made to segregate the types.—Editor.

Note—Number following name indicates number of catalogues in which the Dahlia appears.

Adda Patterson, 54. Altamont, 9. Amarilla Grand, 18. Ambassador, 36. American Triumph, 19. Amun Ra, 31. Alex Waldie, 12. Al Koran, 14. Andreas Hofer, 14. Alice Whittier, 36. Aztec Glory, 21. Ballet Girl, 16. Barbara Redfern, 19. Barbara Wear, 16. Bashful Giant, 12. Berengaria, 8. Betty Ivins, 20. Black Jack, 15. Bob Pleuse, 10. Calvin Coolidge, 12. Carnival, 7. Casper Ware, 14. Chemar's Masterpiece, 15. Chemar's Purity, 14. Champagne, 37. Charles Stratton, 19. Cigarette, 13. City of Lawrence, 11. City of Trenton, 31. Clansman, 12. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, 14. Conquistador, 11. Cora Butterworth, 14. Color Sergeant, 17. Datso, 6. Daddy Butler, 17. Derrill W. Hart, 21. Dr. John H. Carman, 8. Dr. Tevis, 23. Eagle Rock Beauty, 28. Eastern Star, 20. Earl Williams, 23. Edith Beryl, 5. Elgranada, 11. El Dorado, 17. Elite Glory, 43. Eleanor Vanderveer, 53. Elsie Daniels, 16. Eliza Clark Bull, 35. Faith Garibaldi, 37. Flaming Meteor, 29. Fort Monmouth, 33. Fort Washington, 32. Farncot, 11. Francis Lobdell, 12. F. T. D., 13. F. W. Fellows, 18. Galli Curci, 18. Gladys Bates, 9. Gladys Sherwood, 8. Harry Mayer, 43. Havella, 10. Islam Patrol, 13. Insulinda, 17. Jane Cowl, 69. Jersey's Beauty, 56. Jersey's Beacon, 58. Jersey's Glory, 6. Jersey's Ideal, 25. Jersey's Masterpiece, 22. Judge Alton B. Parker, 9. Judge Marean, 25. Kathleen Norris, 24. Kemp's Violet Wonder, 33. Kitty Dunlop, 15. King Tut, 17. Lillian Baldwin, 9. Le Grand Manitou, 13. Martha Kemp, 7. Mabel Goodacre, 10. Marmion, 42. Margaret Masson, 39. Margaret Woodrow Wilson, 40. Mariposa, 19. Miss San Francisco, 5. Mephistophles, 8. Miss California, 17. Mrs. Alfred Seal, 31. Mrs. Carl Salbach, 39. Mrs. Edna Spencer, 7. Mrs. Crowley, 21. Millionaire, 23. Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, 45. Mrs. M. F. Heapy, 5. Mrs. John Scheepers, 13. My Maryland, 23. Mordella, 26. Myra Valentine, 11. Nagel's Roem, 14. Our Country, 11. Patrick O'Mara, 9. Paul Micheal, 17. Paul Revere, 10. Papillion, 24. Pride of California, 27. Pride of San Francisco, 6. Pride of Stratford, 25. Pres. Wilson, 8. Pop Stewart, 21. Polar Snow, 8. Primula, 26. Queen of Garden Beautiful, 48. Regal, 30. Robert Scott, 33. Robert Treat, 38. Rodman Wanamaker, 16. Radio, 21. Riche-lieu, 11. Roman Eagle, 33. Rookwood, 25. Rollo Boy, 11. Rose Fallon, 41. Salbach's White, 15. Sagamore, 36. Santa Anna, 14. Sanhican Bluebird, 23. Sanhican Magnate, 17. Sanhican Nymph, 16. Sanhican Peach, 15. Sanhican Princess, 5. Sanhican Queen, 11. Sanhican Beauty, 12. Sanhican Delice, 10. Sanhican Monarch,

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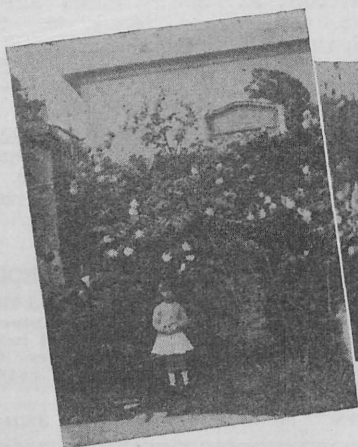
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New varieties introduced last year were far above the average. They are being selected for strength of growth and stem as well as the rest of the Dahlia virtues, making it easier to grow exhibition Dahlias each year. Then again, thousands of fans are feeding and caring for their Dahlias scientifically, thanks to new articles, Dahlia societies, catalogues and books on Dahlias.

The National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers, Inc., are doing a great work with their slogan, "Square Deal". This organization is stabilizing the Dahlia industry with a systematic credit system and looking after complaints. Growers with a clean slate are hereby invited to send to Thomas Leavitt, Assinippi, Mass., for application blank for membership.



## Dahlias in Michigan

Editor Bulletin:

Again a year has rolled around. It seems that they are going faster and faster. Soon it will be time to bring out the bulbs and tubers from their hiding places and find out what King Winter has done to us.

I regret to report that last season was an exceptionally hard one here in Michigan. Many of the plants failed to grow, and stunt was fairly prevalent. This was due to the extremely dry and hot Summer. From June 1st to September 1st we had no rain to do any good, so I had to rely entirely on irrigation. Our water (city) is so hard that plants do not do well when used. However, from September on I had some fine blooms.

Our first frost hit us on September 16th, but I was prepared, having equipped myself with Rain King Sprinklers erected on six foot standards. We had five consecutive nights of heavy frosts, and I was successful in bringing the plants through with practically no loss, by having the sprinklers running from midnight until morning.

Our Calhoun County Dahlia Show was held October 2nd-5th, inclusive, and I was fortunate to win first in display, and received a nice lot of prizes. This year our show will be held the last of August, which may or may not be better. Prospects are for a good year. A heavy snow came about the tenth of December, when the ground was not frozen and is still on, so that the various thaws have let the water seep away into the ground. I look forward to the best season in several years.

Very few plants produced many tubers, many of them having only one and two new ones, which were not matured. I have three or four seedlings that I want to try again this year. They look good enough to send to Storrs for trial, and if they do well this year they will be there next year.

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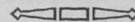
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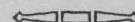
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## OUR NEXT BIG SHOW will be held at the CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO IN SEPTEMBER

At the January meeting of the Dahlia Society of California our past president, Curtis Redfern, suggested that if possible permission be gotten from the American Dahlia Society for a section in its BULLETINS to be devoted to news from California. This permission was most graciously given and it is hoped that this innovation will prove of sufficient worth to be made a permanent feature of the A. D. S. BULLETINS.

## To the American Dahlia Society and To All Dahlia Lovers—Greetings

Having been elected to carry on the most noble work of our worthy past president, Curtis Redfern, my desire is to let our endeavors of the future be one of achievement and to the extent that we have builded up such respect for that wonderful blossom, that all flower lovers may be imbued with our enthusiasm for its cultivation, and that it may find a space both in their hearts and gardens, that they too might experience that great joy that is ours in the culture of that blossom of blossoms, the Dahlia.

It is with this aim in view that with the co-operation of my associates in the Dahlia Societies of California in the *Fifteenth Anniversary* year, that I desire to work for the continued good-will, respect and mutual co-operation of our society with all like societies and Dahlia lovers throughout the Dahlia world. This is in a sense a pledge, so let us endeavor to let our Light so Shine, that in the future there will be no regrets.

Sincerely,

LESTER G. GLASSON, President,  
Dahlia Society of California.

## Dahlia Society Bulletins

By Curtis Redfern

Flower societies generally and State Dahlia Societies in particular are unnecessarily wasteful of both energy and means. The results of their efforts are seldom, if ever, commensurate with the work and funds involved. The writer speaks from experience—having served the Dahlia Society of California for three years in the many sided job of president, show manager, business manager, editor and publicity agent.

The same amount of work done for a business organization would have to result in a much greater degree of success than the Dahlia Society enjoyed or the various activities would be subjected to critical study and where found non-productive some remedial action taken.

A business man invited to study a Dahlia Society's activities would at once question the wisdom and fairness of local societies publishing bulletins. Getting out bulletins entails a great deal of work and they are frightfully expensive to print. Professional growers are depended upon to furnish the money required by inserting advertisements. The circulation is but a fraction that of the A. D. S. BULLETIN, but the space rates are practically the same. Commercial growers cannot but look upon these advertisements in local bulletins other than a direct tax upon them. Local bulletins of necessity are provincial and much of their reading matter of little or no interest to non-resident members. If we have anything of vital interest to write about the Dahlia let us avail ourselves of the medium that will make it possible for us to tell everybody who is interested—at present there is none better than the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN which is sent to its several thousand members in all parts of the world.

It is hoped that other State Societies will give thought to this matter. If they do I feel sure they will follow our example and use the pages of the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN to record their activities and as the channel through which they can best spread the message of the Dahlia—the most popular flower in the world today.

## Editorial

By Mrs. H. C. Haake

With the advent of a new corp of officers comes the enthusiasm of fresh minds eager to expand into activity.

At the annual meeting of the society in January a most efficient board of directors was elected with Lester G. Glasson as president, an ardent amateur grower. Already this year many new members, both professional and amateur, have been added to the roll of membership.

Although boasting of a number of very excellent professional growers the majority of members of the Dahlia Society of California are amateurs and hard workers in their backyard gardens—but the blooms they produce and exhibit are more than worth the price of admission to our show. Of course these backyard workers can nurse fifty to one hundred or more plants carefully which the professional with his thousands cannot do.

The fifteenth annual show of the Dahlia Society of California will be held at the Civic Auditorium the first week of September. The Dahlia is the official flower of San Francisco and it seems fitting to hold our show in the Civic Center. Larkin Hall, where the Dahlias are displayed, is lighted by high long windows allowing the flowers to be seen in their natural color and the cool atmosphere of the hall adds one hundred per cent to the keeping qualities of the flowers.

The show is to be held a week later than usual this year, in order that the 3,000 delegates to the international convention of the Florists' Telegraph Association may have an opportunity to see how Dahlias grow in the San Francisco Bay region.

The officers and directors of the society are looking forward with the keenest pleasure to greeting Mr. Leonard Barron, horticultural editor of the American Home and Country Life magazines, as the honor guest. He expects to be in San Francisco at the time of the show and will serve as one of its judges. It is an honor and privilege to have such an efficient man to serve as one of the judges.

Expectations are running high for a bigger and better show than ever held before. The beauty of the whole ensemble is being given much consideration. Flat work is to be eliminated as far as possible in the professional classes. Each variety group is to be displayed in receptacles rather than singly. Perfect individual flowers collectively makes a perfect whole and the general effect attractive and artistic to the usual show visitor. The professional expert can readily find what his eye is seeking—be it perfection or defect.

Basket entries are encouraged by offering to each class an opportunity to display his flowers in color groups and combinations. At a very interesting open members' meeting instructions were given on how to make an artistic basket of Dahlias. It is rather difficult, especially for the novice to know how to give each flower its proper setting and yet get an artistic effect. How many professional growers can make an artistic display with his flowers! Many times the love of flowers has developed an amateur into a professional but more often the commercial side has the preponderance of his thought and activity. After all it is the beauty of the Dahlia that we all love and wish to see displayed at its best.

We are glad to make the announcement that our society is now an affiliated member of the A. D. S., the parent society of America.

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I have still some splendid Dahlia seed left at \$1.00 per packet, so you who have not availed yourselves of the opportunity of securing this wonderful seed for this season's planting, have still a chance.

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Get my catalogue, it lists my new Dahlias, and gives a few wonderful testimonials.

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A. G. GOODACRE

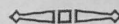
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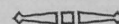
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Bessie Boston Dahlia Farm

SAN MATEO

CALIFORNIA



Gardena California, January 30, 1930.

Editor BULLETIN:

The writer has carefully noted the new classification of Dahlias, and quite agrees that it is much better than ever. The "Show" takes a jump up into the Decorative apparently, and the Hybrid is out. That is a good thing. The only one point I would like to mention is the "Peony" class description. Not more than three rows of ray florets. It just struck me that several varieties have more than the three rows, which if I understand the classification correctly, means, that they are out of it. Am I correct in that, or can they be placed in another class? In your opinion, where would you place A. D. Lavoni, Gold Medal, W. W. Rawson or Mrs. J. P. Smith? Am I correct in placing all in the "BALL CLASS" or should GOLD MEDAL and MRS. J. P. SMITH be with the INFORMAL class? I have heard several opinions on them and just thought I would like to have your opinion. Personally I think they are the BALL class.

Might we ask that you mail us a few blanks for application to the A. D. S. as we think some might have a pipe dream some time and want to become members. If they knew what benefits there is in being a member, especially the good information derived in reading the BULLETINS, they would not hesitate. The writer thought there would be no harm in having a few on hand. Sorry we did not have our membership emblem to the National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers in time to print in our catalogue, but that cannot be helped.

Best wishes to you and yours, from the ADVANCE DAHLIA FARM. Thanking you for past courtesies, we are,

Yours very truly,  
C. G. SEAMAN.

### Ethics of the Dahlia Society of California

#### *Amateur's Code:*

I consider the growing and showing of Dahlias to be a form of sport and to maintain my standard as an amateur I will neither sell tubers of cut flowers or commercialize my interest in Dahlias in any way. I will exhibit at the shows only flowers grown by myself. I will support the officers of the society.

#### *Professional Grower's Code:*

I consider the growing and selling of Dahlias to be an honorable business. I will so conduct my business that neither my customers nor my competitors will have complaint that I have conducted my business in a way that takes unfair advantage of either of them. I will exhibit at the shows only flowers grown by myself. I will support the officers of the society.

Gardena, California.

Like the account of the New York show. It gives the amateur an insight as to what he wants.

However, I am fortunate in being able to get good advice, as I live down at the next corner from A. G. Goodacre and we are together for a little while practically every evening. He certainly knows his Dahlias and seed. Has a beautiful big gold seedling from "Sagamore", a two-year-old and miles ahead of "Mabel Goodacre".

Have a few first year seedlings myself and hope to send some to Storrs in 1931. Seed is very short this year on account of the very hot weather at the wrong time.

RICHARD W. PETRIE.

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### Ramblings of An Amateur Grower

By Glenn T. Mack

Nearly every article written on planting or directions sent with tubers has the same set formula for the culture of the Dahlia. However, within a radius of twenty-five miles, or even less, the soil or climatic conditions may so vary that the raising of good blooms for the exhibition table is entirely different.

For the amateur grower who has only a small space to get the best average of good blooms, it is far better to plant varieties that have proved themselves in your locality. Try the new varieties, yes, but it is better to let the professional grower in your locality do the experimenting.

For illustration—Amun Ra, a beautiful flower originated in the cool climate of San Francisco, when grown in Los Angeles comes with a hard center. Flaming Meteor, originated in Los Angeles and grown in San Francisco, does not have the size nor the color that it has in its native place. These two flowers have probably had the greatest popularity in the two sections of California mentioned.

Always plant a strong healthy tuber and do not give away all your surplus stock as some of it may not sprout. Plant no later than the middle of April for the shows to be held at the end of August or the first of September. If you have a hotter climate than San Francisco plantings in May will have the second crop of blooms ready for the show.

In pure beach sand such as we have in some districts of San Francisco we plant from 8 to 10 inches deep as

the sand dries out very fast with one or two hot days. We do not water the plants for at least six weeks after planting. Use peat moss for mixture with sand to add humus. Some use a top mulch of fresh manure to retain the moisture and feed the plants.

In any part of California where the absence of frost permits, the tubers may remain in the ground until they have fully matured which fills them with energy and vitality. They may be dug at your leisure as late as February.

Blooms as late as Thanksgiving is not an uncommon thing in California. One member of the Dahlia Society of California is seen at each monthly board meeting of the year with a Dahlia bloom pinned on her coat collar and these flowers are grown in her garden.

After all the best way to grow Dahlias is to grow to the best of your understanding and profit by your experience, be it success or failure. Spend all your spare time in your garden, it is good for you, but do not forget your family. Mrs. Mack says the famed Golf Widow has now a companion in the Dahlia Widow.

### Dahlias For Table Decoration

By Mrs. H. C. Haake

The large type of Dahlias combined with the pompons can be used very effectively for a table decoration without the use of any kind of a container. Very often the containers are elaborate and instead of adding to, take from the beauty of the flowers.

To make a foundation for the flowers a form or club as it is called by the florists, is made out of huckleberry and sword fern with damp moss inside. The size will vary according to the table to be decorated. For a formal banquet table it would be much larger and longer than for an informal dinner or luncheon table. Make the club for a twelve foot table about five inches deep by two and one-half feet long. Wind round and round with heavy thread to make it firm and round. It can be easily made by the amateur or if preferred at the florist's shop.

Use the large type of Dahlias with about a ten inch stem for the main part, pushing the stems well down into the form which will hold them quite firmly if the club is made correctly. Use the pompon Dahlias for the lower part and for each end use the long stem pompons shooting them out lengthwise.

Cutting the stems of the large Dahlias short make a low decoration and it is certainly a comfort to be able to see your neighbor across the table without dodging a tall bunch of flowers. Use plenty of the maiden hair fern to soften the effect, for the foliage of Dahlias does not keep well.

The writer furnishes the Dahlias and does the decorating for a special occasion, once each year, in an organization with which she is associated. The above form of decoration has been used for the banquet tables making the main table more elaborate. The effect is really very beautiful. We who love the Dahlias are always seeking new ideas, new ways of displaying them to show their beauty and gorgeousness.

Two bluejackets were watching the bathing girls at Atlantic City when one of them pipes up: "Do you think the girls could wear their bathing suits much smaller?"

"I don't know," said his shipmate, "but there's a bare possibility."

Prof: "How many seasons in the year are there?"

Brite: "There are three, Professor—football, basketball and baseball."—Bucknell Belle Hop.

### The New Standard—Comments

By A. G. Goodacre

For my part I like the new classification of Dahlias proposed by the Nomenclature Committee. Mr. Waite carried his point in disposing of that magic word "hybrid" (I don't agree with him on the word "creation", he says God is The Creator, yes we know that! He created us to go on creating, and that is just what we are doing! Therefore we speak of our creations, that is perfectly correct!) Yes, that word "hybrid" has been run ragged by all the scalawags in the country, they have just dabbled in Dahlias, delphiniums, and other plants, caught on to the word and applied it whether it fitted their productions or conscience, just a catch phrase. I am indeed glad your committee has done away with the humbug. Of course we all may be a bit guilty, we all have glass houses who pretend to do any sort of a business. The one exception I take is in the matter of Peony Dahlias. I don't see why they should be limited to three rows of petals with the additional curly ones in center, you are eliminating some very fine peony varieties, such as Chanson, Alma Davies, California Sunshine, all large full peonies. I talked over the matter with Mr. Broomall the other day but got little sympathy. He gave me the impression that a Peony Dahlia was a thing "only half baked"; of course an artisan of his caliber turning out we might say perpetually "the perfect flower" (fully dressed) can hardly relish slipshod methods, and looks with disfavor on the various freaks classed as Peony Dahlias because there is no other class for them.

We are thankful also that the Committee has not enlarged the number of classes materially. Some of our shows have been running wild with various classifications of their own; our own Los Angeles show has been quite conspicuous with its absurdities. Our new board of directors I hope will embrace this new standard; I will try and do my best as one of them and a life member or our great parent organization.

Our catalogues next season will have to be rewritten to conform also.

### The Perfect Dahlia

By Harley T. Peck

Perfection never has nor never will be reached. For perfection is infinity and the laws of nature and mathematics teach us beyond all doubt that, though infinity may be approached it may never be reached. We certainly should be thankful that this is a fact.

One might ask, of what use therefore to talk about the perfect Dahlia or anything else perfect? Nature has made perfection unattainable to be true, but has also made it possible for us to visualize it, thus providing a supreme standard for the conduct of humanity, which though never reached, is always before us and much desired. Let us try to attain as near perfection as is possible.

### No Literary Hash

Book Agent: "Have you a Charles Dickens in your home?"

Steve Kupfer: "No!"

B. A.: "Or a Robert Stevenson?"

S. K.: "No!"

B. A.: "Or a Gene Field?"

S. K.: "No, we ain't, and what's more, if you're looking for them fellows, you might try the boarding-house across the street."

## The Green Plant Question

By J. J. Broomall

In discussing "The Green Plant Question" I shall endeavor to give my reasons for being very much in favor of green plants, that is, growing Dahlias from cuttings, and I will also try to explain why green plants of Dahlias are sometimes disappointing and a failure.

It is more than thirty years since I raised my first Dahlia plants from cuttings. For many years while I was in the Mail Order business I sold so close on many of the better varieties of Dahlias that I did not have near enough roots to plant, so that I was practically forced to propagate from cuttings in order to raise sufficient stock to meet the demand, with the result that quite often more than half my ground was filled with green plants. The stock grown from such plants was almost without exception fully as satisfactory as stock grown from tubers. Some of the finest blooms I have ever obtained were produced by green plants, and in some varieties the blossoms were much more perfect and showed less tendency to produce flowers with open centers than the same kind grown from tubers.

On the other hand I have tried to raise Dahlias from green plants supplied by other growers that sometimes were far from satisfactory and in some cases a total failure. Now I proceed upon the theory that there is always a CAUSE for every effect whether the effect be good or bad, and I believe the most common cause for the failure of green plants is over-propagation by the use of too much artificial heat the vitality of plants forced under excessive heat and unnatural environment is injured to such an extent that when grown they have not the strength necessary to produce perfect flowers, and indeed, some are not strong enough to survive long after being planted out or if they do manage to live prove to be only "stunts" that only get a few inches high all summer not having the strength to make a normal growth much less a blossom or even a bud.

Right here I want to warn some of the Eastern growers, and a few Californians as well that if they persist in this ruinous practice of excessive forcing they will not only be doing great harm to the Dahlia trade in general, but will injure themselves most of all, for disappointed customers caused by such tactics will surely prove a boomerang to their business.

I am living in a much warmer climate than New Jersey. I am well aware of the fact that some of my fellow growers think I am slow and old-fashioned in my propagating but I had rather be two or three months behind the other fellow with my green plants than to have a lot of irate customers looking for me at the Fall Flower Show.

Here is how I start my green plants: I bed my clumps in the propagation bench using a mixture of sandy loam and ground peat, the first week in January, using sufficient dirt to cover the tubers, but leaving the crown even with the surface with little or no earth over it (the crown). I never use any heat under the bench containing the clumps, and very little under the cutting bench. In fact, I make no effort to keep the temperature above 50 at night or in cloudy weather and do not worry if it falls to 40 on a frosty night although I do not advise such a low temperature as 40, but at all times I try to have air circulating, in fact try to keep conditions as near natural as possible without getting too near the freezing point.

Naturally, under these conditions, the Dahlias are slow in starting so that I seldom get many cuttings before the latter part of March and do my heaviest propagating in April and May, the most of my plants not being ready for planting in the field (after being potted and hardened off in the lath house) until June and the later ones in July. After they get well started they grow rapidly and by Fall are blooming profusely and the most of them produce a fair crop of healthy tubers.

It is generally the practice to root the cuttings in pure sand, and they should be potted in 2½ inch pots as soon as rooted. If they only have one rootlet not more than one-eighth inch long it is safe to pot them, and is much better than leaving them in the sand too long as the sand contains very little plant food and cuttings left in it too long will develop a lot of stringy roots that are half starved for nourishment and not good for the vigor of the plants.

I believe a mixture of leaf-mold with the sand is better for Dahlia cuttings as the leaf-mold contains plenty of plant food so that the growth will not be weakened by remaining longer in the bench. There may be more danger of damping off if leaf-mold is

used as it is apt to contain some fungus unless it has been baked, but if plenty of air is in circulation there is not much danger of damping off as the most frequent cause of damping off fungus in the cutting bench is STAGNANT AIR AND TOO MUCH ARTIFICIAL HEAT.

The first Dahlia cuttings I ever grew were rooted about 1897 out of doors in virgin soil that contained a liberal mixture of leaf-mold derived principally from maple trees; those cuttings grew in a remarkably short time and bloomed to perfection. But that was in Snohomish County, Washington, where conditions happened to be "just right" and would seldom be practicable here or in many other localities.

It is, however, not strictly necessary to have a hot-house in which to grow Dahlia plants successfully. For many years I grew my green plants in hot-beds with satisfactory results except, for instance, when a toad seemed to think the sand a proper place in which to bury himself and upheaved quite a number of cuttings in so doing—but whatever you do, DON'T KILL THE TOADS: they are our friends.

There is one great advantage in using hot-beds: in warm sunshiny weather the tops can be removed entirely and the plants will be outdoors under natural conditions and remember—the nearer we keep to natural conditions the more satisfactory the plants will be, such plants will be almost certain to give satisfaction.

I do not propose to take up the matter of stunts now only to say that I do not want it understood that excessive propagation is the ONLY cause of stunts in Dahlias, it is ONLY ONE OF THE CAUSES; stunted growth or lack of growth may be due to the sting of some injurious insect or various other causes as yet unfathomed. The efforts of some writers to place all the blame for stunts on green plants is absurd.

The reason that green plants do not always produce tubers is that sometimes the cutting has been rooted between joints. Such plants may grow and bloom unless they are planted deep enough so that a joint is three inches below the surface they may not throw out tubers. Heel cuttings are far the best as they root more easily and are sure to make tubers. Where other cuttings are used they must be planted deep enough to insure the proper covering of a joint. I generally set my plants in a small trench or cavity so that by the time they are half-grown and the soil is about level from being cultivated the plants will be six inches deep, for it is better to err on the side of deep planting than not to plant deep enough.

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The following letter, written to Mr. C. L. Chase, of Oklahoma City, by an unknown lady shows how much a Dahlia garden can be appreciated.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I want to tell you the joy your beautiful Dahlia garden has given me this, and other years.

I often drive past and stop a moment to get a long look at their gorgeous colors, and always feel a bit happier, and that life is somehow, more worth while, and I am sure there are hundreds of people to whom you afford the same pleasure, and as it is not a mercenary venture with you, the fine spirit back of it all is doubly appreciated. I thank you for their inspiration and beauty.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. P. S.

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Thomas D. Sherfick, Indiana Dahlia Farms, New Albany, Indiana, sent us a booklet on care and planting of Dahlias. It evidently is intended for Garden Clubs, and a special price of eight cents per copy is made to organizations for benefit of members.

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The Lorraine Dahlia Gardens, formerly of Inglewood, California, announce their removal to elaborate grounds at Manhattan Beach, California, where they will be better able to supply the demand for Dahlias at Hollywood and Los Angeles. Several new introductions will be offered.





## National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers

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Any reputable and reliable commercial Dahlia grower is eligible to membership in this Association. Full particulars may be obtained by addressing the secretary, Thomsa Leavitt, Assinippi, Massachusetts.

### TRADE NOTES

Mr. Curtis Redfern, San Francisco, writes us that he has been transferred to the publicity department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, making it necessary after four years service as president of the Dahlia Society of California, to resign from the position. The new president is Mr. Lester G. Glaston, an enthusiastic amateur Dahlia grower.

Mr. Redfern writes us that he suggested at a meeting of the Dahlia Society of California that if suitable arrangements could be made, they consolidate their bulletin with the A. D. S. BULLETIN. A special California section in the latter publication to be devoted to California Dahlia news. He takes the view on the proposition that it would tend to build up the A. D. S. BULLETIN, give them the advantage of the larger circulation of the latter publication, save duplication in printing, and eliminate the drain on the finances of commercial growers, which has become burdensome, owing to being obliged to advertise in so many local publications. There is a lot of overhead in the Dahlia business that could be eliminated by this means, to the advantage of both the grower and the buyer.

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### Notice For All Dahlia Growers

This is to inform all Dahlia Growers that The Mission Nursery, Techny, Illinois, is the only party authorized and allowed to propagate and market my two new Dahlias, Bugle Call and Royal Purple, and all the rest of the Dahlia novelties turned over to them last year.

Only with this party, The Mission Nursery, Techny, Illinois, written agreement was made for the growing and marketing of these novelties. Anybody else growing and selling these Dahlias is hereby notified that proper steps will be taken to protect the right of both of us, myself and The Mission Nursery, Techny, Illinois. Santa Barbara, March 22, 1930. The Padre's Botanic Gardens, Rev. George Schoener.—Adv.

A bank takes on a number of young men during the summer. On their salary receipts is printed a legend something like this:

"Your salary is your personal business—a confidential matter—and should not be disclosed to anybody else."

One of the new boys in signing this receipt added: "I won't mention it to anybody. I'm just as much ashamed of it as you are."

## National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers Meeting

A meeting of the National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers was held in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on Tuesday, March 18th, at 2:00 P. M. There was a large attendance of the members.

President Charles G. Reed was present and directed the meeting.

The records of the last meeting of the Association were read by the secretary, Thomas Leavitt, and approved. Several routine matters of interest to the members were brought up and disposed of.

The treasurer submitted his report which showed a substantial balance in the treasury.

It was voted to hold the annual meeting of the Association during the exhibition of the American Dahlia Society next September.

After a very interesting meeting, lasting about two hours, it was voted to adjourn.

## Change in Show Dates, Dahlia Society of New England

The dates for the annual exhibition of the Dahlia Society of New England have been changed to Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, 1930. The exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in Horticultural Hall, Boston. Premium lists may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Show Committee, Dr. S. S. Shattuck, 162 Elm Street, Everett, Mass.

## Trial Garden News

By Charles G. Reed

Chairman Trial Garden Committee

We are pleased to announce that all arrangements have been completed for the installation of a sprinkling system in our National Trial Garden, at Storrs, Connecticut. The work will be completed before the arrival of the entries for the coming season. Prof. Patch writes that he never had so many inquiries as this year from growers who have never before sent any of their new varieties there for trial. This means a much larger garden than ever before. We have had the promise of several leading Dahlia growers that they will visit the garden and score the Dahlias. Everything points to the most successful garden that has ever been seen at Storrs. But we wish to urge many more growers of seedlings to be sure and get in touch with Prof. Patch at once and he will send them entry blanks and full instructions for to enter and don't forget that you may have your stock returned to you in the Fall if you wish. Please do not wait until the last minute before you inform Prof. Patch that you are going to send that good seedling to him for trial. A win at this garden will put your seedling at the top with the best Dahlias. Now, please drop a line to Prof. Roland H. Patch, Storrs, Connecticut, and he will do the rest. Do it today.

"Day ain't no justice no mo'," mourned Rufus to a friend. "Ah's a sick man. Guess ah's gwine to die suah. De doctah says my veins is too close an' dat ah got very close veins, an' de only help fo' me am to eat chicken broth three times a day an' stay in nights. An dat jes' can't be done."

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#### Dahlia "Mable S. Douglass"

Considerable attention was given to this seedling at the New York show last Fall. This Dahlia was entered in Section G, Class 150, by William E. Staat of 16 Cedar Avenue, Highland Park, N. J.

This seedling was first named "Ramsey McDonald", but later changed to Mable S. Douglass, in honor of the popular Dean of the New Jersey College for Women, of New Brunswick, N. J.

Three men were responsible for the production of this Dahlia. Seed was purchased by W. E. Staat and G. Otto Lauber. This seed was grown by J. H. Thompson, of New Brunswick, N. J. Since Mr. Thompson actually grew this beautiful flower, the other two men thought it proper to have it listed as a Thompson introduction.

William E. Staat.

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New Haven, Connecticut



### Questions and Answers

My ground is of adobe or tight nature. It runs together when irrigated. I can get plenty of lime and coal ashes. Do you recommend plowing them in before planting.

A. J. PORTER, New Mexico.

*Your soil is too heavy for Dahlias. Lime should be spread on the ground in the Fall, not at planting time. A shovel full of coal ashes in each hill when planting tubers will lighten the soil and greatly improve it. We have seen Dahlias growing fine on an ash pile.—Ed.*

Editor BULLETIN:

As I see in the BULLETIN there is a question column I would like to ask any of the members of the society what to do to rid my soil of the yellow hard shell wire worm? No use to recommend change of location as I have no chance of change. In 1928 I lost nearly \$200 from the effects of their work on the tubers and the young shoots. I have found as many as 26 worms in one tuber. Hoping someone knows of a remedy for my trouble I will close with best wishes to the A. D. S.

LOUIS C. PENNOYER.

*Replying to several letters similar to above concerning remedy for wire worms in Dahlia tubers, we have submitted the problem to experts, but very little seems to be known as to a control for the insects. From them we can learn they are more prevalent in new ground than in old, so moving to a new place would not help. Ordinary sand worms will come to the surface if lime water is poured on the ground, but it will not affect wire worms. It is suggested that a shovel of sifted ashes be thrown in the holes when planting. Also soaking tubers in a Semasan solution may help. They do not like it. If garbage is spaded in the ground they multiply very rapidly.—Ed.*

In taking cuttings for propagation should part of the heel or crown of tuber be taken.

DR. E. S. LANDERS, Tenn.

*This makes the best plant but tuber will not sprout again, so nothing is gained. Cuttings may be taken from any part of the plant just below a joint. The farther away from original tuber the weaker the plant will be. The best cutting is first one on tuber, but leave just a little of the green on tuber and it will grow again.—Ed.*

Some of my plants do not make tubers. I find only the original tuber with a mass of roots on the end. What is the reason?

R. E. C., Indiana.

*In planting about half to one inch should be cut off end of tuber, forcing plant to make new tubers, instead of living on old one. Nearly all expert growers do this.—Ed.*

"What is it a sign of when your nose itches?"  
 "Going to have company."  
 "What if you head itches?"  
 "They have arrived."

I sent a sample to the State University and the analysis showed that it consisted of clay loam, quite acid, and with a very low amount of available phosphorus. They recommended a coating of manure and the addition of 20 pounds of lime to every 100 square feet. Also a 4-12-4 fertilizer applied in the Spring just before planting time. I applied a coating of horse manure then had it plowed deep and added about 1,400 pounds of ground limestone. I then covered it again with a strawy mixture of horse manure. I would like to know if it would be worth while to sow rye early in the Spring. The University statement says to use a 4 inch pot of the 4-12-4 fertilizer.

WILLIAM THOMAS.

*For a heavy soil such as above, sifted coal ashes is best to lighten the soil. Lime should be applied in the Fall, with phosphate, although the latter may be applied sparingly in the Spring. Rake fertilizer in after planting, keeping six inches away from plant. Peat Moss is all right for loosening the soil, but should be kept away from the hole in which the tuber is laid. It slows up development of tubers otherwise.—Ed.*

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### A Sensible Article from Mr. Wilmore's Catalogue

#### Why Dealers Do Not Guarantee Plants

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W. W. Wilmore, Denver, Colorado.



**George W. Kerr**

Dahlia growers throughout the United States and in Europe will be shocked to learn of the death of George W. Kerr on Tuesday afternoon, January 14th, following a long illness. For more than 20 years Mr. Kerr had been in charge of the trial grounds and seed farms of W. Atlee Burpee Co., at Fordhook, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, having come from England at the wish of the late W. Atlee Burpee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Darlington. During these years he not only endeared himself to everyone, but achieved fame as a plant raiser and materially helped the progress of the W. Atlee Burpee Co. by the magnificent exhibit of Dahlias he staged year after year. Skilled in the art of exhibiting, he introduced a new style of staging cut flowers and it is perhaps not too much to say that he was a pioneer in the art of staging trade exhibits.

His breeding work began long before he came to America.

Dahlias attracted his attention at a later date, although he always had a penchant in this direction, for he was directly responsible for the introduction of several varieties in England. For ten years or more, his work among Dahlias at Fordhook was incessant, perhaps his first notable variety being Jean Kerr, named after his daughter. From that time his seedlings at Fordhook were always a big feature and each year several novelties were introduced by his firm, some of them being remarkable for their size and coloring.

George Kerr was born in Scotland 65 years ago. His father, Alexander Kerr, was a notable potato raiser in the floral side of the business. For many years he was associated with the famous firm of Dobbie & Co., then at Midlothian region. As a youth George W. Kerr gravitated to Rothesay and later at Edinburgh and it was here he learned the business of seed and plant growing and exhibiting. Around 1903 he was offered

the managership of the Codsall Nurseries, the floral farms of the new firm of Bakers, of Wolverhampton. This firm from nothing, sprang into prominence and quickly ranked among the leading seed and plant concerns of England, not a little of its progress being due to the magnificent exhibits of hardy plants, Sweet Peas, Dahlias, rock gardens, etc., that George Kerr staged at the large exhibitions in London and the provinces. He raised many Dahlias and various hardy plants while with Bakers. The firm was firmly established when Mr. Kerr resigned his position and came to America, around 1908. Several years later he married, establishing his home in Doylestown. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa B. Kerr, his daughter, Jean, a son and a daughter by a former marriage, Walter F., of New Zealand, and Josephine of Dumfries, Scotland, and a brother William of Dumfries.

A quiet genial man whose Scottish accent never left him, Mr. Kerr will be missed by his many friends, not only those with whom he worked and with whom he came in contact at exhibitions and meetings, but also by those who come to look for his periodical writings. Well educated and a fluent writer as well as a lecturer, he materially helped along the home gardener and the commercial florist by his ability in these directions.

The funeral services were held at Doylestown, Saturday, January 18th, at 2:00 p. m. The American Dahlia Society was represented by President Thomas Leavitt, Vice-president George W. Fraser, Treasurer Mrs. Mabel Rathgeber, Mrs. Frieda Fisher, George Masson, Derrill W. Hart, C. Louis Alling and David Burpee. The above also represented the National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers, and the Dahlia Society of New England.

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### A Cordial Letter from the Mayor of Defiance, Ohio

Dear Mr. Editor:

It might interest you to know that I have enjoyed very much the April and July issues which came because of recently taking membership in your worthy Society, and which I should have done long, long ago—it being very evident that I have missed much by not doing so. Will certainly look forward with keen anticipation as the quarterly issues come forward.

Pending receipt, I meanwhile remain,

Respectfully,

EDWARD S. BRONSON.

### \*Dahlias In Relation To Light

By P. W. Zimmerman

Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, N. Y.

In an attempt to propagate Jersey's Beauty Dahlias from cuttings during late Summer and Fall of 1927 and 1928 two responses appeared that might be of interest to growers in general. Reference is here made to the root formation and flowering of Dahlias when subjected to different day lengths. Also, during the Summer of 1929 experiments were conducted to determine the effects of light intensity in combination with day lengths. A brief preliminary report will be made at this time, though we intend to conduct more elaborate experiments next Summer.

Cuttings taken in July and early August grew typical fibrous roots, but those taken in September and early October grew only a few of such roots. Not all cuttings rooted but of those that did there was a tendency to form tuberous (storage) roots (Fig. 1). In many cases the bases of the stem or lowermost buds served as storage organs. Cuttings that remained green for several months had sufficient storage material to hold the plant over until Spring, when they grew as any other Dahlias.

Plants made from July and early August cuttings flowered when they were only a foot or two in height, as the days shortened in October and November (Fig 2).

ments where the plants received only seven or nine hours of light. This condition was brought about by growing the plants outside, leaving one lot there continually, while two other lots were left for only seven or nine hours and then placed in a large dark room for the remainder of the day. The plants were all approximately six inches in height when the experiment started June 8th. The short day (7 or 9 hours) plants formed flower buds on June 26th, while the long day plants (full Summer light, about 16 hours) did not form flower buds until the first week in August (Fig. 3). At the same time the short day plants were getting ready to flower they were also forming storage roots ("tubers") in contrast with fibrous roots of the long day plants (Fig. 4). The same response was evident whether the plants came from "tubers" or from cuttings. A pompon variety called Arthur was indifferent to day length so far as flowering was concerned but not with respect to storage root formation. This variety formed "tubers" during short daylight periods and grew fibrous roots during the long days. This reminds one that plants in the field during the Summer are slow to form "tubers". As the days shorten toward Fall then tubers begin to form. It is lucky for the commercial grower if frost holds off for a long time after the days become short.

To determine whether seedlings would respond the same as known varieties, approximately 100 seedlings from seeds planted November 3rd were treated with

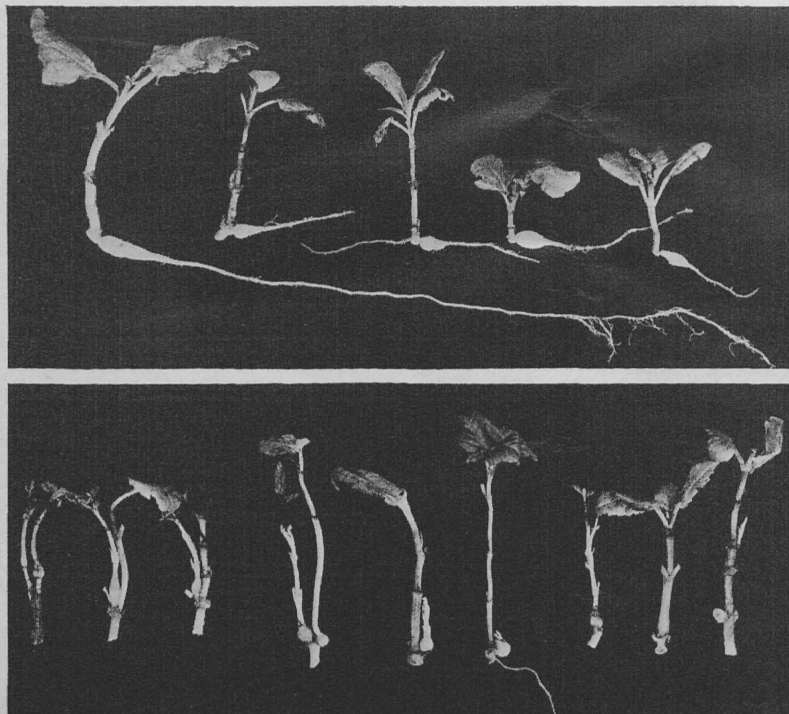


Fig. 1—*Dahlia variabilis* (Jersey's Beauty) cuttings, October to December, as they appeared when taken from rooting medium; note almost complete absence of fibrous roots; upper figures, main roots developed are storage organs; lower figures, left, storage in base of new shoot arising after cuttings were made; middle, basal buds form storage organs comparable with tubers; right, portions of cutting, as stem and leaf petiole, serve as storage organs.

These were in great contrast with the giant Jersey's Beauty plants that grow in the garden without flowering until the days begin to shorten in late Summer. Other varieties, like Trentonian, F. T. D., Insulinda and Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, showed similar responses, though they vary slightly with the variety. During the Summer, plants (both from cuttings and "tubers") were grown in pots and given full normal light, such as can be had from the long summer days, and also short day treat-

extra light from 1,000 watt nitrogen bulbs and compared with those seedlings given only the sunlight of the short Winter days. The response was just the same as with short day cuttings in Summer. Some seedlings in short day flowered when they were only 6 to 8 inches in height. The short day plants also formed "tubers" while plants receiving both sunlight and six hours of electric light at night formed only fibrous roots and did not flower.



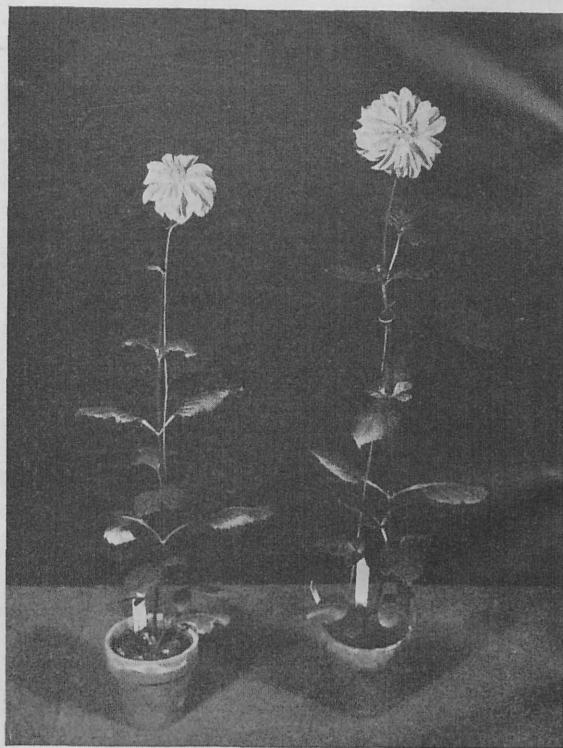


Fig. 2—*Dahlia variabilis* (Jersey's Beauty) from cuttings, August 26th to November 15th.

Figure 5 shows the effect of light intensity† on Dahlia top and root growth. The variation in light intensity was brought about by shading with different kinds of cloth. For example, in a house covered with muslin, 22% of light came through, whereas the cheese cloth house gave 33% light and the mosquito netting house gave 63% light. Light intensity was measured by means of a thermopile. Equal temperature was maintained by blowing air through 4 inch underground pipes into each house. Note that the plants grew taller under the shade than in full sunlight. The tallest plants were in the 33% light intensity but the best looking plants grew in the 63% intensity. In the 63% house, plants flowered just a short time ahead of outside plants and the flowers appeared normal in every respect. Here, also, the dry weight of the plants exceeded slightly that of plants growing in direct light. The 33% intensity plants were two to three weeks slower to flower than the 63% intensity plants. Jersey's Beauty plants in 22% light did not flower, though a pompon variety, Clarissa, in the same house did flower in September.

In each of the light intensity houses experiments were conducted to show also the combined effects of short day and different intensities. The result was that in all cases the short day plants had a tendency to form flower buds and storage roots during short day. The 22% light plants formed buds but did not flower. The 63% intensity in short day formed visible buds in eight days and flowered a little earlier than the checks growing outside.

From these results it would appear that Dahlias do not profit by full light intensity but neither should they get less than 63% of full light intensity. It has long been the opinion of growers that the stronger the light the better. Next Summer we hope to gather conclusive data on the subject by conducting shading experiments on a large scale with plants growing in the field.

In conclusion, I want to say that while we recognize that the experiments here reported might not have any practical application they do help us to understand some of the earlier observations reported by various growers.

\*See report by P. W. Zimmerman and A. E. Hitchcock in Bot. Gaz. for February, 1929.

†This work was done in co-operation with Dr. J. M. Arthur.



Fig. 3—*Dahlia variabilis* (Jersey's Beauty) grown as indicated from June 8 to July 17, 1928. Note that the short day plants flowered and produced tuberous roots in contrast to fibrous roots and no flowering in the long day plants.

Extra  
Light

Normal  
Light

9 Hours  
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7 Hours  
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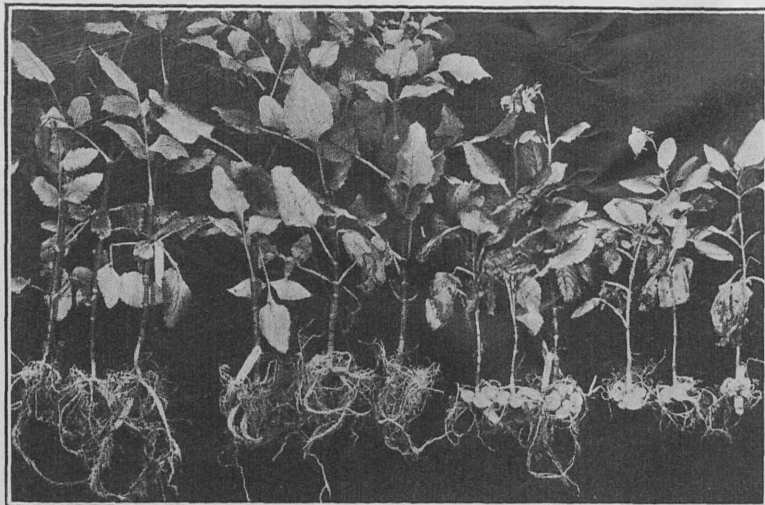
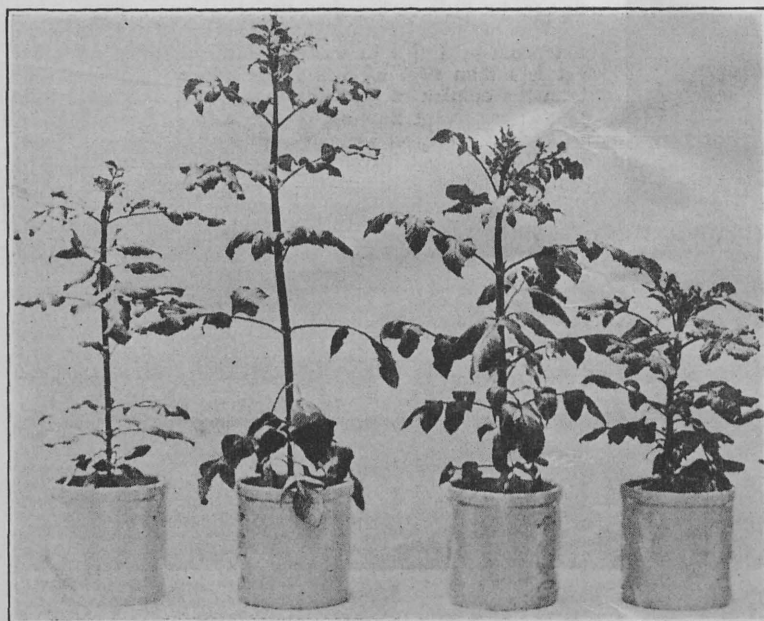


Fig. 4—Root systems of plants from lots photographed in Fig. 1. This experiment was started June 8th and photographed on August 6th. The short day lots on the right show tuberous roots in contrast to fibrous roots of long day plants (left).



22% Light  
Intensity

33% Light  
Intensity

63% Light  
Intensity

Full Light  
Intensity

Fig. 5—*Dahlia variabilis* (Jersey's Beauty) grown outside and in cages covered with muslin (left), cheese-cloth, and mosquito netting to vary the light intensity. The plants photographed are representative samples taken from lots of 12 in each of the different conditions. Note that the plant grown outside is shorter than any of the plants grown in cages.

To William J. Rathgeber,  
American Dahlia Society.

You will probably be especially interested in our radio program for Easter Sunday which will be devoted to the International Peace Garden which is the wonderful new project sponsored by the National Association of Gardeners. As you probably know, this Peace Garden is to be created on the boundary line between Canada and the United States, half on one side of the line and half on

the other. It is intended to be a beautiful park with wonderful growing things to show the gardening art to typify the spirit of peace that has moved two great neighboring nations for more than a century.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN L. DAVEY, President

The Davey Tree Expert Company.

## Catalogues Received

We extend the thanks of the A. D. S. to the following growers who generously published a notice in their catalogue inviting their customers to join the A. D. S. It is a great help to the society and indirectly to the trade. The larger our membership becomes, the more business catalogue publishers will get.

**A. W. Burroughs**, 262 Mansion Avenue, Audubon, N. J., sent us a folder of some new specialties. Outstanding are Helen J. Burroughs and Golden Dawn. We saw these Dahlias at New York show, and they appealed very strongly to us. The former, a large silvery pink, and the latter a bright creamy yellow. This firm makes a specialty of good strong plants of a good line of newer standards at reasonable prices, specializing also in delphiniums. Mr. Burroughs devoted lower part of front page to A. D. S., for which we thank him.

**C. Louis Alling**, West Haven, Conn.—Catalogue, 30 pages devoted to a careful selection of best standard Dahlias of later modern varieties, as well as a complete line of new up-to-date offerings. Among the latter we find 1930 introductions such as Cora Butterworth, Gertrude Mae, Kendall Glory, Mrs. Florence Coolidge, Thomas A. Edison. Tubers or plants except the last. A large cut shows Datto, which seems fast growing in popularity, Jane Cowi, White Empress, Glory of New Haven, Harry Mayer, Kathleen Norris and Kemp's Violet Wonder are leaders. The center pages show a picture of Mr. Alling's display at New York show and a reproduction of A. D. S. medal.

**Chemar Dahlia Gardens**, Oyster Bay, N. Y.—44 page catalogue, attractive, heavy cover. The inside front is devoted largely to an urgent appeal to their customers to join the A. D. S. Excellent cultural hints and propagation notes follow. Seed from special varieties is offered. 1930 offerings are Chemar's Blue Gem, Chemar's Orange Beauty, Chemar's Eureka, Chemar's Giant, Marshall's Chrysanthemum, Mrs. A. E. Wheeler, York and Lancaster, followed by a complete list of new introductions by other growers: Supreme Glory (Almy), Spirit of St. Louis, Supreme Beauty and Yankee King (Wood).

**Carver, John G. & Son**, 22 Neil Street, Brockton, Mass.—24 pages, 7 x 9½, well printed on heavy stock, fine cover. Large illustrations show The Spirit of St. Louis, Brockton Beauty, and Shoe City. Their 1930 introductions are: Mrs. Dr. John Petty, Sir John Carling, Mrs. J. G. Carver. Others are A. O. Kenney, Barbara Redfern, Dorothy Dix, Emily Goss, Fort Monmouth, Judge Leon McCord, Shirley Shaw and a complete line of modern standards.

**Dahlia del Nurseries** (Warren W. Maytrott), Vine-land, N. J.—One of the finest most distinctive and attractive catalogues we have ever seen. The cover is a real work of art, printed in colors on a ground of the new aluminum style of printing. Inside front cover is City of Trenton Dahlia, full page in colors. Back page shows Treasure Island. Other color plates are: Thomas A. Edison, The World, Eastern Star, Waldheim Sunshine; 23 half-tone plates are shown typifying the new classification of Dahlias. At the head of each list of various types is shown a typical flower, which will be of great assistance in identifying the type of a Dahlia under the new classification. 1930 introductions comprise American Triumph, Cora Butterworth, Dorothy Stone, Eliza London Sheppard, Daylo, Jersey's Triumph, Robert E. Lee. The entire pages 5 and 6 Mr. Maytrott devotes to matters concerning the A. D. S. This includes the new classifications, merging of Dahlia Bulletins, etc. We take the liberty (with apologies to Mr. Maytrott) of printing these two pages in this issue of the Bulletin. The catalogue has 50 pages besides double covers and describes as complete a line of the most popular Dahlias of the present day. 275 varieties are listed. Another valuable feature are the cultural directions printed throughout the book. Treats on care of green plants, fertilizers, how to plant, soil preparation, cultivation, disbudding, insect pests, etc.

**Dahlia dream Garden** (Harold H. Miller), 21 W. Simpson Street, Portland, Oregon—Catalogue, Dahlia dream introductions, Dr. Curtis Holcomb, Mitzi, Doneil, Miss Willemette and Oregon Autumn. Also a full line of better standards. Mr. Miller did not forget an A. D. S. notice.

**Delaware Dahlias** (By Norman Swift), Marshallton, Delaware—20 page catalogue, finely embossed cover. Special feature introduction of two new ones, Miss Delaware and Peggy Dozier, beautifully formed flowers, shown in fine half-tone cuts. Miss Wilmington is another fine pink. A list of exceptional merit follows. Good cultural directions are printed. Front of book are shown reproductions of A. D. S. medals.

**Derring-Do Dahlias** (Frederick E. Dixon), Scotch Plains, N. J.—A unique catalogue embracing some original cultural directions. Charts are shown explaining how to properly set plants, protection when starting and pruning plants to get upright flowers. Directions for testing soil texture. Fertilizers and insect control are treated at length. The list of varieties comprises mostly new up-to-date Dahlias, and some Dixon originations, namely, Black Knight, Cream of the Garden (1930), Kickapoo, Perk, Saxon Chief and Y. W. C. A. Two large collections are offered. Inside back cover shows a fine picture of Derring-Do Dahlias at A. D. S. show in Dixon's educational exhibit.

**Dudley's Dahlias**—Quetzal (Kasal) varieties, Lynn B. Dudley, 580 North Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. This enterprising new firm sent us one of the best arranged catalogues we have seen, alphabetically arranged, with a large capital initial at head of each section. Nearly 300 of the best standard modern Dahlias are listed at right prices, full descriptions. Some excellent cultural instructions are given. Imported Holland and American seed is offered with instructions how to grow from seed. Six special combinations are featured. A short history of the Dahlia, etc. A fine picture of Mr. Dudley among his Dahlias is shown. The following boost for the A. D. S. is appreciated:

### Join the American Dahlia Society

If you have not already done so, join the American Dahlia Society, and keep up to date on the latest varieties. Send \$2.00 to William J. Rathgeber, secretary, 198 Norton Street, New Haven, Conn. Read its "Dahlia Bulletin", write to its advertisers, get their lists, compare prices and study new introductions—and start with us down the long, beautiful, colorful and amazing road to Dahlia land.

**Eden Farms** (Fred von Rodeck), R. 2, Matawan, New Jersey—Catalogue listing only high grade new Dahlias, both foreign and domestic productions. Stredwick's from England, also Holland, France and Germany. Some new imported varieties are: Buccaneer, Carajerra, G. H. Baslow, Grace Curling, Homeric, Lilac Glory, Red Emperor, Rev. H. C. Weaver, W. D. Cartwright, all cactus and hybrid cactus. Suydam's Torch, a large long stem, fiery red, is specially featured. Mr. von Rodeck is now located on his new farm in New Jersey. We appreciate his loyalty to the A. D. S. in devoting a page to our organization.

**Fisher & Masson**, Trenton, N. J.—As usual this enterprising firm issue this year a distinctive catalogue, fully up to those of previous years, high grade buff paper, heavy decorative cover. First page shows a medal of the A. D. S. and on another page space is devoted to an invitation to join the A. D. S.

Their Gold Medal 1930 introductions are Dorothy Stone, Helen Ivins, Grover Whalen, Elizabeth Carteret, all their own. Eight new Dahlias for 1930 by other growers are: American Triumph, Cardinalis, Cora Butterworth, Jersey's Triumph, Jean Trimbée, Katherine McDowell, Mabel S. Douglas, Monmouth Champion. Following these, many pages of the most-up-to-date modern Dahlias; illustrations throughout are excellent.

**Fraser's Dahlia Gardens**, Willimantic, Conn.—An interesting list of 16 pages, offering a large number of popular Dahlias in addition to which two of the firm's own novelties are offered for the first time, namely: Margaret F. Wylie, a large decorative of a rosy red shade, and Orinda, another decorative of a mauve pink color. A number of novelties from other raisers also are prominently featured. The descriptions throughout are excellent and everything of importance is listed. Aside from Dahlias, Delphiniums and Gladiolus are handled on a large scale and of the latter a number of first-class varieties are described and offered. Mr. Fraser as usual prints information for, and advantages of joining the A. D. S.



**Golden Rule Dahlia Farm** (Harley T. Peck), Lebanon, Ohio—This is another outstanding catalogue, printed on fine quality paper, 34 pages, color cover. A feature of this publication is a table of ratings of Dahlias compiled by Mr. Peck, including most popular well known varieties, making it valuable as reference in selecting Dahlias. New Golden Rule Dahlias for 1930 are: Buckeye Bride, Score 94, Buckeye 90, Buckeye Orange 87. Former originations: Aureo, Cavalier, Golden Acre, Heart of Gold, Ohio Glory, Pride of Butler, Ruth Yost, Star Bright. Some good bargain collections are offered. The inside back cover is devoted to invitation to join the A. D. S. with information and address of the secretary. We take this means of expressing our appreciation to Mr. Peck for this fine boost for the A. D. S.

**Grant E. Mitsch**, Brownsville, Oregon—Folder listing nearly 300 of the newest and better standard Glads.

**Kendal Dahlia Gardens** (C. W. Stuart), 47 First Street, Massillon, Ohio—This up-to-date concern are out with a fine large catalogue for 1930. Fancy cover on good paper, 36 pages, inside cover devoted to interests of the A. D. S. with an invitation to join. Second page shows a full length picture of Mr. Stuart himself. Following is a long list, alphabetically arranged, of all most desirable modern Dahlias. Outstanding varieties are: Albert H. Vestal, Alta Ray, Arctic Shadows, Buckeye Bride, Coquette, Datso, Der-rill W. Hart, Fordhook Goldlocks, Golden Lotus, Martha Kemp and My Maryland. Useful hints on growing Dahlias is excellent.

**Maxada Dahlia Gardens**, 1321 East Commercial Street, Springfield, Mo.—Sends us a catalogue of their large line of popular standard varieties. Nearly 200 decoratives above are listed, besides a large collection of all other types. The book is well arranged for easily finding any type of Dahlia desired. An invitation to join the A. D. S. also appears.

**Matthiesen, John L.**, S-3104 Division Street, Spokane, Wash.—Excellent catalogue of best standard Dahlias. Also offering new introductions: Emily Duncan, Magonk, Commanche, Rhodamine Glory, Daughter of the Nile, Turnbull's Red and Miss Japonica.

**Mannetto Hill Nurseries** (William C. Noonan), Hicksville, L. I., N. Y.—Are out with a fine large catalogue of best standard Dahlias and following own introductions are Elite Sport, John Jackson Jefferson, Kenwood, Mannetto Dawn, Mannetto Glory, Mannetto Peach, Pride of East Norwich, Princess Xenia and White Monarch. We hope to see these at Madison Square Garden this Fall. (Wholesale list for dealers also is published.)

**Redfern, Curtis**, Lincoln Manor, San Francisco, California—He first invites his patrons to join the A. D. S. Catalogue is printed on good buff color stock. Large illustrations are: Bagdad (Redfern), Yosemite, Barbara Redfern, a glistening and gold color. Outstanding varieties: Carl G. Larson, Fire Chief, John Meusdorffer, Kentucky, Prince Albert, Regal, Richelieu, and Yellow Princess. A specialty are the new miniature decorative "Charm Dahlias" now becoming popular. They came from England—25 varieties are described.

**Salem Dahlia Gardens**, Salem, N. J.—20 page catalogue, well printed on high grade paper. Illustrations are: Barbara Redfern, Eagle Rock Beauty, Marion Broomall, Elite Glory, Jane Cowl, Queen of the Garden Beautiful. Some new ones offered are: American Triumph, Evelyn Morris, Eva L. Quadling, Gov. Morgan F. Larson, Grace Records and many others.

**Salbach, Carl**, 657 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, California—A beautifully printed catalogue of the firm's fine collections of Dahlias and Glads. 12 pages are devoted to Mr. Salbach's superb collection of Gladiolus, many splendidly illustrated. Following a picture of Mr. Salbach is shown. His Dahlia seed offers follow, also a prize offer for A. D. S. 1930 show. 18 new Dahlias are listed. Salbach's White, Regal, Mrs. Warren DeMiller, are shown in large pictures.

**Success Dahlia Gardens** (Charles G. Reed), 171 Ferry Street, Lawrence, Mass.—This enterprising concern sent us their 1930 catalogue, embracing a large line of the most modern Dahlias on the market. The selections are carefully chosen and must have proved their desirability. As is well known Mr. Reed has his Dahlias grown both in Lawrence and by J. J. Broomall, of Eagle Rock, California. List of Broomall-Success 1930 introductions are: Eagle Rock Wonder, Golden Harvest, Lavinia Broomall, Rosina Melhaffey, June Justice, Mrs. Emilie H. Kitson, Evelyn Morris, Goodnight, Lillian Miller, Loleta, Maiden's Blush, Mildred Brooks Hoover, Rose-Ellen, Varble. Mr. Reed is also exclusive Eastern introducer of C. W. Ballay, California. There are thirteen of these. Among the best we note Charles G. Reed, purple red decorative; Donna California, deep rose pink decorative. A double page spread shows Eagle Rock Wonder. A long list of new standards follows. Trust Charlie not to forget the A. D. S. by giving us a full page invitation to join, and trial garden notice. He would get it in if he had to add a couple of pages to do it.

**Shattluck, Dr. Shirley S.** (Sagamore Gardens), 162 Elm Street, Everett, Mass.—A 34 page catalogue, well printed on fine stock. They offer four wonderful collections. These new introductions are: Aleppo, Angela Mia, Barcelona, Ming Toy, Mrs. Fannie Beals, Peach Blossom, Silvery Moon, T. A. Norris, Three Cheers, Prince Pilsen, Sagamore Beauty. Following these are 30 pages of new and standard varieties. Any selecting Dahlias should send for this catalogue.

**Somerhausen Dahlia Gardens**, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Penn.—40 page catalogue, well printed on high grade buff paper; 5 pages are devoted to excellent cultural directions for obtaining best results. Throughout, the work shows great care and discrimination in compiling a list of popular standards that should prove a guide in making selections for 1930. It is worth sending for. Mr. Buckenham starts first page with an invitation to his customers to join the A. D. S., which we greatly appreciate.

**Sunny Slope Gardens** (W. E. Trostle), R. F. D. 1, Box 1066, San Gabriel, California—Catalogue in pamphlet form, offering some new introductions of their own. California Silver Rose, Giant Red Queen, Mexico, Pasadena Beauty, Pacific Sunshine being the leaders. Quite a list of new Dahlias by other growers follows. Throughout it is all high class stock. Front cover shows emblem of the A. D. S.

**Teaneck Dahlia Gardens**, 27 Hillside Avenue, Teaneck, N. J.—Catalogue of the best new standards in Dahlias and Glads. Also three special combinations at an attractive price. Entire last page devoted to slogan "Join the American Dahlia Society".

**Tivoli Dahlia Garden** (H. von Issendorf), 1336 48th Avenue, San Francisco, California—A good assortment of desirable standards is offered. Varieties listed show discrimination in selection. Page 2 comprises an application blank for Dahlia Society of California, affiliated with the A. D. S.

**Vavra, Joseph**, Huntington Beach, California—40 page catalogue. New introductions: Abdillah, Aradara, Baryta, Edith Tanner, Egyptian Princess, La Traviata, Mrs. Le Baron Sharp, and a general collection of modern standards.

**Valley Inn Flower Farms** (Thomas D. Collins), Monongahela, Penn.—Well printed catalogue of latest standard Dahlias and Glads. Four excellent collections are offered. Last full page devoted to invitation to join the A. D. S.

**Walker Dahlia Gardens**, Santa Maria, California—A well printed catalogue on fine paper. Offers a full line of high grade standards. We are pleased to note inside front cover a picture of A. D. S. silver medal.

**Wakeman Gardens** (Mrs. Sarah W. Wood), Southport, Conn.—Sends us her pamphlet describing her choice varieties of Dahlias. That Mrs. Wood knows the best Dahlias is emphasized by the fact she has for some years consistently been the largest prize winner at A. D. S. New York shows. This fact created such a demand for her stock that she was practically obliged to grow them commercially. On outside back cover is printed a generous A. D. S. notice. We thank her for her kindness.

## GENERAL LIST OF CATALOGUES RECEIVED

**Alice Meusdorffer**, 487 Hanover Street, San Francisco, California—12 page catalogue, good printing. 1930 introductions are: Caroline Meusdorffer, Reynold and May Dearborn Schwab. Pictures of Reynold and Flamenco are shown. Complete line of standards.

**Altha Hall Gardens**, 445 Arlington Avenue, Clarendon, Virginia—Folder, listing about 150 new standard Dahlias. Prices quoted at wholesale and retail.

**Andahlia Gardens** (Walter A. Angell), Lymansville, R. I.—Folder listing about 150 modern standards; also about 50 varieties of Gladiolus are offered.

**Ballego & Sons**, Leiden, Holland—Sends us sheets of new varieties. A fine color picture of W. D. Cartwright is included. They offer Frau O. Bracht, Mabel Lawrence, Nagel's Ideal and Sewerin's Wahl.

**Ballay Dahlia Gardens**, R. F. D. 1, Box 504, Palo Alto, California—Catalogue offering thirteen of their own 1930 originations. Principal ones are: Charles G. Reed, Donna California, Magic, Mayfair, Nedra, Nova, Sultana and Vague. Three full page plates show Conquistador, Valeska and Daphne.

**Bessie Boston Dahlia Farm**, San Mateo, California—Catalogue, 8 x 10½. As usual a high grade job, 34 pages, full page size half-tone plates show some of their new productions, F. W. Butler, Ivory, Judge Leon McCord, Valentino, F. J. March, Ishbel, A. A. Styers, William H. Waite, Minamoto's Pink, Andrew Harper, Day Dream and Helen. New ones are described. Complete list of standards.

**B. K. Matlack**, Bridgeton, N. J.—Folder listing about 100 choice standards in Dahlias and 50 varieties of Glads.

**Bolsa Dahlia Garden**, 341 Oakdale Avenue, Mill Valley, California—Have a very neat catalogue. A basket of pompons add to attractive cover. Pictures Mr. and Mrs. Haake, proprietors, is shown. Six new pompon Dahlias are: Dolores, Haake's Glow, Micky, Myra, Pixy, Sunset Gold. While pompons seem their specialty, some modern standards are offered.

**Berwick Dahlia Gardens**, Chesley Avenue, Baltimore, Md.—A finely gotten up catalogue. A large list of standards. New novelties are: Roxy, Clara M. Hass, Alta Ray, American Triumph, a new true red cactus, Dorothy Stone, Florence Klein, Rising Mars, Thomas A. Edison.

**Calvin E. Reed**, 1208 Leonard Street, N. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan—Folder offering a long list of popular Glads at reasonable prices.

**Charles W. Redding**, Bournedale, Mass.—Catalogue devotes 4 pages to complete cultural directions, followed by a long list of standard Dahlias and Gladiolus. Whoopee, Big Bertha, First Lady, Miss Cape Cod, Silver Moon are new ones.

**C. L. Taylor**, 174 White Street, Danbury, Conn.—6 page folder of Dahlias of quality and distinction, potash fed. Many new introductions are offered at very moderate prices. A good list for selecting 1930 requirements.

**Charles A. Beatrice**, Sharon, Mass.—Folder of popular standard Dahlias and Glads.

**Dahliaglad Farms** (William H. Rentschler), Linwood, N. J.—Catalogue specializing in 55 most modern desirable Dahlias. Some tubers, but mostly offered in cuttings at reasonable prices.

**Dahlia Farm, The** (W. L. W. Darnell), East Moriches, N. Y.—This is one of the outstanding catalogues among the many received. Size is 9 x 12, on high grade paper. One picture showing a little girl with Dahlias is particularly attractive. Mr. Darnell offers the largest assortment of pompons we have seen, over 200 varieties being listed, many of them new. He also offers a long list of fine decorative cactus and hybrid cactus Dahlias, followed by Gladiolus, Peonies, Hardy Phlox and Iris.

**Dayton's Dahlia Gardens** (Dayton Bond), 647 N. Main Street, Akron, Ohio—Folder offering over 200 varieties of best modern standards. Prices seem quite reasonable.

**Eastland Dahlia Gardens** (K. C. Sherman), Dover, N. H.—Eastland Sunbeam is featured as a new type of tri-lateral grower. Standards and some collections at popular prices. Also seed is offered.

**Excell Dahlia Gardens** (Orman P. Roach), 1113 Empire Street, East Lynn, Mass.—Offers 3 new ones of own origination, City of Montreal, Phyllis Shaw and Maynard Hall. A good selection of modern standards follows.

**Edgar W. Darling**, Fairhaven, Mass.—A catalogue of 40 pages, Star of Bethlehem, Brocton Beauty, Kathleen Norris and Spirit to St. Louis in full page illustrations. 1930 novelties are Jersey's Triumph, Supreme Glory, A. O. Kenny, Clara M. Hass, Evelyn Morris, Kentucky, A. A. Styvers, and a complete line of standard Dahlias are listed.

**Firthcliffe Gardens**, Pearl River, N. Y.—Folder offering 150 varieties of modern and newest Gladiolus.

**Fitchett Dahlia Gardens**, Janesville, Wis.—20 page folder, offering over 250 modern up-to-date Dahlias. A very complete list. An attractive combination is offered.

**Frank C. Mulkey**, 3863 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California—Folder listing 200 varieties of standard Dahlias in all types, also seed. Eva Quallling, Santa Anna, San Clemente and Silverado are strongly recommended.

**F. C. Perkins**, 99 Vine Street, Cliftondale, Mass.—Folder giving full description of about 100 newer standard Dahlias. Own productions are Chesley Perkins, Golden Queen, Ida Perkins and Scarlet Wonder.

**F. R. Holaway's Flower Garden**, 1301 South Fort Avenue, Springfield, Mo.—Descriptive catalogue of standards. Specials are American Triumph, Cardinals, Cora Butterworth, Dorothy Stone, Kentucky and Yellow Beauty.

**Frank D. Pelcano & Sons**, San Francisco, California—Well gotten up catalogue of Dahlias. Modern types and varieties are offered. A beautiful picture of Santa Anna, an exquisite hybrid cactus, is shown.

**A. G. Goodacre**, 932 Magnolia Street, Gardena, California—Catalogue of their Gold Crown Dahlia Seed, of which this firm makes a specialty. Mr. Goodacre is offering 11 new Dahlias for 1930. His own productions among them are Bob Barker, Francis M. Irwin, Marjorie Beevar, Orange Blossom and a full line of best standard Dahlias. Dahlia seed with name of seed bearing parents is offered. Dahlia Mabel Goodacre is now on the market—a good one. Delphinium and Zinnia seed from named varieties.

**Glenside Dahlia Gardens** (W. F. Sertz), 9225 17th Avenue, Seattle, Wash.—8 page folder, offering new Dahlias Arcania, Jean Aaron, Harriet Thompson and full line of standards.

**Will Hookway's Dahlia Gardens**, Creston, Ohio—Folder of large list of modern standards, well selected. Also several choice new originations by other growers.

**H. R. Chapman**, Allendale, N. J.—An excellent catalogue introducing some fine new Dahlias. Cora Butterworth, Arctic Shadows, Autumn Gold, Barbara Redfern, Berengaria, Bertha McLeod, Betty Brown, Betty Ivins, Chemar's Masterpiece, City of Trenton, Monmouth Champion and a complete list of most recent standards.

**Jessie L. Seal**, 607 Third Avenue, San Francisco, California—Folder describing four collections of her Dahlia seed. Miss Seal recently turned over her Dahlia business to Mr. Newsome, and is devoting her entire attention to raising high grade seed.

**Kit Garden** (Mrs. Emilie H. Kitson), 8 Irvington Street, Springfield, Mass.—Catalogue featuring her new origination, Isabelle Jean, and a good line of standards.

**Kurtz Engelhardt**, Dahlienheim, Dresden-Leuben, Germany.—Sends us a large catalogue of all the best European originations. Cover has a fine water color reproduction of a collection of beautiful Dahlias. Several fine cactus are shown. They seem to be able to produce good cactus Dahlias in Germany. The book is printed in German. Prices are low compared with our country.

**Lee's Dahlia Gardens**, University Place, R. 5, Tacoma, Wash.—A fine catalogue of high grade standards. Special 1930 introductions: Lillian B. Lee, Parana, Western Giant and Northwestern Pride. Cover shows a great field of Dahlias in bloom.

**Logan Dahlia Garden**, 321 30th Avenue, San Francisco, California—Catalogue offering a large assortment of best modern Dahlias. Seed is also offered.

**Lufkin Dahlias** (Andrew Lufkin), 6 Harrison Avenue, Gloucester, Mass.—Is out with a folder of well selected list of most popular new Dahlias.

**Lund's Dahlia Gardens**, Box 86, Dun Loring, Va.—In addition to a complete line of popular varieties, six attractive collections are offered at from \$3.50 to \$13.50 and one extra special at \$50.00.

**Leo E. Miller**, Stratford, Conn.—Offers the largest assortment of *Gladiolus* we have ever seen in one publication. Nearly 800 varieties are listed, ranging from 10 cents to \$50 per bulb. This includes practically every worth while variety. 1930 introductions are *Aurelia*, *Peter Patten*, *Pilgrim*, *Cara Mia* and *Mrs. Leo E. Miller* are two outstanding Glads.

**Mastick Dahlia Creations** (M. G. Tyler), 1660 Denver Avenue, Portland, Oregon—Issue a beautiful catalogue for 1930—full page illustrations. Five full page pictures show their *Arthur M. Hyde*, *Phyllis Ash*, *Miss Longview*, *Lorelei* and *Marmion*. *Esplendor*, hybrid cactus, a new one, is also described. Twelve late foreign importations are listed. In addition their general collection includes about every popular standard Dahlia of the present day.

**Midwest Dahlia Farm** (Earl W. Houghton), Galva, Illinois—Advance 1930 regular list, offering 110 high grade standard and new varieties. A 1930 surplus list is also published offering many desirable varieties of modern Dahlias at reduced prices.

**Peacock Dahlia Farms**, Dahlialand, N. J.—As usual this enterprising company sends out one of the finest and largest catalogues printed. Many color plates are shown, 7½ x 10, namely, *President Hoover*, *Rodman Wanamaker*, *Marie*, *Ty Cobb*, *Waldheim Sunshine*, *Eliza Landan Shepard*, *Mae Grefe*, and the beautiful new *Jersey State Chamber of Commerce*, pink Dahlia. Numerous half-tone plates show many of their outstanding varieties.

**R. Vincent, Jr. & Sons Co.**, White Marsh, Maryland—A finely printed catalogue describing a long list of pot grown plants, comprising all the most popular standard Dahlias at very reasonable prices. Prices quoted are per each and ten of one variety. For those who prefer plants this offers an opportunity to get a garden full at small outlay. In addition *Ferns*, *Palms*, *Abutilon*, *Ageratum*, *Begonias*, *Cannas*, hardy *Chrysanthemums*, *Coleus*, *Fuchsias*, *Lantanas*, *Petunias*, *Salvias* and *Geraniums* are offered in great variety. It is said they grow one million *Geraniums* annually.

**Shorey, William H.**, 815 Third Avenue, Seattle, Wash.—Catalogue offering new originations, *Helen Coale*, *Jean Aaron*, *Arcana*, *Anne Cramer*, *Harriet Woodruff*, *Pride of the Navy* and *Sertz-Light* and line of standards.

**Stillman, George L.**, Westerly, R. I.—32 page catalogue of his famous Dahlias. A long list of new decoratives by this firm is offered, also some choice new cactus and their fine strain of sweet corn. Special mention: *Judge Wilcox*, *Nitida*, *Soleil d'or*, *The Glory of Gold*, *W. J. Z.*, *William Ellery*, *Stephen Hopkins*, *Commodore Perry*, *Gilbert Stuart*, *Bertha Brainard*, *D. A. R.*, *Eleanor Taft*, *I'm Alone*, *Queen of Color* and special collections.

**Strasen Floral Gardens**, Austinburg, Ohio—Folder of popular standard Dahlias.

**Stone Street Dahlia Gardens**, 5 Stone Street, Beverly, Mass.—New introductions are listed. *Louise Esther*, *Dr. Reed*, *Mrs. Stephen James*, *Doris Peacock*, *Mrs. Edward Miller*, *Margaret M. Sunrise*, and about 50 newer standards.

**Super Dahlias** is the title of a pamphlet by Ray Mickle, 36th Street, Progress, Penn. Dahlias listed are scored by an index letter before each variety offered.

**Thomas H. Hughes**, 78 Brownell Street, New Bedford, Mass.—Finely printed catalogue, heavy paper, 40 pages. An excellent picture of Mr. Hughes lends a personal touch to the book. *Star of Bethlehem* is shown in full page cut. 12 pages are devoted to descriptions of most recent Dahlias of special merit. If you want to know what the best modern Dahlias are send for this list.

**Uncas Dahlia Farm** (Brown & Izbicki), Uncasville, Conn.—1930 catalogue offers 11 novelties, moderately priced for new Dahlias. Several pages are devoted to varieties of special merit, followed by a long list of popular standards.

**Van Yalmes School of Tree Surgery**, Westbury, L. I.—Folder of the course of instruction.

**Veile & Mendham** (Bushkill Gardens), Easton, Penn.—A neat catalogue of their 1930 introductions of new Dahlias, including *Arthur W. Grey*, *D. J. Zandt*, *Edith Parke Yohe*, *Fascination*, *Judge William McKeen*, *Shawnee's Peach* and several others of merit; 12 new introductions of other growers and list of standards.

**Waite's Gardens**, Eatontown, N. J.—This excellent catalogue of their famous Dahlias, well printed, describes their 1930 introductions, *Antartica*, *Cardinalis*, *Jean Trimbee*, *Jersey's Ruby*, *Jersey's Triumph*, *Katherine Cole*, *Mabel S. Douglas*, *Tarrytown*, *Jersey's Beacon* (in colors), *Jersey's Glory* and *Yellow Beauty*, followed by a select list from other sources. *Delphiniums* are also offered.

**Willow Dahlia Gardens**, Cedar Grove, N. J. (Dr. Waite)—Good catalogue offering new Dahlias by Waite as above, and several pages of the highest type of modern Dahlias. Selections are excellent for discriminating buyers.

**Wilmore, W. W.**, Box 382, Denver, Colorado—One of the oldest Dahlia specialists in the country. This catalogue is printed on fine heavy stock, 40 pages. It offers a large assortment of the well known favorites. In addition some fine half-tone plates show his excellent originations, namely, *Elizabeth Long*, 1930; *Wildemere*, 1930; *Andy Gump*, *Colonia*, *Encore*, *Kenneth Gilbert*. *The Kiwanian*, *Lost Gold*, 1930; *Meditation*, 1930; *Pattisumma* and *Souvenir*, *St. Mihel*. Seven collections are listed. Glads, Peonies, hardy Herbaceous plants, Vines, Roses, Trees and Shrubs are also offered.

**W. W. Kennedy & Sons**, Red Bank, N. J.—40 page catalogue describing their new hybrid cactus, *Elite Moonlight* and *Elite Sunset*. Four pages are devoted to a list of recent new introductions by various growers, followed by a large general list of their newer standard Dahlias. *Delphiniums*, *Iris*, *Poppies*, *Phlox* and other plants are featured.

## WHOLESALE CATALOGUES

**Babylon Dahlia Gardens**, Babylon, L. I., N. Y.—Offer for the trade a long list of the best commercial varieties, carefully selected to meet requirements of florists' trade. Ten are offered at 100 rate making it convenient for selecting an assortment. Dealers short on orders can obtain many varieties here. *Market Queen*, in colors, is shown attractively.

**Dahliadel Nurseries**, Vineland, N. J.—Offer many commercial varieties for the trade. Quotations are by each, per dozen and hundred. List comprises newer standards and florists' Dahlias.

**Fenwick Gardens**, Salem, N. J.—Wholesale list of commercial standards.

**Gill Brothers Seed Co.**, Portland, Oregon—Standard Dahlias for the trade quoted per ten of one variety. Complete list.



**Locust Valley Dahlia Farm**, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.—List of standard Dahlias, quoted per 10 or more.

**Old Farm Nurseries** (H. den Ouden & Son), Boskoop, Holland—Wholesale catalogue of European and American Dahlias. Printed in English. Price are per 100. New ones are Frau O. Bracht, Nagel's Ideal, Schwerin's Wahl.

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**Vavra, Joseph**, Box 728, Huntington Beach, California—A general wholesale list of standard commercial Dahlias, quoted per each, dozen or 100.

#### SEED HOUSE CATALOGUES

**Burpee's Annual Garden Book, 1930** (W. Atlee Burpee Co.), Philadelphia, Penn.—This splendid catalogue of 174 pages offers every conceivable requisite for the garden from vegetables, flowers, vines shrubs and plants to fertilizers and implements. Throughout the book many fine color plates show flowers in natural colors. Many pages are devoted to their famous Fordhook Dahlias. Color plates show Fordhook Pearl, Fordhook Erecta, Fordhook Aviator, Jersey's Beauty, Jersey's Beacon, Eastern Star Rookwood and Mr. Crowley and a long list of modern standards. Zinnias are coming to the front as a fill-in flower. Six beautiful ones are shown on front cover. They are now offered in named varieties. A complete list of offerings in this catalogue is impossible in our limited space, but members should send for the catalogue and make up a list of their requirements and avail themselves of the following offer.

#### An open letter to members of the A. D. S.

Dear Secretary:

The W. Atlee Burpee Co. extends through you to the membership of the A. D. S. best wishes for a most successful year.

We have always followed the activities of Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies with sincere interest, because their membership represents those who find the greatest pleasure in gardening and who are interested in the advancement of horticulture.

Then we have always felt Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies are co-workers with us, because their members demand the best in seed, bulbs, and nursery stock. In appreciation of these contributions to horticulture, we are pleased to offer a discount of 20% from the prices in Burpee's Annual on club orders.

These orders must be sent by the secretary. We will pack each order separately and forward the orders to the secretary. We cannot, under any consideration, give the discount on individual orders not forwarded by the secretary. This offer applies on all items offered in Burpee's Annual for 1930. a copy of which is sent on request.

It will be a favor, greatly appreciated, to have you kindly inform your members that they can always be assured of prompt and careful attention.

Yours very truly,  
W. Atlee Burpee Co.

**Burnett's Seeds** (Burnett Bros., Inc.), 92 Chambers Street, New York—This catalogue of 116 pages, printed on high grade stock with art cover offers a complete line of garden seeds and accessories. A special feature is lawn seed adapted to all conditions from home lawn to golf courses. Many new novelties in vegetable seeds are listed. A general line of flowers, seeds, shrubs, plants, Roses and Dahlias are offered. Zinnias in named varieties can now be had. Garden implements, fertilizers and insecticides in great variety.

**Perry Seed Company**, Boston, Mass.—General garden seed catalogue. Shrubs, plants, farm and garden seed in great variety. Good standard Dahlias are featured.

**Dreer's Garden Book**—As usual Henry A. Dreer, Philadelphia, Penn., is sending out a magnificent book of their 1930 offerings in vegetable and flower seeds for farm garden. 226 pages list hundreds of varieties of seed, plants, shrubs, roses, etc. For years this house has made a specialty of advance Dahlia plants of new varieties. This year's list is no exception. A special offer is made of their 29 novelties in Dahlias for 1930 in combination at reduced price. Lawn seeds are specialized. Color plates show leading popular flowers in all their riot of natural color. Sweet Peas, roses, 13 pages in color. Implements, fertilizers and insecticides are offered. This is the ninety-second annual edition of their garden book.

**Henry F. Michell Co.**, 518 Market Street, Philadelphia, Penn.—Wholesale catalogue, spring edition. Supplies for florists and market gardeners. This catalogue is for the trade only. Lists of garden seeds, both flower and vegetable. Supplies comprise a complete line for the florists' trade. Seed is offered in trade packets or by the ounce. A good line of florists' cut flower Dahlias are listed. Baskets, wire, designs, pots and fertilizers. We understand this firm also publishes a retail catalogue.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Bulletin of Baltimore Dahlia Society**—This thriving society sent us the March issue of their Bulletin. On cover is shown Dahlia Thomas A. Edison, color plate; 20 pages devoted to news of their activities. Announcement is made of their participation in Atlantic City show. A good article by J. A. Kemp, on chemical fertilizers; A. D. S. new classification; Growing by Electricity, by J. J. Broomall; History of the Dahlia and Method of Testing are among the interesting articles.

**The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**—Sends us a fine book of 500 pages, devoted to a history of the organization, dating from 1827 to 1927. Some fine reproductions show pictures of founders and presidents up to present time.

**The Minnesota Horticulturist** which comes to us regularly every month. We find one of the most interesting publications we receive. While primarily devoted to horticulture in Minnesota, many articles appear that would be of value in any community. The April issue is of special interest for its spray tables.

**Nineteenth Annual Report** of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden; 174 pages, full account of the activities of the institution. Many rare trees, flowers, and other vegetation are studied here.

#### South America Becoming Interested in Growing Dahlias

BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society,  
New Haven, Conn.,  
North America.

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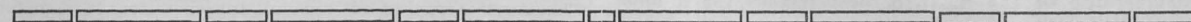
Members receive the Bulletin of the Society containing a large amount of information valuable to every Dahlia grower. Issued quarterly. January, April, July and October. Every member also receives a season ticket to our great Annual Dahlia Show held in September.

Enclosed find \$2.00 which includes membership dues for one year and subscription price of the Bulletin at one dollar per year. Please sign full name and address below. Make remittances payable to the Society, send to The Secretary, Wm. J. Rathgeber, 198 Norton St. New Haven, Conn.

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A rather fidgety lady entered a store one day and, in trying to make a final choice of goods, permitted the salesman to pull down nearly everything on the shelves, even to the last packet of pins.

To add to the young man's trials she finally blurted out: "You don't seem to have any gumption at all, young man."

"No, ma'am," meekly replied the salesman, "but we'll be pleased to order it for you if you wish."

"Have you post-card views of the town?"

"Yes, on the rack here."

"How much are they?"

"The town views are three for five cents, the comics, one cent each."

"Which are the comics?"

She was very literary, and he was not.

He had spent a harrowing evening discussing authors of whom he knew nothing, and their books, of which he knew less.

Presently the maiden asked archly:

"Of course, you've read 'Romeo and Juliet'?"

He floundered helplessly for a moment and then, having a brilliant thought, blurted out, happily:

"I've—I've read Romeo!"

"You don't mean to say," said the fat, red-faced woman, "that you won't give me my money back for this book just because I've read it? You know you advertise that—"

"Just a moment, please," said the clerk. "What's the matter with this book? Is it that the cover is marred, the print imperfect, or anything like that?"

"No."

"Then why are you not satisfied with the story?"

"Why, I don't like the way it ends."

"I bought my husband some cigars for Christmas Day."

"I thought he had stopped smoking."

"He says he's going to leave off on New Year's Day, and I want to make sure of it."

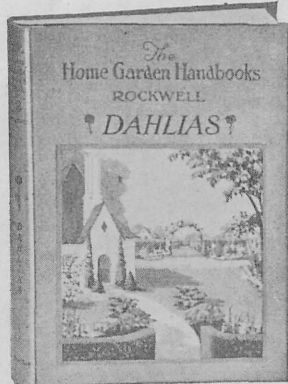
Mandy had been troubled with a toothache for some time before she got up sufficient courage to go to a dentist. The moment he touched her tooth she screamed.

"What are you making such a noise for?" he demanded. "Don't you know I'm a painless dentist?"

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A small boy at the back of the class put up his hand.

"Well, Willie, and what would you say it is?"

"Please, teacher, it is a bunghole without a barrel around it."

Willie got the quarter.

## MAIL LIST OF FLOWER GROWERS

(Not members of the A. D. S.)

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