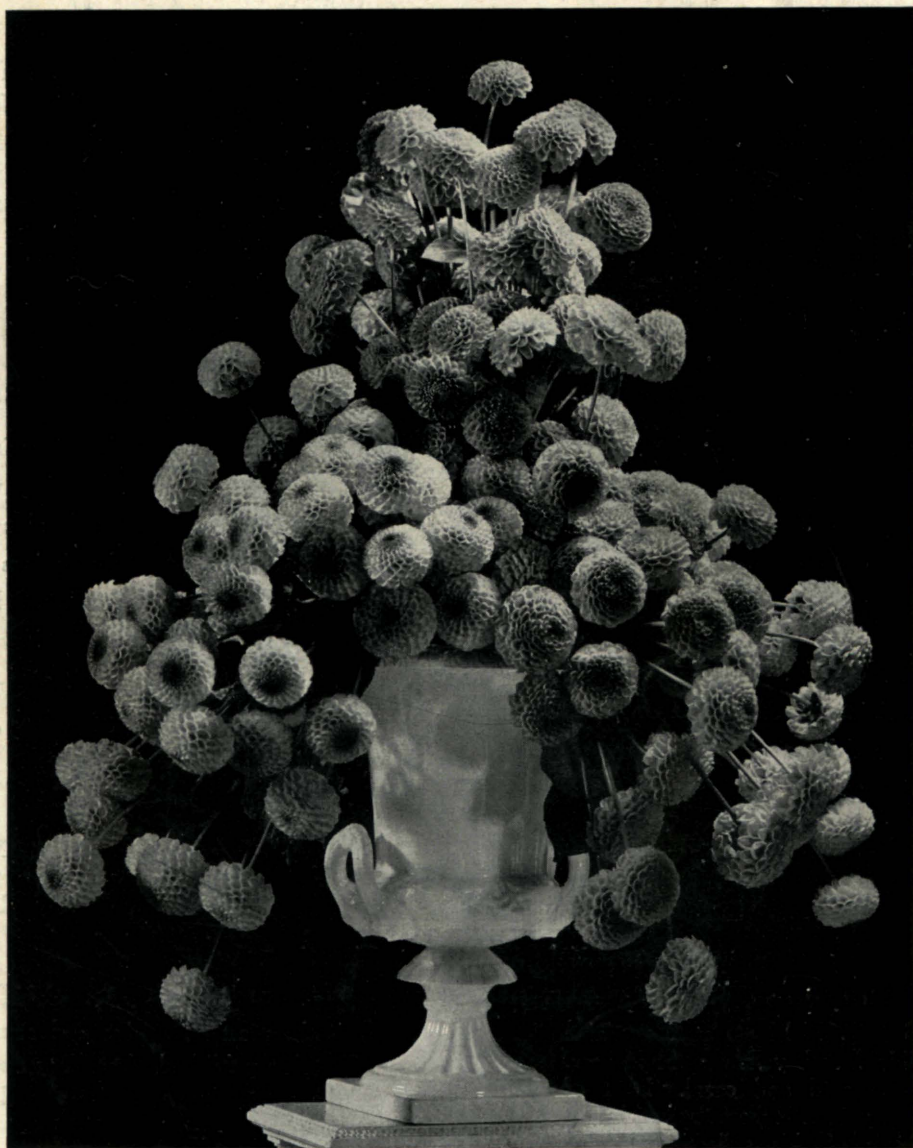


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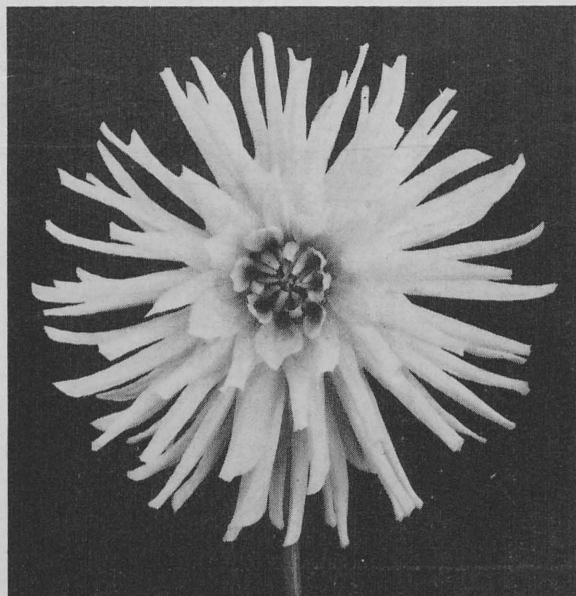
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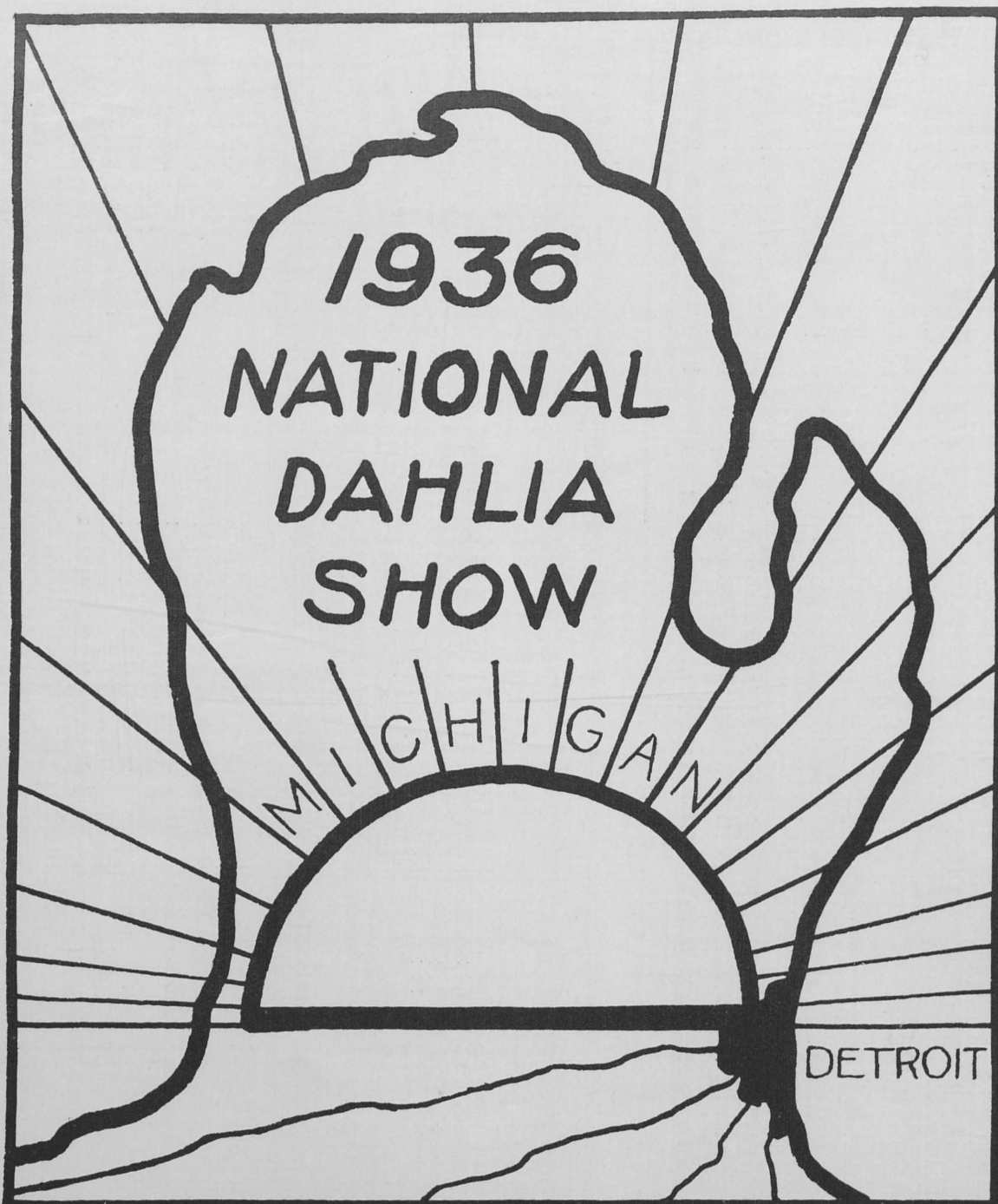
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# A Proposal for the Nationalization of the American Dahlia Society

*By Lynn B. Dudley, Vice President*

No one can accurately gauge the number of horticulturists whose chief interest today is the Dahlia. But we do know that their ranks are increasing every year. We also know that no other American flower today is attracting enthusiasts as rapidly as is the Dahlia.

When the American Dahlia Society was formed, twenty-one years ago, no one could foresee accurately what would be taking place today. It is now apparent that interest in Dahlias in America at that time, was chiefly on the west coast and in the northeastern Atlantic States.

At that time and in the two ensuing decades the problems of the Society were localized—and the need of national promotion was practically nil. Relatively, the organization was an eastern society and only in a sort of big-brotherly way was it necessary to consider the problems of other and smaller societies.

Because of the comparatively few actual workers down through the years, it is to be greatly wondered that the Society survived and was able to give yearly shows. Likewise, without any apparent succession of financial backers to keep deficits down, it is a marvel that the Society continued to function at all.

## **Richard Vincent, Jr., Had the Vision**

When Richard Vincent, Jr., founded the American Dahlia Society, he had a real vision of the future improvement in Dahlia culture and interest. We are convinced that he did from reading the minutes of some of those early meetings. In his address at the fourth National Flower Show at Philadelphia, March, 1916, President Vincent said: "The future of the Dahlia, as a cultivated plant on this continent, is assured and the prospects for our Society are very bright . . . I feel that there is in this organization the nucleus for one of the largest floricultural societies in North America."

Further, the early belief that eventually the Society would have a national scope is evidenced by the phraseology of the original constitution, which said in Section 1: "The officers shall consist of a president, with vice-presidents to represent North, East, South, West, Central West, etc."

From the beginnings of this Society then, we may safely say that it was intended to coördinate efforts of all Dahlia growers into one group with common aims.

## **Early Shows Were Purely Local**

We believe if this purpose has not been achieved in its broadest sense, then it has been primarily because lack of facilities for transportation did not permit more than local competition. Interest then, could but be in exchange of cultural information and reports of exhibitions as reported in the BULLETIN.

From the beginning, however, visitors from other societies have been welcomed to A. D. S. shows and meetings. Many of our members have visited other sections and helped to organize other societies and plan exhibitions.

But, with greater ease of travel, and with facilities for transportation of blooms nationwide—by automobile and airplane—with the remarkable spread of Dahlia interest during the depression—a new vision of coördination of Dahlia interests into a National Program is before us.

## **The A. D. S. Has An Opportunity**

The A. D. S. has a unique opportunity now to assume a position of real leadership in the matter of National Dahlia Progress. Its long experience in exhibiting—its two decades of study of the problems of Dahlia culture—its conduct of trial grounds and structure of classification and nomenclature, naturally, are the basis of a countrywide coördination of efforts to improve Dahlia organization.

There is just one thing which might prevent the culmination of a successful national program. That would be in the lack of appreciation by this Society of its opportunity. Any degree of paternalism or patronage would ruin the structure. Any selfishness or jealousy would be fatal to true progress. Only the spirit of true helpfulness and a general equality of sectional recognition will suffice.

Only a National Association, completely National in scope, adequately organized and supported can provide a service which Dahlia enthusiasts have a right to expect from the A. D. S.

## **A Definite Plan and Program Needed**

This involves the development of a definite project and a comprehensive plan, one to which all societies in the United States can subscribe. No plan will operate without complete unity.

It is believed that the A. D. S. can supply the framework for the establishment of this National Dahlia Program and the organization to carry it through.

But it will take considerable effort by a number of people; a lot of time must be sacrificed in the interests of the Society and the Dahlia. Have we a sufficiently large group to do this? Are there enough people, with sufficient vision, with the means, and with the spare time to carry out this program? We believe so. We believe that, properly presented, this idea can be sold to enough of our members so that success will be assured.

If this is good reasoning, then this is an opportune time to present for consideration a plan of organization which, after careful consideration and revision, can be presented to our affiliated societies for approval and adoption.

If our founder, Richard Vincent, Jr., were here, we believe he would agree that the time has arrived "to make the American Dahlia Society the nucleus of one of the largest floriculture societies in North America," and so help his vision to come true.

*(Continued on following page)*

## Nationalization Proposal Will Receive

### Study by Committee—*Continued*

For more than two years the writer has been studying the structure and plans of other National Societies. We have felt, and have found by discussion, that many others in the A. D. S. had hopes, from time to time, that a broader plan for the fusing of Dahlia interests could be evolved.

The above formed the preamble to the plan which we then proceeded to lay out for consideration of the executive committee. After many trials, we drew up a tentative organization chart, with an explanation of same and this was read with the above preamble at the last meeting.

We explained that it was not complete and should receive most careful study in all its phases. We stated that we offered it to the A. D. S. as a starting point for the expansion of the Society through a National Dahlia Program.

The proposal was received with thoughtful interest and many suggestions followed. A vote of thanks was then given to the writer for its preparation which was received most gratefully.

President Fraser then said that the plan should be studied further by the present Nationalization Committee, which he had appointed last year, composed of the following: J. W. Johnston, Chairman, Derrill Hart and W. W. Maytrott. He then added Conrad Frey and the writer to the committee. This group will meet at once and go over the plan and present the revision at a later meeting, probably the spring meeting in May.

Then, it is likely that in the May issue of the BULLETIN we will report the findings of the committee and the discussion of the general meeting. If the plan is approved there, then the machinery for putting it into effect will be started. Affiliated and branch societies will be asked to take up the plan for consideration and cooperative action.

*Lynn B. Dudley, Vice-President A. D. S.*

### Comments by others on this Plan to Fuse Dahlia Interests

George W. Fraser, President A. D. S.:

"It is time to make our Society really National in both words and deeds. Let us expand our voting system to conform to a real National Program. Let us fuse Dahlia enthusiasm across the country, into a Nationwide group with but one common aim: 'to stimulate interest in, and promote the culture and development of, the Dahlia.'"

Thomas Leavitt, Past President A. D. S.:

"I have long since expressed my opinion that, if we are going to call ourselves a National Society we should be National in organization. I can see the disadvantage of members, a long distance away from New York in attending meetings, but it would be of advantage and interest to hold meetings, part of them at least in other districts. But the constitution should not be subjected to any 'packed houses' or 'snap moves.' We should make haste slowly and be sure we're right."

Mrs. Charles H. Stout, Vice-President A. D. S. and Honorary President New Jersey Society:

"I talked hard and long to Mr. Vincent (Richard Vincent, Jr., founder) about Nationalizing the Society—as I believed its name was bigger than the Society. We did get as far as electing vice-presidents from the various zones. The plan you have outlined is fine. I wish I could help you with it, but I am going south soon, in search of my very elusive health."

J. A. Kemp, Vice-President A. D. S.:

"Back as far as 1930 I brought up this matter in the executive meeting. A committee was appointed then to work out some plan whereby the affiliated societies would be given a broader opportunity to tie up more closely with the A. D. S. The plan suggested for some reason never worked out. We should have sectional officers, with full vote. Every affiliated society should have a real part in the work of the Society."



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of Those at East Lansing Are Found Worthy of Honor

## Report from Storrs, Conn.

By Associate Professor Roland H. Patch

The Dahlia work at Storrs for the season of 1935 was all that could be desired. Nature aided by giving us a good growing season and together with the "White Showers" produced wonderful growth and foliage. The soil was tested in the spring and found to be slightly acid and high in soluble phosphates. No bone meal or lime was used. A top dressing of sheep manure from the college barns was plowed under with the rye. This was the fertilizer that the plants were given.

### Number of Varieties

There were one hundred and eighty-two varieties in the garden from twenty-three states of the United States and Canada. The number of individuals represented was ninety-six. Twenty-eight varieties were awarded certificates of merit. Fifty-two scored between eighty and eighty-five per cent. Eighty scored between seventy and eighty. Six were below seventy and sixteen were listed as recommended for retrieval.

### Names of Judges

The following persons helped with the judging and scoring:

C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut.

Leonard Barron, 501 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, New York.

Michael P. Bujak, 14 Turner Street, Willimantic, Connecticut.

Lynn B. Dudley, 18 Interlaken Drive, Tuckahoe, New York.

George W. Fraser, Windham Road, Willimantic, Connecticut.

Dr. Marshall A. Howe, New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx Park, New York.

F. L. Purrington, 203 West Prairie Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### Date of Frost

Reminders of the season's end in the form of frosts began to be had on September 23rd. The plants were finally taken on the night of October 8th.

### Explanations

The figures in the variety descriptions representing the length of stem, size and depth of flowers are the minimum and maximum taken. They cover the general



"MIDWEST CHAMPION"

A Double Winner—Scoring 85 at Storrs and 86 at East Lansing. It was originated by Joseph Nuneviller of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, Photo Courtesy Prof. J. A. Manter.

range between these points as far as it was possible to obtain them. The Maytrott A. D. S. scale of points was used in making the awards. Each judge scored the varieties separately. The average of their scores was the amount used as a basis for the final score. The Superintendent of the Trial Grounds has a veto power, which is only exercised at the end of the season after all records are completed, and then only in exceptional cases. An average score of 85 points must be obtained in order to win a Certificate of Merit. Capitals and abbreviations mean the same as in former reports.

## Certificate Awards at Storrs

20. **TROJAN**, Stake Nos. 58, 59, and 60, Miniature Semi-Cactus, entered by "The Haakes", Mrs. H. C., Bolsa Dahlia Garden, 197 Oakdale Ave., Mill Valley, California. (85 1/5 S). Base of petals picric yellow with a border on each of jasper red. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 3-10 in., wiry, flower on end, some face

## Trial Ground Reports—Continued

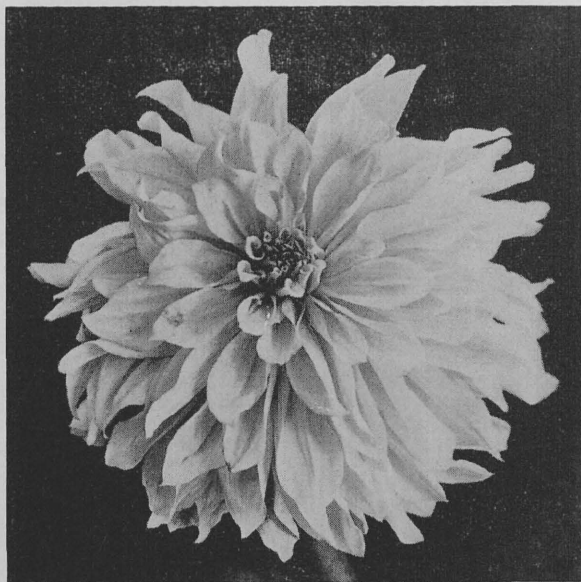
side. Size of flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 1 in.

**21. UNION BEAUTY**, Stake Nos. 61, 62, and 63, Single, entered by Cecil H. Fulmer, Fulmer's Glad-Dahlia Gardens, 6719-46th So., Seattle, Washington. (85 1/5 S). Base of petals lemon yellow, entire petals striped with scarlet red and tipped with pure white. Edge of petals yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $1\frac{3}{4}$ -6 in., wiry, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -4 in., depth  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

**26. 4-S-1, ROYAL PACIFIC**, Stake Nos. 76, 77, and 78, Straight Cactus, entered by Dr. H. W. Silvernale, Suite 710, Bay Cities Bldg., 225 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California. (85 E). Amaranth purple, tips and backs phlox purple. This is the nearest in the book. General tone nearly carmine. Flowering habit fair. Stem  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -14 in., medium, inclined to be pendent. Not greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8-10½ in., depth  $\frac{1}{4}$ -4 in. Height 7 ft. 4 in.

**54. MAY MARION DOZIER**, Stake Nos. 159, 160, 161, and 162, Informal Dec, entered by Dr. H. L. Dozier, 1019 Joseph St., New Orleans, Louisiana. (85 E). Light greenish yellow. Flowering habit good. Stem 8-16 in., heavy to medium, flowers facing side. Size of flowers 8-11 in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

**63. NO. 343 A, MARGRACE**, Stake Nos. 187, 188, and 189, Informal Dec, entered by Walter Bissell, Hillside Farm, Austinburg, Ohio. (85 6/7 E). Spectrum red with slightly darker center. Backs of petals lighter. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $10\frac{3}{4}$  in., heavy to medium, flower on the end of stem facing side. It is improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-10 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in.



"PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG"

Another Double Winner with an 87 at Storrs and an 85.5 at East Lansing. By Strassen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. Photo Courtesy Prof. J. A. Manter.

**82. 12-33, PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG**, Stake Nos. 244, 245, and 246, Informal Dec, entered by Gertrude K. Strassen, Strassen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. (87 E). A blending of grenadine pink and light orange yellow. Impresses one as half orange and half pink but somewhat darker at center. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $6\frac{3}{4}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$  in., extra heavy, stiff, flowers facing side. Both stem and flower are improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-11½ in., depth  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 11 in.

**84. RIALSIDE GRENADINE**, Stake Nos. 250, 251, and 252, Informal Dec, entered by Alfred Cavannah, Proprietor, Rial Side Dahlia Gardens, 9 Adams Ave., Beverly, Massachusetts. (85 E). Grenadine red becoming grenadine near tips. Backs of petals orange buff. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -8 in., medium to slender, stiff, wiry. A good stem. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $8\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 7 ft.

**88. RIALSIDE RUBY**, Stake Nos. 262, 263, and 264, Incurved Cactus, entered by Alfred Cavannah, Proprietor, Rial Side Dahlia Gardens, 9 Adams Ave., Beverly, Massachusetts. (85 E). India Lake at center but outside petals between spectrum red and carmine. Flowering habit late but bloomed well at end of season. Stem 3-8 in., slender, inclined to be pendent. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 4-7 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

**93. MIDWEST CHAMPION**, Stake Nos. 277, 278, and 279, Informal Dec, entered by Joseph Nuneviller, American Dahlia Farms, Cape May Court House, New Jersey. (85 1/7). Phlox purple and shades of light phlox purple. Base of petals showing white. Flowering habit late, but good. Stem  $6\frac{1}{4}$ -12 in., heavy to medium, flower on ends. A good many facing heavens. A good stem. Not greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

**98. LUELLA CASS**, Stake Nos. 292, 293, and 294, Informal Dec, entered by Hosack's Floral Gardens, 1342 Belrose Road, South Euclid, Ohio. (85½ M 83½ E). Mallow pink shading into pale amaranth pink. Tips nearly white. Flowering habit good. Stem 5-14 in., medium, stiff, flower on end facing side. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2-3 in. Height 6 ft.

**101. RALEIGH**, Stake Nos. 301, 302, and 303, Miniature. Informal Dec, entered by E. T. Draper, Box 962, Homestead, Florida. (85 M). Light coral red blending into alizarine pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5-11 in., slender, stiff, wiry, flower facing side. A good stem. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $3\frac{3}{4}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

**105. WILLIAM J. WYLLIE**, Stake Nos. 313, 314, and 315, Informal Dec, entered by F. A. Greenough, 25 French St., Braintree, Massachusetts. (85 E). Pale greenish yellow, principle shade, but outer row of petals have pinkish tone. Flowering habit good. Stem  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $17\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy to medium, stiff, flower on side, much improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 6 ft. 3 in.

**109. CERES GEM**, Stake Nos. 325, 326, 327, 493, 494, and (495 did not grow), Miniature Semi-Cactus, entered by E. T. Draper, Box 962, Homestead, Florida. (85 S). Rose color. Flowering habit fair. Stem 5-11 in., wiry. Size of flowers 3-5 in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.



**110. ALGONQUIN**, Stake Nos. 328, 329, and 330, Informal Dec, entered by Edward E. Taft, North Grafton, Massachusetts. (85 M 80 E). Empire yellow with pinard yellow tips. Center petals light cadmium. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{4}$  in., a real stem, stiff, erect, flowers on ends, for the most part facing heavens. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-8 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft. 3 in.



"CALIFORNIA ROSE"

Scored 85 at Storrs. Entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Mass.

**115. CALIFORNIA ROSE**, Stake Nos. 343, 344, and 345, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (85 E). Amaranth pink and shadings of mallow pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 7-15 in., medium, flowers on side. Greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8- $10\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 9 in.

**116. DRESDEN**, Stake Nos. 346, 347 (did not grow), and 348, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (85 E). Amaranth pink with tones of mallow purple at base of lower half of petals. Flowering habit fair. Stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers on end facing up, some on side. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8-11 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 6 ft. 8 in.

**118. MISS GLORY**, Stake Nos. 352, 353, and 354, Semi-Cactus, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (86 E). Light greenish yellow. Flowering habit late but it bloomed profusely at end of season. Stem  $4\frac{3}{4}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium, stiff. Improved by disbudding in both stem and flower. Size of flowers 7-12 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**122. RED JUG**, Stake Nos. 364, 365, and 366, Semi-Cactus, entered by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, 387 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, New York. (85 E). Rose

red but tiny tips of martius yellow on all petals. Flowering habit good. Stem  $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $18\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium, stiff, inclined to be crotch, flowers on end facing heavens. Greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 6 ft. 8 in.

**131. NO. 233, MIRTH**, Stake Nos. 391, 392, and 393, Miniature Formal Dec, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85 S). Scarlet. Flowering habit good. Stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., wiry, stiff, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**133. RAPTURE**, Stake Nos. 397, 398, and 399, Miniature Informal Dec, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85 S). Thulite pink with the exception of a few petals near center which have buff tones or maize yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 3- $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., wiry, stiff, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

**136. PINK DAILY MAIL**, Stake Nos. 406, 407, and (408 did not grow), Informal Dec, entered by C. Louis Alling, 251 Court St., West Haven, Connecticut. Originated by R. Sanford & Co., Barton Mills, England. (85 E). Mallow pink. Flowering habit fair. Stem 7-15 in., heavy to medium, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $7\frac{3}{4}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

**138. NO. 18, TELEVISION**, Stake Nos. 412, 413, and 414, Informal Dec, entered by C. J. Straight, 311 View Ave., Fairmont, West Virginia. (85 E). Alizarine pink with yellow sheen. Back and center spinel pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 7- $17\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy, stiff, flower facing side. A good stem. Slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-11 in., depth 3- $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

**140. 150-9-32**, Stake Nos. 418, 419, and 420, Informal Dec, originated by Charles Garrity, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (85  $\frac{1}{4}$  E). Entire flower citron yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -15 in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers on end, some facing heavens and others side. Not greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth 3- $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 8 ft. 9 in.

**147. C-2-32**, Stake Nos. 439, 440, and 441, Informal Dec, Comstock-Wickersham, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (85 E). White with pale green yellow at base of center petals. Flowering habit late but good. Stem 8-14 in., medium, stiff, flower on end facing heavens. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-11 in., depth 3- $5\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 9 in. (Will not be named until 1937.)

**160. SEEDLING**, Stake Nos. 478, 479, and 480, Straight Cactus, entered by D. E. Orwig & Sons, Forest Villa Gardens, McDonald, Pennsylvania. (85 E). Amaranth pink. Flowering habit late but fair. Stem 5-12 in., medium, stiff, flower faces side. A good stem. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ -8 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft. 8 in.

**162. MISS ENGLEWOOD**, Stake Nos. 484, 485, and 486, Informal Dec, entered by Joseph B. Daily, 63 Brook Ave., Englewood, New Jersey. (85 E). Spectrum red and carmine. Backs of center petals buff yellow showing plainly at center and upper side of petals. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 4-9 in., heavy to medium, flower on side facing side. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{4}$ -12 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft.

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### Trial Ground Reports—Continued

**170. 31-32, MORNING MIST**, Stake Nos. 508, 509, and 510, Pompon, entered by Badetty Bros., Incorp., Huntington Dahlia Gardens, Huntington, New York. (85 M). White with rose purple at center and outline on any petals of the purple, but mostly of the white showing. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$  in., wiry, flowers facing side. Size of flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft.

**182. ORCHID LADY**, Stake Nos. 538, 539, and 540, Miniature Formal Dec, entered by J. Groll, Fenton Gardens, 916 Main St., Fenton, Michigan. (85 M). Mal-low pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 3-13 in., wiry. Flower faces side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ -3 in. Height 4 ft. 7 in.

Varieties Scoring Between 80 and 85, see page 30.

## Report from East Lansing, Mich.

By W. O. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan

There were one hundred and eleven varieties entered at the Mid West Trial Gardens during the Season of 1935, representing sixty-five individuals or firm from nineteen States. Twenty varieties, a trifle over eighteen per cent of the total, scored eighty-five points or better, to win a certificate of merit. It is also very interesting to note that fifty-five varieties scored between eighty and eighty-five points and that ten varieties were recommended for retrial.

The growing conditions were not favorable during the early part of the season due to cold wet weather, but from the middle of July on, growing conditions were at their best for Dahlia culture. Our first frost came on the night of September 20th, but very little damage was done. The killing frost held off until October 4th. Our planting made a very favorable growth and the floral display was up to standard, and was a sight to behold.

The names and addresses of those who helped with the scoring are as follows:

B. W. Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan; O. W. Hoeppner, East Lansing, Michigan; Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William F. Merkle, Chicago, Illinois; Harry Parker, Muskegon, Michigan; J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois; Victor Steckle, Lansing, Michigan; William Smith, Royal Oak, Michigan; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Royal Oak, Michigan; W. R. Eastwood, Monroe, Michigan; O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan.

The scoring was done in a very thorough manner. It is always a difficult task to score trial ground Dahlias for many reasons which I will not attempt to enumerate. The trial ground judge always is conscious of the fact that some one has scored the varieties ahead of him and that some one else will score behind him, therefore he must exert his best judgment so that his score will compare favorably with others. The May-trott Scale of points was used in making the awards. Each judge scored the varieties separately. The average of their scores was the amount used as a basis for the final score. An average of eighty-five points must be obtained in order to win a certificate of merit. It is the consensus of opinion among judges that we can no longer tolerate poor stems and while the variety may have a most beautiful bloom, a poor stem should be scored down. I am thoroughly convinced that had

several of the varieties been sent to our trial grounds earlier they would have scored a certificate. I would recommend that roots be sent so they may be planted before May 30th and green plants from June 1st to 10th.

A very successful Field Day was held at East Lansing on September 17th. Many fine talks were given on Dahlias and problems connected with growing Dahlias. The grounds were a mass of bloom and the Dahlias were enjoyed by everyone.

The writer wants to thank all who helped at the Trial Grounds during the past year and most cordially requests their presence during the 1936 Season.

Committee, L. L. Hook, Chairman, Maxwell Reynolds,  
O. W. Slocum.

### Certificate Awards at East Lansing

**9. NELLIE BLY**, Semi-Cactus, entered by William L. Metcalf, Oakmont, Pennsylvania. (85). Color, lemon-yellow to greenish yellow. Flowering habit fair to good. First flower September 3rd. Keeping quality, good. Stem  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{4}$  in., tends to be weak at the node at first. Habit, strongly erect, bushy, branching. Health, excellent. Diameter of flower  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -5 in. Height of plant  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -6 ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft.

**17. CENTURY OF PROGRESS**, Informal Dec, entered by B & B Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan. (85). Color, Dahlia purple to aster purple. Flowering habit good, early flowering. Date of first bloom August 12th. Keeping quality good. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., curved, strong, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant dense, branching. Health good. Diameter of flower  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -9 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height of plant 3- $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft.

**21. MARGRACE**, Informal Dec, entered by Hill-side Farm, Austinburg, Ohio. (85). Seedling from unnamed seedling. Color, lemon-yellow, overlaid with scarlet red. Flowering habit medium to good. First bloom August 10th, early flowers were poor. Keeping quality good. Stem 7-9 in., thick, heavy, strong, flowers erect or partly facing. Habit of plant strong, branching, erect. Health good, some insect injury. Diameter of flowers 9- $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 5- $6\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height of plant  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5 ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

**23. MID-WEST CHAMPION**, Informal Dec, entered by American Dahlia Farms, Cape May Court House, New Jersey. (86.1). Color, liseran purple. Flowering habit good. First bloom September 1st. Keeping quality good. Stem  $7\frac{1}{4}$ -9 in., strong, straight to slightly bowed, flower erect. Habit of plant strong, branching, erect. Health good. Diameter of flower  $7\frac{1}{4}$ - $9\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth 3- $4\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height of plant 3-5 ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 ft.

**24. BOBBIE DEANE**, Formal Dec, entered by Lloyd's Dahlia Gardens, May's Landing, New Jersey. (85 C 80 E). Jersey's Beauty x L. C. Smith. Color, autumn. Technical color description, maize yellow lightly overlaid geranium pink. Flowering habit good. First flower August 25th. Keeping quality very good. Stem 5- $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., strong. Habit of plant erect (like Jersey Beauty). Health good. Diameter of flowers  $4\frac{3}{4}$ -7 in., depth 2- $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height of plant  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$  ft., spread 2- $3\frac{1}{4}$  ft. An excellent commercial. Originator H. L. Smith, Bellevue, Washington.

**30. AUTUMN SUNSET**, Informal Dec, entered by Ralph Wells, Fairmont, West Virginia. (87).



Champoeg x Yellow Princess. Color, autumn; technical color description, lemon-yellow faintly tinged greenish yellow, lightly tinted spenel red or rose. Flowering habit very good. First bloom September 3rd. Substance very good. Stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., strong, stiff, thick when disbudded, otherwise slender and bowed, flowers erect or facing. Habit heavy, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health very good. Diameter of flower 7-10½ in., depth 3¼-6 in. Height of plant 4¾-5¾ ft., spread 3-3¾ ft. (Originator C. J. Straight, Fairmont, West Va.)

**31. GARDEN DELIGHT**, Informal Dec, entered by Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. (85). Color riotous purple to light mallow purple, bleaching to mallow pink in the older florets. Floriferousness abundant. Date of first bloom August 12th. Substance excellent. Stem 6¼-10¼ in., strong, stiff, straight, flowers erect to part facing. Habit of plant vigorous, strong, heavily branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 6¼-12 in., depth 3½-6½ in. Height of plant 4-5¼ ft., spread 2¼-4 ft.

**32. PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG**, Informal Dec, entered by Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. (85.5). Color, autumn; technical color description, martius yellow lightly streaked amaranth pink, reverse almost white, strongly tinged amaranth pink. Flowering habit strong, vigorous growth, branching. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 7th. Substance good. Stem 6-11½ in., strong, stiff, flowers erect to slightly facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, growth, branching. Health very good. Diameter of flower 8-12 in., depth 3¼-5 in. Height of plant 3¼-5 ft., spread 2-3½ ft.

**33. PURPLE MIST**, Formal Dec, entered by A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan. (85). Color, dark violet carmine. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom August 16th. Substance very good. Stem 7-15 in., thick, strong, straight. Habit of plant erect, branching, vigorous. Health fair. Diameter of flower 8-10 in., depth 5¼-6¼ in. Height of plant 2¼-5 ft., spread 1½-2 ft.

**51. 11-88**, Informal Dec, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Massachusetts. Originator. C. W. Ballay, Palo Alto, California. (85.6). Color, white tinted laelia pink. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom, September 10th. Substance very good. Stem 5-10 in., straight, stiff, strong, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 6½-8½ in., depth 3-4½ in. Height of plant 3-5½ ft., spread 2-4 ft.

**57. OAKLEIGH PRINCESS**, Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. (85). Color, lemon-yellow overcast scarlet red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 14th. Substance excellent. Stem 6½-10¼ in., strong, stiff, straight or slightly curved, flowers almost erect. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 8½-10 in., depth 3½-5¼ in. Height of plant 2½-4¼ ft., spread 2¾-3¾ ft.

**59. OAKLEIGH MONARCH**, Formal Dec, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. (86.9). Color, spectrum red. Flowering habit very good. Date of first flower August 27th. Stem 3½-10 in., straight, strong, flowers half-facing to almost erect. Substance excellent, keeping qualities splendid, long lasting. Habit of plant heavy, vigorous growth, thick, densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 8-11 in., depth 4¼-7 in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 3½-4 ft.

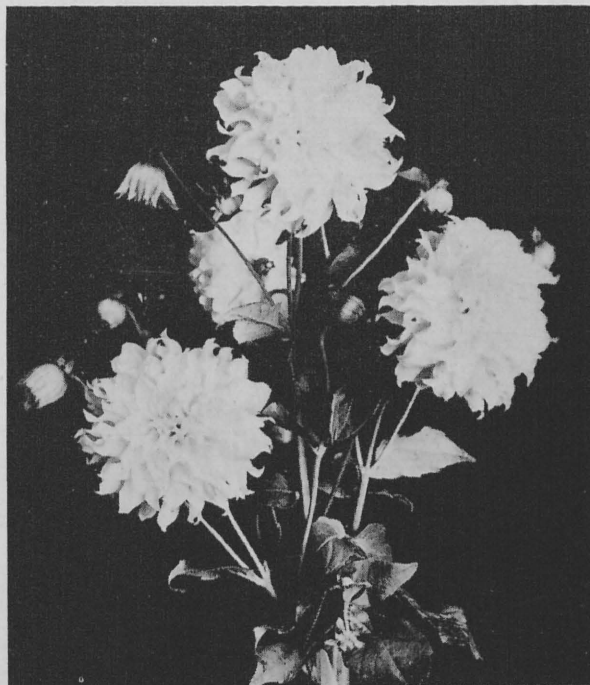
**66. MISS OAKLAND**, Formal Dec, entered by Theo L. Sjöberg, Oakland, California. (85.7). Color, white with faint suggestion of sulfur yellow at base of florets. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom August 5th. Stem 7¼-15¼ in., strong, stiff, straight to slightly curved. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, erect branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 6-9 in., depth 2¾-4¼ in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 2-4 ft.

**70. 332**, Lacineated Semi-Cactus to Cactus or Informal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (85). Color, Strontium yellow at base quickly changing to white above, tinted pale rosolane purple. Flowering habit abundant. Date of first bloom August 12th. Substance good. Stem 10-16½ in., thick, strong, straight to curved, flowers erect. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, heavily branching. Health, excellent. Diameter of flower 7½-10 in., depth 3¼-6 in. Height of plant 4½-5 ft., spread 2½-4 ft.

**77. DAHLIADEL JOY**, Cactus, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85). Color, light greenish yellow to pale lemon-yellow. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 10th. Substance good. Stem 5-8 in., stiff, wiry, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant erect, heavily and densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 4-5 in., depth 1½-2½ in. Height of plant 3¼-4 ft., spread 2-2½ ft.

**78. RAPTURE**, Small Informal Dec, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85.8).

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"RAPTURE" Min.

A Double Winner, Scoring 85 at Storrs and 85.8 at East Lansing. Entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. Photo Courtesy J. A. Manter. (See description on following page.)

### Trial Ground Reports—Continued

Color, primrose-yellow to light greenish yellow, lightly overcast spinel pink. (General appearance grenadine pink with pale yellow highlights.) Flowering habit abundant. Date of first flower August 25th. Substance good. Stem 2-9 in., stiff, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant heavily densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower  $3\frac{3}{4}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height of plant 3-5 ft., spread 3- $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft.

**82. NO. 12, Semi-Cactus**, entered by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Center, New York. (85 C 78 E). Seedling of Edna Ferber. Color, pale lemon-yellow to light greenish yellow, outer florets becoming tinted light salmon orange. Flowering habit abundant. Date of first bloom September 3rd. Substance excellent. Stem 6-12 in., stiff, straight, strong, flower half-facing. Habit of plant heavily branching, branches erect. Health good. Diameter of flowers  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2-5 in. Height of plant  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft., spread  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  ft.

**83. CAVALCADE**, Formal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (85.3). Color, base of florets capucine orange extending well up into the floret, becoming overcast spinel pink. General color appearance rose. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom September 2nd. Substance excellent. Stem 5-13 in., stiff, strong, heavy, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant erect, branching, resembling Jersey Beauty type of growth. Health excellent. Diameter of flower  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2- $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft.

**85. ORCHID LADY**, Miniature Formal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (86.5). Color, amaranth pink to mallow pink. Flowering habit excellent, profuse. Date of first bloom August 10th. Substance excellent, long lasting. Stem 5-8 in., strong, stiff, slightly bowed, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant strong growth, thickly, densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in., (should not be disbranched), depth 2- $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft., spread  $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft.

**90. SON OF SATAN**, Semi-Cactus to Cactus, entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan. Seedling of Satan. (85.8). Color, scarlet red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 15th. Substance excellent. Stem  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., strong, stiff, flower half-facing. Habit of plant branching irregular, vigorous growth. Health excellent, insect resistant. Diameter of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 4 in. Height of plant 4- $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{3}$ - $5\frac{3}{4}$  ft.

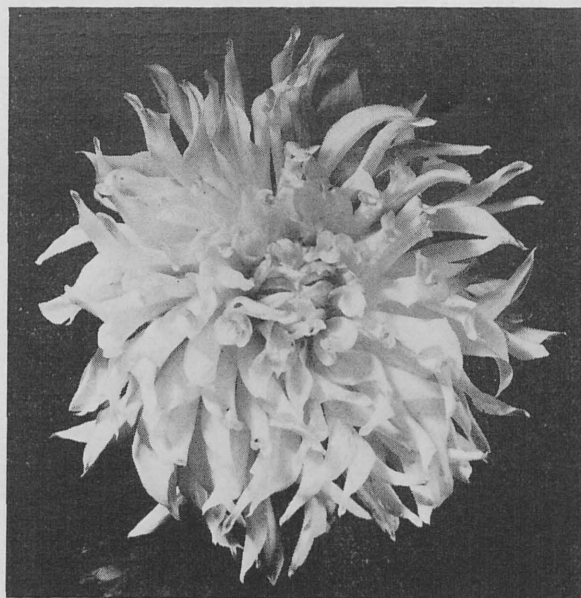
Varieties at both trial grounds scoring between 80 and 85 listed on page 32.

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### How to Send Dahlias for Trial

Every grower of Dahlias today is entitled to have a testing garden where his or her new novelties can be grown under good average conditions, and where they can be judged by impartial judges using a standard scoring system.

The A. D. S. has provided two trial gardens for this purpose and invites all members and others to send their Dahlias for trial. A score card has been worked out and thoroughly proven and competent judges score under this system at stated intervals during blooming season.



"SARAH KAY"

A Clear Yellow Semi-Cactus which Won in Competition in several 1935 Shows.

The two trial gardens, with their directors are:

**State College**  
Storrs, Connecticut  
Roland H. Patch, Director

**State College**  
East Lansing, Michigan  
C. E. Wildon, Director

When you have decided which of your seedlings you wish to have scored send three roots of each variety to the Directors of the Trial Grounds. You can send to one or both. But if your variety is distinctive enough to win a certificate (85 points or better) under the different growing conditions in the two gardens, then you can not doubt but it has most unusual merit—and will be good anywhere.

Send \$3.00, the trial garden fee, under separate cover also to the Directors. This fee does not cover the expense of ground preparation, fertilization, cultivation, watering, disbudding, spraying and judging. This expense over the \$3.00 is absorbed by the Colleges, the A. D. S. and even its members who do the judging. It's worth vastly more than this—but the A. D. S. offers you this service, in the interest of better Dahlias and better Dahlia culture.

It is possible that other gardens may become official A. D. S. trial grounds in other sections of the country. But, because of several rather disastrous experiences in the past—certain standards of maintenance and culture must be set up before any garden can be officialized by the A. D. S.

Send your Dahlias to the two official A. D. S. gardens—between May 15th and June 1st. Notify the garden that they are being sent and how. Also enclose the fee of \$3.00 per variety.

The A. D. S. is happy to be able to offer this testing service, and every care is assured for good culture and absolutely fair judging.

# Dahlias Which Drew Our Attention in 1935

## and, Do the Large Varieties Lose Their Popularity?

By H. H. CARLEE

Leiden, Holland

A glance backward to the things which drew our attention during the past season includes the weather conditions on which we are so much dependent for our outside flowers.

It is very evident that this season has been one of the worst we have had for years.

Spring was very irregular, alternately very hot and very cold, with the result that shipment and planting differed at least fourteen days from other normal years. If the shipment of the plants commences about the third week of May, then we can rely upon good hardened plants. If the plants have gotten used to the outside temperature during day and night they are better plants. It was very strange to know that, during the first days of the sending, the windows had to rest on the plants, because the nights were very cold and the northeast wind very strong. The difficulties we have had during that period we shall not easily forget.

After this cold period a very dry one followed. And after this heat we got a period of rain and tempest just during the month of September, the great month of the bloom of Dahlias. On September 17th a dreadful tempest destroyed thousands of flowers and many plants again so that various exhibitions had to be put off or countermanded.

From the various information we have received of many of our colleagues in other countries we have perceived that these weather circumstances have not been local, but that about everywhere the culture of Dahlias has been very handicapped by this unfavorable season.

Because we always give our opinion of the different varieties with the needful reserve, we have to do this in still greater measure now. Even there are many late varieties, of which no good flower has been cut.

Above this article you have also read the query whether the large varieties lose their popularity. Of course it is very difficult and perhaps impossible to tell with exact surety how far the decrease of the popularity of the large flowers will go. Since a few years we have perceived that varieties are asked for, which are rich flowering, which have middle-sized flowers and strong long stems, bearing the flowers well above the leaves.

All varieties, which give some very fine flowers among particular circumstances a single time, have hardly any reason of existence, especially because the choice from easy and rich flowering varieties is very great.

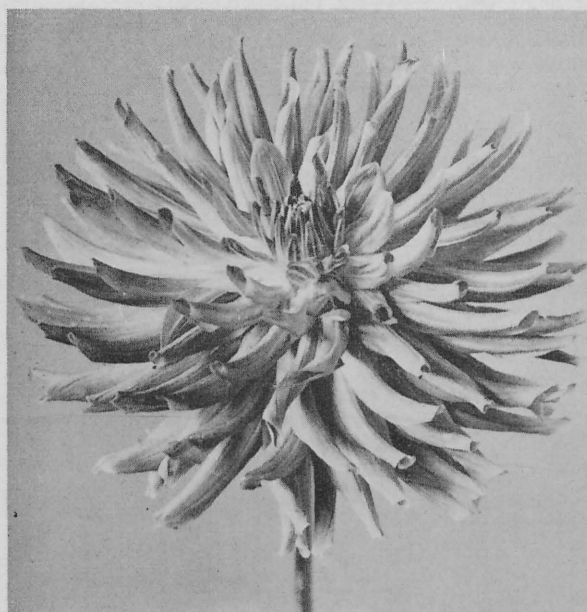
Let us take an example: The variety Mrs. George le Boutillier was at the trial garden this year. In the beginning of September the plants started flourishing, the stems held the enormous and, in certain respects, very fine flowers in an erect way, but when some showers of rain made the flowers still heavier, the beauty of this variety disappeared. We can undoubtedly say that because of the unfavorable season we have not seen proper flowers of this variety.

On the other hand varieties as: Baerne, Coral King, Mooi Limburg, etc., soon recovered after such showers

and they even gave very fine flowers till the end of the season.

Of course these facts have been perceived by many amateurs and therefore it is not astonishing that many people have more interest for the smaller, but rich flowering varieties.

As we already have said, it is not known with surety how this matter will pass away, but yet we wish to point out these facts. In the first place it is best to throw away all varieties which have no good stem, because it is of no use to put such varieties on the market.



"BAERNE"

Semi-Cactus, Salmon Rose Red. Cup Winner.

When we start mentioning some outstanding varieties we have firstly to begin with the winner of the highest distinction, viz., the winner of the Cup. This is *Baerne*, a semi-cactus variety with fine salmon-rose-red flowers. According to the time of the season the color varies sometimes, but all other properties are of such a quality that *Baerne* surely merits this high distinction and it will obtain a great popularity.

*Nagel's Glory* is the variety which has received the Cup for the best foreign novelty and, though it has been

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## Dahlias Which Drew My Attention—Continued



"CHANCELLOR"  
(or Volkskanzler)

Salmon-red Single with brown center. One of Holland's New Novelties.

the sole competitor in this class, it fully merits this prize, seeing its good stem and excellent flowers. The color is apricot-yellow with a purple-violet reflection. A very rich flowering variety too.

From these two favorites we go to another variety, viz., the little single Dahlia, *Volkskanzler* (*Chancellor*). Seldom we have seen such a great interest for a novelty as for this single variety and this interest is indeed merited, because the design of the flowers is very unique, peculiar salmon red with a dark brown to bright red ring in the center. When cut, the flowers remain fresh for many days and they can be cut when half open. The photo clearly shows you a rather good idea of the type of this flower and of the partition of the color but each description will incompletely show the beauty of the reality. Award of merit, selected for trial at Wisley, England.

Now we are going back again to a very imposing decorative variety, viz., *Mooi Limburg* (*Fine Limburg*), an enormous rich flowering variety with a very bright orange, scarlet, red color and petals, which are a little turned round. Especially suitable for garden plant. This variety has received a certificate of the trial garden and an award of merit.

Also *Frieda Monich* is a very outstanding novelty with beautiful long stems and robust decorative flowers, which have a deep amber-yellow with light vermillion-red color. Certificate of the trial garden and award of merit. *Petunia* has already won the Cup in England and last year for the best cactus variety. It also proves a very valuable Dahlia with a fine shape and a beautiful lilac color. *Coral King* and *Flaming Torch* are two hybrid cactus varieties both with a lively orange-red color, beautiful growth, and both are very rich flowering. They were crowned with many distinctions and will surely take in a high place in our assortment of great

Dahlias for many years. And what to say of such a beautiful variety as *Ballejo's Surprise*, which remembers to Frau O. Bracht re its shape. The growth is somewhat else, but very well for a semi-cactus. When cut the white flowers remain fresh on water for a long time, therefore this variety is an excellent cut flower. Also this Dahlia has received many awards of merit and first class certificates. Time will tell us how this novelty will behave at the various kinds of soil. But it appears to be a competitor for the Cup.

*Gebr. Van Raemdonck* is a semi-cactus too. Re color it has a likeness to the favorite "Baerne," the growth is somewhat more compact and sturdier but this variety merits an extra recommendation too, both as cut flower and garden plant. Award of merit.

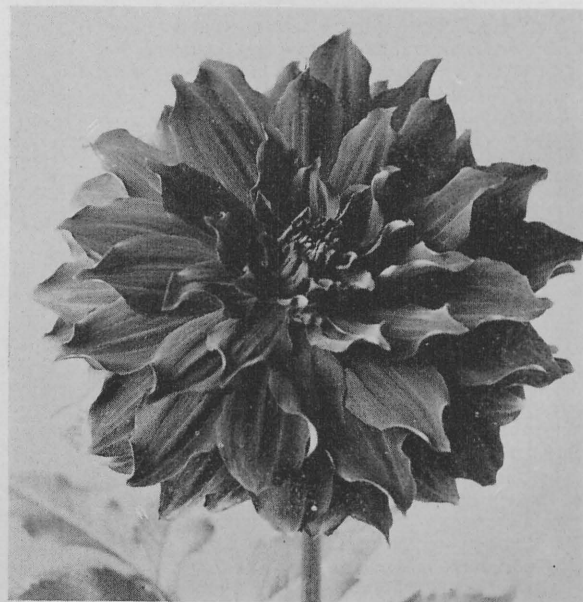
Dark red are the two following novelties: *Royal Black* (semi-cactus) is an excellent dark carmine-red cut flower and so is the somewhat lighter colored *Mevrouw Van Wuyckhuise* (semi-cactus) too. Certificate first class, and are competitors for the Cup. Both Dahlias have received an award of merit.

*Nocturno* also has a very fine shape, a lively dark velvet-red color and good stems, and it is very rich flowering. It merits a warm recommendation. There is little difference between "Treuer um Langemarck" and "Nocturno," possibly the latter is still darker of color.

*Fascinace* (semi-cactus), rose and *Saarlands Heimkehr* (semi-cactus), brisk rose are the best varieties of the type of the well known Dahlias "Andreas Hofer" and "Mad. Florence Braem."

*Madame Francois Pezant* is more a pure cactus with brisk rose colored flowers.

We want to finish this list of novelties with a few small varieties, viz., *Joan*, an ideal decorative Dahlia for bed and border. During the whole season the plants are covered with lively cochenille-carmine-rose flowers, which is a splendid sight. When cut the flowers also



FINE (MOOI) LIMBURG

"Enormous rich flowers with very bright orange, scarlet red petals, which are a little turned around."

remain fresh in water for a long time. It has received an award of merit.

Finally we mention *Croix Du Sud*, an anemone-flowered variety, which is a very outstanding one with its special type of flower, lac-red color and gold-yellow, small, tubular flowers. These flowers are borne on strong stems well above the foliage. Award of merit.

Especially "Golden Age," "Golden Bronze," "Triumph of Paris," "Major C. Messervy," "R. P. Rutherford," "Pink Daily Mail," "Altmark," "Louise Arduini," "Anneke," and "Flora," have entirely satisfied of the novelties of 1934.

Happily there has been more interest for the planting of American varieties this year and so we saw "Chautauqua Sunset," "Mrs. George le Boutillier," "Marianne," "Dorothy Ann," "Hunt's Velvet Wonder," "Golden Eclipse," "Murphy's Masterpiece."

We have already written in the beginning of this article that the weather has been very unfavorable for the large flowering varieties, therefore we only want to mention the good things. At first *Marianne*, which is a very beautiful variety with long and strong stems, a fine lilac color. It is very rich flowering too and has received the award of merit of the trial garden. Another variety, which has received this distinction, is *Chautauqua Sunset*. Besides a good garden plant "Marianne" is also an excellent cut flower but "*Chautauqua Sunset*" is most suitable for garden plant. It has a good shape and an extraordinary gold orange color with a red shade. Certificate of the trial garden and award of merit.

*Golden Eclipse*. This variety has flowered too late to judge.

*Murphy's Masterpiece* is already a very well known variety, which does not want a further description.

*Mrs. George le Boutillier*. We have already described this variety in the commencement of this article.

*Dorothy Ann* is a beautiful lively rose with white cactus. We hope being able to judge this Dahlia once more, when it will be in a better condition, next year.

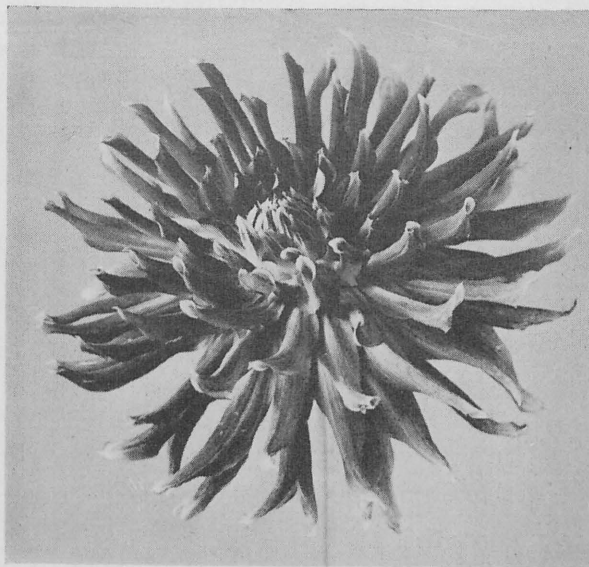
*Hunt's Velvet Wonder* also belongs to the very best novelties. The flowers are of a pure decorative shape and have a fine violet purple color with a burgundian-red shade. A variety which has drawn the attention, too, at the various examinations, is *Golden Standard*, which has received an award of merit. Type and color resemble very much those of "Golden Age" and we have to await which of these two Dahlias will prove to be the best.

*Kay Francis* could not yet charm us very much. We think it a good flower but "Frau O. Bracht" finer.

*Lord of Autumn* met with success with its pretty gold yellow decorative flowers. *Washington Giant* is also a variety which merits an extra mention. *Palo Alto* has been crowned with an award of merit. *Kentucky Red*, award of merit, belongs no doubt to the best American varieties: fine growth, strong stems, and a lively striking red color. We finish the American varieties with the mention of the variety *Wenoka*, which also drew the attention by its beautiful decorative flowers.

The following thirteen varieties surely belong to the best and most outstanding European novelties: Baerne, Ballego's Surprise, Chancellor, Coral King, Croix du Sud, Mevr. v. Wuyckhuise, Flaming Torch, Frieda Monich, Joan, Fine Limburg, Madame Francois Pezant, Petunia and Saarland's Heimkehr.

We hope with all our heart this report may be just the information which you would like. We hope you will consider our suggestions herewith as improvements of the existing varieties.



"CORAL KING"

Holland Semi-Cactus, lively orange-red, rich flowering.

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### Derrill W. Hart Addresses O. V. D. A.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association was honored last month by having Derrill Hart, editor Dahlia authority and writer, address their open meeting and be their guest at a banquet where one hundred or more Dahlia growers assembled. This visit by Mr. Hart will long be remembered because of his most informative and inspiring address pertaining not only to the new varieties as he sees them but because it brought a more intimate relationship from our eastern friends and gave the Association a splendid picture of the happenings in the general Dahlia world. Mr. Hart's remarks were keenly listened to, their value accelerating much interest and spirit among the O. V. D. A. members. To hear Mr. Hart enumerate variety after variety in a most capable and instructive manner bespeaks his fertile knowledge of what a Dahlia really should be and what is going on in the Dahlia kingdom.

Mr. Hart realized he was among friends who appreciated any and every bit of constructive criticism a master mind might have to offer. Warming up to his favorite subject, Mr. Hart said that Dahlias have now become next to the rose the most popular flower grown. It was interesting to note that his selections this year covered a vast territory, even to the eastern and oriental domains. The address so full of good advice and information would be too long to enumerate in detail. The O. V. D. A. extends best wishes to Mr. Hart and his associates in Dahlia culture and may it be our pleasure again to have not only Mr. Hart but perhaps another of his colleagues from the east to meet with the O. V. D. A. and address its membership.

The Midwest show here at Cincinnati would be an ideal time and place to gather and exchange ideas, greetings and renew acquaintances.

G. A. Richardson.

# Dahlias in England—Season of 1935 . . . .



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Illustration shows Master George Renaut (Jim) Drayson with two Blooms of "Major C. C. Messervy".

No review of the English Dahlia season would ever be complete without a brief description of the weather experienced, for Dahlias, like most other plants, are very dependent on the weather, and our climate is notoriously variable. The weather in 1935 was extraordinary in several respects. In the first place, although during the last three years both summer and winter have been warmer than the average, in the middle of May, 1935, we experienced a frost of record severity for that time of year. Many of our native trees were badly injured. Thousands of oak trees had their young leaves browned, and the young shoots and leaves of ash trees over wide areas of the country were completely destroyed. Any green plants of Dahlias which had been set out in the open ground were, of course, killed outright, and many plants in cold frames and unheated greenhouses were badly damaged.

Mid-May is, however, usually considered to be too early for planting out in our country, and growers who took the precaution of covering their frames with mats or sacking, and who waited until the end of the month before planting out, escaped without loss.

The first three weeks of June were very wet, and growers on heavy soils experienced difficulty in finding the ground in fit condition for planting out. The wet weather also favoured the attacks of slugs, at the time when the plants were most vulnerable. After the third week of May the weather turned dry and continued so until about the twenty-fourth of August. During that period the weather was hot and sunny, and in many districts there was at no time sufficient rainfall to penetrate beyond the top quarter of an inch of soil. I may remark here that 1935 was the third consecutive year in which a drought was experienced in the summer months. The last few days of August saw considerable rainfall. September also was a wet month over the whole of the country, and in some districts very heavy rainfalls were recorded.

As noteworthy as the May frost were the gales of 1935. During the year there were several of exceptional violence, but the one that most affected Dahlia growers occurred in the middle of September. It was the southern half of the country that suffered most, particularly

along the coast. One effect of the wind was that in many districts leaves of trees and many other plants were turned brown, in a few localities so much so that the appearance of the landscape was changed. This browning of foliage was attributed by some to salt contained in the wind and by others to the rapid drying of the leaves by the wind. As a result of the gale at least one of the leading Dahlia growers had no further flowers except from one or two sheltered plants. Most growers had branches blown from their plants and some indeed had plants snapped off at their bases.

After this recital of disasters it might be imagined that the 1935 Dahlia season in England was a failure. Actually it was a great success, for growers who lost plants by frost were in most cases able to replace them in good time, and even where it was not possible to water the Dahlias during the drought, the plants made a rapid response when the rains came. In most cases also the plants recovered quickly from the damage caused by the gale, and in the end the weather was kind, for it was well into the second half of October before there was any widespread damage by frost, and in some favoured localities the Dahlias were flowering until the second half of November.

On the whole the quantity and the quality of the flowers was excellent, and the blooms exhibited in our shows were equal to those in any previous year, even after the great gale.

It may be interesting if I mention here that it is not only in our autumn flower shows that Dahlias are exhibited. In our Royal Horticultural Society's great spring shows, which are held annually at Chelsea in the second half of May, exhibits of Dahlias are a by no means insignificant feature. The exhibits are staged by nurserymen and usually consist of plants in flower in large pots, although some growers exhibit cut flowers in vases. These Dahlias are of course grown entirely under glass, and the cost of making such an exhibit is by no means inconsiderable. As, however, the shows take place just before the planting out time, the nurserymen who make the exhibits expect to take sufficient orders to recompense themselves. As in the case of our autumn shows, all of the most popular types of Dahlia are used, both large and small flowered, and many of the blooms are equal to those grown outdoors later in the year. The colour of the blooms grown under glass is very beautiful, in some cases superior to that of the outdoor blooms.

As so many American growers take a great interest in the varieties which are the most successful in this



country, I will give a brief list of those which were the most prominent during the year. Commencing with the large decorative varieties, I cannot do better than give pride of place to the yellow variety, Major C. C. Meservy, which has again been outstanding. In the case of this Dahlia, beauty of colour and perfection of form are combined with giant size. Its only fault is a shortness of the flower stems early in the season. Daily Mail and its mauve pink sport Pink Daily Mail still retain their popularity. It is so easy to obtain twelve inch blooms on them. Jane Cowl also remains a great favourite, but I do not think that its flowers are so fine as they were when this variety was first grown here. From an exhibitor's point of view Charles G. Reed is one of the finest varieties received from America. It is always perfect in form and stem and can be grown to a very large size. Added to this it is an early and free bloomer. A flower of this variety was awarded the medal as the best in the open classes at our National Society's annual show. Another American variety, Eagle Rock Fantasy, was awarded the medal in the amateur classes. This was a really magnificent bloom of great size and perfect form, and readers may be interested to learn that it was shown by a novice who grows less than three dozen plants, in a small London suburban garden. Eagle Rock Fantasy is unfortunately not such a reliable variety as the others mentioned.

Of the Australian varieties, Koongarra Beauty again proved itself to be one of the very best. Of a golden bronze colour, it has great size and a fine strong stem. Croydon Beauty from the same country still retains its popularity with exhibitors, although it occasionally shows a slight weakness in the stem. Another Australian variety, Golden Dawn, is a newcomer with us. It is of an exceptionally rich golden colour and has good size, fine form and strong stems.

The 1935 season saw the introduction of a most promising new white variety—White Abundance—which should prove a great acquisition for cut flower purposes as well as for exhibition. It is perfect in form, very free flowering and its stems are exceptionally long and strong, but it is not so pure a white as Andrea Ericson, nor is it so large, but it will produce flowers up to ten inches in diameter with good depth. One of the finest white varieties seen during the year was the comparatively old White Duchess. This variety must be flowered from a side bud, otherwise the stem is much too short.

Hercules (reddish purple), D. B. Crane (crimson scarlet) and Mastodon (apricot), three home raised varieties, are amongst the largest and best grown here. The last named might be classified by some growers as semi-cactus. Of imported varieties, Lady M. Ponsonby, Betty Colter, Shahrazad, Champoeg and Kathleen Norris have been splendid, although the stem of the last named is still very unreliable. Ballego's Glory, although smaller than the other varieties mentioned, still continues very popular by reason of its handsome colouring and usefulness. Murphy's Masterpiece is excellent in size, colour and stem, but its centre is usually too irregular for exhibition purposes in this country. Lord of Autumn also has been disappointing, for although it has a fine colour and large size, our experience has been that its centre does not open satisfactorily. I must not, however, say too much about the foreign varieties which have been disappointing in this country, for failure may be due to the varieties in question not having become acclimatized, or it may in some cases be due to the stock received here being inferior. The chief reason is no doubt the difference in climate. Evidence of this is seen in the fact that some American varieties give a few good blooms early in the season while the weather is hot,

but are comparative failures later on in the cooler weather.

As in previous years, many novelties have been seen here. Mr. Stredwick again exhibited a number of seedlings, several of which showed great promise, but except in the form of green plants they will not be distributed until next autumn. It will, therefore, be as well to wait another year's experience before describing them. Of those distributed in 1935, Lewes G. Bolton was a great success. This variety had previously been exhibited under the name of Major Churcher. It is a very large flower of a rich deep crimson colour with a form somewhat approaching that of the cactus type. Its only fault appears to be that its stems are not so long as one would wish. Arthur Simmonds is another enormous flower of a light orange colour. When at its best it is one of the finest of all Dahlias, but with me a number of its flowers had poor centres. Anna Fleming proved to be a beautifully formed flower of a rich maroon crimson, but not a giant. Ogre is a very large flower of a somewhat peculiar shade of crimson. Three other novelties seen growing during the year seemed very promising. They were Clara Carder, a rosy mauve New Zealand variety, Semeur Reboux, purple, and Wayville Glow, a burgundy red Dahlia from Australia.

Of decorative varieties of somewhat smaller size, Jersey's Beauty is still very popular here. Grada is a newer variety, of identical form, but of a rose pink colour which may be preferred by some growers. Florence M. Davis, another variety of the same type, was raised in this country, and although by no means a novelty is well worth a trial by all lovers of Jersey's Beauty. Its colour is brilliant orange yellow. Buckeye Bride also is much admired here by reason of its beautiful colour.

The semi-cactus varieties continue to increase in popularity, and numerous novelties have been tried, but none has yet been found to surpass Frau O. Bracht in all round perfection, although R. P. Rutherford, a variety mentioned in these pages last year, has again proved to be outstanding by reason of its great size. It has also good colour, form and stem and is strongly recommended to those who love a giant Dahlia.

Several of the Continental varieties seen here in 1934 have fulfilled their promise. Golden Age, Maarsen's Favourite and Dr. Scheiner have all been excellent. Bauer's Ideal, which inclines towards the decorative type, has shown itself to be one of the finest shades of red in the Dahlia. Lemonia is almost a true cactus variety. It grows to very large size. Alois Neelen is a fine garden plant with a good stem and brilliant colouring. From an exhibitor's point of view these last two varieties were somewhat disappointing, as too large a proportion of the flowers lacked symmetry at the centre. Four new varieties which appear very promising are: Ballego's Surprise (white), Verschaeve (red), Flaming Torch (orange flame), and Baerne. Of older varieties Paul Pfitzer, Galaxy, Golden Sun, Altmark, Royal Velvet, Effective, Franz Berger, New Glory, Schwerin's Wahl and Rose Triumph are amongst the best.

Of giant varieties Amelia Earhart was very fine indeed in 1935, so also was Col. A. V. Ussher, an English variety capable of producing wonderful specimen blooms.

The true cactus Dahlias are still grown widely here, and of this type there is none so nearly perfect as the yellow variety Victoria, which received a certificate at Storrs. Other outstanding varieties are Pauline James (reddish terra-cotta), R. de B. Kennard (orange shaded bronze), Farbenwunder (orange tipped white), Mme.

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Ida Mansfield (deep yellow), and Pink Spiral (peach pink). These all have excellent stems.

The miniature varieties are still as popular as ever in England, and the flow of novelties increases rather than diminishes. So high is the standard which has been reached that it now takes a very good novelty indeed to attract much attention. Some of the best of the recent miniature varieties are of the decorative type and this year again one of this type, raised by Mr. Stredwick, received the coveted gold medal as the best novelty at the trials in the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley. It should be pointed out here that although giant decorative and cactus varieties are included in these trials, all varieties are grown naturally without disbudding and they are judged mainly on their value for garden decoration. For this purpose, of course, the free flowering miniature varieties are pre-eminent. Poppy, the winning 1935 Dahlia, is of a reddish bronze colour and is more attractive than might be imagined from this description. It is rather larger than the usual miniature varieties.

There are other small flowered decorative varieties to which I should like to draw attention: Verity Wadsworth, a most outstandingly beautiful yellow of formal type. Glorious, a raspberry red of fine habit, which may be already known to some readers of this BULLETIN. Cardiff Beauty (rosy-cerise), Ethel Windibank (creamy rose pink shading to pale yellow at the base of the petals), Calder (bright rose on yellow), Stella (pure pink). A promising red variety exhibited this year has been named Princeton in honour of the American University.

Of the miniature pæony flowered type Bishop of Llandaff needs no description here, for its merits are too well known. Morning Glow, orange scarlet with a yellow zone at the base of the petals is one of the most brilliant of all Dahlias. During the past season several of our nurserymen have exhibited masses of this variety with telling effect. Other favourites are Nora Bell (scarlet flame), Pink Pearl (soft rose pink), Towneley Cheer (rosy cerise shading to orange), Nanty (bright rose on cream), and Little Charm (salmon pink). The last named grows only eighteen inches high and is a wonderful bedding variety.

The miniature cactus variety Baby Royal needs no description as it is known all over the world. It is a great favourite with us and is very fine when disbudded. It is doubtful whether any of the seedlings from this variety are equal to their parent. They have certainly not all got its fine habit of growth. Three of the best are Baby Dot (pink shading to lighter tips), Marjorie Emberson (salmon pink), and Ethel Harrild (cerise pink). Little Snow Queen (white), Little Pearl (pink), Robin (crimson), Chard's Vanity (pink), and Friars Craig (orange), are other miniature cactus varieties which although not of the Baby Royal type are very attractive.

The pompon Dahlias appear to be more popular than ever. Not only are they more prominent in our flower shows and our gardens, but they are receiving renewed attention from raisers. It must, however, be admitted that the old varieties which have been in commerce for so long reach such a high state of perfection that improvement is difficult.

Mignon varieties are still used by the thousand for bedding purposes, and readers may be interested to learn that they are grown very largely from seed. Good strains of seed come true to colour and type and can be obtained in several colours. One seed firm in particular also does a large business in seed of the miniature pæony flowered type of Dahlia. Grown as half hardy annuals these types of Dahlia are much less expensive

when grown from seed than when grown from cuttings or root divisions.

I regret to have to state that the raising of seedlings of the large decorative and cactus Dahlias with a view to obtaining improved varieties is practiced in this country only by the comparative few. This is due not so much to the lack of enterprise on the part of our growers as to the great difficulty of ripening seed of these types in our climate.

I cannot conclude these notes without again expressing how great is the pleasure which we Dahlia lovers in England derive from the cordial relations existing between our English Dahlia Society and the American Dahlia Society. We are gratified at the interest which you take in our English varieties and we take an equal interest in American introductions. We are greatly interested in your publications and trust that you are interested in ours. The medal which you so kindly present to our Society is awarded each year with the first prize in the principal class for large decorative Dahlias at our annual show. It is a medal which is much coveted.

During the year our Society experienced a great loss by the death at the age of 85 of Mr. Joseph Cheal, for many years our Chairman of Committees. He had occupied a leading position in the English Dahlia world for many years and had raised large numbers of new varieties, principally of the small flowering types. His loss is mourned not only in England but in many other countries, where he had numerous friends.

If the editor will excuse a personal note I should like to say how interested I have been in the letters received from readers of my notes in the BULLETIN, and in the Dahlia literature which they have sent to me. These letters afford proof that the BULLETIN is read eagerly not only in the U. S. A. but in many other countries.

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### Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society

The annual meeting and banquet was held at the Presbyterian Church, Peekskill, New York, on the evening of January 14, 1936.

Routine business matters were deferred until the next meeting at the Valeria Home Club House in order to proceed with the election of officers and not detain the dinner scheduled at eight o'clock.

The staff of officers for 1936 are as follows: Harry D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y., President; Edward O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y., Vice-President; Robert A. Vogel, Peekskill, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer. Executive Committee: William J. Owen, Peekskill, N. Y.; A. J. Cole, Buchanan, N. Y.; J. MacIntyre, Garrison, N. Y.

After the election of officers the meeting adjourned into the banquet room where we were honored by the presence of distinguished guests representing the American Dahlia Society and neighborhood Garden Clubs.

Speeches of educational benefit were made by Messrs. D. Hart, L. B. Dudley, J. W. Johnson, W. Evans Smith, H. Dewey Mohr, C. Louis Alling, and other flower enthusiasts in eloquent fashion.

Presentation of token of esteemed appreciation of the effective work done by our show managers was made by our newly elected President, Mr. Swain, and gratefully accepted by Mrs. M. Adams and Mr. William Aurswald.

Summarizing this affair, it is putting it in mild form when we report "an enthusiastic aggregation of flower lovers congregated to promote the Dahlia and gladiolus."

Watch for announcement in the next BULLETIN of our 1936 show.

*Robert A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.*

# Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

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## Foreword

By Editor Dudley: We have adopted a policy of spreading both the fun of editing and the responsibilities of editorship to other members of our society.

Came a letter from our good friend and always interesting speaker, Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia Dahlia Society.

He suggested a feature each issue in which would deal with persons and personalities in the Dahlia world.

Without a change of expression we immediately wrote him and said it was a splendid suggestion only it couldn't be undertaken by the editor and would Mr. Shurtleff accept the nomination and start the department.

Right' back—showing friend Oliver to be a man of decision as well as forensic ability, came the cheery, I'll try it. And, best of all, accompanying it was his first article and we will leave it to you, if we are not fortunate in getting our new vice-president right at work. Watch his column or page in the BULLETIN. The man has ability as a writer as well as a faculty of making friends and speeches.

He says: "My plan will be, after this first article, not to puff those whose reputations are already made and those who are much before the Dahlia world. I shall seek, rather to introduce some others who are doing fine Dahlia service in various localities and who are doing it without much recognition. In this way I shall hope to engender a finer and warmer feeling towards the A. D. S. among local Dahlia organizations and among local Dahlia individuals."

There is our new associate editor's plan. We think it a splendid idea which will be admirably carried out. If it is, it will do a lot of good for the A. D. S. and for all Dahliadom.

## DAHLIA PERSONALS

(Editor Shurtleff's Note. This new department of the A. D. S. BULLETIN will come to you from time to time as the reporter is able to gather and assemble the personal items which will make up the content of the column. The aim of the column will be threefold: to make the column non-commercial, to keep the column free from personalities of the controversial type and to give worth while recognition to worth while achievement among people of the Dahlia world. How well this column shall succeed, time will have to judge.)

## These Fourteen Years

It was September of 1935. I found myself in the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. It was the time of the annual Dahlia show sponsored by the American Dahlia Society. I was one of the judges at that great show and, as such, I felt that I should make my presence known to the proper officials.

A New Department Devoted to the Idea that Worth While Achievement in the Dahlia World Should Be Recognized, Even Tho' The Achiever is Not Often in the Headlines in the Dahlia Magazines.

I asked where to go in order to report. I was told and soon found myself before a table marked "committees." Across the table sat a woman working quietly, consistently, efficiently. She was an attractive woman and in her face was mirrored a life of culture and refinement and intelligence. A pleasant smile greeted me as I was handed my credentials and my judge's badge. A soft clean voice asked me "please to register at the guests' book."

To her intimate friends and associates among Dahlia people, and that group lists some of the finest of all people, she is Mabel Rathgeber, but to me, meeting her personally for the first time, she must, of course, be Mrs. Mabel Rathgeber.

For fourteen years Mrs. Rathgeber has been the efficient and careful and trusted treasurer of the American Dahlia Society. For these years she had given of her time, without stint or reserve. For these years she had handled the accounts of the American Dahlia Society and no one had ever risen to question her motives or her trustworthiness. For these years the organization had "banked" upon her explicitly.

My personal acquaintance with Mrs. Rathgeber has been of less than a year's duration, but I shall cherish that acquaintance as one of my finer ones. My contact has all been by way of correspondence. For ten years I have been a member of the American Dahlia Society and for almost that long I have been a member of an affiliated society. Always, during these ten years, my correspondence has been answered promptly and courteously and the few small accounts going between us have always been carefully handled.

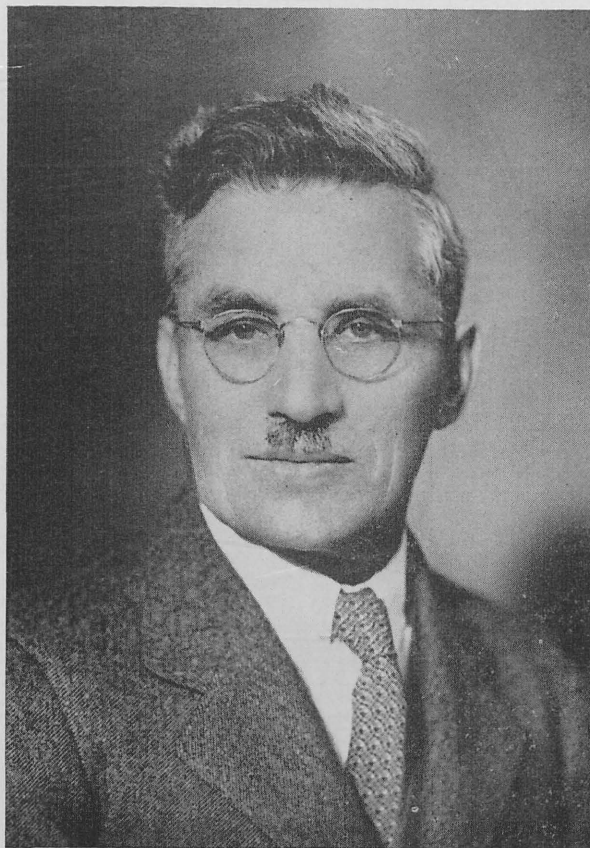
Last fall Mrs. Rathgeber's office was combined with that of the secretary of the society. At that time Mrs. Rathgeber withdrew from active service in the American Dahlia Society. Those active services will be missed. The American Dahlia Society recognizes the fact that those services will be missed.

As a slight token of the esteem in which the organization holds the retiring treasurer, the members of the executive committee of the society tendered a testimonial dinner to Mrs. Rathgeber Saturday evening, January 11th. at the Hotel Pennsylvania. There was no speech-making; it was a dinner at which friends and neighbors talked in a friendly and neighborly manner. At the close of the dinner, Derrill W. Hart, on behalf of the executive committee, presented to Mrs. Rathgeber a purse containing a gift of money.

And, along with that purse, Mrs. Rathgeber, went another. It was a purse woven from the mesh of golden memories. In it was a diamond of consistency, typifying your fine service to the American Dahlia Society. In it was the warm red ruby of our friendship. In it was the white pearl of hope—hope that the best of life will come to you.



# The President's Message . . .



A. D. S. President George W. Fraser  
Williamantic, Connecticut

I believe that it is customary for the President to give a report of his stewardship to the Society. I had intended to do this at the annual meeting but lack of time and the rush of other business at the meeting prevented me from doing so.

In reviewing the work of the year I am very pleased to report that our Society has been able to carry on its usual activities in spite of these difficult times. Our membership has increased during the year, and we are now on a sound financial basis.

The several committees have all worked hard to carry out the tasks allotted to them. And I want to take this opportunity to thank them for the loyal support they have given me. I know that I can depend on the same fine team work during 1936.

The show committee gave us one of the best shows we have had in recent years. With the aid of the schedule committee, that revised our premium list, we were able to put on what might rightly be called a "Color Class Show," and although several minor defects showed up, which will be taken care of by the committee, the new schedule was a decided success.

The garden club section has grown to be a major part of our annual exhibitions thanks to the untiring efforts of the committee in charge. Our classification has been brought up to date with the acceptance, at the annual meeting, of the new classification presented by the nomenclature committee. For the first time in our history we were able to present all the premiums on the closing night of the show, thanks to the hard work done by the prize committee. The committee in charge of the judging had a corp of competent judges on hand who did splendid work under a new and trying schedule. The Society owes them a debt of gratitude for the patience displayed, and the workmanlike manner in which they carried out their task. The reports of the Trial Gardens presented in this issue of the BULLETIN speak for themselves of the usual efficient work done by the men in charge of them. Our quarterly BULLETIN is something that every member can be proud of. I doubt if any other horticultural society in the country can boast of such a fine publication. The timely articles pertaining to all phases of Dahlia culture and history makes it well worth the price of membership alone. Many improvements are being planned by the editors for the coming year to make it a bigger and better BULLETIN. Our Society is indeed fortunate in having men who are willing to give up so much of their spare time and pleasure, as the editor of the BULLETIN gives to this work, as a labor of love to the Dahlia.

During the year I had the honor of representing the American Dahlia Society at several meetings and shows. On February 9th, in company with other officers of the Society we braved the storms to attend the annual dinner of the Long Island growers at the Lido Club, Long Beach, New York. Need I say that it was a great meeting in every respect? In September along with Editor Dudley, Secretary Alling, other officers and members, we paid a visit to the Mid West Show, held at Cleveland, Ohio, where we assisted in judging one of the finest shows it has been my privilege to attend. Great credit is due Mrs. Carl L. Seitz and her able committee for putting across this fine show. As your president I had the honor of crowning a most charming young lady, Miss Laurene Rumley, "Queen of the Mid West Dahlia Show." It was a pleasure indeed. I also gave a short talk over station WTAM in the interest of the show, and the A. D. S. Lack of time prevented us from visiting the several Dahlia gardens and the other places of interest, but the kind hospitality and good fellowship extended to us by the mid west Dahlia fans will always remain a very pleasant memory. The same thing is true of our visit to Richmond, Virginia, where I helped to judge the show of the Virginia Dahlia Society. It was indeed a pleasure to meet with, and discuss Dahlia problems with the growers in the various sections. A better understanding and appreciation of the work of our Society is developed by such contacts, whether by officers or members, the more we get together and talk over our problems, the more we get to understand each other.

One of the pleasing features of the year was the revival of our annual dinner for members and friends. This took place the first evening of the show, and was a great success. The A. D. S. "Medal of Honor" was presented to four members who have distinguished them-

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# Home Decoration Made Easy With Small Dahlias

By Mrs. H. C. Haake

Mill Valley, California

**See front cover of this issue. We are indebted to the Haakes for the halftone of the "Bolsa" prize winning basket of pompons shown on our cover this issue.**

We are often asked what flowers can be used to the most advantage in home decoration. We do not hesitate to recommend the small types of Dahlias—Pompons, Miniatures, Collarettes, Mignons or the bedding varieties.

For sheer beauty of color these flowers have no equal and then there are so many shades of colors which give an unlimited opportunity in the art of decoration either simple or elaborate. The combination of colors may be used to please the most aesthetic, if very careful attention is given to the selection of colors that harmonize. Then for the ultra type of modern fashion where contrasts of color are used to get bold striking effects there are any number of deep tones. One of the most popular for decoration is the use of white the purity of which is very appealing. For an example use the little white pompon Joe Fette with the miniature Corone which is so pretty and just like the well loved Gardenia, or some of Susan Ann Gilbert, a waxy white of perfect formation, and for a solid background a few Snow Queens which are like snow balls, and if you have some of the peony type of the miniature Samaritan with its big yellow center and large leaves like a big tulip you have a combination that can't be beat and one that will please the most refined taste.

You may use a color that will match the decoration of your rooms, in one of Oriental furnishings, a few of the orange shades of which we have many, Persimmon would be pretty, used in the Oriental fashion, three

blooms of different height in a black bowl. Your draperies may be the keynote for your color scheme or you may choose a bright color to give life and cheer to your surroundings. If you wish to accentuate some color mass your blooms by cutting the stems short and keeping the heads even, as you build for height still keep the heads even with no stems showing. The ways are so infinite for the uses of these exquisite little flowers of which there are endless varieties one can experiment and work out many interesting and beautiful schemes.

There is one big factor in the art of decorating with flowers—the choice of suitable containers—those that will not detract from the color of your flowers as a vase or receptacle ornate with some flower design or a color inharmonious or one too high or too low for the length of the stems. Thought and attention to these details helps to enhance the beauty of your arrangement.

The price of these small varieties is very reasonable making it possible for almost anyone to make a small investment and he will find that no other flower will give as great a reward for an equal amount of money and time spent. With the proper care you will have a wealth of blooms for upwards of three months, depending on the length of the season in your locality and besides you will get any amount of pleasure from watching the little bulb grow into a bush, then bud and blossom and you realize your loving care has helped to produce something beautiful—you have had healthy exercise and maybe lost a little of your excess avoirdupois. Proper storage of the roots at digging time will increase three or more times your stock for your next year's planting.

The combined beauty and utility of these small varieties for home decoration has been brought to the attention of the general public through the displays made at our Dahlia shows and the commercial growers all over the country now knows his garden is not representative without some space is given to the small types.

selves in the advancement of Dahlia culture. In honoring these great men our Society has itself been honored.

Your executive officers have been very active in planning the work of the Society, always trying to make the organization of greater service to its members. We have endeavored to coöperate with our affiliated societies, and other helpful agencies, and have received their assistance in many ways that have been a benefit to us all. For 1936 we have many progressive plans in view. This is the year that our Society comes of age. TWENTY years of unselfish pioneer work in the interest of the Dahlia are past. Now we should step out like a man come to majority. Your officers have a plan for the A. D. S. stepping out and becoming a bigger and better National Society. This plan is being developed for your consideration by a very able committee. It will require a great deal of work and thought on the part of the committee, the affiliated societies, and the membership at large before it can be brought to a successful conclusion.

The committee has recommended that all requests for new official trial gardens be tabled until their plans are completed. The Society appreciates the fine work done by the various state societies in conducting trial gardens,

and craves their indulgence in this matter until the plans of the committee are brought forward.

Other plans call for a National Dahlia Show to be held at Detroit, Michigan, in conjunction with the Michigan Dahlia Society. This promises to be one of the biggest shows of the season. I trust that all our members who are in position to help this fine show, will do so, by bringing in exhibits, or in some other manner.

Several plans for increasing our membership are being considered as we begin the new year. New members must be brought in and dues paid on time if we are to maintain our high standards of work, and continue publishing our splendid BULLETINS.

There are hundreds of prospective members among the Dahlia lovers in the country, why not contact them? Show them a BULLETIN and the rest should be easy. Let every member get a member in 1936.

In closing I wish to express my personal thanks to the many workers who have so generously given their time and efforts in the interests of the Society. The American Dahlia Society is an organization to be proud of, and it is my earnest hope that every member of it will continue his loyal support throughout future years.

George W. Fraser.

# Charles H. Ruscher Dies January 23, 1936



"CHARLIE" RUSCHER

Charles H. Ruscher was more than just a Dahlia fan; he was the friend of all who love Dahlias as he did. He passed away Thursday, January 23rd, at his home at Shellbank Place, Rockville Centre, Long Island, after an illness of several months. He had been in Florida for several weeks prior to his death, but was rushed back home for an operation in an attempt to prolong his life.

"Charlie," as we in the A. D. S. knew him, was forty-two years old and leaves his wife, Mrs. Ruth Ruscher and two sons, aged ten and thirteen. Born in Brooklyn, educated in the public schools there, he entered the banking business upon leaving school. He was first employed by the Farmer's Loan Bank in New York City. When that institution was taken over by the National City Bank several years ago, Mr. Ruscher became a department head of the 42nd Street Branch of that bank and held this position until his death, with a record of twenty-seven years of service with one institution and its successor.

Early in his business life, he took up the growing of flowers as an avocation and soon there appeared a small green house at the rear of his home. Dahlias eventually became his specialty, but he also became an expert in the culture of Carnations, Calendulas, Tulips, Snapdragons any many other flowers. In recent years, also he took a great interest in tree grafting and had one of the finest, though not the largest, apple crops in Rockville Centre.

His other interests, and by this time you will begin to understand that he was most versatile, were chicken raising, and fishing. A quiet chap was Charlie, but a "square shooter" always. He would stick up for his rights, certainly, but he would always "give the other fellow a break."

About seven years ago he joined with Dewey Mohr, also of Rockville Centre, and formed the Rusch-Mohr Dahlia Gardens. This concern early established itself as one of the leading commercial Dahlia firms on the eastern seaboard. Its exhibits won frequent prizes and blue ribbons. And it was to a great degree due to

Associate Editor of the Bulletin  
and Partner of Dewey Mohr  
in the "Rusch" Mohr Gardens

Charlie Ruscher's expert horticulture knowledge that this was possible. He was widely known as cultural specialist.

As it is now planned, Mrs. Ruth Ruscher will take over her husband's interests in the Rusch-Mohr Dahlia Gardens. She is an expert horticulturist and exhibitionist as well and it is therefore quite fitting that she should carry on where Charlie left off. We in the A. D. S. will welcome her to our councils and into the Dahlia business in her own right, and as a partner with Dewey Mohr. Her two sons, Charles H., Jr., and Thomas also like Dahlias and will assist her, as they did their father.

But before we come to the end of this story of a friend who has gone, we would like to tell this incident about how Charlie came to be Associate Editor of the BULLETIN. It is as indicative of the true worth and friendly loyalty of the man as anything that we might record. One day, at an executive meeting of the A. D. S. we told of a few of the trials and tribulations of editing and remarked that it was fast coming to a point where we might have to give up the job. Remember, he was even then suffering frequently from the malady that later brought about his death. After the meeting, Charlie came to us and in his quiet manner and with his usual smile, said, "Lynn, I don't know how to edit or even write that I have ever discovered, but I do have a few spare minutes some evenings and I would like to help you if I can." There it was, just a simple offer of a simple man, but it was sincere and he was soon at work and never afterwards missed an opportunity to be of service until his health broke completely.

Charlie was a real man and a true friend. Someway, we feel that Dahlia friendships are like this, more often than not, further, if the love of Dahlias can bring us friends like Charlie Ruscher, then bless the day we took up Dahlias.

Besides his wife and sons, his mother, Mrs. Amelia Ruscher of Brooklyn, and a brother, Earnest Ruscher of Garden City mourn him.

## *"It was my privilege to know Charlie Ruscher".*

"Charlie Ruscher passed away, January twenty-third, nineteen hundred—thirty-six." Thus stated a letter received by the writer a few days ago.

It was my privilege to know Mr. Charles Ruscher personally for but a short time, something less than a year. In the space of those few months, however, I felt that I had acquired a new friend who was fine. In all the times that we were together his manner was that of a gentleman, quiet, courteous, dignified. But there rested somewhere in his quiet personality a force that was compelling and an attitude that was cooperative and friendly. He was never over bold in his expressions, but those of us who knew him personally felt that he was a man of deep and sincere convictions and

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# Dahlia Forum and Exchange

If there's something you would like to know—  
or some cultural or historic lore you would like  
to pass along—or if you have the itch to write  
about Dahlias—then this is your department.  
Address Sec'y Alling.

Conducted by

Secretary C. Louis Alling

251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.

## Working Like H—, to Save Satan

In this case Satan happens to be a Dahlia bulb and one which I prize highly. I had only the one bulb, a present from a very dear friend.

Upon receiving the bulb I went out into the Dahlia garden and endeavored to locate an ideal spot for this prized beauty. I could hardly wait after planting to see if it were going to grow. You can well imagine my feeling of relief when it finally broke through the ground. It seemed that nothing in the garden was as important to me as that one Dahlia plant. Each day I would go out to note its growth. As the days rolled into weeks and the weeks into months Satan grew and was doing so well it looked as if nothing was going to happen to spoil his growth. Then one day, when Satan had grown to a height of four feet, I noticed that it looked withered; in fact, it looked very sick. Dahlia growers will know just how I felt, when, out of three hundred plants, Satan had to be one that was sick. I spent most of that day looking up Dahlia diseases and finally concluded that Satan was infested with a stem borer. This caused my hopes to sink. What was I to do, and how was I to do it? I could not sit idly by and watch my months of work and waiting vanish without some sort of a struggle.

Having worked and lived in a hospital for a number of years I thought of an operation. I had never tried to remove a borer—had never even seen it done; but I had read how Warren Maytrott of Vineland, N. J., had successfully performed such an operation. Following the directions given by him I slit the stem with a paring knife for about an inch and a half on either side of the outer scar. I then took a short piece of German silver wire, on the end of which I had bent a small hook, and

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possessed of a knowledge that was permanent. He was straight as a business man, he was happy in his hobby, he was fine in his friendships.

We can ill afford to lose such men as Charlie Ruscher. His business will suffer because of his departure, his community will miss him, his associates and the lives that he has touched will mourn because of his going. To his associates in his vocation, to his partner in his avocation, to his community, to his friends and to his family, his West Virginia friends extend deepest sympathy.

Let me close with a thought from that activity which he loved so much, the growing of Dahlias; "he made good here in the Trial Garden of Earth; he has gone now to be with the Supreme Gardner." I think his Dahlias will miss him, as I shall miss him.

*Oliver Shurtleff, in the West Virginia Dahlia Bulletin.*

picked out the borer. Unfortunately I could not remove the entire offending parasite with a single stroke and so it was necessary to continue the operation until I was fairly sure that the entire borer had been removed. After removing all the borer I could find, and having sealed the incision with plaster of paris well dampened with water. I mulched well with peat moss, watered, and then watched and waited. All went well for about ten days when I noticed that the four lower joints were turning black and getting weak. What to do now? Why not try a splint of some sort. I thought if I failed now I would admit that I was certainly no Dahlia doctor. I wrapped about twenty inches of the stem tightly with paper tape and then spread plaster of paris over the tape to form a plaster cast similar to those on broken bones. I kept the plant well mulched and watered. I had no further trouble. Satan grew into an excellent six feet of splendid Dahlia plant.

I had four wonderful blossoms, good color, and long strong stems. Satan scored ninety-one points in the annual Dahlia show judged by our own State Garden Club President, Mrs. Euclid Snow, and Vice-President Raymond Knotts.

Satan had a number of nice buds when a killing frost destroyed them October 3, 1935. The roots were in excellent condition when I lifted it, and I will have three divisions for next year.

I went through a lot to save Satan, but any single blossom fully repaid me for my work.

*Mrs. H. D. Fehrenbacher.*

## Judging Seedlings

Here is a suggestion that I have had in mind for this last three years. It is in reference to judging three year old seedlings.

If each judge was given a score card and scored the blooms independently, and the cards after being scored should be handed to the supervisor of judges, and he with the show committee should compare the cards the bloom scoring the most points being the winner.

In the report of the show the scores of each Dahlia could be given. By doing this buyers would know in what part of the bloom the deficiencies were most prominent, whether in the stem, the color, perfection of bloom, etc. This will entail a bit of extra work, but it will help the flower considerably, and the Society who has the initiative to put their show on under these conditions will surely attract exhibitors.

Yours for better Dahlias, not bigger, but Dahlias with a personality that appeals.

*Charles Garrity, San Leandro, California.*

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## Dahlia Forum—Continued

### How to Transport Exhibition Flowers

I would like someone to give me some information on how I can keep Dahlia flowers from wilting, so I can keep them in good condition to be shown at a flower show; it is about 150 miles from my home to the place that I take them to.

I have gone to the show for two years and each time the flowers was not fit to be shown when I arrived at the show. I have been in the flower business for the last twelve years and have never had much trouble in keeping the flowers in good condition before, but I never took them so far before.

Someone who has had this experience and would be glad to let me know I would appreciate it very much, when do you cut the flowers, and do you do anything special to them when you cut them, and how long before you make the trip, do you cut them, how do you pack them, and is there any special treatment that you give them when you arrive at the show. In fact anything that you may be able to offer in this line would be greatly appreciated. Thanking you very much in advance for same, I am,

*Charles Karver, Mt. Pleasant Gardens,  
Boyetown, Pennsylvania.*

### Answer by C. Louis Alling

A hundred and fifty miles is quite a long trip for Dahlias to arrive in good exhibition condition. However, it can be done if the blooms are handled carefully.

The best time to cut the blooms is late in the afternoon before the show. This should be done after the sun has left them as they are then in a parched condition and very readily absorb a lot of water. Many growers dip the end of the stems in boiling water as soon as they are cut as it seals the end of the stems and prevents the juices from escaping.

They should be set in deep containers over night in a very cool place, free from droughts. Allow them to stand and drink up the water as long as possible. Have substantial cut flower boxes ready with plenty of florists paper. The boxes should be well lined with the paper and then the flowers laid in very carefully. They must be packed so as they will not move about the box but yet not so tight as to crush the petals.

Upon arrival at the show unpack and set in water as soon as possible, cutting the end of the stems as this is done. Keep the blooms out of the drought at all times. It is always well to carry a few spare blooms to take the place of those which arrive in poor condition, although if the flowers are in good condition when cut, and are carefully handled, very few spares will be needed.

### Iron versus Wooden Stakes

Thirty years ago when I first began to grow Dahlias, like everyone else at that time, I used bean poles for stakes and gave my order each year to our egg and butter man, for he was quite an institution in those days, supplying hams, chickens, vegetables, etc.

A nearby neighbor, a railroad man, became interested from roots given him and being in charge of beautification of stations soon had Dahlias growing around the entrances.

He hit upon structural steel rods for his poles and gave me the first fifty and I have been blessing his

generosity ever since, for there is no comparison in my judgment, for these fifty rods are today in the same serviceable condition as when given to me and are a part of numerous additions now passing the thousand mark.

The original fifty were  $\frac{7}{8}$  inches in diameter and six feet long. I have found from experiments with different sizes that a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch stake answers every purpose for the larger Dahlias and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for miniatures, pompons, mignons, anemones, etc., and these  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet long.

In my Dahlia excursions I have seen many types of wooden poles used from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in hickory, oak, cypress, bamboo and other woods and painted in many colors; only last year I found a most ardent fan with poles painted red, white and blue.

Invariably after one or two years use the tops are battered and splintered and heights irregular.

Again with less than half the effort and time the metal stakes may be driven with precision into rows that may be checked and cross checked.

Most wooden poles are painted yearly and one with a thousand poles expends quite a sum for paint and painters. I use a barn and roof paint costing \$1.25 a gallons and two gallons paint the thousand stakes.

Again storage space is quite an item, if stored from winter's winds and storms. An iron stake takes up about one-eighth of the space of a wooden one; a thousand iron ones take up a small corner of your basement.

But by far the greatest advantage of iron stakes over wooden ones is their performance during growing and blooming time. We drive the metal stakes into the ground from fifteen to eighteen inches and no storm, wind or rain or weight of the heaviest plant has ever toppled one over, and there is no breakage or heavy labor in digging, for a turn of the steel rod, with a stilson wrench brings them out quickly without bending.

Some of my friends use a large expensive unsightly wooden label and tack this to the wooden stake, marring the stake when removed. Instead we use the small nurseryman's label, the ones with the copper wire, which is long enough to twist around the irons twice, and securely labels them and is attached to the stalk when dug.

*A. B. Bauer, President Virginia Dahlia Society.*

### A Boon to Dahlia Propagators

Some Dahlia varieties are most reluctant to root in sand. Some just naturally wilt or damp off while taking their own time to form roots.

Now comes Dr. P. W. Zimmerman of the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research at Yonkers, New York, with an announcement that a combination of certain chemicals has been used which causes roots to form on plant cuttings.

These chemicals applied in the form of salve and numerous roots sprout from the stem of the plant where it is applied. These roots when replanted are said by Dr. Zimmerman to grow much more quickly than ordinary cuttings or seedling.

When the ointment was applied to a tomato plant roots sprouted in less than a week. The stem was reversed and roots were formed on the other end of the cutting also.

Other advantages are claimed also as a result of the tests at the Boyce Thompson Institute. These are greatly reduced cost and absolute assurance that the health of the parent plant will be reproduced.

The action of the chemicals is explained as a stimulation of the cells of any part of the plant. If it is applied

to the part of the plant above the ground, the structure is uninjured but grows into curious knotty shapes, for the stems curl up where the ointment is applied. The substances which thus stimulate growth have been named auxins.

It is to be hoped that, if these auxins are as certain in their action as the first tests seem to indicate, they will be made available commercially as soon as possible.

Quite certain is it that Dahlia growers could use them to great advantage in expediting the production of plants of the newer novelties.

### Historical Data

In your August, 1935, BULLETIN I find an article on "Historical Data," on page 36, that is rather interesting.

The author states that the first record of a pompon Dahlia was in 1879. The pompon was in reality grown much earlier than this. Let me quote regarding the origin of the pompon Dahlia from Special Bulletin 266, Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a publication which has just been printed.

"They were first originated by J. Sieckman of Kostritz, Germany, and were distributed by him in 1851. Dwarf kinds were known as Lilliputian Dahlias. The first colored plate of these appeared in Regel's Gartenflora for 1852, and in the accompanying article Sieckman claims to have grown them for six to eight years previously. Baron Biedenfeld, editor of Allgemeine Thuringische Gartenzeitung, Erfurt, in 1858, stated that 100,000 seedlings of this type were being grown in the vicinity of Kostritz, and the principal growers were Deegan, Stock, Mardner, and Sieckman. Sieckman at the time was growing 120,000 plants. Richard Dean asserts that pompon types had been originated by Hartweg, of Karlsruhe, Germany, about 1808. This is apparently a mistake (as 'doubles' were not grown at that early date) and those referred to were probably *D. pinnata*. They were not received with favor at first and were not grown generally outside of Germany until after 1880. They made their first appearance in England about 1860 and were known as Lilliputian or Bouquet Dahlias. It was not until about 1875 that they were generally accepted in England. They were introduced into America about 1861"

Regarding the "Miniature Cactus" my information is as follows: The first single cactus seems to have been offered by Dobbie and Company, Rothesay, England, in 1891, although it is said that J. C. Schmidt, Erfurt, produced the first one (Herman Kieze) in 1896. It is said to have been originated by E. J. Lowe, Cheshboro, England, from a cross of *Dahlia Merckii* on a cactus variety. The miniature cactus, originated about 1895, are small sized cactus Dahlias. Originally they were known as pompon cactus. The name was not properly descriptive, however. In 1910, Stredwick suggested that they be called rosette Dahlias.

In re the "Stella" type, I quote again: "The Stella or Orchid type was introduced in 1919 by the French firm of L. Martin Sons." It is altogether possible in this case, that L. Martine "first discovered these in 1900, as I have only the date of introduction.

I wonder if any of our Dahlia fans have any accurate data showing earlier dates than I have given on the above types of Dahlias, or accurate information on the origin of other types.

C. E. Wildon.

### Rooted Cuttings

Several communications have been received of late asking what is meant by a rooted cutting and what is their value in comparison with potted plants, also if there is any possibility of their making roots which can be carried over the winter. We are grouping all these enquiries together and answering under this one head.

A rooted cutting is a shoot cut off from the original clump and placed in sand for a period of about twenty-one days, or until rootlets are formed. They have never been potted or hardened off in any way, as are potted plants. The roots are very small and tender and if they are broken off or allowed to dry up the cutting is useless. For best results they should be potted as soon as received and nursed along for two or three weeks before they are planted out.

As to making roots which will carry over winter, this depends to some extent on the variety, but in most cases we think the chance is very remote. To accomplish this the cuttings must be obtained early. We doubt if a cutting planted out during late May has much chance of making roots.

Many "fans" have been attracted to rooted cuttings by their lower price. However, we question if there is any saving if one takes into consideration the loss in shipping and handling and the fuss and bother that is entailed in handling them. Another very serious feature of the rooted cutting business has been that certain growers are offering the new introductions at greatly reduced prices. Stock of many of these varieties is usually very scarce and they can't possibly have only a very limited amount of root stock. Under these circumstances one can readily imagine how much this small root stock has been forced to secure the maximum number of cuttings. What results can one expect to secure from such forced stock? We can see nothing but disappointments in store.

We have not painted a very rosy picture of the rooted cutting business as we frankly believe the selling of them will prove most injurious to the Dahlia business. The average buyer does not want to buy something of which he only has about a fifty-fifty chance of growing, neither does he want to purchase new stock of the same varieties year after year, as he is forced to do if his plants do not make roots which will winter. Rooted cuttings may be handled successfully by growers who have knowledge and equipment to handle them but we doubt if they will ever prove popular with the average amateur grower.

### How Long May Dahlias Be Grown in Same Soil

We have been asked the question of "How long it is possible to grow Dahlias on the same soil if the soil is given proper care and fertilizer."

We have been growing for many years on the same soil and find that the Dahlias are doing better now than they did the first year, as the soil has been given the fertilizers it needed for growing good Dahlia roots.

May we hear opinions from some of the Growers who have been using the same soil for many years?

Mrs. J. W. Lee, Tacoma, Washington.

This same question was asked at our 1935 Annual Meeting. Several growers spoke of having grown Dahlias on the same piece of ground for twenty years or more. There seems to be no limit to the length of time that Dahlias may be grown on the same soil. It is just a matter of giving the Dahlias the proper plant food. One type of soil may require one treatment while another may be benefitted by something entirely different. What has been the experience of some of our older growers along these lines?



# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



*"The Society is formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia; to establish a standard nomenclature; to test out new varieties and to give them such recognition as they deserve; to 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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## Editorial

We promised to give full directions to those who are for the first time sending Dahlias to the two Official A. D. S. Trial Grounds. They will be found on another page of this issue.

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Be sure to attend the mid-winter meeting which will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, on Saturday, March 21st. A good program is being arranged and important business will be discussed.

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How many hours per week or month will you be able and willing to spare in a helpful way this year to aid the A. D. S. in "stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia?" There is need for more workers who can and will put their shoulder to the wheel of progress in the interests of the Society.

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Write a letter to President George Fraser, Willimantic, Connecticut, and tell him that you would like to help in making the Society truly "National." There are plans on foot, which are mentioned elsewhere in this issue, that will take a lot of careful thought and hours of work to bring to successful fruition. We need your kind assistance.

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The task of editing the A. D. S. BULLETIN, undertaken in 1932 by your present editor as a labor of love for the A. D. S., has developed to a point where it requires more time than one man can carry it on in addition to earning a living in other lines. Do you want this type of Dahlia magazine to continue? Or would our members be satisfied with a smaller publication which just prints the general news and personals about those who take part in

Dahlia work or societies? We have honestly tried during the last three years to produce something more than just reports of Dahlia shows and meetings. We have been spurred on, first, because of our love for the Dahlia and second, because we believed with Richard Vincent, Jr., founder of the A. D. S., "that the future of the Dahlia is assured, and the prospects of our Society are very bright." During these three years we have been rewarded with your very kind words of commendation. They have been many and frequent. Frankly, there have been many times when, without these appreciations, we would have decided that the long tiresome hours were not worth the effort. If we have contributed to the general upbuilding of the Society and to the spread of Dahlia interest and enjoyment, then the sacrifices have been worth while, but on the other hand, if we are about where we were three years ago, then the BULLETIN either needs a new editor or the Society can get along with a publication that can be thrown together in a few minutes and doesn't cost nearly so much in either money or time. What do the members of the Society want? We know that the present BULLETIN can be still further improved and we think it should be. But our decision alone is not the answer. Does the Society want this kind or a better BULLETIN? Will the individual members of the Society pledge themselves to increase the interest in the Society through the BULLETIN? Will you, as a member, endeavor to take a responsibility in both improving the character of its editorial appeal and the use of it to secure more members? This, after, all, is your BULLETIN and we hope you are willing to do more than just read it. This is your problem, friends, as well as the editor's. And on your decision, individually and collectively, depends the decision of Editor Dudley as to whether the BULLETIN will continue on under its present guidance.

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The editor is contributing some select Dahlia seed to the photographic fund of the BULLETIN. The seed is fertile and taken from some of the best of our collection of miniature decoratives, cactus, orchid and singles. See advertisement on another page. If you purchase some you'll not be disappointed and the BULLETIN will receive all proceeds from their sale.

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Loose leaf A. D. S. Score Books, 75 cents. Write Secretary Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.

## New Variety Registrations

Application has been made, with the customary fee of \$1.00, to register the name of each variety mentioned below. If no prior rights exist, and there is no valid objection voiced within a reasonable length of time, registration will be considered made.

PRAIRIE MOON. Informal decorative. Deep yellow, similar in size and formation to Eagle Rock Fantasy. By D. T. Morgan, Jr., 941 Tallmadge Road, Cutoga Falls, Ohio.

CHIEF SAMOSET. Semi-cactus. Burgundy red. THE LOVE NEST. Informal decorative. Reddish purple. MONTE CARLO. Informal decorative. Rose, mulberry and bronze suffused orchid shading toward gold in center. By Old Trail Gardens, 1305 Forsyth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

TWINKLE. Registered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vine-land, New Jersey. Will be known as DAHLIADEL TWINKLE as Lee's Dahlia Gardens of Tacoma, Washington, have recently introduced a variety by the name of TWINKLE.

## Our Apologies

In the mad haste of securing news and reporting shows several errors occurred. We're sorry, friends—and as far as we can, we gladly make amends.

The A. D. S. trial ground report stated wrongly that Joseph B. Daily, of Englewood (California) received a certificate for "Miss Englewood." Mr. Daily is superintendent of Public Works of the City of Englewood, N. J.

A. D. S. show report. Class C—open to all. Five blooms. H. de Gourdiere, Suffern, N. Y., won second with Jane Cowl. We said this was won by E. J. O'Keefe, in error. Also Mr. de Gourdiere won first in 186A, pink informal, with five Kathleen Norris, instead of Stolty Dahlia Gardens.

Cleveland show report: "Television," not "Margrace," won the American Home Sweepstakes there. Our Cleveland notes were smuggled en route home and no varieties were listed on "winners" list sent us by the secretary.

In the report of the English show. Our trade paper source of copy was in error as follows: "Glorious" is a small decorative, not a pom. Friar's Craig, a small cactus instead of a pom and Verity Wadsworth is a small decorative.

Etherington's large decorative seedling in class 269A at New York was in error designated as Mrs. Reed.

We gladly announce that the winner of the fifty square feet commercial exhibit was J. A. (Daddy) Kemp, S. Yohe Veile second, and further we state that Mr. Kemp has won this honor three years in succession.

Frank's Dahlia Garden, Bedford, Ohio, whose "Miss Ohio" won and was reported as winner in class 261B, incurved cactus, after being shipped by air mail—also won, we are informed, with this variety in class 290. They also won with Miss Belgium in class 288. All entries came by air. These were errors of the judges' clerk, not ours.

In the October issue we credited Mr. Louis B. Tim with winning on a big basket of blooms of Amelia Earhart. This basket award was won by Mrs. Edward Ilsey, Devon, Pa. Our apologies to Mrs. Ilsey and Gardner Irvine.

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### 1936 A. D. S. NATIONAL SHOW

Convention Hall, Detroit

Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th

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### New Jersey Society

The annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, held in the Parish House at Newark, was one of the most successful and instructive in a long while. Dr. C. H. Connors gave us a very interesting illustrated lecture on "Recent Advances in Plant Nutrition." The growing of plants with artificial feeding demonstrated the fact that the more dilute forms of plant nutrition cause the more rapid and consequently soft growth. Although this gives size it is far from producing substance and good keeping qualities.

Derrill W. Hart gave his usual interesting talk on "Dahlia Champions for 1935." This resume is always interesting and numerous pencils were active for all

## Committees for 1936

*Executive Committee*—W. L. W. Darnell, Miss Virginia Stout, Gordon Wasser, Roland H. Patch, E. J. O'Keefe, R. W. Webb, and all ex-presidents.

*Nomenclature Committee*—Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Chairman; Warren W. Maytrott, Prof. Charles Connors, Prof. Roland H. Patch, Derrill W. Hart.

*Show Committee*—Derrill W. Hart, Chairman; John Vincent, Ernest Gould, Livingston McDowell, James Kennedy, Anthony Pietruszkiewicz, Mrs. Sarah W. Wood, Samuel Travis, R. E. Vogel, E. J. Etherington, R. W. Webb, Michael Batto, Edward Badetty, Mrs. George Green, Henry Mehlig, George F. Evans, Edward M. Keck, Oliver Shurtleff, James Brocklehurst, John Feisler, Albert Parrella, Fred J. Knocke.

*Show Manager*—Edward B. Lloyd; Assistant Manager, John Vincent.

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*Prize Committee*—Dewey Mohr, Chairman.

*Show Judges Committee*—J. W. Johnston, Chairman.

*Bulletin Committee*—Lynn B. Dudley, Chairman; C. Louis Alling, Oliver Shurtleff.

*Trial Gardens Committee*—Charles G. Reed, Chairman; Prof. Roland H. Patch, Prof. C. E. Wildon.

*Finance Committee*—Derrill W. Hart, Chairman; Dewey Mohr, Conrad Fry.

*Publicity Committee*—Gordon Wasser, Chairman; Edward B. Lloyd, Lynn B. Dudley, Charles G. Reed.

*To Select Guest of Honor for 1936*—C. Louis Alling, Chairman; Edward Badetty, Derrill W. Hart.

*Nationalization Committee*—J. W. Johnston, W. W. Maytrott, D. W. Hart, Conrad Frey, L. B. Dudley.

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### A. D. S. ANNUAL SHOW Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City SEPTEMBER 23rd and 24th

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Dahlia bugs want to know what is going on and what will win next year.

With Mrs. Charles H. Stout, our Honorary President, officers elected were as follows: President, Warren W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J. First Vice-President, Mrs. M. W. Maas, Jr., Mountain Ave., Springfield, N. J. Second Vice-President, J. A. Kemp, Little Silver, N. J. Third Vice-President, Derrill W. Hart, 700 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. Fourth Vice-President, Mr. Ernest L. Gould, 39 Park Ave., Verona, N. J. Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Moses W. Faitoute, "Twin Oaks," Short Hills, N. J. Secretary, Miss Frances Hornfeck, 86 Lakeside Ave., Verona, N. J. Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Fisher, 121 Abernathy Drive, Trenton, N. J.

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The following past presidents automatically have become members of the Executive Board: Mrs. C. H. Stout, Dr. C. H. Connors, E. B. Lloyd, Conrad Frey, J. W. Johnston.

## Trial Ground Reports for 1936—Continued



A Part of the Interested Group in Attendance at the Field Day at the Storrs Trial Grounds in 1935.

### Varieties Scoring Between 80-85 at Storrs

**7. FRANCES MAIE**, Stake Nos. 19, 20, and 21, Informal Dec, entered by E. Guy Williams, 3238 Woodrow Ave., Richmond, Virginia. (80 1/6 E). Petals mostly peach red but pinard yellow at tips. Base of petals picric yellow, also the unopened petals in the center. Flowering habit late. Stem 8½-13 in., heavy to medium, flower on end facing down, inclined to droop. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth 2¾-4 in. Height 6 ft.

**10. SOUTHWIND**, Stake Nos. 28, 29, and 30, Formal Dec, entered by Emory Jennings, Box 245, Farmersburg, Indiana. (81 E). Petals buff yellow. Tips of all the petals pure white. Flowering habit fair. Stem 4-10 in., medium, bent at neck, flower on side, slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5¼-7 in., depth 2-3 in. Height 6 ft. 2 in.

**11. NO. 35**, Stake Nos. 31, 32, and 33, Informal Dec, entered by Misses Elsie and Mary Williams, Route 4, Connersville, Indiana. (80 E). Apricot yellow shadings. Center geranium pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5½-13½ in., heavy to medium, stiff, erect, flower faces side. Stem and flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9½ in., depth 2½-4 in. Height 5 ft. 10 in.

**23. HUEY**, Stake Nos. 67, 68, and 69, Informal Dec, entered by Dr. N. E. Sartorius, Pocomoke City, Maryland. (80 E). Petals white with mallow pink tips. Many of them are more than one-half pink. Flowering habit late. Stem 8-22½ in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers facing side, improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9¼ in., depth 2-3½ in. Height 7 ft. 4 in.

**30. 4-S-18**, Stake Nos. 88, 89, and 90, Formal Dec, (border line), entered by Dr. H. W. Silvernale, Suite 710, Bay Cities Bldg., 225 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California. (82 E). Most amaranth pink but centers a baryta yellow. Very delicate color. Flowering habit good, but is a little late. Stem 5¾-10½ in., heavy to medium, flower facing side, slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6¾-9 in., depth 2-3½ in. Height 7 ft. 6 in.

**34. LONG ISLAND**, Stake Nos. 100, (did not grow), 101, and 102, (did not grow), Informal Dec, entered by Clyde R. Jeffords, 161-43 86th Ave., Jamaica, New York. (81¾ E). Rhodamine purple with back of petals amaranth pink. Flowering habit late. Stem 7-14 in., medium, bent, flower facing down. Size of flowers 6-10 in., depth 2½-3½ in. Height 7 ft.

**36. PEGGY SHEA**, Stake Nos. 106, 107, and 108, Semi-Cactus, entered by J. Willis Wilson, 1239 Water

St., Indiana, Pennsylvania. (80 3/5 E). Flesh pink with old rose prevailing tone. There are yellow tones in the center petals. Flowering habit late. Stem 4-13 in., medium to slender, flowers tend to face heavens. Size of flowers 6-7¼ in., depth 2-3 in. Height 7 ft. 4 in.

**43. NO. 8**, Stake Nos. 127, 128, and 129, Informal Dec, entered by J. Z. Cleveland, Poinsett Gardens, Zirconia, North Carolina. (80 E). Apricot orange tinged with corinthian red, also corinthian red at center. Flowering habit good. Stem 2-13 in., heavy to medium, flower faces side. When disbudded the stems come shorter. Size of flowers 6-9 in., depth 2½-4½ in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**45. NO. 10**, Stake Nos. 133, 134, and 135, Formal Dec (border line), entered by J. Z. Cleveland, Poinsett Gardens, Zirconia, North Carolina. (81 E). White with creamy tone around center. Flowering habit good. Stem 5-10 in., medium to slender, some facing side and some down. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 3¾-8½ in., depth 2-3¾ in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

**46. NO. 11**, Stake Nos. 136, 137, and 138, Informal Dec, entered by J. Z. Cleveland, Poinsett Gardens, Zirconia, North Carolina. (81½ E). Amaranth pink with apricot yellow at the base of petals. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 4½-21½ in., heavy to medium, flowers face side and down. The flower and stem are both improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9 in., depth 1½-4 in. Height 6 ft. 1 in.

**47. NO. 12**, Stake Nos. 139, 140, and 141, Informal Dec, entered by J. Z. Cleveland, Poinsett Gardens, Zirconia, North Carolina. (81 4/5 E). Lower part of petals picric yellow changing into light jasper red. Flowering habit good. Stem 3½-9 in., medium, stiff, flowers for most part on end facing heavens. A few face side. Size of flowers 5-8 in., depth 1½-3¼ in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**49. NO. 108**, Stake Nos. 145, 146, and 147, Informal Dec, entered by Dr. A. E. White, Delight-U-Garden, Box 33, Irvington Station, Indianapolis, Indiana. (80 M). Blending of rose pink and deep rose pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 4½-16 in., stiff, medium, flower facing side. The flower is not improved by disbudding. The stem is. Size of flowers 5-8 in., depth 2-3½ in. Height 6 ft. 5 in.

**51. MISS NEW ORLEANS**, Stake Nos. 151, 152, and 153, Informal Dec, entered by Dr. H. L. Dozier, 1019 Joseph St., New Orleans, Louisiana. (83 5/7 E). Entire flower pale greenish yellow. A little deeper tone around center. Flowering habit good. Stem 13-23½ in., heavy, stiff, flower facing side. When disbudded



the stem is extra heavy in size. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

**53. YELLOW MIDGET**, Stake Nos. 157, and 158, Formal Dec, entered by Dr. H. L. Dozier, 1019 Joseph St., New Orleans, Louisiana. ( $80\frac{1}{4}$  M). Martius yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $4\frac{3}{4}$ - $14\frac{1}{4}$  in., medium to slender, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -8 in., depth 2-4 in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

**56. BOBBE DEANE**, Stake Nos. 166, 167, and 168, Formal Dec, to Informal (border line), entered by R. C. Lloyd, Lloyd's Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 1, Mays Landing, New Jersey. ( $82\frac{3}{4}$  M  $81\frac{1}{4}$  E). Flesh color with tones of carrot red mixed in. Flowering habit late. Stem 5-14 in., medium to slender, stiff, flowers on end, some face side. Size of flowers 5- $7\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth 2-4 in. Height 6 ft. 11 in.

**66. GEORGE W. DISHMAKER**, Stake Nos. 196 (did not grow), 197, and 198, Informal Dec, entered by A. DeRooy, Monroe, Washington. (80 E). Rose red. Flowering habit late. Stem  $13\frac{1}{4}$  in., medium, rubbery, flower on end facing side. Will droop. Size of flowers 7 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**69. MILDRED EARNEY**, Stake Nos. 205, 206, and 207, Semi-Cactus, entered by George Earney, 29 Wynot Road, Braintree, Massachusetts. (81 M). (Color omitted because of mistake in description). Flowering habit late but prolific. Stem 2- $9\frac{3}{4}$  in., slender, flower on side with tendency to face down, crotch, slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

**75. INSPIRATION QUEEN**, Stake Nos. 223, 224, and 225, Formal Dec, entered by C. A. Wicklund, P. O. Box 120, Independence, Kentucky. (83 M 79 E). Pale flesh color. Base of center petals pinard yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to slender, stiff, flower on side, not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

**81. 11-33**, Stake Nos. 241, 242, and 243, Semi-Cactus, entered by Gertrude K. Strasen, Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. (82 E). Light mallow purple splashed with rhodamine purple. A trifle lighter shade at center. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $6\frac{3}{4}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy, stiff, flowers on side facing down. Both stem and flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7- $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

**86. NO. 342**, Stake Nos. 256, 257, and 258, Incurved Cactus, entered by Alfred Cavannah, Proprietor, Rial Side Dahlia Gardens, 9 Adams Ave., Beverly, Massachusetts. (80 M  $78\frac{1}{2}$  E). Center amaranth purple, other petals rose red. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 3- $9\frac{1}{4}$  in., medium, stiff, flower on end facing heavens. Slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2- $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 7 ft. 6 in.

**87. NO. 344**, Stake Nos. 259, 260, and 261, Semi-Cactus, entered by Alfred Cavannah, Proprietor, Rial Side Dahlia Gardens, 9 Adams Ave., Beverly, Massachusetts. (81  $\frac{3}{4}$  E). Rose pink with shades of deep rose pink variations and a few tones of baryta yellow. Flowering habit late but bloomed well at end of season. Stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., heavy to medium, flowers facing side. Improved by pinching. Size of flowers 7- $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2- $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft.

**89. NELLIE BLY**, Stake Nos. 265, 266, and 267, Semi-Cactus, entered by W. L. Metcalf, Aluminum Company of America, 992 Gulf Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ( $82\frac{1}{2}$  E). Entire flower light greenish yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -15 in., heavy to medium, stiff, flower on side. A good stem. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 7 ft. 5 in.

**90. LIBBY**, Stake Nos. 268, 269, and 270, Pompon, entered by Norman Simpson, Ansonia, Connecticut. ( $81\frac{1}{2}$  S). Outer petals mallow pink and shading to center of petals which are rhodamine purple. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $1\frac{3}{4}$ -6 in., wiry, stiff, flower on side, some on end and not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in., depth  $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

**92. LONG ISLAND**, Stake Nos. 274, 275, and 276, Informal Dec, entered by Clyde R. Jeffords, 161-43

86th Ave., Jamaica, New York. ( $81\frac{1}{5}$  E). Rosolane purple. Flowering habit late, but fair. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $18\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy, stiff, flower facing side. It is slightly improved in both stem and flower by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -10 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in. Height 6 ft. 10 in.

**94. NO. 1. A-34**, Stake No. 280, Informal Dec, entered by James Shuler, Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. (81 M  $75\frac{1}{2}$  E). Apricot yellow blended with coral pink. Flowering habit good. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -13 in., medium to slender, flowers face down. Some face side. Size of flowers 7- $8\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Height 7 ft. 1 in.

**100. AUTUMN GLORY**, Stake Nos. 298, 299, and 300, Informal Dec, entered by Benjamin Deland, 1352 Belrose Road, South Euclid, Ohio. (81 E). Antimony yellow and old rose color. Flowering habit fair. Stem 8-16 in., medium, flower faces side. Slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth 2- $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft. 8 in.

**102. ANNA MUELLER**, Stake Nos. 304, 305, and 306, Informal Dec, entered by A. Mueller Dahlia Gardens, 499 Van Bussum Ave., Garfield, New Jersey. ( $81\frac{1}{2}$  E). Light green yellow but three or four rows of outer petals are pale amaranth pink. Flowering habit good. Stem  $3\frac{3}{4}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to slender, flowers on side, some face down. Slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6- $8\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

**111. WANDEL ROYAL RED**, Stake Nos. 331, 332, and 333, Semi-Cactus, entered by D. E. Corbett, Wandel Dahlia Gardens, Matawan, New Jersey. ( $82\frac{1}{2}$  E). Scarlet or spectrum red. Backs of petals capucine buff. Flowering habit good. Stem 7-12 in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers on side. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 8 ft. 6 in.

**114. CALIFORNIA IDOL**, Stake Nos. 340, 341 (did not grow), and 342, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (83  $4\frac{1}{5}$  E). Entire flower pale greenish yellow. Flowering habit fair. Stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -17 in., heavy to medium, stiff, flower on side. Greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $11\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

**117. 103-M**, Stake Nos. 349, 350, and 351, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (80 E). Pale lemon yellow. Outer petals decidedly tinted with orange pink. Flowering habit late. Stem  $7\frac{3}{4}$ -13 in., medium. Flower on end, inclined to droop. Flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

**119. 1241**, Stake Nos. 355, 356, and 357, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (82 E). Carmine is the general color but backs of petals show dull magenta. Flowering habit good. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium, stiff, flower on end and facing side. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -11 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

**120. GRANDEE**, Stake Nos. 358, 359, and 360, Informal Dec, entered by Chas. G. Reed, Success Dahlia Gardens, 171 Ferry St., Lawrence, Massachusetts. (81 E). Picric yellow with veinings of old rose and jasper red. Flowering habit good. Stem  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., medium, flower on end, inclined to be crotch. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft.

**123. NO. 12**, Stake Nos. 367, 368, and 369, Semi-Cactus, entered by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, 387 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, New York. ( $82\frac{1}{6}$  E). Light greenish yellow center, surrounded by salmon buff petals fading at tips to pale salmon color. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5-12 in., wiry, slender, stiff, flower faces side. Not greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Height 4 ft. 3 in.

**128. DAHLIADEL JOY**, Stake Nos. 382, 383, and 384, Miniature Semi-Cactus, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. ( $83\frac{1}{2}$  S). Entire flower picric yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5-9 in., wiry, stiff, flowers facing side. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

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## Trial Ground Reports—Continued

**129. NO. 200**, Stake Nos. 385, 386, and 387, Semi-Cactus, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (83 E). Strontian yellow with tones of flesh color. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium, flower facing side. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -8 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft.

**132. NO. 226, VESPER**, Stake Nos. 394, 395, and 396, Star, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (83 S). Rhodamine purple backs but white on face of petal. Slightly marked with the rhodamine purple. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 4-10 in., wiry, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft.

**137. QUEEN OF THE BLONDES**, Stake Nos. 409, 410, and 411, Informal Dec, entered by C. J. Straight, 311 View Ave., Fairmont, West Virginia. (83 E). Outer petals white and chalcidony yellow at center. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5-16 in., heavy, stiff, flower facing side. A good stem. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-10 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft.

**142. K. A. V.—1**, Stake Nos. 424, 425, and 426, Informal Dec, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (83 E). Light orange yellow mixed with begonia rose. Flowering habit late but good. Stem 4-12 in., medium, flower facing side. Not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -9 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -4 in. Height 6 ft. 2 in.

**143. E. EYMAN HUFF**, Stake Nos. 427, 428, and 429, Informal Dec, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (81 $\frac{3}{4}$  E). Mallow purple, splashed with amaranth purple. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-13 in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers on end facing side. Much improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -4 in. Height 6 ft. 3 in.

**144. MRS. CHRISTINE GROVES**, Stake Nos. 430, 431, and 432, Informal Dec, originated by Charles Garrity, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (81 E). Pale greenish yellow. Each petal has a distinct border of white, also there is a slight flesh color at center. Flowering habit late. Stem  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -14 in., medium, stiff, flowers on end and facing side. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 6 ft. 1 in.

**146. C-1-32**, Stake Nos. 436, 437, and 438, Semi-Cactus, Comstock-Wickersham, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (80 $\frac{3}{4}$  E). Scarlet red with capucine buff backs of petals. (Stake No. 437 light greenish yellow). Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium, long, flower on end, facing down. Flower is too heavy for the stem. Flower is not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -9 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 7 ft. 8 in.

**149. C-107-33**, Stake 445, 446, and 477, Semi-Cactus Comstock-Wickersham, entered by D. Paul Wickersham, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. (80 E). Orange buff blending with capucine yellow. There is some carrot red at center. Flowering habit late. Stem 6-12 in., medium to slender, stiff, flower facing side. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{3}{4}$ -10 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

**152. D 2, BUCKEYE CORAL**, Stake Nos. 454, 455, and 456, Informal Dec, entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (81 E). Carrot red and tones of flesh ochre at center. Flowering habit good. Stem  $5\frac{1}{4}$ -12 in., medium, flowers face side and down. Pendant. Greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ -10 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 5 ft. 9 in.

**153. D 10**, Stake Nos. 457, 458, and 459, Informal Dec to open centers, Peony at end of the season, entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (82 M). Rose doree changing to geranium pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -13 in., medium, flowers on side facing down; slightly improved by disbudding, the stem in particular. Size of flowers 5-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 7 ft. 2 in.

**154. E 31, BUCKEYE GLORY**, Stake Nos. 460, 461, and 462, Informal Dec, entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (81 E). Light phlox purple. Unopened petals are true purple. Flowering habit good. Stem  $4\frac{3}{4}$ -12 in., medium, flower facing side. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 4 ft. 9 in.

**155. E 70, BUCKEYE STAR**, Stake Nos. 463, 464, and 465, Semi-Cactus, entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (82 M 80 E). Amber yellow and jasper pink. Flowering habit good. Stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., medium to slender, stiff, flower facing side. Size of flowers 6-7 in., depth 2-3 in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

**156. E 150, BUCKEYE FAIRY**, Stake Nos. 466, 467, and 468, Straight Cactus, entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (80 E). Grayish white with pale green yellow center. Flowering habit very late. Stem  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -9 in., medium, stiff, flower on end, facing side. Size of flowers 6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 11 in.

**163. PRINCESS MARINA**, Stake Nos. 487, 488, and 489, Informal Dec, entered by Albert J. Thorne, 1302 King St., W. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (82 $\frac{1}{2}$  E). Center carnelian red changing to salmon color with tips. Flowering habit good. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., heavy, stiff, flower facing side. Improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-11 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -6 in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

**164. NO. 212**, Stake Nos. 490, 491, and 492, Miniature Informal Dec, entered by Fisher & Masson, Sanhican Gardens, Trenton, New Jersey. (82 S). Picric yellow outlined with old rose. Flowering habit good. Stem 4-9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, wiry, flower facing side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -6 in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 8 in.

**169. 45-32**, Stake Nos. 505, 506, and 507, Pompon, entered by Badetty Bros., Incorp., Huntington Dahlla Gardens, Huntington, New York. (83 S). Carmine nearest. Flowering habit prolific. Stem  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., wiry. Size of flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in., depth  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 3 ft. 4 in.

**178. MARY RETZER**, Stake Nos. 526, 527, and 528, Semi-Cactus, entered by Retzer's Dahlia Gardens, P. O. Box 244, West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania. (82 E). (Privilege of retrying granted if desired because of late blooming.) Mallow purple. Flowering habit late. Stem 5-9 in., heavy to medium, flower facing down. Greatly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 3 ft. 8 in.

**181. CAVALCADE**, Stake 535, 536, and 537, Informal Dec, entered by J. Groll, Fenton Gardens, 916 Main St., Fenton, Michigan. (81 E). Deep rose pink. Very tiny tips of picric yellow. Flowering habit late but good. Stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy to medium, stiff, flower facing side. Slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

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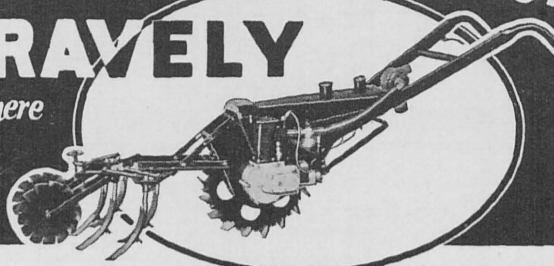
## Varieties Scoring 80 to 85 Points

**1. MISS GRACE MOORE**, Informal Dec, entered by Mrs. M. H. Armstrong, Chattanooga, Tennessee. (82). Seedling of Black Jack. Color, autumn; technical color description strontian yellow heavily tinged jasper red, unopened centers pompeian red, outer florets bleaching to martius yellow lightly tinted rosolin purple. Flowering habit good, late. Date of first bloom September 17th. Keeping quality of flowers good. Stem 5-6 in., strong, straight, flowers erect or occasionally facing. Habit of plant erect. Health good. Diameter of flower  $7\frac{1}{4}$ -9 in., depth of flower 4-5 in. Height of plant 4-5 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft., spread of plant  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -3 ft.

**3. SEEDLING NO. 101**, Semi-Cactus, entered by Roy C. Olson, Everett, Washington. (80). Chance seedling. Color, autumn; technical color description lemon yellow strongly tinged spinel red, tending to bleach in the older florets. Flowering habit fair to good. First flower Septemehr 5th. Keeping quality fair to good. Stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., curved, thin, strong, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant erect, bushy. Health of plants good, showing some insect injury. Diameter of flower

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6½-8½ in., depth ¾-5 in. Height of plant 4½-5½ ft., spread 2½-3 ft.

**4. EGYPTIAN MOON.** Formal Dec, entered by J. E. Goins, Alexandria, Virginia. (83). Technical color description pale lemon yellow to light greenish yellow. Flowering habit good. First flower September 3rd. Keeping quality fair to good. Stem 11-17 in., straight, thick, strong, flowers erect or half-facing. Habit bushy. Health very good. Diameter of flower 6½-7¼ in., depth ¾-3¼ in. Height of plant 4½-5 ft., spread 1½-2 ft.

**5. NEDA JANE.** Informal Dec, entered by Harold L. Burneson, West Bridgewater, Pa. (83.8). Color dark red; technical color description dark amaranth purple. Flowering habit good. First flower September 3rd. Keeping quality good. Stem 10-17 in., strong, slightly curved, flower half-facing. Habit erect. Health good, although some insect injury was evident. Diameter of flower 8-10 in., depth ¾-5½ in. Height of plant 5-7 ft., spread 3-3¼ ft.

**6. NO. 504.** Formal Dec, entered by Roxbury Dahlia Gardens, East Akron, Ohio. (81 C 76 E). Color, autumn; technical color description martius yellow, strongly overlaid jasper red, bleaching slightly on the older florets. Flowering habit good, early. First flower August 10th. Keeping quality good. Stem 2½-9 in., curved, flowers erect or half-facing. Habit dense, bushy. Health good, some insect injury. Diameter of flower 7-8 in., depth 2½-3½ in. Height of plant 3-4½ ft., spread 3-4½ ft.

**7. ROXBURY'S IDEAL.** Semi-Cactus (Formal Dec formation but tips of petals are rolled), entered by Roxbury Dahlia Gardens, East Akron, Ohio. (83.5 C 76 E). Color, medium pink; technical description light rosolane purple. Flowering habit good, early. First flower August 1st. Keeping quality good. Stem 5½-12 in., strong, thin, straight to curved, flowers erect to facing. Habit erect, bushy. Health good, a little insect injury. Diameter of flower 6¼-8 in., depth 2½-4½ in. Height of plant 2½-3½ ft., spread 2½-4 ft.

**14. MARIE DIERSING.** Formal Dec, entered by Henry Diersing, Louisville, Kentucky. (83.7). Color, white lightly tinted sea-foam yellow. Flowering habit fair to good. First flower August 3rd. Keeping quality good. Stem 11-15 in., strong, stiff, straight to slight bowed, flowers erect to facing. Habit dense, branching. Health good, some insect injury. Diameter of flower 6¼-8 in., depth ¾-4¼ in. Height of plant 2½-3 ft., spread 1½-3¼ ft.

**18. ASTECAS.** Informal Dec, entered by B & B Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan. (80). Color, pale lemon-yellow to light greenish yellow, shaded and streaked rosolane purple. Flowering habit poor (this variety may be one that requires growing under shade). First flower September 9th. Stem 10-16 in., thick, weak.

Habit of plant branching. Health medium to good. Diameter 7-9 in., depth 4-4½ in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 4-5 ft.

**19. NO. 507.** Informal Dec, entered by Roxbury Dahlia Gardens, East Akron, Ohio. (83). Color, lemon-chrome overlaid scarlet, reverse lighter. Flowering habit fair, early. First bloom July 25th. Keeping quality good. Stem 7-16 in., strong, stiff, slightly bowed, erect to half-facing. Habit of plant vigorous, dense, branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 7¾-8½ in., depth 4½-5 in. Height of plant 3½ ft., spread 4 ft.

**25. LIEBESTRAUM.** Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Edward F. Nolte, Webster Groves, Mo. (83 C). Color, carmine. Flowering habit very good. First flower August 12th. Keeping qualities excellent. Stem 3-14 in., strong, stiff, straight, flowers erect to slightly facing. Habit of plant branching, erect. Health good. Diameter of flower 6-8¼ in., depth 3-5 in. Height of plant 2½-4½ ft., spread 1¾-3½ ft.

**26. ALGONQUIN.** Informal Dec, entered by Edward F. Nolte, Webster Groves, Mo. (83). Seedling of Galli Curci. Color, light autumn; technical color description, pale lemon-yellow to light greenish yellow ground, older florets overcast lightly spinal pink or rose-pink. Flowering habit good. Date of first flower September 3rd. Substance good. Stem 2-10 in. (side buds make the longer stems), strong, stiff, slightly bowed, central buds with short, strong, thick stems. Insect resistant. Habit of plant vigorous, erect, dense, branching. Diameter of flower 7-10½ in., depth ¾-5½ in. Height of plant 3-4½ ft., spread 2-2½ ft.

**29. RAILWAY MAIL.** Informal Dec, entered by E. A. Reed, Mansfield, Ohio. (83.7). Color, lemon-yellow fading to picric yellow. Floriferousness medium. First flower September 19th. Substance good. Stem 4¾-12¼ in., stiff, somewhat bowed, flowers facing to half-facing. Habit strong, densely branching. Health good, but not insect resistant. Diameter of flowers 7¼-8¼ in., depth 2¾-5 in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 2-3¼ ft. Originator Riley Graham, Fredericktown, Ohio.

**34.** Informal Dec, entered by Alberta E. Brown, Rocky River, Ohio. (80.5). Color, buff yellow overlaid scarlet red, bleaching slightly on the older florets. Floriferousness very good. Date of first bloom September 1st. Substance very good. Stem 3½-8 in., stiff, wiry, slightly bowed, flowers sometimes erect, but mostly facing. Habit of plant vigorous, ascending, branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 7-7¾ in., depth ¾-4½ in. Height of plant 3-4¾ ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**35. EVANGELINE.** Cactus or Semi-Cactus, entered by Mrs. Jay E. Root, Spencer, Ohio. (84 C). Color, picric yellow to pale greenish yellow tinted thulite pink. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom

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37. **VIN-WELL TITIAN**, Informal Dec, entered by H. M. Blamer, Wellston, Ohio. (83.5). Treasure Island x Jane Cowl. Color, autumn; technical color description lemon-yellow to greenish yellow, lightly tinted coral red, reverse more heavily tinted. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom August 5th. Substance good. Stem 4¼-16¼ in., strong, stiff, somewhat bowed, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, heavily branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 7½-11 in., depth 3½-5¼ in. Height of plant 4½-5½ ft., spread 2½-4 ft. (A very large flower.)

38. **MRS. RUFUS DAWES**, Informal Dec, entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois. (81.7). Color, pale lemon-yellow strongly shaded amaranth purple in the center, fading to Tyrian pink and to amaranth pink on older florets. (A very lovely coloring.) Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom August 15th. Substance good. Stem 9-17½ in., bowed, thick. Habit of plant branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 5½-10 in., depth 2½-5½ in. Height of plant 4¾-5¼ ft., spread 2-3 ft.

39. **IMMACULEE**, Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Edward F. Nolte, Webster Groves, Missouri. (83). Seedling of unnamed variety. Color, Marguerite yellow, lightly tinted mallow pink, more so on reverse. Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 26th. Substance good. Stem 5-8½ in., stiff, wiry, straight, flowers slightly facing. Habit of plant densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 6-7 in., depth 3¼-5 in. Height of plant 4-4¼ ft., spread 3-4 ft.

40. **MARIE ADEL**, Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Edward F. Nolte, Webster Groves, Mo. (81.8). Seedling of unnamed variety. Color, amaranth purple tinged oxblood red. Abundant flowering. Date of first bloom August 10th. Substance good. Stem 2½-12¼ in., weak, curved, flowers facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 5¾-10 in., depth 2½-5 in. Height of plant 4¾-5½ ft., spread 2¾-4 ft.

41. **ANNA MUELLER**, Informal Dec, entered by A. Mueller Dahlia Gardens, Garfield, New Jersey. (82.6). Color, lemon yellow to martius yellow, lightly streaked or shaded deep rose-pink on the older florets. Flower habit very good. Date of first flower August 10th. Substance very good. Stem 4¾-10 in., strong, straight to somewhat bowed, flower erect to facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, erect, branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5¼-8½ in., depth 2¼-4 in. Height of plant 4¼-6¼ ft., spread 2-3 ft.

42. **MUELLER'S LEMON BEAUTY**, Informal Dec, entered by A. Mueller Dahlia Gardens, Garfield, N. J. (83.8). Color, picric yellow to primrose yellow. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 10th. Substance good. Stem 5-13 in., thick, strong, straight, flowers erect to facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5¾-8 in., depth 2-4½ in. Height of plant 3¾-5½ ft., spread 3-3½ ft.

43. **ELEANOR BLISS**, Informal Dec, entered by Edward A. Jehie, Queen's Village, Long Island, New York. (83.8). Color, autumn; technical color description lemon-yellow overlaid light coral red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 5th. Substance good. Stem 5½-13 in., thick, strong, straight to slightly curved, flowers erect to facing. Habit of plant, erect, branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 7½-9 in., depth 3-5 in. Height of plant 3-4¼ ft., spread 1¾-2¾ ft.

44. **CITY OF CLARKSBURG**, Informal Dec, entered by J. D. Engle, Clarksburg, West Virginia. (81). Seedling of Jersey Beauty. Color, pale lemon-yellow to light greenish yellow, lightly overcast deep rose pink. Flowering habit good. Date of first flower





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August 1st. Substance good. Stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., bowed, weak in early season, strong later. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 5-8 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height of plant  $4\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{3}{4}$  ft., spread,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

46. **SEEDLING 33-1**, Formal Dec, entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. (81 C). Color, nopal red to scarlet red. Date of first flower September 15th. Substance good. Stem 2- $11\frac{1}{4}$  in., medium stiff, mostly straight, flowers erect. Habit of plant broadly branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Height of plant 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ -5 ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -3 ft.

47. **TOM MANNING**, Informal Dec, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, North Olmstead, Ohio. (83.3). Sport of Monmouth Champion. Color, autumn; technical description, pearly yellow to martius yellow, lightly tinted old rose. (General color effect is a light coral red bleaching to martius yellow on outer florets.) Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 23rd. Substance good. Stem  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $18\frac{1}{2}$  in., strong, straight, flowers partly facing to fully facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 7-10 in., depth 3- $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height of plant 3- $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft., spread  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft.

48. **LYMAN STEWART**, Informal Dec, entered by Richard W. Petrie, Gardena, California. (83.4). Unknown x Jersey's Beacon. Color, autumn; technical color description pale lemon-yellow overlaid grenadin

red. (General effect flame scarlet.) Flowering habit good. Date of first flower September 1st. Substance good. Stem 5-11 in., stiff, bowed, strong, flowers erect or half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, heavily branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 6-9 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height of plant 3-5 ft., spread  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft.

49. **36-21**, Informal Dec, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Mass. (81.3). Color, pearly yellow lightly shaded mallow purple. Date of first bloom September 27th. Substance fair to medium. Stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., rubbery, flower erect. Habit of plant, very dwarf. Health subject to insect injury. Diameter of flower 6- $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height of plant 2.2 ft., spread 1.5-2.5 ft. Originator J. J. Broomall, Eagle Rock, Calif.

50. **103-M**, Cactus, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Mass. (80.4). Color, autumn; technical description lemon yellow lightly tinted laelia pink. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom September 11th. Substance fair. Stem 6-9 in., strong, stiff, thin, curved. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching from the base. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 7- $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height of plant  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft., spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Originator Mr. Meyers, Indiana, Pa.

52. **12-82**, Informal Dec, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Mass. Originator C. W. Ballay, Palo Alto, Calif. (80). Color, white, tinted persian lilac. Flowering habit medium. Date of first bloom

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September 15th. Substance fair. Stem 5-10 in., thick, strong, stiff, slightly bowed, flowers erect or half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, broadly and densely branching. Health good, some insect injury. Diameter of flower 4-9 in., depth 1½-5 in. Height of plant 3½-4½ ft., spread 2½-4 ft.

**53. GRAND SLAM**, Semi-Cactus, entered by J. E. Hulin, Seattle, Washington. (83.6). Color, tyrian rose to tyrian pink. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom September 11th. Substance good. Stem 2-17 in., short, stiff, thick, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health not entirely resistant. Diameter of flower 8½-10 in., depth 4-5 in. Height of plant 4½-4½ ft., spread 2½-3½ ft. A fine flower, but the stem is too short.

**54. RUTH ELDER**, Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Stephenson Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California. Originator J. J. Broomall, Eagle Rock, California. (80). Color, lemon-yellow lightly shaded spinel red. Flowering habit fair, late. Date of first bloom September 20th. Substance fair. Stem 3-4½ in., stiff, thick, flowers erect. Habit of plant strong, vigorous, branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 8-10 in., depth 4-6 in. Height of plant 2¾-4¼ ft., spread 2¾-3 ft.

**55. VELMAROON**, Informal Dec, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. (81). Color, oxblood red to maroon. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 15th. Substance good. Stem 2-8 in., short, stiff, strong, bowed, flower half-facing. Habit of plant, strong growth, heavily branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 8-10 in., depth 3-5 in. Height of plant 2½-4½ ft., spread 2-3½ ft.

**56. CORALYN HAMILTON**, Informal Dec, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Originator R. B. Hamilton, Alameda, California. (82.2). Color, pale lemon yellow to light greenish yellow, tinted light mallow purple. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 8th. Substance good. Stem 6-12¼ in., curved, weak (stronger later), flowers erect to facing. Habit of plant strong growth, densely branching, branches ascending. Health good. Diameter of flower 6½-8½ in., depth of flower 2½-4 in. Height of plant 4½-5 ft., spread 2-4 ft. (A lovely flower on a weak stem.)

**60. DUSTY RHODES**, Miniature Formal Dec, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Originator John Young, San Leandro, California. (81.4). Color, martius yellow overcast mallow purple. Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 1st. Substance good. Stem 5½-9¼ in., straight to slightly curved, strong, stiff. Habit of plant heavily branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 3¼-4 in., depth 1¾-5 ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**63. SNOWY**, Ball, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Originator John Young, San Leandro, California. (80.7). Color, white tinted sulfur yellow. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 10th. Substance very good. Stem 3¾-7 in., straight, stiff, flowers facing to half-facing. Habit of plant vigorous, heavily and densely branching. Health generally good. Diameter of flower 2½-3 in., depth 1¾-2 in. Height of plant 2½-4½ ft., spread 2¼-4 ft.

**64. CHICKIE**, Pompon, entered by J. E. Hulin, Seattle, Washington. (83.8). Color, nopal red to carmine. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom September 10th. Stem 4-7¾ in., wiry, straight, flowers erect or half-facing. Substance good. Habit of plant slenderly, densely branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 1¼-1¾ in., depth ⅝-1⅝ in. Height of plant 3-4 ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**65. ANNA MAY WONG**, Informal Dec, entered by Stephenson Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California. (82.3). Color, empire yellow, entirely overcast carmine, bleaching to spectrum red on older florets. Streaks of carmine are absent throughout the petals. Flowering habit good. Date of first flower September 10th. Substance good. Stem 5-13 in., thick,

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strong, stiff, flowers erect or half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 8-10 in., depth 3¼-5¼ in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 3-4 ft.

**67. LITTLE NANCY**, Cactus to Miniature Cactus, entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Originator Mrs. W. A. Dunn, Los Angeles, California. Seedling from Elizabeth Pope. (83.7). Color, light greenish-yellow to pale lemon-yellow. Flowering habit abundant. Date of first flower September 10th. Stem 3-7½ in. (easily cut longer), straight, thin, wiry. Flowers erect to facing. Substance very good. Habit plant, densely, slenderly branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 3¼-4¼ in., depth 1-2¼ in. Height of plant 1½-3 ft., spread 1.5-3 ft. Strongly recommended for retail.

**68. NO. 837**, Informal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (84). Color, dark autumn; technical description, deep chrome overlaid grenadine red, deeper at the center, bleaching slightly on older florets. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 15th. Substance good. Stem 2½-9½ in., strong, straight, stiff, flowers facing to half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, strongly branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5¼-9 in., depth 3-5½ in. Height of plant 3½-4½ ft., spread 3 ft. Very brilliant coloring in this flower.

**69. NO. 935**, Formal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (84). Color, old rose, somewhat smoky; technical description light cadmium overcast spinel red. (General appearance of color smoky corinthian red.) Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 8th. Substance very good. Stem 6½-12 in., strong, stiff, bowed, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, heavily branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 8¼-12 in., depth 3¼-4½ in. Height of plant 2-4½ ft., spread 2½-3¼ ft.

**71. NO. 444**, Informal Dec, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. Seedling of Satan. (83). Color lemon-yellow overlaid carmine, bleaching somewhat. (General appearance scarlet red to peach red.) Abundant flowering. Date of first bloom August 6th. Substance excellent, very lasting. Stem 4½-9 in., stiff, strong, tough, slightly bowed, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant branching, sprawling. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 8½-10½ in., depth 3-5 in. Height of plant 3-4 ft., spread 3¼-4½ ft. Worth trying again.

**72. NO. 625**, Semi-Cactus to Cactus, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (81). Color, light cadmium overlaid with light mallow purple. (General appearance tyrian pink to amaranth pink.) Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 8th. Substance good. Stem 3½-6½ in., wiry, slightly bowed, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, erect branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5½-8½ in., depth 2½-3 in. Height of plant 2-5 ft., spread 1½-3¼ ft.

**73.**, Formal Dec to Informal Dec, entered by Hillcrest Roseries, Progress, Pa. Originated by Roy Mickle and Thomas Reed, Jr., Progress, Pa. Seedling of Jersey Beacon. (82.7). Color, amaranth purple. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 12th. Substance good. Stem 5-9 in., stiff, straight, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant dwarf, branching, branches ascending. Health good. Diameter of flowers 8-9½ in., depth 4-5 in. Height of plant 1½-3 ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**75. 200-35**, Informal Dec to Semi-Cactus, entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (84 C 79 E). Color, light autumn; technical description lemon-yellow to greenish yellow tinged coral pink. Flowering habit abundant. Date of first bloom August 15th. Substance very good. Stem 5-11 in., stiff, wiry, straight. Habit of plant, vigorous growth, densely branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 5¼-6½ in., depth 2-3 in. Height of plant 3-4 ft., spread 2½-4 ft. A good cut flower.

**76. 222-35**, Cactus (irregular), entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (81). Color, Marguerite yellow, bleaching somewhat. Flowering habit fair. Date of first flower September 15th. Substance fair. Stem 5½-10 in., stiff, to weak, slightly bowed,

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flower half-facing. Habit of plant heavily branching. Health fair, not resistant to ring spot. Diameter of flowers 4½-6½ in., depth 1½-3¼ in. Height of plant 4-4¼ ft., spread 2-3¼ ft.

**79. POSEY GEM**, Pompon, entered by Edith Weaver, Connersville, Indiana. (82). Color, lemon-yellow, tips of florets nopal red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom August 12th. Substance good. Stem 3-6½ in., stiff, straight, strong, flowers facing to half-facing. Habit of plant dwarf, heavily branching. Health good. Diameter of flower 1¾-2 in., depth ¾-1½ in. Height of plant 3 ft., spread 2¼-2¾ ft.

**80. FOREST VILLA ROSE**, Semi-Cactus, entered by Forest Villa Gardens, McDonald, Pa. Sport of Edna Ferber. (83.5). Color, pinard yellow overcast liseran purple. (General appearance brilliant deep rose-pink.) Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 22nd. Substance excellent. Stem 7½-13 in., thick, strong, stiff, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, erect branching, dense. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5½-6½ in., depth 2-3 in. Height of plant 4-5½ ft., spread 2¼-3 ft. Recommended for retrieval.

**84. MRS. BRUCE COLLINS**, Semi-Cactus to Cactus, entered by Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. (84). Color, chalcedony yellow bleaching somewhat on tips of older florets. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 15th. Substance good. Stem 5-10 in., a little weak, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant heavily branching, branches slowly ascending. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 6-8 in., depth 3-3.5 in. Height of plant 2¼-3 ft., spread 2¼-4 ft.

**86. AIRPORT BEAUTY**, Formal Dec, entered by John H. Douglas, Pontiac, Michigan. Sport of Jersey Beauty. (83). Color, rose color to tyrian pink. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 15th. Substance good. Stem 5-9 in., strong, thick, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant erect, branching, similar to Jersey Beauty. Health good. Diameter 5-8 in., depth 2-3½ in. Height of plant 4-5 ft., spread 1½-2¾ ft. Recommended for retrieval.

**87. MARYALICE**, Formal Dec, entered by Asman Dahlia Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan. Originators Asman and Burkart, Port Huron, Michigan. (80). Color, tyrian pink to light rosolane purple. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom September 17th. Substance good. Stem 3-9½ in., strong, stiff, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant heavily branching, dense. Health good. Diameter of flower 5-7 in., depth 2-3½ in. Height of plant 2½-3 ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**88. 75XR**, Formal Dec, entered by J. Heineman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (82.5). Color, carmine to pomegranate purple. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 17th. Substance good. Stem 4-6 in., short, stiff, strong, flowers half-facing. Habit of plant branching, branches ascending. Health good. Diameter of flower 5½-9¼ in., depth 3-6 in. Height of plant 3-4 ft., spread 2-3 ft.

**96. NO. 1933**, Informal Dec, entered by Parker-Hume Dahlia Gardens, Muskegon, Michigan. Seedling from Border Line. (81 C). Color, light greenish yellow becoming streaked and tinted persian lilac. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 25th. Substance good. Stem 5½-12 in., strong, stiff, sturdy, flowers erect to half-facing. Habit of plant strong, vigorous growth, erect branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 7½-8¼ in., depth 3-3½ in. Height of plant 4-4¼ ft., spread 2-3¼ ft.

**97. MARY FLEMMING**, Informal Dec, entered by C. F. Flemming, West Bridgewater, Pa. (80). Color, buff-yellow overlaid carmine (effect is velvety crimson). Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 20th. Substance good. Stem 9-10 in., curved, flowers erect to slightly facing. Habit of plant somewhat sprawling, branches slowly ascending. Health good. Diameter of flower 6-8 in., depth 3-4 in. Height of plant 2½ ft., spread 3½ ft.

**98. TOM PADLEY**, Informal Dec, entered by T. H. Padley, Milford, Michigan. Seedling from Golden Goblin. (83.5). Color, autumn; technical description, greenish yellow to lemon-yellow, tinted peach-red. Flowering habit late. Date of first bloom September 5th. Substance good. Stem 7-15 in., straight to slightly bowed, stiff, strong, thick, flowers part-facing. Habit of plant erect branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 8-9 in., depth 4-5½ in. Height of plant 3¾-4¾ ft. Recommended for retrieval.

### Terrible Dahlia Weather Predicted for 1936

It isn't enough, it seems, that we Dahlia folks must tell about the terrible weather of last season and worry about it, shudder and bewail about it over and over again. Now we must begin immediately to worry about next year.

According to an A. P. dispatch to the papers the other day, comes one Selby Maxwell, astronomer-meteorologist and insists that he can read storm stories in the shadow of the moon. The formula which he uses, he says is a secret guarded as a U. S. Naval formula.

Severe droughts, heavy dust storms, probable crop failure, floods, in the order named.

He could, for you super-pessimists, also predict what kind of dire troubles to expect in 1937, he relates, but what is the sense of giving so many delectable morsels of gossip all at one time? Write the following predictions on your calendar and make your plans accordingly.

In January and February precipitation is to be above normal; March, April May, drought; June and July severe drought. Dust storms will be prevalent in the spring and summer because of the dry weather, and tender Dahlia plants will have a hard time to get started.

Now prepare for the worst blow. August, September, October, November and December will bring heavy rains and even floods in some sections. If you are a skeptic about any of this, then you can go to Chicago and check up on his weather maps any time you care to, says Mr. Maxwell.

All this trouble for Dahlia folks is ordained by the moon. The basis of the system he explained, is the variations of the moon's orbit, caused by the sun's pull of gravitation. Each time the moon gets the blind staggers from the pull of the sun, then the gravitational pull of the moon causes the earth to shift in its atmospheric envelope, and these movements determine the weather. It is said by an officer in the Navy that Maxwell's system during the last year and a half has proved "by a conservative estimate" to be at least 65% right.

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## News from Affiliated Societies

### The First Annual Report of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Grounds at Cincinnati

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In spite of an early frost, the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Grounds has finished its first season with splendid success. The seedlings were grown in a beautiful setting amid the splendors of Fleischmann Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio. Many enthusiastic "fans" thronged the beautiful pathways eagerly adding to their collection lists the choice new varieties which had best proven their ability to withstand the rigors of a climate which now prevailed in their own gardens.

The value of this test was further enhanced by the fact that the trial plantings were accompanied by similar plantings of the older, well-known varieties. This enabled the average grower to draw a vivid comparison between the new varieties and the "old standbys" which he had successfully grown in his own garden.

Sixteen varieties, scoring 85 points or more, were awarded O. V. D. A. Certificates of Merit.

**001. DAHLIADEL JOY,** Stake Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Miniature Semi-Cactus, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85). Pure lemon yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-10 in., flowers on side, slightly dropped. Size of flowers 2½-3½ in., good depth. Height 3-3½ ft.

**101. NO. 10,** Stake Nos. 4, 5, 6, Formal Dec, entered by Hillside Farm, Austenberg, Ohio. (87). White with lavender shading toward the center. Flowering habit free. Holds well in heat. Stem 6-8 in. Size of flowers 8-10 in. Height 5 ft.

**107. NO. 108,** Stake Nos. 22, 23, and 24, Formal Dec, Commercial Type, entered by Dr. A. E. White, 6215 Washington Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana. (85 C). Baby pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 8-12 in. Size of flower 5-7 in. Height 6 ft.

**112. CHARMER,** Stake Nos. 37, 38, 39, Informal Dec, entered by Lloyd's Dahlia Gardens, Mays Landing, Scullville, New Jersey. (86). Orange center with a metallic sheen, blending into yellow toward outer petals. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-13 in. Size of flowers 7-11 in. Height 6 ft.

**113. C. R.-11,** Stake Nos. 40, 41, and 42, Formal Dec, entered by Presley E. Caldwell, Richmond Dale, Ohio. (85). Orange tinted salmon, changing to coral. Flowering habit prolific. Holds up well in heat. Stem 5-1 in. Size of flowers 6-9 in. Height 4½-5 ft. Thick leathery foliage, insect resistant.

**120. G-33-2,** Stake Nos. 61, 62, 63, Ball, entered by Presley E. Caldwell, Richmond Dale, Ohio. (86). Orange shaded buff toward the tips of the petals, later in the season the buff changed to a glowing pink sheen. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-10 in., stiff to wiry. Size of flowers 4-4½ in., depth 3-3½ in. Height 3-4½ ft.



122. 330-A-2, Stake Nos. 67, 68, 69, Formal Dec, entered by Presley E. Caldwell, Richmond Dale, Ohio. (89). Snow white. Flowering habit very prolific. Stem 7-10 in. Size of flowers 8-11 in., depth 5-6 in. Height 5½ ft.

123. K. A. V-1, Stake Nos. 85, 86, 87, Informal Dec, entered by Mad River Gardens, D. P. Wickersham, Urbana, Ohio. (85). Coral pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 6-8 in. Size of flowers 8-10 in. Height 6 ft.

131. E. EYMAN HUFF, Stake Nos. 94, 95, 96, Formal Dec, entered by Mad River Gardens, D. P. Wickersham, Urbana, Ohio. (87). Lavender overlaid purple. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 8-10 in. Size of flowers 8 in. Height 4½ ft.

132. MRS. CHRISTINE GROVES, Stake Nos. 97, 98, 99, Formal Dec, entered by Mad River Gardens, D. P. Wickersham, Urbana, Ohio. (90). Yellow edged lavender. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-10 in. Size of flower 10-12 in. Height 6 ft.

134. CALIFORNIA IDOL, Stake Nos. 103, 104, 105, Informal Dec, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Charles G. Reed, Lawrence, Mass. (89). Bright glistening yellow. Flowering habit prolific. Length of stem 10-12 in. Size of flowers 10-12 in. Height 4 ft.

136. DRESDEN, Stake Nos. 109, 110, 111, Formal Dec, entered by Success Dahlia Gardens, Charles G. Reed, Lawrence, Mass. (88). Lavender. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-8 in. Size of flowers 10 in. Height 6 ft., insect resistant.

138. E. 31, Stake Nos. 115, 116, 117, Semi-Cactus, entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio. (88). Orchid lavender. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-8 in. Size of flowers 8-10 in. Height 6 ft.

139. D-2, Stake Nos. 118, 119, 120, Informal Dec, entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio. (87). Coral shaded salmon pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 8-12 in. Size of flowers 8-10 in. Height 6 ft.

143. QUEEN CITY, Stake Nos. 130, 131, 132, Formal Dec, Commercial Type, entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (89 C). Scarlet pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-10 in. Size of bloom 6-7 in. Height 5 ft. Outstanding for early cut flowers.

146. NO. 1711, Stake Nos. 139, 140, 141, Formal Dec, entered by Elmer Shepard, 6353 Meis Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. (85). Pure white. Flowering habit fair. Stem 6-10 in. Size of flowers 8-10 in. Height 6 ft.

Raymond H. Moffett, Secretary.

*Editor's Note: The Cincinnati Trial Grounds, not being an official A. D. S. Trial Grounds, therefore the above scores are not certified by the American Dahlia Society. We are glad of the progress shown by the O. V. D. A. in promoting this trial garden. We are glad to print the results of the first year's work as shown by the above report. We hope the garden will succeed and be of help to future Dahlia progress.*

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## News from Other Societies—Continued

### San Leandro Society to Help Plant Public Parks

The Dahlia Society of San Leandro had their election of officers for 1936 at their meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. The retiring president (Mr. C. W. LeMessurier) after opening the meeting made a few brief remarks on the progress of the Society during the last two years, commenting on the whole-hearted support he had received from all the members. Owing to pressure of business he was unable to take on the duties of president for another term, but would help all he could to further the interests of the Society. The election of officers followed. President, R. Richter; First Vice-President, Major N. W. Armstrong; Second Vice-President, Ed. McKeegan; Secretary and Treasurer, Charles Garrity. Directors: J. F. Groves, J. W. Ravekes, C. W. Le Messurier, A. E. Magee.

It is intended to hold the annual show on Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th. The Society arranges a whist party on the second Tuesday in each month. Refreshments are supplied by the ladies of the Society and the monies thus made are used to finance the show. This, with the help given by the supervisors of Alameda County and the San Leandro city officials enable us to put on a free show.

It was also agreed to send a committee to interview the city officials with a view to planting certain parts of the public parks with Dahlias as the Dahlia is San Leandro's official flower. It is also under consideration to use the electric sign at the city boundaries to read: San Leandro, the Dahlia City. This will greet all visitors entering the city and with the public parks being planted with Dahlias and the members of the Dahlia Society taking care of them, will in the opinion of the members of the Society be a big boost for the Dahlia in this vicinity.

Charles Garrity, Secretary.

### The Dahlia Society of Toledo

The Dahlia Society of Toledo was organized on the twenty-third of October with a membership of twenty-six. At our next meeting many more members were elected, giving us a membership of over fifty.

As the organizer, E. Balcombe was honored by being elected President. Vice-Presidents: Dr. C. W. Kelly, Attorney John S. Saalfeld. Treasurer, Mr. Mellott. Publicity, Mrs. H. E. Bryan. Committee: A. J. Schph-leck, H. Leonard, H. Hacker, W. Pelton, H. Bunde. Secretary, Val Thomas 3810 Vogel Drive, Toledo, Ohio. This is a live organization that's going places.

### East Liverpool, Ohio, Dahlia Society

The East Liverpool, Ohio Dahlia Society held their election of officers. President, George Schopp; First Vice-President, Thomas Watkin; Second Vice-President, J. D. Hoyt; Third Vice-President, Harold Galimore; Press Secretary, Mrs. T. Watkin; Secretary, Inez Smith, 1842 Mich Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio; Treasurer, John Galimore; Board of Managers, John Eccleston, Harry Johnson, J. E. Reil, William Jobes. We have a committee appointed to make arrangements for a banquet in the near future and we will hold our annual joint meeting the first Thursday in April inviting the Dahlia Societies of East Liberty, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Wellsville, Ohio and Garden Clubs of Toronto, Ohio and Midland, Pennsylvania.

Inez Smith, Secretary.

### Dahlia Society of Indiana

At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of Indiana held in Indianapolis the following officers and executive committee members were elected to serve the society in 1936.

President, O. A. Guntle, Frankfort; Vice-President, O. E. Oler, Dublin; Secretary, Ovid Silverthorn, Shelbyville; Treasurer, Donald R. Curtis, Indianapolis; Regional Vice-Presidents, John H. Darling, Seymour; John E. Dean, Indianapolis; Miss Eleanor Warren, Fort Wayne; George E. Washburn, Kokomo; Mrs. R. O. Wenning, Indianapolis and Emmet S. Woods, Madison. Executive Committee: Raymond H. Sparks, Columbus; Henry C. Gaeth, Noblesville; Carl M. Grav, Petersburg; Harry G. Kennett, Indianapolis; Fred T. McCurdy, Kokomo and Ralph C. Swartz, Indianapolis.

The fifth annual Indiana show is scheduled for September 19th and 20th to be staged in Howard Hall at Frankfort in Clinton county.

### Wisconsin Dahlia Society

At the January meeting Mr. J. Louis Roberts, president of the Central States Society, came up from Chicago to speak to the group at Milwaukee on one of the coldest days of the year, and when folks from outside of Milwaukee were unable to get there on account of drifted roads. The meeting was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen came all the way from Madison and drove back again the same night. How they did it is a mystery. Some Dahlia enthusiasts!

The Racine Dahlia Society, under the leadership of Joseph Stonek, held their banquet on January 8th, at the Nelson Hotel, Racine. About twenty-five members were present and Mr. Stonek was presented with a medal for his devotion and untiring service. The Madison group has disbanded, and it is planned to organize the Dane County Dahlia Society to take its place, which means that we will have the same faces only under a different name.

Messrs. Eldredge and Larsen, of Madison, were the representatives of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin at the conference held at Fort Wayne in November.

From present indications two county Dahlia societies will be organized in the near future and word will be sent along as soon as they do so. The group at Wauwapa, and the Waukesha County folks are planning to do so.

It would appear that there is more interest in Dahlia culture than ever before and commercial men hereabouts report a flood of inquiries. The February and March meeting will be held in Milwaukee and representatives from the Wisconsin College of Agriculture will address the group on Soils and Fertilizers and Insects and Insecticides.

The officers are as follows: President, Theodore F. Schroeder, Mukwonago, Wisconsin; Secretary, J. Biersch, 2269 N. 59th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Treasurer, Mrs. Theodore F. Schroeder, Mukwonago, Wisconsin; Regional Vice-Presidents: Mrs. C. T. Harnett, 1644 Deane Boulevard, Racine, Wisconsin; Mrs. Carl Herrmann, 2809 N. Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dr. L. J. Steuber, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin; George Currie, 415 Park Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

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#### The Dahlia Society of California

The 1936 officers for the Dahlia Society of California were elected January 20th so it was impossible to get them to you for the next BULLETIN. Here they are: President, Albert Harris, Anthony and Jessie Streets, San Francisco; Secretary, Glenn T. Mack, 173 Merced Avenue, San Francisco; First Vice-President, Robert McWhirter; Second Vice-President, Alice Meussdorffer; Treasurer, Lloyd B. Sayers. Board of Directors: Charles Ballay, Lester G. Glasson, Alec Low, Frank Pelicano, Curtis Redfern, Edward Salbach, Mrs. Clara Lucy, Charles White.

#### Dahlia Society of Southern California

The Dahlia Society of Southern California held their annual business meeting January 9th, and elected the following members to the Board of Directors: Richard T. Eddy, H. T. Johnson, Mrs. Grace Thompson, Dr. H. E. Cannon.

The officers for this year are: President, Richard T. Eddy; First Vice-President, Dr. H. E. Cannon; Second Vice-President, John Brewer; Secretary-Treasurer, G. F. Stephenson.

President Richard T. Eddy entertained the members of the Board of Directors at his home, January 31st, informally. This was a get-acquainted meeting and a good time was had by all.

G. F. Stephenson, Secretary.

#### The Englewood Dahlia Society

The officers of the Englewood Dahlia Society for the year 1936 are as follows: President, A. J. Pietruszkiewicz, Grand View-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Vice-President, William Windecker, Ridgefield Park, N. J.; Treasurer, Robert F. Haussener, Palisades Park, N. J.; Secretary, C. Bradford Brown, Woodcliff, N. J.

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C. Bradford Brown, Secretary.

#### Haledon Floral Society Holds Annual Installation and Banquet

On January 16, 1936, at 7:30 P. M., the Haledon Floral Society held its tenth annual meeting, with the installa-

tion of the following officers: President, James A. Malone; Vice-President, Louis Schaefer; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Buser; Financial Secretary, Henry Huebner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Watson, 22 Pompton Road, Haledon, N. J.

Following the short meeting the annual banquet and entertainment was enjoyed by all present. Albert Lauber acted as toastmaster and introduced the following who spoke briefly: Rev. Gordon T. Jones, Embarrassing Moments; Miss Hattie Fairclough, principal of the North Haledon School, What Haledon Floral Society Means to North Haledon School Children; Mr. Floyd G. Hoek, principal of the Haledon School, Haledon Floral Society's Meaning to the Haledon School Children, also witty stories and funny sayings; Mr. Max Rickert, Expression of Love and Ability to Aid the Society and Its Associates; Mr. James A. Malone, president, Necessity of Coöperation On Part of All Members, naming of executive and good and welfare committees.

Gifts were presented to the following officers, either for their elevation or their retirement: Charles Torbet, James A. Malone, Henry Huebner and Mrs. J. L. Buser.

Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Bertha Watson and Mr. Robert Baggle, both being ably accompanied by Mr. Floyd Hoek. A short sketch was acted by members of the society which brought an abundance of applause and laughter.

A delicious dinner for fifty-three people including the members and their wives was served and enjoyed by all.

## Report of Trial Garden West Virginia Dahlia Society—1935

By C. M. Roberts, Superintendent

The establishment of the trial ground of the West Virginia Dahlia Society was voted by the Society in its December, 1934, meeting. A committee was appointed consisting of President, Dr. C. E. Lauterbach; Secretary, Oliver Shurtleff, and Claude Boone; C. M. Roberts was made superintendent.

The trial garden was established upon the campus of Fairmont State Teachers' College and a suitable plot of good clay loam was picked out, given a top dressing of two truck loads of cow manure and one truck load of horse manure in addition to the plowing under of a heavy sod. The garden was worked up several times and the soil remained in very good condition throughout the year. Cultivation was frequent although we did have considerable trouble with weeds and grass from the manure and sod. We hope this trouble will be lessened in the seasons to come as the ground is taken care of.

We had entertained very modest hopes as to the number of entries and our final number considerably overran our original estimate. A total of twenty-eight entries from six states were planted. They were planted in the order that they were received, and given normal care throughout the season. We made no effort to pamper these plants. They were given a light application of phosphorous and potash during the season.

We had a normal growing season with one dry spell approximately two in length in the early summer. The rest of the season was quite favorable to growth.

We are quite aware that there has been some criticism of the way in which the plants were grown and we undoubtedly have made some mistakes but we hope that the succeeding seasons will make our procedure satis-

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**News from Other Societies—Continued**

factory to all concerned. The plants were judged by five different judges at different times. Their reports have been summarized and coordinated through the efforts of the superintendent and Mr. Shurtleff. Detailed reports of the entries are as follows:

**Division A Certificate Dahlias**

"SUNGLO." Ralph Wells, Fairmont, West Virginia. Originated by C. J. Straight. Score 87. Informal decorative, autumn gold with pink reverse.

"TELEVISION." C. J. Straight, Fairmont, West Virginia. Score 86½. Informal decorative, bright carmine with ivory and watermelon pink shadings.

"MARGRACE." Walter Bissell, Austinburg, Ohio. Score 86. Informal decorative, scarlet with faint yellow stripings, yellow and scarlet petaloids.

"CLARA CARDER." J. W. Kemp, Little Silver, N. J. Score 85. Informal decorative, rich pink. Stems extra heavy and stiff.

"FOREST FIRE." Warren W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J. Score 85. Informal decorative, scarlet with yellow base. Stems straight. Bush and foliage good.

"HILLCREST HOBO." A. B. Scott, Fairmont, West Virginia. Score 85. Informal decorative, apricot pink with rose reverse.

Twenty-two other entries received scores up to 83½.

*Editor's Note: The West Virginia Trial Grounds has not been made an Official A. D. S. Trial Grounds.*

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**West Virginia Dahlia Society**

First of all, in submitting this bit of copy to the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN, the writer wants to express his pleasure in being at the 1935 A. D. S. show which was held in New York City. What a fine show and what fine people. It was indeed a pleasure to meet the new people and to renew acquaintance with those previously met. These friendships shall be long cherished.

The West Virginia Dahlia Society reports more life than ever. A fine mid-winter meeting was held last December at Fairmont with members in attendance from several West Virginia cities and towns. Two members from Pittsburg were also in attendance. The meeting was in charge of President C. E. Lauterbach of Buckhannon.

Several important committees were appointed. Some of these committees are already working on the plans for the 1936 West Virginia Dahlia show which will again be held in Fairmont.

An interesting report was heard from C. M. Roberts on the first year of the West Virginia Trial Garden. The report showed twenty-eight entries with a geographical distribution of six states. While we made some errors (it was our first year at the trial garden business) we feel that the garden fully justified itself. Concerning the West Virginia trial garden, Editor Eldredge in the fall number of *The Mid West Dahlia News* said, "It looked more like a well kept exhibition garden than a trial garden." This means that each entry received careful and individual attention. The garden hopes for a still better season for 1936. Growers who want careful attention and rigid judgment on new varieties are invited to use the West Virginia trial garden. Write us about it. The full report will be found elsewhere in this number of this BULLETIN.



The first draft of the 1936 show schedule was presented at our mid-winter meeting for discussion. It was referred back to the show committee for redrafting. The 1936 show schedule will show several improvements over any other previous show schedule of our organization—another sign of a healthy growth in our society.

Our society takes a great deal of pride in "Television." This lovely new Dahlia, originated by C. J. Straight, of Fairmont, to date has won two certificates of merit in trial gardens, two achievement medals from American Home, and has appeared on three honor rolls. Why shouldn't we be proud? We all congratulate Mr. Straight.

This bit of West Virginia Dahlia news closes with best wishes to the officers and members and friends of the American Dahlia Society.

*Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary W. Va. Dahlia Society,  
1264 Bryant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia.*

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### Akron Dahlia Society

Our seventh annual meeting was held December 1, 1935, with a good attendance with two members from Cleveland and three from Canton. We was glad to have Mr. F. V. R. Veirs of Canton back with us after several weeks of illness.

In the election of the new officers for 1936 it is hoped that the activities of the Society will progress under its new leadership. The officers are: President, Lester H. Miller, Box 301, Barberton, Ohio; First Vice-President, Edward C. Nauman, Canton, Ohio; Second Vice-President, Harold Shanabrook, Massillon, Ohio; Third Vice-President, F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio; Treasurer, W. H. Shanabrook, Uniontown, Ohio; Secretary, A. Griffin, 1247 4th Avenue, Akron, Ohio; Assistant Secretary, J. A. Best, Akron, Ohio.

Show Committee: A. Griffin, Akron, Ohio; L. H. Miller, Barberton, Ohio; Edward Nauman, Canton, Ohio; Benjamin Deland, Mayfield Heights, Ohio; Victor Goehler, Akron, Ohio; H. E. Shanabrook, Massillon, Ohio; Mrs. Nellie Miller, Barberton, Ohio.

We are grateful to our officers who served our Society so loyally the past year and we feel fortunate to have such an able and enthusiastic Dahlia man as Mr. Miller to head our Society this year. Our new officers have already committed themselves to a program that will strengthen our fellowship, increase our membership, and expand the activities of our Society, and we hope to end up in the greatest show we have ever held providing old mother nature blesses us with a favorable growing season.

There is at present considerable amount of interest being shown in our Dahlia circle concerning the new 1936 introductions and we are looking forward with great anticipation to see them growing in our own gardens.

*A. Griffin, Secretary.*

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### Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The following officers were elected for the year 1936 at the December meeting of Hagerstown Dahlia Society: President, H. C. Kuhn; First Vice-President, Charles A. Gibney; Second Vice-President, E. M. Huntzberry; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg, 57 Wayside Avenue; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Executive Committee: Walter S. Gibney, Chairman, H. C. Weigel,

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In addition to the Society's annual show which was held in September, being the finest ever staged by it, the growth of the membership has nearly doubled itself in the past year, and the finances are in a very creditable condition. We are all looking forward to bigger and better things for 1936.

At our January meeting after business session is taken up, we will show some very beautiful slides of Dahlias in their growing as well as their blooming, borrowed from the U. S. Government Department at Washington, which will be followed by a social period and refreshments. We expect to receive quite a number of applications for membership at this meeting.

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

**Georgia's Test Garden**

In 1934 a group of Dahlia enthusiasts, some amateurs and some professionals, organized the Dahlia Society of Georgia with David D. Long as its first president. Naturally, this newly formed organization was fired with the zeal for accomplishing many worthwhile projects. The greatest ambition of the Committee on Affiliations was to give to the flower lovers of the state definite information in regard to which Dahlia varieties could be grown to perfection in Georgia.

In 1935 David D. Long, who had become chairman of the Committee on Affiliations, together with his enthusiastic committee members, made a dream come true. A Dahlia Variety Test Garden was established as a project at the Georgia Experiment Station, in coöperation with the Dahlia Society of Georgia, Inc., together with the Dahlia nurseries and individual Dahlia growers, who contributed the various varieties for the test.

The following objectives are included in the Georgia Variety Test for 1936:

1. Retrieal of the promising varieties in the 1935 test which did not perform according to expectations.
2. Comparison of the newer and better yellow varieties.
3. Comparison of the newer and better rose varieties.
4. Comparison of the newer and better purple varieties.
5. Comparison of the newer and better white varieties.
6. Trial of 1935 Honor Roll Varieties, High Scoring Varieties at Storrs and Lansing, and other new introductions.
7. Trial of undisseeded varieties.

(Further news about this garden next issue.)



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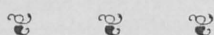
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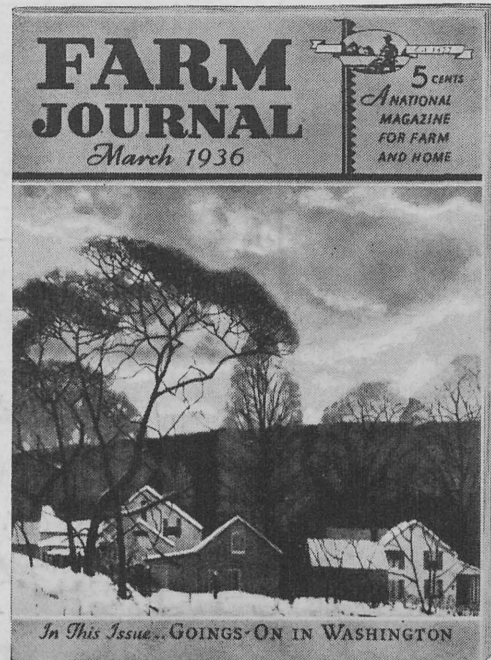
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