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A. D. S. Show Returns to Hotel Pennsylvania

Air Conditioned Auditorium Should Make Exhibition Worthwhile to Very End

CHANGE IN PLANS MAKES TWO DAY SHOW NECESSARY

Due to hold over of the American Legion Convention Dinner, Thursday, Sept. 23, it is impossible for A. D. S. to hold a three day show as originally planned. Therefore, show dates will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25.

Culminating intensive plans of a large, closely knit group of committees the twenty-third Annual Exhibition of the American Dahlia Society will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. Again the Dahlia Society of New Jersey will combine with the A. D. S. in this gala Show.

The Show will be opened to the public on Friday, September 24th, at 2:00 P. M. and will continue on Saturday from 10:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. The new air-conditioned atmosphere of this magnificent Exhibition Hall makes possible a show because it assures the best possible keeping qualities of the flowers on exhibit.

From indications at this writing in early August we may justifiably anticipate the finest Show ever held in the East. Gardens are doing well and enthusiasm running high.

The manner in which President Lynn B. Dudley has selected and encouraged his working committees reflects his ability as an executive. He is decidedly organization-minded.

In reappointing Mr. Edward Lloyd Show Committee Chairman he keeps at the helm the man who has demonstrated in each succeeding year how smoothly a large Show can be arranged and handled.

The schedule committee has worked for months and Mr. Warren Maytrott presents many improvements and innovations. Read carefully the printed copy appended in this issue of the BULLETIN. You will note many interesting exhibits for the third day.

A very important addition is the section for those who have not heretofore won a blue ribbon at an A. D. S. Show—it is not in the strict sense a "novice" class. To justify its place in our Show, we would like to see many bring their blooms—whether one specimen or many and make this one of the most interesting sections of the Show.

The prize committee, Mr. H. Dewey Chairman expects to provide the largest number of prizes ever offered in a Dahlia Show in the east. Your coöperation makes this possible.

Wherever the subject of judging is discussed, informed Dahliaists recognize Mr. Conrad Frey, a leading authority. His selection as chairman of judging is indeed timely. Attention focuses upon the undissemminated seedling classes where such intense rivalry exists. Mr. Frey expects to have from twelve to fifteen judges handle these classes. Each judge will be provided with a ballot under number—the judge's name will not appear. In groups of three or perhaps four, the judges will enter the special room and examine the exhibits but will not consult with each other. Selection will be noted on the ballot which in turn will be handed to the secretaries. After all the ballots have been collected from the dozen or so judges, results will be tabulated and awards made. Any exhibitor whose Dahlias are entered in these classes may have free access to the ballots after the awarding. This is a very comprehensive plan and the list of judges will include well informed amateurs as well as commercial growers.

The Garden Club section has been noted for its exceptionally high standard. Mrs. Georgena Humble, again acting as chairman has a very large, (and we may well add) reliable committee. We expect the finest exhibits in this section we have ever had.

Splendid facilities are provided for air mail exhibits and we would indeed welcome a large increase in these classes.

Note our dates, plan to attend and if it is at all possible, send or bring your blooms.

ADMISSION TO THE SHOW

No membership cards will be sent out this year. All members in good standing will be admitted on presentation of their paid up due card, which may be used as a season ticket, but is not transferable. If you have lost or mislaid your card another will be mailed on application to the Secretary.

Setting Up a Commercial Dahlia Exhibit

Mrs. Frieda Hill Fisher

Mrs. Fisher of Sanhican Gardens, formerly Fisher, Masson, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the American Dahlia Society six times for her superb commercial displays, in addition to numerous other medals and trophies—Editor.

For weeks before an exhibition, whether it be large or small, an exhibitor works with his Dahlias to get them as near perfection as possible. If they are of the larger type of Dahlia to get them even larger than his competitor; if pompom or miniature types, to be sure there will be sufficient to be able to enter the classes desired and to have them as near perfection as possible. After doing everything that should be done to obtain a wealth of perfect blooms, the next step is to draw a sketch of an arrangement of vases and receptacles that can be used at the time of setting up the exhibit. If possible make a note of the varieties you will use right on this sketch. This will serve a two-fold purpose, it will aid you in making your selection when cutting for the show, also if packed properly, you will have the variety you wish to use first in the proper box,

saving time when you are setting up, which is very essential.

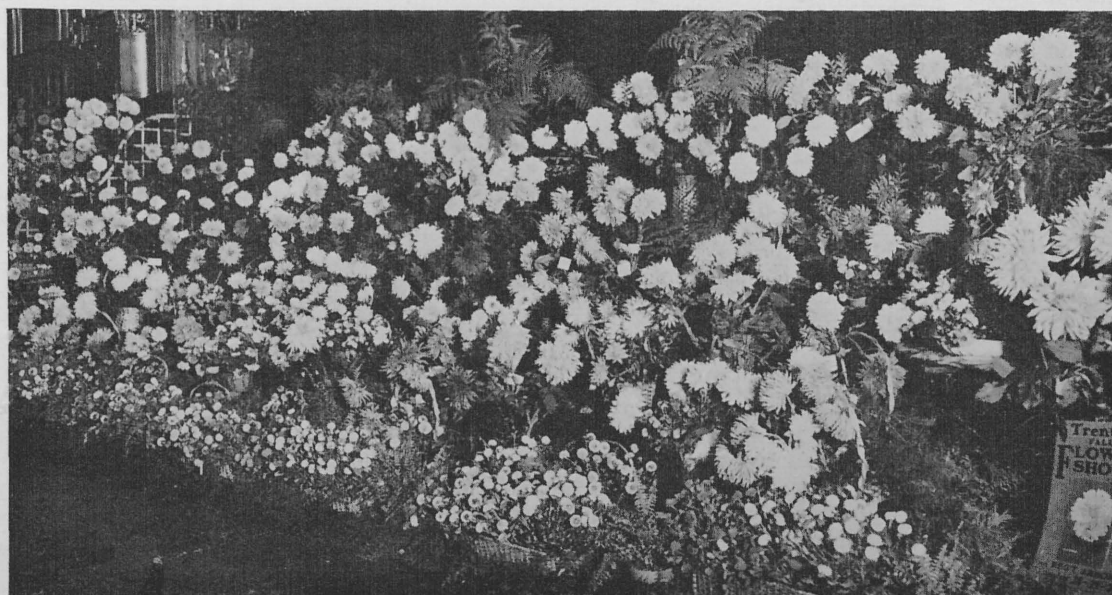
Cut more flowers than you expect to use in the exhibit in case any should be damaged in packing, but do not crowd your exhibit. If you are featuring a new introduction, it would be wise to center your exhibit with this particular variety. Of course should it be a dark Dahlia be sure to have a lighter variety in the background, this will enhance the beauty of the darker variety greatly.

Exhibit your Dahlias as you would wish to have them displayed in your home, this will teach the general public their value as a decorative flower. Choose light colored flowers of the larger type for your highest point in the back of the exhibit, gradually blending the colors until you reach the front of the exhibit when you may use the darker shades of red, maroon and purple.

Do not jam too many flowers in one receptacle, give each flower a chance to show its own beauty, just as they do on the plant. Use foliage and grasses, if you must use them, sparingly. Inasmuch as you are exhibit-

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Magnificent Commercial Display Which Won an A. D. S. Gold Medal



What I Think an Honor Roll and an Honor Roll Dahlia Should Be

By F. V. R. Veirs

The last few years we have been having what is known to the Dahlia fans as an Honor Roll. This Honor Roll is a review of the better Dahlias for the current year. It was first compiled by the late Derrill W. Hart, more as a guide than anything else, to the Dahlia fans who had not seen many of the best new varieties. I do not believe Mr. Hart had any idea, his review would ever take the part it later did in influencing the fan in purchasing new introductions. His idea was to get information from the various shows, from the trial grounds, Dahlia judges from other sections of the country, gardens he visited, and from Dahlias on trial in his own gardens and impart that information to the public through his published review which later we called the honor roll. I believe Mr. Johnson, Mr. Baron and Mr. Eldredge had the same idea in mind. I do not think anyone could criticize the writers of these reviews. How could we get the information we do about the new Dahlias if someone, not connected with the commercial end of the Dahlia business, did not give us some idea of the better Dahlias coming on the market each year. These writers did not miss very many of the best Dahlias introduced, and if they did they gave them to us the following year. This was really better in some cases for the originator and for the fan.

I do not think the writers of the honor rolls have fallen down in the least, but I do think that the Dahlia Societies and show committees have been lax in allowing the achievement medal in the Home Achievement class, or any other class of undisseeded Dahlias, to be awarded to inferior Dahlias or blooms. It seems to me the originator should not have the achievement medal awarded to his Dahlia unless it is a real achievement. First awards should be given, but not the achievement medals. A first award Dahlia should be good, of course, but when we read in the Dahlia review that John Jones' "Red Indian," a red informal, took the American Home Achievement Medal at New York and at Cleveland, we should be reasonably certain that it is as good as *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Mrs. George Bouttelier* or any other informal red on the market and possibly better. If the same medal is given at Red Bank or Baltimore to a yellow informal it should be as good or better than *California Idol*, *Lord of Autumn*, *American Legion*, *America's Sweetheart* or any other yellow informal. In other words, I do not believe an achievement medal should be given to any Dahlia, large or small, unless it is just as good or better than anything in its class, unless it be to some Dahlia with a beautiful color, different in formation or some striking quality that is an improvement or a complete novelty.

In the racing world we have had Maud S., Nancy Hanks, Uhlen, Dan Patch, Man of War, Billy Barton,

Gallant Fox and War Admiral. The racing men do not enter these great horses with the selling platers. So in the Dahlia world we have our *Jane Cowsls*, *Jersey's Beauties*, *Graf Zeppelins*, *Dwight Morrrows*, *Violet Wonders* and a host of others, all derby winners, which should not be compared to the selling platers, although both have their place.

It has always seemed strange to me that so many Dahlias should score just 85 at the official trial grounds. There must be some difference in these Dahlias, or the standard should be a little higher. Maud S. came down in 2.40 fifty years ago to win and establish a record, but forty years later Dan Patch had to do the mile in 1.58 to win and establish a record. Accordingly, it seems to me that the certificate of merit Dahlias should have to score a little more than the established score of 85 to be certified—that is if the standard of Dahlias is to be raised.

No Honor Roll Dahlia should be a Dahlia that is sloppy, with a weak stem, crotch, bad foliage, or any other very noticeable defect as some of our Honor Roll Dahlias have been.

Personally, I think a Dahlia that gets a large majority of the votes at the Botanical Gardens should receive an achievement medal if it is a really worthy Dahlia, and usually there is more than one worthy Dahlia each year at the Botanical Gardens in New York. If the American Home Achievement Medal was dangled before the eyes of the originators at the New York Botanical Gardens, the growers would send more new Dahlias there, provided they had confidence in their new ones.

Up to this time we have had from one to about six really outstanding Dahlias some years and other years none at all. But we have had our Honor Rolls or reviews of the best Dahlias for the year which I think is right and proper. Some of us would buy some of the new ones even if we knew none of them came up to the Dahlias of other years, but no one should be misled in any way. This spring three great Dahlias were introduced, and possibly more, but from the information I gather, the three did not net a thousand dollars altogether. That as you know is less than three hundred and fifty dollars per Dahlia which would not pay for the seed some growers plant each year.

Originators should be careful when selecting their Dahlias to release, whether they are Honor Roll Dahlias or not. A Dahlia that does not grow very well or, as we say, is temperamental should not go on the market. Too much money is spent by the fans for Dahlias that are too hard to grow or only grow well in a particular soil. That is where the trial grounds come in. In my opinion there should be more official trial grounds and

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Dahlia Pests and Their Control

By PROF. HARRY H. KNIGHT

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While more than a hundred different insect species have been observed feeding upon the Dahlia, it is fortunate we generally have only a few kinds to combat at any one time and place. Some of the pests that trouble us this year may be scarce or practically absent next season, but one thing seems certain, we always have something to fight and worry about just as regularly as we try to grow plants. While some pests come and go with the years, such things as leafhoppers, aphids and cutworms seem to be ever with us.

I believe that Long Island, New Jersey and vicinity just about take the leather medal for diversity of troubles, when we consider that trio of pests, the Japanese Beetle, Asiatic Garden Beetle and European Corn Borer, which come extra with leafhoppers and aphids in usual abundance. While the northeastern Dahlia region may have a multiplicity of pests, they have a real climate that is very favorable to growth of the plants. Some sections like the mid-west may not know such a variety of pests, still the climatic factors may assume even greater importance, as witness the drought and floods of the past three years. In the space at our disposal it will be impossible to cover more than a few of our troubles, thus I will discuss some pests having a wide distribution and generally troublesome to that large block of readers, the backyard growers of Dahlias. Yes, I am a backyard grower, and occupying three backyards at present.

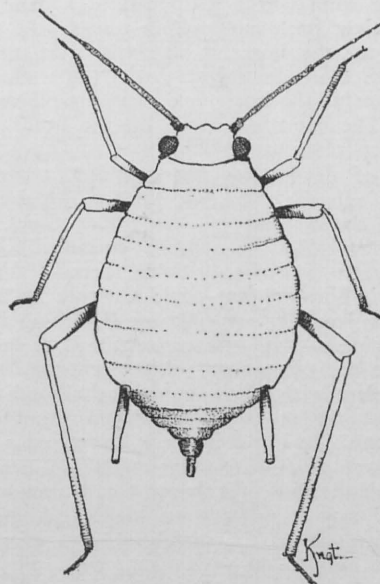
About the first difficulty that confronts us, just as the plants start to grow nicely, usually turns out to be an under cover, night cutting job by the old and well known cut worms, of which there are several kinds. However, the damage they do in cutting off succulent plants all amounts to the same thing whether it be *Feltia ducens* or *Lycophotia margaritosa*. Cutworms are the larvae or caterpillars of certain night flying moths; they spend the winter as partially grown larvae, hibernating through the winter in or under any protective cover that occurs on the surface of the ground. In the Spring, when the soil begins to warm up, these larvae sally forth in search of green things, possessing voracious appetites that only such as have fasted all winter can appreciate. Once they reach a cleanly cultivated garden the relatively few plants found growing there are certain to suffer; and have you noticed what expensive taste they seem to have among the Dahlia varieties? Poisoned bait is generally recommended to kill cutworms but in the Dahlia garden a few plants are sure to suffer before the poison gets in its work. Where one plants a few expensive varieties it is safer to inclose them in screen cylinders until the stems are quite heavy. If one expects to grow Dahlias year after year,

it would probably pay to invest in rust proof screen wire to use for protective cylinders. These same cylinders are very helpful in preventing injury by the common stalk borer.

The common stalk borer (*Papaipema nebris*) is one of the most troublesome insects to the backyard grower of Dahlias. This pest is generally abundant about small plantings as such are often bordered by grass and weeds of neglected grounds. The larger grower, cultivating two or three acres or more, is likely to be troubled only along the edges of the field. The parents of the stalk borer are obscure brownish moths, about an inch in length which fly from August to October, laying their eggs on stems of plants, especially dry grass stems. The eggs remain through winter in such situations and hatch when the vegetation turns green. One female moth may lay upwards of two thousand eggs during her life time of two or three weeks. No wonder we have stalk borers in our Dahlia plants when the fence lines grow to grass and weeds. Probably the best control for stalk borers is to take preventive measures; burning all grasses and weeds bordering the garden

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Aphid or Plant Louse



Dahlia Pests and Control—Continued

plot, preferably in early Spring. In some places this control measure may not be feasible unless your neighbors are willing to co-operate. When unable to burn the edges of the garden to destroy all dry vegetation, the remaining alternative is to protect the plants from the wandering borers. Using screen cylinders as for cutworms will keep most of the borers away from valuable plants, although a few individuals may climb over the screens.

The stalk borer starts life as a tiny caterpillar, small enough to mine in grass stems. As the borer grows it must seek a larger stem to use for food and shelter. Thus many herbaceous weeds become infested with the half grown borers. Take care when cutting or pulling weeds about the borders of your Dahlia plantings. The borers will desert the wilted weeds and start for the nearest growing plants. All cut or pulled weeds should be removed immediately to some distant point.

Once a borer has entered a Dahlia stem, one must resort to an operation if you would save a valuable plant. I have tried injecting a pyrethrum extract through the entrance hole to fumigate the borer, not always with success and sometimes causing stem rot to follow. I believe most growers make it a practice to pinch out the terminal bud of the Dahlia plant after four or six leaves have developed above ground. Such plants will have from four to six stems growing up in place of a single main stem. This plan helps greatly in reducing borer injury to the plant. By inspecting the plants daily one may observe the work of a borer before it gets very far with its nefarious work. The infested stem may be cut out at a point below the borer before it mines to the base of the plant. More stem may be saved by driving the borer upward before making the cut. This may be accomplished by tapping the plant stem with the back of a knife blade, beginning at the bottom and working upward. One may often see the borer in the stem where it appears as a dark shadow when you view the stem looking toward the sunlight. If you can see the borer in this way it is possible to spear it with a needle thrust through the plant stem. To make sure of the borer one may cut off the tip of the plant. The main idea is to kill the borer and still leave as much plant as possible.

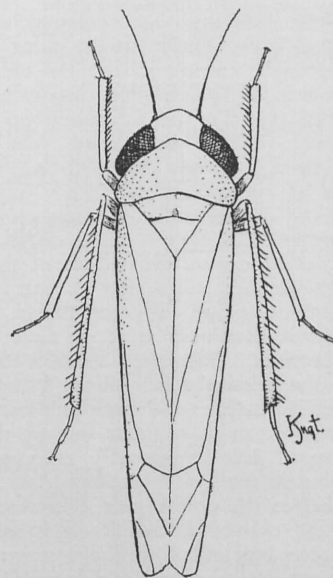
Speaking of devils, just this morning, while giving my Dahlia plants the usual inspection, I noted a wilting leaf on my single plant of *Mad River Chief*. Closer examination revealed the tell-tale entrance hole from which excrement was already being forced. Was I disgusted! This boring pest could scarcely have chosen a more expensive diet, not even by disturbing *Peace* or *Robert L. Ripley*. My first concern was to locate the borer within the plant stem. After tapping the lower part of the plant with a knife to drive the borer upward, I got down low and looked through the top stems toward the sun. In just a moment I detected a shadow high up in one of the topmost stems. A needle was stuck through the stem just below the shadow and with satisfaction I saw it move even higher. A quick cut with my knife severed the stem and borer as well, and that was the end of an extravagant pest. Plants thus affected may be checked somewhat in growth but the

lower stems should develop normally. I have some evidence that these stem borers do not like to crawl over hydrated lime when dusted heavily on the ground beneath the plants and on the stems. This is worth trying in case you are ever besieged by the common stem borer. Hydrated lime used in this manner is the standard control for true slugs which are troublesome in the Pacific northwest.

Still another kind of stem borer has been working on Dahlias in Iowa and Ohio, and doubtless at points in between. I refer to larvae of the cocklebur billbug (*Rhodobaenus tredecimpunctatus*), a kind of snout beetle. This hard shelled beetle, with a snout hanging down like an elephant's trunk, may desert the succulent weeds upon which it ordinarily breeds and fly into the nearest Dahlia patch. The mother billbug works on the stem of the plant, drilling neat holes with her long snout. The egg is laid in the hole and rammed down with the beak. When the young grub hatches it begins eating and mining the stem, eventually working down near the base of the plant. Several grubs may develop in a plant causing the main stem or stems to weaken and break down, while rot finishes the destruction. Hand picking the red and black marked beetles as they work on the plants will reduce the damage greatly. When possible keep the surrounding ground free of large herbaceous weeds which should help reduce their numbers, although some beetles may fly from a distance. Three and four years ago the writer had considerable trouble with this pest but the past two years we have been practically free of it.

About the time we get safely by the cutworms and stalk borers, the leafhoppers descend upon us in hordes. Leafhoppers seem to be abundant nearly everywhere Dahlias are grown. While several species may be identified on Dahlias, the greatest amount of trouble comes from one or two species. The well known potato

Potato Leaf Hopper



leafhopper (*Empoasca fabae*), a slender green form about one-eighth inch in length, is most abundant here in the central states if not elsewhere. About the time our Dahlias begin growing nicely these tiny green leafhoppers swarm in to suck the life sap from the plants. Working mostly on the under side of the leaves they insert their tiny sucking mouthparts to feed with the result the leaves tend to curl, stop growing, and in case of continued injury the leaves turn yellow and drop. Eggs are stuck in the leaves and in a few days hatch into the tiny wingless nymphs. These nymphs suck sap like their parents, producing the characteristic stunting and curling of the leaves. Largely because of leafhoppers and sometimes due to aphids, it becomes necessary to spray or dust our Dahlia plants once every week or ten days. It has been demonstrated that leafhoppers can be killed or repelled from the plants by spraying with nicotine sulfate and soap, by use of certain pyrethrum or derris dusts and sprays, or by using Bordeaux mixture. Personally, I like to use one of the Pyrethrum sprays with soap which not only eradicates the leafhoppers but may kill aphids that happen to be present. During warm weather I have noted some burning of the foliage while using well known brands of pyrethrum and rotenone extracts prepared with an oil base. More desirable for use on tender plants is a pyrethrum extract prepared with a water base, but the inventors of this product were unable to compete in price with the cheaper oil base spray generally available on the markets.

A recent publication by E. J. McDaniel of the Michigan Experiment Station will be of interest to Dahlia growers. Experiments in Michigan demonstrated that a white coating of dust on Dahlia foliage will repel potato leafhoppers (*Empoasca fabae*), which is the culprit that gives us the most trouble. Hydrated lime, talc and flour were all used with good results. However, hydrated lime was most satisfactory as this material could be dusted on most smoothly and adhered to the foliage for a week to ten days longer than flour. Keep the Dahlia plants looking white and the leafhoppers will leave them alone. By using a good hand duster one should be able to cover the plants quickly and more easily than with a spray.

During the past two weeks the writer has been testing and observing the use of hydrated lime as a dust on Dahlia plants. It seems best to use a duster with upturned spout to cover the under sides of the leaves. We fail to find leafhoppers on leaves well covered with dust. In fact the control obtained seems to be quite as good as anything we have tried. My test was started in the face of a leafhopper migration arising from the nearby cutting of alfalfa fields. However, do not overlook the aphids which may be less conspicuous but potentially more dangerous because of the virus they may carry.

The present year, 1937, seems to be very favorable for aphids, at least in the central states. Aphids are thicker this season than I have noticed for several years. Aphids not only curl the leaves and stunt the plants, but at least one species, the green peach aphid (*Myzus persicae*) has been found to transmit one type of mosaic, or "stunt" of Dahlias. It is safer to regard all aphids with suspicion since so many species are capable

Sanhican Gardens Succeeds Fisher and Masson

When Albert T. Stewart and Frieda H. Fisher decided to commercialize their hobby, raising fine Dahlias, the firm of Stewart and Fisher was formed. Three years later George Masson entered the business.

Sanhican Gardens on the River Road, Trenton, New Jersey, became the home of many fine introductions, each of which was indented by the preface "Sanhican" in its registered named.

Mr. Stewart, affectionately known as "Pop" Stewart by his host of Dahlia friends passed away in 1925. On May first this year the firm was dissolved. Mr. Masson has opened greenhouses and general florist business near Philadelphia.

Sanhican Gardens will be continued by Mrs. Frieda H. Fisher and J. George Jurgens, formerly of Long Island and Bound Brook, New Jersey.

of transmitting mosaics of various types on other plants. For instance, Iowa Experiment Station workers have demonstrated that in the case of "yellow dwarf" disease of onions, a kind of mosaic, over fifty different species of aphids can transmit the disease from plant to plant.

The greatest problem of the Dahlia grower is to keep the plants free of mosaic disease or "stunt." Diseased plants stand as a continual source of infection, and should always be eliminated as soon as detected. The chief trouble is the difficulty of detecting the diseased plants soon enough. The commercial grower would like to supply only healthy stock, but he never knows what aphids may fly to his healthy plants in late summer, carrying an infection which will not be evident before the next growing season. When a commercial grower can guarantee mosaic free stock, such a one will draw a tremendous volume of business. Probably the first step in this direction would be to guarantee disease free stock and back it up by replacement of unsatisfactory plants. Perhaps this is a difficult arrangement but one all honest customers would like to assume. It is a fact that even now some commercial growers will replace unsatisfactory plants, just on the written word of customers whom they believe to be honest. It behooves every customer to establish his honesty.

New Originations

Should any grower desire mention in a proposed article on What is New and Meritorious in Small Flowering Dahlias, kindly communicate with R. E. Berlet, 3065 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is gathering material from both American and foreign sources on the subject with a view of writing up the 1937 and 1938 originations and prize winners of the Shows and gardens.

Photographs will be acceptable, the same must however, be clear and distinct, and not vague and indefinite.

Growing Specimen Exhibition Blooms

By Gordon F. Waaser

In the previous issue we discussed the methods of growing plants successfully up to the mid-summer stage. At this writing the bushes should be in fine healthy condition and nicely branched, otherwise specimen blooms may not be anticipated.

As the evenings are becoming cooler, Dahlias grow much faster. Little difficulty will be encountered in keeping the plants healthy.

Control of Insects

Of prime importance is vigilance in spraying. Insects must be kept under control. Chemistry has produced Colloidal Arsenate, extremely concentrated—which boasts complete suspension for from four to six hours. It is being used widely for control of borers, chewing insects, including beetles. The exhibitor will welcome its non-stain properties. We are using it in conjunction with Red Arrow and the resulting control proves quite satisfactory. Spraying should be continued right up to the time the buds show color.

Irrigation

Unless there has been ample rainfall, Dahlias should be watered thoroughly at least once a week. Early in September a mulch of rotted strawy manure is beneficial although not essential. To reduce the possibilities of mildew, it is well to water with the nozzle of the hose removed so the bushes themselves do not get wet.

Feeding

Much can be said regarding the use of fertilizers and so-called "dynamite." This treatise will discuss those methods used by the present group of recognized show winners.

There is more damage from over fertilizing than vice versa. From my experience of over twenty years growing Specimen blooms, also examining the "other fellow's" gardens and exhibits, I have yet to see any real advantage in "dynamiting." Certainly, the largest and finest specimens I have ever seen were produced without this extreme treatment.

A good grade of commercial fertilizer, 4-8-6, (and you may prefer to add one-fourth part tankage) broadcast and raked in about mid-August will produce—all other factors being equal—specimens which can win in the stiffest competition. Proper irrigation will have much to do with the results.

Some growers use a very light application of Nitrophoska (15-30-15) every ten days from August first and this requires copious watering. The tendency here, is to produce soft blooms and long, weakened stems. This process is only safe in the hands of veteran experts and is not recommended for the novice.

Another group prefers strong nitrates, such as Floranid, Ammonium Sulphate, Nitrate of Soda, etc., etc. These alone, are, of course, entirely out of balance as

a food and frequently result in poorer blossoms rather than better.

One of the leading amateur growers uses Clay's Fertilizer and his Dahlias rank with any that are exhibited throughout the country.

It should be remembered that the prize in practically every specimen class is won by a bloom ten to twelve inches across. Most of the fifteen and sixteen-inch reports are simply myths—due to over enthusiasm rather than dishonesty of the grower.

Timing

A magnificent flower at its best a week before show date or several days after is not of much use to the exhibitor. Nor does a large fine flower which however, is partially sunfaded, stand much chance of winning. Hence, the necessity of timing and shading.

An Eastern exhibitor won four prizes in four successive weeks with blooms of *Mrs. George Le Boutillier* all cut from one single plant—this was perfect timing!

Approximately six to eight weeks before show date the final pinching back takes place. One cane is cut back to the last pair of leaves. As the two new shoots emerge, the better one is kept and the other discarded. This process is followed with the other three canes successively about a week apart.

Twenty-eight to thirty days before show date, select the best small buds and pinch out all the others, also the side shoots all the way down the canes to the last pair of leaves. Do this trimming very neatly so the healing will be smooth and attractive for the show table.

Shading

When the bud begins to show color it is time to shade. Shading sometimes may be necessary before hand if weather conditions have brought the plant along faster than anticipated. On the other hand if the bud seems a trifle late, no shading is resorted to until a few days before show time. Judgment must be exercised.

There are various types of shades. Some prefer large beach umbrellas, which cover the entire plant. Others like to give the plant full sunshine but spot shade the bud with shades about two feet in diameter. These may be made of wood or waterproof building paper, mounted on wire rims, attached to posts of the correct height.

One grower claims additional size is accomplished by shading right from the time the bud forms.

Some varieties bloom in a fewer number of days than others, therefore, no set rule may be made as to timing. If the characteristics of the variety are known, this will help in calculating timing.

Cutting

Cut your blooms on long stems the night before the show. Burn the ends of the stems for a few moments

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Field Day at Storrs

Prof. Roland H. Patch is working on a program which promises to eclipse in interest any previous occasion of this kind.

Many Dahlia fans do not, as yet, realize what splendid enjoyment Field Day does afford and it is to this group a particular appeal is made to investigate and plan to be present this year.

The tentative program is as follows:

American Dahlia Society Field Day

CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

Storrs, Connecticut

September 11, 1937

Forenoon: Informal Get-Together in Trial Garden. (Come any time that it is convenient—the earlier the better. The Dahlias will be the source of entertainment.)

Afternoon. 12:00-12:30. Lunch may be had at the College Dining Hall (cafeteria style).

1:15. Meet in Room 1, Gulley Hall (Building directly north of greenhouse).

"Greeting on Part of Connecticut State College"—Dr. A. N. Jorgensen, President, Connecticut State College.

"Dahlias in the Landscape"—Ernest K. Thomas, Secretary, The Rhode Island Horticultural Society, Providence, Rhode Island, and formerly Superintendent of Roger Williams Park.

"Flower Breeding with Emphasis on the Dahlias"—Lawrence C. Curtis, Assistant Geneticist, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Connecticut.

"The New Fertilizer and Timing Garden," also Movies of Mr. Tooker's Garden on Long Island—E. E. Tooker, Rockville Center, New York.

Over a hundred and fifty seedlings will await your inspection—also the new Test Garden—grown under high culture to produce mammoth specimen blooms is being timed to blossom on that day.

Promise yourself not to miss this gala day.

Juniors Grow Dahlias, Too!

Since the appointment in the early spring of an Educational Committee to the American Dahlia Society, the work has grown and much progress is being made.

Packages of seeds of miniature Dahlias were supplied by the A. D. S. and distributed to many junior school garden groups of New York City schools, and were planted in gardens under instruction and supervision during the summer vacation period.

Requests from long distances came for these seeds, but necessarily the supply was limited. Results from those distributed are most gratifying. At this writing, in July, many of the teachers report success and already plants are showing flower buds. They are enthusiastically and eagerly awaiting the blooms, for in the experience of many, few knew that Dahlias could be grown from seed and bloom during the same season.

In the May issue of *Nature Garden Guide*, published monthly by the School Garden Association of New York, the chairman of the committee for the Eastern District supplied a brief article on "Growing Dahlias." This included instruction on time, place, and method of planting, fertilizer, care after planting, and pinching and disbudding. In the fall number of the *Guide* will appear instruction for digging and winter storage.

Several classes for exhibits of Dahlias by juniors have been included in the Garden Club Section of the A. D. S. Show and will be staged on Saturday morning, September 25th.

Georgena Humble,

Eastern District Chairman Educational Committee.

Mid West Trial Gardens

The Mid West Trial Gardens at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, received 150 Dahlia entries for the 1937 season. Michigan and Ohio again lead in number of entries. Following is a list of entries from each State:

Michigan	28	District of Columbia	3
Ohio	25	Wisconsin	2
New Jersey	13	Ontario, Canada	2
Louisiana	12	British Columbia, Canada	2
Minnesota	12	Virginia	1
Illinois	10	West Virginia	1
New York	10	Massachusetts	1
Washington	9	Alabama	1
Indiana	8	Missouri	1
Pennsylvania	5	Kentucky	1
California	3		

The entries for the most part made a good start because of favorable cool weather, with plenty of moisture. The rainfall for the month was above normal and in late June a cloudburst, with two inches of rain falling in less than an hour, flooded the gardens and in parts of the gardens where the rain did not drain off very fast, some of the entries were lost, although every effort was made to save the plants. For the most part, however, the plants pulled through all right. Where there was a complete loss, the growers were notified and most entries have been replaced and are growing satisfactorily.

The Dahlias are growing fine now and many of the plants are in bloom. At present we are having a dry spell in East Lansing Trial Gardens, but here is hoping that wet spell or dry spell, we have a fine Dahlia year and lots of visitors to see the Dahlias. We are always glad to welcome the Dahlia fans and show them around the gardens.

Dahlia Field Day will be held at Michigan State College, Horticultural Building, East Lansing, Saturday, September 11th. Dr. Ray Nelson, A. D. S. Pathologist, from Michigan State College and Prof. McDaniels of M. S. C., will discuss insects and diseases, and J. Louis Roberts of the Central States Dahlia Society, Chicago, will talk on "Growing Big Dahlias." Bruce D. Collins, President of the Dahlia Society of Michigan will give the address of welcome.

C. E. Wildon, Superintendent,
Mid West Trial Gardens.

Successful Method in Showing Dahlias

By G. A. Richardson

Invariably in conversation about Dahlias the so-called "canker in the wool" question comes up for debate; "Why don't Dahlias hold up after cutting?" This article will endeavor to offset the impression that Dahlias are poor cut flowers and show how this species of blooming vegetation can and will keep as well as other large flowers.

Taking for granted your Dahlias have been grown in a standard manner, that is: vigorous roots or plants to begin with, correctly drained and prepared soil and application of proper fertilizers, with regular and frequent cultivation and spraying, the blooms are rapidly appearing and invite handling either for the home or the show table.

Enter your garden in the early cool hours of the morning equipped with a sharp knife, and a knowledge that a mature bloom is the best for any cut purpose, one that has just reached maturity, not one just leaving maturity. In an enclosure shaded and free from drafts, have one or more deep vessels filled with cool water, rain water preferred.

Proceeding through your Dahlia garden select the blooms that are near perfect and mature. Finding first one and another you sever the blooms from the bushes with a bias cut, being particular that long stems are obtained to properly show big blooms. You can always shorten the stems if necessary, but impossible to lengthen if cut too short.

After having cut all the blooms desired you carefully convey them to the deep receptacles where they are to remain for at least eight hours. Water must reach the flower head through the stem or the bloom will wilt. This is essential, so follow the foregoing method and good results can be obtained.

Using no unnatural methods or agents you take each bloom and turn stem up and fill the hollow cavity with water until completely full. Take note, that at the nodes on the stem where the foliage grows, the stem may be solid thus preventing any water from reaching completely to the solid part of the stem near the flower head. Use a long stiff wire and puncture these solid sections to admit the water to all cavities. Have you noticed a particular flower stem which became discolored about half way up the stem and then wilted? That occurs frequently from a gas pocket which had formed between the solid part of the stem and the water level. It will invariably cause a quick soft rot to take place. Filled stems eliminate practically all this condition.

Once stem is completely full, place your thumb over cut end to prevent the water from escaping when you turn the bloom right side up, then plunge into receptacle which is filled with water and don't release your thumb until end of stem is completely submerged. Now take your sharp knife and sever a small portion of the

stem under water, thus eliminating any possible oxidation which might take place if cut were made before submerging.

This being accomplished and the required time given for the blooms to completely fill with water, you transport to place where blooms are to be exhibited. In transporting the most used method is to place blooms prone in large carton boxes, covered and securely packed so blooms will not shift while in transit. Stems should be filled with water and ends corked with either cotton, cloth or paper, also substance such as sphagnum moss, cotton or clothes dampened should be packed around stems, with blooms properly trussed up to insure against friction which mars and discolors the flowers. Conveyance employed to reach destination may be own person, automobile, train or airplane. This depends a great deal on how far and difficult it may be to reach your destination. In any case, proper handling with consideration that the blooms are perishable, helps greatly. With all tags, signs and preparation, so many precious packages arrive at the show rooms, only fit for the ash can.

When your blooms arrive, your immediate action is to open boxes and get your blooms in cool water. This done and it is taken for granted you have already planned how your exhibit is to be arranged, also where each section and class is to be found. Don't trust to luck to find these locations. One of the joys of showing flowers is knowing what you are doing and then with promptness and precision place them where they belong. If you are entering classes that call for more than one bloom, be sure and take one or two extra blooms in case of a casualty before exhibit is finally entered. This is a tip that might save you regret and perhaps win that much cherished prize. Don't enter a poor specimen in any class and especially in classes that call for three or more blooms. That one inferior flower will upset your fondest hopes. Remember, judges look critically at every bloom, beginning at the worst possible angle and eventually eyeing your entry from stem to tips of petals. Arrangement of foliage also is essential as that is what really augments the beauty of the flower. Don't forget your entry tag and have it properly filled out and placed in a handy position on the stem of the bloom.

Eliminating direct sun, excessive heat or drafts from show rooms, practically all entries are on an equal basis, so if you fail to win the ribbon or award, keep smiling, congratulate the winners and come back next year with the best you have. In the long run very few have failed to win their portion of awards.

Above all things, never let a ribbon or a prize create any estrangement among friends. The Dahlia like all other flowers is one of God's gifts to man to be used only to cheer. What a heritage.

Dahlias De Luxe

Mrs. Charles H. Stout

Our chauffeur was half Mayan and half Spanish. Not even a Spaniard could understand his Spanish nor his Mayan, and he could not speak English; but his winning smile was enough.

We started with a lurch from La Libertad across miles of almost impenetrable jungle. Occasionally his machete was brought into action when the dense growth delayed our progress. The air was dead and so saturated with humidity that I wondered why we did not drown.

Suddenly the road gave a turn and we started to climb at a terrifying grade and with indescribable speed. The car had no springs that we could notice, some of the floor boards were missing, and the seat cushions were almost without stuffing. As the road was no more than a series of ruts running along the edges of crumbling precipices of volcanic ash, our journey was not without adventure. It was a wonder that we reached the little city of San Salvador bones whole. My opinion of a half-breed chauffeur had gone up 100%. No American mechanic could make a car of that vintage, loaded with five sizable people, take those grades and with such speed and safety.

Presently we came to a little group of huts, by courtesy called a village, which clung to the side of an extinct volcano at an altitude of some 5000 feet. Volcanoes towered above us, some alive, some dead, but all so high and so slender that they seemed like giant fingers pointing to the sky. The air was like champagne. Children and piggies came tumbling out of the huts to look upon the strange visitors. Great Almond trees blossomed around us, a veritable cloud of pink. Dying mahogany trees were smothered in orchids in full bloom, and the children obligingly climbed up to gather them so that each of us might have a bouquet to wear which on Fifth Avenue would cost a hundred dollars apiece.

The little car cooled down and soon we were off again, around curves on two wheels, bouncing about, clutching at each other and at any part of the car which seemed firm enough to steady us.

Finally we arrive. San Salvador, the capital of the tiniest republic in the Western Hemisphere, El Salvador, sprawls over a great plateau at breathless altitude. All houses are but one story high so that at the first sign of a quake all the inhabitants may run out into the streets without harm. The Cathedral, of ultra-Spanish Gothic design, is the only quake-proof building in the town. It is built of sheet iron pressed into its ornate pattern and firmly bolted so that its towers may swing about without falling.

At the hotel a feast was prepared for us. The table was groaning with fruits of the fertile soil and decorated elaborately with *hybrid* Dahlias. One of them was our old friend *Jane Crowl*. I had seen it before in Sicily and Palestine and Greece. The others were unknown to me, but among them a lovely white cactus

In Praise of Dahlias

This excerpt (possibly from a broadcast) taken from the British Broadcasting Publication, "The Listener," will be of interest to Dahliaists here who like to know what our European fans are doing.

"If I had a large garden," said C. H. Middleton (National, May 21), "I should certainly go in for a good big border of Dahlias, for they are surely about the most magnificent of all our garden flowers. To my mind they have only two faults: they have no scent, and they can't stand up to the frost. Still, they have many compensations: they soon fill up the gaps in the border, you can cut bunches of flowers from them for weeks on end, and they include almost every shade of color except blue. And they grow and flourish in London and other towns almost as well as they do in the country." The important part of Dahlia-growing, Mr. Middleton added, is to give them something good to grow in, and to keep them on the move. "If they are half-starved, or allowed to get very dry, they soon come to a standstill. So I suggest that about a week or ten days after planting, when the plants are beginning to grow fast, you give them a light sprinkling of a good fertilizer. I rather like a mixture of dried blood manure and superphosphate, about half and half, but I dare say there are other mixtures just as good. The main thing is to go easy with them. A very light sprinkling once a week is much better than a heavy dressing once a month. Sprinkle it round the plants with your finger and thumb, and not too close to them, and then work it into the soil with the hoe; and remember that they are largely made of water, so see that they get enough to supply their wants. Another thing to remember is that they are very brittle, and unless they are securely staked you may get a few casualties the first time the wind blows."

"Mother Maytrott" Was the Winner

In reporting the results of the seedling class competition at the Washington, D. C., Show, as enumerated in the last issue of the BULLETIN, *Volcano* was listed as the winner.

This was incorrect and we are pleased to receive word from Mr. William A. Bochan of Baltimore that *Dahliadel's* new white *Mother Maytrott* was the winner in "what was acknowledged as the largest seedling class in the East by judges who had covered most of the shows."

We regret the error in our original report but it is a noteworthy instance of the good sportsmanship of Mr. Warren Maytrott, who made no protest.

type, which I saw again in Guatemala and South America. These Dahlias were displayed with great pride and each of us after luncheon added Dahlias to our bouquet or orchids. This was February, not September, and Dahlias, not orchids, were de luxe.

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"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 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

A hearty welcome to our recently organized affiliated society, the Dahlia Society of Texas. These pioneers under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Talley, their first President, in making the Dahlia better known in the great Lone Star State are performing a genuine service.

The American Dahlia Society wishes them well and stands ready to co-operate wherever possible to help this progressive group to a splendid success.

Field Day at Storrs on September 11th should prove the most interesting ever held. In fact, one should spare no effort to attend this gala day.

A splendid program (reported in detail elsewhere in this issue) has been arranged.

More than one hundred fifty seedlings await your inspection in addition to the new feature—the Special Test Garden—under high culture and timed for blooming on that day.

The finest expression of appreciation to Professor Patch would be a record-breaking turn out on that day. He has been ably assisted in this very important work by Mr. George Fraser and Mr. E. E. Tooker.

September 11th is the date for you to reserve now.

The judging at the New York Show will culminate a year's careful planning of Mr. Conrad Frey, Chairman. Mr. Frey's ability and absolute integrity are known to every informed Dahliaist.

The A. D. S. has invited experts to handle this very important task. The responsibility is ours and we will stand behind the results of the judging. Let us be sportsmanlike with these judges who come to help conduct our show on our invitation. They perform a difficult task, too often thankless—their only remuneration is the knowledge they have given of their best in the interest of a truly great flower.

Every member who can possibly attend the New York Show should do so and all should exert every effort to publicize the show.

Window displays of well grown Dahlias with a card announcing the show will attract folks in your home town to come.

And perhaps you might find time to drop a few lines to some of your friends. Write the Editor of some novel plan you will have used to publicize this fine show.

This is the season of opportunity for the red-blooded Dahlia fan. You are about to enjoy the blooms you have awaited for so many months. It is the banner time to invite your friends to your garden—to display some of your best flowers in the shop windows "down Main Street" (and how eager storekeepers are to have the flowers grace their windows). And it is your opportunity to interest others in membership in your American Dahlia Society—to become identified with one of the leading Floriculture organizations and receive this BULLETIN which embraces the important world-wide goings-on of the Dahlia and those who grow it. Let's get started in August and swamp our Secretary with requests for membership applications.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Dahlia Society will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, September 25, 1937, at eleven A. M.

Members in good standing will participate in the election of officers as well as such business which may properly be presented.

Plan to attend this important meeting while at the show.

NEW YORK SHOW,
September 24, 25

Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

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A 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.

"How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks."

It is quite dangerous to say: "I like the man who lives across the street." And yet I plan to say that very thing!

For my Dahlia personality this month I present my neighbor. I know people who are more famous as Dahlia growers and who are better known in the Dahlia world. I know people who have made more money out of Dahlias. I doubt if I know anybody, however, who gives a more careful study to the Dahlia and to its habits and idiosyncrasies than does my neighbor.

When my neighbor tells me that a Dahlia is good, I know that it is good; when he tells me that a Dahlia is no good, then, to me, that Dahlia is worthless. The attractive thing about it all is that my neighbor is just as plain and truthful about his own Dahlias as he is about the other fellow's Dahlia.

My neighbor has made some contributions to the Dahlia world. *Man O' War* came originally from his garden and who can say that *Man O' War* has not run a good race?

Television came from my neighbor's garden. To my way of thinking *Television* has more technical points of higher degree than most Dahlias have. My neighbor says about *Television*: "It has good physical points. People will differ as to its color, however." My neighbor is just that way.

He has thrown away a good many good seedlings because: "they weren't worth having." When these seedlings go from my neighbor's garden to your garden they have to be good.

I should like very much to see him judge a seedling class in a show sometime. There would be one decision based upon merit and given without partiality.

I like my neighbor. There is never that feeling of restraint sometimes caused by a line fence. It is a pleasure to visit him and his Dahlias. In his conversation his Dahlias sometimes grow less than eighteen inches across! Most of them don't, you know.

I present my neighbor to the readers of The American Dahlia BULLETIN. He is C. J. Straight, 311 View Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia. He is a veteran of the World War and is still a thoroughly patriotic American. He has worked hard at his trade, he has lived wholesomely in his family life, he has been honest and fair in his dealings with his fellow men.

He is a good neighbor and I like him.

Setting Up a Commercial Exhibit

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ing Dahlias and not accessories, have a plain rich background dark green or even black, this will tend to heighten the beauty of the light colors. Choose receptacles that will enhance rather than detract from the beauty of the Dahlias; at all times the Dahlia should attract the eye before the vase is noticed.

Try, if possible, to exhibit all types of Dahlias, so you may answer the innumerable questions visitors are sure to ask. Also have attractive name cards placed so visitors may readily see the name of each variety. Be sure to take sufficient containers to accommodate the flowers you intend to exhibit and some extra ones for an emergency. If a large display is to be set up, have the background in place the previous evening so when your flowers arrive EARLY in the morning you are ready to place them in their respective spot in your exhibit, this will save much time and anxiety in completing the exhibit on TIME. The use of cibotium and other ferns is a very good plan, they soften the look of the exhibit and the lacy foliage greatly adds to the general effect of beauty. Be sure to complete your arrangement so as to have sufficient time to stand about ten feet away from your exhibit and look for the little flaws that would make all the difference between a completed design and one not so complete, it is attention to these little details that will bring you the coveted award.

Cure for Leaf Hoppers

Dahlias look fine in this section of the country, as we have had a lot of rain, almost too much at times, which drowned out some of them, but all in all, I believe it is one of the best seasons we have had in years. Very little insect activity, nothing much but a little thrip, and our old friend the potato leaf hopper. Thank goodness, I have found a real treatment for this last pest. For your own benefit, and that of any of the readers, a dust composed of one part Dry Pyrocid Dust and nine parts flotation sulphur, will absolutely keep the leaf hopper off the plants. This remedy given out by Miss McDaniels, entomologist of Michigan State College, and has proven perfect for many of our growers. Pyrocid is made and sold by McLaughlin-Gormley-King Co., Minneapolis, and flotation sulphur can be obtained from the Dupont Industries. Thought I would pass this along to you, as it is the real McCoy.

Bruce Collins, President Michigan Society.

Ye Olde Timers' Corner

By George W. Fraser

We have had very cordial letters from a former secretary, Mr. E. C. Vick. Ed. has some fine ideas for the "good of the order" which we will discuss at a future date. It was good to hear from him, also from John Vincent, (John refuses to accept membership in our corner) as he is quite a boy yet. Sorry to hear that he had the misfortune to get his left thumb mixed up with a power saw. We hope that it makes a good recovery and that he will be on hand for our Show, as per usual. John is one of the few who have attended and worked at every Show the Society has staged.

As this BULLETIN carries the Show Schedule for our 1937 Show it would perhaps be fitting to recall the names of some of the exhibitors, and also the Dahlia varieties that were leading the parade at our first Show, held in the Museum of Natural History, New York City, September 24, 1915.

In the commercial displays we find the names of such leaders as W. Atlee Burpee & Company, Philadelphia, Pa., winner of the gold medal for the best general display; R. Vincent, Jr. & Sons, White Marsh, Maryland, silver medal for second best display. Also mentioned in the prize list were W. A. Manda, Inc., South Orange, N. J., Hillcrest Dahlia Gardens (O. P. Chapman, Jr.), Westerly, R. I., John Lewis Childs, Flowerfield, N. Y., John Scheepers Company, Inc., New York City, George L. Stillman, Westerly, R. I., Bobbink & Atkins Company, Rutherford, N. J.

In the florist section were included such well known names as Max Schling, Young & Nugent, George E. M. Stumpp, A. Kottmiller and Myer the Florist, all of New York City.

Competition was very keen in the several classes for baskets, bride's bouquet, decorative plaques and table decorations.

In the commercial classes George H. Walker, North Dighton, Mass., won the first prize for 100 named varieties on short stems, followed closely by George L. Stillman, second prize; N. Harold Cottam & Son, Wappinger Falls, N. Y., third; L. K. Peacock, Berlin, N. J., special.

In the other classes we note the name of our secretary, C. Louis Alling, West Haven, Conn.; L. I. Dahlia Gardens (William L. Finger, Jr.), Hicksville, N. Y.; Henry Dreer Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. W. Davidson, Ansonia, Conn.; John Slocombe, East Haven Conn.; A. Doty, New Haven, Conn. I know that there were many others who took part in this section but fail to recall their names.

The private gardeners were well represented by such expert growers as James Duthie, Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Past President of A. D. S.); James Kirby, Huntington, N. Y.; P. W. Popp, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; J. P. Sorenson, Essex

Falls, N. J. The displays these men staged were eye openers to the public and did much to attract attention to the Dahlia.

Space does not permit us to give a complete list of all the varieties so we will have to pick out a few of the leaders of that day. The types most in favor at this Show were the Show or Ball and the Cactus, especially the incurved. The leading varieties in the Show type included: *Colonist*, *David Johnson*, *Cabel Powers*, *Arabella*, *Ethel Maule*, *White Swan*, *Dorothy Peacock*, *Gold Medal*, *Mrs. Edna Hathaway* and *W. W. Rawson*.

In the Cactus were: *Sovereignty*, *Snowdon*, *Prima Donna*, *Fire Brand*, *T. G. Baker*, *H. H. Thomas*, *J. B. Riding*, *Margaret Bouchon*, *J. H. Jackson*, *Beauty of Brentford*, *Phoenix*, *Mrs. H. Shoesmith*, *Thaius*, *H. W. Sillem*, *Yellow Hammer* and *Brunbilda*.

The decoratives had not come into popularity as only a few are mentioned in the lists, these being *Sour. Gustave Douzon*, *Minnie McCullough*, *Delice*, *Le Grand Manitou*, *Breezlaw*, *Hortulanus Fiet*, *Virginia Maule*.

Pompons were led by *Little Jennie*, *Little Bessie*, *Little Prince*, *Little Herman*, *Hilda Searle*, *A. Hurbert*, *Catherine*, *Snowclad*, *Pure Love*, *Fairy Queen*.

The outstanding Peony was of course *Geisha*; the singles were not listed by name.

The "Hybrid Cactus" class was not much in favor at this Show if we are to judge by its absence from the lists. However, we do find our old friend *Kalif* listed. Let me quote a paragraph from this first BULLETIN: "The new hybrid type of cactus Dahlia was well exemplified in Mr. Stillman's velvety crimson novelty named after himself, *George L. Stillman*. It is an immense flower very full and rich, intermediate between the English type of cactus variety and the decorative forms. It might well be taken as the standard of the 'American Cactus Dahlias'." How many of our readers remember this fine variety? It was a great favorite for many years and a parent of many of our later novelties. It is also interesting to note that one of our members who still takes an active part in the affairs of the Society, received the first Certificate of Merit awarded by the Society, for a new semi-double variety named *Sunshine*, also the Garden Magazine Achievement Medal as the "most meritorious exhibit by an amateur" to Mrs. Charles H. Stout, Shorthills, N. J. Mrs. Stout has won many medals since then, but I know that she still remembers the thrill of winning those two outstanding awards.

The judges were George W. Kerr (deceased), Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. Norton, Maryland State College; Prof. F. H. Hall (deceased), Geneva, N. Y.; James Clark, Philadelphia; George L. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.; George W. Fraser, Storrs, Conn.; F. R. Austin (deceased),

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Show Dates

Dahlia Society of California, San Francisco, August 27-28
 Inglewood Dahlia Society, Inglewood, Cal., August 27-28
 San Leandro, California, Dahlia Society, August 28-29
 Rochester, Minn., Garden and Flower Club, August 31-September 1

New York State Fair, Syracuse, September 5-11
 Kingston, N. Y., Dahlia and Floral Society, September 7-8
 A. D. S. Annual Field Day, Storrs, Conn., September 11
 A. D. S. Mid West Field Day, East Lansing, September 11
 Dahlia Society of Michigan, Detroit, September 10-11
 New England Dahlia Society, Boston, Mass., September 11-12

New Haven County, Connecticut, Horticultural Society, New Haven, September 11-12

Verona, N. J., Garden Club, September 14
 Akron, Ohio, Dahlia Society, September 15-16
 East Liverpool, Ohio, Dahlia Society, September 17-18
 West Virginia Dahlia Society, Fairmont, September 17-18
 Dahlia Society of Toledo, Ohio, September 18-19
 Peekskill, N. Y., Dahlia and Gladiolus Society, September 17

Mid West Dahlia Show, Indianapolis, Ind., September 18-19

Baltimore, Maryland, Dahlia Society, September 20-21
 Hagerstown, Maryland, Dahlia Society, September 23-24
 A. D. S. ANNUAL EXHIBITION, NEW YORK CITY, SEPTEMBER 24-25

Seneca Dahlia Society, Clarksburg, W. Va., September 24-25

Ohio Valley Dahlia Society, Cincinnati, September 25-26
 Central States Dahlia Society, Chicago, September 25-26
 Dahlia Society of Kentucky, September 25-26
 Kansas City Dahlia Society, Kansas City, Missouri, September 25-26

Burholme, Pennsylvania, Dahlia Society, September 24-25
 National Capital Dahlia Society, Washington, D. C., September 25-26

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Tuckerton, N. J.; Leonard Barron, Garden City, N. Y.; and J. Harrison Dick (deceased), New York.

It was agreed that the Show, taken as a whole, was a great success, but as usually happens around Show time even now, the weather was not what the promoters expected. A severe storm the day before the Show ruined many of the blooms. It was estimated that 35,000 people visited the Show during the three days it was open.

During the Show several lectures were given by Prof. Norton on "Diseases of the Dahlia" and by Prof. Hall on the "Development of the Dahlia," also informal talks on the culture of Dahlias.

Mr. John Young, of New York, was the Show manager and Joseph J. Lane, Secretary, prepared and carried through the program.

Let us play a little game this fall when we visit the Dahlia Shows. Make a list of the varieties mentioned in this article in your note book and see how many times you find any of them in competition, or on any prize list. Send the results in after the Shows are all over and we will get an idea to what an extent they are still being grown after twenty-two years.

Dahlia Society of Ohio, Cleveland, September 25-26
 Virginia Dahlia Society, Richmond, September 28 to October 2

Camden, N. J., Dahlia Society, October 1-2
 Indianapolis, Ind., Dahlia Society, October 2-3
 Alabama Dahlia Society, Birmingham, October 13

Prize Committee Appeal

The A. D. S. Show returns to the Hotel Pennsylvania for its Annual Show September 24th and 25th.

Many new special classes have been added to the schedule and we will of course provide prizes in addition to what we awarded last year.

We trust those who so kindly donated prizes last year will again support our efforts. But we more particularly appeal to many of our members who may not have had the opportunity heretofore.

To those who send donations will be forwarded tickets for the Show as follows:—twenty-five tickets to the donor of \$10.00; twelve tickets to the \$5.00 contribution; six tickets to those sending \$2.50.

There is also an opportunity for the friends of the late Derrill W. Hart to contribute to the Memorial Fund. The fund was established to perpetuate his memory by the Annual Awards of the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal.

Contributions to either the regular Prize Committee Fund or the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Fund should be sent to: H. Dewey Mohr, Chairman, 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Center, Long Island, New York.

New Variety Registrations

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

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Mid West Dahlia Show

All highways and byways will lead to and center at Indianapolis, "The Crossroads of America," in September for the Fourth Annual Mid West Dahlia Show which will be staged in the Manufacturers Building, right inside the main 38th Street entrance to the Indiana State Fair Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th.

Not only Indianapolis, but all Indiana Society members and citizens in general are enthusiastically cooperating and supporting the efforts to make this year's show a most outstanding one, both from the point of magnitude and public attendance.

Working jointly with the Dahlia Society of Indiana in promoting for an unprecedented attendance is the Riley Hospital Cheer Guild and its auxiliary chapters located in more than eighty Indiana cities, towns and hamlets, with every single member active in creating a large advance ticket sale.

The show schedule of fifteen sections with 243 classes will well provide plenty of opportunity of friendly rivalry for commercial growers of large and small plantings, of back yard enthusiasts, novices and amateurs, specialists and originators, to display their "prides" and product for which generous cash and appropriate trophies will be provided for awards to vie for.

Benevolence and beauty will go hand in hand this year at the Show. General reports from various localities and sections give indications that dame nature has been generously good to Dahlia growing this season, thus indicating that Dahlias in profusion, beauty and size will prevail, commanding the awe and admiration of garden loving folks. The show itself is dedicated to the beloved "Hoosier Poet" and proceeds of admission and the Riley souvenir booklet and other profits will be devoted to the splendid charitable cause being carried on at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

There will be opportunity for good fellowship, to renew friendships, meet personalities, and the usual banquet, but with an unusual dinner and program at the Hotel Lincoln; you will have opportunity to visit Riley's home in Lockerbie Street, view the expansive setting of the World War Memorial Plaza, ascend the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and near about, Indiana abounds with State Parks, Forest and Game Preserves, memorial homes and national historic monuments, all to be easily reached from Indianapolis by good roads.

Now come to our Mid West this September, become acquainted with its beauty and environment and see the Show of all Dahlia Shows, one that we are not going to be ashamed of, and you will not regret to have traveled miles to attend.

What I Think About Honor Roll Dahlias

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the originator should send them to all the available official trial grounds. In that way a good check could be had on the behavior of the new Dahlia in different localities and soils. That information is always available through the columns of the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN which is indispensable to the real Dahlia fan and grower.

I sometimes think three years is not enough time to grow a Dahlia before putting it on the market. Certainly two years is not long enough, for I have had Dahlias that did not show up so well the third year and it was not from over-propagation or over-fertilization.

It seems to me that the originator would not want to release a Dahlia that was not good because it would be a black mark against him and the introducer would lose in the long run. I think this last season's sales in spite of the better times should teach some of the originators that the writing is on the wall.

Perhaps I was asked to write what I thought an Honor Roll should be because I wrote some years ago to an official of the A. D. S. in no uncertain terms on that subject. That year I bought a great many Honor Roll Dahlias but most of them were inferior. Since then I have changed my mind about the writers of the reviews and I want to place the blame where I think it should be. I hope I have made myself clear as to what I think an Honor Roll should be and what an Honor Roll Dahlia should be.

The article "Dahlia Fever" written by our good friend Mr. O'Brien, better known as the "dirt gardener" was published in April *Country Gentleman*.

This story elicited much praise, its breezy style invited many to read it, thereby giving the Dahlia splendid publicity.

Many other fine stories have appeared in leading publications this Spring.

May we suggest that our members write the various publications when such articles appear. It will encourage the editors to seek more material on the various phases of the Dahlia.

Growing Specimen Blooms

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over a gas flame or held in boiling water, then plunge the stalk into deep cold water. Store in the cellar away from draughts. Clean all the foliage thoroughly.

Packing

On the morning of the show pack the blooms very carefully in large deep boxes. Be certain that the flower and the foliage are not crushed. Use soft paper rolled into pads and placed underneath the stem just below the blossom so the flower does not touch the box at any point.

Setting up the Exhibit

Remove carefully each flower stalk at the show table. Stuff the top of the vase with paper to hold the stem firmly, producing the most pleasing effect from your exhibit.

Last but very important—attach the name tag to the flower; check to see that the exhibit is entered in the proper class and all entry blanks correctly filled out and filed.

The writer hopes that many who have never before competed in a Dahlia show will do so this year. May success and pleasure attend your effort.

"To Improve Dahlia Knowledge and to Promote Goodfellowship"

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In the February, 1937, BULLETIN, we stated our theme for the A. D. S. as follows:

"We, as a Society, do not seek to impose our will or program on any other group.

"We do, however, offer a friendly invitation to any individual or group to join us in our efforts to improve Dahlia knowledge and promote understanding and good-fellowship among Dahlia growers everywhere.

"We will devote the energies and planning of the Society to the solving of mutual horticultural problems and the dissemination of Dahlia information with new emphasis on the education of those youthful gardeners from whose ranks must come the Dahlia enthusiasts of the future.

"We pledge our resources to the furtherance of Dahlia development and culture—and we will work with other Dahlia groups everywhere in the fullest measure of co-operation to these ends."

And on that theme, we have planned our future operations. We believed in the friendliness and desire to be of service inherent in all true lovers of the Dahlia.

Many told us—and some still believe—that Dahlia folk were just ornery humans who could think only of themselves, and just harbored too many suspicions of other's motives to ever get together with one common aim—the improvement of Dahlia knowledge and relationships among Dahlia growers.

We are more convinced, now than ever before, that Dahlia growers, by and large, are real folk. A common interest in Dahlia culture—whether it be just a hobby or the business end—can enlarge friendships, foster community spirit, and further co-operation.

We have proved it in the A. D. S. in the last few months. There is a new spirit in the air at our meetings. Everybody wants to do more and work harder to build up the society.

The A. D. S. is in splendid financial condition—the best since the depression hit back in '29. True, we haven't large resources, but the balance sheet is good—collections are fair—and we are in a fine position to grow.

So, it is with this optimistic outlook for the future that we present a revision of our by-laws, which have been prepared after many hours and days of careful thought.

Five classes of membership are provided. Active, Participating (membership through Branch Societies), Sustaining, Life and Honorary. Each type of Membership carries voting power, except Honorary. Voting for officers is changed to "mail ballots." Thus we provide that each member, whether it is convenient to attend annual meetings or not, can have a voice in the affairs of the society.

Affiliated Societies are provided for as before. But Branch Society membership is made available for large and small societies—with A. D. S. Participating membership in the A. D. S. included.

Provision is made for gifts and endowments to enable the society to promote special projects. A donor of a gift may designate how the money is to be used—for research, tests and the like. It is even possible for life insurance policies to be taken out, under this by-law—in favor of the society—so that in event of death of a member, the society can benefit.

Many minor changes have been made which we believe will have the result of making the A. D. S. more truly a service organization for all Dahlia growers everywhere.

And in the words of our theme—"We pledge (through these new by-laws) our resources to the furtherance of Dahlia development and culture—and we will work with other Dahlia groups everywhere—in the fullest measure of coöperation, to these ends."

Lynn B. Dudley, President, A. D. S.

BY-LAWS

of the

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

Adopted 1915

Article I—Name and Object

SEC. 1. The name of the Society shall be THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

SEC. 2. 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 and insects of the Dahlia and find remedies for same; to disseminate information relating to the Dahlia; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at flower shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed desirable.

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Article II—Membership

SEC. 1. All flower lovers shall be eligible for membership in this Society, provided they have applied to the Secretary, dues having been paid in advance for one year, and provided that they have been duly elected by the Executive Committee of the Society.

SEC. 2. There shall be five classes of Membership: Active, Participating, Sustaining, Life and Honorary.

Clause 1. Active Members are members at large. They shall have full voice in the affairs of the Society and shall be entitled to two (2) votes each in the election of officers and in such other matters as shall call for a division. Each active member shall be entitled to one copy of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

Clause 2. Participating Members shall be members of Branch Societies which have been duly accepted into membership by the executive committee. Each Participating Member shall have one (1) vote in the election of officers at the annual meeting and shall be entitled to receive one copy of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

Clause 3. Sustaining Members shall be members who desire to make a contribution each year, beyond the regular dues, to establish an endowment fund to further the interests of the Society. Each Sustaining Member shall have two (2) votes in the annual election of officers and in such matters as shall call for a division and shall be entitled to receive one copy of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

Clause 4. Life membership is granted upon payment of \$50 and the approval of the Executive Committee. Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. This clause shall not be retroactive.

Clause 5. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee upon any person who, by his or her contribution to the advancement of the Dahlia or the interests of the Society, may be deemed worthy of the honor. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society except voting.

Article III—Dues

SEC. 1. The dues of Active Members shall be \$2.00 a year, payable in advance.

SEC. 2. The dues of Participating Members shall be \$1.00 a year, payable in advance by a duly authorized officer of a Branch Society, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. There shall be two classes of Sustaining Members.

Clause 1. Sustaining members of Class A shall be institutions or business firms who shall pay not less than \$10.00 a year.

Clause 2. Sustaining Members of Class B shall be individuals who shall pay not less than \$5.00 a year.

SEC. 4. For Active, Participating, Sustaining and Life Members, not less than fifty cents (50c) shall be set aside from the annual dues or invested income as the subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

Article IV—Life Membership and Endowment Funds

SEC. 1. Life Membership Fund.

Clause 1. All monies received from Life Membership fees shall be invested in suitable securities, and only the income from this fund shall be transferred to the general treasury to pay for the subscriptions to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society for the said Life Members, and for his or her proportionate share of the general expenses of the Society.

Clause 2. Upon the vacating of any Life Membership, the amount originally paid in shall be transferred to the Endowment Fund.

SEC. 2. Endowment Fund.

Clause 1. An Endowment Fund shall be established, to be accumulated through payments of Sustaining Members, after deducting a sum not to exceed the amount of annual dues of active members for subscription to the Bulletin and for general expenses; through donations and bequests; through transfer of vacated Life Membership Funds.

Clause 2. The Endowment Fund shall be invested in suitable securities, and only the income therefrom

shall be used for any purpose, except when grants have been made to the Society for specific purposes, or upon the approval of three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of the Executive Committee, due notice of the purpose of the meeting having been given to each member of the Executive Committee in writing.

Article V—Affiliated and Branch Societies

SEC. 1. Affiliated Societies.

Any local Dahlia Society or garden club may become an Affiliated Society of the American Dahlia Society upon approval of the Executive Committee and upon the payment of dues annually, \$10.00 in advance. Each Affiliated Society shall be entitled to receive one (1) bronze medal of the American Dahlia Society to be awarded in a suitable class in the annual fall show of the affiliated society and to five (5) copies of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society. As an option, should any Affiliated Society so elect, five (5) additional copies of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society may be substituted in lieu of the medal.

SEC. 2. Branch Societies.

Clause 1. Any organization interested in horticulture may become a branch society of the American Dahlia Society, upon application to the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society, and upon the approval of said Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reserves the right to accept or reject such applications.

Clause 2. Each Branch Society shall pay into the treasury of the American Dahlia Society, through a duly authorized officer of the said Branch Society, the sum of \$1.00 a year for not less than 25 members in good standing of such Branch Society, and as many more as desire to join this Society as participating members (Article 2, Clause 2), up to the full membership in good standing of the Branch Society.

Clause 3. Members of the Branch Societies who have been registered by the duly elected officer of such society, shall become Participating Members of The American Dahlia Society. (Article II, Section 2, Clause 2.)

Clause 4. Each branch society shall receive a medal for award in a suitable class in the annual fall exhibition. A Branch Society registering 25 to 49 participating members shall receive a bronze medal. A Branch Society registering 50 or more members shall receive a silver medal.

Clause 5. Each Branch Society may elect one delegate for every 25 Participating Members, to serve upon the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society, with full voice and vote in that body. Such delegates shall present proper credentials at each meeting attended.

Clause 6. Each Branch Society shall elect a Branch Society editor who is to report to the Editor of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society on the activities of said Branch Society.

Clause 7. The American Dahlia Society shall not be held liable for any of the acts, obligations or commitments of any branch society.

Article VI—Officers

SEC. 1. The officers shall consist of a President; at least seven (7) Vice-presidents, (the number beyond seven (7) to be established by vote of the Executive Committee), preferably representatives of different sections of the country; a Treasurer; a Secretary; all to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided; and a Pathologist and an Entomologist, to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. Nomination and Election of Officers.

Clause 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President before July 1st in each year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of nominees for all elective offices, which list shall be published in the August issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

Clause 2. In the August issue of the Bulletin will be published a ballot for voting by mail. Each Active, Participating, Sustaining and Life Member, who is paid up and in good standing, shall be entitled to cast, for the election of officers by mail, the appropriate number of votes for his class of membership, which ballot must be in the hands of the Secretary by September 1st for checking as to voting standing of members. Re-

turns of the balloting to be tabulated by a committee composed of the Secretary and two members of the Society appointed by the President.

Clause 3. Any member desiring to vote for a candidate for any office, other than those named by the Nominating Committee, shall have the right to write in such name on the ballot, provided the approval of the candidate has been obtained.

Clause 4. The Secretary shall notify all members of the date, time and place of the annual meeting not less than ten (10) days before such annual meeting. Publication in the Bulletin shall be deemed legal notice.

SEC. 3. The term of all officers, except trustees, shall be for one year or until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

SEC. 4. Immediately upon retiring from office, each officer shall turn over in good order to his duly elected successor all funds, books, records and all other property of the Society that may be in his possession.

SEC. 5. Should a vacancy occur in any elective office, such vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by the Executive Committee at any regular or called meeting.

Article VII—Duties of Officers

SEC. 1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings of the Society, and those of the Executive Committee, to call special meetings at his discretion or upon written request of twenty-five members; to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and to perform such other duties as the advancement of interests the Society may require.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-president present shall preside and perform the duties of the President's office. In the absence of President and Vice-presidents, a Chairman pro tem may be elected by the members present.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer.

Clause 1. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, giving his receipt therefor; and shall pay all accounts when approved by the President and a majority of the Executive Committee. He shall render to the Society an annual report of receipts and expenditures, which shall be referred to the Executive Committee for audit. He shall give a statement of finances when called upon to do so by the Executive Committee.

Clause 2. The Treasurer shall be bonded in the amount of \$2,000, the expense thereof to be paid by the Society.

SEC. 4. The Secretary.

Clause 1. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society. He shall keep in books properly prepared records of the proceedings of the Society. He shall furnish applicants with a proper printed form of application blank; and receive all petitions for membership; and mail to every member a proper printed receipt for dues. He shall notify all newly elected members and mail them a copy of the By-Laws. He shall keep an account with the members and notify them when in arrears. He shall give notice of the annual meeting of the Society as provided for in Article X, Section 1, Clause 1. He shall notify all officers and members of committees on their election or appointment. He shall prepare and sign all certificates and other official documents. He shall keep a list of all the members and their addresses; and shall be responsible for all documents and literature belonging to the Society. He shall collect all money due to the Society, giving his receipt therefor. He shall pay all moneys collected over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and render a report at each annual meeting. It shall be his duty to attend all meetings—annual, special and executive—and record the minutes of such meetings.

Clause 2. The Secretary is empowered, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint an Assistant Secretary.

Clause 3. The compensation of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary shall be subject to the finances of the Society and shall be decided upon at the end of each fiscal year by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the finance committee.

Clause 4. The secretary shall be bonded in the amount of \$2,000, the expense to be borne by the Society, provided, in case the offices of secretary and treasurer shall be combined, only one bond of \$2,000 shall be required.

Article VIII—The Board of Trustees

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) members, to be nominated and elected as provided in Article VI, Section 2.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall each be elected for a term of three years, arranged in such manner that one trustee retires each year.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees shall have charge of all property of the Society.

Clause 1. The Board of Trustees shall make investments of surplus and special funds of the Society, as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to render a written report of such duties as have been confided in them, at the annual meeting.

Article IX—Committees

SEC. 1. The Standing Committees shall be the Executive Committee, the Membership Committee, the Finance Committee, the Show Committee, the Nomenclature Committee, the Editorial Committee, the Committee on Trial Gardens, the Committee on Education.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee.

Clause 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elective officers of the Society; all past presidents; five (5) members at large, to be appointed by the president; the members of the Board of Trustees; the chairman of all committees; and Branch Society delegates to the number of one (1) for each 25 members of each Branch Society.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have charge of the working interests of the Society and it shall be under the direction and guidance of the President. It shall examine all accounts of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual meeting. It shall audit all bills, personally or by mail, and may call for a financial statement from the Secretary and Treasurer at any meeting. It shall meet on the call of the President and perform all such duties as may be necessary for the welfare and advancement of the Society.

SEC. 3. The Show Committee. It shall be the duty of the Show Committee to arrange the details of all exhibitions that are held by the Society.

SEC. 4. The Membership Committee is charged with the duty of providing means to increase the membership of the Society.

SEC. 5. The Nomenclature Committee.

Clause 1. The Nomenclature Committee shall consist of as many members as may be deemed advisable, and shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Clause 2. The Nomenclature Committee shall have charge of the nomenclature and classification of Dahlias. It shall have authority to decide all questions as to priority and registration of varietal names and the classification of varieties.

SEC. 6. The Editorial Committee shall have supervision of the publication of The Bulletin and of any other publications of the Society.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Trial Gardens recommends the establishment of Trial Gardens and Test Gardens, and shall formulate regulations for the management of such gardens, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 8. The Committee on Education shall consider means for securing information on the culture of the Dahlia and for disseminating such information among the growers of Dahlias.

SEC. 9. Special committees may be appointed in such manner as may be deemed expedient, as necessity arises.

Article X—Meetings

SEC. 1. Annual Meeting.

Clause 1. The annual meeting shall be held in the state of New York during the month of September as required by the articles of incorporation.

Clause 2. Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual meeting.

SEC. 2. Meetings of Executive Committee.

Clause 1. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on call of the president or at the request of 5 members of the Executive Committee.

Clause 2. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular

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meeting of the Executive Committee, or at a special meeting called or authorized by the President.

Article XI—Exhibition

SEC. 1. The Society shall hold at least one national exhibition each year, at such place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Membership card to be considered as annual pass to member at all National Exhibits.

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Article XII—Bulletin

SEC. 1. The Society shall publish a Bulletin, to be issued not less frequently than once in three (3) months.

SEC. 2. The name of this publication shall be "The Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society, Incorporated."

SEC. 3. Editorial Supervision.

Clause 1. The Bulletin shall be edited under the supervision of an editorial committee appointed by the president.

Clause 2. The supervisory agent shall have power to reject, in whole or in part, any advertising or reading material submitted for publication, which he may deem unsuitable for publication.

SEC. 4. The subscription rate shall be not less than fifty cents (50c) for Active, Participating, Sustaining and Life Members.

SEC. 5. The subscription rate shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) the year to all libraries, institutions or officers thereof.

Article XIII—Trial Gardens

The American Dahlia Society, Incorporated, shall have power to establish trial gardens for determining the merits of seedling varieties, at such places and under such regulations as the Executive Committee shall decide.

Article XIV—Registration of Varieties

SEC. 1. The American Dahlia Society will maintain a list of known variety names in charge of the nomenclature committee. New varieties may be registered by name upon application and payment of one dollar (\$1.00) per variety, to the treasurer; providing that name is first determined by the nomenclature committee to be available (Not prompted).

Article XV—Rules of Order

SEC. 1. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Article XVI—Suspension of Rules

SEC. 1. Any of these By-Laws not relating to the finances of the Society may be suspended at a meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article XVII—Amendments

These By-Laws shall not be amended, altered, or repealed, unless such amendment, substitution or alteration be submitted in writing at a meeting of the Executive Committee at least two months previous to the annual meeting, and voted upon at the Annual Meeting, a two-thirds vote being required. Every member shall be notified of any change or substitution at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

LESLIE N. DAVIS

The A. D. S. has lost another old and valued member in the passing of Leslie N. Davis of Stoneham, Massachusetts, on June 10th. Mr. Davis conducted a florist business, of which Dahlias were a principal line, at 203 Main Street, Stoneham, under the title of "Seven Acres." His extensive exhibits of Dahlias have long been a feature of the New England Dahlia Society Shows at Boston.

He suffered a shock and passed away in the Winchester Hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was in his fifty-sixth year and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, a daughter Mary and a son Norman, who we are informed is to carry on the business.

News and Notes of the Affiliated Societies

The Akron Dahlia Society, Inc.

Known as the "City of Opportunity," Akron may also be termed the "City of Flower Shows," for here we have approximately one hundred flower clubs and societies. Our Akron Dahlia Society is one of the most active and we believe this year's Show will prove to be the most outstanding in our history.

Membership has increased steadily and our numbers are much larger than a year ago.

President H. E. Shanabrook of Massillon has whipped into shape active committees that are functioning with fine team work. Coöperation between the Ohio State group and our Society should mean much to each of the Shows. We hope to have some of their best blooms in our Show and since the Cleveland Show is somewhat later in the month, do not be surprised if you see a lot of "Akron Influence" there.

Our meetings have bristled with interest, the chief feature of each, a splendid lecture. Among those favoring us were: Dean W. J. Bankes, Akron; Mr. J. Melvin Easterday, Canton; also members of our Society, Lester Miller, H. E. Shanabrook and W. H. Shanabrook.

We are working on our cash prize idea. A flat charge of ten cents per entry (except commercials) is made. Of this amount, 30% is awarded to the first prize winner, 15% to the second and 5% to the sectional winners, with double for Championship of the Show.

Our schedule has been broadened and we are stressing seedling classes. The Roxbury Cup, offered by Mr. Ross T. Dane, for three-year seedling of large flowering type is much coveted. Other cups and specials, including a generous cash donation by Mr. J. F. Reece, have also helped materially and are greatly appreciated.

No service charge other than the entry fee of ten cents per entry will be required for air mail exhibits. Write Mr. L. R. Davis, 1895 Ford Avenue, Akron, Ohio, for information.

There will be no admission charge to our Show. The dates are convenient, September 15th and 16th, making it possible for Dahlia fans to witness this Show and go right on to the Midwest at Indianapolis.

Judging will be up to the standards that will be in keeping with a first class Show. We have invited some of the best informed Dahlia men to act as judges.

L. R. Davis.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society will hold its Annual Fall Flower Show, September 20th and 21st, 1937, in the Richmond Market Armory—Baltimore, Maryland.

Committees have been appointed and from all indications we shall have the finest show ever held in our city. The change was made to the Richmond Market Armory to enable us to take care of the ever increasing number of entries particularly in the small gardens.

Our Society would like to extend an invitation to all growers to show or visit with us on the above dates. For information correspond with our Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn, 608 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dahlia Society of Alabama

The Dahlia Society of Alabama is progressing nicely this year. There has been an increase in membership and very good attendance at all meetings. The society has recently sponsored a series of lectures which have been very educational to everyone who wishes to learn more about Dahlia culture.

The society celebrated its first birthday this Spring. This meeting was more than an enjoyable social event because it brought to us Mr. David D. Long of Atlanta who talked on "Dahlia Promotion." The society was fortunate in having Mr. Long as guest speaker and over one hundred persons attended this meeting.

At another meeting Mr. Fred L. Horst, who is an experienced Dahlia grower, lectured on propagation and Dahlia culture. The next meeting was a special demonstration of the division of clumps and the preparation of young plants and propagation. This demonstration was conducted by Mr. Edward Bialas, Mr. Norman Lefkowitz, Mr. J. V. Thomson and Mr. Jim La Russo.

The last meeting was in form of an auction sale. Dahlia roots and clumps were auctioned at this time with Mr. Tom Floyd in charge.

Plans are being made for two shows. The first to be held at the Alabama State Fair in September and the other at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel on October 13th. These shows will be the largest of the kind to have ever been held in Alabama.

The society is still expected to grow under the leadership of its fine officers which are as follows: President, Mr. Tom Floyd; First Vice-President, Mr. J. V. Thomson; Second Vice-President, Mr. W. D. Terry; Third Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Moore; Secretary, Mr. Edward Bialas; Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Darby.

Joseph J. Pate, Publicity Chairman.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The Burholme Horticultural Society will hold its Seventeenth Annual Floral Exhibition on September 24th and 25th in the Trinity Oxford Community House, Rising Sun Avenue and Disston Street, Burholme, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. William O. Hird, Show Superintendent and his committee have again arranged a comprehensive catalogue comprising 112 classes, 56 devoted to Dahlias and the balance to garden flowers, novelties and arrangement classes.

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One thousand Dahlia seeds were purchased by the Society from four of the best Dahlia growers of this country.

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society is progressing very nicely and have been adding a goodly number of new members at each of its monthly meetings.

We welcome you to visit our Ninth Annual Dahlia Show.

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

Kansas City Dahlia Society

The Annual Dahlia Show will be held at the New Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, September 25th and 26th in conjunction with the Kansas City Jubilesta Week.

The show will occupy one full side of the huge balcony, 300 feet long by 50 feet wide, the auditorium is air-conditioned.

It is planned to publish a show booklet, containing rules, classification list and premium schedule.

Mr. Lemmer, our President, is also a member of the Jubilesta Show Committee. All who may be able to come to our section of the country are cordially invited. For further information address Mr. J. D. Lemmer, c/o Barron Fuel Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dahlia Society of Ohio News Notes

Ohio, with particular reference to the northern section along the shores of Lake Erie, is having its prayers for rain of preceding years answered all at once. June was the wettest in some forty years, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau at Cleveland.

For awhile it rained every day and in between days. Some of the rains were of cloudburst proportions. Fields and gardens were flooded with the result that the planting season was a rather long drawn out affair. Losses from the excessive moisture were rather heavy but the plants which withstood the water started off in a hurry. As a whole our season is further advanced than ordinarily. There should be no trouble getting blooms ready in time for our Show September 25th and 26th.

In my last letter I mentioned that the Show would be held in the beautiful air-conditioned ballroom of the Statler Hotel in Cleveland, so it won't be necessary to bring that up again. This time I want to remind you that as a "coming out party" for Honor Roll seedlings, and other seedlings which find a host of friends, this Show ranks with any. And then too, there are some growers here who grow Dahlias bigger and better than God intended they should be grown. There will be quality and quantity in abundance. Also, you will be there and so will the other fellows and their wives. Just remember the dates, September 25th and 26th.

Our regular monthly meetings are increasingly popular. Two recent meetings found about seventy-five

members on hand. The May meeting at our Hotel Statler headquarters was one of the best attended meetings in our history. John Strasen spoke briefly on dis-budding and disbranching of Dahlias. Following his talk our second annual root and plant sale was held, which netted the society well over one hundred dollars, spot cash. Plenty of fun too.

The July meeting was an instructive and interesting talk by Mr. Carlton Loew, illustrated with movies of his Dahlias and rare tuberous begonias for which he is nationally known. August 1st is the date of our annual outing. As was the case last year, it is to be at the country estate of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig. This place is one of nature's gems, with its rolling terrain, beautiful lakes and wooded streams. But—we'll be seeing you September 25th and 26th to tell you more of this and how the Ludwig's Dahlias are growing. Until then—

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Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

With one of the best prospects for a bumper crop of fine blooms the various growers of Dahlias throughout the Ohio valley area are looking forward to the O. V. D. A. show set for September 25th and 26th. Again the palatial "Hall of Mirrors" located in the Hotel Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be used in staging the 1937 exhibition. Schedules are completed and available, also entry tags which every person contemplating entering their blooms should have in advance. A letter requesting such will bring all necessary information to you. In addition to the fine list of sections and classes that have been offered in the past, a special feature section has been incorporated which invites and gives the various garden clubs opportunity to show their fine flowers. This should be very popular. More classifications have been added in the Private Estate section which, from all advance information, will be contested most keenly. At least twenty estates are growing Dahlias this year, especially to show in the O. V. D. A. 1937 exhibition.

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honor was bestowed as Show Chairman on the able shoulders of M. Y. Thomas, Vice-President of the O. V. D. A. and assisting him will be G. A. Brayton as associate chairman, and a host of committee chairmen too numerous to mention. President E. R. Heitzman predicts one of the finest shows ever attempted in the Ohio valley.

Irwin M. Krohn and Harry Gray of the Cincinnati Park Board will lend their efforts in placing a gorgeous display of blooms as grown in the parks of Cincinnati. This display alone is worth the effort of any person to see. Robert Seibel and Ed. Boyle, supervisors of the Ault Park and Fleischman gardens respectively will arrange the display. The interest and efforts of the Cincinnati Park Board has augmented the growing and showing of Dahlias throughout the Ohio valley area. It is well to remember that one of the finest Dahlia Trial Grounds in America is located in the spacious Ault Park. See two great shows, both in and out of doors.

Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society

We wish to announce at this time that the Peekskill Show will be held at the New York State Armory, Peekskill, New York, on Friday, September 17, 1937, from 3 to 10 P. M.

Plans for a great show are now under way and we expect, for the energy put forth to produce a show of merit, we will be rewarded by having with us the day of the show all flower enthusiasts that is possible to visit our friendly town. Exhibitors should not overlook the chance to show their flowers at the show, which compares favorably with any show held in the East. Schedules will be furnished to the interested, upon application to the secretary.

Since our last report to the BULLETIN we were honored at our meetings by the presence of Mr. B. E. Thompson, from Andrew Wilson, Incorporated, Springfield, New Jersey, who talked on the "Control of Insects"; Mr. J. W. Johnson, Horticulture Editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, who talked on "Recent Introductions"; and Mr. Alexander Goulard of the firm of Goulard & Olena, Manufacturing Chemists of New York, who talked on "Analysis of Commercial Fertilizer." The knowledge obtained from these speakers certainly can be classed as an asset to the Society.

Our President, Edward J. O'Keefe, The Dahlia King, says: "Come to Peekskill if you want to meet a congenial bunch and see Super-Dahlias."

REMEMBER THE DATE—September 17, 1937—We welcome all exhibitors and flower lovers.

R. A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Western Pennsylvania Branch of the A. D. S. Organized

The A. D. S. is at last to realize a long cherished dream of a branch society in another great Dahlia center, and it is our hope that many more will follow. On July 22nd the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the A. D. S. was organized in the Garden Center at Pittsburgh. A detailed report of this meeting is given elsewhere in this issue by the Secretary, Mr. C. W. Luebke.

It was our privilege to be present and take part in the organization proceedings. The weather was somewhat inclement but about sixty Dahlia "fans" were present and we must admit being surprised and highly pleased at the great amount of real Dahlia enthusiasm shown. Thirty-five persons signed the membership rolls at once and as many more had written that they were in favor of the plan and would join as soon as the Society was organized.

Much credit must be given to the two gentlemen who did much of the preliminary work of organization. They are Mr. C. W. Luebke, who is to act as secretary, and Mr. I. N. Fleck, both of Pittsburgh. The work was done in a most thorough and efficient manner. Lists of Dahlia enthusiasts all through this section of the state were secured from every possible source. A preliminary meeting was held in the spring to determine if there was a need for such an organization. Key men were selected in various centers to interview these prospects. Following this post cards were sent telling more of the plan and calling the meeting in Pittsburgh. We are informed that more than a hundred replies were received to these cards. At the meeting several people pledged themselves to secure from three to ten members and it was felt that 250 members within a year would be a very conservative estimate.

The A. D. S. is very proud of its youngest offspring and we hope that this is just the beginning of a very large family.

ORGANIZATION MEETING WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH A. D. S.

The meeting called Thursday evening, July 22, 1937, in the Garden Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the

purpose of organizing a Dahlia Society in Western Pennsylvania was attended by about sixty persons. At 8:45 P. M., daylight saving time, Mr. Luebbe called the meeting to order, giving a brief talk on the purpose of this organization, also familiarizing those present with the work done by the committee previous to this meeting.

No officers being elected, a motion was made and seconded that Mr. Luebbe act as temporary chairman; Mr. Mortznick volunteered his services as secretary. The business meeting then started. Mr. Speilman made a motion our Society be known as the "Western Pennsylvania Dahlia Society," which motion carried. Before nominating officers, the chairman voiced the thought the following officers should be selected:

The president should be a man who has grown Dahlias for a long period of time and who is well known among Dahlia growers.

Vice-presidents should be selected for each county in western Pennsylvania. Also one secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fleck nominated Mr. Rapp for president, which nomination was seconded, but Mr. Rapp regretfully declined to serve due to conditions at work, and his health.

Mr. Ripper was then nominated, accepting the nomination. Mr. Ripper became our first president by a unanimous vote.

As all counties were not represented at this meeting, it was decided instead of electing vice-presidents at random, the vice-presidents would be nominated only for the counties represented, the others to be chosen after

personal contact was made with growers in these counties, their names to be acted on at the next meeting. The following vice-presidents were nominated and elected:

I. T. Fleck, Allegheny County.

Paul Weber, Butler County.

Carl Hogsett, Beaver County.

E. F. Denmire, Cambria County.

Joseph A. Greubel, Westmoreland County.

Leaving the following counties to be selected: Armstrong, Mercer, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Lawrence and Venango.

Mr. Luebbe was nominated for secretary and Mr. Speilman for treasurer, the nominees being elected.

The acting chairman then called upon Mr. Rapp to install the president in the Chair, who took charge of the meeting.

After a few brief words by our president, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Louis Alling, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Dahlia Society, who gave a

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brief talk on Dahlias, also explaining the requirements necessary to become a branch of the American Dahlia Society. After a Society becomes a branch, by having twenty-five members or more, on the payment of one dollar each member becomes a participating member of the American Dahlia Society and is qualified to have one vote on the election of the Board of Directors, also each member receives the A. D. S. BULLETIN. Mr. Alling invited questions; several very interesting questions were asked, which were explained very clearly. Mrs. Hislop then made a motion our dues should be \$2.00 per year, \$1.00 for the American Dahlia Society, the other \$1.00 to remain in our treasury for current expenses, which motion carried. Mr. Alling at this point explained more than one in a family could become a member of the Society by the payment of \$1.00, as there would only be one BULLETIN mailed. A motion was made and carried that we join the A. D. S. and to be known as the "Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society," our Society being the first official branch of the A. D. S. which is quite an honor for western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Alling showed about seventy-five colored slides of the Dahlia which was very interesting and appreciated by all.

The president then selected the following names for his By-Law Committee: Herman Rapp, Chairman, Carl Hogsett, J. A. Greubel; instructing them to draw up a set of By-Laws to be voted on in our August meeting, which will be announced later.

New Affiliated Societies

It has been our pleasure to welcome a large and very active group of affiliated societies the past few months. The most recently organized being the Dahlia Society of Texas, Inc., a report of which is given elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Rose Hughes of 928 Teetshorn Street, Houston, is the secretary.

Two groups in the mid west have also come in with us. The Dahlia Society of Toledo and the Dahlia Society of Indianapolis. Both of these organizations have been very active for several years and have some fine shows to their credit. Mr. H. B. Mellott of 4703 Lewis Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, is secretary of the Toledo Society and Mrs. Rex D. Young, 5734 Guilford Avenue, Indianapolis of the Indianapolis group.

From the far west we are happy to welcome the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society. Mrs. Augusta K. Williams, 4329 West Century Boulevard, Inglewood, is their secretary.

The National Capital Society has been organized and are planning a show which will be fitting for our great capital city of Washington, D. C.

Our friend Oliver Shurtleff sends us the application of the Seneca Dahlia Society of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Marion F. Stewart of Wilsonburg, West Virginia is the secretary-treasurer.

As we go to press we are pleased to receive the application of the Kingston, New York, Dahlia, Gladiolus and Floral Society. They inform us that they are planning a grand floral festival in that city September 7th and 8th.

Mrs. F. P. Luther, 50 Downs Street, Kingston, New York, is the secretary.

Any floral organization interested in Dahlias is invited to join with us. Our affiliated society dues are \$10 per year. This entitles the society to five copies of the BULLETIN as issued and our handsome bronze medal for use at their exhibition.

The Dahlia Society of Texas, Inc.

By Tom C. Dupre

On April 26, 1937, the charter of The Dahlia Society of Texas, Inc., was issued, and those men who had been most active in securing this charter, breathed a sigh of relief—and pride. For years a few successful Dahlia growers have visualized extensive Dahlia gardens and magnificent shows in Texas, especially in Houston. The generosity and civic pride of these founders is apparent in the objectives set up for the Society: "The purpose of the Society shall be to promote a more general interest in the culture of Dahlias; to study the nature, characteristics, and habits of the plant and the most successful method of growing them; to maintain a regular meeting place, where the Society shall meet at stated intervals for the transaction of its business, and to provide an opportunity for exchange of ideas and experiences between members of the Society."

One of Houston's pioneer Dahlia growers, Mr. W. H. Talley, was elected president with the following able corps of officers to assist him: T. E. Bergin, First Vice-President; A. A. Henderson, Second Vice-President; J. B. Danner, Treasurer; and Mrs. Rose Hughes, Recording Secretary. The directors are: W. H. Talley, J. B. Danner, and T. E. Bergin. The Society met with instant success under the able leadership of Mr. Talley who has worked untiringly to create a genuine interest in Dahlia growing in Texas. The membership grows at each meeting with interested people eager to know more about the culture of this lovely flower—the Dahlia.

Distribution of over seven hundred dollars worth of Dahlia roots, plants and seeds, created a great deal of interest at a recent meeting. These roots, plants and seed were donated by growers from all over the United States where Dahlias are grown. Each member who received these gifts, wrote letters of acknowledgement to the donor, stating the condition of such gifts when received, and pledging himself to give a detailed report on the progress of the plants later in the season. The President furnished each member of the Society with specific instructions on planting and growing Dahlias in South Texas, where geographic location, peculiar soil and climatic conditions prevalent in the Gulf Coast Area, have been carefully taken into consideration for the best results in Dahlia culture.

The Society made application for membership in the American Dahlia Society at the last meeting. Plans are being completed for the first Dahlia Show ever to be held in Texas, when either a one, or two-day show will be held in an air conditioned hall with the following men heading the committee: T. E. Bergin, N. M. Pal-

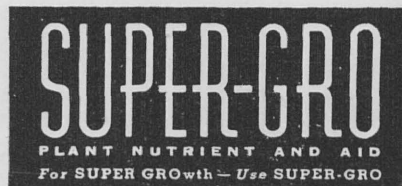
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mer, A. A. Henderson and W. H. Talley. Classification and trophy committees will be appointed at the next meeting on July 7th. Definite plans will be available at an early date, but know that the reputation of the Lone Star State will be upheld by making this, our first Dahlia show, a BIG SHOW, and QUALITY will be our guide.

For many years a few Dahlias have been grown in Texas by a few men, but it has been comparatively recent that Dahlia culture has become popular in South Texas. Several Houston growers have proved conclusively that this lovely flower can be grown here with a remarkable degree of success by slightly varying from the general planting directions as practiced in the East, West and North. Watch The Dahlia Society of Texas, Inc., grow.

Virginia Dahlia Society

A very enthusiastic gathering attended the meeting of the Virginia Dahlia Society on May 7th at the home of our Third Vice-President, Mr. H. A. Williams, 1518 Claremont Avenue, and among the items of entertainment were the following: Mrs. R. D. Ford presented very forcibly an interesting address on "Artistic arrangement of Dahlias for display" and Mr. R. O. Smith spoke on the subject "Propagation and division of tubers." These subjects were valuable as well as interesting.

Plans were completed for the Fourteenth Annual Exhibition of the Virginia Dahlia Society to be held September 29th to October 2nd, in connection with the Virginia State Fair, in Richmond, under the direction of our President, Mr. W. L. Elkins, and will be staged by the Henrico Garden Club, of which Mrs. A. B. Bauer is President. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to judge our show: Mr. Warren W. Maytrott, Mr. George Masson, and Mr. George W. Fraser, we are fortunate to have them, and we will look forward to this occasion.

The Virginia Dahlia Society welcomes Dahlias lovers everywhere who anticipate being in this vicinity in September, to attend our show, and we believe they will be well repaid in viewing an exhibition well worth while, as well as the Virginia State Fair.

*E. Guy Williams, Secretary-Treasurer,
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Michigan Dahlia Society

Word from President Bruce Collins of Michigan Dahlia Society advises that General Motors Corporation will sponsor their Show, which will be held in the large auditorium in the General Motors Building at Grand Boulevard, between Cass and Second Avenues. Dates of the Show are same as the New York Show, September 24th and 25th, which prevents many easterners from attending. However this location and the assistance of General Motors should make this one of the best Shows ever held in the mid west.

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