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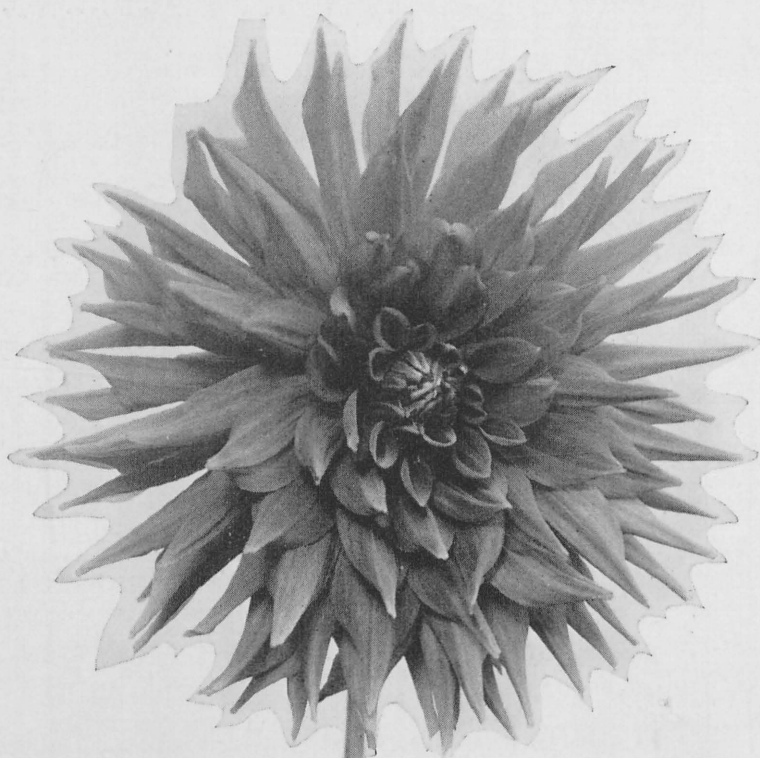
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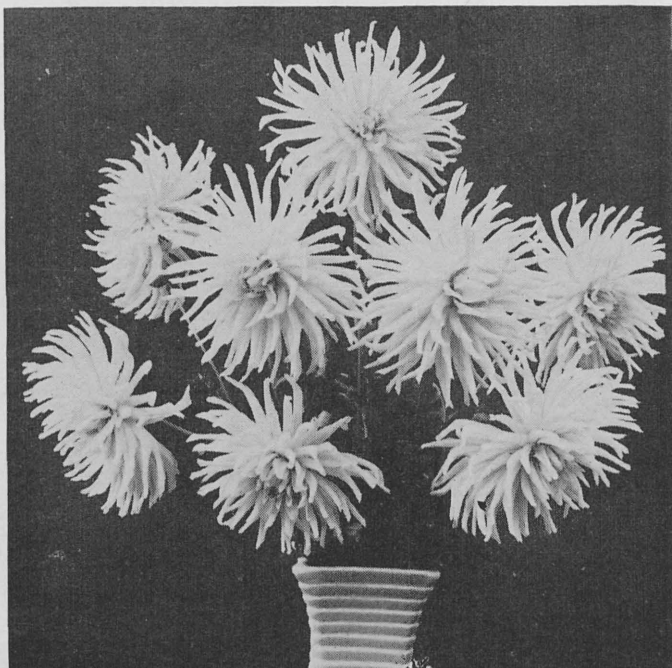
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Throngs Thrill at A. D. S. Show

Crowning Spectacle of World's Fair Gardens on Parade Received With Acclaim

Thousands of visitors acclaimed the magnificence of the Society's 26th Annual exhibition. Heralded as the greatest in this long series, the show fully lived up to expectation—a glorious spectacle. The setting was the famous Gardens on Parade at the New York World's Fair which Mr. William A. Rodman and his staff had groomed to a state well nigh to perfection for the three day week end of September 20th to 22nd.

Replete with blooms of every type, color and size the show emphasized the fact that there are Dahlias for every purpose. For mass effect of blending or contrasting hues no other flower is quite so adapted. Then there were arrangements in baskets, bowls, vases to suit any occasion; also lovely corsages to enhance milady's attractiveness.

Greater interest was manifested in miniatures and pompons for garden borders than in previous exhibitions—perhaps due in some measure to the great improvements in introductions of the last few years.

The high lights were many! The always exciting seedling classes supplied the "Piece de Resistance" in the *American Home Achievement Medal* winner, a breath taking very large pure white semi-cactus exhibited by Ernest E. Tooker, of Rockville Centre, Long Island, which a little later was selected by a group of three ladies, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harold I. Pratt to be named *Edith Willkie* in honor of the charming wife of Wendell Willkie. Blooms were flown to San Francisco to be presented by Mayor Rossi to Mrs. Willkie. A letter has been received from Mrs. Willkie expressing admiration and appreciation of the beautiful blooms.

Sharing the spotlight with its larger flowering friend, an exquisite white incurved cactus, medium in size and so perfect as to appear almost artificially waxy was *Snow-crest White* recipient of the Leonard Barren Memorial Award offered each year by the *Flower Grower* for the best variety of medium size. Many consider this year's winner which was exhibited by H. O. Alexander and is to be introduced by Dahliadel Nurseries one of the finest ever to receive this award. Last year's winner *Flash* had many coveted blue ribbons in this 1940 Show.

In the Court of Honor class, Mrs. R. G. Colt of Garrison, New York—gardener J. MacIntyre, won the Gordon F. Waaser cup with a huge bloom *Carl Dahl* as largest and best in the Show—this blossom measured fourteen inches across and nine deep. The same exhibitor won in "Open to all" with a pure white *Mother's Day* sixteen inches in diameter but not as deep in proportion.

Staging one of his most awe-inspiring exhibits which occupied over a hundred square feet, Louis B. Tim of Long Branch, N. J., won the A. D. S. Gold Medal. Mr. Tim uses black vases of various sizes and shapes, placed in artistic arrangement on semi circular stands in front of a raised platform all covered with black cloth. Particularly striking were the singles: *Chancellor*, *Fugi San* and *Lady Bountiful* with mirrored reflectors. Mr. Tim

also won the Lynn B. Dudley Silver Vase for Bicolor also the medal of the National Society of England for the most artistic arrangement.

Mr. Tim offered two beautiful cups which inspired keen competition. The first is awarded to the Estate which wins the greatest number of points in its particular section. Valeria Home—Samuel Travis, gardner—annexed this trophy. Among the best entries of Valeria were *Katie K*, winner in three classes, *California Idol*, *Julius Bunge*, *Joan Ridsen*, a red pom and *Gwyn Walker*, bicolor informal seedling similar to *Langeloth* but with longer stems.

Mr. Tim's other cup (offered for the sweepstakes winner of Section B—growers other than commercial who plant 250 hills or less) was won by Henry Olsen, Flushing, Long Island. Splendid specimens of *Straight White*, *Thunderbolt*, *Rita Wells*, and *Cornell* were the spearheads of this exhibitors many winners. Mr. Olsen also won the beautiful trophy of Mrs. Charles H. Stout for 12 blooms of miniatures less than three and a half inches across—*Red Robin* was the variety.

In this section were fine blooms exhibited by A. Swo-boda, Ridgefield, N. J.—*Deep Purple* and *Figaro* as well as many miniatures and pomps.

Edward J. O'Keefe of Cold Spring, N. Y., maintained his reputation as an exhibitor of the "big ones". His *Carl Dahl*, *California Idol*, and *Ballego's Surprise* were outstanding.

Dr. F. J. Knoche of New York City won in this section with a fine specimen of *Satan*, largest semi-cactus.

The Show Manager's award was annexed by Louis Fioretti of Tuxedo Park for Grand Sweepstakes medium and large.

Fred P. Webber of Newport, Rhode Island, won the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society Medal for miniatures.

Sunrays, huge autumn colored decorative and *Maffie*, intense red were Dr. Bruce B. Preas', Rockville Centre, Long Island, principal winners, the latter being awarded the *House Beautiful* medal. Dr. Preas also won sweepstakes in Pompons, taking the Central States Dahlia Society medal. His *Ila*, *Preakness* and basket of *Miss Marjorie* predominated.

The Darnell Cup was awarded at the close of the Show to Reinhold Greinberg for a white decorative, *Mrs. Grad-ley Geis*, as the best keeping variety.

A meritorious display by the Peekskill Dahlia Society was judged winner of the President's Cup. *California Idol* was exceptionally well grown.

Dahliadel Nursery's pair of vases for smallest and most perfect bloom was won by Alfred Warren of Peekskill with a tiny bloom of *Rhonda*.

President Conrad Frey won Mrs. C. H. Stout's medal for a variety of New Jersey origin, Mr. Frey's 1940 in-

roduction *Yellow Glory* a huge but beautiful rich yellow semi-cactus.

Edward Ilsley repeated his winning of the last several years in capturing the Lynn B. Dudley silver pitcher for basket of bicolor. The variety *Phantom* well grown and beautifully arranged won this award.

Accompanying Mr. Tim's large exhibit in the rotunda were the commercial displays which were exceptionally fine. The Gold Medal winner, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens featured many of their own seedlings including, *Ginger Rogers* and *Penn Star*.

Dahliadel Nurseries' display included *Governor*, *Flush of Dawn*, *Red Eye*, *Imp*, pure yellow orchid flowering and *Saturn*, yellow collarette.

Parrella Dahlia Gardens displayed a huge framed "Old Glory" made entirely from flowers. Poms were mounted on the silver stars—bright red and snow white decoratives were used for the stripes. Mr. Parrella's display included many varieties in splendid condition particularly his red informal decorative *L-2* which will be introduced next year. These huge deep flowers attracted much attention.

Wakeman Gardens, Southport, Connecticut, featured some very beautiful arrangements of the smaller types which appear to be coming more popular every year. These were flanked by some very fine blooms of the larger types.

C. Louis Alling displayed standard poms, miniatures and singles as well as the better varieties of large flowering decoratives and cactus Dahlias. Two new Ball Dahlias, *Alice J.* and *Lavender Delight*, were also featured.

Queens Dahlia Gardens display was the best this garden has shown in recent years. A large unnamed red seedling said to have extremely good keeping qualities was the leader in this exhibit.

Golden Rule Dahlia Gardens at Lebanon, Ohio, displayed their 1940 introduction, *Begonia Rose*. Mr. Peck is to be congratulated upon exhibiting such excellent flowers which had to be shipped in from that great distance.

Among individual exhibits of outstanding merit were pompon arrangements as well as miniature by Dr. Walter Bedell; specimen blooms of *Prachtkehl*, *Pride of Shadowbrook* and *Virginia Rute*, winners for Mrs. C. T. Newberry; Mrs. L. M. Ogden's *Watchung Giant* and *Cornell*.

We regret exceedingly our inability to illustrate in this issue the outstanding displays of Louis B. Tim, A. D. S. Gold medal winner for non-commercial, also the very worthy commercial Gold Medal winning display of Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens and the splendid displays of Dahliadel Nurseries, Albert Parrella, Wakeman Gardens, C. Louis Alling, Golden Rule Dahlia Gardens and Queens Dahlia Gardens.

Our official photographer, Albert Humble, was obliged to make use of a darkroom at the World's Fair in his effort to finish the photographs for early publication. A white light was accidentally turned on and the precious negatives were ruined. Mr. Humble was using his new, expensive camera to do an exceptionally fine job of these displays which so richly deserved our very best efforts and we are all very sorry for the misfortune.



SNOWCREST—White incurved cactus—winner of Flower Grower Leonard Barron Memorial Award as best medium sized seedling. Exhibited by H. O. Alexander—will be introduced by Dahliadel.

Photo—Albert Humble

Several very good seedlings were winners in their respective classes, among them interest centered on a bicolor informal miniature exhibited by Earl Bugg, Woodbury Heights, N. J., and *Crowning Glory*, large pink incurved cactus which won for Glendon Dahlia Gardens, Mac-Millan Hoops, Wilmington, Delaware. This exhibitor won a number of blue ribbons in class competition with blooms carried from that distant point.

On Saturday, the classes for novices were staged. Very good quality was seen. James Wyrten won sweepstakes and was awarded the A. D. S. bronze medal.

The open to all competition on Sunday proved popular with many growers.

T. E. Waterbury of Peekskill, E. J. O'Keefe of Cold Spring, N. Y., and Gordon Waaser of Baldwin, Long Island, each won many awards, specials and sweepstakes. Mr. O'Keefe's *Carl Dahl* was largest flower. John Allen of Rockville Centre was sweepstakes winner in pompons; excellent quality featured this interesting section.

President Conrad Frey is to be congratulated upon the smooth functioning of all of his committees as well as his personal efficiency as chief executive.

Many paid tribute to the effective set-up of the Show accomplished under the direction of Show Manager Edward B. Lloyd.

A large corps of judges, headed by J. W. Johnston handled their difficult assignments with dispatch. The society acknowledges its appreciation to all who had a part in this important phase.

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A. D. S. Show—Cont. from p. 7

Prize Winners of the 26th Annual Flower Show of the A. D. S. at Gardens on Parade, New York World's Fair

SECTION A

Only disseminated named varieties to be entered in this section. For those other than professional gardeners who have never received an award at an American Dahlia Society Show, (except in Garden Club Section) and grow 60 hills or less.

- Cactus, medium, 3 blooms, any color, or colors—James Wyrtem, 165 Bryant Avenue, Floral Park, L. I., *Jersey's Dainty*; John J. Chorba, 345 Avenue O, Brooklyn, N. Y., *Reile*.
- Decorative, medium, 3 blooms, any color or colors—John J. Chorba, *Jersey's Beauty*; Wesley Kloss, 12601 97th Avenue, Richmond Hill, N. Y., *Lois Walcher*.
- Cactus, large, 3 blooms, any color or colors—James Wyrtem, *Bernice Geer*; Herbert R. Hayden, 10161 123 Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y., *Son of Satan*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Royal Purchase*.
- Decorative, large, 3 blooms, any color or colors—James Wyrtem, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; Herbert R. Hayden, *Mildred Pote*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Sultan of Hillcrest*.
- Ball Dahlias, 3 blooms, any color or colors—James Wyrtem, *Shirley Temple*.
- Miniatures, 5 blooms, any color or colors—Herbert Hayden, *Little Diamond*; James Wyrtem, *Sylvia*.
- Pompons, 5 blooms, any color or colors—Wesley Kloss, *Sherry*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*; Mrs. Sophie Schwaner, 85 W. Valley Stream Boulevard, Valley Stream, L. I., *Little Edith*.
- Any Other Type, 5 blooms, any color or colors—Mrs. George F. Roberts, 17 E. St. Marks Place, Valley Stream, L. I., *Bishop of Llandaff*; Wesley Kloss, *Bishop of Llandaff*, *Sea Gull*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Herbert Hayden.
- SWEEPSTAKES, American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal—James Wyrtem.

SECTION B

Disseminated named varieties for those other than professional gardeners who grow 250 hills or less

CACTUS, INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- White—Dr. Walter R. Bedell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., *Jersey's Dainty*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, Ridgefield Park, N. J., *Weisser Hirsch*.
- Yellow—Henry Olsen, 189-23 44th Avenue, Flushing, N. Y., *Marietta*; Dr. Walter R. Bedell, *Marietta*.
- Orange—Herbert D. Green, 610 Lafayette Street, Westwood, N. J., *Miss Belgium*; Alfred Warren, 501 Roosevelt Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y., *Blondel*.
- Red—Edward J. O'Keefe, Peekskill, N. Y., *Miss Wahroong*; Henry Olsen, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*.
- Pink—L. F. Fox, Bellerose, N. Y., *Josephine G.*; H. L. Stewart, Floral Park, N. Y., *Julius Bunge*.
- Lavender—H. L. Stewart, *Mrs. C. Juissant*; Robert Bremner, Peekskill, N. Y., *Mrs. C. Juissant*.
- Purple—William D. Warren, 964 West 4th Street, Plainfield, N. J., *Farncot*.
- Blended—Robert Vogel, Locust Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y., *Baerne*; R. W. Webb, Scranton, Pennsylvania, *Saarland Heimkehr*.
- Bicolor—Robert Bremner, *Laetare*; Henry Olson, *Flash*.
- Arrangement, 7 to 15 blooms—Dr. F. Knocke, 2616 Arlington Avenue, New York City, *Julius Bunge*; William D. Warren.
- Special award, most outstanding entry—Robert Bremner, Peekskill, N. Y.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- White—Robert Miller, Peekskill, N. Y., *Miss Oakland*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *White Jersey's Beauty*.
- Bicolor—Charles Mason, Elizabeth, N. J., *Lois Walcher*; H. L. Stewart, *Lois Walcher*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Robert Miller.

SWEEPSTAKES—Henry Olsen, William A. Warren, H. L. Stewart, Dr. F. Knocke.

CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

- White—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Florence Smith*.
- Yellow—Henry A. Olsen, *Yellow Giant*; Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Yellow Giant*.
- Orange—Herbert D. Green, *Golden Standard*; Alfred Warren, *Volkert's Champion*.
- Red—Henry A. Olsen, *Thunderbolt*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Yorwa Matsuka*.
- Pink—Henry A. Olsen, *Kentucky's Sweetheart*.
- Lavender—Dr. Walter R. Bedell, *Mrs. Juissant*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Miss West Virginia*.
- Blended—T. E. Waterbury, Hillside Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y., *Greater Glory*; Herbert D. Green, *Enka*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Henry A. Olsen.

SEMI-CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

- White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Ballego's Surprise*; Henry Olsen, *Ballego's Surprise*.
- Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Miss Glory*; Robert A. Vogel, *Prachtkerl*.
- Orange—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Evelyn Chandler*; Henry Olsen, *Evelyn Chandler*.
- Red—Mr. W. W. Carman, 85 Hobart Avenue, Summit, N. J., *Satan*; L. F. Fox, *Satan*.
- Pink—T. E. Waterbury, *Pink Amelia*; Frank R. Kurzenknabe, 933 Main Street, Hackensack, N. J., *Pink Elegance*.
- Lavender—L. M. McCoy, Peekskill, N. Y., *Bette Davis*; Robert Bremner, *Bette Davis*.
- Purple—Henry A. Olsen, *Jean Trimbee*.
- Blended—Robert Miller, *Enkart's Prima*; Robert Vogel, *Jessica Dragonette*.
- Bicolor—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Fiagaro*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *New Glory*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Mrs. W. W. Carman.
- SWEEPSTAKES—Henry Olsen.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

- White—Henry A. Olsen, *Meegan Callahan*; H. L. Stewart, *Darcy Sainsbury*.
- Yellow—Alfred Warren, *Kemp's Yellow Supreme*; Robert A. Vogel, *Kemp's Yellow Supreme*.
- Orange—Max Scheffel, Emerson, N. J., *Wotona*; H. L. Stewart, *Rita Betty*.
- Red—Henry A. Olsen, *Oakleigh Monarch*; E. J. O'Keefe, *A. Francis*.
- Pink—Dr. Frederick Knocke, *Victory*; Henry Olsen, *San Francisco*.
- Lavender—Max Scheffel, *Blue River*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Croyden Acme*.
- Purple—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Deep Purple*; Jerome Levine, Hartsdale, N. Y., *Dr. M. A. Howe*.
- Blended—Robert A. Vogel, *Rogetta*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Max Scheffel.
- Arrangement of 5 to 10 blooms, large—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda.

DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

- White—Henry A. Olsen, *Straight's White*; John M. Allen, Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, L. I., *The Real Glory*.
- Yellow—L. M. McCoy, *California Idol*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *California Idol*.
- Orange—T. E. Waterbury, *Gladys Sanford*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Sun Rays*.
- Red—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; H. L. Stewart, *Virginia Root*.
- Pink—T. E. Waterbury, *Everybody's Favorite*; Robert Bremner, *Premier's Winsome*.
- Lavender—Robert A. Vogel, *Azura*; L. F. Fox, *Katie K*.
- Purple—Max Scheffel, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Discovery*.
- Blended—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Carl Dahl*; Henry Olsen, *Carl Dahl*.
- Bicolor—Henry A. Olsen, *Cornell*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Langeloth*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—T. E. Waterbury.
- Arrangement of 5 to 10 blooms, large—Josephine Bazewick, 160-09 84 Drive, Jamaica, L. I., *Incandescent*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda.

SPECIAL, ANY TYPE

- Largest and most perfect bloom—Henry A. Olsen, *Rita Wells*; Herbert Lewis & Son, 920 Noltkie Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, *One Grand*.
- SWEEPSTAKES—Henry Olsen.

MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS, 1 OR MORE VARIETIES UNDER 4 INCHES

- White—Dr. Frederick Knocke, *McKay's Purity*; Henry A. Olsen, *Snowsprite*.
 Yellow—R. W. Webb, *Tip*; Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Little Tip*.
 Orange—Herbert Lewis & Son, *Andrew's Orange*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Red Head*.
 Red—Paul W. Doll, White Pains, N. Y.; Miss Florence Johns, 259 Old Mamaroneck R., White Plains, N. Y., *Red Robin*.
 Pink—Henry A. Olsen, *Joyce Ann*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Little Miss Darling*.
 Lavender—Miss Florence Johns, *Fairy*; Henry A. Olsen, *Orchid Delight*.
 Purple—Dr. Frederick Knocke, *Royal Little*.
 Blended—Miss Florence Johns, *Dawn*; Dr. Walter Bedell, *Golden Nugget*.
 Bicolor—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Little Nemo*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Little Nemo*.
 Bowl of miniatures, 10 to 20 blooms—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, *Sylvia*; R. W. Webb.
 Arrangement of miniatures, not less than 20 blooms—Dr. Walter Bedell; Paul W. Doll.

POMPONS, 5 BLOOMS

- White—Robert Miller, *Mrs. Telfor*; Paul W. Doll, *Mrs. Telfer*.
 Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe; Henry A. Olsen, *Little Prince*.
 Orange—Samuel Kasson, Carbondale, Pennsylvania; Miss Florence Johns, *Atom*.
 Red—Paul W. Doll, *Ila*; Robert Miller, *12-A*.
 Pink—Edward J. O'Keefe; Robert Bremner, *Mrs. Brillian*.
 Lavender—Charles Mason, *Rosea*; Miss Florence Johns, *Leda Behler*.
 Purple—Paul W. Doll, *Miss Marjorie*; Dr. Walter Bedell, *Miss Marjorie*.
 Blended—R. A. Vogel, *Little Edith*; Robert Miller, *Little Edith*.
 Bicolor—Robert Bremner, *Eileen*; Dr. Frederick Knocke, *Betty Malone*.
 Bowl of pompons, 10 to 20 blooms—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda; Samuel Kasson.
 Arrangement of pompons, not less than 20 blooms—Dr. Walter Bedell; Miss Florence Johns.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Edward J. O'Keefe.
 SWEEPSTAKES—Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda.

BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

- White or Yellow—R. W. Webb, *Mary Helen*; Herbert D. Green.
 Orange or Red—R. A. Vogel, *Fire Fly*; R. W. Webb, *Charlotte Caldwell*.
 Pink or Lavender—Charles Mason, *Maude Adams*; William D. Warren.
 Bicolor or Blended—George F. Yaeger, 110-12 124th Street, S. Ozone Park, L. I., *Maude Adams*; R. W. Webb, *Maude Adams*.

SINGLE DAHLIAS

- 5 blooms any one variety or color—Henry A. Olsen; Paul W. Doll.
 5 blooms, more than one variety or color—Henry Olsen; Dr. Walter Bedell.

COLLARETTE

- 5 blooms, any color or colors—Dr. Walter Bedell.

ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

- Arrangement of orchid flowering Dahlias—Dr. Walter Bedell; Samuel Kasson.

ANY OTHER TYPE

- Basket or arrangement of 2 or more types of Dahlias 4" or under arranged for color harmony or effect—Dr. Walter Bedell; Genevieve Healey, 630 E. 235 Street, Bronx, New York City.
 SWEEPSTAKES—Dr. Walter R. Bedell.
 GRAND SWEEPSTAKES IN SECTION B, Louis B. Tim Trophy—Henry Olsen.

SECTION C

Undisseminated as well as named varieties—Open to all

CACTUS, INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 3 BLOOMS, 4 TO 8 INCHES

- White—Valeria Home, Oscawanna, N. Y., *Jersey's Dainty*; H. O. Alexander, R. D. 2, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, *Snow Crest*.

- Yellow—Valeria Home, *Bianche*; Parrella Dahlia Garden, 3380 Ely Avenue, Bronx, New York City, *Kimikage*.
 Orange—B. Montgomery, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Nagel's Orange*.
 Red—Dr. Bruce Preas, Rockville Centre, N. Y., *Dulcinea*; Queens Dahlia Garden, 33-55 Robinson Street, Flushing, N. Y., *Nancy Ann Mitchell*.
 Pink—Valeria Home, *Julius Bunge*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Nellie Francis Singer*.
 Lavender—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Madame Juissard*; R. W. Webb, *Miss Ohio*.
 Blended—R. W. Webb, *Polichinelle*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Weiser Hirsch*.
 Bicolor—R. B. Montgomery, *R. B. Montgomery*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Valeria Home.

SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- Yellow—Louis Fioretti, Tuxedo Park, N. Y.
 Orange or Red—Walter H. Ostrander, 28 Oak Street, Kingston, N. Y., *Market Jewel*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Son of Satan*.
 Pink or Lavender—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Julius Bunge*; Louis Fioretti, *Oemesa*.
 Blended—Robert Bremner, *Lactare*; Parrella Dahlia Gardens, *Iceberg*.
 Bicolor—Louis Fioretti, *Flash*; MacMillan Hoopes, Wilmington, Del., *Flash*.
 Basket or incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 18 to 25 blooms, medium—Fred P. Webber, R. F. D. 2 Newport, R. I., *Home-maker, Oriole*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Fred P. Webber.
 SWEEPSTAKES—Valeria Home.

DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 5 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- White or Yellow—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Chataqua Salute*; Reinhold Greinberg, Wayne, Pennsylvania.
 Orange or Red—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Maryland Pioneer*; Reinhold Greinberg, *Henrietta M. Schmidt*.
 Pink or Lavender—Reinhold Greinberg, *Seedling 45*; Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Jane Dew*.
 Bicolor or blended—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Freckles*; Reinhold Greinberg, *Seedling 345*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Queens Dahlia Gardens.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 5 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- White or Yellow—Reinhold Greinberg, *Mrs. Bradley Geist*.
 Orange or Red—Reinhold Greinberg, *Alvin A. Parker*.
 Pink or Lavender—Reinhold Greinberg, *Peggy Anne*.
 Bicolor or blended—Louis Fioretti, *Duel du Roi Albert*; Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Lois Walcher*.
 Basket, 18 to 25 blooms, medium—Reinhold Greinberg.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Reinhold Greinberg.
 SWEEPSTAKES—Reinhold Greinberg.

CACTUS, INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 3 BLOOMS, LARGE

- White or Yellow—MacMillan Hoopes, *Yellow Giant*.
 Orange or Red—R. B. Montgomery, *Yowa Matsuoka*; Louis Fioretti.
 Pink or Lavender—R. B. Montgomery, *Mrs. R. O'Connor*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—R. B. Montgomery.

SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, LARGE

- White or Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Ballego's Surprise*; Dr. W. R. Bedell.
 Orange or Red—Louis Fioretti, *Amelia Earhart*; John C. Metzger, 126 Allen St., Irvington, N. J., *Model 999*.
 Pink or Lavender—MacMillan Hoopes, *Greater Glory*; Louis Fioretti, *Greater Glory*.
 Purple or Violet—Frank Pitea, Belmont Avenue, Haledon, N. J., *Jim Birch*.
 Bicolor or blended—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Fiagaro*; MacMillan Hoopes, *Gladiator*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Frank Pitea.
 SWEEPSTAKES—MacMillan Hoopes.

DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, LARGE

- Yellow—Robert Bremner, *California Idol*; Edward J. O'Keefe.
 Orange—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Sunray*; Louis Fioretti, *Jane Cowl*.
 Red—Mrs. W. W. Carman, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; Edward J. O'Keefe.

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Pink—Mrs. A. V. Stout, Red Bank, N. J., *Premier's Winsome*; MacMillan Hoopes.
 Lavender—Jerome Levine, *Jim Birch*.
 Purple—Robert A. Vogel, *Discovery*; MacMillan Hoopes.
 Blended—Robert A. Vogel, *Hillside Sunset*, *Autumn Sunset*; MacMillan Hoopes.
 Bicolor—Louis Fioretti, *Roxbury Mystery*; Robert Miller, *Langeloth*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Robert Miller.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, LARGE

White or Yellow—MacMillan Hoopes, *A. G. Goodacre*.
 Orange or Red—MacMillan Hoopes, *Red Salute*.
 Purple or Violet—Louis Fioretti, *By Delight*.
 Bicolor or blended—Louis Fioretti, *Phantom*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—MacMillan Hoopes.
 Vase or container, formal or informal decorative Dahlias, 12 blooms, any color or colors, large—Queens Dahlia Gardens.

SPECIAL, ANY TYPE

Largest and most perfect bloom, semi-cactus, any color—Dr. Frederick Knoke, *Satan*.
 Largest and most perfect bloom, informal decorative, any color—Mrs. Richard Colt, *Mother's Day*.
 Largest and most perfect bloom, formal decorative, any color—Louis Fioretti, *Deep Purple*.

SWEEPSTAKES—Louis Fioretti.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES, Show Manager Award, Silver Cup offered by Edward B. Lloyd—Louis Fioretti.

MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS UNDER 4 INCHES

White—Dr. Bruce Preas, *MacKay's Purity*; Fred P. Webber, *Homeacre*.
 Yellow—Fred P. Webber, *Tip*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Tiptop*.
 Orange—Robert Frodyce, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, *Cinnamon Gem*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Buckeye Baby*.
 Red—H. O. Alexander, *Little Chief*; John W. Allen.
 Pink—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Little Miss Prim*; Fred Webber.
 Lavender—Flowerfield Bulb Farm, Flowerfield, L. I., *Fairy*.
 Purple—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Sherry*.
 Blended—Robert Fordyce, *Little Darling*; Fred Webber, *Homeacre's Sweetest*.
 Bicolor—Fred Webber, *Spirit*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Little Nemo*.
 Bowl or basket of miniatures, 15 to 30 blooms—Philip Le Boultier, Irvington, N. J.; Fred Webber.
 Arrangement of miniatures, 20 to 50 blooms—Fred Webber; Dr. Bruce Preas.
 Cactus, incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 5 blooms, any colors—Flowerfield Bulb Farm, *Seedling No. 10*; Fred P. Webber, *Homeacre's Sweetest*.
 Decorative, formal or informal, 5 blooms, any color or colors—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Red Robin*; Fred Webber, *Cocarde Rubis*.
 Peony (open centered), 5 blooms, any color or colors—Flowerfield Bulb Farm, *Bishop of Llandaff*; Paul W. Doll, *Bishop of Llandaff*.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Fred Webber, Newport, R. I.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Medal of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society—Fred P. Webber.

POMPONS, 10 BLOOMS

White—Valeria Home, *Mrs. Telfer*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Mrs. Telfer*.
 Yellow—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Brass Buttons*; Valeria Home, *Dolly Dimple*.
 Orange—Valeria Home, *Atom*; Fred Webber, *Hilarion*.
 Red—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Ila*; Valeria Home, *Johan Risdon*.
 Pink—Fred Webber, *Mrs. V. Brittain*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Miss Britton*.
 Lavender—Valeria Home, *Dee Dee*; Fred Webber, *Little Allan*.
 Purple—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Miss Marjorie*.
 Blended—Valeria Home, *Valeria*; John M. Allen, *Little Edith*.
 Bicolor—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Eileen*; Valeria Home, *Eileen*.
 Bowl of pompons, 10 to 20 blooms—Dr. Bruce Preas; Fred Webber.
 Basket of pompons, 15 to 30 blooms—Louis B. Tim; Dr. Bruce Preas.
 Arrangement of pompons, 20 to 50 blooms—Dr. Bruce Preas.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Dr. Bruce Preas.
 SWEEPSTAKES—Dr. Bruce Preas.

BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Mary Helen*.
 Orange or Red—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Charlotte Caldwell*; Louis Fioretti, *Seedling No. 13*.
 Pink or Lavender—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Supt. Amhryn*.
 Purple or Violet—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Orchid Ball*.
 Bicolor or blended—Louis Fioretti, *Wolverine Gem*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Patricia Armstrong*.

SINGLE DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any one variety or color—Dr. Bruce Preas, *Cardinal*; Queens Dahlia Garden, *Marshall's Glory*.
 5 blooms, more than one variety or color—Dr. Bruce Preas; Flowerfield Bulb Farm.

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any one variety or color—Queens Dahlia Garden, *Tribune*; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Collarette Wine*.
 5 blooms, more than one variety or color—Dr. Bruce Preas.

ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any color or colors—Queens Dahlia Garden; Dr. Bruce Preas, *Dahliadel Whisper*.
 Arrangement of orchid flowering Dahlias in container—Dr. Bruce Preas; Walter Ostrander.

ANY OTHER TYPES

Basket or arrangement of 2 or more types of Dahlias under 4 inches, arranged for color harmony or effect—Louis B. Tim; Flowerfield Bulb Farm.
 Special, most outstanding entry—Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Medal of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society—Dr. Bruce Preas.
 GRAND SWEEPSTAKES, Medal of the Central States Dahlia Society—Dr. Bruce Preas.

SECTION E

Private Estates with a Gardener

DISPLAY OF DAHLIAS NOT OVER 100 SQUARE FEET (American Dahlia Society Silver Medal)—Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.
 BASKET OF DAHLIAS, not over 25 blooms, medium—Edward Ilsley, Devon, Pennsylvania, *Jersey's Beauty*; Mrs. C. T. Newberry, Irvington, N. Y., *Glow of Dawn*.
 BASKET OF DAHLIAS, not more than 20 blooms, large—Edward Ilsley; Mrs. C. T. Newberry.
 CACTUS, incurved or straight, 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties, medium—Valeria Home, *Golden Standard*; Edward Ilsley, *Devon Beauty*.
 SEMI-CACTUS, 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties, large—Mrs. C. T. Newberry, *Pride of Shadow Brook*; Valeria Home, *Greater Glory*.
 DECORATIVE, informal, 5 bloom, 1 or more varieties, large—Valeria Home, *Robert Ripley*; Mrs. C. T. Newberry, *Jane Cowl*.
 DECORATIVE, formal, 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties, large—Edward Ilsley, *Darcy Sainsbury*; Valeria Home, *Darcy Sainsbury*.
 LARGEST AND POST PERFECT BLOOM, any type—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Watchung Giant*; Valeria Home, *Carl Dahl*.
 BALL, 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties—Mrs. Ernest R. Adee, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Supt. Amhryn*; Valeria Home, *Supt. Amhryn*.
 SINGLE, 12 blooms, any color or colors—Louis B. Tim, *Snow Princess*; Mrs. Ernest R. Adee, *Puritan*.
 COLLARETTE, 7 blooms, any color or colors—Edward Ilsley, *Tribune*.
 ARRANGEMENT OF ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS—Mrs. C. T. Newberry; Edward Ilsley.
 WHITE, 5 blooms, any type, large—Edward Ilsley, *Darcy Sainsbury*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *American Purity*.
 YELLOW, 5 blooms, any type, large—Valeria Home, *California Idol*; Mrs. C. T. Newberry, *California Idol*, *Lord of Autumn*.
 ORANGE, 5 blooms, any type, large—Valeria Home, *Sun Ray*; Mrs. Ernest R. Adee, *Jane Cowl*.
 RED, 5 blooms, any type, large—Mrs. C. T. Newberry, *Virginia Red*; Valeria Home, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.
 PINK, 5 blooms, any type, large—Valeria Home, *Katie K*; Mrs. A. V. Stout.
 LAVENDER, 5 blooms, any type, large—Mrs. A. V. Stout; Edward Ilsley, *Robert Ripley*.
 PURPLE, 5 blooms, any type, large—Valeria Home, *Glamour*; Edward Ilsley, *Glamour*.

- BLENDED, 5 blooms, any type, large—Valeria Home, *Carl Dahl*; Edward Ilsley.
- BICOLOR, 5 blooms, any type, large—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Cornell*; Valeria Home, *Langeloth*.
- COLLECTION OF MINIATURES, 4 varieties, 5 blooms of each variety—Mr. Edward Ilsley; Valeria Home.
- COLLECTION OF POMPONS, 4 varieties, 5 blooms of each variety—Edward Ilsley; Valeria Home.
- GRAND SWEEPSTAKE PRIZE, Louis B. Tim Gold Cup—Valeria Home.

SECTION F

Commercial

- GARDENS ON PARADE, World's Fair, Silver Certificates—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Parrella Dahlia Gardens, Dahlia del Nurseries, Wakeman Gardens, Alling's Dahlias, Bronze Certificate, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Queens Dahlia Gardens.
- SPECIAL, TO MOST OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL ENTRY, American Dahlia Society Gold Medal—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Centre, L. I.

SECTION G

Undisseminated Dahlias

- Must be not less than two and preferably three years old, on long stems.
- CACTUS, incurved, 3 blooms, 1 variety, medium—H. O. Alexander, *Snow Crest*.
- DECORATIVE, formal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, medium—Valeria Home, *G. W. Y. Walker*.
- MINIATURE CACTUS, incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 5 blooms, 1 variety—Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, *M-10*; H. O. Alexander, *Little Chief*.
- MINIATURE DECORATIVE, formal or informal, 5 blooms, 1 variety—Earle Bugge, 42 Central Avenue, Woodbury Heights, N. J., *Ricky*.
- CACTUS, incurved, 3 blooms, 1 variety, large—MacMillan Hoopes, *B-2*.
- SEMI-CACTUS, 3 blooms, 1 variety, large—Ernest Tooker, 100 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, L. I., *T. W. M. 39*; Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.
- DECORATIVE, informal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, large—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, *Ginger Rogers*.
- POMPONS, 5 blooms, 1 variety—Stanley Johnson, *Blackie*; John M. Allen.
- ORCHID, 5 blooms, 1 variety—R. B. Montgomery, *No. 4*.
- SINGLES, 5 blooms, 1 variety—Mrs. C. T. Newberry.
- ANY TYPE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE, 3 blooms, 1 variety—R. B. Montgomery, *No. 7*.
- AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL—The American Home Achievement Medal in silver offered to the most worthy undisseminated Dahlia. Open to all. Amateur and professional. At least three blooms on long stems, must be shown and must be entered specifically for this award. Award is made only to a new variety and Dahlia must be named—Ernest E. Tooker, *Edith Willkie*.
- FLOWER GROWER AWARD—Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy offered for the best variety of Dahlia, either of medium or small types, measuring less than 8 inches—H. O. Alexander, *Snow Crest*.

SECTION I

Specials—Open to All

- To the most outstanding and meritorious non-commercial entry or display. At least 3 blooms displayed.
- AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY GOLD MEDAL—Louis B. Tim.
- COURT OF HONOR—A special class, designed to promote exhibition of extra size, quality of bloom in Dahlias. Entries by members of American Dahlia Society only, or its branches or affiliates. Either named varieties or seedlings under number may be entered. Silver Cup offered by Gordon Waaser—Mrs. R. C. Colt, Curry Farm, Garrison, N. Y., *Carl Dahl*.
- A SPECIAL CLASS, designed to promote the interest in small Dahlias. Entries can be made by any member of American Dahlia Society, its branches or affiliates. Either named varieties or seedlings may be entered. For smallest and most perfect individual bloom. Prize offered by Dahlia del Nurseries—Alfred Warren, Peekskill, N. Y., *Rhonda*.

SPECIAL SOCIETY CLASS—Open to Branch, Participating or Affiliated Societies. Table display, may be a combination of baskets and arrangements. Silver Cup offered by President Conrad Frey—Peekskill Dahlia Society, Peekskill, N. Y.

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL AWARD—House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity. The best 6 blooms of one or more than one of the varieties selected for House Beautiful's "Dahlia Futurity." Class is open to all. Award: House Beautiful's Dahlia Futurity Gold Medal—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre, N. Y., *Maffie*.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY AWARD—Honorary President's Award. Best Dahlia of New Jersey origin never before exhibited at a Show of the American Dahlia Society. Not less than 3 blooms to be exhibited on long stems. Variety must be at least three years old and exhibited by a member of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Medal offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout—Conrad Fry, Nutley, N. J., *Yellow Glory*.

SPECIAL BICOLOR AWARD—Best basket large or medium Dahlias arranged in basket, 10 blooms or more, one or more types, but colors in varieties must harmonize. Silver pitcher offered by Past President, Lynn B. Dudley—Edward Ilsley, Devon, Pennsylvania, *Phantom*.

SPECIAL BICOLOR AWARD—Best arrangement of small type bicolor Dahlias in basket, bowl, or vase, either miniature or pompons, not both one or more varieties but colors must harmonize. Silver vase offered by Past President Lynn B. Dudley—Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.

MEDAL OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND—The Silver Medal of the National Dahlia Society of England will be awarded to the most artistic arrangement of Dahlias in the Show—Louis B. Tim.

MRS. CHARLES H. STOUT AWARD—A special class designed to promote diminutiveness in miniature Dahlias. Best 12 blooms, miniatures under 3½ inches in diameter—Henry Olsen, *Red Robin*.

CITY OF LOWELL TROPHY—A special class to encourage the development and exhibiting of dwarf or bedding Dahlias. Best collection of cut blooms of dwarf or bedding Dahlias in any type container—Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

SECTION D

Open to all members of the American Dahlia Society including members of Branch, Participating or Affiliated Societies. Undisseminated as well as disseminated named varieties.

- CACTUS, INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, 4 TO 8 INCHES
- White or Yellow—Gordon F. Waaser, Baldwin, L. I., *Marietta E.*; L. F. Fox, Bellerose, L. I., *Jersey's Dainty*.
- Orange or Red—Warren L. Clark, 92 W. Kirkwood Avenue, Merrick, N. Y., *Nancy Ann Mitchell*; L. F. Fox, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*.
- Pink or Lavender—Gordon F. Waaser, *Madame Juissant*; Parrella Dahlia Garden, 3380 Ely Avenue, Bronx, New York City, *Mass Ohio*.
- Purple or Violet—T. E. Waterbury, Hillside Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y., *Zenith*.
- Bicolor or blended—Parrella Dahlia Garden, *Baerne*; Gordon Waaser, *Flash*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Gordon Waaser.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

- White or Yellow—T. E. Waterbury, *Miss Oakland*; Louis Fioretti, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Jersey's White Beauty*.
- Orange or Red—L. F. Fox, *Seedling 21*; John C. Coates, 311 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y., *Yorke King*.
- Pink or Lavender—Parrella Dahlia Gardens, *Jersey's Beauty*; John C. Coates, *Jersey's Beauty*.
- Bicolor or blended—Gordon Waaser, *Lois Walcher*; Parrella Dahlia Garden, *Golden Light*.
- Special, most outstanding entry—Gordon F. Waaser.
- SWEEPSTAKES—Gordon F. Waaser.

- CACTUS, INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 1 BLOOM, LARGE
- White or Yellow—T. E. Waterbury, *Mutsunohikair*; Parrella Dahlia Gardens, *Golden Standard*.
- Orange or Red—T. E. Waterbury, *Yowu Matsuoka*; Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y., *Commissioner Frances Defaux*.

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Pink or Lavender—T. E. Waterbury, *Your Lucky Star*; Edward J. O'Keefe.

Purple or Violet—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Night Fall*.

Bicolor or blended—Gordon Waaser, *Chataqua Dawn*.

Special, most outstanding entry—T. E. Waterbury.

SEMI-CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Ballego's Surprise*.

Orange or Red—T. E. Waterbury, *Maffie*; Parrella Dahlia Garden, *Seedling L. I. 2*.

Pink or Lavender—T. E. Waterbury, *California Peach*; Gordon Waaser, *Greater Glory*.

Bicolor or blended—L. F. Fox, *Enkhart's Prima*.

Special, the most outstanding entry—T. E. Waterbury.

DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *B-11*; L. F. Fox.

Orange or Red—Henry Olsen, Flushing, N. Y., *Oakleigh's Monarch*; Louis Fioretti, *Charles L. Mastick*.

Pink or Lavender—Warren L. Clark, *Victory*; Louis Fioretti, *My Delight*.

Purple or Violet—Gordon Waaser, *Gloria Bacher*; Warren L. Clark, *Purple Mist*.

Bicolor or blended—T. E. Waterbury, *A. G. Goodacre*.

Special, most outstanding entry—Henry Olsen.

DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Mother's Day*; C. Nelson, Garrison, N. Y., *California Idol*.

Orange or Red—Henry Olsen, *Sun Ray*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Hugh Red Wood*.

Pink or Lavender—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Marion Smith*; T. E. Waterbury, *Everybody's Favorite*.

Purple or Violet—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Discovery*; Henry Olsen, *Eventide*.

Bicolor or blended—H. D. Swain, Hyatt Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y., *Cornell*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Frieda George*.

Special, most outstanding entry—Edward J. O'Keefe.

Arrangement of 5 to 10 blooms, formal or informal, large—Parrella Dahlia Gardens, *L. I. 2*; H. D. Swain, *Katie K.*, *Frieda George*.

SPECIAL, ANY TYPE

Largest and most perfect bloom, diameter x depth—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Carl Dahl*.

SWEEPSTAKES—Edward J. O'Keefe.

MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS, 1 OR MORE VARIETIES

White or Yellow—John M. Allen, 95 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, *White Beauty*; Warren L. Clark, *Sanhican Sweetheart*.

Orange or Red—M. B. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y., *Sylvia*; Gordon Waaser, *Glorious*.

Pink or Lavender—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Little Miss Prim*; John M. Allen, *E. Tis*.

Purple or Violet—L. F. Fox, *Tuscararo*.

Bicolor or blended—Flowerfield Bulb Farm, Flowerfield, L. I., *Baby Royal*; Gordon Waaser, *Tip Top*.

Arrangement of miniatures in any container, not less than 20 blooms—M. B. Swain; John M. Allen.

Special, most outstanding entry—Edward J. O'Keefe.

POMPONS, 5 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Gordon Waaser, *Little Princess*; L. F. Fox, *Mrs. Telfer*.

Orange or Red—John M. Allen, *Atom*; Gordon Waaser, *Doria*.

Pink or Lavender—John M. Allen, *G. M. A. 62*; Edward O'Keefe, *Rhonda*.

Purple or Violet—Warren L. Clark, *Sherry*; M. B. Swain, *Sherry*.

Bicolor or blended—Gordon Waaser, *Eileen*.

Arrangement of pompoms in any container, not less than 20 blooms—John M. Allen; Flowerfield Bulb Farm.

Special, most outstanding entry—John M. Allen.

SWEEPSTAKES—John M. Allen.

BEST KEEPING VARIETY—For the best 12 blooms of commercial variety, put on exhibition first day of the Show, and judged on Sunday, last day of Show—Reinhold Greinberg, Wayne, Pennsylvania. The bloom was *Mrs. Bradley Geist*, a cream and white formal decorative. Won "The Darnell Cup" offered by W. L. W. Darnell.



Garden Club Section. Tri-color winner in arrangement class.
Exhibited by Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Photo—Albert Humble

Garden Club Section

With the ideal setting of Gardens on Parade for the Dahlia Show, exhibitors in the Garden Club Section were inspired to excel any previous efforts in showing their horticultural and artistic ability in displaying Dahlias and other garden flowers. More than two hundred exhibits were set up by forty-two exhibitors, members of Garden Clubs.

If comments from the general public in viewing these exhibits, can be considered of value in gathering impressions of opinions, then our members have greatly pleased and satisfied many thousands of visitors. These interested people expressed inspiration to grow and to use Dahlias in many original ways as they were shown here. Our exhibitors can scarcely know to what extent they have educated and demonstrated to those privileged to view their exceptionally fine displays.

The outstanding exhibit of Dahlias which won the tri-color, was a grouping of five marvelously perfect specimens of *Sunrays*. The tri-color for the best arrangement on the first day of the Show, was awarded to a splendid line arrangement of large, dark, velvety-red Dahlias, skillfully placed in a Chinese Celadon vase on a black teakwood stand. A third tri-color was given the second day to an exquisite arrangement of Dahlias, *One Grand* and *Rita Wells*, in a harmonizing copper container.

Crescents, L and other line designs were popular throughout the arrangement classes. The uses of Dahlias

with their own and various other kinds of foliage and plant materials, were shown in distinctive, original ways and in strikingly attractive color harmonies. Contrasted, complementary, anagalous and monochromatic schemes were well demonstrated.

The nosegays and corsages appealed to hundreds and many in passing exclaimed that they had never thought of using Dahlias like this. Strangely enough, the recognition that was to be given at the close of the Show, for the best lasting Dahlias, went to a corsage of white miniatures, *Easter Greetings*. This was made Thursday night, exhibited for the duration of the three-day Show, was still in fine condition at the end and worn on Monday by one of the ladies presiding at a District meeting.

Beautiful exhibits of arrangements of Roses, Gladiolus, Asters, Marigolds, and Zinnias combined with unusual plant and shrub material, drew close inspection and happy approval from those with limited gardens. The enthusiasm true of a majority of spectators was voiced by one of the exhibitors when she declared her garden so tiny that there was only room for one miniature Dahlia, but next year something else in her garden would have to give way to a second, since these supply more flowers than any other plant requiring the same amount of space. We hope she speaks for thousands who are looking for the plant in limited areas supplying maximum flowers over a long blooming season.

*Georgena Humble, Chairman,
Garden Club Section, A. D. S.*

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GARDEN CLUB SECTION WINNERS

Class 1. First—Mrs. Warren Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. (tri-color). Second—Mrs. Charles Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Frank Stick, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Class 2. First—Mrs. William J. Owen, Peekskill, N. Y. Second—L. F. Fox, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y. First Honorable Mention—H. L. Stewart, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. Charles Smith.

Class 3. First—Mrs. Charles V. Smith.

Class 4. First—Mrs. Warren Clark. Second Genevieve Healey, 630 East 235th Street, New York City. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. W. W. Carman, Summit, N. J. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. Frank Stick.

Class 5. First—Mrs. W. L. Clark. Second—L. F. Fox. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 6. First—L. F. Fox. Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John A. Rapp, Purchase, N. Y.

Class 7. First—Mrs. Charles V. Smith. Second—Mrs. Warren L. Clark. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John A. Rapp.

Class 8. First—Mrs. Charles Bahr, Verona, N. J. Second—Mrs. H. D. Swain. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. John Rapp. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. John Herrschaft.

Class 9. First—Mrs. John Rapp. Second—Mrs. Frank Stick. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Warren Clark.

Class 10. First—Mrs. George Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Conn. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John Herrschaft.

Class 11. First—Mrs. Innis Brown, Manhasset, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. John Herrschaft. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Ellen S. Bulluss, Meriden, Connecticut.

Class 12. First—Mrs. Frank C. Boes, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 13. First—Genevieve Healey. Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Third—Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Warren L. Clark.

Class 14. First—Mrs. Otto Langhans, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Third—Genevieve Healey.

Class 15. First—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica Estates, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Third—Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Class 16. First—Mrs. Grace Coyle, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. Otto Langhans, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mrs. George Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. H. D. Swain. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. Warren L. Clark.

Class 17. First—Mr. William H. Lenihan, Jersey City, N. J. Second—Mrs. George Lofland. Third—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Otto Langhans.

Class 18. First—Mrs. Tom Cummings (tri-color). Second—Mrs. Warren L. Clark. Third—Mrs. Innis Brown, Manhasset, L. I., N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John Rapp.

Class 19. First—Mrs. D. E. Falkenbury, Hartsdale, N. Y. Second—Mrs. H. D. Swain. Third—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Honorable Mention—Mrs. George F. Roberts, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Class 20. First—Mrs. D. E. Falkenbury. Second—Mrs. H. D. Swain. Third—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Honorable Mention—Miss M. Baker, Mahopac, N. Y.

Class 21. First—Mrs. George F. Roberts, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. H. D. Swain. Third—Mrs. George Lofland. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Carl S. Noble, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.

Class 22. First—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans. Second—Mrs. Frank C. Boes.

Class 23. First—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Second—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans. Third—Mrs. George Lofland. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. George F. Roberts. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. Edith Slowey, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Class 24. First—Mrs. George Lofland. Second—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Third—Mrs. William Joy. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans.

Class 25. First—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover. Second—Mrs. Otto Langhans. Third—Mrs. Warren Clark.

Class 26. First—Mrs. G. A. Lofland. Second—Mrs. William Joy. Third—Mrs. Edith Slowey. Honorable Mention—Mrs. H. D. Swain.

Class 27. First—Mrs. G. A. Lofland. Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Third—Mrs. George F. Roberts. First Honorable Mention—Mrs. Edith Slowey. Second Honorable Mention—Mrs. Frank C. Boes.

Class 28. First—Mrs. Ellen Bulluss. Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Third—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans. Honorable Mention—Genevieve Healey.

Class 29. First—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Second—Mrs. George Green.

Class 30. First—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Second—Mrs. Frank C. Boes. Third—Mrs. George Green. Honorable Mention—Mrs. G. A. Lofland.

Class 31. First—Mrs. G. A. Lofland. Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Third—Genevieve Healey.

Class 32. First—Mrs. William Joy. Second—Mrs. G. A. Lofland. Honorable Mention—Sophie Schwaner.

Class 33. First—Mrs. George F. Roberts (tri-color). Second—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft. Third—Mrs. Frank C. Boes.

Class 34. First—Mrs. William Joy. Second—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans. Third—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft.

Class 35. First—Mrs. Otto H. Langhans.

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Approves A. D. S. Classification

May I say that in my opinion and also in that of many of my friends, who are also "back yard" amateurs, the A. D. S. classification list appearing in the August BULLETIN was one of the most helpful articles that has appeared in some time, inasmuch as it definitely eliminated many varying and controversial decisions in connection with entries in various competitions. I trust some kind Dahlia fan will find time to add to the list as the new varieties are on the market.

H. L. Stewart, Floral Park, Long Island.

[ED. NOTE—Revisions are being made and will include many new varieties.]

DAHLIA TRAVELOGUE

By GEORGE R. CURRIE, Sheboygan, Michigan

In September, 1938, a party of six fellows enjoyed a five day Dahlia tour and had such a grand time that we all expressed the wish that we might repeat the experience some other time. This wish reached fulfillment when on Monday morning, September 16, 1940, an automobile pulled away from the Franzen residence in Maywood, Illinois, with the same six fellows as its occupants. Four of us from Wisconsin, Theodore F. Schroeder of Mukwonago, E. M. Larsen of Madison, W. E. Kemen of Wauwatosa, and the writer, had enjoyed an early breakfast at the Schroeder home, and what a breakfast! We had stopped at Ravinia, Illinois, to pick up Prof. Lew Sarett and at Maywood to take on our last passenger, genial Harry Franzen.

Our first Dahlia stop was made at the gardens of J. Louis Roberts which are situated in the southeastern extremity of Chicago. Here we were all most favorably impressed with Mr. Roberts' *Dr. Cheon Yin Wong* which scored certificates of merit at both Storrs and East Lansing last year. Mr. Roberts also has several other promising seedlings.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, was reached by mid afternoon where we stopped first at Mr. Lloyd Hook's Oakleigh Gardens, but unfortunately did not find Mr. Hook at home. As usual we found the exhibition planting of Dahlias in beds surrounded by lawn in the beautifully landscaped grounds adjoining the Hook home, with the field planting to the rear. Mr. Ballay's 1940 introduction, *Maestro*, outshone all other varieties in this planting, but here, as in most of the other gardens later visited, it was informal decorative in formation, and not semi-cactus, and the color was a beautiful maroon red.

From Oakleigh Gardens we proceeded to Mr. A. T. Edison's Springhill Dahlia Farm and spent a couple of interesting and instructive hours in the company of Mr. Edison going over his extensive field planting. Incidentally we found some ripe peaches under some of his fruit trees that added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mr. Edison's 1940 introduction, *Pink Amelia*, was growing to perfection and is a most beautiful pink semi-cactus of large size. *Jeffersonian*, which is a true sport of *Sultan of Hillcrest*, viewed here appears to be one of the best of the 1940 introductions. Here we also saw J. E. Hulin's seedling, *S. M. 37-19* for the first time, which is a beautiful tyrian rose semi-cactus, the bushes growing six feet tall and producing an abundance of eight to nine inch blooms.

We concluded the day by visiting the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Southick in Grand Rapids who are enthusiastic amateurs who are achieving remarkably fine results with their Dahlias. *Freda George* and *Miss Oakland* were particularly outstanding.

Tuesday morning we were at Mr. John J. Zant's Wildwood Gardens before the proprietor was up (he wasn't late,—we were early) but he soon joined us. Mr. Zant's planting indicated that he was enjoying a most successful season. Although many of the newer introductions were

to be seen here, what took the writer's eye was a long row of the old-timer, *Betty Colter*, loaded with ten inch blooms on perfect stems.

The East Lansing Trial Gardens were our next stop and we found the gardens looking much better than on our last visit in 1938. The following are the entries that appealed to the writer (the numbers refer to the stake numbers):

No. 32—*Hillside Joy*, a gold and apricot semi-cactus entered by Walter Bissell of Austinburg, Ohio, producing a wealth of bloom measuring from eight to nine inches in diameter.

No. 37—A huge lavender pink informal decorative, bordering on the semi-cactus in formation, entered by B. W. Lamson, Madeira, Ohio. On a disbudded plant, a bloom measured eleven inches in diameter by seven in depth.

No. 59—A beautiful white semi-cactus which on the plant not disbudded measured nine inches in diameter by five in depth entered by Mundy's Dahlia Garden, Coldwater, Michigan.

No. 67—A large yellow informal decorative, *Ginger Rogers*, entered by Mrs. J. C. Burks, Lynchburg, Virginia.

No. 78—White pompon with cream at center and a pink cast, a beauty, entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Garden, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

No. 80—A red informal decorative *G. M. C.*, entered by Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Michigan.

Tuesday noon we had lunch at New Baltimore, Michigan, with Bruce Collins, President of the Dahlia Society of Michigan, and Nick Koenig, Bruce having left a busy office at Detroit to meet our party. After lunch we spent nearly three hours with Nick at his Lakeside Gardens. Since our last visit Nick has built a building with a fine basement for storage of roots located at his Dahlia field, which field is situated a half mile or more away from his residence in the village. We were privileged to see approximately one hundred hills of *G. M. C.* and it appears to be the exhibition red informal decorative the Dahlia world has been looking for.

Tuesday night was spent at Findlay, Ohio, and the next morning a sixty-eight mile drive before breakfast brought us to Urbana, Ohio, and D. P. Wickersham's Mad River Gardens. Mr. Wickersham's planting were in excellent condition and the three hours we devoted to them yielded rich dividends in the form of the many new worthwhile Dahlias we discovered here, most of them recent importations made by Mr. Wickersham from Australia. Outstanding among the Australians were *Charlotte Collis* (orange red informal with gold tips and center), *Kensington Gleam* (orange gold with tints of red formal), *Copper Prince* (huge autumn colored informal), *Marion Smith* (a huge pink informal growing on a bush similar to that of Mrs. C. J. Sowton), *Roberta* (a watermelon pink formal), *Ruth Nichols* (a lavender formal that should defeat *Blue River* in the show room), *Doreen Norman* (a beautiful

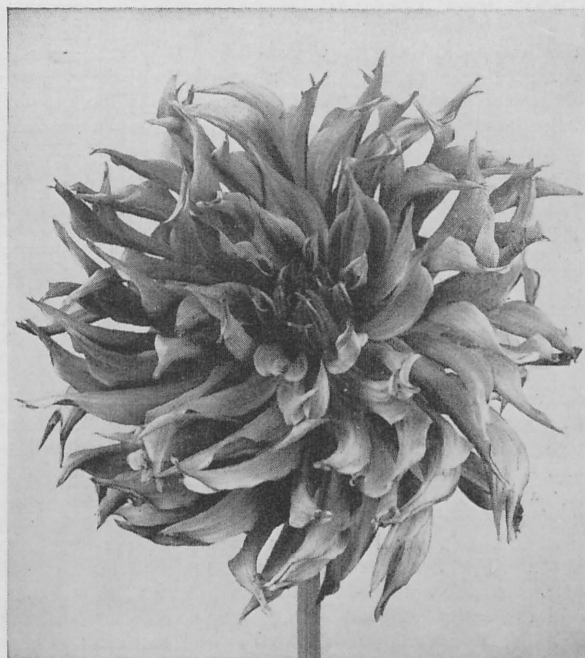
autumn colored formal), and *F. W. Beckett* (a very large light buff informal). Another good Dahlia seen here was *Jessie King*, a rose red true cactus eight inches in diameter growing on a four and a half foot bush, a Stredwick introduction from England. Among the good new small flowering varieties noted were *Beethoven* (a pink formal miniature with the same beautiful coloring as *Julius Bunge*), *No. L-3803* (a beautiful formal miniature seedling of J. E. Hulin with dark lavender tips blending into a golden orange base,—a more beautifully colored miniature would be hard to find), *Cream Gem* (a small cream colored pom from Australia), *Mac's Gem* (a reddish orange and yellow cactus miniature from Australia), and *Ted Thomas* (a small pinkish lavender pom from Australia).

Among the 1940 introductions doing especially well at Mad River Gardens were *Maestro* and *Evelyn Chandler*. Mr. Wickersham has three beds, each sixty feet long by six feet in width, filled with plants set in four inch pots being grown for pot-roots, over 10,000 plants in all, and not a diseased or stunted plant in the lot.

At Springfield, Ohio, we visited the garden of William Wolbert who has a number of very promising seedlings. Here we saw the finest bloom of *Leland Stanford I* have ever seen.

Our last Dahlia stop Wednesday was at Spark's Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, which we reached about four that afternoon, where Mrs. Sparks showed us the gardens. Their 1940 introductions *Cheer Leader* and *Wedding Bells* were blooming profusely and they have a white formal miniature to be introduced in 1941 which is very much worth having. A bloom of *Chemar's Dahliamum* (the highest scoring large exhibition Dahlia at Storrs in 1939) which measured eleven by seven inches, took my fancy because of its beautiful formation, in spite of its short stem. The Sparks are exhibition growers par excellence and we saw more Dahlias of exhibition size and quality in these gardens than any other visited. One bloom of *Cherokee Brave* measured twelve by eight inches.

Wednesday night was spent at Brookville, Indiana, and Thursday morning found us on the road a half hour before sunrise. The twenty acres of field grown Dahlias at Harley Peck and Sons' Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, three miles north of Lebanon, Ohio, in spite of having undergone two months of drought, presented good healthy growth which assures a fine root crop. This farm also specializes in the growing of pot roots in large quantities. Here we saw for the first time a large white formal, measuring nine inches in diameter, with excellent stems and bush growth, which the Pecks imported from Europe, *Madam Albert Loix*. The Pecks have a large cut flower business and their *Begonia Rose* has been an outstandingly good producer of cut flower blooms. We also visited their exhibition planting in the city of Lebanon where we saw excellent blooms of *Yellow Glory*, *The Governor*, *Scarlet Leader*, *Madam Albert LeBrun* and many others. John Peck and Harley Peck, Jr. are two mighty fine young men to meet and both have that enthusiasm for the Dahlia that is so essential to success in the commercial Dahlia business. It is young men of this caliber to whom we must look for new blood if the forward progress of the Dahlia is to be maintained.



ALL AMERICAN—Won best undissected at Wisconsin State Fair and American Home Achievement Medal at Milwaukee. Mulberry rose semi-cactus. Originator, Salem Dahlia Gardens.

By dint of some hard driving we arrived at the home of Mr. Val Veirs at Canton, Ohio, late Thursday afternoon. In the exhibition planting at the rear of his home we saw some excellent blooms of *Trojan*, an undissected Dahlia belonging to Salem Dahlia Gardens, which blooms were exhibited the next day at the East Liverpool Show where they won the *American Home Achievement* medal. Here we also saw excellent blooms of *Maffie* and *Norma Morton*. Mr. Veirs took us five miles out into the country to his field planting where we were much impressed with the vigor and clean appearance of the plants. He has a red semi-cactus seedling that I thought as good as any undissected Dahlia we saw on the trip but which will not be released in 1941. We were privileged to see a bloom of this seedling grown by Harold Shanabrook of Massillon which measured eleven and one-half inches in diameter by nine inches in depth.

Mr. Veirs also took us to several other Dahlia gardens in and near Canton, and we were especially interested in the use of Dahlias in the formally landscaped grounds surrounding the palatial home of Attorney James Lynch of Canton. Another garden visited at Canton was that of Mr. George F. Meiser where we saw some excellent *Robert L. Ripley* and *Murphy's Masterpiece*. That evening we had dinner with Mr. Veirs and spent a most pleasant evening in his company.

Friday was spent at the East Liverpool Dahlia Society Show at East Liverpool where the quality of bloom was

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the best of any 1940 Show visited by the writer, and such competition! In one class in which the writer judged there were forty-nine competing entries. When it comes to growing them large one must take off his hat to such exhibitors as Harold J. Gallimore, E. M. Delbrugge, H. H. Robens, and Val Veirs. A bloom of *Carl G. Dahl* exhibited by Mr. Gallimore was thirteen inches in diameter by nine inches in depth, while a bloom of *Kilgore's Lucifer* of Mr. Delbrugge measured fourteen inches in diameter. That evening we were guests of the East Liverpool Society at their annual dinner but were forced to leave early in order to drive one hundred twenty miles to reach Zanesville for the night.

Saturday morning, in spite of having more than two hundred fifty miles to drive, we arrived at Louisville at noon, and attended the judges' luncheon at the Kentucky Hotel where many old acquaintances were met and new ones made. The afternoon was spent in judging at the Mid West Show. It was a beautiful Show held in ideal surroundings and the air conditioning kept the blooms in good condition in spite of the heat outdoors. The Show is best summed up in the remarks of one of the speakers at the banquet that evening who said there was only one thing wrong and that was that the Dahlia Society of Kentucky had set such a high mark that it could not be maintained in future Mid West Shows.

Sunday morning found Harry Franzen, Bill Kemen, and the writer busy with their cameras taking pictures in color of some of the outstanding blooms, and by ten thirty we were homeward bound and at midnight that night we reached Ted Schroeder's home, having delivered Franzen and Sarett to their homes earlier in the evening. Thus came to a conclusion our 1940 Dahlia trip, a trip in which we were favored with seven consecutive, warm sunshiny days and in which we were welcomed at each garden or Show visited with welcomes as warm and cheery as the weather. The memories of those seven pleasant days will long be cherished as one of life's most pleasant experiences.

In conclusion, I will briefly describe what I consider the best of the new American and foreign Dahlias viewed by me this past season. First, as to the American varieties which will probably be introduced in 1941, I list the following:

All American. This I saw both at the Wisconsin State Fair on August 20th, where it won as the best undis-seminated, and at the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show at Milwaukee on September 5th, where it won the *American Home* Achievement medal. It is a huge mulberry rose semi-cactus with yellow showing at the base of the petals of very artistic formation with good foliage and strong stems. Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J., is the originator of this fine Dahlia.

G. M. C. Here is a carmine colored informal decorative ten to eleven inches in diameter, when rightly grown, which has the quality to win in the red informal decorative class. Stems and bush growth are all that can be desired. This variety made a most favorable impression on me both at East Lansing Trial Gardens and in the field planting of the originator, Lake side Gardens, New

Baltimore, Michigan. Mr. Bruce Collins states that this has been the best Dahlia in his own garden during the past two seasons.

Ginger Rogers. When I first saw this Dahlia at Storrs in 1939 I fell in love with it, and was thrilled when Mr. Dewey Mohr of Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Center, N. Y., sent me four plants of it to grow on trial this season. It won the *American Home* Achievement medal at the 1940 Racine Show. It is a glistening yellow informal decorative with petals that fold back toward the stem giving the blooms great depth. One bloom measured by me was eleven inches in diameter by seven inches in depth. Stems are good and the bush growth is very vigorous. This Dahlia will be a favorite with those who have difficulty growing *Lord of Autumn* or *California Idol*.

Dr. Cheon Yin Wong. This is a large rose red, semi-cactus with lighter reverse which shows at the tips of the petals and at the center of the bloom. Stems and position of the flower on the stems and bush growth are very good. It was certified at both Storrs and East Lansing in 1939. Mr. J. Louis Roberts of Chicago is the originator.

Bernice Tylman. This won the *American Home* Achievement medal at the Central States Show at Chicago this year for its originator, Dr. S. D. Tylman of Lombard, Illinois. I remember well the favorable impression a single bloom of this created at the 1937 Central States Show when Dr. Tylman exhibited it as a first year seedling and won with it. It is a large orange flame colored semi-cactus with good stems and very dark green foliage, a most beautiful flower.

Trojan. This is the informal decorative of Salem Dahlia Gardens which won the Achievement medal at East Liverpool Show this year. It is a shade of red that is hard to describe (probably a crimson) with a yellow buff reverse showing at the petal tips and center of the bloom with good strong stems and the blooms have plenty of size for the exhibition table. In the field planting of Mr. F. V. R. Veirs at Canton, Ohio, the bushes of this variety grown under field conditions attested to its great vigor.

Among the new foreign Dahlias are to be found some of the finest Dahlias I saw anywhere. Some of the best of these were:

Charlotte Collis. I was privileged to grow a plant of this new Australian on trial for Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio, and also saw it in bloom when I visited Mr. Wickersham's gardens in Urbana. This was my favorite among all the newer Dahlias I grew this past season. It is an informal decorative and the color is bright orange red with a yellowish reverse showing at the tips of the petals and the centers. The color and petal formation are most attractive. The bush is a splendid grower with good vigor, stems are excellent, it is a free bloomer and the blooms are ten to eleven inches in diameter.

National. This is an English Dahlia, an introduction of Stredwick, which Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, Ohio, sent to me on trial and I won with a bloom of it at the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

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Reports of the Trial Grounds

American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens University of Connecticut

List of Dahlias Scoring 85% or Better Season 1940

No. 5. *Kilgore's Idol*. Entered by Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia. Score 85C. Formal decorative.

No. 20. *Bal Rogue*. Entered by Kathryn E. Waters, 940 West Imperial Highway, Downey, California. Score 85S. Miniature ball.

No. 25*. *Mary Taylor*. Entered by S. E. Taylor, R. 3, Box 206, Morgantown, West Virginia. Score 86E. Incurved cactus.

No. 33. *No. 13*. Entered by Mrs. Grace Houston, Marion, Virginia. Score 85C. Formal decorative.

No. 35. *D. H. Cris*. J. Poulos, 235 Power Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

No. 38. *M-9*. Entered by Conrad Frey, 245 High Street, Nutley, N. J. Score 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

No. 45. *Demolay*. Entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Score 85E. Informal decorative.

No. 46. *Flush of Dawn*. Entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Score 85E. Straight cactus.

No. 51. *No. 267*. Entered by Walter Bissell, Hillside Farm, Austsburg, Ohio. Score 85E. Incurved cactus.

No. 58. *Carpediem*. Entered by Mrs. B. W. Lamson, White Gate Farm, Maderia, Ohio. Score 85E. Informal decorative.

No. 61. *35-15*. Entered by Bennett K. Matlack, Bridgeton, N. J. Score 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

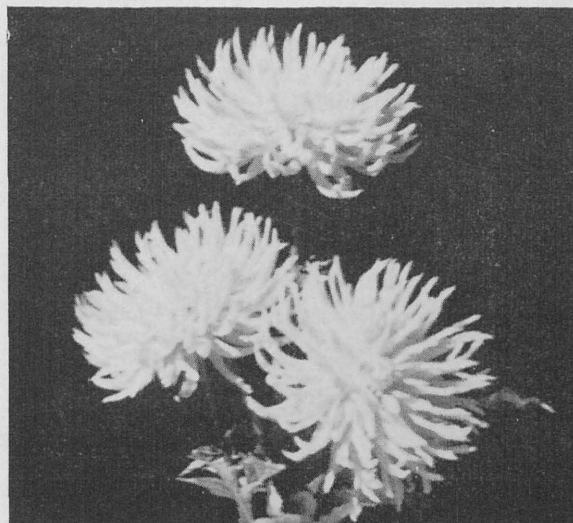
No. 65. *Wine Collarette*. Entered by Badetty Brothers, Huntington Dahlia Gardens, Huntington, N. Y. Score 85S. Collarette.

No. 81. *No. 31-A*. Entered by E. E. Tooker, 100 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y. Score 85S. Miniature semi-cactus.

No. 85. *Clover*. Entered by Mrs. Ben M. Wilson, Wilson's Gardens, Philippi, West Virginia. Score 85S. Pompon.

No. 87. *L. K. 37-31*. Entered by Nick Koenig & Sons, Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Score 85C. Formal decorative.

*Most outstanding Dahlia in the garden.



MARY TAYLOR—Congo pink incurved cactus. Highest score at Storrs—86E. Also scored at Fairmont, W. Va. 85C. Originator, S. E. Taylor, Morgantown, W. Va.

Mid West Trial Gardens American Dahlia Society

Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan

There were eighty-three entries this year at the Mid West Trial Gardens, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

The highest scoring entry was *Ginger Rogers*, a fine, large yellow informal decorative.

Eighteen entries will receive a certificate.

A new scheme for the summarizing of scores was tried this year and probably will be adopted as an annual affair. The trial grounds committee met with the official judges and reviewed the scores. As each score was discussed a Kodachrome slide of the variety was thrown on the screen as a memory refresher and the judges then discussed the scoring. At 6:30 a splendid banquet was served. The meeting finally broke up at midnight.

While many growers complained about the growing season, performance of entries at the trial gardens at East Lansing was about normal.

The early season was cool, but this was rather an advantage here because a rather large number of entries consisted of small weak plants and the cool weather gave these a better chance to become established. Late July was hot and dry, but late August and early September was cool and wet. The first killing frost occurred in late September.

Several entries did not come into flower, possibly because of weather conditions.

C. E. Wildon, In Charge of the Trial Gardens.

Detailed Reports of Storrs and East Lansing Will
Appear in February Issue

Mid West Trial Gardens—Cont. from p. 17

Certificate Winners 1940

(Complete details will be published in February BULLETIN.)

Highest score was 86.2E, variety *Gingers Rogers*, entered by Mrs. J. C. Burks, Lynchburg, Virginia.

The eighteen certificate winners are as follows:

White Winner. Stake No. 4. Formal decorative to semi-cactus. 85C. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Athens, Michigan.

Nell Orrie Downs. Stake No. 10. Informal decorative. 85E. Entered by O. W. Downs, R. F. D. k, Box 481, Holland, Ohio.

No. 110. Stake No. 18. Informal decorative, sometimes semi-cactus. 85E. 85C. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

W-930-37. Stake No. 22. Informal decorative. 86C. 85E. Entered by Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio. Originator William Wolbert.

272. Stake No. 32. Semi-cactus. 85E. Entered by Walter Bissell, Hillside Farm, Austinburg, Ohio.

Carpediene. Stake No. 37. Semi-cactus. 85.5E. Entered by Mrs. B. W. Lamson, Madeira, Ohio.

Chief Kokomo. Stake No. 40. Miniature formal decorative. 85.8C. Entered by G. H. Washburn, 1243 North Union Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

Seedling 5. Stake No. 45. Semi-cactus. 85C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

Rosy Dawn. Stake No. 47. Ball. 85.5C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Originator L. C. Hamilton.

301. Stake No. 59. Semi-cactus. 85.1E. Entered by Mundy's Gardens, Coldwater, Michigan.

310. Stake No. 60. Informal decorative, sometimes semi-cactus. 85E. Entered by Mundy's Gardens, Coldwater, Michigan.

Ginger Rogers. Stake No. 67. Lacinated informal decorative. 86.2E. Entered by Mrs. J. C. Burks, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Seedling 22. Stake No. 69. Informal decorative. 85E. Entered by J. A. Greubel, 157 Third Street, Derry, Pennsylvania.

H-1. Stake No. 70. Formal decorative to informal. 85C. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms, Lebanon, Ohio.

Miss Lansing. Stake No. 72. Informal decorative. 85.6E. Entered by Victor L. Steckle, 743 Cawood Street, Lansing, Michigan.

E.31/38. Stake No. 75. Informal decorative. 85E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J.

G. M. C. Informal decorative. Stake No. 80. 85E. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

LK37-31. Stake No. 81. Miniature formal decorative. 85.8C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

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

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association
Trial Gardens

There were twenty-seven varieties entered for trial in the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Gardens this season, six of which received a Certificate of Merit, and six scoring between 80 and 84. Some of the entries were very outstanding and the entries as a whole seemed to be better than average.

The weather conditions for the season were unusual, being very dry and hot during July and August making the plants a little late in blooming despite the fact that a sprinkler system was installed for the Trial Grounds this year. However this was more than made up by the long season we had, and although some gardens around Cincinnati had been killed by frost the gardens in the park, due to their high altitude were still in bloom the first week in November.

There seemed to be very little insect injury this year, for which we were very thankful, after going through the tarnished plant bug plague of the previous season.

Some of the varieties did not bloom until late and an accurate score could not be obtained on them, these are to be given retrial.

We might be a little conservative here in the O. V. D. A. with our scoring of certificate winners, but find this to be the best policy, for when a Dahlia receives a Certificate of Merit here it can be purchased with confidence. Below are the varieties receiving the Certificate of Merit.

Stake No. 201. *Autumn King*, informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Hertel Dahlia Gardens, 1532 Hall S. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Color, rose overlaid bronze, reverse rose shaded to center, or Ridgway lists color as Carnelian red. Flowering habit good. First bloom August 23rd. Cutting length of stem 18" x 24", strong, stiff, good proportion, flowers half facing. Habit of growth medium height, open and spreading. Health good, blooms 10 x 5. Height of plant 4 feet, spread 3 feet. Remarks, blooms stand heat well, have good substance.

Stake No. 203. *Rozam*, ball. Score 85S. Entered by Mrs. Cortes Ray, Greensburg, Indiana. Color, orchid pink. Flowering habit, prolific. First bloom September 1st. Cutting length of stem 18", strong, stiff, good proportion, blooms facing up to half facing, habit of growth, upright and spreading. Height 4 feet, spread 2½", blooms 3" x 1½". Good substance. Remarks, requires some thinning out.

Stake No. 206. *No. 384*, formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by George Brayton, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Color, wine red. Flowering habit good. First bloom September 1st. Cutting length of stem 24" to 30", strong cane-like, good proportion, blooms carried out of foliage, blooms half facing. Habit of growth, upright, height 5 feet, spread 2½ feet, blooms 7" x 5", health good. Remarks, requires some thinning, very different color, does not fade in heat.

Stake No. 211. *Snowcrest*, cactus. Score 85C. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Color, creamy white, shaded yellow to center. Flowering habit prolific. Date of first bloom August 15th. Cutting length of stem 18", strong, thin and wiry. Flowers facing to half facing.

Habit of growth, tall, erect, height 4 feet, spread 2½ feet. Health good. Blooms 4" x 2". Substance very good, does not burn. Remarks, needs some pruning.

Stake No. 219. *No. 13*, ball. Score 85S. Entered by Louis Fioretti, Tuxedo, N. Y. Color, carmine. Flowering habit prolific. Date of first bloom August 20th. Cutting length of stem 24" x 30". Strong, erect, good proportion. Flowers facing up to half facing. Habit of growth tall, erect and branching. Health very good. Height 5 feet, spread 3 feet. Blooms 3½" x 3". Substance good. Remarks, best red ball to date.

Stake No. 224. *No. 1738*, incurved cactus, some straight cactus. Score 85E. Entered by C. N. Keiser, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Color, thulite pink, shading to golden yellow at base. Flowering habit good. First bloom August 15th. Cutting length of stem, 24", strong, stiff, good proportion, flowers facing up to half facing. Habit of growth, open and branching. Health good. Height 4½ feet. Spread 3 feet. Blooms 6" x 3". Substance good. Early blooms had some oblong centers, later blooms perfect. Remarks, very good color.

Stake No. 202. *Dorothy Hertel*, formal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by Hertel Dahlia Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Color, coral red on golden yellow base. Flowering habit good. First bloom September 20th. Cutting length of stem 18" x 20", straight, erect, a little heavy foliage comes very close to bloom. Flowers erect to half facing. Bush growth, bushy and spreading. Height 3 feet, spread 2½ feet, bloom 9" x 4", substance fair. Remarks, good color but blooms wilt on back easily.

Stake No. 213. *No. 124-2v8*, collarette. Score 80S. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Color, light yellow with orange center.

Stake No. 217. *Baby Sagamore*, miniature formal decorative. Score 80S. Entered by Badetty Brothers, Huntington, N. Y. Color, golden bronze shaded darker to center.

Stake No. 218. *Judy*, miniature formal decorative. Score 80S. Entered by Badetty Brothers, Huntington, N. Y. Color, reddish buff shading yellow to outer edge of petals.

Stake No. 226. *Clover*, pom. Score 80. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Color, greenish white, shaded light pink to center.

Stake No. 227. *Red Ruffles*, informal decorative. Score 81E. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Color, base color yellow, overcast scarlet.

Stake No. 204. *No. 101*, ball. Score 79. Entered by H. DeRoy, Box 493, Monroe, Washington. Color, deep yellow.

Stake No. 209. *H. F. Cory*, miniature semi-cactus. Score 70S. Entered by H. F. Cory, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Color, greenish white.

Stake No. 210. *Ricks White*, informal decorative. Score 79E. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Color, dull greenish white.

Stake No. 216. *1-38*, informal decorative. Score 76E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Color, base color flame, shading to deep yellow at outer edge of petals.

Stake No. 220. *H-1*, informal decorative. Score 73E. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Color, gold shaded red.

Stake No. 221. *Cincinnati Red*, formal decorative. Score 79E. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Color, rose red.

Stake No. 222. *9-8*, informal decorative. Score 78E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois. Color, base color yellow, overcast rose red shading lighter at tips of petals.

Stake No. 223. *No. 4666*, informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 79E. Entered by Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio. Color, light lavender.

Stake No. 225. *Penn Star*, formal decorative. Score 78E. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Color, dull white, overcast and spotted aster purple at tips of petals.

Robert Seibel.

Trial Garden Report—West Virginia Branch

By Oliver Skurtleff, Superintendent

The Dahlia season in our part of the Dahlia world (West Virginia) was peculiar in many respects. An early frost, in some sections as early as September twenty-fifth, did some "nipping" of some of the larger varieties. Two later frosts did not seem to do any damage. They were what the old time called "roof frosts." The actually killing frost came October seventeen. In some gardens there were more flowers after the first frost than before. Just before the first frost the weather had been both dry and cold. In some localities many of the later planted Dahlias did not even bloom. (In the writer's own garden more than a third of the plants showed absolutely no color for the entire season.

Seemingly, the West Virginia Branch of the A. D. S. Trial Garden, is granting more certificates this season than in former years. This is partly accounted for by the fact that several of the entries were already certificated Dahlias. The entries were just as closely graded this season as in former years. We still want to be known as "strict graders" when it comes to new Dahlias.

The garden had twenty-two entries this year with a good geographical distribution. In keeping with our ideas of propriety concerning the management of a trial garden we did no advertising or soliciting for entries. We are glad to have the entries. We have room for lots of them. We have the facilities to care for them. We want them in our branch however, because their owners want us to have them.

Due to the fact that several of the entries were entered by firms which will put the new variety on the market we are reporting the entrant rather than the owner. The report for each entry will follow the following procedure: entry number, name of flower when available, name of person or firm making the entry and a description of the Dahlia, closing with the score of those entries which were scored.

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West Virginia Trial Garden—Cont. from p. 19

Entry, No. 1. *Mary Taylor*. Entered by Shelby E. Taylor. Type, cactus. Color, gold, salmon, pink linings with lighter reverse. Size, diameter, seven to eight inches; depth, two to three inches. Height, five feet. Score, 85C.

Entry, No. 2. 272. Entered by Hillside Farms. Type, semi-cactus to informal decorative. Color, apricot to solid gold center with a suggestion of pink in the general color scheme. Ivory reverse. Size, diameter, nine inches; depth, four inches. Height, six feet. Score, 85E.

Entry, No. 3. *Begonia Rose*. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms. Type, formal commercial. Color, best indicated by name. Size, diameter, five to six inches; depth, two inches. Height, five feet. Score 85C.

Entry, No. 4. *Cincinmati Red*. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms. Type, informal decorative. Color, cerise red. Size, diameter, seven inches; depth, four inches. Height, five feet. Score, 80C.

Entry, No. 5. *Aracoma*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Just beginning to bloom at time of first frost (September 25) with a magenta-red showing. We felt that it would be unfair to score this Dahlia under this handicap. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 6. *Rick's White*. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 7. 106 *Browne*. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 8. 101 *Alexander*. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Type, cactus. Color, white. Size, diameter, eight inches; depth, three inches. Height, five to six feet. Score, 85C.

Entry, No. 9. 110 *Dudley*. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Entry materials were mixed showing two different Dahlias. One plant bloomed a most attractive light pink cactus. Another plant bloomed an informal decorative of medium size of a light salmon color. Third plant did not bloom but showed indications of being the informal decorative. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 10. *Judy*. Entered by Badetty Brothers. Type, miniature informal decorative. Color, tangerine but very dark. Size, diameter, three inches; depth one and one half inches. All blooms well within miniature requirements. Plant blooms profusely. Height, four feet. Score, 85C.

Entry, No. 11. *Baby Sagamore*. Entered by Badetty Brothers. Type, miniature informal decorative. Color, peach with apricot tips fading to yellow. Size, three inches; depth, two inches. A profuse bloomer with flowers well within miniature requirements. A few hard centers. Height, five feet. Score, 83C.

Entry, No. 12. 1937-S. Entered by Glen Hawkins. Type, informal decorative. Color, wine and maroon with some silver on reverse. Only one plant bloomed. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 13. *Ginger Rogers*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 14. *Brass Buttons*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Type, pompon. Color, solid yel-

low. Size consistently within pompon requirements. Height, three to four feet. Score, 85C.

Entry, No. 15. *Preas-4*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Type, cactus. Color, pure white. A lovely flower. Size, diameter, nine to ten inches; depth, three to four inches. Height, five to six feet. Score, 85E.

Entry, No. 16. *Preas-2*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Only one plant bloomed. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 17. 8-1937-S. Did not grow. No score.

Entry, No. 18. *Red Ruffles*. Entered by Glen Hawkins. Type, informal decorative with petals somewhat "ruffled." Color, crimson to scarlet with some silver lines on reverse. Size, diameter, eight to nine inches; depth, four to five inches. Height, five to six feet. Score, 85E.

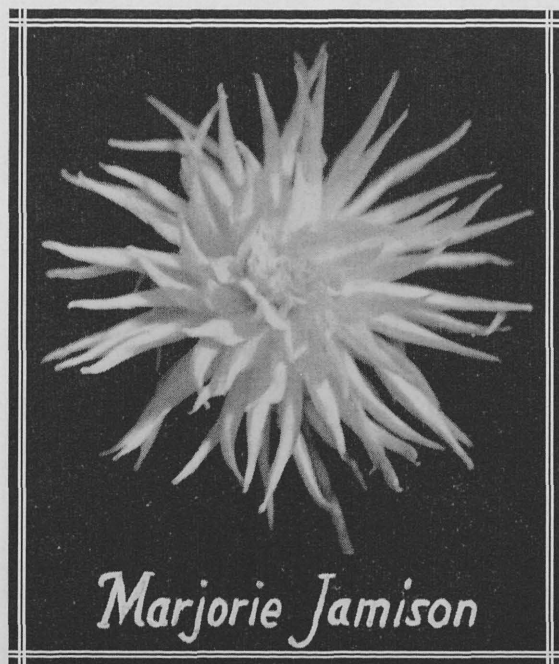
Entry, No. 19. 22. Entered by Gruebel's Dahlia Garden. Type, informal decorative. Color, shell pink predominating with ivory linings. Flowers also have a suggestion of lavender. Size, diameter, nine to ten inches; depth, three to five inches. Height, five to six feet. Score, 85E.

Entry, No. 20. 810. Entered by Gruebel's Dahlia Garden. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

Entry, No. 21. *Hampton Roads*. Entered by Glen Hawkins. Type, informal decorative. Color, a sharp crimson red with a lighter reverse. Size, diameter, nine to ten inches; depth, four to five inches. Perhaps the most striking flower in the garden. Height, five to six feet. Score, 85E.

Entry, No. 22. *Stephenson*. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

Fairmont, West Virginia.



Marjorie Jamison, Yellow Cactus won the award for best seedling at Cleveland show. Exhibited by Lasch Floral Gardens.

Seventh Mid West Show—and the Ninth Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky

One of the greatest undertakings of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky was sponsoring the Seventh Annual Mid West Show, but we as a Society, feel that our efforts were well repaid and that our Show was one of the most outstanding of the year. The attendance was good, weather rather warm, but all who attended and our out-of-town visitors assured us that they all enjoyed the Show and the Kentucky hospitality shown them.

Sweepstakes of the entire Show was won by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens of Columbus, Indiana.

Sweepstakes in the novice class, one growing 100 hills or less was won by Mrs. R. C. Webb, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sweepstakes in the small amateur class, one growing 150 hills or less was won by C. W. Simbritzki, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sweepstakes in the large amateur class, one growing 150 to 300 hills was won by George Gill, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sweepstakes in Commercial Estates with gardeners and 300 hills or over was won by Sparks' Dahlia Gardens of Columbus, Indiana.

The President's Cup for the best entry of six *Kentucky Sportsman* was won by Mrs. C. J. Simmons, Louisville, Kentucky.

The Show Chairman's Cup for the best entry of Kentucky originations was won by Lyman B. Whitman, Louisville, Kentucky, on *Kentucky*.

The Mid West Dahlia Trophy for six blooms originated in the Mid West was won by Dr. A. E. White, Indianapolis, Indiana, on *Miss Indiana*.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity Medal for six blooms, published in the *House Beautiful Magazine*, January issue, was won by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, on six blooms of *Eventide*.

The best entry of 1939 varieties was won by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens on *Alice May*.

The best entry of 1940 varieties was won by Fieldhouse and Shee, Louisville, Kentucky, on *Yellow Glory*.

The best entry of six foreign varieties was won by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens, on *F. Minnfield*.

The largest bloom in the Show was *Pink Josephine* and was shown by the B. W. Lamson Estate of Maderia, Ohio.

The smallest bloom in the Show was *Clover* and was shown by L. C. Henkel, Toledo, Ohio.

The bloom traveling the longest distance was shown by Harry Mellott of Toledo, Ohio.

The best entry for artistic arrangement was won by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens of Garfield Heights, Ohio.

The best entry of 100 Pompon Dahlias was *Ila* and was shown by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana.

The best entry of 50 miniatures was *Snowsprite* and *Dubonette* and was shown by George Gill, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sweepstakes in poms and miniatures was won by the Sparks' Dahlia Gardens.

The best entry of ten blooms *Michigan White* was won by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

The best entry of Ball Dahlias was *Cal Well* shown by Sparks' Dahlia Gardens.

Winners of Special *Courier-Journal* Awards Ribbons were: B. W. Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio; C. H. Henkle, Toledo, Ohio; Fieldhouse and Shee, Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. R. C. Webb, Louisville, Kentucky; Sparks' Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana; J. W. Addington, Toledo, Ohio, and George Gill, Louisville, Kentucky.

Those sharing in the cash awards of the Show were Sparks' Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana; Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, Ohio; Fieldhouse and Shee, Louisville, Kentucky; C. H. Durnil, Louisville, Kentucky; George Gill, Louisville, Kentucky; Roy White, Louisville, Kentucky; Lyman B. Whitman, Louisville, Kentucky; J. C. Hays, Louisville, Kentucky; Korfage Florist, Shively, Kentucky.

We wish to thank all the donors of the medals, cups and other trophies that helped us to put on this big Show and also the judges who did a splendid job of judging and all who helped in any way. All was appreciated and we want each and every one to know that it really was.

At the Mid West Conference Meeting which was called immediately following the banquet, the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin was asked to take the Show for 1941, but Mr. G. Currie and Dr. Hoppe, both delegates from Wisconsin said they would refer the matter to the meeting of the Mid West Conference to be held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on January 18, 1941, and we are happy to state that on October 12th, the Board of Directors of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin voted to extend an invitation to the Mid West Conference in January to hold the 1941 Mid West Show in Milwaukee on September 20-21, 1941.

At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society, held on October 15, 1940, at the Kentucky Hotel, Mr. George Shee of 103 Tenney Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, a charter member of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky was elected President together with H. T. Kruse, Vice-President and Mrs. William Wendler, 1511 Texas Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, Secretary. Mrs. Charles Fieldhouse was re-elected Treasurer.

In closing this report as secretary of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, I wish to say that I enjoyed being able to fill that office and the many friends I made through personal contact and correspondence and I want to thank each and every one personally for the help and assistance they gave me in making my work a pleasure.

Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn.

1940 Dahlia Society of Michigan Show

Held in the General Motors Building Auditorium, September 14th and 15th

The weather man was extremely considerate of the Dahlia growers for the week preceeding this show and for that reason the quality of bloom was never better. Everyone agreed, including the newspapers and other disinterested parties, that it was the finest show ever staged in this beautiful building a part of which was occasioned by an entirely new lay out.

Directly in the centre of the hall a raised platform was erected and decorated the first platform being 10' x 14' the second and third being shrunk so that about 3' shelves were left on which were placed large vases of Miniatures and Pom-poms. At the top of the exhibit was placed a very large vase of the new introduction by Lakeside Gardens, namely *G.M.C.* On Saturday evening, the first day of the show, with an appropriate ceremony this Dahlia was officially named *G.M.C.* in honor of General Motors Corporation who sponsor this show.

Participating in the show were the General Motors Photographic department who staged a photographic salon and who had two lovely models appropriately dressed, passing out beautiful colored pictures of Dahlias to all visitors. This is the second time the General Motors Photographic have participated and they add a real note to the show. This year, in addition to the Photographic salon, three of the new General Motors cars were placed on exhibit, namely Buick, Pontiac and Oldsmobile which were strategically located on raised platform in the show and each decorated with large vases of Dahlias.

The tables for the specimen blooms were laid out in the form of wagon spokes centering at the center exhibit which made the show very attractive. The large amateur classes were well filled with excellent quality and competition was perhaps as keen as ever seen at our State show. All of this lay out was due to the excellent planning and management of Mr. Frank Vadik who is our show manager.

The arrangement class, which this year showed a tremendous increase, were under the sponsorship of Mrs. Kenneth Gibson who handled all details in connection with them and the increase in entries was quite remarkable, having some of the finest arrangers in Detroit entering these classes.

The table arrangement classes were also outstanding and make an added attraction to a show.

The large stage was, as usual, decorated and beautifully filled with thousands of fine blooms and set-up by Lakeside Gardens who always furnish the spotlight for our show. No Michigan show is complete without it.

We are glad to report a number of new comers, one of which put on a beautiful 100 foot exhibit all very fine quality blooms, namely Mundy's Garden's Coldwater, Michigan., which was their first showing and certainly an excellent exhibit. This same party showed in a good many classes and won the lion's share of the ribbons. Two other commercial displays featured the show,

namely Stehlich Gardens, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and Lone Pine Gardens, Royal Oak, Michigan.

It is interesting to notice the increase in the number of entries in the novice and small amateur classes, all of which indicates the increasing interest and popularity in Dahlia culture.

The Seedling classes were well filled and competition was extremely keen and it is surprising to note the increased number of amateurs who are growing seeds each year, all of which is going to bring about a keener interest in new Dahlias as well as stronger competition for recognition in new fields.

John W. L. Hicks won the Medal Award for the Best Amateur Display. This has become an annual event for John but each year he makes it a little better than the year before.

Two winners in the undisseeded classes were particularly worthy of note. *Autumn King*, originated and entered by B. W. Hertel of Grand Rapids, a large size, rose-doree Formal Decorative, with round petals seemed to indicate a break in form. *Yellow Sylvia*, best termed a clear medium yellow edition of Lakeside's famous *Sylvia*, originated and entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan, seemed very fine. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Mrs. Bina West Miller, a begonia-rose medium sized, informal decorative, originated and shown by Gordon Nutt, West Haven Gardens, 2538 10th Street Port Huron, Michigan.

The largest bloom grown by an amateur was won with a bloom of *Glamour* by C. J. Addington, Detroit, Michigan. The largest bloom grown by a Commercial was won with *Gay Knight* by William G. Litz, Port Huron, Michigan. And a pleasure that we had long anticipated was the award of the Wolverine Men's Club Trophy to our good President, Bruce Collins, the "Gentleman Farmer of Utica", for the largest bloom grown by a member of the Wolverine Men's Club with a bloom of *Rita Wells*, also the largest bloom in the entire show. The most perfect bloom in the show was won with *Lord of Autumn* by G. M. Bachofen of Detroit. The smallest and most perfect bloom was, as usual, won with *Little Edith* by Mrs. Hannah Corveau of Detroit.

The O. V. D. A. Meritorious Award was awarded to the Lakeside Gardens for the huge vase of their new introduction, *G.M.C.*, placed on top of the pyramid in the center of the show, as the most meritorious collection of large flowered Dahlias in one container, in the entire show.

Two staunch members of our society have passed along to a better Dahlia Grounds during the past few months. Mrs. Jacob Bauman, Jr., wife of the owner of Bauman's Dahlia Gardens, Birmingham, Michigan, passed away rather suddenly. Mrs. Bauman has been a long time supporter of our Society and our shows. Mrs. Robert

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Approximately three-fourths of the show area in this photograph. Lakeside Gardens display on platform.

Dahlia Travelogue—Cont. from p. 16

Show in the lavender informal decorative class. The flower is a beautiful two tone combination of ruby red and lavender, the general effect being lavender. In bush growth and stem it much resembles *Charlotte Collis*, but is an even more prolific bloomer, and the flowers are of good size.

Pygmalion. This is an importation from Holland seen at the gardens of Dr. S. D. Tylman, Lombard, Illinois. It is a nine inch autumn colored cactus with extra good stems. I consider this one of the very best new ones I saw anywhere this season.

Kensington Gleam. This Dahlia is rightly named because its bright color does really gleam in the sunlight. It is an autumn colored formal decorative from Austrilia and a beauty. The color is a bright orange gold tinted with red and it is a most artistic flower with none of the stiffness in appearance that so many formals have. This was seen at Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio.

Crinkles. This was sent to me on trial by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens and is a beautiful clear yellow informal decorative which is reported to have scored the highest of any Dahlias ever entered at the Burley Trial Grounds in Australia. Stems and bush growth are excellent and the flowers are ten to eleven inches in diameter.

Copper Prince. This is another Australian imported by Mad River Gardens and produces eleven inch informal decorative blooms of a bright copper color on straight strong stems. The blooms have high centers and great depth and the flowers have wonderful substance and

keeping qualities. The bush is an extremely vigorous grower.

Madam Albert Loix. This is a beautiful waxy white formal decorative imported from Europe by Peck's Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. It produces blooms nine inches in diameter or better on strong straight stems. It is a more vigorous grower than *Darcy Sainsbury*. A bloom of *Madam Albert Loix* was an easy winner in the white formal class at the Louisville Mid West Show.

Mary Congdon. If it were not for a shortness in length of stem between the bloom and top leaf bracket this would be my favorite of all the new Dahlias. A skillful grower, however, by pinching out and growing to four stalks and using side buds for the blooms can overcome such defect. The blooms are a huge orange red of great depth and of artistic informal decorative formation. Stems are thick and strong and bush growth is most vigorous. This season I grew a plant of this sent me on trial by Mad River Gardens and its blooms attracted the enthusiastic admiration of visitors to the garden.

I cannot close this article without paying tribute to one of the 1940 introductions which I grew the past season which has not received the wide recognition to which its great merit entitles it—*Producer*, introduced by Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. From the beginning to the end of the season the bushes of *Producer* were loaded with an abundance of informal decorative blooms of a light bittersweet color on perfect stems, some of the blooms measuring up to ten inches in diameter. The bushes were tall and remarkably vigorous growers. This Dahlia will be a universal favorite when better known.

Experiences and Observations During the 1940 Season

[Your Editor asked several qualified experts to present their views regarding 1941 Debutante Dahlias which they had grown. Here we publish the reports.]

Bruce D. Collins, Dahlia Society of Michigan

Please bear in mind that this story is in no way an attempt to rewrite any HONOR ROLLS, but rather the actual experiences and observations of an average grower, who loves Dahlias, and thinks he knows where we are going in this Dahlia game.

First of all, for the performance of the 1940 introductions: In my opinion and experience, *Nancy Ann Mitchell* was the outstanding performer. It grew and performed just as it did in the East Lansing Trial Grounds, and was in every way satisfactory. *Victory*, a nice formal shrimp pink, with yellow undercast, good grower, lots of bloom, insect resistant, good root maker, but not quite the Dahlia we had expected. *Progress*, a fine large formal mauve color, fine grower, excellent stems, lots of flowers, insect resistant, and all in all a good Dahlia, except that I am a color man, and it's color just does not appeal to me.

Thunderbolt was just not a good Dahlia for me. It did not throw one double flower, and was a rather sad disappointment. Lew Sarrett, the originator, tells me, however, that my stock must have been poor, and therefore, will give it another trial, for knowing Lew as I do, I just could not imagine him putting out something that was not right. *Eventide*, fine grower, insect resistant, lots of flowers, but a rather dull Dahlia. Color is fine, but the flower lacks finish. *Mother's Day*, a good grower, nice foliage, but very late, and only four good blooms for the season. Just not the white we are looking for.

Of the 1939 and previous introductions, *Rita Wells*, *Virginia Shipley*, *Dai Wong*, *Michigan White*, *Katie-K*, *Margrace*, *Carl Dahl*, and *Amelia Earhart*, were outstanding performers this season.

I had the pleasure of growing several seedlings, some of which will undoubtedly be introduced in 1941. Salem Dahlia Garden's Seedling A-35 a fire red, with orange reverse, was outstanding. It is a fine grower, splendid foliage, lots of bloom, and 12 inch flowers are easily obtained. It is different, and very striking in appearance, and will really go places. We also tested their seedling A-21, a tremendous formal yellow, that should win for largest bloom. It is a huge flower, and produces a lot of them on an insect resistant, low growing bush. It is a lemon yellow, and the flowers last a long time even in hot weather. This Dahlia will delight the amateurs who want them really huge.

Two seedlings from Mrs. Lee of Tacoma were good. Her J-10, a beautiful pastel pink and white informal decorative was grand, also her pink and white cactus, W-1, was excellent. When Dahlias from the west coast perform in Michigan as these two did for me, they are really good.

The most startling thing in my garden, however, was Lakeside's G. M. C. I have grown it for two seasons, and

it is a super Dahlia. A large dark red informal, on whose petals there is a frosty sheen, which makes the flower appear very rich and velvety, and entirely different from any red ever seen. It will produce ten to twelve inch flowers on four foot stems, from August until frost. Entirely free from insect ravages it will please the rank amateur for its ease of culture, and the experienced grower for its sheer beauty and productivity. Many Dahlia fans stop at Lakeside Gardens, during the season. I practically live there, it being only a few miles from my farm. Most of the fans left with the statement that more fine seedlings were being grown at Lakeside than at any other spot they had visited. Nick Koenig has literally a dozen grand things which have been grown for two or more years, and some of them will thrill the Dahlia world when they are introduced. Such things as *Rose Red*, *Snow White*, *Columbia*, *Diamond*, *C. C. Bradner*, *Eddie Guest*, *Annabelle*, and others have been examined and proclaimed by men who know Dahlias, as something to shout about. This man Koenig eats, sleeps, works and plays with Dahlias 365 days per year, and so does his family. Never have I know a commercial grower who would rather grow seedlings, and produce beautiful flowers for his own pleasure, than to sell them. That is why he gets such good ones and grows them so well.

All of which leads me to feel that someone will say, "well what does this writer know about Dahlias anyway?" The longer I live with Dahlias the more I realize how little I do know about them, but, they are teaching me, and I feel I know them better each season. You have to live with your Dahlias twelve months in the year to know them. Of one thing I am convinced, and that is the fact that we must introduce fewer Dahlias, better Dahlias, Dahlias that the average gardener can grow without sitting up nights with them, and Dahlias which have some value both for cut flowers, and for landscape value. Trial Grounds are great testing places, but are also guilty of handing out too many certificates, which fool too many folks, thereby discouraging many a rank amateur, who read a description, and bought the Dahlia, only to find it was just another Dahlia.

F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio, Grew Some Promising Ones

Incendie—fiery red with gold tips; one of Pezant's of France. It is a nine inch flower with me but can be grown larger. Good stems and depth. It is a very beautiful Dahlia and one I am sure most anyone would like to grow. Will be introduced by Garfield Heights Gardens.

Trojan—I think this Salem introduction grew tops for me. I had blooms twelve inches and over and very deep. I won the *American Home Achievement* medal with it at East Liverpool. Golden yellow, overlaid red, informal. With me it really was a good Dahlia.

Purple King—Bi-color formal, the color is flame with white tips. A waxy looking flower that I have grown nine inches. This Dahlia of H. H. Robens has fine stems and good clean growth. No achievement medal was offered

in Cleveland this year but it won in the three bloom class—two entries—first and second, also special.

Hiltonia Apricot is a good formal. The name denotes its color. It will be shown in the Autumn class. An Australian Dahlia which I believe is the largest and best formal I have ever seen.

Jessie—A rose cactus from Australia that is a dandy.

I saw some other promising ones at the various Shows but those mentioned I grew on trial.

Edward J. O'Keefe's Selections

In answer to a request from our Editor, I have prepared a list of the six new Dahlias that I feel sure will get their share of winnings on the Show table next year. As there seems to be a great number of new ones to choose from, I will only list the new ones which I actually grew in my own garden, where I really had a chance to watch and study their growth and development.

Crowning Glory, incurved cactus, amaranth pink, with a cream center, may appear to be semi-cactus while growing but upon being fully developed, cut and put in water will form a perfect incurved cactus Dahlia.

All American, rose doree to rose red flesh. Semi-cactus. Good sturdy bush with heavy insect resistant foliage. Won two seedling classes with this one. Later in season may develop into an incurved cactus.

Class, formal decorative. Petree yellow, a real good formal type very much needed. Grew the Dahlia for past two years and never saw a poor bloom on any bush. It is really a formal *California Idol* and believe it will win as best formal in any class.

Ruth Nicholas, formal decorative (Australia). A real formal one of these colors which is hard to decide whether a pink or lavender has very good size, form and substance.

Marion Smith (Australia). Tyrian pink, overlaid mallow pink. Shown four times this year, winning three firsts, one second in very stiff competition.

Mary Lynn Dudley, semi-cactus. Red, excellent color and form. Has wonderful keeping quality and will grow in water.

For the boys who like to win try these foreign varieties: *Nightfall*, *Moonlia*, *Miss Wahroonga*, *Jessie King*, in cactus varieties. Also *Crinkles*, *Hiltonia Apricot*, *Alice Adams*.

I Saw and Liked, by Roy W. Webb

Salem Dahlia Gardens had three varieties at our park planting which I consider outstanding. I also had the same three varieties in my personal garden and they all did equally well for me.

Class, a huge yellow formal decorative which early in the season was inclined to be crotchty, but by pinching out the center bud and blooming one of the side buds it came with splendid stems. Profuse bloomer, rather dwarf plant with thick foliage which was not bothered by insects. This should prove to be the best yellow formal decorative to date.

All-America, a huge bloom which I would call a blending of wine and rose color, a fine bloomer on splendid stems. I would call this semi-cactus in type. A beauti-



This fine arrangement won a Tri-color award for Mrs. Geo. F. Roberts of Valley Stream, L. I. Garden Club. ONE GRAND and RITA WELLS in copper container.

Photo—Albert Humble

ful flower on perfect stems; plants were not bothered by insects and the blooms were very large without any special attention.

Trojan, red and gold informal decorative which while large was not as large as the other two. Very profuse bloomer on perfect stems all through the season. Perfectly healthy plants of heavy insect resistant foliage.

These three varieties of Salem's were all worthy of being on any honor roll in my opinion. They all did well without any special attention and very little feeding, they are all just naturally large and profuse bloomers. Plants of all three are wide spreading and grow about four feet high out in the open, insects did not bother any of them at all.

Yellow Comet was outstanding in the park planting; as the name implies the blooms are yellow, semi-cactus in type. Plant growth about six feet out in the open. Not bothered by insects at all. Stems and flowers splendid. Good blooming variety. We had three plants at the park planting.

Rocky River Dahlia Gardens sent us, park planting, a medium size variety which we just know as X which was the most profuse blooming variety at the park this year. I would class it as a cactus, but Mr. Wind called it semi-cactus when he sent it to us. Color is lavender of the same split petal formation as *Frau Ida Mansfield*. Plant growth is rather dwarf. I consider this the most outstanding medium size variety that I saw growing all season.

American Dahlia Society Field Day

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS, SEPTEMBER 14, 1940

Some confusion about the date of the Field Day resulted in two gatherings, the first on September 7th, and the second, and the real planned Field Day on September 14th. This was somewhat similar to the real and false armistice days at the end of the world war.

After lunch at the cafeteria, the guests gathered in the big tent erected for the occasion. In place of the usual calling of the meeting to order by Professor Patch, George Fraser opened with a few remarks, stating that Professor Patch had been very ill but fortunately was recovering and would be present before the meeting was over. This announcement was applauded. And Professor Patch did appear and was congratulated on his progress towards recovery.

George Fraser said that in spite of the confusion in the dates he was glad to see so many Dahlia enthusiasts out. Glad also that the day was a perfect one for the occasion. He then introduced A. D. S. President Conrad Frey as master of ceremonies in place of Professor Patch.

President Frey said that the illness of Professor Patch during the past two months had made us realize just how important he was to the conduct of the A. D. S. Trial Grounds. The program as arranged was short. He then introduced Dean of Agriculture G. C. White and Professor S. P. Hollister of the Agricultural Department under whose jurisdiction the A. D. S. Dahlia Garden was operated.

Dean White then gave a few words of welcome to the visitors on behalf of the University. He said in part: "Those who have been coming here each year for the past twenty-one odd years to inspect the work of the testing of the new Dahlia novelties remember that the work here was initiated under the direction of George Fraser and then continued under the direction of Professors Hollister and Patch. In the beginning Fraser had interested President Beach in the advantages to the school and to the State of Connecticut to have the testing garden located on the grounds. As soon as President Beach was once sold on the idea he left the details of the whole matter up to Fraser. That the latter did a splendid job is known to all of us and the results of that planning are apparent here today. When he left to work for himself, Professor Patch carried on and we all appreciate what both of them have done to promote the good work."

President Frey then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Harry Randall, Florist of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Randall, with a great array of containers, chicken wire, stem wires, branches of evergreens and other florists material as well as a number of types and sizes of Dahlias from Past President Fraser's garden, began a demonstration of flower arrangement. He stated at the outset that he was speaking about Dahlias entirely from a retailer's point of view. He said that since he had looked over the various types and colors of Dahlias in the garden, he had made a resolution to use more Dahlias in arrange-

ments and in decoration. He said that if florists would use more Dahlias generally they could buy from home folks and use less of the more costly flowers that had to be shipped so far as, for instance the Pacific Coast. Transportation increases the cost of flowers to the consumer the same as anything else.

The small Dahlias particularly, lent themselves to good bouquet and arrangement work. Incidentally for hospital rooms, he observed that the small type flowers were always best. He wouldn't dare, for instance, to take twelve blooms of the big exhibition varieties he had seen in the test garden and send them to a sick person. It would be far better to send one of them every day for twelve days.

"We always condition flowers before sending them out," he continued. "We cut the stems off at the end and keep them in water for at least an hour before use." He stated that he believed that trial gardens such as this were good for developing a better race of Dahlias and flowers which could be more useful in the flower business. He had noted, for instance, that they have much stiffer stems than they used to have. With this improvement in Dahlias in the new novelties, florists would just have to stock more of them just as they have had to roses, gladiolus and chrysanthemums.

"But in spite of the stronger stems of today's Dahlias and your own prohibition of wires in the stems for exhibition work, florists have to use wire on the stems the same as any other flower to make the arrangements keep their shape for a longer period.

"We have to be careful what colors in flowers are selected for certain places or uses. For instance, we have to keep away from dull colors in orders that are to be displayed in places where the light is dim. Also we cannot send out dark reds or purples in Dahlias, or any flowers, which are for night displays. In these instances we select the whites and the light yellows, which reflect artificial light."

Mrs. Randall had suggested to him that they use some of the small Dahlias for bride's bouquets and he had done so. Then he proceeded to demonstrate how it could be done. All the time that he had been talking his fingers had been busy devising one arrangement of Dahlias after another until at the end of his talk he had filled a variety of containers as well as forming some old fashioned nose gays and several brides' and bridesmaids' bouquets.

He demonstrated how they used sprays of cedar tips down in the containers to permit a proper spacing of the blooms to fit the containers and also to obtain the effect of balance desired.

He explained that good judgment had to be used to select the proper container to fit the particular type of flower and the colors. In his opinion it was better to have too few flowers in a container than too many, but the tendency by most arrangers was to crowd the flowers. He also said that generally bouquets were too

tall. It was his idea that the focal center should be low, rather than high. Thereupon he showed how to use wires on the stems in order to bring the flowers down.

Some of the Dahlias which Mr. Randall used in the different and very interesting arrangements which he devised while giving the lecture were: *Snow Cap*, *Bob White* and a white which your reporter had almost forgotten as one of his own, named *White Swan*. Others were *Frau O'Bracht*, *Jersey Dainty*, *Mrs. Herbert O'Connor*, *Rhoda Raleigh*, *Avalon*, *Kentucky*, *Jersey Beauty*.

President Frey then introduced Warren Maytrott who said in reply to Mr. Randall that he had made surveys in Pittsburg and other cities which showed that florists generally did not use Dahlias for floral work if they could get any other flowers. He said that he thought that this situation was improving some. But that there was room for a greater understanding among florists that Dahlias nowadays were useful and practical in their work. For instance, in Europe, at least before the war, Dahlias had kept the wheels of the florists trade going for many years. He said he was very glad to see, by Mr. Randall's demonstration and statements about Dahlias, that florists here can use more and more Dahlias to good advantage in their business.

Mr. Maytrott then asked Mr. Randall what he thought about shipping Dahlias to flower markets with the extra buds left on them. Mr. Randall said that he believed that Dahlias should be trimmed of extra buds and branches and that they should be picked the night before shipping and conditioned in a cool place in plenty of water.

Professor Patch was then called upon and he stated briefly that it had been quite a shock to find that he was not in the best of health but that he was being very careful and that he was feeling much better. He said he would like to add one observation to the discussion which he had thought very interesting and instructive, and that was this in connection with shipping Dahlias to the flower markets: Dahlias should be picked when blooms were mature and not half open. Mr. Maytrott replied to this with the statement that in the main this was correct but that along with the improvement of stiffer stems and longer keeping qualities that had been developed in the Dahlia, a number of varieties today will open in water and during the conditioning process.

Mr. Randall concluded the discussion with the statement that "you have certainly overcome the old weakness and given us the stiffer stems and produced Dahlias which last longer after cutting. And I have learned a lot about them today in this wonderful test garden. I am going to use many more of them in my business hereafter."

The audience then went out into the garden to look over the Dahlias and the judges again took up the task of scoring them.

Lynn B. Dudley.

APOLOGIA

The A. D. S. regrets the inconvenience caused by the misunderstanding regarding the date of the Field Day at Storrs. Usually held on the first Saturday in September, notices were sent to some naming that date whereas the Field Day was held the following week.

Our President Reports

By Conrad Frey

The activities of the American Dahlia Society for the year 1940 were interesting due to revolutionary changes which our committees thought were necessary for the advancement of the A. D. S.

The adoption of a type and color classification (a big job in such a short time) was received with great enthusiasm by most members as a step in the right direction. It was tried out at our Show at the World's Fair, September 20th-22nd and at some of our Branch Societies and proved a great aid in placing exhibits in the right classes. We know that this method or list is far from perfect and complete—at least it is a start in the right direction. There will have to be some corrections and changes, also additions of varieties as the committee receives them. One thing it did do, it made the exhibitors label and name exhibits or else be disqualified. This is one rule the A. D. S. has tried to enforce but with little success. At the World's Fair Show this rule was enforced due to new color and type classification. This was the first A. D. S. Show where the visitors did not stop every officer with a badge and ask the name of this or that variety. Yes, we had a few complaints, but after a little deliberation with the exhibitor who was disqualified it was realized that if color and type rule was to be successful, someone had to be hurt. By enforcing this rule I believe this is the beginning of the end for Dahlias on the Show table without named labels.

The new method of judging seedling Dahlias by ratings was tried for the first time at the A. D. S. World's Fair Show and met with approval. By this rating method good Dahlias get a rating and recognition. By the old method of judging seedlings many a good Dahlia, if it did not win first, would get lost in the shuffle.

Increasing the size of the medium to eight inches and the miniature to four inches was also a success. It has done away with the judgment of individuals deducting points for over size. As the new rule stands any medium Dahlia over eight inches and miniature over four inches are disqualified.

Derrill Hart Medals. Reports from the trial grounds are not complete so cannot give report of the outcome of this innovation.

Branch Societies membership is progressing satisfactorily. In our annual report we will list branch society memberships.

The finances of the Society are in fine condition. We have no obligations to meet. We, no doubt, have made some mistakes, but the accomplishments will overshadow the mistakes.

The A. D. S. Show at the World's Fair was a huge success—the largest and best quality Show ever held by the A. D. S. We want to thank Mr. E. Lloyd, Show Manager, and H. Olsen, Assistant Show Manager, and their committee for the fine manner in conducting the best Show ever had by the A. D. S. We also thank all the chairmen of all other committees and their members, for their fine coöperation which has made this a most pleasant administration.

I Have Seen a Sixteen Inch Dahlia...

By J. LOUIS ROBERTS, Chicago, Illinois

I have been growing Dahlias for a little less than thirty years, always wanting to see a real big one—those that they talk about, rather skeptical, but still believing it was possible. Maybe you have felt the same way yourself. Finally I saw and measured one. But this was at the end of my traveling for the year, so let's begin at the beginning. This will tell only of the travels in the east as Mr. Waaser, the editor has other reports from various sections of the country.

The first trip east was just before Labor Day. I stopped off at the trial grounds at College Park, Maryland. This trial ground is not as yet accredited for the reason that they must operate for two years before getting recognition from the American Dahlia Society. It is located between Washington and Baltimore and the members of the Dahlia Societies of these two cities are responsible for this ground being started. Prof. Lee Schrader tells me that the members of these societies are very energetic and made the planting, etc. They had 1250 plants of standard varieties and 38 seedlings on trial. Next to the planting was a field of corn ten feet tall which gives you some idea as to how Dahlias should grow in this ground. Ten inch *Mrs. I. de Ver Warners* were common. *Jersey Beauty* was the best I have ever seen it grown. Only a few of the trials were in bloom. That night I went to New York.

While in New York, I took a run up to Cold Spring and visited with Eddie O'Keeffe who had two cloth houses. Very few were in bloom as he was pointing toward the Peekskill Show. He took me to "Mac's" (J. McIntyre, Superintendent for Mrs. R. G. Colt) who grows them to two canes and the hills are eighteen inches apart. Next we visited the cloth house built by Judge Nelson's son. In both of these plantings the growth of the plants was excellent. Very few blooms, for the same reason, pointing toward the Peekskill Show.

That night I went up to see Mr. Lynn Dudley, past President of the American Dahlia Society. I saw his seedling *Mary Lynn Dudley*, named after his grand daughter. He had 80 hills of it and they were in excellent shape. In fact all of the plants I saw in the east were in much better shape than those in my own neighborhood due no doubt to the climate. *Mary Lynn Dudley* should reach the Show tables as a semi-cactus. I say this for the reason that the blooms if taken early may be informal, but Lynn showed me some he had cut six hours before at which time they were informal (he said) but when I saw them they were semi-cactus. You should if you grow exhibition blooms, be able to get eleven inches or better. The color is maroon. That was all for this trip.

I went back to New York on October 9th. That night I went to the Fair with Dewey Mohr. We went to the Gardens on Parade looking for C. Louis Alling and Warren Maytrott, but they were not there. We saw an exhibition of cut flowers by C. Louis Alling and Parrella Dahlia Gardens. They were standard varieties. The

next day, Thursday, I met Dr. Preas by appointment. He proceeded to show me Long Island, where it is claimed that it is unusual if you find a poor Dahlia. During this trip we visited the gardens of Dr. Preas, Dewy Mohr, Gordon Waaser, Ernest Tooker, Edgar Van Velsor, and Badetty Bros.

At the garden of Dr. Preas, I saw most everything, meaning, poms, singles, other small varieties and exhibition varieties. He had them under cloth and outside. He has the largest planting of singles that I have ever seen grown by an amateur. Here one can make a comparison of the different shades and types, for example white poms showing the tinting of each variety, etc. You probably have heard about those he brings into the Show of exhibition size. He had good *Maffie*, *Carl Dahl* and *Sun Rays* as well as some seedlings he was trying for others.

At the garden of Dewey Mohr (Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens) I saw *Ginger Rogers* which will be introduced this year. It is a large yellow informal decorative. I also saw this one at East Lansing where it scored 86.2 if I remember rightly. I also saw two poms which he is introducing this year: *Brass Buttons*, yellow in color, and *Clover*, a white with a faint pink tinge. He also had *Mary Lynn Dudley* and one he may introduce next year, I think the name is *Dorothy Hertel*. This is a formal but was both pink and autumn. I mean that both colors were in the planting.

At the garden of Gordon Waaser I saw *Crowning Glory*, the Salem Dahlia that won the *American Home Achievement* medal at Peekskill. I am told that this is the first time he has won the medal. I cannot understand this because he sure grows good Dahlias. He also had *All-America*, another of Salem's. This won the *American Home Achievement* medal at the Milwaukee Show. *Maffie* also was well grown here.

At the garden of Ernest Tooker I saw the Dahlia *Edith Willkie*, a semi-cactus white. This one is only two years old. It was named after Mrs. Willkie at the World's Fair. When I saw them he had splints on the stems and umbrellas over the blooms. No doubt he was having calls for the flowers as I understand they sent quite a few to Mrs. Willkie. *Tooker's Masterpiece* was another that looked good. It is a yellow informal. Tooker was not at home so I could not ask them if he fed them with a spoon or if they were bottle fed. He is the one who has the Fertilizer and Timing Gardens at Storrs. No doubt you have read about it.

Mr. Van Velsor had a cloth house without a top on it. It is very large. Huge varieties of *Carl Dahl* and *Maffie* were grown in this enclosure. I was attracted to the manner in which he grew "mums." He grows them outdoors with sash over them and the sides are covered with heavy burlap. He says that this method will withstand frost down to 20 degrees above zero. The blooms when I saw them were about five inches across and they were not fully developed.

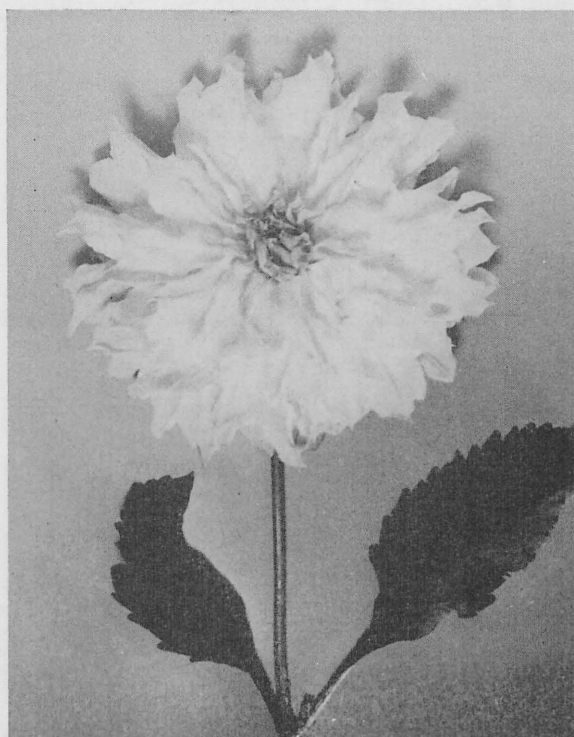
Badetty Bros. grow chiefly for the cut flower market, in a somewhat isolated spot. It is an immense planting. Examination of the plants did not disclose any insect markings. *Jane Cowl*, *James Kirby* and *Murphy's Masterpiece* were grown in quantity. He said that last year *James Kirby* was the best variety for the market but this year *Jane Cowl* was better. He took us down to the basement to show us the blooms he had cut for the market. There were enough blooms to fill the average Show room. One smaller room had nothing in it but *Jane Cowl*. About three o'clock in the morning they would start packing for the market.

On Friday night I left in the company of Lynn Dudley (who drove), Conrad Frey and Dewey Mohr, for Willimantic, Connecticut. We arrived that night at eleven o'clock. In the morning we went to Storrs which is about five miles from Willimantic. We met with Prof. Patch who put us to work. Later George Frazer joined us.

The Dahlia that will no doubt get the highest score at Storrs is *Mary Taylor*, an incurved cactus of autumn shade. It will furnish competition to *Golden Standard* on the exhibition table. It was entered by S. E. Taylor of Morgantown, West Virginia. Some of the Dahlias that I saw at both Storrs and East Lansing which no doubt will score are as follows: *G. M. C.*, oxblood red, informal decorative. I have a record of 11" x 6" bloom, grown at East Lansing. The blooms were formal at Storrs (Lakeside). *Carpe Diem* was semi-cactus at East Lansing and informal at Storrs. It looks like *Azura* having about the same color. I think there will have to be some change as to the name of this variety as I seem to recollect that this name has been used on a foreign variety. *DeMolay* was formal at East Lansing and informal decorative at Storrs. It looked to me to be about a shade of carmine (Dahliadel). *Flush of Dawn* was straight cactus at Storrs and at East Lansing some of the petals twisted and curled. The color is pink (Dahliadel). Other large flowering varieties that looked good at Storrs were *Kilgore's Idol*, No. 13 by Mrs. Grace Houston, No. 267 by Walter Bissel and a cactus entered by C. J. Poulos, of Pawtucket. Miniatures that I think will score at Storrs are: *Bal Rogue*, M-9 by Conrad Frey, 35-15 by Bennett K. Matlack, and No. 31A by E. E. Tooker. *Clover, pom*, will no doubt score. Badetty Bros. had a collarette named *Wine Collarette* that looked good.

You no doubt will notice the difference in the descriptions of those grown at East Lansing and at Storrs. There were other differences, in color and number of blooms. To me it seemed that the colors were lighter at Storrs than at East Lansing—more flowers at Storrs than at East Lansing and more open centers at Storrs. As a whole the plant growth was equal. It would be interesting to have the judges (who spend their own time without any remuneration) be given a trip to the other trial grounds. I mean send those who judge regularly at Storrs to East Lansing and vice versa. The scoring would be about the same I think, but they would be surprised to find the same Dahlia growing different as I have.

Sunday morning I got up and went out to see Eddie O'Keefe. The Australian Dahlias *Ruth Nichols*, informal lavender, *Marion Smith* and *Hiltonia* looked good. *Aurora* looks as if it should beat *Victory* on the exhibition



MAID MARION—Informal decorative—an improved Frieda George. Awarded American Home Achievement Medal. Originator, Dr. H. L. Dozier.

table. *Class*, a yellow formal looked good. I say they looked that way but you must know that Eddie grows them good and it would take another location to check them. They say you have to live right to grow good Dahlias and that is probably why Eddie grows good Dahlias, because he took me to church and there showed me several that he had brought to church. One of these was the sixteen inch bloom I told you about at the opening of this article. The name of the variety? *Maffie*.

That afternoon I flew home and before I went to bed I went out in the garden and turned on the lights and saw the largest bloom I have ever grown. Fourteen inches. The name? *Mother's Day*. You see I had been in church that noon.

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The Garden Club section of the A. D. S. World's Fair Show capably directed by Mrs. Georgena Humble was outstanding this year. Here one found the versatility of the Dahlia in its usefulness. There were arrangements for so many occasions, including corsages, nosegays and bridal bouquets. The untiring efforts of our ladies will be long remembered by the throngs who flocked to this most inspiring section of the exhibition—at times the crowds were "three deep" anxiously awaiting opportunity for close inspection.

Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

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THE NEW PRESIDENT

"All Abooo-ard!"

The above exclamation means that the West Virginia Dahlia Society is again headed toward another good year of Society and Dahlia activity. The new President is a Baltimore & Ohio railroad man. His name is J. J. Lynch, "Jess" to most people. His address is Belview, Fairmont, West Virginia.

President Lynch is a most insistent and a most constant Dahlia grower. He is just the type of man to keep the Dahlia interest keenly alive. He will buy and plant more new varieties than any person we know. Sometimes he hits; sometimes he misses.

He has had one Dahlia experience which, fortunately, most other Dahliaists have missed. This past spring after planting a lot of Dahlias on a borrowed lot the lot was wanted by the owner. That meant a loss of several Dahlias or a replanting. The replanting won the decision by a knock-out! The Dahlias, already starting to grow, were carefully dug up and replanted. A sure and absolute sign that the owner was and is a real Dahlia lover. Jess is just that.

President Lynch is a long-time grower. He has been growing "our flower" for a good many seasons and never misses a year. Spring after spring those plots of ground are prepared and at the proper time for his location, the Dahlias are planted. He plants and grows his Dahlias with enthusiasm. Another sign of a real Dahlia man.

President Lynch is an inveterate Show goer. One is liable to see him wherever there might be a Dahlia Show. We have seen him at the A. D. S. Show in New York City, we have seen him in Detroit, we have seen him in Cleveland, we have seen him in Cincinnati, we have seen him in Pittsburgh—always at a Dahlia Show. He has attended a good many other Shows which we have had to miss. We just can't keep up with Jess as a Show goer.

Besides the Shows just mentioned, President Lynch never misses a West Virginia Dahlia Show. And, like the loyal member that he is, he never fails to bring flowers to his own Show. Year after year Jess brings dozens of flower boxes full of Dahlias to the West Virginia Show and from their contents sets up a beautiful and attractive unit exhibit at the Show. We think that he always will have flowers at his own Show. He doesn't care a "rap" about the decision of the judges—he wants the flowers in the Show. Another sign of a real Dahlia man.

Mr. Lynch is happily married and has a fine family, all of whom are helpfully interested in the Dahlias of the new President. We have known the whole family for a long time. They are most commendable.

We predict for the West Virginia Dahlia Society a fine year under the Presidency of Jess Lynch. Dahlia people, everywhere, will wish him much success. He deserves it.

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.

The Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society

Uppermost in the minds of the members now is the success of the annual exhibition, the nineteenth, which was held at the Camden County Vocational School on October 4th and 5th.

Much credit goes to Show Manager Charles J. Paist and his committee who helped to put the Show across, and to the judges for their criticisms.

The judges for the occasion were: Dahlia judges: Dr. C. H. Connors, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Conrad Frey, of Nutley, N. J.; Stanley Johnson, of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania; Bennett K. Matlack, Bridgeton, N. J.; Joseph Nuneviller, of Tansboro, N. J.; Edward B. Lloyd, Verona, N. J.

Garden flower judges were: Frank W. Baker, Michell Seed House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank S. Bartollett, Haddonfield, N. J.; Curtice C. White and Mrs. Curtice C. White, of Johnsville, Pennsylvania; W. O. Hird, Simon's Seed House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Harry O. Yates, professor of floriculture, Camden County Vocational School; Miss Eunice Williams, of Bristol, Pennsylvania.

Although the weather played havoc in many of the sections from which the Show draws many exhibitors, there was still plenty of good material on display. Among the seedlings expected to go places is *Rhythm*, a shrimp pink incurved cactus with double serrated tips and long ramrod stems. Winner of the *American Home Achievement* medal, the seedling was grown and shown by Dr. H. L. Dozier, of Cambridge, Maryland. Another seedling also put in this category is *Snowcrest*, grown and exhibited by H. O. Alexander, of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, which was also winner of the Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy in the A. D. S. Show.

Among the large varieties of Dahlias which were winners were: *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Jane Cowl*, *California Idol*, *Anna Benedict*, *Marmora*, *Incandescent*, *Kemps Great Eastern*, *New Glory*, *Frau O'Bracht*, *American Purity*, *Geneva Surprise*, *Leland Stanford*, *Ramona*, *Golden Standard*, *Blue River*, *Ace of Spades*, *Lady Ponsonby*, *Bette Davis*, *Ballego's Surprise*, and *Stabat Mater*.

In the medium size Dahlias, *Marietta E.* and *Madame Jussiant* were popular. Others were *Leiden's Orange*, *Miss Elsie Jane*. The most meritorious single bloom was won by a bloom of *American Purity*.

On the whole, the entire Show was more outstanding for its display of the smaller varieties of Dahlias, pompons and miniatures, and for the usual fine arrangements of garden flowers, than for the larger type Dahlia this year.

Tenth Annual Show of Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc.

This year the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., for the first time in its history staged a three day Show. It was the tenth annual Show of the Society and was held September 5th, 6th, and 7th at Gimbel Brothers Department Store in the City of Milwaukee. The innovation of a three day instead of the customary two day Show was suggested by the management of the store. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to have separate entries on both Thursday and Saturday, so that entries in the Open to All Division and the Garden Club Division were scheduled on Thursday while those in the Non-Member, Novice, and Amateur Classes were scheduled on Saturday. A few special Open to All Classes were also provided for Saturday's Show.

The Garden Club Division was an innovation of this year's Show and some very beautiful and artistic entries were made in this division which especially attracted lady visitors to the Show. The shadow box (flower picture) entries and the dinner, luncheon, and breakfast tables, using Dahlias for decorative purposes, were particularly attractive. Mrs. Lorraine Hoppe, Mrs. A. T. Jastrow and Mrs. Harold Preuss were in charge of this division and deserve great credit for its success.

An usual exhibit which attracted much attention of Show visitors was a plant of *Kay Francis* nine and one-half feet in height transplanted while in bloom into a wooden tub and exhibited by Alex Despot of Milwaukee. Many Show visitors marveled that a Dahlia plant could grow so tall.

The undisseminated class, as in most 1940 Dahlia Shows which the writer visited, was not as large as in former years. However, the winner of the *American Home Achievement Medal*, *All American*, grown by Joseph Heineman and exhibited for the originator, Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J., was of the quality that would have won in the keenest competition. It is a huge rose red semi-cactus that seems to possess every virtue necessary to make it one of the few truly great Dahlias. One other noteworthy entry in the undisseminated class was the yellow semi-cactus, *Yellow Comet*, exhibited by Mrs. Josephine Derse of Oconomowoc which won the award for the best Wisconsin origination.

Joseph Heineman of Milwaukee stole the Show with his winnings. Among the special awards won by Mr. Heineman were the following:

Silver loving cup for best ten blooms with *Brilliant Lady*, *Golden Standard*, *Lois Walcher*, *Maffie*, *Dr. Vargabe*, *Premier's Winsome*, *Nancy Gene*, *Greater Glory*, *Jean Trimbee*, and *Katie K.*

President's cup for best six blooms of 1939 and 1940 introductions.

Central States Dahlia Society medal for largest bloom in Thursday's Show with *Maffie*.

Dahlia Society of Georgia medal for most perfect flower over eight inches in Thursday's Show with *Golden Standard*.

Pottery vase for winning sweepstakes in the Open to All Divisions.

Pottery vase donated by Dahlia Society of Indiana for six best blooms of varieties introduced prior to 1939.

Dahlia Society of Michigan medal for six best blooms of foreign originations.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Society Association medal for most meritorious display in Show.

Racine County Dahlia Society gold medal for largest bloom in Saturday's Show again won with *Maffie*.

Dahlia Society of Minnesota medal for most perfect flower under eight inches in Saturday's Show with *Yellow Giant*.

Dahlia Society of Georgia medal for most perfect flower over eight inches in Saturday's Show again won with *Golden Standard*.

Silver Dahlia belt buckle donated by Carl H. Herrmann for best bloom of *Darcy Sainsbury* in Show.

It is a unique fact that the bloom of *Maffie* which won as the largest flower in Saturday's Show was cut from the same bush by Mr. Heineman from which he cut the bloom which won as largest flower in Thursday's Show, and that the bloom of *Golden Standard* which won as the most perfect flower in Saturday's Show was cut from the same bush by him from which he cut the bloom which won the same award in Thursday's Show.

Frank Porth of Milwaukee won the A. D. S. bronze medal for best six blooms in the amateur class with *Freda George*, *Katie K.*, *Discovery*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Maryland's Dixie Queen*, and *Miss Englewood*.

Luedke and Senderhauf of Milwaukee won the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society medal awarded for the most perfect bloom in Thursday's Show under eight inches with *Ballego's Surprise*.

The *House Beautiful* futurity medal was won by Mrs. Carl H. Herrmann of Milwaukee with six blooms of *Little Diamond*.

Sweepstakes winner in the novice class was Peter Schurrer of Sheboygan Falls, while Mrs. Carl H. Herrmann of Milwaukee won sweepstakes in the amateur class.

Three pottery vases were awarded as prizes in the Garden Club Division and were won by Mrs. William Poepp of Menomonee Falls, Mrs. W. A. Delaporte of Milwaukee, and Mrs. A. T. Jastrow of Wauwatosa. Not only did Mrs. Delaporte exhibit in the Garden Club Section but she was the largest exhibitor in the Show, having exhibited two hundred blooms at Thursday's Show.

For judges we were indebted to our good friends from the Central States Dahlia Society: J. Louis Roberts, H. L. Franzen, Dr. S. D. Tylman, Prof. Lew Sarett, James Marsh and Leo Garis.

The annual banquet of the Society was held the Saturday evening of the show at the Milwaukee Y. M. C. A. at which time the cups, vases, and medals were awarded to the winners and the officers of the society were elected for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the election of the following: President, George Currie, Sheboy-

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Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society Show

Colorful fall flowers, with Dahlias predominating, featured the Peekskill Eighth Annual Flower Show of this Society on September 13, 1940. Military authorities prevented this year's Show from being held in the New York State Armory as usual and it was a problem to secure a Show room to do justice to the quality Show sponsored by our Society. However, under these circumstances we held a fine exhibition in the auditorium of one of the leading Fire Engine Companies of Peekskill where the evolution of Dahlias and Gladioli was revealed by many new varieties which upheld our reputation of the past Shows.

We are deeply indebted to the weather man who kept our blooms in good condition enabling the exhibitors to enter in nearly 500 classes. Besides the large types of Dahlias there were anemones, pompons, collarette and miniature types which received their share of glory. While the men excelled in the Dahlia classes, the ladies engineered the Garden Section in which the Valeria Home, Inc., and Mrs. A. J. Cole of Buchanan, N. Y., were tied for the sweepstakes award. Prominent among the winners were the following:

Open to all—sweepstakes: Valeria Home, Inc., S. Travis, Superintendent, Oscawanna, N. Y. Amateur sweepstakes: E. J. O'Keeffe, Cold Springs, N. Y. Best largest bloom: (*Carl Dahl*, 13 x 9), Mrs. R. C. Colt, J. MacIntyre, Superintendent, Garrison, N. Y. Home achievement medal: (*Crowning Glory*), Gordon Waaser, Baldwin, L. I. Futurity medal: T. E. Waterbury, Peekskill, N. Y. A. D. S. medal, best display: Walter Ostrander, Kingston, N. Y. Open to all, seedling (*All American*), E. J. O'Keeffe, Cold Spring, N. Y. Society seedling: L. Fiorrette, Tuxedo Park, N. Y. Basket of gladioli, for effect: Mrs. H. Abele, Yorktown Heights, N. Y. Smallest bloom, (*Pom*, 1 3/16"), H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y.

Blue ribbons were won with the following varieties: *Katie K*, *Bette Davis*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Kilgore's Lucifer*, *Golden Standard*, *Jesse King*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Sunray*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *California Idol*, *Eventide*, *Silver Lady*, *Velvet Wonder*, *Langeloth*, *Cornell*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Mrs. William Knudsen*, *Marion Smith*, *Alice May*, *Carl Dahl*, *American Victory*, *Greater Glory*, *Nagle's Orange*, *Rita Wells*, *Frieda George*, *Maestro*, *Virginia Rute*, *Evelyn Chandler*—together with many of the small varieties.

Numerous varieties were rather late to come into bloom this season and made a good showing later at the New York Show where members of our Society contributed heavily toward the A. D. S. Exhibition at the Gardens on Parade at the New York World's Fair, winning approximately 70% of the honors in the specimen classes. Top honors also came to Peekskill for the largest and best bloom and the smallest bloom.

The Society's display won the President's Silver Cup which is in our proud possession and which will be handed to each of the succeeding Presidents of our Society at each annual meeting to commemorate our achievement at the World's Fair Show. We attribute the success of our exhibitions in the proper selection of the Show Committee who have in the past done a great job by selecting able judges and capable Show managers.

We wish to take this opportunity to state that the Society is grateful to those who contributed in any manner to help the success of our annual exhibitions.

This article concludes another successful Dahlia season under the leadership of T. E. Waterbury and we trust the 1941 season will be full of enthusiasm for greater achievements. In the midst of a troubled world we can console ourselves in no better way than to trust in God and grow the beautiful flowers which he has provided for the—THE DAHLIA.

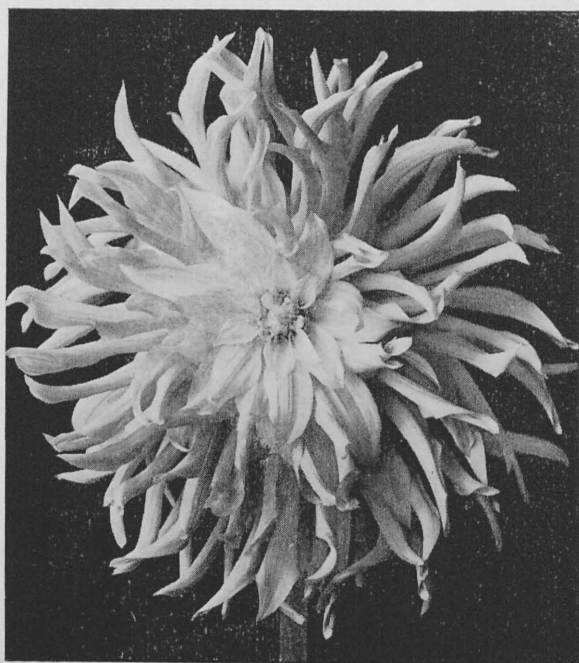
Martha McCoy, Secretary pro tem.

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gan; Vice-President, W. E. Kemen, Wauwatosa; Secretary, A. T. Jastrow, Wauwatosa (subsequently Mr. Jastrow declined to accept the office and Attorney Ernest J. Heggstad of Whitefish Bay was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Society to serve as secretary); Treasurer, Dr. H. O. Hoppe, Wauwatosa; Regional Vice-Presidents: Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee, Harry Ploog, Madison, Thomas Christiansen, Racine, Dr. L. J. Steuber, Prairie du Sac.

The banquet was well attended and judging from the enthusiasm of the members the coming year should prove to be a successful one for our Society.

George R. Currie.



CROWNING GLORY—Huge incurved cactus—Rose Pink with Cream center. Winner of American Home Achievement Award for Most Outstanding Seedling. Grown and exhibited by Gordon Waaser, Baldwin, L. I., for the originator, Salem Dahlia Gardens.

Fourteenth Annual Exhibition of the Dahlia Society of Michigan

The arrangement section of our Show was made the special feature for this year. Garden Clubs throughout the district were given special invitation to participate. In spite of the competition, the special Medal Award for the most outstanding arrangement, was won by Gordon Nutt of Port Huron, a typical Dahlia fan, with a low basket arrangement of a small orange seedling.

Mundy's Gardens of Coldwater, Michigan, took the Show by storm in their showing. Their 100 foot exhibit was awarded the Gold Medal of the Dahlia Society of Michigan as the most outstanding exhibit in the entire show. They had so many blooms of finest quality left over after their exhibit was set up, that these were entered in the Open Classes. They won the Open Sweepstakes Trophy with a wide margin of points to spare.

Stehick's Gardens of East Detroit were winners in the 50 foot display and this was their first display as well as the first year for Mundy's Gardens.

In the Small Amateur Section, Harold C. Gummo of Detroit won the Sweepstakes Trophy by only three points over Walter Jarvis of Detroit.

The Large Amateur Sweepstakes Trophy was won by G. M. Bachofen of Detroit by a margin of just four points over C. J. Addington of Detroit. The least that can be said is that the amateur competition is keen, the boys know just how to grow them, and it is the Judges battle. We missed Dr. Bernard in the competition and we understand that "Doc" had to build a new house in order to have a new Dahlia garden (the old one got wore out) but he'll be back bigger and better next year. We missed Dr. Del Marr from Canada, too, but he's District Governor of Rotary this year, but he'll be back next year.

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Western Pennsylvania Branch of A. D. S.

The western Pennsylvania branch of the American Dahlia Society held their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 17th, at which time they held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. J. Englert, Jr., President; Mrs. Jack Ripper, First Vice-President; Mr. Carl Hogsett, Second Vice-President; Mr. J. G. Barry, Treasurer; Mr. I. T. Fleck, Secretary. Also elected were the following for the Board of Directors: Mr. Edward Stein, Mr. L. D. Hislop, Mr. A. E. Heil, Mr. Henry Retzer.

The Society voted Mr. Herman Rapp Honorary President, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mr. Rapp is one of the pioneer Dahlia growers in western Pennsylvania, and to the members is known the daddy of Dahlias in this territory.

The report of the Show was also given, and was a success in every way. The following won special awards: Mrs. Lillian Dollish, Walter Luffy, Henry Flath, W. J. Gown, A. E. Heil, Rev. A. J. Stewart, Frank's Dahlia Gardens, F. E. Kording, Walter Chastian, Fleck's Dahlia

Gardens, Smith Dahlia Gardens, F. R. Bellows, E. F. Dunmire, and Charles Meyers. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society medal was won by Frank's Dahlia Garden with *Andries Orange*.

The *American Home* Achievement medal was won by Smith Dahlia Garden with three blooms of *Floral Beauty*. The *House Beautiful* futurity medal was won by Mr. Walter Churm with six bloom of *Flash*. The grand sweepstakes award Allegheny County Commissioners cup was won by Fleck's Dahlia Gardens with a total of 101 points. The Racine County Dahlia Society of Wisconsin medal was awarded to Mr. Walter Luffy for runner-up in the grand sweepstakes with a total of 91 points. The smallest bloom award, the western Pennsylvania branch of the American Dahlia Society medal, was won by Mr. Charles Myers with a bloom of *Belle of Springfield*. The largest bloom award, the Dahlia Society of Georgia medal, was won by Mr. E. F. Dunmire for a bloom of *Carl Dahl*, not grown in a cloth house.

The largest bloom award, the Western Pennsylvania branch of the American Dahlia Society medal, was won by Mr. E. F. Dunmire with a bloom of *Carl Dahl* grown in a cloth house. The Dahlia arade exhibit award, the Western Pennsylvania branch of the American Dahlia Society medal, was won by Jack Ripper's Dahlia Gardens. The American Dahlia Society medal was won by Rev. A. J. Stewart for the best exhibit in Section "A"—three *Jane Cowl*.

It is gratifying to hear that the number of blooms exhibited this year crowded the spacious floor of the Schenley Hotel ballroom to a point where it is necessary for the Society to find larger quarters to hold their Fourth Show. The Society was also very pleased to meet so many out-of-the-State visitors who commented and praised our Show very highly, and this leaves everybody enthused to get ready for the Fourth Annual Show to be held in 1941.

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Dr. Del Marr, Rotarian Officer

Dr. Del Marr, internationally known Dahlia grower and Vice-President of the American Dahlia Society representing Canada, was recently elected an officer of Rotary International. He was named Governor of District 153 by delegates representing the 5,000 Rotary clubs of the world at the annual convention in Havana, Cuba. Dr. Del Marr was a medical officer and also a recruiting officer during 1914-18 and was placed on the retired list in 1918 with the rank of Captain of the 24th Kent Militia. He was also Chairman and Member of the Board of Secondary Schools of Ridgetown for a number of years, in which city he resides. At the present time he practices medicine and physio-therapy.

As a district governor of Rotary International, Dr. Marr will visit the Rotary clubs in 53 cities in Michigan and Ontario, Canada, which comprise the 153rd District, and will counsel with and advise club officers on matters pertaining to Rotary service activities and club administration. He will hold office until the 1941 convention in Denver, Colorado, next June.

The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

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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

These remarks will be very brief since your Editor wishes to conserve space to give you as much information regarding Shows, Trial Gardens and Travelogues as possible.

During these recent weeks I have received more letters from our members than at any other similar period in my four years as Editor. There is a unanimity of purpose in our various Dahlia Societies which is bearing fruit.

More Dahlias are being grown—more successfully—by a greater number of fans than ever before.

We repeat: the A. D. S. and its various committees are willing and anxious to coöperate fully with any group really interested in the Dahlia.

Judging the A. D. S. Show

The A. D. S. Show at the New York World's Fair was judged by a group of about thirty well known Dahlia enthusiasts under the supervision of Mr. J. W. Johnston. In most sections they worked in groups of two together with a secretary. When any question or a close decision arose a third judge was called in. That this plan worked out very well is evidenced by the fact that but very few complaints were heard at the conclusion and these of a minor nature caused by unavoidable misunderstandings. All reports were in and a complete list of winners ready for the New York newspapers at 4:30 P. M.

To J. W. Johnston and his group of efficient judges, and secretaries, we owe our sincere thanks.

The A. D. S. Annual Meeting and Dinner, Saturday, January 18th

The 1941 Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 18th, in New York City. The meeting will be at 2:30 and will be followed by the annual dinner in the evening. The location is the Hotel Lexington, Lexington Avenue at 48th Street, New York City. Please note the change in location from previous years. Place a big ring around this date and come prepared to have a grand time among a lot of enthusiastic Dahlia "fans."

Derrill Hart Memorial Awards

At the forthcoming meeting of the A. D. S. compilations from the various Trial Gardens will be checked and the Derrill Hart Awards announced in our next issue of the BULLETIN.

Election Ballots Enclosed With This Issue

Enclosed with this number is your ballot for the election of officers who are to serve the A. D. S. in 1941. A tentative slate has been prepared by the Nominating Committee as required by our By-Laws. Please send in this ballot. It will greatly encourage your officers if a large number of the members show that they are interested in who is to guide the destinies of the Society for the coming year.

NEW VARIETY REGISTRATIONS

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

EDITH WILKIE. Semi-cactus white by E. E. Tooker, 100 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS. Red and white miniature peony. A R-Y-Bryn. Orchid. By Mrs. L. M. Ogden, Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

STEPHEN FOSTER and JAMES FARLEY. By J. A. Greubel, Derry, Pennsylvania.

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

I am directing this open letter to the nomenclature committee of the American Dahlia Society and to all introducers of new collarette Dahlias.

I do not believe that we should allow a new collarette to survive that does not meet certain standards, namely eight petals, no more no less, for it is a truly formal flower and any informality should not be tolerated no matter who the introducer. The true single Dahlia is practically standardized to eight petals and the collarette is a break from this variety. Of course the other attributes should be considered, namely, stem, color, size, keeping qualities, etc.

Glenn T. Mack.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society

SECOND ANNUAL SHOW

The Second Annual Dahlia Show of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, Participating Branch of the American Dahlia Society, was held in the Main Auditorium of the Scranton Young Women's Christian Association on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 1940.

The show was held under the very able direction of General Chairman Orrin F. Keen, assisted by several of the members including: R. W. Webb, Samuel F. Kasson, Z. W. Kosmela, J. C. Melville, H. E. Washer, Herbert Lewis, E. A. Lewis, Erwin Hoffman, C. H. Stoeckel, George Beck, Albert Nicholls, E. M. Keck, Dr. R. H. Armstrong, Anton Schultheis, Fred Hall, Mrs. O. F. Keene, Mrs. R. W. Webb, Mrs. E. M. Keck, Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, Mrs. George Beck, Mrs. H. E. Washer, and Mrs. Albert Nicholls, who proved themselves an active committee who were not afraid to work. Mr. Keene did an outstanding job of directing the show, and due to his untiring efforts the success of the show exceeded all expectations, both from the quality and quantity of blooms as well as from satisfaction to the exhibitors and visitors. Setting up facilities at the Y. W. C. A. are ideal for a Dahlia show, and the Society hopes to continue its annual show at this location for many years to come.

There were nearly 2000 entries of Dahlias from the giant exhibition types to the tiny pompons. The eight sections provided classes to fit all types of exhibitors from the juniors and novices to the commercial growers. The Auditorium was completely filled with Dahlias, nothing but Dahlias being shown in competition. A gorgeous array of all types and colors were displayed, an excellent show in every respect. There were many prizes of trophies, medals, vases, stock prizes, etc., which were awarded for sweepstakes and special prizes.

The following medals were awarded: American Dahlia Society, silver to Mr. O. F. Keene. American Dahlia Society, bronze to Mrs. George Sawyer. Western Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, to Mr. C. D. Fortnam. Dahlia Society of Alabama, to Mr. E. E. Holmes and Dr. Edward McDade, exhibiting in partnership. Central States Dahlia Society, to Mr. R. W. Webb. Dahlia Society of Michigan, to Mr. Herbert Lewis and Son. Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, to Mr. R. W. Webb. Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, silver to Miss Florence Johns. Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, bronze to Mrs. John Price. Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, gold to Mr. Robert F. Talbot. Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, to Mr. E. M. Keck. The *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Medal was awarded to President Charles H. Stoeckel for a splendid entry of one each of the following varieties. *Thunderbolt*, *Eventide*, *Farar Rojek*, *Victory*, *Producer* and *Evelyn Chandler*.

In the Court of Honor Dr. R. H. Armstrong was awarded the Z. W. Kosmela Gold Cup for the largest and most perfect bloom, with an eye arresting bloom of *Jimmie Fox*. Smallest and most perfect bloom class was won by R. W. Webb with a very tiny bloom of *Miss Marjory*. The President's Trophy for the best

entry of three large blooms in the show was won by Herbert Lewis and Son with a splendid entry of *Ballego's Surprise*. Class calling for a basket of two or more types, under four inches, arranged for color harmony and effect was won by Samuel F. Kasson.

Section A, Novice: Mrs. John Price won both the specials in this section with a splendid bloom of *Jane Cowl* and a fine bloom of *Jersey's Beacon*.

Section B, Junior: Some very splendid blooms were shown in this section and the competition was very close, Jack Keene finally emerged the winner of specials for "A" size and "B" size blooms with *Kentucky Sun* and *Blue River*, two very fine blooms. Miss Jean Stoeckel won the special for small types with three grand blooms of *Betty Malone*, a dandy pompon entry. Other blue ribbon winners in this section were *Rosy Morn*, *Harry Strutt*, *Model 999*, *Premiers Exquisite*, *Snow Clad* and *Worthy Matron*.

Section C, 50 hills or less: Z. W. Kosmela came up from Plymouth and took three specials back home with him. *Robert L. Ripley*, *Saarland's Heimkehr* and *Mrs. C. E. Wildon* were the varieties he did it with, three grand blooms. Mrs. Hazel Washer won the other special in this section with a splendid bloom of *Fireball*. Other blue ribbon winning varieties were: *Mrs. Knudsen*, *Nancy Gene*, *Jane Cowl*, *Golden Standard*, *Michigan White* and *Dulcinea*.

Section D, 150 hills or less: This section contained some of the best blooms of the entire show and really taxed the skill of the Judges. Dr. Edward McDade and Earl Holmes, exhibiting in partnership, won specials with outstanding blooms of *Producer* and *Premier's Winsome*. C. D. Fortnam of Tyler Hill won specials with *Lord of Autumn* and *Anna Benedict*, two very fine blooms. Dr. McDade and Earl Holmes won sweepstakes for the most points in this section. They also exhibited two "spoon-fed" blooms of *Maffie* that had measured fifteen inches in diameter, two huge Dahlias. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in this section were: *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Oakleigh Monarch*, *Peace*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Eventide*, *Silver Lady*, *Cornell*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Satan*, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*, *Queen City*, *Beauty Supreme*, *Margaret W. Wilson*, *California Idol*, *Buckeye Glory*, *Star of Bethlehem*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Jersey's Dainty*, *Gretel Baerne*, *Lois Walcher*, and *Miss Oakland*.

Section E, 300 hills or less: This section produced a wonderful array of blooms, both in quality and quantity. Specials were won by Dr. R. H. Armstrong with *Nagel's Giant*, a very fine bloom. John Steele with three outstanding blooms of *Josephine G.* and *Ella May*, the finest bloom of *Ella May* that this writer has ever seen. R. W. Webb with three grand blooms of *Victory*, which were the runner up for the President's Trophy. R. W. Webb won sweepstakes for the most points in this section. Other blue ribbon winning varieties were: *Mary Ellen*, *Blue River*, *Haslerova*, *Andrea Ericson*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Jane Cowl*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Buckeye Glory*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Great Eastern*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Hillside*

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Gold, Virginia Rute, Agnes Foster, Chautauqua Dawn, Red Jug, Miss Oakland, Beauty Supreme, Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, Picardy, Dr. Rio Albert, Nancy Gene, Ramona, Frank Serpa, Eventide, Jim Moore, Michigan White, Scarlet Leader, Bette Davis, Miss Santa Monica, Marietta E., Miss Belgium, Nancy Ann Mitchell, Polichinella, Riehl, Kentucky Sun, Jane Cowl, Premier's Winsome, Buckeye Glory, Black Knight, Freda George, Coralina, Your Lucky Star, Ballego's Surprise, Son of Satan, Lois Walsher, Adolph Mayer, Star of Bethlehem, Franz Berger, Jersey's Dainty, Harry Strutt, and Tyrus.

Section F, open to all. This section provided the hottest competition of any section in the show. At the conclusion of the judging, the judges declared it was the finest array of Dahlia blooms they had seen in any show to date. Specials in the large "A" and medium "B" type blooms were won by R. W. Webb with *Glamour* and *Riehl*, two really swell blooms. Z. W. Kosmela with an excellent bloom of *Freda George* and Herbert Lewis and Son with a very fine bloom of *Gay Cabellero*. Sweepstakes for medium and large blooms was won by O. F. Keene.

Specials for Ball Dahlias and Miniatures was won by R. W. Webb with *Rosy Morn* and *Blue Star*. Miss Florence Johns won the special for pompons with *Little Snow Ball*, a swell little pompon. In the Single, Orchid flowering, Collarette and Anemone type Dahlias the special went to John R. Steele of Shamokin with *Preakness*, an excellent entry of collarettes. Sweepstakes for Balls,

Miniatures, Pompons, Singles, Orchid flowering, Collarette and Anemone type Dahlias was won by R. W. Webb.

Basket of 5 or more large type Dahlias, special was won by Henry Fells with a beautiful basket of *Jane Cowsls*. Special for basket of pompons was won by R. W. Webb with an arrangement using *Mrs. J. Telfer* and *Ila*. Arrangement of 12 or more large type Dahlias was won by Mrs. George Sawyer of Dallas, Pennsylvania, with an excellent basket of *Peppermint Candy*, with good stems. Arrangement of 12 or more miniatures was won by Robert F. Talbot with a grand entry of *Dubonnet*, arranged in a beautiful green bowl. Grand Sweepstakes for Section F was won by O. F. Keene.

Other blue ribbon winners in Section F were: *Darcy Sainsbury, Kentucky Sun, Victory, Mildred Pote, Langloth, Alice May, Sunrays, Everybody's Favorite, Glamour, Eventide, Freda George, Ballego's Surprise, Golden Standard, Greater Glory, Figaro, Nancy Ann Mitchell, American Victory, Blue Rver, C. L. Mastic, Marietta E., Jane Cowl, Mascotte, Buckeye Star, Miss Belgium, Mrs. Chandler, Riehl, California Idol, City of Cleveland, Agnes Foster, Freda George, Jack's Bean Stalk, Nocturno, Sleepy Hollow, Gay Cabellero, Madam E. Jussiant, Cheerio, Jane Cowl, Snow Queen, Mary Helen, Charlotte Caldwell, Firefly, Dreer's Pink, Bo-peep, Clara Clemens, Tecumseh, Little Purity, Tip, Andries Orange, Little Diamond, Orchid Lady, Purp, White Pearl, Whisper, Red Robin, Mauveene Donah, Mrs. J. Telfer, Yellow Gem, Little David, Doria, Nerissa, Rose Gray, Honey, Minnie Mouse, Little Prince, Little David, Betty Anne, Leda Beeler, Stratford and Eileen.*

Section G, Undisseminated Dahlias. Specials to John R. Steele of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, with a red orchid flowering Dahlia variety and a special to Charles H. Stoeckel of Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania, for *A. S. Gold*, a nice decorative Dahlia.

Excellent complimentary displays were placed by the following: Mr. C. S. Woolworth, Robert Stobo, Gardner. Mr. Joseph Gunster, Bernard Hauser, Gardner. Mr. Gunster's *Bird of Paradise* plants in bloom attracted much attention. Dahlia del, Clark's Summit Dahlia Gardens and Mr. C. D. Fortnam.

Judging was done by Mr. Warren W. Maytrott, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, Edward M. Keck, W. G. Blatchford, David L. Davis, Mr. Helper, Robert Stobo, Miss Florence Johns and Mr. Paul Doll.

This year we made a list of the blooms that were in splendid condition at the close of the show, something which we feel is of great importance. The varieties which stood up and were really good at the close of the show follow: *Jane Cowl, Cossack, Purp, Betty Malone, Mrs. C. E. Wildon, Dulcinea, Robert L. Ripley, Mrs. Knudsen, Silver Lady, Nancy Ann Mitchell, Lord of Autumn, Producer, Anna Benedict, Eventide, Miss Oakland, Monmouth Champion, Ballego's Surprise, Baerne, Premiers Winsome, Nagel's Giant, Hillside Gold Victory, Frank Serpa, City of San Gabriel, Bette Davis, Victory, Progress, Ballego's Surprise, Ella May, Lord of Autumn, Miss Oakland, Polichinella, Azura, Aurora, Kentucky Sun, Jane Cowl, Riehl, Freda George, Eventide, American Victory, Glamour, Riehl, Buckeye Star, Ballego's Surprise, Darcy Sainsbury, Sunrays, Gay Cabellero, Sunrays, Rita*

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You may note that there are several duplications of variety names in the best keeping list above, this is because there was more than one entry of these varieties which were in perfect condition at the close of the show. There were also several other miniatures and pompon varieties which were in splendid condition but we have not included in this list of best keepers because of lack of space.

Again we say that we had a grand Show, second to none which we have seen this year. It is our sincere hope that many more of our American Dahlia Society friends will be able to be with us at our 1941 Dahlia Show.

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San Leandro Dahlia Society

The San Leandro Dahlia Society held their annual Show in the Veterans Memorial Building on August 24th and 25th. The Show was well patronized, and was pronounced by the public to be one of the best in the bay area.

The novice winners were: Mrs. Clare Verke, Mrs. Frances Stacey, D. R. Franklin, George Lamport, Douglas McMurdo and Cary Cockrell.

Best flower novice section: *Golden Standard*, Douglas McMurdo. Largest flower novice section: *Mrs. George Le Boutillier*, George Lamport.

In the amateur section the winners were: Stanley Allan, Frank Zell, Albert Nashman, M. R. Cockrell, Fred Garms, H. B. Mugglestone, Paul Brannon, Mrs. J. Parle. Best general display: Stanley Allan; best Dahlia amateur section: *Christine Janssen*, exhibited by Frank Zell.

In the advanced amateurs best general display was won by L. Statler. Other winners in this class were T. J. Sjoberg and J. F. Geoues.

In the Open for All the most artistic display was won by Stanley Allan. Best flower in Show was won by Frank Zell with *Christine Janssen*. This was the A. D. S. medal. The *Sunset Magazine* medal for the best seedling miniature was won by Charles Garrity with a new one called *Pickledpuss*. Other winners were D. McMurdo, L. Statler, T. J. Sjoberg, F. Garms, J. Y. Groues and Mrs. J. Parle. A special class for a trophy presented by the city manager for the best vase of the Dahlia *Virginia Billings* was won by Mrs. J. Parle.

The competition for the *House Beautiful* futurity medal was limited to two entries which were *Norma Morton* and *Kentucky Sweetheart*. The judges were agreed that the two varieties were both up to their reputation, but owing to the limited competition they were not sure if the donors would care to have the medal awarded. The secretary was instructed to write the donors of the medal to this effect, in the event of their decision to award the medal. The winner would be *Norma Morton*.

The judges were Mrs. Mastick of Oregon; Mrs. A. D. McAuliffe of San Francisco; Mr. Y. T. Shulte of Oakland and Mr. N. M. Baby of Santa Cruse.

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The 15th Annual Dahlia Show of The East Liverpool, Ohio, Society is now past history, and it will go down as best to date.

Our Shows are getting larger and more popular each year, and as East Liverpool has been awarded the 1941 Ohio State Show it is essential that we find a larger hall in which to hold this Show.

The blooms entered in this year's Show were ninety per cent of the specimen type and the group of judges surely did have a difficult time in making the awards.

We were very fortunate in having what we think was the greatest group of judges to be found in any Dahlia Show, and they surely did a fine job. Each one voiced the opinion that the blooms were the finest they had seen in any show in 1940. The list of judges were as follows: Mr. George R. Currie, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; E. M. Larsen, Madison, Wisconsin, T. F. Schroeder, Mukwonago, Wisconsin; H. L. Franzen, Maywood, Illinois; Professor Lew Sarett, Ravinia, Illinois; F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio; Harold Shannabrook, Massillon, Ohio; C. W. Luebke, Bridgeport, West Virginia; H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Charles G. Lasch, Cleveland, Ohio.

There was a total of nearly 10,000 blooms on display throughout the spacious hall and in the adjoining rooms of St. Stephens Parish House and it was a sight that will be long remembered.

We had a total of 137 classes scattered through 35 sections which included other fall flowers such as Roses, Marigolds, Zinnias and Asters.

Our list of awards were on a par with any Dahlia Show in the Mid West. Many beautiful trophies, cups, vases, medals and other awards being presented to the outstanding entries.

The Show committee, Mr. John Eccleston as chairman, Mr. Thomas Watkin, Mr. William Jobes, Mr. Thomas R. Martin, and Mr. Lionel Smurthwaite handled the staging of the Show in a very efficient manner.

The outstanding features of this year's Show were: the most outstanding bloom, a beautiful large white formal decorative, *Meeghan Callahan*, measuring $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ inch was awarded three special prizes, namely, the best exhibit in the formal decorative classes, awarded a gold cup. The best bloom over ten inch, award a large vase and for the largest and most perfect bloom in the entire Show it was awarded the highest award which was a beautiful fifteen inch *Victory Trophy*. This bloom was grown by Harold J. Gallimore.

The mammoth big bloom of *Carl Dahl* which was a beautiful dark rose pink and considered the largest bloom to be exhibited in this district, it was measured just as it stood in the vase without being flattened out and it was $14\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ inches. It would have measured a good seventeen inches wide if it had been straightened out. This bloom was also grown by Harold J. Gallimore.

A magnificent $9\frac{1}{2}$ inch bloom of *Ballego's Surprise*, a fine white semi-cactus, which won for the best bloom over five inches and under ten inches was awarded a silver electric coffee set, was grown by John Gallimore.

A large dark maroon semi-cactus bloom of *Maffie* measuring $13\frac{3}{8} \times 9\frac{1}{8}$ and grown by Mr. Val Veirs of Canton, Ohio.

Three fine blooms of *Pink Giant*, a very beautiful pink informal decorative each measuring 12×7 inches and grown by E. M. Del Brugge of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Vase of three blooms of *Darcy Sainsbury*, a large white formal 12×7 inch grown by John Gallimore.

Three magnificent blooms of *Dahlia Mum*, a wonderful informal decorative, each one of twelve inch and exhibited by H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Vase of three mixed varieties namely, *Carl Dahl*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, and *Meeghan Callahan* each one of which well over twelve inch and grown by Harold J. Gallimore.

The *American Home Achievement* class which has become a very popular class at our Shows with many fine entries of undisseeded seedlings, was awarded to three blooms of *Trojan*, a fine new red informal decorative with gold reverse originated by William Nourmiller and grown by F. V. R. Veirs of Canton, Ohio.

The *House Beautiful Futurity* Class was won with six fine blooms of *Governor*, lemon yellow formal decorative and exhibited by William Haugh, Jr., of Wellsville, Ohio.

The miniature pompon and the basket classes were also very outstanding with Mr. John Eccleston, of this city

having many fine entries on display. He surely can grow the miniatures to perfection.

Mr. George H. Shepp, President of the East Liverpool Society won the secretary award, a beautiful silver basket for his fine general display of twenty-three baskets of all kinds of Dahlias, large and small. This was adjudged the most outstanding exhibit of the Show.

A very fine display of Tuberous Rooted Begonias by Mr. Carleton Lowe of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was again a very popular exhibit especially among the ladies as these flowers in their many colors and formations look just like wax.

Our membership is growing steadily, and the Dahlia is becoming the most outstanding flower in this section.

Our membership again assisted in staging another successful Show the following week in our neighboring city of Wellsville, Ohio.

The date for our 1941 State Show to be held in our new High School Auditorium will be announced in the next issue of this BULLETIN.

The annual banquet held at the Mary Patterson Memorial Friday evening, September 20th, was attended by sixty members which was the prelude to our annual Show.

Our next regular meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 7th, at which time our annual election of officers will be held.

The complete list of special awards are as follows:

Section 1. Dish Garden Arrangement. (President's Cup), Mrs. McDowell, Rock River, Ohio.

Section 2. *House Beautiful Magazine* Futurity Medal best display of six blooms found on the Johnson Honor Roll for 1940. Mr. William Haugh, Jr., Wellsville, Ohio, six blooms of *Governor*.

Section 3. (Pompons.) Best Entry Award, ornamental Table Vase, Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Wellsville, Ohio.

Sections 4 and 5. (Miniature Dahlias.) Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, Mr. John Eccleston, *Tip*.

Section 6. (Ball Dahlias.) Best Entry Award, Large Vase, Paul Meade, Wellsville, Ohio, *Mary Helen*.

Section 7. (Open Class.) Best Entry Award, American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal, Mr. John Eccleston, *Rosy Morn*.

Sections 8 and 9. (Formal Decorative.) Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, Harold J. Gallimore, *Meeghan Callahan*.

Sections 10 and 11. (Informal Decorative.) Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, E. M. Del Brugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio, *Pink Giant*.

Sections 12 and 13. (Cactus.) Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, E. M. Del Brugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio, *R. Lucifer*.

Sections 14 and 15. (Semi-cactus.) Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, Mr. F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio, *Maffie*.

Section 16. (Color Class.) Best Entry Award, Large Electric Tank Sprayer, H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, *Dahlia Mum*.

Section 17. (Mixed Varieties.) Three in Vase. Best Entry Award, Gold Cup, Harold Gallimore, *Carl Dahl*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Meeghan Callahan*.

Section 18. (General Display.) Award, Secretary's Silver Basket, Mr. George H. Shepp, twenty-three baskets of mixed Dahlias.

Section 19. (1940 Seedlings.) Best Entry Award, Large Champion Rossette Ribbon, Mr. H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Section 20. (Undisseminated Seedlings.) Award, *American Home* Achievement Medal, Mr. Val Veirs, Canton, Ohio, *Trojan* originated by Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, New Jersey.

Section 21. (Non-members.) Award, one year's membership in East Liverpool Dahlia Society, Arthur Wolfe, Wellsville, Ohio.

Section 22. (Gladiolus.) Best Entry Award, twenty-five pounds Loma, Elmer Savage, Wellsville, Ohio, *Peggy Lou*.

Sec. 23. (Singles Roses.) Best Entry Award, Pair Bud Vases, John Eccleston.

Section 24. (Three Roses.) Best Entry Award, Pair Rose Shears, Mrs. Harold Gallimore.

Section 25. (Miniature Arrangement.) Best Entry Award, Pair Flower Vases, Mrs. Ada Mint, East Palestine, Ohio.

Section 26. (White Arrangement. Vase and Flowers must be White.) Best Entry Award, twelve inch Fiesta Vase, John Eccleston.

Section 27. (Center Piece Arrangement. Best Entry Award, Electric Floor Lamp, Mrs. Harold Gallimore.

Section 28. (Single or Collarete.) Best Entry Award, Flower Vase, Mrs. McDowell, Rocky River, Ohio.

Sections 29 and 30. (Novice Class.) Best Entry Award, \$2.50 Root Value, Leo Lawrence.

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DAHLIAS

East Liverpool Show—Cont. from p. 39

Section 29 and 30. (Novice Class.) Sweepstakes Award, Pair, twelve inch Fiesta Vases, Leo Lawrence.

Section 31. (Vase and Basket.) Class 107, Mrs. C. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio; Class 108, John Eccleston; Class 109, Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Wellsville, Ohio; Class 110, Mrs. Ada Mint, East Palestine, Ohio; Class 111, Mrs. Harold Gallimore; Class 112, Mrs. Harold Gallimore; Class 113, Mrs. Harold Gallimore; Class 114, John Eccleston; Class 115, Mrs. Roy Smith; Class 116, John Eccleston; Class 117, Mrs. Harold Gallimore; Class 118, Mrs. McDowell, Rocky River, Ohio; Class 119, Elmer Savage, Wellsville, Ohio. Award for best in each class, one Tuberous Begonia, C. E. Lowe, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Award Best Entry in group, Gold Cup, John Eccleston. Second Best Entry in group, Award, Vase, Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Wellsville, Ohio.

Section 32. (Commercial.) Best Entry Award, Pair twelve inch Fiesta Vases, Carleton E. Lowe, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Display of Tuberous Rooted Begonias.

Section 33. (Named Varieties.) Award Best Entry, Silver Vase, E. M. Del Brugge, Martin Ferry, Ohio, *California Idol*.

Section 33. Class 122, *Jane Cowl*, James J. Walton, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Section 34. (Shadow Boxes.) Award Best Entry, fifty pounds bone meal, Mrs. Roy Smith.

Section 35. (Growers under 75 hills.) Award Best Entry, Clump B. Amber, Frank Shone, Sweepstakes Award, one hundred pounds Fertilizer, Harry Johnson.

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Sweepstakes in Sections 7, 9, 11, 13, 15. (Dahlias from four to eight inches.) Award, Ohio Valley Dahlia Society Medal, John Eccleston.

Sweepstakes in Sections 8, 10, 12, 14. (Dahlias over eight inch.) Award, State of Georgia Dahlia Society Medal of Honor, E. M. Del Brugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Sweepstakes in Sections 16, 17. (Dahlias over eight inch.) Award, Western Penn Dahlia Society Medal, Harold J. Gallimore.

Sweepstakes Section 31. (Vase and Baskets all kinds of Flowers.) Award, East Liverpool Dahlia Society Bronze Medal, Mr. John Eccleston.

Sweepstakes of entire Show, Award, East Liverpool Dahlia Society Silver Medal, Mr. John Eccleston.

Smallest and most perfect Dahlia, Award, Pair of Bud Vases, William Haugh, Jr., Wellsville, Ohio.

The Dahlia Society of Indiana

The Dahlia Society of Indiana held its annual Show in the Gymnasium of the Martinsville High School. In spite of another drouth, the flowers were of good quality and beauty. There were entries from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Louisville, Kentucky. The blooms from Kentucky were of very fine quality.

Sweepstakes as announced at the close of the judging were as follows: Novice class, Sadie Johnson, Martinsville, Indiana; section two, amateur class, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fieldhouse, Louisville, Kentucky; section three, commercial, Spark's Dahlia Gardens, Columbus; section four, open to all, Spark's Dahlia Gardens, and sweepstakes for the entire Show went to Spark's Gardens, Columbus, Indiana.

Outstanding entries of the Show were a bloom of *Buckeye Star*, exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Fieldhouse. A bloom, unknown as to the variety, but undoubtedly a foreign origination, exhibited by Mrs. Meredith of Martinsville. A basket of *Cheer Leader*, and a vase of *Cherokee Brave*, exhibited by Sparks caught the eye of every one. Although it didn't receive a special award, a bloom of *King Peter*, entered by Mr. and Mrs. Fieldhouse of Louisville, was indeed beautiful in its delicate coloring of a large bloom, on a stiff straight stem, bearing spotless foliage.

Judging of the Show was done by Mr. Dietz, and Mr. Kleijohn of Louisville, and Mr. Carl Gray, Petersburg, and Dr. White of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Show did much to strengthen the Dahlia Society of Indiana, and every one present is enthusiastic about planning the Show for next year.

Credit for the Show is due in a large way to the hard working president of the society, Mr. J. C. Rice, of Martinsville.

A touch of beauty was added to the Show by the organ music of Mrs. Breedlove, who brought her Hammond organ to the Show.

Medals were given by A. D. S., Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, and the O. V. D. A.



MAFFIE—House Beautiful Futurity Winner of Introducer Stanley Johnson.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The 20th Annual Fall Show of the Burholme Horticultural Society held Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th, in Burholme at the Trinity Oxford Community House is now past history. Ninety-eight persons entered 598 exhibits in competition. Outstanding features of the Show were the Dahlias entered by Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham; James Comito, Huntington Valley; Charles Friedel, Lawndale; James Desmond, Elkins Park; George Johnson, Robert Fordyce and others.

The sweepstake trophy of the Burholme Horticultural Society in Section A, "Open to all," was awarded to Stanley Johnson; winner of J. V. Horn silver trophy in Section B, "amateurs only," was James Comito, and Charles Friedel captured the George Shade memorial trophy in Section C, "open to members only."

For those persons growing less than 50 hills of Dahlias, special sweepstake prizes were donated by James Comito and Charles Friedel, these were awarded to D. J. Thomas, winner of 18 points, and Mrs. Elizabeth Skilton winner of 9 points. This special section for the small grower deserves the recognition of backyard gardeners and it is anticipated that more persons will compete in another year.

The achievement medal offered by the *American Home* magazine in the undisseminated seedling class was awarded to Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, for his Dahlia, *Blue Moon*. This is an informal decorative Dahlia of the exhibition type, its color is lavender shading to lilac purple at the base of each petal making a decided darker at center, the blending of colors is an effect of blue.

The *House Beautiful* medal offered by the *House Beautiful* magazine for the "Dahlia futurity class" was awarded to Stanley Johnson for 6 blooms of *Maffie*.

Last but not least a word must be given to the Garden Flower Section which occupied the auditorium. This

certainly was a magnificent spectacle and competition was very keen in all classes because of the excellent condition of the flowers. Special prizes were awarded to Mrs. Stella Plank, Mrs. Mabel Dietz, Daniel Hofheimer and Mrs. Alfred Grabner.

Lewis Dietz, Secretary.

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This beautiful exhibition Dahlia won the Home Achievement Medal as the best seedling at the World's Fair, New York, September 20, 1940, as well as the Gold Certificate for the best semi-cactus seedling. This remarkable Dahlia also won the Home Achievement Medal at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y., as the finest seedling in the Show, September 28, 1940.

Quotations from the Leading Papers

The New York Sun:

"The selection of a magnificent white seedling Dahlia to bear the name of Edith Willkie was the most outstanding event of the opening day of the American Dahlia Society's Show at Gardens on Parade, the World's Fair.

"Miss Jane Todd, vice-chairman of the Republican State Committee; Mrs. Pearl H. Bridegum, New Jersey member of the National Republican Committee, and Mrs. Harold Irving Pratt, president of Gardens on Parade, chose an especially beautiful white semi-cactus seedling to bear the name of the wife of the Republican candidate. The seedling was grown by Ernest E. Tooker of Rockville Centre. It won first in several classes. As soon as the selection had been made, two of the huge white blooms were rushed to LaGuardia Field and put aboard a plane for San Francisco for presentation to Mrs. Willkie."

The New York Times:

"A snow-white, undisseminated Dahlia measuring more than 12 inches in diameter was selected from nearly 8,000 blooms shown at the twenty-sixth annual flower show of the American Dahlia Society . . . at the World's Fair and named the 'Edith Willkie', in honor of the wife of Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for President. . . . This massive semi-cactus bloom won the American Home Achievement Medal as the most worthy undisseminated Dahlia of its class, and first honors in its section of the show."

The New York Herald Tribune:

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Dahlia Society of Ohio 1940 Show

By R. E. Devney

"Experience is a great teacher" and it was evidenced to a marked degree when the doors of the Tenth Annual Show of The Dahlia Society of Ohio were opened to the public on Saturday, September 28th, and continuing through Sunday. Such an array of color that greeted the eye is seldom seen outside of a rainbow.

Dahlias! Dahlias!—of every type were in evidence, ranging from the size of a nickel up to—well, not as large as a Merry Widow hat.

The Show was held in Lakewood (a city of 70,000, adjoining Cleveland on the West) Community Center; with its commodious lounge and spacious auditorium where the blooms were displayed, made it an ideal Show spot. Lakewood being principally a residential city, and flower-minded, the residents in large numbers took advantage of the treat prepared for them.

Under the able direction of the Committee, composed of Fred Peters, President of the Society as general chairman; W. F. Bierman, publicity; Mrs. E. MacDowell, premiums; and R. H. Howells, floor director, the Show moved along as smooth as a "16 cylinder" on the Lincoln Highway.

The Winners

Sweepstakes in Novice Section. George W. Andrews, Euclid, Ohio.

Sweepstakes in Amateur Section. W. F. Bierman, 1905 West 52nd Street, Cleveland.

KILGORE'S IDOL, 7½ x 6, F. D.

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Lucilla	Producer
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Eventide	Gloria Bacher
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Pink Amelia	Pink Giant
Yellow Glory	Chautauqua Dawn

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WINONA

WEST VIRGINIA

Sweepstakes in Open to All Section. Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Sweepstakes in Commercial Miniature Display. E. V. Newton, Emery Road, Orange Village, Ohio.

Largest Commercial Display, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens Rocky River, Ohio.

Largest and Most Perfect Blooms in Show. J. W. Cowie, 18333 Marcella Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Smallest Bloom and Most Perfect. A. C. Schlagheck, Toledo, Ohio.

Seedling Class, largest bloom over seven inches. Charles F. Lasch, 1435 Dill Avenue, South Euclid, Ohio.

Seedling Class, medium bloom, three and one-half inch to seven inch. Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Bedford, Ohio.

Seedling Class, Miniature Blooms. William M. Moritz, Sedalia Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Best Display of European Dahlias. Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Bedford, Ohio.

R. E. Devney.

The Dahlia Society of California

The Dahlia Society of California held its Twenty-sixth Annual Show in the rotunda of San Francisco's beautiful city hall before an estimated crowd of 50,000 people.

The outstanding new bloom of the year was one that won the *American Home* Achievement medal exhibited by the Ballay Dahlia Gardens. *Confucius* is the name and it is a large coral red semi-cactus, really one of Mr. Ballay's best introductions to date. The Sunset medal was also won by the Ballay Gardens with *Dorothy Lamour*, an orange red semi-cactus that was chosen by the film star to bear her name.

The best flower in the Show was *Evelyn Chandler*, exhibited by Lloyd B. Sawyers who also won best new pompon with *Tippy*, a mauve colored one.

The largest flower in the Show, *D X D*, was *California Idol*, exhibited by an amateur, Emil Magnuson.

The smallest most perfect pompon was won by an amateur, Mrs. Kurtz, with *Doria*.

The best new miniature was *Blondie* and the best new collarette *Sunshine*, both exhibited by Glenn T. Mack. *Blondie* is a yellow miniature semi-cactus, a very full flower. *Sunshine* is a bright canary yellow collarette with petaloids the same color as the petals.

Best 25 blooms, always a sensational entry, was won with *Darcy Sainsbury* by Charles O. White.

Judged the best container of Dahlias in the Show was one of the collarette *Gipsy*. This is the largest collarette in cultivation and a very marvelous performer.

Best general display as well as many individual wins was won by the Star Dahlia Gardens, the dominating container being one of their sensational Dahlia *John MacLaren*.

Most artistic display was won by Frank Pelicano with four large containers predominating. White, *Virginia Pelicano*; red, *La Fiesta*; *Scarlet Leader*; autumn shades, *Amber*; lavender, *Norman Lewis* and *Frank Serpa*.

No write up of this Show would be complete without

mentioning the container of Mr. Redfern's Dahlia *El Rubio* as exhibited by Albert Harris. It is a dark ruby red decorative about the color of *Darkest of All*. It was shown in a shadow box as a picture and it truly was.

The Show at San Francisco is growing in attendance (free) and in the quality and quantity of both blooms and exhibitors. If in the west the last week of August don't fail to pay us a visit.

Each individual exhibitor of this Show is intentionally omitted and only the outstanding exhibits and wins mentioned.

Glenn T. Mack, Secretary.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

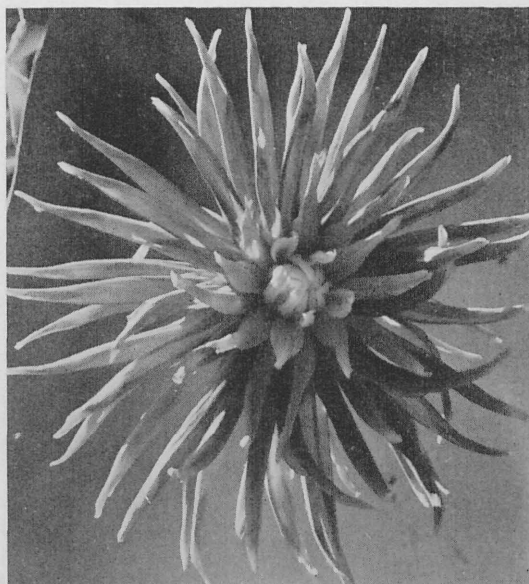
We express appreciation to the American Dahlia Society for awarding their A. D. S. Bronze Medal as a premium for our Dahlia Show.

We had a very good Show in spite of some of the poor Dahlia weather we had in July and August—just about as many entries as last year. The attendance was very gratifying, the largest we have ever had at any of our Shows. The people in this locality are taking interest in our Shows each year and look forward to them.

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The State of Delaware Dahlia Society

The twentieth annual show of the State of Delaware Dahlia Society under the direction of our show manager Mr. J. W. Johnston, surpassed in size and beauty all other shows we have ever staged. Words of praise were spoken by scores of visitors.

Again we were fortunate in securing the Gold Ball Room of the Hotel DuPont but even with this large room the show overflowed into the foyer and an adjoining club room. The foyer, a room fifty by eighty feet, was filled with miniatures and pompons and was a lovely sight indeed. One of our visitors who has traveled from coast to coast and attends all the prominent Dahlia shows remarked that he had never seen such a beautiful display of miniature Dahlias. Big winners in this class were our President, William C. Clay, of Wilmington; John C. Menke, of Baltimore; Dr. Bruce B. Preas, of New York; and Frederick G. Smith. The most outstanding new miniature was a bi-color *Ricky* displayed by Woodbury Dahlia Gardens, Woodbury, New Jersey.

Like the big ones? Well this is one class we all aim for. The largest and best bloom in the show was the most spectacular class in memory of many. Howard Ball of Elsmere, Delaware, has won many specimen bloom classes in his long experience as a Dahlia showman but at this show he staged a *Director Carl Dahl* fourteen inches in diameter and ten inches deep. Hats off to Mr. Ball for winning the A. D. S. medal. In competition were three other Dahlias, one fifteen inch bloom and two fourteen inch blooms, one *America's Sweetheart*, a *Rita Wells* and *Jessica Dragonette*.

The smallest bloom in the show was a half inch *Little Edith* which won for Frederick G. Smith.

Interest in the undisseeded class awaited the judges decision. The winner was *Maid Marion*, a beautiful informal decorative, shown by Dr. H. L. Dozier of Cambridge, Maryland. He was awarded the *American Home Achievement Medal*, the State of Delaware Dahlia Society Silver Medal and Twenty-five Dollars in cash. The *House Beautiful Futurity Medal* was won by Glendon Dahlia Gardens with six blooms of *Consul General Quist*.

Entries in the amateur classes were the largest we have ever had. Sweepstakes winners were as follows: Amateur, three blooms, Mrs. Lammot duPont. Amateur, specimen bloom, J. Weiderman, Berwyn, Pennsylvania. Open to all, specimen blooms, Glenden Dahlia Gardens, Wilmington. Open to all, three blooms, Glenden Dahlia Gardens. Open to all, five blooms, William C. Clay, Wilmington.

Bronze medals of the State of Delaware Dahlia Society were awarded as follows: Amateur, specimen bloom, Mrs. Edgar Allen Poe, Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. Amateur, three blooms, Mrs. Edgar Allen Poe, Chestnut Hill. Open to all, specimen bloom, Glenden Dahlia Gardens on *Pink Giant*. Open to all, three blooms, William H. McElhinney, Wilmington, on *America's Sweetheart*. Open to all, five blooms, Glenden Dahlia Gardens, *Ballego's Surprise*. Pompons, William H. McElhinney, Wilmington. Singles, Mrs. Robert Wheelwright, Wil-

mington. Miniatures, Woodbury Dahlia Gardens, Woodbury, N. J. Basket of twenty-five blooms, Howard E. Ball on *Frau O'Bracht*. Basket of fifteen blooms. Howard E. Ball on *Frau O'Bracht*.

The commercial displays were arranged around the three sides of the huge ball room and featured Dahlias and gladiolias. Dahliadel Nurseries, Glenden Dahlia Gardens, Totty's of Madison, N. J., and W. Atlee Burpee, Michells and Hosea Watterer of Philadelphia put up these displays. Conrad Pyle of West Grove, Pennsylvania, had a beautiful display of roses. Lovett's Nurseries of Little Silver, N. J., also feature roses. These rose displays set up in the foyer made a nice background for the miniatures and pompons.

All in all it was a wonderful show and exceeded our expectations.

Frederick G. Smith, Secretary.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Eighteenth Annual Flower Show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was held at Garfield School, Kearny, N. J., Saturday, September 28th, from 3:00 to 10:00 o'clock. The exhibit hall was filled with the finest quality of blooms, despite the fact that the gardens of several members who usually stage large exhibits had been completely spoiled by frost two days before the Show. During the hours the Show was open the aisles were

crowded by admiring visitors, many of whom remarked upon the beauty of the exhibit and the splendid quality of all the flowers. There were not as many entries in the arrangement classes as have been shown in former years, due, probably, to the frost, but those entered were very fine, particularly Mrs. Bial's, who won sweepstakes in that section. There were several entries of very beautiful new miniature Dahlias in competition for the trophy offered by Miss Virginia Stout, which was won by Elmer Davenport. The winner of the blue ribbon in each of the forty-four classes received a handsome container.

The special and sweepstakes winners were as follows: *American Home* Achievement medal for new Dahlia, Mr. H. O. Alexander; *House Beautiful* medal, A. Swoboda; Honorary President's medal, offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout for best Dahlia of New Jersey origin never before shown at a Dahlia Society of New Jersey or American Dahlia Society Show, H. O. Alexander; cup of President, Mr. L. L. Pollak, by John Adelung; trophy of Miss Virginia Stout for best new miniature Dahlia, Elmer Davenport; gold medal of Dahlia Society of California, A. Swoboda; medal of Dahlia Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, John Metzgar; medal of Dahlia Society of Georgia for miniature Dahlias, Miss Virginia Stout. Sweepstakes in classes 9 to 16—17 to 24—and 41 to 44, A. Swoboda, and in classes 25 to 40, Mrs. A. Bial. Grand sweepstakes went to A. Swoboda for 28 points, with Miss Virginia Stout runner-up with 25 points.

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NEW CATALOGUE IN JANUARY

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Wolverine Men's Dahlia Club Holds Field Day

The Wolverine Men's Club held their gala event of the year at the Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan, on Saturday, September 7th. A Field Day had been arranged for the members of the Club, members of the Dahlia Society of Michigan and the Dahlia public at large.

The Lakeside gardens were open to the public throughout the day. A steady stream of visitors wandered through the many acres of Dahlias and members of the Club were at hand in the gardens to guide and assist the visitors. At four o'clock, Mr. Barton W. Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan, Master Dahlia Judge of the Michigan Horticultural Society, conducted a Judging School in the Garden. There have been a great many requests for a Judging School of this type. Mr. Elliott is not only an expert Judge but an expert grower as

well, and his two hours of instruction and explanations filled a long felt need.

A dinner had been arranged at Vernier's Hotel in New Baltimore. Bruce Collins served as Toastmaster and introduced the many guests. Barton Elliott talked on showing Dahlias and how to select and prepare the blooms for the Show. Sam Anker of Detroit who has become noted in Michigan for his floral arrangements in various garden and flower shows gave a very complete demonstration of how to select material and make arrangements, using large or small Dahlias.

Arthur Wulff of Detroit is President and Frank J. Vaydik is Secretary of the Wolverine Men's Dahlia Club. This Field Day was voted a huge success and that it should be an Annual Event at the Lakeside Gardens.

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Indianapolis Dahlia Society

The annual Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival held by the Indianapolis Dahlia Society September 14th and 15th was considered by many as one of the most successful ever held by this organization.

There were not as many entries as usual in the Dahlia section, but this permitted those that were entered to be displayed to the fullest advantage.

The garden flower section was well entered.

The weather was ideal for the show and there was a large and appreciative group of visitors. In fact, we believe the attendance was the second largest in the history of the society.

Charles Fieldhouse of Louisville, Kentucky, had the largest and most perfect bloom and a shadow box arrangement by Dr. A. E. White of Indianapolis was declared the most meritorious entry. Other sweepstakes awarded were: Raoul H. Ayers, Indianapolis, open to all; Charles Fieldhouse, amateur; C. A. Clifton, Indianapolis, novice; Phillip Kennedy, Indianapolis, junior.

O. A. Guntle, Frankfort, Indiana, entered the best seedling, and G. A. Brayton, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, displayed the most perfect undissected Dahlia.

Winners in the garden section were: Mrs. Betty Jane Pike, Miss Harrie and the Neophyte Garden Club, all of Indianapolis.

Leo Matthews.

The Portland Dahlia Society

The Portland Dahlia Society held its 13th annual Dahlia Show September 20th and 21st and the more than 1200 entries attested the popularity of the Show. The area occupied was greater than ever before—1400 square feet of table space was used by amateur exhibitions alone, and without exception there was a noticeable improvement in size and quality of blooms in the four divisions of this department—4-H, novice, amateur, and advanced amateur.

Sweepstakes was awarded in each division to the greatest number of points won.

The 4-H division, which is divided into three sections, had 176 entries and attracted much favorable comment. The new feature was a hooked rug design composed of poms, singles, or miniatures, and a Kenton School boy, Jack Wolborn, won the blue for his design. Sweepstakes in first year won by Eleanor Zaharis. Other elementary schools, winner Billy Anderson. High school winner Ruth Raz.

Best flower in 4-H division, *Prince of Persia* entered by Eleanor Zaharis, received the Little Trophy. The best small Dahlia *Atom* entered by Wyllamina Berkey, won President Kershisnik's award.

A special table was allotted to the entries made by the U. S. Army Engineers at Bonneville Dam. This was an interesting and unusual addition to the Show. Large type Dahlias predominated attracting much attention throughout the two days.

The novice section, ever growing in popularity, was filled to capacity. Good quality blooms were exhibited. Mrs. George LeBoutillier was the best bloom in this class entered by Mrs. Dorothy Starkey who also was the sweepstakes winner. Prizes were given to all blue ribbon winners.

The amateur division made 275 entries besides arrangements and entries for special awards. They presented one of the best displays of large type Dahlias in the Show. The best bloom in this section was *Clara Carder* entered by Robert Strang, who also was the sweepstakes winner.

The advanced amateurs (those who have won sweepstakes in amateur division) made a large and pleasing display of single entries, baskets, and arrangements in bowls and vases. The best bloom in this division was *Greater Glory* entered by George O. Latimer. Mrs. Martin Brower was sweepstakes winner.

The professionals exhibiting all types, sizes, and colors of Dahlias in arrangements in baskets, bowls, and vases, high-lighted the show room. Their floor displays were beautiful to behold.

The Portland Dahlia Gardens featured small types and poms in the newer creations and their own originations. Their new ball Dahlia *Cavalcade Ball* a mulberry and rose, is a fine addition to their gardens. A large basket of poms, *Gertrudes* with center motif of *Dorea* was well liked as their many containers of miniatures and singles.

Robert Sanders featured large type single entries of the newer creations along with his many baskets and bowl arrangements which attracted all visitors.

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LINK'S GORGEOUS: I. D. 11½ x 7½, without forcing, can be grown to 13 inches. A most gorgeous Dahlia of an unusual blend pale lemon yellow bordered with scarlet pink along the entire edge of petals. Ideal stems, tough foliage, rugged bush. 4½ to 5 feet. Awarded a Certificate at East Lansing (No. E31/38). Runner-up for A. H. A. Medal to White Majesty.

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LINK'S BLUE TRIUMPH: F. D. A bigger and better seedling of Blue River that has great size and grand color, the center is Petunia Violet that shades to light phlox purple petals. Many blooms will reach 12 and 13 inches with ordinary field culture. Depth 6½ to 8 inches. Winner of silver cup as 1 year seedling and blue ribbon, and as first in undisseminated classes at Irvington. A blue, a Special and an Award of Honor Medal, 1940 Atlanta Georgia Show.

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LINK'S CONSPICUOUS: S. C. 7½ x 5 inches. It may be grown also as a Class A Dahlia reaching 9 inches. A bright lemon yellow, many petalled and deeply lacinated. Strong wire stem, excellent foliage. Sturdy growth 4½ feet. An outstanding Class B Dahlia. Winner of First Award in undisseminated classes at Irvington.

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CATALOGUE READY IN JANUARY

Portland Show—Cont. from p. 47

The Estacada Dahlia Gardens featured foreign importations. Most noteworthy among the exhibit being the Holland miniatures, some of which he was fortunate to receive this year. The deep red nymphaea type *Memory* was a favorite. Other good ones were *Petite Prince*, semi-cactus, *Little Diamond*, *Spirit* and *Tip*; among the poms were *Joyce*, *Eva*, *Margaret Williams*, *Britain's Delight* and *Rhonda*.

Gill Brothers displayed all types and sizes of Dahlias and some of their own creations making a well rounded out exhibit. Their own origination *Seaside Beauty* in a basket arrangement was outstanding as well as the many arrangements in harmonious colored bowls. A basket of poms in yellows and autumn shades was a blue ribbon winner.

The Julia Compton Dahlia Gardens presented a wealth of blooms in all sorts of containers and featured large types, for which the garden is famous. Many poms and the smaller types were used to advantage and helped to win the sweepstakes for Mrs. Compton. Their *San Francisco* was judged the best flower in the Professional class.

The best Dahlia in the Show was selected from the best Dahlias in the five divisions and the decision fell to *Clara Carder* grown and exhibited by Robert Strang, an amateur.

The largest Dahlia was *San Francisco* entered by the Julia Compton Dahlia Gardens.

The smallest perfect Dahlia *Schweite's Baby* was ex-

hibited by the President, Mr. Kershisnik.

Best basket was an arrangement of *San Francisco* by the Julia Compton Dahlia Gardens.

Best basket of foreign Dahlias was an arrangement of the cactus *Madam Juissant* by the Estacada Dahlia Gardens.

The *American Home* Achievement medal was won by George I. Atkinson of Tacoma.

Sunset Magazine Achievement medal was awarded to the best Dahlia in the Show, *Clara Carder* exhibited by Robert Strang, an amateur.

House Beautiful Futurity went to Mrs. Martin Brower for *Little Diamond*.

The Racine Dahlia Society gold medal was awarded to W. C. Scrutton for the best collection of foreign Dahlias.

The McClary award for the most distinctive arrangement in color harmony was won by Mrs. P. F. Kershisnik, with the miniature cactus *Peter* and the singles *K* and *Cardinal*, in a copper bowl.

The Portland Dahlia Gardens award for the most artistic arrangement of ball Dahlias was won by Mrs. P. F. Kershisnik with *Tippy* in a yellow vase.

The Julia Compton award for the best arrangement of miniatures was won by Mrs. Martin Brower.

Among blue ribbon winners were *Miss Glory*, *Mayor Rossi*, *Greater Glory*, *Charles L. Mastick*, *Shirley Temple*, *Mayor Otis*, *White Abundance*, *Madam Juissant*, *Garth Harry*, *Schentenchi*, *White Knight*, *Freda George*, *Clara*

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Carder, California Idol, Golden Standard, Ballego's Surprise, Mutsu-no-Hikari, Prince of Persia, Victoria, San Francisco, White Wonder, Jersey's Dainty, Marjorie Cole, Winoka, Jane Cowl, Frau O'Bracht, Corallina, Thunderbolt, Shekinah, Leland Stanford, Jan Olieslagers, Darcy Sainsbury, Nagel's Superb, Daily Mail, Marie Dressler, Nancy Robertson, Valeska, Adirondack Sunset, Palo Alto, Nagel's Giant.

Among winning miniatures and small types *Goldina*, *Marjorie Emberson*, *Glorious*, *Coronne*, *Peter*, *Memory*, *Helly Boudewijn*, *Hollandia*, *Schweeters Baby*, *K*, *Cardinal*, *Snow Queen*, *Swallow*, *Queen of Singles*, *Tippy*, *Wein*, *Rufus*, *Little Snow Queen*, *Little Dream*, *Volks Kanzler*, *Walter Degan*, *Petite Prince*, *Little Diamond*, *Rhonda*, *Mea*, *Fairy*, *Ernest Hewitt*.

Mrs. R. M. McClary.

Berlet Dahlia Show

State Street Dahlia Exhibit sponsored by the Berlet Dahlia Foundation (R. E. Berlet) held in the Show window and store of the Central Floral Company, 132 North State Street, on Saturday and Sunday, September 28th and 29th, was a pronounced success in every particular. This, notwithstanding an early frost and want of co-operation of Dahlia growers in the Chicago area and vicinity, who plead want of available blooms for Show purposes.

Thanks to the Fitchett Dahlia Gardens, of Janesville, Wisconsin, the Boylins, Niesens, both of Fox Lake, Illinois, and the Lautenschlagers and Wiegands, of Chicago, all of them members of the Central States Dahlia Society, over 3000 blooms, large and small, of over 200 varieties, the Show was put over big and there was little room, if any, for other possible exhibits.

Thousands of people passing the exhibition place on State Street on Saturday and Sunday stopped and admired the beautiful arrangement of the huge bouquets and small vases containing flowers of every sort, kind and description. Particular mention must be made of a large bouquet of *Jane Cowl*, also of *Bishop of Llandaff* and miniatures of Holland, Belgium and other foreign origin. Mr. Fitchett outdid himself in every way, showing the largest collection ever exhibited by him heretofore. He won a silver cup donated by the Central Floral Company, also a special award, purple ribbon and a blue; Mr. and Mrs. Boylin, amateurs, with over 250 hills, won a silver cup donated by the Loftis Jewelry Company, for their huge bouquet of over 100 blooms of *Sherry* and *Rachel*. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Niesen also won a blue ribbon and likewise John Weigand won a ribbon, first prize and so did Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lautenschlager for their bloom of *Dragonette*.

It is the intention of the sponsor to repeat the event next year, arrangements having been made with the Central Floral Company, for Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, 1941. There will be trophies and ribbons. Much has been learned as to how to and when to show. Blooms that win trophies will be purchased by the floral company in whose place they are shown.

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Alabama Society Show

Transformed into a multi-colored flower garden, the entire second floor of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel was crowded with hundreds of spectators who streamed in continually until the doors were closed at 10 P. M. Tuesday, October 8, 1940, to see the fifth annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama. Thousands of blooms of every size and hue filled the large ball rooms and overflowed to the hallway as the 400 members of the society displayed the pick of their plots. There were 764 entries in the sixteen sections which provided classes for all from the novice to the commercial.

Mr. W. Cooper Green, President of the City Commission expressed his appreciation of the Show by issuing a proclamation setting aside October 8, 1940, as "Dahlia Day in Birmingham," and called upon the citizens of Birmingham and the various organizations to contribute as far as possible by private and public displays and pay a deserved tribute to this Queen of Autumn Flowers.

The Show was under the supervision of Mr. Norman Lefkovitz, Chairman and Mr. T. M. Floyd, Co-Chairman, who were assisted by the entire Show committee, and they were indeed fortunate in having some of the outstanding Dahlia Growers of the South as judges, among them were W. H. Kennedy, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. E. S. Landress, Fayetteville, Tennessee; David D. Long, Atlanta, Georgia; Norman LaMotte, Hapeville, Georgia; Paul McClain Bessemer, Alabama; Mrs. H. C. Rike, Belview, Alabama; Mrs. Robert Jemison, Birmingham, and C. R. Perry, President Dahlia Society of Georgia, and others.

At the close of the Show Mr. Norman Lefkovitz and Mr. Norman LaMotte presented the winners with their prizes and medals:

Section AA, novice section, for amateur growers of less than 100 hills who had never won a ribbon or prize. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by C. P. Underwood.

Section A, for amateur growers of 50 hills or less. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by Frank Floyd.

Section B, for amateur growers of 50 to 125 hills. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by Mrs. Hazel Verner.

Section C, for amateur growers of 125 to 250 hills. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by J. C. Fleck.

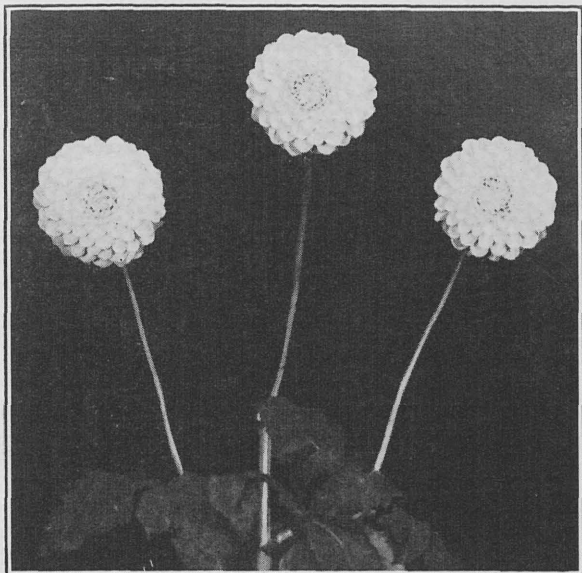
Section D, for amateur growers of 250 hills or over. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medals, sweepstakes won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

Special Awards

Section E, best five blooms one variety. *Discovery*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medals, sweepstakes won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

Section F, best twelve blooms, same color, one or more varieties. *Greater Glory*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by W. L. Fleck.

Section G, best twenty-five blooms, any color, one or more varieties. *Cherokee Brave*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, sweepstakes won by T. M. Floyd.



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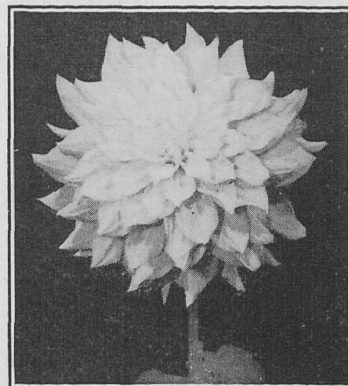
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DIXIE DAHLIA GARDENS

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Section H, best single bloom Foreign Dahlia. *A. W. Lindenschmidt*. Dahlia Society of Alabama, Special Award Ribbon won by B. E. Phillips.

Section H, best three blooms Foreign Dahlia. *DuDu-Roi Albert*. Dahlia Society of Alabama, Special Award Ribbon won by J. C. Fleck.

Section I, best six blooms, one or more varieties. *Victory*. *House Beautiful* Futurity Medal, won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

Section I, largest and most perfect bloom entire Show over ten inches. *Glamour*. David D. Long Book Ends, won by Paul McClain.

Section I, most perfect bloom entire Show over eight inches. *Kay Francis*. Eastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society Medal, won by Graham McKinley.

Section I, best three blooms entire Show. *California Idol*. President's Cup, won by B. E. Phillips.

Section I, best five blooms entire Show 1939 introduction. *Madame Jussiant*. J. W. Moore Memorial Vase, won by D. C. Rike.

Section I, best cactus bloom entire Show. *One Grand*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

Section I, best semi-cactus bloom entire Show. *Kay Francis*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by Graham McKinley.

Section I, best formal decorative bloom entire Show. *My Delight*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

Section I, best informal decorative bloom entire Show. *Robert Ripley*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by C. R. Perry.

Miniatures and Small Flowering Varieties

Sections J, K, L. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by Graham McKinley.

Artistic Arrangement

Section M, most meritorious entry. Dahlia Society of Alabama, Special Award Ribbon won by Mrs. George Stewart.

Seedlings

Section N, best entry 1940 seed. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by B. E. Phillips.

Undisseminated Dahlia

Section O, best undisseminated Dahlia. Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal, won by Dr. H. C. Rike.

The Dahlia Society of Alabama is very proud of their active membership, with a monthly meeting attended by a large number, each month we have a most interesting program.

The official family is composed of the following officers: Dr. H. C. Rike, President; Graham McKinley, First Vice-President; Charles Thomas, Second Vice-President; C. H. Ritchie, Third Vice-President; Joseph J. Pate, Fourth Vice-President; Dr. H. G. Simpson, Program Chairman; Norman Lefkovits, Show Chairman, T. M.

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Alabama Society Show—Cont. from p. 51

Floyd, Co-Chairman; Frank D. Floyd, Chairman Publicity; C. G. Goodwin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Since the beginning of the Dahlia Society of Alabama we have endeavored at all times to further the culture of Dahlias, as we are justly proud of our seven Dahlia Chapters located throughout the State of Alabama under the guiding hand of the following Regional Vice-Presidents: Andalusia Alabama Chapter, Dr. J. A. Cook; Brent Alabama Chapter, Mrs. Grace Yeager; Attalla Alabama Chapter, Mrs. Casey Jones; Dothan Alabama Chapter, Mrs. E. E. Malone; Marion Alabama Chapter, Rev. W. S. Guise; Sylacauga Alabama Chapter, William Hood; Roanoke Alabama Chapter, J. H. Owens.

During the early part of May the Dahlia Society of Georgia extended an invitation to the officers of the society to attend their first banquet which was held at the Hotel Henry Grady, and the following attended: Dr. and Mrs. Rike, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Goodwin and Dr. H. G. Simpson, and all enjoyed a most interesting program which was put on by the (Gawga Boys).

In August the Dahlia Society of Tennessee of Chattanooga extended an invitation to the members of the Dahlia Society of Alabama to attend their first Dahlia Show, and among those attending were Dr. H. C. Rike and Norman Lefkovits both of whom had a beautiful display of early blooms. Though the Show was a little early yet they had a nice variety of blooms and we look forward in 1941 to attending their second Show which we are of the opinion will be a grand success, as they have a growing society.

On September 21st and 22nd Dr. H. C. Rike, Norman Lefkovits and Tom Floyd attended the Mid West Dahlia Show at Louisville, Kentucky, where they were judges. One of the most appreciative displays of at least a thousand blooms and the one which attracted the attention of all visitors was the gorgeous display most artistically arranged by Mrs. W. H. Simmons, Chattanooga, Tennessee, complimentary.

A vase of twenty-five *Cherokee Braves* displayed by T. M. Floyd in the center of the main ball room drew large crowds of admirers.

We enjoyed the cultivation of our Dahlias and the joy of bringing the blooms around in time for Show and appreciated the beauty of all blooms on display, and in order to cheer up the "shut-ins" who could not attend the Show a committee supplied each of the eleven hospitals in Birmingham with several hundred blooms to grace the room of each patient the next morning, which is an annual event.

While 1940 has been a hard year on Dahlia culture, with an unusual insect known as "bill-borer" which has been very destructive, yet we are proud of our accomplishments, we are proud of our Dahlia Show which was the best ever held, and when the prizes were awarded and the doors closed on the 1940 Dahlia season, the entire membership seem to stand at attention and resolved to grow more and better Dahlias and if possible put on a bigger and better Dahlia Show in October, 1941.

Frank D. Floyd.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Twelfth Annual Show of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society was held in the Maryland State Armory, on North Potomac Street, September 19th and 20th.

The auditorium of the Armory presented a picture of loveliness with thousands of the finest specimens of Dahlias on exhibition. The 1940 Show was one of the most successful in the history of the Society. The exhibits individually and as a whole right up to par, and thousands of visitors enjoyed the spectacle. The attendance was the largest on record in any one year, which goes to illustrate there is a growing interest in the Dahlia. In addition to the Dahlias there were many exhibits of the finest specimens of roses, gladiolus, asters, marigolds, zinnias and other flowers, and a number of attractive large displays.

The judges and show superintendent deserve much credit for the able manner in which their duties were conducted which greatly helped the success of the Show.

The Society is fortunate in procuring the best talent for this purpose and extends its appreciation.

The largest Dahlia in the Show was exhibited by Mr. C. M. Diffenderffer, the smallest by Mr. H. K. Ramsburg, Jr., while Groves Dahlia Gardens had the best bloom in the Show. Mr. N. A. Gossman had the best white bloom. Mrs. Raymond Shiffer the best pink and bi-color. C. M. Diffenderffer best red. Powell's Dahlia Gardens best yellow and Mr. A. H. Sherman best purple bloom. Mr. John C. Mencke, Jr., won first on best display, 12 feet or more.; Mrs Florence White second; Mr. and Mrs.

Kuhn third and Mr. A. H. Sherman fourth. For the best 1940 introductions, formal and informal class, first prize Mr. N. A. Gossman; second Mr. Robert D. Pyne. Cactus class Mr. N. A. Gossman first and Mr. C. M. Diffenderffer second. Mr. N. A. Gossman won sweepstakes, a beautiful trophy presented by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. N. A. Gossman had the most entries in the Show with Powell's Dahlia Gardens second and H. K. Ramsburg third.

In the gladiolus classes the specimens were unusually fine and in large numbers. There seemed to be a horse race between Miss Mamie Long and the Polsgroves Dahlia Gardens for the most prizes.

Judges of the Show: Prof. J. B. S. Norton from the University of Maryland; Mr. Henry J. Betz, Rasburg, Maryland; Mr. John C. Mencke, Jr., Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Mary Bester, Mrs. Harry R. Rudy, Miss Mary Harten of Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. Walter S. Gibney was show superintendent.

We are proud of our 1940 Show. Our minds now go planning for 1941. Won't you arrange to be with us?

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

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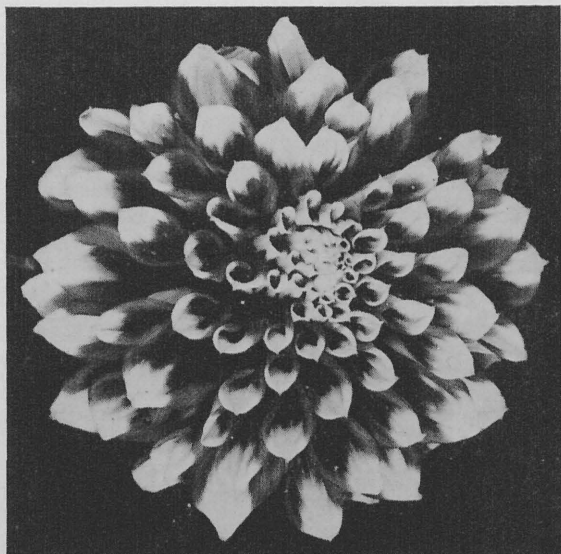
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West Virginia Dahlia Society

By Oliver Shurtleff

The 1940 West Virginia Dahlia Show, while not as large as some previous Shows, however, abounded in fine specimen blooms, both of the older varieties and the newer varieties. Four new West Virginia originations made their first Show appearance at the Show.

One of these new flowers is *Dean Shurtleff* (ahem) and was named after the writer of this report. *Dean Shurtleff* came from the Dahlia garden of Shelby E. Taylor of Morgantown, West Virginia. *Dean Shurtleff* is a huge deep scarlet informal. It was judged the best red, the best sweepstakes among all single entries and the best bloom in the Show.

A second new variety is *Monongahlea*. The name *Monongahlea* goes back to the days of an Indian chief who lived in this section of West Virginia. A beautiful legend has grown up around the memory of this young chief. The new Dahlia, named in his honor, is also beautiful. It is a nine by four inch cactus blooming consistently a deep dark red color, free from burning and fading. It is even darker than the well known *Adolph Mayer*. *Monongahlea* was the winner, with stiff competition, of the *American Home Achievement* medal. The Dahlia originated at Meadowdale Gardens, Fairmont. The producers are Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Ebert.

Runner-up for the achievement medal was *Floral Beauty* from the W. E. Smith gardens of Parkersburg, West Virginia. *Floral Beauty* is a sweet light colored

flower with lilac shadings. It is an informal decorative of medium size almost as deep as its diameter. (We understand that this flower was the winner of the *American Home Achievement* medal at the Pittsburgh Show.)

The fourth outstanding new flower to make its Show appearance at this Show was *Clover*, a pompon from the gardens of Mrs. Ben M. Wilson of Philippi, West Virginia. *Clover* suggests its name and color. It reminds one a whole lot of the beautiful creamy clover blooms which one sees in the meadows and pastures. *Clover* blooms consistently small. *Clover* was the sweepstakes winner over all other poms in the Show. It was deservedly popular.

Varieties showing to an advantage at the West Virginia Show were *Croyden's Vivid*, *Birch Foraker*, *Jane Cowl*, *Silver Lady*, *Figaro*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Dean Shurtleff*, *Monongahela*, *Maffie*, *Rockley Dictator*, *California Idol*, *Milton J. Cross*, *Nancy Gene*, *Alice May*, *Peace*, *Glamour*, *Freda George*, *Progress*, *Cherokee Rose*, *Jeffersonian*, *Dominant*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Pink Amelia*, *Mad River Chief*, *Rosa Lee*, *Dean Anderson*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Mary Taylor*, *Ripley*, *Red Ruffles*, *Adolph Mayer*, *Thelma Cain*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Miss Englewood*, *Greater Glory*, *Your Lucky Star*, *Alice Smith*, *Marietta E.*, *Josephine G.*, *Michigan White*, *Miss Elsie Jane*, *Carl G. Dahl*, *Violet Princess*, *Mrs. Knudson*, *Premier's Majestic*, *Kay Francis*, *Jean Pateret*, *Weiser Hirsch*, *Langeloth*, *Katy K.*, *Kote D.*, *Floral Beauty*, *Prince Charles*, *Flora Mae*, *Jersey's Dainty*.

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More towns and more exhibitors were represented at the 1940 Show than in any previous Show. A good sign. The judges were supplied by the Western Pennsylvania Dahlia Society in an exchange arrangement agreed to by that Society and the West Virginia Society. This exchange plan worked very satisfactorily.

The new officers for the West Virginia Dahlia Society who were elected at the annual meeting of the Society are as follows: J. J. Lynch, Fairmont, President; Mrs. Bess G. Hardesty, Kingwood, Executive Vice-President; Mrs. Ben M. Wilson, Philippi, Walter Tomlinson, Wellsburg, Mrs. E. O. Hall, Fairmont, W. E. Smith, Parkersburg, C. E. Luebke, Bridgeport, Vice-Presidents. Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmont, was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. These new officers are all successful Dahlia growers and will work hard for the success of their Society.

Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland

The Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland held its first Exhibit on September 19th and 20th, 1940, here in Baltimore and not only was the Show a success in every way but we are gratified to report that our novice class (members who have never previously shown flowers in any Show) was so large that it was necessary to add additional tables to stage this part of our exhibit. Outstanding entrants and winners were The Schwanabecks—The Munschells—The Meeks and The Cogswells. Honors for the best seedling (and this class was not only large but had many excellent blooms) went to The Schwanabecks. Len Warner with a huge *Maffie* had the largest bloom in the Show. A basket of a new seedling by Harry Quick was just about as good as we have ever seen. Earl Loller with a large basket that contained some new foreign importations was tops in its class and collected the money. Connie Brieger, our President, won with superb *Sunrays*, as did Mrs. Brieger with a notable showing of garden flowers and miniatures. We used ten more tables than the former Govan's Dahlia Club whom we absorbed. At the close of the Show our balance sheet showed all bills paid with a balance on hand. Our President, Connie Brieger, instituted a rule of "visit our neighbors and their Shows." On this committee Messrs. Moore, Warner and Nolte visited the western Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Show and report one of the finest Shows ever our pleasure to see. We were amazed at the deep and intense colors of the blooms and the extremely large exhibit of cactus and semi-cactus Dahlias. Our President personally visited the Show of the New York Society at the World's Fair and reports an excellent Show. Our committee also visited Camden, Washington, D. C., and the Wilmington Shows. Several of these Shows were unfortunate in that torrential rainstorms handicapped their efforts but there was

much to praise and many new outstanding blooms were in evidence. New seedlings of Doctor Dozier were worthwhile and you will certainly hear from them in the near future. As to our program for 1941 already President Brieger has started the ball rolling for a real Show with surprises that will make you out of town exhibitors join us in our Show. Dates have been tentatively set pending the consummation of a number of innovations new to the Dahlia fan. Watch us in 1941. At each and every meeting since our inception the early part of 1940 we have never failed to put through a batch of new members and at this writing there are ten new members awaiting the green light. While, of course, interested in new members our desire is for working, worthwhile members.

J. H. Nolte, Vice-President.

Baltimore Dahlia Society Show

The Baltimore Dahlia Society held its 16th Annual Fall Flower Show, September 29th and 30th, in the 5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md. The Show was most successful both from the number and fine quality of the blooms as well as the superb staging done by our Show Manager E. L. Schaun and his Committee.

All of the many classes filled well and the judging was ably handled by Mr. Conrad Frey, Professor J. S. B. Norton, J. W. Johnston, F. V. R. Veirs, Frank Shannebrook, Stanley Johnson, Dr. Moore, E. P. Loller, Harry Quick, W. A. Bochau, John C. Mencke, Jr., N. A. Gossman and W. L. Tracy.

Competition was very keen, the Achievement Medal being awarded to Dr. H. L. Dozier for three very fine blooms of *Maid Marion*. The Governor Herbert O'Connor trophy was awarded to George Schirmer and the Mayor Howard W. Jackson Trophy awarded to E. P. Loller. The attendance was far above expectations with many prominent visitors from all over the East as well as the Midwest. There were many fine blooms exhibited in the *House Beautiful* class the medal being awarded to the Glenden Dahlia Gardens.

The Hardy Garden Section was well represented, same being in charge of Mrs. Pauline Graf, the flowers being judged by Mrs. W. R. Bridges and Dr. W. R. Ballard of the University of Maryland. Many favorable comments were received by the visitors and the Society benefitted by adding a large number of new members many of whom will grow Dahlias the coming season for the first time.

Herbert O. Aburn.

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Los Angeles Show

Now that the season is practically over Dahlia fans like to look back upon the varieties that have held their own and the new varieties that have also compared favorably with the favorites of former years, I was fortunate enough to be asked to judge at some of the shows on the coast here, I think the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona is to be congratulated on being able to put on two Dahlia exhibitions, the first on September 13th and 14th. The second (at which I was a judge) was on September 21st and 22nd, and if the second was anything to go by they are to be congratulated. Mr. Rossiter, the gentleman in charge, was kind enough to give me the winner's names on both shows that is the first prize winners which I have enclosed herewith.

Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona

September 13th Show

WINNERS OF THE DAHLIA CONTESTS

Ten firsts went to McDonald's Dahlia Farm, Bellflower, in addition to the permanent trophy given by the *Progress Bulletin* for the most artistic display. Stephenson Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, won nine firsts. Other winners and the number of firsts trophies each was awarded as follows

R. W. Franson, Los Angeles, five; Oliver H. Bent,

Los Angeles, three; Dr. Harve (cq) E. Cannon, Los Angeles, three; Pollock's Flowers, Pomona, two; Kenneth S. Coats, two; Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, two; Mrs. Sidney Chase, Arcadia, two; Patterson Florists, Santa Monica, two; George B. Herzog, El Monte, one; Charles Garrity, San Leandro, one; H. L. Schmit, El Monte, one; and Marjorie Ferrell, Pomona, one.

September 21st Show

Sweepstakes for Dahlia exhibits at the Los Angeles County Fair's flower show in the Agricultural building were held today by McDonald's Dahlia Farm, Bellflower, after taking 12 blue ribbons in the competition.

A Santa Monica firm, Stephenson Dahlia Farm, was a close second with eight blue ribbons to its credit. Four firsts went to Patterson Florist, also Santa Monica and two to R. W. Franson, Los Angeles.

One blue ribbon each was taken by Pollock's Flowers, Pomona; Dr. Harve E. Cannon, Los Angeles; Ralph Jump, Bellflower; Kenneth S. Coats, Los Angeles; Marjorie Ferrell, Pomona; Mrs. T. E. McLeod, Santa Ana; and R. E. Sams, Mentone.

It is wonderful how the Dahlia bug bites anyone who starts with them 2 or 3 years back if you mentioned Dahlias in the Redding Shasta County District, they thought you were crazy. Now they are growing them in old time gardens, and are making a good job of it, I saw some very nice ones when acting as judge there in September. At San Leandro show, the chief winners were L. Statler, T. J. Sjöberg, Stanley Allen, F. Zell, J. F. Groves, Fred Garms, Mrs. J. Park, A. I. Inegglestone, Mrs. A. Lachman, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Danneheim, the Voreices put on a good show. Mrs. Verke, D. McInnerdo, Paul Brannon, D. R. Franklin, Mr. M. R. Cockrell, George H. Lamport, and we look forward to some stiff competition next season. The House Beautiful Futurity Medal was won with *Norma Morton*, The Patricia Dahlia Gardens put on their usual complimentary display featuring their 1939 Achievement Medal winner and *Ina Bice* a beautiful white formal from the gardens of Mr. Freer Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Alameda Dahlia Show featured quite a display and the show of the California Dahlia Society at San Francisco was well worth going a long way to see. It would not be fair to close this without mentioning how some of the new ones that we tried out, *Premier Majestic*, was very good. *Kentucky Sweetheart* attracted quite a lot of favorable comment, we had a seedling of the Lasch Floral Gardens, of the cactus type that should go places. (I understand this is named *Marjorie Jamieson*.) Another a white decorative is very good, some of the other good ones with us were *Croydon Vivid*, *Croydon Ruby*, *Croydon Acme*, *Norma Morton*, *Mary Congdon* (rather short of stem) but a good flower. *All Australians*, *King George*, *Stabat Mater*, *Madam Jessicount*, and *Henri Festner* will all hold their own in good competition, *Marguerite* a beautiful white semi cactus from Canada. I planted some on June 29th, they are just flowering, of these *Woodland Wonder*, *Meighan Callahan* and *Wanganui*, all are worth a place in any garden.

Charles Garrity.



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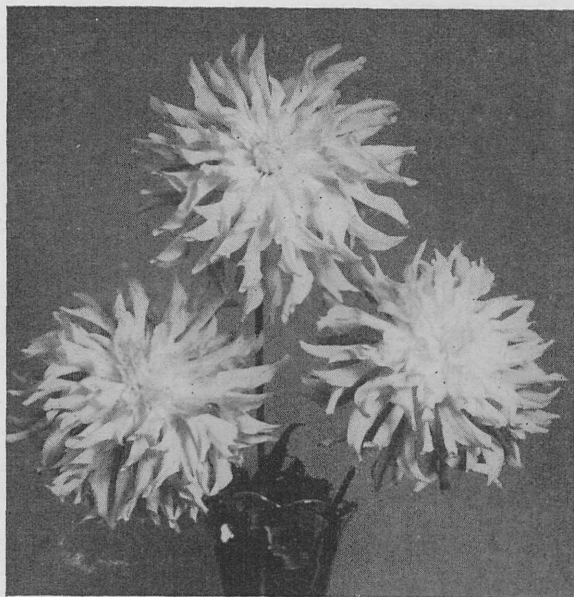
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Portland Dahlia Society

Portland, Oregon

The Portland Dahlia Society held its annual banquet and election of officers November 7th. Coming after a round of strenuous work leading up to the fall Show the banquet was the social event of the year and was enjoyed by most of the members, a number of Dahlia friends, and the honor guests of the evening, Mr. R. W. Ewell, prominent in the Portland Metropolitan Garden Contest Association, and Mrs. Ewell. Mr. Ewell gave a talk on the activities of his association which was particularly interesting to the Dahlia Society because many of the Dahlia gardens were entered in the contest. The assembly room and banquet hall were decorated with pompons and miniature Dahlias of all colors.

Immediately following the dinner the President, Mr. Kershisnik, called the Society to order and after a short preliminary meeting proceeded with the election of officers. Because of the efficient manner in which Mr. Kershisnik conducted his office and his constant application to duties, the Society with one accord acclaimed him President for 1941. Mr. Robert Strang, who served on the board last year, was elected First Vice-President. Mrs. R. M. McClary, also a board member, and publicity chairman, was elected Second Vice-President. Mrs. Lena B. Little, Secretary-Treasurer for a number of years, was re-elected without opposition and Mrs. P. F. Kershisnik, the Assistant Secretary, was also retained by the urgent desire of the Society. Mr. W. C. Scrutton, an ex-President, and one of the professional growers, was

elected a member of the board together with two new members, Mr. Rollin Heater and Mr. F. D. Cannett. Mrs. Charles L. Mastick was voted an honorary life membership on the board of directors in recognition of and appreciation of her many years of active service in the Society and her constant efforts in the development and promotion of Dahlias.

The President announced that the bi-monthly meetings of the board and the regular open meetings of the Society would continue and that the constructive activities of 1940 would proceed through 1941. Among the first speakers will be Dr. McWhorter of the experimental station, connected with the Oregon State College, who has carried on experiments along the line of plant diseases for our Dahlia Society. Other topics will be discussed by professional growers pertinent to our locality.

Mrs. R. M. McClary, Publicity Chairman.

Dahlia Society of Georgia

The final curtain of the 1940 Dahlia season has been lowered, but the memories of a very successful Dahlia season will stay with us. Some were fortunate enough to get their gorgeous blooms in color, others less fortunate will have a mental picture—whatever picture—it will be an inspiration to work harder for next year.

We believe our hobby in raising Dahlias makes better
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Georgia Society—Cont. from p. 57

citizens and if more men all over the world could be interested in Dahlias, even just that one thing might change the whole history of the world and turn the thoughts of men to better things than destruction.

Why do men grow Dahlias? Because it is a sporting flower, no other flowers require such hard work to raise and mighty few which reward the garden so richly with results and for these reasons and many others, Dahlia growing has been delegated to men, at least we believe that more men are more interested in Dahlias than any one flower.

Our activities for the past Dahlia season have been tremendous. We believe our Show this year was outstanding, both in quality and quantity and the exhibits presented a splendid and colorful panorama for the throngs of visitors who viewed the large number of new and exotic beauties. The small Dahlia was in its glory, it had a real chance to compete with its rival and in many cases both rivals won. For the past few years, the small type has been very prominent, and today the small miniature will soon rival the large exhibition types for popularity.

The Dahlia Society of Georgia was host to Mr. Warren Maytrott of Vineland, N. J., who was one of the judges at our Dahlia Show. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Maytrott with us and we hope in the near future other growers from other sections of the country will pay us a visit.

On October 13th, the Department of Horticulture of the Georgia Experiment Station headed by Dr. H. P.

Stucky, Director, and Dr. H. L. Cochran, Chief Horticulturists, and the Dahlia Society of Georgia held its sixth annual Field Day at Experiment, Georgia. This event climaxed many months of careful study and cultivation of approximately 400 plants, contributed by prominent growers from all sections of the country for purpose of determining what can be done with new varieties as well as old favorites.

Over three thousand visitors, Dahlia enthusiasts and Garden lovers from all sections of Georgia and neighboring states visited the trial gardens. Three hundred eighty-five stakes with over one hundred varieties were at their height of growth and presented a splendid and colorful panorama for the throng of visitors.

The new varieties were judged by competent committee headed by W. D. Ricks, David Long, Norman La-Metta, C. R. Perry and C. E. Faust. All varieties were vying for a place on the list of those to be pronounced worthy of a Georgia grower's time and attention, the awarding its honor certificate will prove intensely interesting to growers through the Southeast.

In conclusion, our year has been very successful, both from the standpoint of accomplishments and interesting others in Dahlia culture, but also the pleasure we try to give to people who are incapacitated and are unable to grow Dahlias.

Our success has been made possible by our efficient President, Mr. C. P. Perry, and his staff of officers and committeemen.

C. E. Faust, Publicity Chairman.

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Roots \$10

Plants \$3.50

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BETSY (Tooker) Miniature cactus with unusual formation. Certificate of Merit at Storrs 1940. Best miniature seedling in Rockville Centre, N. Y. Color, beautiful lavender pink. Root stock limited.

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BRASS BUTTON (Linduff) Pom. Very fine exhibition pom, in the yellow class. Certificate of Merit, Storrs, in 1939, also Fairmont, W. Va. 1940. Winner as best yellow pom, Rockville Centre.

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San Francisco Has a Grand Show

The San Francisco Flower Show this year was a very happy affair and the feeling of pride and satisfaction that comes with that "Best Show Ever" opinion was quite evident in the smiling faces of the exhibitors and the visitors.

One of the most outstanding surprises was the immense crowd! Thousands came, and saw and went out to get other thousands! A meager estimate would put the number of awe-struck beholders between thirty or forty thousand in the two days (of course it was free!).

The City Hall Rotunda is a beautiful place in itself—but with the side arches filled in with new 20-yard long drapes the setting was enhanced beyond comprehension. Being Fair Year there were many out-of-towners spell-bound with the beautiful flowers, but the most amazing fact became evident with the discovery that the majority included San Franciscans, were witnessing their first real Flower Show!

It was the publicity that brought them! Dorothy Lamour, playing a personal appearance week at the Golden Gate Theatre, gave her name to a gorgeous new orange creation of Mr. C. W. Ballay which later won the Sunset medal. Lucille Ball and Maureen O'Hara, the young R. K. O. starlets of "Dance Girl Dance," had photos taken among the blooms and the newspapers were generous with articles and pictures. Linda Ware, the little screen star with the gorgeous voice, and Miss San Francisco from the Exposition formally opened the Show.

Lots of emotional touches were noted by the observing exhibitors standing by. To see the many folding rulers or steel tapes come out surreptitiously to actually measure the "Big Fellas"—14, 15 and 16 inches—with eyes getting bigger as the dimensions grew. A twelve-inch ruler wasn't long enough. The gratitude in the eyes of many poor folks who would ask for one little bedraggled cast-off or left-over from under the benches, was touching. The final night, the British War Relief Committee, under Gordon Tevis, whose uncle was the Dahlia fan, Dr. Tevis, asked for flower donations which were to be sold next day in the Salvage Shop.

The schedule committee allowed for gorgeous color arrangements, which always amaze the public. We feel the largest flowers, best blooms, new seedlings, etc., should be put on a separate table to help the judging and to allow the general public to compare entries. (The overheard comments are so enlightening!) The need for new varieties of pompons was obvious. The convenience of having each flower plainly named was noticeable as most visitors walked around making notes. Local growers should expect a good year from so much newly awakened interest.

Glenn T. Mack had a clever touch with a Royal Daulton English bulldog, whose back was the British Flag, guarding a low vase of *Union Jack*. A twin pompon arrangement in a pair of scales also caused much favorable comment. Curtis Redfern's table exceeded in color grouping and unusually beautiful containers and arrangements. Frank Pelicano surpasses in quantity with quality. Bob McWhirter's blooms were varied and perfect to win best general. Charles White most appropriately featured the *white Darcy Sainsbury*. It almost seemed

like a Ballay Show, with the Palo Alto grower getting the achievement medal with a huge red-coral seedling, as well as the Sunset medal for the newly-christened *Dorothy Lamour*.

Displays of fushia and tuberous begonias, both potted and cut, Carl Salbach's gladioli, and two displays of rare cacti plants added to the general Show. The beginners, amateurs and advanced amateurs had very keen competition as did all the commercial growers. Try to come in forty-one.

From the Secretary's Secretary, F. B. Mack.

[Ed. note—The BULLETIN is happy to hear from our California friends. Keep us posted on your activities.]

Kitsap County Dahlia Society Bremerton, Washington

The fair flower face of the *Martha Churchill*, a salmon pink Dahlia bloom of the cactus type, incurved, won for R. P. Turnquist, chief clerk at the Naval Ammunition Depot, for the second year the sweepstakes silver trophy awarded for the best Dahlia in the annual Show the Kitsap County Dahlia Society held yesterday at the Bremerton High School.

The *Martha Churchill*, which last year was a seedling plant, reigned supreme once again, this time as a full fledged flower. Another winning year would give the trophy for final possession to Mr. Turnquist, as the award must be won three times by one member, or is, each year, returned to the Society.

For the best runner-up, the *Julia Mack*, one of their own seedling plants, originated by them, won first prize for Mr. and Mrs. Nevan McKamey and a hand-bag awarded as a premium by the J. C. Penney Store. The largest Dahlia, measuring 12 3/4 inches by 5 1/2 inches, a 1939 seedling, a variegated purple, was the exhibit of Pliny Allen, novice, and received as prize, Dahlia stakes from the Kenyon Lumber Company.

Flowers by Airmail

The Dahlia Show had plenty of flowers, for some came by airmail, the smallest Dahlia, and the one to receive first prize in that class was sent from Rockville Center, Long Island. The *Atom* was its name, and was grown by John Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Allen, and received a vase as prize from Nevan McKamey.

Futurity Medal

The Futurity medal was awarded by the *House Beautiful* to Thomas Forhan for his *Julia Irene*, the three best pink Dahlias.

Seedlings

Section I was for seedlings. Mr. Welles won first with a 1940 seedling and was presented with the American Dahlia Society medal. Mr. Allen also won with his 1939 seedling, two years old, a lamp from the Foss Electric Company. An undisseminated Dahlia grown by Mrs. H. C. Cogswell from the Franklin Dahlia Company in Tacoma was awarded the American Home Achievement medal.

National Capital Dahlia Society

The fifth regional Dahlia Show of the National Capital Dahlia Society was held September 21st and 22nd in the beautiful West Ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, District of Columbia.

Due to weather conditions in this area and the fact that the Show was somewhat earlier than usual fewer entries were made, but this was overshadowed by the quality of the blooms and the beautiful setting which was enhanced by the tall graceful windows and the large crystal chandeliers which gave a very pleasing lighting effect. The members were well pleased with the many complimentary statements made relative to the attractive arrangement.

One lady who visited the Show was so thrilled with it that she wrote to a member of the Society that she wished she could paint a picture of the crystal chandeliers burning overhead like the stars in the night and below them an indescribable riot of colors which would endure interminably in her memory.

One of the features of the Show this year was a section for novice growers of less than 100 plants, who had never won an award or ribbon at any Dahlia Show. This section was enthusiastically received as evidenced by the 93 entries made in it.

Show Chairman, John L. Bishop, and his committee deserve the commendation from each member for the efficient manner in which the Show was staged and handled.

Our list of patronesses was: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Herbert R. O'Connor, Mrs. James H. Price, Mrs. Millard Tydings, Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, Mrs. Leroy Mark.

Our judges were: Dr. Moore, Major J. B. Eastman, Mr. Stanley Johnson, Mr. J. W. Johnston, Mr. John C. Mencke, Mr. J. A. Millard, Mr. C. P. Miller, Mr. B. Y. Morrison, Dr. J. B. S. Norton, Mr. Charles H. Stoeckel, Mr. William J. Stolz, Mr. Neil J. Hansen, and Dorothy Biddle.

Sweepstakes winners in the various classes were Mr. N. A. Gossman (2), Mr. David Quick, Mr. George U. Graff (2), Mr. W. L. Tracey, Mr. John L. Bishop, Mrs. W. A. Shiner (2), Mrs. R. Lindquist, Mr. R. T. Gray, Glenden Dahlia Gardens, Mr. H. L. Dozier, Gude Brothers, Mr. Harry Quick, Mrs. Fulton Lewis, Mrs. A. P. Hoffman (roses), and Trowel Club.

Our President, Mr. George U. Graff, entered the best Dahlia in the Show, a beautiful specimen of *Ballego's Surprise*.

The *American Home* Achievement Medal was won by the Salem Dahlia Gardens, (Mr. William H. Nuneviller) the originator. The exhibitor and grower of this beautiful Dahlia was the Glenden Dahlia Gardens (MacMillan and Hoops) of Wilmington, Delaware. The Medal was awarded for the best undisseminated Dahlia named *Crowning Glory*. This beautiful Dahlia is a rose pink cactus with white reverse giving it a cameo effect. Mr. H. L. Dozer won the *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Gold Medal with a Dahlia called *Producer*.

Three Gold Certificates were awarded, two to H. L.

Dozer and one to Mrs. Fulton Lewis for three year old seedlings of unusual merit.

The best Dahlias of sections and exhibitors are as follows:

Section	Variety	Exhibitor
A	<i>Margaret E. Broomall</i>	W. H. Gannoway
B	<i>Pride of America</i>	George U. Graff
C	<i>Ballego's Surprise</i>	George U. Graff
D	<i>California Idol</i>	W. L. Tracey
E	<i>Maffie</i>	H. R. Watkins
F	<i>Greater Glory</i>	John L. Bishop
G	<i>Kentucky Snowball</i>	Mrs. W. A. Shiner
H	<i>Dahlia del Joy</i>	E. C. Powell
I	<i>Helen Goetzger</i>	E. L. Hines
J	<i>Crowning Glory</i>	Glenden Dahlia Gardens

J. L. Bowling, Secretary.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society

Northeastern Pennsylvania had the best representation at this year's A. D. S. Show that it has ever had. There were four exhibiting: Herbert Lewis, Samuel Kasson, Charles Stoeckel and Roy H. Webb. This in itself is a record. However, in addition to these four, the following visited the Show: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Steele of Shamokin, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholls, Mr. Nicholls' brother and daughter, Mr. David L. Davis and Mr. John Renowden of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (the Nicholls family are from Scranton, Pennsylvania); Dr. R. H. and Mrs. Armstrong of Peckville, Pennsylvania; Mr. Robert Stobo of Dalton, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Washer of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Stoeckel, Mrs. Webb and son Bert. Also Mr. and Mrs. William Stolz of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. There may have been others but these are more than ever visited the New York Show from this territory before.

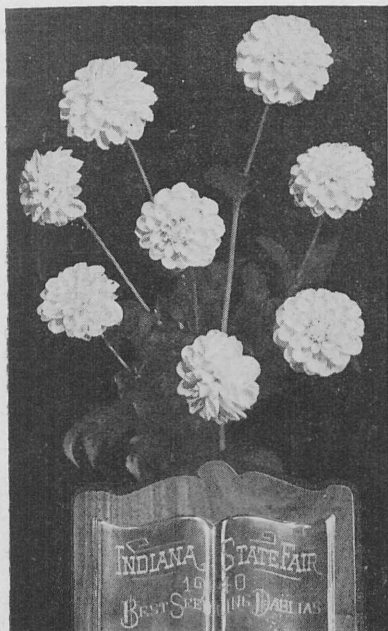
Peekskill Dahlia & Gladiolus Society

The Eighth Annual Flower Show of the Peekskill Dahlia & Gladiolus Society was held on September 13, 1940, at the Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Company, Main Street, Peekskill, N. Y. There were many entries and very beautiful blooms shown. The quality of the blooms was unsurpassed.

Mrs. R. C. Colt was the winner of the largest bloom in the Show, *Karl Dahl*, measuring 13 inches by 9 inches and was grown by Mr. John MacIntyre. The smallest Dahlia award went to Mr. H. D. Swain, and measured 1 3/16 inches.

The Peekskill boys exhibited at the World's Fair, in the Gardens on Parade. Here, too, they claimed many prizes.

On Friday there were sixty-four first ribbons and seven specials. On Sunday twenty-two first ribbons and five specials were won. The Peekskill Society also won the cup for the best club display.



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A white formal miniature, size of bloom $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2". The centers are well developed, high, tight and full. Substance of the bloom is of the best obtainable. The stems are strong, slender, and graceful. Length of stems above upper leaves 8". Foliage is good, insect resistant. The vigorous plants are of medium height, heavily laden with the small uniform flowers. Won first in the seedling class, Indiana State Fair, September 2nd. Award of Honor at Georgia Experiment Station. It blooms early and continues without interruption. Especially good at end of season—as proof, the picture, taken October 29th.

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A rotating beacon light has changed the climate of the surrounding countryside, according to farmers living near the city of Dayton. They said there has not been an early frost since a rotating airplane beacon was installed several years ago.

Harley Peck, Dahlia grower and formerly a duPont chemist, is inclined to believe the absence of early frosts is "just another of those weather freaks."

"But if frosts continue to stay away, say for 10 or 15 years longer, I shall perhaps be willing to give the light beams credit for changing the weather for this neighborhood," he added.

"Before the beacon was installed the frosts were earlier and had more killing power than they do now, and one can observe that although killing frosts have occurred in most sections, my Dahlias are in bloom as if it were mid-season.

value, many of them being Electric clocks on Walnut bases, others were Thermometers on Walnut bases and all set off with a gold figure of Winged Victory and properly lettered with the name of the award for which it was given. The winners seemed to feel that these trophies were much finer than the conventional cup or plaque which has been so much in evidence for a great many years.

No record of our Show could be complete without grateful acknowledgement to the General Motors Corporation and its officials, and to Mr. Roy Cowles and Mr. Steve Mott of the Public Relations Department, and to Mr. Oscar Anderson and Mr. Phil Pemberthy and their staff, for their coöperation in making our show a success.

It is unfortunate that we haven't been able to arrange for more week ends in the months of September, at least so far, to be able to avoid conflicting show dates. The dates for our 1941 show have been tentatively set as September 13th and 14th. And we will hope to see you then.

Michigan Dahlia Show—Cont. from p. 22

Selkirk of Leamington, Ontario, died rather suddenly in August. Mrs. Selkirk was an enthusiastic amateur and a splendid grower. She was an ardent supporter of our society and our shows. Our society has lost two splendid members to a better cause and we missed them from this show.

Something new in the line of special awards was the kind of trophy. These trophies were all of some utility

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Root \$15.00 Plant \$7.50

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BUFF BEAUTY—F. D. (Chappaqua-Parrella.) This variety can best be described as a buff colored Jersey's Beauty, but larger in size. Its form is the same as its parent and the bush growth is more vigorous.

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