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## Edward B. Lloyd New A. D. S. President

At the Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society, held Saturday, January 24th, at the Hotel Shelton, N. Y., Edward B. Lloyd was unanimously elected President of the Society.

Ed Lloyd is one of those rare individuals who says little but does much. For the past seven years he has acted as Show manager. And without any fuss or bother he has surmounted difficulties which few of us ever appreciated and the Shows were staged on time, and in a manner which excited approval of visitors.

He has been a Vice-President of the A. D. S. for many years and has been faithful in attendance and always ready to advise and offer assistance. In other words he has unassumingly done his part for the common good of this Society and to advance the culture of the Dahlia.

We all think we know "Ed" Lloyd, because he is always so willing to do more than his part, but just as he never says an unkind thing about others, he is also reticent to talk about himself.

There is a side to the life of many people you admire,



EDWARD B. LLOYD



that you would like to know more about. Not that this Society wants to pry into the private life of its officers, but just as any individual becomes a public figure—there are things which the public (which in this case, is the membership of the A. D. S.) is entitled to know.

We had never heard "Ed" mention his early life and background, so we asked Mrs. Lloyd to tell us about him. Here's the facts from the record.

Edward Bassett Lloyd was born April 25, 1889, at Providence, R. I. Graduated from Hope Street High School, Providence, in 1907. He was of the class of 1911—Amherst College, and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. On October 5, 1915, he married Rachel H. Webber of Beverly, Mass. They have one daughter, Margaret Irene Lloyd Jones, who was married to Howard L. Jones on April 27, 1940. Mr. Jones teaches in East Hampton, L. I., High School.

Ed's business has been highway building since leaving school. From 1912 to 1916 he was with the Maintenance Department of the Massachusetts Highway Commission. Following that he was successively, Street Commissioner for the City of Beverly, Massachusetts, and Street Superintendent of Town of Montclair, N. J. Since 1922 he has been in the highway contracting business.

As to his interest in Dahlias—in the summer of 1918, when he lived in Beverly someone gave him some Dahlia roots. He fell hard, as is the case with all true Dahlia fans, after the appearance of the first bloom. He had only a little 2 x 4 back yard in 1919 when living in Montclair, but "every inch" was planted to Dahlias.

Two years after that he had "graduated" to growing exhibition blooms and showing them in all nearby Shows. From then on Dahlias became his consuming hobby.

In 1921 he joined the Patterson Dahlia Society and was active in its affairs from that date. He helped to run as many as five Dahlia Shows in as many weeks.

In 1922 he joined the New Jersey Dahlia Society and was quickly given responsibilities, including that of Show management.

It was around 1925 that he joined the American Dahlia Society and again his willingness to do whatever he could to help resulted in his assisting Derrill Hart to manage the A. D. S. Shows. Then since about 1934 he has been manager of all A. D. S. Shows and no matter where the Show was to be staged, whether in the crowded Gardens of the Nations at Rockefeller Center, in a hotel ballroom, or in the extended horticulture pavillion at the World's Fair—the tables were always ready, the class cards in place, and ready for entries to be placed always on time. On most of these occasions Ed Lloyd worked all night prior to the staging to be on time. It is worth observing at this time that no matter what the obstacle, lack of tables,

class cards lost in transit, or whatever the problem, "Ed" never was ruffled or excited. Somehow the job was done, and he never expected or received any remuneration for all of this hard work.

In 1937 Ed became a Life Member of the Society, and in 1940 was made First Vice-President, an honor richly deserved. This year he was elected President and if his record of service to the A. D. S. prior to his election is any criterion, he will, in his quiet way, lead the Society to a new and successful measure of service to Dahlia growers everywhere. His forte is to serve others well, and his type of devotion to a cause will, we are certain, create a greater desire to serve in others.

His incumbancy of office follows that of Conrad Frey, President since 1938. In those three years, Mr. Frey, as President of the Society, has made excellent progress. A number of new participating societies have joined the A. D. S. and many new members have been added. The financial condition of the A. D. S. is good. It is a non-profit Society and its Shows are invariably conducted at a loss, in spite of generous support by its members. The BULLETIN is the leading publication in the Dahlia world, in this or any country. That it has continued under the able editorship of Gordon Waaser through the lean years and good years since 1938 to stimulate interest in and promote the culture of the Dahlia.

The record of the American Dahlia Society over its nearly thirty years of endeavor is most remarkable for the unselfish giving of time and hard work by its members for whatever project is most likely to promote the culture of this first American garden flower. It is the combined vision and services of people like Mrs. Charles Stout, Derrill Hart, Harold Cottam, William J. Rathgeber, Richard Vincent, Dr. Marshall A. Howe, George Farnum, and many other pioneers in this Society who have passed on, that this organization emerged from its growing pains and became the National Dahlia Society of this country.

It remains for us who work today for the love of this flower and to carry on through troublesome times to perpetuate the tasks so ably begun.

In a warring world, those who remain at home and help produce the materials needed to win, there must be relaxation and many of us turn to gardening and to our Dahlias—for mental relief.

So the job of our new President, Ed Lloyd, is not an easy one. There are many important things to do to help this Society serve the gardeners of this land better.

But I think we can speak for the entire membership of the American Dahlia Society and all of participating and affiliated societies when we say,—President Lloyd—we're with you and will do our utmost to aid in the task before us.

*Lynn B. Dudley.*

## GREETINGS TO THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

I wish to take this opportunity to express to the members of the American Dahlia Society, who have elected me to the office of President, my sincere appreciation of the honor extended me, the responsibility involved, and—in all due modesty—my own limitations to carry on the work so capably accomplished by my distinguished predecessors in this office. In fact, when I stop to consider the

caliber of men in whose footsteps I shall attempt to follow, I sometimes wonder if I have not two left feet!

In an organization whose watchword has always been 100% coöperation, I have been especially fortunate during the past few years in building a reputation of sorts—wholly a result of this loyal coöperation. I can only ask, and I

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# Shall We Grow Dahlias?

By George R. Currie, Vice-President, A. D. S.

Many of us Dahlia growers are undoubtedly asking ourselves what effect will the war have on the pursuit of the hobby we are all so devoted to, and what is our duty as patriotic American citizens with respect to continuing with our Dahlia gardening activities in the present emergency. The writer has given the matter considerable thought and reflection and this article represents the conclusions reached by him on the subject as one of the many who because of age, physical deficiencies or the necessity of continuing to be employed in civilian occupations in order to provide support for dependents, will probably not be called upon to take active part as an active member of one of the armed forces of the nation.

As to whether to discontinue the growing of Dahlias during the duration of the war, I can conceive of no good reason which requires the taking of such a drastic step. The good health and morale of the civilian population is even more essential, if anything, in time of war than in time of peace, and surely Dahlia gardening tends to promote both these objectives. Sound and constructive thinking on the part of all of us is going to be required to solve the problems of this emergency and of the critical period which is sure to follow in the wake of any war. It is up to the thinking people of the Allied Nations now engaged in an all out fight to the death against the aggressor nations to devise, and insist upon, terms of peace, and the setting up of machinery to police the future peace of the world, that will not result in another catastrophe of the kind that has twice engulfed the world, including our own nation, in world-wide conflict within the experience of a single generation. During the hurry and bustle of our everyday occupation our thoughts are necessarily concentrated on the tasks then at hand, but in the few leisure moments at our disposal to devote to our gardens we then not only have the time but also the ideal environment close to Nature in which to view these problems in their proper perspective and to think them through and arrive at conclusions which are sound.

Some Dahlia enthusiasts undoubtedly will have less time to devote to their beloved Dahlias because of the additional hours required of them in order to keep the wheels of industry moving at the increased pace required by our war effort, which will necessitate reducing the size of the Dahlia patch and growing less hills of Dahlias than in prior years. This, however, will probably prove a blessing in disguise because most of us would raise better Dahlias and get more satisfaction from them if we reduced the size of our plantings and put more stress on quality instead of quantity.

One of the greatest thrills in my Dahlia experience was gained at the Dahlia exhibition held in connection with the Century of Progress at Chicago in 1933 in viewing those two magnificent blooms of *American Legion* shown by Harold Shanabrook of Massillon, Ohio. The reports of the Dahlia Society of Ohio Shows in the A. D. S. BULLETIN had disclosed that Mr. Shanabrook

had won the award for the largest and most perfect bloom in the Show year after year. Therefore in September, 1935, when I had an opportunity during a vacation trip to visit a number of Dahlia gardens of the leading growers in Michigan and Ohio I naturally arranged our schedule so as to visit the Shanabrook garden as Massillon and what I saw there has been stamped indelibly on my memory, and has proved to be one of the most valuable lessons in my Dahlia experience. The entire planting numbered but eighty hills of Dahlias consisting of but nine varieties!

A question which is likely to cause all of us some difficulty and concern in answering is whether we should entirely eliminate, or sharply curtail, our usual expenditures for new Dahlias in order to use the money so saved to purchase Defense Bonds. This is a question which each must answer for himself as his conscience dictates. It behooves all of us to examine into and review all our expenditures (not those for Dahlias alone) and determine which we should in the interest of national defense eliminate and which reduce. Some savings will be forced upon us in spite of ourselves such as money previously spent for gasoline, tires and new automobiles. The commercial Dahlia growers are entitled to much consideration—we owe a great deal of the enjoyment we receive from our Dahlias to them. For example, without their generous advertising support, how long could the BULLETIN continue to exist on its present high plane? The government hasn't yet seen fit to advocate the closing of movie theatres or the disbanding of all organized baseball leagues in the interest of greater war effort, and, my guess is it will not, because of the depressing effect it would have on civilian morale, yet many of us will feel it is our patriotic duty to save part of the money we ordinarily spend on all amusements in order to have more money with which to buy Defense Bonds. This perhaps suggests the course we should take in determining the amount of our Dahlia purchases in time of war.

With many of us having less money than usual that we feel we can spare for Dahlias, it becomes more essential than ever that we get full value for what we do spend. This would be an opportune time for all commercial growers to go over their lists of varieties on hand and eliminate all varieties which are inferior in quality to other varieties on their list of the same formation and color classification. One leading commercial grower wrote me a few weeks ago that he was reducing his list of in excess of two hundred varieties to an even hundred. Would that some other commercial growers would follow suit! This elimination of inferior varieties should not be confined alone to commercial growers—most of us could well cut the number of varieties grown at least in half.

Much has already been written in an effort to discourage the putting onto the market of new originations that are inferior to varieties of the same type and color classification, and still year after year we see this mistake repeated with disastrous effects on the Dahlia industry.



Sincere commercial growers could do much to remedy this if before introducing a variety they would either send it to at least three trial grounds in different sections of the country, or else to a number of reliable growers likewise located in different sections, or better yet by doing both, and then abide by the results of these trial growings. I recall making this same suggestion to a commercial grower some time ago and he disapproved of it and gave as his reason his fear that by sending out plants of undisseeded varieties on trial, unscrupulous individuals would be given an opportunity to snip off shoots and propagate them thus obtaining stock by this underhand method. On the other hand one of our leading commercial growers, who has brought out some of the very best varieties that have been disseminated in recent years, annually year after year sends out plants of the varieties he plans to introduce the following season to half a dozen or more growers, in various parts of the country, to grow and exhibit. His success is proof of the wisdom of subjecting his undisseeded Dahlias to this method of trial, and demonstrates the groundless basis of the fear expressed by the other grower.

However, it is not enough to send out undisseeded Dahlias for trial in trial grounds, or the gardens of private growers, if the results of such trial growings are going to be disregarded if unfavorable. Several years ago an undisseeded Dahlia was sent me on trial and I made a report to the grower who had sent me the variety in which I pointed out that while it had performed fairly satisfactorily it was inferior to some other varieties of the same type and color and ought not be put on the market; but my advice went unheeded and the variety was put on the market and in the space of three years it is now practically forgotten and never seen in the Show room. In contrast to this experience, in 1941 an undisseeded Dahlia was sent to me to grow on trial which had already won a certificate of merit at one of the official trial grounds but had an unattractive color which would seriously handicap it in competing against other varieties of the same type and color already disseminated, and I pointed this out in my report to the originator at the end of the season. To my agreeable surprise he wrote and thanked me for my report and stated he had decided not to market the variety.

Approaching the problem from the standpoint of how best to expend our reduced Dahlia budget, let us avoid gambling on untested varieties, and confine our purchases to varieties which have been thoroughly tested and have proven themselves reliable and outstanding.

One of my Dahlia friends recently wrote that he was curtailing his customary expenditure for new Dahlias in order to buy Defense Bonds, and that he found he could get more enjoyment out of five dollars spent for Dahlia seed than any other expenditure he could make for Dahlias.

What of Dahlia Shows in 1942? Personally I believe it would be a mistake to do away with Dahlia Shows because of the war emergency. The expense they entail is comparatively small in comparison to the good fellowship, inspiration and renewed interest in our cherished hobby which they afford. The writer has already started to curtail the use of his automobile to save on tires so as to be able to have rubber with which to travel to the Mid West Show at Indianapolis next September. One of my good Dahlia friends has just written me that as far as he was concerned he knew of no better way of using rubber than attending a Dahlia Show.

In conclusion, it has long been my opinion that taken as a whole the Dahlia growers represent a cross-section of the finest type of American citizenship. I am sure that they will gladly make whatever sacrifices may be required in order to insure victory, and that if the time should come when it becomes a question of having to choose between the nation's welfare and Dahlias, there is not a scintilla of doubt as to the choice that will be made!

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### Bess Smith and White Fawn Awarded Derrill Hart Medals for Highest Average Scores in 1941 Trial Gardens

The Derrill Hart medals for the Dahlias with the highest average score in three or more trial gardens, including Storrs, were won by two outstanding white varieties. *Bess Smith* originated by J. B. Anderson, Pier 3, North River, New York City, was the winner in the large section with an average score of 84.4. This was awarded the Hart Memorial Gold Medal.

In the Miniature section the award went to *White Fawn*, a dainty free flowering pure white, entered by the Dixie Dahlia Gardens of Clio, Michigan. This had an average score of 84.3 in three gardens, including Storrs, and was awarded the silver medal. The medium size classes did not produce a variety to score the 84 average required for award.

Visitors at Midwest Dahlia Show, Milwaukee, Wisc., Sept. 21, 1941. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schroeder at a luncheon at Morris Farm.

—Photo, F. L. Purrrington



# The Big Winners of 1941

By Andrew F. Doermann

For a number of years I have kept records of the winners at our local Show at Cincinnati. On comparing them I saw that quite a few varieties were constantly winning. The thought then occurred to me that if we could do this on a National scale small growers and beginners would have a better opportunity to make their choice of possible Show winners without so much trial and error. The idea was presented to our Dahlia societies. Many cooperated by sending in their list of Show winners from which the following was compiled:

The last column is a list of varieties that look like possible Show winners. Most of these varieties just missed being in the main selection; the others showed promise in other years or are recent introductions that look good.

Perhaps some of the varieties may not be in their correct classification as the reports received were not uniform in classification. Some Shows classify according to color regardless of type; others classify according to color and type while still others show by type regardless of color. Again many of the Shows disregard size except

in miniatures and poms. So in classifying to conform with A. D. S. Show schedule I used the A. D. S. classification as closely as I could but those that were not listed in it I had to take a guess as to their size if I did not know them. Again I added another color class, the maroon class. To me maroon is very distinct and cannot be placed with the reds.

I hesitate in suggesting new color classes as we have quite a few already and with the different types of Dahlias we have makes quite a comprehensive schedule but eventually I think that we may need a few more classes. Cream is a distinct color as it is neither white nor yellow; again the reds may be broken and then a variety that is streaked and dotted like *Haslerova* I can not call a bicolor. A bicolor to me means a solid color tipped with a distinct color contrast. And then we have our longed for blue class. Anyway there are possibilities in a wide open field for development.

Interesting side lights upon this compilation were the scarcity of medium size blooms except in the Cactus section where the reverse was true. Also the weakness of some color classes was very obvious. A study here would be of help to Dahlia hybridizers.

We need more purple, maroon and bicolor Cactus and some improvement in white, lavender and red. Our weak classes in the Semi-cactus are pink, lavender, maroon, purple and bicolor though we have a few very good varieties to carry some of these classes. In the Formal our weakest class is the blend with help needed in pink, lavender, maroon and bicolor. Our strongest section is the Informal of eight inches or over but in the medium division of this section we are lacking the sadest.

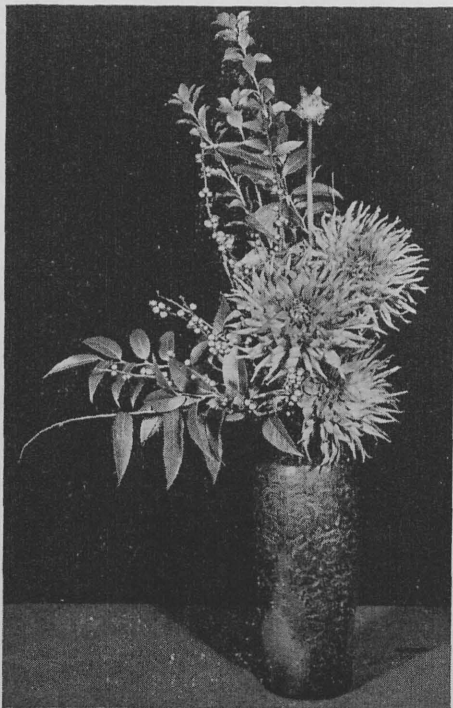
The hottest contested class in the Show was the orange Informal for there *Sunrays*, *Carl Dahl*, *Jane Cowl*, *Rita Wells* and *Angelo Rossi* were battling it out to the bitter end with *Carl Dahl* and *Sunrays* finally winning out in the reports that I received but if other societies had reported the score may have been different. A few other close contests were *Queen City* and *Fireball*, *Pink Giant* and *Katie K*, *Charles Mastick* and *Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Miss Glory* and *Frau Bracht* and *Beaute* and *Marietta E*. Some had practically no rivals like *Jersey Dainty*, *Golden Standard*, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*, *Madame Jussiant*, *Bette Davis*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Blue River*, *Frank Serpa*, *Lois Walcher*, *Cherokee Brave* and *Freda George*.

It might be of interest for future comparisons to pick out the dozen greatest winners. This year the top honor goes to *Darcy Sainsbury* with 27 blues and 7 reds compiled from reports of 14 Shows. The rest are: *California Idol* 16-5, *Golden Standard*, 15-6, *Ballego's Surprise*, 12-7, *Cherokee Brave*, 11-9, *Bette Davis*, 11-6, *Madame Jussiant* 11-6, *Carl Dahl* 10-7, *Greater Glory* 11-3, *Nancy Mitchell* 10-5, *Flash* 10-5, *Maffie* 10-4.

Another interesting fact was the winners according to sections. In California the greatest winners were *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Angelo Rossi*, *Evelyn Chandler*, *Conquistador*, and *Irene McWhirter*. In the Mid-west they were Ma-

Red Dahlias with Lencothé and winter berry in blue Pottery Vase. This arrangement by Mrs. M. March, Valley Stream, L. I. won at the A.D.S. Show in New York.

—Photo, Albert Humble





dame Jussiant, Golden Standard, Ella May, Darcy Sainsbury, Eventide, Cherokee Brave, California Idol, and Son of Satan; while in the East they were Nancy Ann Mitchell, Darcy Sainsbury, Golden Standard, Bette Davis, Greater Glory, Glamour, California Idol, Flash and Ballego's Surprise. From this it can be seen that the East and Mid West have practically the same outstanding varieties but that California has its own group with the exception of Darcy Sainsbury which was outstanding in all three sections.

This list of Show winners was compiled from reports of Shows held by the following societies: Missouri Valley, Alameda, Ohio Valley (Cincinnati), San Leandro, San Mateo, Camden, Pudget Sound, Michigan, North-

eastern Pennsylvania, Alabama, Kentucky, Baltimore, Peekskill and A. D. S. I want to thank all who had a part in sending me the reports of these Shows.

We can make this an annual report through coöperation. Will the societies that did not send in any reports join us this Fall? Yes, I am looking forward to having Shows this Fall even though we are at war. I believe we should keep on growing Dahlias despite the days of uncertainty that are ahead. The growing of a few Dahlias will be a relaxation from the turmoil of the world. So while we remember Pearl Harbor and Manila and "Keep 'em Flying" let us also remember that flowers are our hope that the future will be better and "Keep 'em Growing."

CACTUS		EXHIBITION	MEDIUM		SUGGESTIONS
White			Jersey Dainty	Snow Crest	Miss Santa Monica
Yellow	Jean Parturet	Royal Purchase	Beaute	Marietta E	Hillside Gold
Orange	Golden Standard	Gala California	Miss Belgium	Captain Cedarquist	Dorothy Lamour
Red	Nancy Mitchell	Valiant	Dulcinea	Angelus	Killgore's Lucifer
Pink	Crowning Glory	Bernice Geer	Dominant	Mascott	Moonbia
Lavendar	Miss West Virginia		Madame Jussiant	Miss Ohio	Lilac Glory
Purple			Ella May	Zenith	
Blend	Thomas Want	Chautauqua Dawn	Mary Taylor	S. Heimkehr	Reile
Bicolor			Farncott		Showa
SEMI-CACTUS					
White	Ballegos Surprise	American Purity	Michigan White		
Yellow	Frau Bracht	Miss Glory	Kay Francis		Yellow Glory
Orange	Evelyn Chandler	Amelia Earhart	Treasure Chest		Hillside Joy
Red	Maffie	Son of Satan	Scarlet Leader	Gretel	Lynn Fontaine
Pink	All American	St. Francis	Julius Bunge	Josephine G	Pink Amelia
Lavendar	Bette Davis				
Purple	Jean Trimbee	Kard. Rossum			Grand Marshal
Maroon	Adolph Mayer	Mary Dudley			Yowa Matsuoka
Blend	Greater Glory	Enkart Prima	Paul Pfitzer	Baerne	Conquestator
Bicolor	Flash	Figaro	Laetare	New Glory	
FORMAL					
White	Darcy Sainsbury	The Real Glory	Miss Oakland	Oakland Beauty	
Yellow	The Governor	Class	Kentucky Sun	Killgore's Idol	
Orange	Charles Mastick	Sultan of Hillcrest			
Red	Oakleigh Monarch	American Victory	Queen City	Fireball	Aztec Chief
Pink	Victory	Cameo	Jersey Beauty	Marie	Gilman Beauty
Lavendar	Blue River	Croydon Acme			Ruth Nichols
Purple	Purple Mist	M. Purple Beauty			Killgore's Purple
Maroon	Ruby Taylor				
Blend	Frank Serpa	Rogetta	King Peter		
Bicolor	Town Topic	Radiant Beauty	Lois Walcher	Haslerova	
INFORMAL					
White	Mother's Day	Mrs. Knudson			Alice May
Yellow	California Idol	Lord of Autumn			Ginger Rogers
Orange	Carl Dahl	Sunrays			Rita Wells
Red	M. Masterpiece	Margrace			El Rubio
Pink	Pink Giant	Katie K	Myra Cole		Marion Smith
Lavendar	Robert Ripley	Azura	Kathlee Hall		
Purple	Glamour	Eventide			Progress
Maroon	Cherokee Brave	Anna Benedict			Virginia Rute
Blend	Freda George	Maid Marion	Winning Ways		Silver Lady
Bicolor	Cornell	Kentucky Sportsman			

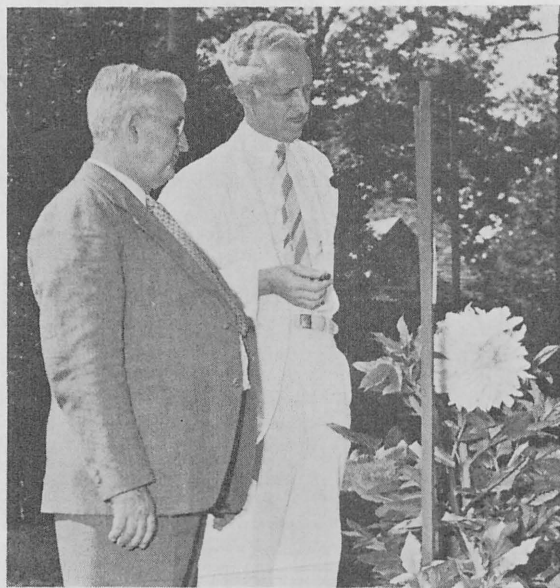
# Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society

## Scranton Dahlia Show Gardens

Our 1941 Dahlia Show Gardens suffered severely for the want of water during the worst drouth in the history of the local weather bureau. However, many of the varieties did very well in spite of the hot dry weather.

A total of 565 plants and roots, 175 varieties of which 31 were undisseminated, were donated by 24 different Dahlia growers from 7 states. The following commercial growers cooperated by sending planting stock: C. Louis Alling, Dahliadel, Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Andrew F. Doermann, Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Mrs. J. E. Mendham, Stanley Johnson, Albert Parrella, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Salem Dahlia Gardens, C. H. Stoeckel, William J. Stolz and Gordon F. Waaser.

Of the undisseminated varieties: *Stephen Foster*, donated by Salem Dahlia Gardens, was without question the most outstanding of any of the new ones. This was truly splendid, growing fully seven feet tall with perfectly strong straight long stems supporting huge cactus to semi-cactus orange blend blooms. Salem's *Formosa*, a large pink informal decorative attracted much attention because of its strong husky growth and fine pink blooms. *Salem's No. 17* bore some splendid huge lavender informal decorative blooms early in the season, but later in the season it was outdistanced by *Stephen Foster* and *Formosa*. *Premier's 124-39* was not as large as some of the others, but for profusion of bloom as well as quality of bloom it was one of the most outstanding Dahlias we have ever seen. The flowers are semi-cactus in form with each ray floret being very sharp tipped, the sharp tips making the blooms look smaller than they really are, actually the blooms measure 9 to 10 inches in diameter but look only 7 or 8 inches. This was the most profuse blooming variety in the park. Every stem was perfectly straight and strong and just the right length. We did not see a bad center in this variety all season. Rocky River's *Prexy* proved to be a very fine bi-color with extra strong stems and foliage. In our humble opinion the only thing that would keep this one from scoring at the Trial Grounds would be an occasional oblong center. It has been a real pleasure watching this one develop. Dixie's *Mother Hendricks*, white formal decorative which grew 7 inches at the park struck us as very good. Dixie's *White Fawn*, a small white miniature formal decorative looked extra good to this reporter and we feel this one will really click in the miniature classes. Dahliadel's *King David*, a large purple formal decorative was swell, perhaps the best of the new ones from this grower this year. *Snow Maiden*, white formal decorative got off to a bad start but came through fine late in the season. *Winter Morn*, white cactus reminded us of *Frau Ida Mansfield* only it was a beautiful white. *Jersey Maid*, a white and yellow bi-color single was grand. Stanley Johnson's *No. 853* medium size pink semi-cactus was very good, the watermelon pink color sort of attracted one to this variety. Stolz's *Margaret Gossman* attracted much favorable attention, it being a somewhat different bi-color of a fine color.



A. E. Nicholls, Chairman and Dr. R. H. Armstrong, President N.E.P.D.S. admire first bloom at Nay Aug Park, PREMIER'S WINSOME.

Of the 1941 and older varieties, some of the most outstanding were: *Captain Cedarquist*, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*, *Scarlet Leader*, *The Real Glory*, *Lady Graff*, *Golden City*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Kentucky Sportsman*, *Premier's Winsome*, *Pink Giant*, *Yellow Comet*, *American Victory*, *Iselberg*, *Lynn Fontaine*, *Lois Walcher*, *Zantbic*, *Mia Karsten*, *Jean S.*, *Rote Pearl*, *Alice J.*, *Big Ben*, *Charlotte Caldwell*, *Mrs. C. D. Anderson* and *Supt. Ambrynn*.

We take this occasion to mention the splendid cooperation received from the officials of the City of Scranton who did everything in their power to make the park planting a success this year. Director of Public Works Schunk, Superintendent of Parks Kerber, Assistant Superintendent Jones and all on down the line. Without the help of these fine friends it would have been impossible to carry on.

The commercial growers mentioned earlier in this report responded to our appeal for stock splendidly, sending us the best varieties in commerce as well as more seedlings than ever before. It is cooperation from these splendid friends that make a Dahlia garden at the park possible. We try to do our part by properly planting and caring for the stock, marking each variety with the variety name as well as the name and address of the donor. This marking is of great benefit to the many visitors at the park as it tells them where each variety can be purchased as well as the name of each variety. It is also of considerable advertising value to the donors of the stock. We sincerely thank all stock donors, and look



forward receiving stock again in 1942—three (3) plants or roots of each variety, please. Help us to make our 1942 planting the best ever. Ship as many varieties as you will be proud to have labeled with your name and address, either named varieties or new ones which you expect to introduce next year. Stock may be shipped to the writer of this article at 1322 Schlager Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. And thank you all again.

As mentioned in earlier Dahlia Show Garden Reports, we, Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society (Branch of the A. D. S.) sponsor the park planting for the sole purpose of creating more Dahlia interest and getting new people interested in Dahlias. There is no money consideration whatever, we do it in the interest of the Dahlia. We make no attempt to score any variety, this is the job of Storrs and the other Official Trial Grounds. But, we do feel that a report covering a few of the varieties that did best at the park is of general interest to most of the members of the American Dahlia Society and its Branch Societies.

With best wishes for a wonderful 1942 with the Dahlias and honestly believing that working in the Dahlia patch will help us all to weather the hectic times we are going through.

*R. W. Webb, Chairman,  
1941 Nay Aug Park Show Gardens.*

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## William H. Rentschler

William H. Rentschler, 73 years, died at his home in Linwood, N. J., of a cerebral hemorrhage on December 30. He conducted the Dahlia business known as Dahliaglad's Farms for over sixteen years. He is survived only by a son Frank W. Rentschler of Linwood, N. J.

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## E. A. ANDREWS

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of another pioneer Dahlia grower, and friend of the A. D. S., on January 21, in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Andrews formerly conducted the Blue Ribbon Dahlia Gardens in Trenton, N. J., and was a familiar and well liked figure at all of our early exhibitions. He was for many years connected with the mail service and a Spanish American war veteran. About five years ago he went to Florida for his health and has made his home there since that time. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

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# Nothing New Under the Sun

A Review of The Diary of Michael Floy, Jr., Bowery Village 1833 to 1837

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According to the Diary of Michael Floy, Jr., the popularity of the Dahlia in the City of New York was already well established by 1833.

The October 12, 1833, entry states: "I took off a list of some very fine Dahlias as advertised in the London Horticultural Register by Brewer, Widnall, and Levich who are great growers of this beautiful flower. Some of them are as high as 10/6 sterling or \$2.33, but father is determined to have them, and he is right. I am absolutely Dahlia-mad."

The standard of perfection for the flower then was much the same as today. On September 23, 1834, Michael says of a Dahlia: "It has every qualification which imagination can suggest for a good Dahlia, beautiful shape, color, petals, plant itself—everything." For other blooms there is the lament of "ugly centers". Another bloom is of "enormous size, bigger than a saucer, very symmetrical, and the color is flaming scarlet." Perhaps there was another point on which Dahlias were judged. Witness the October 7, 1835 entry: "Dahlia exhibition—I was determined to beat all in labels if nothing else, and so I did." This is followed by a detailed description of the making of card labels.

Shows were held rather late in comparison to the present day. October 11, 1833, October 14, 15, 1834, and October 7, 1935, are mentioned as Show dates. Not that frost came later in those days; early frost is nothing new. For September 30, 1834, we find: "The frost last

night cut down all the Dahlias, which were beginning to look very handsome." 1835 was a happier year; the frost held off till October 26th.

Michael and his father were nurserymen in Bowery Village, and they occasionally went up to their fields in Harlem to "hoe between the peach trees". They owned a large and a small greenhouse as well as a garden. They did their own Dahlia propagating. On February 14, 1835: "the Dahlias are starting in the hot-bed," and on February 28, 1835: "some cuttings have already been taken off."

While we find the entries concerning Dahlias to be of great interest to us, therein lie neither the only nor the chief value of this book. There are few extant records of the period in New York covered by Michael Floy's Diary. The record is valuable simply because of its existence as a human document of this era. The charming style and casual humor as well as the observations on religion, mathematics, gardening, literature, human nature, and life itself offer a picturesque reflection of Bowery Village over a hundred years ago.

Incidentally, if you are growing any of these twenty-seven Dahlias, Michael Floy, Jr., knew them in the 1830's: *Salamander*, *Perfection*, *Augusta*, *Queen of Roses*, *Picta*, *Asteroides*, *Densa*, *Lady Grenville*, *Miss Pelham*, *Granta*, *Alice Gray*, *Pizarro*, *King of Dahlias*, *Susanna*, *Lord Liverpool*, *Pallmyra*, *Zelenda*, *Star of Supin*, *Henry VIII*, *Formosa*, *Dencalion*, *Melissa*, *Queen of Dahlias*, *Amanda*, *Mirabilis*, *Orpheus*, *Nun*.

*Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Knoche.*

## A. D. S. Annual Meeting and Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner of the Society was held at the Hotel Shelton, New York City, January 24. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P. M. by President Conrad Frey. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year of 1941 was read and approved showing the finances of the Society in healthy condition.

The election board was then called upon for report on the result of the mail ballot. Chairman Henry Olsen reported as follows: President, Edward B. Lloyd; First Vice-President, Gordon F. Waaser; Secretary-Treasurer, C. Louis Alling. Vice-Presidents: Dr. Ward Cook, George R. Currie, Charles Diffendoffer, Richard T. Eddy, W. L. Elkins, C. E. Faust, I. T. Fleck, Mrs. F. S. Fisher, Mrs. Georgena Humble, J. W. Johnston, Nick Koenig, Dr. Del Marr, B. B. Melgaard, H. T. Mills, H. Dewey Mohr, Edward O'Keefe, Roland H. Patch, John Peck, Dr. Bruce B. Preas, J. Louis Roberts, Oliver Shurtleff, Louis B. Tim, E. E. Tooker, F. V. R. Veirs, John S. Vincent, R. W. Webb, F. P. Webber, C. E. Wildon. Trustee for three years, Warren W. Maytrott. The report of the board was accepted and the entire group declared elected.

Retiring President Frey discharged all committees and thanked all the officers and members who had worked with him and expressed the desire that they give our new President the same whole hearted support that they had given him. Past President Fraser then escorted our newly elected President to the chair and seated him with some well chosen remarks, to which Mr. Lloyd responded in his usual brief but to the point manner.

It was with deep regret that the death on January 21 of Mrs. Charles H. Stout, one of our charter members, a life long Dahlia enthusiast and supporter of the A. D. S., was announced. The committee on resolutions through its chairman, Lynn B. Dudley, presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

"With the passing of Mrs. Stout on January 21, 1942, the Dahlia has lost a friend—

The American Dahlia Society, likewise, has lost one of its most loyal and interested members—

Mrs. Stout was a charter member, and her enthusiasm and generosity has helped the Society to weather many of the struggles which have been a part of this growing organization—through the years. Through her intimate knowledge and experience in horticulture she was able to write one of the most widely read books on Dahlias and Dahlia culture ever published.

Further, her desire to see the Dahlia become the garden flower of more people, led her to give generously of medals and prizes in our Shows.

Not only was this true, but through her artistic ability she designed several horticultural medals, one of which is our present official A. D. S. medal.

She loved gardens and those at her home, Charlecote, Short Hills, N. J., were visited by many people, including her host of friends every season. Her collection of rock garden plants was one of the finest in this section.

But, though her interest in horticulture was diversified, she was always a devotee of the Dahlia—and particularly the miniature types.

Yes, the Dahlia has lost one of its truest friends.

Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting of The American Dahlia Society express in this manner its deep loss, in the passing of Mrs. Stout and to extend to her family its heartfelt sympathy. And that a copy of these resolutions be placed in our records and a copy sent to her family."

New business was then taken up and Prof. Patch gave a detailed report on the activities of the Storrs Trial Gardens for the past year. This report is printed in full elsewhere in this issue. The Secretary also read the reports of the West Virginia and Cincinnati gardens which are likewise published. These reports were accepted with thanks.

The Secretary gave the outline of a plan now being worked out by the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and supported by many garden organizations for a National Victory Garden Program for 1942. It was pointed out that it would not be advisable to dig up lawns or plant gardens in unsuitable locations but rather home vegetable gardens should be planted to supplement the family supply. The continuation of ornamental plantings is to be encouraged as this is needed to keep up the morale of the people and is still being carried on very extensively in England. On a motion by Mr. Tim it was voted that we go on record as supporting this movement.

Roy Webb made the suggestion that a new section between the novice and 250 hill class be added to our Show schedule. This brought out considerable discussion. Dr. Preas suggested a plan whereby that the status of our amateur exhibitors be rated on the number of years of showing, as the exhibitor with years of experience always has the advantage of the beginner. He suggested that the amateur section be divided into one, two and three year groups and that those having shown longer should be classed as professional exhibitors and be entered in the open to all section. This suggestion brought forth much favorable comment and Mr. Tim very generously offered to donate silver cups in graduated sizes as sweepstakes in these sections if the plan is adopted. It was voted to refer the plan to the Schedule Committee for consideration.

Dr. Cook reported that he had talked with the authorities at the Museum of Natural History in reference to our 1942 Show. There is some possibility that the hall might be taken over for war activity but it was impossible to get any definite information at this time.

Prof. Lew Sarett of Chicago, member of the Central States Dahlia Society, Wisconsin Dahlia Society and Mid West Conference was introduced by Dr. Preas who brought the greetings of these groups and spoke of the very friendly feeling which these organizations had toward the A. D. S.

Miss Maud Wilson, one of our loyal supporters for many years, told of selling Dr. Preas a collection of pompons many years ago. The following year "Doc" beat her at the Show. To which we say "Amen" as "Doc" has been doing the same to the rest of us since that time. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:40 P. M.



At 7:00 P. M. nearly a hundred people enjoyed a very delicious dinner at the conclusion of which "Doc Preas" took over as toastmaster and kept the gathering highly entertained for the balance of the evening. A very lovely silver tray was presented to retiring President Frey by the officers and the medal of honor was presented to various past Presidents with suitable remarks by Past President Fraser, C. Louis Alling, Lynn Dudley and Conrad Frey were on hand to receive the medals and responded with short remarks. Unfortunately John Vincent, son of our founder Richard Vincent, Thomas Leavitt and Warren Maytrott were unable to be present due to illness.

Lynn Dudley then introduced Prof. Lew Sarett instructor of speech in Northwestern University, poet, ex Forest Ranger and amateur Dahlia grower who delivered one of the grandest and most inspiring speeches ever delivered to an A. D. S. gathering. It was most unfortunate that all of our members could not have been present to have heard it.

Excellent color slides of various Dahlia subjects, many of them taken at our trial gardens were shown by Henry Olsen and Lynn Dudley at the conclusion of which the gathering adjourned at an early hour as many of our members came from quite a distance.

*C. Louis Alling, Secretary.*

## Mrs. Charles H. Stout Died January 21,

### CHARTER MEMBER AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF A. D. S.

This Society has lost a long-time and valued friend in the death of Mrs. Henrietta Maria Schoeder Stout which occurred January 21 at her home, Charlecote, in Short Hills, N. J.

Mrs. Stout had been ill for a long time, but only during the past year or so has her attendance at A. D. S. meetings and other horticultural societies of which she was a member been interrupted. She had many horticultural interests, but her first love, the Dahlia, claimed her attention all through the years.

She was the designer and donor of the original plates from which the present American Dahlia Society medal are cast, which is awarded not only in the Shows of the American Dahlia Society, but for other Dahlia Shows held by affiliated societies all over this country and on exchange, in over-seas exhibitions as well. Another medal of which she was donor is awarded for the highest scoring small type Dahlia at the A. D. S. trial grounds. For many years also, she has contributed a medal at A. D. S. Shows for the best entry of New Jersey Dahlias.

Mrs. Stout was a director of the New York Botanical Garden, and was a founder and member of the American Rock Garden Society, and a fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of England. She had written many articles on gardening and was the author of "Amateur's Book of the Dahlia" which has been the guide and handbook for countless Dahlia growers for the past two decades. It has been out of print for several years.

She was the daughter of the late Francis Schroeder, one time American Minister to Norway and Sweden, when they were sister countries, and Lucy Landon Schroeder. Her husband was secretary of the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross during the first World War and was for many years cashier of the Liberty National Bank in New York before it was merged in 1917 with the New York Trust Company. He died in 1928. Mrs. Stout was a native of New York and was 66 years old.

Educated at the Brearly School in New York, she later studied at the Art Students League. For some time before her marriage, she did portrait painting. Thus it will

be seen that art and horticulture were her chief interests in life. It is significant, too, that she combined both of them in the study and development of gardens and arrangement of flowers. From choice, many of her art subjects were flowers and arrangements. In her flower arrangements in horticulture Shows, she used the color and form of flowers and foliage to "paint" or arrange many floral masterpieces for which she received many blue ribbons and other awards. As before noted, she was also generous in providing many awards for the horticultural achievements of others.

She was a charter and life member of the American Dahlia Society and was made an honorary Vice-President of the Society about eight years ago, when she was awarded the Society's Gold Medal for achievement in Dahlia culture. She was also a Vice-President of the Dahlia Society of California, member of the Lexington Botanic Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Horticulture Society of New York and the Alpine Garden Society of England. She was secretary of the Short Hills Garden Club for twelve years, member of the Garden Club of America, past president of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey.

The good she accomplished in this devotion to her chosen and varied horticultural interests will never be computed, but her host of friends in this realm of the beauties of nature testify to her unselfish thoughtfulness and generosity.

Charlecote, her home in Short Hills, N. J., was a show place, with many collections of plants and flowers unduplicated in the world. In particular her collection of small type Dahlias was worth going a long way to see. She was the originator of many new ones. Her collection of Alpine and Rock Garden plants was also unique. We are told that her daughter, and A. D. S. Life member, Miss Virginia Stout, will continue to maintain these collections in the gardens Mrs. Stout loved so devotedly.

Yes the American Dahlia Society has indeed lost a true friend and her memory will long be cherished by uncounted Dahlia enthusiasts everywhere.

# Report of The American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens

## The University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

Roland H. Patch  
Associate Professor of Floriculture

### SEASON, 1941

A letter from Gordon Waaser, Editor of the *BULLETIN*, has been received, and although it is about other business, it serves to remind the writer that it is time the Dahlia report was written. 1941 was a successful season. There were one hundred and twenty-three entries from eighteen states including the District of Columbia as one. This means a total of 369 stakes. Seventy-three individuals, as a minimum, have had a direct interest in what went on at the Storrs Trial Garden last summer.

Now, as to the season. June and July were good growing months although it was dry and our "White Showers" were used at this period to advantage. With the coming of the month of August, weather conditions were not as favorable and this situation continued until the end of the season. The main factor was lack of moisture and because of this the plants bloomed profusely and there was never more color in the gardens. Visitors were impressed with the display and many thought that the whole garden was better than it had ever been before. The quality probably was superior to those in gardens in the vicinity but the writer is of the belief that, generally, it was not what it would have been in a more normal year. This is borne out by the fact that during the scoring the judges had difficulty in finding exhibition varieties they thought worthy of a Certificate of Merit. Many, when examined, seemed to fall in the eighty to eighty-four group, using the point score card.

The first killing frost of the season was on the night of September 29. Only once before has it occurred so early and that was in 1922. Water was used in an attempt to lessen the effect of the cold but with only partial success. The lower end of the Tooker Garden was damaged quite severely and it failed to fully recover. After this came milder weather and it was on the night of October 13 that the frost finally killed everything. Looking into the past, someone has said, "hindsight is better than foresight." It is easy to say, but if we had known it was to be so dry after September 13, the day of the Field Day, and so mild, the "White Showers" could have been used to advantage. The reason we did not want to use water on the plants was because it would have damaged the blooms and the desire was to keep them in as good condition as possible for visitors to see, as well as the judges, who had not finished with them. Then again, a storm with rain and wind was expected from day to day and especially at that time of the year when the "line storm" is apt to cause trouble.

During the middle of September, mildew got a real foothold in the garden and because of optimum conditions its development increased rapidly. No means were taken to check this owing to the cost of materials and

labor. The thought being, it was the end of the season and the Dahlias could not possibly remain long in presentable condition. It was unsightly on the lower leaves of the plants.

Participants in the scoring and judging were: L. J. Bilon, M. P. Bujak, Dr. Ward H. Cook, Lynn B. Dudley, George W. Fraser, Conrad Frey, L. J. Grassel, Warren W. Maytrott, Dr. F. F. Moore and Dr. Bruce B. Preas. A number of others, both men and women, did some scoring in a limited way.

The Hartford Chapter of the National Association of Gardeners visited Storrs in a body on the last Sunday of the season and spent quite a lot of time among the Dahlias.

It should be said once more that the American Dahlia Society has a real responsibility in this matter of rating Dahlias in the Trial Gardens that are definitely located at points of advantage country wide. It requires both time and perseverance to do it. The work this year was very well done but it is possible to do it much better and more thoroughly. There is need for training on the part of judges. Perhaps the best way to secure it is for a person to take a score card and actually try his or her hand at the job. This is what we try to do at Storrs. When anyone, who is interested at all in Dahlias, visits the garden, when this is in order, we set them to scoring. We want to work in especially the younger generation. It was a pleasure to meet and hear about Chester Nelson's experience in growing Dahlia flowers under cloth shade, then entering the New York Show and taking creditable prizes. Incidentally, this was because of the influence of a Dahlia fan upon this young man.

Fifteen varieties were scored eighty-five points or better and consequently are entitled to a Certificate of Merit. Thirty-eight ranged between eighty and eighty-four; fifty-six are in the seventies; four in the sixties and ten are recommended for retrial because for some reason or other they did not have a fair chance this year.

On a percentage basis, eight per cent of all the exhibition Dahlias that were scored were awarded a Certificate of Merit. Thirty-two per cent of all the medium Dahlias that were scored were awarded a Certificate of Merit. Thirteen per cent of all the small Dahlias that were scored were awarded a Certificate of Merit.

There were eighty-three exhibition Dahlias scored; twenty-two medium and eight small Dahlias. The types are as follows:

70 informal decorative, 18 formal decorative, 13 semi-cactus, 7 miniature formal decorative, 2 semi-cactus (miniature), 2 incurved cactus (miniature), 2 single, 2 pompon, 2 ball, 1 incurved cactus, 1 straight cactus, 1 orchid, 1 miniature ball, 1 unclassified.

Out of the total number of formal decoratives, 17% scored 85% or better (3 out of 18); of informal decoratives, 10% scored 85% or better (7 out of 70); of miniature formal decoratives, 43% scored 85% or better (3 out of 7); of pompons, 50% scored 85% or better (1 out of 2); and of miniature balls, 100% scored 85% or better (1 out of 1).

All cultural detail has been under the direction of



Michael P. Bujak and his staff in the grounds section of the Horticultural Department. It is to these men that much credit for the very fine 1941 garden should be given. Mrs. R. H. Patch is responsible again for the color descriptions. The reference is "Color Standards and Nomenclature" by Robert Ridgway. Miss Mary L. Huntington who is living, at an advanced age, not far from the University, made the remark that she wished she could do the Dahlia work. It will be recalled that for many years this lady marched the colors of the Dahlias.

The Field Day was held on Saturday, September 13, and from observation all seemed to enjoy it. The attendance was fully up to that of previous years. The day was delightful. If wartime does not upset our plans there will be a field day, September 12, 1942, to which you are all invited. Suggestions for the program will be welcome.

Black and white prints have been made of some sixty different varieties. By chance, they were the plants that were in the best condition and made the finest appearance in the garden when wind and light was all right for picture taking and the photographer was on the job. Dinneen Studios of Willimantic, Connecticut, did the work. Mr. L. J. Bilon also took seventy-five Kodachrome pictures.

Mrs. Alden H. Vose of Westport, Connecticut, has presented The University of Connecticut with a collection of orchid-flowering Dahlias which are to be grown in connection with the Trial Garden. These have not been distributed. It will be known as the Alden H. Vose collection in memory of her husband. Mr. Vose was interested in small flowers and, with the help of Mr. John Harding, developed these over a period of years. It will be of interest to many to learn that the home of these Dahlias was the Judge Marean estate where other famous novelties were originated bearing that name. Mr. Vose purchased the property after the death of Judge Marean and Mr. Harding remained as gardener.

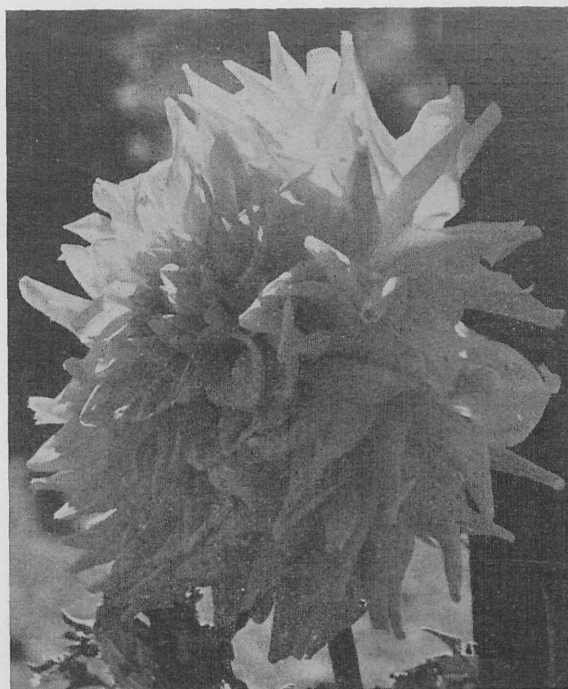
All help from numerous individuals who have contributed to the success of the American Dahlia Society Trial Garden at Storrs, during 1941, is appreciated. With the belief that interest in the Dahlia will be one means of helping folks entrench themselves spiritually in the war years that lie ahead, the Storrs Trial Garden faces 1942 with confidence.

## Dahlia Descriptions

### SCORE 85 AND ABOVE

5. "KATHRYN E. WATERS." Stake Nos. 13 (unnamed seedling), 14 and 15. Formal Dec., entered by Richard W. Petrie, 2449 E. Fifth Street, Long Beach, California. (85M). Outer rows flesh-ocher with salmon color toward edges and tips; center rows rufous. Flowering habit prolific; stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in., medium stem; flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

7. ELIZABETH GOUCHER CHAPMAN. Stake Nos. 19, 20 and 21. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Kathryn E. Waters, 940 W. Imperial Hiway, Downey, California. (85M). White, very center petals tinged with Martius yellow. Flowering habit excellent; stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -16 in., stiff, wiry, flower on end facing side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -3 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.



Highest Scoring Dahlia at Storrs—86E. This lemon yellow Informal Decorative—No. 1-1940—was entered by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre, L. I. —Photo, Dinneen Studios

9. OLIVE RUTH REED. Stake Nos. 25, 26 and 27. Miniature Ball, entered by Kathryn E. Waters, 940 W. Imperial Hiway, Downey, California. (85M). Buff yellow with shading of congo pink, center rows terra cotta. Flowering habit good; stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -14 in., slender, wiry; flower on end facing side, good. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -2 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

15. THE BABS. Stake Nos. 43, 44 and 45. Pompon, entered by Raymond H. Moffet, 6033 Hammel Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. (85S). Amaranth purple. Flowering habit prolific; stem 3-8 in., wiry; flower on the end facing heavens. Size of flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 8 in.

36. CALIFORNIA SUNSET. Stake Nos. 106, 107 and 108. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by R. W. Franson, 1615 W. 47th Street, Los Angeles, California. (85M). Picric yellow; tips tinged with pomegranate purple which is more noticeable toward the center rows. Flowering habit prolific; stem 4-14 in., slender, wiry, stiff; flower on side, a good stem. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 10 in.

56. ROYAL VELVET. Stake Nos. 166, 167 and 168. Informal Dec., entered by Samuel Lavinthal, 514 Sanhican Drive, Trenton, N. J. (85E). Outer rows ox-blood red; middle rows between victoria lake and blackish red-purple; center violet carmine. Flowering habit good; stem  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -11 in., heavy to medium; stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{3}{4}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 3-4 in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

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57. **WHITE FAWN.** Stake Nos. 169, 170 and 171. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 2, Clio, Michigan. (85.5M). White. Flowering habit prolific; stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., slender, wiry; flowers on end facing side, many face the heavens. Size of flowers  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in., depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

58. **PEARL HARBOR.** Stake Nos. 172, 173 and 174. Informal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 2, Clio, Michigan. (85E). Mallow pink with tiny dashes of amaranth purple. Flowering habit good; stem 4-13 in., medium to heavy; flowers on end facing side, flowers are set into foliage; distinctly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft.

63. **BESS SMITH.** Stake Nos. 187, 188 and 189. Informal Dec., entered by J. B. Anderson, Pier 3, North River, New York, N. Y. (85E). White; center petals tinged with naphthalene yellow. Flowering habit good; stem  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -13 in., heavy to medium; flower on end facing side, a few face heavens; both flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{4}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

65. **WHITE ANGEL.** Stake Nos. 193, 194 and 195. Informal Dec., entered by F. A. Greenough, 25 B. V. French Street, Braintree, Massachusetts. (85M). White. Flowering habit prolific; stem 4-12 in., slender, wiry, stiff; flower on side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -6 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 11 in.

66. **MRS. ANNA KLINE.** Stake Nos. 196, 197 and 198. Informal Dec., entered by William Kline, 149 Millrun Avenue, Baldwin, L. I., N. Y. (85E). Lemon yellow. Flowering habit good; stem  $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $19\frac{1}{4}$  in., heavy to medium; flower on side, flower heavy for the stem; both flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $8\frac{1}{4}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

73. **ADELE HENDERSON.** Stake Nos. 217, 218 and 219. Formal Dec., entered by Herman Rindfleisch, Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, N. Y. (85E). Pale lemon yellow with many rows having a sheen of salmon color and salmon-buff. Flowering habit good; stem 4- $11\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to heavy, good stiff stem, holds flower well up; flowers on side, set slightly into plant; stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in. Height 5 ft. 9 in.

85. **CHIEF KOKOMO.** Stake Nos. 253, 254 and 255. Formal Dec., entered by G. H. Washburn, Kokomo, Indiana. (85M). Outer row mallow purple; middle rows rose color; outer petals aster purple. Flowering habit good; stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, wiry; flower on side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in., depth  $1\frac{3}{4}$ -3 in. Height 5 ft.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in.

110. 99. Stake Nos. 328, 329 and 330. Informal Dec., entered by Conrad Frey, 245 High Street, Nudley, N. J. (85E). Mallow purple and light mallow purple streakings with some ends of petals mallow pink. Flowering habit fair; stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -14 in., medium to heavy; flower faces side and down; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., depth 4-6 in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

120. **NO. 1, 1940.** Stake Nos. 358, 359 and 360. Informal Dec., entered by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y. (86E). Lemon

yellow. Flowering habit late; stem  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in., extra heavy, good stem; flower on side. Size of flowers 8-11 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 4 ft. 2 in.

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13. **DOROTHY HERTEL.** Stake Nos. 37, 38 and 39. Formal Dec., entered by Benjamin W. Hertel, 1532 Hall Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. (83E). Outer rows shades of corinthian red with a gold sheen, ends of some pale yellow orange, backs of center rows have streaks of light mallow purple. Flowering habit fair; stem  $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy, stiff; flower facing side; flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{3}{4}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 3- $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 2 in.

21. **FLAMING GLORY.** Stake Nos. 61, 62 and 63. Informal Dec., entered by Chris J. Poulos, 235 Power Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. (80E). Scarlet red with carmine sheen, center petals carmine. Flowering habit fair; stem  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in., medium, upright; flowers on end facing heavens, some face side; not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 3 ft. 11 in.

22. **INDIAN SUMMER.** Stake Nos. 64, 65 and 66. Semi-cactus, entered by Frank H. Goetzger, 3110 Date Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland. (80.7E). Outer rows ochraceous salmon with a gold sheen, middle rows of petals show quite a bit of lemon yellow. Flowering habit good; stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$  in., good, medium, stiff; flower on end facing the side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 7 ft.

24. **DOZIER'S TWILIGHT.** Stake Nos. 70 (did not grow), 71 and 72. Semi-Cactus, entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, 203 Oakley Street, Cambridge, Maryland. (80E). White daintily streaked with light phlox purple; center tinged with sulphur yellow. Flowering habit late; stem  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., medium, stiff; flower on end facing the side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 7 ft.

26. **NORDIC.** Stake Nos. 76, 77 and 78. Formal Dec., entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, 203 Oakley Street, Cambridge, Maryland. (83E). White; center petals tinged with sulphur yellow. Flowering habit good; stem  $5\frac{1}{4}$ -18 in., heavy to medium; flowers on the side facing side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft.

27. **GARNET.** Stake Nos. 79, 80 and 81. Formal Dec., entered by Henry C. Parker, National Press Building, Washington, D. C. (80.7E). Amaranth purple; center petals pansy purple. Flowering habit good; stem  $6\frac{1}{4}$ -13 in., medium, drooping; stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft. 6 in.

31. **E. 107-39.** Stake Nos. 91, 92 and 96. Informal Dec., entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 31 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J. (82.7E). Mallow purple to mallow pink; petals have a fine striped effect. Flowering habit good; stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -20 in., heavy to medium; flower on side, tends to face down; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8-11 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 6 ft. 5 in.

32. **E. 124-39.** Stake Nos. 93, 94 and 95. Semi-Cactus, entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 31 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J. (81M). Dainty mallow pink to almost white at curled ends of petals. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5-16 in., slender, medium, a good stem; flowers on side, open centers late in the season; stem and flower are improved by disbudding. Size of flower  $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in. Height 5 ft. 11 in.

38. **54-39.** Stake Nos. 112, 113 and 114. Informal Dec., entered by S. E. Taylor, Rockley Gardens, R. 3—Box 206, Morgantown, West Virginia. (82E). Nopal red with center darker, under a dusty sheen. Flowering habit good; stem  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -13 in., heavy, stiff; flowers on end, some face the heavens and some the side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

41. **NO. 38.** Stake Nos. 121, 122 and 123. Informal Dec., entered by Walter Bissell, Hillside Farm, Austintown, Ohio. (82E). Nopal red with middle rows slightly more scarlet red under a velvety sheen, center petals Bordeaux. Flowering habit prolific; stem 4-10 in., heavy to medium; flower facing the side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

47. **S-1.** Stake Nos. 139, 140 and 141. Informal Dec., entered by O. W. Downs, R. 1, Box 481, Holland, Ohio. (81.3E). Strong lemon yellow. Flowering habit late; stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., heavy to medium; flower on side. Size of flowers 7-11 in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in. Height 6 ft.

49. **NO. 17.** Stake Nos. 145, 146 and 147. Informal Dec., entered by Joseph B. Daily, 63 Brook Avenue, En-



glewood, N. J. (81.6E.) Scarlet red; streaks of pinard yellow on backs of center petals. Flowering habit good; stem 5-11 in., medium to heavy; flower facing side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{3}{4}$ - $8\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 7 ft. 2 in.

50. NO. 25. Stake Nos. 148, 149 and 150. Formal Dec., entered by Joseph B. Daily, 63 Brook Avenue, Englewood, N. J. (80E). Light mallow purple and mallow purple with streakings of white. Flowering habit good; stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium; flower on side, inclined to droop; both flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 9 in.

51. NO. 47. Stake Nos. 151, 152 and 153. Semi-Cactus, entered by Joseph B. Daily, 63 Brook Avenue, Englewood, N. J. (80E). Phlox purple, slightly speckled with white and tips nearly white; center petals magenta. Flowering habit late; stem 5-9  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy to medium and crotchky. Size of flowers 7-8  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

53. NO. 8. MRS. CLARA E. PETH. Stake Nos. 157, 158 and 159. Semi-Cactus, entered by Charles E. Peth, 2823 Middletown Road, Corliss Station, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (80E). Rose pink; center rows white with a tinge of sulfur yellow at very center. Flowering habit fair; stem  $6\frac{1}{4}$ -12 in., medium; flower on end facing down, a few face side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-10 in., depth 2-4  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 9 in.

55. NO. 16. MOLLIE B. Stake Nos. 163, 164 and 165. Informal Dec., entered by L. R. Briggs, Tidioute, Pennsylvania. (81E). Mallow purple; center petals nearly rosolane purple. Flowering habit good; stem 8-18  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to slender; flowers on end facing down; stem and flower improved by disbudding but flower too heavy for stem and droops. Size of flowers 7-10  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -4  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

59. NO. 21. Stake Nos. 175, 176 and 177. Informal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 2, Clio, Michigan. (82E). Mallow purple to light mallow purple with uneven dashes and streaks of white. Flowering habit late; stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -8  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Size of flowers 9 in., depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$ -3  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

60. NO. 47. DR. DANNER. Stake Nos. 178, 179 and 180. Informal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 2, Clio, Michigan. (82.4E). Shades of scarlet and peach red; outer rows warm buff towards ends; center petals empire yellow. Flowering habit good; stem 3-11  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., heavy to medium; flowers facing side; flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8-10  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -6  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

64. FANTASIA. Stake Nos. 190, 191 and 192. Informal Dec., entered by F. A. Greenough, 25 B. V. French Street, Braintree, Massachusetts. (80.5E). Stake No. 190: Center rows of petals pale lemon yellow; ends of outer rows of petals and some faint streaks are spinal pink and thulite pink. Stake No. 191: Center rows pale lemon yellow to picric yellow with tiny tips of tourmaline pink; outer rows Martius yellow with more of the ends shaded with rhodonite pink. Flowering habit prolific; stem 3-10 in., heavy to medium, stiff, set down in plant; flowers on side; flower not greatly improved by disbudding, stem improved a bit. Size of flowers 7-8  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2-4 in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

67. N 18. Stake Nos. 199, 200 and 201. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Louis Fioretti, Tuxedo, N. Y. (82M). Picric yellow streaked and dashed with carmine, and pale lemon yellow flecked and streaked with spectrum red to carmine in rows nearer center, and two-thirds flower same as above with one side plain petals of spectrum red, and all spectrum red with carmine nearer center. Flowering habit prolific; stem  $6\frac{1}{2}$ -13  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, wiry; flowers on side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in., depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

72. Y-6. Stake Nos. 214, 215 and 216. Informal Dec., entered by Henry P. Rieper, 435 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y. (82E). Light greenish yellow. Flowering habit late; stem  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., heavy to extra heavy; flowers on end facing the side; flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7-9  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 3-6 in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

78. RED LEGION. Stake Nos. 232, 233 and 234. Informal Dec., entered by R. O. Wenning, Brazil Dahlia Farm, R. R. 6, Box 380, Indianapolis, Indiana. (82E). Scarlet-red; center petals carmine to nearly ox-blood red. Flowering habit good; stem 4-17 in., medium; flower on end facing side. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -8  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

81. MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON. Stake Nos. 241, 242 and 243. Informal Dec., entered by Lawrence L. Wallace, Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. C. (82E). Between carmine and amaranth purple; closed center petals phlox pink. Flowering habit fair; stem 5-14  $\frac{1}{2}$



BESS SMITH—white Informal Decorative. Winner Derrill Hart gold medal with average score of 84.4 in four trial gardens. J. B. Anderson, New York City.

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in., medium to heavy; flower on side facing side; flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., depth 3-7 in. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

82. S39-10. Stake Nos. 244, 245 and 246. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Lawrence L. Wallace, Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. (82M). Light to pale greenish yellow; tiny suggestion of rose pink on ends of many petals. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5-15 in., slender, wiry. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -2  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

83. MARTHA CHURCHILL. Stake Nos. 247, 248 and 249. Incurved Cactus, entered by R. P. Turnquist, R. F. D. 2, Box 832, Bremerton, Washington. (83E). Light coral red to coral red with some tips old rose; picric yellow tips on center petals. Flowering habit fair; stem 5-18 in., medium to heavy; flower facing side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -9  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

88. NO. 16. Stake Nos. 262, 263 and 264. Ball, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (80E). White; center rows of petals pale and light chalcedony yellow. Flowering habit late; stem  $5\frac{1}{4}$ -10 in., good, medium; flowers face the side. Size of flowers  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$ -3  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 2 ft. 8 in.

91. NO. 20. JERSEY MAID. Stake Nos. 271, 272 and 273. Single entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (81S). Light greenish yellow with a fair size white spot on tips of petals. Flowering habit good; stem 3-8  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, wiry. Size of flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 3 ft. 9 in.

92. NO. 21. BACHELOR GIRL. Stake Nos. 274, 275 and 276. Single, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (83.2M). Grenadine red, some petals are light orange-yellow toward the ends. Flowering habit good; stem 2-11  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, wiry; flower facing side. Size of flowers  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -6  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth  $\frac{1}{2}$ -2  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 3 ft. 2 in.

93. NO. 71. Stake Nos. 277, 278 and 279. Informal Dec., to semi-cactus, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (83M) and (82.5E). Has the appearance of grayish white being delicately streaked with liseran purple. Flowering habit good; stem  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -17 in., slender to medium; flowers on side;

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PEARL HARBOR—Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Mich. mallow pink Informal Decorative with tiny dashes of amaranth purple scored 85E.

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flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5-9½ in., depth 2½-4½ in. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

94. NO. 240. DOROTHY GEER. Stake Nos. 280, 281 and 282. Informal Dec., entered by O. B. Geer, Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, Ohio. (80E). Pale rosolane purple shading to rosolane purple. Flowering habit fair; stem 5-10 in., good, medium; flowers are on the side facing side; slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6½-8½ in., depth 2½-4¾ in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

97. NO. 12. Stake Nos. 289, 290 and 291. Informal Dec., entered by Robert Hahn, Jr., Box 65, Berwyn, Pennsylvania. (80E). White with many rows of petals tinged with sulfur yellow. Flowering habit late but good; stem 2½-10½ in., medium; flowers on the side facing side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9¾ in., depth 3-5 in. Height 4 ft. 8 in.

98. MISS LORRAINE. Stake Nos. 292, 293 and 294. Informal Dec., entered by G. C. Mundy, 405 Jay Street, Coldwater, Michigan. (81E). White with center rows of petals Barium yellow. Flowering habit good; stem 3½-10½ in., medium; flower on side facing (except a few) to heavens; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5-10 in., depth 2½-6¼ in. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

101. NO. 324. Stake Nos. 301, 302 and 303. Informal Dec., entered by G. C. Mundy, 405 Jay Street, Coldwater, Michigan. (80E). Carmine with center ox-blood red. Flowering habit good; stem 6-13 in., medium to heavy, stiff, holds the flower well, facing up at an angle; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6½-10 in., depth 2½-5½ in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

109. 92. Stake Nos. 325, 326 and 327. Semi-Cactus, entered by Conrade Frey, 245 High Street, Nutley, N. J. (82.5E). General appearance zinc orange with a flame scarlet shading; center petals ferruginous. Flowering habit fair; stem 7½-14 in., medium to heavy; flower faces down; not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 8-9¾ in., depth 2¾-5 in. Height 5 ft. 10½ in.

112. HELAISE, SEEDLING 406. Stake Nos. 334, 335 and 336. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Ralph F. Webber, 58 Dell Avenue, Melrose, Massachusetts. (83S). Bittersweet orange with a gold sheen which makes many petals appear an apricot yellow; few tiny center petals between scarlet and Brazil red. Flowering habit

prolific; stem 2½-6 in., slender, wiry; flowers on side. Size of flowers 2½-3¼ in., depth 1-1¾ in. Height 3 ft. 4 in.

113. LITTLE OLD LADY. Stake Nos. 337, 338 and 339. Miniature Incurved Cactus, entered by Ernest E. Tooker, 100 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, New York. (81S). Petals shade from light jasper red to light coral red nearer center; ends of petals a grayish white. Flowering habit prolific; stem 2½-7 in., slender, wiry. Size of flowers 3¾-4¾ in., depth 1½-2 in. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

114. PINK DUCHESS, No. 10. Stake Nos. 340, 341 and 342. Pom., entered by John M. Allen, 95 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y. (83S). Shades of rose pink and pale amaranth pink. Flowering habit good; stem 2-7½ in., good, slender, wiry. Size of flowers 1½-2½ in., depth ¾-2 in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

121. NO. 4, 1940. Stake Nos. 361, 362 and 363. Informal Dec., entered by Dr. Bruce E. Preas, Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y. (80.5E). Spectrum red with dusty appearance; tips light orange-yellow. Flowering habit good; stem 6-15 in., heavy to medium; flowers too heavy for stem; slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7¾-11½ in., depth ¾-5½ in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

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1. ROYAL HIGHNESS. Stake Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Informal Dec., entered by Charles A. Williams, Box 745, Leucadia, California. (75E). Nearest amaranth purple with carmine shining through it; some tips mallow purple and light mallow purple; center petals Dahlia purple. Flowering habit fair; stem 3-7 in., short, crotchety, medium; not improved by disbudding, comes open centers. Size of flowers 7-8½ in., depth 2½-6 in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

3. "CARRIE BROOMFIELD." Stake Nos. 7, 8 and 9. Formal Dec., entered by Richard W. Petrie, 2449 East Fifth Street, Long Beach, California. (76E). Outer rows tyrian rose shaded with rhodamine purple; center rows aster purple. Flowering habit good; stem 4¾-14 in., medium stiff, flower on end facing side; flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9¼ in., depth 2½-5 in. Height 6 ft. 9 in.

4. "JANE LOUCKS." Stake Nos. 10, 11 and 12 (did not grow). Informal Dec., entered by Richard W. Petrie, 2449 East Fifth Street, Long Beach, California. (75E). Lemon yellow with shadings of ochraceous salmon; backs of curled center petals streaked with testaceous and liseran purple. Flowering habit fair, tending to be late; stem 6-11 in., medium, flower facing down, will droop. Size of flowers 7½-10 in., depth 3-4¼ in. Height 6 ft. 3 in.

10. CHARLES REED WALLACE. Stake Nos. 28, 29 and 30. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Kathryn E. Waters, 940 West Imperial Hiway, Downey, California. (79M). Scarlet red with center petals carmine. Flowering habit fair; stem 4-11¼ in., slender, wiry; flower facing the side. Size of flowers 2¼-3½ in., depth ¾-2½ in. Height 5 ft.

11. W. H. S. Stake Nos. 31, 32 and 33. Semi-Cactus, entered by George C. Siebrecht, Chappaqua Gardens, Chappaqua, N. Y. (79E). Fine streakings of peach red on buff yellow, some petals have streaks of empire yellow. Flowering habit late; stem 1½-12 in., medium, inclined to droop; flower faces down. Size of flowers 9½-11 in., depth 5-5½ in. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

16. THE BLITZKRIEG. Stake Nos. 46, 47 and 48. Informal Dec., entered by Charles Kilgore, Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia. (76E). Spectrum red with carmine sheen, center petals slightly darker with the backs nearly ox-blood red. Flowering habit fair; stem 4½-17½ in., medium; flower on end facing down, drooping. Size of flowers 7-11 in., depth 2½-5¾ in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

17. HAWKS NEST ROSE. Stake Nos. 49, 50 and 51. Informal Dec., entered by Charles Kilgore, Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia. (78.5E). Lemon yellow. Flowering habit fair; stem 8½-12 in., medium, stiff; flower facing side; flowers not improved by disbudding, come with open centers. Size of flowers 7-10½ in., depth 3¼-5¼ in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

19. EDWARD POULOS. Stake Nos. 55, 56 and 57. Informal Dec., entered by Chris J. Poulos, 235 Power Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. (77.3E). Spectrum red with a carmine sheen, slightly dusty appearance, backs of curled petals Naples yellow. Flowering habit fair; stem 6-11 in., heavy to medium; flower on end facing the side, later in season open centers; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6½-11 in., depth 2¾-5 in. Height 6 ft.



28. BL. MOTHER CABRINI. Stake Nos. 82, 83 and 84. Informal Dec., entered by Joe Cadrobbi, 1229 N. W. Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois. (78E). Outer rows rose red, middle rows slightly towards carmine; center petals aster purple. Flowering habit good; stem 3-9½ in., flowers on end and they face side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9¼ in., depth 2¼-6¼ in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

30. GRACE MOORE. Stake Nos. 88, 89 and 90. Informal Dec., entered by Mrs. M. H. Armstrong, 209 West 44th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. (75E). Shades of peach red and strawberry pink with considerable light ochraceous buff. Flowering habit late; stem 5-8 in., medium; flower on end facing side, cerates a droopign effect. Size of flowers 6¼-7¼ in., depth 2-2½ in. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

35. HERBERT TALCSIK. Stake Nos. 103, 104 and 105. Formal Dec., to Informal Dec., entered by Gustave J. Talcsik, 2918 Lurting Avenue, Bronx, New York, N. Y. (75E). Pale lemon yellow; some petals have suggestion of salmon-buff; touch of apricot buff around very center. Flowering habit —; stem 2½-4½ in., medium, inclined to droop. Size of flowers 5¼-7¼ in., depth 2-3½ in. Height 3 ft. 6 in.

42. GRANDPA'S FAVORITE. Stake Nos. 124, 125 and 126. Formal Dec., entered by John Burkhart, 133 Carley Avenue, Huntington, L. I., N. Y. (79E). Tyrian pink. Flowering habit late; stem 5-9½ in., medium; flower on side; only slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5¼-6½ in., depth 3-4 in. Height 4 ft. 9 in.

43. UNCLE BILL'S BEST. Stake Nos. 127, 128 and 129. Formal Dec., entered by John Burkhart, 133 Carley Avenue, Huntington, L. I., N. Y. (78M). Amaranth pink with some edges an dtips pale amaranth pink. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5-13 in., medium of slender; flower facing the side; flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 4¼-6½ in., depth 2-4¼ in. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

44. BLONDIE. Stake Nos. 130, 131 and 132. Formal Dec., entered by Bertha Linduff, New Cumberland, West Virginia. (76E). Martius yellow with shadings of apricot buff; center petals vinaceous-tawny. Flowering habit late; stem 4½-8½ in., medium; flower facing side. Size of flowers 5-6½ in., depth 2-2½ in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

46. "MRS. H. H. SMITH." Stake Nos. 136, 137 and 138. Semi-Cactus, entered by E. J. Wind, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River, Ohio. (777M) (69.5E). Pale amaranth pink with some tips and center petals white. Flowering habit fair to good; stem 5-14 in., medium; flowers on the side, inclined to droop; slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5½-7½ in., depth 2-3¼ in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

48. NO. 2. Stake Nos. 142, 143 and 144. Informal Dec., entered by Joseph B. Dally, 63 Brook Avenue, Englewood, N. J. (78E). Spectrum red petals nearer carmine; tips and shadings of pale ochraceous-salmon. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5¼-19 in., wiry, drooping; flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6¼-9¼ in., depth 2¼-5¼ in. Height 6 ft. 2 in.

52. NO. 81. Stake Nos. 154, 155 and 156. Informal Dec., entered by Joseph B. Dally, 63 Brook Avenue, Englewood, N. J. (77.6E). Outer rows are vinaceous-cinnamon in appearance; center rows lemon yellow with a sheen of this color; tips of center petals cinnamon. Flowering habit good; stem 5½-12 in., heavy to medium; flowers facing side, may droop; flower and stem slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7½-10½ in., depth 2½-4¼ in. Height 6 ft. 4 in.

61. NO. 52. Stake Nos. 181, 182 and 183. Informal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. D. No. 2, Clio, Michigan. (79E). White; some petals towards center have a sulphur yellow tinge; tips of center have a tiny suggestion of pale purplish vinaceous. Flowering habit late; stem 6-11½ in., heavy to medium; flowers on side, some face down; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7½-10½ in., depth 2-4½ in. Height 4 ft.

68. BLUE ROSE. Stake Nos. 202, 203 and 204. Formal Dec., entered by C. N. Keiser, 210 South Kimmel Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan. (77.2E). Laelia pink with outer rows pale laelia pink; center rows tourmaline pink; petals finely but quite evenly streaked with from nearly white to naphthalene yellow on others. Flowering habit good; stem 8-18 in., medium, inclined to droop; flower on end facing side; stem improved by disbudding; flower not improved, throws double centers. Size of flowers 6-8¾ in., depth 2½-5¼ in. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

76. SEEDLING B-1. Stake Nos. 226, 227 and 228. Informal Dec., entered by Ralph Walcher, Hathaway

Road, Bedford, Ohio. (75.3E). Scarlet-red; center petals carmine. Flowering habit good; stem 5-13½ in., medium; flower on end facing down; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7¼-10 in., depth 2¼-4½ in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

77. RED WINGS. Stake Nos. 229, 230 and 231. Orchid type, entered by R. W. Webb, 1322 Schlager Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. (79S). Between spectrum red and carmine. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5¼-11 in., slender, wiry. Size of flowers 3½-5¼ in., depth ½-1¾ in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

80. CHAUTAUQUA GIANT. Stake Nos. 238, 239 and 240. Formal Dec., entered by Lawrence L. Wallace, Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. (78.7E). Carrot red to strawberry pink; ends of petals buff-yellow and maize yellow; center petals peach red. Flowering habit poor; stem 9-16½ in., medium to heavy; flower on end facing down. Size of flowers 7-9¼ in., depth 3-4½ in. Height 4 ft. 3 in.

84. LITTLE PAT. Stake Nos. 250, 251 and 252. Miniature Incurred Cactus, entered by N. A. Scheel, 3702 Hamilton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. (78M). Tyrian pink; outer rows have some tips nearly white. Flowering habit good; stem 1¼-6¼ in., slender, wiry. Size of flowers 3-4¼ in., depth 1-2¼ in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

86. THE SHINING ONE. Stake Nos. 256, 257 and 258. Informal Dec., entered by Harley T. Peck & Sons, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (75M). Shades of strawberry pink and peach red with spinel pink toward many tips. Flowering habit good; stem 5-13½ in., medium; flower on side facing side. Size of flowers 5½-7¼ in., depth 2½-5 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

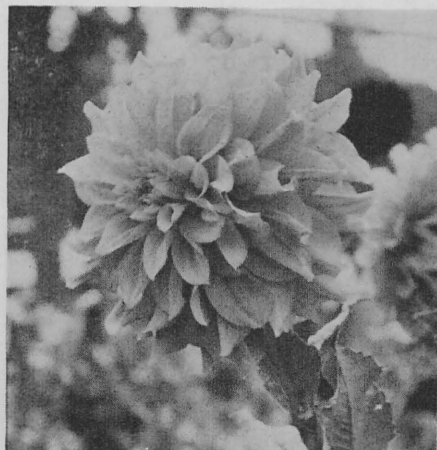
87. EAST ROW. Stake Nos. 259, 260 and 261. Informal Dec., entered by Harley T. Peck & Sons, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (76E). Peach red with some petals quite widely streaked with spectrum red. Flowering habit not good; stem 11½-14 in. Size of flowers 8-8¾ in., depth 4-4¼ in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

89. NO. 17. Stake Nos. 265, 266 and 267. Informal Dec., entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (76.5M). This variety produced two distinct colors: (1) Ends of outer rows peach red; middle rows bittersweet orange with some picric yellow; center ferruginous. (2) Outer rows thulite pink with carrot red edges and cameo pink tips with some tips nearly white; middle rows are more bittersweet orange on edges with considerable picric yellow running through the petals. Centers of some apricot orange and others cinnamon-rufous with cameo pink tips. Flowering habit late, fair; stem 5¼-11 in., slender to medium. Size of flowers 4½-9 in., depth 1½-4½ in. Height 3 ft. 7 in.

95. GCE-39-1. Stake Nos. 283, 284 and 285. Miniature Semi-Cactus, entered by George C. Eldridge,

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ADELE HENDERSON — Autumn Formal scored 85E. Originator: Herman Rindfleisch, Mamaroneck, N. Y.





**WHITE FAWN**—Winner of the Derrill Hart silver medal in the miniature section with an average score of 84.3 in three gardens. Originator: Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

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Wenonah, N. J. (78S). Amaranth pink; center petals mallow purple. Flowering habit prolific stem 2-17 in., slender, wiry; flowers on side. Size of flowers 3-4 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth 1-2 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 4 ft. 11 in.

96. **HER MAJESTY**. Stake Nos. 286, 287 and 288. Informal Dec., entered by O. J. Aumuller, 50 East Lincoln Avenue, Valley Stream, N. Y. (76E). Peach red to rose red with touches of rose-purple on either side of the tips which have a silvery appearance; center of petals daphne pink. Flowering habit late but good; stem 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ -7 in., medium; flower on the side facing side, inclined to be a little crotch; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -5 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

100. **RITA SHIRL**. Stake Nos. 298, 299 and 300. Informal Dec., entered by G. C. Mundy, 405 Jay Street, Coldwater, Michigan. (79E). Scarlet-red; outer rows scarlet with capucine orange ends. Flowering habit very good; stem 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to heavy; flowers on the side, inclined to droop; flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., depth 2-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

103. **NO. 401**. Stake Nos. 307, 308 and 309. Semi-Cactus, entered by G. C. Mundy, 405 Jay Street, Coldwater, Michigan. (79E). Cerise with outer rows more spectrum red; it has a very dusty appearance. Flowering habit poor, late; stem 5-15 in., poor, pendant, slender to medium, drooping; flower improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 11 in.

105. **NO. 7**. Stake Nos. 313, 314 and 315. Informal Dec., entered by Arthur Baker, South Ridge East, Ash-tabula, Ohio. (76.6E). Purplish lilac; center petals Bishop's purple. Flowering habit late; stem 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -12 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium; flowers facing side. Size of flowers 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Height 4 ft. 3 in.

107. **8R**. Stake Nos. 319, 320 and 321. Formal Dec., entered by A. H. Rich, 1242 East Como Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota. (79E). Between tyrian rose and rhodamine purple, shadings of mallow purple on ends of some petals; center petals aster purple. Flowering habit good; stem 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -14 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to heavy; flowers face side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., depth 3-4 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 6 ft.

108. **88**. Stake Nos. 322, 323 and 324. Informal Dec., entered by A. H. Rich, 1242 East Como Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota. (75.3E). White with tinge of sulfur yellow towards center. Flowering habit good; stem 4-12 in., poor, pendant, slender to medium; not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

111. **MRS. JOHN H. METZGER**. Stake Nos. 331, 332 and 333. Borderline, Informal Dec., entered by George H. Swezey, 63 Mertz Avenue, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. (78E). White. Flowering habit late; stem 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., medium; flower on end facing side. Size of flowers 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

115. **CECILIA ANN**. Stake Nos. 343, 344 and 345. Informal Dec., entered by Cecil T. Morrill, 76 Bromfield Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. (78.3E). White; center petals naphthalene yellow. Flowering habit late but good; stem 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., medium to heavy; flower facing side. Size of flowers 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depth 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

117. **ROZAN** (201). Stake Nos. 349, 350 and 351. Ball, entered by Mrs. Cortis Ray, R. 2, Greensburg, Indiana. (79M). Mallow purple with outer rows light mallow purple; center petals magenta. Flowering habit fair; stem 5-14 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender, erect, holds flower well up; flower on angle facing side. Size of flowers 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -3 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 in. Height 3 ft. 5 in.

118. **1-38**. Stake Nos. 352, 353 and 354. Informal Dec., entered by Nick Koenig & Sons, Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (77E). Light rosolane purple, some white in center petals. Flowering habit prolific; stem 3-14 in., slender to medium, pendant, drooping, poor; does not seem to be improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., depth 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

119. **2-38**. Stake Nos. 355, 356 and 357. Informal Dec., entered by Nick Koenig & Sons, Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (77E). Amaranth pink; center petals aster purple. Flowering habit prolific; stem 3-11 in., medium to heavy; flowers face side, good; slightly improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5-8 in., depth 2-5 in. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

122. **NO. 4**, E.B.M. Stake Nos. 364, 365 and 366. Miniature Semi-Cactus, entered by Rev. Earl B. Moyer, 1911 20th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia. (78S). Geranium pink with many petals having considerable buff-yellow in them; lemon yellow around the very center. Flowering habit good; stem 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., slender. Size of flowers 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -3 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., depth 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Height 2 ft. 10 in.

## MID WEST DAHLIA TRIAL GROUNDS

The Mid West Dahlia Trial Grounds of the American Dahlia Society, located at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, certified eleven entries for the summer of 1941. The total number of entries was 91.

The season was normal in most respects. With the exception of a hot dry spell in July when the gardens required watering, there was an ample rainfall throughout the season necessitating less artificial irrigation than usual.

Severe killing frosts occurred later than usual in the fall. I presume, as a conservative estimate that a minimum of 30,000 visitors inspected the Dahlias through August and September. The gardens are located just off U. S. 16, an improved paved highway running west from Detroit, and the gardens can be seen from the highway. Many visitors that have been interviewed have come into the gardens because of glimpsing the color from the highway. In this way the gardens get visitors from every state in the Union.

We are glad to note several apprentice judges have graduated to the status of expert judges. Among these are: Professor M. J. Hewitt of Jackson Junior College, Jackson, Michigan; Dr. Paul Morgan, Battle Creek, Michigan; and Mrs. A. H. Emmons, also of Battle Creek, Michigan. Regular judges who scored the Dahlias this year in addition to the above are as follows: Victor Steckle, Lansing, Michigan; Barton Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan; Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois; A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan; Otto Hoeppner, Owosso, Michigan. A number of members of the Wolverine Dahlia Club made a trip to the Gardens in early September and were given instruction in judging by Victor Steckle. We had hoped this group would have been able to make two or three trips. However, it is hoped



that some of them will continue next year. It is essential to the successful operation of a trial grounds that a large group of expert judges be available for the judging. Our regular judges have been doing a fine job, but a larger number of judges should result in better and closer scoring. Our judges have received little in reward for their work except the satisfaction of participation in a worthwhile endeavor. We would suggest that the A. D. S. could do a very worthwhile job, by awarding a certificate to those judges who after a two years' trial in judging have qualified as expert judges. Such award should be made only on recommendation of the Trial Grounds Supervisor. Such a certificate would be very much valued and would be one method the A. D. S. could repay faithful judging work. Below is tabulated the entries according to states:

Canada .....	2	New York .....	5
District of Columbia .....	2	Ohio .....	15
Illinois .....	4	Pennsylvania .....	1
Indiana .....	4	Virginia .....	4
Maryland .....	1	Washington .....	3
Michigan .....	33	Wisconsin .....	1
Minnesota .....	7	—	—
New Jersey .....	9	Total .....	91

The Mid West Trial Grounds Committee for 1942 are as follows: L. L. Hook, Grand Rapids, Chairman; Victor Steckle, Lansing, Michigan; Barton Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan; Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois; M. J. Hewitt, Jackson, Michigan; A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan; Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Michigan; Albert Hendricks, Clio, Michigan; F. C. Wolfe, Detroit, Michigan; C. E. Wildon, East Lansing, Michigan.

Below is the report of entries for the season 1941. Complete report is given only for varieties scoring 85 or over.

### Certificate Awards at East Lansing

SEEDLING NO. 516. Stake No. 6. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 85.3E. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Color—general appearance light autumn. Technical description light greenish yellow lightly suffused Brazil Red. Flowering habit good. Stem strong, stiff, straight; length 8-11 inches; flowers facing or half facing. Habit of growth upright branching, vigorous; foliage dense. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 6-10 inches; depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Height 44-55 inches, spread 22-34 inches. Substance good.

ARLINE DICK. Stake No. 13. Informal decorative. Score 86E. Entered by R. M. Berry, 454 Oxford Street, London, Canada. Sport of *Bing Crosby*. General color appearance tangerine orange. Technical description greenish yellow suffused scarlet-red. Flowering habit very good. Stem strong, stiff, straight, thick; length 8-10 inches; flowers facing to half facing. Habit of growth upright branching, vigorous dense foliage. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 5-10 inches; depth 2-6 inches. Height 53-65 inches. Spread 24-43 inches. Substance good. Remarks: Exceptionally fine and distinctive color.

GARNET. Stake No. 15. Formal decorative. Score 85E. Seed parent *Purple Mist*. Entered by Henry C. Parker, National Press Building, Washington, D. C. Color: general appearance bright carmine-red. Technical description sulfur yellow overcast carmine to oxblood red. Flowering habit good. Stem stiff, strong, straight to

slightly curved, dark; length 7-14 inches; flowers half facing. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 4-8½ inches; depth 1¼-5 inches. Height 42-65 inches, spread 28-49 inches. Substance good.

MISS MT. CLEMENS. Stake No. 31. Semi-cactus to cactus. Score 85-4E. Chance seedling. Entered by J. Wilson Petrie, 68 Eldredge Street, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. General color appearance crimson-scarlet. Technical description greenish-yellow suffused carmine. Flowering habit good. Stem straight to curved, strong, length 7-12¾ inches; flowers facing. Habit of growth branching, foliage dense. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5-9 inches, depth 2-5 inches. Height 38-47 inches, spread 23-37 inches. Substance good.

JOYCE PETRIE. Stake No. 32. Cactus. Score 85E. Chance seedling. Entered by J. Wilson Petrie, Mt. Clemens, Mich. General color appearance scarlet, technical description greenish-yellow suffused and overcast spectrum red. Flowering habit good. Stem thick, strong, length 8½-14 inches; flowers facing to half facing. Habit of growth branched, foliage dense. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 6½-9½ inches; depth 2¼-5 inches. Height 40-46 inches, spread 33-38 inches. Substance good.

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON. Stake No. 34. Informal decorative. Score 85.25E. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. Originator Lawrence L. Wallace. General color appearance Amaranth red; technical description near white completely suffused oxblood red. Flowering habit excellent. Stem strong, stiff, thick, somewhat curved; length 4½-11½ inches; flowers facing. Habit of growth laterally branching, foliage dense. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5½-9 inches; depth 2¼-6 inches. Height 30-37 inches. Spread 27-32 inches. Substance good. Remarks: Very fine.

MISS VOY KEISER. Stake No. 37. Informal decorative to cactus. Score 85E. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Color: general appearance autumn; technical description greenish-

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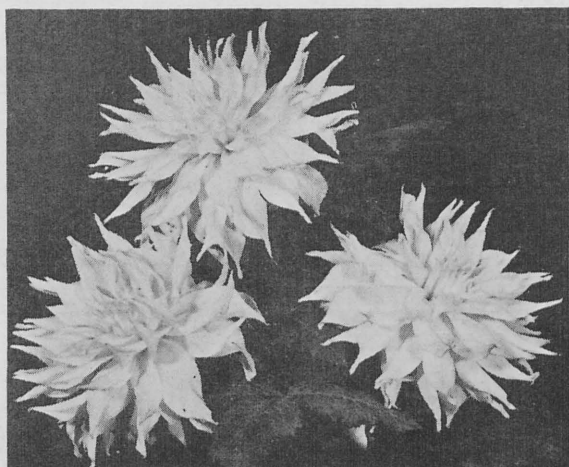
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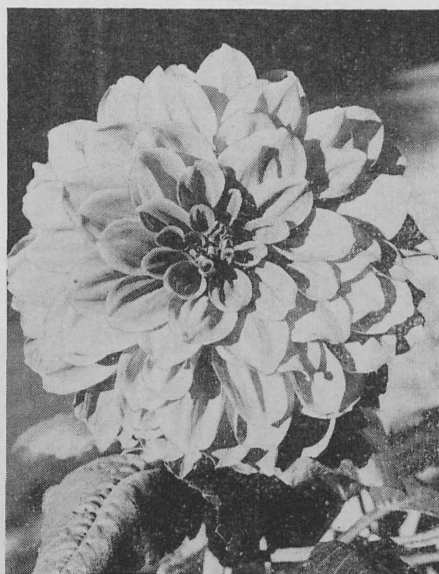
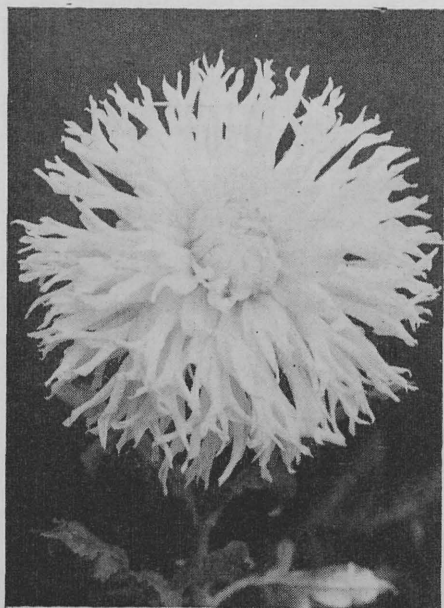


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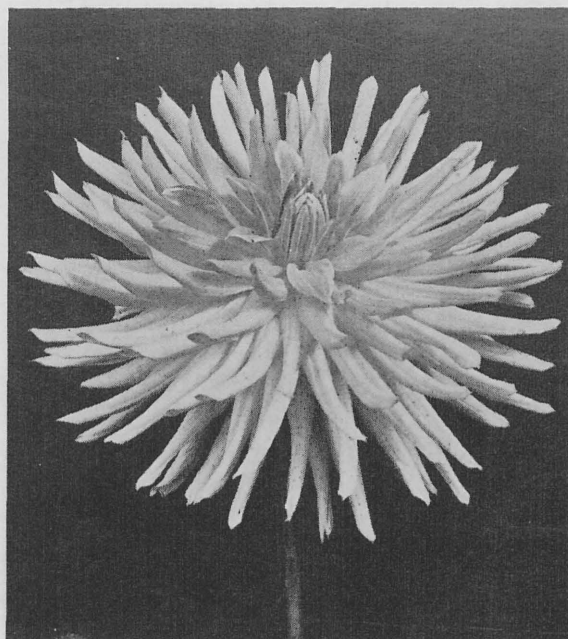
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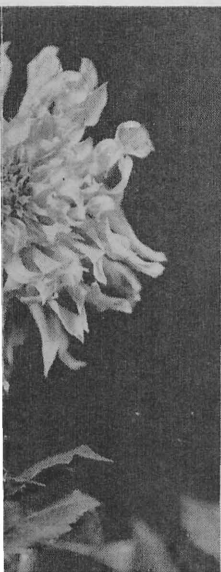
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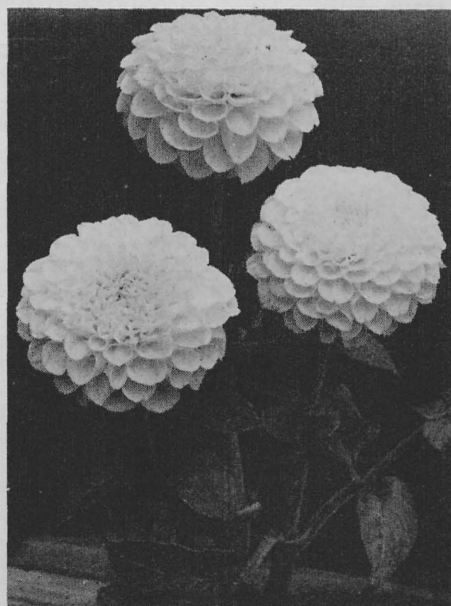


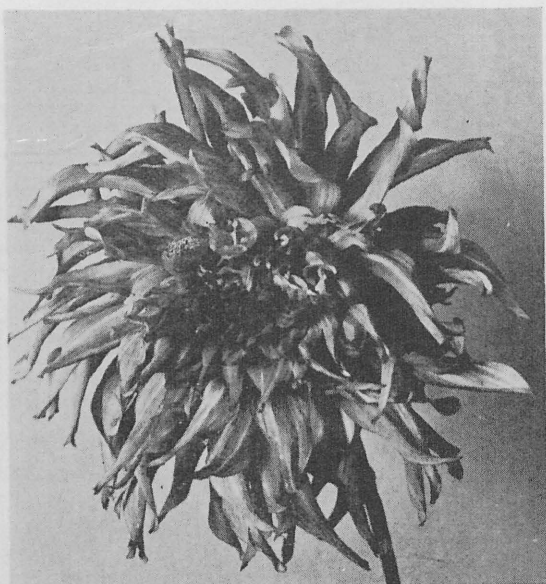
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MISS MT. CLEMENS—crimson-scarlet Cactus scored 85.4E.  
Originator: J. W. Petrie, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

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yellow suffused oxblood red. Flowering habit good. Stem straight, strong, dark; length 6-12½ inches; flowers half-facing. Habit of growth erect branching from base. Health: some disease present. Diameter of flower 5½-9½ inches; depth 2¼-5 inches. Height 36 inches, spread 40 inches. Substance good.

DELROSE. Stake No. 38. Informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan. Seed parent *Son of Satan*. Color: general appearance yellow and white bicolor; technical description near white overcast picric yellow except center band of floret. Flowering habit good. Stem thick, strong, stiff, length 4-10 inches; flowers mostly facing. Habit of growth erect, branching from base. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5-6¼ inches, depth 1¼-2¼ inches. Height 33 inches, spread 40 inches. Substance good.

EAST ROW. Stake No. 42. Formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Originator J. A. Schutte. Color: general appearance flame; technical description light greenish-yellow overcast scarlet-red. Flowering habit good. Stem slightly curved to crooked; length 8½-15 inches; flowers facing. Habit of growth branching erect. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5½-9½ inches; depth 2¼-6½ inches. Height 37-60 inches, spread 26-41 inches. Substance good.

THE SHINING ONE. Stake No. 43. Informal decorative. Score 85.2E. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Seed parent *Queen City*. Color: general appearance brilliant autumn; technical description greenish-yellow suffused carmine-red to spectrum red. Flowering habit good. Stem strong, stiff, straight, thick, very dark; length 10-14 inches; flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth sparingly branched,

dwarf. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 4½-8 inches; depth 2-5 inches. Height 34 inches, spread 33 inches. Substance good. Remarks: Good cut flower.

INDIAN GIANT. Stake No. 67. Informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by A. H. Emmons, R. F. D. No. 7, Battle Creek, Michigan. Color: general appearance autumn; technical description pale greenish-yellow lightly overcast carmine to oxblood red. Flowering habit good. Stem strong, stiff, thick, straight to slightly curved; length 7½-12 inches; flowers erect to half facing. Habit of growth bushy, dense. Health good. Diameter of flowers 8½-12 inches; depth 3-7 inches. Height 36 inches; spread 36 inches. Substance good.

#### DAHLIAS SCORING 80 TO 84 INCLUSIVE

KITCHENER KADET. Stake No. 1. Formal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by E. W. Hickling, Kitchener, Ontario. Color greenish-yellow slightly suffused peach-red, general effect light autumn.

WARWICK BEAUTY. Stake No. 2. Informal decorative. Score 82C. Entered by Warwick Gardens, New Carlisle, Indiana. Color white, completely overcast carmine-general effect red.

LITTLE MARION. Stake No. 3. Miniature formal decorative. Score 81S. Entered by John W. L. Hicks, 1505 Cadillac Square Building, Detroit, Michigan. General color effect autumn.

E. 31-39. Stake No. 9. Formal decorative to Inf. decorative. Score 83E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Color greenish-yellow heavily overcast carmine-oxblood red. General effect bright red-purple.

E. 43-39. Stake No. 11. Formal decorative. Score 83.3E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Color light-lavender.

E. 107-39. Stake No. 12. Informal decorative. Score 84E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. General color effect light rosy-lavender.

INDIAN SUMMER. Stake No. 16 Semi-cactus. Score 83E. Entered by Frank H. Goetzger, 3110 Date Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland. General color effect pale autumn.

SEEDLING NO. 1. Stake No. 17. Informal decorative. Score 84E. Entered by F. Taylor Thompson, 1327 Potomac Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. General color effect very light lavender. Note—Some flowers quickly lose purple overcast.

NO. 38. Stake No. 20. Score 83.6E. Entered by Hillside Farm, Austinburg, Ohio. See parent Margrace. General color description medium red.

NO. 1-A. Stake No. 21. Formal decorative. Score 82.6C. Entered by Hillside Farm, Austinburg, Ohio. Originator Arthur Baker, Ashtabula, Ohio. Pale greenish yellow with slight suffusion of mallow-purple. General description very pale lavender, fades rather badly.

FIREGLOW. Stake No. 22. Miniature semi-cactus. Score 81.3S. Entered by Mrs. Cortis Ray, R. R. 2, Greensburg, Indiana. Color maize yellow to sulfur yellow completely overcast with carmine to oxblood red. General effect bright rose-red.

ROZAN. Stake No. 23. Ball. Score 82.6S. Entered by Mrs. Cortis Ray, Greensburg, Indiana. Pale greenish-yellow suffused with carmine at base of petal and light mallow purple on outer half of petal. General effect rosy-lavender.

W. 70-39. Stake No. 24. Informal decorative. Score 80E. Entered by Mad River Gardens, P. O. Box 12, Urbana, Ohio. Originator William Wolbert, 2109 Sunset Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Greenish-yellow completely overcast with carmine. General effect red-bronze, fades to autumn.

FONDA. Stake No. 29. Miniature formal decorative. Score 81S. Entered by J. E. Hulin, 5964 Delridge Way, Seattle, Washington. Greenish-yellow. Upper half of petal overcast with light mallow-purple. General effect lavender suffused with yellow. Note: Suffused with carmine when opening.

MISS PUNGOTEAGUE. Stake No. 30. Formal decorative. Score 84E. Entered by Milton N. Custis, Pungoteague, Virginia. Seed parent Eagle Rock Fantasy. Color white with nearly complete overcast Dahlia purple. General effect purple with white ground color.



CHAUTAUQUA GIANT. Stake No. 33. Formal decorative. Score 84E. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. Seed parent Orange Moon. Color greenish-yellow suffused with carmine to oxblood-red. General color effect autumn.

BLUE ROSE. Stake No. 36. Formal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Seed parent Blue River. Color greenish-yellow with light suffusion light mallow purple. General effect very light lavender with yellow suffusion.

ESQUIRE. Stake No. 39. Informal decorative. Score 84E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Color scarlet-red.

SEEDLING NO. 8. Stake No. 40. Semi-cactus. Score 83.25C. Entered by Henry De Groot, 704 117th Place, Chicago, Illinois. White.

SEEDLING NO. 4. Stake No. 41. Miniature cactus. Score 83C. Entered by Henry DeGroot, 704 117th Place, Chicago, Illinois. General color effect medium lavender.

BESS SMITH. Stake No. 44. Informal decorative. Score 83.75E. Entered by J. B. Anderson, Westwood, N. J. White.

RED LEGION. Stake No. 45. Informal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by R. O. Wenning, Brazil Dahlia Farm, Box 307, Route 6, Indianapolis, Indiana. Scarlet-red.

CHARLES SHANNON. Stake No. 46. Formal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by Mrs. Grace Houston, Marion, Virginia. Color, near white.

SEEDLING B-1. Stake No. 47. Informal decorative. Score 82½E. Entered by Ralph Walcher, Hathaway Road, Bedford, Ohio. General color effect bright red.

MRS. ANNA KLINE. Stake No. 48. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 84E. Entered by William Kline, 149 Milburn Avenue, Baldwin, L. I., N. Y. General effect canary yellow.

J. B. RABLOFF. Stake No. 49. Formal decorative. Score 80C. Entered by John Dettloff, 3958 Townsend Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Color lavender.

MRS. BRADLEY GEIST. Stake No. 50. Formal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by Reinhold Greinberg, Wayne, Pennsylvania. Color white.

SEEDLING 1 C. Stake No. 51. Miniature cactus. Score 83.3S. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Originator Presley Caldwell. See parent Baby Royal. General color description orange-pink.

SEEDLING II. Stake No. 52. Informal decorative. Score 81E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, 14592 Dixie Highway, Clio, Michigan. Seed parent Mrs. William Knudsen. White with very minute suffusion of sulfur yellow, petal nearly completely striped with Dahlia purple to maroon. General effect purple-white bicolor stripe.

SEEDLING V. Stake No. 53. Informal decorative. Score 81E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Seed parent Mrs. William Knudsen. General color effect rosy-white with purple stripe.

SEEDLING 17. Stake No. 54. Informal decorative. Score 81E and 81C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. General color effect orange with white petal tips.

SEEDLING 23. Stake No. 55. Informal decorative. Score 81E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color rosy-lavender.

SEEDLING 33. Stake No. 56. Formal decorative. Score 82.6E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color yellow.

SEEDLING 47. Stake No. 57. Informal decorative. Score 80E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. General color effect orange autumn.

SEEDLING 51. Stake No. 58. Informal decorative. Score 83.5E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. See parent Mrs. William Knudsen. White.

WHITE PAWN. Stake No. 59. Miniature formal decorative. Score 82.4S. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color white.

SEEDLING NO. .06. Stake No. 60. Semi-cactus. Score 81E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Red.

SEEDLING 923. Stake No. 62. Informal decorative. Score 80E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Seed parent Margrace. Color red with autumn highlights.

SEEDLING NO. 24. Stake No. 65. Formal decorative. Score 80.6E. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Violet-red.

SEEDLING NO. 27. Stake No. 66. Informal decora-

tive. Score 82E. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Color white.

230 L-L-75. Stake No. 69. Informal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by J. E. Hulin, Seattle, Washington. Color greenish-yellow nearly completely suffused with Begonia rose. General description rosy-bronze (some flowers yellow).

HULIN'S MELODY. Stake No. 70. Informal decorative. Score 83.5E. Entered by J. E. Hulin, Seattle, Washington. Bronze.

SEEDLING NO. 324. Stake No. 72. Formal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by Mundy's Gardens, Coldwater, Michigan. Carmine-red.

SEEDLING NO. 400. Stake No. 73. Cactus. Score 83E. Entered by Mundy's Gardens, Coldwater, Michigan. Light greenish-yellow almost completely suffused with mallow-purple. General color effect light rosy lavender.

SEEDLING NO. 401. Stake No. 74. Cactus. Score 80.3E. Entered by Mundy's Gardens, Coldwater, Michigan. Carmine-red.

SEEDLING 56-39. Stake No. 76. Informal decorative. Score 81.75E. Entered by S. E. Taylor, R. 3, Box 206, Morgantown, West Virginia. Bright carmine-red.

SEEDLING 8R. Stake No. 78. Formal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by A. H. Rich, 1242 East Coma Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota. White completely overcast with ox-blood-red. General effect reddish-purple.

SEEDLING NO. 148. Stake No. 79. Informal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Carmine-red.

SEEDLING 38-63. Stake No. 81. Informal decorative. Score 82.5E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Violet-red.

SEEDLING A.4. Stake No. 82. Informal decorative. Score 81E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. General color effect red-autumn.

SEEDLING 38-47. Stake No. 83. Informal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Light autumn.

LK-1. Stake No. 84. Informal decorative. Score 83.3E. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Lavender.

LK-2-38. Stake No. 85. Semi-cactus. Score 80.5C. 81.3E. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Greenish yellow slightly suffused with mallow-purple. General effect very light lavender.

LK-8-38. Stake No. 86. Semi-cactus. Score 82C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. White spotted light lavender.

EDGAR GUEST. Stake No. 87. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 82E. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Yellow. Recommend retrieval.

C. C. BRADNER. Stake No. 88. Semi-cactus. Score 84C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Color sulfur yellow, general effect near white.

C. E. WILDON, Superintendent.

## Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

Robert Seibel, Trial Grounds Superintendent  
Cincinnati, Ohio

The past season seemed to be a very trying one for the growing of Dahlias, and the conditions here at Cincinnati were no exception.

At planting time we received plenty of rain which we needed very badly as early spring was very dry; this was followed by a drought in mid-season and had the plantings not been faithfully watered we would not have had many blooms in the fall when the weather became more favorable.

It seems that along with the drought and insects that plague the Dahlia grower, every so often we get a high wind storm, which at the time seems to have destroyed our year's work. We received such a storm on September 24, and many of the plants were badly damaged and will

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## Ohio Valley Trial Grounds—Cont. from p. 25

be given a retrial. However, in spite of all this we had many fine and outstanding flowers, which were not killed by frost until October 28. It is very gratifying to note that more growers are sending their seedlings to more than one Trial Grounds, and in this way getting a better check on a variety in different locations the same season. The majority of stock sent in for trial seems to be improving from year to year, and more varieties are being introduced that can stand the hot dry mid-season conditions. Here in Cincinnati the past season we had many varieties that came in this class, and grew well, being free from insects, despite the abnormal weather conditions.

Any information regarding the Trial Grounds can be obtained by writing O. W. Mills, 3628 Kroger Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary, Ohio Valley Dahlia Association.

## DAHLIAS SCORING 85 AND OVER

**MOTHER CABRINI.** Stake 238. Informal decorative. Score 85C. Entered by Joe Cadrobbi, 1229 N. W. Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois. Color maroon fading lights to outer edge of petals. Flowering habit prolific, first bloom August 15. Stems were strong, stiff and had good proportion, cutting length 24 in. Bush growth upright with good laterals, blooms facing to half facing, heat resisting foliage. Blooms 7 x 4 in. Height of bush 3½ ft. Spread 2½ ft. Good cut flower variety.

**INDIAN SUMMER.** Stake 239. Semi-Cactus. Score 85E. Entered by Andrew Doermann, Cheviot, Ohio. Color golden buff shaded deeper to center, color has decided sheen. Flowering habit good, first bloom August 28. Stems were strong, stiff and of good proportion. Bloom carried well out of foliage. Cutting length 18-24 in. Bush growth tall and compact with good laterals. Blooms facing to half facing. Plants went through heat and drought very well. Blooms 8 x 3. Height of bush 5 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: One of the outstanding varieties in the garden.

**BLUE ROSE.** Stake 243. Formal decorative. Score 86E. Entered by C. N. Keiser, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Color light yellow base overlaid bluish rose color, giving a decided blue effect. Flowering habit prolific, first bloom August 18. Stems long, stiff, had good proportion. Cutting length 24-30 in. Bush growth upright with many good laterals. Blooms half facing. Heat resisting foliage. Blooms 9 x 3 in. Height of bush 4 ft., spread 3 ft. Remarks: This was the most outstanding variety in the trials this year, the color being very different from any existing variety.

**WHITE FAWN.** Stake 252. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color white with slight cream shading to center. Flowering habit good, first bloom September 15. Stems good, stiff, good proportion, cutting length 15-18 in. Compact bush, growth a little slow during hot weather. Blooms carried facing up to half facing. Size 2½ x 1½ in. Bush height 2 ft., spread 18 in. Remarks: Many perfect centered blooms carried at one time, if variety is to be grown for showing.

**SHINING ONE.** Stake 256. Informal decorative. Score 85C. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Color scarlet rose, very striking and different.

Flowering habit prolific, first bloom August 28. Stems were long, stiff, and had good proportion. Cutting length 24 in to 30 in. Bush was low in growth and sent up many laterals from base of plant, dark leathery foliage, insect resistant. Blooms carried facing up to half facing. Size 6-3 in. Bush 3½ ft. Spread 2½ ft. Remarks: Good cut flower variety. (Begonia Rose is Salmon.)

**BESS SMITH.** Stake 257. Informal decorative. Score 86E. Entered by Mr. J. B. Anderson, Pier 7, New York. Color white with slight cream shading to center. Flowering habit good. First bloom September 15. Stems were long, stiff and had a good proportion. Cutting length 18-24 in. Bush open in growth with good laterals. Size of bloom 9 x 4 in. Bush height 4½ ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Blooms had good substance and did not burn.

**8-R.** Stake 265. Formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by A. H. Rich, Land of Lakes Dahlia Gardens, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color light purple, very clear and bright. Flowering habit good, first bloom September 15. Cutting length of stem 24-30 in. Bush growth upright and spreading. Stiff cane like laterals good proportion to stem. Blooms carried facing up to half facing. Size of blooms 7½ x 5 in. Bush height 5 ft. Spread 3 ft. Foliage dark and leathery, insect resistant. Remarks: Color needed in the formal class.

## DAHLIAS SCORING UNDER 85

**PINK PAL.** Stake 247. Formal decorative. Score 84C. Entered by Daytons Dahlia Gardens, 647 Main Street, Akron, Ohio. Color clear deep pink. Flowering habit good, first bloom September 15. Cutting length of stem 18x24 in. Bush growth upright with good laterals. Stems long, stiff with good proportion, blooms facing. Size of blooms 7x3 in. Bush height 5 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Variety damaged by wind, recommend retrial.

**E-43-39.** Stake 234. Formal Decorative. Score 80E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, N. J. (Warren County.) Color lavender. Flowering habit good, first bloom August 28. Cutting length of stem 18 in. Bush spreading in growth, requires thinning out, fair laterals, foliage carried too close to bloom. Blooms carried half facing. Size 7½x4 in. Bush height 4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Bloom burns giving dull appearance.

**E-107-39.** Stake 235. Semi-cactus. Score 80E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens Columbia, N. J. (Warren County.) Color reddish purple giving veined appearance, shaded cream to center. Flowering habit good, first bloom August 25. Cutting length of stem 24-30 in. Bush growth spreading and requires thinning out. Stems long, weak, blooms face down. Size of bloom 8x3 in. Bush height 3 ft. Spread 3½ ft. Remarks: Blooms had good substance but weak stems kept this variety from scoring, recommend retrial.

**MISS PUNGOTEAQUE.** Stake 236. Semi-cactus. Score 82E. Entered by Milton N. Curtis, Pungoteaque, Virginia. Color rhodamine purple with lighter reverse giving veined appearance. Flowering habit good, first bloom August 25. Cutting length of stem 18-24 in. Bush growth upright with good laterals, stems long, stiff, good proportion. Blooms 9x3 in. Bush height 4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Blooms faded out quickly.

**MASSASOIT.** Stake 237. Informal decorative. Score 82E. Entered by Messiers Dahlia Garden, Agawam, Massachusetts. Color deep rose pink. Flowering habit good, first bloom September 10. Cutting length of stem 18-24 in. Bush growth upright and open, good laterals. Stems good, stiff, good proportion. Blooms facing some down, probably due to wind injury. Size 3x5 in. Bush height 4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Could be given retrial.

**CHIEF KOKOMO.** Stake 240. Formal decorative. Score 80.2C. Entered by Washburn Dahlia Gardens, Kokomo, Indiana. Color deep rose shading lighter to outer edge of petals. Flowering habit fair. Stems long, thin, good proportion. Cutting length 18-24 in. Bush upright in growth, height 4 ft. Spread 2 ft. Blooms 3½x2 in. Remarks: Did not bloom freely until late, most blooms then open centered, could be given retrial.



**APOLLO.** Stake 245. Formal decorative. Score 83E. Entered by Dr. A. E. White, Indianapolis, Indiana. Color light yellow. Flowering habit fair, did not bloom until very late. Cutting length of stem 18 in. Blooms half facing, bush upright in growth. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 in. Blooms 9x5 in.

**CHAUTAUQUA GIANT.** Stake 246. Formal decorative. Score 82.3E. Entered by Chautauqua Gardens, Maysville, N. Y. Color. Deep orange center shading buff to outer petals. Flowering habit fair, first bloom August 28. Stem short, stiff with good proportion, cutting length 15 in. Bush low and compact in growth, height 3 ft., spread 2 ft. Blooms half facing. Size 9x5 in. Remarks: This variety will make a good show bloom, early blooms large.

**CHARLES SHANNON.** Stake 248. Informal decorative. Score 80.7C. Entered by Mrs. Grace Houston, Marion, Virginia. Color white shaded cream to center. Flowering habit good, first bloom August 26. Cutting length of stem 18 in. Bush growth upright, stems were a little heavy for size of flowers, some blooms gave a flat appearance. Blooms faced up to half-facing. Bush height 5 ft. Spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Blooms 6x3 in.

**NO. 8.** Stake 264. Semi-cactus. Score 80E. Entered by A. Rich, 1242 East Como Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color wine red with lighter reverse, very bright color. Flowering habit fair, first bloom September 1. Stem strong, stiff and good proportion. Blooms carried facing. Bush upright in growth, with good laterals, cutting length of stem 18-24 in. Bush height  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Spread  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Blooms  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 in.

**NO. 150.** Stake 270. Semi-cactus. Score 81.5E. Entered by Mrs. B. W. Lamson, Maderia, Ohio. Color buff with slight orange overcast, color a little dull. Flowering habit good, first bloom September 15. Stem long thin, good proportion, cutting length 18-24 in. Bush growth spreading with good laterals. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Spread 3 ft. Blooms 7x3 in.

**STAKE 231.** Entered by Limestone Gardens, Maysville, Kentucky. Score 77.5E. Semi-cactus. Color general appearance orange with salmon reverse. Fair bush growth and laterals. Blooms 7x4 in., most blooms had hard green centers.

**NO. E-38-38.** Stake 233. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Informal decorative. Score 79.3E. Color, flame shaded yellow to center and outer edges of petals. Bush spreading in growth. Blooms 6x4 in. Color fades quickly.

**BLONDIE.** Stake 241. Formal decorative. Score 75E. Entered by Mrs. Linduff, New Cumberland, West Virginia. Color light buff shaded deeper to center of blooms. Bush upright in growth, stems crooked, allowing blooms to face down, blooms 6x3 in.

**DR. DANNER.** Stake 251. Informal decorative. Score 74.5E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color maroon shaded yellow to center with yellow reverse. Bush very spreading in growth. Blooms 7x3 in. Had very bad centers and faded.

**EAST ROW.** Stake 255. Informal decorative. Score 78E. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Color nopal red, shading lighter to outer edges of petals. Bush spreading in growth. Blooms 7x3 in., had some open centers and burned some in mid season.

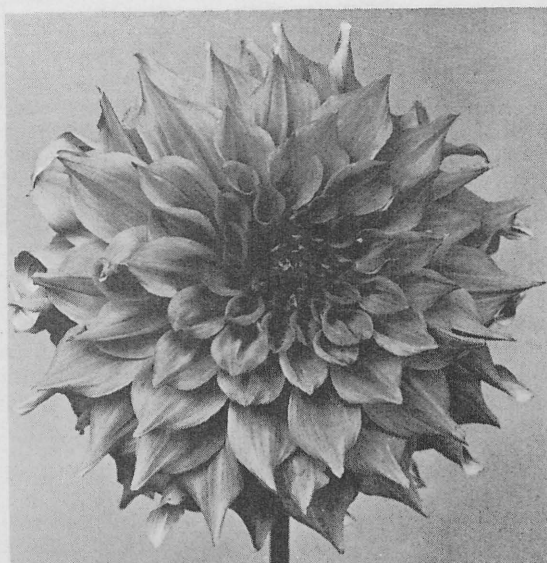
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## 1941 Report, West Virginia Branch, A. D. S. Trial Garden

By Oliver Shurtleff, Supt.

There are two phases of trial garden administration which makes us wish we had never heard of the job of being trial garden superintendent! And weather conditions is not one of them. They are "too many certifiable Dahlias" and "too few certifiable Dahlias." Trial garden Dahlias must, however, be reported as they performed in the garden where they were grown and not as of performance in other localities. Upon that basis we report.

In keeping with a well established policy of the West Virginia Branch of the A. D. S. trial garden we put on no advertising campaign for entries. That, perhaps, kept



**EAST ROW**—scarlet red Formal scored 85E at East Lansing. Introducer: Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, O.

our entry list low numerically. We tested nineteen entries for the 1941 season. Also, in keeping with a well established policy, we graded mighty close. Because of this we feel that the Dahlias being certified through Fairmont are well worthy of this honor. It is barely possible that we have erred in some of our judgments. If we have, we are sorry.

Color analyses for this report on the various entries in the West Virginia trial garden were furnished by Mr. Ernest Freed of the art department of Fairmont State College, the home location of the trial garden. The report follows:

### CERTIFICATED DAHLIAS

**SNOW MAIDEN.** Stake No. 4. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. This flower brought on many discussions among the six judges. It is perhaps the whitest "white" Dahlia ever seen in the West Virginia trial garden. The flowers are large and clean. It is a mid-summer bloomer and needs much disbudding and pruning. Informal decorative to formal decorative. Bush not overly tall. Score 85.

**JERSEY'S MAIDEN.** Stake No. 7. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. A charming, dainty, attractive, beautiful, valuable single. The flower suggests, at first glance, the blooms of the wild dogwood. The blooms show white with lemon yellow stripe on the edge of each petal. The flower is a profuse bloomer with blooms uniformly measuring 3 inches. For this type of flower, highly recommendable. Score 85  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

**MOZART.** Stake No. 8. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. This is a true ball Dahlia, very attractive, white. Judges uniformly scored it within "certificate" figures. Foliage clean and healthy. Bush of medium height. Flowers  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Score 85  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

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## West Virginia—Cont. from p. 27

DEAN SHURTLEFF. Stake No. 9. Entered by Shelby E. Taylor, Morgantown, West Virginia. The owner has named this Dahlia in honor of the writer of this report. This flower was described by a visitor as having a color that just "jumped out at you." The color is a brilliant carmen red with a suggestion of silver veining on the reverse. A flower with snap. Informal decorative, flowers, 11 by 6½ inches. Bush 6 feet tall, and throws good canes. A most desirable and promising new Dahlia. Highest scoring Dahlia in the garden. Score 85 5/6.

BESS SMITH. Stake No. 17. Entered by J. B. Anderson, New York City. Flower is white and very beautiful. Informal decorative with blooms 9 by 3½ inches. Bush grows tall. Some laterals show a tendency to grow with a twirl. A recommendable white. Score 85.

Stake No. 1. Entered by Donald Varner, Fairmont, West Virginia. Due to the fact that this entry was but a one-year seedling it was not judged. The superintendent feels that all seedlings entered in trial gardens should be at least two years old. Consent on the part of the owner for a deferred score was granted.

CHIEF KOKOMO. Stake No. 13. Entered by Washburn Dahlia Garden, Kokomo, Indiana. Color violet red. Bush and growth: height, natural, 4 feet 10 inches; pinched, 4 feet 2 inches. Clean foliage. Informal decorative commercial. Score 82 1/3.

VELVET KING. Stake No. 14. Entered by Hillside Dahlia Garden (Bissell), Austinburg, Ohio. Color royal red with violet mixture. Bush and growth: height, natural, 4 feet 8 inches; pinched, 4 feet 4 inches. Early to mid-season bloomer. Flowers large 9x5 inches. A beautiful flower. Green bracts in center of flower. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. A worthwhile flower. Score 83.

LITTLE CHIEF. Stake No. 15. Entered by H. O. Alexander, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. Color carmen red. Bush and growth: height 4½ feet; pinched 3¼ feet. Foliage clean. Many flowers "down in the foliage." A good commercial well within miniature size. Score 75 1/3.

CHARLES SHANNON. Stake No. 16. Entered by Mrs. Grace Houston, Marion, Virginia. Color white. Bush and growth: height, natural 6 feet; pinched 5 feet. Bloomed with a variety of flowers. Some flowers were almost ball type. Formal decorative medium, flowers 7x4 inches. Some poor stems. Score 78 5/6.

Stake No. 2. Entered by Glen Hawkins, Fairmont, West Virginia. This entry was a "mistake" on the part of the superintendent in that he planted the wrong Dahlia. This Dahlia was judged the preceding year.

Stake No. 3. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms, Lebanon, Ohio. Color red violet pink with a silver lining on reverse. Bush and growth: height, natural 4½ feet; pinched back 3¾ feet. Foliage clean but somewhat sparse. A valuable informal decorative commercial flower. Score 83 1/6.

No. 19C. Stake No. 5. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Color white with light violet shading when flower is opening. Bush and growth: height, natural 4½ feet; pinched 3½ feet. Foliage clean.

Stems somewhat weak. Blooms early with flowers having cleft petal tips. Cactus medium size. Very pretty. One plant did not grow. Score 79 1/6.

22C. Stake No. 6. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Flower not scored as it did not bloom in time for accurate scoring. Gave evidence of being a beautiful light pink cactus.

MRS. BRADLEY GEIST. Stake No. 10. Entered by Reinhold Grienberg, Wayne, Pennsylvania. Color white with a suggestion of lemon yellow at base of petals. Bush and growth: height, natural 4 feet 2 inches; pinched 3 feet 10 inches. Foliage clean. Poor stems. Formal decorative, large. Score 74 1/6.

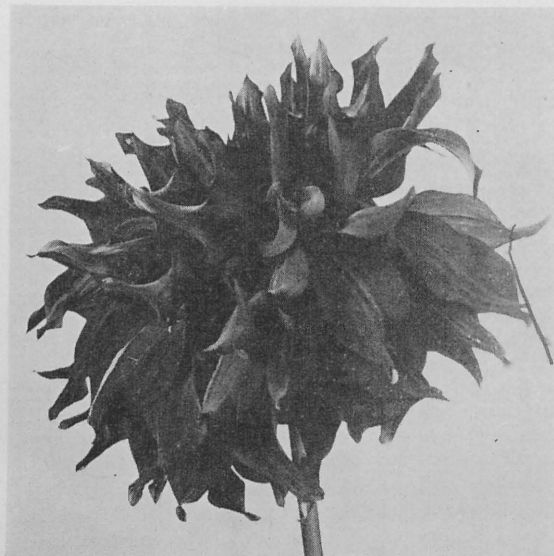
8-R. Stake No. 11. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Not scored. Did not grow. New trial recommended.

A-53. Stake No. 12. Entered by A. H. Rich. Entry destroyed by superintendent as plants showed a pathological condition. Leaf spot.

BLONDIE. Stake No. 18. Entered by Bertha Linduff, New Cumberland, West Virginia. Color yellow orange with cream. Bush and growth: height, natural 5 feet; pinched 4 feet. One plant did not grow. Stems with a tendency to lop. Formal decorative, medium. Flowers 7x3. Score 72.

FRIENDSHIP. Stake No. 19. Entered by Retzer's Dahlia Garden, Westbridgewater, Pennsylvania. Color apricot with gold and yellow, centers with ivory and red orange on reverse. Bush and growth: height, natural 5 feet; pinched 4 feet. Flowers bloomed with hard elongated centers. Flowers large, 10 by 5 inches. Formal decorative. Score 79.

DEAN SHURTLEFF—crimson red Decorative—awarded Certificate of Merit at A.D.S. Trial Grounds, West Virginia. Originator: Rockley Gardens.





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## EDITORIAL

Why grow any Dahlias this year?

Let's do something practical!

What matter if we do disappoint the thousands who gain inspiration—yes even recapture their faith in Almighty God while feasting upon the matchless beauty and color of our Dahlia gardens.

Let's bring our vegetables to the sick in the hospitals—to the shut-ins, to whom lovely flowers are rays of hope and light.

Let's deprive our Churches of Dahlia blooms for the altars.

And we might just as well pass up the friendships that attend our interest in Dahlia culture.

Yes and we can close up all the Fall Shows. Possibly we will not then need their beauty and awe to ease our troubled minds.

To do it up brown, let's take from the little child the radiant joy and pride and her big chuckling smile, as she brings an armful of lovely blooms to "Mommie."

RUBBISH! Let's be sensible humans. Put our shoulders to the wheel in the war effort? Of course we will. Dahlia growing has been our hobby—now it is our job! We owe it to our fellowmen as well as to ourselves to bring all the joy and beauty we can into the few leisure hours of the terribly busy tense days that lie ahead. You have no defense if you shirk this all important task. Resolve now to grow the most beautiful Dahlias you have ever had.

"Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone."

Again the A. D. S. calls a winner. It has been chron-

icled in this column on several occasions that our Society has been most fortunate in its choice of Presidents. Conrad Frey has completed two splendid terms—his was a fine job, capably and faithfully executed. He leaves the affairs of the Society in good condition.

And now we hail our new President, Edward B. Lloyd, of Verona, N. J. Mr. Lloyd is best known as Show Manager of the A. D. S. for a number of years. His accomplishments on that assignment are appreciated throughout the Dahlia world. It is a joy to work with him and we predict increased influence for the Society under his direction. The cry of today is for "Doers" not "Talkers." Mr. Lloyd fills the bill!

The choicest morsel ever "dished up" at an A. D. S. party was the speech of Prof. Lew Sarrett at our recent dinner in New York, which is reported in greater detail elsewhere.

A busy man has to be "wrapped up" in the Dahlia to make the long trip from Chicago to address us. Your Editor, penning these notes a month later is thrilled again and again as he recalls bit by bit this inspiring talk so masterfully delivered. Every eye was focused upon Prof. Lew the entire time and his last syllable seemed to be the signal for spontaneous applause that was as sincere as it was deafening.

Here, surely is one of our great leaders—our hats are off to him. Some day we will ask him for a return engagement. At that time the banquet will have to be held in one of the large ballrooms!

## American Dahlia Society Committees 1942

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*Chairman of Judges, Annual Exhibition*—Conrad Frey.

# Honor Roll and Futurity Selections

RESUME COMPILED BY HENRY OLSEN, FLUSHING, L. I.

In order to aid you in selecting the varieties you will want to add to your collection this year your Editor suggested that I arrange the Dahlias chosen by the four experts, grouped under type and color classifications.

And for the benefit of those who will compete in the Shows throughout the country for the *House Beautiful* Futurity medals, Mr. J. W. Johnston's selections have been checked in the extreme right hand column. These

varieties alone are eligible for 1942 prizes in this special class.

It will be noted that of the domestic Honor Roll Dahlias large flowering there are seven formal decoratives; twenty-two informals; ten semi-cactus and two incurved cactus. The types in medium flowering are more evenly proportioned.

Well, here they are, you draw your own conclusions

## Large Flowering

VARIETY	TYPE	ORIGINATOR	COLOR	LYNN B. DUDLEY	J. LOUIS ROBERTS	RICHARD T. EDDY	J. W. JOHNSTON
<i>Mrs. Thomas Edison</i>	F.D.	Chautauqua	Deep rose red, a silver reverse	v		v	v
<i>Dr. A. H. Schmitt</i>	F.D.	Sowton	Spectrum red	v			v
<i>King David</i>	F.D.	Corbett	Rich deep purple	v			v
<i>Adele Henderson</i>	F.D.	Rindfleisch	Citron yellow	v			
<i>Mother Hendricks</i>	F.D.	Dixie	White	v			
<i>Chautauqua Giant</i>	F.D.	Chautauqua	Yellow-orange		v		
<i>Hon. A. E. Giegangack</i>	F.D.	Geotzger	Bright amaranth red				v
<i>Bills Splendor</i>	I.D.	Salem	Deep pink	v	v	v	
<i>Mollie B</i>	I.D.	Briggs	Deep mauve pink	v		v	v
<i>Velvet King</i>	I.D.	Hillside	Dark velvet cardinal red	v		v	v
<i>Dean Shurtleff</i>	I.D.	Taylor	Ox-blood red	v		v	v
<i>Rita Shirl</i>	I.D.	Mundy	Pale yellow overlay scarlet red	v		v	
<i>Pride of Garfield</i>	I.D.	Garfield	Combination of lavender and cream	v		v	
<i>Whirlaway</i>	I.D.	Pittman	Between soft lemon and sulphur yellow	v			v
<i>Pink Elephant</i>	I.D.	Giffin	Deep rose pink	v			v
<i>Mrs. H. I. Hudson</i>	I.D.	Geneva	Cameo and thulite pink	v			v
<i>G. M. C.</i>	I.D.	Lakeside	Ox-blood red		v	v	
<i>Scarlet O'Hara</i>	I.D.	Salem	Scarlet with buff orange reverse		v	v	
<i>Joseph B. Lanktree</i>	I.D.	Ballay	Turkey red			v	v
<i>First Lady</i>	I.D.	Ballay	Yellow and pinkish orange			v	v
<i>Scarlet Sport</i>	I.D.	Kemp	Buff, gold and red, generally orange				
<i>Dr. Danner</i>	I.D.	Dixie	Chrome yellow overlaid crimson	v			
<i>Joyce Petrie</i>	I.D.	Petrie	Orange	v			
<i>Edgar Guest</i>	I.D.	Koenig	Rich yellow	v			
<i>Chief Kokomo</i>	I.D.	Washburn	Mulberry rose	v			
<i>Dixie Masterpiece</i>	I.D.	Dixie	Crimson red		v		
<i>Betty Staker</i>	I.D.	Sowton	Gold, streaked and veined amber			v	
<i>Mrs. MacMillan Hoopes</i>	I.D.	Salem	White				v
<i>Mrs. W. K. Dupont</i>	I.D.	Salem	Wisteria violet				v
<i>Tops</i>	S.-C.	Dozier	Clear rich yellow	v	v	v	v
<i>Ivory Princess</i>	S.-C.	Hawkins	Ivory	v	v	v	v
<i>Top Flight</i>	S.-C.	Dozier	Crimson red	v	v	v	v
<i>Corrine Marcella</i>	S.-C.	Morgan	Warm buff, suffused old rose				
<i>Columbia</i>	S.-C.	Morgan	Deep gold and peach pink	v			v
<i>H. I. Phillips</i>	S.-C.	Siebrecht	Buff suffused old rose	v			v
<i>Indian Summer</i>	S.-C.	Geotzer	Golden yellow suffused orange	v			v
<i>Hulin's Melody</i>	S.-C.	Hulin	Gold, reverse old rose			v	
<i>Harry J. Crosley</i>	S.-C.	Franklin	Yellow buff			v	
<i>Vans Yellow</i>	S.-C.	Franklin	Clear yellow			v	
<i>Stephen Foster</i>	I.C.	Salem	Buff orange, suffused tyrian rose	v	v	v	v
<i>Regalia</i>	I.C.	Ballay	Deed cerise			v	v



## Medium Flowering

VARIETY	TYPE	ORIGINATOR	COLOR	LYNN B. DUDLEY	J. LOUIS ROBERTS	RICHARD T. EDDY	J. W. JOHNSTON
<i>Pink Profusion</i>	F. D.	Cordes	Salmon pink	v			v
<i>Olive Ruth Reed</i>	F. D.	Waters	Yellow, flushed rose doree	v			
<i>Little Katie</i>	F. D.	Lakeside	Yellow			v	
<i>Dorothy Geer</i>	F. D.	Geer	Cameo pink				v
<i>Vin Well Paragon</i>	I. D.	Blamer	Yellow at base, rose pink toward the tips	v		v	
<i>Kemp's Crystal White</i>	I. D.	Kemp	White	v			
<i>Shining One</i>	I. D.	Golden Rule	Begonia rose		v		
<i>Adornment</i>	I. D.	Salem	Light purple with pink shadings				v
<i>Gay Imp</i>	I. D.	Sjoberg	Bi-color, red and white				v
<i>Dorothy Schmidt</i>	S.-C.	Parrella	Deep lavender	v		v	v
<i>Lady in Red</i>	S.-C.	Dixie	Velvety scarlet		v		
<i>Miss Lorraine</i>	S.-C.	Mundy	White			v	
<i>Peach Dawn</i>	S.-C.	Dudley	Rose flesh, suffused soft rose				v
<i>Orange Princess</i>	I. C.	Geneva	Red orange	v			v
<i>Winter Morn</i>	I. C.	Maytrott	White	v			v
<i>Regalia</i>	I. C.	Ballay	Cerise			v	v
<i>Madam Curie</i>	St. C.	Garfield	Blend rose pink, cream center		v		
<i>Mozart</i>	Ball	Maytrott	White	v			v
<i>Marshall Kernochan</i>	Ball	Parrella	Rich carmine	v			v

## Miniatures, Pompons, Singles and Collarettes

<i>White Fawn</i>	F. D. Min.	Dixie	White	v	v	v	
<i>Little Susan</i>	F. D. Min.	C. Frey	Soft tyrian rose	v			v
<i>Susan R</i>	S.-C. Min.	Rev. Moyer	Blend salmon pink and tan	v			v
<i>Bachelor Girl</i>	Single	Maytrott	Bright orange	v			v
<i>Jersey Maid</i>	Single	Maytrott	Bi-color, center white, yellow tips	v			v
<i>Yellow Silvia</i>	F. D. Min.	Koenig	Yellow	v			
<i>Pink Duchess</i>	Pom.	Allen	Delicate pink	v			
<i>Zula Princess</i>	F. D. Min.	Kemp	Carmine red	v			
<i>Geneva Crystal White</i>	S.-C. Min.	Geer	White			v	
<i>Suntan</i>	F. D. Min.	Glen Mack	Light orange				v
<i>Ecstasy</i>	Coll.	Chappaqua	Deep yellow				v
<i>Flower Girl</i>	F. D. Min.	Glen Mack	Pink with white center				v
<i>Orangeade</i>	Coll.	Maytrott	Deep orange				v

## FOREIGN

<i>Koongarra Grandeur</i>	F. D.	Australia Weiss	Glowing apricot			v	v
<i>Leslie Thomas</i>	I. D.	England	Pink				v
<i>Bills Gold</i>	I. D.	Australia	Pure gold			v	
<i>W. R. Shinkfield</i>	I. D.	Australia	Rich Gold			v	
<i>Mrs. G. A. Riches</i>	F. D.	Australia	Intense flame			v	
<i>Goldwyn</i>	I. D.	Australia	Gold, shaded bronze			v	
<i>Dawson</i>	I. D.	Australia	Salmon, suffused gold			v	
<i>Sydney</i>	I. D.	Australia	Rose pink, gold base			v	

## Medium

<i>Norman Grivell</i>	C.	Australia	Golden bronze			v	
<i>Blaze</i>	I. D.	Stredwick	Orange-scarlet			v	
		England					
<i>Springtime</i>	I. D.	England	Pink and cream			v	
<i>Rev. Harold Key</i>	I. D.	England	Center white, pink towards tip				v

## Miniatures and Poms

<i>Eventide</i>	I. D. Min.	England	Salmon pink suffused with yellow				v
<i>Gleam</i>	S.-C. Min.	Australia	Yellow tipped pink				v
<i>Mary Mosley</i>	C. Min.	England	Crimson red				v
<i>New Cockade</i>	F. D. Min.	England	Blood red				v
<i>Orangeman</i>	Min.	England	Bright orange				v
<i>Winsome</i>	Min.	England	Rosy purple				v
<i>Valda</i>	Pom.	Australia	Deep mulberry				v

## Cultural Tips for the Novice

If you have not already done so, it is imperative that you check over your clumps now to avoid excessive winter losses. The tubers may appear somewhat shrivelled. If the stalks are sound, place the clumps in boxes of moist soil. In a couple of weeks they should be removed again for inspection.

On the other hand, stem rot may be present. In such cases trim away the decayed portion and sprinkle the cuts with a mixture of lime and sulphur. Allow the stalks to dry for a day or two before placing them back in storage.

Next in importance is the checking of equipment. Due to the shortages of material in the present emergency, it is well to procure now those tools and materials which you will require for the growing season. Garden hose, for example, will be very scarce later on (conservation of rubber).

Buy that new cultivator and sprayer now. Will it be necessary to replenish rake, hoe or spading fork or are they in good shape for another season.

How about stakes—bamboo is practically out of the question, but there is yet time to buy wooden stakes (one inch by one inch). Be sure to have them pointed. If possible pick up a short crow bar and heavy hammer—mighty handy to pierce the ground and set in the stakes without damage.

Sharpen and oil the pruning shears. Cord and twine will be much higher in price in late Spring. Have you sufficient on hand to tie up your plants?

Procure fertilizers now! A million small back yards will be turned into vegetable gardens this year. While a large percentage will doubtless prove unsuccessful, a great deal of valuable fertilizer will be used by them. Get yours now and be sure.

Some insecticides will be short. A dollar invested now may save your entire crop of Dahlia blooms from insect ravage.

Set aside empty bushel baskets; they make efficient shades for your best Show blooms. How often a blue ribbon is won on color—proper shading will be of value.

When planting time arrives, remember the old adage, "Better a dollar root in a ten dollar hole, than a ten dollar root in a dollar hole." Prepare the soil by digging a foot deep. If convenient mix with it some well rotted cow manure or peat moss.

Never plant a complete clump; this would produce a cluster of weak stems whereas a good strong single stalk is to be desired. Use a sharp knife and split the clump in half right down through the center of the old stalk. Hold the clump securely as the necks of the tubers must not be cracked, strained or broken. Further divide the half clumps; a good division consists of one or two tubers with unbroken necks attached to a piece of the crown of the old stalk which contains a live eye or sprout.

Dahlias should be planted around Decoration Day. A root division is planted, lying flat, six inches deep. Large flowering types should not be planted closer than three or four feet apart. Miniatures and pompons are spaced two feet apart or interspersed here and there in the garden borders.

In the next issue of the BULLETIN we will publish information regarding fertilizing, watering, disbudding, preparation of blooms, etc.

## Greetings to the A. D. S.—Cont. from p. 5

know I will receive, this same loyal support and coöperation during my term of office.

You all knew when casting your ballots that you were not electing an orator! I was born speechless at a very early age, and quickly became convinced that I was destined to become one of the world's great listeners. However, when necessary I shall not hesitate to address you upon the "State of the Dahlia"—as briefly as possible. At this time, I have no startling innovations to propose. There are several vital questions before us for solution; perhaps the chief of them being our membership. This question is always before us. Various plans have been used in the past, none of them with more than temporary success, and a definite program must be adopted and followed. Frankly I am at a loss myself at this time to offer a workable proposal for increasing and holding our membership. Your suggestions are welcome and, in fact, are solicited.

The American Dahlia Society has many members whose abilities and attainments make them of value in spreading the gospel of the Dahlia. Their services are always in demand and generously given, both verbally and in print. None of these able men and women will use their A. D. S. connection for commercial profit—to themselves or to the Society, but are always ready to freely devote their time and knowledge to further the aims of our Society. These men and women are well known to all and await your invitation.

Mr. Frey left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the value of the work done by his committees during his administration. Having an intimate knowledge of this work and of the ability of the several committee heads, I am asking committee chairmen, with one exception, to accept reappointment and to select their own committee members. The one exception is that of a man for whom I have never had anything but respect personally, but whose ability I have often questioned! When vases were scarce and table space for blooms non-existent, he encircled himself with a smoke screen of cheap cigar smoke! His motto was always—"let Henry do it!" It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity to publicly fire the Chairman of the Show Committee. His luck has finally caught up with him! Here endeth the first lesson, and the words of Paul Frese, let's all grow Dahlias for defense.

Ed. B. Lloyd.

## REGISTRATIONS

Application has been made with the usual fee for registration of the following names. If there is no objection within a reasonable length of time they will be considered registered.

*Blessed Mother Cabrini*, I. D. Red carmine overlaid red. *Mrs. Clementine Codrobbi*, apriot, peach or buff. Size 5 x 8 x 3. By Joseph Cadrobbi, 1224 N. W. Highway, Park Ridge, Ill.

*Pearl Harbor*, I. D. Pink splashed purple. By Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

*Colin P. Kelly, Jr.* By Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.

*Purple Duchess*, *Red Duchess*, *Autumn Duchess*, Pompons. By John Allen, 95 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y.



# News and Notes of the Affiliated Societies

## Portland Dahlia Society Notes

Portland gardeners, flower societies, and clubs are taking a keener interest than ever in carrying on the work and plans for the usual flower Shows, unless defense measures prevent. A few of these clubs, such as the Portland Dahlia Society, put on Shows of great extent. This year our society anticipates a State wide participation and exhibitors from other localities are welcome and air mail exhibits will receive special attention.

The Portland Dahlia Society is well started on its program for 1942. At the November meeting the following officers were elected: P. F. Kershnik was re-elected President; C. M. Ferris, First Vice-President; H. H. Carberg, Second Vice-President; Madge Kershnik was elected Secretary, and Betty Heater, assistant; Mr. F. D. Gannett was elected Treasurer; W. C. Scruton, Rollin Heater, and G. O. Latimer were made directors; E. S. Bradford was appointed publicity chairman and Mrs. R. M. McClary, special correspondent.

The new officers are showing a lively interest in carrying on the Societies Greater Program System and the President has made committee appointments to cover work of the different seasons leading up to the Fall Show. Because of need of more time for questions of vital interest to Dahlia growers the society voted to meet each month instead of bi-monthly as heretofore. At the January meeting Mr. J. G. Bacher, of the Garden Contest Association showed colored slides of Dahlia gardens he made while visiting the old world just before the war, he also showed the sweepstake winning Dahlia garden in the recent contest. His talk and comments on gardens shown was of much interest to the Society.

Better Dahlias and Dahlias suitable for borders, bedding and special plantings, were discussed by outstanding Dahlia growers at this meeting. Since this phase of planting is becoming more and more popular in Portland, the Dahlia growers are showing how well this grand flower is suited to the purpose. Dependable Dahlias in small types old and new are in demand for plantings in parkways and in front yards where they can be seen from the street.

There have been changes lately in our membership. More new members and we have lost some of our older members. Mrs. Charles L. Mastick, one of the first Dahlia growers in Portland, and who kept the Dahlia Society alive for so many years, after liquidating her Dahlia business last season also sold her home and has gone to Oakland, California, to live with a daughter. Her long years of Dahlia experience was of untold value to the society. Although 82 years old she is very spry and takes a keen interest in Dahlia work still and reminded us that she was coming back to see our next Dahlia Show.

Another outstanding Dahlia grower has moved from our midst, Mrs. Frances McCarter, who popularized the small type Dahlias in Portland, catering extensively to the florist trade. She has turned her business, The Portland Dahlia Gardens, over to her son Richard McCarter

who has entered wholeheartedly into carrying on the traditions of the business and we wish him success.

Garden Clubs flourish in the Northwest and they are stressing judging classes. We find few of the clubs have given adequate attention to Dahlias therefore our society is interested in emphasizing the desirability of the many uses of one great flower in special and grouping arrangements to complete the garden appeal. We give field demonstrations of judging to which the public is invited as well as devoting special meetings throughout the year to discussions by florists and competent Dahlia growers on timely subjects as cutting and arrangements of Dahlias for the Show room and especially for the use of this medium for home decoration.

Mrs. R. M. McClary.

## OBSERVATIONS AT ALABAMA

By Central States' J. Louis Roberts

Arriving in Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday morning, October 7, we checked into the hotel and on the way to our room overhead one of the maids singing "Come to Jesus" but not in the same key as Dewey Mohr would. After getting settled we went to the Auditorium, where the Sixth Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama was to be held. The usual hustle and bustle of placing blooms was in effect, and after a short time the judges were brought together and given their instructions. Everything was on schedule and was done on time.

The floor space was 100 feet by 150 feet, and the temperature was 94 degrees. The Show tables were set in a herringbone pattern and were filled. Considering the heat the blooms were excellent. Mrs. H. C. Rike had a display, not in competition, which covered one end

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### ROCKLEY GARDENS

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of the hall. It was composed of various small flowering varieties set in a very artistic manner. Probably the most outstanding exhibit was a vase of 25 *Cherokee Brave*, but what interested most of us was the special exhibit of Mr. Norman Lefkovits, which won a special award.

There was a vase of twelve *Maffie*. Close inspection showed only one had a weak stem. *Marjorie Jamison*, a yellow cactus looked good. A seedling, S-7-39, semi-cactus purple looked promising for the reason that *Jean Trimbee* has ruled in this class for years. It may be of interest to know what is a good exhibition variety in the South, and I therefore give you some of the winners:

Formals: *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Class*, *Sagamore*, *Kemp's Red Challenger*, *Gloria Bacher* and *Victory*.

Informals: *Alice May*, *California Idol*, *Winsor Colonel*, *Margrace*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Brilliant Lady* and *Robert Ripley*.

Semi-cactus: *Kay Francis*, *Treasure Chest*, *Model 999*, *Maffie* and *Figaro*.

Cactus: *Jersey Dainty*, *Beaute*, *Thunderbolt*, *Marjorie Jamison*, *Bernice Geer* and *Greater Glory*.

Dean Oliver Shurtleff made the special awards in the evening.

Examining the blooms on the Show table I found only two with ring spot and wondered. On a trip visiting gardens I looked for ring spot and found one, but it was almost dead. The green coloring matter (chlorophyll) had almost left the leaves and they were of a yellowish color. It may be that in this climate plants affected with ring spot will not live.

The gardens I visited had a soil that looked like a red clay, and they used a straw mulch. Their worst pest is the bill bug. Norman LeMotte said they used Octagon Soap in a spray solution to get rid of red spider. He said it was the only turpentine soap and he and others have used it for years. Out of about 500 plants I found only two infested with red spider and the temperature was 94 degrees. Red spiders breed very fast at this temperature.

After all it's the pleasure of meeting people at these Shows that you remember the longest. Can you beat "Southern hospitality"?

## Banquet of the Dahlia Society of Ohio

Saturday evening, January 10, about fifty faithful members of the Dahlia Society of Ohio attended the banquet and installation of officers. We had to be faithful for the snow was six inches deep and the temperature was five below zero. Some of us drove sixty miles and the roads were very dangerous. We had a grand banquet and some great entertainment.

Mrs. E. MacDowell was re-elected President; First Vice-President, Fred Jones; Second Vice-President, Charles Lash; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Raymond Hersley; Fourth Vice-President, John Bracht; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Richard Howels; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Papish; Treasurer, Richard Howels.

Mrs. MacDowell did a wonderful job in 1941 and we have every reason to believe she will do a grand job this



year. We wish her and all the officers great success this year and we pledge her all the support we are capable of giving. Mr. Jones, our first vice-president, has never served before as an officer in our Society but he is an engineer and has built great factories in the United States and many foreign countries. We are sure he will be just as good in helping us build a greater Dahlia Society. Mr. Bracht is the only commercial grower elected this year in our Society. He has never served before as an official. He is a partner in the Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens. They are importers of many of our best foreign Dahlias and have probably exhibited more blooms in the Cleveland Shows than any other firm or fan. He should be a great help this coming year. All the other officers have held office before and have always done a great deal of the hard work. They will not fail us and we wish them well.

The following are the chairmen of the various committees named by Mrs. MacDowell: Membership, G. A. Andrews; Program, Mrs. Cris Wind; Publicity, Mrs. Isabelle Papish; A. D. S. BULLETIN, F. V. R. Veirs; Auditing, J. W. Cowie and E. A. Papish; Hosts, R. V. Devney and Phil Peters; Hostesses, Mrs. Charles Lash and Mrs. Cowie. The above chairmen are all members of the Ways and Means Committee.

The regional chairmen are Walter Bissel, Austenburg, Ohio; Harold Gallimore, East Liverpool, Ohio; Mr. Reynolds, Wellsville, Ohio; Harold Shannabrook, Massillon, Ohio; C. H. Smith, Toledo, Ohio; and George Richardson, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Advisory Board members are H. H. Robins, J. W. Cowie, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig, E. J. Wind, John Strassen, Frank Parenica, and F. V. R. Veirs.

The Show will be held in Cleveland on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. This is also the State Show. Every Dahlia fan who can arrange to come please do so. We will do all in our power to show you a good time. We have a war on our hands and all of us are making every effort to win it as we surely will, and many of us have boys in the army. But there is no better way of relaxing than growing our favorite flower and attending all the Shows we can. At any rate you are all cordially invited to our Show in Cleveland.

F. V. R. Veirs.

### San Leandro Dahlia Society

The Society held its annual election of officers yesterday, Tuesday, January 6, and the following are the officers for the year: President, Paul W. Brannon; First Vice-President, Frank Zell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. Parle; Directors: Mrs. Clara Verhe, J. G. Groves, Stanley Allen, T. J. Sjoberg, Al Nashman, Walter Carman; Secretary and Treasurer, Charles Garrity.

The Society is in a very good position and the members are all of opinion that we should carry on as usual as we feel that by so doing we are in a position to help to preserve the morale of those around us and what is more cheering to the boys at the front to know that we are still carrying on and when they have knocked the stuffing out of our enemies that they will be able to come back to the old familiar homes we feel it is our duty to carry on for their sakes. We have a series of whist parties during the winter months. These are held in the Veterans'

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*Charles Garrity.*

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## Dahlia Society of New Jersey

At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, held Saturday, January 31, in Newark, the following officers and Board were elected: President, Mr. Ray Smith, Cedar Grove; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. W. Mass, Springfield; Second Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Kemp, Little Silver; Third Vice-President, Miss Virginia Stout, Short Hills; Fourth Vice-President, Mr. John L. Grider, Pompton Lakes; Fifth Vice-President, Mr. F. D. Marker, Upper Montclair; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Freida H. Fisher, Trenton. Executive Board: Miss Frances Hernfeck, Verona; Mr. P. LeBoutillier, Irvington; Mrs. D. H. Meyer, Jersey City; Mr. Dewey Mohr, Rockville Center, L. I.; Mr. George Swezey, Hillside; Mr. A. Swoboda, Ridgefield Park; Mrs. H. D. Thomas, Paterson; Mr. Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, and past-presidents Dr. C. H. Connors, New Brunswick; Mr. Conrad Frey, Nutley; Mr. J. W. Johnston, New York; Mr. W. W. Maytrott, Vineland; Mr. E. B. Lloyd, Verona; Mr. L. L. Pollak, Montclair.

Glowing tribute was paid by the president to the late Mrs. Charles H. Stout who was the moving spirit in organizing the Dahlia Society and honorary president for the past sixteen years. A resolution offered by Dr. C. H. Connors was ordered spread upon the minutes and an engrossed copy sent to Miss Virginia Stout.

Mr. George Swezey was made an honorary life member. A Fall Flower Show will be held October 3 at Kearney. It was announced that a \$100 defense bond had been purchased by the Society, and it was the unanimous opinion of the members that the work of the Society should be carried on in spite of the war because of the greater need of beauty and relaxation for everyone.

Mr. Lynn Dudley, a former president of the American Dahlia Society, gave a most interesting talk on the Honor Roll of Dahlias of 1941, illustrated by slides of Dahlias and people connected with growing them. Following this, refreshments were served by Mrs. Mass and her committee.

## Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society, Inc., held its annual election January 9 and elected the following members for 1942: President, N. A. Scheel; First Vice-President, George Schirmer; Second Vice-President, Talbot McAfee; Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn; Financial Secretary, George Mumma; Treasurer, John C. Mencke, Jr. Board of Governors: N. A. Gossmann, Roy Tracy, George Shaffer, E. P. Loller, C. M. Diffenderffer, Henry Cory, W. R. Andrews, Harry J. Quick, Charles Kalter.

Committees have been appointed and work started to make this a banner year. President Scheel announced the dates of our Show as September 20 and 21, 1942, and appointed Mr. George Schirmer as Show Manager.

Charles M. Diffenderffer was elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Dahlia Society and we are very sure he will make a most capable representative for our State.

*Herbert O. Aburn.*



## Eighth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Georgia

Reported by C. E. Faust, Atlanta, Georgia

Results of the eighth annual Dahlia Show sponsored by The Dahlia Society of Georgia enlists the interest of hundreds of gardeners throughout the state.

Sweepstakes in Section A—one growing one to fifty hills was won by Mrs. A. C. Caraway. Largest and most perfect bloom won by Mrs. A. C. Caraway, on *Jane Cowl*. Sweepstakes in Section B—one growing 51 to 125 hills was won by Mr. Nelson Crist. Largest and most perfect bloom was won by Mr. B. E. Philips on *Glamour*. Three blooms was won by Mr. O. A. Byce on *Cherokee Brave*. Sweepstakes in Section C—one growing 126 to 250 hills was won by Mr. C. R. Perry. Largest and most perfect bloom was won by Mr. W. F. Jones on *Cervinka*.

Three blooms was won by Mrs. C. D. Swint on *Opal* and *Freda George*. Sweepstakes in Section D—one growing 250 and over was won by Mr. C. E. Faust. Largest and most perfect bloom was won by Dr. H. C. Rike on *Discovery*. Three blooms was won by Dr. H. C. Rike on *Discovery*. Sweepstakes in Section E—growing medium size flowers was won by Mr. C. E. Faust. Most perfect bloom was won by Dr. H. C. Rike on *Nancy Gene*.

Three blooms was won by Dr. H. C. Rike on *Cheer-Leader*. Sweepstakes in Section F—growing miniatures was won by Mr. Nelson Crist. The Hastings Perpetual Trophy for the most outstanding individual Dahlia in the Show went to Mr. C. E. Faust on *Kemp Red Challenger*. The President Cup was won by Mr. C. E. Faust on three blooms, *Model 999*. The Helen Hayes Cup was won by Dr. H. C. Rike on three blooms, *Mary Taylor*. Artistic arrangement was won by Mrs. B. L. Kennedy. She also won first in arrangements emphasizing color harmony and miniature Dahlias. *House Beautiful* Futurity medal was won by Dr. H. C. Rike. The Garden Club class was won by the Forsythia Garden Club for the most outstanding exhibit. Magnolia Garden won for the best artistic arrangement.

After the Show, the beautiful flowers brightened the rooms of hospitals throughout the city. The high-lights of the Show were many of the standard varieties such as *Glamour*, *Jimmy Foxx*, *Miss Glory*, *Blue River*, *Cherokee Brave*, *California Idol*, *Nancy Gene*, *Carl Dahl*, *Alice May*, *Freda George*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Gretal*, *Virginia Rute*, *Sunray* and others. Also, many of the newer varieties were on display—*Mary Taylor*, *Maffee*, *Angelus*, *Flash*, *All American*, *Cheer-Leader*, *Crowning Glory*.

## Suburban Dahlia Society of Baltimore

A thorough canvass of our members discloses that the root crop of Dahlias harvested was the worst in many years. Some reports of atrophied roots in storage—but we hope this proves exaggerated. An example of the root harvest of the past year may be noted in the fact that one of our members who normally harvest twenty seven bushels of clumps, had a meagre harvest of exactly

seven bushels. However the optimists in our midst seem to think all will be well in 1942—and we hope they are entirely and thoroughly correct. We do believe that the national efforts to promote home food gardening may curtail the production and growing of flowers—especially Dahlias. Again I believe had our members as a whole catered to the neophyte and amateur growers—and unselfishly promoted the commercial and smaller type classes—we would not have suffered as much as other garden flowers. Again I repeat I know of many who started to grow Dahlias with the idea solely of growing huge cabbage like blooms and after a season or so of temperamental Dahlias or after finding the “tricks” necessary to compete with the professional sharks simply turned to some other flower. I believe that unless the parent society takes steps to remedy present conditions the Dahlia will be the flower of a few “experts” and professional florists. Many of the so-called “big shots” close their eyes to this fact—some have only a financial interest in Dahlias—others only an interest in winning trophies and prizes—and too few of us grow their best loved flower because they actually and sincerely love it. Suburban will check this matter in 1942's Show. There will be ribbons only—no cash prizes or trophies. We believe we will show all that Suburban members are Dahlia growers because they like Dahlias not because they covet trophies—prizes and the old mazuma.

The Dahlia hot stove league has been in constant session since the frost of 1941, and measurements of Dahlia exceed any known to date. Doorways will have to be enlarged and scales and yardsticks bigger to handle these huge elephantine blooms that grow in the winter months. Suburban has been quite active since the advent of the New Year. A social in the club cellar of Mr. and Mrs. Meeks that was a huge success despite the frigid weather on the outside. Inside everything was cheer and merriment—high lighted by the rendition of “Tonight We Love” by our past President, Connie Brieger. Then our card party in Bond Hall. A word of thanks and compliment to Mary Ann Bodenberg for her tireless efforts to further the social aspects of our Club. Election of officers resulted in the election of Alexander Welsh, Sr., as President with Harry Quick as Vice-President, W. L. Warner, Treasurer, A. Bodenberg, Financial Secretary and E. Brieger, Recording Secretary.

A word of our new President affectionately known hereabouts as Pop Welsh. This real gentleman is a flower fancier of many, many years. In these day of selfishness—avarice—strife and greed, Pop stands out as shining beacon of what the Nazarene would term a true Christian. Anyone who can claim his friendship can indeed feel proud. And the love for flowers extend from grandsons all through the family. A brother, Phil Welsh, is one of America's best known chrysanthemum growers—genius is a better word. I believe I speak for our membership when I state we are fortunate in having Pop Welsh as our President. Plans for 1942 Show are about consummated and all signs point to a Show with a paid admission—proceeds to go in their entirety to some worthy cause. As I finish this notice I just learn of the demise of one of our members, Letitia Mumma. Our sincere condolences go out to her bereaved brother, George, also one of our members.

J. H. Nolte, Director of Publicity.

## Missouri Valley Dahlia Show Report

Memorial Building, Independence, Missouri  
September 20, 1941

After the hubub and bustle of preparation that always comes with flower Shows the public came down from the balcony where they impatiently watched the judges measuring and arguing over various contesting entries to view at close range one of the most colorful and artistically arranged Shows ever presented by the Missouri Valley Dahlia Association.

The hall is about 200 feet each way with a stage on one side. This stage with red velvet back curtain and

Old Glory in its rightful place of honor in the center was banked with ferns and massed groupings of coxcomb. The stage footlights were red, white and blue so by changing color of lighting it made a very pretty effect.

At each side of the stage along the wall were floral exhibits. On one side Mr. J. C. Hinde, of Independence, showed a beautiful display while on the other side Mr. Frank Payne, 8900 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri, showed an equally beautiful Dahlia grouping.

The floor of the hall had been laid out in pattern to represent The Union Jack. In the center of the floor was a fountain banked with ferns while radiating from this centerpiece like spokes from a wheel regulated measured table after table filled with specimens of our flower, the Dahlia.

Facing the entrance and below the stage apron were baskets of Dahlias.

Around the wall forming the border of the flag or the rim of the wheel were tables again filled with specimen blooms.

Our Show opened with "God Bless America" over the public address system with our Flag spotted on the stage from a spotlight in the balcony.

The outstanding exhibits were:

\*Largest flower, *Carl G. Dahl*, grown by Judge Allen C. Southern, Independence, Missouri.

\*Best flower, *Glamour*, grown by Judge Allen C. Southern (judged at 5 P. M.)

\*Futurity Winner, *All American*, grown by F. L. Ford, St. Joseph, Missouri.

\**American Home Achievement*, *Seedling No. 240*, grown by Paul V. Lawnick, Geneva Dahlia Gardens, St. Joseph, Missouri. A pink formal that should go far.

\*Most talked about blooms, *Maffie*, *Dorothy Lamour*, *Lynn Fontaine*, shown by E. J. Wright, Camden Point, Missouri.

\*Most points in the Show won by Paul V. Lawnick, St. Joseph, Missouri.

\*Best basket of Dahlias shown by Mrs. John Meidinger, St. Joseph, Missouri.

\*Best Ball Dahlia, *Charlotte Caldwell*, shown by Lester Davis, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Best Miniature Dahlia, *Julia S*, shown by Mr. R. Simmons, Parsons, Kansas.

Best Pompon Dahlia, *Sherry*, shown by Fred G. Batcher, Jr., St. Joseph, Missouri.

We of M. V. D. A. have this year started a new Dahlia section, our Junior section. Each member has taken either his boy or girl or a neighbor's boy or girl under sixteen years of age and started this youngster out with a few Dahlias of his own. The youngster shows his blooms in our junior section. This year Bobby Davis, of St. Joseph, won the most awards and had the outstanding bloom in this section.

During the afternoon and evening a mimeographed sheet was passed out to everyone attending offering a year's membership in M. V. D. A. plus a full dollar's worth of Dahlia tubers to anyone wishing to sign up during the Show. We have fourteen new members as a result.

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The spotlight handled by J. O. Hindsson together with the public address system with Lester Davis at the microphone kept the public informed of people visiting the Show and winners in various classes.

Mayor Roger T. Sermon made an address of welcome to the society in behalf of Independence at 7:30 P. M.

We closed our Show by darkening the hall except for the red, white and blue lights on the stage. Then spotlighting "Old Glory" with our President leading us we repeated Our Oath of Allegiance.

Before leaving the subject of our 1941 Show we must pay tribute to our Show Manager and her staff. Mrs. Glen Hansen of Independence, Missouri, assisted by all the Independence folks, setup, directed and staged our Show. It was a beautiful sight.

They were not satisfied with this though. All the out-of-town exhibitors and judges were given a feed that should be termed a banquet. Mrs. A. L. Childers, of Independence, was returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, on a stretcher only three weeks before the Show, having undergone a major operation while on vacation but—there she was lording it over her kitchen and directing and managing her cafeteria.

In the name of the M. V. D. A. to Independence and its hospitable inhabitants—"We thank you—we enjoyed your hospitality—come and see us sometime."

Fred G. Batcher, Jr.

## Peekskill Dahlia & Gladiolus Society, Inc. Peekskill, N. Y.

The 1941 Peekskill Dahlia Show was held in the auditorium of the Cortlandt Hook and Ladder Company, in Peekskill, N. Y., on September 12, which was the ninth annual exhibition sponsored by our society.

We must confess that the Show, as a whole, did not come up to our usual standard, owing to the extreme dry season and hot days prior to the Show. However, fine specimen blooms were exhibited and the artistic arrangements had exceptional merit.

Among the winning varieties were *Jersey Beauty*, *Pink Giant*, *Katie K.*, *Evelyn Chandler*, *Julius Bunge*, *Mary Taylor*, *Carl Dahl*, *Bette Davis*, *California Idol*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Kardinal Van Rossum*, *Gwyn Walker*, *Maid Marion*, *Ruth Nichols*, *B. Corry*, *C. Pinchot*, *Lynn Fountanne*, *Laetaer*, *Mother Maytrott* and *Sunray*.

*Mother Maytrott* was picked as the best bloom of the Show and was exhibited by H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y.

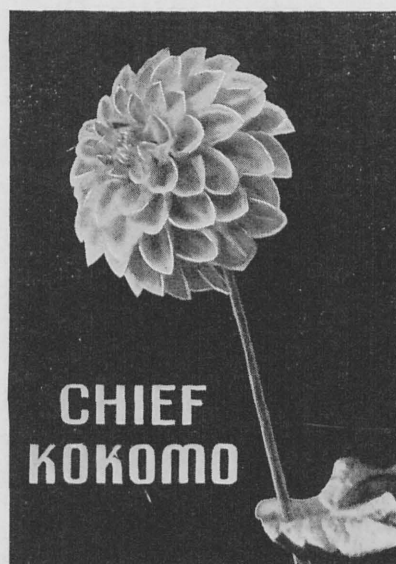
The *American Home* Achievement Medal was won with *Stephen Foster* originated by the Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J., and grown by E. J. O'Keeffe of Cold Spring, N. Y.

The House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity Medal was won with six blooms of *All American* exhibited by Louis Fioretti, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

The A. D. S. Medal went to Walter Ostrander, Kingston, N. Y., for the best Dahlia display.

The "Open to All" sweepstake prize was again won by The Valeria Home, Inc., (Samuel Travis, gardener),

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Show Manager, William Macdonald and A. J. Cole with his Show committee deserve much credit for the manner in which the Show was handled. The judges: Messrs. W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J., Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J., James MacDonald, Tarrytown, N. Y., Thomas Stobo, Garrison, N. Y., James Stuart, Tarrytown, N. Y., John Grant, White Plains, N. Y., John MacIntyre, Garrison, N. Y., Mrs. Albert Phinn and Mrs. Henry Abele were highly complemented for their fine services in picking the winners.

At a recent reorganization meeting the following officers were selected to lead the society for the year 1942: A. J. Cole, Buchanan, N. Y., President; F. Brown, Peekskill, N. Y., Vice-President; Mrs. L. M. McCoy, Peekskill, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer; Fred C. Kurzhals, Theodore Wabury, R. A. Vogel, Executive Committee.

We mourn the loss of two faithful members and friends who passed on recently. Lester Treadwell and Dr. Ray W. Moe were staunch workers and supporters of our society. They will be greatly missed at our future gatherings. We adjourned our last meeting in respect and remembrance of our pals.

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New Jersey

## Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Nineteenth Annual Flower Show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was held on September 27, 1941, at the Garfield School, Kearney, N. J.

The quality of the blooms was very good. Competition, especially in the specimen of three bloom classes, was unusually keen. There were nine more exhibitors than at any previous Show, and attendance was very good.

The winners were as follows:

Class 1—J. B. Anderson, Westwood, N. J., won the *American Home* Achievement Medal with a white seedling of Mrs. George Le Boutellier named *Bess Smith*. Dewey Mohr was runner up with five beautiful blooms of his latest introduction *Ivory Princess*.

Class 2—John Metzger of Irvington, N. J., won the *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity medal with 3 *Maid Marion*, 2 *Crowning Glory*, 1 *Hiltonia*.

Class 3—J. B. Anderson, Westwood, N. J., won the Honorary President's award.

Class 4—The President's cup was won by William Beck of Hackensack.

Class 5—Best miniature seedling not over 3½ inches. Mr. W. E. Etherington, Hillsdale, N. J.

Class 6—omitted.

Class 7—Medal of Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society won by Dell's Dahlia Garden of Belleville, N. J.

Class 8—Dahlia Society of Georgia medal won by Miss Virginia Stout.

Ribbons were awarded in other classes with medals of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey for sweepstakes awards in each section.

Classes 9-16 sweepstakes—Mr. George Warren.

Classes 17-25 sweepstakes—Miss Virginia Stout.

Classes 26-41 sweepstakes—Mrs. A. A. Bial.

Classes 42-58 sweepstakes—Mrs. Charles V. Smith.

Grand sweepstakes for the Show—Miss Virginia Stout.

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## Dahlia Society of the South

Birmingham is to be host to the first Show of "The Dahlia Society of the South."

A large group of enthusiastic members of the Dahlia Society of Alabama, with representatives of the Dahlia Society of Georgia met with the membership of the Dahlia Society of Tennessee in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the purpose of organizing a "Dahlia Society of the South."

The meeting was held December 7 at the Patton Hotel.

Mr. T. M. Floyd of Birmingham, Alabama, presided.

The discussion was lengthy and with so much interest being shown by all, "The Dahlia Society of the South" was organized.

Dr. H. C. Rike of Birmingham, past president of the Dahlia Society of Alabama, also a past Show chairman was elected president.

Mr. Nelson Crist of Atlanta, Georgia, past president of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, secretary-treasurer.



Presidents of the various societies were automatically made vice-presidents; T. M. Floyd, Alabama; C. R. Perry, Georgia, and Mr. Miller, Tennessee.

The first Show will be in Birmingham, Alabama, in connection with the annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama. Date to be announced later.

Dahlia lovers make your plans now to attend this Show.

### Hagerstown Dahlia Society Hagerstown, Maryland

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society at its December meeting elected officers for 1942. President, H. C. Kuhn; First Vice-President, I. Keller Shank; Second Vice-President, Roy Polsgrove; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg, 57 Wayside Avenue; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles W. Zahn.

The Executive Committee is composed of the six officers and the following: Charles A. Eldridge, Chairman; H. C. Grove, A. H. Sherman, H. W. Wilhide, D. A. Gossard, Miss Margaret Middlekauff and Mrs. H. C. Kuhn.

A committee with Mr. H. C. Kuhn, as chairman, sponsoring the social part of the meeting, presented a Christmas party at which a fine program was rendered, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served in keeping with the Christmas season.

The Thirteenth Annual Show which was held September 24 and 25, was acclaimed an outstanding success in

every way. From the standpoint of culture, the season as a whole was a trying one: a protracted drought which ran through the latter part of July, August and part of September played havoc with the Dahlias and greatly reduced the number of exhibits at Show time.

The Society has enjoyed an increase in membership the past year, and the 1942 Show is in its planning to be better than any held yet.

*H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.*

### Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society

On Thursday, November 20, we had the privilege of seeing one of the finest collections of colored Dahlia pictures in the country. Mr. T. E. Messenger, well known naturalist, who is famous also for his nature and wild life pictures, showed one hundred still pictures, projected on a six foot square screen, of every possible type and variety of Dahlia including many very recent introductions and seven hundred feet of moving pictures, all in color. With faultless precision, tireless patience, and great skill, each bloom was placed against a black background, so that the result was a masterpiece of photography in perfect focus. The colors were superb: so true that no one had difficulty in recognizing each variety, although careful record had been kept and the name of each was announced, together with comment on the

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*Mrs. L. D. Hislop, Publicity Chairman.*

### West Virginia Dahlia Society

By Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary

The West Virginia Dahlia Society has been rather quiet during the months since last Show time but we feel that we have had a proper "storage" and that, in due time, the new growth will begin to show. Plans for the year have been discussed somewhat with Jess Lynch, president of the Society.

Oliver Shurtleff will again be in charge of the West Virginia branch Trial Garden. Dahlia breeders should make a wide use of this trial garden. The garden is located on the campus of the state college at Fairmont and is so located that practically every campus visitor gets to see the Dahlias which are on trial. The garden is an official branch garden for the American Dahlia Society. Entry blanks may be had in due time upon request.

A meeting of our state society is to be called soon by the president. Some real features for the meeting are being planned. This meeting will be reported in a subsequent issue of the BULLETIN.

The writer of this short column had to miss, much to his regret, the recent mid-winter meeting of the American Dahlia Society. He feels that this meeting is a source of real Dahlia information and personal inspiration. To meet the men and women who make up the great American Dahlia Society is something he always looks forward to with much pleasure and anticipation. This year he had to be out on a school trip in L. O. D. But there will be other times!



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