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# A.D.S. Annual Meeting

Fine Spirit Characterizes Well Attended Session

## Greetings From Our President

The past year was one during which the American Dahlia Society was no less faced with varied and perplexing problems, than were its members and component societies. However, we can honestly say that 1943 was a year of progress, to which we can refer with satisfaction.

As back-yard growers, we have faced poor climatic conditions, scarcity of the fertilizers without which, in the past, we felt our results would be second rate—or worse, and visitations from more insects and varmints than we conceived could exist! As commercial members we faced the above problems, together with black-outs and questions of greenhouse fuel and labor shortage—or the absolute absence of both the latter items. As exhibitors, both back-yard and commercial, we faced all the above problems together with the matter of transportation of our blooms and ourselves. In spite of all, our 1943 exhibition compared very favorably with any of our more recent shows, and our Show Committee which had been somewhat conservative in estimating the required exhibition space was given an exceedingly happy surprise. Our Trial Gardens have operated under similar handicaps with results which fill us with pride—both for the gardens, and in the caliber and devotion of those men in charge who accomplished so much with the inadequate, though willing, cooperation afforded them under existing conditions.

At the start of the year, your Society was faced with a very dubious financial situation. During the period of the past few years we have been faced with an annual deficit. Twice, only, in 29 years have our annual exhibitions paid their way. Our BULLETIN, dependent upon our advertiser members for its size and existence, has never been a paying proposition to the Society financially; although it is our most valuable asset from every other viewpoint. However, during the past year, through the tireless and efficient labors and endless hours devoted to the positions of Editor, Secretary and Treasurer by Gordon Waaser, the Society has been started upon the road leading to financial stability. The approval by the members at our annual meeting of the change in By-Laws whereby the annual dues have been given a slight increase, together with the approval by your Executive Board of an increase in advertising space rates in the BULLETIN, should complete the purpose so ably conceived and started under Gordon Waaser's planning.

We are fortunate indeed to have a man of Dr. Ward Cook's capabilities on hand to take over the responsibilities of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer which Gordon Waaser, through pressure of business, has been forced to relinquish. Everyone will be happy to know that Mr. Waaser will continue as Editor of the BULLETIN.

To the problems and situations facing us during the past year there will no doubt be added this year, problems as yet undisclosed. However, it is the firm conviction of your officers that there can be no problem which will prove too difficult to overcome, with the loyal sup-

port, mutual advice, and cooperation of every member. There will ALWAYS be an American Dahlia Society.

EDWARD B. LLOYD,  
President.

## Our Secretary Reports

The American Dahlia Society assembled for its annual meeting January 29, 1944 in the parlor of the Hotel Shelton, New York City. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 P. M., Edward Lloyd presiding. Forty-one members were present:

Mr. Waaser read the Minutes of the last annual meeting, which were approved. He then gave his report as treasurer. The financial statement revealed a most satisfactory state of affairs, with an increase in membership, no liabilities, and a substantial cash balance. This report, having been approved by the Executive Committee, was accepted on motion of Dr. Preas.

The president called for a report of the tellers. Both tellers being detained by business, their report, read by the secretary, showed the election of the candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. Upon motion duly seconded these officers were declared elected.

Mr. Edward Lloyd was thereupon inducted, to begin his third term as president, and Dr. Ward H. Cook took over the duties of secretary-treasurer.

Prof. Roland H. Patch reported upon the operation of the Trial Garden at Storrs, Conn. for the year 1943. He regarded the season as essentially successful, with due consideration to the inevitable handicaps of war. Sixty varieties were entered and the greater part were in good condition when visited by the judges. Prof. Patch expressed himself as especially pleased with the work of the visiting judges. He reviewed the great amount of labor—willingly given—required to keep the necessary records, reports, care of roots, as well as in planting and cultivation. He hoped, and was fairly confident, that it would be possible to continue the operation of the garden again the coming season. He called attention to the fact that Prof. Hollister retires September 15, 1944 as head of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Connecticut. In concluding his report Prof. Patch strongly advised that more research work be done on diseases of Dahlias. We should, particularly, know more about ring spot. Those sending Dahlias for trial should advise whether or not the stock sent is disease-free.

Mr. Roberts reported on the Michigan Trial Garden at East Lansing. He said the stock was notably better this year than formerly, but that fewer plants were grown. It is the policy of this garden to destroy all plants found diseased by the pathologist. Lantern slides are made of each flower. After the growing season the twenty or more judges meet, study these slides, review their work, re-examine their scores, and reach a matured decision regarding the merits of each variety.

Mr. Henry F. Corey reported that the Maryland Trial Garden awarded certificates to only three varieties. He



complained that vandalism had been distressing and had made impossible the scoring of many varieties.

Dean Shurtleff reported for the West Virginia Trial Garden. In his inimitable manner he advised spraying against pests and suggested spraying with a shotgun would prove effective against vandals. An extra-early frost had injured all the Dahlias, so that none could attain their final perfect development. For next season he is not soliciting entries but will grow those which are sent. He wishes that all stocks might be destroyed at the end of the season to save labor. He suggested the printing and distribution to all official trial gardens of uniform blanks and report forms. He gave fulsome praise to the parent Trial Garden at Storrs.

Mr. Briggs told of the last three successful shows held at New Baltimore, Michigan, which brought over 100,000 people to the three shows. He gave full credit to Nick Koenig for this success. At the same time, he pointed out the great value of staging a Dahlia Show in proximity to a large commercial garden. People are attracted not only to view choice exhibition blooms but by the opportunity of studying the behavior of the new varieties in the field. Mr. Briggs spoke of the recent organization of the New Baltimore Dahlia Society—with over 50 members, and said that it is desirous of cooperating with the A.D.S.

Mr. Maytrott had no report for the Schedule Committee but reported progress in preparation of a revised classification of varieties by the Classification Committee.

Mrs. Humble reported that the Garden Club Committee was making progress and had some new ideas under consideration.

At this point, the president asked Mr. Dudley to take over the meeting.

After reviewing briefly, but most feelingly, the lovable personal qualities of the unselfish devotion of our retiring secretary, devotion to the Dahlia, to the affairs of the American Dahlia Society, and to his friends, Mr. Dudley presented to Mr. Gordon Waaser, a silver plate as a very small token of our regard for him. Mr. Waaser, utterly surprised by this unscheduled event, replied graciously.

The president then laid the proposed amendments to the By-Laws before the Society for action, and invited Mr. Dudley to explain the need for their adoption. On motion of Dr. Preas adoption of the amendments was voted without dissenting voice.

After receiving reports as to the availability of various places for the 1944 New York Show, and after active discussion, it was decided upon motion of Dr. Preas to accept the offer of the Hotel Pennsylvania. The date set is September 21-22, 1944.

The meeting now got down to the real business of the day without which an honest to goodness Dahlia meeting could not be properly chronicled. It all started when Mr. Roberts called attention to the frequency with which really good seedlings fail to appear at shows. Something should be done to attract them. Whereupon discussion waxed warm and vehement. Selfish promotional efforts and selection of incompetent judges either through carelessness or favoritism led Mr. Corey to feel that unless a seedling is judged only by "certified judges" duly accredited by the A.D.S. it should not be recognized by the Society. The difference in performance of a variety between trial grounds and show bench was

stressed, as well as the fact that too many Achievement Medal winners are not good garden performers. There was general agreement that the situation called for more conservatism in the judging of seedlings and the withholding of awards unless the flower is truly worthy and a genuine advance. Among those who contributed to this lively session were: Mr. Tooker, Mr. Dudley, Dr. Preas, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Frey, Mr. Maytrott, Miss Wilson and Dean Shurtleff. Mr. Roberts closed the discussion by defending judges and their hard work in doing their job. He also announced the inauguration of a question and answer page in the BULLETIN to cover the need of encouraging new growers of Dahlias, a need which Mrs. Humble urged.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

WARD H. COOK, M.D., Secretary.

## Officers of the American Dahlia Society

You have elected the following officers to serve for 1944:

President: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, N. J.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Ward Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

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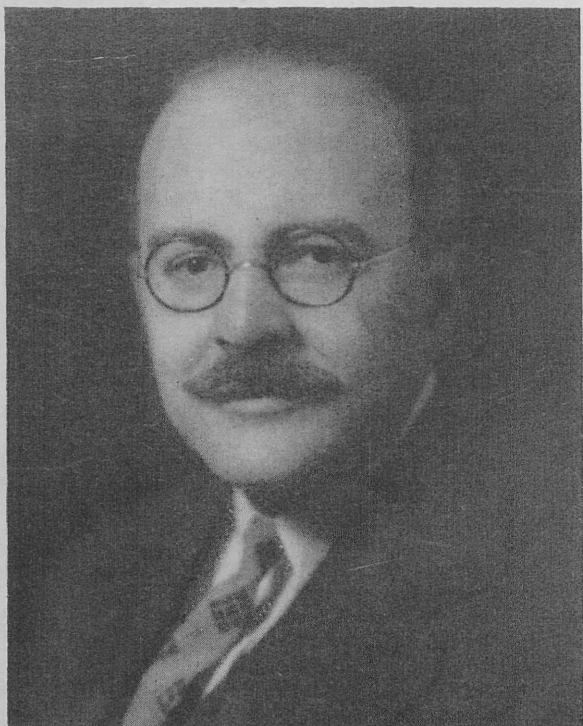
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Trustee to 1947—George Fraser, Willimantic.

## Dr. Ward H. Cook Elected Sec'y-Treasurer of A.D.S.



At the Annual Meeting held January 29 at the Hotel Shelton, Dr. Ward H. Cook of 34 Puritan Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Society, to succeed Gordon F. Waaser. Mr. Waaser was elected to the two offices at the Annual Meeting a year ago (1943), accepting then only on the basis of one year. And, incidentally, we all appreciate the fine accomplishments of Mr. Waaser in those twelve months.

Dr. Cook has been a member of the Society since 1936, where he signed up, with only a reasonable amount of persuasion, in the writer's garden one warm afternoon in September, standing before some pretty nice blooms of *Alice Stellick*. At that time he was growing Dahlias but was a little more partial to Iris, having for years been a qualified judge for the Iris Society. He has also been active in raising and originating peonies. Roses were his first love also, at one time.

But, before we catalogue his horticultural interests, let's look into the history of this man of letters. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1909 with an A.B. One year later he received his master's degree from his Alma Mater, with a fellowship in Zoology. He was an instructor at Kansas the following year. In 1912 he went to Harvard and served an internship at the Peter Bent Wiggam Hospital. Following that he became Assistant in Pathology at Boston City Hospital, and afterwards served as instructor in pathology at Harvard Medical for four years.

It was at this time, that Dr. Cook began to discover

that a garden could serve as an escape for the confining and arduous duties as a Professor at Harvard. He had a five-acre plot where he lived. Our reporter could not get a direct answer to the question: "Did you plant and cultivate the whole five acres yourself?" But we did learn that he grew iris, roses and peonies there—but no Dahlias, as yet.

In 1916, Dr. Cook became Professor of Pathology at the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond. Here he planted his first Dahlias. The large decoratives were then just becoming popular with the recent (then) introductions of Judge Marean.

From Virginia, our erudite secretary next moved to Pittsburgh, where he was Assistant Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Pittsburgh. There he grew and specialized in Dahlias and Iris. He didn't have to spray often, but he did have to occasionally brush the soot off the blooms, he reports.

The next move was to New York where Dr. Cook took over the duties of Pathologist at Post Graduate Hospital. With his family, which by now had grown considerably, he lived at Great Neck, where he had practically no garden facilities. Here, too, he was taken ill and had to forego any outside work. No Dahlia culture.

It was about 1929 when the Cooks left Great Neck and moved to Gloversville, N. Y. There he had a fine garden and raised iris and some Dahlias. But in that locality frosts came early and ground was usually frozen till June. He had to start the Dahlias inside to get blooms. But asters, chrysanthemums and iris made a great showing with Dr. Cook there.

In 1930 the Cooks moved to Yonkers where he became Director of the Bureau of Laboratories in the City Department of Health and Pathologists to several local hospitals, which work he has carried on since then. Here he made sure of ample garden space by purchase of a large lot next to his home. He began to specialize then in Dahlias. Asked to recall some of the varieties which enticed him away from the iris and peonies he mentions among others: *I. de ver Warner*, *Attraction*, *Ambassador*, *A. D. Livoni*, *Ballet Girl*, *Color Sergeant*, *City of Trenton*, *Countess of Lonsdale*, *Edna Ferber*, *Ft. Monmouth*, *Jane Cowl*, *Jersey Beauty*, *Jersey Beacon*, *Kemp's Violet Wonder*, *Kathleen Norris*, *Margaret Woodrow Wilson*, *Marmion*, *Papillion*, *Queen of the Garden Beautiful* (with the downcast mien), *Rose Fallon*, *Robert Treat*, *Sagamore*, *Lilac Glory*, *Seal's Californian*, *Trentonian*, *Ida Perkins*. Remember them? They were the top notch Dahlias of fifteen years ago, which helped many others of us to turn, with Dr. Cook, to a hobby of Dahlia growing. Dr. Cook remembers that his first 12-inch bloom was one of *Queen of the Garden Beautiful*, and he swears that it had a good stem facing side, not down, as did most of ours.

In the fourteen years which have elapsed since Dr. Cook settled in Yonkers he has held many offices in the different societies of his profession, including President of the N. Y. State Society of Pathologists and Chair-



man of Section on Pathology of the Medical Society of the State of N. Y., which office he now holds.

In 1939 Dr. Cook was elected Vice-President of the A.D.S. and has held several important chairmanships, not the least one of which is being the head committee on selection of winners of the Derrill Hart Medals for the highest scoring seedlings at the Official Trial Grounds.

Although one of the busiest men in private life, among our members, as you can see by the recital of his achievements and important positions. But, during his active life to date, he has always found time to attend A.D.S. executive meetings and serve the Society to the best of his ability.

When asked to take up the important work of secretary and treasurer of the Society, he found a way to add that public service to his many interests. The Society is indeed fortunate in having the willing services of such a busy man. It is the busy man, you know who can always find a way to do more. But his love of Dahlias is his first love after his family and his profession.

Dr. Cook and his charming wife live on Colonial Heights in the Crestwood Section of Yonkers. They have four children, two sons and two daughters. The eldest son is Resident Surgeon at the New Orleans Charity Hospital. The youngest son is in the Army. One daughter is married and the other is a senior at Cornell.

Dr. Cook is a prideful exhibitor of Dahlias, having shown them in local shows for about ten years and for the last four years at the A.D.S., New York Shows. At the last New York show, he won many prizes and had the distinction of bringing more blooms to the show than any other exhibitor. By actual count, sixteen 5-ft. boxes. How do we know? We not only counted them, but carried ten of them from the platform into the Show, personally, so that the Show would not be delayed more than three hours in having them set up.

He brought not only his own flowers, but spent the whole night getting flowers from other gardens because he believed that the Show would be short of blooms. This is but another example of Dr. Cook's fidelity and spirit of helpfulness.

Yes, Dr. Cook will make a good secretary and treasurer of this Society. He is enthusiastic. He is a clear thinker. He thinks of the other fellow. He likes Dahlia people as well as Dahlias. He is a busy man, and a learned one. That's why you can ask him to do things—and know they will be done right, and cheerfully.

LYNN B. DUDLEY.

### Note Address of Our New Secretary

Will all the members and affiliated Branch Society secretaries in particular, make note of the home address of our new A. D. S. Secretary—Dr. Ward H. Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

The retiring secretary hopes you will give Dr. Cook the same measure of cooperation you have been pleased to offer during the past year—it was greatly appreciated.

## American Dahlia Society Committees for 1944

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## A.D.S. Annual Dinner

"Don't miss this big event"—so wrote our secretary to all the members.

The largest group since 1938 answered the call and we have yet to hear of the first disappointment.

Dewey Mohr did a well rounded job in arranging all the details.

Seated at the speakers' table were Mr. Leo Pollak, President of the New Jersey Dahlia Society, our toastmaster; Mrs. Pollak; A. D. S. President and Mrs. Edward Lloyd; Paul Frese, Editor of *Flower Grower*, principal speaker of the evening; also, A. D. S. Vice President Henry Cory of Baltimore and A. D. S. Vice President Oliver Shurtleff, Dean of State College—poet laureate of West Virginia.

Turkey dinner served by the Hotel Shelton staff was enjoyed.

President Lloyd welcomed our guests and introduced Toastmaster Pollak, who explained amusingly the definitions of a good toastmaster and then proceeded to give us a real treat. Mr. Pollock demonstrated how good a toastmaster can be and received hearty congratulations at the dinner's conclusion.

Democracy at work and Americans humbled before a gracious God—these thoughts crowded my mind as Mr. Cory—well known churchman, rose to pronounce the invocation.

After a brief but informative introduction by our toastmaster, Paul Frese addressed us, his subject being "Post-war Planning Relating to Dahlias."

It is no secret that Mr. Frese has turned in a great job as Editor of *Flower Grower*. His talk gave us a little insight into the reasons for his success.

He approached his subject with an historical review of Dahlias, and concluded with parallels to other contemporary flowers and flower societies.

His point regarding proposed memorials to our service heroes should be placed before and then vigorously endorsed by every flower lover in America.

Briefly, it was substituting the "cannon and tank" in every memorial park with beautifully planted, properly maintained flower beds. Memorial parks in every community where space may be had. And Mr. Frese reminded us that Dahlias should be included in these plantings. Also that this can only be accomplished if all lovers of Dahlias—in every community, will exert every possible effort and influence for its accomplishment.

Keeping in tune with precious thoughts about our Service heroes, our toastmaster spoke of one of our cherished members, Ray Smith. Ray was president of the New Jersey Society and started off for special engineering service for Uncle Sam in Iceland. He was not to perform that task—his ship was torpedoed in the North Atlantic and Ray was lost.

Dean Shurtleff, one of our fine orators, led us in a Memorial prayer and I feel that Ray, too, knew what was in our hearts.

Representatives from branch and affiliated societies were asked to take a bow as Lynn B. Dudley prepared the projector for a fine group of Kodachromes. Many 1944 introductions were shown, as well as some fine shots of standard varieties.

To those who were unable to attend, we are sorry

you had to miss this gala time. To all who had a part in our joyous occasion, our thanks and appreciation.

### Committees

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### The American Home Achievement Medal Regulations

In order that our Affiliated Branch Societies may properly qualify for the awarding of the A.H.A. medal at their shows, these regulations are published. Will secretaries, especially, acquaint themselves with these details.

1. The American Home Achievement medal is offered for award to the originator, whether amateur or professional, of the most worthy undissemated Dahlia, whether shown by the originator or someone else. At least three blooms must be shown and entered specifically in a clearly designated separate class provided for it.

2. The award will be made only to a new variety of adequate merit, distinction and novelty; one having distinctiveness as compared with existing varieties. It cannot be made to an unnamed seedling; in the event of a successful competing variety being unnamed, the award will not be confirmed until a name, satisfactory to the particular flower society concerned has been given.

3. The winning of this medal automatically renders the variety winning it ineligible to compete for it in any future year.

4. Before the medal is included in the prize schedule of any Show, (a) a formal application for authority to offer it must be made by the organization wishing to do so, on its letterhead; and (b) this application must have been approved by The American Home. Filing of this application automatically signifies acceptance of all regulations and agreement to abide by them.

5. It is further required that a report by a regular Organization officer be made to The American Home within ten days after the close of the Show, stating whether or not an award was made. In case of an award, this report must include the name of the winning variety, an adequate description of it, and the name and address of the originator. The report shall be made on a blank form which will be provided by The American Home at the time the application is accepted.

6. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of these regulations shall appear, without re-writing, in the prize schedule of any Show at which this medal is to be offered.



# The Dahlia Memory Club—By Letter

From Old Man Ature to His Son

Dear Son:

In your last letter you asked what I thought had become of all the Dahlia growers in the war-torn countries of Europe. Well, son, I don't know. No one does, I guess. I did hear in a roundabout way from a friend who had looked up G. F. Drayson of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, who used to write such interesting stories about the new European novelties in the A.D.S. BULLETIN. This friend located him in a war plant. He was not growing Dahlias. Had to move from his old home at 23 Palmerson Rd., Essex, to be near his job to which he was devoting ten or more hours per day, seven days a week. England is really organized for war and every man, woman and many children are devoting their whole existences to preserving the future of England, and to win freedom from fear of the Nazis.

But I guess our Dahlia friends in Holland, H. Curlee at Haarlem, Ballego at Leiden, DeRuyter at Oegstegeest and Goemans Visser at Hillegom, are, if still alive, raising food for their Nazi overlords. Probably they are not allowed to grow Dahlias, unless the Germans want them to ship back to Germany. But we can only conjecture what has happened to them, and hope that they have survived the invasion.

That letter which you forwarded to me from a commercial grower in California was most interesting. It brought up that question I touched on in my letter to you about stunt and disease in Dahlias. Evidently the ring spot, brown spot, and these comparatively recent discovered diseases, have a lot of growers troubled.

I'm going to quote from his letter, so you'll see what I mean. He says, "I'd like to get acquainted with you, now that I find you have the right idea regarding virus disease. I've been fighting the stuff for several years and just about the time I find myself about clean and free from it, I buy some new varieties and find myself (or my garden) full of it again. Now I'm free from it as far as I can tell. I rogue my gardens every week during the growing season and feel I have it licked again."

"Would you grant me the favor, if possible, of writing me the names and addresses of both commercial and amateurs you know to have clean, healthy stock? I wish to get stock of more recent varieties, but am afraid to order. I am really making an effort to have the very best in both seed and stock. It has cost me a lot to rogue out plants for which I have paid a good price. But I still think it is possible to keep a garden clean of these virus diseases, if one doesn't care what it costs. It's cheaper in the long run. Many of my friends say it can't be done, but I won't give up and I hope you can send me the names of some growers who are trying to do as I am doing."

Well, son, that is a big order. I sat down and tried to remember gardens where, on my last visits, I could truthfully say I had not observed any mosaic, ring spot, brown spot and similar evidences of virus. They were very few. Too few, in fact.

And this is a problem that every one in every Dahlia

society should think hard about. These diseases have been spreading too far and too fast. The worst of it is that some varieties seem to produce good blooms in spite of infections of mosaic or ring spot. And when we get blooms, we say to ourselves, "Well, that has ring spot but the bush grew to 5 feet tall and produced good blooms, so I'll keep it."

But if that clump is propagated and plants sold to growers for good prices, the offspring of that infected plant positively will not be robust and produce blooms. Aphids and leaf hoppers sucking juice or sap from that plant will infect many others in the garden. Make no mistake, one virus diseased plant in your garden can infect, through carrier insects, most or all of your garden in one season.

One way to tell virus infected clumps, as I said before, is to look for the flecks of white or brownish white, which appear as a sort of fungus-like spots on the crown of the clump. Then, if you are not sure that these flecks are there, indicating disease, cut one of the roots in two. If you see concentric rings of brown in the flesh of the root, that also indicates the presence of virus. And never propagate any plants from any clumps which show one or both of these indications.

If I had something to draw with here I would illustrate how these spots appear on the crown and how these brown rings look in the roots, but you examine all our clumps for them before you plant and bury deep or burn any clumps you find indicating the virus infection.

Incidentally, I wish Editor Waaser would send me, to forward to this California grower, any names of growers who are conscientious about this roguing out of all diseased plants. It has to be done as you find them in the growing season to be absolutely sure and safe. If you know anybody who does this besides our Western friend, send the name of such growers to Editor Waaser, please. I'll get the very interesting data sooner or later.

But enough about disease. You are probably cutting up the clumps about now. I hope you were not troubled with much crown rot. I think it is fine that the Boyce-Thompson Institute is going to make tests to find out just what causes this difficulty. And I'm sure they will find a preventative for it. If so, it will save a lot of expensive loss of nice varieties in wintering.

You said you had the stakes pointed and that the creosote you got to dip them in looked more like kerosene. Well, we have to get along with the best we can get all the way along in gardening, right now, and be cheerful about it.

I'm glad you're going to keep on growing Dahlias. I hope those gardeners who went all out for vegetables last year and forgot that we need beauty in this world more than ever now, will grow more flowers and particularly Dahlias this year. That rye and buckwheat you planted late, will come up in the spring, I'm sure, and make a good cover crop on that new ground.

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# Outstanding Show Winners for 1943

After making a comparison of the winners of the past three years, some very interesting facts were uncovered.

In the Cactus section, the leaders of this year that have been leaders for the past two years are Jersey Dainty, Beaute, Nancy Mitchell, Julius Bunge, Mad Jussiant and Mary Taylor. Two surprises occurred, though, when *Crowning Glory* and *Golden Standard* were put in second place by Julius Bunge and Stephen Foster, but as I had these in different classes previously, there can be no real comparisons.

The Semi-Cactus section was the most stable of all sections with eight varieties holding first position for three consecutive years. Only in the yellow class did a new variety replace the old standbys in the first column. In the maroon and white classes, Adolph Mayer and Ballego's Surprise are absent from this list for the first time. They must not have been shown often enough.

Only three retained their unbeaten records in the Informal section. They are *California Idol*, Robert Ripley and Freda George. Tops did what seemed the impossible by separating that unbeaten pair, *California Idol* and *Lord of Autumn*, thus putting *Lord of Autumn* in third place or off the list completely if I had kept the form of previous years. *Sunrays* reversed its position with Carl Dahl which held first for the past two years. *Cornell* and *Murphy's Masterpiece* were replaced by *Ky Sportsman* and *Margrace*, moving from second to first place. Having no reports on *Glamour*, *Hunt's Velvet* *Wonder* filled its place.

In the Formal section, we meet that grand champion Darcy Sanisbury, whose record can be seen in the review of the "dozen" highest winners of the past three years. In this section we also have that all-time champion, *Jersey Beauty*, still holding down first position even after 20 years on the market. What a record! Others holding up their respective positions are *Miss Oakland*, *The Real Glory*, *King Peter*, *Town Topic* and *Lois Walcher*. Two of the new ones showed well in this section, *Shangri-La*, which took the lead in the yellow, and *WAAC*, which did very well in the blended. Two old standbys are missing—*Ky Sun* and *Oakleigh Monarch*. The red class was very weak this year.

Among the new ones that did well, besides the two already mentioned, are *The Ranger* and *Suntan*. Sev-

eral other '43 introductions are on this list, but in these classes there was either little competition or those in the first column were heavy winners and the rest received a few ribbons, so that they were able to place with little opposition. Several of these, I do believe, will be heard from more in the future when they are better distributed.

With many shows cancelled because of the war and others having reduced schedules, I did not think the reports I received were enough to try and make the group distinctions, so instead of dividing the winners into Exhibitional and Medium sections as previously, I just listed the three greatest winners regardless of size.

The last column is composed of my own suggestions of varieties that might be used in these classes. Some of these suggestions are new varieties that looked good to me in the gardens I visited or my own field, and others are old-timers that have been good winners in the past, but for some reason or the other are not on the winning list this time. For comments upon the new introductions, see the Honor Rolls and reports of trial grounds. This compilation is for disseminated varieties only to show how they do in that great testing ground, our gardens and on the show bench.

I have included the "dozen" highest winners of the past three years. I thought a study of them would be interesting. Four varieties are on all three lists; nine are on two lists and ten are found only once. Had to stretch the meaning of the word "dozen" a little the last two years as there were too many winning the same number of points near the end, and I did not think it fair to choose just twelve, when a couple more had the same amount of points.

The list for this year was compiled from the reports of the shows held at Bremerton (Wash.), Milwaukee, Wellsville, Scranton, Minneapolis, Alameda, San Francisco, San Leandro and Cincinnati and New York, as reported in the BULLETIN.

Let's hope that peace will soon come out of this world chaos and that then again we can have our shows bigger and better than ever. But while we are hoping and praying for that day to come, let's keep the dahlias growing in our gardens and display them as much as possible this Fall, even though our shows must be on a small scale.

ANDREW F. DOERMANN.

## OUTSTANDING WINNERS FOR 1943

### CACTUS—

White	Jersey Dainty
Yellow	Beaute
Orange	Stephen Foster
Red	Nancy Mitchell
Pink	Julius Bunge
Lavender	Mad Jussiant
Purple	Regalia
Maroon	Yowa Matsuoka
Blended	Mary Taylor
Bicolor	Farcot

Snowball
Marietta E.
Golden Standard
Thunderbolt
Crowning Glory
Magic Prince
Zenith
The Ranger
John Stevens

Weisser Hirsch
Hillside Gold
Hillside Beauty
Fire-rays
Dominant
Terry
Baltimore Belle
Moonbia
Bataan

### SUGGESTIONS

Snowcrest
Yellow Giant
Dorothy Lamour
Dulcinea
Irene Dunn
Miss Ohio
Rosette
Zephyr
Alex Craig
Showa



## SEMI-CACTUS

White	Michigan White
Yellow	One Grand
Orange	Evelyn Chandler
Red	Maffie
Pink	All American
Lavender	Bette Davis
Purple	Jean Trimbee
Maroon	Virginia Rute
Blended	Greater Glory
Bicolor	Flash

Edith Willkie
Miss Glory
Suntan
Satan
S. Thoroughbred
Kard Rossum
Wings
Rythum
Judy G.

American Purity
Columbia
Lynn Fountain
Mary Dudley
Salmon Giant
Figaro

## SUGGESTIONS

Ballego's Surprise
Yellow Glory
Indian Summer
Top Flight
Season's Best
Mary Retzer
Adolph Mayer
Enkart's Prima
Koki

## INFORMAL

White	Alice May
Yellow	California Idol
Orange	Sunrays
Red	Margrace
Pink	Pink Giant
Lavender	Robert Ripley
Purple	H. Velvet Wonder
Maroon	Cherokee Brave
Blended	Freda George
Bicolor	Ky Sportsman

Straight's White
Tops
Carl Dahl
King Alfred
Marion Smith
Jeffersonian
Eventide
El Rubio
Azura
Freckles

Bess Smith
Lord of Autumn
J. Cowl & Bill's Gold
Trojan
Rosy Morn
Colin Kelly, Jr.
Croydon Violet
Mayor Otis
Wanda Meade

Mothers Day
Ginger Rogers
Dahlmum
Murphy's Masterpiece
Mildred Pote
Cherokee Rose
John Sherwood
Col. Rudd
Silver Lady
Cornell

## FORMAL

White	Darcy Sainsbury
Yellow	Shangri-La
Orange	Volcano
Red	Fireball
Pink	Jersey Beauty
Lavender	Croydon Acme
Purple	Mrs. Woodcock
Blended	WAAC
Bicolor	Lois Walcher

The Real Glory
Class
Charles Mastick
East Row
Begonia Rose
Ruth Nichols
Marshal Howe
King Peter
Town Topic

Miss Oakland
The Governor
Sultan of Hill.
Queen City
Cameo
Blue River
Purple Mist
Leah Pearl

Consul Pavogel
Xantine
Chautauqua Giant
DeMolay
Marie
King David
Blue Rose
A. G. Goodacre

## "DOZEN" HIGHEST WINNERS FOR PAST THREE YEARS

1941	1942	1943
Darcy Sainsbury	Nancy Mitchell	Darcy Sainsbury
California Idol	Darcy Sainsbury	Nancy Mitchell
Golden Standard	Jersey Dainty	Maffie
Ballego's Surprise	Crowning Glory	Flash
Cherokee Brave	Greater Glory	All American
Bette Davis	Flash	Stephen Foster
Mad Jussiant	California Idol	Evelyn Chandler
Carl Dahl	Golden Standard	Julius Bunge
Greater Glory	Mad Jussiant	Cherokee Brave
Nancy Mitchell	Cornell	Crowning Glory
Flash	Evelyn Chandler	Jersey Dainty
Maffie	Carl Dahl	Alice May
	Lord of Autumn	Mad Jussiant
	Virginia Rute	Mary Taylor

## Portland Dahlia Society

In editing the report of the Show for November BULLETIN certain features were inadvertently omitted. Among these:

WAAC—a 1943 introduction won the splendid Mastick trophy as the best bloom in our Show.

The BULLETIN regrets the oversight in the last issue.

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# What Dahlia Societies Do

"What are we going to have next meeting?" The monthly wail? Let's help.

It's useful to bring together the activities of dahlia societies, that all may benefit from the plans and the results achieved by each. I've done this out of all reports of society activities in the *BULLETIN*, February 1937, to this present.

Overwhelmingly meetings are monthly. Some complete the meeting with refreshments.

Every society seems to have an annual banquet, usually in January. We like turkey.

Mostly each meeting has a speaker and—are you surprised?—the talk is on dahlias. In popularity the topics are: insects, propagation, new dahlias, culture, trial gardens, how to grow for show, clothouses, soils, diseases, arrangements, dahlias in the landscape, division, fertilizer, the dahlia of the future. Program committees can use this as a program suggestion. One Society divided its membership into twelve parts, each part to be responsible for a meeting. The Society's only report of meetings is Christmas parties, two of them.

I can remember how when my wife lectured on foods the audience always looked with bright interest on potatoes and on cabbages, on milk and on lettuce, when she held up these so well known articles to illustrate her point. Dahlia societies with the like interest open their eyes, prick up their ears when pictures of dahlias are shown, particularly color pictures. Why shouldn't societies in the East see Western gardens and Minnesotans see Georgian blooms? I've therefore listed those who have taken movies and stills.

## CULTURE

Bureau of Visual Instruction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin:

Yearly Cycle of the Dahlia. Reel 1—Propagation and cultivation. Reel 2—Classification and specimen blooms. Includes printed text; mostly color movies. *BULLETIN* February, 1938. Rental, \$2.00.

Professor Paul Krone, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan: Color movies, 16 mm.; 2 reels 20 minutes each. Rental, \$5.00. *BULLETIN* May, 1939.

## TRIAL GROUND PICTURES

Lynn B. Dudley, 5 Soundview Avenue, Tuckahoe, New York—stills.

East Lansing: Professor C. E. Wildon, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan—stills.

## STATES

California: H. Lodge, 7541 Seneca Place, La Mesa California stills. *BULLETIN* May, 1941.

Michigan: Professor Paul Krone, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan—movies. *BULLETIN* February, 1938.

Lynn B. Dudley, 5 Soundview Avenue, Tuckahoe, New York—stills. *BULLETIN* February, 1942.

Professor C. Merrill Brown, Department of Chemistry, University of Buffalo, 3417 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, 200 stills. Borrower to apply through Gordon

Waaser, 150 Front Street, New York City. *BULLETIN* August, 1942.

Wisconsin: George R. Currie, 2316 North 6th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin—stills. Society to pay parcel post charges. *BULLETIN* August, 1940.

## PAGEANT: THE COURT OF FLOWERS

Dean Oliver Shurtleff, 1264 Bryant Street, Fairmount, West Virginia—movies. *BULLETIN* February, 1940.

But it isn't always speakers and pictures.

One society has an annual birthday banquet. Four have Christmas parties with Santa Claus, "useful little gifts." One society in spring has a drawing of numbers for numbered packages of six roots, each gets his number package. Just before planting, some enterprising societies have a jolly meeting when they auction roots and plants. Donated by members, the sales add a nice sum to the Society, \$100 they say. The auctioneer himself will miss the sale only if chloroformed or actually incapacitated.

Is there a grower of dahlias but has been asked: "Have you seen .....?" So the societies try to help out, not merely painlessly, but enjoyably. They have annual visits which are almost always picnics. Each society picks out a commercial grower of its membership and the members come visiting him to see the dahlias, to walk up, to walk down the rows, to talk, to take notes, to take the best kind of notes—pictures, colored pictures. Always label every variety. Print its name on a 12x15 side of a carton and hold it below the blooms. Most pictures lose so very much when there is no name to the variety. And then the eats—near Baltimore it's Chesapeake Bay oyster roast, a summer crab feast; in Indiana it's fried chicken, roast corn and watermelon, and they've set out baked beans, and baked ham, and fresh berry pies, and coffee and cream and fruit on the Pacific Coast. Thus the blooms as they grow can be seen, and it is possible for some one at this picnic to speak on selection, cutting, preparing blooms for the show. One society has held the picnic at its dahlia plantation. Each of four societies have each year a joint picnic; once they had an attendance of 375. Some have had at the picnic a preliminary dahlia show, blooms brought by members. A planned program of events at your picnic will certainly pay well in pleasure and sustained interest. Some societies have, not a visit and picnic, but a tour of gardens.

Just one society puts on an ambitious pageant at show time—"The Coming of the Dahlia: A Play for the Queen" for not alone is the dahlia in Mexico set forth, and Andreas Dahl, but the crowning of the Queen of the Show. Dean Shurtleff puts it on. He's taken movies, has the book. Want to try it? Write him.

For any time of year these ideas: "Information, Please" on dahlias—questions to task a panel of experts; or, call it Amateurs' Night and let the inquiring amateur ask what perplexes; or, prepare tags, each with a topic about dahlias, for each expected attender, set out tables, set four to each table, arm each with a tag and let them discuss for ten minutes, or five, or twenty, shorter the snapper, then let one pair of partners stay, another progress, all keeping their tags. By the end of the evening each will thoroughly know his subject and know about all others.



The Irvington, New Jersey, society put on a debate that amused: "The Wife vs. The Dahlia." Write John C. Metzger, 126 Allen Street, Irvington, New Jersey.

You can have a school for judges—all the members will benefit. Have one, two real good judges appraise several exhibited dahlias, show the points, tell their good, their poor points.

Then Alabama produced a song "Dahlias," by Mrs. Beulah N. Ware. They said they were going to get it published. Write her at Huntsville, Alabama. Some societies have had songs and piano selections at meetings.

And if you run out of ideas—no, not just that—if you want the dahlia bug to have full course, have a social evening with eats. They'll talk their heads off.

Some like an evening of cards. This can add money into the treasury and Keno can and Bingo. The Treasurer should have his part in parties. Some like social dancing, others a program of acrobatic dancing, others jokes, tricks and songs.

And don't forget door prizes and a longest-distance prize.

Some—and it's not a few—have a BULLETIN. They list the events. Why not a program of the season's affairs, published in October? Others are more ambitious, give neighboring show dates, articles on culture, always the results of the show. And some do carp, "What a nerve they have to publish BULLETIN. They can't turn out anything worthwhile." Oh, but can't they? Doesn't an honest job, a good, earnest effort for our society reward the doers and pass local information around and bind the members each to other between meetings?

So much for the members you have. But how are you going to increase membership? Keep yourself before the public.

Some have plantings in public gardens. Why, one was so successful the Superintendent of Parks came to them next year: "Say, you will put it on this year again, you will have a Show Garden? It sure did pull. More people came and looked at the Dahlias than at any other of our plantings." There's a planting in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, one at South Park in Pittsburgh, there is (or was) one at St. Joseph, Missouri, and all of two in Detroit—at Belle Isle and at the Zoological Park. Nay Aug has a field day, with added exhibit of cut flower seedlings in the pavilion.

Put on a radio program. It comes naturally at the time of the show. Offer notices of the show to the local paper. Write articles about the Dahlia for the local paper. Give the net proceeds of the show to a hospital, a home for tubercular children, to the Boy Scouts, now it's for the Red Cross, for the Army and Navy Relief Society, for the USO. That'll catch the public.

And now we come to the real reason for being, the core of the Society—the annual Show. We look forward to it, plan for it, enjoy it, not one is satisfied, and we'll talk about it the whole next year.

Some Societies have added attractions at their shows. Soft music by loud speaker, music by band, by orchestra, or by chorus, a fashion show, vaudeville, an art exhibition, Parade of the Dahlia, selecting and crowning Queen of the Dahlias, Queen of the Show, who gives out the prizes. Baltimore one year made a great effort, secured

wild dahlias, grew and showed them, invited and had a representation from the Mexican embassy. Some, in fact, most shows are not exclusively exhibits of Dahlias, they include also other fall flowers.

Some have a special table set with the best flowers of the show entirely out of competition, for this table commends those who do not this year compete. It is for those who have gone on before.

If one thing is paramount for the show it is classes for the novice, classes for the young. Give chances for the 4-H Clubs, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls.

Then, after you have done a good job by your present membership, you can put on a membership drive. Having demonstrated, having served, you can ask others to benefit with you in and by these joint actions of you all. Use the annual show to get members. Have a membership committee and badges on them. Have them give a pleasant word as each comes in and surely a pleasant word as each goes out. Have printed a little story of your society with an application blank at the bottom. Have a central table or booth for the Membership Committee. Or, divide the Society into two teams, the loser to give a dinner to those who have brought in most members. Or, have prizes of good roots for those who first bring five, or most.

And then we end the effort, we have the annual banquet. Sure you have a speaker, two, but they'll only continue what every one has been doing—talk Dahlias. October 21, 1943.

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### Editorial

In preparing this issue, I am reminded that my eighth year as Editor commences. Today we think seriously of these "long terms." And I am of the opinion we should turn the task over to new blood, in order to perpetuate the high standard of the BULLETIN.

There is much talk today of not changing horses in the middle of a stream. I wonder? England did . . . and got Churchill.

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Ten years ago the A. D. S. was burdened with momentous problems. George Fraser was elected president and per force of dynamic personality got everybody working. We have been a working organization ever since. Successively under the direction of Lynn B. Dudley, Conrad Frey and our re-elected genial Ed. Lloyd, a great deal has been accomplished. Any large business organization would have been glad to have such leadership at handsome stipulations. How fortunate, then, are we, a Horticultural Society, to have had these executives at the helm, performing fine jobs and not asking even an informal "thank you" as recompense.

There is a big job ahead—it will only be accomplished when one and all among our membership are willing to do their all for the advancement of the Dahlia.

Since September, 1942, your near Editor has been pinch-hitting as secretary. Now we have a duly elected secretary, and one who will turn in a great job for our Society, Dr. Ward H. Cook. Dr. Cook is a scholarly man, whose broad experience included a professorship at Harvard University.

## The National Dahlia Honor Roll

We are indebted to *Flower Grower* magazine for its continued interest in Dahlias, as evidenced by the splendid Honor Roll story in its December issue.

Under the direction of Editor Paul Frese, the well known judging trio, Lynn B. Dudley, C. Louis Roberts and Col. Richard T. Eddy, performed their difficult tasks under trying circumstances of war-time travel.

They do not expect that their selections are perfect and fool-proof. They are men of unimpeachable character and integrity, who know the Dahlia and their judgment presents a priceless guide to you who seek the newest and best.

By permission of *Flower Grower*, we list their choices and some of the fine illustrations which accompanied the original story.

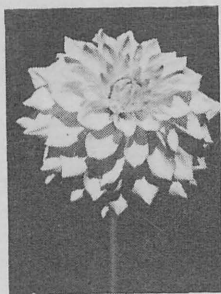
### DAHLIA RATINGS

Name of Dahlia	East	Mid-West	West Coast
Almina .....	*		
Buddy .....	*		*
Chico .....	*		
Clariam Belle .....	*		
Coral Blend .....	*		*
Double Duty .....	*	*	
East Orange .....			*
Edgar A. Guest .....			*
Engle's White Chief .....		*	*
Gaiety .....	*		*
Gaylord Ballay .....			*
Geneva Dainty .....	*		
James Ross .....	*		
Jane Todd .....	*		
Jeep .....	*		
John Adam Kernochen .....	*		
Lady Gartmor .....	*		
Link's Black Prince .....	*	*	*
Link's Sensation .....	*	*	
Little Buddy .....	*		
Little Wisteria .....	*		*
Lustre .....	*		
Magna Charta .....			*
Margaret Duross .....	*		
Mayor Ring .....	*		
Miss Bainbridge .....		*	*
Mother Koenig .....	*		*
Nations Pride .....	*		
100% .....		*	
Poet's Dream .....	*	*	*
Red Delight .....			*
Red Giant .....			*
Roselyn Straight .....	*	*	
Salem's Sunshine .....	*	*	*
Sarett's Pink Flamingo .....	*	*	*
Sehrwood's Peach .....	*		
Spitfire .....			*
The Dragon .....	*		
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Wendy B. ....	*		*
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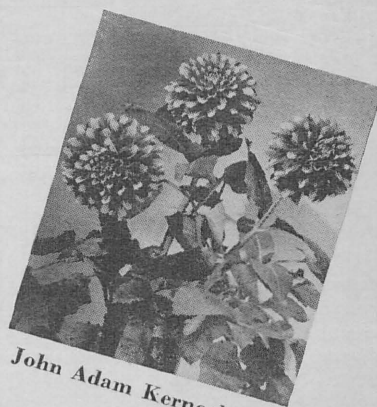




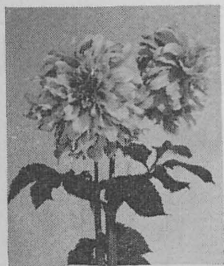
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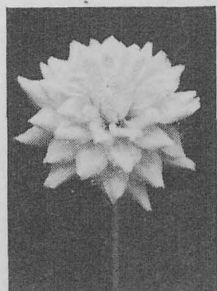
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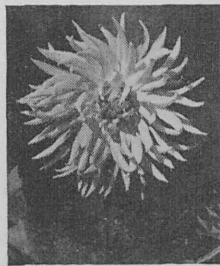
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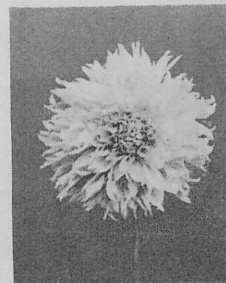
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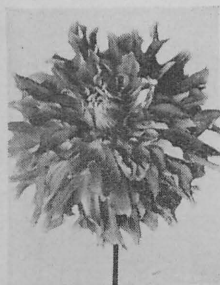
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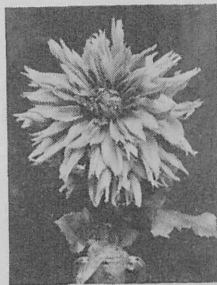
Sarett's Pink Flamingo



Margaret Duross



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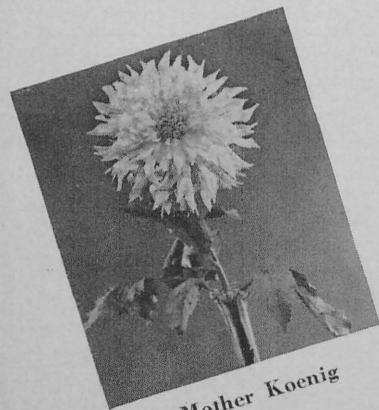
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Roselyn Straight



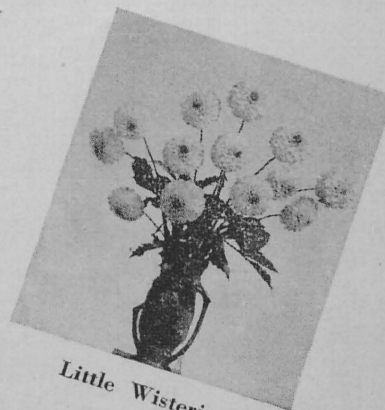
Magna Charta



*Mother Koenig*



Nation's Pride



*Little Wisteria*

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# Report of A.D.S. Trial Gardens

## University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

There were sixty varieties entered by thirty-four individuals. These were from the Dahlia-growing States as listed:

California .....	1	New Mexico .....	1
Connecticut .....	1	New York .....	4
Illinois .....	2	Ohio .....	5
Michigan .....	3	Pennsylvania .....	4
Missouri .....	1	Rhode Island .....	1
New Jersey .....	9	Washington .....	1
West Virginia .....	1		

Twenty-two persons entered one variety, five entered two, three entered three, two entered four, one entered five, and one entered as many as six.

The majority of the entries were received around June 1st. It is evident that roots or plants that are not planted until the latter part of June or July 1st cannot have much time to make the proper growth and to bloom as they should in the fall.

Because of a shortage of labor, the planting had to be delayed several days. This is part of the reason for the failure of many varieties to make their optimum growth. It will be noted in the descriptions that the maximum height of the plants is not up to the normal Storrs' figure. Storrs has a reputation for having the plants grow tall. It was not so this year.

The growing season was far from ideal. A prolonged dry period was experienced from about the middle of August to the end of the season. "The White Showers" were used from time to time as the need became apparent. Judgment was used so that the Dahlias did not have more water than they should have had. The water system helped out a great deal.

No changes were made in our procedure. If anyone is interested in this or does not understand what is done, the writer will be glad to answer any questions on the subject.

Because of the lateness of the maturity of the plants, note taking was delayed and, therefore, the records are not as full as they have been in past years. Mrs. R. Helen Patch made the color descriptions.

In the work with the Dahlias the writer had the assistance of Miss Corinne Wadhams and Mr. Michael P. Bujak.

The committee members who served as judges and who spent several days, as well as Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th of September, going over the Dahlias, are well known for the most part and have the confidence of the Dahlia world. Their names are Michael P. Bujak, Dr. Ward H. Cook, Lynn B. Dudley, George W. Fraser, Warren W. Maytrott, and Corinne Wadhams.

After a number of warnings, frost finally killed the plants on the night of October 10th. Digging and inspection of the clumps as well as packing and shipping followed as soon as the work could be attended to. From all reports most parties received their roots in good condition.

The garden made an attractive appearance to the visitors who were fortunate enough to see it in the final

days of the season. It was a credit to the teamwork of the American Dahlia Society and the Horticultural Department of the University of Connecticut.

It is hoped that we will be in a position to go on with the trial garden in 1944. No one knows what the picture will be within a few months. The manpower problem is a difficult one now. Whether it will be possible to get this flower work done, the writer cannot say. If we can hang on until better days come, that is what we are going to do.

PROF. ROLAND H. PATCH.

## Dahlias Scoring 85.0 and Over Were Reported in the November Issue

### DAHLIAS SCORING 80.0 TO 84.9

10. 3-11-2. Stake Nos. 28, 29 and 30. Informal Dec., entered by Charles Kilgore, Kilgore's Dahlia Garden, Winona, West Virginia. (84.3 E). White with naphthalene yellow tinge, center petals have a suggestion of phlox pink. Flowering habit good; stem 3-10 in., heavy to medium, erect, flower faces side. Size of flowers 8-10½ in., depth 3¼-5¾ in. Height 3 ft., 10 in.

36. THE DRAGON. Stake Nos. 103, 104 and 105. Informal Dec., entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vine-land, New Jersey. (84 E). General appearance of grenadine with shadings of peach red. Middle rows and center bittersweet orange. Tips of outer rows maize yellow. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5-11¾ in., heavy to medium, flower faces side. Seems to be a good stem. Size of flower 7¾-10¾ in., depth 3¼-6 in. Height 4 ft., 11 in.

26. DR. ROBERT BUERMANN. Stake Nos. 76, 77 and 78. Informal Dec., entered by Andrew J. Reynolds, Reynolds Dahlia Farm, 450 River Ave., Lakewood, New Jersey. (83.6 E). Peach red with edge and tips of center rows of petals orange-rufous. Outer row strawberry pink, streaked with maize-yellow. Few curled backs show a trace of rose color. Flowering habit prolific; stem 3-10 in., heavy to medium, crotchety, flower on side. Size of flowers 7½-10 in., depth 3-5½ in. Height 4 ft., 7½ in.

9. 3-11-1. Stake Nos. 25, 26 and 27. Informal Dec., entered by Charles Kilgore, Kilgore's Dahlia Garden, Winona, West Virginia. (82.3 E). Light greenish yellow with outside rows shading to pale greenish yellow with sulphur yellow tips. Flowering habit good; stem 5¼-14¾ in., heavy, erect, flower faces side. Size of flowers 7½-10¼ in., depth 3¾-5¾ in. Height 3 ft., 10 in.

13. 39-53, RED DELIGHT. Stake Nos. 37, 38 and 39. Col-larette, entered by Andrew Doermann, North Trevor Avenue, Cheviot, (Cincinnati), Ohio. (82.0 M). Outside row spectrum red with a sheen of carmine especially toward tips. Inside row pale lemon yellow. Flowering habit fair; stem 3-10 in., medium, long and graceful. Size of flower 4-5½ in., depth ¾-2¼ in. Height 4 ft., 4 in.

43. MOTHER KOENIG. Stake Nos. 124, 125 and 126. Semi-Cactus to open centers, entered by Nick Koenig and Sons, Lake-side Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (82 E). Shades of deep rose pink and amaranth pink. Center rows more straw-berry pink with streakings of empire yellow. Flowering habit good; stem 3½-10½ in., heavy to medium, flowers on end facing side. In the disbudded plant there is a tendency for them to face the heavens. Size of flowers 7¾-9¾ in., depth 4¼-6 in. Height 4 ft., 5 in.

4. W-70-39. Stake Nos. 10, 11 and 12. Informal Dec., entered by Wm. Wolbert, Clariam Gardens, 2109 Sunset Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. (81.5 E). Light and pale greenish yellow with white tips. Flowering habit good; stem 1½-15 in., heavy to medium, bent at neck. Size of flowers 6¼-9¼ in., depth 3-6¼ in. Height 3 ft., 5½ in.

18. MOSCOW. Stake Nos. 52, 53 and 54. Informal Dec., entered by George H. Swezey, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, New Jersey. (80 E). Spectrum red with carmine sheen. Center petals ox-blood red. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5-11 in., heavy to medium, flowers on end facing side, probably will droop. Size of flowers 6½-9¾ in., depth 4-6 in. Height 5 ft., 8½ in.



## Dahlias Scoring 70.0—79.9

32. BETTY D. Stake Nos. 91, 92 and 93. Informal Dec., entered by Francis M. Dively, 2911 Fifth Ave., Altoona, Pennsylvania. (79.6 E). Light mallow purple with mallow pink.

33. ALEXANDER'S MINIATURE. Stake Nos. 94, 95 and 96. Miniature Incurved Cactus, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (79.5 S). Light orange yellow with considerable grenadine.

15. WHITE CHRISTMAS. Stake Nos. 43, 44 and 45. Informal Dec., entered by Max O. Scheffel, Randolph Ave., Box 169, Emerson, New Jersey. (79.3 M). White with center petals tinged with straw yellow.

24. 1-124. Stake Nos. 70, 71 and 72. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, 14592 Dixie Highway, Clio, Michigan. (79.2 S). Phlox purple with tips of center petals Rood's violet and outer rows a pale phlox pink.

34. BOUCHAN'S 8-21 SEEDLING. Stake Nos. 97, 98 and 99. Formal Dec., entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (78.8 E). Pale amaranth pink with ends of outer rows nearly white.

55. LADY GARTMOR. Stake Nos. 160, 161 and 162. Informal Dec., entered by Albert Parella, Albert Parella Dahlia Gardens, 3380 Ely Avenue, corner 222nd Street, Bronx, New York, N. Y. (78.5 E). Carmine with ox-blood red sheen.

17. JOY ALIVE. Stake Nos. 49, 50 and 51. Informal Dec. to Semi-Cactus, entered by J. Ferretto, 31 Ellison St., Paterson, New Jersey. (78 E). Between scarlet and spectrum red with closed center petals carmine. About half the rows are streaked with pale yellow-orange.

5. W-75-39. Stake Nos. 13, 14 and 15. Informal Dec., entered by Wm. Wolbert, Clariam Gardens, 2109 Sunset Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. (77.5 E). Liseran purple shading to rose purple.

44. BABY K. Stake Nos. 127, 128 and 129. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by Nick Koenig and Sons, Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (77.2 S). Amaranth pink with edges of some tips nearly white.

58. NO. 374. Stake Nos. 169, 170 and 171. Straight Cactus, entered by J. B. Anderson, 459 Fairview Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey. (76.6 M). Lemon yellow with ends of petals coral pink.

41. UNITED NATIONS. Stake Nos. 118, 119 and 120. Informal Dec., entered by Jane Healey Dahlia Gardens, Box 437, Haskell, New Jersey. (75.9 E). Apricot yellow with shading of capucine orange in outer rows. Center petals English red.

8. JOHN BURKE. Stake Nos. 22, 23 and 24. Formal Dec., entered by Herbert B. Cannon, 357 East Union St., Lockport, New York. (74.6 M). Scarlet red with backs of closed center petals and tips of outside rows buff yellow.

2. SEEDLING. Stake Nos. 4, 5 and 6. Miniature Formal Dec., entered by George W. Kocher, R. D. No. 1, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (73.6 S). Mallow purple with middle row of petals true purple and closed center petals Rood's violet.

3. "CANDY FLOSS." Stake Nos. 7, 8 and 9. Miniature Informal Cactus to open centers, entered by Glen McLeod, McLeod's Dahlia Gardens, 564 Halladay St., Seattle, Washington. (71.2 S). Tyrian pink with some of the flat petals toward center streaked or flecked with naphthalene yellow to nearly white.

## Dahlias Recommended for Retrial

6. JANE COWL SEEDLING. Stake Nos. 16, 17 and 18, entered by E. L. Usinger, Silver City, New Mexico.

20. SEEDLING E 11-39. Stake Nos. 58, 59 and 60, entered by George H. Swezey, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, New Jersey.

14. 40-7, CREAM PRINCESS. Stake Nos. 40 (did not grow), 41 and 42, entered by Andrew Doermann, North Trevor Avenue, Cheviot (Cincinnati), Ohio.

21. E 17-39. Stake Nos. 61, 62 and 63, entered by George H. Swezey, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, New Jersey.

22. K-39, MISS CONWAY. Stake Nos. 64, 65 and 66, entered by George H. Swezey, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, New Jersey.

23. 1-116. Stake Nos. 67, 68 and 69, entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, 14592 Dixie Highway, Clio, Michigan.

27 & 28. A-201. Stake Nos. 79 (did not grow), 80 and 81, entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

29. A-28. Stake Nos. 82, 83 and 84, entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

30. S-41-1. Stake Nos. 85, 86 and 87, entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

31. S-42-1. Stake Nos. 88, 89 and 90, entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

37. 2-40. Stake Nos. 106, 107 and 108, entered by Gertrude K. Strasen, Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio.

38. NO. 41-5. Stake Nos. 109, 110 and 111, entered by B. W. Hertel, 1532 Hall St., S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

39. K. K. 41-4, BEGINNER'S LUCK. Stake Nos. 112, 113 (did not grow) and 114, entered by G. L. Pierce, 436 S. Summit Ave., Villa Park, Illinois.

40. FRANCES HANNA. Stake Nos. 115, 116 and 117, entered by John W. Hanna, Prop., Hanna Dahlia Gardens, Box 58, Clayton, New Jersey.

48. THERESA POULOS. Stake Nos. 139, 140 (did not grow) and 141 (did not grow), entered by C. J. Poulos, 235 Power Rd., Pawtucket, R. I.

50. L2. Stake Nos. 145, 146 and 147, entered by H. P. Rieper, 4350 Oxford Rd., Cedarhurst, L. I., New York.

51. GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING. Stake Nos. 148, 149 and 150, entered by H. E. Ward, Ward Horticultural Co., 109 West Cedar Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

52. A-1, RED GIANT. Stake Nos. 151, 152 and 153, entered by H. H. Robens, 41 Hall Avenue, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

54. SEEDLING. Stake Nos. 157, 158 and 159. Incurved Cactus, entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Centre, L. I., New York.

56. SEEDLING NO. 100 D. Stake Nos. 163, 164 and 165, entered by Albert Parella, Albert Parella Dahlia Gardens, 3380 Ely Avenue, corner 222nd Street, Bronx, New York.

57. GAIL KEPPEL. Stake Nos. 166, 167 and 168, entered by J. B. Anderson, 459 Fairview Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

59. NO. 41-16-24. Stake Nos. 172, 173 and 174, entered by J. B. Anderson, 459 Fairview Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

60. SEEDLING, DR. ALEXANDER J. STODDARD. Stake Nos. 175, 176 and 177, entered by Thomas McKay, Devon, Pennsylvania.

61. WINSTON CHURCHILL. Stake Nos. 178, 179 and 180, entered by Omar Coles, Sr., 224 Lafayette Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey.

## The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Grounds Report—Ault Park

The past season was not very favorable for growing Dahlias and under these conditions no scores were given. The early part of the season was very wet and made it almost impossible to get plantings in on time. The late part of the season was very dry, causing the plants to bloom very late. Even old standard varieties did not produce until late. With these conditions the judges of the Trial Grounds did not think it would be fair and try to score the entries. All of the entries will be given retrial next season at no cost. About 30 of the 1943 introductions were grown in connection with the Trial Grounds, but the percentage of good ones was low. Some

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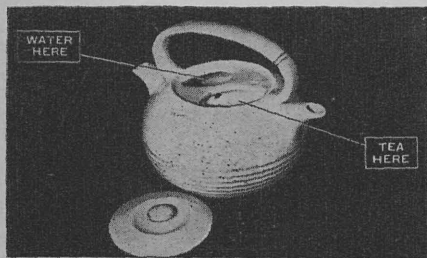
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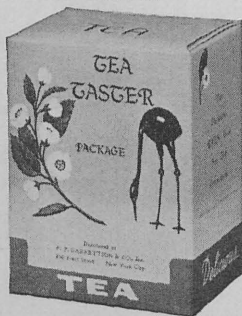
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## Trial Gardens

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of the new and standard ball Dahlias were grown also. These varieties were furnished by two (2) commercial growers and we are grateful to these men for their co-operation, as this gives us a chance to check the new introductions with the old standard varieties.

ROBERT SEIBEL,  
Trial Grounds Superintendent.

## Mid-West Trial Gardens Season 1943

The Mid-West Trial Gardens at East Lansing, Michigan, had 57 dahlia entries on trial for 1943. We had a cold, wet season and due to the hard rains the early part of the season, we lost the first 21 entries which were practically washed out. These entries will all be retried free in 1944. The remaining entries did well, however, and we really had some fine dahlias late in the season. The judging was especially fine too, and we do want to say thanks again to our judges who came and did such a wonderful job. Many had difficulty getting to East Lansing, as travel conditions were very poor, but they did get here, and some came three and four times during the season. Judges for the season were:

Victor L. Steckle, Lansing; A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek; Dr. Paul Morgan, Battle Creek; Prof. M. Hewitt, Jackson; J. L. Kress, Jackson; Barton Elliott, Grand Haven; J. Louis Roberts, Chicago; Arthur Wulff, Detroit; Albert Hendricks, Clio; Mrs. A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek; Otto Hoepfner, Perry; E. M. Beach, Flint; W. C. Behl, Jackson; and E. Holland, Jackson.

Nine entries were scored 85 points or better, and several more entries would have made the grade if there had been more than one plant to judge from, but as we said before, the heavy rains did spoil many entries, and many entries had only one plant. Also several were very late blooming.

The trial gardens committee met on November 6, 1943, together with the judges, and the following scores were given the dahlias that rated 80 points or better.

C. E. WILDON, Superintendent.

The following nine varieties were awarded certificates having scored 85 or better:

**LITTLE SISTER.** Entry 22. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85.25 S. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Bicolor—white overcast amaranth red except outer one-third of florets. Flowering habit good. Stem 6-8 inches, good. Diameter of flowers 3-4½ inches; depth 2½-3 inches. Height of plants 36 inches, spread 38 inches.

**WORLD EVENT.** Entry 26. Informal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color mallow-rose. Flowering habit abundant. Fine stem 6½-16 inches. Diameter of flowers 7½-10 inches; depth 4½-5 inches. Height of plants 3-4 feet, spread 3-4 feet. Very fine dahlia with extra fine centers.

**LINK'S BLACK PRINCE.** Entry 31. Informal decorative. Score 85.3 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, New Jersey. Amaranth red. Flower-

ing habit abundant. Stems stiff, strong, 8-14 inches. Diameter of flowers 8-10½ inches; depth 5-5½ inches. Height of plant 4 ft., 6 inches to 5 feet. Spread 4-4½ feet. Fine very dark red.

**BABY K.** Entry 35. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85 S. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Color mallow-pink. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 5 to 9 inches, good. Diameter of flowers 3-4 inches; depth 2-2½ inches. Height of plants 3 ft., 8 inches to 4 feet. Spread to 4 feet. Good commercial cut flower.

**ANNABELLE.** Entry 36. <sup>L.C.K.</sup> Cactus. Score 85.4 C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. General color description, yellow-autumn. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 7-13 inches, good, strong. Diameter of flowers 5½ inches; depth 3½-3¾ inches. Height of plants 3 ft., 3 inches to 3 ft., 8 inches. Spread 2½-4 feet. Very good cactus. Excellent cut flower.

**SEEDLING S-42-2.** Entry 42. Score 85 E. Formal decorative. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Color mallow-pink, fading. Prolific. Stem strong, dark, 9-11 inches. Diameter of flowers 8½-10½ inches; depth 5-6 inches. Height of plants 4-6 feet, spread 3 feet. Excellent.

**SEEDLING S-42-1.** Entry 42-A. <sup>Janekausch</sup> Semi-cactus. Score 86 E. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Color mallow-pink to mallow-rose, tips white. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 8-12 inches, good. Diameter of flowers 8-10½ inches; depth 5-6 inches. Height of plants 3 feet, spread 3 ft., 11 inches. Very good.

**WINNIE KENDALL.** Entry 49. Formal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by R. F. Row, 35 Maple Avenue, Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada. Originator, Cuthbert Kendall, Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada. Color amaranth to rose-amaranth. Flowering habit abundant. Substance good. Habit spreading. Stem good, 7 to 12½ inches. Diameter of flowers 8 to 10 inches; depth 4-6 inches. Height of plants 6 feet, spread 4 to 5 feet. Three good plants. Very fine amaranth. Nice long stems.

**ROSELYN STRAIGHT.** Entry 57. Semi-cactus. Score 86.3 E. Entered by C. J. Straight, 311 View Ave., Fairmont, West Virginia. Lemon-yellow, lightly tinted amaranth. General description autumn. Flowering habit good. Substance excellent. Stem 8 to 12½ inches. Diameter of flowers 8½ to 11 inches; depth 5½ to 6 inches. Height of plants 3½ to 4½ feet. Spread 2 ft., 6 inches to 2 ft., 8 inches. Very fine. Three good plants.

## DAHLIA ENTRIES SCORING 80-84 POINTS

**DOUBLE DUTY.** Entry 23. Formal decorative approaching large ball. Score 84 C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Mich. Color mallow-rose. Flowering habit good. Stem 7 to 13 inches. Diameter of flowers 5-6 inches; depth 3-4 inches. Height of plant 4 ft., 6 inches; spread 3 feet. Very good pink ball. Recommended for free retrial. Only one plant, other two washed out.

**SARRETT'S PINK FLAMINGO.** Entry 27. Cactus. Score 84 E. Entered by Lew Sarrett, 1732 S. Green Bay Road, Ravinia, Illinois. Sulfur yellow overcast lightly mallow-pink. Stems 7½ to 10 inches. Diameter of flowers 7 to 9 inches; depth 3½ to 4½ inches. Height of plant 3 ft., 2 inches; spread 3 ft., 5½ inches. Only one plant. Two plants died. Some hard centers.



**LINK'S SENSATION.** Entry 28. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 83.6 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, N. J. Greenish-yellow overcast spectrum red. General appearance red-orange. Stem 8 to 11 inches; elbow on most of stems. Diameter of flowers 8 to 10 inches; depth 4-5½ inches. Height of plants 3½ to 4½ feet; spread to four feet. Good orange. Some hard centers. Three good plants.

**MOSCOW.** Entry 29. Informal decorative. Score 82 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, N. J. Color spectrum red. Flowering habit abundant. Stem 5 to 10 inches. Diameter of flowers 8 to 9½ inches; depth 4-5½ inches. Height of plants 3½ to 6 ft; spread 3½ to 5½ feet. Centers not very good.

**SEEDLING-33-38.** Entry 30. Informal decorative. Score 82 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, N. J. Light greenish-yellow or sulfur flushed mallow-rose. Stem 7½ to 10 inches. Diameter of flowers 7 to 8 inches; depth 4-5 inches. Height of plants 3½ to 4½ feet; spread 2½ to 4 feet.

**ALMINA.** Entry 32. Cactus. Score 82 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Columbia, N. J. Color lemon-yellow. Stem 6 to 10 inches, rubbery. Diameter of flowers 6 to 8 inches; depth 3½ to 4 inches. Height of plants 3½ to 4½ inches; spread 3 to 4 feet. Good yellow cactus but rubbery stems.

**SEEDLING 141.** Entry 33. Cactus. Score 83 E. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Mich. Spectrum red. Flowering habit good. Substance poor. Stem 4 to 8 inches. Diameter of flowers 6 to 7 inches; depth 3½ to 4 inches. Height of plants 4-4½ feet; spread 3-3½ feet. Nice red cactus. Three good plants.

**MOTHER KOENIG.** Entry 37. Informal decorative. Score 82.6 E. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Light sulfur yellow flushed mallow-rose. Flowering habit very good. Stem 10-14½ inches. Diameter of flowers 7 to 9 inches; depth 3-4½ inches. Height of plants 4 to 5 feet; spread 3½ feet. Three good plants. Blooms deformed, poor centers.

**MARY JANE S.** Entry 38. Cactus. Score 83.2 C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Lemon-yellow becoming slightly overcast mallow. General appearance yellow in central portion becoming autumn on older florets. Flowering habit good. Stem 6 to 9 inches. Diameter of flowers 4-5 inches, depth 2¼ to 3 inches. Height of plants 3 to 4 feet; spread 3 feet. Very fine cactus. Some hard centers at first, better later. Fine cut flower. Three good plants.

**SEEDLINGS S-O.** Entry 40. Informal decorative. Score 81.8 C. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Autumn. Stem 11 to 17 inches. Diameter of flowers 4½ inches; depth 3 inches. Height of plants 2 to 2½ feet; spread 2 to 3 feet. Dwarf. Many open hard centers.

**SEEDLING S-41-1.** Entry 41. Informal decorative. Score 83.8 E. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Bronzy yellow or yellow-autumn. Flowering habit abundant. Substance poor. Stem 7 to 10½ inches. Diameter of flowers 7 to 8 inches; depth 3½ to 5 inches. Height of plants 4 feet; spread 4 to 5 feet. Two good plants.

**BEAUTIFUL LADY.** Entry 44. Formal decorative. Score 84 E. Entered by Forest View Gardens, Fairmount, W. Va. Greenish yellow. Flowering habit abundant. Stem 8 to 11 inches. Diameter of flowers 8 to 9 inches; depth 5 to 6 inches. Height of plants 5 to 6 feet; spread 3 to 3½ feet. Three very good plants. Strong grower. Very fine but some centers inclined to be open.

**SEEDLING O-52.** Entry 46. Formal decorative. Score 82.7 C. Entered by A. H. Rich. Color mallow rose. Flowering habit good. Stem 5 to 8 inches. Diameter of flowers 6½ to 7½ inches; depth 4-5 inches. Height of plants 2½ to 3½ feet; spread 2 to 4 feet. Not very good stems.

**MISS BAMBRIDGE.** Entry 50. Cactus score 83.5 E. Entered by H. H. Robens, 41 Hall Ave., Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Color very light greenish-yellow overcast mallow pink. Flowering habit medium, late. Stem 7 to 10 inches. Diameter of flowers 8-8½ inches; depth 5-6 inches. Height of plants 4 to 5 feet; spread 3 feet. Very fine but very late flowering. Judges advise retrieval.

**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING.** Entry 52. Semi-cactus. Score 83 E. Entered by Ward Horticultural Company, 109 W. Cedar, Webster Groves, Missouri. Autumn. Flowering habit good. Stem 7 to 12 inches. Diameter of flowers 8 inches; depth 5 inches. Height of plants 3 to 4 feet; spread to 3 feet. Nice dahlia but color a little dull, fades. Poor foliage.

**SEEDLING 21279.** Entry 53. Semi-cactus. Score 83 E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Ill. Color mallow-rose  
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**ROSELYN STRAIGHT, Winner of the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Medal**

**THE DERRILL HART MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL** is the highest award of the American Dahlia Society. It is given to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Hart, former president of the A.D.S. and father of the "Honor Roll." Mr. Hart was recognized as one of the best judges of Dahlias in his time. His great interest in seedlings prompted our Society to create this Annual Award to an undisseeded Dahlia.

And since we place such a high value on this medal it was decided to make its winning difficult, yet eminently fair. It is awarded to that seedling which receives the highest average score in three official Trial Grounds.

The present winner has the additional honor of receiving the highest point rating of any winner of a Derrill Hart Memorial award since its inception; *Roselyn Straight's* average is 86.2.

This Dahlia was originated by Straight-Wells, well known West Virginia hybridizers (well Dean Oliver Shurtleff only claims for that great state "they know how to grow Dahlias").

*Roselyn Straight* is a very large semi-cactus; apricot yellow, shaded and streaked scarlet red, very tips of petals lemon yellow.

It is fitting that this fine Dahlia should be introduced by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Dewey Mohr and Mr. Straight and Mr. Wells enjoy a long time friendship and Mr. Mohr has been instrumental in publicizing Straight-Wells Dahlias many years.

It is unfortunate that awards may not be made in medium or small flowering types this year. There were some very meritorious varieties, but unfortunately two of our Trial Grounds had regrettable experience with old man weather—one could not even score any plants. Mr. Doerman's *Coral Pink* and Mr. Koenig's *Buddy* and *Little Buddy* were surely in the running.

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## The Quiz Corner

By J. Louis Roberts

[Editor's Note: We are happy to inaugurate this regular feature for your enjoyment.]

Let's start a quiz program of our own.

Mr. Ernest Tooker about three years ago, gave a combined chart of fertilizing and timing of blooms which was very good. In that period of time you may have forgotten, so let's ask the question: "How can I time my blooms for the shows?"

Answered by: Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I don't think I have been very successful in the matter of timing blooms for shows lately. The weather plays such an important part in timing that one would have to know what the weather conditions were going to be like in order to time blooms with any degree of accuracy. I planned on having a fine selection of dahlias for the Mid-West show last year, but due to the two-week cold spell before the show, I had only a few, but had a lot of good ones one week later. "That's what they all say." A bloom of *Tops*, which I thought I was going to have for the Mid-West show, bloomed one week late, but turned out to be the largest bloom I have ever raised.

I figure that with average weather, most blooms will take from three to four weeks to open, from the time the bud shows, but late in the season, when we have a lot of cold weather up here in Wisconsin, I would say most years it runs close to five weeks. It is rather hard to hit the shows if you only have a few plants, but if you have a large number you could stagger your buds and be pretty sure of getting some for each show.

In hot weather you can almost see the blooms grow and they will open in a very short time. In cold weather the plants just seem to stand still and don't even seem to open, but when they do the flowers are extra good. Of course, one can control the conditions a little. In hot weather you could shade the best plants, which you might want for a show, and in this way hold them back a little or save the bloom for the show. In cold weather you could help them a little by watering the plants with warm water, and when the flower starts to open, spray into the flower with a fine spray of water. Glass is sometimes used to hurry blooms along. Some folks have put fish bowls over a bud in order to speed it along, or have even covered the entire plant with their glass storm windows. The extra heat from the sun through the glass will hurry them along."

Answered by: Edward O'Keeffe, Cold Spring, N. Y.

The weather no doubt is the one and only real timer of dahlia blooms. A bad growing season, making blooms late is just too bad; not much one can do about it. On the other hand, one can control his blooms in an early flowering season. The surest way is keep a record and know your varieties, whether early, medium, or late bloomers. The late bloomers should be planted early as in the case of *M. Broomwall*, *Azura*, *Mother's Day*, etc. Take one pinch about July 10th and pray the weather is with you.

To time the average flowering of dahlia varieties in the vicinity of New York, plant about May 15th. After plant has become well established, approximately June

15th to June 30th, pinch out the top, leaving four laterals. Each week later pinch out one more lateral. This should give you a spread of four weeks, four laterals on each plant. If you find you are a week too early for the show, you can remove the crown bud and use a side bud. Some varieties are better on side buds, while others are not. Again, you must know the habits of your varieties. The surest way is to keep a record of your varieties and pinch accordingly. Here is some of my experience:

Variety	Days to Flower from				
	Date Pinched Back	Date First Bud	Date First Flower	Pinching Back	First Bud
Amelia Earhart .....	7-16	8-10	9-15	60	36
Azura .....	7- 1	9- 2	10-20	114	49
Ballego's Surprise .....	7- 1	8- 2	9- 3	63	30
Bernice Geer .....	7- 5	8-16	9-15	45	30
Bette Davis .....	7-20	8-16	9- 5	46	20
California Idol .....	7- 5	8- 5	9- 5	60	30
Dancing Sainsbury .....	7-11	8- 8	9- 2	52	24
Dean Anderson .....	7-11	8-13	9-10	60	27
Greater Glory .....	7-12	8-15	9-13	63	29
Hunt's Velvet Wonder....	7-15	8-15	9-15	62	31
Lord of Autumn .....	7-20	8-21	9-16	60	26
Mr. George LeBoutillier	7-12	8-17	9-15	66	30
Murphy's Masterpiece ...	7-15	8-12	9-19	66	32-38
New Glory .....	7-10	8-15	9- 8	60	24
Sunrays .....	7- 8	8- 8	9- 1	54	23
Volcano .....	7-11	8-23	9-26	50	35
Watchung Giant .....	7-15	8-12	9-10	57	29
Average .....				58-62	28-32

Thanks, Joe and Ed. Maybe someone else can give us their experience.

ED. NOTE: This new feature holds promise of real interest. Write Mr. Roberts about the questions you would like answered. Address, J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

## Trial Gardens

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reverse darker (almost amaranth) gives flower a rich liveliness. Flowering habit abundant. Stem 9 to 12 inches. Diameter of flowers  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches; depth 4 to 5 inches. Height of plants 5 to 6 feet, spread 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Three good plants. Stems weak. Beautiful colored dahlia with good centers.

SEEDLING 32-23. Entry 56. Informal decorative. Score 84 E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Ill. Color mallow rose. Flowering habit good. Health of plants good. Stem 10 inches. Diameter of flowers 8 to 10 inches; depth  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Height of plants  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet; spread 3 feet. Very fine. Loose formation.

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## Mid-West Show

This year the Central States Dahlia Society was host to the Mid-West Conference. The Show, which was held on September 18th and 19th in the Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, was beautifully presented under the Show Chairmanship of Mr. Edward Schoenlau. The final tabulation shows that there was an approximate attendance of 17,000 people during the two days that the Show was open to the public.

In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed in the Mid-west section this year, the number and the quality of blooms was outstanding. The judging was done largely by our guests, members of the Mid-West Conference, who did an excellent job and to whom we are deeply indebted.

Due to war restrictions several of the awards which previously consisted of silver cups, etc., were replaced by items made of non-critical materials such as beautiful vases, etc. Still, we were fortunate in being able to present many medals which were donated by various Dahlia Societies throughout the United States.

The outstanding event of the Show was the awarding of the American Home Achievement Medal to three blooms of "Sarett's Pink Flamingo", which were grown and shown by George Currie of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

One of the innovations of this year's Show were exhibits relating to Victory Garden products, the winners of which were E. Stone and Mrs. H. J. Bluhm.

The winners of special ribbons for the largest blooms in their respective classes were:

Emil Kuehnle—Section A—*Virginia Rule*.  
C. L. Hildebrandt—Section B—*Crowning Glory*.  
E. Pernsot—Section C—*Stephen Foster*.  
E. J. Heggstad—Section D—*Tops*.  
F. C. Gossweiler—Section E—*Carl Dahl*.  
Ben Makowski—Section F—*Lynn Fontaine*.  
Joe Heineman—Section H—*Colin Kelly, Jr.*

The winners of special ribbons for "Most Perfect Blooms" in their respective classes were:

Emil Kuehnle—Section A—*Mrs. I. de ver Warner*.  
Mrs. Clara Grotheer—Section B—*Leah Pearl*.  
Geo. Carmichael—Section C—*Pink Giant*.  
Fred L. Trauth—Section D—*Snowcrest*.  
Leo D. Garis—Section E—*Golden Standard*.  
Alfred Engling—Section F—*Michigan White*.  
Joe Heineman—Section H—*Bataan*.

The August Koch Award was given to Mr. F. C. Gossweiler as Sweepstakes winner in Section E.

The Sweepstakes winner of Section K was Mr. Joe Heineman, who received the East Liverpool Dental Society Medal.

The Wisconsin Dahlia Society Medal went to E. Pernsot, the Sweepstakes winner of Section M.

The Rose Schampel Memorial Award was given to Mrs. Stanley Swanson, the Sweepstakes winner of Section R.

The ADS Certificate was won by Mrs. Gunner Peterson in Section S.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky vase was awarded to the North Brook Dahlia Gardens, who had one of the most outstanding exhibits of the Show.

The medal of the Dahlia Society of Georgia was won

by the Fitchett Dahlia Gardens with an unusually fine commercial display of Miniatures.

The medal of the Indianapolis Dental Society was awarded to Mrs. H. J. Bluhm of Section U.

The medal of the Northeastern Dahlia Society was awarded to Mr. E. J. Heggstad for the *largest bloom* of the Show.

The medal of the Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Society was awarded to Mr. Alfred Engling for the *most Perfect Bloom* of the Show.

The other Sweepstakes winners in their respective classes were:

Emil Kuehnle—Section A.  
C. L. Hildebrandt—Section B.  
E. Pernsot—Section C.  
Fred L. Trauth—Section D.  
George Merkle—Section F.  
Delwood Dahlia Garden—Section H.  
Joe Cadrobbs—Most outstanding bloom, Section P.

The consensus of opinion, both of our members and visiting guests, was that everybody had a very enjoyable and profitable season and it is our sincere wish that at our next year's Show we may again have many out-of-town visitors with us.

The officers and Board of Directors of the Central States wish to thank the members of the Mid-West Conference for their whole-hearted cooperation with our Show.

STANLEY D. TYLMAN, President.

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## Dahlia Society of New Jersey Annual Show

After several changes of date, location and personnel of committees because of demands of war work, the 21st annual show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was held Saturday, October 2nd, at Essex House, Newark, N. J., currently the meeting place of the Society. While not as large as usual, it did not lack any of the quality and beauty of preceding shows. Lack of transportation did reduce considerably the number of flowers brought in and there were not many arrangements because it is not easy to carry the necessary vases and bowls, in addition to flowers and foliage, on buses.

Flowers and arrangements were judged by the following well-known judges: Mr. Lynn B. Dudley and Dr. Ward Cook, Tuckahoe, N. Y., Dr. C. H. Connors, New Brunswick, N. J. and Mr. Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

The outstanding exhibit was a new introduction entered in Class Five "Special"—medium flowers 4 in. to 8 in.—vase of five blooms, any one type, one or more varieties or colors", by Frank D. Marker of Upper Montclair. The flowers, labelled "Seedling B", were 5 in. cactus in deep Tyrian rose, the color being determined after much discussion and matching with color charts on the part of the judges. A close runner-up for the outstanding exhibit was the entry of Mr. A. Egan, Bloomfield, consisting of three very fine blooms of *Norma Morton*, *Thunderbolt* and *Korean Grandeur*, entered in Class 3 for "Three finest large-flowering Dahlias."

The American Home Achievement medal was not awarded, the judges not finding anything of sufficient merit. For the best Dahlia of New Jersey origin, Mr. Leo Pollak's trophy was won by Mr. Leslie A. DeTuflo of Belleville, with a vase of three blooms of *Golden Standard*; Mrs. S. G. VanHoesen's trophy went to Mr. A. Egan for three finest large-flowering Dahlias as named above; for a "seedling miniature Dahlia not over 3½ in., never before shown," the prize given in memory of Mrs. Charles H. Stout was won by Vincent Sigismondi, Teaneck, N. J., with *Pinkness* (a temporary name), and the award of Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society was won by the exhibit of Frank D. Marker, described above as the outstanding exhibit of the show.

Sweepstakes for the entire show, including specimens and arrangements, went to Mrs. C. V. Smith, Far Hills, who won 51 points, with Mr. Herbert D. Green, Westwood, as runner-up with 25 points.

Many familiar faces were missing at the show, but those present were most enthusiastic over the presentation of such fine blooms at such a late date and there was much discussion of beautiful flowers that had passed their height of beauty before the show and of promising new varieties to be shown next year "whether the war is over or not." Many stories were told also of the space taken from the usual Dahlia plantings and given over to Victory Gardens, and the wonderful results attained from the knowledge of soil management, cultivation and use of fertilizers acquired during the years of Dahlia growing, resulting in gain of weight from quantities of vegetables consumed during the summer, crowded shelves of canned vegetables, pickles and preserves, and bushels of root crops for winter use.

Who dares to say Dahlia societies have no place in wartime?

## Fall Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was held at Essex House Saturday, October 23rd, with past-president Mr. Leo Pollak presiding. He reported that Mrs. W. W. Maas, first vice-president, was very ill at her home. Later it was moved to send her a basket of fruit as an expression of the sympathy of the Society. The recent death of Mr. George Dolan, long an active member, was also reported.

There was considerable discussion of the recent flower show and its beautiful blooms and Mr. John Metzger told that he and some other members took most of the flowers from our show to one being held at the Branch Brook Park conservatories the same day and Sunday, where they added much to the beauty and interest of that exhibit. The best of the flowers were placed in a special arrangement, with a card on it "In memory of Ray Smith", our late president, who was lost on a ship torpedoed on its way to Iceland early in the year. Hundreds of people visit this annual show at the Park and the desirability of cooperation of the Dahlia Society at a future show was discussed. Several members reported on the best Dahlias that came to their attention during the past season, the subject of watering was gone into very thoroughly, and there was an exhaustive discussion of treatment for corn borers, which have been unusually active this year, and other pests. Of course most members had taken some of their former Dahlia space and planted it to Victory Gardens this year and of necessity these crept into the discussions until a member inquired if this was a Victory Garden or a Dahlia meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 15th at the Parish House of Trinity Church when new officers and board members will be elected. The nominating committee consists of Messrs. Ed Lloyd, Conrad Frey, John Metzger and Mrs. H. D. Thomas. Mr. Lynn B. Dudley will discuss the new Dahlias for 1944 and each member is asked to bring a list of his or her choice of ten Dahlias.

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### A.D.S. Show Will Be Held Sept. 21-22

Just before our forms closed for this issue there was an important meeting of the Executive and Show Committee.

Plans are well under way for our Show, which will return this year to the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. It will be staged in the spacious and beautiful Roof Garden.

The schedule is nearing completion and it is planned to publish it in the May BULLETIN.

By reason of several generous gift donations there will be \$25.00 cash prizes for the always spirited Section B Sweepstakes, as well as open to all.

Also \$25 each to special classes for Pom displays and Miniature displays, as well as a similar prize in the Garden Club section and \$25.00 for vegetables. Further details in our next issue. A word to the wise is sufficient—plan your planting to compete for these prizes. The Show will be under the direction of Vice-President Henry A. Olsen, show manager.



## Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society

In reading the U. S. Weather Bureau Report we find that 1943 has been one of the coldest, hottest, driest, wettest and freakiest years the country has experienced but, as our own Missourian, Mark Twain, once said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it."

As far as the past year being the coldest, it would not affect our Dahlia growers in St. Louis, but the continuous record breaking rains at planting time the past Spring delayed the setting out of plants and roots, which, in many instances, were replaced three or four times due to rotting—especially in poorly drained gardens.

This extremely wet period was followed by an unusual hot, dry summer. In spite of these obstacles, the members of our Society, with perseverance and the knowledge of how to grow good Dahlias, were able to put on one of the best shows we have had for several years. We have had larger shows in the past, but none better from the standpoint of quality of blooms and arrangement.

This year, as usual, our Show was held in conjunction with the St. Louis Horticultural Society at Missouri Botanical Gardens. It differs a great deal from the individual bloom exhibits one sees at other Dahlia Shows, in this respect, that we have many entries of three, five, ten, and fifteen blooms to an individual vase or basket, and many of them use one variety in arrangement. We also encourage mass displays by amateurs using 75 to 100 blooms. In this section, our treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Beckmann, was the winner of the Mrs. Jasper Blackburn gold vase for the best display. Fred's exhibit was made up of about half standard varieties and half of his own outstanding seedlings that were well grown. Many of his seedlings would command top prices if he were inclined to commercialize them. His massive *Virginia Rule* won the award for the largest bloom in the Show.

Speaking of seedlings and *Virginia Rule*, Mr. H. E. Ward, one of the outstanding commercial growers, won the American Home Achievement Medal with his henna old rose sport of *Virginia Rule*, which he named *General John J. Pershing*. The blooms were grown by our president, Mr. L. C. Bennett.

Mr. Ward's great admiration for General Pershing prompted him to write for permission to use his name for this fine, strong growing new variety, and he is very proud of the letter he received from the General. However, Mr. Ward does not intend to disseminate this variety until after the war—then, we will find it hard to beat in the large bloom class. Mr. Ward received Certificates of Merit at two trial grounds, East Lansing, Michigan and West Virginia. He also received an award for the best commercial exhibit.

Other winners of outstanding exhibits were Perry Wilson and Louis Girardi, who combined their blooms in a mass display. Also, Mr. Edw. F. Nolte, who displayed about 50 well grown blooms, including a very large bloom of *Colin Kelly, Jr.*

Among the winners of our city growers were Walter Hildebrand, who won the award for the most perfect bloom over 8 in. with an outstanding 11-in. bloom of *All-American*. Walter has a reputation for producing perfect blooms.

Another up and coming city grower is Hubert Sandefur, who displayed a large basket of perfect blooms of



Floating bowl arrangement of *Geneva Crystal White*—Awarded gold ribbon. Exhibited by Raymond C. Grass

*Dulcinea*. He also won the award for the most perfect bloom under 8 in. with this variety. Give both of these above-mentioned growers more ground to work with and they would be hard to beat at our shows.

The outstanding vase of fifteen large blooms was awarded the American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal, and was exhibited by yours truly. This vase included blooms of *Commando*, *Robert Ripley*, *Molly B.*, *Irene Dunne* and *Colin Kelly, Jr.* I also received an award for the best miniature display with an all-crystal arrangement of *Geneva Crystal White* and *Pink Duchess*, and a gold ribbon for an arrangement of *Geneva Crystal White* in a large, floating bowl. Too much cannot be said about this miniature. It has exceptional keeping qualities, prolific bloomer, and fine, clean growing plants.

In addition to the Dahlia exhibits, our Show had an abundance of color due to the entries of annuals, perennials and roses. Another feature of our shows is the fine work done by the ladies with flower decorative arrangements. These arrangements are judged on merit only by a group of St. Louis artists, who usually find it difficult to select the outstanding entry for top honors. However, you will always find Mrs. Jas. F. Williams' entries in the running, and this past show was no exception. Mrs. Williams was awarded the St. Louis Garden Club silver vase for the third time—giving her permanent possession.

From the interest shown in the Victory Garden section, it will be necessary to expand our Show space to accommodate entries at our future Shows.

Our society was pleased to learn that we had the largest delegation at the Central States Dahlia Show in Chicago last September, and that we were able to assist our neighboring society in the judging.

At the December meeting of our Society, we again elected L. C. (Pat) Bennett to serve as president for 1944. With "Pat's" enthusiasm and knowledge of Dahlias we may look forward to another fine year.

RAYMOND GRASS, Publicity Chairman.

## Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club Wellsville, Ohio

A whole year report to cram into a few words. This has been a very busy year for the Wellsville (Ohio) Glad-Dahlia Club. We have been hard at it in more ways than one. This is the heart of industrial United States with all its busy wartime industry. The steel mills must turn out armament from the raw materials hauled by the railroads. The mines must furnish the coal and clay and other minerals needed for the manufacturing. The Wellsville members are all engaged in these many phases of war work, while several of our members are in the armed service. With all these handicaps, we carried on a year of varied activities.

The annual turkey feed last fall (1943) drew in about 150 members. The monthly meetings were not as large as we were accustomed to having, but night time work, gas rationing, and wartime activities were all contributing factors. Tuber and bulk auctions were held and the plant auction brought out many new varieties.

The Annual Gladiolus Show was staged in August, 1943. This was an unqualified success with such glad blooms as are rarely seen in any show. With this show we held the first Victory Garden show. Many vegetables appeared and were judged by the county agricultural leaders.

At this show, the Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Junior Club made its first appearance. This is an organization of school children of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the public schools. The Juniors were organized in April of 1943 with a boy from the seventh grade as

president and a girl of the same grade as secretary-treasurer. The first show had over sixty entries from eight members. They included gladiolus, roses, early Dahlias, garden flowers, vegetables and even canned goods. But the strange creatures that roved over their tables were the crowning hit. Queer animals never found in any zoo (perhaps in some "pink elephant" nightmare) were made of vegetables. Hollyhock doll babies rocked in cucumber cradles, watched over by a carrot monkey. These Juniors sure set the town talking.

In September came the big event of the year, our Tenth Annual Dahlia Show. Ten years of showing Dahlias and nine years of exhibiting glads. That makes 19 shows in 10 years. Any one who has helped stage a show can appreciate what that means. The Dahlia show was the best in quality we have ever held, and that is saying an awful lot. There were a few less blooms, although there were well over 2,000 by actual count in the specimen classes. The arrangement section was well filled and the section devoted to roses was a sight to see. Roses of many hues and all sizes spread sweet fragrance through the room. The gladiolus section was not too large, but the quality of the flowers there was the highest.

Again the Juniors staged a grand display. Dahlias predominated this showing. The experience gained in the earlier show was plainly evident. The staging was much better and the grooming more perfect. Novelties again appeared and the competition was keen.

The second Victory Garden Show was held. This time it overflowed its allotted space and grew into a real, full grown show of its own. Hundreds of jars of canned fruits, vegetables, meats and jellies, jams and juices made every one hungry. The winter and late fall vegetables were exhibited, from a tomato so small, one needed a magnifying glass to see it to the mammoth squash weighing many pounds. This show has become a permanent part of the Wellsville exhibits.

Now for news of the winning varieties of Dahlias. A formal Dahlia 11.5 x 8 in. was declared the winner of the largest, most perfect award in the show. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of East Liverpool, Ohio, grew *Croydon Acme* to this huge size, and nearly absolute perfection. The largest, most perfect ball Dahlia was a grand specimen of *Mary Helen*, exhibited by M. J. Haugh, of Wellsville.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Frank's Dahlia Gardens for a very beautiful cactus, a wonderful blend of good depth and fine staging on the stem. Mr. Parencia achieved a very unusual feat when he won sweepstakes of the Senior Sections, and of the Color Classes both over and under 8 in., and of the Show with flowers of his own origination. Many were his own already disseminated varieties, while others were those you will soon be seeing on the market.

Mr. J. T. Eccleston of East Liverpool was runner up in the Senior Sweepstakes and in the Color Class Sweepstakes. The Junior (miniature, pompons, etc.) Sweepstakes was awarded to W. S. Haugh of Wellsville. Mrs. H. P. Patterson of Wellsville won the Arrangement Sweepstakes, while Frank E. Wilson of Chester, W. Va., was Novice winner. *Croydon Acme*, by J. T. Eccleston, was awarded the Dahlia Par Excellent. Many new varieties made their appearance in the small flower section. A new white ball Dahlia, *Emza*, drew consider-

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Among the winning varieties were the following, arranged in order, according to the number of wins each variety had:

Dahliaum, Bataan, Darcy Sainsbury, Victory, Class, Captain Cedarquist, Snowcrest, Michigan White, Mayor Ring, Croydon Acme, Rosy Morn, Katy K., Frau Ida Mansfield, Hillside Gold, Martha Churchill, Ohio Beautiful, The Ohioan, Lady Esther, Cherokee Brave, Reile, Your Lucky Star, Winter Morn, Rhythm, Snowball, Alice May, Ida Warner, Lowell Thomas, Bedford Beauty, Miss Pittsburgh, Market Glory, Jersey Beauty, Night Gal, Moonbia, Marian Smith, Limelight, Golden Beauty, Norma Morton, Evelyn Chandler, Sport, Red Jug, Bobby Carroll, Jean Trimbee, Croydon Violet, Croydon Chief, Eventide, Purple King, Lois Walcher, New Glory, Powerhouse, Dominant, Isis, Angelus, Enchantress, Waac, and other good varieties and many fine seedlings. Among the miniatures were New Diamond, Andries' Orange, Petite Prince, Fonda, Millie, Gilda Mae, Red Robin, Buckeye, Baby, Sylvia, and seedlings. Pompons included Mrs. J. Telfer, Brass Buttons, Ila, Ebony, Clover and Joe Fette as well as Little Edith and other old standbys. The ball Dahlias were represented by Emza, Mary Helen, Dainty Ball, Clara Clemens, Leah Pearl, Queen Marie, Marmour, D. Varongbury and Reginald. Other type Dahlias are becoming better represented in the Show.

The 1944 season is under way. New officers have been elected and will be installed at the December meeting when Santa Claus will be with us for a Christmas party. The year opened with a big feed held November 15th at which 77 members and friends sat down. It looks good for a fine year.

Wellsville, Ohio, Glad-Dahlia Club are to be hosts to the 1944 Show of the Ohio State Association of Dahlia Societies. All Dahlia societies of Ohio are invited to participate and all societies of neighboring states are cordially invited to bring their flowers and join in the exhibition.

The Wellsville Club recently elected the following officers:

President—W. S. Haugh, Seventh St.

Vice-President and Dahlia Show Chairman—H. P. Patterson, Ninth St.

Vice-President and Glad Show Chairman—W. M. Crawford, Buckeye Ave.

Victory Show Chairman—F. D. Hall, Buckeye Ave.

Financial Secretary—H. R. Driggs, Ninth St.

Treasurer—C. G. Herbert, 529 Broadway.

Board of Advisors: A. L. Henstock, Commerce St., Mrs. H. R. Driggs, Mrs. C. G. Herbert.

The Club Christmas Party was held on December 20th with over 50 members and friends present. Even Santa Claus came to the meeting. He distributed the gifts of the exchange and cheered each eager boy and girl. The carol singing was led by Mr. Driggs and was enjoyed by all. The songs took on new meaning this year when we realized that four of our active members are on battlefronts in every theater of the war. Each of these received a Christmas greeting from the Club and a paid up membership card.

The Junior Flower Club will present the entertainment and instruction period for the January meeting.

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## Minnesota Dahlia Society Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Minnesota Dahlia Society held its annual meeting on February 4th, at which time new officers for the Society were elected. They are as follows:

President—Mr. W. H. Lauer, 5005 Arden Ave., Edina, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vice-President—Mr. W. S. Block, 5416 So. Wentworth Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. A. R. Owen, 1856 Laurel Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn.

A new Board of Directors was also named at this meeting. There will be a meeting of the Board within the week at which time the dates for our 1944 Show will be chosen. You will be advised of these dates soon.

Yours very truly, MRS. A. R. OWEN, Secretary.

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## Mid-West Conference Dinner Meeting

The Mid-West Dahlia Conference mid-winter dinner and meeting was held in the Medical Arts Building at Chicago, Ill., with Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, president, presiding on Saturday, January 22, 1944.

The dinner was well attended and the meeting was very interesting. Delegates from the following societies were present: American Dahlia Society, Edw. B. Lloyd, H. Dewey Mohr, Harry Franzen and J. Louis Roberts. Dahlia Society of Wisconsin; Dr. H. O. Hoppe and George Currie. Dahlia Society of Kentucky, W. F. Kleinjohn.

Central States Dahlia Society: Mrs. H. Bluhm, David Radke, E. Schoenlau, B. Cummings and Leo Garis. Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society had no delegates present, but a telegram was received at the dinner from L. C. (Pat) Bennet that they were with us in spirit.

The various delegates were called upon by the President, after which the Dahlia Society of Kentucky extended an invitation to the Mid-West Conference to meet with them in connection with their annual show in Louisville, on September 30 and October 1, 1944. The invitation was accepted and full cooperation promised.

The result of the election of officers was, Joseph E. Beckwith, president, also president of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

It is a real pleasure for me personally to write this article and say—we are looking forward to seeing all of you in Louisville on September 30th.

MRS. W. F. KLEINJOHN, *Secretary*,  
Mid-West Dahlia Conference.

## Dahlia Society of San Leandro

The San Leandro (Calif.) Dahlia Society at their annual meeting elected the following as their officers for 1944: President, Paul W. Brannon; 1st Vice-President, Frank Zell; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. Parle; Directors, A. Arbini, Stanley Allen, Walter Danner, J. F. Groves, T. J. Sjoberg, Chas. Perry; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. Garrity.

In spite of present unsettled conditions the Society had a very successful season and the annual show was a great success, not quite so many entries as several of our members are on active service, but the quality was up to standard; in fact the judges were unanimous in their praise of the beauty and excellence and quality of the blooms. The judges were: Mr. Shulte of Santa Cruz, Mr. A. Low of Alameda, Mrs. Helms of San Leandro and Mrs. McAuliffe of San Francisco. Visitors were loud in their praises of the Show.

It was decided to have vegetable classes again this season to encourage Victory Gardens. The Society is ably supported by the city officials, also by the County Supervisors. This enables them to put on a Show that will hold up the city's title (The City of Sunshine and Flowers).

Plans are already formed for the 1944 Show, which we hope to make the best we ever had. The Alameda County Fuchsia Society announced that they will exhibit, thus making the Show more interesting, but to me there is no flower that can come up to the King of the Autumn—The Dahlia. Long may he reign!

CHAS. GARRITY, *Secretary*.

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### Western Pennsylvania Branch

Departing from our previous procedure, we decided to have a meeting in December and to make it a Christmas meeting. Accordingly, it was held December 9, 1943 at 8 P. M. at the Garden Center in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. Attractive decorations of poinsettias, holly, red and green paper, were arranged around the president's table, with an illuminated picture of a large jolly Santa Claus behind. Each member brought a Dahlia tuber or clump, appropriately wrapped in festive paper and ribbon, and put it in a large red box. All business was dispensed with.

Our speaker of the evening was Mr. John Eccleston, President of the East Liverpool, Ohio, Dahlia Society, and one of the outstanding growers of Show Dahlias from that section. In a most entertaining way and with illustrations on a blackboard, he told us how he had prepared his soil, on a wooded hillside and grew his Show Dahlias. His excellent talk was followed by a period of questions and answers, wherein the eager audience gained innumerable and invaluable tips and information on practically every phase of Dahlia growing.

Following the talk and question period, song sheets were passed. Our president, Mr. Banks, tuned up his violin, and we all joined in singing Christmas songs, concluding with "Jingle Bells." As we swung into the words of the first chorus, Santa Claus himself came prancing through the audience, with a jingling of real sleigh bells. With a jolly word and a smile for each one he passed out the tubers and clumps in their festive wrappings. Mr. Eccleston had donated a door prize and Mr. Retzer several clumps, for which the members drew. Many members were amazed when Santa Claus "unmasked" and proved to be our own jovial and accommodating member, Mr. H. F. Kaesmaier. Everyone went home in a happy frame of mind and the meeting was acclaimed a great success.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP, Secretary.

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### Dahlia Society of Toledo Holds Installation

The Dahlia Society of Toledo closed its most successful year since its inauguration, with a banquet and installation of officers, held at the Elks Club on January 19, 1944.

Mr. John Saalfeld, the retiring president, turned the gavel of office over to Mr. Carl P. Sattler, the incoming president. The other new officers include:

Mr. Hollie Ellis, 1st Vice-President.

Mr. Al Lonergan, 2nd Vice-President.

Mr. Wm. Pelton, 3rd Vice-President.

Mrs. Hazel Winey was re-elected Secretary for the third consecutive year.

Mrs. Hazel Schroder was re-elected Treasurer for the fifth consecutive year.

The committee chairmen will be appointed at the February meeting.

Under the competent leadership of Mr. John Saalfeld, the retiring president, the Toledo Dahlia Society has increased its membership very substantially, and the Show held in September was very successful. Weather conditions around Toledo were anything but conducive to good flower growing, and it was inspiring to see so many gorgeous big blooms, as were exhibited at our Show this year. We also had a number of new exhibitors.

Attendance at our meetings has increased very substantially. Because of the gasoline shortage we are now holding our meetings at the Secor Hotel, which is cen-

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## Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown (Maryland) Dahlia Society elects officers for 1944: President, H. C. Kuhn; First Vice-President, I. Keller Shank; Second Vice-President, Roy Polsgrove; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wilber H. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles W. Zahn; Executive Committee: H. C. Grove, chairman; D. A. Gossard, H. W. Wilhide, Mrs. H. C. Kuhn, Miss Margaret Middlekauff, Oscar R. Moser, Charles A. Eldridge.

It was the weather conditions and not the war that caused the cancellation of our 1943 Dahlia Show. With but one rain from June 1st to October 1st, we experienced one of the worst droughts through this locality ever recorded by the weather man. In spite of it all, we had some very good blooms at our Miniature Flower Show, held at our October meeting.

The Society has had a very successful year, having lost only a small percentage of its membership. After not having a Show in 1943, the enthusiasm has taken on a double-header for the biggest, and all efforts for the finest Show for 1944 we have ever held.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

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## New Rates for A. D. S. Membership

The proposed new schedule for membership dues in the A. D. S., also advertising in the BULLETIN, was accepted without a dissenting vote, at our Annual Meeting, January 29th.

Those who expressed opinions during the discussion were in agreement that the committee had given the matter careful consideration and used good judgment in proposing very moderate increases.

The new schedules, which take effect at once, follow:

Beginning the fiscal year of 1944, dues are raised as follows:

- (a) Active members, \$3.00 per year.
- (b) Participating members from our Branch Societies, \$1.50 per year.
- (c) Affiliated Society dues, \$15.00 per year.
- (d) Sustaining membership remains unchanged, \$5.00-\$10.00.

Rates in A. D. S. Bulletin are raised beginning with the April issue as follows for single insertions (one time rate):

- (a) 1 in., \$5.00
- (b) 2 in., \$8.50
- (c) One-quarter page, \$15.00
- (d) One-half page, \$27.00
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On yearly contracts for four (4) consecutive issues of the BULLETIN, a discount of 10 per cent will be allowed on space up to and including ads of one-quarter page in size and 15 per cent discount be allowed on space of one-half page or over in size, excepting that above discounts do not apply unless bills for space are paid within ten days of date of invoice.

## Mrs. Herman Lodge

Word has just reached us of the sudden death of the wife of Herman Lodge at La Mesa, California.

His many friends will join with the officers of the A. D. S. in expressing sincere sympathy.

Mr. Lodge is a Dahlia Hybridizer of fame. Choice seed from his Rock Leigh Gardens have produced many of our very finest varieties.

Reported by

PROF. C. MERRILL BROWN.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Alanson C. Schwarz, of 282 Lincoln Avenue, Rockville Centre, New York. Mr. Schwarz operated the Rockville Centre Dahlia Gardens.

Mr. Schwarz was one of our pioneer Dahlia growers, and it was his hobby. His demise from a heart attack, at the age of 56, was a great and sudden shock to us all. The Dahlia has lost a true friend.

He is survived by his widow and son.



## Dahlia Society of Alabama

In spite of the coldest weather we have had this season, an enthusiastic group of Dahlia growers met at the Hotel Tutwiler in Birmingham, Thursday evening, December 16th, 1943, for the regular monthly meeting of the Dahlia Society of Alabama.

The annual election of officers for 1944 was held. Mr. C. G. Goodwin was re-elected president. He reviewed the excellent work done by the Society during 1943 and pointed with pride to the fine Show held October 7th at the Parish House of the Church of the Advent.

The Show was under the supervision of our capable Show Chairman, Dr. H. C. (Shorty) Rike.

Other officers elected at this meeting were:

First Vice-President—Graham McKinley.

Second Vice-President—Chas. Thomas.

Third Vice-President—John Self.

Fourth Vice-President—G. H. Ritchie.

Fifth Vice-President—Henry Pendleton.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Hull.

The following were appointed Chairmen of Committees:

Program—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pate.

Show—Dr. H. C. Rike, chairman; Carl Goodwin, co-chairman.

Publicity—Mrs. T. M. Floyd, chairman; Dr. H. G. Simpson, co-chairman.

Membership—Frank House and Harold Freeman.

Public Relations and the Cut Worm Editor—Norman Lefkovits.

Plans for the annual banquet in February were announced. Although the majority of the Dahlia Society members are very busy with war work, the outlook for more and better Dahlias in 1944 is the best yet.

T. M. FLOYD.

## Kentucky to Be Host to Mid-West Show

The show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and the Mid-West Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 30th and October 1, 1944. We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all Dahlia fans. We anticipate a large show of dahlias and garden flowers.

We are doing all we can to give you a wonderful time and we are looking for the comfort of all the delegates. We would like to invite all out-of-town dahlia growers to send in their blooms, if unable to be present, personally.

A banquet will be held Saturday evening, September 30th, 1944, and from present indications, it should be an interesting occasion.

JOSEPH E. BECKWITH, President,  
Dahlia Society of Kentucky and  
Mid-West Conference.

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## 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.

*Tarawa*—large red, purple semi-cactus, by Frank H. Goetzger, 3104 Varnum St., Mt. Ranier, Md.

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### **Memory Club**

You say you have a list of the new varieties you want to plant. Well, I'm sending you some money to help out buying these. You just have to have some new ones to keep your interest in Dahlias alive. Sure, get some seed and plant it, too. You'll find that only one out of hundreds, perhaps thousands, turns out better than those now on the market, but if you have half a dozen promising ones when I get back, I'll be a happy man.

Get the garden plowed, and at least 8 inches deep. Down there will be some of the plant food you put on last year, washed down by moisture and combined with bacteria, and if you put on more humus, with the green manure in the cover crop, you should get along with a minimum of fertilizer. And a minimum is all you can get, I guess, till the war's over. The farmers need all they can get to raise the food for the armed services, those at home and our Allies. But put on the manure before plowing, if you can get it.

Well, must close now. I'm glad you're becoming a real Dahlia fan. It will be the greatest hobby you could possibly choose. As ever, YOUR OLD MAN ATURE.

### **Toledo**

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trally located in downtown Toledo, and makes it possible for our members to get there on the bus or street car.

We are looking forward to an active year in 1944 and I hope the members will work as faithfully with me, as they did for John Saalfeld during 1943. Dahlia Society of Toledo for 1944.—CARL P. SATTLER, President.

### **Super-Phosphate To Be Available**

It is likely that there will be an abundance of super-phosphate this season. It has been discovered that waste sulphuric acid, a bi-product of the manufacture of high octane gas for airplanes, is just as efficient in treating phosphate rock to produce superphosphate as fresh acid. Superphosphate is an aid to growing sturdy dahlia plants. Sown broadcast and "raked in" at planting time not only furnishes desired food elements but it helps to break down organic matter in the soil to create additional plant food.

And everyone of us should raise as much food as possible. The food battle they say is really going to become critical this year. We had no more land in food crop production in 1943 than we did in 1918 with 30,000,000 more population, twice as large a fighting force and bigger foreign requirements for liberated peoples. There is a big chance that in 1944 there won't be enough food to go around. So we can very well plan to allot some extra ground to vegetables. They may be precious.

### **Corn Borer**

The corn borer infested new areas last year and its destruction was particularly felt, since these growers were unprepared to fight it.

Spraying does greatly minimize damage from this pest. The BULLETIN will carry an article with details as to methods in the May issue.

Just as many wonderful blooms are produced in areas having corn borer as anywhere else if a little diligence is practiced in its control. Who would attempt growing roses without insect control—or Glads? Dahlias require no greater attention and give so much more in return.

### **KEMP'S WONDER DAHLIAS**

We are pleased to call your attention to our two outstanding 1943 introductions, **WHITE CHAMPION** and **LIDICE**.

We were unable to meet the demand for them last year, and are doubtful if we shall be able to meet the demand for them this year, so do not delay placing your order, do it at once to avoid disappointment.

**WHITE CHAMPION — Semi-Cac. (Pittman-Kemp).** Bloom 13 x 9 in. Plant 6-7 feet. This outstanding white was awarded two Achievement Medals and the Dahlia Society of N. J. Honorary President's Medal, 1942. This great white is so vigorous in growth it can be grown successfully almost anywhere, and by almost any one. Does not require pampering or heavy feeding. Be sure to have it in your 1944 garden. Stock limited.

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The dominating color is a delicate cream-yellow, shading to lemon-yellow toward the center. The long, still stems hold it high out of the foliage. If its real beauty you are after, you will find it in this variety. Descriptive list ready in early March.

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## National Capital Gossip

December—month of Saint Nick and good will—found a jolly gathering at the meeting of the National Capital Dahlia Society on the 14th.

Election of officers, a Dahlia quiz, and refreshments were the order of business of the evening. Which of the three was responsible for the large attendance is hard to say, but it probably was a little of each.

After tabulation of the ballots we found a swell line-up of leaders for 1944. Here is the result: President, E. R. Phillips; Vice-President, C. J. Humphreys; Secretary, H. C. Parker; and man of the money, J. L. Bowling. Parker was the retiring president and Bowling our retiring v. p. All were well pleased with the selection of officers for 1944 and pledged them their support.

Next came the quiz. While it was in progress many realized how little they knew of Dahlias and Dahlia varieties. The quiz was conducted by Mrs. John L. Bishop. It was entertaining, instructive, and produced many a hearty laugh.

Then came the eats—and all had their fill. We thank all the ladies present for the nice layout and service. There was lots on hand and to prove the men did not make pigs of themselves there was plenty left over to sell, the proceeds going to the treasury. As folks sat around the tables Dahlia talk flew thick and fast. The main topic was the honor rolls and the all important question, "What new ones are you getting next year?" No one had as yet made up their mind as far as could be learned.

And speaking of new Dahlias—keep your eye on the Washington area in the near future. Many promising new ones are being brought along by our members. E. R. Phillips has several. Its been whispered Comstock sends him a four-leaf clover with every seed, but to make doubly sure he puts a horseshoe in each hill. Bowling, Parker, Bishop and Goetzger have 'em, too. Each year finds more of our members growing seed and hitting the jackpot. Yes, National Capital seedlings will be heard from ere long!

## Delays in Delivery of THE BULLETIN

—these days are quite unavoidable. Invariably the BULLETIN is off the press on time, thanks to the fine service of our printers, Dispatch Press, Inc.

Within twenty-four hours later the mailing service house places the complete mailing in the hands of the postoffice.

The BULLETIN is mailed under second-class schedule and there is the rub. These are war times and our postoffices are understaffed as well as coping with inexperienced help—so many of the best men are in the Armed Forces.

The November issue was mailed on time. It had to wait for the moving of all first-class matter. The Christmas mailing rush was early this year. Consequently many A.D.S. members did not receive copies until after January 1st!

Your Editor works on the BULLETIN every week in the year and most material is received in ample time. We ask your kind indulgence in these delays.

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## Combination Dahlia-Victory Gardens

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## 200,000 Victory Gardeners Asked for the City of New York Alone

Every indication points to a great increase in the number of vegetable gardens this year.

The A.D.S. will have more classes for vegetables this year than last.

Dr. Bruce B. Preas has offered a prize of \$25 for Sweepstakes winner. We hope to publish an informative article on this subject in the May issue.

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# The Job Ahead

## As Seen Through Your Near-Editor's Specs

The American Dahlia Society is a group consisting of hundreds of horticultural enthusiasts—mostly hobbyists—intensely interested in, and devoted to, the Dahlia—the flower of flowers!

Perhaps no other group of flower lovers wrap their lives, 365 days of the year around the flower they cherish.

And yet we build year by year a great barrier which prevents the widespread growth of Dahlias which could and should bring joy to millions instead of thousands.

When will we learn that the Dahlia is easy to grow—in most soils—in most climates and does provide a wealth of bloom over a very long period with a minimum of care. Less than a half hour a day is needed to take excellent care of fifty to a hundred plants.

And the formula is so simple, any gardner may succeed in his first year.

Yet when one approaches the uninitiated, the first response is "oh! they are too hard to raise"—all the insect ravages—diseases—pinching, disbudding—timing—it's all right for the expert but not for me. Then too he adds "I always hear good varieties cost ten dollars each and many times turn out to be duds! . . . Rubbish!

If a salesman in your business permitted such appraisal of your wares, he would be fired at once. Yet we go on as members of this great A.D.S. and do little or nothing to counteract this erroneous impression.

Let's do the average gardener a favor! Let's suggest to him the many grand Poms and Miniatures and Mediums and after he has had a taste of the wonders of the Dahlia it is ample time to try the huge exhibition types.

He can purchase for a couple of dollars a dozen, a hundred grand varieties.

Forget planting June Fifteenth—suggest May tenth and let him enjoy to his heart's content a wealth of bloom from July until frost.

Simple spray of thirty-cent recognized good insecticide applied two or three times a month is all he will need (a rose grower requires more, yet one never hears that roses must be foregone because of insects, diseases, etc).

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The officers you have elected are anxious to serve you. Many of them work every day at their tasks—none receive a single penny in salary—some pay all their extraneous expenses. A perusal of the list shows many new names in the last decade—each receives nomination solely upon his value to the Dahlia—the A.D.S. and the membership. Read in this issue the names of your officers and committees—write them any suggestions you have.

Briefly, the functions of the Society are first—Service to the members—performed by the Secretary who interprets your correspondence and places the matter in

the proper hands for attention. Publication of the BULLETIN quarterly to give you the information you seek and keep our interest on a broad national basis. Operation of four official A.D.S. Trial Grounds where new varieties are grown for testing. An Annual Show where the best new and old may be seen.

Perhaps the number one problem is that of increasing membership. It is still left to a few ardent workers—the job belongs to every member of the Society. You as an individual member could be reading a better BULLETIN, having larger Test Gardens and Bigger and Better Shows if you would do your full share in spreading the growing of Dahlias to every garden in your community. Give a surplus root or two to your neighbor and help him grow it. Send your blooms to local churches and hospitals—exhibit them in the windows of the shops on Main Street and at the Railroad Station and stop thinking that Dahlias are difficult to grow.

The BULLETIN will grow in interest and size as membership expands. We plan added features from time to time—this issue inaugurates J. Louis Robert's Quiz Corner which promises lively interest.

Let's patronize our advertisers a little more earnestly—we will get just as much for our money and at the same time build our BULLETIN.

Secretaries might help by sending brief reports of the doings of their Society—each issue and in reporting show winnings, include the names of varieties—this is what interests the members (we have requested this over and over for years).

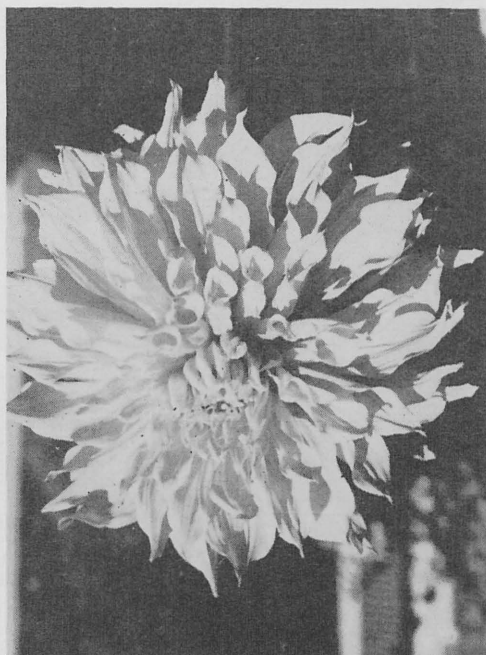
We are preparing uniform entry blanks for our Trial Grounds and will publish same in the May issue. We require more judges and competent ones of course. We will have to require certificate winning entries to be identified both with registered names and also the number used for entry at Trial Grounds.

Greater encouragement for novices at our shows must be provided. Stricter judging in all seedling classes will place more confidence in varieties chosen. The A.D.S. will publish its schedule in the May issue and classification list in the August issue. Additional vegetable classes will be added to interest an increasing number of Victory Garden growers. Through the generosity of several of the officers we will offer half a dozen prizes of twenty-five dollars cash each for the 1944 A.D.S. Show.

One more job ahead is in connection with War Memorials. Let us replace the "Cannons and Tanks" in the public squares with Beautiful Flower Gardens—the finest memorial for our lads who have paid the supreme price in order that our way of life may prevail. Can a Dahlia lover do less than exert his every influence that these plantings be adopted and that glorious Dahlias may be an important feature of these plantings?



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## SHERWOOD'S PEACH I.D. (Sherwood)

Did you think because this giant was listed third in our November ad, it was not deserving? Here is a sure contender in the largest bloom Class—and it has beauty! Color, Ocherus buff. Size 11-14 inches by 8-9 inches depth. Straight, erect stems. On Eastern Honor Roll.

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Dot, Axford Triumph, Blue Rose, Nellie Shee, East Row, Sydney, Shining One, and last but not least, "Jack Baldwin." No other variety can compare with this huge Australian, when it comes to producing large quantities of large flowers. Will not stunt, strong stems and heavy foliage. Try it and see for yourself.

If it's a white you want—remember that "Margaret" is a large edition of Begonia Rose. The same foliage, branching habits and substance. No other white formal can give you as much good bloom.

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Prices on the above varieties and many others are to be found in our recent price list. Our root stocks are large and our greenhouses at this writing filled to capacity. But the demand is also great and shortages are already indicated on certain varieties—so get your order in now.

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