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## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

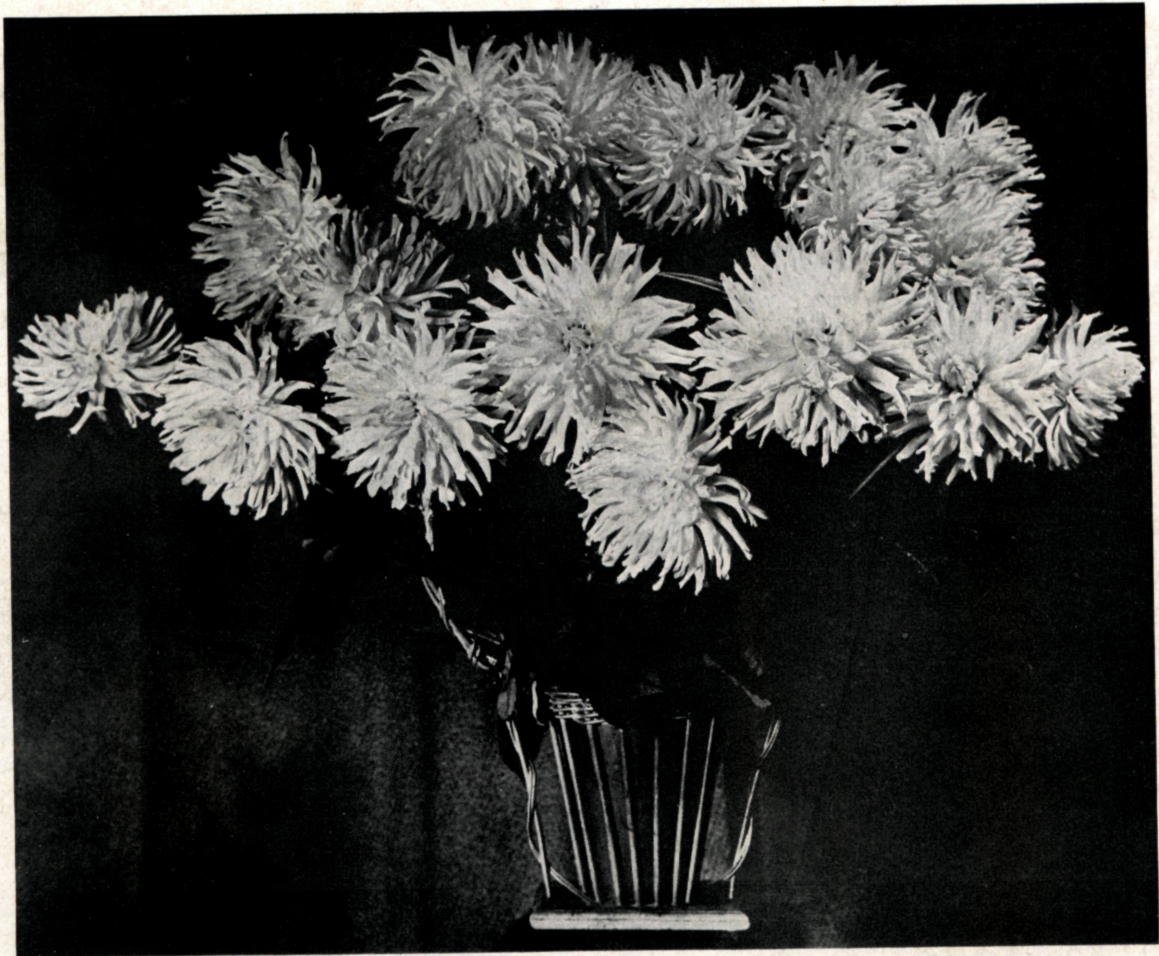


Photo Boutrelle

This outstanding basket arrangement of "Snowball" was awarded the A.D.S. Gold Medal for best non-commercial display, three blooms or over, in the entire Show.  
Exhibited by Andrew De Grado

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# DAHLIAS

At the time of submitting this ad we are unable to give you the behavior of our 1945 Introductions at the various Trial Grounds, with the exception of Storrs, and Ohio Valley. These dahlias have not been exhibited anywhere in competition, therefore we are offering them to you on our own recommendation, and that of the Flower Grower Honor Rolls. We feel sure they will prove their worth and rate with the best of our "Dahlias of Quality and Distinction."

**JUBILANT (Dahliadel).** A Miniature Informal Decorative that appealed to us above all other miniature seedlings we have ever grown. Makes a gay, bright spot in any garden. Color is cherry red, inclined orange with a lighter reverse. Illustrated and fully described in the last A.D.S. Bulletin. Certified at Storrs and Ohio Valley, '44.

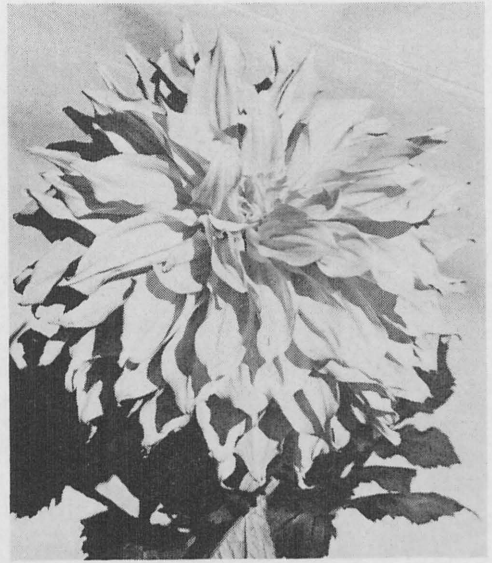
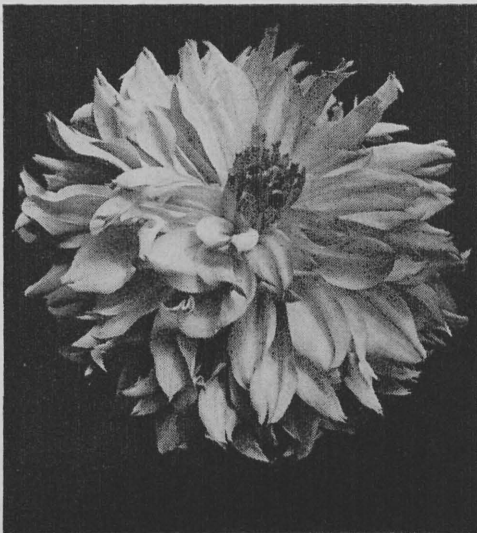
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**TEMPTATION (Dahliadel).** Scarlet red large single almost identical to a Poinsettia in color and form. Good open grower with long stems. One of the first to bloom and truly beautiful all season. Good keeper and fine for cutting.

Roots, \$5.00 each—3 for \$10.00  
Pot Root, \$3.75; Plant, \$2.50

**FAITHFUL (Dahliadel).** The best and most dependable white Semi-Cactus we have ever grown. Under normal culture blooms are 9 to 10 inches by 4 to 5 inches deep. Bush grows sturdy with well proportioned stems. Pretty, easy to grow with blooms always full centered. Illustrated and fully described in the last A.D.S. Bulletin. Listed on the Mid-West Honor Roll.

Root, \$10.00; Pot Root, \$7.50; Plant, \$5.00



**SGT. WILLIAMS (Williams-Dahliadel).** Picture above. Comes to us recommended by our good friends Oliver Shurtleff and Lynn Dudley. This is the golden yellow Sport of Glamour which has proved so good for 3 years in West Virginia, and was illustrated in November 1943. Although we have not grown this Dahlia all of us who grow Glamour know what a rugged and healthy grower it is, and how easy it is to handle. Bloomed for the originator from the first of July. Good for cutting, and can be grown 11 by 7 inches.

Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00

**FLYING FORTRESS (Pittman's Giant Cardinal).** This variety was illustrated in the August Bulletin, 1943, and will be fully described in our 1945 Supplement.

**MME. CHIANG KAI SHEK (Pittman-Dahliadel).** Picture opposite. An unusual wavy petalled Informal Decorative that grows 9 x 5 inches. Color is deep lemon yellow with a soft peach and mauve suffusion on the reverse and tips of petals. The bush is very strong and robust. Stems long and erect with blooms well out of the foliage. Grows 5½ feet tall. Scored 84 at Storrs and on the Eastern Honor Roll.

Root, \$10.00; Pot Root, \$7.50; Plant, \$5.00

*We will send our 1945 Supplement to all those who received our 1944 catalog. We grow and list the newest and best creations with some of them listed on this page. Send for complete copy of our 1944 catalog and the 1945 Supplement if not already on our list. Early orders will be appreciated as we do not want to disappoint you. Remember, Dahliadel Introductions are fully guaranteed.*

## DAHLIADEL NURSERIES

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## PREMIER'S . . . 1945 Introductions

**MOSCOW (Grove-Premier) I. D.** — Mr. Homer Grove of Hagerstown, Maryland, gives the color of this giant as intense carmine. (Rose red is the near color according to the Ridgway Color Chart.) Pruned to four canes, blooms have been grown to 13½ inches in diameter by 8 inches deep, or with ordinary field growth, will give many large flowers that are held erect and facing on long, stiff stems. Foliage is thick and leathery. Winner of several awards as a Seedling and Certified with score of 85 at the Texas Trial Grounds, and on Col. Eddy's Honor Roll. A Dahlia that can stand heat and drouth without burning. Plants average 5 feet tall.

Roots \$10.00      Plants \$5.00, 3 for \$12.50

**MISS CONWAY (Knight-Premier) I. D.**—Occasionally Formal. An 8 x 5 inch Dahlia of a beautiful shade of pinkish-red, the base and edges of the petals are white, giving the appearance of a white center. May be grown as an "A" Dahlia with slight forcing. Wire stems hold flowers facing on bushes 5½ feet tall. Foliage very heavy and insect resistant. (Ridgway's nearest shade, Rose Color.)

Roots \$10.00      Plants \$5.00, 3 for \$12.50

**MISS CAROLINA (Knight-Premier) I. D.**—A beautiful deep flower of the lovely color of the Minuet Gladiolus, (light lavender); of vigorous plant growth, a prolific bloomer, the strong stems hold flowers erect and facing on bushes of medium height. Has been most outstanding for three seasons and was admired by all visitors including florists who laud its color and quality. Blooms, 8 inches without forcing and keep well when cut. Has never been propagated.

Roots \$10.00 Net      Plants \$3.35 Net, 3 for \$9.00 Net

### CALIFORNIA'S BEST DAHLIA SEED

PREMIER has made new contact with an "EXPERT HYBRIDIZER OF CALIFORNIA" and the seedlings planted by us this season are giving very satisfactory results and several are so outstanding they are deserving of re-trial another year. Then too, the germination of these seeds have been so much higher than those we have planted for a number of years, we don't believe you can beat them for fertility. They are from the best and latest introductions.

If you are interested in growing seedlings, we can give you exceptional value.

20 seed \$1.00      125 seed \$5.00      1000 seed \$35.00

**PREMIER'S DEPENDABLE DAHLIAS**—of our own Certified Introductions. Also the best of 1944 and Standard Varieties

**CLUMPS — ROOTS — PLANTS**  
*At reasonable prices. Send for List*

**PREMIER DAHLIA GARDENS**

COLUMBIA (Warren Co.), NEW JERSEY

# Thirtieth Annual Exhibition of A. D. S. Held in New York City

The best managed A.D.S. Show in many years opened its doors promptly on schedule at 3 P. M., September 21st, in the beautiful Grand Ballroom of New York's Pennsylvania Hotel. The only disappointing note was the fact that our Show Manager, Henry Olsen, was still confined in the hospital as a result of his very serious operation, and could not be with us.

So carefully had Mr. Olsen prepared all the plans and details, it was just too bad he could not have seen the smooth execution of each assignment.

President Lloyd directed and was ably assisted by Harvard Rivel, to whom we are all indebted for a job very well done.

Dr. Ward Cook's secretarial staff kept right up with the entries as fast as they came in and tabulated returns as the judges filed their recorded findings.

Vice-President Conrad Frey headed the Committee of Judges. The floor was kept clear during the judging—the teams worked harmoniously and efficiently. Great care was exercised in handling seedling awards.

J. W. Johnston, writing in the *Herald Tribune*, said:

"Experienced gardeners lost a bet yesterday and the American Dahlia Society maintained an unblemished thirty-year record when several thousand fine dahlias, garden flowers and vegetables were presented in the main ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania. The exhibit, which will remain open from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. today, seemed an impossibility after last week's hurricane, which laid waste the gardens of the Eastern seaboard, and, particularly, hurt dahlias with their heavy plants and large flowers.

"Even the show committee was surprised at the influx of fine flowers, and the judges, who arrived expecting something soft in the way of a judging job, were quickly disillusioned by the task facing them."

Competition for the American Home Achievement Medal for best undissected dahlia was keen. The judges decided overwhelmingly in favor of Joan Ferenz, a large Informal Decorative with lacinated petals and many petaloids. It is a blend—yellow with orange and pink and was exhibited by its originator, Herman Rindfleisch, of Mamaroneck, N. Y. These blooms were in splendid condition at the close of the Show. Incidentally they were the only ones in this class which did stand up for the two days.

Another popular winning was Nick Koenig's medium straight cactus, L.C.K., which annexed the Leonard Baron Memorial Award. This beautiful silver bowl was offered by Flower Grower Magazine, for best medium undissected.

Richard Vanderheid, Hawthorne, N. J., won the A.D.S. trophy with "Little Peaches", a miniature straight cactus; blend of pink with buff producing a light salmon or peach pink effect.

The A.D.S. Gold Medal for best display—non-commercial—3 blooms or over, was awarded to Andrew De Grado for a basket of splendidly grown and commendably staged "Snowball". This exhibit is pictured on our front cover in this issue.

E. E. Tooker's great formal, Jane Todd, was entered in four different classes. Each of the four blooms won a blue ribbon in its class, each won a special and two were also honored with tri-color for the entire section. Jane Todd will be remembered as last year's winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at our Show. It is far and away the largest and most perfect pink formal ever exhibited and excited the greatest admiration of many fans.

Largest and most perfect bloom in the entire show was Topflight, entered by Thomas McKay, Devon, Pa., and was awarded the Medallion of the Central States Dahlia Society.

The accompanying illustrations will aptly convey the beauty and attractiveness of the commercial displays.

Parrella Dahlia Gardens won the Gold Medal Certificate for display of over 100 square feet.

For display of 100 square feet Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens was awarded the Gold Medal Certificate.

Queens Dahlia Gardens won the blue ribbon for a display less than 100 square feet.

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**JOAN FERENZ—American Home Achievement Winner.**  
I. D. Blend, yellow with orange and pink. Originator:  
Herman Rindfleisch. Introducer: Ruschmohr Dahlia  
Gardens





**LITTLE PEACHES**—Miniature Straight Cactus, light salmon. Won A.D.S. trophy for best undisseminated under four inches. Originator: Richard Vanderheid

### A.D.S. SHOW

(Continued from page 5)

Principal winners in the general competition included Mrs. C. V. Smith, A. J. Mulcahy, Ernest Lewis, Paul W. Doll, Mrs. Louise J. Ogden, Dr. Ward H. Cook, R. W. Webb and Ed. J. O'Keefe.

Mr. O'Keefe won with two undisseminated which will bear watching—White Angel, a large pure white Informal and Mrs. Hester A. Pape, a rich rose red Informal, large and deep. Ed won many other firsts and specials.

Very fine entries characterized the Vegetable Section. John C. Coates had some good winnings but Dr. Bruce Preas easily won Sweepstakes. Dr. Preas also set up a display of vegetables and beautifully packed vegetables and fruits in crystal clear jars. Our photographer really went to town in reproducing a splendid picture of this display which will be long remembered. We happily include the illustration in this report.

Your Editor always regrets that space does not permit comment of the many fine exhibits. We list below details of all winnings—all were deserving and all have the sincere appreciation of the A.D.S. for the great effort expended in staging a great show just a week after the disastrous hurricane.

### Garden Club Section

Through the draperies of the large windows of Hotel Pennsylvania's Ball Room, glimmered the daylight of a dull autumn day, just a week following the devastating hurricane of the eastern coast. Despite the turbid outlook, the penetrating rays of light reflected a glorious

day within, where gay colors and beautiful blooms of Dahlias, Gladiolus, Marigolds, Zinnias, with other fall flowers, foliage, fruits, vegetables and preserves radiated the spirit of all in its midst. Exhibits of unexpected achievement gave pleasure and much satisfaction to each one who had contributed toward the success of the show.

Never has the work of the Garden Club Section met with greater praise and admiration than at this year's show. The love and joy of gardening was not only manifested in the beauties of nature on the tables, but was evidenced by the visitors, who exclaimed that here was a spot to find inspiration, beauty and repose from the saddened world around us. Their hearts were gladdened by what met their eyes in the baskets and vases as they viewed and praised the cultural specimens and puzzled over the handiwork in intricate arrangements of exhibitor's dexterous fingers.

There were more cultural specimens this year which excelled in size, form and color those of previous shows. Among these classes were also varieties of miniatures, anemones, star or orchid and collarettes that were shown for the first time.

Mrs. C. V. Smith and Mrs. Ives Samuels staged the largest number of Dahlia exhibits. The former was the lucky winner of the sweepstakes award of \$12.50 in cash for the most blue ribbons. In addition Mrs. Smith won two tri-colors, one for the most outstanding Dahlia exhibit for her perfect specimen of Katy Kay—the other was placed on her 24-inch tray of luxuriant vegetables which she had grown in her Victory Garden. Potatoes, cucumbers, corn, parsley, apples, onions, peach squash, carrots, lettuce, broccoli, peppers and cabbage were arranged with new varieties of yellow and red tomatoes and all set off with a bright bouquet of red Dahlias. This coveted exhibit caught the eyes of many envying spectators, who longed to have access to such abundance of fresh, crisp vegetable luxuries.

In the arrangement classes Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Conover tied for the sweepstakes award of \$12.50 in cash. Each won five blue ribbons, but Mr. Conover added the tri-color for the most outstanding Dahlia arrangement. He cleverly combined dainty white Easter Greetings with cattails and bayberry sprays in a low, flat, green container.

Another tri-color awarded to the best arrangement other than Dahlias, was won by Mrs. John Hamblen of New Jersey. This was a special educational exhibit demonstrating in a beautifully balanced piece of drift wood, "Nature's Food for Wild Life". It included poke berry, rye, golden-rod, hops, bottle gentian grown in her own garden, and dripping from the lower part, bunches of tiny wild grapes gracefully fell towards clusters of hickory nuts, acorns and walnuts. What a feast for wild creatures and what beauty of line and color was expressed in this skilful and artistic arrangement! This creative piece showed how well the commonplace can express beauty and charm with educational inspiration.

Among other special exhibits the History of Wheat was outstanding. The exhibitor expressed "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" in various stages of wheat and included the story of wheat, dating it as far back as 2700 B.C., when it was used in China.

Another especially fine demonstration for educational purposes was a delightful arrangement in cool greens of various herbs. This was also given a title, "From My Doorstep Garden". Here the fragrance permeated the

air and visitors tarried to learn that in a small garden one can grow sweet fern and lavender which imparts a pleasing aroma to clothes closets, that basil and mint are used for salads, sauces, soups, iced tea—sorrel, too, for vegetable salads. Curly mint is for decorating salads, cold beverages, desserts, and is good to eat, too. Apple mint is one of the best, and chive with its onion flavor, is a savory for salads, soups and sandwiches.

Peanuts are now being grown in northern gardens where early Spanish varieties mature, although they are small. Even this plant found its way from Connecticut into the show. The small peanuts were still clinging to the roots of a plant about a foot high. From among the leaves could be seen a few yellow pea-shaped blossoms which bear no fruit, but adorn the plant during the growing season while the peanuts are developing underground.

Freedom of choice of foliage used in arrangement classes brought some unusually commonplace materials that stirred many spectators. From the home garden all sorts of vegetable leaves such as kale, broccoli, Kohlrabbi and Swiss chard were combined without qualm to enhance flowers. From the remotest haunts in swamps, woods and fields, came cattails, blackberry twigs, bayberry sprays and grasses. Even the Roses and Gladiolus in their dignified settings along with the pompous Dahlias, rivalled with the beauty and line of the vegetables in their distinguished decorative uses.

Nosegays diffused the air with delicate perfume. These quaint bouquets on paper frills combined small Dahlias with fragrant blooms and foliage. Clover, scented geranium and annual artemesia, such as grandmas used in clothes closets and among linens, perfumed the surroundings.

For many years, a most interested, energetic and experienced committee of women have served in the Garden Club Section of our show. Again this year we are indebted to this fine group for the success accomplished and for promoting widespread interest, further use, and happiness with Dahlias.

GEORGENA HUMBLE,  
Chairman, Garden Club Section.

## SHOW WINNERS

### SECTION A (Novice)

CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS,  
3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES,  
ANY COLOR OR COLORS

1st—Leslie Del Tufo, *Snowball* and *Jersey Dainty*.  
2nd—Lawrence Heslin, *Judy G* and *Jersey Dainty*.

DECORATIVE—FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS,  
B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Leslie Del Tufo, *King Peter II*.

CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS,  
3 BLOOMS, A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER,  
ANY COLOR OR COLORS

1st—Leslie Del Tufo, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*.

DECORATIVE—FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS,  
A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Lawrence Heslin, *Volcano*.  
2nd—Leslie Del Tufo, *Cherokee Brave* and *King David*.

BALL DAHLIAS—3 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Leslie Del Tufo, *Rosy Dawn*.

MINIATURES—5 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS

1st—Lawrence Heslin, *Little Diamond*.  
2nd—Leslie Del Tufo, *Little Wisteria*



L.C.K.—Yellow Autumn Straight Cactus, medium. Winner of beautiful Silver Trophy—Leonard Barron Memorial Award offered by Flower Grower Magazine

POMPONS—5 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS

1st—Mrs. Albert Dod.  
2nd—Leslie Del Tufo, *Little Edith*.

SPECIAL—MOST OUTSTANDING ENTRY IN  
CLASSES 1B TO 9

Leslie Del Tufo, *King Peter II*.

SWEEPSTAKES—CLASSES 1B TO 9—LESLIE DEL TUFO

### SECTION AA (Amateur)

CACTUS, SEMI-CACTUS OR DECORATIVE—1 BLOOM,  
B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Ives Samuels, *Michigan White*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Michigan White*.

Yellow—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Kimikage*. 2nd: Ives Samuels, *Frau O. Bracht*.

Orange—1st: Ives Samuels, *United Nations*.

Red—1st: Ives Samuels.

Pink—1st: Charles A. Schneider, *Victory*. 2nd: Ives Samuels, *Victory*.

Lavender—1st: Ives Samuels, *Mme. C. Jussiant*.

Purple—1st: Ives Samuels, *Dr. Marshall A. Howe*.

Blended—1st: Russell Clements, *Vin Well Paragon*; 2nd: Ives Samuels, *Adele Henderson*.

Bicolor—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *King Peter II*. 2nd: Ives Samuels, *John Adams Kernochan*.

Basket of any type Dahlias, B-Medium, 4 to 8 inches, 7 to 15 blooms—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith.

Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 10B to 19B—Mrs. C. V. Smith, *King Peter II*.

CACTUS, SEMI-CACTUS OR DECORATIVE—1 BLOOM,  
A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

White—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *The Real Glory*. 2nd: Ives Samuels, *The Real Glory*.

Yellow—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Ginger Rogers*. 2nd: Ives Samuels, *Ginger Rogers*.

Orange—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith. 2nd: A. J. Mulcahy, *Chemar's Dahlia-mum*.

Red—1st: A. J. Mulcahy, *Wings*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Top Flight*.

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PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS' Gold Medal Display  
—Their best in many years. Photo depicts clearly fine  
quality of blooms

### A.D.S. SHOW

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Pink—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Katie K.*  
Lavender—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Jeffersonian*. 2nd: Ives  
Samuels, *Jeffersonian*.  
Purple—1st: A. J. Mulcahy, *Glamour*. 2nd: Ives Samuels,  
*Baltimore Belle*.  
Blended—1st: A. J. Mulcahy, *Roselyn Straight*. 2nd: Ives  
Samuels, *Pygmalion*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 20A to 28A—A. J.  
Mulcahy, *Roselyn Straight*.

BALL DAHLIAS—3 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Ives Samuels, *Marshall Kernochan*.

MINIATURES—5 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Ives Samuels, *Little Diamond*.  
2nd—Mrs. C. V. Smith, *White Fawn*.

POMPONS—5 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Charles A. Schneider.  
2nd—Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Clover*.

ANY OTHER TYPE—5 BLOOMS, ANY COLOR OR COLORS  
1st—Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Dad's Favorite*.  
2nd—Ives Samuels, *Bishop of Llandaff*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 29 to 33—Mrs. C. V.  
Smith, *Dad's Favorite*.

SWEEPSTAKES, SECTION AA—MRS. C. V. SMITH.

### SECTION B

CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS,  
3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Snowball*.  
Yellow—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Maricetta E.*  
Red—1st: Harvard Rivel, *Bataan*. 2nd: John C. Metzger,  
*Bataan*.  
Pink—1st: Charles A. Schneider, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*.  
Lavender—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Mme. C. Jusstant*.  
Purple—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Zenith*.  
Blended—1st: Ernest Lewis, *The Ranger*. 2nd: John C. Metzger,  
*The Ranger*.  
Bicolor—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *John L. Stevens*.  
Arrangement, 7 to 15 blooms, incurved, straight or semi-cactus—  
1st: Ernest Lewis. 2nd: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *John L. Stevens*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 34B to 43B: Ernest  
Lewis, *Maricetta E.*

DECORATIVE—FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS,  
B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

Bicolor or Blended—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Leah Pearl*. 2nd:  
Dr. Ward H. Cook, *Wanda Meade*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 44B to 49B: Mrs.  
C. V. Smith, *Leah Pearl*.

CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS,  
1 BLOOM, A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

White—1st: John M. Allen, *Mrs. Edith Willkie*. 2nd: Mrs.  
C. V. Smith, *Ballego's Surprise*.  
Yellow—1st: Helen Gromer, *Almina*. 2nd: Harvard Rivel,  
*Yellow Glory*.

Orange—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Golden Standard*. 2nd: Mrs. Ernest  
Lewis, *Sun Tan*.  
Red—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Lynn Fontanne*. 2nd: Ott S.  
Heins, *Son of Satan*.  
Pink—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*. 2nd: Lawrence  
Heslin, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*.  
Lavender—1st: Harvard Rivel, *Maque Prince*.  
Purple—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Wendy B.*  
Blended—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Rita Wells*. 2nd: Ernest  
Lewis, *Rhythm*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 50-A to 57-A: Ernest  
Lewis, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*.

DECORATIVE—FORMAL, 1 BLOOM,  
A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

White—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *The Real Glory*. 2nd: Roy W.  
Webb, *The Real Glory*.  
Yellow—1st: Harvard Rivel, *Moon Goddess*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V.  
Smith.  
Red—1st: Ed. Curtiss, *De Molay*. 2nd: Lawrence Heslin,  
*Aztec Chief*.  
Pink—1st: John M. Allen, *Jane Todd*.  
Purple—1st: John C. Metzger, *Deep Purple*.  
Blended—1st: John C. Metzger, *W.A.C.*  
Bicolor—1st: Roy W. Webb, *Prerxy*.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 58-A to 67A: John  
M. Allen, *Jane Todd*.

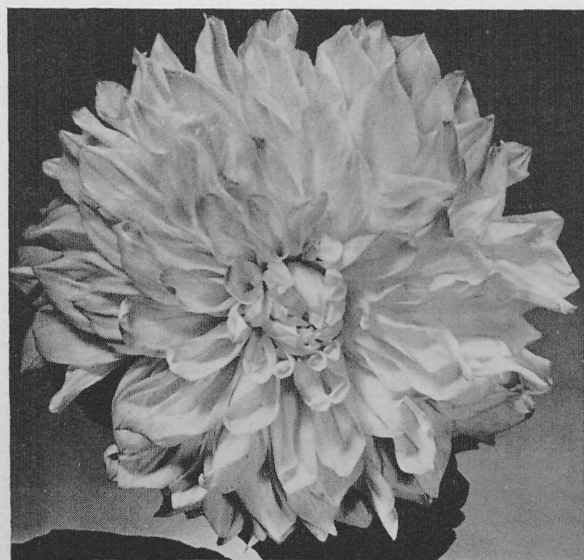
DECORATIVE—INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, A—LARGE,  
8 INCHES OR OVER

White—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *White Angel*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V.  
Smith, *Straight's White*.  
Yellow—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. Anna Kline*. 2nd: Ernest  
Lewis, *Tops*.  
Orange—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Axford Triumph*. 2nd: John  
C. Metzger, *Rudolph Giant*.  
Red—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. Thomas Edison*. 2nd: Rus-  
sell Clements, *Cherokee Brave*.  
Pink—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Pink Giant*. 2nd: Jane Healy,  
*Marion Smith*.  
Purple—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Glamour*.  
Blended—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Sydney*. 2nd: Jane Healy, *Incan-  
descend*.  
Bicolor—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Dixie's Wine Dot*. 2nd: Ernest  
Lewis, *Pearl Harbor*.  
5 to 10 blooms, A—Large, in any type container—1st: Ernest  
Lewis.  
Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 68-A to 77-A: Edward  
J. O'Keefe, *White Angel*.

SPECIAL—LARGEST AND MOST NEARLY PERFECT  
BLOOM ANY TYPE: John M. Allen, *Jane Todd*.  
Sweepstakes, Classes 34-B to 78-A, Ernest A. Lewis, Scranton,  
Pa.

MINIATURES—ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS, UNDER 4 INCHES  
White—1st: Charles A. Schneider, *White Fawn*. 2nd: Paul W.  
Doll, *Miss Innocence*.

WHITE ANGEL—I. D., snow white. Won first and  
most outstanding. Exhibited by Edward J. O'Keefe





Yellow—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Yellow Kitten*. 2nd: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Lustre*.  
 Orange—1st: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Golden Youth*. 2nd: Paul W. Doll, *Andries' Orange*.  
 Red—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Winifred*. 2nd: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Chico*.  
 Pink—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Little Diamond*. 2nd: Dorothy Healy, *Genevieve G.*  
 Lavender—1st: Harvard Rivel, *Little Wisteria*.  
 Blended—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Homeacre's Sweetest*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Ricky*.  
 Bowl of Miniatures, 10 to 20 blooms, 1st: Paul W. Doll, *Bright Lass*.  
 Arrangement of Miniatures, not less than 20 blooms—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Donau*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 79 to 89. Paul W. Doll, *Homeacre's Sweetest*.

## POMPONS—5 BLOOMS

White—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Barbara Purvis*. 2nd: Ernest Lewis, *Mrs. J. Telfer*.  
 Yellow—1st: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Little Prince*. 2nd: Paul W. Doll, *Brass Button*.  
 Orange—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Atom*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Aimee*.  
 Red—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Johnnie*.  
 Pink—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Mrs. French*. 2nd: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Quills*.  
 Purple—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Miss Marjorie*. 2nd: Ernest Lewis, *Miss Marjorie*.  
 Blended—1st: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Starling*. 2nd: Paul W. Doll, *Nuthatch*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Eileen*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Betty Malone*.  
 Bowl of Pompons, 10 to 20 blooms—1st: Paul W. Doll.  
 Arrangement of Pompons, not less than 20 blooms—1st: Paul W. Doll. 2nd: Ernest Lewis.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 90 to 100, Paul W. Doll, *Miss Marjorie*.

## SINGLE DAHLIAS—5 BLOOMS, ANY ONE VARIETY OR COLOR

1st: Paul W. Doll, *Purity*. 2nd: Mrs. Paul W. Doll, *Golden Bell*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 101 to 110—Paul W. Doll, *Purity*.  
 Sweepstakes, classes 79 to 110—Paul W. Doll.  
 GRAND SWEEPSTAKES, SECTION B—Ernest A. Lewis, Scranton, Pa.

## SECTION C (Open to All)

## CACTUS—INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Snowball*. 2nd: James E. Kelly, *Jersey Dainty*.  
 Yellow—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Gus Bernardo*.  
 Orange—1st: Nick Koenig, *L.C.K.* 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Red—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Yove Matsuoka*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Stalin*.  
 Lavender—1st: Roy W. Webb, *Miss Ohio*.  
 Purple—1st: Andrew A. DeGrado, *Zenith*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Zenith*.  
 Blended—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *R. B. Montgomery*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 111 to 119—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Snowball*.

## SEMI-CACTUS—3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Michigan White*. 2nd: Andrew A. DeGrado, *Snowball*.  
 Yellow—1st: August A. Yerkes, *Sweetie Pie*. 2nd: Maude M. Wilson, *Seedling*.  
 Orange or Red—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Pink or Lavender—1st: Louis Fioretti, *LaVerne Fioretti*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Skating Vanities*.  
 Blended—1st: Roy W. Webb, *Sunglo*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Koki*.  
 Basket of incurved, straight or semi-cactus Dahlias, B—Medium, 18 to 25 blooms—1st: Andrew DeGrado, *Snowball*. 2nd: Albert Parrella, *Seedling*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Class 120-B to 127-B—Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Michigan White*.

## DECORATIVE—INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Michigan White*.  
 Orange—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Red—1st: Albert Parrella, *Lady Gartmore*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Pink—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Jane Dew*. 2nd: Roy W. Webb, *Susie*.  
 Blended—1st: Louis Fioretti, *Carolina Kernochan*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 128-B to 136-B—Louis Fioretti, *Carolina Kernochan*.



Inspiring collection of choice vegetables and canned produce. This beautiful arrangement was staged by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, who also won Sweepstakes in the vegetable classes

## DECORATIVE—FORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, B—MEDIUM, 4 TO 8 INCHES

White—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Red—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Pink—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Victory*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Jersey Beauty*.  
 Lavender—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Mrs. Francis Hamilton Archer*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Blue Rose*.  
 Blended—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *King Peter II*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Albert Parrella, *J.A.K.* 2nd: Louis Fioretti, *John Adams Kernochan*.

## BASKET—FORMAL OR INFORMAL DECORATIVE DAHLIAS, B—MEDIUM, 18 TO 25 BLOOMS

1st—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Seedling*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 137-B to 146-B—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Victory*.  
 Sweepstakes—Classes 111-B to 146-B—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.

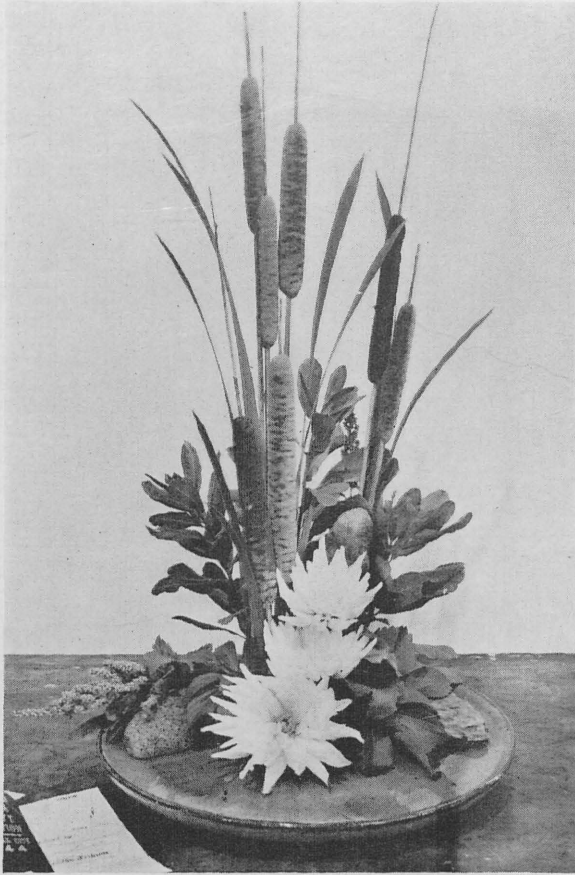
## CACTUS—INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 1 BLOOM, A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

White—1st: Thomas McKay, *Snowball*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Snowball*.  
 Orange—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Golden Standard*. 2nd: Ernest Lewis, *Golden Standard*.  
 Red—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Yove Matsuoka*.  
 Pink—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Crowning Glory*. 2nd: Ernest Lewis, *Sarett's Pink Flamingo*.  
 Blended—1st: Ernest Lewis, *Goulburn*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Goulburn*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 147-A to 155-A—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Golden Standard*.  
 Vase or Container—Cactus—Incurved or straight, 12 blooms, any color or colors. B—medium or A—large:  
 1st—Andrew DeGrado.

## SEMI-CACTUS—A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER, 1 BLOOM

White—1st: Louis Fioretti, *Mrs. Edith Willkie*. 2nd: John M. Allen, *Mrs. Edith Willkie*.  
 Yellow—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Frau O. Bracht*.  
 Orange—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Evelyn Chandler*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 Red—1st: Otto S. Heins, *Son of Satan*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 Pink—1st: Louis Fioretti, *Hilda Fioretti*. 2nd: Louis Fioretti.  
 Lavender—1st: Max O. Scheffel, *Ray Smith*. 2nd: Louis Fioretti.  
 Purple—1st: Max O. Scheffel, *Seedling*. 2nd: Roy W. Webb.  
 Blended—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Rita Wells*. 2nd: Fred Metzger, *Poet's Dream*.  
 Bicolor—1st: F. V. R. Viers, *Jane Lausche*. 2nd: Richard Vandenheid, *Gov. Heil*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 157-A to 165-A—F. V. R. Viers, *Jane Lausche*.

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GARDEN CLUB SECTION Tri-color winner. Exhibitor, H. L. Conover. Easter greetings combined with cat tails and bayberry sprays in flat, green bowl

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#### DECORATIVE—INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

- White—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *White Angel*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Yellow—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *California Idol*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Moon Goddess*.  
 Orange—1st: Harvard Rivel, *Tawny Triumph*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Red—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. Hester Pape*. 2nd: Roy W. Webb.  
 Pink—1st: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Katie K*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Kelvin*.  
 Lavender—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Jeffersonian*.  
 Purple—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*. 2nd: Louis Fioretti.  
 Blended—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Carl G. Dahl*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Kelvin*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Cornell*. 2nd: Louis Fioretti.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 167-A to 175-A—Edward J. O'Keefe, *White Angel*.

#### DECORATIVE—FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, A—LARGE, 8 INCHES OR OVER

- White—1st: Alfonse Kessel, *The Real Glory*. 2nd: Richard Vanderheid, *Seedling*.  
 Yellow—1st: Richard Vanderheid, *Class*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Moon Goddess*.  
 Orange—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Sultan of Hillcrest*.  
 Red—1st: John C. Metzger, *Link's Glowing Beauty*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Pink—1st: E. E. Tooker, *Jane Todd*. 2nd: Albert Parrella, *Victory*.  
 Lavender—1st: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Croyden Acme*.

- Purple—1st: John C. Metzger, *Gloria Bacher*. 2nd: Roy W. Webb.  
 Blended—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *L. M. Ogden*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 176-A to 185-A—E. E. Tooker, *Jane Todd*.  
 Vase or Container—Formal or informal decorative Dahlias, A—large, 12 blooms, any color or colors—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 SPECIAL  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Semi-cactus, any color—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Maffie*.  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Informal decorative, any color—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Carl G. Dahl*.  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Formal decorative, any color—E. E. Tooker, *Jane Todd*.  
 Sweepstakes—Classes 147-A to 190-A—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 Grand Sweepstakes—Classes 111-B to 190-A—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.

#### MINIATURES—ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS, UNDER 4 INCHES

- White—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *Snowsprite*. 2nd: Florence Baggeley.  
 Yellow—1st: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Yellow Kitten*. 2nd: Buddy Koenig, *Little Buddy*.  
 Orange—1st: Richard Vanderheid, *Little Peaches*. 2nd: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Baby Sagamore*.  
 Red—1st: Florence Baggeley. 2nd: Buddy Koenig, *Buddy*.  
 Pink—1st: John M. Allen, *Little Diamond*. 2nd: Florence Baggeley.  
 Lavender: 1st: Nick Koenig, *Lavender Lady*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Fairy*.  
 Purple—1st: Nick Koenig, *Fuschia*.  
 Blended—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *Seedling*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Rapture*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Florence Baggeley.  
 Bowl of Miniatures, 15 to 30 blooms—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *Andries' Orange and Cinnamon Gem*.  
 Arrangement of Miniatures—20 to 50 blooms—1st: Dr. Ward H. Cook, *Snowsprite* and *Homeacre's Sweetest*.  
 Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 5 blooms, any color or colors—1st: Richard Vanderheid, *Little Peaches*.  
 Decorative—Formal or Informal, 5 blooms, any color or colors—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Forest Fire, Jr.*  
 Peony (open centered), 5 blooms, any color or colors—1st: Paul W. Doll, *Bishop of Llandaff*. 2nd: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Bishop of Llandaff*.  
 Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 191 to 204—Dr. Ward H. Cook, Bowl of Miniatures.

#### POMPONS—10 BLOOMS

- White—1st: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Mrs. J. Telfer*.  
 Orange—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Little Edith*.  
 Red—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Melrose Baby*.  
 Lavender—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 Purple—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Sherry*.  
 Blended—1st: Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Morning Mist*. 2nd: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Clover*.  
 Bicolor—1st: Hanna Dahlia Gardens, *Little Allen*.

#### BALL DAHLIAS—3 BLOOMS

- Orange or Red—1st: Louis Fioretti. 2nd: Roy W. Webb, *Dusky and Charlotte Caldwell*.  
 Purple or Violet—1st: Roy W. Webb, *Nettie M*.

#### SINGLE DAHLIAS

- 5 blooms, more than one variety or color—1st: Jane Healy, *Seedlings*.

#### COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

- 5 blooms, any one variety or color—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.

#### ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

- 5 blooms, any color or colors—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
 Arrangement of Orchid Flowering Dahlias in any container—1st: Mrs. Louise M. Ogden, *Seedling*.  
 Arrangement of Dahlias, not less than 20 blooms, approximately 4 to 6 inches in diameter, in any container—1st: Florence Baggeley.

#### Blue Ribbon Exhibit of Queens Dahlia Gardens



Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 217 to 230—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
Sweepstakes—Classes 191 to 230—Dr. Ward H. Cook.  
GRAND SWEEPSTAKES IN SECTION C—MRS. LOUISE M. OGDEN.

## SECTION E

### COMMERCIAL

To the most outstanding and meritorious commercial Dahlia entry of 100 square feet, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y.  
To the most outstanding and meritorious commercial Dahlia entry of over 100 square feet, Parrella Dahlia Gardens, 3380 Ely Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.

## SECTION F

### UNDISSEMINATED DAHLIAS

Semi-cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium—Louis Fioretti, *LaVerne Fioretti*, Silver Medal.  
Miniature—Decorative—formal or informal, 5 blooms, 1 variety—Nick Koenig, *Little Lemon Drop*, Bronze Medal.  
Special—Mail Shipments:  
Decorative—formal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium, Dixie Dahlia Gardens, *D-Day*, Bronze Medal.  
Semi-cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large—R. H. Dorff, *Ronnie Lee*, Bronze Medal.  
Decorative—informal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large—R. H. Dorff, *Corriene Sue*, Bronze Medal.  
Display of various seedlings—Henry Cory, Bronze Medal.

### AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

The American Home Achievement Medal—Herman Rindfleisch, Mamaroneck, N. Y., *Joan Ferens*.

### FLOWER GROWER AWARD

The Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy—For the best variety of medium size, 4 to 8 inches, 3 blooms or more. Variety to show outstanding merit as a cut flower—Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Mich., *L. C. K.*

### A.D.S. TROPHY

For the best undisseeded variety of small size Dahlia measuring 4 inches or less in diameter, 10 blooms—Richard Vanderheid, Hawthorne, N. J., *Little Peaches*.

### RAY SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD TROPHY

Offered by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey for the best Dahlia of New Jersey origin never before exhibited at a show of the American Dahlia Society. Trophy offered by Leo L. Pollack, Past Pres. D. S. of N. J.—Richard Vanderheid, Hawthorne, N. J., *Mildred D.*

## SECTION H

### SPECIAL DISPLAY CLASS

10 blooms, over 8 inches, 3 or more varieties in 2 containers of 6 blooms each. Trophy offered by Past Pres. Conrad Frey—Mrs. Louise M. Ogden.  
50 blooms, Pompons. \$25.00 cash offered by John M. Allen—Paul W. Doll.  
50 blooms, Miniatures. \$25.00 cash offered by F. P. Garrettsen Co.—Paul W. Doll.  
Best display of Small Dahlias, 4 inches or less, 50 to 100 blooms, 10 varieties, \$25.00 cash offered by Mrs. S. G. VanHoesen—Paul W. Doll.

SPECIAL AWARD, CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY  
For the largest and most nearly perfect bloom in the entire show—Thomas McKay, Devon, Pa., bloom of *Topflight* in Class 282.

## SECTION I

### VEGETABLES

Beans—green, 12 pods—1st: Marie Schnugg. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Beans—yellow, 12 pods—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Beans—Lima, ½ pint, shelled—1st: Otto Heinz. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Beans—cranberry, ½ pint, shelled—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Beets, tops off, 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Cabbage—red, 1—1st: Robert Dewey Mohr.  
Cabbage—white, 1—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Robert Dewey Mohr.  
Carrots, 5—1st: John C. Coates and son. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Celery, 1 stalk—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.



RUSCHMOHR DAHLIA GARDENS Gold Medal display featuring their 1945 introduction, Gen. John J. Pershing

Corn, 3 ears—1st: Otto Heinz. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Cucumbers—large, 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Egg Plant, 1—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Otto Heinz.  
Kohl Rabi, 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Onions, 5—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Parsnips, 3—1st: John C. Coates and son.  
Peppers—large, 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Otto Heinz.  
Peppers—orange, large—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Potatoes—white, 5—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Potatoes—yellow, 3—1st: John C. Coates and son. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Pumpkin, 1—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Squash—summer, 1—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Squash—winter, 1—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Tomatoes—red, large 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Tomatoes—red, small, 5—1st: Otto Heinz. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
Tomatoes—yellow, large, 3—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Otto Heinz.  
Tomatoes—yellow, small, 5—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Otto Heinz.  
Any vegetable not mentioned above—1st: Marie Schnugg. 2nd: John C. Coates and son.  
Arrangement of 5 or more varieties of vegetables—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas. 2nd: Otto Heinz.  
Best display of vegetables—1st: Dr. Bruce Preas.  
SWEEPSTAKES IN SECTION 1—DR. BRUCE PREAS.

## GARDEN CLUB

### SECTION A

Class 1—Decorative—Formal or Informal—3 blooms—large, 8 in. or over, 1 or more varieties—1st: Mrs. Ives Samuels, 107 Villa St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., *Links White Majestic*, *Premier's Winsome*, *The Real Glory*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J., *Dahlia mium*, *Cherokee*, *Straight's White*. 3rd: Jane Healey, Haskell, N. J., *Glowing Beauty*, *Link's Glowing Beauty*.  
Class 2—Decorative—Formal or Informal—1 bloom, large 8 in. or over, any color—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Tri-Color*, *Katy Kay*. 2nd: Mrs. Ives Samuels, *Commandos*. 3rd: Mrs. John C. Metzger, Irvington, N. J., *Frau O. Bracht*.  
Class 3—Semi-Cactus—3 blooms large or medium, one or more varieties—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Wings*, *Edith Willkie*, *Frau O. Bracht*. 2nd: Mrs. Ives Samuels, *Ballego's Surprise*.  
Class 4—Cactus—Straight or incurved, 3 blooms, large or medium, 1 or more varieties—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith. 2nd: Jane Healey.  
Class 5—Miniature—6 blooms, not over 4 in., one or more varieties—1st: Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Conn. 2nd: Mrs. Ives Samuels.  
Class 6—Orchid Flowering—6 blooms, 1 or more varieties—Honorable Mention: Mrs. Ives Samuels, *Everest*, *Pickaninny*.  
Class 7—Single—5 blooms—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith. 2nd: Jane Healey.  
Class 8—Collarette—5 blooms, 1 or more varieties—1st: Mrs. Ives Samuels, *Dad's Favorite*, *Blue Bell*, *Bulle*. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith.  
Class 9—Pompon—7 blooms, 1 or more varieties—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Little David*, *Aime*, *Betty Anne*, *Bob White*. 2nd: Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, *Little Mary*, *Phyllis*, *Mrs. Telger*.  
Class 10—Exhibit of Fruit and/or Vegetables grown by Exhibitor—1st: Mrs. C. V. Smith, *Tri-Color*.  
Class 10A—Any type not listed above, as Ball, Peony, Black Foliage, 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties—1st: Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, *Ada Finch*, *White Anemone*.

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# Reports of the A.D.S. Trial Gardens

## Storrs Has Exceptionally Short Season

Positively, this was the shortest season in my experience. The dry weather was trying and lasted until September 14 when the hurricane came with both wind and rain. We had watered at intervals during July and the dahlia garden presented a good appearance during the first week in September—but this was of short duration. Lynn Dudley, Dr. Cook and "Eddie" Lloyd were here and they scored the garden over the weekend of the 9th. As I have said, on the 14th of September came the hurricane which blew some plants over and broke many branches off of plants in different parts of the garden. It upset the blooming of all the plants. However, we got them trimmed up and they had started to produce again when early frost in succession checked them. This time, we were instructed not to use the "White Showers" overnight as a spray on the plants as has been our custom for several years because of the extreme scarcity of water. One of the university water standpipes was being repaired and this added to our difficulty.

Because of what I have written, the garden was scored by three judges instead of six or eight as is usually the case with the scoring being done early, midseason and late. No pictures were taken and it was very hard to hit on the proper time to take notes. You will have to be charitable in your estimate of the American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens at Storrs for 1944.

ROLAND H. PATCH,  
Superintendent, A.D.S. Trial Garden.

The following varieties scored 85 or better at the American Dahlia Society Trial Garden at Storrs during the 1944 season.

1—"Sir Galahad" (S.C.), 85.6L. Entered by: R. Paul Comstock, Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th Street, San Diego, California.

4—"3-11-44" (I. D. to S. C.), 85L. Entered by Charles Kilgore, Prop. Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia.

5—"3-11-55" (S. C.), 85L. Entered by Charles Kilgore, Prop., Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia.

18—"Seedling" (I. D.) 85L. Entered by Henry Zourek, 20-37 29th Street, Astoria 5, Long Island, N. Y.

22—"No. 703" (I. D. to S. C.), 85L. Entered by Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, 406 Franklin Avenue, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.

23—"Seedling Chana" (Miniature I. C. to St. C.), 85S. Entered by Frank Marker, 16 Jerome Place, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

24—"Rockley—59-42, Lady-in-Red" (I. C. to S. C.), 85 M, 83L. Entered by Shelby E. Taylor, R-4, Box 480, Morgantown, West Virginia.

26—"No. 50" (I. D.), 85L. Entered by Chris J. Poulos, 235 Power Road, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

34—"Taffeta" (F. D. to I. D.), 85L. Entered by Marguerite McClay, R.R. 1, Box 279, Bridgeport, Ind.

49—"General J. J. Pershing" (S. C. to I. D.), 85.7L. Entered by Ward Horticultural Company, Webster Groves, Missouri.

50—"A-28" (S. C. to I. D.), 85L. Entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

54—"S-42-1" (S. C.), 85.5L. Entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

55—"S-42-2" (I. D.), 85L. Entered by E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Road, Rocky River 16, Ohio.

58—"Jubilant" (Miniature I. D.), 85.5 L. Entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey.

63—"Kirsten Flagsted" (I. D.), 85L. Entered by C. Merrill Brown, Department of Chemistry, University of Buffalo, 3417 Main Street, Buffalo 14, New York.

76—"No. 21735" (I. D.), 85L. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

78—"No. 22776" (S. C.), 85.3L. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, 1214 Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

83—"Seed-A-01", "Alma K", "Kelly-Parrella" (I. D.), 85.2M, (79L). Entered by Albert Parrella Dahlia Gardens, 3380 Ely Avenue, corner 222nd Street, Bronx, New York City, New York.

86—"No. 79" (I. C. to S. C.), 85L (83M). Entered by Arthur Baker, South Ridge Road East, R. D. 4, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Total—19.

## Mid-West Trial Gardens

Ninety-two entries were sent to the Mid-West Trial Gardens in 1944. Twenty varieties scored 85 or better. The final meeting of the judges was held November 5th at East Lansing, Michigan and each entry was carefully reviewed and final score given same. There were 22 present at the meeting. This included judges and trial garden committee. Those present were: L. L. Hook, A. T. Edison, Nick Koenig, J. Louis Roberts, Barton Elliott, Victor Steckle, A. H. Emmons, Dr. Paul Morgan, Prof. Merrill Hewitt, J. L. Kress, F. C. Wolfe, Otto Hoepfner, Albert Hendricks, Arthur Wulff, W. C. Behl, Prof. C. E. Wildon, Mrs. A. H. Emmons, Mrs. C. B. Mallory, E. Holland, E. M. Beach, P. R. Ford, Carl P. Sattler, Bruce Collins, C. E. Ecklund.

The new trial grounds committee for the year 1945 is:

Lloyd L. Hook, Chairman, Grand Rapids; A. T. Edison, Grand Rapids; Barton Elliott, Benton Harbor; Nick Koenig, New Baltimore; A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek; Victor Steckle, Lansing; J. Louis Roberts, Chicago.

The judges did a wonderful job, in fact we have never had such fine judging. There were fifteen regular judges and five apprentice judges and they judged every one of the 92 entries, and many of these judges made the trip to the gardens as many as three different times during the flowering season to score. The superintendent's office has never been so snowed under with scores. There were colored pictures taken of most of the entries and these were all shown and compared with the scores at the final meeting.

The following dahlia entries were awarded certificates at the meeting of the judges held Nov. 5, 1944:

*Mrs. Richard G. Atkinson.* Stake No. 2. Informal decorative. Score 85.3 E. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, California. Color yellow.

*Hoosier Marvel.* Stake No. 3. Cactus. Score 85.5 E. Entered by F. C. Wolfe, Shippshewana, Indiana. Yellow.

*Clariam Kelton.* Stake No. 5. Informal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Clariam Gardens, Wm. Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio.

*2-40.* Stake No. 22. Informal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio. Scarlet.

*Anna Grubisha.* Stake No. 30. Formal decorative. Score 85 C. Entered by Andrew Grubisha, Box 562, Blaine, Washington. Mallow-pink with yellow streakiness.

*Mrs. Emma Bullen.* Stake No. 40. Informal decorative. Score 85 C. Entered by Victor Steckle, Lansing, Michigan. Mallow-rose.

*A-201.* Stake No. 42. Informal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Originator C. F. Pape, Santa Barbara, Calif. White.

*D-1.* Stake No. 46. Semi-cactus. Score 85.2 E. Entered by R. E. Deveny, Cleveland, Ohio. Yellow.

*Cream Princess.* Stake No. 49. Collarlette. Score 85 C. Entered by Andrew Doermann, Cheviot, Cincinnati, Ohio. White.

*Jubilant.* Stake No. 51. Miniature informal decorative. Score 86 S. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vine-land, N. J. Coral.

*Kirstel Flagstad.* Stake No. 62. Informal decorative. Score 85.4 E. Entered by C. Merrill Brown, Williams-ville, New York. Autumn.

*22111.* Stake No. 63. Informal decorative. Score 85.2 E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago. Autumn.

*22776.* Stake No. 65. Semi-cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago. Pink with yellow center.

*5-53.* Stake No. 66. Cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago. Golden Yellow.

*No. CB-6.* Stake No. 76. Formal decorative to informal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, L. L. Hook, Grand Rapids, Mich. Originator E. R. Phillips, Silver Springs, Md. Red-purple.

*Myra Phillips.* Stake No. 77. Cactus. Score 86 E. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Mich. Originator E. R. Phillips, Silver Springs, Md. White.

*Evelyn Reed.* Stake No. 82. Informal decorative. Score 85.5 E. Entered by Kemp's Gardens, Little Silver, N. J. Pale sulfur-yellow, lighter at tips, flushed lavender.

*No. 142.* Stake No. 83. Formal decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Mich. Lavender.

*402.* Stake No. 85. Cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Autumn.

..... Stake No. 89. Cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by W. J. Hamblyn, 558 St. James St., London, Ontario, Canada. Scarlet.

**Support your Trial Gardens for the advancement of the Dahlia**

## A.D.S. Trial Garden Report Mid-South Branch

The Mid-South Branch of the American Dahlia Society trial garden located at Fairmont, West Virginia, on the campus of Fairmont State College, begs to submit its annual garden report.

The number of entries for the season just closing was small, the smallest in the history of this branch. This suited the trial garden superintendent because, due to labor shortage, garden help was almost impossible to get. The entries that were sent to the garden were received, however, and planted with the usual care and given the usual cultivation. Most of the work was done by the superintendent.

The total of all entries was eleven, divided between roots and plants. They hit one dry season which came soon after planting time. Most of the balance of the season was favorable excepting the very hot weather of August. The newer form of A.D.S. score card was used.

### ENTRIES AWARDED C. M.'S

Stake No. 5. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens for C. M. Brown, University of Buffalo. (The superintendent hopes this statement is correct. Rocky River had two entries. A letter from Mr. Brown refers only to one entry). Entered as K.-F. We believe this dahlia is to be named Kirsten Flagstad. K.-F. is an informal decorative of exhibition size. It easily grew flowers nine inches by four inches. Stems, in the main, were good. Plants averaged five feet in height. Plants and flowers were of good substance. Color, apricot and gold with red and gold veining on the reverse. The flowers suggest, to a certain extent, *Myra Howard* and/or *Sunray*. Score, 85.

Stake No. 11. (Jubilant). Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries. Miniature informal decorative. Plants 40 to 48 inches tall with lots of blooms. All blooms were well within miniature size. Has been described as a type of red and was also listed as a "watermelon red." Described by Ernest Freed of the college art department as crevette pink, which is also a type of red. One color chart shows it to have some shell fish pink in its color. One garden visitor referred to this miniature as "a garden charm." Flowers on tall stems, facing. This dahlia will be popular with miniature growers. Flowers were uniform in size. Score, 86.

### ENTRIES SCORING LESS THAN 85

Stake No. 1. 5-42. Pompon. Entered by F. Kording, Pittsburgh, Pa. In color this entry was an exact sample of Chinese magenta. Flowers showed some hard centers. Plants grew 40 inches tall, showing many flowers, all of which were well within pompon size. Score, 72.

Stake No. I. D. Informal decorative, large. This flower was an inconsistent performer as far as blooms were concerned. In color it was a bi-color of red and white. In some flowers the red was dominant; in others white was dominant. The flowers were 8½ inches by 3 inches. Flowers showed some open centers. Some centers were deformed and showed an elongated form. Score, 70. Entered by Hanna Dahlia Gardens.

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## MID-SOUTH GARDENS

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Stake No. 3. W-186-41. Informal decorative to cactus. Exhibition. Blooms 9 by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Bush 4 feet tall. Substance, good. Color, a beautiful orchid with ivory and silver reverse. Entered by Clarium Gardens. Score, 81.

Stake No. 4. W-211-42 (Clarium Kelton). Cactus to informal decorative. Bush, 5 feet tall. Blooms, exhibition, 9 inches by 4 inches. Stems, good. Colors, clear. Foliage, good. Color, firey flame with a reverse of Roman gold and ivory linings. Entered by Clarium Gardens. Score, 84.

Stake No. 6. S-42-1. Cactus. Bush 4 feet tall. Flowers, exhibition,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Flowers, rose and lavender with whitish tips. Older blooms lacked luster. Flowers rated as pretty. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Score, 83.

Stake No. 7. Entry did not grow.

Stake No. 8. Entry did not grow.

Stake No. 9. This entry was not scored since only one plant came into bloom. This entry was a most attractive single from Dahlia del Nurseries. Lots of bloom. Color, light flame to Chinese red. Rating this entry upon the performance of one plant, this dahlia is desirable.

Stake No. 10. Entry did not grow.

As is the custom of this garden superintendent, all entries not having a satisfactory score are recommended for re-trial. The garden will be opened for these entries for the 1945 season. It is also recommended that a uniform report form, to be used by all garden superintendents, be worked out by the A.D.S. Trial Garden Committee.

In keeping with a ruling of the A.D.S. (see A.D.S. BULLETIN, page seven of the May, 1944 issue), all roots were destroyed.

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### Trial Grounds Report of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, Robert Seibel, Supt.

The past year was about average for growing dahlias here in Cincinnati, and although we had some very dry weather in the early part of the season, making it necessary to use the sprinklers, the late season was good with enough rain to keep the plants moving. We had less insect damage this year than in the past seasons, so the drought was somewhat compensated for. Twenty-four entries were on trial of which nine did not bloom and will be given a retrial. The color descriptions were taken from the Royal Horticultural Societies color chart.

#### Varieties Scoring 85 or Better

*Tarawa*—Stake No. 233. Semi-Cactus. Entered by Goetzger (85.1 E), wine red with silver reverse. Flowering habit good. Good growth, laterals coming from base, stem 18 in. to 24 in. Blooms facing some, few face down. Size 10 x 5. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

*211-42*—Stake No. 237. Semi-Cactus. Entered by Wm. Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio (85 E or C). Orange base overlaid jasper red. Flowering habit prolific; good, strong laterals, stem 24 to 30 in. Blooms facing. Size 7 by 4 in. Height 5 ft.

*Tommy F.E.K.*—Stake No. 256. Min. Formal Decorative. Entered by Fred E. Kording, 26 Merritt Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (85 S). Light beet-root purple. Flowering habits fair. Good bush growth; good, long stems. Size 2 x 1 in. Height 2 ft.

*104*—Stake No. 326. Min. Formal Decorative. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan (85.2 S). Light Indian Orange. Flowering habit prolific, good bush growth, good stems. Size 3 x 2 in. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

*World Event*—Stake No. 329. Informal Decorative. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens (85.4 E). Tyrian rose, shading to Amaranth pink. Good bush growth. Stem 18 to 24 in. Flowers facing. Size 9 x 5 in. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

*3-1*—Stake No. 331. Formal Decorative. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens (86 C). Rhodamine Pink. Flowering habit prolific. Good bush growth, laterals coming from base. Stem 18-24 in. Size 6 x 3 in. Height  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Very outstanding.

*Jubilant*—Stake No. 336. Min. Informal Decorative. Entered by Dahlia del Nurseries (85 S). Yellow base shaded light. Capsicum red. Flowering habit prolific, good bush growth with good, long stems. Size  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 in. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

*340*—Stake No. 338. Formal Decorative. Entered by Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrian Springs, Michigan (85 E). Blood red, shading to Dutch vermillion at base. Rugged bush growth with good laterals. Stems 18 to 24 in. Size 8 x 4 in. Height  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

*Lucky*—Stake No. 339. Cactus. Entered by J. Shutte, Springfield, Ohio (85.3 C). Capsicum red with orange base. Flowering habit prolific, good bush growth, laterals coming from base. Stem 24 in. Size 7 x 4 in. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Here's your new cut flower variety (red) in the Cactus class.

#### Non-Certificated Varieties

*186-41*—Stake No. 247. Informal Decorative. Entered by Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio (82 E). Pale China rose, deepening to light Tuchsine pink at center; petals tipped gold. Flowering habit good. Most blooms faced down.

*Joy-Alive*—Stake No. 267. Informal Decorative. Entered by J. Terretto, 31 Ellison Street, Paterson, N. J. (79.6 E). Yellow base, overlaid brick red. Good bush growth, stems crooked, foliage too close to bloom.

*S-42-1*—Stake No. 323. Semi-Cactus. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Light lavender, tipped white. Only one plant grew and this showed signs of ring spot; to be retried. Color combination very good.

*John J. Pershing*—Stake No. 324. Informal Decorative. Entered by Ward Horticultural Co. (83.5 E). Yellow ochre splashed red, with amber center. Flowering habit good. Color is dull in appearance.

*3-11*—Stake No. 327. Informal Decorative. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens (83 E). Wine red deepening to Indian Lake. Good bush growth, good color. Blooms faced down.

*1-41*—Stake No. 328. Cactus. Entered by Dixie Gardens (75.8 E). Co-ordinated shading to maroon center; very spreading bush growth, all blooms faced down.

*2-8*—Stake No. 333. Informal Decorative. Entered by Dixie Gardens (81 E). Magenta rose. Flowering habit prolific. Bush grew somewhat crotchty, most blooms faced down. Could be given a retrial as the variety has possibilities.

*141*—Stake No. 337. Informal Decorative. Entered by Keiser Dahlia Gardens (82.8 E). Turkey red with maroon shadings. Flowering habit good; good bush growth; blooms were soft and tops wilted down quickly.

### Inglewood, Cal., Dahlia and Floral Society

At this time preparations for the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society's thirteenth annual flower show are under way and a well rounded show is anticipated by the committee.

President A. J. Slatter is again show manager and will be assisted by Vice President Dr. H. E. Cannon and Mr. George McDowell, who will supervise the Victory Garden Section.

Schedules to be mailed well in advance of show time will contain rules and regulations and list seven divisions including ten classes and one hundred and seventy-three entries. A place for every exhibitor interested in flowers and a like schedule for vegetable growers. New exhibitors will be assisted and a floor plan showing each exhibitor's space will be on hand for their convenience.

Inglewood High School Study Hall, which affords ample room and an attractive background, will be the site for our usual large display of beautiful blossoms and colorful vegetables. The time is September 2-3.

The Committee expects to make this our finest show and is happy to share it with our old friends and the many newcomers, the defense workers, who are at present making their homes in "Inglewood, the City of the Dahlia."

MRS. FLOY E. BUTLER, Secretary.

# Dahlias In England

By E. COOPER, M.M., F.R.H., Jescot Nurseries, 388 Hatfield Road, St. Albans

I have recently been fortunate in getting a copy of the A.D.S. BULLETIN for November 1941. I hope you are still able to maintain the same excellent high standard. As a commercial dahlia grower, who is interested in breeding and attempting to improve dahlias, I am very envious of you in America with your wonderful Society that is able to issue such a beautiful quarterly BULLETIN. We in Great Britain have a National Dahlia Society, but we must be very "poor" compared with your seeming opulence—at least you seem very prosperous to judge from your well-printed BULLETIN. Our Dahlia Year Book is very modest, although we think it good, very good—but I wonder if we shall ever reach your high standard. Our last issue (published annually) numbers 28 pages. It records the prize winners at our Annual Show, but does not run to the extensive show reports which are such a feature of your BULLETIN. Ours carries some useful articles for the amateur on "Colour in Dahlias," "How to Store Dahlia Tubers," and on "Dahlias in Parks."

However, if our literature is scanty and our numbers fewer, we are just as enthusiastic. This has not been a good Dahlia year here. We had one of the longest dry spells I can remember, before and after planting time. Only those with overhead irrigation were able to get the plants growing after planting as they ought.

I am chiefly interested in improving Dahlias for the florist trade and have bred some useful seedlings from such good parents as Kelly Boudewijn and Little Diamond. From the former I have a very beautiful nymphaea-flowered medium decorative—almost a replica of the parent in size, form and habit. The colour is something like Pius XI, a sulphur-yellow with white tips—a very nice break from a good dahlia. From Little Diamond I have some good quilled and incurved cactus, ranging from white to pink and scarlet. All are useful cut-flower types.

I recently visited J. Spencer's dahlia grounds. He is perhaps our largest commercial grower. Like myself his dahlias have been reduced to make way for food-production. However, what he has lost in acreage he has gained in quality. His plants are a picture. They were regularly irrigated and had just been top-dressed with dried blood. Mr. Spencer has a wonderful lot of new seedlings, including one that must be new to us—a new race?—a collarette-peony. On the lunch table Mrs. Spencer had arranged, most artistically, a bowl of really lovely collarettes. One had beautiful dresden-china-blue markings on a white ground—quite exquisite! The blue was the truest blue I have yet seen in dahlias. Outstanding, among other fine seedlings he has raised, are Nancy Martin, a beautiful crimson medium formal decorative and Tyrian Rose, a medium decorative with nymphaea-type flowers of a charming rose colour. Among semi-cactus Mrs. S. J. Spencer, rosy-crimson and Solferino, light purple, are very good. He has a grand lot of new miniatures. I liked best Florists' Purple—aptly named; Peach, a poppy-red with crimson tips, is one of the freest flowering dahlias I have yet seen.

I had the pleasure of visiting A. T. Barnes, one of our leading amateur raisers. One of his best is Rosslyn

Barnes, out of Helly Boudewijn. The colour is gold and rose—a very charming flower. He has some very perfect miniature poms including a marvelous white named Wiluna.

Battle, a bright brick-red miniature decorative, is one of the best of its type for the florist we have yet seen. It has gained an Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society and was raised by Mr. J. Brown, whose show dahlias are such a feature over here.

Another trade grower I have visited this year has been J. Sandford, who has produced some perfect dwarf types. His Apple Blossom is a revelation as to what can be done with the dahlia as a bedder. It is not more than 9 inches high and carries a mass of apple-blossom-pink double flowers. He has similar dwarfs in scarlet, yellow and other colours. Among others he has an exceptionally fine stock of Ballego's Glory. Quite unlike the usual stock one sees elsewhere. The ground colour is a deep mahogany and the substance of the petal is amazing. I took an afternoon off to see the dahlia trials at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley. The plants have suffered a little from the early dry weather and I am sorry to say some varieties on trial are decimated by virus. Among the giants were Searchlight, Molly Coombe and Enoch Pots, all worthy of a place in any modern collection. These have all received an Award of Merit from the R.H.S. and have been raised by H. Stredwick, who has recently received the Victorian Medal of Honor, the highest horticultural honour that can be awarded in Great Britain.

We over here find the colour chart issued in two volumes by the R.H.S. very useful. We hope it will become standard among all whose job it is to describe flower colours. It might, with advantage, be adopted as a world standard so that colour description would be uniform in all countries. The chart has some 150 loose sheets each showing three shades of the same colour. Official definitions are given and horticultural examples are quoted. You can imagine how useful this chart is in defining the exact description of any colour. It is an easy matter to match up and describe any flower colour to an accepted standard. If we can get all growers to use the chart we shall avoid past confusions and get a better picture of new introductions instead of having to take so much on trust and having to discount some raiser's imaginations.

We over here are very worried by the rapid increase of virus among dahlia stocks. The dahlia is not the only plant suffering from an increase of this disease. Tomatoes and marrows seem especially susceptible during the last few years. So far we have no remedy beyond the destruction of infected stocks. Even then the virus remains in our soil ready to attack succeeding crops. Some growers believe that particular varieties have been over-propagated so that their constitution has been weakened. Brentwood Bedder, easily the best scarlet bedder raised by the late J. T. West is a case in point, it is difficult to find a clean healthy stock. Helly Boudewijn is a variety that is bad with some growers.

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# Where Are Some of "Yesterday's" Dahlia Growers?

Inquires Old Man Aature of His Son

This war has wrought a lot of changes in family life, son. The old groups which used to gather around the fireside at Thanksgiving and Christmas can't get together this year—some groups—too many—son, will never be together again. Casualty lists are growing and will continue to grow before this is over.

I just can't help but get a little glum when I think of those happy days, and I guess they are causing a lot of wishful and wistful thinking for a lot of people.

Probably a lot of dahlia growers, more than we realize, are away to war. And I think it will get me in a more amiable frame of mind for this letter, if I just forget the war for a few paragraphs and wonder where some of our dahlia friends of yesteryear are today—how has the war affected their lives—are they growing dahlias—or has war work temporarily stopped that?

You have heard me speak of a lot of these good friends in the past, and I wish you would inquire around and see if you can get a line of some of these folks who used to be great dahlia fans. Maybe some of them will see this if Gordon Waaser prints it in the BULLETIN, and write to you and tell you for me just what has happened to them—are they still interested in dahlias, and if they are not now growing them, do they expect to take up this hobby again in the future?

I hope, in my ignorance, or because I'm not in touch, that I will not mention some one who has passed on. But if I do, unintentionally, maybe some of their friends will let you know and you can write me about it.

For instance, I wonder where Dr. Fred J. Knocke is today? He is in a hospital or dressing station near one of our fronts, in all probability. There is a fellow, I'm sure, will go back to winning dahlia prizes some day soon after this war's ended.

Last I knew, C. Louis Alling, A.D.S. Secretary for so many years, was working for the government in Florida. Thinking out loud, I wonder if the death of able-bodied men has resulted in his being picked up for better or for worse by some female.

Ed Badetty used to be around at the shows at least. Haven't seen him in years. Does he still raise acres of dahlias for cut flowers and roots at Huntington, L. I.?

Then, somebody may know if Prof. Chas. H. Batcheller, who did so much for dahlia growers in finding controls for cornborers. What kind of government entomology work is he doing and where?

Mrs. J. E. Mendham was at one time a partner of Yoke Veilie in the commercial dahlia business at Easton, Pa. Where are these dahlia folk? Do they still grow them?

Last I heard our old friend Lawrence L. Wallace of Chataqua Dahlia Gardens was in poor health. He originated a lot of good varieties still in commerce. I'd like to see him again in his garden. I still like *Chataqua Dawn*.

What was H. Carlee in Haarlem, Holland, doing during the awful occupation of his country? Did he save his roots or did the Nazi take all of them?

What of J. G. Ballego & Sons at Leiden? Are they alive and still growing dahlias? G. F. Drayson isn't at Buckhurst Hill in Essex, England, growing dahlias, that I know. But just what is he doing and will he again write his fine stories about new European varieties for the A.D.S. BULLETIN after the war?

I might ask, where is W. L. W. Darnell and does that old Welshman still sell clumps for 12c each to the seed houses? If so, who does the cultivating, if any? He used to give a silver cup at each New York Show for the best keeping variety. Does he still sell cut flowers? Hasn't he any more cups?

Where is D. O. Eldridge, former editor of the "Dahlia Review" at Madison, Wis.? Is he still in Washington, working for Uncle Sam?

Jacob Groll, the old printer of Fenton, Michigan, used to swear a blue streak if he didn't win a blue ribbon on every exhibit. What is he doing these fine dahlia seasons?

And the Haakes, the C. H.'s out in Mill Valley, California used to originate so many worthy poms and miniatures. Never hear of them any more. We could use some new poms on the show tables, dear Mr. and Mrs. Haake, if your listening, or reading.

Mrs. P. W. Merchant, Hillside Dahlia Gardens, was a great originator of good dahlias, too. Haven't heard from her in years.

For that matter, Thomas Leavitt of Assinippi, Mass., hasn't been heard from in some time. Hear he goes to all the poultry shows, but not the dahlia show. Guess there's more money in poultry.

My old friend F. T. McCurdy of Kokomo, Ind., used to have one of the best backyard dahlia gardens in the Hoosier state. Is it all in tomatoes and cabbage now?

Theodosia Metcalf of 1305 Forsyth St., Columbus, O., was a sweet rhymer about dahlias. Doesn't she write that good poetry any more? If she does, I would like to have one of them in my memory book.

Bill Noonan is a tough judge, or used to be. Guess he's gone soft now. Lost his grip and Irish fighting spirit. Doesn't even come to shows often any more. Never goes to the Trial Grounds at all—at all.

Curtis Redfern of San Francisco, used to figure in all the dahlia news out on the Pacific Coast, and he, too, took part in controversies over the best bloom in show, etc. Is he too busy with railroading to grow dahlias now?

G. A. Richardson of Mount Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio, got so all dahliaized one time he invented a super dahlia stake. What became of it and G. A., too. Remember *Volcano*? He was its father.

Sagamore Gardens. Remember! Dr. Shirley S. Shattuck, Everett, Mass. Are dahlias still grown in the Shattuck estate?

O. W. Slocum, Terrace Gardens, Ionia, Mich. Where is O. W.? How are his dahlias?

"Bill" Sweeney. William B. We know he runs the  
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## Report of 1943 and 1944 Introductions Grown at Ault Park the Past Season, Robert Seibel, Supt.

Along with the entries in the Trial Grounds, it was our privilege to grow some of the new introductions. These were rooted cuttings furnished by one of our local Commercial growers, and were planted on June 20th. Most of the varieties grew well and produced many fine blooms, while others were a failure. There seems to be too many of these failures and not enough new ones like our standard that do well every year. Some of these new varieties may have grown better in other parts of the country, but here's the way they grew for us.

Not less than three plants of a variety were tried and in some cases six or more depending on the stock available.

*Margaret.* Formal white with slight tinge of lavender, large blooms on good stems, bush low in growth, insect free. This variety needs cutting back severely, as it has a tendency to sprawl.

*Miss Bainbridge.* Cactus. Apricot color. Good bloomer on good stems, flowers facing, blooms appear a little thin, bush could be a little more rugged in growth.

*Stalin.* Cactus. Maroon. Fair bloomer late in the season; bush did not grow well.

*\*Bataan.* Cactus. Scarlet with gold tips. Prolific bloomer. Good clean bush growth with many laterals coming from base of plant. Excellent stems. Height 3½ ft.

*\*Col. Rudd.* Informal Decorative. Deep Red. Large blooms carried on good stems, rugged bush growth, dark foliage. Height 4 ft. This variety blooms a little late for us.

*\*\*Edgar Guest.* Semi-Cactus. Clear yellow. This was the most outstanding variety of the new one blooming early and continuing up until frost with no open centers. Some of the late blooms were inclined to be informal. Prolific bloomer. Flowers facing on good stems, which came from base of plant. Height 3½ ft.

*Dragon.* Informal Decorative. Buff color, good, clean bush growth and good stems, but did not bloom until late, so not much of check could be made.

*\*Anna Klein.* Informal Decorative. Clear yellow, good bush growth with good laterals, blooms facing. Height 4 ft.

*Wings.* Stunted, did not grow.

*100%.* Informal Decorative. Lavender pink, good clear color. Bush poor in growth. Stems crooked, blooms face down.

*James Ross.* Formal Decorative. Deep maroon. Good, clean bush growth, good stems. This variety did not bloom until late but looked very favorable.

*Gaylord Ballay.* Informal Decorative. White, good clear color. This variety made good, vigorous growth and should be pinched back when small to encourage laterals. Did not bloom until fairly late in season, but looked like it could be grown very large. For exhibition.

*Sarett's Pink Flamingo.* Cactus, pink. This variety was planted in two different spots in the garden but just refused to grow, and did not start growing until late. I only saw one good plant of this variety which had some good flowers. This seemed to be the condition in several other gardens in Cincinnati.

*\*Beau Brilliant.* Informal Decorative. Reddish purple. The color was a little faded early in the season, but later came clear and was good until frost. Bush rugged in growth, dark foliage, good stems, blooms facing, height 3½ ft.

*Black Prince.* Stunted, did not grow.

*Poet's Dream.* Very good color combination, and large flowers. Bush made very poor growth and all the blooms had a crooked neck and faced down. This variety was planted in two different spots in the garden and the same fault was evident.

*Shangra La.* Stunted, did not grow.

*Favorita.* Cactus. Light yellow. Good bush growth with good stems coming from base of plant, blooms facing. Height 4 ft.

*Roselyn Straight.* Semi-Cactus. Autumn shades, many of the blooms varied in their color combinations. Good bush growth, with good stems except at bloom, where they were weak, causing all blooms to face down.

*White Showers.* Did not grow well and bloomed sparsely. Appeared crotchey.

*Jack Baldwin.* Informal Decorative. Very heavy coarse growth with plants growing about 2 ft. high; large blooms, but a dull red in color.

*Mother Koenig.* Informal Decorative. Pink blended. Did not grow well; no blooms until late; very pleasing color.

*Red Giant.* Informal Decorative. Red. Good bush growth and stems, could bloom more freely, but blooms were very large and kept very well; did not fade. Would make good exhibition blooms. Height 3½ ft.

*\*Justin Kernes.* Informal Decorative. Red tipped white, very good color combination, stands out in garden. Good bush growth, stems slender and cane like. Good cut flower variety. Height 4 ft.

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

January 20th is the date! Hotel Lexington, Lexington Avenue and 48th Street, New York City, the place.

President Lloyd would like to welcome the largest turnout in A.D.S. history for our Annual Meeting, which will be called to order at 3:30 P. M.

After the meeting there will be ample time for a social hour before the dinner at 7:00 P. M.

Tickets for the dinner are \$3.00 per plate. This does not cover our costs but the Society is in a position now to defray some of the expenses in order that as many as possible may join us at "chow".

As you know, hotel reservations are mighty scarce. Will those who intend to "stay over", get in touch with Mrs. S. G. Van Hoesen, A.D.S. Vice-President, at the Hotel Lexington, and Mrs. Van Hoesen will turn our town inside out to try to procure your accommodations.

Please reserve dinner tickets in advance. Address: H. Dewey Mohr, Chairman, 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Let's beat all existing records!

*Almina.* Cactus. Yellow. Poor bloom, did not grow well.

*\*Tuvedo.* Informal Decorative. Maroon with silver reverse. Many good blooms. Good bush growth and laterals coming from base of plant, blooms facing. Height 3½ ft.

*Magna Charta.* Informal Decorative. Autumn shade, color a little different than anything we have. Fair bush growth, good stems. Blooms lose their petals very quickly. Height 3½ ft.

Kitsap County Dahlia Society had their annual banquet and election of officers September 21 at Kitsap Golf and Country Club.

Our new officers will be: Mr. Leonard Wager, president; Mr. Thomas Forhan, vice-president, and Mrs. Pliny Allen, secretary-treasurer. Her address is Route 1, Box 125, Bremerton, Wash.

Plans were made for a Chrysanthemum Exhibit in November, to be sponsored by the Dahlia Society.

## DAHLIAS IN ENGLAND

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Our trade growers recently formed the British Dahlia Growers' Association and we are so concerned by the incidence of virus that drastic remedies are proposed to eliminate the disease. It is suggested that health certificates for dahlia stocks should be issued by qualified pathologists. This attempt to control by voluntary means this disease, no matter how costly the sacrifice, speaks volumes for the high ideals which actuate our commercial raisers.

Another trouble we have is the reversion to singleness of some of the most popular double varieties. Many stocks of Baby Royal are quite useless. Here again we believe the trouble is due to over-propagation. We find that if all tubers are saved at the end of the season and half of these are lightly propagated in the spring and the other half planted as dormant ground roots, singleness does not arise.

If any of your American boys over here want introductions to any English growers of dahlias or of any other plants, I would be glad to do my best to help.

E. COOPER.

# Ohio Shows

The Dahlia Society of Ohio's annual show was staged in the Masonic Temple in Lakewood, Ohio. The exhibition hall was ideal. The lighting and cooling systems were perfect and so was the show. The blooms were universally good and a great many of the blooms were wonderful. The American Home Achievement Medal class was exceptionally good. Frank's Dahlia Gardens had three entries of cactus dahlias and they were all good. Merrill Brown's Kirsten Fladstead was very fine. The winner was E. J. Wind's Lavender, Pink and White Bi-color, named Jane Lausche after the wife of Cleveland's popular mayor, is a very large dahlia. The stems are good and it is also a very early and prolific bloomer. The late blooms are as good as the first. It is a good keeper and it is really a top notcher. In my opinion it is the best Bi-color.

## OPEN TO ALL DIVISION

Patricia—a pink semi-cactus was the largest and also won the special in the semi-cactus class. American Beauty was the most perfect large dahlia. Both were exhibited by Mr. Robins. The most perfect bloom under 8 inches was a lovely pink cactus from Frank's Dahlia Gardens. It is undissected and not named. Other winners were D'Arcey Sainsberry, Dean Shurtleff, Aurora, Enchantress, Moonbia, Crystal White, White Angel, and Mrs. Hester Poke, both undissected dahlias originated by Charles Pape of Santa Barbara, California, Leha Petrel Gaity, Lady Ester, a white cactus not named from Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Charley Laske's Bi-color seedling No. 220, a Blended semi-cactus and a Red semi-cactus both unnamed from Frank's Dahlia Gardens. Charley Lash exhibited 3 blooms of a pink collarette unnamed, but very good.

## BALL DAHLIA DIVISION

Alice, a Rose pink, Rosey Dawy and Mary Helen.

## MINIATURE DIVISION

Double Victory and White Fawn, it and clover were the best poms and both were exhibited by William Haugh, President of the Wellsville Dahlia and Glad Society.

## TWO AND THREE YEAR OLD DISSEMINATED DIVISION

Amethyst, a semi-cactus, a Chinese Red informal not named, both exhibited by Mr. Robins, and Double Victory, a red cactus miniature and a beauty.

Mr. Alfred Srail, President of the Society, presided at the banquet. The Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gallimore, Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hart, Dorothy Bailey, Mrs. Roy Smith, Messrs. Eccleston, Watkins, Schupp, Wilmot, Patterson, Hough, Reynolds, Harold Shannabrook, Merrill Brown, B. Myers, Fred Gowern, and F. V. R. Veirs.

## East Liverpool Show

The East Liverpool Show was indeed a wonderful show. It was E. J. Wind's first visit to East Liverpool

and he said at the banquet that it was the best show he had ever attended and E. J. gets around some too. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Double Victory, the wonderful red miniature that did so well in Cleveland. In my opinion it is the best miniature I have ever seen. You will have to see Double Victory to appreciate it. It was originated and exhibited by Paul Goddard. Amethyst was the highlight of the show. It is a large Amethyst semi-cactus, the back petals curve back to the stem and the back is just about as pretty as the front. It has a long stiff stem and the foliage is wonderful. It was the best large flower in the show and won a blue and five special awards. It was exhibited by H. H. Robins. The largest flower was a 14-inch bloom of Lynn Fontaine, exhibited by Harold Gallimore. John Eccleston's Red cactus was much admired. It is a beautiful shade of Red and reminds one of a very much improved Kardinal Von-Rossen. It won in the large amateur and the open to all. It will be very popular I believe when released in the fall of 1946. Other winners were Bataan, All American, California Idol, Tops, The Shining One, Judy Ann, Michigan White, A yellow undissected dahlia exhibited by Mrs. George White, Secretary of the East Liverpool Society, a Chinese Red informal, another undissected Dahlia exhibited by H. H. Robins. This Dahlia won a special award at East Liverpool last year and looks like a great Dahlia. Other winners included Market Glory, Deep Purple, Maffie, Wings, Bellegors Surprise, Mary Helen, Charlotte Caldwell, Twinkle, White Fawn, Merrill Brown's Kirston Flagstead, an autumn colored informal that won as the largest and best Dahlia last year at East Liverpool, William Sheffield, Cherokee Brave, Bedford Beauty and Jersey Dainty. Frank's Dahlia Gardens exhibited half a dozen cactus and semi-cactus Dahlias unnamed and they were all good.

The Judges were H. H. Robins, C. Merrill Brown, Fred Clark, C. W. Luibbi, Fred Gowern, Mrs. E. MacDowell, H. P. Patterson, Mrs. Florence Baker, Harold Shannabrook, Warren Shannabrook, F. D. Reynolds, E. Delbrugge, J. W. Cowie, Arch Hurstock, J. J. Engleburt, Jr., Richard Boxwell, R. W. Fletcher, John Brack, Frank Pereneke, Melvin Wyant, and F. V. R. Veirs.

The *Wellsville Dahlia and Glad Society* sponsored the Ohio State Show Sept. 23 and 24. This is the third Ohio State Show and by far the best. It was a grand Dahlia exhibition in every respect. The show room was filled with flowers that were grown to perfection. Most of the flowers were grown in the vicinity of Wellsville and East Liverpool but a great many wonderful blooms came from Cleveland, Rocky River, Chagrin Falls, Garfield Heights, Bedford, Canton, Pittsburg, Toledo, Parkersburg, W. Va., Martin's Ferry, and other towns in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Essie Smith, a pink semicactus, originated and exhibited by Mr. W. E. Smith, won the American Home Achievement Medal. Mr. Smith is from Parkersburg, W. Va. Essie Smith is one of the very large Dahlias. The color is exquisite and the stems are perfect. It was the largest flower exhibited and won a special in the semicactus class.

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## Safe Rules for the Winter Storage of the Miniature Dahlias

There is one question I am asked more than any other during my talks on the miniature Dahlia and that is "How can I keep my Dahlia tubers from drying up in storage?"

The directions for the digging and storing of the large Dahlias cannot be safely followed for the miniature types and because the miniatures are becoming more and more popular to home gardeners who wish quantities of bloom for flower arrangements, I believe my experience will prove very valuable to those interested in this lovely dependable flower.

The following directions have never failed for me and I have brought over 400 tubers successfully through the winter every year. After the first frost do not disturb or dig up the roots for at least three weeks. This is important for it gives the tubers further time to mature and plump up. You can, of course, cut off the plant when it is blackened by that first frost but usually there follows a period of Indian summer weather, when the tubers had better be in the ground than in the cellar.

When the definitely cold weather starts which is about October 20th in this part of New England—take a clear day when the ground is not wet and with several cartons and newspapers, go into the garden and begin to dig your tubers.

NEVER pull the Dahlia plant by the stalk when lifting it from the ground. I prefer a spade which will not tear the roots, ease it out of the ground carefully so that no strain will break the new shoots at the crown for the smaller clumps are not as strong as the clumps of the large Dahlia.

Do NOT shake off all the dirt but begin to pack the roots directly into the cartons, the bottom of which you have lined with newspapers, packing them as close as possible without straining the roots. I always cut off the long feed roots in order to make more room in the carton but they can be left on if you wish. Sprinkle a light layer of dry peat moss; continue to alternate with tubers and peat (you can use leaves if peat is not available), but too much peat will tend to dry them out. Cover with a thick layer of paper, close the carton and place on the shelf in your vegetable or fruit cellar which should never go below the correct temperature for your fruit. If you are saving your seedlings, the young tubers of which are well worth prizing, I find even the smallest ones will carry through nicely if wrapped in wax paper and placed in the cartons with the others.

In January open your cartons and if the roots are drying and shriveling, do NOT sprinkle them with water, but leave the carton open and cover them with a heavy wet cloth. When you divide and plant your tubers in May, do NOT cut them down to one tuber and eye, but leave at least three roots and eyes for you want plenty of bloom next summer.

MRS. CHARLES F. BERRY.

## OHIO SHOWS

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Two years ago it was the best large flower at Wells-ville and it also won the American Home Achievement Medal at Pittsburg this year. It will be hard to beat anywhere. One of the blooms in the American Home Achievement Medal Class measured 14½ x 10 and all three blooms were about the same size. Other winners were: Miss Pittsburg, Bataan, Hills pink supreme, Snow Ball, Colin Kelly, Marion Smith, Delta, Nagels Orange, Mayor Ring, Sunburst, White Seedling No. 741, Sydney, D'Arcy Sainsbury, Stephen Foster, Red Giant, Mrs. Hester Pape, Cherokee Brave, Mary Ellen, Tops, Bedford Beauty, several undisseeded cactus and semi-cactus from Frank's Dahlia Gardens. Twinkle and John Eccleston's beautiful red cactus Alice May was the most perfect large flower. Bedford Beauty was the most perfect under 8 inches.

I would like to tell about some of the Dahlias I had on trial. I have blooming at this time Sunburst, a yellow informal from W. E. Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va., won first and second at Wellsville in the yellow class. It is a large Dahlia and will go 14 inches. It has a good stem and good foliage. The back petals go back to the stem and the flower never tilts down. Kirston Flagstead, C. Merrill Brown's great autumn shade informal, was good in Cleveland and East Liverpool. Mr. Charles Pape, Santa Barbara, California, has two here. Black Monarch, a very large dark red, velvety semi-cactus. It was not exhibited in Ohio this year but it is a real winner. It stands up straight on the right size stem for such a giant. Mrs. Hester Pape is the other. This one is a beautiful wine colored red informal from the same seed parent as Black Monarch. The foliage and stem on both Dahlias are identical, and the size is the same. It won at Lakewood, Wellsville, and special in the New York Show. E. J. Wind of Rocky River has his wonderful Lavender, Pink and White Bi-color semi-cactus here. It is another one that grows better than 12 inches for me. It has a grand stem and is a very early and prolific bloomer and the late blooms are as good as the first ones. It was the Achievement Medal winner at Milwaukee, Lakewood, and the Midwest Show at Louisville and special as best semi-cactus in New York. It scored 86 at East Lansing last year. I have had many Dahlias on trial including most of the late William Nunniveller Dahlias, but the above Dahlias are the best that have ever been in my garden at one time. Think of it, all of them have had blooms over 12 inches and no bad stems.

Just a word about Mr. Balcomb of Toledo, Ohio. He won the most perfect large flower at Toledo with one of his undisseeded Dahlias. The runner-up also belonged to him. I tell you this for I believe Mr. Balcomb is the oldest active Dahlia fan in the world. He is 92 years old and when I saw him last year he did not look over 70. Before the gas shortage, he missed very few Dahlia shows in the Midwest. Congratulations to my good friend, Mr. Balcomb.—VAL VIERS, A.D.S. V.-Pres.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**—It is suggested that every Dahlia Society consider at its next meeting plans for War Memorials. Vice-President Paul Frese started the ball rolling at our last Annual Dinner. Let's push for beautiful parked sites with well kept living plants and a generous percentage of Dahlias. Write the Editor what YOU are doing.

# Western Pennsylvania Branch American Dahlia Society

The Seventh Annual Show of the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society was held on September 16th and 17th at the Phipps Conservatory in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was good to be back in the beautiful spacious conservatory, where the abundant green background provided a lovely setting that was so natural that it almost appeared like a series of many colored dahlia gardens instead of a show.

As flower lovers entered the conservatory, they saw large and small arrangements of dahlias placed around the large circular room. A beautiful basket provided by Mr. Walter Luffy of Verona, Pa., was on a pedestal in the center, in loving memory of our past president, Herman Rapp, while the other arrangements ranged from baskets of tiny pompons, graceful baskets or bowls of single or collarettes to striking and massive baskets of cactus or larger decorative types. Large commercial displays, most attractively arranged, of dahlias and also radiantly beautiful gladiolas, were graciously provided by Jacob Ripper of Evans City and Henry Ritzer of West Bridgewater.

The amateur section was well filled with splendid blooms, while a separate room with a woodsy background contained the ball dahlias, miniatures, pompons, star (or orchid type) single and collarettes.

The large "Open to All Class" was a sight to behold in a conservatory room over 100 feet long with tables with two levels on each side filled with beautiful blooms. At the far end there was a remarkable showing of seedlings and undisminated dahlias.

Thousands of flower lovers viewed the hundreds upon hundreds of blooms of widely varied blooms and were impressed by the beauty of the green surroundings, made possible by the gracious cooperation of the conservatory authorities, the great range of size, from less than an inch in diameter to over 12 inches in diameter, with colors from soft pastel blends to vivid bi-colors or single strong colors.

The American Home Achievement Award was won by Mr. W. E. Smith of Parkersburg, West Virginia, with his beautiful 12 inch orchid decorative seedling named "Essie Smith". Mr. F. E. Kording of Pittsburgh, won the American Dahlia Society Award for sweepstakes in the "Open to All" Class with 178 points with Mrs. L. D. Hislop of Pittsburgh as "runner-up" with 170 points. The three \$5 awards presented by Mr. Henry Retzer of West Bridgewater, Pa., were won, one by Mr. W. E. Smith of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and two by Mr. A. E. Heil for the three best dahlias in the show. The largest, most perfect bloom was a "Maffie", grown by Mr. R. D. Motznik of Pittsburgh, and the smallest a bloom of "Clover", grown by Mr. J. D. Ross of Pittsburgh. Over twenty clumps of recent outstanding dahlias and twenty-four divisions of 1944 dahlias, were given to winners of special awards by Henry Retzer of West Bridgewater, Pa.

The final touch to make it a perfect show was the presence of our highly esteemed and faithful member, I. T. Fleck, who was at home on a brief furlough from

his service in the United States Navy. All the members worked with a zest born of a love for dahlias, and the result was one of the best shows we've ever had.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP (Mrs. L. D.),  
Show Chairman.

The annual meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society was held October 19th at the Garden Center, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. Forty-six enthusiastic members gathered to pat themselves on the back for a fine show and to see colored pictures of dahlias shown by Mr. Fred Clarke, Mr. Lloyd Pillow, Mr. Thompson, Mr. A. G. Banks, and Mrs. L. D. Hislop. Rev. A. J. Stewart gave a brief talk on the classification of dahlias when entering them in a show and a sociable time was had after the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

We're off to another grand dahlia year with the following officers:

President—Mr. J. D. Ross, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Chas. Stoner, Verona, Pa.  
2nd Vice-President—Mr. Wm. Buresch, Library, Pa.  
Treasurer—Mr. R. D. Motznik, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Secretary—Mrs. L. D. Hislop, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Board of Directors:  
Mr. Dale Perry, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Mrs. Clarence Isherwood, Verona, Pa.  
Mr. A. G. Banks, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Mr. Karl Kaesmaier, Sewickley, Pa.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP (Mrs. L. D.),  
Secretary.

## National Capital Dahlia Show

The Silver Spring, Maryland, Armory, just across the State line, was the scene of the National Capital Dahlia Society's annual Dahlia exhibit on September 23 and 24. Our show was held in conjunction with a large victory garden display in cooperation with several local garden and floral clubs.

The Dahlias formed the background of the display and what a background it was. In fact if we'd have received many more entries there would have been no room for a foreground. It was the largest Dahlia exhibit we've held since 1941. Tables were somewhat crowded due to overcrowding our own allotment of space and creeping over into space allotted for other exhibits.

Blooms were of fine quality and our judges did not have an easy task. From the smallest pom to the largest types competition was keen. Our Novice section contained more entries than ever before and that speaks well for our future shows, which, no doubt, will have to revert to a Dahlia show only, so as to allow us the room to better display our choice of the world's finest flower.

The American Home Achievement Medal winner was *Myra Phillips*, a large beautiful incurved white cactus. No longer need the over 8-inch white cactus class lack

entries. *Myra Phillips* also won the Achievement Medal at Baltimore and is on the must list of all who have seen it.

Our awards committee awarded \$113 in War Stamps, fertilizer, grass seed, and two trophies. The J. L. Bowling Trophy for novices was won by J. D. Lowe and the President's Trophy, given by our president, E. R. Phillips, for best bloom in show, was won by, of all people, E. R. Phillips.

Sweepstakes winners and best entry in the various sections were as follows:

Section A, Novice Section—Sweepstakes—J. D. Lowe. Best entry, Lowe—*Watchung Giant*.

Section B, Specimen bloom, over 8 inches, open to all—Sweepstakes, C. M. Diffenderffer. Best entry, E. R. Phillips—*Stephen Foster*.

Section C, Specimen bloom, 4 to 8 inches, open to all—Sweepstakes, Tie, G. R. Hitchcock and C. E. Ross. Best entry, Hitchcock—*Mme. Jussiant*.

Section D, 3 blooms, over 8 inches, open to all—Sweepstakes—J. L. Bowling. Best entry, Bowling—*Carl J. Dahl*.

Section E, 3 blooms, 4 to 8 inches, open to all—Sweepstakes, Tie, M. Shipley and E. R. Phillips. Best entry, Shipley—*Snowcrest*.

Section F, Poms, Miniatures, etc.—Sweepstakes, Mrs. C. E. Ross. Best entries, Mrs. Ross—*Little Diamond*, *Betty Anne*, *James Weller*, and *Erica*.

Section G, American Home Achievement Medal, E. R. Phillips—*Myra Phillips*.

Section H, Best Dahlia in show, E. R. Phillips—*Stephen Foster*.

Section I, Basket and vase arrangements—Large Dahlias, F. H. Goetzer—*Gaiety*. Medium Dahlias, H. C. Parker—*Garnet*. Vase, L. M. Clarke—*Mary Taylor*. Poms, Marvin Shipley. Singles, Mrs. J. L. Bishop. Miniatures, M. Shipley. Sweepstakes, M. Shipley.

Winning varieties of large dahlias were: *Mason's Purple Beauty*, *Watchung Giant*, *Maffie*, *Oleighb Monarch*, *Blue River*, *Gloria Bacher*, *The Real Glory*, *The Governor*, *Volcano*, *Wake Island*, *Lowell Thomas*, *Robt. Ripley*, *Glamour*, *Alice May*, *California Idol*, *Dahlia-mum*, *Kemp's Radiant Beauty*, *Carl G. Dahl*, *Mary Ellen Forhan*, *Greater Glory*, *Mary Retzer*, *Myra Phillips*, *Yellow Glory*, *Stephen Foster*, *Rhythm*, *Roslyn Straight*, *Cherokee Brave*, *White Christmas*, *Premiers' Winsome*, *Lynn Fontanne*, *Crowning Glory*, and *Columbia*.

Winning varieties of medium dahlias were: *Red Salute*, *Blue Jersey*, *Garnet*, *Graff Zeppelin*, *Lois Walcher*, *Michigan White*, *Lidia*, *Producer*, *Wanda Meade*, *Blue Rose*, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*, *Miss Antwerp*, *Mme. Jussiant*, *Snowcrest*, *Seeding No. 113* (Parker), *Orange Princess*, *Seedling No. 14* (Pohanka), *Mary Taylor*, *Bataan*, and *Hillside Gold*.

Winning Poms, Miniatures, and other types were: *Dubonnet*, *Little Diamond*, *Orchid Lady*, *Purp*, *Snow Sprite*, *Cinnamon Queen*, *Little Nemo*, *Little Darling*, *Reginald*, *Betty Anne*, *Dee Dee*, *Valda*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Little Prince*, *Honey*, *Eileen*, *Clover*, *Dahliadel Wonder*, *Candlelight*, *James Weller*, *Mia Karsten*, *Dahliadel Twinkle*, *Erica*, and *Bishop of Landaff*.

To our judges, Messrs. Gossmann, Cory, Shipley and Diffenderffer of Baltimore, Dozier of Cambridge, Watkins of Somerset, James of Silver Spring, Maryland, and

Bishop and Shewmaker of Washington we give our thanks for a tough job well done.

It is strange, but no sooner had the curtain rang down on our 1944 show, all were looking to 1945, with changes in mind for what might have been this year, adding and discarding certain varieties with the hopes of coming out on top next year.

## Baltimore Show

The Baltimore Dahlia Society held its 19th Annual Fall Flower Show in the Sears Community Building, Baltimore, September 17th and 18th. While the show was not staged on the large scale as has been our custom we did live up to our reputation for showing the best in dahlias along with the hardy garden flowers and vegetables. A large share of the success is due to the untiring efforts of our Show Manager, Chris Guckert and his committee consisting of Mrs. N. A. Gossmann, Mrs. Pauline Graf, George Mumma, N. A. Gossmann and George Shaffer. All of the classes were well filled and the competition was very keen, particularly in the small garden classes covering growers up to 75 plants; also the Hardy Garden and Victory Garden sections which drew considerable attention from the large attendance. Sweepstake prizes were awarded in each section and were in the form of War Savings Stamps, the winners being: Section A for growers of up to 75 plants, Vincent Hush; Section B for growers of 75 to 150 plants, Louis Gill; Section C for growers of 150 to 250 plants, Herbert O. Aburn; Section D for growers over 250 plants, Earl P. Loller; Section I, Pompons open to all, George Mumma; Section J, Miniatures, open to all, Chas. M. Diffenderffer.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Mr. E. R. Phillips of Silver Springs, Md. in a very hotly contested class and was for three white incurved cactus blooms the same to be named "Mrs. Myra Phillips". The Governor Herbert R. O'Connor trophy was awarded to Mr. T. R. Keesey and the Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin trophy was won by Earl P. Loller. Both the Governor O'Connor and Mayor McKeldin classes brought out some of the finest blooms shown and the judges had their hands full deciding the winners. The judging was in charge of N. A. Gossmann and his list included: W. A. Bochau, John C. Mencke, Jr., Edw. Schaun, Wm. F. Schaun, Geo. Schirmer, E. P. Loller, N. A. Scheel, C. M. Diffenderffer, Henry Cory and C. V. Brieger on dahlias; Victory Garden judges: George Mumma and Talbot McAfee; Hardy Garden judges: Mrs. W. A. Bridges and Dr. W. R. Ballard.

HERBERT O. ABURN.

## LEND-LEASE?

We hear much of what we can do and will do for the suffering peoples of Europe.

There is something additional that we Dahlia lovers can do.

Let's be ready when Victory comes to send to our fellow Dahlia growers in England, France, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Australia and elsewhere, stock of our latest and greatly improved varieties to help them get back on the road to BETTER DAHLIAS.

## Cincinnati Dahlia Show

Cincinnati puts on a Grand Dahlia Show in spite of war and low water, sponsored by The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association and the Cincinnati Park Board.

Like many other of our favorite activities, raising dahlias, carrying on dahlia association work and putting on dahlia shows, all have been handicapped by lack of spare time, scarcity of materials, and much needed transportation. However, the dahlia has the proper appeal to persuade us to overcome all the wartime obstacles.

The American Dahlia fan, like all good Americans, is making a comeback. Yes, definitely, the interest in dahlias is on the upswing again. Few people have quit raising dahlias and most fans are reviving their interest after our fine display of stolid determination to win the war at any cost has brought forth the overwhelming trend toward certain victory. In fact I feel sure that here in Cincinnati, we have noticed much evidence that new members are coming into the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, at a greater rate than usual. We believe that the need for Victory Gardens has interested many in the fascinating and wholesome art of cultivating the soil. These new gardeners are, to us in the dahlia hobby, a valuable source of prospects for new memberships, in our dahlia associations. Let's give them some of our own enthusiasm for the dahlia. Why not start some of these fellows off with a few hills of dahlias. Get them before their interest turns from gardening to other things. You fellows know how the fever keeps up once you catch it.

The dahlia, in all its splendor, held forth once again in Cincinnati on October 7th and 8th. Everyone seemed agreed that this was the best show of the past four years. There were more entrants interested, more flowers shown, and a much greater attendance than usual. The Cincinnati Park Board provided the setting in the beautiful Fleischmann's Garden and gave us much assistance with the show as well as valuable publicity.

We believe it may be of interest to those handicapped by war time restrictions to note that the O.V.D.A. has put on its past three shows without charge of admission. We also attended the Mid-West Show at Louisville, Ky. and found it open to the public without charge. We do not maintain that all dahlia shows be open to the public without charge for admission, but it seems better to utilize facilities belonging to some public institution, where charges are not in order, than to chance a lag in popularity for the dahlia by failing to stage the annual show. Most of the classes in the show were full to overflowing. The small flowering varieties shared the spotlight with the big ones and the judges had a really tough job to pick the winners.

The Grand Sweepstakes of the show was won by A. L. Weller; he received a large vase as his prize. The honors for runner-up went to Judson Moffett, and he was given a small vase.

The Park Board display for beauty and excellence won the American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal Certificate. In the artistic arrangement class for large flowering varieties, first prize went to Andrew Doermann for a fine basket of *Dulcinia*, containing twenty-three blooms. He was given a large vase. A small vase was won by A. L. Weller for a basket of miniatures arranged for artistic effect. A low bowl filled with pompons arranged

for artistic effect, won a small vase, for George Richardson. First prize for a mixture of pompons and miniatures went to A. L. Weller.

The Special Award for merit was given to a basket of seedlings, entered by Robert Seibel. It contained thirteen fine blooms of his new variety, named Frank C. Adams, and was awarded a large vase. Prize for "best bloom and best condition on the last day of the show" went to an entry of Madam Wahrunga, entered by Andrew Doermann. Award a small vase.

In the seedling classes the winners of first prizes were as follows:

A basket of Frank C. Adams, a four to eight inch, cut flower variety, in color somewhat deeper than brick red, informal decorative style, inclined toward the semi-cactus; deep bloom rolling well back to the long stem.

Red ball seedling, deep and full, well quilled. Entered by Andrew Doermann.

New two year old seedling variety, Majestic. Large formal decorative, bright rich shade of red, petals roll back well toward the stem. Entered by George Richardson.

Charles Erhardt, Jr. has special award ribbons on two very nice two-year-old seedlings, an American Beauty red, formal decorative, very useful as a cut flower, and an exquisite little cactus in orchid pink to lavender, with a lighter blend at the center. It will rank with the best of them.

In the 1944 division Judson Moffett won first prize on a very beautiful and distinctive new cactus. The color is very elusive—I tried to get the color named by a dozen or more people and finally decided that it must be close to rose although few were satisfied with that. To me it runs close to the color of the setting sun when it hangs like a huge red ball, low on the western horizon. Some called it flame but most agreed that it was not quite flame, as in most others it is the suffusion on the ground color that makes its description so evasive. If you can imagine cream to gold ground color showing through a sunglow shade of red to form a golden disk at the center, about three to four inches in diameter, you will get the picture of this new cactus. If it were my privilege I would name it Evening Sun Glow. It is very full petaled for a cactus, giving a deep flower. You should hear more from this one.

N. Y. Thomas won a blue ribbon on a small formal decorative miniature; it was a reddish shade, near that of American Beauty.

J. R. Carlisle got a blue ribbon on a good white informal decorative, as well as credit for showing, a large number of promising seedlings.

One department of the show, as a whole, seemed almost as good as another, but the cactus classes were especially fine, and were shown in such great numbers that it was indeed difficult to pick the best ones.

We feel that one of the most wholesome and rejuvenating activities of the association is that of coming together for the annual show. It renews interest for the old members, gets new members, and creates public interest in the dahlia. This has indeed been a good year.

RAYMOND H. MOFFETT,  
Assoc. Secy., Dahlia Assn., Ohio Valley.

# The Year at North Eastern Pennsylvania

Our season ended on October the 16th. Jack Frost blackened every dahlia plant in the valley and brought to a close a five-month period of joyous dahlia growing. It was joyous, because these colorful blooms were seen for the first time in the gardens of some of our new members. To them the exciting hues of some varieties vied with beauty in form and size of other varieties. They saw and enjoyed for the first time the inherent thrills that are found only in a garden that has a goodly supply of prize dahlias. Some of them saw their first dahlia show. On this score alone this branch could lay claim to a successful year.

As one of our major functions, N.E.P.D.S. solicited stock for Nay Aug Park from local members and from commercial dealers, both near and far. The response to this worthy project was spontaneous. A damaging hail storm at the very outset of the season took a toll of a goodly percentage of the plants but enough went through the season to give these "Scranton Trails" a blooming season, which was a little later than usual. Golden Rule sent in stock plants of *Commando*, *King Kong* and the *Shining One*. *Commando* bloomed profusely, and the *Shining One* was a favorite with all visitors to the park. Andrew Doerman's stock of *Red Delight* was plenty potent, the blooms of this rich red collarette with yellowish petaloids, were striking; and Dahliadel's Seedling No. 167, a large red single, and *Jubilant*, a vivid red informal miniature with good centers, were outstanding. Rushmore sent stock of *Pink Flamingo*, *Sherwoods Peach*, *Roslyn Straight*, *Edna L* and *Susan R*. Hanna's collection of domestic and imported mins were interesting. *Little Allen*, a lavender pom, and *Iris Reed*, a lavender semi-cactus miniature, were exceptional, as was *Frances Hanna*, a new bi-color, spectrum red tipped white, with a sturdy petal of hardy substance. This flower was one of the best of these "Scranton Trails". Other seedlings sent in by Stanley Johnson and Wolvering Dahlia Gardens bloomed late or were in the sections hit by the hail storm and couldn't be classified. We blame the elements for this and ask them to send them back for retrieval.

We held our annual show at the Y.W.C.A. Auditorium, Sept. 8 and 9. A caravan of judges, headed by A.D.S. President Ed B. Lloyd, established their beachhead and took over without a struggle. Mr. Lloyd was assisted in this action by W. G. Blatchford, Lynn B. Dudley, Stanley Johnson, Dr. Ward Cook, H. Rivel, Wm. P. Voos, Paul Doll, Ernest Link, Mrs. Paul Doll and Geo. Swezey. The Show Committee was under the guidance of Earl Holmes, assisted by Charles Heusner, E. Lewis, R. Webb, Dr. E. McDade, and J. P. Malloy. Many interesting sidelights developed during this exhibit. The out-of-towners did pretty good by themselves. For instance, we were all pleased to see Mr. Talbot, New Berlin, N. Y., carry off a sweepstakes in the 150-Hill Section. He is one of our faithful, dependable, yearly exhibitors, and, along with displaying up-to-date blue ribbon blooms, also won specials for perfect blooms of *Orange Princess* and *Premier's Winsome*. Our own president was the runner-up in this section with less sweepstake points but a little longer on specials. He won special ribbons with *Lois Walcher*, *Michigan White*, *The Real Glory*, *Alice McLean* and *Crowning Glory*.

Paul Doll was another out-of-towner who showed the local lights how to grow the miniatures. Mr. Doll hasn't missed a show since the inception of this branch society. He displayed a beautiful line of miniatures, poms and singles and won specials and sweepstakes in the miniature section which was open to all. His most outstanding exhibits were those of *Tip*, *Ila*, *Mrs. French*, *Bishop of Llandsoff*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Brass Buttons* and *Little Edith*. Mr. E. Lewis won sweepstakes in the 250 hill section and displayed exceptional blooms of *Rhythms*, *American Purity*, *Weisser Hirsch*, *Waac*, *Pink Elephant*, which also was judged the largest in the show. Most competition was found in the Open to All. In this section hundreds of blooms were in real competition. Blues were given to *Commando*, *Bakers Best*, *The Shining One*, *Golden City*, *Nancy Anne Mitchell*, *The Ranger*, *The Real Glory*, *Miss Ohio*, *Colin Kelly*, *Maffie*, *Waac*, *Millies Masterpiece*, *Sonnet*, *Glamour*, *Rhythms*, *Princess*, *Vanderheids seedling 42-8*, *Straights White*, *Virginia Rute*, *Columbia*, *Jane Lausche*, *Rhythm*, *Fireball*, *Victory*, *Jersey Dainty*, *Double Duty*, *King Peter*, *Lois Walcher*, *Producer*, *Links Georgeous*, *Wanda Meade*, *Bataan*, *Top Flight*, *Enk. Prima*, *W. Hirsch*, *Fr. Ida Mansfield*, *Lucky*, *Rosette*, *Gail Kepple* and *Sydney*. Sweepstakes winners in this section were McDade-Holmes, who also won special for *Rhythm*, *The Shining One*, *Nancy Anne Mitchell*, *The Real Glory*, *Colin Kelly* and *Maffie*. Roy Webb exhibited a single specimen bloom of *Jana Lausche*, a new seedling bicolor of lavender shading tipped with white, which was as nearly perfect as anyone could expect. This bloom was of the large type and was most outstanding in the semi-cactus bicolor class. Mr. Webb also won specials in this section for *Bataan* and *Fireball*. Other specials were won by Dr. Ward Cook, with perfect blooms of *Wanda Meade*, and by E. Lewis with *Rhythm*, *Waac*, *Straights White*, and *One Grand*. In the Court of Honor, Paul Doll displayed the smallest bloom in the show with a tiny and well selected bloom of *Miss Marjory*. Holmes-McDade's *Real Glory* was the largest bloom in the Court. The show managers award for the most perfect basket of at least twenty poms went to Paul Doll with a fine exhibit of *Clover*. The President's Trophy was won by E. Lewis for the largest bloom in the entire show with the aforementioned *Pink Elephant*. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by Stanley Johnson, who pulled up with a large purple cactus. It is of the recurved type, pomegranite in shade overlaid with a pansy shade of purple at the center. The reverse is of a tyrian shade of lavender. Mr. Johnson also displayed a basket of twelve seedlings, the spearhead of which was *Prince Beautiful*. McDade-Holmes displayed a sport of *Mother Koenig*, seedling No. 100, which attracted much attention. It is a clean flower of the same size and same petal as its parent of mallow purple with a blush of rhodamine purple with a gay, clear lavender effect with an ochreous orange blend at the center, 10 x 6 in size and petals twisting at the ends with terminal lacination.

Once again President Heusner extends his thanks to the A.D.S. judges who came, and to Henry Olsen, who couldn't because of illness, and to all others who made this show a success.—EDW. F. McDADE, M.D., Secretary.

# The Parrella Dahlia Gardens

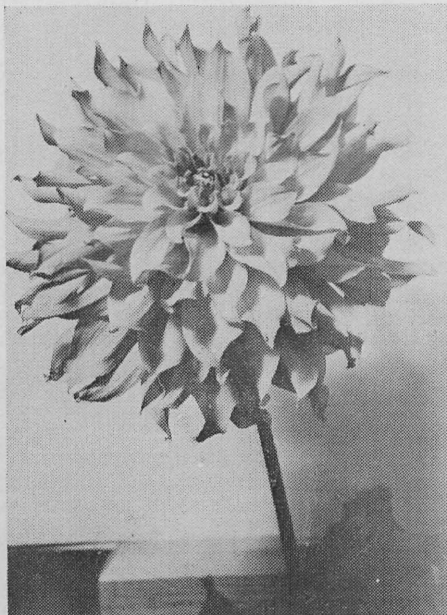
**OGDEN REID, I.D.**, (Kelley, Parrella). A grand dahlia named in honor of the famous editor of the N. Y. Herald-Tribune. This immense champion of a dahlia which grows, normally, 13 inches in diameter, and with a little extra care, could be grown very large. In fact, one well grown bloom shown at The Community Flower Show of Richmond Hill, L. I., on Sept. 9, 1944, received first and special prizes for the largest and most perfect bloom in the show. We do not want to mention size of this bloom as it seems unbelievable. Color, Spinel Pink, blended with lighter rose pink with blend and stripping of Primuline yellow. Blooms are held facing on cane-like stems. Foliage, leathery and resistant to insects. The plant is a vigorous grower and perfect in every respect, free and prolific bloomer. Height of plant, 6 ft. Stock limited.

Root \$25.00; Plant \$12.50—3 Plants for \$30.00

**HILDA FIORETTI, S.C. to I.D.**, (Fioretti, Parrella). This is the lovely dahlia that was so greatly admired by visitors at the A.D.S. Show in New York. (Remember the basket of large blooms, top center at our display at the A.D.S.?) Hilda Fioretti received a silver medal at the N. Y. Florists' Club, Oct. 11, 1944. The coloring of this marvelous dahlia is so attractive and outstanding that you cannot forget it. Color, Deep Rose Pink, blended deeper rose color with stripes and fine tips of apricot yellow. Size of blooms 9 to 10 inches in diameter. The plant is a perfect grower with marvelous branching habits. You could cut from 10 to 20 blooms from each plant of size mentioned, with a 3¼ to 4 ft. stem. Blooms are held facing on cane-like stem. Foliage is insect resistant. Height of plant, 5 to 6 ft.

Root \$15.00

Plant \$7.50



**SWEET LAVENDER, I.D.** (Parrella). A very pleasing bi-color of phlox purple blended with rose lavender with white tips. Blooms average 7 to 8 inches and are held facing on the best of stems. Good foliage and a fine growing plant. Please note, this is the No. 50 T seedling bi-color dahlia that was so greatly admired by visitors on our display at the A.D.S. Show, Sept. 21st and 22nd. And many of you friends made a notation of it. We are always sincere in our statement, we will say that 25% of the blooms will not come bi-color, but just a solid color. That is why we release it at a very reasonable price. Height of plant, 4 ft.

Root \$7.50

Plant \$3.50

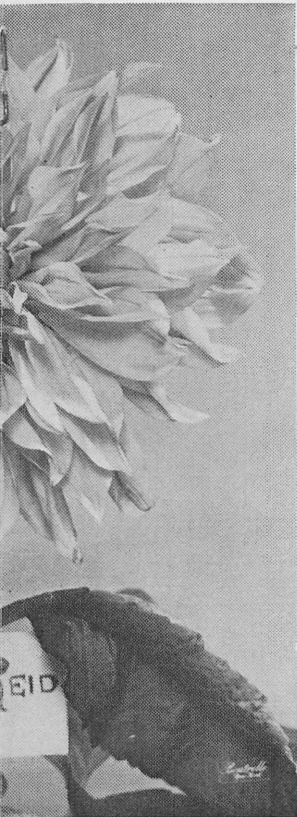


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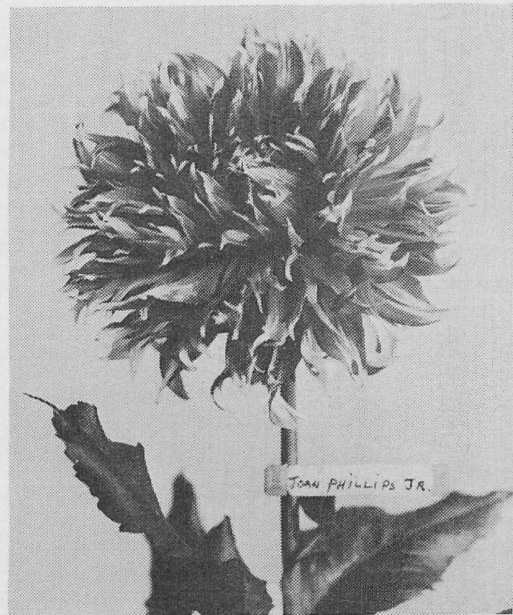


**DR. KENNETH TAYLOR, I.D.**, (Fioretti, Parrella). This is an unusually fine dahlia which produces plenty of fine blooms, averaging 8 to 9 inches in diameter with great depth. It is a pleasure to grow as the plant is perfect, stem is excellent, foliage, insect resistant and blooms are held facing and on top on best of stems. Color, Scarlet Red with Bronze sheen and reverse of orange buff, showing as petals twist. Height, 4 to 5 ft.

Root \$10.00 Plant \$5.00

**SWEETIE PIE, I.D.** (Yerkes, Parrella). A commercial yellow dahlia of exceptional quality. Blooms average 6 inches by 4 inches on fine long stem. An early and prolific bloomer. Winner at the A.D.S. Show, N. Y., in open to all class. An honor roll dahlia.

Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.50



**JOAN PHILLIPS, JR., I.D.** (Samuels, Parrella). An unusual bi-color, different than anything you've seen. In fact, this dahlia is almost in a Chrysanthemum formation. Blooms average 7 to 8 inches. Color deep mallow pink, white tips. Each bloom true to color. The petals have lacinated tips. An excellent growing plant. Open grower with cane-like stems and fine foliage. This dahlia deserves a place in every garden. Plant, 4 to 5 ft. high.

Root \$10.00 Plant \$5.00

Below is our lovely Gold Medal display at the A.D.S. Show, New York. *Sweet Lavender* is in the center of the display—this is 50 T, many made notation of. The huge top center basket is the lovely *Hilda Fioretti*, so greatly admired by all.

Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Joan Phillips, Jr., and Sweet Lavender were displayed at the N. Y. Florists' Club, which received a free illustrated catalog listing nearly 300 varieties February 1st. Advance list ready now.

# DAHLIA GARDENS

Bronx 66, N. Y.



## Introducing Three Honor Roll Dahlias

**STELLAETTE**—Inf. Decorative. This velvety deep red is what some dahlia critics call a red Calif. **IDOL**. Cane-like stems, which can carry the largest blooms erect. Foliage insect proof; like old Jersey's Beacon. Grows about 5½ ft. in height. Blooms average 11 inches by 8 inches in depth. An excellent keeper when cut. Won when shown in its first and second year as a seedling. Listed on Mid-West and Pacific Coast Honor Rolls.

Roots, \$10.00 Net    Plants, \$5.00 Net

**REV. C. A. MULHEARN**—Str. Cactus. A bright red cactus that is held erect on strong, wiry stems. Foliage very good and the blooms average 7 inches by 5 inches in depth. This dahlia also won when shown in its first and second year as a seedling. This dahlia named in honor of a minister who served 50 years in our city. Listed on the Eastern Honor Roll.

Roots, \$10.00    Plants, \$5.00

**ROSEMARY'S DELIGHT**—Inf. Dec. Color of this dahlia is a deep, clear pink. Blooms held erect on stiff stems. Blooms average about 8 inches, and of good formation. A nice, clean, open grower. A real competitor in the 8-inch class. On the Eastern Honor Roll.

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## ROSEMARY DAHLIA GARDENS

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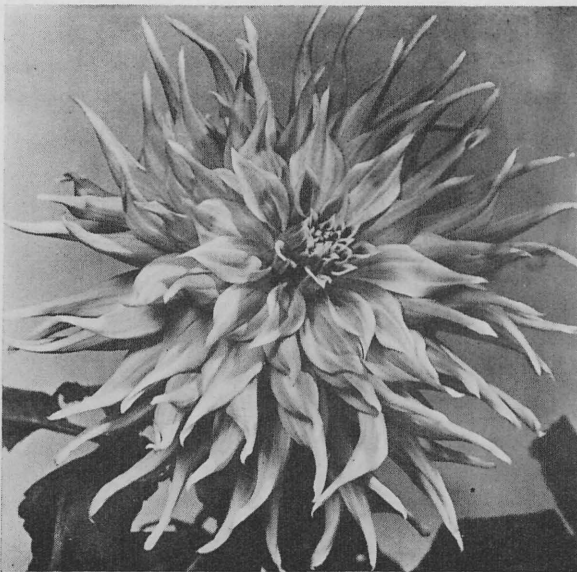
In spite of the hurricane on Thursday, which whipped to tatters hundreds of beautiful blooms groomed for the 22nd annual flower show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, one hundred entries were made at the exhibit held Saturday and Sunday September 16th and 17th. These were set up, in cooperation with the Essex County Park Commission show, in the greenhouses in Branch Brook Park, Newark.

Grand sweepstakes was won for the second successive year by Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J., with 68 points, Mr. John C. Metzger, Irvington, N. J., being runner-up with 57 points. The outstanding exhibit in the show was the winner in the Ray Smith Memorial Court of Honor, a 6 by 9 inch, beautifully shaded lavender semi-cactus seedling dahlia with white tips, entered by Mr. Max O. Scheffel, Emerson, N. J. At the show this was given the name "Ray Smith" for the beloved late president of the society who lost his life on his way to service in Iceland; it was also awarded the American Dahlia Society Silver Medal certificate. The trophy offered by former president Mr. L. L. Pollak, Montclair, for the best dahlia of New Jersey origin, was won by a vase of three blooms of Link's Vivacious, a decorative of variable white petals with pinkish red edges, entered by Mr. H. V. Rivel of Irvington. Worthy of special mention were a vase of pompon dahlias which won a blue ribbon for Mr. Smith, and several vases of very fine asters.

Arrangement classes were judged by Mrs. H. C. Hunter and Mrs. S. VanHoesen, both of Fanwood, N. J., and dahlias and garden flowers by Mr. Alex Roberts and

Mr. Ed. Lloyd of Montclair, and Mr. Conrad Frey of Nutley. Mr. John C. Metzger was show manager, assisted by Mrs. Isabelle M. Parkhurst and Mrs. H. D. Thomas as secretaries.

**RAY SMITH**—Outstanding exhibit of Max O. Scheffel. Named for the beloved late President of the Society, who lost his life on his way to service in Iceland



# A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1945 as listed on the ballot which is printed as a Supplement to this issue.

Active members in good standing shall be entitled to cast two votes. Sustaining and life members, the same.

Participating members shall be members of Branch Societies who have been duly accepted into membership by the Executive Committee. Each Participating Member shall have one vote.

*Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1945, to Dr. Ward Cook, Secretary, 34 Puritan Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.*

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## ... VOTE ...

### FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INC.

The officers placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1945 are as follows:

- For President: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, N. J.
- For Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Ward Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Yonkers.

For Vice-Presidents (vote for seven or more):

- John Allen, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- Bruce Collins, Detroit, Mich.
- Dr. Ward H. Cook, Tuckahoe, N. Y.
- Henry F. Corey, Lithicum Hts., Md.
- George R. Currie, Sheboygan, Wis.
- Dr. Del Marr, Ridgetown, Ont., Canada
- C. M. Diffenderfer, Baltimore, Md.
- Paul Doll, White Plains, N. Y.
- R. T. Eddy, Ft. Francis Warren, Wyo.
- W. L. Elkins, Richmond, Va.
- C. E. Faust, Atlanta, Ga.
- Mrs. F. S. Fisher, Trenton, N. J.
- I. T. Fleck, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Paul F. Freese, White Plains, N. Y.
- J. Hardesty, Waterbury, Conn.
- Mrs. Georgena Humble, Douglaston, N. Y.
- J. W. Johnston, New York, N. Y.
- Mrs. Louise F. Kleinjohn, Barratt Ave., Louisville, Ky.
- Dr. Fred J. Knocke, New York City
- Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Mich.
- Dr. Edward F. McDade, Scranton, Pa.
- B. B. Melgaard, Chicago, Ill.
- H. T. Mills, Greenville, S. C.

- H. Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- Henry Olsen, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

- For Trustee to 1948. Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J.

- Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y.
- Roland H. Patch, Storrs, Conn.
- Albert Parella, Bronx, N. Y.
- John Peck, Lebanon, Ohio
- Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- Harvard Rivel, Irvington, N. J.
- J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Ill.
- Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmont, W. Va.
- Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.
- E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio
- John S. Vincent, White Marsh, Md.
- Gordon F. Waaser, Freeport, L. I.
- Roy W. Webb, Scranton, Pa.
- C. E. Wilson, East Lansing, Mich.

Note: "If you are an active or sustaining member in good standing, or a life member, your vote will be counted as two (2) votes for each officer voted for. If you are a participating (Branch membership classification) your vote will be counted as one (1) vote. Be sure to mail this ballot before January 2, 1945, to Dr. Ward Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

Note 2: You have privilege of voting for other A. D. S. members in place of those nominated above, providing that the written acceptance of said candidate, properly sworn to before a legal officer, has been filed with the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society.

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## A. D. S. OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS

A 16-page leaflet containing all the information a Dahlia lover needs to properly classify his Dahlias in the garden and for Show purposes. Definitions of form classification as well as color breakdown.

An alphabetically arranged list of all the Dahlias currently grown for Show purposes, together with proper size, type and color classifications.

Also a tabulation of varieties into their respective type and color classes—this tabulation alone—presented to the A.D.S. by Dr. Ward Cook—would cost a large sum if prepared by a statistical organization.

We have a limited number of copies at fifty cents each (approximately the cost to produce). Every Dahliast should have one for his files and one in the garden for constant reference.

Branch and Affiliated Societies may purchase these leaflets at four dollars per dozen—to be mailed to one address.

Send remittances to:

DR. WARD COOK, Treasurer  
34 Puritan Ave. Tuckahoe, N. Y.

### HOW VOTES ARE TO BE COUNTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

A. D. S. By-Laws, Article II, Clause 1: "Active members at large. (Paying three dollars per year dues.) They shall have full voice in the Society and shall be entitled to cast two (2) votes each in the election of officers, etc."

Article II, Clause 2: "Participating members shall be members of Branch Societies who have been duly accepted into membership by the Executive Committee. Each Participating Member (paying \$1.50 per year for membership) shall have one (1) vote in the election of officers, etc."

Article II, Clause 3: "Sustaining members shall be members who desire to make a contribution each year beyond regular dues (of active members at \$3.00 per year) . . . Each Sustaining member shall have two (2) votes in the annual election of officers, etc."

Article II, Clause 4: "Life members . . . are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members . . . (with two (2) votes in the election of officers)."

Article II, Clause 5: . . . Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Society except voting."

Article VI, Clause 3: "Any member desiring to vote for a candidate for any office, other than those named by the Nominating Committee, shall have the right to write in such name on the ballot, providing written acceptance of the candidate, properly sworn to before a legal officer has been filed with the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society before January 2, 1945."

Article VI, Clause 4: "Returns of the balloting to be tabulated by a committee composed of the Secretary and two members of the Society appointed by the President."

The two members to serve with Secretary Cook as appointed by the President are: Henry Olsen, Auburn-dale, N. Y. Henry Corey, Baltimore, Md.

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# Quiz Corner

By J. Louis Roberts, A.D.S. Vice-President

It would seem that that portion of last month's Quiz Corner, referring to virus disease, created considerable interest. I have had several letters and the topic was brought up in conversation at the shows I attended.

Please understand that it is a subject that is brought up for the improvement in the growing of Dahlias just the same as pest control or fertilizing the ground, all with a view of trying to get perfection of bloom for the show table, etc. You may be interested in an excerpt of the following letter: "Well, that got me to watching very closely to see if I could find any, as I do not want any diseased plants if I can prevent it. Some of mine stunted, did not grow as high and vigorous as others of the same variety. I let them go till they had bloomed and the bloom of the stunted ones were at least a foot shorter, leaves were curled, not out straight as others, so I pulled those stunted ones up and I pulled up one that was not stunted. This latter tuber I cut bias and it was clear all the way through. I then cut the stunted ones, they had brown threads, streaks through tubers. I sent these to the experiment station—by the inspector who visits my place several times a year. Enclosed you will find report which please send back." The report stated that the tubers were from diseased plants. "You can pass this information on to others if you care to as per your article in last BULLETIN, 'Yours for Better and Healthier Dahlias.'"

Here is the actual experience of one man who has taken the trouble to make his own observation of the disease on one variety. He evidently has not had access to the many writings on Dahlia diseases, but in his own way has approached the problem in an intelligent manner and satisfied himself.

The following comments are not made with the idea of discouraging the amateur Dahlia grower, as there are times when it is very difficult to tell a diseased plant. They are made with the idea of an appeal to the commercial men and introducers of new Dahlias to clean up their stock.

I receive a number of Dahlias every year for trial. I reserve the right to destroy any of these Dahlias if I definitely find any diseased plants. I know that those sending me their Dahlias would not like to have adverse comment made of their plants by my many visitors nor do I want the disease to travel to my plants via insects. I know from experience that Dahlias can and do stunt from insect damage and that red spider can mark a Dahlia as if it has ring spot; so let's leave the insects out of this.

Strange as it may seem I have run into some people who try to sell you on the idea that it does not make any difference, and yet they will not buy diseased stock from you.

I know that some commercial men who are marketing a new introduction send their poor stock to a competitor if they think he is a "price cutter". This is a mistake, it gives the variety a poor name and ultimately reflects on the introducer. Some commercial men making plants do not take the trouble to keep their propagating benches

clean of insects. If they should obtain some new stock that is diseased it is quite possible that plants from their own stock can become infected and they will not know it unless they receive complaints from their customers. They can truthfully doubt the customer, however, they are lucky to receive the customer's complaint. Some don't complain.

Now I will attempt to answer some of those who say it's not a disease. You have not tried to study the matter. Maybe you are too busy, if so you are not qualified to talk on the subject, unless you have made a study of it. In addition to those publications mentioned last month the Michigan State College at East Lansing, Michigan, published a Bulletin on the subject, so did Ohio State Agric. Exp. Sta., and the Maryland Agric. Exp. Sta.

Some say it may be due to lack of some of the trace chemicals such as boron, magnesium or iron, or the pH of the soil, or the ability of the plant to absorb nitrogen or something else. It's all supposition with them—no facts or check plants.

All of such talk when not based on facts is rather foolish. A similar case is that of the spinster who thought she saw a man go into her darkened parlor that she knew. A circus baboon had escaped and entered her home. When she got into the parlor it was too dark to see clearly, but she said, "Oh, Hop, don't you need a shave?"

**ALBERT KILGORE**—An Informal Decorative to Semi-Cactus in a beautiful shade of Thulite pink with lemon yellow at base of petals. Back of petals tyrian rose which makes its coloring very unusual. The bush grows 6 ft. high, branches well, with leathery foliage. Flowering habits prolific with heavy stems and flowers facing the Heavens. Grown at Storrs, Conn., 9½-5½, but can be grown much larger by disbudding.

This Dahlia was grown at Storrs under No. 3-11-4, which was renamed Albert Kilgore for my son, who departed in 1935. As the war has hampered my growing so many of a variety, my stock of all dahlias are scarce, especially this one, but will have just a few roots at **\$15.00 net**.

With 85L scoring at Storrs, Conn., 1944.

My **KILGORE'S SENSATION**. White Semi-Cactus grown at Storrs under No. 3-11-5. A beautiful white, but owing to scarcity of stock will not come out until 1946.

This one also has a scoring of 85L at Storrs, Conn., 1944.

**KILGORE'S DAHLIA GARDENS**

Winona, West Va.

# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



"The Society is formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia; to establish a standard nomenclature; to test out new varieties and give them such recognition as they deserve; to study the diseases of the Dahlia and find remedies for same, and to disseminate information relating to this flower; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at flower shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed advisable."

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378 Pennsylvania Ave., Stearns Park, Freeport, L.I., N.Y.

## EDITORIAL

This wartime issue of the BULLETIN presents all the evidence necessary to establish the ever-growing popularity of the Dahlia.

From coast to coast come the reports that Dahlia lovers, even under the restrictions of long working hours, lack of help and curtailed transportation, still grow their favorite flower and maintain the beautiful shows.

Much has been done to inform us as to proper feeding and insect control, making the growing of Dahlias more fool-proof.

But now is the time to check the spread of disease in Dahlias if our flower is to receive more widespread approval.

Commercial growers are penny foolish unless they are willing to destroy all questionable stock. Better greenhouse propagating conditions are needed.

The article on Dahlias from England, which Mr. Cooper so graciously prepared for this issue, contains a plan of their commercial growers to take the bull by the horns—swallow losses where necessary—but put a stop to sending out stock that is not healthy.

Let's hear from more of our Dahlia fellows! Read Louis Robert's Quiz Column and get a round-robin going for the benefit of the Dahlia.

## Dahlia Society of Kentucky Host to Mid-West Dahlia Conference

At its twelfth Annual Show held in the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on September 30-October 1, the Dahlia Society of Kentucky was host to the Mid-West Dahlia Conference. The show was not on as large a scale as the last time but we hope it gave our guests as much pleasure. The war clipped our wings a little but it has not changed our Southern hospitality a particle.

The Mid-West was well represented with dahlia lovers from New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana present. Out-of-town guests acted as judges and found many fine specimens to choose from.

The largest bloom in the Show was a Director Carl Dahl, shown by George Shee, Louisville.

The most perfect bloom over 8 inches was a Chautauqua Princess, shown by J. A. Schutte, Springfield, Ohio.

The most perfect bloom under 8 inches was a Zenith, shown by W. F. Cuffel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The smallest bloom in the show was a Tiny Tot, shown by George Shee, Louisville.

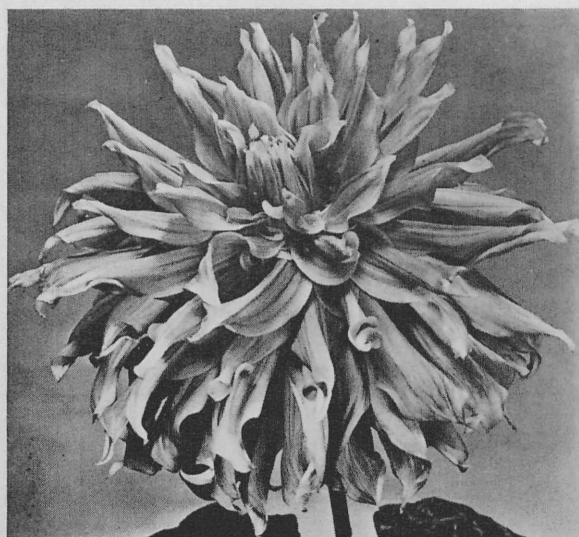
The American Achievement Medal for the most worthy undissemated dahlia was won by Charles Fieldhouse, Louisville, with Jane Lausche. The originator of this dahlia is E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio.

Grand Sweepstakes award was won by George Shee, Louisville, with C. H. Durnil, Louisville, runner-up. Special award ribbon for meritorious entries were won by Harry Baerveldt, Dr. J. B. Stroud, and Walter B. Dietz, all of Louisville.

Mrs. Harry Baerveldt, Louisville, had the most meritorious entry in the Garden Flower Section and Mrs. C. C. Arrington had the most meritorious entry in the Victory Garden Section.

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JANE LAUSCHE—Lavender, tipped white huge S. C. Won Home Achievement Medal. Exhibited by Charles Fieldhouse. Introducer: Rocky River Dahlia Gardens





"SUNSET SPECIAL"

## 1945 Releases

**SUNSET SPECIAL.** S. C. Sensational giant 11-12 in. field grown, bright flame orange, the yellow reverse showing at twisted, serrated tips. Great depth and substance, facing just right on strongest stems possible. Larger and earlier than its parent "Top-Flight". On Eastern and Mid-West Honor Rolls. **Roots, \$15.00**

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The banquet, attended by seventy-one members and friends, was held in the Colonels Room of the Kentucky Hotel and was followed by an informal party.

GRACE STROUD, Secretary.

### Mid-West Dahlia Conference

No doubt everyone who attended the show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky on September 30th, returned home saying that their time was well spent and a good social visit was enjoyed by all. We are proud of the fact that we had such a large delegation from the American Dahlia Society, the largest since I have been your secretary. The conference meeting was held on Saturday evening, immediately following the banquet. Delegates present represented the following Societies—Indianapolis, A.D.S.; Ohio, Ohio Valley Dahlia Association; Wisconsin, Central States, and Kentucky. No invitation was received at this meeting for 1945, so after a discussion, it was moved and seconded to hold a mid-winter meeting on the last Saturday in January, 1945, in Chicago. This date will be January 27, 1945. It is quite difficult for me to write an article on the show and conference, as it was our own show this year and I could write an endless story, but I believe it spoke for itself and it will long be remembered by those who were present.

Your Secretary,  
MRS. W. F. (LOUISE) KLEINJOHN.

**Check your roots in storage December 15th. You will reap valuable dividends in minimizing losses**

### Dahlia Society of Kentucky

At its Annual Meeting at the Kentucky Hotel on Tuesday, October 26th, the Dahlia Society of Kentucky elected the following officers:

President—Joseph E. Beckwith.

Vice-President—William Ratledge.

Treasurer—Mrs. Harry Baerveldt.

Secretary Pro-Tem—Miss Grace Stroud.

Final report of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference was given at this meeting and was followed by a 15-minute discussion of the new Dahlias.

GRACE STROUD,  
Secretary Pro-Tem.

### TARAWA (Goetzger)

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## Rockley Dahlias for 1945

**ROCKLEY ORCHID**—S. C. Size 10 x 5. Unusual color between lavender and light purple. Robust grower, bush 5 ft. to 6 ft. Good stem with flower facing side and up. Winner of first in Lavender Class at Detroit. **Roots \$15.00**

**ROCKLEY ORANGE**—I. C. Certificate of Merit at Storrs, 1944 (85M). Size 6 in. to 7 in. x 3½. Color is brilliant orange flame, extra good straight cane stems 7 in. to 11 in., with flower facing up and some top blooms. This variety will keep a day longer than any variety I have yet grown or seen. Unexcelled for cutting. Height 6 feet. **Roots \$10.00**

Both of above varieties are on  
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Clumps and Roots of "DEAN SHURTFLEFF"—the crimson red dahlia that many large growers write me is the **OUTSTANDING RED DAHLIA** of all time.

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## SAN LEANDERS, CAL. SOCIETY

Our Dahlia and Victory Show was very successful. We gave over \$75 in War Stamps and in the Victory classes money prizes to every class first and second. Since our show several newcomers have become interested and it looks as if the dahlia is becoming more popular than ever. I think that when this war is over those who have been growing vegetables will take to flowers and it's up to us dahlia fans to see that our favorite gets a good start. There is another item I have given considerable thought. In the ravaged countries such as Belgium, Holland, France, England, where most of the dahlia growers have lost their stock, could we not in some way send roots to give them a start again. I am only a working man, but would be glad to help if such a scheme could be arranged. Before the start of the war, there was talk of an International Dahlia Association. If this could be gotten under way it would be the means of distributing the roots among the growers who have lost their stock and at the same time would show that we have sympathy with them and maybe would be the means of beginning of a better understanding between the different nations and help us to have a better and more friendly feeling towards each other. I have tried to place myself in their positions and know it would be a great source of pleasure to me to get a start that way. As I, like many others, grow dahlias because I think they are the grandest flowers there are.

Trusting I am not taking up too much of your valuable time.

CHARLES GARRITY.

## A.D.S. SHOW

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### SECTION B (Arrangement)

- Class 11—Combination of Dahlias and vegetables in the Spirit of Victory—1st: Jane Healey.
- Class 12—Arrangement of vegetables stressing green with red and/or yellow (tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, corn, etc., with any leaf vegetable)—1st: Mr. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.
- Class 13—Arrangement of vegetables stressing green with purple and/or yellow (egg-plant, Kohlrabi, kale, red cabbage, turnip, pumpkin, etc.)—No entries.
- Class 14—Arrangements of any vegetables including white (white tomatoes, icicle radishes, leeks, onions, white squash, etc.)—No entries.
- Class 15—Arrangement to show stages of development of any plant material, as blossom, fruit, seed pod—1st: Mrs. Harold Fay, Floral Park, N. Y. 2nd: Mrs. H. L. Conover.
- Class 16—Red Dahlias with gray-green foliage in container (black)—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover. 2nd: Mrs. Frank C. Boes, Floral Park, N. Y.
- Class 17—White Dahlias with gray-green foliage in red container—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover. 2nd: Mrs. Harold Fay.
- Class 18—Red and White Dahlias in white container—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover.
- Class 19—Any Dahlias in green container (Indian Chief bronze poms, peony and calla foliage)—1st: Mrs. Walter J. Purdue, Floral Park, N. Y. 2nd: Mrs. Frank C. Boes, large formal pink Victory—cypress foliage).
- Class 20—Yellow Dahlias in black container (*Marietta E*—Yellow cactus—black vase)—1st: Mrs. Frank C. Boes.
- Class 21—Autumn-colored Dahlias in copper container (*La Terre*—blackberry foliage)—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover.
- Class 22—Combination of Dahlias and other garden flowers—1st: Mr. H. L. Conover.
- Class 23—Dahlias and native material in any container (Easter Greetings—cat tails)—1st: Mr. H. L. Conover, *Tri-Color*.
- Class 24—Roses. Any container—1st: Mrs. John C. Metzger, Irvington, N. J.
- Class 25—Gladiolus. Any container—1st: Mrs. Harold Fay. 2nd: Mrs. C. V. Smith.
- Class 26—Zinnias, one or more varieties. Any container—1st: Mrs. Wm. Hamblen, Chatham, N. J. 2nd: Mrs. Harold Fay.
- Class 27—Marigolds, large flowering. Any container. 1st: Mrs. Harold Fay. 2nd: Mr. H. L. Conover.
- Class 28—Marigolds, French. Any container—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover.
- Class 29—Pair of small containers stressing use of Dahlias—No entries.
- Class 30—Old-fashioned nosegay stressing use of Dahlias—1st: Mrs. Ellen Bulluss. 2nd: June Humble, Douglaston, N. Y.
- Class 31—Corsage stressing use of Dahlias (container required)—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover. 2nd: Mrs. Ellen Bulluss.
- Class 31A—My favorite exhibit—1st: Mrs. H. L. Conover. Abalone shell—cat tails and shad bush. 2nd: Mrs. Walter Purdue. Bayberry twigs, butter and eggs—Pachysandra.
- Special—Any educational exhibit—1st: Mrs. John Hamblen, *Tri-Color*. 2nd: Mrs. H. L. Conover.

## Registrations

Dahlidel Nursery has registered with the appropriate fee the following names:

*Flying Fortress*—Scarlet—I.D. *Flare*—Red, white tips—F.D. *Jubilant*—Cherry red and orange—MID. *Temptation*—Red—ID. *Faithful*—White—ID. *Mme. Chiang Kai Shek*—Yellow—ID.

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## Unusual — and Very Effective Jap Beetle Trap

Compliments of Alexander Stoddard, Hershey Estates, Hershey, Pa.

Farmer John J. Daniel, in charge of truck and farming of the Hershey Farms, who raised Pennsylvania's banner crop of potatoes for the four years from 1937 to 1940, has invented an ingenious Japanese beetle trap that kills from four to five quarts of beetles a day, and when the beetles are around in great numbers, from 14 to 15 quarts a day.

The trap consists of a device of round plates covered with beetle bait which lures the insects against highly charged wires where they are instantly electrocuted.

Farmer Daniel first experimented with a small trap, similar to an electric fly trap, and it was so successful that he enlarged the electric grill to 26 by 49 inches, using the bottom of tin cans, with commercial beetle bait inside as discs of attraction.

Around the farm he found two transformers and plugged in on the electric current transforming to 7,500 voltages which costs very little to operate for the "juice."

At the height of the season in one day he got half a bushel of beetles that were killed instantaneously when they touched the grilled wires. Yet, the ordinary traps had thousands of beetles flying around them but not stopping. But once they were lured to the electric trap, that was the end of their journeys. The traps were used when beetles fly—from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

With the electric trap, and the commercially made lures, he got within five weeks, 15 bushels of dead beetles. In one quart of beetles 2,500 insects were counted which would give 80,000 beetles to a bushel. As the female lays from 40 to 60 eggs at various intervals these 15 bushels represent the death of from 300,000 to 400,000 beetles per bushel that might have created great destruction of flowers, fruits and vegetables had they lived.

This insect, native to Japan, introduced accidentally into the United States sometime prior to 1916, was first found at Riverton, N. J. By 1940 it had a general distribution covering 16,300 square miles in six states. The states particularly infested were New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. Local colony centers are now known to exist in most states east of the Mississippi river.

The peak of the destructiveness is the last of July or early August. The normal life of a beetle is from 30 to 40 days. During this time of the feeding season it attacks such early ripening fruits as apples, peaches plums, raspberries and cherries; such vegetables as sweet and field corn, rhubarb, asparagus, and soy beans and garden flowers especially the rose, dahlia, hollyhock, marshmallow, zinnia, cannas and Virginia creeper. Also among trees attacked are the elm, horsechestnut, linden, Lombardy poplar, Norway maple and the willow.

So effective has been the voltage electricity trap that five copies are now in use in the Hershey Rose Garden which contains over 32,000 rose plants of more than 730 varieties.

Farmer Daniel believes that the trap can be used to kill moths at night by placing an electric light to attract

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**LUCKY**—7 x 5 Cactus—A bright red cactus that won 1st in the under 8-inch class at Cleveland and the Mid-West at Louisville. Blooms are held facing on stiff wiry stems—starts blooming in July and continues until frost. Scored 85.C at Cincinnati and 84.C at East Lansing Trial Gardens

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**THE SENATOR**—9 x 7 F. D.—A canary yellow that shades to a rich creamy white at the outer tip of each petal. General effect of yellow and white. An HONOR ROLL Dahlia that is a good root maker and an excellent keeper

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these insects. Destructive moths, which become worms, include the corn borer and the worms that attack peaches and apples.

Beetles lay their eggs in medium moist, loamy soil with closely cropped grass such as is found in lawns, pastures, golf greens and fairways and these places on the Hershey Farm have been treated with powder produced by the United States Department of Agriculture that creates a milky disease and destroys the beetle grubs.

Numerous traps will be built at Hershey next year for the various farms and gardens to overcome this pest.

*What sort of Society would my organization be if all the members were like me?*

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**BRIGHT SPOT**—S.C. 8 in. Red and White on good stems. **Roots \$10.00**

**GOLD STATE**—S.C. 8 to 10 in. Autumn shade, on very long stiff stems. **Roots \$7.50**

**GLENDA L.**—Inc. C. A pleasing shade of water-melon red. Good 6 inch cut flower and colorful in the garden. **Roots \$5.00**

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California sun ripened seed assures you of good germination.

Send for our seed list; orders are filled in rotation. Please give your second choice.

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### Tri-City Dahlia Show

The Tri-City Dahlia Society held its third annual show at the Garden Center, Moline, Illinois, Saturday and Sunday, September 23rd and 24th, 1944.

It was a very successful show with about 600 blooms exhibited. Attendance for the two days was close to 3,000 people.

On Sunday, a Republican picnic was held in the park back of the Garden Center with Governor Green as the main speaker. After his speech, he came over to the show and presented the special awards and sweepstakes cups to the respective winners. The Governor was very much interested in the show and his visit will be long remembered by the local Dahlia enthusiasts.

## RADAR, Inf. Dec. 1945 Honor Roll Dahlia

Large, bright velvety red. Petals edged and flushed gold. Long stems. Dark, heavy, insect resistant foliage. Excellent keeper when cut. Height 5 ft. Splendid root producer.

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We were very fortunate to have George R. Currie of Sheyboygan, Wisconsin, come down to judge. Mr. Currie is one of the outstanding amateur growers and judge of dahlias.

Judging in Sections A, B, C and Miniatures was handled by members of the Tri-City Dahlia Society.

In the Arrangements sections J, K, L and M, judging was done by Mrs. C. W. Irwin and Mrs. A. L. Friedel.

Before judging started, Mr. Currie instructed local judges in a practical demonstration of judging dahlias explaining why he placed the blooms first, second and third and why he eliminated various flowers.

Local men judging in Sections A and B and miniatures were:

Messrs. Henry Paasch, Barney Tevarrow, Tom Mitton, Guy Wilson, Irwin Schroder.

Section C:

Messrs. Ed. H. Meyers, C. K. Freed, James Shouse, Harry Chapman, Willard Wretman.

Mr. Currie judged the open section D and the seedlings by himself. Acting as clerks and recorders were: Mrs. W. A. Speir, Mrs. Guy Wilson, Mrs. Harry Wahe, Mrs. Camiel Duytschaever, Mrs. Erik Welander and Mrs. Haberer.

Winners of Special Awards were:

Largest Bloom of the Show—E. H. Meyers—with a tremendous bloom of Dixie's Wine Dot measuring 13 x 7½ inches.

Most Perfect Bloom in Section D was a swell bloom of Regalia grown by Erik Welander.

Sweepstakes Cup in Section D or Open was won by George L. Baker.

Largest Bloom in Section C was a bloom of Lady Galloway grown by Barney Trevarrow.

Most perfect bloom was a bloom of Eventide, grown by Rev. J. C. Gearhart.

Sweepstakes Cup was won by Harry Wahe in Section C.

Largest Bloom in Section B was a bloom of Glamour, grown by Marcel Warlop.

Most perfect bloom was a bloom of Son of Satan, also grown by Marcel Warlop.

Sweepstakes Cup was won by Camiel Duytschaever in Section B.

Section A Novice, the awards were won by Mrs. W. F. Peterson.

In the arrangements section, Sweepstakes Vase was won by Mrs. James Shouse.

Sarah Reid Evans Trophy for the most outstanding bloom in Sections C and D was won by Erik W. Welander's Regalia. Mr. Welander will retain this trophy until next fall's show, when it reverts back to the Society to again be placed in competition.

The Thomas G. Baker Trophy for the most outstanding bloom in Section B was won by Marcel Warlop's bloom of Son of Satan. This trophy also remains in the possession of the winner for a year, reverting back to again be placed in competition.

The Central States Dahlia Society's Rules on Color and Variety placement were used.

Outstanding blooms and winners in the respective classes in the open section were:

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## Two Washington Achievement Medal Winners

### PINK ALICE

1944 Achievement  
Medal Winner

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Semi-Cactus of soft rose pink. A sport of Alice McLean with same formation, 7 to 9 inches high, centered bloom with petals twisting to show the slightly lighter reverse. Strong 4½ foot bush, good long stem and a real beauty. Early and prolific bloomer with good substance.

Root \$10.00 net

### BLUE HORIZON

Informal Decorative

French violet with decided bluish cast. Big blooms with long pointed petals and absolutely tight center. Tall bush (6 ft.), long, stiff stems, low branching. Flowers grow well out of the bush.

Excellent substance. Has been grown in Ohio with great success.

Won the Blue Ribbon as a first year seedling, also Sweepstakes in that class.

As a four-year undisseminated dahlia, it was awarded the American Home Achievement Medal, Sweepstakes in the class for three years or older undisseminated dahlias and one bloom was chosen as the Grand Sweepstakes Bloom of the Washington State Dahlia Society Show, 1944.

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**FRANKLIN GARDENS, 9030 East "D" Street, Tacoma, Wash.**

	<i>FORMAL</i>	<i>INFORMAL</i>	<i>SEMI-CACTUS</i>	<i>CACTUS</i>
<i>Red</i>	Demolay	Dean Shurtleff	Top Flight	Kilgore's Lucifer
<i>Yellow</i>	Class-Governor	Lord of Autumn	Student Prince	Yellow Spiral
<i>Maroon</i>	Ruby Taylor	Col. Rudd	Virginia Rute	Nightfall
<i>White</i>	The Real Glory	Mrs. Howard Philips	American Purity	Winter Morn
<i>Purple</i>	King David	Glamour	Jean Trimbee	Regalia
<i>Autumn</i>	Chataouqua Giant	Carl Dahl	Columbia	Golden Standard
<i>Pink</i>	Victory	Pink Giant	All American	Pink Flamingo
<i>Flame</i>	Queen City	Forrest Fire	Confucius	Gala California
<i>Lavender</i>	Commando, Croydon Acme	John W. Sherwood	Bette Davis	Jussiant
<i>Blend</i>	King Peter	Opal	Clara Peth	Crowning Glory
<i>Bi-Color</i>	Golden City	Dixie's Wine Dot	No entries	No entries

#### SPEAKING OF DATES:

Well, first the great A.D.S. Dinner and Annual Meeting.

Turn to page 17 and read the details and then send your reservations to Dewey Mohr.

Help make it the greatest in A.D.S. history!

Prepare now for the next A.D.S. Show—Sept. 20 and 21, 1945.

Better send to Dr. Cook now for a couple of copies of the official classification—see page 28.

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One year seedling section, first was won by a good blended formal shown by Tom Mitton. It was pale autumn with lavender on edge of petals.

Two years or older seedling section, first won by a good formal maroon shown by George L. Baker. This seedling was two years old.

Second was won by a semi-cactus autumn shown by George L. Baker. This seedling was also two years old.

Third was won by a Pink Cactus shown by Erik Welander.

GEORGE L. BAKER, Show Chairman.

#### D I O N

Bright yellow miniature cactus. Wonderful keeper—little larger than "Little Darling". Named in honor of the son of Barbara Stanwyck. Roots \$2.00

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WINNERS again for BEST 2-Year-Old Seedling in 1944 Show. Winners for Best 2-Year-Old Seedling in 1943 Show.



AMADOR  
QUEEN

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### Fourteenth Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc.

The many visitors at the 14th Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin was indeed gratifying, and the enthusiastic interest shown by the visitors was generous compensation to the exhibitors. Although the show was free to the public we all felt well paid in the knowledge that we had put on a show that appealed to the higher senses of our visitors.

We believe the Dahlia, being spectacular as it is, and a sportsman's flower, is a great builder of morale, not alone for those who grow and exhibit them, but to all the public who sees them.

Our show was held September 9th and 10th, 1944, in the spacious street floor of the Milwaukee Gas Light

Company Building, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which provided a wonderful setting for the show and also was a most convenient location from the standpoint of transportation, which is a most acute problem in these trying war times.

The success of our show depended upon all of our exhibitors and our show committees, but for the efficient manner in which it was handled we are indebted to our President W. E. Kemen and our Show Chairman Robert Schmitz.

The undisseminated class in our show was not large, but there was good competition. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Jane Lausche grown by George R. Currie and Dr. H. H. Vollendorf and exhibited for the originator, Rocky River Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. The blooms were of excellent quality and won over other competitors only after much study and argument among the judges. The flower is a large semi-cactus Bi-color somewhat incurved and colored lavender with white tips.

The class calling for ten blooms each of a different variety on stems or canes at least 18 inches in length, was won by George R. Currie of Sheboygan. His ten blooms consisted of: Bill's Splendor, Hunt's Velvet Wonder, Lynn Fontaine, Marion Smith, Sarett's Pink Flamingo, Sir Francis Drake, Straights White, Sydney, The Real Glory, and Wosal.

The special award for the six bloom class was won by Dr. H. H. Vollendorf, Manitowoc, Wisconsin with one bloom each of Bataan, Cherokee Brave, Double Duty, Lord of Autumn, Michigan White, and Scarlet Leader.

The award for the largest bloom in the show was won by George R. Currie with a bloom of Lynn Fontaine.

For the most perfect bloom in the show over 8 inches in diameter the award went to Mr. Emil Mauer, Milwaukee, with a bloom of Snow Ball. And for the most perfect bloom under 8 inches to E. J. Heggstad with a bloom of Ballego's Surprise.

In the Special Class for the best bloom of Snow Ball the award went to Emil Mauer, and in the special class calling for the best bloom of a large flowering 1944 introduction the winner was Mrs. Earl Vandeen of Milwaukee, with Sarett's Pink Flamingo.

The sectional winners in the various sections were as follows:

#### Novice Section:

Best bloom—Sarett's Pink Flamingo, Mrs. Earl Vandeen, Milwaukee.

Largest bloom—Mavis Tierney, Mrs. Earl Vandeen, Milwaukee.

Sweepstakes—Mrs. Earl Vandeen, Milwaukee.

#### Small Amateur:

Best bloom over 8 inches—Julia Irene, A Zade, Racine, Wis.

Best bloom under 8 inches—Michigan White, George Runkel, Milwaukee.

Largest bloom—All American, J. S. Jones, Milwaukee. Sweepstakes—R. H. Otto, Milwaukee.

#### Large Amateur:

Best bloom over 8 inches—Hiltonia Triumph, E. L. Kriel, Madison, Wis.

Best bloom under 8 inches—Ballego's Surprise, E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay.

Largest bloom—Tops, E. L. Kriel, Madison, Wis. Sweepstakes—E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay.

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### *Jane Todd* (FORMAL DECORATIVE)

Winner of Home Achievement Medal, 1943 A.D.S. Annual Show, N. Y. 1944 winnings at A.D.S. Annual Show, N. Y., in following classes: Open to All: Largest, most perfect Formal Decorative—Won Blue Ribbon. Open to All: Largest and most perfect Pink—Won Blue Ribbon and Tri-Color for best flower in Section. 250-Hill Amateur Class: Largest and most perfect Pink—Won Blue Ribbon. 250-Hill Amateur Class: Largest and most perfect Bloom, diameter and depth, any type—Won Blue Ribbon and Tri-Color. A picture of this dahlia can be seen on front cover of A.D.S. Bulletin, dated February 1944. Roots, \$15.00 each; 4 Plants, \$15.00; 2 Plants, \$10.00; 1 Plant, \$5.00.

See reference on page 5 of this Bulletin

### *Tooker's Yellow Masterpiece* (INFORMAL DECORATIVE)

Winner of Home Achievement Medal. The Largest Yellow Dahlia we have ever grown in our Gardens. We have grown this 14 in. x 9 in. This flower is one shade darker yellow than "Lord of Autumn." Plants only: 4 for \$10.00; 2 for \$7.50; 1 for \$4.00.

### *Frances Dewey* (SEMI-CACTUS)

Winner of Home Achievement Medal. This beautiful Scarlet Red Dahlia grew 14 in. x 9 in. in our Gardens. Roots, \$7.50 each; 4 Plants, \$7.50; 2 Plants, \$5.00; 1 Plant, \$3.00.

### *Edith Willkie* (SEMI-CACTUS)

Winner of Home Achievement Medal, World's Fair, 1940. The Greatest White Dahlia of all time. Purest of white. Grew 14 in. x 10 in. in our Gardens. Originator's stock. Root, \$3.00; 4 Plants, \$3.00; 2 Plants, \$2.00; 1 Plant, \$1.50.

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## **ANNE TOOKER**

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#### *Amateur Cloth House:*

- Best bloom over 8 inches—Rosie Morn, Frank J. Koenig, Milwaukee.
- Best bloom under 8 inches—Victory, Frank J. Koenig, Milwaukee.
- Largest bloom—Thunderbolt, Frank J. Koenig, Milwaukee.
- Sweepstakes—Frank J. Koenig, Milwaukee.

#### *Open to all Divisions:*

- Best bloom over 8 inches—Snowball, Emil Mauer, Milwaukee.
- Best bloom under 8 inches—City of San Gabriel, George Merkel, Milwaukee.
- Largest bloom—Lynn Fontaine, George Currie, Sheboygan, Wis.
- Sweepstakes—Emil Mauer, Milwaukee.

#### *Small Flowering:*

- Smallest and most perfect miniature—Rosette, Joseph Duchek, Milwaukee.
- Smallest and most perfect pompon—Miss Marjorie, Peter Schurrer, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
- Sweepstakes—Joseph Duchek, Milwaukee.

#### *Artistic Arrangements:*

- Sweepstakes winners:
  - Mrs. Joseph Duchek, Milwaukee.
  - Mrs. Earl Vandeen, Milwaukee.
  - Gertrude Herrmann, Milwaukee.

Out of state judges who officiated at the show included: Dr. R. W. Lee, H. L. Cummings, H. L. Franzen, James E. Marsh, J. Louis Roberts, Lew Sarett, Charles Moell, David Radke and J. J. Brugman.

E. J. HEGGESTAD, Secretary.

## YESTERDAY'S GROWERS

(Continued from page 16)

city hospital at Williamantic, Conn., and is still treasurer of the College Dahlia Test Gardens. And he used to be a regular judge, faithful, and expert, too, at Storrs. In fact he was a collaborator with George Fraser on the first A.D.S. scorecard. But, in a still, weak voice, we ask, does "Bill" ever grow a dahlia these times?

And Sam Travis, old stalwart originator of good bicolors at Valiria Home, at that old Indian town of Oscawana, N. Y. Where is Sam?

And almost last but not least, John S. Vincent, son of A.D.S. founder and himself a staunch and faithful A.D.S. member so many years until his health failed and Mrs. Vincent went beyond. How is John? Can we be of any service, John?

Oh, yes, one more, Wm. A. Waite, originator of *Jersey's Beauty* and many other "Jersey" dahlias of fine form and color. Does William still grow flowers? Any seedlings? We would like to see another *Jersey Beauty*, yes.

Well, son, there are still more of the old stalwarts I would like to sit down and chin with. If you hear anything about these I've mentioned, let me know. One word more. I hope you always like dahlias and keep growing them and making new dahlia friends every year. They are the salt of the earth. Keep growing, son. Not just in height either.

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### East Liverpool Dahlia Society

We have recently held our election of officers:  
Mr. George H. Schepp, president.  
Mr. Frank Shone, first vice-president.  
Mr. George McCullough, second vice-president.  
Miss Roxy McElroy, recording secretary.  
Mrs. Frank Shone, financial secretary.  
Mrs. George H. White, press secretary.  
Mr. H. J. Gallimore, treasurer.  
Mr. William Crane, show manager.  
Board members: Mrs. Roy Smith, Mr. John T. Eccleston, Mrs. George McCullough and Mr. Thomas Watkin.  
MARIE A. WHITE, Secretary.

**No Society stands still. Is your's PROGRESSING or FALLING BEHIND?**

### Hagerstown Dahlia Show

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society held its 15th Annual Dahlia and Flower Show, September 28 and 29, in the basement of the City Market. The show was most successful both from number and fine quality of the blooms as well as the superb staging done by our Show Superintendent, Mr. Charles W. Zahn and his committee.

1944 has been a hard year on dahlia culture with a very hot and dry summer season. Our show was not quite as large as in former years, but in spite of the weather conditions the quality of the blooms were up to the standard. Our attendance was up to par and hundreds of persons who visited the exhibition of flowers left with words of lavish praise.

Many displays were artistically arranged in order to show the flowers off to best advantage. In connection with the beautiful array of Dahlias, many other flowers such as gladiolus, roses, Zinnias, Marigold, Asters, Cosmos and Petunias were exhibited. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kuhn had the most artistic display, 12 feet or more, in the show. Mr. Wolfe had the largest dahlia. Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg the smallest and Mr. A. H. Sherman the best dahlia in the show. Mr. George Lester had the best white; Mrs. Raymond Shifler the best pink; Mr. A. H. Sherman the best red and yellow, and Mr. Charles W. Zahn the best purple and bi-color dahlia in the show. Sweepstakes was won by Mr. Oscar R. Moser. The exhibitors having most entries in the show, Mr. Oscar R. Moser, first; Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg, second; Mr. Roy Polsgrove and Mr. Homer C. Grove tied for the third place.

In the Gladiolus Class, the finest specimens ever exhibited in any of our shows were on exhibition. The contenders for the most prizes were with Mr. E. Bane Snyder, Miss Mamie Long and Mr. A. H. Sherman.

Judges of the show: Professor J. B. S. Norton, from the University of Maryland; Mr. Henry J. Betz, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary Bester of Hagerstown, Md. Mr. Charles W. Zahn, show superintendent.

The 1944 dahlia season was a hard one and very discouraging at times but we are delighted with the results from our show from a standpoint of work as well as it was the first show in the fifteen years that was self-supporting. We are off for our 1945 show in a bigger and better way.

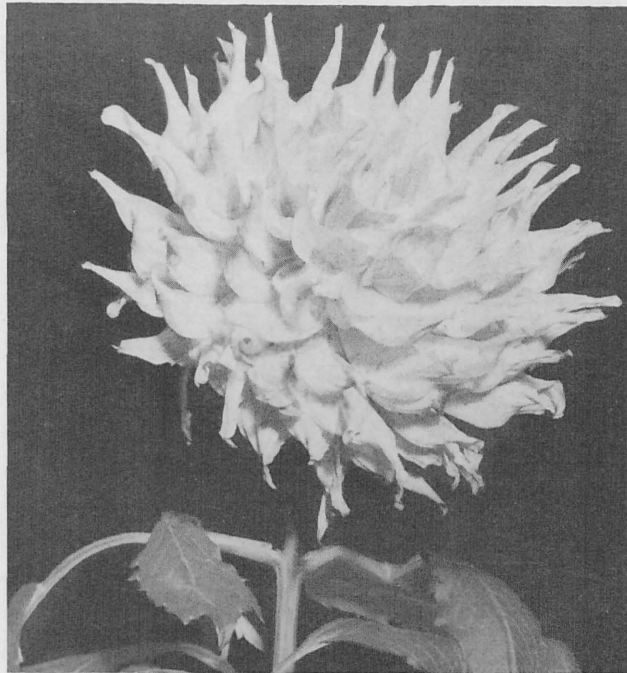
H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

### DONORS TO A.D.S. PRIZE FUND

The A.D.S. acknowledges with sincere thanks, unsolicited cash donations for the Prize Fund of our recent show from the following:

John Allen, Mrs. Ellen S. Bulluss, John C. Coates, Henry Cory, Paul Doll, Lynn B. Dudley, F. P. Garrettson Co., Mrs. George Green, Elmer Heisey, Herman Lowenstein, Charles F. Petty, Ives Samuels, Mrs. S. G. Van Heusen and Miss Maude Wilson.

**A.D.S. DINNER—January 20, 1945**  
**SHOW—September 20-21, 1945**



## “ESSIE SMITH”

### *New Sensational Pink Dahlia for 1945*

Won two American Home Achievement Medals, one at the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society Show, Pittsburgh, Pa., and one at the official Ohio State Dahlia Show, Wellsville, Ohio. Also largest and best dahlia at the Wellsville, Ohio, Show in 1944, and won the most perfect dahlia bloom in the Wellsville, Ohio, Show in 1942. A prominent grower and judge pronounced this the most perfect large dahlia bloom he had ever seen and had the pleasure of judging. Won the best first and second year seedling at East Liverpool, Ohio. Is on all three 1944 Honor Rolls. I have grown all the best pink dahlias for the past fifteen years and none of them compare with “Essie Smith”. Was the sensation of all the shows where shown.

“ESSIE SMITH” is a large refined semi-cactus amaranth pink dahlia. I have grown it 13½ in. x 10 in., bloom facing to up, on good strong cane like stems well up out of the bush. Good, strong insect resistant plants 4 ft. to 6 ft. tall. Makes good tubers and is a good propagator.

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For they pull scarlet ribbons through their hair,  
To flaunt their elder's grandliness!

Some dahlias are like unto a lovely mother,  
For they emulate faith, hope and love,  
Upon our waywardness!

Some dahlias are like unto a gallant lover,  
Full of sudden, eager, sweet secrets,  
And the most unexpectedness!

Some dahlias are like unto God, Himself,  
For they look beyond man's wretchedness  
And only see his blessedness!

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### Chattanooga Dahlia Show

EARL L. MILLER IS WINNER OF THE  
BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

More than 600 dahlia blooms and 350 entries were displayed in the dahlia show given Oct. 6 by the Chattanooga Dahlia Society in the ballroom of the Hotel Patten.

Earl L. Miller won the bronze medal award for the most beautiful single dahlia bloom with a lavender pink bloom entitled "Rythm". The bronze medal certificate for the second most beautiful dahlia was awarded E. L. Freeman for his entry, "Kathleen Norris", a pink species. For the largest single dahlia bloom, Mr. Miller was given a membership in the American Dahlia Society. Mrs. Carlton Bennett was awarded a subscription to the magazine, "Flower Grower", for entering the best seedling. Mr. Miller won 100 tulip bulbs in the best three of the one-variety competition, for his entries of three "White Michigan" dahlias.

#### *Prize Winners Listed*

Other awards were made as follows: Best arrangement of the large dahlias class: first prize, Missionary Ridge Garden Club; second prize, Lookout Mountain Garden Club; third prize, Chattanooga Dahlia Society, and honorable mention, Alton Park Garden Club. Medium dahlia arrangement: first prize, Hickory Valley Garden Club; second prize, Chattanooga Dahlia Society, and third prize, Brainerd Garden Club. Small dahlia arrangement: first prize, Mrs. Earl Miller; second prize, Mrs. W. A. Lerch; third prize, North Chattanooga Garden Club; honorable mention, Riverview Garden Club.



## The State of Delaware Dahlia Society

The State of Delaware Dahlia Society held its 22nd Annual Dahlia Show in Conrad High School at Wood Crest, Delaware, September 27th and 28th, 1944.

The show was one of the finest the Dahlia Society has staged for several years. It was almost unbelievable when you saw such fine specimen blooms, after such a dry season. Some people complained of a dry season, but if our show was a sample of Dahlia blooms in dry weather, the school authorities would have to put on larger doors if we happened to have a wet season next year.

Next year the Society is going to go all out, weather permitting, to put on a show second to none. Plans are being formulated now to combine a vegetable exhibit by the school children, with the Dahlia Show. The school is an ideal place for such an occasion—plenty of floor space and a room where the Dahlia blooms seem to hold up longer than usual. The show lasted two days and two nights and the second night the blooms looked almost as fresh as the day they were brought in. May I take this opportunity to personally thank all who helped make the show such a success—as one gentleman said to me, "Just one more step and you will be on a par with New York", and, gentlemen, to me, that is quite a compliment.

The Achievement Medal winner was won by Fred Smith, Jr., with a fine red cactus. Freddie's dad, who died last July, had been putting great hopes in this dahlia and what a pity he had to leave us before he realized his ambition of seeing this dahlia win.

The largest bloom in the show was won by Warren Hank of Richardson Park, with a super Murphy's Masterpiece. Old Murf positively refuses to take a back seat and especially when grown by a man who knows all the tricks of the trade like Warren does.

One outstanding feature of the show was the quality of specimen blooms. We had quite a few visitors who had seen other shows and several remarked that the quality of the blooms was the finest seen at any show.

So after a very trying season from almost every angle conceivable, we were rewarded with one of the finest floral displays you would dare to imagine. Again, to every contributor of this fine display, may I humbly say, "thank you".

H. E. BALL,  
Secretary.

## Judges at the New York Show

Invite them to come at their own expense, work them to death and then "pan" their decisions! That, too frequently, is the story of judges and judging.

The A.D.S. did invite, did work you hard and hereby acknowledges its sincere appreciation for the splendid job so earnestly and eagerly done. The A.D.S. stands firmly behind your decisions and is proud of the results turned in by Chairman of Judges, Vice-President Conrad Frey and his committee, consisting of:

Dr. Charles H. Connors, Dr. Ward H. Cook, Henry F. Cory, Charles Diffenderfer, Lynn B. Dudley, Paul Frese, J. W. Johnston, John MacIntyre, Dr. Del Marr, Warren Maytrott, H. Dewey Mohr, Edward O'Keefe, Dr. Bruce Preas, Prof. Oliver Shurtleff, E. E. Tooker, Mrs. S. G. Van Heusen, Gordon F. Waaser and E. J. Wind.



## NEW DAHLIAS FOR 1945

We are introducing for 1945 three medium-sized dahlias which we believe will interest both the flower loving public, as well as all dahlia fans. All three are Certificate winners at both Storrs and East Lansing, and all are Honor Roll dahlias. They are splendid flowers for either bedding, or cutting, as evidenced by the tremendous demand we have for them from the Detroit florists.

**L. C. K.** was entered at both Trial Grounds under the name **ANNABELLE**, and recently won the Flower Grower award at the 1944 A.D.S. Show. In all our years of growing thousands of seedlings (and we mean this), we consider **L. C. K.** the finest cut flower ever produced. See Photo in A.D.S. Show story.

**L. C. K.** (named in honor of our third daughter, **ELSIE**). A beautiful yellow-autumn, straight cactus, averaging 5 inches in diameter, on long stems, that will give you an average of 50 blooms per plant each season. **Roots \$10.00; Plants \$5.00.**

**IKE** (illustrated above)—Two splendid seedlings showed up for us about 7 years ago, closely resembling each other, and we named them **IKE** and **MIKE**. **IKE** has proven the better, and it is the best blood-red cut flower we know. Averages 3½ to 5 inches in diameter, lacinated petals, blooms its head off. Detroit florists fight for it. **Roots \$5.00; Plants \$2.50.**

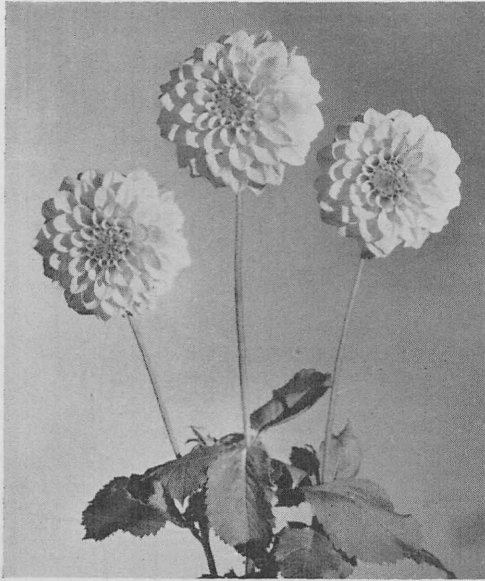
**LITTLE KATY** (named for our youngest daughter, Katherine) is the nicest formal light yellow we have ever grown for either cutting, or bedding. Averages 3 to 4 inches in diameter, and worlds of bloom. **Roots \$5.00; Plants \$2.50.**

Please note, these are not just three new dahlias, but represent what we believe to be definite improvements, and additions to the dahlia world. We have grown them for 6 and 7 years, they are all strong growers, flowers keep well in water, and good root makers. If you can grow spuds, you can grow these dahlias well. What more can we say?

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## Winners of the Day



D-DAY

**D-DAY**—F. D., 7 x 4. A soft one tone pink. This is the only dahlia in this color except "Everybody's Favorite." A very excellent cut flower with long branches and long stems. Awarded a special prize for keeping qualities at New York Show in 1944 after being delayed en route, was out of water forty-four hours, arriving the afternoon of the second day of the Show.

Received good scores at Storrs and East Lansing and scored 86.2 at Ohio, where it was the highest scoring dahlia for 1944.

On Eastern Honor Roll.

Roots, \$15.00

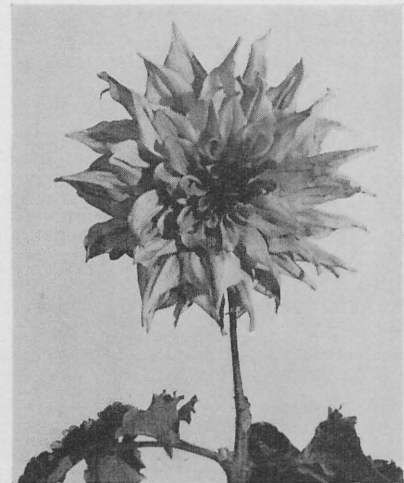
Plants, \$5.00

**V-DAY**—S. C. 12 x 8. Brilliant dark rose. Authorities say that to date there is no dahlia of this color. A seedling of Carl Dahl, having the same long leaves and substance of bloom. It grows like a burdock.

Lack of time prevented the showing of this dahlia, but we predict a great future, as it is needed in its class. On Mid-West Honor Roll.

Roots, \$15.00

Plants, \$5.00



V-DAY



LITTLE SISTER

**LITTLE SISTER** (Min.) I. D. Lacinated petals. Maroon tipped white. A good keeper with good stems, a sturdy grower. Received a bronze medal at New York Show 1943. Certificate of Merit at East Lansing 1943. On Eastern Honor Roll.

Roots, \$5.00

Plants, \$2.00

**WINE SPORT**—I. D. 11 x 7. Its color is a wine red, the same color as the spots in "Dixie's Wine Dot", being a solid color sport of same. Everybody likes its brilliance, as so many of the wines are dull in appearance. You can win with this one, too.

Roots, \$10.00

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## South Central Wisconsin Dahlia Society Show

The South Central Wisconsin Dahlia Society, Inc. staged a most successful show Sept. 3d and 4th in the High School Auditorium, Prairie du Sac. The business and professional men of that city contributed over \$100 in cash prizes. This enabled the Society to place a cash award anywhere from 25c to \$5 on each dahlia classification.

Admission of 10c for children and 25c for adults was charged. A record crowd attended and many enthusiastic flower lovers expressed the hope that we would choose their city for our 1945 show.

Tim Urbanik of Madison showed the most perfect bloom in the show and won the A.D.S. award with his informal Marion Smith.

Dr. L. J. Steuber, Prairie du Sac, won the most perfect cactus award with Marietta E.

W. E. Kemen, Wauwatosa, won the most perfect semi-cactus award with Michigan White.

Ervin Barkhahn, Verona, won the most perfect formal award with Queen City.

E. L. Kriel, Madison, won the largest bloom award with Edith Wilkie.

Max Freudenberg, McFarland won sweepstakes.

Ten most perfect blooms, E. L. Kriel, Madison.

Six most perfect blooms, Ervin Barkhahn, Verona.

Three most perfect cactus, Max Freudenberg, McFarland.

Three most perfect semi-cactus, Mrs. C. H. Herman, Milwaukee.

Three most perfect informal, Otto Sell, Evansville.

Three most perfect formal, W. L. Olds, Madison.

Most perfect miniature, E. L. Kriel, with Bishop of Landaff.

Most perfect pompon, E. M. Larson, with Clover.

Sweepstakes, Mrs. C. H. Herman, Milwaukee.

The outstanding arrangement award was won by Mrs. E. L. Kriel, Madison, with a beautiful arrangement of Virginia Rute, Red Giant and Hindenberg's Memory gladiolus spikes.

Mrs. C. H. Herman, Milwaukee, won the arrangement sweepstakes.

E. L. KRIEL, Secretary.

## Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland

Suburban Dahlia is sorry to report its President Irving Boedenberg is critically ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he has been for quite a lengthy time. A real dahlia fan—one of the square shooting type that runs our little club on exactly that basis. His handling of the Suburban's meetings naturally are of the highest sincerity—no favoritism and strictly open and above board. We pray for his quick return to good health.

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Seattle 6, Wash.

bership nor the largest anything, but we are progressive. Some of our members visited the Fall Flower Show of the Men's Garden Club of Lancaster last Autumn. A good show, but nary a dahlia bloom. Six hundred men and lady associate members but no dahlias. This little club of less than seventy-five active members, carried in their private cars, at their own expense, over 200 dahlia plants of all varieties to the Spring meeting of the Lancaster Club absolutely FREE, and gave them to members interested in growing dahlias. Messrs. Brieger Boden-berg and the writer gave them a talk on growing, dis-budding and some pointers on growing dahlias. Result—so far the enthusiasm is so acute in Lancaster that they are holding a dahlia show on Monday September 11th, 1944 and their little paper this club sends out already has several notes of the members' first blooms of their dahlias. We sincerely believe we have started a huge group of dahlia fans. Sure we had to sacrifice—and believe you me we did NOT take discarded roots or plants to our prospective dahlia enthusiasts. Some of the varieties distributed to them were:

Amigo, Maffie, Wanda Meade, Powerhouse, Jersey Beauty, Maryland Perfection and Colin Kelly—just to name a few quite recent introductions and prize winners. *No one contributed any root or plant that he would not plant himself.* Afterwards we got in touch with one of our largest Dahlia growers in New Jersey and had him mail some of his catalogues to the Lancaster boys for any future business there may be. Just to prove we have no commercial idea or want to sell them anything, we bluntly told them "we have nothing to sell."

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## Georgia Society Holds Show

The Eleventh Annual Show of The Dahlia Society of Georgia was held on September 29th and 30th at the H. G. Hastings Co., Atlanta, Ga. Our annual show this year created keen competition and many fine specimen blooms were on display.

Rather good growing weather was experienced in September, but prior to that time, this section experienced excessive hot dry weather.

The winners of major awards in this year's show are as follows:

*Section A.*—Award for the largest and most perfect bloom: Winner: James W. Blackwell.

Award for best entry three blooms—Winner: D. S. Wells.

Sweepstakes Winner—C. E. Faust.

*Section B.*—Medium size blooms:

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*Section C.*—Miniatures:

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*Section D.*—Pompons:

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Balls—Mrs. P. L. Moultrie, single bloom.

Single—Nelson Crist, single bloom.

Sweepstakes Winner: Nelson Crist.

*Section E.*—Artistic Arrangement:

Winner: Mrs. C. D. Swint.

Color Arrangement:

Winner: Mrs. W. D. Ricks.

Award for the smallest and most perfect bloom:

Winner: Mrs. C. R. Perry.

C. E. FAUST.

## Dahlia Society of San Leandro, Calif.

Well, the 1944 show of the San Leandro Dahlia Society is a thing of the past, but it was a great show. Although a lot of our members are engaged in war work it was the general opinion that the show exceeded that of last year and if there were not as many exhibitors the competition was pretty keen, especially among the amateurs. In the Novice Section Walter Danner was well to the front, winning eight firsts and three seconds; Mrs. M. Williams running a good second. The winners in the hotly contested Amateur Classes were: R. E. Harter, Top Man; closely followed by A. Arbin, Chas. Perry, Mrs. J. Parle and Mrs. G. Webster. Harter won best general display. Perry won the artistic display, also the Sunset Magazine Medal for best new miniature. Mrs. Parle won largest flower in Amateur Section.

In the Advanced Amateurs, T. J. Sjoberg was the outstanding winner with J. Groves runner up. Ted won largest flower in show with Mayor Otis. He also won best general display. In the open for all the winners were Sjoberg, Harter, Perry, Groves, Webster and Mrs. Parle, the latter got the award for the smallest perfect flower with Doria. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by Chas. Garrity with a large bi-color Frances H. This flower also won best flower in the show. The judges were unanimous in their opinion it was outstanding. This flower also won best in its section; this was the first time on exhibition of this particular variety. In the Tuberous Begonia classes A. Arbin was outstanding, winning first in all five classes. Mrs. Bayliss and Mrs. Cox were the other winners in the Begonia classes. This year we added 15 classes for Victory gardeners, the winners being as follows: J. Groves, Mrs. Webster, Chas. Garrity, Rev. Sherman Potter and Theo. Werner. Garrity put on a complimentary display which was much admired, featuring several new varieties from Mr. Freer of Balsam Lawn, Ontario, Canada, as well as several of his own new ones. This year's exhibition was acclaimed as one of the best the society has had. Many out of State visitors expressed surprise at the quality of the blooms. The officers all try each year to beat the preceding one. The gymnasium of the Presbyterian Church was a perfect setting for such a beautiful exhibition.

The beauty of the show was enhanced by a complimentary exhibit of Fuchsias put up by the Eden branch of the American Fuchsia Society—both hanging varieties and upright varieties as well as arrangements of cut blooms, which was very much admired.

## Introducing for 1945 Four Fine Honor Roll Dahlias

**BLACK MONARCH**—S. C. (Pape-Rocky River). A very dark, glistening blackish red. One of the darkest dahlias we have seen. Blooms are well formed, with good depth, and can be grown to twelve inches. Stems are exceptionally long and strong. Foliage is heavy and tough. Not extensively shown in 1944, but it should be a strong factor in its classes at future shows. It is an early bloomer.

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**CLARIAM KELTON**—I. D. (Wolbert-Rocky River). A medium-sized, free blooming variety of flame-red with yellow reverse. The yellow reverse shows on the face of the flower as the petals twist and curl. Blooms can be grown to eleven inches. Plants are fairly tall, open growers with glossy green foliage. A very showy dahlia in the garden. Winner of the Achievement medal at Toledo, Ohio.

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**JANE LAUSCHE**—S. C. (Rocky River). Generally acclaimed as the outstanding bicolor to date. A new color combination of rosy-mauve tipped white. Blooms up to twelve inches. One of the earliest and freest bloomers of large flowered varieties. Good stems and slender canes permitting long stem cutting. Plants are fast growing; foliage of medium texture. Winner of Achievement medals at Cleveland, Milwaukee and Louisville. Also, winner of award for "most outstanding entry in entire show" at Cleveland, and best S. C. bicolor over eight inches and "special" in one bloom semi-cactus section, open-to-all at New York. Certificate of Merit at East Lansing in 1943 with a score of 86E. This variety is "almost alone" in the semi-cactus class for blooms over eight inches.

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## Portland, Oregon Show

To the crowds which thronged the Public Service Auditorium on Sept. 29 and 30 to view the 17th Annual Exhibit of the Portland Dahlia Society the show was both a revelation and an innovation. For many years this annual show has been noted for its magnificent floor and wall displays by commercial growers. Due to lack of help and transportation difficulties and loss of many of our growers this feature of the show was missing. Despite pessimistic predictions that unfavorable weather conditions and water restrictions would make a show impractical the auditorium was filled with quality bloom. Show Chairman J. H. DeVolder and Pres. P. F. Kershnik and their faithful committees were fully vindicated in their optimistic outlook.

Aside from the wonderful quality of the blooms shown the outstanding feature of the show was the unusual number of new originations in both large and small types displayed by amateur growers. This was especially evident in the miniature type divisions which were featured by a new class for nymphaea or waterlily types. These were also much used in the arrangements where their graceful form was found particularly adaptable.

Among the newer large type blooms shown were Sarrets Pink Flamingo, James Ross, a very dark red I.D., General Pershing, I.D. of golden rose coloring, Columbia, a golden S.C. and others. Several of these were shown by A. A. Ames of Yakima, Wash., who also showed wonderful blooms of Tarawa and Pamela Mary Joyce, an immense new yellow I.D. from New Zealand, whose deep color and unusually heavy petalage attracted much attention.

In the miniature class Little Wisteria, Spun Silk, a  
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## Dahlias "Stop" City Harvest Show

Large throngs were attracted to the Pershing Square Information Center in New York City on September 29th. The occasion was the opening of a three days' city-wide Harvest Show for Victory Gardeners.

A.D.S. Vice-President Eddie O'Keefe, who may be depended upon to boost the Dahlia at every opportunity, thought about those whoppers he forgot to take out from under the baskets for the New York Show. So he packed them in a shoe box (we mean case!) and exhibited a complimentary display of Giant Dahlias at the Harvest Show.

It is said that radio's favorite, Mary Margaret McBride, forgot all about the lovely vegetables and preserves which had been presented to her and insisted upon taking the bloom of Dixie's Wine Dot, which the introducer (Mr. Hendricks) should have seen—a bloom out of this world. The others Eddie exhibited were Colin Kelly, White Angel, Murphy's Masterpiece and two specimen blooms of Dawson (which Eddie CAN grow).

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## PORTLAND, OREGON SHOW

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pink and white cactus and Burnett Gem, cactus of burnished copper over gold, were always a center of attraction. One noticeable feature of this section was the large number of foreign varieties shown by amateurs, and this fact was particularly evident in the arrangements and in the pompon section where these small Australian varieties are supplanting the old types because of their small size and compact ball shape.

A magnificent bloom of Miss Glory won as Best in Show and also best in Commercial Class for Robert Sanders.

Maffie shown by Mrs. J. J. Rae was judged the largest in Show.

Best dahlias in the various divisions were: Novice—Chas. G. Reed, shown by Mrs. Irma Buss. Amateur—Maffie, by Mrs. J. J. Rae. Advanced Amateur—Azura, by Mrs. T. W. Blakeney, and in Commercial—Miss Glory, by Robert Sanders.

As usual the classes for arrangements were very popular. The artistry and knowledge of color harmony shown make selection of outstanding exhibits difficult. An arrangement of the miniatures Royalty and Little Wisteria in a large flat bowl, backed by driftwood of same shade, won a blue for Mrs. T. T. Swenson. These were graduated from low to tall, using large foliage at base and ribbon grass at the top. Another entry by the same exhibitor which proved very popular, featured the miniature Corrallette with azalia foliage in a lovely flat arrangement in a pewter washed silver bowl.

In the color harmony class the miniatures Petit Prince, Horizon, and Little Jennie displayed with azalea foliage, won the award. Another entry in this class by Mrs. J. J. Rae, which was much admired, used the nymphaea type Memory, arranged on waterlily pads in a flat glass container. Ducks swimming around the edge of the bowl provided a pleasing accessory.

In the combination arrangements Mrs. T. T. Swenson won the blue for her artistry in using pears, peaches and grapes with pompon dahlias in shades to blend in a basket displayed on a bamboo mat. To show that the artistic talent was not confined to one side of the family, T. T. himself carried off a like award in the men's class, with an arrangement of the miniatures Vreewijk and Ethel.

The blue in pompon arrangement was awarded to a tall arrangement of the Australian poms Doria, Little Rose and Rhonda in a light green pottery container with Iris foliage.

The various Garden Clubs were all represented. First award went to Peninsular Garden Club with a grouping of the rose pink cactus. M. Pierre Lunden with autumn foliage against a light paper background using a green velvet drape and base. Second prize was awarded to the Little Gardens Club with an arrangement of open centered cactus blooms which, with the lovely touch added by pompons, was a picture in color harmony.

The new class for nymphaea or waterlily types brought out a generous display of these new favorites, which included Helly Boudewijn, Goldina, Gold Rose, Golden Drop and Memory.

No Portland show would be complete without a showing of that famous Portland origination Charles L. Mastick and these were prominent in both basket and single entry classes.

While the commercial growers were unable to erect their usual displays, they took time they could ill afford (and this year their displays were complimentary) to add their bit to the wealth of color.

Compton Dahlia Gardens displayed large baskets of the large types specially featuring Darcy Sainsbury and Blue River, at least these were the baskets most admired.

Robert Sanders made a display of individual blooms of large types. His immense blooms are always a center of attraction.

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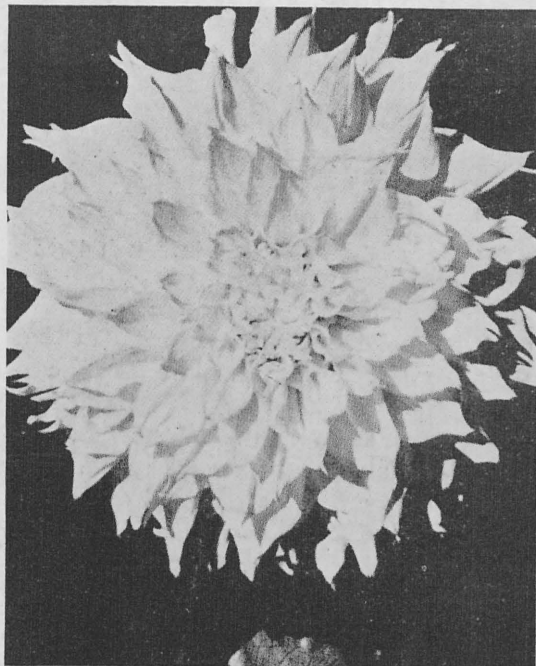
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