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## A.D.S. Show Plans

Present indications forecast a large, as well as very beautiful Show at the Penn Top, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, Sept. 23rd and 24th.

Growers in this section have plantings as large or larger than last year. Thanks to DDT and Hexate as well as a good growing season, plants look very fine as the month of July closes. There is only one cloud and that we hope will not become too serious. Bacterial wilt has appeared in several Westchester gardens and has already destroyed some very fine plants.

Show manager Henry Olsen has made a few changes in layout based on last year's experience and the spectacle should be even more beautiful and imposing than the greatly praised 1946 Exhibit.

A number of committees were set up early last year within the structure of the Show Committee to cover every phase of Show planning and execution. Your Editor believes it proved to be one of the best and smoothest functioning organizations it would be possible to select.

Very few changes were made this year, so a veteran organization will doubtless again turn in a grand job.

We were fortunate in purchasing several hundred additional containers. However, we do not guarantee that late comers will find a wealth of containers right away—but as fast as the early birds complete setting up we will endeavor to place their surplus containers in the hands of those needing them. Take a tip—get in as early as you can. We expect to get a little more cooperation in having large containers of water ready to facilitate staging.

Please send your entries in advance so the books may be prepared—you have the privilege of making changes on the morning of the Show if needed. Address your entry blanks to Mr. Henry A. Olsen, Show Manager, 189-23—44th Avenue, Flushing, N. Y.

### SUPPLEMENT TO AUGUST BULLETIN

The Show schedule is "folded in" as a supplement to this issue of the Bulletin. In about two weeks the revised classification list will be ready—these may be had from our Secretary at a cost of fifty cents each—orders may be placed now.

The prize committee is working on the purchase of suitable prizes as listed in the schedule. Last year many A.D.S. loyal members made cash contributions to the Prize and Show Expense Fund—we again solicit your generous support.

Checks should be mailed to Henry A. Olsen, Treasurer, 189-23 44th Ave., Flushing, L. I., New York.

Information at this early date indicates we will have the largest number of our-of-town visitors in many years. The A.D.S. Show is a great place to meet your Dahlia friends—we welcome you here and do not think you will be disappointed if you join us on the "big days."

The entire Show Committee is listed here in order that you may know just which members are entrusted with the problems about which you may require information.

### A.D.S. 1947 SHOW COMMITTEE

Henry Olsen, Show Manager.

*Properties*—Edward B. Lloyd, Otto Aumuller, Harvard Rivel.

*Schedule*—Warren Maytrott, Dr. Ward Cook.

*Classification*—Dr. Ward Cook, Roy Webb.

*Entries*—Robert Vogel.

*Chairmen of Judges*—Conrad Frey, Dr. Ward Cook, Henry Cory.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—A. J. Mulcahy, secretary; Henry Olsen, treasurer.

*Awards*—Roy Webb, Otto Aumuller, Chas. Schneider.

*Publicity*—Dr. Fred J. Knocke, Paul Frese, Edward B. Lloyd.

*Garden Club*—Mrs. Georgena Humble.

*Committee on Estates*—Louis B. Tim, James McIntyre, Louis Fioretti.

*Committee on Exhibits*—Harvard Rivel, O. Aumuller, Dr. Edw. McDade, E. O'Keefe, E. H. Wind.

*Exhibitors' Service*—Mrs. C. A. Smith, Ernest Link, Harvard Rivel, E. E. Tooker, Roy Webb.

## Cultural Hints for Late Summer

By this time many of our Dahlias will be in bud—some in bloom.

For the garden, we wish lots of bloom for display as well as cutting hence we will not do very much pruning from now on. Miniatures, Poms and Cactus Dahlias will be very beautiful when grown just naturally.

Let's keep the bushes clean and healthy—chase the insects and help nature nourish the large plant.

We should spray once a week with DDT—hexate—(and Fermate for mildew). Details were published in Prof. Merrill Brown's fine article in the May Bulletin.

Light top dress feeding of Vigoro or any good balanced fertilizer every three weeks will result in steady strong growth. Water copiously every five days unless good rainfall has favored us.

For Exhibition the story is a little different—Spray—feed and water as suggested above.

To obtain those large prize winning blooms and have them ready on the day of the Show requires (1) timing —(2) disbudding and pruning.

Just 30 days prior to the Show examine your bushes carefully and note the canes which just show tiny buds in the tips—these will be your "hopes" for the coveted blue ribbons. A Bush should not carry more than four such canes, so prune away other branches—those having larger buds and also those having no buds.

A few days later the buds will be large enough to check on their quality. If the center bud looks perfect remove the two side buds and also the little lateral branches all the way down the cane until the last pair of leaves—permit these to grow for later blooms.

When the bud shows color cover with an inverted peach basket securely tied to three stakes—this shading will protect from sun, wind and rain and also increase the size.

Cut after sundown on the night before the show. Plunge the cut end of the stalk in boiling water (four inches of the stalk), holding same at any angle so steam does not injure the blossom. A minute or two is sufficient, then place stalk in deep cold water and store in well ventilated cellar for the night.

Pack in very large cartons—petals of one bloom should not touch the other flowers—handle very carefully.

At the Show trim up the foliage—stage nicely and double check to be certain your entry is placed in its proper class.

## Dr. Ward H. Cook Resigns as A.D.S. Secretary

Andrew J. Mulcahy New Secretary

Henry Olsen Now Treasurer

The resignation of Dr. Ward H. Cook, secretary and treasurer of the A.D.S. was tendered and accepted with regret by the Executive Committee at its meeting June 20, 1947.

He was elected to office on January 29, 1944 and thus served the society in this capacity for nearly four years. The action was made necessary because of the exacting work of the new position which he had taken as pathologist for the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn.

There have been many recent delays in answering secretarial mail and in keeping up the membership rolls, much to Dr. Cook's embarrassment. This resulted from several changes in private secretaries following their family readjustments after the war.

Following the acceptance of Dr. Cook's resignation, President Waaser appointed Andrew J. Mulcahy, 20 Marshall Avenue, Floral Park, Long Island, N. Y. to take over the duties of A.D.S. secretary. He appointed Henry Olsen, 189-23—44th Avenue, Flushing, N. Y., to take over the duties of treasurer. Our president believed and this thought received the approval of the executive committee, that because the duties of this combined office had grown to such proportions, with the recent growth of the society that it would be advisable to divide the work.

Andrew (Drew) Mulcahy has served as membership secretary of the Society with much ability and considerable success. He has also been a vice-president for several years and proved a most energetic and faithful worker. He has already begun to get the secretarial work caught up. If you have any suggestions or complaints, write him and you'll find him ready to give you attention.

Henry Olsen has been show manager for A.D.S. for the past five or six years. He has taken this job seriously and rendered a full measure of service. If you owe the Society money you will find him coming after you firmly but with a pleasant smile. If you can prove the Society owes you something you'll see that Henry will do his best to see that the bill is taken care of.

The Society is fortunate in having two such earnest workers who can and will take over the job of secretary and treasurer and serve with ability and efficiency.

At the June 20th meeting of the executive committee it was unanimously voted to execute the following resolutions on the resignation of Dr. Cook.

### Resolutions on the Resignation of Dr. Ward Cook, as Secretary and Treasurer

Passed Unanimously by the Executive  
Committee of the A.D.S at its meeting,  
June 20, 1947

Dr. Ward Cook, secretary and treasurer of this Society for the past three and one half years, having found it necessary to resign, due to conditions beyond his control, and said resignation having been regretfully accepted by this body, we do hereby adopt unanimously the following preambles and resolutions:

Be it Resolved: That Dr. Ward Cook, by his great love for the dahlia and by his unrelenting efforts to serve this

Society in its avowed purpose for advancement of the culture of the dahlia and through acting as secretary and treasurer of this Society for nearly four years, has been an inspiration to all the workers in the Society and we gratefully acknowledge that service and:

Be it Further Resolved: That the service rendered this Society and its members with such exceptional ability, unselfish devotion, and steadfast purpose has been of inestimable value to the cause of the dahlia, both in the interest of the beginner as well as to the more experienced grower and:

Be it Further Resolved: That his monumental task in the work of setting dahlia standards for the classification of dahlias and compiling such classifications has been of untold value to not only the American Dahlia Society, but its Branch and Affiliated Societies and others, that we sincerely hope he will find time to continue this standardization work and:

Be it Further Resolved: That his devotion to judging at shows and Trial Grounds and unselfish effort, time and money expended in this connection in various parts of the country has been of great help to dahlia growers both in and outside of this Society for many years. We sincerely hope that he will find time to devote to this work in the future in the interest of dahlia culture and:

Be it Further Resolved: That this Society acknowledges his steady influence and great wisdom in the councils of this Society and hopes that he may be able to continue to render such counsel and guidance and:

Be it Further Resolved: That this Society, being aware of the tremendous amount of personal time spent on routine work which the office of secretary and treasurer entailed, acknowledges the courage of Dr. Cook in resigning when he realized that his conscientious devotion to his many professional duties made it impossible for him to carry on as he wished to do and that the Society wishes him the highest honors and success in his new professional work and finally,

Be it Resolved: That a copy of these Preambles and Resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society, published in its quarterly Bulletin and a copy presented to Dr. Cook in grateful appreciation.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

### Virginia Dahlia Show

The Virginia Dahlia Society will hold its annual show in connection with the Atlantic Rural Exposition, Richmond, Va., October 7-10, which will be our twenty-fourth.

J. A. MILLARD, Secretary.

### DAHLIAS OF SPECIAL MERIT

*Clumps at Digging Time*

LIST ON REQUEST

HANNA DAHLIA GARDENS

812 So. Delsea Dr., Clayton, N. J.



## A.D.S. Trial Grounds Have 218 Varieties on Test

This is an excellent year for testing dahlias, if the reports of five of the six trial grounds is a criterion. There is a total of 218 varieties being tested for 1947.

From the preliminary trial ground reports which follow there are several points which are worth considering. The unusual amount of rain during June and July in some sections has caused some bacterial wilt at East Lansing. Pest control seems to be well in hand and there is no reported damage from red spider which was so prevalent last year even at this time. The Hexaethyl Tetraphosphate preparation seem to be keeping them under control. C. E. Wildon attaches a summary on the material to the trial ground report.

The chairman of the trial ground committee wishes to thank the superintendents of the A.D.S. trial grounds for their cooperation in making this preliminary report to the members of the Society. This is the first time such a procedure has been attempted and we hope it will prove interesting and helpful to those who have sent seedlings for trial as well as those who will purchase those which receive a Certificate of Merit in the A.D.S. trial grounds in 1947.

Perhaps we should point out that in all likelihood there are not 218 different varieties on trial. Some originators send their seedlings to three trial grounds at least in the hope of receiving the highest average score at three trial grounds and winning the coveted Derrell Hart medal. There are three of these medals offered by the A.D.S. each season. One for the highest average score for the (M) small types; one for the (B) medium types, and one for the (A) large types.

The preliminary reports for five A.D.S. trial grounds follow. That for the Ault Park Trial Garden at Cincinnati has not been received at this writing.

### MID-WEST TRIAL GROUNDS.

## Preliminary Report of the Midwest Trial Grounds

### Michigan State College—East Lansing, Mich.

We have in the trial gardens 83 varieties on trial. The culture is as usual. The season has been very wet and cool as a result there have been three entries that did not come out at all, three other entries only one plant came up, and two entries only two plants came up. At the present moment a little wilt is showing up because of the wetness, but I am watching it and hope it does not spread.

So far as our judging is concerned, I think we have the best system of judging of any trial gardens. We have in the neighborhood of fifteen expert judges who are quite conscientious in doing their job, and the result is I think the best possible for scoring the entries. Of course, there are always accidents that happen and sometimes varieties may not be scored as much as they would have been had they not been subject to accidents of nature.

We have been using the H.E.T.P. sprays. I am enclosing a copy of a summary on the material for your benefit. We think this is one of the best of the insecticides available at the present time. We are also using DDT 5 per cent. This is the third season we have used this

and find it very satisfactory for control of leaf hoppers, tarnish plant bug, and so forth on dahlias. However, it does not get red spider, for which we use H.E.T.P.

While I am writing this I would like to put in a little word regarding the changes that were made with the abandoning of the Storrs Trial Garden. The awarding of the Derrill Hart medal was turned over to Rutgers in effect, that is, varieties scoring in three trial gardens, but including Rutgers. I think this action must have been a little biased and inconsiderate on the part of the Trial Gardens. Either this provision of the award should be abandoned, or it should be given to the oldest Trial Gardens, which now I believe is ours here at Michigan State. Others of the dahlia growers around have expressed similar opinions.

I would also like to point out that we have now established here a trial grounds for gladiolus. This was first started last year and was very successful for the first year. It was first instigated by the Michigan Gladiolus Society, but the New England Gladiolus Society and affiliated societies lined up with it and they established in the beginning two other trial gardens, one at Waltham, Massachusetts and one in Washington State.

I would also like to point out that the American Rose Society established last year rose trial gardens here for the first time. We now have these three trial gardens side by side, and naturally one benefits from the other.

A great amount of building is going up around us here. A huge class room building across the street and a larger science building on the south side of our gardens. This has kept things in turmoil. Our gardens are torn up as a result, but we hope to get them back into shape next year. We are also hoping to add materially to our greenhouses this year. As you have guessed, we are very crowded here and have a tremendous number of new students. We have at the present moment something over 100 regular four-year students in floriculture and some 50 two-year training course students. In addition, we average about 30 eight-week short course students each year in our floriculture work. This all means tremendous drain on facilities and we are looking forward to the new greenhouses.

C. E. WILDON, Associate Professor,  
In Charge of Floriculture.

## Preliminary Report, Mid-South Trial Garden

### Fairmont, W. Va., Season 1947

### By OLIVER SHURTLEFF, Supt.

The garden planted twenty-five (25) entries for the 1947 season with a geographical distribution of ten (10) States.

At the time this report was made a larger percentage of entries was in better growing condition than usual. Just two plants were "out." Some plants are still small due to lateness in planting.

Since the Mid-South Trial Garden is one of the smaller gardens of the A.D.S. system of trial gardens no field day is planned. Judging will be done by well known dahlia growers who do not have entries in the garden.

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## TRIAL GARDENS

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The judging will be seasonable, that is, as the flowers are ready.

### South Atlantic Trial Grounds

Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station  
Experiment, Georgia

There are only ten official entries in the trials for this year. Several of the persons named on the Judging Committee have made contributions to the trial ground. These contributions are new or desirable varieties to add interest to the trials. A total of 171 plants are entered. This is not a large trial garden by any means; however, since we got a late start this year and have not operated the trials for several years, we do not feel too badly about it. I feel sure that the trials will contain many more entries next year.

The first plants or roots were set to the field on June 5 and others added within the following two weeks. Thus far, growing conditions have been fairly favorable and the plants are making satisfactory growth with the exception of some of the roots that failed to push buds. To date no pests have been prevalent, therefore, no control measures have been deemed necessary. A field day will be held sometime in October, no definite date has been set as yet.

The Judging and Scoring Committee is composed of the following persons:

F. F. Cowart, Experiment, Georgia; B. E. Phillops, Atlanta, Georgia; D. S. Wells, Atlanta, Georgia; W. D. Ricks, Atlanta, Georgia; C. E. Faust, Atlanta, Georgia; Nelson Crist, Atlanta, Georgia; C. R. Perry, Atlanta, Georgia, and B. L. Kennedy, Atlanta, Georgia.

The last seven of this committee represent the Dahlia Society of Georgia. The entries will be judged several times during the season beginning within the near future by all or a good part of the persons named on the committee.

F. F. COWART, Horticulturist.

### Preliminary Report on Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden

University of Maryland, Silver Spring, Md.

As chairman for the Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden I can report everything in excellent shape and up to the present good growing conditions prevailing.

There were 42 entries received and planted under the supervision of Bill Woods and his able assistants.

The garden is being worked regularly with special attention being paid to the spraying of the plants. The irrigation system is set up and is ready to be used should it become necessary.

Capable judges have been selected and will score the garden regularly according to the American Dahlia Society rules. There is also a large planting of named varieties which will serve as an added feature to the garden and will also be helpful in comparing the blooms.

The public is cordially invited to stop in and see the Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden which is located on the Campus of the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., Route 1.

HENRY CORY, Chairman,

### Preliminary Report of the Eastern Trial Grounds Rutgers University

There is not much that can be reported from the trial garden. It was, of course, planted late, but nearly all of the 58 seedlings are growing well. Thrips came in but we soon got these under control. Just now the Japanese beetles are feeding on the foliage, but arsenate of lead and rotenone are keeping the damage to a minimum. The weather has not been such as to favor spider mite, anywhere through our region, so the control of that has been no problem. Probably the second or third week in September will see them in bloom.

We now have the garden under a mulch of four to six inches of spoiled hay. This should reduce the possibility of spider mite injury as well as hold moisture when we need it and keep the roots cool. We were careful to get old hay because of the heavy population of stalk borer this year.

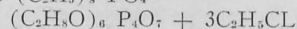
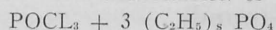
C. H. CONNORS, Research Specialist in Horticulture.

### Summary of Hexaethyl Tetraphosphate for Greenhouse Use

By EVAN ROBERTS

Department of Horticulture, Michigan  
State College

#### PREPARATION OF PURE MATERIAL



Phosphorus oxychloride + triethyl phosphate yields hexaethyl tetraphosphate and ethyl chloride.

#### PROPERTIES

1. *Molecular weight*: 506.44.
2. *Appearance*: A light amber colored liquid.
3. *Specific gravity*: 1.29 or 10.7 lbs./gal.
4. *Crystallizing point*: Solidifies at approximately 40° C.
5. *Boiling point*: Decomposes at 150° C. and above.
6. *Solubilities*: Miscible with water, acetone, alcohol, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, chlorobenzene, diacetone alcohol, ether, ethyl acetate, glycerine, orthodichlorobenzene, pine oil, toluene, xylene, alkyl naphthalenes. Not miscible with kerosene or petroleum ether.
7. *Stability*: Stable at ordinary room temperature in the absence of moisture. When diluted with water it hydrolyzes, the rate of hydrolyzation depending on the temperature. Pending further investigation it is recommended that spray solutions should be of a temperature of 68-75° F. when used and that they be used within four hours after dilution.



**Caution**—Should be used in the selection of spray equipment as solutions of this compound tend to corrode certain materials. Brass, steel and certain grades of porcelain are generally resistant. The spray tank should be filled with water before the addition of H.E.T.P.

8. **Toxicity to Animals:** Tests on rats have indicated that hexaethyl tetraphosphate is toxic to warm blooded animals. Precautions should be observed in the application and handling of this chemical and its formulations to avoid skin contact or accidental ingestion. On humans when exposed to very weak dosages, temporary ill effects have been noticed, such as a bitter taste, a slight burning sensation about the eyes, and most noticeably a tight feeling in the chest. For these reasons, it is advisable to wear a gas mask if one is in the treated area during the treatment or within two hours thereafter. A reliable gas mask such as the standard army canister type should be used.

#### FORMULATIONS

Formulations of H.E.T.P. are almost as effective as the pure material. Florists may purchase formulated hexaethyl tetraphosphate from any one of the several companies:

1. California Spray Chemical Corporation, 150 Bayway, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
2. John Powell and Company, Inc., New York, N. Y.
3. Makon Chemicals, Inc., Post Office Box 230, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
4. Niagara Sprayer and Chemical Division, Food Machinery Company, Middleport, New York.
5. Sherwin-Williams and Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

The trial products we have used and have found to be effective are *Vaportone*, manufactured by California Spray Chemical Corporation, and *Arbotox* "64" manufactured by Makon Chemicals, Incorporated.

**Use**—Hexaethyl tetraphosphate and its formulations have been found to show good control of a wide number of insects and mites at dilutions of from 1:400 to greater than 1:2,000.

**Spray solutions** may be made in either of two ways. One, the H.E.T.P. may be added directly to water in the proper concentration. Two, emulsions may be made by dissolving H.E.T.P. in a suitable solvent such as xylene and incorporating an emulsifying agent. This may then be added to water in the desired concentration.

**Dusts** may be prepared by adding hexaethyl tetraphosphate as such, or in solution to an inert dust. It has been found that one to three per cent of the chemical on the dust will give satisfactory control of several insects. Since tests show that dust formulations tend to decompose upon storage, the dust should be used the same day it is prepared.

**Concentrated H.E.T.P. and Formulations** may be used in aerosol applications, but so far this method has proven to be relatively expensive although it is a very efficient means of distribution.

Concentrated H.E.T.P. and Formulations (as they are purchased) may be used in atomizers like the Hudson Electric Sprayer obtainable from the Hudson Spray Company, 589 East Illinois Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Similar apparatus like an electric paint sprayer may be used if the spray is atomized to very fine particles.

The atomization method is probably the most economical to date. In applying concentrated formulations like pure *Vaportone*, it is advisable that the material be directed under benches or high above plants so that larger par-

ticles of material do not come into contact with the plants. The temperature of the air should be at least 68° F. or above when applying this chemical in all of its forms. This is very important.

Concentrations near 1 ml. of pure H.E.T.P. per 1,000 cubic feet of air space should be used.

#### INSECTS SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEXAETHYL TETRAPHOSPHATE AND FORMULATIONS

1. Various mites including the greenhouse red spider (*Tetranychus Binaculatus*).
2. Thrips (*Heliothrips Haemorrhoidalis*).
3. Leafhoppers (various species.)
4. Aphids (various kinds).
5. Mealybugs (*Pseudococcus species*).
6. Some scale insects, for example, soft scale black scale (*Coccus Hesperidum*, *Saissetia Olea*).
7. Codling moths (larvae) (*Carpocapsa Pomonella*).
8. Leaf rollers (Family *Tortricidae*).
9. Melon worms (*Diaphania Hyalinata*).
10. Pomace flies (*Drosophila Melanogaster*).
11. House flies (*Musca Domestica*).
12. White flies (Family *Aleyrodidae*).

### Generous Contribution from Our St. Louis Friends

Our ADS Treasurer reports the receipt of the following very cordial letter together with remittance from the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society:

Gentlemen: We here in St. Louis have been reading from time to time of the fine shows the American Dahlia Society has been staging in recent years in New York, and the work this society has been doing to promote the growing of dahlias.

We further recognize the importance of a strong parent organization. Knowing that the burden of carrying on such an organization with costs at a high level, prompted one of our members to suggest at our last meeting of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, that we donate \$50.00 to the A.D.S. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

We are enclosing check for this amount and with it goes our very best wishes for a continuous interest in the promotion of the Dahlia.

Very truly yours,  
GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY,  
RAYMOND GRASS.

This generous donation was gratefully accepted by unanimous vote of the executive committee with instructions to our finance committee that the amount be earmarked for a special purpose.

Acknowledgment and our sincere thanks were included in our secretary's letter to the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society under date of July 19th.

### November Issue Show Reports

We endeavor to publish the Show Reports of our Affiliated and Branch Societies and in fairness to all must ask that such reports be not too voluminous!

Printing costs have doubled. Obviously we cannot publish very long reports without considerable editing.

Your co-operation will be very much much appreciated.

## Mid West Show

BY BYRON R. EELLS

There's more truth than poetry in the old saw, "When better dahlias are grown, East Liverpool will show them."

And the motto never will be truer than this year when the East Liverpool Dahlia Society, pioneer society in Ohio, will be host to the big show of the year—the 1947 Mid-West event—to be held September 20-21 in Memorial Auditorium at East Liverpool, Ohio.

The organization's slogan might be altered slightly, too, for the most outstanding prize list in the history of dahlia shows will be presented.

Included in the 30 major awards will be three dinner sets in addition to various trophies, medals, lamps and vases. Three additional dinner sets and two tea sets will be awarded in other sections.

Inclusion of the dinner ware sets is representative of East Liverpool for the city is known throughout the world as a pottery center.

Each special ribbon gets an award in addition to the sweepstakes trophies. And that comprises some prize list! The schedule lists 68 sections with 523 classes exclusive of the gladiolus division. A total of 170 prizes will be distributed.

And the East Liverpool society is ready for the onrush of both amateur and professional growers from the eastern and midwestern sections of the country who will compete for the record prize list.

Members have been working overtime getting the schedule and prize lists set up and also are busy making hotel reservations for visitors and preparing their own gardens for display.

But to divert back to the show, this year's affair is the 14th annual Mid-West and will be combined with the 17th Ohio State and 22nd local show. It will be the largest gathering of flower growers and the biggest show ever held here.

It has been set up on traditional lines with novice, small amateur, large amateur and open divisions with separate divisions for roses and gladioli.

There also will be a large arrangement division with the sweepstakes winner receiving a dinner set. Incidentally, local growers got an advance jump by holding a class on arranging in charge of Mrs. J. C. Walker of Cleveland.

Our show manager is Mrs. Marie A. White, a Gold Star mother and the first woman ever to manage a show in the society's history. She also will be the first woman ever to be show chairman of a Mid-West affair.

The grand prize for the sweepstakes of the entire show will receive the Hon. W. E. Wells memorial award—a 95-piece eggshell dinner set from the Homer Laughlin China Co. of nearby Newell, W. Va.

The runner-up will be presented a 55-piece Cameo dinner set from the Harker Pottery Co.

Prizes also will be awarded for the largest and most perfect bloom, the largest bloom, largest and most perfect ball dahlia, smallest and most perfect, most perfect dahlia four to eight inches, most perfect miniature under four inches, most outstanding exhibit, best six-bloom of Mid-West origination, best bloom coming the greatest distance and the best bloom coming by air mail or air express.

The organization also is offering the American Home



GEORGE C. LAWRENCE, President, East Liverpool, Ohio, Dahlia Society and Midwest Conference.

Achievement medal for the best three-bloom undissected dahlias three or more years old.

However, the local group didn't stop there but is introducing a new class which may prove even more popular. The class, which will be known as the Ceramic Center of the World seedling class, is for the best three-bloom undissected dahlias of medium size, four to eight inches. The winner will be awarded a 50-piece dinner set. The rules provide the dahlia must be disseminated in 1949.

And last but far from least, and definitely NOT on the prize list, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is offering a trophy for the most outstanding exhibit in the entire show, is selecting a queen and her court to reign at the event.

Headquarters for the show will be in the Travelers Hotel and a banquet will be held Saturday night. Reservations may be made by writing to Harold J. Gallimore, Secretary, 1309 Smithfield Street, East Liverpool. Ask for a schedule too.

A tour for the visitors will include a visit to the River view Greenhouses where orchids may be seen in all stages of development. The firm's orchid industry started as a hobby and now is the largest in the state. The company ships orchids weekly to cities within a 450-mile radius. A visit to local dahlia gardens also is planned.

Incidentally, joint committees from the Central States Dahlia Society and the American Dahlia Society will confer here on establishing a uniform classification system.

A brief, geographical description reveals the city of hills and kilns is located on the eastern border of Ohio, adjoining Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It is on U. S. Route 30 approximately 40 miles from Pittsburgh.

The city is easily reached by bus lines which make connections with trains at Steubenville, Ohio, and Beaver,



Pa. Greyhound and All-American buses also provide service between Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

With a population of 27,500, the city is located in the middle of the great Pittsburgh-Youngstown steel-producing area although it itself is without a steel mill but is famed for its pottery products.

Such well-known and distinctive patterns in dinner ware as Homer Loughlin's Fiesta, Harker's Cameo and Taylor, Smith and Taylor's Lu-Ray with Sterling's and Wellsville China's hotel service ware, Hall's famous teapots and ovenware and Knowles' excellent general line of dinnerware are manufactured here plus many novelty items and artware.

The local society was organized March 12, 1926, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms with 21 charter members, three of whom are still active. They are J. T. Watkin, George H. Schepp and Thomas Anthony.

The present membership is nearly 500. The group meets monthly in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows building.

Officers are Leo Lawrence, president; John Eccleston, first vice-president; William Crane, second vice-president; Harold J. Gallimore, secretary; Mrs. John Keller, financial secretary, and George McCullough, treasurer.

Others assisting in arrangements are Mrs. Nell Gallimore, prize committee chairman; Frank Shone, membership; William Jobes, rose chairman; Frank Richmond, publicity, and Mr. Eccleston, advertising.

Regional chairmen are William S. Haugh, Wellsville, Ohio; J. D. Ross, Pittsburgh; Fred O. Jones, Canton, Ohio; Ed. O. Papesh, Cleveland; Harold Shanabrook, Massillon, Ohio; Carl Sattler, Toledo, Ohio; Andy Doerman, Cincinnati, C. Merrill Brown, Buffalo, N. Y.; Clarence R. Meyer, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Edward F. McDade, Scranton, Pa.; George R. Currie, Sheboygan, Wis.; C. M. Luebke, Bridgeport, W. Va.; Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmont, W. Va.; C. E. Faust, Atlanta, Ga.; Hazel May Walther, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Ward H. Cook, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Carrol H. Rose, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Carrie Dietz, Madison, Wis.; Max E. Freudenberg, McFarland, Wis.; David W. Radke, Chicago; Carl W. Simbritzke, Louisville, Ky.; E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay, Wis.; H. R. Simms, Sugar Creek, Mo.; James F. Shouse, Moline, Ill.; Thomas Manley, Wheeling, W. Va., and H. W. Johnson, Volant, Pa.

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## QUIZ CORNER

By J. LOUIS ROBERTS  
A.D.S. Vice-President

*Question:* How effective is the new spray for red spider, hexa ethyl tetra phosphate? Does it injure the dahlias?

*Answer:* Personally, I find it very good. Worked in combination with D.D.T. it almost gets rid of all insect pests. It doesn't seem to have any effect on the grasshopper. One dahlia grower reported to me that using a combination of HETP and DDT he hit a leaf hopper in flight. The hopper spiraled to the ground. He marked the place where the hopper fell and came back an hour later. The hopper was still there. The main difference in the Dow 17 spray and HETP seems to be that Dow 17 is for use when the temperature is under 80 degrees and HETP is a better hot weather spray. You do not have to be afraid to use HETP in hot weather. Merrill Brown in his article in the May issue gave you all the available information.

*Question:* I am a newcomer in dahlias. I would like to exhibit at our show. Can you give me some advice as to what to do?

*Answer:* I could use some too. Seriously if you mean as to cutting and bringing your blooms into the show here is what I would advise you. A couple of days before the show go through your planting and with the show's schedule and with light tags, tag the blooms you expect to take into the show. Check your shows' classification list and insert your section numbers on these light tags. Use pencil as this will be good enough for a few days. Ink would run if it gets wet. If you do not know your flowers by sight put the names on these tags. This will be a big help when you reach the busy preparation room of the show.

The night before the show cut your blooms and put them in the basement in cool water. Spray the blooms with cool clear water. Be sure and cut the stems long enough. Just before putting your blooms in the containers at the show cut the stem under water. I like this method better than boiling the ends of the stems. This boiling the ends of the stems doesn't mean that they are boiled but are held in hot, almost boiling water for about a minute before placing them in cold water the night before. If you use this later method be careful and don't let any steam hit the bloom.

*Question:* How can I prejudge my flowers before exhibiting them?

*Answer:* Don't leave your blooms on the bushes if they are not perfect. Take them into the show. I don't mean take something in that is very bad. It sometimes happens at show time that adverse weather conditions affect all the growers. Here is something to help you prejudge: Is the flower topheavy, lopsided, or uniform in shape? Two otherwise perfect blooms of the same variety, the larger should win in the large bloom class, and the smaller in the Pompon and Miniature class. Centers—are they open or poorly formed? Have the blooms been injured by spray insects or in handling? The backs will be examined to see if any petals have fallen out or have been plucked. Is the flower pendant or in a hanging position? What is the length of the stem to the first leaf? Don't strip off all the foliage. Does the foliage show ringspot or mosaic? These are all points that the judges look at.

## Highlights of the Dahlia News of 20 Years Ago, Taken from a Review of the July, 1927 BULLETIN

BY H. DEWEY MOHR, A.D.S., Vice-President

The front cover contains the Dahlia Border at The New York Botanical Garden in October 1926, showing the varieties, *Sherlock*, *Jean Chazot*, *Robert Scott*, *Countess of Lonsdale*, etc.

The Premium List of the 13th Annual Show, 1927, held at the 104th Field Artillery Armory, at 68th and 69th Streets and Broadway is contained in this issue. There are 10 Sections, which include 182 entries.

This issue contains the announcement of the retirement of J. J. Broomall of the Eagle Rock Dahlia Farm, Eagle Rock, Cal., owing to failing eyesight. Mr. Broomall announces that he has sold his business to Mr. Chas. G. Reed, the Proprietor of the Success Dahlia Gardens of Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. J. S. Vincent has the following alphabet for better dahlias: Attempt, Begin Right, Cut Long Stems, Do Not Neglect, Endeavor to Excel, Find the Right Way, Give Good Working, Have Good Varieties, Intense Care, Judgment Correct, Keep at It, Look for Better Cultural Plans, Make Honest Effort, Notice the Other Fellow, Occasionally Visit Competitors, Patience in Doubtful Times, Quick to See Better Ways, Reason Out Your Troubles, Stand by Your Own, Take Flowers to Exhibition, Use Common Sense, Visit Local Shows, Win Some Prizes, Expect to do Better Next Year, You Will Win by Zealously Trying.

The announcement of the first Field Day at Storrs, A.D.S. Trial Grounds, Saturday, Sept. 24, 1947. The committee consisted of Prof. Roland H. Patch, Wm. R. Sweeney, Prof. Geo. W. Fraser. Visitors could make a basket lunch party of it if preferred or could get lunch at the Cafeteria at the College.

## Baltimore Dahlia Society

Planting time means planning time and the members of the Baltimore Dahlia Society have been extremely busy getting things planted and planning for the shows. With the increase in membership and the enthusiasm being shown it can be said that baring hurricanes and storms we should have the finest gardens that we have had for many years.

President Brieger announced the Show dates as September 21 and 22, 1947, the show to be held in the Sears Community Building, Baltimore, Md.

The Show managers will be Louis Gill and Vincent Hush which assure success and they are working overtime on an enlarged schedule and planning to stage a show that will be equal to any.

Henry Cory, chairman of the committee of the Mid-Atlantic Trial Gardens reports not only a very fine lot of seedlings planted but also a large display of named varieties. Why not plan to stop off at the Mid-Atlantic Trial Gardens on your trip this summer particularly should you be going to or from Washington. The garden is located on the Campus of the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., which is on Route 1.

HERBERT O. ABURN, Secretary.

## National Capital Dahlia Society

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The National Capital Dahlia Society is pushing forward with plans for the Twelfth Annual Show which will be held at the U. S. Botanic Garden, Maryland Ave., and First Street, S. W., on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28. All dahlia growers are cordially invited to exhibit; if for any reason you are unable to exhibit be sure to attend the show.

The schedule committee advises that the schedules will be off the press in about ten days, and all growers interested in exhibiting may obtain a copy by contacting our president, Mr. J. Leslie Bowling, 815 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland. The schedule will provide for 417 classes which will cover about every conceivable class dahlias of all types can be exhibited in.

The awards committee under the able leadership of Dr. Henry C. Parker, reports that they have been very successful in the purchase of some very practical and worthwhile material which will include a "lawnmower," as prizes. Of course there will be some silver and gold trophies and medals but the committee has based most of their purchases with the thought in mind that they must be useful, which makes sense after you have won two or three cups.

Dahlias from all reports are doing exceptionally well in and around Washington this year, weather and rainfall being ideal for growing conditions. Not much complaint to date on insect injury with the exceptions of one or two members having trouble with stem borer, one member reporting as having cut out 18 one Sunday. It is of course somewhat early to report on the dreaded "red spider"; however most of the dahlia fans have in some way or another prepared themselves for the invasion and predict a complete victory this year. Four of the members including the writer pooled their resources and bought a gallon of "Hexcide" that was so highly recommended by Dr. C. Merrill Brown in the May issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin, so they should not lack for quantity of material if they can sum up the energy to spray it on the plants.

The Mid-Atlantic trial grounds located at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., have been moved to a more favorable piece of ground at the University and all the plants look healthy and vigorous. The trial ground will again be under the able and efficient supervision of Prof. Wm. Wood. Mr. Henry F. Cory will be chairman of judges.

JOHN L. BISHOP, Publicity Chairman.

## Irvington Dahlia Show

Reference to the Dahlia Show to be held in Irvington, September 18th. The show is sponsored by the Irvington Garden Club of the Department of Public Recreation.

There will be 90 Classes for Dahlias including the Achievement Medal class which has always attracted a number of entries.

Judges include Edward Brock, Dr. Ward H. Cook, Lynn B. Dudley, Max Hammerschlag, E. B. Lloyd, Harry McDonough, George Swezey and V. B. Voos.

Further information and schedules are available from Philip LeBoutillier at the Municipal Building, Irvington, New Jersey.

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## Long Island Dahlia Society

The Long Island Dahlia Society will hold its Third Annual All Dahlia Show on Saturday, September 27th, at Jamaica Hall, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

The schedule calls for 161 classes of which 16 classes has been set aside for Undisseminated Seedlings, including a class for The American Home Achievement Medal Award.

Besides Tri-Color and prize awards for each section there will also be 11 special prize awards, one of which is the Society's Gold Medal and the American Dahlia Society's Bronze Medal Certificate. The Society's gold medal will be awarded to the largest and best dahlia in the Show and the American Dahlia Society's bronze medal certificate will be awarded to the best vase of three Class B undisseminated dahlias.

The Test Garden Committee held their meeting Saturday, July 12th, at the Test Gardens, located at the spacious and most beautiful landscaped and flower planted property of the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture of Long Island at Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y. This garden will be known as The Long Island Dahlia Society's Test Garden. It is ideally located and can be reached by automobile via a half dozen fine landscaped state highways. This garden will be operated by students of the Institute in conjunction with the Test Garden Committee.

Although this Test Garden was only planted about June 12th, the plants looked marvelously well and the results showed the fine supervision given them by Messrs. Wedell and Rissmeyer of the Institute and the wonderful attention by the student assigned to this work."

O. J. AUMULLER, Secretary.

## Ohio Dahlia Society

The 13th and 14th of September are the dates for the Ohio Dahlia Society and the place is the Masonic Hall on the corner of 36th Street and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The fans are growing more dahlias in this section than ever before for our show in Cleveland and for the Midwest at East Liverpool, the following week.

Our premium list has just been completed. Mr. Papish tells me he has been very successful in obtaining cups, trophies, and other premiums, and among them is a gold cup to be awarded to the open-to-all sweepstakes winner.

Dahlia fans are expected from East to West and North to South and all in between, or at least we hope so, and we extend an invitation to all.

Our annual picnic will be held at the residence of Mrs. Cris Wind, Rocky River, Ohio, on the third Sunday of August.

As you know the Midwest at East Liverpool will be held the 20th and 21st of September in Memorial Auditorium, East Liverpool, Ohio. The premium list is the best ever and every sectional winner will win a really worthwhile award. Seventy-five reservations have already been made. Those of you who have not gotten your reservation should do so at once. Write to Harold Gallimore, East Liverpool, Ohio and you will be taken care of. Seedlings from all over the United States are being grown here. The undisseminated classes should be really worthwhile for those who grow the new varieties. Come to see them.

## Go East, Young Man

They say that character grows from high ideals. It evinces itself most conspicuously in daily commerce with those about us. The character of the people of the Ohio Valley is before them. It has been said that their hospitality is genuine. Evidently, this quality has spread to the pleasant city of East Liverpool which lies in the valley along the river front. Footpaths lead through metropolitan districts, green meadows, and lofty mountains to this new mecca of dahlia-dom. A yearly pilgrimage is about to end within the steadfastness of this interesting community. Here will be found great happiness, for these people are preparing for the feature act. They are alive, alert, not only preparing for a display of artistry in the growth of massive and beauteous blooms, but also, a fine selection of stately pottery to adorn them.

Obviously, the pilgrimage is on. Go East, young man, is in the air!

A great deal of East Liverpool's past history is concerned with the cultural development of the dahlia, which relationship is not fully realized at first glance. But, it is all sanctioned by years of tradition and constitutes a most pretentious claim to deserving fame in the realms of Dahlia-dom. It most certainly procreates a warm desire to visit there, to act, to live, participate, and share in the comprehensive plans of The Mid-West Conference. Yours is the priceless possession of it. Seize it as part of the living present.

Go East, young man, East, to East Liverpool!

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## Editorial

Few members except those who do the work realize the volume of business handled in connection with the management of the ADS.

There is for example enough detail work in the Secretary-Treas. office alone to keep a full time employee busy. Cost would be prohibitive. Hence, most of the work falls upon the shoulders of some of our Executives who receive no remuneration of any sort—most times not even a "thank you"!

Part time help worked out very well for a time chiefly because of the calibre of the young lady who took genuine interest in her work. When she was obliged to resign the tide turned and the help situation became a serious matter.

Dr. Ward Cook has been struggling single-handed for over a year with the combined office of Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Chairman of Classification Committee. His new position in full charge of important hospital work in Brooklyn resulted in his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of ADS, but he will, of course, continue to help guide the ADS ship in our Executive Committee.

The work will be carried on by A. J. Mulcahy, Secretary, and Henry Olsen, Treasurer.

We may send you a bill which possibly was already paid or slip up on your address in mailing the Bulletin. However, we are making a very careful check with our mailing house. Won't you please advise these officers of any matter which requires adjustment—you will receive prompt response and you will definitely help them in their

arduous tasks. The ADS wants to give each member prompt courteous service, and we are bending every effort to accomplish this.

## Something Unusual

The Southern States Dahlia Society will hold the first Southern Dahlia Show in the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, on October 3 and 4, 1947. This show will be sponsored by the Alabama Dahlia Society assisted by the Tennessee and Georgia Societies. Keen competition among the members of these three Societies during the past years for the silver cups have been fine but nothing to compare with the flowers that are being grown (under cover) by the members this year has ever aroused as much enthusiasm as is evidenced in the preparations that are being made to stage the largest and best dahlia show ever staged in the South.

Judges will include Mrs. Dorothy Biddle, Pleasantville, N. Y., Dewey Mohr, Rockville Center, N. Y., Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmount, W. Va., and E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio, and a number of others who are prominent growers of Tennessee and Georgia.

Many special awards are being made and invitations to show their blooms are extended to all growers. Special emphasis are being laid on the arrangement classes, which we hope will be the largest and best ever exhibited.

Schedules may be obtained from Dr. H. C. Rike, President, 1140 - 41st Street, Birmingham 8, Alabama, or from Nelson Crist, Secretary-Treasurer, 180 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta 2, Georgia.

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### Portland Dahlia Society

The Portland Dahlia Society lost one of its most distinguished members on June 10th, when Mr. W. C. Scrutton, of Estacada, Oregon passed away. Although Mr. Scrutton had not been well for some months his sudden death was a great shock to his friends and co-workers.

It can be said of few people, that they are irreplaceable, but Walter Scrutton was one of these few. His work with dahlias and in our Society was outstanding. He was the largest importer of foreign dahlias in the Northwest, and he introduced many new varieties from Australia and Europe. He specialized in small types, pompon, anemone and miniatures.

His code of ethics in the organization was beyond reproach and his advice and help were invaluable to many a new member.

It was largely due to Mr. Scrutton's painstaking efforts that the material for our booklet "Practical Dahlia Culture" was collected and printed. He was already planning a revised edition featuring colored plates and the results of tests now in progress on various phases of dahlia culture and storage.

He served as president in 1932 and held other offices throughout the years. He was one of our best judges and his interest in the shows was unflinching.

At present his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Scrutton, is carrying on the Estacada Dahlia Gardens, at Estacada, Oregon. She had worked with him constantly and has always been interested in both growing and showing dahlias.

The 1947 Dahlia Show will be held in the Sunken Ballroom of the Masonic Temple, on Saturday and Sun-

day, October 4 and 5. Mr. J. H. DeVolder will be general chairman.

MADGE B. KERSHISNIK, Secretary.

### Show Time at Scranton

Show time will find the members of Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society busy at the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium, September 12 and 13th. We look forward to these dates because we have an opportunity to greet our distant exhibitors and spend some time with them in reunion. This year's show will and must depict the innate possibilities of The Dahlia, because it has been elected to serve as the No. 1 flower of our town. Special classes and prizes are offered for baskets to feature The Dahlia as Scranton's first flower.

Once again the response to Nay Aug Park, our local trial grounds, brought seedlings and latest creations from all over the country. Field days will be planned at Nay Aug at show time. Over three hundred hills are under cultivation, in separate beds, designed in beautiful landscape. Mr. Earl Holmes acts as chairman, assisted by Charles Heusner, E. Lewis, Roy Webb, and Dr. McDade.

President Heusner has announced the addition of an award to our schedule. It will be given to the best medium seedling, under special class number. Additional information concerning this award can be secured from Show Chairman, Edw. F. McDade, M.D. The miniatures will be staged in a section by themselves. And, who will win the coveted awards? Time alone will tell. We are at your service and this is your invitation to brush up on your dahlias by attending the earliest major show in the East.

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## Dahlia Show Dates

August 23-24—Inglewood, Calif. Dahlia and Floral Society at the High School.

August 29-30—Orange County Dahlia Society, Y. M. C. A., Santa Ana, Calif.

August 30-31—San Leandro Dahlia Society at San Leandro, Calif.

September 7—Rochester Dahlia Society, Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, N. Y.

September 12-13—Northeastern Penna. Dahlia Society, Y. W. C. A., Scranton, Pa.; The Penn. R. R. Garden Club, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 13—South Jersey Floricultural Society, Laurel Springs, N. J.

September 13-14—Dahlia Society of Kentucky, Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

September 13-14—Ohio Dahlia Society, Masonic Hall, Cleveland, Ohio; Indianapolis Dahlia Society at Indianapolis. (Brookside Community House).

September 18—Irvington Garden Club, Irvington, N. J.

September 19-20—Burholme Horticultural Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

September 20—Dahlia Society of New Jersey at Kearney, N. J.

September 20-21—Midwest Dahlia Show at East Liverpool, Ohio.

September 23-24—American Dahlia Society Show, Penn. Top, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.

September 26-27—Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society, Camden County Vocational School, Merchantville, N. J.

September 27—Long Island Dahlia Society, Jamaica Hall, 168-15 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

September 27-28—National Capitol Dahlia Society, U. S. Botanic Gardens, Washington, D. C.; Tennessee Dahlia Society, Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, Paramount Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohio; Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society at St. Louis.

October 3-4—Dahlia Society of Georgia, Atlanta Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Ga.

October 4-5—Portland Dahlia Society, Masonic Temple, Portland, Ore.; Dahlia Society of Alabama, at Birmingham, Alabama. (Southern Dahlia Conference).

October 7-10—Virginia Dahlia Society, Atlantic Rural Exposition, Richmond, Va.

## Alabama Dahlia News

Alabama dahlia folks have been as busy as bees getting things in shape so as to get off to a good start. They have their eyes set on the 1947 Show, October 4th and 5th, at the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. This show will be extra special as the Alabama Dahlia Society is host at the first Southern States Dahlia Association Show. Tennessee and Georgia societies are joining the Alabama society in this important step forward in dahlia culture here in the South. Plans are shaping up nicely and all are looking forward with much pleasure in having as judges several from other sections of our country.

Never, since the Alabama society was organized twelve years ago has so much enthusiasm been shown. Never have so many been at the regular monthly meetings. Never have so many dahlias been planted as this year. Both old and new varieties will be found in abundance in dahlia gardens this year. Due to the efforts of Mrs. H. C. Rike,



many garden clubs are interested in small dahlias and their use in making beautiful arrangements. From all indications this section of Alabama will be "bustin' out all over" with dahlias this fall.

The Dahlia Society of Alabama cordially extends a hearty invitation to all dahlia lovers to visit in Birmingham, October 4th and 5th. Come South, folks, come South.

MAUDE GOODWIN, Reporter.

### Orange County (Calif.) Dahlia Society

The members of the Orange Co. Dahlia Society have spent the past three months busy in the preparation of their ground and the planting of their dahlias. Now the results of their labor is apparent. The beautiful blooms in the various gardens show the careful preparation was well worth the effort.

The big thing in the near future that all are looking forward to and preparing for is the Sixth Annual Dahlia Show sponsored by the Society. The show will be presented to the general public August 29th and 30th, at the Y. M. C. A., Sixth and Sycamore Streets, in Santa Ana, Calif. We have held three tuber and plant auctions in the past several months to raise money to put on the show. The various committees have been busy and good progress has been reported. E. A. B. Smith is the show manager, and he has four assistant managers to help him. We are building 18 new tables for display purposes in the show, so as to save the hard work of borrowing so many

tables every year. The committee on awards has procured a number of cups and plaques to be awarded the winners of the various divisions. Arrangements have been made for the presentation of the American Home Achievement award for the best seedling. The judges have been selected and a very competent group they are. We are looking forward to a very successful show. All who are in this part of the country are invited to attend the show.

The exhibition garden of the Society is about in full bloom now. We have about 50 more clumps this year than last and the Garden is attracting much attention from visitors to Santa Ana. In September we expect to take a number of gardens tours, both in Orange Co. and in neighboring counties. These tours are a highlight of the year for us. All who can are cordially invited to visit our show on the 29th and 30th of August.

ELDAR McNEIL, Corresponding Secretary, O.C.D.S.

### Invoicing Delayed

In the near future invoices for dues will be placed in the mails. Quite a few members are delinquent on back dues. Will you kindly remit just as soon as you have checked the invoice as our heavy show expenses are just ahead. If perchance we will have billed you for an item already paid, you will help us greatly if instead of ignoring the bill, you will be so kind as to notify the treasurer by postcard. This cooperation will be very much appreciated.

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