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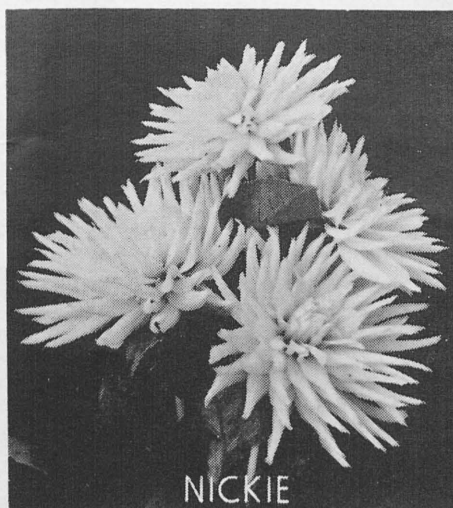
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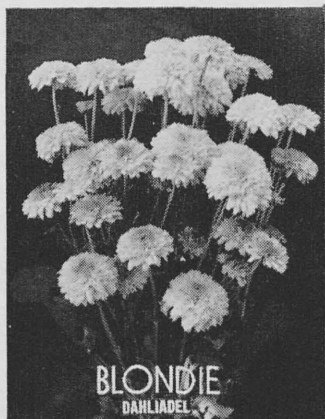
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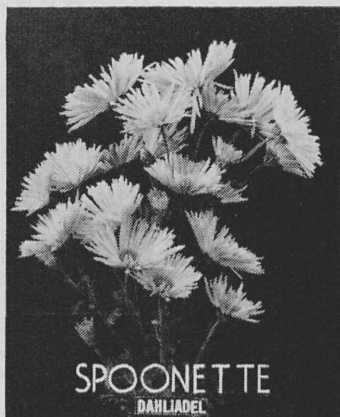
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A.D.S. Winter Activities

Annual Meeting

The American Dahlia Society met in annual session—its thirty-third—January 18, 1947. The meeting was held in Conference Room 2, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City and was called to order at 3:10 P. M., by the President, Gordon F. Waaser. Fifty-five members attended.

The minutes of the last meeting as published in the BULLETIN (February 1946) were approved.

The Treasurer's report showed all bills paid and a substantial cash balance on hand. Although receipts during the year were in excess of disbursements this has been accomplished in large part by reducing the outlay for secretarial service in order to meet the anticipated rising costs of publication of the BULLETIN. The annual show was conducted without financial loss due to an increase in gate receipts and the generous support of a large number of members. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Secretary again pointed to the need for additional funds in order to improve the efficiency of his office in its service to the members and to the dahlia. The activity of the Membership Committee during the past year has, however, been of distinct aid in securing new members as well as in handling much incidental correspondence.

The President asked for the report of the Committee of Tellers. Mr. Olsen responded and announced that a count of the ballots showed the election of the candidates for office proposed by the Nominating Committee. This report was accepted by vote of the Society.

Mr. Waaser, continued in office as President, then called for reports of the standing committees.

Finance Committee—Mr. Mohr, chairman, commented favorably on the financial condition of the Society despite increased operating costs.

Show Committee—The show manager, Mr. Olsen, said that the success of the 1946 Show did not reflect a one man effort, but was due to the effective cooperation of many. He predicted a better Show than ever in 1947.

Publicity Committee—Dr. Knocke stressed the importance of year-around publicity. Every member of the A.D.S. should consider himself a member of the committee to keep dahlia interest before the public.

Membership Committee—As chairman, Mr. Mulcahy thanked all who have sent in new members and names of prospective members. He reported a substantial increase in the roster of members and commented upon membership activity in Canada. He noted also that not a few members have sent in from one to five memberships as gifts to friends in commemoration of Christmas, birthdays or anniversaries. When Miss Maude Wilson referred to one woman who had insisted upon dropping her membership because of a feeling that women were discriminated against in the affairs of the Society, the President stated that women are most welcome and called attention to the increasingly active part which they are taking both as successful exhibitors in the shows and as officers of the Society. Five members of the Executive Committee are women and a woman is to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner tonight. One woman member observed that it was only by becoming a member

of the A.D.S. herself that she had interested her husband in dahlias.

Trial Garden Committee—Mr. Dudley announced sadly that the original official Trial Garden successfully conducted at Storrs, Connecticut since 1919 and one of the most treasured activities of the A.D.S., must cease operation due to the decision of the University of Connecticut that under present conditions its continued maintenance is no longer practical. Mr. Dudley also reported that the entry fee for varieties sent to the Trial Gardens has been increased to \$5.00, which still does not nearly cover the cost of service. He announced, too, the approval of a Southeastern Trial Garden under the sponsorship of the Dahlia Society of Georgia.

Dean Oliver Shurtleff in reporting upon the operation of the Mid-South Trial Garden, favored the increase in the entry fee, which he thought might tend to keep inferior dahlias "at home" without discouraging the submission of really worthy varieties to test. He spoke feelingly upon the loss of the garden at Storrs and of the consequently increased work and responsibility of the other Trial Gardens.

Mr. Cory reported for the Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden sponsored by the Baltimore Dahlia Society in conjunction with the University of Maryland. Changes in personnel at the University necessitated an abrupt change in management of the garden. This fact, coupled with physical disturbances due to large scale building activity at the University and untoward weather at planting time, resulted in delaying the planting to June 7th instead of the intended May 15th. Shortages in supplies contributed to unsatisfactory growth. Moreover, it developed that the fertility of the ground selected had been exhausted by its previous use as a strawberry bed. A more favorable location has been found for the coming season. Finally a cloudburst in September almost ruined the garden. Dr. Parker of Washington, D. C., felt that the lack of a sprinkling system was important and promised that this would be provided in 1947. He expressed confidence that no one need be afraid to send seedlings to College Park, Maryland.

Mr. Dudley concluded the report of his committee by speaking feelingly of all that goes into testing a new dahlia, especially of the unselfish, hard work of many devoted people. While the generosity of many members during their life-time activity has contributed so largely to the successful work of the Society, the time is ripe to seek a larger endowment to support its work. He suggested that favorable rates could be secured for group life insurance policies by the members with the A.D.S. as beneficiary and that such a plan should be pursued.

Derrill Hart Medal Committee—Mr. Webb credited the cooperation of the members of his committee, the Trial Garden superintendents and the officers of the Society, in securing prompt results this year. He announced the following winners of the medal for 1946:

Large variety—*Clara Hook*, originated by William Wolbert; introducer, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

Medium variety: *Deep Velvet*, originated by George Baker; introducer, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.

Small variety—*Fuchsia Gem*, originated by Nick Koenig; introducer, Lakeside Gardens.

We Can Lick Red Spider

Education Committee: Prof. Brown referred to progress in insecticides with particular reference to the control of red spider. He reminded the Society of his warning last year as to the danger of red spider infestation if DDT is used, and affirmed that DDT did just what had been promised. It killed what it was supposed to kill and increased red spider, yet gave the best blooms ever seen. Dow Spray 17 if used *properly* in conjunction with DDT, is safe and effective. However, if Dow Spray 17 is used it must be applied as a fine spray with a power sprayer under 250 lbs. pressure, so as to give a fine mist that will not condense on the foliage and flowers, otherwise they will be burned. Other di-nitro compounds are effective but are injurious to plants. "Lorrol" (Dupont) may harden and stunt plants. "Selocide" tends to poison the soil. Recent experiments with hexa-ethyl-tetraphosphate—which the American occupation forces found being developed as a by-product of certain German fertilizer works—indicate that it will give 93 to 100 per cent control of red spider in dilutions as high as 1:2,000. This chemical, under the trade name of "Hexicide", and possibly under other brand names, will be available the coming season at a probable price of \$20 per gallon. At the rate of one-half teaspoonful per gallon, 4 ounces should be sufficient for the average garden for one season at a cost of about \$1.00. It is compatible with DDT in liquid mixture, but is not useful as a dust and must be used within four hours of the time the solution is made up. It works like nicotine as a contact poison and has no residual effect. Since it is not effective against eggs of red spider, spraying must be repeated after four to five days to control infestation. There is some danger from inhalation of the mist and the spray is irritating to the skin, although it can be readily washed off. It may be used at any time of the day, regardless of weather. Incidentally, DDT purchased as 50 per cent miscible powder, sufficient for one season for 1,500 dahlias, will cost about \$1.00 to \$1.50. Thus the total cost for completely effective spray materials for this size dahlia garden will be not more than \$2.50.

Prof. Brown's observation that, "Now that we have what we need to lick the bugs, what we need is better methods to winter our stock", brought on animated discussion by exponents of favorite procedures, with the usual lack of agreement.

However, Mr. Beals promised that no dahlia visitors to Chicago would be able to see any red spiders after the entertainment they would receive.

A telegram from the East Liverpool Dahlia Society was read, inviting all to participate in the Mid-West Conference Show next September, assuring adequate accommodations and memorable experience.

Mr. Beals raised the question of the present uncertainty in standardizing of colors, calling attention to the fact that the British color chart, now obtainable, contains terms not readily understood by Americans. The point was made by others that, although Ridgeway's chart is the official standard of the A.D.S. and of various other horticultural societies, its terms are difficult, if not impossible, to harmonize with other charts and, moreover, Ridgeway is not generally available.

Mrs. Van Hoesen complained that the bulletins of most horticultural organizations continue to carry an obsolete list of officers for the A.D.S. Moreover, although four pages are devoted to the A.D.S. in the hand book, which is required reading in the currently conducted school for judges, this also lists A.D.S. officers six or seven years out of date. Others wondered if the remaining information carried therein about the American Dahlia Society was similarly outdated.

No resolutions were offered on these matters and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

WARD H. COOK, Secretary.

A.D.S. Officers—1947

Accepting the report of the Tellers' Committee, by Henry Olsen, chairman, the officers for 1947 were announced at the Annual Meeting of the Society:

President—Gordon F. Waaser, Freeport, L. I., N. Y.
Secretary-Treasurer: Ward H. Cook, M. D., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Trustee to 1950—George W. Fraser, Willimantic, Conn.

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E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen, Fanwood, N. J.
 F. V. R. Viers, Canton, Ohio.
 John S. Vincent, White Marsh, Md.
 Roy W. Webb, Scranton, Pa.
 George Swezey, Columbia, New Jersey.
 C. E. Wildon, East Lansing, Mich.
 E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio.

A.D.S. Annual Dinner

Planning was more difficult this year than ever before. Hence, instead of applauding Dewey Mohr in the closing paragraph of this report, as in days gone by, we start with a well done, Dewey.

The site was quite ideal for our requirements—the lovely Georgian Room of the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, with its equally important adjoining reception room.

Following well attended and interesting meetings of first the Executive Committee in the morning and then our Annual Meeting for all the membership of the A.D.S., we assembled at seven for dinner.

The invocation was pronounced by Henry Cory, an officer in a large Baltimore church.

During and immediately following the dinner, all the old songs (and some new ones) were sung by the A.D.S. Choral Society (meaning all the members and friends present), accompanied by an accordionist-singer from the WOR staff.

The best attended dinner in many years also boasted (or did not boast) of the fact that there were present the least number of past presidents who flanked the speakers' table. Introduced for a bow (and very well received) were Lynn B. Dudley, Conrad Frey and Edward B. Lloyd, the immediate predecessors of the present administration.

The toastmaster, Gordon F. Waaser, introduced Mrs. Georgena Humble, whose success in the Garden Club Section is very well known.

Mrs. Humble told us in very well chosen words that the A.D.S. was about to depart from a time-honored custom of awarding the Society's Gold Medal to a man for outstanding achievement. This time a lady was to be honored—one who has endeared herself to all the members over a long period of years—Mrs. George Green of Connecticut. Mrs. Humble related many details regarding the devotion to the Dahlia and loyalty to the A.D.S. which has been an important part of Mrs. Green's life throughout all the years of the Society's existence. Mrs. Green accepted the beautiful medal with a short but lovely speech.

Roy Webb announced the names of the winners of the Derrill Hart Medal, and the medals were presented by Lynn B. Dudley, Trial Gardens Chairman.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Ward B. Cook, took as his subject "The Value of a Hobby." He developed some very interesting facts, a few of which are not generally realized.

Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen handled the assignment of a little recognition surprise as only she can. (And say, if some of you Dahlia Societies are seeking a gifted speaker, here is the tip!). She spoke about the outstanding and ever-willing service rendered to the A.D.S. by two ladies who never fail us when the job is to be done and then presented to each—Mrs. Georgena Humble and Mrs. Henry Olsen—a beautiful electric broiler, the



MRS. GEORGE GREEN received the A.D.S. Gold Medal for outstanding service, devotion and loyalty to the dahlia and to the Society. Presentation featured our annual dinner. This photo was taken by the N. Y. Times at the A.D.S. 1946 Show. Mrs. Green's dahlia arrangement was tri-color winner.

first distributed since the war by a famed name manufacturer. The gifts were received very graciously.

Following a careful selection from all the Kodachromes furnished by a long list of A.D.S. photogs, Lynn Dudley operated his new Viewlex projector and we did see about as fine a group of Dahlia pictures as could be garnered. They were brilliant, clear and of uniformly good color. As an added treat, Henry Olsen showed us his superb collection of pictures of the World's Fair and an unusual group from our nation's Capitol. Toward the close, when one of Henry's very best color photos of the World's Fair was projected, applause burst from several sections of the room simultaneously—it indicated the unusual treat which the toastmaster had forecast.

A.D.S. Schedule and Classification

As we go to press, work is progressing and we hope to publish these lists at an early date.

There will be greater provision for large mass display arrangements.

Also it is contemplated to "break up" our red classes to separate the dark red or maroon from the present "all red" classes.

There is a genuine desire on the part of the A.D.S. and the Central States Dahlia Society to get together and try to work out a uniform classification which will eliminate the differences now existing between the two compilations.

A very interesting discussion at the executive meeting resulted in our carrying out a provision we voted a long time ago, to appoint one committee of two members of each Society, who in turn would themselves appoint one additional member to confer and work out the necessary details. As this work gets under way, we will report its progress.

News and Notes of the A.D.S. Trial Grounds

Storrs Trial Ground Discontinued

New One Established in Georgia— Entry Fee Increased to \$5.00

The A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds, established in 1919 at Storrs, Connecticut, will not be in operation for 1947 or thereafter. Professor H. A. Rollins, head of Plant Industries at the University of Connecticut, advised the A.D.S. of this decision of the faculty just before the A.D.S. annual meeting. Dr. C. G. Keyes of the University, attended the meeting and explained that the diversification of interests in changing the school from an Agricultural Experiment Station to a university plus the difficulty in securing sufficient teaching and operational staff for the greatly enlarged membership was responsible for the decision.

"While we regret the necessity of this step," wrote Dr. Rollins, "it is our ambition to continue with a dahlia display garden of a few of the outstanding varieties. The roots of these varieties would be available for root storage studies when storage facilities are provided in the new greenhouse range. If members of the A.D.S. would be willing to furnish roots and plants of a few dahlia varieties each year, it would be much appreciated.

"We sincerely hope," concluded Dr. Rollins, "that the University of Connecticut can continue, through Dr. C. G. Keyes, to be of service to the American Dahlia Society."

All members of A.D.S. and others who have for nearly 30 years sent seedlings to Storrs for entry for A.D.S. Certificates of Merit, will sincerely regret that this trial ground will no longer be in operation.

A NEW TRIAL GROUND IN GEORGIA

At the November meeting of the A.D.S. Executive Committee, the application for an A.D.S. official Trial Ground by the Dahlia Society of Georgia, a branch society of the A.D.S., was approved.

More than the one year preliminary test requirement having been completed by the Georgia Society, it was felt that a new trial ground in this section would be of great service to dahlia growers.

The garden will be located at the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station, Georgia. It will be under the supervision of the horticultural staff of the Experiment Station with Dr. F. F. Cowart in charge. It will be supervised by a Technical Advisory Committee on dahlia culture, a committee of judges and a committee on awards, under the affiliations committee of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, B. E. Phillips, Chairman.

It is fortunate that with the discontinuance of the Storrs Trial Ground, we can announce the addition of the Georgia Trial Grounds. We believe that this garden will be most successful under the able guidance of the very interested group in the Georgia Society.

OTHER TRIAL GROUND LOCATIONS

A new trial grounds in the northwest section of the U. S. is being planned and may be later announced.

Two new locations in the East are being considered for A.D.S. Trial Grounds. At this writing we do not know if one or more can be placed in operation for 1947. If so, an announcement will be made in the May Bulletin.

HOW TO SEND YOUR SEEDLINGS TO THE A.D.S. TRIAL GROUNDS

Write gardens selected from list below and ask for entry blanks. About May 15 send three (3) plants or roots, carefully packed, carriage prepaid to each of the gardens you select. Mail entry blanks and \$5.00 for each separate variety entered. This rate for many years has remained at \$3.00 per variety, but as this does not begin to pay cultural costs, the A.D.S. trial gardens superintendents asked A.D.S.'s approval to raise the entry fee to \$5.00 which was approved.

The five A.D.S. Trial Gardens are:

Midwest Trial Grounds, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. Attention C. E. Wildon.

Midsouth Dahlia Trial Grounds, Fairmount College, Fairmount, W. V. Attention Dean Oliver Shurtleff.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Trial Grounds, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact or write O. W. Mills, 3628 Kroger Ave., Cincinnati, or Robert Seibel, Supt. of Trial Grounds.

Mid-Atlantic Trial Grounds, University of Maryland, attention Herbert O. Aburn, 610 W. Pratt St., Baltimore 1, Md., or write Henry Cory, Lithicum Heights A.A.C., Maryland.

South Atlantic Trial Grounds, Georgia Experimental Station, Experiment, Georgia. Attention Dr. F. F. Cowart or write B. E. Phillips, 1570 Westwood Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

80 to 85 Scores at Storrs

Storrs Dahlia Trial Garden varieties scoring between 80 and 85:

GLADYS MARIE. Stake Nos. 10, 11 and 12. Large Semi-Cactus, entered by W. A. Harrah, Star Route, Beckley, W. Va. (A82.00). Light greenish-yellow, clear and bright. Plants slender and erect, free-flowering. Stem 12 in. to 26 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 10 in. across and 2½ in. to 3½ in. deep. Height 8 ft. 2 in.

HAWTHORNE. Stake Nos. 34, 35 and 36. Formal Decorative, entered by W. L. Elkins, 3614 Hawthorne Ave., Richmond, Va. (B80.00). Spectrum Red to Scarlet Red. Sturdy plants and vigorous, with free-flowering habit. Stems long, graceful, 6 in. to 21 in. Flowers 2½ in. to 4½ in. across, 1 in. to 2 in. in depth. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

ANNE ERCHINGER. Stake Nos. 43, 44 and 45. Formal Decorative, entered by Mrs. E. R. Campbell, 1520 Yew St., Olympia, Wash. (B80.00). Tyrian Pink to Rose Color. Very full, bushy habit of growth, free flowering habit. Stem strong, erect, 3 in. to 14 in. long. Flowers 2½ in. to 5½ in. across and 1 in. to 1¾ in. in depth. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

LITTLE MOHEE. Stake Nos. 49, 50 and 51. Miniature Formal Decorative, entered by Mrs. E. R. Campbell, 1520 Yew St., Olympia, Wash. (M80.80). Peach

Red. Low compact plants, possibly carrying virus. Late, but free-flowering. Stems $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 12 in. long, rather succulent. Flowers $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. across and 1 in. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in depth. Height 3 ft. 10 in.

MURIEL M. Stake Nos. 61, 62 and 63. Informal Decorative, entered by Frank D. Marker, 16 Jerome Pl., Upper Montclair, N. J. (A81.00). Lemon Yellow. Strong upright habit of growth with stout stems. Free-flowering. Stems strong but crooked, 4 in. to 20 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 9 in. across and 2 in. to 4 in. in depth. Height 4 ft. 7 in.

TAYLOR'S VARIEGATED. Stake Nos. 64, 65 and 66. Formal Decorative, entered by Adrian P. Taylor, 921 Garfield St., Santa Anna, California. (B83.50). Rosalane Pink; flecked Rhodamine Purple. Compact plants, vigorous. Free-flowering. Stems 4 in. to 16 in. long, strong, erect, and graceful. Flowers 5 in. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. across; $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 in. in depth. Height 3 ft. 10 in.

ABBOTT. Stake Nos. 76, 77 and 78. Semi-Cactus, entered by Ballego & Zonen, Leiden, Bloemhove, Holland. (B80.125). Color Carmine. Short, erect habit of growth; late but rather free-flowering. Stems strong, erect, graceful, 5 in. to 15 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 9 in. across and 1 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 2 in.

JOHAN EBBINGE. Stake Nos. 82, 83 and 84. Informal Decorative, entered by Ballego & Zonen, Leiden, Bloemhove, Holland. (B80.00). Mallow Purple. Open habit of growth, thin at the top. Free-flowering. Stems strong, erect, 6 in. to 21 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 9 in. in diameter and 2 in. to 3 in. in depth. Height 5 ft. 4 in.

JO BLAAUW. Stake Nos. 85, 86 and 87. Semi-Cactus, entered by Ballego & Zonen, Leiden, Bloemhove, Holland. (B81.00). Begonia Rose—Healthy, vigorous, erect plants. Free-flowering. Stems strong and graceful, 7 in. to 18 in. long. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 8 in. across and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. Height 4 ft. 10 in.

MOTHER BALLEGO. Stake Nos. 94, 95 and 96. Semi-Cactus, entered by Ballego & Zonen, Leiden, Bloemhove, Holland. (B84.00). Spectrum Red. Compact, bushy plants, healthy and vigorous. Very free-flowering. Stems strong, graceful, erect, 8 in. to 16 in. long. Flowers 6 in. to $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. across and 1 in. to 2 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

NO. 38. Stake Nos. 100, 101 and 102. Informal Decorative, entered by Ernest E. Tooker, 100 Windsor Ave., Rockville Centre, N. Y. (A80.00). Pale Chalcendony Yellow. Tall, bushy plants, somewhat succulent. Late and shy flowering habit. Stems strong, erect, graceful, 17 in. long. Flowers $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. across, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. Height 5 ft. 1 in.

GRAND CHAMPION. Stake Nos. 112, 113 and 114. Semi-Cactus, entered by Kemp's Gardens, Little Silver, N. J. (A80.00). Deep Chrome; reverse Flame Scarlet. Tall, bushy and dense habit of growth, only moderately free-flowering. Stems strong but crotchky, 11 in. to 18 in. long. Flowers 9 in. to 13 in. across, $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 6 ft. 3 in.

MARJOLEYN. Stake Nos. 136, 137 and 138. Informal Decorative, entered by J. G. Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland. (M82.00). Rose Color, base of petals Lemon Color. Dwarf, bushy plants producing abundant flowers. Stems 3 in. to 19 in. long. Flowers $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 4 in. across and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. to $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep. Height 3 ft. 8 in.

HAILE SELASSIE. Stake Nos. 139, 140 and 141. Semi-Cactus, entered by Peter Husby, 3707 Smith St.,

Everett, Wash. (A83.00). Victoria Red to Oxblood Red. Rugged, strong, vigorous growth. Floriferousness average. Stem strong, 8 in. to 19 in. long. Flowers 8 in. to 10 in. across and 2 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

SNOW FLURRY. Stake Nos. 142f, 143 and 144. Semi-Cactus, entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, 203 Oakley St., Cambridge, Maryland. (A81.00). White. Poor, weak, growth. Floriferousness shy. Stems strong, 5 in. to 15 in. long. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 11 in. across and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 3 ft. 1 in.

NO. 600. Stake Nos. 154, 155 and 156. Informal Decorative, entered by Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, Pa. (A80.00). Green Yellow, edge of petals Buff Yellow. Compact weak growth. Floriferousness fair. Stems crotchky, 8 in. to 11 in. long. Flowers 8 in. to 10 in. across, and 2 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

NO. 200. Stake Nos. 157, 158 and 159. Semi-Cactus, entered by Chris J. Poulous, 235 Power Rd., Pawtucket, R. I. (B82.00). Pomegranate Purple and Yellow. Bushy, compact, succulent growth. Floriferousness shy, late. Stems strong, 8 in. to 21 in. long. Flowers 5 in. to 8 in. across, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

NO. 201. Stake Nos. 160, 161 and 162. Incurved Cactus, entered by Chris J. Poulous, Power Rd., Pawtucket, R. I. (A81.00). Geranium Pink, Lemon Yellow at base of petals. Tall succulent growth, poor proportion. Floriferousness average. Stems long, weak, 7 in. to 31 in. long. Flowers 6 in. to 12 in. across, and 2 in. to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. Height 6 ft. 2 in.

NO. 600. Stake Nos. 163, 164 and 165. Informal Decorative, entered by Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, Pa. (A80.00). Green Yellow, edge of petals Buff Yellow. Compact weak growth. Floriferousness fair. Stems crotchky, 8 in. to 11 in. long. Flowers 8 in. to 10 in. across, and 2 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 5 ft.

C-41. Stake Nos. 166, 167 and 168. Semi-Cactus, entered by Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, Pa. (A81.00). Empire Yellow. Poor proportion, leathery plant. Floriferousness shy. Stems strong, crooked, 6 in. to 17 in. long. Flowers 6 in. to 8 in. across and 2 in. to $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep. Height 4 ft. 8 in.

V-200. Stake Nos. 169, 170, 171. Formal Decorative, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. (A83.00). Buff Yellow, healthy, vigorous, rugged growth, good proportion. Floriferousness good. Stems strong, 9 in. to 16 in. long. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 10 in. across and 2 in. to 4 in. deep. Height 5 ft. 7 in.

V-185. Stake Nos. 172, 173, 174. Informal Decorative, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. (A80.00). Carrot red and Apricot yellow. Good growth. Floriferousness good. Stems weak, 5 in. to 12 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 10 in. across and 2 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft.

RED TORNADO, T-80. Stake Nos. 178, 179 and 180. Incurved Cactus, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. (A80.00). Amaranth Purple. Bush, compact growth. Floriferousness shy. Stems weak, 12 in. to 14 in. long. Flowers 7 in. across and 1 in. to 2 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

NO. 90. Stake Nos. 187, 188 and 189. Informal Decorative, entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (B82.00). Picric Yellow, streaked and flecked with Mars Orange. Poor, weak, succulent growth. Florifer-

ousness average. Stems strong, erect, graceful, 12 in. to 21 in. long. Flowers 5 in. to 9 in. across and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

NO. 99. Stake Nos. 193, 194 and 195. Formal Decorative, entered by Dahlidel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. (M83.00). Tyrian Pink. Weak, succulent growth. Floriferousness fair. Stems erect, $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 8 in. long. Flowers $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 3 in. across and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. Height 2 ft. 7 in.

NO. 24. Stake Nos. 196, 197 and 198. Informal Decorative, entered by Henry F. Cory, Linthicum Heights, Baltimore, Md. (A84.00). Pale, Pinkish Lilac. Weak, succulent growth. Floriferousness fair. Stems strong, crooked, 12 in. to 14 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. across, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 5 ft. 10 in.

SEPTEMBER. Stake Nos. 202, 203 and 204. Informal Decorative, entered by The Rainbow Gardens, James D. Burns, Prop., P. O. Box 157, Garfield St., N. Bellmore, N. Y. (A84.00). Deep Chrome speckled Peach Red; reverse Peach Red. Low growing plants of strong, spreading habit and rather shy in flower production. Stems strong, erect, 6 in. to 19 in. long. Flowers 7 in. to 10 in. across and 2 in. to 3 in. deep. Height 4 ft. 2 in.

SNOW WHITE. Stake Nos. 205, 206 and 207. Ball, entered by Andrew Doermann, N. Trevor Ave., Cheviot (Cincinnati) Ohio. (B84.00). White. Open, slender habit of growth and free-flowering. Stems rather weak, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 15 in. long. Flowers $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 5 in. across and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. in depth. Height 4 ft. 5 in.

ELODIE K. Stake Nos. 229, 230, 231. Semi-Cactus, entered by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (B82.00). Shrimp Pink with Lemon Yellow at base of petals. Good erect growth, with late and scant flower production. Stems strong and erect, 8 in. to 17 in. long. Flowers $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 6 in. across and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 2 in. deep. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

ROSEMARY DE CAMP. Stake Nos. 235, 236 and 237. Semi-Cactus, entered by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (A83.00). Orange Chrome. Healthy vigorous growth. Stems strong and erect, 9 in. to 21 in. long. Floriferousness good, flowers 7 in. to 11 in. across and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 5 ft. 5 in.

FUZZY WUZZY. Stake Nos. 238, 239 and 240. Formal Decorative, entered by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (M83.00). Rose Doree and Lemon Yellow. Weak growth. Stems strong and erect, 7 in. to 15 in. long. Floriferousness shy and late. Flowers $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. across and 1 in. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep. Height 4 ft. 6 in.

B-45. Stake Nos. 241, 242 and 243. Formal Decorative, entered by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. (B83.00). White. Low, compact plant with somewhat succulent growth. Stems strong and erect, 5 in. to 13 in. long. Floriferousness fair. Flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 7 in. across and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 2 in. deep. Height 3 ft. 11 in.

ALABAMA MOON. Stake Nos. 247, 248 and 249. Formal Decorative. Entered by Dr. H. C. Rike, 1140 41st St., Belview, Birmingham, Alabama. (B83.00). Pale Lemon Yellow. Short and weak plant. Stems weak and crooked, 7 in. to 14 in. long. Floriferousness average. Flowers $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 8 in. across and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 3 in. deep. Height 3 ft. 8 in.

Report of the Mid-West Dahlia Trial Gardens

By Professor C. E. Wildon

There were 71 entries in the Mid-West Dahlia Trial Gardens at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, for the 1946 season. The greatest number of entries came from Michigan originators. Following is the number of entries by States:

Michigan, 19; New Jersey, 9; Ohio, 8; Indiana, 7; Illinois, 5; Washington, 4; Iowa, 4; New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 4; Alabama, 1; California, 1; Maryland, 2; New Mexico, 1; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

Much credit for the fine judging work must be given the judges and the trial garden committee.

The annual meeting for the review of the season's judging was held at the Horticultural Building, Michigan State College, East Lansing, on October 19th. Slides of all entries were shown during the meeting. The photographer this season was Dwight Murphy, graduate student in floriculture. After the meeting the judges and committee were served a fine dinner at the Hunt Food Shop, East Lansing. Twenty-three were present for meeting and dinner.

1946 TRIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

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1946 Certificate Awards at Mid-West Dahlia Trial Gardens

VICTORY ECLIPSE. Stake 4. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 86A. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Shipshewana, Indiana. Color sulfur yellow lightly flushed light mallow purple. General effect

autumn. Stem very short, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, strong. Diameter of blooms $8\frac{1}{4}$ -10 inches; depth 6-7 inches. Height of plants to 57 inches. Spread 47 inches. Flowering habit good. Health excellent. Heavy, strong foliage.

SCARLET BLAZE. Stake 5. Formal decorative. Score 85B. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Shipshewana, Indiana. Color pale greenish yellow completely overcast Amaranth pink. General effect scarlet red to peach. Stem 6- $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, strong, dark, thick. Flower facing to almost erect. Diameter of blooms $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 inches. Height of plants to 72 inches, spread 3 ft. Flowering habit very good. Health excellent.

EXPRESSION. Stake 9. Informal decorative. Score 85.2B. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Basic color almost white lightly flushed Amaranth pink with areas overcast with Rhodamine purple. General effect a blend of light and dark pink. Stem 5-9 inches, straight to slightly crooked. Flowers mostly facing. Diameter of blooms 5-6 inches. Depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants to 53 inches. Spread 27 inches. Floriferousness good, late. First flower Sept. 17th.

PREVIEW OF PROGRESS. Stake 12. Semi-cactus to cactus. Score 85B. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color Amaranth pink. Stem 8-13 inches, thick, strong, straight. Flower facing. Diameter of blooms 5-8 inches. Depth $3\text{--}4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants to 81 inches. Spread 33 inches. Floriferousness prolific. Health good. First flower Sept. 10th. Very fine.

TERESA COOPER. Stake 32. Incurred cactus.

GREAT DIVIDE (Semi-Cactus)

Winner of Home Achievement Medal at A.D.S. Annual Show 1945. This Dahlia is a blend, with yellow center blending beautifully to shell pink on outer petals. Grew 12 inches in our gardens. Very healthy 5 ft. plants.

Roots \$15.00 each. 4 plants \$15.00.
2 plants \$10.00. 1 plant \$5.00.

SPARKLER (Informal Decorative)

(ON LYNN B. DUDLEY'S HONOR ROLL 1947)

A 7 in. to 9 in. Yellow, brighter than lemon. Flower held well above foliage on angle of 45 deg. Plants 4 ft. high, extremely healthy; a profuse bloomer. (A few of these plants and you are in the florist business.) Splendid substance, medium foliage; a great commercial Dahlia.

Roots \$10.00. 4 plants \$10.00. 2 plants \$7.50.
1 plant \$5.00.

EDITH WILLKIE (Semi-Cactus)

The greatest White Dahlia of all time. It was the largest flower in the A.D.S. Annual Show in New York this Fall, and five blooms, in a container, won Blue Ribbon in its class. Blue Ribbon for best in section and Gold Medal for best Horticultural Exhibit in entire Show.

Roots \$3.00 each. 4 plants \$3.00. 2 plants \$2.00.
1 plant \$1.50.

BULL'S EYE (Formal Decorative)

(ON LYNN B. DUDLEY'S HONOR ROLL 1947)

Our 1947 Introduction and winner of Bronze Medal in seedling class and Blue Ribbon in open-to-all class, at A.D.S. Annual Dahlia Show in New York. Color—Scarlet Red. Grew 12 inches in our gardens this season. Very healthy 4 ft. plants. Plants only.

4 plants \$10.00. 2 plants \$7.50. 1 plant \$5.00.

WRITE FOR SPECIAL PLANT OFFER

ERNEST E. TOOKER

100 Windsor Ave., Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Score 85B. Entered by Roy Cooper, 1223 Merriman, Jackson, Mich. Color sulfur yellow overcast rose-red. General effect dark spectrum red. Stem 8-14 inches, dark, strong, sometimes somewhat crooked. Flowers erect to facing. Diameter of blooms 7-8 inches. Depth 3-4 inches. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Floriferousness very good. First bloom Aug. 2nd.

DEEP VELVET. Stake 37. Formal decorative. Score 85A. Entered by George L. Baker, 1808 34th St., Moline, Illinois. Color dark maroon (Bordeaux). Stem 7-11 inches, straight, long. Flowers erect to half facing. Diameter of bloom 8 inches. Depth $4\text{--}5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants 47 inches, spread 48 inches. Floriferousness good. Health good. First flower Sept. 11th. Very good.

MECCA. Stake 38. Formal decorative. Score 85A. Entered by Perry Wilson, 727 N. 38th St., East St. Louis, Ill. Color almost white flushed mallow pink, streaked aster purple. Stem 11- $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches, strong, stiff, straight thick. Flower facing to almost erect. Diameter of blooms 9-11 inches. Depth $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants to 64 inches, spread 4 ft. Floriferousness excellent. Health excellent. First flower Aug. 26th. Very good. Centers fine, high crowned.

JOANN. Stake 40. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85M. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Basic color light greenish yellow overcast rose-red. General effect coral rose. Stem $5\frac{1}{2}$ -9 inches, straight to slightly curved. Flower facing to half facing. Diameter of blooms $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 inches. Depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches. Height of plants 68 inches. Spread 43 inches. Floriferousness excellent. Health good. First flower July 29th.

COLLIN'S ORCHID. Stake 50. Cactus. Score 85.1B. Entered by Bruce Collins, 3375 River Road, Utica, Michigan. Color almost white suffused mallow purple. Stem 5-10 inches, straight, wiry. Flower facing. Diameter of blooms 7-8 inches. Depth $3\text{--}3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants 52 inches. Spread 43 inches. Floriferousness excellent. Health good. First flower August 6th. Good commercial.

FUZZY WUZZY. Stake 56. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85M. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Color light greenish-yellow becoming lighter, overcast mallow purple. General effect autumn. Stem $6\text{--}11\frac{1}{2}$ inches, strong, good stem. Flower half facing to erect. Diameter of blooms 2-3 inches. Depth 2 inches. Height of plants 54 inches. Spread 47 inches. Floriferousness excellent. Health good. First flower August 28th. Very good commercial.

FUSHIA GEM. Stake 60. Miniature formal decorative. Score 85M. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Basic color almost white overcast pansy purple. General effect amaranth purple. Stem $3\frac{3}{4}$ - $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches, wiry, straight. Flower half facing to erect. Diameter of blooms 2-3 inches. Depth $1\text{--}1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 3 ft. Floriferousness abundant. Health good. First flower Aug. 8th.

ELODIE K. Stake 61. Semi-cactus, lacinated petals. Score 86B. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Basic color greenish-yellow fading and becoming suffused Amaranth pink. General effect pink-yellow blend. Stem 7-11 inches, straight to

slightly curved. Flowers facing to half facing. Diameter of blooms 4-5 inches. Depth 3-3½ inches. Height of plants to 43 inches. Spread to 39 inches. Floriferousness prolific. Health excellent. First flower August 26th. Very good.

KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH. Stake 64. Informal decorative. Score 85A. Entered by J. A. Kemp, Little Silver, New Jersey. Basic color almost white entirely overcast dark purple. General effect "Schoenfeld's purple." Stem 7½-17 inches, strong, thick, dark, curved. Flowers facing to half facing. Diameter of blooms 9½-11 inches. Depth 5-6½ inches. Height of plants 57 inches. Spread 33 inches. Floriferousness good. Health good. First flower Aug. 7th. Beautiful color, good substance.

Varieties Scoring 80 to 84.9 Points

PERFECT DAY. Stake 2. Semi-cactus. Score 84.3A. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Shipshewana, Indiana. Color white. Floriferousness excellent. Health excellent.

SEEDLING NO. 4. Stake 3. Formal decorative. Score 82.4A. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Shipshewana, Indiana. Color aster purple.

SEEDLING NO. 18. Stake 6. Semi-cactus. Score 81.1A. Entered by Wolfe Dahlia Gardens, Shipshewana, Indiana. Color carmine to ox-blood red.

NANCY CATHERINE SCHARHAG. Stake 7. Informal decorative. Score 83.4A. Entered by H. M. Bachman, 1141 N. 24th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Color almost white flushed mallow pink, streaked aster purple.

SEEDLING NO. 15. Stake 8. Semi-cactus bicolor. Score 80B. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Greenish-yellow flushed light mallow purple, streaked rose-red.

SEEDLING 5-1. Stake 10. Informal decorative. Score 81.2A. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color reddish-autumn.

NORTHERN LIGHTS. Stake 11. Semi-cactus. Score 84A. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. White. Late. First bloom Sept. 22nd.

LITTLE SNOW CAP. Stake 13. Miniature formal decorative. Score 81.4M. Entered by J. E. Hulin, Seattle, Washington. Color white. First bloom Sept. 11th.

IVORY FLAME. Stake 14. Informal decorative. Bicolor. Score 83.6B. Entered by S. E. Taylor, Rockley Gardens, Morgantown, W. Va. Color almost white with irregular scarlet markings and scarlet red petals. First bloom Aug. 1st.

LUMBERJACK. Stake 15. Formal decorative. Score 81.6B. Entered by Muskegon Dahlia Gardens, Muskegon, Michigan. Ox-blood red.

CLARA HOOK. Stake 16. Semi-cactus. Score 83.9A. Entered by Wm. A. Wolbert, Clariam Gardens, Springfield, Ohio. Color greenish-yellow faintly suffused mallow pink. Floriferousness excellent. Health good. First bloom Sept. 12th.

LADY LAVENDER. Stake 17. Informal decorative. Score 84A. Entered by H. A. Towler, La Harpe, Illinois. Color mallow purple. Remarkable stems 13-24 inches long. First bloom Aug. 3rd.

SEEDLING 41A. Stake 19. Cactus. Score 83.3B. Entered by Dr. A. E. Nash, Verone, New Jersey. Color greenish-yellow overcast scarlet. General effect autumn. First flower Sept. 20th.

BOELLNER'S MASTERPIECE. Stake 22. Semi-cactus. Score 81A. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Mich. Originator L. B. Boellner, Roswell, New Mexico. Scarlet.

CAROL LEE. Stake 23. Semi-cactus. Score 82.4A. Entered by Far West Dahlia Gardens, Tacoma, Washington. Color almost white faintly tinted mallow pink along veins. First flower Aug. 15th.

MURIEL M. Stake 24. Informal decorative. Score 83.6A. Entered by Frank D. Marker, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Yellow.

SEEDLING 114. Stake 25. Informal decorative. Score 84A. Entered by Blue Ribbon Gardens, Box 22, Nevada, Iowa. Basic color almost white flushed mallow pink. First flower Aug. 18th. Very nice. Stem 7½ to 14½ inches, thick, strong, slightly curved when disbudded, weak on wild plant. Floriferousness excellent.

SEEDLING 334. Stake 26. Large peony. Score 82.1A. Entered by Blue Ribbon Gardens, Nevada, Iowa. Greenish-yellow.

SEEDLING 34. Stake 27. Lacinated formal decorative. Score 83.4B. Entered by Blue Ribbon Gardens, Nevada, Iowa. Old rose.

YELLOW COMMERCIAL. Stake 31. Formal decorative. Score 83.2B-83.6A. Entered by Alger Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Mich. Color greenish-yellow. Very prolific. Health excellent.

NIGRITA. Stake 33. Formal decorative. Score 84B. Entered by Roy Cooper, 1223 Merriman, Jackson, Michigan. Color Bordeaux.

WHITE FORMAL. Stake 34. Formal decorative. Score 82.2B. Entered by James Kress, Courtland, Jackson, Mich. White.

22435. Stake 35. Cactus to semi-cactus. Score 83.7A. Entered by J. L. Roberts, Chicago, Ill. White.

MISS LIBERTY. Stake 36. Informal decorative. Score 82.7B. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Cal. General color effect bright spectrum red, florets tipped white, irregular.

SEEDLING 340. Stake 39. Formal decorative. Score 83.5B. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Color nopal red.

BEACON LIGHT. Stake 41. Shaggy semi-cactus. Score 82.5A. Entered by Pacific Dahlia Gardens, Tacoma, Washington. Amaranth rose.

V-200. Stake 42. Formal decorative. Score 83.3A. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Originator F. V. R. Veirs. Light autumn.

V-185. Stake 43. Formal decorative. Score 83A. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Originator F. V. R. Veirs. Large autumn.

S-44-1. Stake 44. Informal decorative. Score 83A. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. White. First bloom Aug. 2nd.

T-80. Stake 45. Cactus. Score 82.3B. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Originator J. Eccleston. Color dahlia purple. First bloom Aug. 25th.

T-42. Stake 46. Informal decorative. Score 82A. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Originator J. Eccleston. Amaranth pink. First bloom Aug. 26th.

NO. 90B. Stake 47. Informal decorative. Score 81B. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Yellow streaked scarlet-red.

NO. 98M. Stake 48. Miniature formal decorative. Score 81.1M. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. White. First bloom July 29th.

NO. 97M. Stake 49. Miniature informal decorative. Score 83.6M. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. White suffused lightly, mallow pink.

BARRIE'S LADY PRIMROSE. Stake 51. Miniature formal decorative. Score 82.5M. Entered by J. Barrie, Government Way, Seattle, Washington. Pale greenish-yellow. First flower Aug. 3rd.

SNOW WHITE. Stake 53. Ball. Score 83.7 B. Entered by Andrew Doermann, Cheviot, Ohio. White. Prolific bloomer. First flower Aug. 2nd.

NO. 500. Stake 54. Cactus. Score 83.2A. Entered by Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Bronze. Floriferousness excellent. First flower Aug. 5th. Interesting.

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DAHLIAS

SALLY KLEIN—Was described to you in the last issue of the Bulletin. Our description mentions 10 inches or better without forcing. Our claim is well justified. Mr. Louis Roberts in the Fower Grower Honor Roll claims he grew **SALLY KLEIN** 12 inches by 6 inches, so we do not exaggerate. Grow **SALLY KLEIN** this year and you will not regret it.

Roots \$15 net. Plant \$7.50. 3 Plants \$20 net

Our list includes the following 1947 introductions:

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Editorial

If you have not read George Currie's stirring editorial in the recent issue of *The Dahlia*, you have missed a treat.

Fired by the too frequent awarding of the American Home Achievement Medal for varieties not really qualified, the editor of Central States Dahlia Society's official publication, gets to the bottom of the difficulty and points the way to improving the present unsatisfactory situation.

The A.D.S. applauds Mr. Currie's stand and at our own New York Show in the last few years has practiced exactly what he pleads for.

He says "that much of the fault lies in the manner in which judges for these classes are selected." And his corrective suggestion calls for (1) a chairman of judges selected for his wide knowledge, and (2) under his direct responsibility, the appointment of three, five or even seven capable judges, all qualified for such a task.

And just what are these qualifications? First, the judge must not be influenced by personalities or swayed by friendship. Second, knowledge on the part of the judge of the best exhibition dahlias in the various colors and formations. This is ultra important as we are seeking a dahlia definitely better than existing sorts or sufficiently different than existing varieties to be truly an "Achievement" winner.

Referring back to page nine of the November BULLETIN, we will see, illustrated, Mr. Currie's suggestion in action. Judging seedlings at the New York Show are five men who are recognized as among the country's best. Individually and collectively this group of judges could

be depended upon to give fair judgment of a dahlia whether exhibited by friend or foe . . . also to have the courage to vote "No Award" if they felt achievement was not demonstrated.

Mr. Currie has rendered another important contribution to the advancement of the dahlia. It is to be desired that all Societies will give this matter very careful attention. If you have a special problem, write Mr. Currie, whose address appears on page three index as Associate Editor and A.D.S. Vice-President.

This, one of the most important contentions at our Dahlia Shows, can be greatly improved if early steps are taken. Then the winning of this award will be really the "Achievement" intended by our friends, *The American Home Magazine*, who offer the prized medals.

TRIAL GROUNDS

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NO. 510. Stake 55. Informal decorative. Score 84A. Entered by Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, Pa. Color rose doree. First bloom Aug. 5th.

B-45. Stake 57. Formal decorative. Score 82.9B. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Mich. White.

SEEDLING NO. 38. Stake 58. Cactus. Score 82A. Entered by Mr. E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, L. I., New York. Greenish-white. Late. First bloom Sept. 22nd.

ROSEMARY DE CAMP. Stake 59. Semi-cactus to cactus. Score 83.6B. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Autumn.

SGT. BROOKS. Stake 62. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 82A. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Mich. Originator E. D. Brooks, Cambridge, Md. Color ox-blood red to carmine.

SEEDLING 15. Stake 63. Informal decorative. Score 81.5A. Entered by Kemps Gardens, Little Silver, N. J. Orange.

SEEDLING 10. Stake 65. Informal decorative. Score 81B. Entered by Kemps Gardens, Little Silver, N. J. Pink with yellow highlights.

RED KNIGHT. Stake 66. Informal decorative. Score 81.6A. Entered by Kemp's Gardens, Little Silver, N. J. Amaranth purple.

ALABAMA MOON. Stake 67. Formal decorative. Score 82.7B. Entered by Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham, Alabama. Greenish-yellow.

SEPTEMBER. Stake 68. Informal decorative. Score 84B. Entered by Rainbow Gardens, North Bellmore, New York. Autumn. Late. First flower Sept. 27th.

SALLY KLEIN. Stake 70. Formal decorative. Score 83.6A. Entered by Albert Parrella, 3380 Ely Ave., Bronx, New York. Color greenish-yellow mostly overcast light mallow purple. Late. First flower Sept. 28th.

Mid-South Trial Gardens

Fairmont, West Virginia

By Oliver Shurtleff, *Supt.*

The following varieties scored 80-85 in 1946:

STAKE NO. 3—Entered by Wm. Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio. This dahlia bloomed a lemon yellow "solidified with peach." Reverse was about the same color scheme but a little lighter in tone. Some blooms came with hard centers. Bush was tall. Semi-cactus. Flowers, disbudded, 8 x 3.5 in.; natural, 8 x 3 in. Score, 82.33 E.

STAKE NO. 10—Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens and George L. Baker. F.D. An ox-blood red approaching the color of Man O'War which was released a few years ago. The reverse is lighter with some silver linings. Good bush habits. Blooms, 8.5 x 5 in. Score, 81.33 E.

STAKE NO. 15—Entered by F. A. Alleva. Not judged. Mixed stock.

STAKE NO. 16—Entered by Henry Cory, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. I.D. A cut flower type with a good bush. A coral flower with a darker center but lighter at the tips. Color contains enough yellow to suggest a

pinkish mixture. Not much change on the reverse. Blooms, 6.5 x 4 in. Score, 82. Cut flower.

STAKE NO. 18—Entered by Mrs. A. B. May, Bergton, Virginia. S.C. A brilliant red orange with enough yellow to "lighten" the red. Yellow tips with a yellowish reverse. Blooms, 8.5 x 4 in. Score, 82.66 E.

STAKE NO. 19—Entered by Mrs. A. B. May. Pom. A yellow orange shading toward a red with a "heavier" color at the center. Yellowish reverse. Score, 80.66. Pom.

STAKE NO. 29—Entered by Lakeside Gardens, I.D. A very pretty yellow orange with petals grading from a solid color at the center to a lighter color at the tip. Reverse somewhat lighter. Flowers, 8.5 x 4.8 in. Score, 83.66 E.

STAKE NO. 31—Entered by Lakeside Gardens. Min. F.D. to I.D. A yellowish orange shading to a much darker color at the center with some yellow veining at the center. Older flowers splotched with yellow. Score, 80. Small.

Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Trial Grounds University of Maryland

Plans are complete for the coming season at the University of Maryland Trial Gardens and growers are extended a most cordial invitation to send their seedlings here for trial.

The Gardens will be under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Woods and his staff along with Mr. Henry Cory, the chairman, which assures the very best in attention.

The charge for three plants or roots of a variety, is \$5.00, and it is hoped that planting can be started May 15. If plants are forwarded be sure to see that they are sent by express or if parcel post then special delivery, which will overcome considerable delay. It is also hoped that the Display Garden can be enlarged which will give the many visitors an opportunity to compare the named varieties with the seedlings.

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Dr. Del Mar

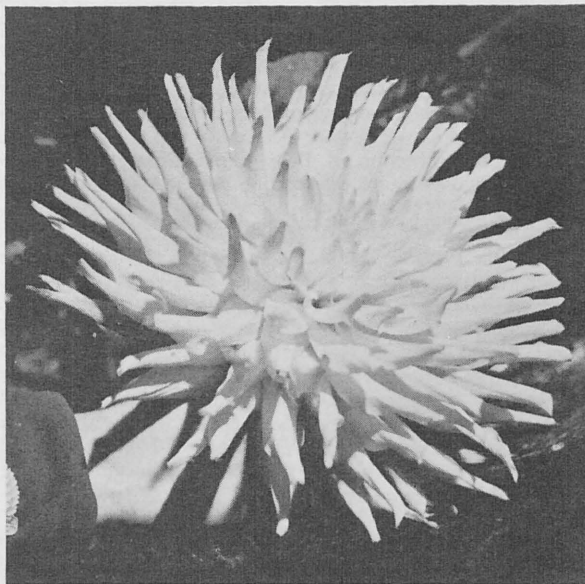
Dr. Del Marr, 75, internationally known physician and horticulturist, died in late December.

Born at Almont, Mich., he was a graduate of the University of Toronto Medical School and took post-graduate studies in New York and Edmonton. He practiced for more than 50 years.

The Dahlia fraternity will be sorry to know the news, as Dr. Marr was one of its outstanding enthusiasts. A good grower of his favorite flower, he was also a fine judge. Together with Mrs. Marr, he traveled far and wide to many gardens, many shows, renewing friendships which were warm and cordial.

Dr. Marr was vice-president of the American Dahlia Society and gave a beautiful medal known as the Dr. Del Marr Award at each A.D.S. Annual Show at New York. Our society and his many friends of other dahlia groups join in expressing to Mrs. Marr and the family, our sincere sympathy.

The annual A.D.S. meeting at New York, January 18, paused for a few moments honoring his memory.



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By reason of the courtesy extended to us by the *Flower Grower Magazine*, we reprint here a resume of the selections for 1946.

Under the direction of Paul Frese, editor, this magazine undertakes each year to do an outstanding job in the interest of the Dahlia.

Again the compilations are by the three well known and highly regarded experts: Lynn B. Dudley for the East; J. Louis Roberts for the Mid-West; and Col. Richard T. Eddy for the Far West. These three A.D.S. top-notchers grow a larger percentage of the Dahlias checked and rechecked—they visit countless private gardens, the A.D.S. official Trial Grounds and many, many shows. It is an energy-sapping task which is handled with finesse and exactitude. Sales of thousands of dollars depend largely on these selections. It is work of utter importance, carried on by a fine flower magazine and experts of innate character.

DAHLIA RATINGS

Name of Dahlia	East	Mid-West	West Coast
Apollo			*
Autumn Lites		*	*
Bill Jack	*	*	
Bull's Eye	*		
California Pageant	*		*
Carol Lee			*
Catherine Ross			*

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Name of Dahlia	East	Mid-West	West Coast
Cheer	*		
Clara Hook	*	*	*
Crystal's Charm	*		*
Dave Platt	*		
Daylight			*
Deep Velvet	*	*	*
Don L.	*		
Dream Girl	*		
Elodie K.	*		*
Expression			*
Fashion			*
Fuchsia Gem	*		
Fuzzy Wuzzy	*		
Grant K. Weber	*		
Kemp's Grand Champion			*
Kemp's Purple Triumph	*		*
Little Shiek	*	*	
Mabel Hart			*
Major Viers		*	
Michael Black	*		*
Michigan Orchid	*		*
Miss Flint Lake		*	*
Miss Liberty	*	*	*
Miss Plumb	*	*	*
Nancy	*		
Nightingale			*
Noble Glory	*		
Northern Lights			*
Old Gold	*		
Perfect Day		*	
Prince Beautiful	*		
Purple Heart	*	*	
Red Champion	*		
Red Tornado			*
Refugee	*		
Rosemary de Camp			*
Ruth Ann	*		
Sally Klein	*	*	*
Scarlet Blaze			*
Sea Foam	*		
September	*		*
Sesqui Queen		*	
Silver Meteor			*
Skyrocket	*	*	*
Snow Baby	*		
Southern Lady			*
Sparkler	*		
Stephen H.			*
Symphony		*	
Taffeta			*
White Beauty	*		
Windlassie	*	*	*
Winged Victory			*

Red Spider Insecticide

Due to heavy teaching schedule, Prof. C. Merrill Brown was unable to prepare the article based on his report to our Annual Meeting.

Prof. Brown has made interesting discoveries during his recent experiments and tells us our "red spider" worries are over. Look for his report in our May issue.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Plans '47

The annual show at Scranton will be held on Sept. 12 and 13, at the Y.W.C.A. Auditorium. This entirely adequate auditorium is well known to the exhibitors and patrons of this society and will once again provide shelter for this important and significant display.

Nay Aug Park will be planted under the sponsorship of this society. President Charles Heusner has appointed an augmented committee which will be under the general chairmanship of Earl Holmes. This park offers ample opportunity to test seedlings and other creations. There is room for five hundred hills. Field days will be held at show time, and will be enjoyed by local dahlia enthusiasts, show, judges, and A.D.S. officials. Nay Aug Park affords an excellent course of study and practical demonstrations in the art of dahlia culture. Confidence in the ethical standards of this activity is reflected in the annual response, for which this society is deeply grateful.

Plans for a spring membership drive are under way. This drive has already born fruit. Father and son combinations are being entered on the rolls. Distant members, commercial dealers, others, wishing A.D.S. participation, obtain *THE BULLETIN* through this branch, at our lower rate for dues. Information on this plan may be secured from Secy. C. McGlone, 1023 S. Main Ave., Scranton, Pa.

The annual show will be conducted along a standard line, with Dr. E. F. McDade as Show Chairman. A complete section will be devoted to the display of seedlings. Along with The American Home Achievement Medal, a Special Award will be offered for the best undisseminated medium seedling, which must be at least three years old. This is an addition to the schedule of awards at Northeastern. These blooms will be entered under a special class number.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1947: president, Chas. Heusner; vice presidents, E. Holmes, C. Good, R. Talbot, W. Stolz, and E. Lewis; secretary, C. McGlone; treasurer, Dr. Edw. F. McDade. President Heusner made the following additions to the executive committee, Mrs. Louis Carey, Roy Webb and Jas. Graziano.

Dahlia Society of Toledo

The Toledo Society have elected and installed their new officers for 1947 and I am giving you below the list:

President—H. Leslie Kidney, 3844 Maxwell Road, Toledo, O.

1st Vice-President—Al Konczal, 817 Hoag St., Toledo, O.

2nd Vice-President—Fred Weiland, 1504 Hagley Road, Toledo, O.

3rd Vice-President—Frank Winker, 740 Raymer Blvd., Toledo, O.

Secretary—Mrs. Carl P. Sattler, 3815 Homewood Ave., Toledo, O.

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MID-ATLANTIC DAHLIA TRIAL GROUNDS

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Why not try the University of Maryland Trial Gardens, College Park, Md. For information or blanks, write Herbert O. Aburn, Secretary, Baltimore Dahlia Society, 610 W. Pratt St., Baltimore 1, Md., or to Mr. Wm. Woods, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

H. O. ABURN, Secretary.

Just a brief resume of our garden: We had a bad start last year due to many changes at College Park. Dr. Ballard had retired. Dr. Mahoney, who succeeded him, had left for a larger field. The job then fell on Mr. Bill Wood. We had hoped to get started around May 15th. Due to excessive rains we were unable to start until June 7th.

The growing season was fair; the collection of seedlings were the best I have ever seen. We had a fine group of men headed by Dr. Parker of Washington, and a splendid group headed by Mr. Chas. Diffenderffer of Baltimore. They all did a fine job.

On the morning of September 23rd, the writer visited the grounds. It was a beautiful sight. At midnight we had a gale of wind followed by a cloudburst. A large number of entries did not recover. Those that scored were good and so were a lot of others that were knocked out. We hope to start planting around May the 15th this year. If we can, most of the entries will be scored before the stormy season sets in.

An invitation is given to all from far and near to visit the garden.

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Highlights of the Dahlia News 20 Years Ago

Taken from a Review of the Jan. 1927
A.D.S. Bulletin

By H. Dewey Mohr, A.D.S. Vice-Pres.

In the editorial, Mr. Wm. J. Rathgeber, the Secretary, states: "This issue of The BULLETIN is without doubt the largest and best issue we have ever published. When we look back a few years to the simple little 8-page BULLETIN of that time, we cannot help being gratified that our conscientious work has not been in vain. The popularity of the dahlia is growing by leaps and bounds East, West, North and South—everywhere—from the most unexpected places come reports of increased activities in the finest pastime in the world—the growing of dahlias. Our advertising columns (there are 80 ads in this issue) might at first sight indicate that it is being overdone, but when we analyze the situation we find that each grower has some specialty to offer that will appeal to someone. The country is large and it will

take a number of years to reach the saturation point—if ever. There will be no surplus this year."

Mr. James Duthie of Oyster Bay, L. I., was elected as President of the A.D.S. to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richard Vincent, Jr., at an Executive Meeting, held in New York on Nov. 16, 1926.

A membership contest was held that year and the one securing the largest number of new members may have first choice of following valuable prizes: By Pres. James Duthie—\$10 in gold; by Wm. H. Waite—tuber of *Jersey's Ideal*; by C. Louis Alling—tuber of *Seal of Connecticut*; by N. Harold Cottam—tuber of *Adele*; by Badetty Bros.—tuber of *Nathan Hale*; by Geo. L. Stillman—tuber of *Wonderful*; by A. W. Burpee Co.—tuber of *Chevalier* and *Miss Fordhook*.

There appeared to be four Trial Grounds that year which were: Eastern Trial Grounds, Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.; Southern Trial Grounds, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.; Northwest Trial Grounds, Western Washington Experiment Station, Puyallup, Wash.; Middle West Trial Grounds, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, Mo. There were 226 entries in The Eastern Trial Grounds in Storrs, of which 27 certificates were issued. Those that received the highest score—an 86—were as follows: *Mabel Goodacre* (Goodacre); *Adam Felsinger* (Felsinger); *Clansman* (Mills); *Golden Dream* (Success); *Yellow Princess* (Fraser); *Robt. L. Roe* (Kennedy); *Tipperary* (Noonan). The Hon. H. L. Ickes, then residing at Hubbard Woods, Ill., had three entries in the Trial Garden that year.

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QUIZ CORNER

By J. Louis Roberts

A.D.S. Vice-President

Question: During real hot days (90 deg.) my dahlias wilted badly. This was very noticeable in cactus varieties. What causes the wilting and will this affect the blooms? If wilted parts fail to pick up, should they be removed from the plant? Do you think liquid manure, in this case, causes weak growth? The applications of the manure were maintained on a weekly basis.

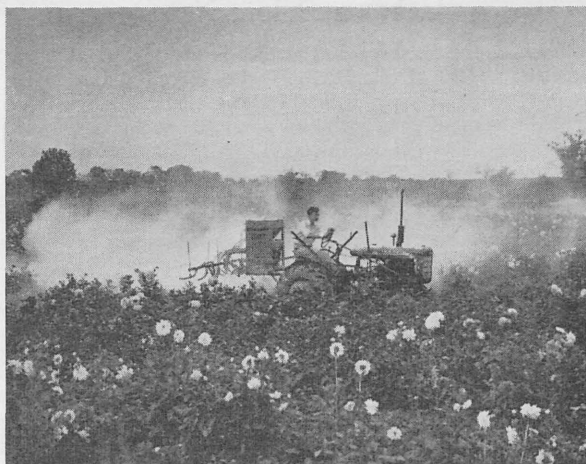
Answer: The usual cause of wilting during real hot days is that the rate of transpiration exceeds the rate of assimilation, or absorption, of water. It occurs when the ground is moist and for a period of several days, the weather is cloudy. Then follows a clear day of full sun. The plants wilt unless shaded during the heat of the day. Plant growth during the cloudy days has been tender and in some cases the leaves are burned. Burned leaves first show as dark green portions which, in a few days, dry out and have a brown appearance. These spots can be rubbed off, or the leaf can be removed. If you have tip burn it probably is better to remove the top of the plant in order to promote new growth.

Wilting will affect the blooms but unless the damage is such as to dry out the petals the flower will revive. Cactus varieties should show more damage than formals for example. There is more exposed surface to the cactus varieties than the formals as the formal petalage is nested against itself and therefore the hot wind does not have a chance to pass through the petals like it has with the cactus varieties.

Liquid manure would give a forced growth to the plants but it would be necessarily soft. It depends upon a lot of other things such as weather, balanced feed and moisture. Some of the blooms from forced plants, soon after they are entered in a show, start to wilt. Again for the reason that transpiration exceeds absorption. However, there is some relief in sight. I have been informed that there is coming into the market a new type of water wax to be sprayed on flowers. It remains to be seen how this will work out at our shows.

Our questioner specifically asks, "during hot days, etc." There are other reasons why plants wilt as for example the ravages of a stalk borer, etc. Let me tell you of a case in point. A friend of mine called me one day and asked me to come over and look at a plant that was wilting. I examined the plant and could not find a thing. Then as a last resort I took up a handful of earth and smelled it. It smelt of kerosene. We had the trouble. The friend could not account for it. We looked around and after finding an empty vegetable can decided that as near as we could guess this is what happened.

One of the neighbors had been working on his automobile and used the can to clean some parts using kerosene as the cleaning fluid. He left the can in the alley and some of the children picked it up and in running through the friend's yard, threw the can away. Yes, you guessed it. It landed near the new high-priced variety.



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Alabama Dahlia News

The Dahlia Society of Alabama is making great plans for 1947. Mr. G. H. Ritchie, who served so efficiently as president last year, is again filling that office for 1947. He will have serving with him a capable group of officers. They are: 1st vice-president, W. C. Darby; 2nd vice-president, Charlie Thomas; 3rd vice-president, T. R. Carlisle; 4th vice-president, Henry Pendleton; 5th vice-president, W. H. Howard and as secretary and treasurer, F. M. House. Show chairman will be Dr. H. C. Rike and co-chairman, T. M. Floyd. Mrs. C. G. Goodwin will be show secretary. Other committee chairmen are: program, C. G. Goodwin; co-chairman, H. Stanley Whiten; membership, J. C. Fleck; co-chairman, R. S. Mauldin; publicity, Mrs. J. F. Hull and W. C. Darby; Bulletin, "The Cutworm," Norman Kefkovits.

Goals for the year have been set and sleeves are being rolled up to get into the work of reaching them. One goal is the staging of a two-day show for the first time. The show date will be October 4th and 5th, at the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. Another goal is the doubling of membership this year.

Many of the 1947 introductions will be grown here, and it is not unusual to see two or three quizzing each other trying to find out what the other fellow is planning in the way of a "dark horse." From all indications this section of the country is going to be "busting out all over with dahlias."

Plans are rapidly shaping up to revive the Southeastern Dahlia Society, composed of Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. This was organized in Chattanooga, Tennessee

on December 7, 1941, the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. Due to the war, all plans had to be tabled. Now the time seems right to take them up again, and it is hoped to have the first Southeastern Show in conjunction with the Alabama Show on October 4th and 5th.

A hearty invitation is cordially extended to all dahlia lovers everywhere to visit Birmingham, Alabama, at this time.

MAUDE GOODWIN, Reporter.

Inglewood, California, Dahlia and Floral Society

At the regular monthly meeting of the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society, held January 7th, the following officers were elected to serve for 1947, all incumbents who succeed themselves.

President—A. J. Slatter.

Vice-President—Dr. H. E. Cannon.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. Fred Davidson, 8930 Blierot Ave., Los Angeles 45.

Regular meetings of the Society are held at 336 W. Redondo Blvd., Inglewood, Calif, the first Tuesday of each month at 8 P. M.

One of our members, Harry Marshall, secured able and interesting speakers for our meetings in 1946. This year our president has appointed a different member each month to be responsible for our speakers and evening's entertainment.

We mourn the loss of three faithful members and friends who passed on recently. Otto Lundin, L. N. Marx and Ernie Jones were staunch workers and supporters of our society. They will be greatly missed at our future shows.

Plans are already under way for our 16th annual flower show, which will be held in the Inglewood High School Study Hall on August 23 and 24, 1947, under the direction of our very able president-manager.

J. FRED DAVIDSON, Secy. & Treas.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society

The Indianapolis Dahlia Society met at Brookside Community House on December 10, 1946, and elected the following officers for 1947:

W. F. Cuffel, President.

Chas. Jolliffe, Vice President.

Miss Hazel Walther, Secretary.

Mrs. W. F. Cuffel, Treasurer.

E. M. Demlow, Publicity.

Willard Johns, Propagation.

Harry Dixon, Show Manager.

After discussing the program for the 1947 season, at which time the show date for 1947 was set for September 13-14, Dr. A. E. White gave a very interesting demonstration on wreath making.

After the business meeting a gift exchange was enjoyed by all, which was followed by refreshments during which the discussion was about dahlias.

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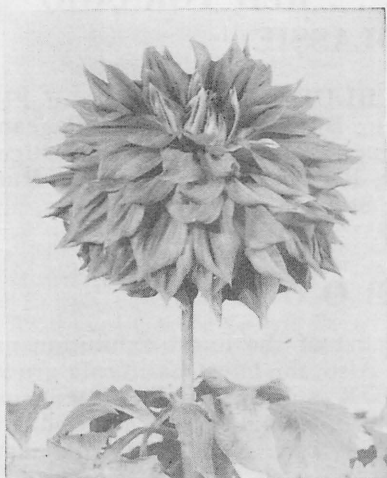
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Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society

The new officers of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, elected at our December meeting to serve for the year 1947, are as follows:

Perry Wilson was elected president; John Ollinger, first vice-president; Ralph H. Rabenau, second vice-president; Fred Beckman, reelected treasurer; Robert McKee, recording secretary; Dan R. O'Gorman, financial secretary.

Harry Meyering, Joseph H. Seamers, Walter H. Hildebrand, C. R. Kitson, and M. Solomon, were elected to serve with L. C. (Pat) Bennett, Hubert (Sandy) Sandefur, Tom Crannage and Frank Moeller as the board of directors.

The Midwest Show held in St. Louis was a huge success and is now past history, but with over four hundred members in our society, we hope to have a larger and better show for 1947, to be held September 27 and 28, 1947.

DAN R. O'GORMAN.

Badger State Dahlia Society

The annual election of officers of the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc., was held at the regular November meeting at the Madison Y.M.C.A.

Listed below are the officers elected to serve the society for the year 1947:

President, Ira S. Fuller; 1st vice-president, Geo. C. Morris; 2nd vice-president, Harry F. Collins; secretary, Max E. Freudenberg; and treasurer, L. W. Amborn.

MAX E. FREUDENBERG, Secretary.
Lake Kegonsa, McFarland, Wis

A.D.S. 1947 SHOW

As we go to press, arrangements have just been completed to hold our 1947 Show at Penn Top at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, September 23 and 24. We will need this large Exhibition Room to take care of the anticipated increase in Dahlia Exhibits—hence it will be a Dahlia Show exclusively. Plan now to exhibit and attend what promises to even surpass last year's grand show. Henry Olsen will be Show Manager, heading up the same splendid committee as last year.

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Virginia Dahlia Society

For a number of years our society held its annual show in connection with the State Fair, but when the government took over the Fair Grounds in 1942, it left us "orphans."

Three small shows were held in '42, '44 and '45.

In 1946, a new organization, the Atlantic Rural Exposition, began construction on a 300-acre site, just outside the city of Richmond, and they offered to provide us a place for our exhibit, together with a donation sufficient to help us put on a larger and better show. Gladly accepting this generous offer, we staged our twenty-second annual show Oct. 8-9 in a huge tent which was furnished us instead of a building, due to the material lack. A suitable building will be provided for the 1947 Show.

At our show last fall, exhibits were made by Norfolk, Williamsburg, Farmville, Lynchburg, as well as other smaller towns which added to the flowers from Richmond and suburban areas, added up to a great show, reminding us of the days of the late 30's and 40-41, when we were guests of the old State Fair.

Already we are beginning to think about and plan for the greatest show in our history, in early October this year.

As an evidence of our interest in dahlias, eight of our members saw the A.D.S. Show in New York, with Messrs. W. L. Elkins of Richmond and C. B. Ambrose of Norfolk, acting as judges.

Two members went to Washington for the National Capitol Show; both acting as judges there. Oddly enough, these two were made president and secretary of

the Virginia Society, at its annual meeting, which was held in Richmond on Dec. 28th. They are Herman A. Williams, 1518 Claremont Ave., Richmond, and J. A. Millard, 3802 Fauquier Ave., Richmond.

We have a bulletin, "Dahlia Doings," started about eight years ago, which keeps the members informed on things in the dahlia game. It has been edited by the present secretary all these years.

We sponsor "branch societies" in places where sufficient members are available for local shows. The old city of Williamsburg, which had a rebirth—thanks to Mr. Rockefeller—held a fine show both in '45 and '46 and its membership is growing rapidly.

Norfolk has a large and growing list and expects to stage a show this fall and Petersburg also hopes to have a show.

J. A. MILLARD, Secretary.

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Dahlia Society of Georgia

By B. E. Phillips

First Vice-President, Chairman-Publicity

Dahlia culture in the south is definitely and rapidly forging ahead and has reached a point quite favorable in comparison to that of other sections of the country. The thirteenth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, staged at the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium, September 1946, was the largest and most elaborate dahlia show ever staged in the south, and the shows of the Dahlia Society of Alabama at Birmingham, and Dahlia Society of Tennessee at Chattanooga, were decidedly an improvement over shows of past years, and all compared favorably with shows of other localities.

During the years 1935 through 1941, the Dahlia Society of Georgia sponsored an unofficial and independent Dahlia Trial Garden at the Georgia Experiment Station, where 300 to 400 hills of dahlias, principally recent introductions, contributed by the foremost commercial growers, were grown for test to determine their adaptability or lack of same, to southern climatic and soil conditions. This Trial Garden was visited annually by more than 5,000 dahlia enthusiasts, and the awards issued were eagerly accepted by the recipients of same and were extensively used in advertising the varieties receiving these awards.

Plans are now under way for the reoperation of this Dahlia Trial Garden, which was closed during the war, either at the former location or in one of the Atlanta City parks. It is felt that this Trial Garden will fill a distinct need for a better balanced record of the national performance of future introductions as well as standard varieties, and it is predicted that same will continue to enjoy its former popularity among the prominent commercial growers as well as individuals originating new varieties. Therefore, application, of which we momentarily expect approval, has been filed with the American Dahlia Society for recognition of same as one of the group of A.D.S. Official Trial Gardens, and to properly represent the fast developing southern territory. Date of reopening and particulars regarding entries will be announced in the next issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin.

Plans are well under way for the 14th Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, which will again be on a "quantity of quality" basis, and we anticipate some of the foremost dahlia authorities of the country visiting with us as judges. This show will be staged in the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium, Friday, October 3rd, and Saturday, October 4th. All dahlia "bugs" from far and near are cordially invited to bring or send entries to this show. Show schedules and other information will be furnished upon request.

Plans are also under way for a series of mammoth Southeastern States Dahlia Shows, which will combine the efforts and resources of three of the most live and progressive dahlia organizations in the country; namely, Dahlia Society of Georgia, Dahlia Society of Alabama, and Dahlia Society of Tennessee. The initial show will, in all probability, be staged in Atlanta in the year 1948, followed by Birmingham in 1949, and Chattanooga in 1950. A token show will probably be staged by each organization at their respective headquarters, on dates not to conflict, during the years of their participation in the combined shows.

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Officers of the Dahlia Society of Georgia for the year 1947 are as follows:

President—Mr. David S. Wells, Atlanta, Ga.

1st vice-president—Mr. B. E. Phillips, Atlanta, Ga.

2nd vice-president—Mr. W. D. Ricks, Atlanta, Ga.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. B. L. Kennedy, 3453 Roxboro Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

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Ohio Valley News

The December meeting of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association was a Christmas party. Brother Albert Harris, Superior of Mt. Alverno (Cincinnati's Boy's Town), was the host. Pool and ping pong were played and, as could be expected, dahlias were much discussed. It was a pleasure to see Harley and Mrs. Peck again after being away for several years in defense work. Young Harley and his wife were also present. We were also glad to see George Richardson becoming active again. It seemed like old times to see the Pecks and Richardson in our gang. Welcome back, Harley and George.

This was also our election evening and, so to ease the tension till the tellers could report, Bro. Albert showed pictures of several of our local gardens, including a few seedlings of his own that he got out of Miss San Diego seed. I had to suppress a whistle on a couple of them. Hope they continue as they were.

Eventually the tellers reported. Bob Seibel was almost unanimously returned to the board. What makes you so popular, Bob? Vulture's Day? (Have to tell the rest of you about that some time). Others returned to the board were Carl Lillich and Ray Moffet. George Richardson went back on the board after a few years lapse. Ed Heepke and James Carlisle were newly elected.

Though this is Ed's first term on the board, he is by no means a beginner in dahlia growing. He is a quiet, modest fellow, but, oh, how he can grow the dahlias. He had one of the finest gardens in Cincinnati last year. James Carlisle is a man that the dahlia world is going to hear much about in the future. Besides being an internationally known violin manufacturer, he has a mighty fine collection of seedlings and is producing many good ones each year. His *Barbara Lee*, peaches and cream ID-SC, is one of the prettiest dahlias I ever saw. His *Jack Francis*, a large ID yellow, will give everything in the yellow informal a run for it and, unless I miss my guess, only a real bloom of *Lord of Autumn* can beat it.

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Having heard the "big news," lunch was served. Ohs and ahs greeted the real homemade butter and the homemade bread which was as good as cake. Cold cuts, coffee and Christmas cakes finished the menu. With their hands and mouths full of good food, dahlia chatter continued till time decided that we had to leave. So, with reluctance, we bid Bro. Al adieu.

A week later the board met to elect officers. After accepting Jud Moffet's resignation and appointing Floyd Weaver to fill the vacancy, we proceeded with the balloting. Reelection of R. G. Huey as president was a foregone conclusion, and a better choice could not have been made. Mr. Huey is not only an internationally known figure in the dahlia world, but is well known in other fields of horticulture. He is one of the few Americans to be honored by the American Amaryllis Society with their Herbert Medal. This medal is the highest award this society gives and is given for outstanding contributions to the advancement of Amaryllids. The O.V.D.A. feels proud that our president is one of the few Americans to receive this high honor.

Other officers elected were Carl Lillich, 1st vice-president; Ray Moffet, 2nd vice-president and membership chairman; George Richardson, 3rd vice-president and program chairman; Andrew Doermann, 4th vice-president and publicity chairman; Floyd Weaver, secretary; Fred Lienesch, associate secretary and James Carlisle, treasurer. Directors are Bob Seibel, Ed Heepke and James True.

The trial grounds committee was chosen next. Bob Seibel as superintendent of the trial grounds is also chairman of the trial grounds committee. James Carlisle as treasurer of the society, and Floyd Weaver as secretary, are also treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the trial grounds committee. The remaining members appointed are Carl Lillich, James True, Ed. Heitzman and Andrew Doermann.

Our trial grounds has one of the finest settings a dahlia garden could have. High above the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers, it is one of the last spots to get frosted in this section and Cincinnati lies in a very favorable location in regards to weather. I have noticed that for years much of the bad weather, especially early frosts, go around us and up the State. When Indiana and the rest of Ohio are frozen out, we still have blooms in Cincinnati.

Our climate will bring out the true qualities of a seedling and the men who will judge them are able and efficient and, above all, know dahlias. They may have the reputation of being "tough" but if your seedling has the qualities of a certificate dahlia it will score in Cincinnati. So plan to send your seedlings for trial in our trial grounds—Robt. Seibel, Ault Park, Princepio and Heekin Aves., Cincinnati 26, Ohio.

President Huey's first act was to appoint the show committee and by the time you read this it will have gone into action to put on one of the best shows this town ever saw and perhaps the best in the country. Don't argue. I'm chairman. So-o, my committee is going to put on the best show in the country. Still doubt me? Well then come and see it.

The rest of the committee are: location, Ed. Heitzman; schedule, Ed. Heepke; prizes, Harley Peck; ribbons, L. M. White; classification, Ray Moffet, Charles

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The idea of allotting each member of the show committee certain specific tasks was to spread the work among all and not leave it to just a few. Each member allotted a special task has the power to choose others to help him, thus forming what may be called sub-committees. This idea of dividing up the tasks and granting each a right to get more help, was to get the whole society to have some part in putting on the show instead of just a few, called a show committee. We want it to be OUR show.

Cincinnati will see many new dahlias, both American and foreign. Elmer Shepard, Ed. Heitzman and Andrew Doermann brought in large shipments from Australia and with what has been brought in the past from "down under" there is very little that is grown in Australia that we do not have. Not satisfied with the Aussies alone, these same parties, in cooperation with R. G. Huey, Jud Moffet, L. M. White and Miss Alice Mattick, are bringing over from Europe nearly a hundred more varieties, including a complete list of Anemome. This will give Cincinnati the world's most complete collection of Ball, Anemome and Cactus dahlias and perhaps the largest collection of all types to be found anywhere.

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ties, Cincinnati is fast becoming the dahlia mecca for every dahlia "nut" in the States. To see dahlias, visit Cincinnati.

ANDREW F. DOERMANN, Publicity Chairman.

The San Leandro Dahlia Society

The San Leandro Dahlia Society elected their officers for 1947 at their January meeting. Ambrose Arbini, president; Pete Harter, first vice-president; Chas. Perry, second vice-president. Directors, Mrs. J. Park, Mrs. C. Webster, Mrs. Malin, T. J. Sjoberg, J. F. Groves. Secretary-treasurer, Chas. Garrity, this making his 16th year.

The society has received several new members since the war ended and the outlook for our favorite flower is very promising. The society has held its annual show every year during the war, and its 1946 show was pronounced as the most outstanding dahlia show on the Pacific Coast.

The show is free, the City Fathers and Alameda County Supervisors assisting in the financing of the annual shows and during the winter months the society holds a series of whist parties that enables them to give a free show. These whist parties are held in the Veterans' Memorial Building. The American Legion Post 117 sponsor the show and this shows that most of the San Leandro public is dahlia-minded. The dahlia is the city's flower, which in itself is a big asset, as the city is known as San Leandro, the City of Sunshine and Flowers.

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Ohio State News

By F. V. R. Veirs

January 16 was the date of the annual banquet of the Ohio Dahlia Society. A larger number of members attended than usual. Among them was our old friend John Strassen, proprietor of the Strassen Dahlia Gardens, Austenburg, Ohio. John came back safely from overseas service in the Army. He was an aviator and was shot down and wounded over Germany. He was a prisoner for several months. Mr. Strassen was president of our society for two years. We welcome him home. We know he will grow some wonderful dahlias for our fall show. Another welcome member we had not seen at a meeting since last March was Mrs. MacDowell. She has been ill since that time, but she seems to have recovered completely. We hope she will be growing beautiful flowers again in time for the show in September. Mrs. MacDowell is also a past president of the Ohio Dahlia Society and one of the most consistent workers for the society. If there is any member more popular than she, I do not know who it is.

Another member who came all the way from Buffalo, New York, was Prof. E. Merrell Brown. He is quite a dahlia grower and a most enthusiastic fan. He is a writer on various subjects and is an associate editor of "The Dahlia." "The Dahlia," by the way, is a real Dahlia publication edited by George Currie, a good dahlia grower, a fine judge, and above all, a gentleman. Prof. Brown was the speaker of the evening and his subject was "How I Got That Way." I wish that speech could be published in its entirety. It was an excellent speech and his audience was certainly with him.

The following officers for the current year were installed: Mr. E. A. Papish, president. Mr. Papish was secretary for several years. He is young and very enthusiastic. He probably is better equipped to fill the office in many ways than any of his predecessors. We wish him all the success in the world. His address is 11108 Langton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. J. J. Kern was elected first vice-president; Mr. A. E. Kern, second vice-president, and Mr. John Brach, third vice-president. John is proprietor of the Garfield Dahlia Gardens. The recording secretary is Mrs. A. E. Laekamp, 543 East 109th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. J. Berry is corresponding secretary and J. A. Burt was elected treasurer.

The following is a partial list of the chairmen of the various committees:

Show Chairman—Mr. Al Srail.

Program Chairman—Mr. J. Ralph Berry.

Publicity—Mrs. C. M. Patch.

Membership—Mr. George Andrews.

Historian—Mrs. Chris Wind.

A.D.S. Publicity—Val Veirs.

The advisory board is E. J. Wind, J. W. Cowie, and Mrs. Charles Lush.

I have just learned of the death of my friend, Theodore Schroeder. He was a great dahlia fan and a sincere Christian gentleman. The last time I saw him he visited me and my garden. The next day we went to the East Liverpool Show. We will miss him very much and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

East Liverpool Show

The Midwest Show will be held in East Liverpool on Saturday and Sunday, the 20th and 21st of September, 1947. Any one who has dahlias to place in the American Home Achievement class, may have them grown in East Liverpool and vicinity.

There will be hotel accommodations for all, but reservations should be made early. Schedules are being made out now and copies will be sent to the various societies for distribution to members. A postal card request will bring a schedule. We believe the prizes for the various classes will be well worth while. East Liverpool is the pottery capital of the world, and the donations from the pottery manufacturers will be exceptional and liberal. If you have exceptional blooms, your prize will be something worthwhile. We expect to have a thousand members by show day, so any of you who would like to join, send a dollar. Only members can exhibit and there is no extra cost to exhibit except in the American Home Class. We are not discounting the previous Midwest shows, but believe we will have the greatest Midwest show ever staged in number and quality of blooms. Everything in our power will be done to that end. You will find hospitality and every courtesy will be extended to the visitors. Any information you desire can be had by writing to Harold Gallimore, secretary, East Liverpool Dahlia Society, East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. Gallimore will make hotel reservations at your request.

Dahlia Society of Toledo

The annual election and installation of officers was held, at a banquet, on January 22nd. These officers were installed for the year 1947:

President—H. Leslie Kidney.

1st Vice-President—Aloysius Konczal.

2nd Vice-President; Fred Weiland.

3rd Vice-President—Frank Winker.

Secretary—Mrs. Carl P. Sattler.

Treasurer—Mrs. John Schroeder.

Program and Entertainment—

Mr. Konczal, Chairman; Carl Sattler, Fred Gray.

Show Committee—

Mr. Fred Weiland, Chairman.

Membership—

Frank Winker, Chairman; George Towslee, Paul Hull, Al Schlagheck.

Publicity—

Mrs. Sattler, Chairman; Mrs. H. Leslie Kidney, Mrs.

Frank Winker, Mrs. Wm. J. Lyons.

Sick Committee—

Mrs. Lawrence Lemon, Chairman; Mrs. George Towslee, Mrs. Marguerite Hendricks.

Garden Forum Representatives—

Mrs. Kidney, Mrs. Sattler.

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Garden Center at Walbridge Park. The Annual Root Sale will be held in May.

The Annual Dahlia Show is being planned and the following members have been elected:

Mr. Fred Gray, Paul Hull, Lawrence Lemon, Sidney Zander, Leonard Drake, Dr. E. M. Meyer, John Schroeder, George Towslee, Al Schlagheck, Al Konczal, Cecil Warner, Howard Grabow, Carl P. Sattler, Ray Burrous, Ray Nokes, Frank Winker and Chas. Berence.

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Our Two Honor Roll Introductions for 1947

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A big semi-cactus. Base of florets empire yellow, changing to a deep satiny rose-pink. The real color. Size 12 x 6 in. Flowering habit prolific; stems 12 in.; heavy; the bush is a strong grower, 7 feet, foliage dark green and healthy. On Mr. Eddy's Honor Roll.

PLANT \$5.00 NET

CRYSTAL'S CHARM

A beautiful blending of old rose and yellow, with cream-yellow centers. The general effect being old rose. Early blooms are cactus, gradually incurving into a bloom of real beauty. Size 7 x 4 in., and a prolific bloomer. Fine for commercial and basket exhibition. On Mr. Eddy's and Mr. Dudley's Honor Rolls.

Clump \$15.00 Net

Root \$7.50 Net

Our 1946 Introduction CRYSTAL'S SURPRISE

I.D. Varigated. This dahlia is in a class by itself. Ground color of dark buff with stripes and dots of carmine red. It was on Col. R. Eddy's and Mr. Lynn B. Dudley's Honor Rolls and in the Flower Growers' Magazine. Scored 84 at A.D.S. Trial Gardens, East Lansing, Michigan. Blooms average about 10 in. x 6 in.; flowers well out of foliage on long, strong stems. Bush 5 ft. with heavy dark green insect-resistant foliage. Good form and profile bloomer.

Root \$5.00 Net

Plant \$2.50 Net

Our 1945 Introduction FLAMING GLORY

I.D. Certified at Storrs, 1944, and on all three honor rolls. Color, carmine, overlain purple, reverse, mallow purple. General effect magenta; a really big informal. Flowers are high centered, 13 in. x 8½ in. Long cane stems hold big flowers side. Bush 5 ft. with heavy dark foliage. Very long petals and lots of white and purple petaloids. One of those dahlias that improve with age. Better with us than ever this year.

Plants \$2.50 Net

Roots \$5.00 Net

CRYSTAL DAHLIA GARDENS
235 Power Road Pawtucket, R. I.

National Capital Dahlia Society

The National Capital Dahlia Society held their annual meeting and the election of officers for 1947 at Langley Junior High School, Thursday evening, December 12th, and the following officers were unanimously elected:

President—J. Leslie Bowling.

Vice-President—C. L. Armentrout.

Secretary—James G. Gray.

Treasurer—George R. Hitchcock.

After the election of officers had been disposed of, Dr. Henry C. Parker showed some very interesting Kodachrome slides which had been furnished by Mr. Lynn B. Dudley. Most of them were the 1947 novelties and was immensely enjoyed by everyone.

The dates for our Twelfth Annual Show have been set for Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th. The Show will again be held at the U. S. Botanic Garden, Maryland Ave. and 1st St., S. W. Washington, D. C., which is centrally located in the downtown area and easily accessible to the Union Station.

Our President, Mr. J. Leslie Bowling, who so successfully guided the Society last year through one of its most successful years, and one of the finest shows it has been the Society's pleasure to present, has at this early date started plans for the 1947 Show which he and the members are confident, "weather and red spider permitting", will be larger and better than any of our previous shows. He has appointed the following Show Committee:

Show Chairman—John L. Bishop, 1512 Lawrence St., N. E.

Chairman of Judges—L. M. Clarke.

Awards Chairman—Dr. Henry C. Parker.

Classification Chairman—Percy F. Fulton.

The Society will again purchase some of the 1947 "Honor Roll" dahlias and will farm them out to members selected by the Society for plant propagation. The plants will be sold to the members at our Annual Plant Sale at the May meeting. Reports turned in by members at the meeting revealed that practically all of the 1947 Honor Roll dahlias have been purchased by them. With the new dahlias purchased by the Society and by individual members, we should have a very interesting display of the new introductions on our show tables this year.

The seedling crop should again be heavy this year, as several of our members are reported as already planning just how much ground can be given up to the growing of seedlings. The achievement medal class is proving more and more attractive each year to a number of our members, which is resulting in very keen competition in this class.

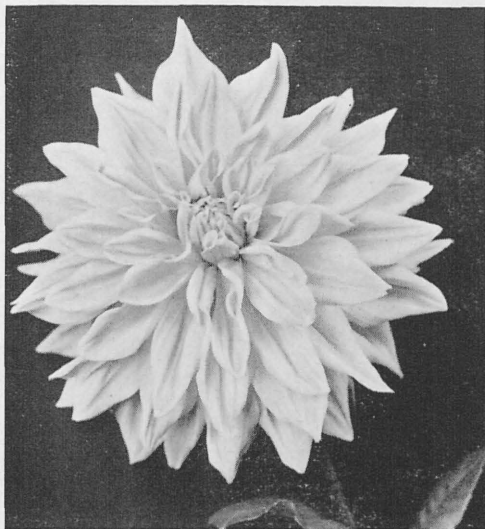
The Trial Gardens at Maryland University created considerable interest to the dahlia fans in this locality. The Society wishes to congratulate Professor Wm. H. Wood of the Horticultural Department of Maryland University in charge of Trial Grounds and Mr. Henry F. Cory, Chairman of Judges, for the successful way in which the Trial Grounds was conducted.

JOHN L. BISHOP,
Publicity Chairman.

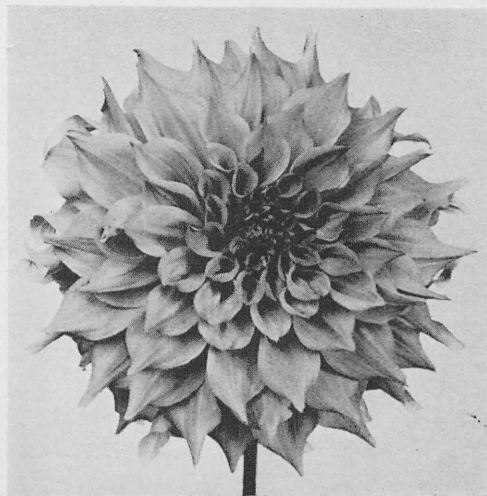
A.D.S. Show—Penn Top, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, September 23 and 24, 1947.

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SKYROCKET (R.C.)

Originator, Lew Sarett

A clear vermillion straight cactus. Diameter 10 to 12 inches; depth 5 to 6 inches. A striking scarlet bloom with a gold sheen; of remarkable substance; holds its color in the sun. The formation of the bloom is uniformly immaculate. Young blooms, especially in summer, tend to be semi-cactus; mature blooms in September at show time are straight cactus. The stems are 12 to 16 inches, straight, slender and strong. The bush is 5 to 6 ft. in height, a rugged grower, a good root maker and an early and continuous bloomer. The foliage is dark, tough and insect resistant. The uniformly flawless beauty of this dahlia in its color and formation, makes it a contender in "perfect bloom" competition. Winner of 4 American Home Achievement Medals in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee and Irvington, N. J. On the Eastern, Mid-Western and Pacific Coast Honor Rolls. We predict that its performance on the show table will be similar to the originator's previous successful introduction, "Sarett's Pink Flamingo."

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DEEP VELVET (F.D.)

Originator, Geo. C. Baker

Derrill Hart Medal Winner

A formal decorative of dark deep carmine with an overlay of ox-blood red. Diameter 8 to 10 inches; depth 4½ to 5½. Stems are 10 to 14 inches, straight and stiff. Bush 4½ to 5 feet. Excellent dark green leathery foliage. The color of the bloom is magnificent and causes exclamations from all those who have seen it in the garden or the show table. A sure winner in the maroon formal decorative class. Winner of 2 American Home Achievement Medals, the Mid-West Conference Show in St. Louis and the Tri-City Show in Moline, Ill. Winner as best formal decorative, seedling class in A.D.S. Show. On the Eastern, Mid-Western and Pacific Coast Honor Rolls. Certificate of Merit in the A.D.S. Trial Grounds in Storrs, Conn. Also in the Mid-West Trial Grounds in East Lansing, Mich., and The Ohio Valley Trial Grounds, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1946.

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