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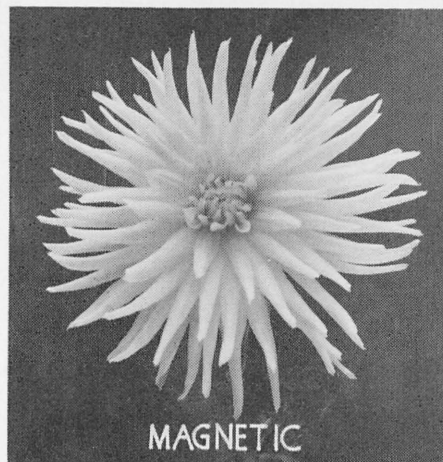
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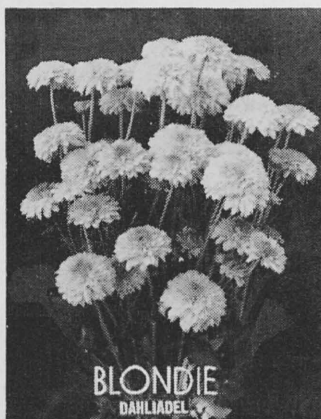
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Dr. Charles Conners, Chairman, reports for the Nomenclature Committee the following registrations:

*Loda Watkins*—Single—Coral to yellow with gold centers, Mrs. Irvin Nelson, 3924 Robley Terrace, Oakland, Illinois.

*Lady in White*, B. I.C., white; *Rita Belle*, B. I.C., pink; *Mohegan*, B. I.D., dark red; *Prairie Sunset*, A. I.D., bi-color orange and white; *Margaret T.*, B. F.D., white; *Pink Abundant*, B. Ball, pale pink; Mr. William Tilton, 42 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y.

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# Greetings from our President

February 10, 1949

While sitting in my sunroom, looking out on a wide expanse of snow and ice, my thoughts turned to a few months ago and there came to me, the picture of my garden, last September, full of blooms of my favorite flower, the Dahlia. What a riot of color there was; the white, pink, yellow autumn red, lavender and purple and what an assortment of sizes, shapes and types. The miniatures and the poms with their profusion of blooms, the 4 to 6 size, the medium and the large. What other flower, I ask you, will give you the varieties, the size, shape and form that the Dahlia gives.

So much for the past. Now about the present and future. We are all looking forward to 1949 with much expectation and enthusiasm. Those of us who grow seedlings are no doubt getting ready to put the seeds into flats, then transplant and put them out into the garden and hope, that of the large number of seedlings we put in, we might get one or perhaps two, that will be worthwhile. Yes, at this time of the year, we are commencing our garden work which will carry us through the spring, summer and fall and next October or November, we will again, dig out tubes and look forward to the 1950 season.

Growing Dahlias is a fine pastime, a healthy sport and for some, a profitable business. But let us stop to think, that even though we have acquired a large amount of skill and spent an appreciable amount of money, all our efforts are in vain if the Supreme Being, who regulates our lives, does not assist by causing the sun to shine and the rain to fall. But the sun must not shine too hot or too long, the rain must not fall too heavily nor the wind blow too hard. So we must invoke the aid of the Father of us all to help us in our pleasures, our pastimes, our recreation or business, for, without His aid, all of our efforts will go to naught.

Reviewing the condition of our society since January, 1948, when the reins were turned over to me by our most efficient and capable, President, Gordon Waaser, I feel that from the fine ground work of my predecessor, I have been able to bring our organization to heights that are most gratifying.

In spite of the unfavorable weather, at different times, in the different parts of the country, the growing of Dahlias, during 1948, could be considered successful. Many new friends have been added to the already large number of Dahlia fans as is evidenced by the ever-increasing members who are coming into our organization.

Our 5 trial grounds have again proven most successful even though Baltimore was beset with weather conditions that wiped them out. Our shows have been a thing of beauty and were well attended and the competition was most keen. Our relationship with affiliated and branch societies has been most amiable and good will continues to grow.

The Joint Classification list, compiled in cooperation with the Central States Dahlia Society, has been completed and is now in the hands of the printer.

Our organization has been operating within its budget and our financial position is sound.

The Bulletin has lived up to the fine reputation established through the years and is today, the outstanding publication on Dahlias in this country, if not in the whole world.

All of these facts are indisputable and I, as the head of your organization, can take little credit from these conditions, but am very happy that they are so. The various committees that really run the society have functioned diligently, efficiently and intelligently, and it is to the Chairmen and members of these various committees that I want to take this opportunity to express my most heartfelt appreciation for the fine work and the outstanding accomplishments that have occurred during that year. And while passing out "Orchids" or should I say, "Dahlias," I do not want to overlook the efficient work that has been done for our organization by our Secretary and our Treasurer. Our records are complete and up to the minute and our finances are in such shape that we can tell from month to month where we are heading to and what our future prospects are. What more could a person ask for.

Time does not however, stand still. We must continue the good work of the past if we are going to continue to prosper. So, with this thought in mind, I am again going to beseech everyone to continue to serve with the same willingness and enthusiasm, with the hope, that at this time next year, when we again take stock of our accomplishments, we can say, as of old, "WELL DONE."

LEO L. POLLAK.

## Changes in A.D.S. Show Schedule for 1949

The 1949 Show Schedule for the American Dahlia Society Annual Show has been changed from previous years in a few important respects. The most radical departure is the addition of a new open-to-all section, Section D, for small flowered dahlias (pom-poms, miniatures, singles, etc.), which classes have been withdrawn from Section B (Amateur) and Section C (Open-to-all). The pom-pom and miniature classes have not had many entries for the past few years. It is hoped that by consolidating the small varieties into one section competition will be stimulated and there will be more entries.

In Section B the combined A-Cactus and Semi-cactus classes have been separated into these two types. With the recent interest in the large cactus varieties there are now available varieties to fill all these classes.

In Section C five classes have been added to try out a new size class—BB—4 to 6 inches.

The old Section D, for private estates with a gardener, has been dropped because of a paucity of entries in recent years.

The rules and awards in the seedling classes have been changed by substituting the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards, as explained in Mr. Dudley's article.

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# 35th Annual A.D.S Meeting

President Pollak called the meeting to order at 3:15 P. M., Saturday, January 15th, 1949, in Conference Room No. 2, Hotel Statler, New York City. Seventy-three members attended.

In memory of the late Mr. E. E. Tooker, and all other members who have been called to their reward, a period of two minutes of silence was observed.

The president advised that he would entertain a motion for the dispensing of the reading of the Minutes of the 34th Annual Meeting, said Minutes having been published in detail in the February, 1948 issue of the "BULLETIN". The reading will consume a considerable period of time, and on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, it was decided to dispense with the reading of said Minutes.

The president requested the Committee of Tellers to report, and Mr. Lloyd, Chairman, advised that a count of the ballots showed the election of the following officers for the year of 1949:

President—Leo L. Pollak, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Secretary—Andrew J. Mulcahy, Floral Park, L. I., New York.

Treasurer—Henry A. Olsen, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

Trustee to 1952—Gordon F. Waaser, Freeport, N. Y.

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Mr. Henry A. Olsen, Treasurer, read and presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 1948, which, on motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Charles Schneider, Auditing Committee, reported that he had examined the books and records of the Society for the calendar year of 1948 and found them all in perfect order. His written report was presented to the Secretary.

The President thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for the splendid work that they have performed in the past year.

Mr. Mohr, Chairman of the Financial Committee, read and presented in detail the proposed budget for the year 1949, which he informed the members was approved at the Executive Committee Meeting of the Society held this morning. Mr. Mohr made motion that said budget be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Aumuller and was unanimously approved.

In the absence of Dr. Connors, Educational Committee, the President requested Mr. Brown to report for said Committee. Mr. Brown advised that from his own personal experience, he had found that Hexcide is effective but must be freshly mixed to obtain the best results. He advised that he prefers using a dust in lieu of spray, and recommended a dust of Thiophus No. 3422 for Red Spider. This product is also known as Parathion and Phosphil No. 1. He applies it with a small rose duster, and from his experience, it appears to kill Red Spider in all forms. He warned the members, however, that the effects of it on humans is not known, and some distributors, therefore require that each purchaser sign a release. This year, he advised, it is expected that it will be mixed with DDT so that one dusting will take care of most insect pests including Red Spider.

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## A.D.S. SCHEDULE

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A change has been made in rule 15, which is amended to allow a one-half inch tolerance over 4 inches in all miniature basket and arrangement classes. One inch tolerance over 8 inches is allowed in Class B—medium dahlias. This tolerance is allowed only in show judging when a dahlia is classified as B—medium and is well grown.

Classes calling for baskets and arrangements of A—large dahlias will be judged by a revised point system, as follows:

Arrangement, including color harmony and effect—25 points.

Quality of the individual blooms—75 points distributed as follows—Color 15 points; Form 15 points; Stem 15 points; Size 10 points; Foliage 10 points; Condition 10 points.

Scoring for largest and most nearly perfect bloom will be as follows—Size-50, Color-10, Form-10, Stem-10, Foliage-10, Condition-10.

## A.D.S. MEETING

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Last year Mr. Brown called to the members' attention his report on the keeping of dahlia tubers, and he now advises that he is of the opinion that their keeping quality depends upon the method of growing, as fertilizers with a lot of nitrogen results in poor clumps and poor keeping quality. Last year, he advised that he had used Vita-bands for cuttings, and from experience he had last fall, he found that said cuttings made excellent clumps, and he recommends that all try this method.

Prof. Brown freely answered many questions from the floor regarding insecticides and methods of fertilization.

Professor Brown called to our attention that approximately three exhibitors at the American Dahlia Society New York Show had won 90 per cent of the ribbons, and he personally would like to see all members exhibit so that competition would be keener. He further suggested that the commercial men enter in Class "C", so as to increase the number of exhibitors. Professor Brown's report was heartily received.

Dr. McDade, Chairman, Joint Classification Committee, reported of the Meeting of said Committee at Milwaukee last September at which time practically all differences were settled. He advised in detail of changes in the technical definitions, and that the size and color groups remain the same with a few minor changes in colors, calling particular attention to the changes in pink and lavender, and the blends will be in two classes, namely, light blends and other blends, 1171 varieties, he advised, had been classified by the Joint Committee and the Joint Classification List would be in booklet form consisting of about 32 pages, and will be printed in eight-point type. Single copies will be sold at \$.50 each, and in groups of 24 or more at \$.25 per copy. All active and life members of the American Dahlia Society will receive a copy of it free of charge. It will contain glossary definitions, in accordance with request of the Central States Dahlia Society. Mr. McDade advised that at the session of the Executive Committee of the Society, held this morning, he was authorized to accept the bid of Zimmerman, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for the printing of the new classification lists, and assured Professor Brown that the proofs of said list will be double checked before being published.

President Pollak called to the attention of the members the tremendous time and effort of this Committee to have reached an agreement between the Central States Dahlia Society and the American Dahlia Society on a Joint Classification List, and he was greatly pleased, and in behalf of himself and all members of the Society, expressed in the form of a Motion, his thanks to Dr. McDade for his splendid work which Motion was seconded by Mr. George Fraser, and unanimously approved.

On Motion made by Mr. Waaser and seconded by Mr. Charles Diffenderfer, a rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. McDade and the members of his Committee.

Mr. W. Maytrott, Chairman of Show Schedule Committee, proposed, in accordance with suggestion made by Messrs. Frey and Pollak, that a small medium class be included in this year's Show schedule for blooms of 4 to 6 in., and he proposed that it be known as Class "BB". Such procedure would increase Section "C" by five classes. It was tried at the New Jersey Dahlia Show last fall and proved successful. Mr. Diffenderfer suggested that a basket of such blooms should be included in

our schedule and suggested it be named "Floral Class."

Mr. Frank suggested that at present a "B" that is a little larger than 8 in. in his opinion, should not be disqualified, and Mr. C. Frey, Chairman of Judges' Committee, is in favor of allowing  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. to 1 in. tolerance.

On Motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Olsen, and unanimously approved, it was decided that our Show schedule for this year will include a class covering blooms from 4 to 6 in.

Mr. Maytrott suggested that we allow  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. tolerance in arrangements in the miniature classes, which, on Motion duly made and seconded, was approved.

Mr. Maytrott suggested that a 1 in. tolerance be allowed on B-type dahlias. Such change, he stated, in his opinion, will not affect any A-type dahlia, and he made this suggestion in the form of a Motion which was seconded by Mr. Henry Cory, and said Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. L. Dudley, Chairman of the Trial Grounds Committee, advised of the unjustified indirect criticism of a few at the trial gardens. He called to the members' attention the time and effort donated by Judges, particularly when the critics apparently are not familiar with Trial Grounds procedure.

He advised the members that at the Rutgers Trial Grounds 56 entries were received last year, and 16 certificates issued. At East Lansing Trial Grounds, 16 entries were received and 11 certificates issued. Alt Park had 25 entries, of which 8 received certificates, and at Atlanta, 4 certificates were issued, and they had received 17 entries. He advised that the combined entries of all of the Trial Grounds totalled 168, and that 39 certificates had been issued and assured all that each and every entry had received the identical cultural treatment.

The Trial Grounds at Baltimore, he advised, had not had a successful year because it was subject to an  $8\frac{1}{2}$  in. rainfall in a ten-day period, and therefore, was practically washed out. This Trial Ground is conducted on property owned by the United States Government. There was expended \$1,000 last year on this particular Trial Ground, and he informed the members that all of those who had entries there the past year will receive a new trial this year without charge. He advised that the plot had been sanded, manured, and well turned and planted with winter rye last fall, and we are looking forward to a successful Trial Ground this year.

Dr. Dudley advised that at the Executive Committee Meeting held this morning, the Long Island Dahlia Society through their Secretary, Mr. Aumuller, suggested that we sponsor an official American Dahlia Society Trial Ground at Farmingdale, Long Island, New York. The Long Island Dahlia Society had a Trial Ground at Farmingdale for the past two years. Mr. Pollak advised that he had visited Farmingdale the past year, and found a neat, well grown garden. Mr. Dudley pointed out that Farmingdale, like all other Trial Grounds must strictly adhere to our rules and regulations, and it will be our Trial Garden No. 6, and in accordance with our regulations, it will be on trial for the first year. It will be located on the grounds of Applied Institute of Agriculture of the State of New York, Farmingdale, Long Island and the contract will be with them. Mr. Dudley advised that this new Trial Ground had been approved at the Executive Committee Meeting held this morning.

Mr. Henry Olsen, Chairman of the Show Committee,

thanked all of those members who had assisted him in any way whatsoever at our Show held last September and advised that he is most anxious to see more exhibitors bring in their blooms to this year's Show.

Mr. Roy Webb, Derril Hart Medal Committee, advised that the following awards would be made at the Annual Dinner this evening, both having been won in the past year:

A—*Cardinal*—Originator, George Baker; introducer, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.

B—*Golden Treasure*—Originator, Norman Lamont; Introducer, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

Mr. Maytrott, Show Schedule Committee, advised of changes that will appear in our 1949 Show Schedule, and that a score card is to be used for the largest and most perfect bloom, in accordance with decision of the Executive Committee Meeting held this morning.

Mr. C. Frey, Judges Committee Chairman, thanked all of the judges for their work at our last Show, and while some errors were evident, he pointed out that 100 per cent judging has never been obtained, but that an improvement is shown each and every year. He suggested that the score cards used by judges be published in the BULLETIN and in our Show Schedule.

Mr. Waaser, Editor of the BULLETIN, stated that for many years the expense of publishing the BULLETIN was a very small item of cost to the Society due to cheap printing costs and income from many advertisers. Due to tremendously increased printing costs and reduction of the number of advertisers, the expense of publishing the BULLETIN today is a very substantial one, and he urged all commercial men to use the BULLETIN as their chief source of advertising.

Mr. Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman of the Membership Committee, expressed his thanks to those members who, during the past year, had obtained new members for the Society. He advised that during the past year we had two new Branch Societies, and that the total new memberships for the entire year approximated 200 memberships.

The President informed those present that he had appointed a special committee consisting of Messrs. Dudley, Frey and Dr. Knocke to render a report in connection with our recognizing seedlings at dahlia Shows. This subject was thoroughly discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held this morning, and it was decided that the Society issue their Gold Medal Certificates to those seedlings which they deem worthy of introduction. The President further explained the manner in which such judging should be scored, and he then called upon Mr. Dudley to render the report and recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Dudley advised that the Committee recommended that there be no limit to the number of entries in this sweepstakes seedlings class, but all seedlings must be at least three years old, and the originator must have sufficient stock and agree to introduce same the following season. The scoring to be done on American Dahlia Society Bench Score Cards by not less than three judges nor more than five. He advised the members that the Executive Committee Meeting held this morning had approved the issuance of Gold Medal Certificates for Class A, B, and M. The seedlings, however, must score at least 85 points. He called particular attention to the

members of the keen competition in the seedling classes at last fall's Shows, and in Class "A", the only award was the Achievement Medal and the granting of only one award resulted in the past in many good seedlings falling by the wayside, and therefore, he and his Committee strongly recommended the issuance of American Dahlia Society Gold Medal Certificates to worthy seedlings. He further advised the members that the Committee had suggested other recommendations which the Executive Committee did not approve, but he still felt that we should reward a Gold Medal for each of the following Classes—A, B, and M. This Medal to be awarded to the variety in each of the aforesaid three classes which has an average score of 85, or better in at least three Shows conducted under American Dahlia Society rules and regulations, and where the judging must consist of not less than three, nor more than five competent judges, who must use the American Dahlia Society Bench Score Cards. This subject was a matter which he requested the President allow him to present to the general membership, as during the recess between the Executive Committee Meeting and this Meeting, he had discussed the matter with some other members of the Executive Committee who had not been in favor of granting the Gold Medals. After everyone was given the opportunity of expressing her or his opinion, it was on Motion duly made and seconded that the action of the Executive Committee Meeting held this morning be approved and on separate motion duly made and seconded, which motion carried, it was decided that we will award each year in each of the three classes an American Dahlia Society Supreme Sweepstakes Award, which awards will be our Gold Medal. These Medals to be in further recognition of superlative new seedling varieties, which varieties must score the highest average, said average to be not less than 85 points at at least three Shows, each season, where the Show seedling awards are made. This will include the American Dahlia Society Show in New York and any other American Dahlia Society affiliated and Branch Societies which have qualified for and made the awards. All scores of winners (which have scored 85 points or over are to be filed with the American Dahlia Society Sweepstakes Awards Committee prior to October 20th of the same season. The Committee will then average the scores of the varieties which have won the Gold Medal Certificate with a score of 85 or more, and the variety in each Class which scores the highest average will be awarded an American Dahlia Society Gold Medal, and the Medal winners will be announced in the November issue of our BULLETIN. Our Gold Medal award to be in addition to any other award that the seedlings may have received.

President Pollak expressed his appreciation for the outstanding work done by Mr. Lynn Dudley for the American Dahlia Society and called to the attention of the members the rules and regulations and procedures that he had drawn and must be followed by all of the Trial Grounds. He stated that Mr. Dudley is a jewel of a worker, and expressed his thanks to Mr. Dudley personally and in behalf of his Committees for the entire Society.

Dr. McDade, Chairman, Joint Classification Committee, advised that in order to discriminate between the Ball

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## A.D.S. Annual Dinner

Another gala occasion marked the recent A.D.S. Annual Dinner at the Hotel Statler in New York City on January 15th.

Our accordionist and the "Magician" too, delighted us while we partook of the good food after Vice President Henry Cory had opened with the Invocation.

President Leo Pollak welcomed the members and friends, after which he assigned a task to George Fraser which proved exactly to his liking.

For it was the Professor's privilege to award the A.D.S. Gold Medal for meritorious service to an old "buddy" — James Sweeney — charter member and one whose life in the Society has been closely identified with the A.D.S. Trial Gardens at Storrs, Conn. Mr. Sweeney's response was scholarly—of course the ladies had difficulty in diverting their minds from his very handsome appearance! Mr. Sweeney told us many interesting sidelights relating to the early days of the Society; his speech elicited a fine round of applause.

Not to be outdone, Connie Frey presented the second Gold Medal of the evening to a lady, Mrs. Frieda Fisher, and how well she deserved it! Mrs. Fisher had already won many A.D.S. Gold Medals before, but they were competitive awards for her great commercial displays—displays which many of us believe have never been surpassed—seldom equalled! This medal was different! It attested to her outstanding service to the A.D.S. and the Dahlia. Her response, too, was well received. The audience demonstrated its approval of the Committee's selection's for the highest honor that the Society bestows.

President Pollok then introduced a charming lady from the South—a fellow member, Mrs. W. H. Simmonds of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, who made the long journey to tell us all about that great Dahlia pageant she arranged and staged at the Southern Conference Show at Chattanooga last fall. We were really treated to a word picture of her life long identity with Dahlias.

Mrs. Simmonds contributed much to the success of our evening and we hope she will make an annual pilgrimage here to be with us. Who knows but that we might induce her to stage a "repeat" performance at the great A.D.S. Show in New York!

Fortunate indeed were we to have Mr. E. L. D. Seymour with us. E. L. D. is one of the busiest speakers in the Horticultural realm. Known all over the world for his great achievement, *The Garden Encyclopedia*, Mr. Seymour is Horticultural Editor of the *American Home Magazine*—the publication whose Achievement Medal awards have done so much for the Dahlia. Mr. Seymour gave us a historical account of this award and then presented the current season's medals to those winners who attended the dinner.

George Baker, who travelled from his home in Moline, Illinois, received five medals for his introduction, "*The Cardinal*."

Martin Guttler was present to receive his awards for *New Look*.

Stanley Johnson's smile evidenced his pleasure in pocketing the medal for *King Size*.

*Ronky* rewarded Dr. Fred J. Knocke, who responded when Mr. Seymour awarded this medal.

Charles Diffenderffer captured three medals with his *Edna D.*

Roy Webb of our Trial Garden Committee presented the Derrill Hart Memorial Medals. This medal is given to varieties which have the highest average scores in three or more Trial Gardens.

"*The Cardinal*" was the winner of the large flowering award and Mr. Baker accepted his medal.

Norman La Motte's *Golden Treasure* received the award for medium sized "B" Dahlia—the medal was accepted by Mrs. Symmonds.

Lynn Dudley and Henry Olsen showed fifty or more of the season's best Kodachromes of the new novelties. These pictures were definitely of superior quality and many showed the beautiful blooms with commendable color accuracy. Thus ended the A.D.S. dinner which broke all previous records for attendance. Dewey Mohr worked hard and long—but added one more to his string of notable successes.

## The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society held its Christmas Party on December 9th, 1948, at the new Pittsburgh Garden Center, Mellon Park.

After a brief business meeting the Social Committee took over and an evening of fun and good cheer followed. The following officers have been elected to serve for 1949:

President—Mr. J. H. Hamilton.

1st Vice President—Mrs. S. M. Holt.

2nd Vice President—Mr. R. D. Motznick.

Secretary—Mrs. H. W. MacRoberts.

Treasurer—Mr. Paul Planert.

Board of Directors—Mrs. Robert Emery, Mr. H. W. MacRoberts, Mr. D. W. Yealey, Mr. Ed. Ritter.

MRS. H. W. MACROBERTS, *Secretary*.

## Baltimore Dahlia Society

1949 started off with a bang for the Baltimore Dahlia Society. First we had the annual meeting at which the following officers were elected: President, Vincent Hush; 1st vice-president, George Mumma; 2nd vice-president, Chas. M. Diffenderffer; treasurer, John C. Mencke; financial secretary, N. A. Scheel; secretary, Herbert O. Aburn; executive committee: George Schirmer, chairman; N. A. Gossmann, Louis Gill; O. Weber, A. Hens, W. E. Lampkin, E. L. Schaun, Wm. Kumlehn and Bernard Kumlehn.

Show dates for 1949 were announced for September 18th and 19th and the show managers will be Louis Gill and Wm. Kumlehn, two of the hardwest workers in the Society. Henry Cory, chairman of the Trial Grounds Committee, stated that he and his committee have completed all arrangements for the handling of plants and tubers at College Park. There seems to be an unusual amount of interest being shown and quite a bit of planning made for larger gardens, due to the increase in the classes in our show schedule. All we need is a good growing season and Baltimore will produce a good show.

HERBERT O. ABURN, *Secretary*.

# Send Your Seedlings to the Trial Grounds

It's time to think of having your new varieties grown and scored at the A.D.S. Official Trial Grounds in 1949.

The American Dahlia Society has for more than thirty-three years sponsored trial grounds where originators may have the opportunity of testing their dahlias. The A.D.S. does not do the actual work at these gardens. This is left to its branch or affiliated societies nearby which can assist in judging and supervising garden operation. The test gardens are located at Experiment Stations, Universities, and Public Parks and are under the close supervision of capable horticulturists.

The A.D.S. furnishes cultural programs, score cards, and assists where practicable, in the judging and publishes the Trial Grounds reports in the A.D.S. BULLETIN. This gives publicity to those varieties which are judged and scored between 80 and 85 and over. All varieties which receive a score of 85 or over receive an A.D.S. Certificate of Merit. The three highest scoring varieties in each size category in not more than two seasons also receive the Derrill Hart Medals.

For the information of those who have never sent seedlings to the A.D.S. Trial Grounds we should say that the several A.D.S. Trial Grounds and the societies and groups which operate them are trustees of your stock. They are never sold, distributed or disseminated by these gardens. Some of them may be grown the second or third year in the garden, with your permission. Usually the roots are destroyed after the test year. Roots are not returned to grower unless he or she so requests in writing at time of entry in garden, with guarantee of transportation charges or actual postage for their return. It would involve only additional expense and labor if all originators required their return.

Each entry of plants or roots sent to each Trial Ground must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. This fee only partially pays for the labor, fertilization, water facilities and other items involved in this testing. The balance of this additional cost is borne by the local society or the management of the school or park where garden is located. Or, in some instances, the American Dahlia Society has raised the money to help defray the extra expense.

The time and personal expenses of the judges is contributed by individuals who unselfishly want to help advance the cause of dahlias. They not only receive no compensation for their work but are often out-of-pocket considerable sums just to help originators receive recognition for their seedlings.

When you send your varieties to these gardens to be tested you receive many times over the value of the entrance fee in services. Particularly, if they win A.D.S. Certificates of Merit, the cost of the fee is a very small part of the amount which the originator may receive when the variety is disseminated. And the very fact that it receives the certificate makes it possible to put it on the market at a good price.

## NEW A.D.S. TRIAL GROUND ON LONG ISLAND

At the A.D.S. annual meeting the application of the

Long Island Dahlia Society, a branch Society, for the establishment of an official A.D.S. Trial Ground was approved.

This garden is located at the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture in Farmingdale, Long Island. It has been operated as a local test garden for the past two seasons.

This approval by the A.D.S. involves its continuance on the A.D.S. plan and procedure for trial grounds for 1949. If it is successful and conforms to this operational plan then it will be made an Official A.D.S. Trial Ground beginning in 1950.

Dahlia seedlings for trial may be sent to this garden for test in 1949, just as if it were confirmed as an official garden. Reports of varieties, performance and scores awarded will be reported in the A.D.S. BULLETIN.

The names and addresses where you may write for entrance blanks and send your plants and roots for test are as follows:

Mid-West—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan: Prof. C. E. Weldon.

Eastern—New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J.: Dr. Charles H. Connor.

Mid-Atlantic—University of Maryland, Silver Spring, Md.: Wm. H. Wood.

Ohio Valley—Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert Seibel, Supt. (or write O. W. Mills, 3628 Kroger Ave., Cincinnati).

South Atlantic—(Will have new location.) But entries may be sent care C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Long Island—N. Y. State Institute of Applied Agriculture, Farmingdale, L. I. (For information or entry blanks, write to Otto J. Amuller, 50 East Lincoln Avenue, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.)

LYNN B. DUDLEY,  
Chairman Trial Grounds Committee

## The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

At the annual election of The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, the following officers were elected for 1949:

President—Harry L. Dixon, 6080 Miami Rd., R. R. No. 1, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

1st Vice President—L. M. White, 124 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

2nd Vice President—Edward Heepke, 3732 High Point Ave., Cincinnati 11, Ohio.

3rd Vice President—William Bertele, Anderson Ferry Rd., R. R. No. 4, Box 303, Cincinnati 5, Ohio.

4th Vice President—A. E. Motterdam, Sidney Rd., R. R. No. 14, Box 514, Cincinnati 11, Ohio.

Secretary—Miss Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane Ave., Cincinnati 23, Ohio.

Treasurer—Fred Lienisch, 4417 W. Eighth St., Cincinnati 5, Ohio.

ALICE MATTICK, Secretary.

# A.D.S. Adopts New Plan For Recognition Of Seedlings

## It Will Be Known As The "A.D.S. Show Seedling Sweepstakes"—And Includes Offering of Awards at Shows of Its Branches and Affiliates

At the annual meeting of the A.D.S. a committee composed of Dr. Fred Knocke, Conrad Frey and Lynn B. Dudley presented a plan for further recognition of worthy new seedling varieties, beyond present New York A.D.S. Show awards and Trial Ground certificates.

This plan, with minor changes, after adoption by the executive committee, was also approved at the annual meeting. We include this entire proposal herewith with explanation of the thinking back of it and the objectives which it is hoped will be realized. The committee would welcome any comment by the members of A.D.S. Branch and Affiliated Societies. They will try to answer any queries as to its operation. You may address them to members of the committee direct, or care of Editor Waaser of THE A.D.S. BULLETIN.

Here is the Proposal as Adopted.

It has seemed for a long time that there are too many limiting factors in the awarding of only *one* "supreme" seedling award at Dahlia Shows.

The American Dahlia Society, some thirty-three years ago, established its first Trial Grounds as a place where, under normal field grown culture, a new dahlia seedling could be rated on a fair basis by a group of unbiased judges over a complete blooming season. It also developed a standard yardstick of values to aid judges in determining if a variety was different and better than existing varieties in commerce in its present Official Score Card.

In this service to introducers, the A.D.S. has performed a distinct and useful function. Literally thousands of worth-while dahlias have received certificates under this method over the years and as a result both originators and the public have been benefited. But this method is not of the same value to them today as it used to be. There are many reasons why this is true but they are chiefly concerned with change in attitude of originators and in change in location and management of Trial Grounds.

A recent technique for increasing adahlia's recognition for worthiness has become quite a common practice. A grower sends plants of the new variety he expects to introduce to skilled and trusted growers in several sections of the country. The grower receiving them promises to exhibit them in his and adjacent shows in the Achievement Classes.

Among the other methods of evaluation which have come into usage are the Honor Rolls. These are not stamped with the Official A.D.S. label. They are the personal opinion of three men. But, these reports, like those of the Trial Grounds have the advantage of being the result of one or more seasons of close observation. They are today a factor in the evaluation of new seedlings.

The only other method by which the purchasers of new varieties may check their own likes and dislikes is

on the show table. They read show reports in the BULLETIN and note which varieties received the supreme seedling award. And perhaps they buy only the supreme winner and overlook some excellent new varieties, which would become favorites with them, because these dahlias did not receive the awards and the resulting publicity they deserved.

It too often happens that one or more other seedlings other than the one selected by the judges for the top flight award should also receive some recognition and be labeled worthy of introduction. The individual class seedling awards, even when A.D.S. medal certificates are awarded, as is now being done, just does not give a grower sufficient publicity for his dahlia.

For these reasons the American Dahlia Society will supplement its Official Trial Grounds Certificates of Merit with other Medal Certificates to be awarded at its own Annual Show and be offered as awards at the shows of its Affiliate and Branch Societies.

In other words, The American Dahlia Society proposes a new series of show awards designed to augment the selection of worthy new dahlias to be introduced insofar as it is possible, both in fairness to the introducer and prospective purchaser.

In order to accomplish this purpose the American Dahlia Society will inaugurate in 1949 a show class to be termed the "A.D.S. SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES." Awards will be made under A.D.S. Rules to all seedlings entered in the Seedling Classes including the present American Home Achievement Class, Flower Grower Class, A.D.S. Miniature Trophy Award. The inclusion of the above classes in these A.D.S. Show Seedling Sweepstakes has been approved by both American Home and Flower Grower Magazines, donors of two of these awards. Dahlias entered in any Seedling Class will therefore be eligible for these awards.

These awards will be offered to all A.D.S. Branch and Affiliated Societies for inclusion in their Show Seedling Awards if they make application in writing and agree to abide by the rules. Additional supreme awards will be made also if at least three Societies offer these awards under these rules and make required reports to the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Committee. (See paragraph on Supreme Seedling Awards.)

### RULE 1

All seedlings to be eligible for these awards shall be scored on A.D.S. score cards for bench judging by a group of judges (not more than 5). The judges shall have had experience in use of A.D.S. Score Cards in field or bench judging.

### RULE 2

All seedling dahlias so scored which receive an aver-

age score of 85 or over based on the average scores of this judging group shall receive an A.D.S. Medal Certificate.

### RULE 3

Before any seedling dahlias may receive this award, it must be determined to the full satisfaction of the judges that the seedling is at least three years old and that it will be introduced and offered for sale in the season subsequent to receiving this award. Varieties receiving these awards, if not already named, must be named immediately afterwards.

### AWARDS

For A-Large Dahlias—An A.D.S. Gold Medal Certificate will be awarded to as many varieties as are scored an average of 85 points or over on the A.D.S. Score Card. These awards are in addition to any other awards received by that variety in the Show.

For B-Medium Dahlias—An A.D.S. Gold Medal Certificate will be awarded to as many "B" varieties as are scored an average of 85 or over on the A.D.S. Score Card. These awards are in addition to any other awards received by that variety in the Show.

For M-Small Dahlias—An A.D.S. Gold Medal Certificate will be awarded to as many "M" varieties as are scored an average of 85 or over on A.D.S. Score Card. These awards are in addition to any other awards received by that variety in the Show.

### A.D.S. SUPREME SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

For further recognition of superlative new seedling varieties, The American Dahlia Society will award 3 Gold Medals, one in each size class—A-Large, B-Medium and M-Small—same to be awarded to the one seedling in each of these categories which scores the highest average score in at least three shows each season where the A.D.S. show seedling awards are made. These awards will not be made unless awards under these rules are made in at least three shows in any one season. This includes the A.D.S. show in New York and any A.D.S. Affiliated and Branch Societies which have qualified for and made these awards. All scores of winners (which have scored 85 points or over) in the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards are to be filed with the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards Committee prior to October 20th of the same season. The committee will then average the scores of the varieties which have won the Gold Medal Certificate with a score of 85 or more and the variety in each size category which scores the highest average will be awarded an A.D.S. Gold Medal. It is most essential to the determination of winners of these medals that decimal points of the average score of winners of each show be used and conveyed to the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Committee. These medal winners will be announced in the November A.D.S. BULLETIN.

Note: the A.D.S. reserves the right to withhold any awards in these A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes in affiliated or branch societies until assured by officials of said society that all rules governing these awards have been complied with.

DR. FRED KNOCKE, LYNN B. DUDLEY, CONRAD FREY,  
A.D.S. Show Sweepstakes Awards Committee.

## National Capital Dahlia Society Annual Dinner

"It is the one event of the year that you should not miss,"—so wrote our president, George R. Hitchcock, to all our members and friends who enjoy talking dahlias. The response was most gratifying, the largest group we have had in the history of the society.

The dinner was held at The Dodge Hotel, 20 E. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., January 13, 1949. In the absence of Henry F. Cory, who was unable to attend because of illness, Harold J. Clay, our toastmaster pronounced the invocation. The turkey dinner was delicious and enjoyed by everyone and the service was prompt and efficient as it always is at the Dodge.

President Hitchcock welcomed our members and guests and introduced our toastmaster, Harold J. Clay. Mr. Clay demonstrated how good a toastmaster can be and received hearty congratulations at the dinner's conclusion. Past presidents were introduced, those present were John L. Bishop, Charles C. Clark, Henry C. Parker, E. R. Phillips, J. Leslie Bowling and George R. Hitchcock.

Dr. Conrad B. Link was the speaker of the evening, giving "Research as it Affects your Garden" as his subject. He told of new products that have been marketed that stimulate the growth of roots on cuttings, others keep fruit hanging on trees for a longer period, still another retards the sprouting of potatoes.

Dr. Link is in charge of horticulture and floriculture at the University of Maryland, also is Secretary of the American Horticultural Society. He is in charge of the dahlia test garden which is located at the university.

The musical feature of the evening was ably taken care of by Clive Worsely, locally famous accordion player who a few days before had appeared at Constitution Hall on the original Major Bowes Amateur program now conducted by Ted Mack, he was the "top winner" doing the honors by playing, "Dizzy Fingers", Clive plays over 1,000 numbers from memory.

We are amazed at nature sometimes. Here before our very eyes we saw flowers grow up right out of mid air. Nothing to it, says Mr. F. H. Untiedt, who gave us "A Bit of Magic."

At the conclusion of our program it seemed you could sense "a touch of spring fever." We have diagnosed the trouble, "the last number on the program," ask someone who attended—"it was keen?"

MRS. JOHN L. BISHOP,  
Dinner Committee Chairman.

## National Capital Dahlia Society Election of Officers

The following officers were elected at the December meeting to serve the National Capital Dahlia Society for 1949.

President—George R. Hitchcock.  
Vice President—Walter H. Gannaway.  
Treasurer—John L. Bishop.  
Recording-Secretary—Mrs. S. O. Hatfield.  
Corresponding Secretary—Lee M. Clarke.  
Directors—A. C. Barrett, Lee M. Clarke, E. R. Harrill, Burnis Walker.

JOHN L. BISHOP, Publicity Chairman.

## Highlights of The Dahlia News of 20 Years Ago, Taken From A Review of the Oct. 1928 Bulletin of the A.D.S.

By H. DEWEY MOHR, V.P.A.D.S.

The Bulletin was known as the "1928 Show Number."

The front cover contains the photo of Miss Barbara Redfern, San Francisco, with bouquet of Curtis Referns' pink decorative Dahlia *Nell Gwyn*. The cover also contains the picture of Eleanor McFarlane, daughter of Peter McFarlane, Pres. of The New Haven Society, with some dahlias, nearly as large as herself.

The 1928 Annual Show was held in Madison Square Garden, which was a significant fact in itself, because it marked a vitally important stage in the history of the A.D.S. The Society had gradually expanded from small halls to one of the largest auditoriums in the world. The development of interest in these shows, both on the part of the public and of the exhibitors, represented a healthy growth that was substantial and lasting, not sporadic and ephemeral. Such a gathering of people and flowers at the cost of so much thought, labor and money, was the outcome of gripping interest and not of an exploited fad of the moment.

There were 35 Trade Exhibits. The largest and most spectacular was that of W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, Pa. This covered a floor space of 300 sq. feet. In the midst of abundant arrangements of Cibotiums were magnificent bouquets of dahlias, the whole effect suggestive of fairyland. Against a black background were many gorgeous bouquets of Fordhook specialties as well as other meritorious standards. In front of these were several cleverly arranged clusters of newer introductions, such as *Fordhook Marvel*, *Fordhook Delight*, *Fordhook Sweetheart*, *Fordhook Bridesmaid* and *Fordhook Treasure*. Along the edge of the platform were many vases of interesting pompon varieties of which *Atom* and *Sunny Daybreak*, especially took the writer's fancy.

Sharing in interest with the above was the very artistic display of wonderful dahlias shown by Fisher & Masson, of Sanhican Gardens, Trenton, N. J. Against the background were arranged several huge bouquets of Sanhican specialties set off by a bold interspersment of the graceful and beautiful Cibotium. In the center was a huge vase shaped basket in which was featured the most sensational dahlia of the New York Show—*Kathleen Norris*, an enormous conventional decorative of the most exquisite pure pink tint. This same dahlia won The Garden & Home Builder Magazine (Now The American Home Magazine) prize for the best 3 year old undissemated seedling. Mrs. Fisher was an adept at arranging Dahlias to the best effect and she was always mobbed from start to finish by enthusiasts who wish to know everything from "Whats that?" to "How do you grow 'em like that?" And she was always there to tell 'em.

The Annual Meeting of The American Dahlia Society was called to order at 12.05 P.M. by Pres. Harold Cottam at Madison Square Garden, Thurs. Sept. 27. Treasurer reported balance on hand at last meeting \$1,739.75, received since \$342.50 making balance of \$2,082.25. Paid out \$894., leaving balance on hand day of show \$1,185.25 and \$600. in Bills Receivable. Reported 355 new members during the year and 172 new affiliated societies.

Mr. Cottam was renominated for President, but he

asked the Society to accept his resignation as President and wished to be relieved on the grounds that there were so many people better able to continue this work. Motion made and carried that Mr. Cottam's resignation be accepted and he was asked to name someone else in his stead, but this he refused to do. The name of Mrs. Van Hoeson was placed before the meeting and the following nominations from the floor were Thos. Leavitt, William H. Waite and C. Louis Alling. Motion made and carried that the nominations be closed. After voting many times Mr. C. Louis Alling of West Haven, Conn. was unanimously elected president of The American Dahlia Society for the year of 1929. The following Vice Presidents were elected: N. Harold Cottam, Geo. L. Stillman, Geo. Kerr, Curtis Redfern, William H. Waite, Thos. Leavitt, Chas. G. Reed, John Vincent, Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen, Mrs. William J. Rathgeber elected Secretary and Mrs. Mabel C. Rathgeber elected Treasurer.

Prof. Fraser asked to report on the Nomenclature Committee, but stated that a report had already been written and printed in THE BULLETIN, but he did speak of reclassification of Dahlias, too many classifications go out and he asked the American Dahlia Society to stand back of that committee.

Motion made and carried that The American Dahlia Society medals cannot be given to any seedling classes but that it must be given for meritorious exhibit and must be dahlias.

## Minnesota Dahlia Society Annual Report 1949

The Annual meeting of the Minnesota Dahlia Society was held Thursday, January 13, 1949, at Hasty Tasty Cafe, Hennepin and Lake Street, Minneapolis.

The principal speaker was Dr. McGregor, Division of Soils, University of Minnesota. His discussion of soil management and the use of fertilizers was instructive, interesting and timely. Dr. McGregor's enthusiasm for his subject seemed to be infectious and his listeners already have many questions to ask the next time they see him.

The Society's business meeting was conducted with dispatch. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, discussed and approved.

The Secretary in his report pointed out some of the accomplishments of 1948, which included an increase in membership, improvement of finances, participation in the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show and the Mid-West Dahlia Show held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Those members who showed their blooms in these Shows received recognition and were appropriately rewarded.

Mr. Wm. Holmberg, chairman of the nominating committee reported to the Society recommending that the officers be re-elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—C. H. Rose.

Vice President—Carl A. Nelson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Harold M. Stephens.

The following directors were elected for a two-year term—L. E. Cristman, Joseph G. Micko, Harold R. Kaufman.

Plans are now being made for the 1949 Show which is expected to be larger than that of 1948 in which 34 exhibitors made 350 entries and showed 2,128 blooms.

HAROLD M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

## Wintering Losses

Again come the distressing reports of so much loss of valuable root stock in storage. This seems such a great waste and we wonder when the grower of fifty to five hundred hills will heed the oft repeated suggestion to store clumps in soil.

We appreciate that the large grower of many acres could not, from a practical standpoint, store all his roots in soil, but even some of these specialists do store some of their scarce varieties in this manner.

It is sometimes said that this method appears feasible for those who have field grown stock to store, but most fans have stock that has been pushed in varying degrees to get the fine blooms. Surely no grower in our region produced more massive blooms per hundred plants than our friend, the late Mr. E. E. Tooker. And I was one of a number, who year after year witnessed his "breaking" stock out of storage. All the clumps were uniformly sound, even to the feeder roots. Stem rot was unknown. I do not believe he lost half a dozen clumps in ten years and he stored them by the thousands.

I stored only two hundred clumps this winter. Just finished cutting up the major portion of my stock and did not lose one clump...it was a real satisfaction to take them from the boxes of soil...clean, plump and sound stalks. And as you know, if they are sound at this time of the year, they will remain so until planting time.

If you are lamenting current losses, why not resolve now to try this method next season with at least some of your clumps.

The waste, year after year is appalling...and this matter of winter losses is, to your Editor's way of thinking, the greatest single factor that hinders the Dahlia from becoming America's widest grown garden flower.

## Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society

The following officers were elected to serve the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, for the year 1949.

President—Ralph H. Rabenau, 705 Ruprecht Ave., Lemay 23, Mo.

1st Vice President—Ed Ayo, 8455 Edna Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

2nd Vice President—Joseph Siemer, 3653 McDonald Ave., St. Louis 16, Mo.

Treasurer—Fred W. Beckman, 833 S. Sappington Rd., Webster Groves 19, Mo.

Financial Secretary—Dan R. O'Gorman, 1107 McCausland St., St. Louis 10, Mo.

Recording Secretary—Robert B. McKee, 3857 Gustine Avenue, St. Louis 16, Mo.

ROBERT B. MCKEE, Rec. Secretary.

## Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society Los Angeles, Calif.

The Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society have held their annual election of officers.

They are as follows:

President—Harry Marshall.

Vice President—R. G. Schmit.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Louise White.

## Derrill Hart Medal Winners

The Derrill Hart Memorial Medals are awarded to the variety in each size group which scores the highest average in at least three A.D.S. Trial Gardens. The current winners are:

A—Large flowering—*The Cardinal*. Score 85.5 George Baker, Moline, Ill., originator; Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, introducer.

B—Medium—*Golden Treasure*, Norman La Motte, Hopeville, Ga., originator; Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, introducer.

## Dahlia Society of Ohio

On Friday evening, December 10, 1948, the Dahlia Society of Ohio held their Annual Christmas Party and election of officers for the following year, as listed below:

President—J. Ralph Berry, 505 Western Reserve Bldg., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Recording Secretary—E. A. Papesch, 11108 Langton Avenue, Cleveland 5, Ohio.

Treasurer—John A. Burt.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. I. Strausbourger.

1st Vice President—Leonard F. Fuerst.

2nd Vice President—Al. Srail.

3rd Vice President—John R. Brack.

4th Vice President—E. W. Kaniecki.

These officers will be installed at a dinner party to be held on Saturday, January 15, 1949, at Clark's Colonial Restaurant in Cleveland.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio incorporated in 1930 for the purpose of stimulating interest in Dahlias and their culture, will, during 1949, make a concerted effort to interest new growers in specializing in this flower. Associated as we are with the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, it will be our purpose to have more (and better) Dahlias grown by more people in this area.

RUTH BERRY, Cor. Secretary ('48).

## The San Diego County Dahlia Society

The 1949 Dahlia Show of the San Diego County Dahlia Society will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14th, in the Silver Gate Masonic Temple, located at Utah and Wightman Streets in San Diego.

THOS. B. GETZ.

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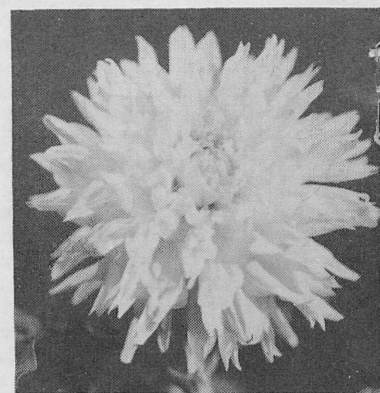
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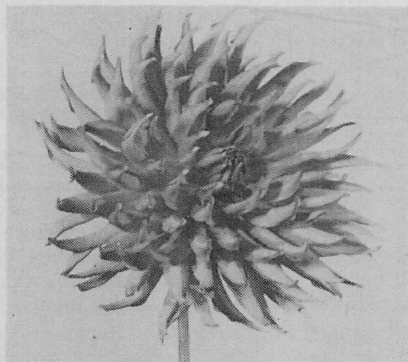
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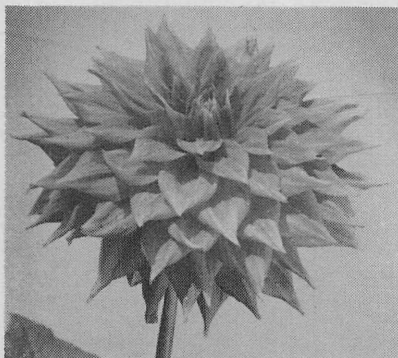
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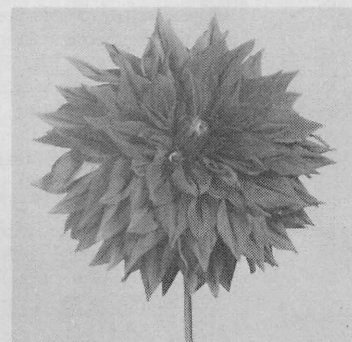
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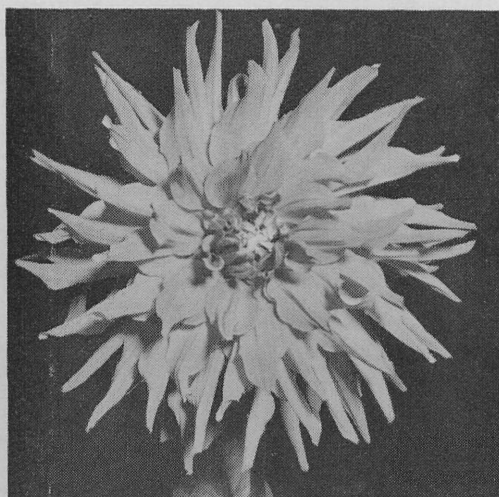
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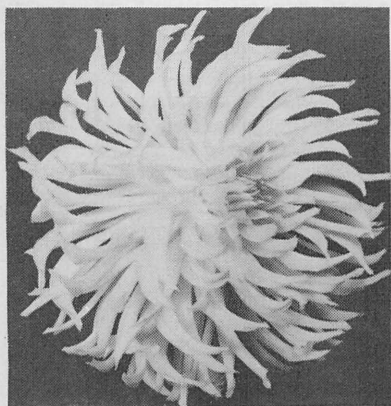
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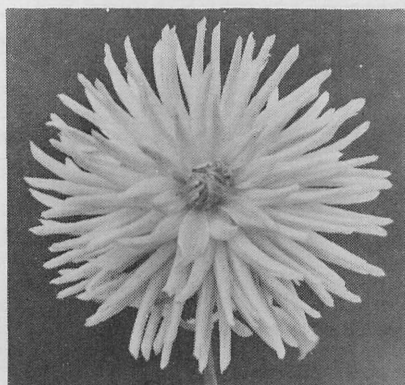
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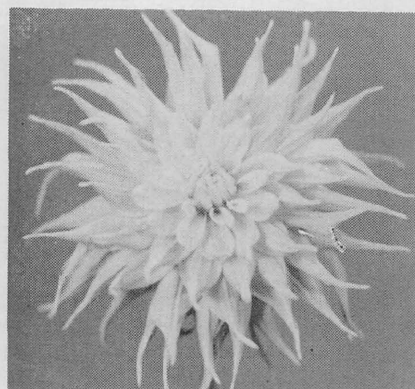
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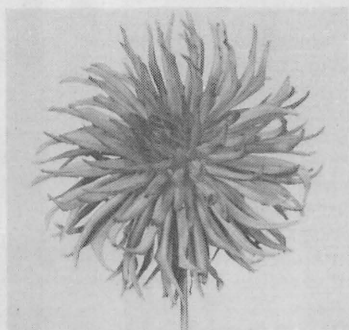
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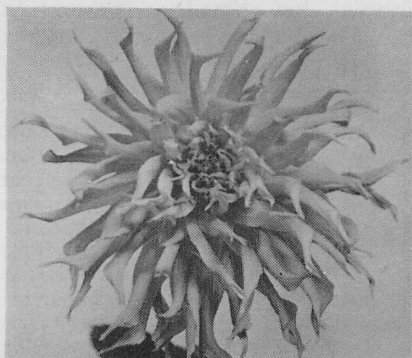
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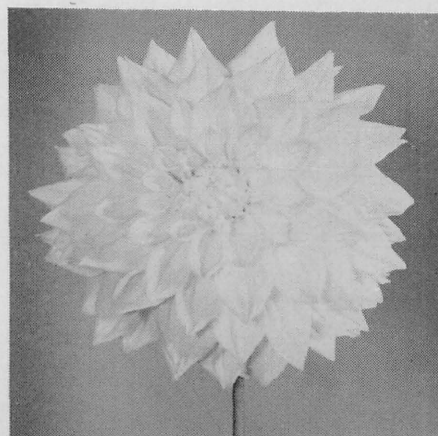
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## Editorial

It can't be done . . . so, here it is! Well, not quite yet . . . But, shortly you will receive the Unified Classification list—a product of two years work of the central committee of the American Dahlia Society and Central States Dahlia Society combined.

When the Committee was formed early in 1947, many were of the opinion that this hoped-for joint classification list just could not be done.

It would not have been accomplished if predicated upon a tawdry "give me this and I'll let you have that" attitude. But these two societies decided on a "meeting of the minds" policy. Certainly it COULD be done and they have done it!

Your Editor was one of the prime movers in this greatly to be desired project and so it is with trembling that I attempt to name those to whom untold credit should be given—trembling simply because by reason of human frailty I might forget someone!

Dr. Edward McDade of Scranton, Pa., was elected Chairman by the Committee itself. His efforts were untiring . . . he made a great study of his work and has gained the admiration of all his committeemen as well as the Officers and members of both societies. It was your Editor's pleasant duty as then President of the A.D.S. to name Dr. McDade to this committee and I wish to express to him my personal thanks and gratitude for his putting every effort into this arduous task. Dollar and cents expenses were very large . . . the Doctor has refused reimbursement and has personally paid those expenses.

Mrs. Harold Bluhm is the committee's Secretary and what a grand job our Central States' friend did in that capacity. It is remembered that Mrs. Bluhm has always had a major part in compiling the Central States Classification list. In addition to being well posted on color, Mrs. Bluhm is an expert statistician.

George Currie, who is editing the "DAHLIA" so capably was a tower of strength on this committee. His genial disposition . . . his innate ability to inspire confidence helped the Committee through some of the difficult places.

Others, who had a large share in this task include: Harry Franzen, Harold Cummings, James Marsh, Charles Diffenderfer, Roy Webb, Lynn Dudley, J. Louis Roberts, Henry Olsen, H. Dewey Mohr, Edward B. Lloyd, Dr. Fred Knocke, Andrew Doermann, Andrew Mulcahey, E. J. Wind, George Swezey, and Ernest Lewis.

I have left to the last two without whose help and backing we could not have made much progress: President David Radke of Central States and President Leo Pollak, of the American Dahlia Society. I am sure there are others who helped and if the members will remind me of any such, I will surely give due notice in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

The Committee hopes to have the list in your hands within the next few weeks.

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# The Circuit Rider

By PROF. C. MERRILL BROWN

September. Time once more to get out the road maps and start figuring. More time was available this year than has been the custom for several years past as the days of "acceleration" at the University are over. A normal summer program once more and a little respite between terms to enjoy a little visiting and some of the shows in the more distant places. Because of this we decided to get off the beaten path and to add a few new vistas to our fall itinerary.

The first annual show of the Michigan Dahlia Growers Association in Battle Creek on the 4th and 5th of September made an early start possible. We left early Friday morning on the 3rd; drove thru Canada to Sarnia, over the bridge to Port Huron and on down to East Lansing, arriving in time for a college "tea," a few pictures out in the garden and plenty of time to look over the trial grounds. Prof. C. E. Wildon was on deck and most graciously gave of his time escorting us over the layout at Michigan State College. The Department of Floriculture is housed in modern quarters and about everything needed for experimental purposes seems to be at their disposal. The gardens adjoin the building and it was most interesting to see the way the dahlias in the trial garden were being grown. We would have been proud to have had any of the plants in our own yard. No one could do a better job than was being done here and each variety was given every chance to show what it was capable of doing. It was rather surprising to see so many dahlias in on trial that didn't appear to have anything special in their favor. Approximately half of the plants were in bloom and not more than three or four appealed to us. Three of the ones that looked most promising were photographed. Later reports showed two certificates of merit were awarded to these three and the third was scored 84. Dr. Wildon handed us one of the rating cards used to score the dahlias and we each checked stake number 55. He totalled 84 and we came out with 85. That was our first experience with the official A.D.S. scorecard. Other than the fine showing the dahlias were making, the installation of a radiant heater out in the gardens as a frost deterrent was of prime interest. It was thought that it would be capable of keeping off the early frosts for a distance of 100 feet or so. We hope that a report will be given thru the BULLETIN on how effective this turned out to be. A very delightful dinner with the Wildons and their two children, a short evening visit, and then we were off to Battle Creek for the night.

The Michigan Dahlia Growers Association show was excellent for a first attempt. All the necessary details seemed to be well taken care of by Mr. A. H. Emmons and their capable secretary, Dr. Paul M. Morgan and things were moving very smoothly when we arrived before ten the next morning. Considering the very dry weather prevailing in the district, the entries were excellent. Not only were the Michigan growers well represented but Ohio and Illinois growers as well. Most outstanding at the show was Harry Beals' deep red cactus seedling *Mary Jo*. This entry won the American Home Achievement Award in competition with four other undisseeded seedlings. We measured one bloom of it 12 x 9 in.

on an 8 in. stem. The flower faces nicely and tilts at a pleasing angle. It should be a most welcome addition to its class. Well grown blooms of *Kelvin*, *Tops*, *Jean Trimbee*, *Jane Lausche*, *Five Star General*, *Rhythm*, *Ginger Rogers*, *Kirsten Flagstad*, *Croydon Joy*, *General Pershing*, *Miss Flint Lake*, *California Pageant*, *Clara Hook* and *Great Lakes*—all without identification tags—were also to be seen. Mr. L. L. Hook of Oakleigh Dahlia Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan, had a fine display of recent importations from Holland. Outstanding were *Mithra*, *Yellow Princess*, *Yellow Special*, *Hoek's Glory*, *Vivianne Coppins*, *Nagel's Sensation*, *Abbot*, *Joke* and *Lilac Wonder*, all cactus type. The Hill Dahlia Gardens of Battle Creek also had an attractive display of popular varieties.

Most of Sunday was spent in travelling across Indiana to East Liverpool, Ohio, but we did have a chance to visit a short while with Mr. and Mrs. Emmons before leaving Battle Creek and make a stop at Wolfe's Dahlia Gardens in Shipshewana, Indiana, as well as at Val Veih's in Canton, O. Mr. Wolfe said he had had a beautiful garden—as long as his *Hexcide* lasted. When that gave out the red spider took over and was in complete control by the time we arrived. Just one plant out of approximately 2,000 hills was unaffected. And it all happened in about two weeks time. We made Canton at dusk but were able to see by flashlight what Val was growing under his bushel baskets. Mrs. Hester A. Pape, Barbara Veirs and a yellow seedling looked excellent. The plants were especially vigorous though Val said he had not been able to give them their usual attention because of illness. (This did not stop him from attending the Midwest show in Milwaukee the following week-end. Later in the season Val was hospitalized for quite a spell. We understand that two operations have made a new man of him. May the story be true as he adds much to the dahlia picture).

Labor Day morning found us sitting on the hillside in Jack Eccleston's garden in East Liverpool. And from what we saw at the time it is no wonder that so many of the awards came his way two weeks later at the East Liverpool Dahlia Society show. Of greatest interest was his purple cactus seedling which he has named *Dorreen E.* after his charming wife. A 7 in. "B" flower and a most attractive one, well worthy of all the awards that have already come its way. Another outstanding exhibit here was the top back row (he grows on a hillside) of his garden where he had a dozen plants of Mrs. Hester A. Pape growing 7-8 feet tall, each from two to four laterals and showing a total of 17 blooms at the time. None were smaller than 11 x 5 in. on 12 in. stems. A gorgeous sight. His garden was well matched with straw and some of the really old ones like *Dulcinea* were grown so large that they were unrecognizable. Other outstanding varieties were *Allegresse*, a primrose yellow cactus 8 x 4 x 9 in., *Cheadle Park*, *President Truman*, *Orange Nassau*, a golden shrimp cactus 8.5 x 6 on 14 in. stems, *Bill's Delight*, *Rev. Mulholland* and *Beau Dell*.

After sharing a late breakfast with Jack and his wife we headed north toward Chagrin Falls and Harvey Robens' garden. Most of the 50 miles was thru a down-

pour but fortunately it stopped by the time we arrived. The garden was thoroughly soaked and so the blooms were not as fine as they otherwise would have been. This was the first time we had visited here that we did not find the choicest blooms covered with bushel baskets. Mrs. Robens' illness throughout the summer had made it impossible for him to give them their usual attention and this was the first summer that he had failed to enter any flowers in any of the regional dahlia shows. But the possibilities were there just the same. Outstanding were *Valley Queen* grown only as he can grow it. We measured blooms of it on the back porch which were 13 x 10 in. and stems four feet long. Surely a SUPER dahlia as he grows it. *Berwal Queen*, a beautiful white ID to SC, 12 x 8 in. and *Barwal Harvest*, an autumn ID 11 x 7 with a long pointed nose that opens into a full deep flower were two that could stand the soaking and still look good. And this was also true of *Purple Knight*, a real purple cactus growing 10 x 8 though it is classed as a "B" dahlia. *Norma Jean*, *Frances Hamilton Archer*, *Kelvin*, *Mrs. Pape* and numerous others of recent introduction as well as various undisseeded seedlings were all top quality blooms. A few more pictures and we were off on a 200 mile drive over familiar roads to bring us home in time for a good night's rest.

Friday the 10th found us back in Cleveland for the annual show of the Ohio Dahlia Society. This was a new departure on their part as the show was staged in the auditorium of the Higbee Department store. The facilities were excellent and the layout all one could desire. The only criticism one could make of the location being the fact that the show was open only during store hours. We understand that the show will be held in the same place this coming year but will be on a Monday and Tuesday to take advantage of the Monday night opening hours. The Cleveland show reflected the Mid West show in Milwaukee the next day as most of the "big bloom" exhibitors were characterized by their absence. However, exhibits in the medium sized classes were excellent. Bedford Dahlia Gardens won the American Home Achievement award with a shrimp pink cactus, blended yellow toward the center, which they have named *Mrs. Thomas A. Herbert*. The size will average 6-7 in. with depth 4-5 in. on typical cane-like cactus stems. *Therese Louise*, a peach blend semi cactus with a lighter center shown by Rosemary Dahlia Gardens of Martins Ferry, O., gave it stiff competition. At the dinner meeting following the show the writer was subjected to his annual grilling by those present. This is the penalty one pays for going places.

Saturday morning was enjoyably spent visiting the Rocky River Dahlia Gardens and the Bedford Dahlia Gardens. Though Mr. Wind was not at home and the planting was large we eventually found the spot we were seeking. This was the corner of the patch where all the seedlings and future greats in on trial were being shown. Here we saw field grown plants of such new varieties as *Golden Treasure*, *Edna D.*, *Clariam Fancy*, *Prairie Sun*, *Purple Velvet* and *Ronky*. All the stock looked healthy and well grown. *Golden Treasure*, *Prairie Sun*, *Clariam Fancy* and *Purple Velvet* were especially productive of blooms. Also in the planting on trial were varieties tagged for 1950 introduction. Of these Wolbert's *W 130-45*, Marsh's *Pirate Treasure*, a very rugged strawberry red FD 10 x 6 x 9 in., and Eccleston's purple

cactus, *Dorreen E.* were particularly outstanding. Val Veirs, the firm "Lewis and Webb" as well as Hildebrandt and Waugh also had promising looking seedlings on trial.

At the Bedford Dahlia Gardens we saw the most uniform planting of dahlias it has ever been our privilege to see. Every plant in the row was just like every other plant in the same row. For the most part only one variety was planted in the row and all the varieties being grown were either cactus or semi cactus in type and "B" dahlias in size. The rows ran north and south on a slight incline. The plants were being grown in rows 3 feet apart and the plant were 24 in. apart in the rows with 8-10 laterals to the plant. This was accomplished by two pinchings, one shortly after they were set out and the second around the 1st of July. Not a plant was staked nor were any of them tied yet every plant was growing most upright between two wires 21 in. apart and spaced from 12 in. to 20 in. from the ground depending on the variety. The rows were trenched to drain off the excessive moisture from the natural rains and from the overhead watering system. The entire planting was well mulched with straw manure. This is the home of *Bill Jack*, *Ohio Beautiful*, *Loveliness*, *Purple Heart*, *Mrs. Thomas A. Herbert* and a number of other beautiful cactus varieties. And all were being grown to perfection.

Sunday the 12th found us in Rochester for their annual show. It is always our privilege to judge this show and put on a small side exhibit as well. The same Syracuse pair—Mac Andrews and Garretson who stirred things up at the Scranton show—were loaded for this show as well, showing many fine specimen blooms and taking their full share of the awards. One of the features of this show was the special seedling class where first year seedlings were shown. There were several that looked very promising but experience has shown that one year seedlings don't rate a "rave" as they may no longer be with us after the first of the next year. The Bausch Museum of Arts and Sciences where the exhibit is held is a wonderful set-up and the attendance was the largest ever. A very fine display of gladiolus increased the appeal to the flower lover.

Tuesday, the 14th of September, found us on our way to Montreal where one of our daughters was entering McGill University for the year. After seeing her comfortably located we headed for home via Toronto and the Baker Dahlia Gardens. We arrived in time to look over the planting before dark. The garden looked up to its usual high standard, though the planting was not as large as in previous years. Very little red spider damage was in evidence this year as contrasted with last year when the little red bugs got the better of them in places. The newer importations were in the spot behind the house as usual. Standing high over all the others, but not yet in bloom, was *Anne Tooker*. The plants must have been at least 8 feet high and were budded. We were informed that 12-13 in. blooms were in order before they were cut down by frost. (We had a long growing season this year). Others in this planting which caught the eye were *Betty Broster*, I.D. burnt orange, an exceedingly rugged grower with good stems; *Bill's Yellow*, a rich yellow FD though not too large; *Croydon's Crimson*, a flame red ID with both size and stem, 12 in. without forcing; *Axford Treasure*, a lemon yellow FD, 7 ft. tall grown to four canes with blooms 10 x 5 by 10 in.; *Ken*

*Luff*, an autumn ID with many flowers 10 x 5 x 8 in.; *Lucky Bird*, an excellent yellow SC, 9 x 5 x 10 in. on 7 foot laterals; and *Rose Hay*, salmon rose ID 10 x 5 x 8 in. Out in the general planting we saw, among others, excellent *Scarlet Leader* (with perfect centers though the blooms were fully developed), *Maffie*, *Kelvin*, *Pop Harris*, *Miss San Diego*, *Kirsten Flagstad*, and a few of the new French dahlias. Of these we liked *Immense*, a rosy purple cactus, 11 x 6 x 6 in.; *Mlle. Andre Maurice*, a "B" cactus rosy pink with lacinated petals; *Monette Castillon*, another very pretty "B" cactus, rosy carmine in color; *Pierre deBeaux*, a striking ID of red and white with a canary yellow center and *Torero*, a gold cactus tipped red, size 9 x 6 x 10 in. It is always a pleasure to visit this garden as one feels that they have seen the best of the new French and Australian varieties grown to get the most out of them.

The University began its fall session on the 20th but we took off over the weekend to drop down to the show of the National Capital Dahlia Society in Washington on the 25th. This was the best show we have attended in a long time, both for quality and for quantity. In fact, there were a few too many entries for the space available and the blooms were crowded a bit too much in a number of the classes. The United States Botanical Gardens make an ideal setting for the exhibit and most of the entries were in excellent condition on the second day of the show. The American Home Achievement award was carried off by Diffenderffer-Lollar entry—*Edna D.*, a dark red semi-cactus which we measured 14 x 9 x 10 in. Stiff competition was afforded by Mol-lineaux' fuschsia rose SC, *Marilyn Dale*. We measured this one 11 x 8 x 8 in. and they were in excellent condition after a trip down from Long Island for the occasion. Another outstanding entry in this class was a crinkley pink ID shown under number 46-1 by F. H. Goetzer. A flower very much out of the ordinary. We hope we see more of this one.

There were numerous other attractive looking seedlings scattered throughout the show. Two of the most outstanding were E. R. Phillips' 47-3, a 11 x 7 x 6 in. finely quilled pink cactus with a yellow center, and F. A. Alleva's *Big Dan*. The latter is a tawny ID with heavy foliage and strong stems. They were shown on laterals at least four to five feet long and the blooms measured 13 x 8 in. with 10-13 in. stems to the first pair of leaves. This variety is certainly well named. We also liked Mr. Phillips' 46-3, a light red ID with crinkly petals, 10 x 7 x 9 in. This variety was the highest scoring dahlia at the East Lansing trial grounds this past season. And another of his which looked most worthy was a high centered 1946 orange seedling with deeper center stripe and with curled ends to the petals. We measured blooms of this one 13 x 9 x 10 in. stems; watch out for this, it glistens. Dr. H. C. Parker showed a very attractive mauve cactus 13 x 10 x 13 in. which he has named *Heather*. It won in the open to all lavender class. Two other blooms which were outstanding were *Michael Black*, 12 x 8 x 5 which won over *Mrs. Hester A. Pape* in the open to all specimen bloom class though *Mrs. Pape* was later judged biggest AND best in the show; and the finest bloom we have ever seen of *Ogden Reid*. This was exhibited by Dr. Parker and measured 12 x 8 on 11 in. stems. It was just as good the second day as it was the first. A truly magnificent entry. A Sunday

visit to the gardens of Mr. Phillips, Mr. J. L. Bowling and Dr. Parker showed how completely they had been stripped for the show.

An unexpected trip to Jersey the first week in October occasioned by a death in the family made it possible for us to drop in at the trial grounds at New Brunswick and also to visit Mrs. George H. Swezey and his gardens in Hillside and Summit, N. J. We saw excellent blooms of Premier's new introductions: *Emma Caroline*, a very beautifully formed waxy white FD to ID, 10 x 7 on a most rugged plant; *Alicia Schrafft*, one of the loveliest solid pink semi-cactus flowers we have ever seen as each petal is outlined by a hairline of deeper pink; and *Gary E.*, a bright canary yellow incurved cactus on the borderline between an "A" and a "B" flower which throws plenty of flowers. Here was the finest bloom of *Autumn Blaze* we have yet seen. It measured 13 x 8 on a 7 in. stem and we immediately put it down in the little black book as a MUST. (And which we have since acquired.)

At the trial grounds at Rutgers we were struck by the spotty performance of the plants. Only a few were in bloom even at this late date due to the very wet season early in the year. However, they were well cared for and we were favorably impressed with the showing made by *Pawtucket*, a deep coral C to SC with a gold center, blooms measuring 11.5 x 6 on 13 in. stems; *Silver Tips*, a light red SC with twisting lacinating tips showing a silver reverse, blooms about 9 x 5 in.; *Prairie Sun*, *Golden Treasure*, *Marilyn Dale* and *Emma Caroline*.

And so we bring to a close our journeys for the year 1948. Many miles; many old acquaintances renewed; many new friends; many new dahlias; many new pictures and many new memories. A very delightful and successful season and one that will be long remembered. We only wish that some of you could enjoy *our* garden the way we have enjoyed yours. It's free. All one needs is the time and the inclination.

### Mid Atlantic Trial Ground College Park, Md.

We expect to get ready for planting May 15, 1949. Professor Link and Bill Wood have the ground in fine shape. Everything has been done to take care of future storms. Professor Link has sent to all who entered Dahlias in our garden last year free entries for each entry sent last year. I personally feel that his action is to be commended. I hope that all of you will have the pleasure of meeting both Professor Link and Bill Wood in the near future. May I suggest that you send your plants by special delivery to either Professor Link or Bill Wood, the Hort. Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

HENRY F. CORY.

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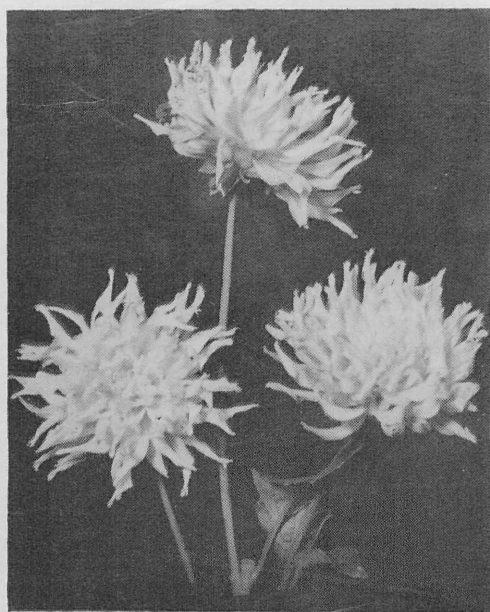
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Executive Committee—M. B. Keener, Chairman; H. W. Wilhide, Oscar R. Moser, D. A. Gossard, Roy Polsgrove, Mrs. H. C. Kuhn, Homer C. Grove.

The Society has had a very prosperous year and has enjoyed a substantial gain in its membership.

The December meeting was climaxed with a Christmas Party of which Lewis Ditto was chairman of the committee sponsoring the party. One hundred and fifty persons attended the party. Gifts were exchanged and a fine program was rendered and refreshments were served, all in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

### The Rochester Dahlia Society Rochester, N. Y.

At the December 14 meeting of the Rochester Dahlia Society, we held our annual election of officers. The new officers and their addresses are:

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### The Rochester Dahlia Society

Include in your calendar of Show Dates the Rochester Dahlia Society's annual show, Sunday, September 11, 1949 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, New York.

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## Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The above Society came into being in the month of July 1948. The home address for the present is 1139 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Keen interest was shown at the first meeting of the group. Mention was made of the long-felt want of a branch of the Dahlia Society for Philadelphia area. After the exchange of views, and some enthusiastic dahlia talk, the following resolution was agreed on:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dahlia enthusiasts bind together as an organization on this date for the following purposes: Production of finer dahlias, the dissemination of dahlia information, and the stimulation of interest in, and appreciation of dahlias. We agree to stage at least one dahlia show each year. We, therefore, pledge our full cooperation to this effect and affirm our purpose.

Following this the appointment of officers were made:

President—John McMenamin, St. Davids, Pa.

Vice President—Thomas McKay, Gladwyn, Pa.

Secretary—Robert Pollock, Jr., Havertown, Pa.

Asst. Secretary—F. A. Alleva, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Treasurer—Charles Becker, Jr., Havertown, Pa.

Executive Committee:

Stanley Johnson, Charles Friedel, Norman Wright, Fred Moore, William Ellis, George Johnson, Frank Deichler, W. A. Leeser, William G. Davis, William McGowan, Harold Graham, Harry Wood.

It was decided to make application for Branch Membership in the American Dahlia Society, to adopt By-Laws at a future meeting and complete arrangements for our first Show.

The first show was held in conjunction with the Chester County Horse Show at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The speed and enthusiasm with which the group put on its first show was ample testimony of the interest and concern. To single out any one member of the group for their efforts would be a difficult task, but mention must be made of the Show Chairman, Fred Moore, his was a creditable job, Fred always does a job well. It's a little belated to give much detail of the winners at the Show. In passing I make mention of the Sweepstake winners.

Section A—F. A. Alleva.

Section B—F. A. Alleva.

Section C—F. A. Alleva.

Section D—King Irvin.

Arrangement Section—Charles Becker, Jr.

Grand Sweepstakes—F. A. Alleva.

The branch, although an infant, boasts a large membership and is still signing up new members. Plans are in the making for the 1949 Show, which the members think will vie with any Dahlia Show in the East. We cordially invite all interested to come and see the 1949 Show and to note the vigor and cooperation of the members, and the general interest shown by the public from the standpoint of the Dahlia.

WILLIAM G. DAVIES,  
Branch Editor.

## Minnesota Dahlia Society

The Minnesota Dahlia Society Show will be held at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota on the 12th & 13th of September, 1949.

HAROLD M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

## Indianapolis Dahlia Society

The Indianapolis Dahlia Society has completed a very successful year with a fine show in September, and a lot of new members. The 1948 show was one of the best they have held in recent years and 1949 promises to be even greater.

The members are showing a lot of enthusiasm and making plans for a bigger show with keener competition.

Our show date has been set for October 1 and 2, at The Brookside Community House, Indianapolis. This has been our headquarters for a number of years.

Most of the other shows will be out of the way and we will consider it an honor to have visitors from any of the other Societies that find it possible to attend.

Our officers for 1949 are as follows:

President—W. A. Saffell, 225 North 18th Ave., Beech Grove, Indiana.

Vice President—Harold O. Clark.

Treasurer—Edith M. Saffell.

Secretary—Hazel M. Walther, 1129 Hoefgen Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Publicity—E. M. Dumlow.

Propagator—Al. Underwood.

Show Manager—R. H. Ayers.

Asst. Show Mgr.—Mrs. Ray Thorn.

W. A. SAFFELL, President.

## Corrections

The following corrections should be noted in connection with the A.D.S. 1948 Show at New York:

Page 7—Section B—Cactus—Incurved, Straight or semi-cactus—1 bloom, A-Large; Lavender—1st: D. Rorelli instead of H. W. Rivel.

Page 10—Section C—Decorative—Informal—1 bloom, A-Large; White—1st: Gamston Garden, *Great Lakes*. 2nd: Dr. Bruce Preas, *Anne Tooker*. 3rd: E. O'Keefe, *Great Lakes*.

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Vice President in Charge of Publicity—Miss Josephine Bazewick.

Vice President in Charge of Membership—John J. Ruck.

Vice President in Charge of Exhibition and Shows—B. E. Pitt.

Secretary-Treasurer—O. J. Aumuller.

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday night, January 29, at the Valley Stream Park Inn, Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y. The hundred members and guests enjoyed a full course turkey dinner, a fine orchestra, dancing and a worthwhile floor show.

On February 19, 7:30 P. M., a meeting will be held at the Institute of Applied Agriculture of L. I., Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y., where the Society had its Test Garden last year. At this meeting, members of the faculty, Dr. Oscar Eichman will deliver a talk on Soil Improvements and C. Rissmeyer on Cultural Practices in Test Garden with color slides of the test dahlias in bloom last fall.

The Annual All Dahlia Show will be held on Saturday, September 24, 1949, at the Plattdutsche Park spacious Hall, Franklin Square, Long Island, N. Y. This place is easily accessible from all quarters and has wonderful water and parking facilities. Exhibit your fine blooms at this fine show. If this is not possible come out and see the show anyway.

O. J. AUMULLER, Secretary.

### Ross Dorff

Ross H. Dorff, former Second Ward councilman and a member of the Board of Health for about 15 years, died in his home, 945 Ephriam St., following a week's illness. He was 65.

Mr. Dorff, a widely-known dahlia grower and the producer of a number of species, was a kilnman and had been employed by the Hall China Co., for several years. He was born in East Liverpool and spent his lifetime here.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Dorff retired from the health board about eight years ago following his election to council. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor in three primaries.

Mr. Dorff's hobby was raising of dahlias. He was the originator of several, some of which are being grown in Australia and other countries as well as in the United States. From seedlings, he produced the dahlias known as the *President Truman*, the *Bernice Davey*, in honor of the wife of former Gov. Martin Davey, and the *James Ross*, named in honor of his grandson.

He was a member of the East Liverpool Dahlia Society, the Calvary Methodist Church and the Men's Bible Class. He was affiliated with Local 9, Brotherhood of Operative Potters.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Fulton Dorff; two sons, Russell Dorff of East Sparta, and Harold Dorff of East Liverpool; two daughters, Mrs. Robin Gillespie and Mrs. Bernita Green, both of East Liverpool; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, also of East Liverpool, and eight grandchildren.

## Dahlia Society of Georgia

The Dahlia Society of Georgia is making big plans for the show which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 1st and 2nd. This will be the sixteenth annual show of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, combined with the third annual show of the Southern States Dahlia Association.

At the first meeting of the year the newly elected officers of the Society were installed. They were:

President—E. O. Kellum; Vice-President—C. J. Hudson, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer—B. L. Kennedy.

President Kellum made the following committee appointments for the year 1949:

Schedules Committee—Chairman, B. E. Phillips, D. S. Wells, W. D. Ricks.

Awards Committee—Chairman, D. S. Wells, W. D. Ricks, B. E. Phillips.

Classifications Committee—Chairman, W. D. Ricks.

Judges Committee—Chairman, Charles R. Perry, Conrad Faust, Nelson Crist.

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Membership Committee—Chairman, B. L. Kennedy, J. L. Brandes, Mrs. W. D. Ricks, Mrs. B. E. Phillips, Mrs. Conrad Faust.

Trial Grounds Committee—Chairman, Conrad Faust; Supt., Nelson Crist; W. D. Ricks, C. R. Perry, B. E. Phillips, D. S. Wells.

Arrangements Committee—Chairman, Mrs. H. A. Smith.

A.D.S. Correspondent—Charles R. Perry.

Nelson Crist, President of the Southern States Dahlia Association, will make certain committee appointments at a later date.

The Schedules Committee, which had really been appointed several weeks ago, presented an outline of the schedules which will soon be ready to turn over to the printer.

The South Atlantic Trial Grounds, which are located in Atlanta, will continue to be in charge of Mr. Nelson Crist as Superintendent. Entries for the trial grounds should be forwarded to Mr. Nelson Crist, care of H. G. Hastings, 180 Mitchell St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Those desiring application blanks for the trial grounds should write to chairman of the Trial Grounds Committee, Mr. C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Road, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. If you have some good seedlings, send them to us for trial.

We cordially invite all dahlia lovers to attend the show to be held in Atlanta. Present indications are that there will be many guests present from the Dahlia Society of Alabama and the Dahlia Society of Tennessee, which societies, with the Dahlia Society of Georgia, form the Southern States Dahlia Association.

We also feel that many of the dahlia lovers from other states will be present, including several officers of the American Dahlia Society, several of the prominent dahlia growers and introducers, and several members from other dahlia societies.

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C. R. PERRY, Correspondent.

## Burholme Horticultural Society Burholme, Philadelphia, Pa.

The date of the 1949 Dahlia Show will be September 16th-17th, 1949, at the beautiful showrooms of the Burholme Motors, Philadelphia, Pa.

There will be classes which are open to all for Amateurs and Novice. Also classes for special Seedling and the American Home Achievement Medal will be offered.

Tentative plans are under way to make this the largest Dahlia Show ever staged by this Society. We suggest that you read the next issue for details.

Officers for the year 1949 are:

President—Charles G. Friedel.

Vice President—Mrs. George Hagerman.

Vice President—Charles Stevens.

Treasurer—Mrs. Edwin Higginson.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. David S. Chambers.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. McCarthy.

Show Director—William O. Hird.

Show Secretary—Mrs. David S. Chambers.

MRS. DAVID S. CHAMBERS,  
Show Secretary.

### A.D.S. MEETING (Continued from page 7)

and Formal Decorative type Dahlia, that Dr. Connors contemplates a slight change in their definitions.

On motion made by Mr. George Fraser and duly seconded, the Officers of the Society were given a rising vote of thanks for their splendid work the past year.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, it was on motion, adjourned at 5:55 p. m.

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## Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Show—1948

The Paramount Theatre, Peebles Corner, was the scene of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association's 1948 show. It was not as large as the one in 1947, but the blooms were fine and there were a number of new exhibitors, which is encouraging. The hot dry weather of the summer led some people to say there probably wouldn't be enough blooms to make it worth while to hold the show, but there are always a few, who have not known the dahlia long, who cry that note every year.

Sweepstakes winner in the Small Amateur group was Louis Deckelmeir 3433 Osage Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. Runner-up in this group was L. M. White, 3733 Hyde Park Ave. Sweepstakes prize was the Wisconsin Medal.

The Open to All Sweepstakes was won by A. L. Weller, 5934 Argus Rd., Cincinnati. Runner-up in this division was E. R. Heitzman, 3289 Observatory Rd. Cincinnati. Sweepstakes prize was the A.D.S. Medal.

In the past five or six years Garden Clubs of the community have been encouraged to participate in the O.V.D.A. show, with artistic arrangements. The class was developed to illustrate practical uses of the dahlia, and has surprised some of the fans, who considered the dahlia a fine flower for the garden but not for decorative purposes. This year there were thirty-six winning entries, and many others, in fact the tables of artistic arrangements were the drawing card for many of the visitors.

Mrs. John Scott, 4314 Shawnee Run Rd., Indian Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, was the Sweepstakes winner in this group, with Mrs. Clyde Kuhn, RR#8, Mt. Washington as the runner-up. Mrs. Scott won a Special Award for one of her arrangements, which received the most comments of visitors.

Dr. A. E. White of Indianapolis, Ind., had two outstanding entries. A floor basket, containing several varieties was beautiful, but his entry in "Artistic Arrangement of One Bloom" was inspiring. The bloom of *Kelvin*, used in this arrangement, gave a close run to the blossom which finally won "Best Bloom in the Show". *Southern Rose*, entered by R. H. Ayres, 4658 Brookwood Ave., Indianapolis not only was the best bloom in the show on Saturday, but remained beautiful and practically perfect until the show closed on Sunday evening.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by a beautiful wine colored cactus dahlia of the "under 8 in." class. The originator, Robert Seibel, has named it *Ault Park*, in honor of the location, which has furnished space for the O.V.D.A. trial grounds for many years. Mr. Seibel's address is Heekin and Principio Aves., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Two O.V.D.A. Meritorious Medals were awarded this year, for outstanding seedlings. James True's entry in the "Medium or 4 to 8 in. group" was *Yellow King*, a very pretty cactus, which Mr. True describes as Sulphur Yellow. A. L. Weller won in the "Small size, or under 4 in. group" with a formal miniature described as cream, overlaid peach. This miniature averages 2 or 2½ inches, and has been named *Frances Eileen*.

The Cincinnati Park Board was awarded the Laumann Trophy for their display of large flowering dahlias in vases and baskets. A similar display, entered by Golden

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MRS. RAYMOND MOFFETT, Show Secretary.

## Central States Dahlia Society Publishers of THE DAHLIA

The following are the new officers for 1949 for Central States Dahlia Society.

President—Fred L. Trauth, 8429 Elizabeth St., Chicago 20, Ill.

1st Vice President—Lewis J. West, 2300 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Recording Secretary—S. J. Fairhead, 10411 S. Wood St., Chicago 43, Ill.

Corresponding Secretary—W. H. Wickham, 221 Indiana St., Elmhurst, Ill.

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## Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The November meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was a gala occasion. After the regular Fall business meeting, fifty members and their wives and husbands assembled in the auditorium of the Trinity Parish House, Newark, for a delicious turkey dinner on the 25th anniversary of the Dahlia Society. The tables were decorated with vases of garden chrysanthemums, but on the head table there were also two dahlias which had been kept in the refrigerator to grace this meeting—heavy frost early in the month had destroyed all other dahlias.

Seated at the head table were Mrs. C. V. Smith, president, Mrs. F. S. Fisher, treasurer from the origin of the society, Dr. C. H. Connors, and other past and present officers, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pollak. Mr. Pollak appeared in two roles, as president of the American Dahlia Society and as master of ceremonies. The invited guests of honor, both charter members, Mr. J. A. Kemp and Mr. W. W. Waite, were unable to attend because of ill health, but a very interesting letter of greeting from Mr. Kemp was read by Mrs. Smith. Cards, signed by everyone present, were sent to both men.

Mr. Pollak called upon several members present for bits of history of the organization and Dr. Connors sketched the beginning of the society. Mr. Kemp, Mr. George Cooper and the late Mrs. S. G. VanHoesen were the prime movers in the organization. Feb. 10th, 1923, a meeting was held at Hotel Washington in Newark, and the original idea was to have only New Jersey people, professional and amateur, in the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. The formal organization took place a few weeks later in New York City with Mrs. Frieda S. Fisher the temporary secretary. Mrs. Maas also attended that meeting.

The first flower show was held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, and the society was the pioneer in requiring all dahlias to be shown with long stems, not sitting in milk bottles. Soon all shows had that requirement. The New Jersey society established a trial garden in 1924 and set very high standards for judging, including 25 per cent for good stems. This caused the American Dahlia Society to change its standards, and soon New Jersey gave up its trial garden and trials were conducted at the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds. Flower shows have been held at various places, including the Atlantic City Auditorium, each year since, and every year the quality of blooms has been maintained at a high level.

The party ended with expressions of hope for a continuance of the happy associations of the past twenty-five years.

The annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey with fifty members present, was held Jan. 8th, 1949, at Trinity Parish House, Newark, N. J., Mrs. C. V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J., presiding at the last meeting of her three years as president. She thanked the members for their loyal cooperation during her presidency and urged them to take an even more active part in the work of the society and thus get more out of their membership for themselves, as well as help the new president. She reported that during the past year a few members had been dropped for non-payment of dues, two members had died and two had resigned, but nine new members had joined.

Mrs. Frieda S. Fisher, treasurer for the past twenty-five year, had asked to be permitted to retire from the office, and reported all bills in hand had been paid and she was turning over a good balance to her successor to be elected. The president thanked Mrs. Fisher for the twenty-five years of willing and loyal service and suggested to the society that in recognition of that service Mrs. Fisher be made an honorary life member, which was done.

New officers were elected, as follows:

President—Frank E. Dixon, Pluckemin.  
1st Vice President—J. A. Kemp, Little Silver.  
2nd Vice President—John C. Metzger, Irvington.  
3rd Vice President—Harry Frank, Far Hills.  
4th Vice President—Frank Marker, Upper Montclair.  
5th Vice President—W. J. Ethrington, Hillsdale.  
6th Vice President—Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, Long Island.

Secretary—Mrs. H. D. Thomas, Paterson.

Treasurer—Herbert R. DeCamp, Upper Montclair.

Executive Board—Miss Frances Hornfeck, Harvard Rivel, Mrs. George Swezey, George Swezey, Otto Heinz, William Voos, Frank Weingarth, and past president Dr. C. H. Connors, Ed. J. Lloyd, J. W. Johnston, Conrad Frey, W. W. Maytrott, Leo J. Pollak and Mrs. C. V. Smith.

The Fall flower show is set for Sept. 10th and 11th, 1949, at Branchbrook Greenhouses, Branchbrook Park, Newark, cooperating with Essex County Park Commission. The flower show committee consists of Harry Frank, Conrad Frey, E. J. Lloyd, John C. Metzger, Frank Weingarth, Herbert R. DeCamp and Anthony Pietruszkiewicz, and Leo L. Pollak in charge of schedule.

Just a few belated remarks regarding our last flower show. For quality and quantity (a good combination) it was the best ever. Mr. Albert Eagan won the Court of Honor with a perfectly grown *Ann Tooker*. Dr. F. J. Knoke against stiff competition won the American Home Achievement Medal with *Ronky*, a flower which deserved to win. Frank Marker with three fine specimens of his *Muriel M* won the Ray Smith Memorial Medal.

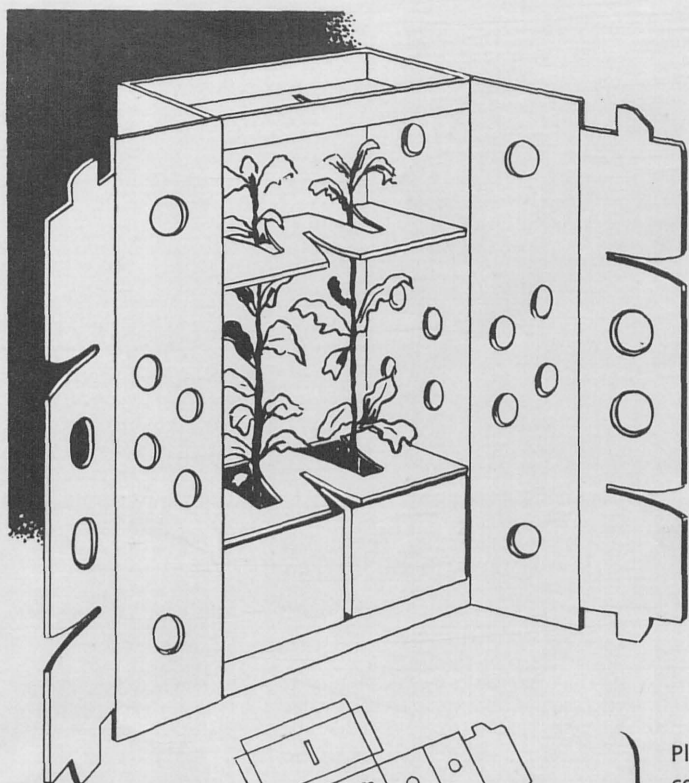
Harry Frank with *Oakleigh Monarch* won the Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen Trophy. Our President, Mrs. C. V. Smith, was awarded the Northwestern Penn. Dahlia Society Trophy with three fine blooms of *Gypsy Girl*. Largest and most perfect bloom was won by John Musso.

Grand Sweepstakes were won by Harry Frank, Far Hills, New Jersey. Second—Mrs. Leo L. Pollock, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Third—James Hopper, Closter, New Jersey.

Judges were Dr. Charles Connors, Rutgers University; Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, New York; Fred Dixon, Pluckimin, New Jersey; Mr. Edward Lloyd, Montclair, New Jersey; Charles Snyder, Laurelton and Geo. Swezey, Hillside, New Jersey. Chairman was Conrad Frey.

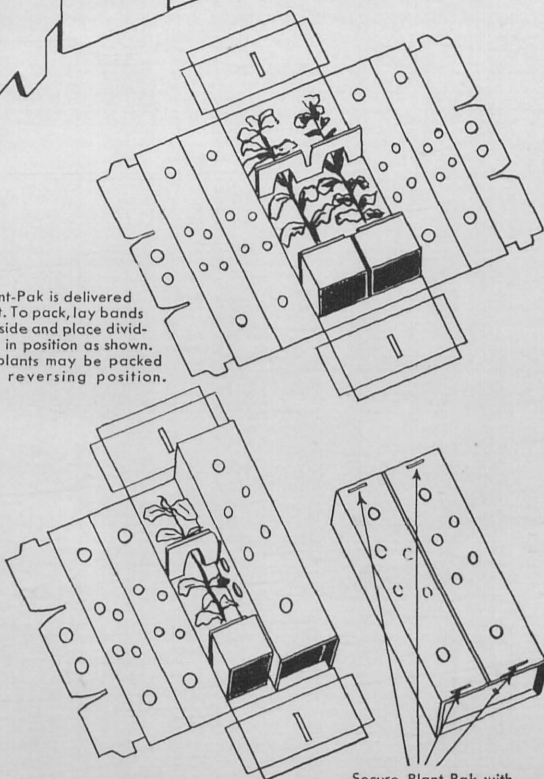
## Correction

The illustration of the clothhouse and greenhouse and the write-up describing same on pages 17-18 of the November BULLETIN designated Mr. Ben Makowski as the owner of this very attractive Dahlia set-up. They really belong to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ducheck. We are very sorry for this reporting error.



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