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Will Be Held As Scheduled

in spite of great damage to gardens by

Drought, Flood and Wind in 1955

at the

ESSEX HOUSE SEPTEMBER 20-21

President Mulcahy urges all members
to bring in and exhibit all the Dahlia
blooms possible.

1955 Weather—and Dahlias

Despite the reports of great damage by the elements to the dahlia gardens in this area by the survey which follows, the A.D.S. Executive Committee voted, on Aug. 31, to hold the show as previously planned.

The place, Essex House, 160 Central Park West; the time, Sept. 20-21.

President Mulcahy says: "This year, we make a special plea to each and every member, where it is humanly possible, to exhibit some dahlias. The indications are that competition may be rather thin. Therefore, it will be a good year for members to pick up some blue ribbons and perhaps some of the medals, cups and other worthwhile prizes which might not be so easily obtainable in the seasons of lush bloom."

The past summer has surely been a season of contrasts. Appalling heat, lack of rain in some sections, too much rain in others, and two devastating hurricanes harrassing the eastern seaboard has been the weather pattern from June through August. Records for sustained 90° temperature, drought in July and August, and rainfall in mid-August have been broken in many localities.

Altogether it has constituted the most severe climatic upheaval in many years. And the frequency of hurricanes and tornadoes, it appears is on the rise. There are more hurricanes and more severe high temperatures to come to some sections, we are warned.

The terrible toll of over 200 lives, and well over a billion dollars damage to homes and business places in the flash floods caused by the season's fourth hurricane "Dianne" as well as the damage by her predecessor, "Connie" has been told in the daily press and on the air. This story does not attempt to retell those phases of the weather story of 1955.

Rather, this tale deals with the damage to the dahlia gardens of our members and readers, caused by these weather phenomena, principally in the East.

About the country-wide weather picture Newsweek reports as follows: "For the Northwest this was the soggiest, coldest summer in years, with hay mildewing, strawberries stunted and Seattle's chilled suburbanites complaining of the backbreaking lushness of their lawns."

"Chicago had its hottest July since 1871. In scores of cities from North Dakota to Boston, police cars cruised about warning homeowners to turn off their hoses. The Northeast first sizzled and then drowned. This region had its hottest July ever recorded. August's uncommon humidity

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caused people to call plumbers about sweating pipes. The New York area and the rich New Jersey farming interests appealed to the Federal Government for drought aid and then were drenched with from 9 to 13 inches of rain, as much as ever descended in the entire month of August before. That first downpour was brought on by "Connie." Then came "Dianne" with up to 14 inches of rain in some areas, such as Putnam, Winsted and Waterbury, Conn." Stroudsburg and Scranton, Pa. suffered floods of about equal proportions.

In Birmingham, Ala., by contrast, they report that it has been the best year for growing dahlias in many seasons. Sufficient rain has fallen since April to keep the plants growing steadily. They have even had evenings when wraps and blankets were necessary for human comfort.

From Chattanooga, Tenn., our correspondent, Clarence Kallquist, who is connected with the local Weather Bureau, reports as follows: "Dahlias are doing better here than they have for years. The blooms show more color and larger size. The constant and steady rains have given much health to the plants in the same gardens that last year at this time were suffering from one of the driest periods on record. (This condition caused the cancellation of the Chattanooga Dahlia Society's show in 1954. We visited some of these dried up gardens and they were pretty sad—Editor.)

George E. Dodrill, President of the National Capitol Dahlia Society, reports in the August issue of their publication, "Dahliagram," "The Dahlias seem to be holding their own in spite of the record heat and drought (19 days with temperatures above 90° in July.) Some of us have been getting straw on for mulch. Leaf hoppers and red spider mites have been quite active this part of the summer."

The blistering heat which covered most of the country through July and August, was caused by a continuing Bermuda High just off the eastern coast which brought up hot, humid air from the tropics. This heat actually wilted and dried up dahlia plants. The sun was so hot at from 90° to 100° in many localities, that the leaves drooped and the hot continuing temperatures at night did not allow them to recover. In this situation feeder roots did not form and the main roots did not grow. In that condition, the damage by red spider was terrific. Jerry Schulte of Springfield, Ohio, on a dahlia garden trip vacation reported heavy red spider infestations in Merrill Brown's garden in Williamsville, N. Y. (near Buffalo) at Roy Webb's garden in Scranton and in many others.

Can Successful Shows Be Staged This Year?

With such bad news generally coming from many areas such as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, your Bulletin editor decided to check these growers and originators who would normally bring blooms to compete at the New York show, now scheduled for Sept. 20-21 at the Essex House Colonnades Ball Room.

The A.D.S. has held shows continuously for 40 years in New York and certainly does not want any interruption in its show program. But it would not benefit anyone, if it prepared to stage the show and then found

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growers did not have the blooms to make it the large colorful national exhibition which it has come to be. There is nothing permanent except change, goes the saying. President Mulcahy believed that we should make a survey among growers to help the Executive Committee determine if the show could be successfully staged. After hearing the reports below, it was decided, as noted in the box at the beginning of this story, to hold the show as scheduled.

We phoned many regular exhibitors, both amateur and commercial, to check the damage done to their gardens and asked about the possibilities of their being able to bring blooms to the New York show. Here is a brief recap of their replies.

A Check of N. Y. Show Exhibitors

Roy Webb, Scranton, Pa., garden only 30 per cent alive. Eight weeks blistering heat, 90 degrees and over in daytime and often over 80 degrees at night, resulted in severe red spider infestation. Then "Connie" and "Dianne" hurricanes, plus a later bad thunderstorm, first broke down many plants then drowned them. Wilt finished many of those yet alive after the wind and rain. Some plants may recover and make roots but not blooms, probably.

Webb also reported that he believes the Ernest Lewis Garden in fair shape, with some hurricane and water damage. Jack Steel's garden about 60 per cent alive.

Barwal Gardens, Danbury, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scaman, have lost practically all their poms and miniatures, which were their specialty, including many new seedlings, some of which were to be introduced in 1956. They cut back many which wilted down after the flood in their upper garden. Can save roots of some, probably. Will not be able to exhibit.

Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J. Lost at least 85 per cent of entire planting. Only 40 out of some 3,000 new seedlings left. Extreme heat night and day dried many plants. Others damaged by wind and many wilted when flood came. Being on low ground, near a creek, the flash flood put most of garden quickly under water. Will be able to save roots of some named varieties. Few if any blooms for shows. He reported Bob Robinson's and other nearby gardens in equally bad shape.

Dr. Frederick J. Knocke, Readington, N. J., will not be able to show any blooms at New York show. Dr. Fred has been the most consistent winner of sweepstakes in the Open-to-All class for many years. He did not stake all plants

and did not spray. His garden is a shambles.

Sarah Wood, Southport, Conn. Garden not damaged too badly, by water, but wind from "Dianne" broke many plants completely.

Edw. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y. Some damage from wind, but believes would have some specimen blooms for New York show, if it is staged.

Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, N. Y. Out of a planting of 700 "A" and "B" size dahlias, only has about 100 healthy plants. Only 40 left out of 125 plants in small field. Only about 50 small variety plants left out of 125. Burnt up plants, red spider, wilting from flood and broken stems from wind all contributed. Would not be able to show many.

Luther Schimpf, Millington, N. J. Worst growing season ever. With some watering, managed to pull garden through July. Then came the hurricanes and flood. About 16 inches of rain in a week. The ground here just would not take that much water. As a result, we have only 50 plants left out of a total of some 500. Other nearby gardens same shape. Won't have many to exhibit, that's sure.

Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Exhibit plot and plants in screen house in fairly good shape, although the screen roof blew away early in "Connie's" gusts. She did twist off some at ground but only really lost about 20 plants. In the root garden, where over 5,000 plants did pretty well in June and July, will be lucky to pull 25 per cent through. At most will not have over 1,000 clumps. One most discouraging results of weather, too, is the small size of large blooms. Ten inches is a big dahlia right now.

Stanley also gave sad news about other's gardens. Louis Comito's wiped out. George Boge, 60 left out of 375. Charles Fridel only lost a few. He stated that the International Gladiolus show re-

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cently held at Binghamton, N. Y., had less than 25 per cent of normal entries. At the Philadelphia Glad show, less than half of usual entries came in.

Andrew Mulcahy, Floral Park, N. Y., has had no red spider, no borers and only lost 12 plants in hurricane and flood. But weather has made blooms very small. For instance: *Windlassie*, 5½ ft. tall, blooms, 7½ inches; *San Leandro*, very large usually, 5½ ft., bloom 7 in.; *Winedot*, 6 inches. Evidently heat brought on buds and blooms early, but roots not developed sufficiently to produce normal size blooms. This condition likely to throw show bloom timing out of kilter and small blooms might reduce attractiveness of show to those who "go in" for size.

Martin Gutler, South Huntington, L. I., N. Y. Had a gorgeous garden, with generous watering up to time of "Dianne." "Connie" damage very slight. But the second blow made a sick looking garden. Less than half of the garden good at present.

Henry Olsen, Elmont, N. Y. A cheerful report. Only lost about 30 per cent of plants. Would be able to show (and win, says Henry) in quite a few classes. What a relief to hear this kind of a report.

Warren Maytrott, Vineland, N. J. In the 5 acres of new varieties, including seedlings, planted near the house, lost about 25 per cent from wilt following heat, and then wind damage followed by flood. In the larger, root stock plantings in gravelly soil, where plants were only one foot high, average loss was negligible. Had used only enough overhead water to keep plants growing, prior to "Connie" and "Dianne." Principal loss is from water-logged roots, some plants of which will recover to make other roots.

Albert Parrella, Bronx, N. Y. Loss bad, but not too great to prevent showing at New York. Some plants dried up. Red spiders took their toll before wind and water came. Some plants wilted down. About 75 per cent are healthy.

John Metzger, Irvington, N. J. Has only about 50 plants left out of planting of around 200. Heat, wind and water mowed them down. In spite of this "optimist John" believes he can still take blooms to the Irvington show, Sept. 11-12 and possibly to New Jersey and New York shows. Irvington, according to Metzger will definitely hold a show. They

have classes for many other flowers than dahlias. He also reported that Harvey Rivel pulled up 110 out of a 150 planting. All were black rotted at roots. He also reported the Frische and Berger gardens almost out of business.

Wm. Tilton, Forest Dahlia Gardens, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y., has two gardens with about equal plantings. One is completely wrecked by wind and water. The other is in fair shape. Loss 50 per cent.

Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J. Both his garden and that of Leo Pollak, nearby, have probably less than 40 per cent of the plants still alive. They rotted immediately as soon as the flood from "Dianne" came. Not being able to water during the drought many plants were pretty dry before the hurricanes and deluge came.

The Editor's Garden, New Rochelle, N. Y. Good water drainage, and trees for wind breaks saved the most of our plants. Did not start watering till July 23, just after straw mulch was applied. Had some plants just plainly dry up. Some were damaged by red spider during drought which lasted from May 20 to Aug. 11. Most of plants lost from these damages were poms and miniatures. Most of "A" and "B" plants, also miniatures on test in Honor Roll Garden luckily were not affected by heat or rain. We had some damaged by wind in both hurricanes. On Aug. 11-12 we got 10.10 inches of rain in 36 hours in "Connie" and 3.60 inches in "Dianne," yet over 75 per cent of our large type plot are growing well. Many budded, some in bloom. Plants are only ⅓ of normal height and blooms of "A" and "B"s are from 1 to 4 inches under normal size.

MORE BAD WEATHER PREDICTED

If the above reports about disaster to the gardens in the Northeastern region were not sufficient to discourage dahlia growers, weather experts predict more trouble.

The Washington Weather Bureau further has predicted higher than normal temperatures during the next 30 days, not only for the Northeast, but also the Great Lakes Region and the Central Plains States. Rain in the Northeast should exceed normal in this period.

On top of all this, our local Westchester predictor, Francis J. Socy, known as "Mr. Weather" says that another hurricane will hit this section.



A Conference July 24, 1955 at the Long Island Agricultural Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., on operation of A.D.S. Official Trial Garden located there. Picture shows Prof. Cris Rissmeyer, in charge of garden. Other Society officials were Cort Duerk, Bert Pitt, President Andrew Mulcahy, Emil Berzau, Martin Gutler, Dewey Mohr and Lynn B. Dudley. Mr. Mohr's son Bob is at extreme left. The variety, an early bloomer is on test for an A.D.S. Certificate of Merit, if its average score is 85 points or over. Over thirty new seedlings are being tried out for this honor in 1955.

A.D.S. JUDGING DEMONSTRATION

October 14 at New York Horticultural Society Library

As a part of its announced program of education, President Andrew Mulcahy of the American Dahlia Society has scheduled a dahlia judging demonstration for the evening of Friday, October 14, at 8 p. m.

The demonstration will be given at the Library of the Horticultural Society of N. Y. at the Essex House, 157 W. 58th St. Conrad Frey, as Dean of the Society's judging program and manager of show judging will be in charge.

It is believed that many more judges can be interested in judging if the proper use of the A.D.S. score card can be explained and demonstrated. Some of the experienced judges as well as the old timers who had a hand in designing and refining the present score card will assist Mr. Frey. They will show that the score card is only a yard stick to help judges determine the favorable and unfavorable characteristics found in a variety. They will explain that back of good judging must be a knowledge of existing varieties, a memory for types, and an impartial evaluation of color values.

All members of the A.D.S. are invited. There is no admission. But due to limited space, you are asked to write Conrad Frey, 7 Cathedral Ave., Nutley, N. J., and make reservation for this demonstration.

A.D.S. BRANCH AND AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

The American Dahlia Society believes that the hobby of dahlia growing and exhibiting is enhanced by membership in local dahlia groups. It has also found by experience through over 40 years that contacts and co-operation between local dahlia societies and the American Dahlia Society is most helpful to all.

For these reasons, the A.D.S. began, early in its history, to establish friendly relations with dahlia societies from coast to coast. When its program for testing new varieties at schools and public parks was inaugurated, it made the local and state societies near these gardens an integral part of this testing. It also early began to report news of the local and state societies in its quarterly Bulletin. Its members visited and helped to judge, when invited, at the shows across the country, so the understanding and friendships between the A.D.S. and other societies were built up.

This "entente cordiale" resulted in a change in the by-laws of the A.D.S. in the 20's and again in the 30's to permit the extension of many of its services to other societies, including its medals to be awarded locally, publication of society reports in the Bulletin, an exchange of show plans and techniques, Annual Seedling Sweepstake Awards, exchange of show judges and many other co-operative projects.

The A.D.S. has always tried to make the cost of its services to the members of Branch and Affiliated Societies as low as possible. In fact, in many recent years, its active memberships at a higher rate than Branch memberships, have absorbed the loss incurred by sending medals, ribbons and Bulletins to the Branch Societies. Beginning in 1955, to equalize, to some degree this situation, A.D.S. dues were raised to \$2.50 for Branch Society memberships, with a minimum of 20 members from each Branch. Active member dues were, at the same time raised to \$4.00. All Branch Society members who join the A.D.S. at \$2.50 rate receive copies of the Bulletin. In the case of Affiliated Societies, six copies of the Bulletin are mailed to the secretary for distribution.

These increases in dues will just about enable the A.D.S. to meet the rising costs of materials and printing at present. It was claimed by a few persons that these increases in dues would reduce the number of societies co-operating with A.D.S., but this has not proved to be the case. At present there are a total of 46 societies which are either Branches or Affiliates of the A.D.S.

And the above word "co-operating" is a most important one. The A.D.S. wants the full and complete co-operation of every dahlia society and it in turn, is most willing and anxious to render every service possible to those societies.

In the interests of mutual appreciation and helpfulness, it is glad, for the first time to publish below a list of all its Branch and Affiliated Societies of record at this time. The names of the Secretaries or correspondents of these societies, are included. (If the contact personnel has changed in any instance, since last year secretaries please notify the following A.D.S. officers). Branches: Henry A. Olsen, 45 Clement St., Elmont, N. Y.; Affiliates: Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave.; Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

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A.D.S. Branch Societies for 1955

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Central States Queries Members

A card, dated August 18, was released to members of Central States Dahlia Society, Chicago, signed by Bernard E. Wright, asking them to vote on two questions as follows: (1) Should we raise dues to \$3.00 per year and continue to publish two issues of "The Dahlia"? or (2) should we keep the dues at the present rate of \$2.00 per year and print one large issue of "The Dahlia" the first week in January?

The occasion of the vote by members, stated Mr. Wright, was the fact that the difference between the advertising receipts and the cost of printing "The Dahlia" was about \$350 per year and that this had about equaled the Society's deficit each year for the past two years.

Editor's Note: We hope C.S.D.S. mem-

bers will vote for the increase in dues and the publication of two issues per year. The dahlia and its devotees need all the information which can be disseminated about it and we feel that if the high character of this publication, which it enjoyed under Lew West's editorship, can be maintained, it will materially aid the dahlia business in the Midwest, where it is largely circulated.

An Accurate Rain Gauge

The Victor Rain-Gauge is a most handy and accurate recorder of rainfall. And when hot, dry, seasons like 1955 come it helps dahlia growers to know when watering is essential to keep the plants alive and growing.

This gauge was put through a series of tests for 18 months at the Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, Harvard University, Milton, Mass. This excerpt from their findings is significant—"The Victor gauge appears to be more than any of the Stewart or Blue Hill gauges for liquid precipitation."

The editor received one of these gauges from our sister, Dr. Dorothy Dudley, Wichita, Kansas, and installed it on May 9th after the last good rain (a four-day nor'easter) we had until hurricane "Connie" gave us 10.10 inches in 48 hours on Aug. 11.

Here, if you're interested, is the record, by months, of rainfall in our garden May 9 to August 20, 1955. May, 2.15 inches; June, 1.45 inches; July, 1.90 inches; August (to 20th) 14.20 inches.

This gauge costs less than \$2 and is worth many times that amount for any gardener. If you are interested in the purchase of one, write the editor.

Through the courtesy of Jerome A. Eaton we are in receipt of copies of two reports on the effectiveness and use of Agri-mycin 100 in treatment and control of plant diseases. Although no tests have yet been made with this new chemical on dahlias, it has been found effective in controlling bacterial wilt in chrysanthemums and philodendron, as well as blights, bacterial spots and soft rot in fruits and vegetables and blue mold in tobacco. Many dahlia growers report an increase in bacterial wilt in dahlias in the hot dry season of 1955. It is possible that this chemical can be used to control this condition. No effective remedies have been found up to now for it.

Schedules Received

- September 20-21—
AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, N. Y.
- August 12-21—
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR, Springfield, Ill.
- September 18—
ROCHESTER DAHLIA SOCIETY,
Rochester, N. Y.
- September 3-4—
DAHLIA SOCIETY OF N. J., Common-
wealth Club, Montclair, N. J.
- September 11—
SOUTHERN TIER DAHLIA SOCIETY,
Elmira, N. Y.
- September 10—
DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH,
High Falls, N. Y.
- August 6-7—
SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY,
San Diego, California.
- September 3-4—
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DAHLIA CONFER-
ENCE, Everett, Washington.
- September 10-11 —
NORTH JERSEY DAHLIA SOCIETY,
Paterson, New Jersey.

- September 17-18—
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DAHLIA
ASSOCIATION AND MICH. D. ASSOCIA-
TION, Detroit, Michigan.
- September 17-18—
CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY,
Chicago, Illinois.
- September 3-4—
DAHLIA SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY,
Montclair, New Jersey.
- September 10-11—
IRVINGTON GARDEN CLUB,
Irvington, New Jersey.
- September 9-10-11—
MIDWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE
Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. R. Paul Comstock of San Diego, Cal. is planning to attend several shows in the Mid-West and East. First stop Mid-West Conference at Milwaukee. The Central States show at Chicago. Thence to the A.D.S. Show in New York and finishing at the National Capitol Society Show in Washington. R. Paul will ship seedlings by air mail to her at each show and they will compete with locally grown blooms in the seedling classes.

DAHLIADEL INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1956

are most interesting. We propagated over 40 very promising Seedlings, coming from many and varied sections, and covering many types.

A few '55 catalogs are still available with 8 full pages of Cultural Instructions, and Dahlia Grower's Supplies. Our recommended Spray is doing a wonderful job this year, but we have found where there is a heavy infestation of insects that it is advisable to increase the BHC from 2 to 3 heaping tablespoonfuls, and the Hexate or Vapatone from one-third to one-half a teaspoonful, while the amount of WA remains the same.

VISIT us at DAHLIADEL in late Sept. or early Oct. Our fields are so arranged this season that you can drive thru and see 25 acres of outstanding dahlias.

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ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



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

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Editorial

Sorry this issue of Bulletin is late. Many reasons caused delay. Illness of Mrs. Dudley; a 90° July; two hurricanes and others. November issue, God willing, will be out about Nov. 1 or soon thereafter.

Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society

This issue is a small one, as it is off season for sales—we do not have many advertisers. But we do thank those loyal few whose copy appears for staying with us. The next issue November, reporting the shows which are held and carrying many announcements of new introductions for 1955, we hope, will be issued shortly after November 1st. All advertisers, society news reporters and other contributors are earnestly requested to get their material to the editor by October 10th at the latest.

No One Guessed Right

One page 35 of the May BULLETIN we showed a dahlia, a very sad looking dahlia indeed, and asked our readers to name the species to which it belonged.

Replies or guesses to solve the riddle were received from the following, with their designations:

Mrs. Robert Peters, 8 Detroit St., Calumet City, Ill. — Dahlia Rosea, a collar-ette. Also another from Mrs. Peters, said it was Dahlia Variabilis.

H. A. Boender, 8 Detroit St., Calumet City, Ill., said it was Dahlia Lelacina, a single or orchid type.

None of these were correct. It was merely a seedling grown by a friend of the editor's. Some of the blooms collar-ettes, some were single, all were "scraggly" and unbeautiful. It was certainly a crossbred throwback which couldn't make up its mind which type to be.

Sorry, no one wins the mink lined bud vase, offered as a prize.—Editor.

Lewis J. West has resigned as editor of *The Dahla Official Bulletin of the Central States Dahlia Society*. "Lew" has served not only his society but all dahlia growers everywhere by his diligent and untiring efforts. No one, who has not experienced it, will ever know the many wearisome hours, disappointments and often unappreciated work connected with editing a hobby flower publication. But Lew served cheerfully and well. More power to him.

Letters to Editor

Milton, Wis., June 27, 1955
Mr. Lynn B. Dudley, Editor

I have just finished reading the May, 1955, issue of the BULLETIN OF THE A.D.S. It is such an excellent piece of work that I am wondering if I could get an extra copy.

Would you please send me a copy and tell me the charges for it, so I can send you the money. Sincerely, Herbert H: Hadow.

IN MEMORIAM

Harry A. Beals

Passed Away July 17

Harry A. Beals, 79, who resided at 8618 South Lowe St., Chicago, passed away after cerebral hemorrhage at his summer home at Flint Lake, Ind., July 17. He died at Porter Memorial hospital, Valparaiso, Ind.

His hobby was the raising of dahlias which he grew at his summer home. Originator of many outstanding new varieties, one of the most famous of which was Miss Flint Lake. His most recent Honor Roll Winner was Beal's Peppermint.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., March 14, 1876 but had been a resident of Chicago for 72 years. He was engineer and custodian of the Fenger High School, which position he had held for 28 years. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Wally Berggren and Mrs. Harold Stelk. He was a grandfather and great grandfather and he took great pride and pleasure in these young people.

A great friend of dahlia people everywhere, a member of the Central States Dahlia Society and the A.D.S. We last saw and talked with Harry at the Midwest Show in Cleveland in 1953. As Sophia Roberts wrote: "He really was our Harry and such a close, dear friend he seemed to be one of the family. He was so very civic minded and I know

the Chicago community as well as his many dahlia friends all over the Midwest, South and East will miss him a very great deal."

Growing dahlias seems to make one more human and neighborly and Harry Beals was indeed human and friendly to all who ever met and talked with him.

Mrs. E. F. Delbrugge

Passed Away in June, 1955

Mrs. "EM" Delbrugge, wife and dahlia growing and exhibiting partner of "Em" F. Delbrugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio, passed on to her reward in June after a long illness. She took an active part in the operation of Rosemary Dahlia Gardens, which over the years, has originated many excellent new varieties, including *Madonna Crusader*, *Blendette*, *Stellaette*, *Theresa Louise* and last year's many time winner, *Marvelous*.

Mrs. Delbrugge was quite ill when our cross country judging group stopped at their garden at 7:30 a. m., September 23rd last. Always one of the most cheerful persons, she was a gracious hostess and seemed delighted that we would visit them, even at that early hour. Until her illness, she was always at Em's side, assisting him in his showing program and in the conduct of his "side line" dahlia commercial business. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Received the 16-page spring issue of "The Pacific Dahlia" official Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Conference. It contains excellent articles by Francis S. McCartes, Judge George R. Currie, J. E. Hulin, E. Henry White, President Tony DeRooy and others. We are glad to see interest in dahlias on the rise in the Northwest. The climate and soil in that section is practically ideal and we look for great things from there in the future.

Bad news from Rocky River. "While no definite decision has been made, I am seriously considering making this my last year of dahlia growing, and activities which go along with it."—J. Ralph Berry. Someone should talk seriously with Ralph. He should be made to realize all that involved in such a move. Just think! We might never be invited to another party in the Berry Garage.

Dr. Ward Cook of Little Falls, N. Y., and A.D.S. Secretary Edward B. Lloyd of Montclair, N. J., are the official delegates sent by the A.D.S. to attend the Midwest Dahlia Conference and Show to be held at the Mitchell Park Conservatory, Milwaukee, Wis., on Sept. 9-10-11. Other A.D.S. members who will probably attend are Dr. Edw. McDade of Scranton, Pa., and Charles Diffenderfer of Balt., Md.

Phil Alampi, of the Home Gardner half-hour Saturdays over WRCA-TV 1:00 to 1:30, in a letter of May 18, thanks the editor for the loan of dahlia clumps used by himself and Ruth Alampi on two demonstrations on how to care for and divide dahlia clumps. These two folks continually try to help dahlia growers to improve their culture of this first American Garden Flower.

Nationwide Dahlia Society News

CLOSING DATE, THE 10TH

Secretaries of Branch and Affiliate Societies are requested to mail their reports for publication in the Bulletin on the 10th of the month preceding publication. These closing dates are:

January 10 for February issue

April 10 for May issue

July 10 for August issue

October 10 for November issue

If copy does not reach the editor by these dates it is quite likely to be left until the following issue, and when that happens its news value is greatly lessened, if not entirely lost. And please keep it brief.

Southern States Ass'n Show

The Dahlia Society of Tennessee is making all preparations for the holding of the Southern States Dahlia Association Show to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on October 1-2, 1955. The local Society supported by the Dahlia Societies of Alabama and Georgia plan on a big year. Dahlias are better than they have been for many years. The blooms show more color and the constant steady rains have given much health to the plants that last year were suffering from one of the driest periods on record.

The Show will be held in Hotel Patten, Market and 11th Streets. This Hotel has long been the home of the Dahlia Shows, and other flower shows. The entire Mezzanine Floor has been reserved for the Show with that Grand Ballroom being scheduled to hold only the "A" and "B" size blooms. Other rooms will be reserved for the Arrangements, Miniatures, Pompoms, and other small flowering.

The Arrangement Section should be exceptionally good with our own Mrs. R. P. Millard acting as Arrangement Chairman. Her theme this year will be, "Artists and Models" and you can figure from that theme that harmony, color, lines, will predominate and that dahlias will have their due share.

The entertainment will feature a Judges Luncheon, a Banquet in the Dining Room of Hotel Patten, a Sunday special lunch-

eon at the Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens under the leadership of our own Mrs. E. M. Simmonds assisted by her husband and also by "Dit" Watson. The luncheon at Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens is well worth the trip to Chattanooga alone since the many thousands of dahlias will, at that time, be in full bloom and one of the most colorful sights ever seen will represent itself to the Dahlia growers eye.

The Dahlia Society of Tennessee invites all dahlia lovers to be with us on those dates—October 1-2, 1955. Come earlier than October 1st. Plan your vacation so that you will be in Chattanooga on the preceding Thursday, or Friday. There is plenty to see in this city the "Scenic City of Dixie" and the Beautiful City where Dahlias reign supreme in the flower world and where the beauty of these dahlias is only exceeded by the kindnesses and courtesies shown by the DIXIE DAHLIAS from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

The Reservation Committee, under the leadership of:

Mr. A. Vonley Cox,
3610 Redding Road,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

will be only too glad to make your reservations now. If you write to Hotel Patten direct please tell the registration clerks that you are attending the Southern States Dahlia Association Dahlia Show.

Fellow Dahlians, Dixie Dahlians, and just plain Dahlia growers. We are looking forward to your visit. We are working towards having the DAHLIA made the *King of All Flowers*. Come see us. Clarence R. Kallquist, President, 3607 Monte Vista Dr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference

The Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference was formed this spring with the following charter members:

Baltimore Dahlia Society, Inc.
National Capital Dahlia Society
Suburban Dahlia Society
Virginia Dahlia Society
Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The aims of the Conference as expressed in its constitution are (1) to hold an annual Conference Show, with one of

the member societies as host (2) Assist growers in keeping a high standard of varieties of dahlias best suited and best liked in the conference area (3) Assist in the testing of new varieties and give them such recognition as they deserve (4) study diseases of the dahlia, and to perform such other services and duties as otherwise set forth in the constitution and by-laws.

The National Capital Dahlia Society has been chosen as the host of the First Conference Show, and it will be held in conjunction with the Twentieth Annual Show of the Society on September 24 and 25, 1955, at the U.S. Botanic Gardens, Maryland Ave. and First St. S.W., Washington, D.C. Copies of the Show Program can be obtained from Mr. C. G. Phillip, Show Chairman, 506 N. Oak St., Falls Church, Va.

Mr. G. E. Dorrill, President of the National Capital Dahlia Society, is President of the Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference, and will serve until the September Meeting in 1955. Clarence G. Phillips, 506 N. Oak St., Falls Church, Va.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

This Society wishes to announce that its Sixth Annual Show will be held in the spacious Paterson Armory, 475 Market St., Paterson, N. J., September 10th and 11th.

As a result of steady growth we have definitely outgrown the place we usually have held our shows and are looking forward to staging one of the largest and best shows in the East.

We rightfully boast on hospitality, fair play, generous prizes and welcome any and all exhibitors to show with us. Our slogan, "A win at North Jersey is one of distinction and definitely worth while."

Election of officers will be held in September. Installation will be held in conjunction with our Annual Banquet which will be held Sunday, October 16th at the Clifton Casino at 5:30 p.m. A real good time is assured.

Schedules for the Show will gladly be mailed upon request. There is no charge for entries or admission. This is our way of advancing the interest in growing and exhibiting flowers, Dahlias especially. Won't you please accept this invitation and enjoy a real show with us? Mrs. Ann M. Church, Secretary, Box 236, Alps Road, Paterson 2, N. J.

P.S. Would appreciate a large representation of the A.D.S. to pay us a visit on Sept. 10 or 11th. It will mean a lot.

Portland Dahlia Society

The Portland Dahlia Society holds an annual tuber auction at the April meeting with the proceeds being used to help defray show expenses. The 1955 show will again be held in the sunken ballroom of the Masonic Temple, September 17 and 18. Plans are being made for more adequate lighting in an effort to show the colors of the blooms more advantageously. As every dahlia grower knows artificial lights can change the color effect of the blooms and it is our hope that the new lights will be a big improvement over the ones we have used recently.

In addition to our own show we plan on sending exhibits to the Pacific Northwest Dahlia show in Everett, Washington, September 3. It is always a pleasure to visit other shows either as a spectator or exhibitor. The time is not far distant when the conference show will be in Portland, so we are very much interested in this first one.

Any visitor to our area is cordially invited to call on us and we will do our best to show him some of the fine dahlia plantings in Portland. Madge B. Kershnik, 6707 N. Michigan Ave., Portland, Oregon.

We Will Have Some WINNERS For You in 1956

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a bad year in 1955, next year
we'll have some honey's for
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38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

This Society will hold its Ninth Annual Dahlia Show, Sunday, September 11th at the St. Marys Recreation Center on Franklin St., Elmira, N. Y. This year, for the first time, the American Home Achievement Medal will be awarded to a worthy seedling, if one is selected by the judges for this honor. The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards will again be made in the seedling classes also. The Society hopes that these competitions will bring many new growers and exhibitors as well as visitors to the Show.

Last year's Show had close to 1,000 entries and it was regarded as one of the best Shows ever staged in this vicinity, and perhaps better than any outside of the A.D.S. Show in New York.

Exhibit schedules may be obtained by writing to the Show Chairman, Edward Stagments, 514 West First St., Elmira, N. Y. The officers for 1955 are: Charles J. Liskovec, 1259 Maple Ave., Elmira, N. Y., President; Merton Clemons, 65 Cleveland Ave., Elmira, Vice President; Earl Canfield, Johnson Hollow Rd., Montour Falls, N. Y., Secretary; Lewis Clark, Pine City, N. Y., Treasurer. All these officers are serving for their fourth consecutive term, with the exception of Mr. Clemons, who became a new member last year. The Society has nearly 30 members and is growing every year. We understand that several high officials of the American Dahlia Society are planning to attend our Show, and we will welcome them and any others from nearby Societies, either as exhibitors or judges. You are always welcome. Charles Liskovec, President. Address above.

Field Day At The Farmingdale Trial Gardens

The Long Island Dahlia Society held a Field Day Sunday, September 4th, at the Trial Gardens located at the State Institute of Agriculture, Farmingdale, Long Island. A large group assembled about 1 p.m. Light refreshments were served.

This visit afforded the visitors a good opportunity to see new seedlings under normal growing conditions. I. J. Wahl, Secretary.

National Capitol Dahlia Society

The 20th Annual Regional Dahlia Show of the National Capitol Dahlia Society will be combined with the First Annual Show of the new Mid-Atlantic Conference. We are a Host Society. We are expecting to stage one of the largest and best dahlia shows in the country. It will be held on Sept. 24 and 25 at the U. S. Botanical Garden, Maryland Ave. at 1st St., S.W. Exhibits will be received Friday evening before the show and up until 12:00 noon on Saturday. It will be open to the public from 3:30 to 10:00 P. M. on Saturday and from 9:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. on Sunday. Judges will be entertained at a steak dinner at the Elk's Club at 6:30 P. M. on Saturday and on Sunday morning, trips to local gardens will be arranged.

Another School for Dahlia Judges will be held by the Society. Dr. Ward Cook's Manual on the Judging of Dahlias will be used as a text book and both field and bench judging will be included in the course. The instructors are Mrs. John L. Bishop and Mr. E. R. Phillips (small flowering), Mr. Arthur S. Mason and Mr. J. Leslie Bowling (medium flowering) and Mr. L. M. Clarke, C. M. Diefenderfer and Dr. Henry C. Parker (large flowering). The lectures of the course are scheduled for Aug. 5, 12 and 19 at Gustin Gardens.

Our Show Chairman will be Mr. C. G. Phillip, 506 N. Oak St., Falls Church, Va. Copy of our Show Schedule can be obtained by writing to him. It will be a "code" schedule since this was found popular last year. It will have a dahlia picture in color on its cover and will contain an article on dahlia culture. Led by our go-getting President, Mr. Geo. E. Dodrill, we are enjoying one of our best years. You are cordially invited to our show! Henry C. Parker, 1056 National Press Bldg., Washington 4, D. C.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society held its 30th Annual Meeting at which time the following officers were elected for 1955: President, Arnold Hens; 1st V. Pres., Chas. Fordney; 2nd V. Pres., Louis F. Murphy; Treasurer, Otto Weber; Secy., Herbert O. Aburn; Asst. Secy., Mrs. Edna Fordney; Financial Secy., N. A. Scheel. Executive Board: Chas. M. Diefenderfer, Chairman; Louis Gill, Wm. Lampkin, C. V. Brieger, I. Boden-burg, Mrs. Louis Murphy, John Sher-

wood, Mrs. Louis Gill and Chas. Faist.

Plans are shaping up for our annual show which will be held September 17th and 18th in the Turner Armory at Hillen Rd. and Argonne Drive, Baltimore. From the amount of interest as well as enthusiasm being shown this should be one of the best shows ever staged in our city.

Our Society lost one of its hardest working members, Treasurer George Mumma, who died March 5th. George was ever ready to offer his assistance and no job was too big for him to handle. He grew and showed some of the best in miniatures and poms and George will surely be missed.

Pres. Hens appointed his various committees and asked that all cooperate to make this just about the best ever which is necessary to keep up the high standard set by our Society. Herbert O. Aburn, Secretary, 610 West Pratt St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Virginia Dahlia Society

The 31st Annual Show of the Virginia Dahlia Society will be held at Miller & Rhoades Department Store in Richmond, Va., on September 26th through the 28th. We are looking forward to a very good season since we have had 3 very poor ones along with hurricanes last Summer. So we feel that a good season is due us and we are enthusiastically making and planning for one.

The following are the officers elected at our annual meeting to serve during 1955: President, Alton Smith; Vice President, Roscoe Thomas; Sec. Vice President, J. B. Eddins; Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Martin; Treasurer, F. A. Hobson. Mrs. A. A. Martin, Secretary, 513 Read St., Highland Springs, Va.

Central Valley Dahlia Society Bakersfield, California

Show dates of Central Valley Dahlia Society, Bakersfield, California. September 17th and 18th, 1955. San Joaquin Tractor Building, Highway 99 and California Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. (4th Annual Dahlia Show)

Officers of the Central Valley Dahlia Society, Bakersfield, Calif. are: Mr. U. W. Shaffer, President, 2001 Lester Ave.; Mr. Alvin Almgren, 1st Vice President, 110 Cypress Ave.; Mr. M. O. Buchanan, 2nd Vice President, 409 Stevens Dr.; Mrs. Leon Oglesby, Secretary, 1509 Howard Ave.; Mrs. J. T. Veddar,

Treasurer, 3030 Loma Linda Dr.; Mrs. R. C. Wilson, Show Manager, 309 Marcus Ave.

Mr. Shaffer has followed a very educational plan in programs this year. January we discussed Digging and Storing Tubers, each member giving the method he has found the most successful. The February program was Root Nemotode and how to detect it. Also a demonstration on dividing roots. Mr. Neven Burrell of Tulare was the speaker. It was also voted at this meeting that all shows of the Central Valley Dahlia Society will be the 3rd Sat. and Sun. in Sept. March meeting was general discussion on preparing the soil and planting roots. At our April meeting Mr. Paul Comstock from San Diego talked on dis-budding and how to get the most from your dahlias for Show blooms. Also what to look for in seedling for new roots. Mrs. Leon Oglesby, Secretary, 1509 Howard Ave., Bakersfield, Calif.

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society will hold its Eleventh Show on October 1st and 2nd in the Game Room at the Williamsburg Lodge. After the root sale this year extra roots were given to the Eastern State Hospital to be used in Garden Therapy, and a section was added to our schedule so that patients may exhibit in specimen classes. Our Educational Section will stress "Conservation Material." Roots were donated to prospective Junior exhibitors and we hope to have a larger display in this Section.

We are looking forward to the first show of the Mid-Atlantic Conference, of which we are a member, at Washington. We hope to have exhibits to support the show. Bess E. Dennis, Route 1, Box 110, Williamsburg, Va.

NEW DAHLIAS at the Shows

The Blue Ribbon Winner may be an
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The Home of Champions

The Long Island Dahlia Society

The summer months find most people thinking of vacations in the mountains or at the cool seashore, but not so with the Long Island Dahlia Society members. They are busy keeping ahead of the sun, the beetles and the diseases so that their dahlias will be in good condition for displaying at the 11th Annual Dahlia Show to be held at the Plattduetsche Park Hall, 520 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, L. I., on September 17th. The Show Chairman, James Lawless, and the Arrangement Chairman, Mrs. Lenore Feyh, have all plans completed. The judges have been invited and all that we need now are plenty of blooms, results of tender, loving care and watering of the plants during the growing season.

The Arrangement Class theme is "Dahlias in the Home." Each class will serve to demonstrate how dahlias can be used as arrangements in any room of the house.

A new class has been added to the schedule for 1 large, 3 medium or 5 miniature blooms of Long Island origination. The Long Island Dahlia Society Medal will be awarded to the winner in this class.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to exhibit and visit our Show which we confidently expect to surpass our previous shows. Schedules may be obtained by writing the Show Chairman, Mr. James Lawless at 19 Burton Lane, Massapequa, Long Island. I. J. Wahl, Secretary, 20 Lexington St., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

The officers of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association for 1955 are: M. Y. Thomas, President; John Dickman, Vice President; Harry Story, Treasurer, and Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane Ave., Cincinnati 23, Ohio, Secretary.

Great plans are being made for the best ever Show to be held this year. The 1955 O.V.D.A. Show will be held in the Cincinnati Art Museum, Eden Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th. The members of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association extend a very cordial invitation to all dahlia lovers to attend. Anyone wishing a schedule may receive one by writing to the Secretary, Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane Ave., Cincinnati 28, Ohio.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Dahlia Society of New Jersey held their 33rd Annual Show at the Commonwealth Club, Valley Road, Montclair, N. J. The show was open Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 7 p.m.

The outstanding winners were: Governor Meyner's Trophy—Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.

President Mrs. Walter Bardell Trophy—Mr. Andrew J. Hoetzel, Carlstadt, N. J.

Phil Alampi Trophy—Mr. Ed B. Lloyd, Montclair, N. J.

John C. Metzger Trophy, Mrs. Walter Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, N. J.

Walter Bardell Trophy—Mr. Peter Bergey, Irvington, N. J.

Winner of Most Points in Show—Gamston Gardens, River Vale, N. J.

Winner of Novice Class Dahlias—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer, Ridgewood, N. J.

Winner Section C, Dahlias—Mrs. Walter Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, N. J.

Winner Section D, Dahlias—Gamston Gardens, River Vale, N. J.

Winners Section F, Seedlings—J. P. Nicholson, Coshocton, Ohio; Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland.

Winner Section I, Annuals—John C. Metzger, Irvington, N. J.

Winner Section J, Roses—John C. Metzger.

Winner John Gambling Trophy—Mrs. Walter Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, N. J.

Winner D. Meyer Trophy, Joe Gatty, Jersey City, N. J.

Winner Section K, Gladiolus—Mrs. Peter Masden, So. Plainfield, N. J.

Winner American Home Achievement Medal—Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

Winner, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes—J. O. Nicholson, Coshocton, Ohio, with a B-F.D. White, named Irma Ree and J. G. Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland with an A-S.C. Yellow, not yet named. Both these grown by Lynn B. Dudley.

Winners Arrangement Classes—Mrs. Peter Masden, So. Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Oradell, N. J.; Mrs. Sophie R. Armstrong, So. Plainfield, N. J.; Mr. John C. Metzger, Irvington, N. J.

Michigan Dahlia Association

We are looking forward with enthusiasm to our 8th Annual Show being held jointly with Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society this year.

Place of Show:

Redford Carpenter's Hall, 22521 Grand River Ave., Detroit 19.

Dates and hours as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 17—4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mr. A. E. Cadwell is Chairman and Mrs. Grace B. Wulff is Secretary-Treasurer of the joint show.

Sunday, July 24 found us at our annual picnic in the beautiful garden of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadwell. The program, including a demonstration by Dr. C. E. Wildon of East Lansing on dis-budding, disbranching and recognizing diseases of the Dahlia was a most pleasurable, interesting and educational occasion. Mrs. D. Millar, Secretary, 15848 Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society

The Bergen County Dahlia Society has now become an affiliate member of the A.D.S. Since its inception in 1947 the society has progressed along sound lines and its shows, year after year, have surpassed the previous ones. Now they rank among the best in northern New Jersey. This year the show committee, Milton Munro, Chairman, has been compelled to eliminate many annual flower classes due to the additional dahlia classes. The show will be held Sept. 17-18, at Liberty School, Englewood. The officers of the Society follow: Mrs. Dederich Meyer, president; Joseph Gambi, 1st vice president; Andrew Hoetzel, 2nd vice president; W. J. Stone, recording secretary; Mrs. Caroline Dreyer, corresponding secretary; Stephen Pall, treasurer. F. R. Kurzenknabe, Publicity Chairman.

Dahlia Society of Alabama

Showers fell on Alabama this spring and summer making one of the best planting and growing seasons we've had in years. So, the dahlia forecast down Alabama way is bright with the prospect of plenty of good blooms for our Show at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, September 24th and 25th.

On the studios side, classes are being held to study Dr. Cook's Manual. Practical demonstrations are given with each lesson. We are in earnest about dahlias down here.

All work and no play still isn't good so we are looking forward with great pleasure to our Annual Show and promise you it will be well worth coming a long distance to both exhibit and see. Maude Goodwin, Reporter, 2612 Ave. S., Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.

A.D.S. Sweepstake Ribbons

These, with score cards will go forward to all societies which have applied for these Awards and not yet held their shows, Wed. Sept. 7. This material has been delayed by various causes. Dr. Cook, Chairman of the Sweepstake Committee promises to mail them on above date. If shows have already been held and awards made, ribbons will be sent on receipt of score sheets showing winners. All score sheets of varieties averaging 85 points or over, should be sent immediately following show to Dr. Ward Cook, care Little Falls Hospital, Little Falls, N. Y. Gold medal awards for varieties receiving highest average scores in your size categories, at all the shows participating will be announced in the November Bulletin.

The Dahlia Year Book, published by the National Dahlia Society of Great Britain, edited by our good friend, G. F. Drayson, 23 Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, came to our address, courtesy of Mr. Drayson, in May. As usual it is a splendid report of Dahlia happenings in British Isles. There are articles by many prominent growers in England, Australia and America. Included among the latter was Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

The editor now receives all reports on agriculture and gardening from the Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. We would like to receive those, particularly those relating to soils, insect control, fertilization and new products which would help dahlia growers, from other Agricultural Stations and universities (with permission to reprint any pertinent articles with proper credit).

DAHLIAS

We hereby extend you a cordial invitation to visit our Gardens during the Blooming Season, Sept. 1, thru till Frost, and see the World's best varieties in bloom, and also take home a Giant Bouquet at economy price. Please arrange to visit our display at A.D.S. Show, Essex House, N. Y., N. Y. Sept. 20 and 21.

PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS

3380 Ely Avenue, New York 69, N. Y.

Dahlia Show Dates Across the Nation

American Dahlia Society

Tues. and Wed., Sept. 20 and 21

Essex House, New York City

September 9-10-11

Midwest Dahlia Conference,
Mitchell Park Conservatory,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 10

North Jersey Dahlia Society,
National Guard Armory,
Paterson, N. J.

September 10

Irrington Garden Club,
Irrington, N. J.

September 10

Dutch Reformed Church Flower Show,
High Falls, N. Y.

September 10-11

Washington State Dahlia Society

September 10-11

Dahlia and Plant Specialists,
Cleveland Garden Center,
Cleveland, Ohio

September 11

Southern Tier Dahlia Society,
Elmira, New York

September 16-17

Burholm Horticultural Society,
Jardel Recreation Center,
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

September 16-17

Suburban Dahlia Club,
Franklin High School,
Reistertown, Md.

September 17-18

Baltimore Dahlia Society,
Turner Armory, Baltimore, Md.

September 17

Long Island Dahlia Society,
Plattduetsche Park Hall,
Franklin Square, L. I.

September 17

Bergen County Dahlia Society,
Englewood, New Jersey

September 17-18

East Liverpool Dahlia Society,
Memorial Auditorium,
East Liverpool, Ohio

September 17-18

Indianapolis Dahlia Society

September 17-18

Southern Michigan Dahlia Society,
and Mich. D. Association,
Carpenter's Hall, Detroit, Mich.

September 17-18

Central Valley Dahlia Society,
San Joaquin Tractor Bldg.,
Bakersfield, Calif.

September 17-18

Bergen County Dahlia Society,
Liberty School, Englewood, N. J.

September 17-18

Portland Dahlia Society,
Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon

September 18

Rochester Dahlia Society,
Rochester Museum, Rochester, N. Y.

September 19-20

Dahlia Society of Tenn. Special Show,
Tri-State Hamilton County Fair.

September 19-20

Dahlia Society of Ohio,
Higbee Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio

September 20-21

American Dahlia Society,
Essex House,
160 Central Park, W., New York

September 24-25

National Capitol Dahlia Society,
U. S. Botanic Garden,
Washington, D. C.

September 24-25

Southern Dahlia Club,
Hamilton Park Field House,
Chicago, Ill.

September 24-25

Greater St. Louis Dahlia and
Chrysanthemum Society

September 24-25

Dahlia Society of Kentucky,
Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

September 24-25

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society,
Lobby, Station W.C.A.U.

September 24-25

Dahlia Society of Alabama,
Thomas Jefferson Hotel,
Birmingham, Ala.

September 26-28

Virginia Dahlia Society,
Miller & Rhoads, Store,
Richmond, Virginia

September 29-30

Hagerstown Dahlia Society,
City Market Place, Hagerstown, Md.

October 1-2

Southern Conference, Host,
Dahlia Society of Tenn.,
Patten Hotel, Chattanooga, Tenn.

October 1-2

Williamsburg Dahlia Society,
Williamsburg Lodge,
Williamsburg, Va.

October 8-9

Dahlia Society of Georgia,
Georgia State Fair, Atlanta