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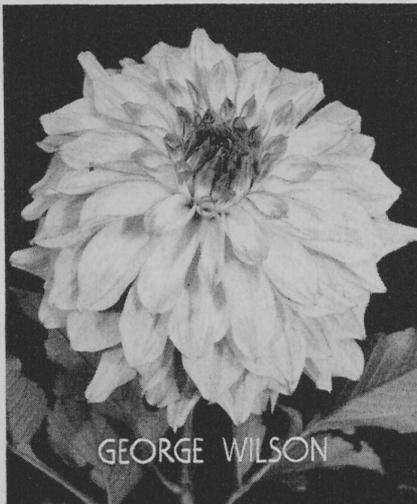
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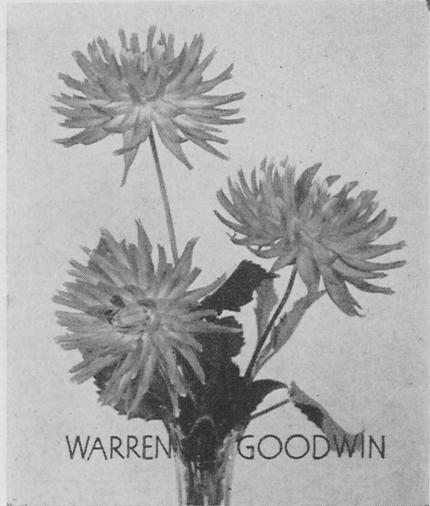
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(See list of Associate Editors on another page)



Andrew J. Mulcahy

Was Elected to Serve a Third Term as President of The American Dahlia Society at the Annual Meeting January 22, 1955.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past season was far from ideal for the growing of Dahlias and while near the Metropolitan area it was not too severe, we had two windy visitors, "Carol" and "Edna." Like many such storms, they hit in spots and in my vicinity large trees that had withstood previous storms were downed, so you can imagine what happened to my dahlia garden.

Visits to the mid-west and south proved that without water nothing can grow well. I saw many dahlia patches bare which in other years would be a mass of blooms. In many cases the growers have absolutely no root stock to winter and must start again from scratch. They will, I am sure. Dahlia lovers take it all in their stride.

Today there are many excellent insecticides and fungicides which kill pests and fungus (fungi) that formerly destroyed many plants and, with a couple of new ones available to the public this year, most of our worries along that line will soon be something of the past.

There is a great need for research in the dahlia field. Mosaic, ring spot, oak leaf and other viruses, as well as with the storage of roots. Many beginners are discouraged because of these and I would like to see our Society be in a position to donate some funds to some Agricultural Colleges or Experimental Stations to undertake research covering all or a part of this work. Results would be published in the Bulletin and in that way we could do more for the Dahlia than in any other manner. Let us hope by the end of this year we will be in a financial position to propose something along these lines so that in 1956 such findings can be reported, so that we all would benefit and to that end our Society would be of still greater service to dahlia growers everywhere.

ANDREW MULCAHY

THE 40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This was the triumph of the Founders. The scene of the 40th Anniversary Dinner was the Tower Room of the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City. The date was Saturday, January 22, 1955.

Six of the nine charter members of the Society, known to be living, were present. These were George Fraser, 8th president, Willimantic, Connecticut; Mrs. Sarah (Wakeman) Wood, Southport, Connecticut; Joe Lane, First Secretary, Larchmont, New York; C. Louis Alling, Fourth President and Secretary from 1932 to 1942, West Haven, Connecticut; P. W. Popp, Mamaroneck, New York; and W. A. Spurling, Great Neck, New York.

Other living charter members not present are Miss Edna L. Morehouse, Fairfield, Connecticut, (See notice later about the death of Miss Morehouse on Jan. 26th); I. S. Hendrickson, Jamesport, New York and J. B. S. Norton, Hyattsville, Maryland. John S. Vincent, son of Richard Vincent, Jr., the real No. 1 founder of the Society and its president for 11 years, 1915 to 1926, was also unable to be present on account of his health. John was one of the stalwart and untiring workers for the Society for more than a quarter century.

Following an excellent dinner, President Mulcahy welcomed the guests and then announced that we would be entertained by the "Memory Marvels." And we surely were. In the next hour they accomplished many prodigious feats of memory. During the course of it, they called the names of every one of the 125 guests present without resort to written material. The audience was asked to participate in some of the tests and John Metzger starred by shuffling some oversized playing cards. All in all, it was quite mysterious, as well as entertaining, program. The young man who conducted the demonstration told the audience that his feats of memory were not inherited, but acquired, through practice and that anyone could do them also, with training.

Next, President Mulcahy introduced some of the guests on the dais and then called on George Fraser to introduce the Charter Members. George told about attending the several meetings held prior to the organization of the Society. Most of those present were commercial growers, nurserymen and publication men. The actual organization of the American Dahlia Society occurred on May 19, 1915. He said that he was sure that none of the people who attended that meeting had any idea that they would be taking part in the celebration of its anniversary, 40 years later. Certainly he did not.

Fraser added that, oddly enough, there were no women present at the first meeting and none were appointed to the first committees. He commented that, through the years, many fine dahlia growers of the feminine sex had taken part in the affairs of the Society and had exhibited at the shows, but that the Society had continued through four decades with the majority of members of the male gender.

"One of the fair ones who early took part in meetings and shows was, as she was then known, Sarah Wakeman, now known to all of you as the friendly, dahlia-wise, Sarah Wood. She just wouldn't be left out of the Society's affairs and we were glad she was always there, ready to work—or talk," said Fraser.

Sarah, when called on, said that, "Miss Edna Morehouse my cousin made a dahlia fan out of me, and when she asked me to join this Society, I hardly knew a dahlia from a rose. But Miss Morehouse was patient and showed me how to grow and exhibit them. As a result, I won several first prizes at the first A.D.S. show and in the first year I grew twenty-five varieties. Many of these were poeny types and were exhibited with short stems in milk bottles. But we had good shows and had a good time at every meeting."

Fraser said that when he was selling

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The 40th Anniversary Dinner (Continued)

commercial space for the New York Show, managing the show and incidentally getting paid \$250.00 for it, he called on the manager of Stump & Walter, to ask him to double the 200 feet for which they had originally contracted. This was back around 1929. He had trouble selling the idea to the manager, W. A. Spurling, but he had known him since the founding of the Society and finally persuaded him to take 400 feet for display of dahlia roots, as well as roots and seeds of other flowers. He asked Spurling to comment on this and other things.

"This Society may have been started and nurtured by commercial men in the beginning, but it has surely gone on with the support of many amateurs all down through the years. It certainly hasn't just been the commercial growers who have done all the work and exhibited every year for 40 years. As I look over this large gathering of dahlia enthusiasts, I am proud that I had a hand in starting it. I haven't worked as hard to perpetuate this Society as some present here, but I am sure pleased that I did have a part in its birth."

Mr. Fraser explained that there was one charter member who was always making cracks that livened up the early meetings. His name was P. W. Popp. He not only kept the gang smiling, but he managed to win quite a few prizes when he was head gardner for a large Connecticut estate.

Mr. Popp turned out to be as amusing in his reminiscing as in the early days. He said he didn't grow dahlias today, although he does grow flowers and vegetables. Times are different now, he said. In those days you didn't put 50 cents worth of dahlias in a \$3,000 car and start off to win a lot of ribbons or even sweepstakes. He described what he had to do once to get his blooms to the Show. He loaded (he didn't say dumped) his blooms into four market baskets and started out to reach the show by train, ferry and trolley. The last trolley had started out, but when he explained that he had to reach the show, the foreman at the car barn put on another car and he got through. He won some 30 prizes.

"Lew" Alling, former president and secretary of the Society, said he won award for the smallest dahlia at the first show. Whether or not that was an omen, he never tried to compete in the larger classes. As president, he appointed the first classification committee in 1928. The

peony dahlias were in their heyday in the 1915 and nearby years. Cactus types were becoming popular. Soon the big Judge Marean types came along and cross breeding to get new big ones, became rampant. He said the "Bill Rathgeber" days (he was Secretary from 1917 to 1932) could not be called spectacular, but the Society weathered many a storm and seemed to keep going on many a shoestring but managed to complete many worthwhile tasks and shows. "He was glad." Lou concluded, "that so many people had thought that the Society was worth working so hard to keep going for 40 years."

Joe Lane, the Society's first secretary, now in the advertising department of House and Garden, said his first major problem was to get the Society to spend money for publicity and show promotion. He said two Scotsmen, George Fraser and the then Treasurer, James Duthie, were too frugal for him. Both wanted to save money. He thought the Society should spend money to get new members. And somehow he sold them on loosening up. On one occasion they actually appropriated \$20 for him to spend in that foolish manner on show publicity.

Joe continued, "When I try to think back to those early days, in the midst of all this fine gathering of dahlia enthusiasts, I marvel at what has been accomplished. The A.D.S. has come a long way since then and the flower it has promoted has changed with this progress. Stems are longer; blooms are larger; colors are more varied and vivid; type classes have been broadened. Generally, the dahlia has come to mean even more to gardeners of this day and age than it did to the pioneers in 1915.

"The Society ended its first year of operation, and promotion, I add with modesty, with 238 members." Joe then added many interesting details, including one, in which a newspaper credited him with changing the name "Dahlia to "Delight." Next thing he knew, a lady descendant of Andreas Dahl, for whom the dahlia was named, called on him at the show and wrathfully declared he was an ignorant upstart to suggest such a thing. He explained how it happened, and at the end, he sold her a membership in the Society. Always looking for new members, was Joe.

George Fraser then covered the events and people concerned with the first twenty years of the Society's history. This recital

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ANNUAL MEETING — AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

January 22, 1955

Park-Sheraton Hotel — New York City

The Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, New York City, was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Mulcahy, seventy-six members being present. The President called for the annual report of the Secretary for the year 1954 and it was voted that these Minutes having been published in full in the Bulletin, we dispense with the reading and approve them as published. Mr. Mohr presented the Finance Committee's report for the year 1954, together with the Auditor's report on the books of the Treasurer. This was approved and made a part of these Minutes.

President Mulcahy then called for the report of Tellers on the election of officers. This report, with Past President Pollak in the Chair, disclosed the election of all officers as printed on the official ballot, and with the largest and most representative number of ballots ever cast. President Mulcahy then returned to the Chair, thanking the members for the vote of confidence and expressing his appreciation to the various officers and Committee members for their cooperation during the past year.

President Mulcahy requested the Secretary to read the proposed changes in the By-Laws, as adopted by the Executive Committee and as published in the Bul-

letin. This was done and the matter given thorough discussion and examination. As a result of this discussion the following proposed Amendments were approved: Article II, Clause 4; Article II, Clause 6; Article III, Clause 1; Article III, Clause 2; Article IV, Clause 1; and Article V, Affiliated Societies. The following Amendments to the Amendments were approved—

ARTICLE III — DUES. The dues of Active Members to be \$4.00 per year.

ARTICLE III — DUES. The dues of Participating members to be \$2.50 per year plus a copy of the Classification List.

ARTICLE III — Section 4. For Participating members, not less than \$2.00 shall be set aside as the subscription to the Bulletin.

ARTICLE V. Clause 2. Each Branch Society shall pay the sum of \$2.50 a year per member for not less than 20 members.

ARTICLE V. Clause 3. Any Branch Society registering 20 to 49 Participating and paid up Members shall receive a bronze medal.

No other changes other than the above were made and the Amendments to the By-Laws were approved as noted above.

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undoubtedly caused many in the audience to wonder how such a thankless task of carrying through the countless jobs and services of the Society through the early years, could possibly be worth the effort. But it seemed that the officers believed that the hobby of growing and showing dahlias has many compensations.

The hour was growing late and because of this, President Mulcahy asked Past Presidents Lynn Dudley and Leo Pollak to limit their reports of the two following decades, 1935 to 1945 and 1946 to 1955, respectively, to five minutes each. Many bouquets to past presidents and to the many zealous workers were passed out by these two in the next ten minutes.

Then came the showing of the Flower Grower Honor Roll Kodachromes of New 1955 introductions and dahlia travel scenes at shows and in gardens by Henry

Olsen and Lynn Dudley. Some of Roy Webb's slides of flower arrangements taken at New York, Washington, Richmond, Williamsburg and other points were screened. Dr. Bruce Preas then ran through his unique collection of cartoons and unposed slides of dahlia people.

The event and celebration of the first 40 years came to a close about midnight and many said it was the finest A.D.S. get-together they had ever attended. As for the writer, after listening to all the octogenarians and charterians tell about the "good old days," it seemed that our own nearly three-score-and-ten sat very lightly. And further, we felt that our nearly 30 years of dahlia growing and work to help the A.D.S. progress had not been so illspent, after all. We really felt young again.—Lynn B. Dudley

A.D.S. Annual Meeting**(Continued)**

President Mulcahy invited Mrs. Simons of the Happy Cabin Dahlia Farms, Signal Mt., Tenn., to address the meeting, in behalf of the Southern Dahlia Conference. She invited the members and friends to attend the annual Exhibition of the Southern Dahlia Conference, to be held in Chatanooga, Tenn., on October 1st and 2nd. This invitation was warmly received, and the President urged all who could, to accept the invitation.

It being our privilege and custom to recognize from time to time the services of those who have worked so generously, and silently in many cases, for the advancement of the dahlia and of the American Dahlia Society, the President called upon Mr. Pollak to make the 1955 Gold Medal Achievement Award of this Society to Dr. Charles H. Connors. Dr. Connors has been directing Trial Gardens since 1920 when the Dahlia Society of New Jersey established a Trial Garden at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and is the present Director of our Eastern Trial Garden. He prepared the regulations under which all our Trial Gardens operate. He is also Chairman of our Nomenclature and the Education Committee, and a Vice President of this Society. He was also the first President of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and Editor of its Bulletin. Mr. Pollak thus outlined in brief the work of Dr. Connors, and his praise of Dr. Connors was heartily seconded by Mr. George Fraser. In Dr. Connor's absence the medal was given to the Secretary to deliver.

The President then called for reports of standing Committees, which were presented as follows:

BULLETIN: Mr. Dudley expressed appreciation for the cooperation from the Associate Editors, and requested Society Editors to make their show and other reports as brief as possible.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS: Dr. Cook at this time, as well as during the debate on the By-Laws Amendments, outlined the Committee's plan on one class of membership, and reported good progress.

CLASSIFICATION: In Dr. McDade's absence, Mr. Diffenderfer reported that the Classification List for 1955 should be ready for issue about the last of February.

DERRIL HART MEMORIAL AWARD: Mr. Webb reported that the only award for 1955 was to the variety **FLYING SAUCER**, certified at three official Trial Gardens, an A-SC Lt. Blend,

Lavender and White, and the origination of Mrs. Charles Clapp of Campbell, Virginia.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Mr. Berzau reported that the 1955 Exhibition would be held at the Hotel Essex House, New York City, on September 20 and 21st.

SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES COMMITTEE: Dr. Knocke reported that in 1954, thirty-two Societies requested the class, that in twenty-five exhibitions awards were made—thirty-eight varieties won recognition at one or more shows, and that four Gold Medals were awarded.

SCHEDULE: Dr. Cook requested authority to make a few changes in the schedule for the 1955 exhibition. This was granted, and it was further decided that the 1955 schedule would not be included in the pages of the Bulletin, but would be sent to the members under separate cover.

FINANCE: Mr. Mohr presented the 1954 Treasurer's statement, together the report of the Auditor showing the books in order. This report was approved.

JUDGES COMMITTEE: Mr. Frey expressed his appreciation for the work of the Judges at the 1954 exhibition, which work he considered outstanding.

TRIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE: For the Trial Grounds, Mr. Lloyd reported that the detailed report for 1954 having been included in the November Bulletin, he would not read it in its entirety, but would be glad to answer any questions. He stated that the Pacific Coast Trial Garden, sponsored by the San Leandro Dahlia Society and the Park Department of the City of Oakland, California—the garden located on the grounds of Lakeside Park in the City of Oakland, and under the Directorship of Mr. R. E. Harter, would be made an Official Trial Garden of the American Dahlia Society, as of this date.

AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL: In the absence of Mr. Seymour, Horticultural Editor of American Home the President called upon Mr. Pollak to present the 1954 winning medals to Mr. Stanley Johnson — his variety **NED SEYMOUR** having won 10 American Home Achievement Medals.

President Mulcahy presented to the meeting the newly elected Presidents of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, and of the Bergen County (N.J.) Dahlia Association. Mrs. Bardell of Woodcliffe Lakes, N. J., and Mrs. Diedrich Meyer of the Bergen County Association.

There being no further business to come before the Annual Meeting, it was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.—Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary A.D.S.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

By JACK ECCLESTON
Chestnut St. East Liverpool, Ohio

"Where there is a will, there is a way"—to grow those Dahlia blooms you have always dreamed of—the kind you want to show everyone—the ones everyone stops and admires on the show table, and—as I once heard a grower say, "Once in a lifetime."

But, you say that this is too early for that. You are Oh! so wrong; now is the time to plan and prepare.

I hope that last fall you threw away all roots that showed any possible signs of disease, stunt, etc. (remember, like begets like). Say to yourself over and over again, that the Dahlia is a soft wooded plant, that should it ever get checked in its growth at any time, the tissues of the stem harden, and the more they harden, the poorer will be your blooms. Start your divisions off slowly in moist soil and keep them in that condition until they eye up, then you may water a little more freely, but remember if you grow the cuttings too soft they will take longer to root.

In the meantime, get your propagating bench or box ready. Fill it level full (after tamping) with sand or one half sand and vermiculite. Three musts for good rooting, and no damping off are: bottom heating, around 70 degrees, good drainage, and lots of ventilation. When you think you have enough ventilation, please give a little more; forget about the

cool atmosphere above the bench. Soak it down until the water runs through well. Now it is ready for the cuttings and, in 16 to 20 days, they should be ready to pot. For potting use two thirds good garden soil, one third humus, a little sand if it needs it, one good handful of Phosphate per bushel. Put it through $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sieve (screen). This, when thoroughly mixed, makes a good potting medium for Dahlias. Get the plants out in the cold frame 4 or 5 days after potting, where they will be ready for the open garden when planting time comes.

Some don'ts: let cuttings wilt; run cuttings too dry; leave them too long in the bench; pot off in cold soil; or neglect them.

Some do's: water cuttings good first 5 or 6 days; keep ventilators open night and day. Water, spray, or dust when needed (tomorrow is too late); know your Dahlias and use a little common sense in caring for them until you get them on the show table; be careful with the fertilizer, especially nitrates—little or none until your plants are out in the garden and growing, even then, too much is worse than too little.

Timing is always a problem due to different weather conditions, so time your own by keeping a record of the growth habit of each variety for future reference.

For further study on qualities that make real exhibition blooms, read Dr. Cook's Dahlia Judging Manual, again and still again.

"Get your propagating bench ready. Have bottom heating to 70°. Soak the sand. Trim cuttings. Dip ends in hormone powder. In 16 to 20 days cuttings should be rooted, ready to pot."



The Cream of the Crop for 1955

By Dr. Ward H. Cook

The purpose of this annual Cream of the Crop evaluation is to show in a comparative manner the relative exhibition possibilities of the new and the older varieties of dahlias in every size, type and color class. It not infrequently happens that to be a winner in a hotly contested class on the show table a certain variety must have exceptional care. But if, at its best, it can and should win, then it belongs in this select list. There are excellent exhibition varieties which for one reason or another do not appear in the catalog listings of our more popular commercial growers, yet which deserve inclusion in The Cream of the Crop. Should the reader not agree with this writer's evaluation in every case he should bear in mind that this is, after all, a personal—and highly critical—rating of the relative merits of all known varieties in every recognized class. Some very fine dahlias which can win in the heavier competitive classes are, of necessity, omitted. We have restricted our listing to not more than 5 in most classes. Nevertheless, this year's tabulation comprises 757 different varieties, compared to 603 last year.

We have increased the listing of BB (4 to 6 inch) varieties by nearly 50% to demonstrate the competitive possibilities in this interesting size range, including therein not only the smaller B varieties, but those which, although classified as miniatures, are easily grown over 4 inches and which are often at their best when so grown. However, in referring to this list one should remember that some of the very finest mediums appear only in our BB table. Such sorts as *Gypsy Girl*, *Ruby Glow*, and *Nicky K.* can win against larger varieties in the regular B classes. Varieties in the BB table which have been officially classified as miniatures are indicated by adding (M) after the variety name.

It is with some temerity that, after only one season's comparative observation, the writer rates a new dahlia as a

better exhibition variety than established leaders in its class. He did this last year in the case of *Mary Elizabeth* and the 1954 shows proved the soundness of the choice. Among the several excellent introductions for the current season, however, the only A size dahlias which supplant previous first choices the writer has observed for at least two years. One B and one BB sized variety are rated tops on a single season's acquaintance. But among the miniatures, several varieties new to us (mostly Australian "charms") have shown definite superiority in their classes. It is quite possible that further study of the exhibition possibilities of still other new ones will demonstrate more merit than was evident on fleeting contact. To be sure, I visited many gardens, including test gardens, commercial plantings, private gardens, and grew nearly 900 named varieties of all types myself, and attended some nine representative shows in 1954. Still, there are a few on this year's Honor Roll that, to my regret, I did not see in bloom, or at their best. So, judgment must be deferred.

Again, it is a pleasure to find a few more blank spaces in the tables occupied by meritorious acquisitions as well as to see some hitherto weak classes strengthened. The judges of seedlings should ever be alert to note possible fillers for these gaps.

In the few instances (actually 7) where we have not followed the Official Classification, the latter is shown in parenthesis. For example, *Bill Jack* heads the list of B semi-cactus white where we definitely believe it belongs. Other conspicuous exceptions to the 1954 Official Classification are: *Mrs. Eric Halford* which we believe is the very finest formal bicolor medium; and the brilliant flaming scarlet and yellow blend *Petit Prince* which heads our list of miniature semi-cactus flame.

Strongest candidates for most perfect bloom are denoted by symbol *, while the most likely possibilities for "largest and best bloom" are denoted by symbol **.

The following 1955 "Cream of the Crop" Tables May Guide Exhibitors as to Selections of Varieties Which Will Help Them to Win Awards in some of the many Dahlia Shows in America this Fall.

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A

FIRST CHOICE

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	**Jaune La Belle, IC	**Pride of Parkersburg	Sunburst	*Prairie Sun
Orange	o Rose Ann S., StC	Prairie Fire	**Ned Seymour	o Don Jose
Red	Edna D., StC	**Lynn Fontanne	Mary Elizabeth	Pop Harris
Flame	Leander, StC (IC)	Collector's Item	Col. Little	**Arthur Godfrey
Autumn	Oakleigh Champion, IC	o Ronnie Lee	**Croydon Masterpiece	Kirsten Flagstad
Dark Red	o *Yowu Matsuoaka, IC	Ami Louis Blin	**Mrs. Hester A. Pape	Croydon Dignity
Variegated	Hypnose, IC	o Figaro	Dixie Wine Dot	Clara Bruce
Bicolor	o Uncle Dudley, IC	Jane Lausche	Cornell	Tiara
Dark Blend	**Valley Queen, IC	Comito Supreme	**Autumn Blaze	o Julia Keech
Purple	Clariam Royalty, IC	Ada N.	Kemp's Purple Triumph	Deep Purple
Light Blend	o Reality, IC	Empire State	Helen Stafford	*Five Star General
Pink	Pink Superior, IC (StC)	Cymbie	Kelvin	Stardust
White	**Bay City White, IC	**Edith Willkie	Winnifred Stredwick	D'Arcy Sainsbury
Lavender	Irene Dunne, StC	*Marilyn Dale	**Powder Puff	*Lavender Perfection

B

FIRST CHOICE

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	o *Bunny, IC	o *Edgar A. Guest	o Cherokee Maiden	o *Maureen Connolly
Orange	Orange Princess, IC	*Amberlite	House of Orange	o Indian Paint Brush
Red	Nancy Ann Mitchell, IC	Terpo	o Vic	o Fireball
Flame	o Carnaval, StC	Bataan	Caroline Kernochan	o Flamingo
Autumn	o *Copperhead, IC	o Koongarra Radiance	Miss Rita	*Golden Treasure
Dark Red	o *Juanita, StC	o Prince Noire	o Mrs. Rita Campeau	Deep Velvet
Variegated	o Mosaic, IC	Jubilijm	Crystal Surprise	Bruce Frost
Bicolor	Victory Maid, IC	Starbright	*Campus Queen	o Mrs. Eric Halford, ID
Dark Blend	Judy G., StC			Ballego's Glory
Purple	o Daisy Ethel, IC	Purple Knight	Eventide	Marshall A. Howe
Light Blend	o Eugene Black, IC	*Bond's Memory	o Valley Princess	*Betty Blossom
Pink	*Doris Hilliard, IC	Nay Aug	o *Hill's Pink Supreme	*Jersey Beauty
White	o *Snowball, StC	o Bill Jack (A)	*Windlassie	*Alabaster
Lavender	o Dottie, IC	o Koongarra Glory	o Cherie	Frances Hamilton Archer

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SECOND CHOICES

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Allegresse, StC Derring Do Yellow, StC Searchlight, StC	**New Look *My Memories Rika Ballin Tops	Annette Queen Elizabeth Burnbrae Memories Quinn's Tidal Wave	Commissioner Warren Christine Sunrise Mulwarre
Orange	*Miss Myrtle Beach, StC Dorothy Lamour, StC Patricia Spollen, IC	Miss Phyllis Vohland Clariam Tide	Betty Broster Miss P.R.R.	Volcano
Red	King Size, StC Son of Satan, IC Gen. Eisenhower, IC	Maffie The Cardinal Forest Ranger	Red Champion Murphy's Masterpiece Joseph B. Lanktree	Barbara Marshall Croydon Crimson Croydon Signal Supreme Command
Flame	Giant of Baarn, StC Angelus, IC	The Outcast Roselyn Straight Link's Sensation	Mars Cosmopolitan	
Autumn	Stephen Foster, IC **Pin Wheel, IC Bronze Giant, StC Gold Coin, IC	Special Award Amelia Earhart Brown Bomber (IC)	*Pirate Treasure Axford Triumph Sherwood Peach Carl G. Dahl	Marjory Nolan
Dark Red	Detroit 250, IC Big Mo, IC	Val's Delight Black Monarch Mary Lynn Dudley Virginia Rute	Cherokee Brave Mignon Joy	Regina Bull's Eye Stellaette Commando (Aus.)
Variegated	Samba, IC	Troubadour	Simoun Nancy Catherine Scharhag Pfarrer Rojek	Fancy Free
Bicolor	Aristos, IC	Preas' Pride	Kentucky Sportsman Kentucky Lady	Phantom Jeanette Miss Liberty
Dark Blend	Torch, StC William Evans, IC		Sydney Croydon Wizard	
Purple	Arabian Night, StC	Hollywood Star Storm Cloud Jean Trimbee	The Volunteer Harry A. Beals Night Editor Glamour	King David Purple Dawn
Light Blend	Crowning Glory, IC Bertha Shone, IC Golden Jupiter, IC Mr. President, StC	Arab Queen Sensation Surprise Greater Glory	Majestat Lloyd George Eva Stamford Mother Koenig	Kidd's Climax George Wilson
Pink	Belle Dame, StC Sarett's Pink Flamingo, IC Pride of Holland, StC	All American Irene Rich	Frieda Gaylord Pink Elephant Premier's Winsome Clariam Forever	Virginia B. Taggart Cherokee Beauty
White	Dandy Snow, StC	Graf Folke Bernadotte Vision Ballego's Surprise Whitehall	Madonna Mother's Day Margaret Templeton Great Lakes	*Heavenly White Emma Caroline The Real Glory Croydon Snotop
Lavender	Diva, StC Fashion Hour, IC Carol Francis, IC Nellie Retzer, IC	*Ruth Alampi I. N. Fleck Milgrove	Blue Okanagon Nearest Blue Rudolf Motznick Lynette Hawton	*Ruth Nichols Marybelle Melrose Sarah Carolyn

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B

SECOND CHOICES

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Pioneer, StC Labuan, StC Refugee, StC Ida Bernadine, IC	Scarsdale Sun Glorious Full Moon Punctueel		Sparkler First Lady Kentucky Sun
Orange	Agnes E. James, IC Koningin Juliana, StC My Goodness, IC Hazard, IC	Rockley Orange Messina	Orange Flame	Flaming Sunset
Red	Joan Wilton, IC Stoplight, StC Victory Day, StC M. P. Savanaud, StC Dentelle Rouge, StC	Scarlet Leader Second Century Hylas		Barbarosa
Flame	Heart of Gold, IC Kelvin Sunrise, IC	Laetare Enten	Malcolm W. Bingay	
Autumn	Golden Rectitude, IC Lady Alice, StC Heart's Desire, StC Connie Casey, StC	Michigan Radiance		Arc de Triomf
Dark Red	Grandeza, StC Blackbird, IC Marika Rokk, StC Smokey, IC	Breendonck	Anna Benedict Lady Gartmor Maharajah Anode	Abe Lincoln
Variiegated			Goudbrocaat	Quinns Highlea Haslerova Paisley Gem
Bicolor	Mary Kay, StC Flash, IC		Justinius Kerner Wanda Meade Willy Mullens Kortrijk's Vendel	Old Glory Lois Walcher Frances Hanna Variety Girl
Dark Blend				Sellwood Glory Gladys Brewster
Purple	Orfeo, IC Marion Glenn, IC Doreen E., StC	Colbert		Tall and Handsome
Light Blend	Mme. Clem. Payen, IC Aumonier Chandelon, IC Blendette, IC Gold Spider, StC	Woodland Peach Laura B. Maryland Beauty Clariam Fancy		Florence M. King Peter II Vin Well Paragon
Pink	Mme. Eliz. Sawyer, StC Youth, IC Patricia Ann, IC Chuck's Pink, IC	Almelo's Glory Mrs. Dean Acheson Miss Macomb	Frills Victory Eclipse	Clariam Luray D-Day
White	*Florence Chadwick, StC Margraten, StC	Michigan White		Mayor Ring Miss Shattuck Zero
Lavender	Lavender Gem Good Earth, IC Marvelous, StC Vivianne Coppens, StC Lyrieck, IC	Nick's Orchid Doge Michigan Orchid Dorothy Schmidt	Pretty Lady The Detroit Times	Spalding's Lavender Beauty

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MINIATURE SELECTIONS

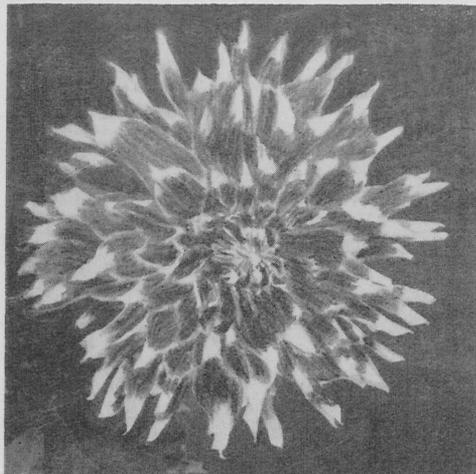
	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	Jack Reid, StC Sunrise, StC Belle, StC Myall Sonne, StC	*Arabeske Tip Canary (Aus.)	Roy's Yellow	Little Lemon Drop Cheryl Anne Canary
Orange	Smiles, StC	Andries' Orange Firefly	Cinnamon Gem Elsie Crellin	*Lillian Ballego Peggy Lindley Roquencourt
Red	Ruby Charm, StC San Toi, IC	Woodleigh Double Victory	Chico Passepartout	Joan L. Boyles Red Chief Nancy Sylvia
Flame	Carinya Star, StC Warren Goodwin, StC	Petit Prince (Au.) Midwest Gem Atomic Ray	*Jubilant (Dahl.) Red Fire Forest Fire, Jr.	*Decoy Berrie
Autumn	Favorita, StC	Marjory Lawrence Bronze Princess Autumn Babe Frances Digi	*Onah Bronze Elsie	Fuzzy Wuzzy Buckeye Baby Bittersweet
Dark Red		*Mrs. L. W. Bennett Dubonnet Mid Night		Buddy Ballego's Maroon Gem Freda Blackie
Variiegated		Tsitze		Catherine Hulin's Carnival
Bicolor	Mrs. Stone (R) StC John L. Stevens	*Little Shiek Little Blue Star	Rickey Look	Zest Promising Surprise Funny Face Bright Idea Red Shadow
Dark Blend				Pepy
Purple		Lombaert's Violet Fuchsia Gem Mrs. Haystun	Dove	Jo Little Jerry Royaletta Princess Royal
Light Blend	*Hazel Harper, StC Mab, StC Kay, StC	*Eunice Smith Chasamy Homeacre's Sweetest Belle	*Duke Rapture	Bo Bo Timmie Fairy Nibs
Pink	Dainty Lady, StC Little Miss Prim, StC Little Peaches, StC Little Darling, IC	*Little Diamond Jubilant (Bruid.) Little Rachel		Silver Spring Baby Fonteneau Bright Lass
White	Little Linda, StC Lucky White, StC Snow Prince, IC Lombaert's Albino, StC Millie, StC	Geneva Crystal White Snowsprite		*Agatha Little Jimmy White Fawn
Lavender	Betsy T., StC Mrs. F. Watt, StC	Estelle Delaware Royal Royalty	Little Joanne Benevenuto	Prairie Thistle Nellie Shee Little Susan

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	Yellow	Orange	Red	Flame	Autumn	Dark Red	Bicolor	Dark Blend	Purple	Light Blend	White	Lavender		
	BALL		MINIATURE BALL		PEONY		ANEMONE		COLLARETTE		SINGLE		ORCHID	
Yellow	Mary Helen Butterball	Little Buddy	Citronelle	Clair de Lune Saturn	Pequot Candle Light	*Imp								
Orange	Orange Glow		Grenato	*Mrs. H. Brown Scarlet Prince Soestdijk Orangeade	*Bachelor Girl									
Red	Lulu	Lysander	*Bishop of Llandaff	Schonrotraut	Tribune Frank Harris Marcelline	Temptation Scarlet Century								
Flame	Rondkop Ed's Delight	Red Gold Medal		Croix de Sud	*Esther *La Gioconda	James Weller Mom's Favorite Bruno	Dahlidel Whisper							
Autumn	Charlotte Coldwell	Mazie				Tango								
Dark Red	Black Diamond	*Dusky		*Comet	Hot Jazz Libretto Erica	Garnet Poinsettia								
Variigated	Jayseedee	Patricia Armstrong												
Bicolor	Clara Clemens	Dark Prince			Coincident	*Gay Lassie Kokette Marshall's Gloria Roy's Single								
Dark Blend	Southern Beauty	*Jeep				Collegiate Lone Star								
Purple	*Rev. Colwyn Vale			Robijn	Ian La Cierva Trixie									
Light Blend	*Dolly Packer	Maude Adams	Baby Royal	Vera Higgins	Dad's Favorite	Mia Karsten	*Dahlidel Twinkle							
Pink	*Alice Jay *Dorothy Dean		*Pink Lassie		Pink Spangle Annabelle	Newport Wonder	My Lassie							
White	Mozart			Bridesmaid	Cherubino Sparkle	Snow Princess Purity	Everest							
Levender	*Supt. Amrhyh Molly Lou	*Dainty		*Vera Siemen Doorenbos	Musie	Lavender Gem								

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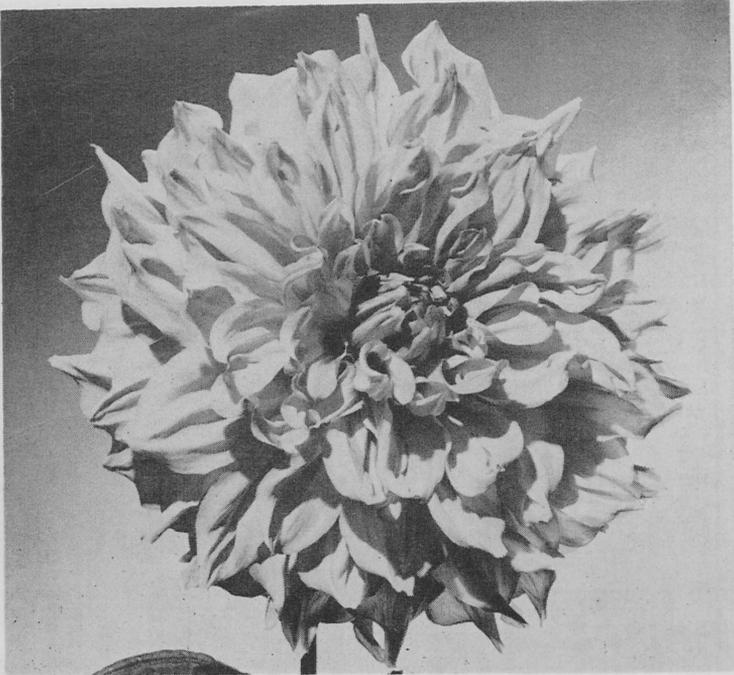
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	INCURVED CACTUS	STRAIGHT CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	Sylvia Ann	*Yellow Special *Flirt Finesse Anversoise Hoek's Yellow	Magic Moon Arabeske (M)	*Yellow Elegance	*Gay Canary (M) Nelleke
Orange	*Mrs. Willicombe	William Ropke Deep Orange	Duindigt Andries' Orange (M)	Maria Orbaan	Adelaide Ambassador v. Kleffens
Red	Gay Salute Joan Gibbs (M)	Aristocrat Dulcie May (IC) Ruby Charm (M) Red Sparkle San Toi	*Nicky K. Corsair		Shirley Westwell (M) Vermilion Record
Flame	*Renaissance	Warren Goodwin	Tilbury's Starlight Shiela Brunton Nar (M)	Forest Fire, Jr. (M)	*Sunny Heart Rose Glow Brandaris
Autumn	Rheingold Pari Taha Gold Karolinchen	Fiesta Ballerina	Sabine (M)		Old Gold (M) Bittersweet
Dark Red		Gratia	Negro Princess Dark Felt Dubonnet (M)		Ike (M) Miss Karen
Variegated			Kandy Kid Autumn Brocade	Quinn's Butterfly	*Gypsy Girl Clouded Star
Bicolor	Farcot Brioso	Cheerio John L. Stevens	Little Shiek (M) Little Blue Star (M)		Firelight St. Nick Deuil du Roi Albert
Purple	*Pin Up	Zenith	Arrangement (M StC) Lombaert's Violet (M) Mrs. Haystun		*Ruby Glow Donnie (M)
Light Blend	Silvretta Rosemary Dainty Norma Jean (M StC) Margaret Rose	*Ste. Therese *Val St. Lambert Montafon (M) Rosita L. C. K.	*Chamoisette Elodie K. Miss Elsie Jane Judy K. Risa Grivel	Rapture (M) Little Eddie	Leah Pearl Kathie M. (M)
Pink	Julius C. Bunge Fantastic Chana	*Grace Margery Blake Glenrowan	Miss Rose Fletcher		Gerrie Hoek Baby Fonteneau (M) Dearie (M)
White		*Friendship (Aus.) Little Linda (M) Vrede	*Snow Cup Purity Willy Faton		Glacier Dave Platt
Lavender	Bedford Beauty Tid	Requiem Friendship Good Morning	Royalty (M) Mirabella	Benevenuto	

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Despite difficult growing conditions throughout most of the nation during the 1954 growing season, 39 varieties received seedling sweepstakes awards at 25 different shows, a new record. Eight additional shows requested the award, but reported no winners.

The A.D.S. sweepstakes are awarded each year at the shows of Branch and Affiliated Societies of the American Dahlia Society and also at the Annual A.D.S. Show to seedling dahlias which score an average of 85 or better on the official A.D.S. bench score card, as judged by three of five judges. The ribbons are awarded to give recognition to worthy new seedlings which must be at least three years old, and be introduced to public within 2 years of receiving the award.

The American Dahlia Society gold medal, for the highest average score in three or more shows, was awarded to *Ned Seymour*, A-ID, originated by Stanley Johnson, with awards at 9 shows, average score in 9 shows 86.69, a record for large types. *First Lady*, B-FD, average score, .. shows,, originated by Comstock Dahlia Gardens; *Lulu*, a ball, originated by Dr. Henty Parker, average score, 4 shows, 86.6, and *Catherine*, miniature FD, average score, 5 shows, 86.2, originated by Luther G. Schimpf.

More shows requested the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards in 1954, and more awards were made than in any of the previous five years since the awards were first made. The following chart shows how this growth has occurred.

YEAR	Number of Shows Requesting Ribbons	Number of Shows Awarding Ribbons	Number of Varieties Winning Awards	Number of Ribbons Awarded	Number of Gold Medals Awarded
1949.....	8	6	10	12	1
1950.....	26	21	17	33	2
1951.....	30	13	18	32	2
1952.....	17	14	23	36	2
1953.....	33	19	22	32	3
1954.....	32	25	39	80	4

VARIETY	INTRODUCER	SHOW*	SCORE
Ned Seymour, A ID—Red	Stanley Johnson Cheltenham, Pa.	N. Y.	86.6
		L. I.	86.3
		Washington	85.3
		Burholme, Pa.	88.0
		Irvington	85.7
		Baltimore	85.3
		Branch Brook, N. J.	88.5
		Greater Philadelphia	88.7
		Patterson	85.8
		Average	

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VARIETY	INTRODUCER	SHOW*	SCORE
Marvelous, B StC—Pink	Rosemary Dahlia Gdns.	N. Y.	85.
	Martin's Ferry, Ohio (1806 - 34 Street)	Cincinnati Richmond Baltimore	85.3 86.2 85.
Amberlite, B StC—Autumn	Stanley Johnson Cheltenham, Pa.	Greater Philadelphia	86.7
Surprise, A SC—	Geo. F. Baker Moline, Ill.	Cincinnati	85.1
		Madison	85.8
		Birmingham	85.3
		Central States	85.9
		Milwaukee	85.6
		Southtown, Ill.	85.7
First Lady, B FD—Yellow	Comstock Dahlia Gdns. San Diego, Cal.	N. Y.	86.1
		San Diego	87.
		Santa Ana	86.3
		Santa Ana	86.2
		Average Score	86.5
Mr. President, A IC—Lt. Blend	Comstock Dahlia Gdns. 5140 - 35 Street	N. Y.	85.1
		San Diego	85.
Patricia Ann, B IC—Pink	H. Brusca Phila., Pa.	N. Y.	86.
Lloyd George, A ID—Lt. Blend	Frank Miller Yale St., Hempstead	N. Y.	85.2
		L. I.	85.
Lulu, Ball	Dr. Henry Parker Chevy Chase, Md.	East Liverpool, Ohio	85.5
		Cleveland	86.3
		Washington	85.
		N. Y.	86.1
Average Score		85.7	
Catherine, Min-Var	Luther G. Schimpf Central Ave. Millington, N. J.	N. Y.	85.2
		L. I.	87.3
		Branch Brook, N. J.	85.8
		Washington	88.
		Irvington	85.
Average Score		86.2	
Joan L. Boyles, Min FD—Red	Louis Comito Malvern, Pa.	N. Y.	85.5
		Branch Brook, N. J.	85.3
		Irvington	85.7
		Burholme, Pa.	85.7
		Greater Philadelphia	87.
		Patterson, N. J.	85.
Comito Supreme, A SC—Lt. Blend		Branch Brook, N. J.	86.2
		Burholme, Pa.	86.
Comito Snow, A FD—White		Burholme, Pa.	85.
Miss P.R.R., B SC—Autumn	Stanley Johnson Cheltenham, Pa.	N. Y.	86.6
			87.2
Henry O., Min FD—Yellow	Barwall Dahlia Farm Danbury, Conn.	L. I.	85.7
Ivory Lass BC—White (StC)		L. I.	85.2
Aunt Sarah, M StC—Lt. Blend		L. I.	85.3

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VARIETY	INTRODUCER	SHOW*	SCORE
Sambo, M FD—Dk Red	Sarah Wood Southport, Conn.	L. I.	85.
Pink Spangle, Coll—Pink	Premier Dahlia Gdns. Columbia, N. J.	L. I. Irvington Branch Brook, N. J.	85.2 85. 86.2
Crestmont Beauty, B StC—Pink	Ed Lloyd 10 Crestmont Rd. Montclair	L. I.	85.5
Joan Siler, B SC—Pink	Marker-Egan	L. I. Branch Brook, N. J. Patterson	85.2 85.7 85.
Glorious, B SC—Yellow	Chester B. Hymer 89 Carpenter St. Salem, N. J.	L. I.	88.
Evelyn Scola, Coll	H. Rivet 915 Sanford Ave. Irvington, N. J.	Branch Brook, N. J.	85.
Boram's Pride, B SC—Dk Red	Artie Boram Beaver, Ohio	Cincinnati	85.8
Jerry's Pride, A ID—Lav	Jerry Schutte Springfield, Ohio		85.3
Leschar, A IC—Pink	Charles Hulin 1115 So. Anderson Tacoma, Wash.	Tacoma	85.
Miss Mollie, Min SC—Dk Blend	Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Eddins Richmond, Va.	Williamsburg, Va.	86.
Com. Muery, B ID—Flame	C. B. Ambrose Norfolk, Va.	Richmond, Va.	85.
Gen. Gearhart, A SC—Purple	W. L. Elkins Richmond, Va.		85.8
Tid, B IC—Lt Bl	Dr. Henry Parker Chevy Chase, Md.	Baltimore Burholme, Pa. Cleveland	85. 87.5 85.5
Our Friend, A ID—Phlox Purple	Charles F. Pape (the late) Carpenteria, Cal.		
Roundelay, Ball—Pink	Fred H. Scott Old Clairton, Rd. Pittsburgh 36, Pa.	East Liverpool, Ohio	85.
Duet, B ID—Bicol		East Liverpool, Ohio	85.3
Lavender Dot, M ID—Lt. Blend	Wm. J. Haugh Wellsville, Ohio		85.7
Karol, Coll	Mr. & Mrs. C. Helbig 208 Norwood Ave. Elberon, N. J.	Asbury Park	85.
Franny Grace, M FD—Red	Julius B. Rich Route No. 1 Monee, Ill.	Central States, Chicago	88.
Southern Lady, B FD—Dk Blend	Norman LaMotte Hopewell, Ga.	Birmingham	85.7
Ember Gem, BB SC—Red	Elsie Cole Parktown, Md.	Reistertown	85.7
Kandy Kid, B SC—Var	Keck-Stevens Ferndale, Pa.	Burholme, Pa. Patterson	86. 85.

Editor's Note: One of the rules of this competition is that names of winning varieties must be furnished with Judges scores. In the case of 3 varieties at Patterson, N. J. no names were furnished and these have not been listed above.

A.D.S. Committees, 1955 Announced by Pres. Mulcahy

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1954 Flower Grower Honor Roll

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The 20th Annual National Honor Roll, as reported and described by the four regional testers, is reproduced herewith. A total of 68 varieties were selected by them as worthy, in their opinion, of being introduced to the public. Five of these, *Ceramic Beauty*, *Cherokee Beauty*, *First Lady*, *Marvelous* and *Surprise*, were named by all five testers.

The testers are: East, Lynn B. Dudley, New Rochelle, N. Y.; South, Conrad E. Foust, Atlanta, Georgia; Mid-west, J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Ill.; West Coast, Col. Richard T. Eddy.

For a breakdown of the number of varieties tested by each and the number each selected, we quote the concluding two paragraphs from the January, 1955, issue of the Flower Grower. The illustrations are by Courtesy of John R. Whiting, Editor and Publisher of that magazine.

"In the listing, you will notice that the East leads in the number of Honor Roll dahlias. The main reason for this is that Mr. Dudley received many more dahlias for testing than did his colleagues. This year he tested 152 seedlings from 70 originators—55 made the Honor Roll. In the South, Mr. Faust tested 83—13 were worthy of Honor Roll listing. Mr. Roberts grew 67 seedlings in his Midwest trial garden—13 made the grade. On the West Coast Mr. Eddy found 19 among those he tested that scored over 85 points. It

should be noted that a grower may send his seedlings to any *one, several* or *all four* regional judges.

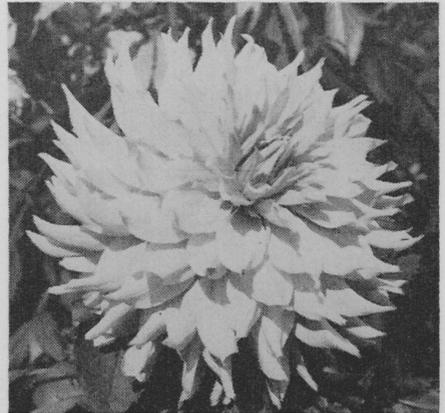
All of the dahlias listed are worthy of Honor Roll recognition and each one should please many gardeners. Because there are so many tastes and preferences, not all gardeners will want all of them. However, in the list, the judges feel that you will find dahlias that will be a welcome addition to any garden—and ones that will win at shows."

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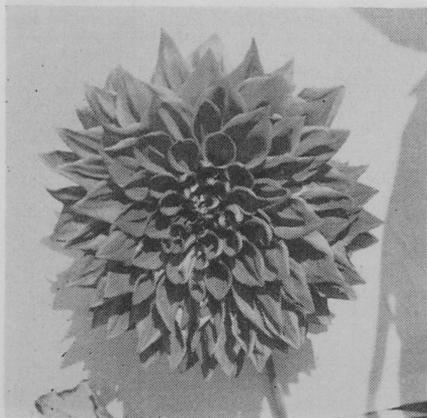


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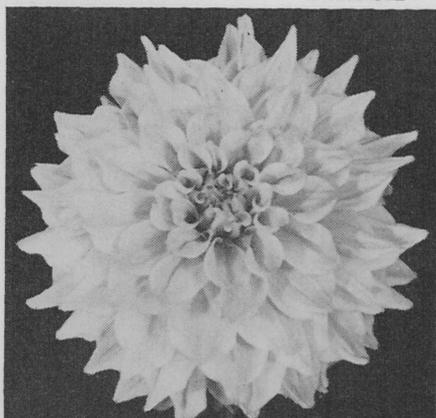
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ABUNDANCE	★	★			Medium-sized, semi-cactus; lavender. Flower 8" x 4". Bush medium. Has many flowers. Under artificial light may look pink. "Competitor Nicks Orchid": Roberts. (Robens)
AMBERLIGHT				★	Medium-sized straight cactus; Indian orange with yellow, probably classed orange. Flower 8" x 4". Stems 10-12", canelike. Bush vigorous. 5' Won FLOWER GROWER Award for best seedling of "B" size at A.D.S. show in New York. (Pennypack)
BLACKIE			★	★	Miniature formal decorative; Oxford red. "Form sometimes more formal": Dudley. Flowers 3 1/2" x 2 1/4". Stems 8-10". Bush 4 1/2". "Very profuse bloomer and darker than most": Dudley. (Campbell-Parrella)
BRIGHTEST PINK				★	Medium-sized straight cactus; Rosaline purple (lavender). Coloring like Pride of Holland but blooms smaller. Flower 7" x 4". Stems 8-12". Profuse bloomer. Bush low, 3 1/2". (Bridegom, Holland)
BUTTERBALL	★			★	Medium to miniature-sized ball; Primrose yellow. Flower 5" x 3": Faust; 4" x 2 1/2": Dudley. Stems 8-10": Bush 5 1/2". Profuse bloomer; foliage dark, leathery. Won A.D.S. Certificate, Atlanta, 1954. "Has only Little Buddy and Mary Helen as competition": Dudley. (Haugh-Rocky River)
CAROL HAWLEY	★				Medium-sized semi-cactus; dark red. Flower 5" x 3". Bush 6', vigorous grower. Very little competition in this class. (Dove-Rocky River)
CATHERINE				★	Miniature formal decorative, variegated peony purple lines and splashes on lighter phlox ground. Flower 2" x 2 1/4". Stems 8-10". Bush 4 1/2". Perfect form, good color. Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes at New York, Irvington, Newark, Washington and other shows. (Schimpf-Dahlia del)
CERAMIC BEAUTY	★	★	★	★	Large-sized formal decorative; rose red with oxblood center ("Tyrian purple": Faust). Flower 9-10" x 4 1/2-5". Stems 8-10", hold blooms facing. Bush 4-4 1/2". "Does not burn, good keeper": Dudley. Roberts: "Won many medals last year; competes with Stellaette and Commando." (Eccleston-Rocky River)
CHEROKEE BEAUTY	★	★	★	★	Large-sized formal decorative; pink. Dudley in East calls it Neron rose, really a rich pink. Size 10-11" x 5-5 1/2". Stems 7-9"; some early blooms top; later ones longer stems. Bush 4'. Won two A.D.S. trail ground certificates. Faust says it is a good exhibition flower. Roberts in midwest wants to grow it again against Kelvin, its competitor. (Ricks-Dahlia del)

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CERAMIC BEAUTY

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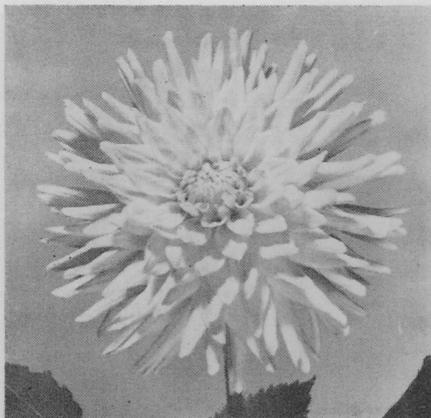
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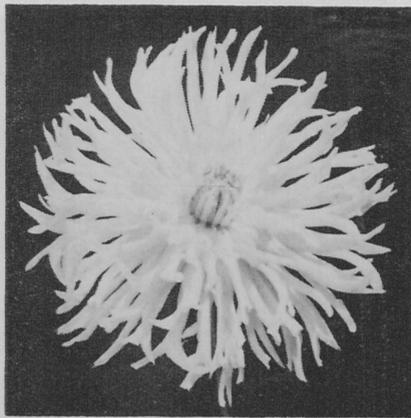
CHEROKEE MAIDEN				★	Medium (B) size informal decorative; some blooms semi-cactus. Primrose yellow. Flower 7½" x 4". Stems 10", hold blooms side. Bush 4½". Blooms curl back to stems; very satisfactory variety. (Ricks-Dahladel)
CLARIAM TIDE			★		Large-sized semi-cactus. orange. Flower 10" x 5". Bush medium. (Wolbert-Rocky River)
COMITO SUPREME				★	Large (A) size semi-cactus. Dark blend of fuchsia purple on white. Flower 10" x 6". Bush 5'. Stems 8", hold blooms facing. Won A.D.S. Seedling Award, Burholm, 1954. These dark blends have little competition and are welcome additions. (Comito)
COVER GIRL				★	Large-sized formal decorative, mauve-violet with generous white tips. Flower 10" x 4½". Stems 12". Bush 4". This really has no competition in this coloring today. (Hulin-Parrella)
CRESTMONT BEAUTY ...				★	Medium (B) size straight cactus; light blend of Porcelain rose with buff and lemon yellow at base. Flower 7" x 3½". Stems 8-12" hold blooms side or slightly up. Bush 4'. Very vigorous, profuse bloomer early to frost. Seedling of Sarett's Pink Flamingo. Lloyd-Ruschmohr)
DEEP ORANGE				★	Medium-sized, Persimmon orange. Flower 5" x 3". Bush above medium. (Haugh-Rocky River)
ED'S DELIGHT	★			★	Miniature ball; orange blending with yellow. Flower 4" x 3". Stem strong; plant growth medium. (Chandler-Rocky River)
FIRELIGHT				★	Medium-sized informal decorative; occasionally some formal decorative. Bicolor, bright blood red with white tips. Flower 6½" x 3½"-4". Rounds to stem; side facing. Has won several A.D.S. Sweepstakes. (Pennypack)
FIRST LADY	★	★		★	Medium-sized formal decorative. Roberts lists as "A" size. Primrose yellow. Flower 7-10" x 4-5". Strong stems holding blooms facing and 45°. Bush 4-5'. Won seedling and trial grounds awards and American Home Achievement Medal at San Diego. (Comstock)
FLORENCE COLLIER				★	Medium-sized formal decorative. Flame red, combination of signal red lined buttercup yellow. Flower 8" x 4". Stems 8", blooms held slightly up. Bush 5". Good; saw it first Burholm Show 1952. (Pennypack)

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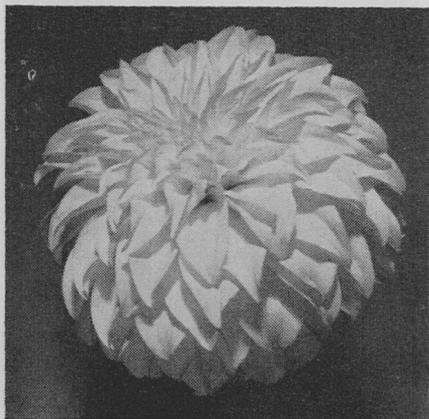
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FLYING SAUCER				★	Large-sized semi-cactus. Outer petalage Mallow purple or deep lavender, white at center. Flower 11½" x 6". Stems 12-15", canelike. Some blooms face slightly up, others to side. Won three A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificates. Won A.D.S. Derrill Hart Medal 1955. (Clapp-Tilton)			
FUJIYAMA				★	Medium-sized informal decorative. Variegated Indian Yellow, speckled, lined and dotted Cardinal red. Flower 7" x 4". Stems 10"; blooms held facing. Bush 4'. Very different from existing variegateds; scores high. (Endow-Parrella)			
GLORIOUS	★			★	★	Medium-sized semi-cactus, primrose yellow. Flower 7" x 4". Stems 8-10" hold blooms side. Profuse bloomer. Dudley in East says: "Clear bright color and form." Bush 4-4½". (Hymer-Dahlidel)		
GOLDEN HALO				★	★	Medium-sized semi-cactus. Autumn; one-third of area canary yellow, balance blushed Begonia rose—almost a light blend. Flower 7½" x 4½". Stems 10". Bush 5". (Wolfe-Rocky River)		
GYPSY'S KISS	★		★	★	★	★	Miniature formal decorative. Light blend, mauve blush on white base. Faust in South says many blooms are slightly variegated, pencil purple. Flower 2½" x 2". Stems 8". Bush 4-5". Vigorous grower in South. (W. H. Brown-Rocky River)	
IDA BERNADINE				★	★	★	Medium-sized informal cactus, primrose yellow. Flower 7" x 3½". Stems 8-10"; hold blooms facing and slightly up. Won A.D.S. trial ground certificate 1954. Excellent form and profuse bloomer for us for two years. (Herbert Frank-Dahlidel)	
JOAN L. BOYLES				★	★	★	Miniature formal decorative. Orient red, clear color without gray. Flower 3" x 2". Stems 6-8". Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes at Newark, Irvington, New York, Washington. Good. (Comito)	
JOAN LA CHAUSSE		★		★	★	★	★	Medium to small medium (BB) formal decorative. Dudley in East calls it Tyrian purple white tipped; Roberts in Midwest says bicolor, amaranth red and white. Flower 5-6" x 3-3½". Stems 8". Bush 4'. Dudley reveals that the originator died before this report was written but wished it to be given his wife's maiden name. Roberts says the variety will compete with Lois Walcher and Princess Beatrix. (Evans Budelman-Gamston)

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FIRST LADY

ROCKY RIVER



GYPSY'S KISS

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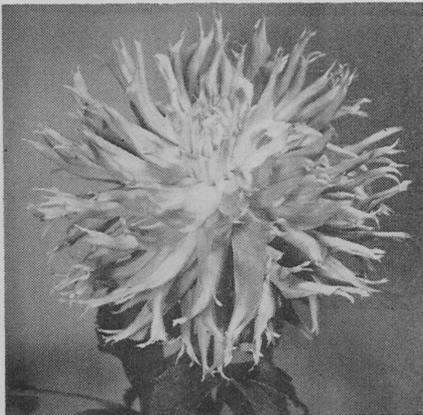
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JOSEPH B. DAILY					★ Medium-sized semi-cactus; Indian yellow; petals tightly revolute at ends. Size 8" x 4". Stems 10", hold blooms on side. Bush 5½". Dudley writes "With Mrs. Daily's permission we have named this after its originator who died last fall. We have other worthy seedlings of Mr. Daily's and hope that they can be introduced." (Joseph B. Daily)
Laura May					★ Miniature formal decorative, mallow purple (Lavender class). Flower 4" x 2½". Stems 4", strong. Bush 5". wiry stems. Bush 3½". (Waters)
LITTLE CYNTHIA					★ Miniature formal decorative, paper white. Flower 2-2½" x 1½". Stems 10-12". Bush 4'. Won A.D.S. Certificate of Merit, Cincinnati, 1954. Believe it can win easily in shows. (Z. W. Cosmela)
LITTLE MO	★				Miniature formal decorative. Vermillion, a brilliant color, probably classed flame. Flower 3" x 2". Good Vigorous grower; prolific bloomer. (Comstock)
LITTLE PANDA					★ Miniature formal decorative; Rosaline purple. Flower 2¼" x 1¾". Stems 7". Bush 3½". Quite attractive. (Slocum-Parella)
LITTLE WILLEM					★ Pompon. Bicolor, fuchsia purple with white tips. Flower 2" x 1". Stems 8"; blooms up and to side. (Bruidegom, Holland)
LLOYD GEORGE					★ Large informal decorative. Light blend of Porcelain rose (pink) blended with Aureolin yellow, pink predominating. Flower 10" x 5½". Stems 12-15", canelike; hold blooms facing. Bush 4½". Won A.D.S. Seedling Award at Long Island. (Miller-Tilton)
LUFFY'S DELIGHT					★ Large informal decorative. Mallow purple (deep pink) outer petals; center petals Aureolin yellow. Probably classed as light blend. Flower 10" x 4¼". Stems 8". Has considerable competition. (Retzer)
LULU					★ Small medium ball; cherry red. Flower 4½" x 3½". Stems 8-10". Bush 4'. Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes at New York, Washington, Richmond. (Parker-Robens)
MARGARET DUROSS		★	★		★ Large informal decorative. Autumn, Aureolin yellow with flush of scarlet outer petals. Flower 11" x 5". Stems 15", canelike; hold blooms side. Bush 6½". Roberts says will compete with Kirsten Flogstad. Dudley in East says it is profuse bloomer for a big one. (Fuchs-Parella)
MARVELOUS	★	★	★		★ Medium-sized straight cactus; rose pink. Dudley in East says color is "Light Rosaline purple (lavender)". Flower 8" x 4". Stems 7-8", strong. Won American Home Achievement Medal and A.D.S. Sweepstakes, Richmond. Also won latter award in New York, Birmingham, Cincinnati. Roberts in Midwest says: "Prolific flowering habit. Competes against Nay Ang and Almelos." Plant height medium. Rosemary)
META			★		Miniature formal decorative. Light blend, lavender and white—same color as Morning Mist. Bush tall; Prolific flowering habit. Competes with BoBo and Fairy. (Motznik-Rocky River)
MISS MACOMB					★ Medium sized semi-cactus; shrimp or coral pink at different periods of season, both rich colors. Flower 7" x 4". Stems 8-10", wiry. Bush 4'. Attractive for arrangements. (Lakeside)
MISS NANCY					★ Medium-sized informal cactus. Rose opal with lighter mallow purple reverse which shows at petal tips. Flower 7½" x 4½". Stems 10"; blooms on side. Bush 4½". Good keeper. (J. Z. Cleveland)
MISS P.R.R.					★ Large-sized informal decorative; persimmon orange with slight red suffusion. Flower 10" x 6". Stems 10"; blooms held facing or at slight upward angle. Bush 5'. Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes at Burholm. Very bright, attractive. (Pennypack)
MOLLY LOU			★	★	★ Miniature ball; cobalt violet, clear soft color. Flower 4" x 2½". Stems 10". Bush 4½". Foliage vigorous; profuse bloomer. (Schroeder-Rocky River)

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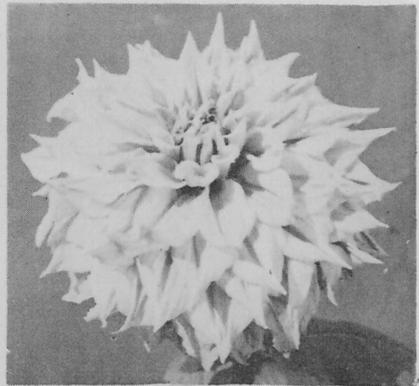
MR. PRESIDENT	★ ★	Large-sized cactus. Light blend of Empire rose with a third of area lemon yellow. Flower 10" x 5". Stems 8-10". Bush 4'. Won two A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificates, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes at New York. Evidently a seedling of Miss San Diego but larger. (Comstock)
MRS. ALTON B. PARKER .	★	Large-sized informal decorative. Autumn, yellow flushed Dutch vermilion. Flower 10½" x 5". Stems 10-12", canelike, hold blooms on side. Though it has thirteen competitors, Mr. Dudley believes it can win often. Bush 4½". (Tomczak-Parella)
MRS. JULIA A. BASS	★	Medium-sized formal decorative; scarlet. Flower 4" x 2½". Bush 3-4'. (James W. Bass)
NED SEYMOUR	★	★ Large informal decorative. Deep orange, combination of Orient red and chrome buff. Flower 10-13" x 6-8". Stems 10"; support blooms on side. Bush 5". Outstanding winner of the year with nine A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and ten American Home Achievement Medals. Pennypack)
NEW WRINKLE	★	Medium-sized informal decorative, pink. Flower 8" x 5". Good stems, foliage. (Rocky River)
OPAL SCARBOROUGH ...	★	★ Miniature formal decorative. Light blend of Persian rose and light Persian rose. Flower 2½" x 1½". Stems 8". Bush 4'. Dainty in size and color. (Waters)
ORANGE MAJESTY	★	Large-sized informal decorative, tangerine orange. Flower 11" x 5". Bush medium. (Hadow-Rocky River)
OUR FRIEND	★	★ Large size informal decorative. Lavender, combination of phlox purple and mauve. Flower 12" x 6". Stems 10", strong, holding blooms on side. Bush 5". (Pape-Robens)
PAISLEY GEM	★	★ Medium-sized formal decorative. Variegated, base color white with lines of lilac purple and darker phlox purple. Flower 7½" x 4". Stems 8-10". Bush 4½". Foliage light green. (Campbell-Parella)
PATTIE K.	★	★ Miniature semi-cactus, primrose yellow. Flower 4" x 2½". Stems 10". Bush 4'. This variety does not have much competition. (Lakeside)
PATRICIA ANN	★	★ Medium-sized straight cactus, rich Fusine pink (lavender). Flower 7½" x 3½". Bush 4'. Profuse bloomer, early. Good addition to any garden or show. (Brusca-Dahliadel)

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MR. PRESIDENT

DUDLEY



OUR FRIEND

1954 NATIONAL DAHLIA HONOR ROLL

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PEPPERMINT	★			★	Large-sized formal decorative. Called dark blend of fuchsia purple heavily laid over white petals at outer two-thirds of bloom area by Dudley. Roberts says blend of amaranth rose and white. Flower 10-11" x 5". Stems 15"; blooms facing. Bush medium; broad dark leaves; healthy. Roberts also says that a little iron in the soil will bring out the color. (Beals-Rocky River)
PINK SPANGLE				★	Miniature Venetian pink floral rays with center petals same color. Flower 3 1/2". Stems 6-8"; blooms face side. (Sweezy-Dahlidel)
PREAS PRIDE				★	Large semi-cactus. Bicolor, deep orchid purple with generous white tips. Flower 11" x 8". Stems 10-12", blooms side. Bush 4". Won tri-color at 1954 Long Island Show. (Preas-Ruschmohr)
PRINCE NOIRE	★			★	Medium-sized straight cactus. Cardinal red with darker oxblood red at center. Flower 7 1/2" x 4", petals tightly revolute at ends. Profuse bloomer. Won two A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificates. Roberts says competitor is Maroon Girl. (J. L. Bowling)
SEQUOIA				★	Large informal decorative, primrose yellow. Flower 10 1/2" x 7". Stems 10-12", canelike; hold blooms on side. Bloomed late in East. Won A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificate in 1954. Bush 5". (Ballay)
SNOW GIRL				★	Medium-sized straight cactus, pure paper white. Flower 7 1/2" x 4". Stems 8"; blooms up slightly. Bush 4 1/2" and rather thin. Has wide, tightly revolute petals. Won A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificate at Rutgers. (Dahlidel)
SOUTHERN BEAUTY	★	★		★	Medium-sized formal decorative, almost ball in Midwest. Dark blend. "Solferino purple over light Persian rose," according to Dudley in the East. "Cyclamen purple and white," says Faust in the South. Flower 5-6" x 3 1/2". Stems 10". Bush 4". Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes at Birmingham and two A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificates. Roberts in Midwest says it will compete with Ballego's Glory. Excellent cut flower; good substance in South (La-Motte-Rocky River)
SURPRISE	★	★	★	★	Large-sized semi-cactus; salmon to peach. In the East, Dudley says light blend of Azalea pink and mimosa yellow. Flower 10-11" x 6". Stems 10"; blooms held on side. Roberts in Midwest says it will compete with Ronnie Lee and Special Award. Won eight American Home Achievement Medals and several A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards. (Baker-Rocky River)
TANGERINE		★			Medium-sized semi-cactus, orange. It is a scarlet orange and is a prolific flowering variety. Flower 7 1/2" x 3 1/2". Bush medium. Competes with Duindigit and Amber Light. (Bardell-Dahlidel)
TID			★	★	Medium-sized cactus, Solferino purple. Flower 7" x 3 1/2". Stems 8"; hold blooms facing. Bush 5". Profuse bloomer; good substance. (Parker-Robens)
THE ORANGE				★	Medium-sized straight cactus, sometimes semi-cactus. Flame and in the semi-cactus class, it has no competition. Flower 7" x 3 1/2". Stem 10". Bush 5". Profuse bloomer. This one will win in either class. (Campbell-Parella)
THE WHIRL			★		Large-sized incurve cactus; autumn color. Flower 10" x 5". Bush 4 1/2". (Robens)
YELLOW MASTERPIECE .				★	Large-sized formal decorative; Empire yellow, no gray. Flowers 11" x 7". Stems 10", canelike; hold blooms on side. Bush 5". Some petals at center involute. Has only seven varieties to compete with on the show tables. (Murphy-Parella)

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One Trial Garden Added One Discontinued

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American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens, for testing and scoring new varieties, have been in operation at one location or another since 1916. The one at Storrs, Connecticut, discontinued after 1946, had been in operation 28 years. In 1947, the loss of the Storrs Trial Garden was somewhat offset by the establishment of a new one at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Experimental Station.

In the eight years of its existence, the Rutgers Trial Grounds has been supervised by Dr. Charles H. Connors, head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department at the Experiment Station. Dr. Connors has, for many years, also served the A.D.S., and all dahlia growers, as chairman of the important Nomenclature Committee.

About a year ago, Dr. Connors suffered a heart attack and, as a result, decided to retire from active work at Rutgers, which he did last July. It was felt without his active supervision, the

operation of the Dahlia Trial Garden would suffer. That is the reason that we regretfully announce the discontinuance of this A.D.S. Trial Garden.

It seems, however, that the Society is most fortunate in that quite often when one trial garden ends operation, a new one is ready to take its place. The new one is the Pacific Coast Trial Gardens, Lakeside Park, Oakland, California (address below). The addition of this latest Trial Garden completes the chain of testing operations from coast to coast. Because of varying climatic and soil conditions this is most advantageous to originators and introducers of new varieties.

Although it is early, may we suggest that you plan to send new varieties to the A.D.S. Trial Gardens listed below for 1955 testing. Send 3 plants or roots of each variety before June 1st. When sending them, also send an entry blank properly filled out and accompanying same with remittance of \$5.00 per variety as a fee. If the variety scores 85 points or more, average through the season, it is awarded an A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificate of Merit. The varieties scoring the

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Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. Dr. C. E. Wildon, Director, 823 Huntington Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

Ohio Valley Trial Garden.

Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Robert Seibel, Director. Correspondence to Miss Alice Mattick, Secretary, 4223 Dane Street, Cincinnati 23, Ohio.

Southern Trial Garden.

Entries to Mr. Wyndal H. Carter, P.O. Box 8, East Point, Georgia. Correspondence to Mr. Nelson Crist, Chairman Trial Garden Committee, c/o H. G. Hastings Co., P.O. Box 4088, Atlanta 2, Georgia.

Pacific Coast Trial Garden.

Lakeside Park, Oakland, California. Mr. R. E. Harter, Director, 2769 Danville Highway, Walnut Creek, Cal.

Notes Taken at the Dinner

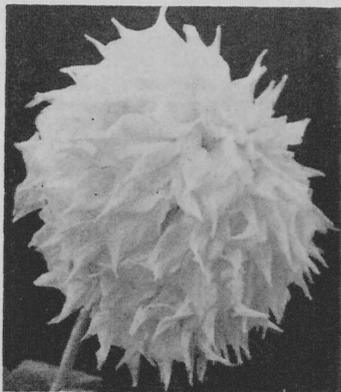
Mrs. George Green, of Cashman Place, Kensington, Connecticut, had tears in her voice when she phoned us Saturday that her arrangements for car transportation to the dinner had been cancelled due to the snowstorm. She had been counting on greeting all her many A.D.S. friends. She is renowned for her excellent dahlia arrangements. Over the years she had helped many exhibitors at the New York Show. For instance, she helped Dewey Mohr set up his first A.D.S. Commercial Display. She assisted Lou Alling to dress up his displays on many occasions. She once helped Dr. Cook and your editor win a "blue" on a basket of Duc du Roi Albert bicolors with blooms belonging — but that's another story. We all love Amelia Green. She is sweet. She is 92, but last year grew 200 hills of dahlias and did all the culture work herself. May we do as much for dahlias as has she over the years. We missed her and hope that her eyes will improve. Won't you please write her a note of cheer?

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Maytrott were also prevented from attending because of the slippery roads due to the snow. They were missed.

Sees His Picture in Paper

Our worthy president, Andrew Mulcahy, with Mrs. Mulcahy, spent last Thanksgiving with his sister in Florida. While there on Sunday, November 14th, he was casually reading the magazine section of the Miami Daily News. Imagine his surprise to turn to page 13 and there below the heading, "Tips on Growing Dahlias" and subhead "Here's How to Grow Basket Ball Sized Blooms," was a reproduction of a photograph of Andrew Mulcahy with Ned Seymour, American Home Magazine horticultural editor and Stanley Johnson. Between them was the New York Show exhibit of Johnson's *Ned Seymour* dahlia at the New York A.D.S. Show. The dahlia, which won 10 American Home Medals in 1955, was indeed about basket ball size (14 inches in diameter). It was named in honor of Ned Seymour. Drew has hardly recovered from the coincidental timing of his visit and the publication of the picture, which incidentally he had not seen up to that moment.

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A.D.S. Dues Raised

It seems that there are economic crises in Dahlia Societies just as there are crises in the business world. If a firm sells its products at less than cost, sooner or later it must fold up. In the same situation, when a Dahlia Society sells its product and services at less than cost, it must find other income, decrease its services or stop operations.

The officers and executive committee of the American Dahlia Society have been facing this problem for some time. Income has been dwindling for five years, even though membership has increased. Expenses have been mounting, even though all labor is contributed. It attempted to reduce expenses in 1952 and 1953 by cutting out two Bulletins per year. This move was regretted and proved most unpopular with members, judging by their letters.

At the beginning of 1954, it was decided to revamp the format of the Bulletin, reduce its size and again issue it as a quarterly and adopt other measures to reduce production expense. Gordon Waaser, its untiring editor for 17 years, wished to be relieved. Lynn Dudley, who being retired from business, had more time to devote to it, was again named editor. He appointed fourteen contributing editors, all of whom were glad to help, editorial policies were broadened and the number of cultural articles increased. More effort was devoted to soliciting advertising and the number of advertisers increased. Although the actual circulation of the Bulletin is less than 2,000, it probably has more than three times that many readers. It has the largest circulation of any publication reaching active dahlia growers. There is ample proof that it does bring commensurate returns to its advertisers.

At the end of 1954, the finance committee carefully checked all income and expense in relation to the Bulletin and found that it cost \$1.80 per year, per member, to send out the Bulletin. This cost, figured after deducting advertising revenue, and considering only printing and postage, included no salaries for there are none, no paid articles, for there are none, and no general overhead.

The cost of \$1.80 per member to deliver the Bulletin was 5c more than the Society was receiving from Participating members through Branches. Yet there were other expenses relative to Branch membership. These included A.D.S. medals for local shows; A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Certificates, Ribbons and

Gold Medals to final winners; publishing society reports in the Bulletin; and some postage and overhead connected with these services.

The problem could not be resolved by merely raising Active and Sustaining Member dues. That would place a still greater burden on these categories of membership than they were now carrying. As a matter of fact, about the only reason the Society did not actually lose money during the past three years of operation, was because the Active Membership dues at \$3.50 and the Sustaining Membership dues at \$5.00 paid the losses on Branch Membership.

These were the reasons why the Executive Committee, at its meeting of August 13, 1954, recommended revisions in the By-Laws, which would increase Participating Member (Branch Society) dues to \$3.00 per year; Active Member dues to \$4.50 per year; Sustaining Member dues to \$10.00 per year; and Life Membership to \$100.00. These proposed changes were published in the November Bulletin (Page 18) as required in the said By-Laws. On another page of this (Feb.) issue, in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, you will find a brief statement that the various articles and clauses in these proposed amendments were changed considerably by resolutions passed at the meeting.

At the meeting, President Mulcahy commented on the changes and told why the A.D.S. believed they were necessary. He said the Society was a non-profit organization; that all work and considerable money was contributed to its operation; that the Society had no desire to make money; that it desired to increase its services to all members rather than decrease them. In asking for an increase in Branch Member dues, he said the Society had no desire to upset the economic balance of its Branches, but he hoped that the Branch Members would appreciate the position of the A.D.S. and help to work out the problem. He mentioned that there had been no increase in A.D.S. dues since 1947 and that he hoped that in voting, the members present would consider all the facts and that the proposed increases in dues would be approved.

After much discussion and on motion of George Brunges of the Southern Tier Dahlia Society, of Elmira, N. Y., it was voted that the dues of Participating Members who join the A.D.S. through their Branch Society would be \$2.50 per year, payable in advance, of which \$2.00

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shall be set aside as the subscription to the Bulletin. Further, it was approved that a copy of the Annual Dahlia Classification be sent annually to such Participating Members without additional charge. It was also voted that, to qualify as a Branch Society, not less than 20 members, in good standing, of such Branch, should be entered as fully paid, Participating Members of the A.D.S. Also, any Branch qualifying between 20 and 49 Participating members would receive an A.D.S. Bronze Medal to award at its show, and be eligible to make A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards at its show.

It was also approved that the annual dues of an Affiliate Society of the A.D.S. would be \$20.00 per year. (It was formerly \$15.00 per year.) (See Article V, Nov. Bulletin.)

It was further approved that Life Membership in the A.D.S. be granted upon the payment of \$100.00. Approved also was the increase of Sustaining Dues of firms and individuals from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year. The dues of Active Members was by motion, approved at \$4.00 per year.

During the course of the discussion, one Branch Society, the Suburban Dahlia Society, of Reistertown, Maryland, through its representative, Conrad Brieger, stated that it was prepared to approve the original proposal to increase Branch dues to \$3.00 per year, and would pay the dues that day, if same was approved. This was applauded.

The Dahlia Society of Alabama, the largest Branch Society, through Dr. Rike, wired that their society was prepared to approve Branch Member dues at \$2.50 per year. In this Branch, its By-Laws require that all members be Participating Members of the A.D.S. It was this proposition by the largest Branch, that probably brought about the final decision to fix Branch Society Participating dues at \$2.50 per year for 1955.

At the close of the session, President Mulcahy said that the A.D.S. would carry on and attempt to increase its services, continue the issuance of four Bulletins per year, better ones if possible, for the ensuing year. At the end of 1955, the finance committee and the executive committee would review the situation and report. He regretted that certain Society plans for research into disease and pest control might have to be deferred, due to lack of funds. Even this project could be made possible if certain members would agree to underwrite such educational projects within proscribed limits (such gifts

would be tax deductible). The President promised that every effort would be made during 1955 to keep expenses commensurate with income and that every one would work harder to make the Society more efficient.

He concluded that there were certain ways in which this "carry-on spirit" could be extended. "Branches can help by securing more Participating Members for the A.D.S. among their members; Branches can pay their memberships more promptly—dues are payable in January. Active members can help by becoming Sustaining Members; everyone can help by showing the Bulletin to their dahlia growing neighbors and friends and asking them to join. Let's everybody carry on for a Bigger and Better A.D.S."

Note to Commercial Growers. If your catalogue or list is not already printed for 1955, please list Active Memberships in the American Dahlia Society at the new rate of \$4.00 per year. The Society would appreciate it greatly if all commercial firms would ask their customers to join the Society when they order stock. For proper wording of this invitation to join, write to Treasurer Henry Olsen, 45 Clement Ave., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.

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History and Functions of the A.D.S. Trial Gardens

By EDWARD B. LLOYD

Secretary A.D.S. and Chairman of Trial Ground Committee

Editor's Note: E. M. Demlow, an official of the Citizen's Gas and Coke Utility of Indianapolis, Indiana, wrote us last October that he had been requested to give a talk before the Indianapolis Dahlia Society on "Trial Grounds and Their Value." He stated that he had read many articles on the activities of the A.D.S. Trial Grounds and what they had done over the years in awarding certificates for worthy dahlia seedlings, but he had never seen anything on their background and why they came into being. We referred Mr. Demlow's inquiry to Edward Lloyd, who, as chairman of the Trial Ground Committee, would be able to supply the necessary information. Mr. Lloyd's answer was so informative that we believe many of our readers would like to know these facts also. The story has been told before, but not often in a way which so aptly portrays the true background and functions of this important service of the A.D.S. to dahlia growers for four decades. So here is Mr. Lloyd's letter to Mr. Demlow. We have never heard, but we hope it was an interesting narrative to the Indianapolis Society.

When the American Dahlia Society was established in 1915 "for the purpose of stimulating interest in, and promoting the culture and development of the dahlia," there was a definite lack of standardization and uniformity in classification, exhibiting, and cultural practices. There were no recognized methods for fair evaluation of the worth of one variety over another. There were few dahlia exhibitions, and at these few shows blooms were shown on short stems in containers borrowed from the local milkman in order to have the bloom look you in the face and to disguise rubber stems. Foliage, stem, substance, etc. were not considered too important—the bloom was judged. There were no Trial Gardens in those days.

At a meeting of the Charter Members of the Society in 1919, it was decided to establish an American Dahlia Society Trial Garden at Storrs, Connecticut at the Connecticut Agricultural College, now the University of Connecticut, under the supervision of Prof. George W. Fraser then Prof. of Horticulture. A small group of A.D.S. officials agreed to give the Trial

Garden financial support and to secure dahlias to be tested and to furnish judges to award A.D.S. Certificates of Merit to worthy entries. To arrive at a Certificate of Merit award, a Trial Garden Score Card was devised to use as a yardstick. This score card has been in use for 35 years, with many revisions after constant use in judging by groups of A.D.S. members until today, while it is probably not yet or ever will be perfect, it serves its purpose well. Under the supervision of Prof. Fraser and later of Prof. Patch, this Storrs garden was for many years—until about 1930—the only place in the Country where dahlias of every grower, members of the A.D.S. or not, could be tested. During this period, up to 200 varieties per year were grown and scored by groups of A.D.S. judges who went to Storrs, entirely at their own expense and as their contribution towards achieving the purposes for which the Society was formed. Due to expansion of the building facilities at the University, it was necessary to discontinue the Storrs Trial Garden in 1947.

The success of the Storrs Garden, however, led other Societies, to begin to request the establishment of Official Trial Gardens in their localities. One of the earliest, and still most successful, was established at Michigan State College under the supervision of Dr. C. E. Wildon, who is to this day supervising the Mid-West Dahlia Trial Garden—a garden which is a great credit to him and to the A.D.S. In Cincinnati Ohio, the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association with the cooperation of the City of Cincinnati Park Board conducts a fine Trial Garden in Ault Park. On the grounds of the Long Island Agricultural & Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., New York, our Long Island Trial Garden carries on under the joint sponsorship of the Long Island Dahlia Society and of the Institute. The Dahlia Society of Georgia spares no time and effort to evaluate the entries in Atlanta at the Southern Dahlia Trial Garden. On the West Coast, the San Leandro Dahlia Society, with the cooperation of the City of Oakland Cal. Park Department, conducts our newest Trial Garden. Enthusiasm on the Coast for our Pacific

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Coast Trial Garden is at a high level as is the conduct of the garden which promises to be one of which the A.D.S. may well be proud. When the Storrs Trial Garden was discontinued in 1947, we moved our Eastern Trial Garden to New Brunswick, N. J., on the grounds of the New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station of Rutgers University, and under the supervision of Dr. C. H. Connors, Prof. of Ornamental Horticulture and Chairman of our Nomenclature Committee. This garden was under the direct sponsorship of the A.D.S. as was the Storrs Garden, and under Dr. Connors' expert supervision became outstanding.

But in 1955, it is regrettable that College expansion and Dr. Connors' health, however, is causing the suspension of operation of the Rutgers Trial Garden this season.

To perpetuate the memory of Derrill W. Hart, one of our earlier Presidents and the originator of the Honor Roll of Dahlias, there is offered yearly as a supreme award for Trial Garden achievement, the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal award. This award is given to the "A" over 8" size, the "B" 6" to 8" size, the "BB" 6" to 4" size, and to Miniatures. The variety in each size classification which receives the highest average certificate score in three (3) Trial Gardens, any three, receives this award. This score not necessarily be in one year but must be made in not more than two consecutive years. If a dahlia is certified in one garden in 1954, it can be sent to two other gardens in 1955—if still not disseminated—and if it's combined average certificate scores in 1954 and 1955 are highest of any in its size class, the variety will receive this award. In a recent year the dahlia FLORENCE CHADWICK was certified in five A.D.S. gardens in one year, and there was of course no question of its winning the Derrill W. Hart award.

About May 15th, three (3) roots or plants of a variety should be sent carefully packed and prepaid to the Trial Garden or Garden. A tentative name, at least, should be selected in order that the reports of the Trial Gardens in the November BULLETIN may be complete and may identify a winner by name description rather than by a number. This name will not be used without confirmation with the owner if the variety is a certificate winner, and will be automatically registered if not already in use by the A.D.S. with the Nomenclature Committee, and published in the BULLETIN of the Society.

In conclusion, may we say that we realize after these many years we have not yet approached a "certificate score" degree of perfection ourselves. We doubtless do make mistakes in judging, in culture, and in coordination of efforts with the weather man. It is also possible that those who enter their varieties may have overlooked a little disease in their stock or may have forgotten to do some roguing—we would not know. However, we are doing our best with the time and means available, and we hope for the continued support, coupled of course with friendly and constructive criticism, of dahlia growers everywhere.

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Tokyo, Japan.

Tokyo, 1, March, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I am a wholesaler and maker of dahlia in Japan, and a member of American Dahlia Society. I have seen your advertisement on BULLETIN of A.D.S. for issue of Nov., 1953.

So, please would you send me a copy your latest catalogue at once. If you have a wholesale list, please send together.

Your Faithful,

Shunjuen T. Ogue

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In answer to my reply, this letter:
Tokyo, 22 March, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your courteous letter of 11, March. I am pleasure to have contact with dahlia grower in U.S.A.

I am a maker and wholesaler of dahlia root and flower seed. But I don't grow flower seed, for in Tokyo (and its suburban area) it is many rain, so we cannot get good seed; but (dahlia and others) they bloom very well.

Now I shall send you about thirty Japanese varieties of the dahlia. However, if you need more, I can send you the roots till about 100.

In Japan last year I grew three-hundred foreign varieties. Some were: White Glamour, Black Monarch, Kemp's Radiant Beauty, Croydon Masterpiece, Edna D. etc. In Japan many people do like "A" size flower.

I do expect to get fine new flower from seed gift you send me from America. I grew some seedlings last year; but I got nothing. I could not find fine varieties.

I am sorry to say that Japanese dahlia is compares inferior with foreign varieties. But I think there are some nice flower.

When your son come to Japan, please come my house.... But I can not speak English directly. Do I write map to my house from Tokyo station for your son?

Now I am busy at business, so I am not write detailed letter (I need long time to write English letter).

Again, I shall send you the Japanese roots. Please tell me which do you like; "A" size flower and "B" size flower?

I do hope you teach me anything on dahlia.... Please forgive my broken English.... Please continue your favors toward me. I shall write letter at next chance.

Yours Faithful,
S. T. Ogue

Note from associate editor: My son, Howard, plans to visit with Mr. Ogue the next time the U.S. Navy permits him enough liberty time to safely make the trip to Tokyo.

Tokyo, 25 May, 1954.

Dear Mr. Noel,

I am very sorry for my correspondence so late. Now we are very busy, so I can not tell you with calmness.

I have sent 21 roots of Japanese dahlia in 1st May. Their name, colour and form, write another sheet. Roots have no name tag, but I write number on roots. Please check number and list.

I do wishing they reach you in good condition and your success. I will write letter again; I am,

Your Faithfully,
T. Ogue

Tokyo, 25, October, 1954.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am so very sorry to late my correspondence. Please pardon me.

Now cut plant that planted in July, is blooming flower. Every day I investigating their name and flower. This spring I imported about 500 varieties from America Dahlidel, Rocky River), and Holland, (Ballego, Fa. D. Bruidegom, J. B. Van der Schoot).

We Japanese have a great blank for war of ten year. So Japan had lagged far behind the America and Europe and other country in the art of gardening. I think we must know fine flower of other country at first, and from here we must study to make the fine dahlia of ours. So I imported many foreign varieties.

In their flower I was surprised "*Andries Wonder*," produced Belgium, and "*Bertha Shone*" by Rocky River Dahlia Garden. "*Andries Wonder*" is like chrysanthemum. The petal roll back to stem. "*Bertha Shone*" is dlicated beauty. I have very interesting "*frill dahlia*" published by James Stredwick in England. This "*frill dahlia*" have excellent form. Other are: "*Nagels Phenomenon*," "*Desire Draps*," "*Delicacy*" etc.

Now I can get many plant from seed you presented me. They begin to bloom. I sew them in late June. The time was too late, but I can see their flower. I get very very nice two flowers. One a red semi-cactus; other scarlet informal decorative. (Both "B" size).

We had dahlia show in 17th October. It was third show in Tokyo. But show had very few flower, for this fall blew very strong wind.

I will write in next chance on Japanese dahlia, and flower form and colour Japanese like. Now is finest season of

year in Japan. Blue sky, softness sunshine etc. . . . but Tokyo is very noisy town. So I do not feel this beauty.

Do you like Japanese dahlia I send you? I imagine that you had disappointed. Next year I send other Japanese dahlia.

I cannot write letter so well. But I am glad to hear from you on dahlia. Please write again when you have time to spare.

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New Plants from Old Tubers

By A. H. MACANDREWS

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In the spring of 1952 I found that the old tuber of an expensive dahlia was the only healthy part that bore a bud. I had been told that it was a waste of time to plant these old tubers but as I had nothing to lose I decided to plant it. As this was a favorite variety I also bought in a new tuber to be sure of getting some blooms for the shows.

In September I could not tell the difference between the plant from the old tuber and the plant from the new tuber. Foliage, stalk and bloom about the same. However I did feel that the new plant had more of a tendency to throw up more stems and branch more freely but as I kept both plants pinched back to one stem and disbudded heavily this was not apparent to anyone looking at the two plants.

At digging time the old 1951 tuber had made very little new growth while the new 1952 tuber had formed a clump.

In the spring of 1953 I again planted the old 1951 tuber as it was still firm and

sound and to avoid any mistake in identity I again freshened up the indelible pencil label on the tuber. Again I got nice bloom and in case someone says that perhaps I don't know what a good bloom looks like I might add that I have had "Best Bloom in Show" more than once.

At digging time the old tuber still looked good and had formed a small lateral but in the spring of 1954 it was a hollow shell but I was more than satisfied with the results. I got three years of bloom off the same tuber plus a slight increase in stock. Now I think back on the many times I threw away the old tubers. Don't get the idea that I advocate the planting of old tubers as a usual practice but I certainly would advocate the planting of old tubers to tide you over until you can get a fresh division from the old mother tuber.

Praise, with Suggestions

I've just received the November issue of the new ADS Bulletin, and thought I should take a few moments to let you know how much I enjoy its new style. Each issue since you've been editor has been excellent, and I would say very educational. The Bulletin has always been a fine publication and Mr. Waaser did a swell job too, but I prefer this new size as it is much easier to handle, easier to carry in the pocket as I do much of the time, and is more attractive than formerly. There seems to be more pictures too, and I for one feel that the illustrations do more than a thousand words can do to sell a new variety. Descriptions often give a very incorrect mental picture of a variety, so I've always been of the opinion that any flower magazine should be profusely illustrated. Another commendable feature since you have been editor is the promptness with which the Bulletins are received; it's nice to be getting the Bulletin so well on time.

I would make one suggestion which I've had in mind for some time; that is, I think it would be a good idea to publish with all show reports or announcements from Branch and Affiliated Societies the addresses as well as the names of the correspondent sending in the material. This would give readers an opportunity to write direct to these people concerning varieties, people, or anything mentioned in the reports. I have often wished to

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inquire about certain things mentioned in the show reports, but have been unable to find an address of anyone concerned. Tony De Rooy, President; Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference, Box 493, Monroe, Washington.

An Excellent Suggestion Regarding Show Reports

For the past 'steen years I have been reading Dahlia Show Reports with a great deal of interest but more times with a greater degree of disappointment. Too many reports fail to tell us what we want to know the most—the names of winning varieties—but do give us a long list of members who won ribbons and various awards.

I will say that most of the reports do let us know what varieties did the winning, but there are several others that tell us that Joe Doak won the award donated by Jane Doe while Mr. T. M. Head won the much sought after Medal donated by the U. R. Cash estate. Mrs. I. C. freely won the Novice section sweepstakes while Gorgeous Josephine won in the Amateur section. A lovely new Miniature was shown by Tempestuous Tilly and Vivacious Vivian won in the triple entry section. A large bronze won the Chipp & Dale award for Facetious Fatima under strong competition.

In the November Bulletin there were at least two reports that mentioned only one Dahlia by name but did give us a lot of winning names of persons. One report mentioned over 20 winning names. What did they win with? You guess, I have no idea and neither do a thousand others who read the report. Reports like this may be of real interest to the members of the Society putting on the show but I doubt if it creates much interest with readers a few hundred miles away from the show town or city.

If a Dahlia is so good that it wins as best in any section why not tell us what it is? If it makes the grade in any section from Poms to Giants why not let us know? You know something? We are going to find out what your champion winner is and grow it next season. May your 1955 garden be better than ever before. J. L. Hulin, Port Orchard, Wash.

From W.A.P. John Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

I had a spare half-hour this afternoon and read the November issue of the Bulletin from cover to cover and think you've

done quite a job. I particularly liked your article on storing dahlias. I have had wonderful luck with the following method: I take my tubers and drain them, stem down, for about a week. Then I wash them with a hose and remove all the earth. Then I float melted paraffin on water, which is held at exactly 140°, dip the dahlia clumps in and out just once, and that leaves every tuber with a fine coating of paraffin. These are then packed in peat moss, and when spring comes, I put them out in the sun and the sun forces the eyes nicely, at which time I divide. I don't think I've had 1% loss.

As for Brown's article on planting, etc., I think enough of it to have cut it out and paste it in my garden operations book.

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In this issue you will find in Dr. Cook's "Cream of the Crop" and in the "Flower Grower Honor Roll" many suggestions as to what varieties will be most likely to help you win awards at the Dahlia Shows in 1955.

You may say, rightly, that these selections are the personal opinions of certain growers and writers. But they are based on close observation of the varieties listed during the past season. Experience in knowing what the dahlia growers like in form and color in both old and new varieties and what varieties can win over competitors enters into the selection.

The editors are always glad to receive praise and constructive criticisms for the articles and material in each issue of this publication. Tony De Roy, President of the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference offers both in his letter in another column. His suggestion that addresses of correspondents and writers, particularly reports from Branch and Affiliated Societies, be given is excellent. This suggestion was also made recently by Arthur S. Mason of Arlington (3935 Sixth St. South, Arlington 4, Va.). Therefore, please note that in this and future Bulletins these addresses are given.

Another very constructive criticism by J. E. Hulin of Port Orchard, Washington, published elsewhere in this issue, should be noted by all Bulletin correspondents. He says and rightly: "Too many show reports fail to tell us what we want to know most: the names of winning varieties, but do give us a long list of their members who won various awards." It is absolutely true that the majority of our readers want to know WHAT VARIETY won in what classes. But only the person mentioned or his close friends are interested WHO won. Therefore, this is notice to Branch and Affiliated society correspondents for the 1955 show reports that if the varieties which won in their shows are omitted, such reports will be cut to a minimum. And we also ask that all reports be kept to a reasonable length. They have been much too wordy during 1954. The Editor does not enjoy cutting them but this must be done if the correspondent does not report his or her society's happenings briefly and to the point. Printing costs today make this necessary, we are sorry to say.

The editor has a considerable surplus stock of dahlia seed from small varieties mixed. They are from miniatures, collarettes, mignon singles, Anemone, Orchid and others. He will present a packet of any of these to every person sending in a new A.D.S. membership. Use blank in back of this issue. Membership \$4.00. (Seeds worth \$2.50 at least.) This a personal offer for a limited time only and is not made by the A.D.S. Lynn B. Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Send your fall show dates to the editor for listing in the Show Calendar.

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The November issue of the Pacific Dahlia, official Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Conference, P. F. Kershinsic, 6707 N. Michigan Ave., Portland, Oregon, editor, received. It is a twenty page letter press job and a most creditable publication. Congratulations to Editor Kershinsic, Tony De Rooy, President and others.

MISS EDNA L. MOREHOUSE Charter Member A.D.S. Died Jan. 26, 1955

A sad foot note to the 40th Anniversary Dinner is the note from Sarah W. Wood that her cousin, Miss Edna L. Morehouse had died on January 26, four days after the celebration, which she was unable to attend on account of illness. This reduces the number of A.D.S. Charter Members now living to eight. L. B. D.

Miss Edna L. Morehouse, a charter member of the A.D.S. passed away on January 26, at her home in Fairfield, Conn. of a heart attack, aged 75.

Miss Morehouse exhibited at all of the early A.D.S. shows from 1915 on in New York. She and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Morehouse purchased their first dahlia roots from George L. Stillman, Westerly, R. I. in 1907 and have been growing dahlias in their garden ever since.

They were my cousins and initiated me into dahlia growing and exhibiting and got me to join the A.D.S. in 1915.

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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.

Portland Dahlia Society

Portland, Oregon

The Portland Dahlia Society has outlined plans for the monthly meetings for this year, with the emphasis to be on helping the newer members to learn more about all phases of dahlia culture. The show is to be promoted at each meeting with advice as to when and what to plant for special entries. The annual show will again be staged in the Masonic Temple on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18.

For the first time our group will be entering the Pacific Northwest Conference show that will be held in Everett, Washington, September 3 and 4. Portland is over two hundred miles from Everett so transportation is going to be only one of our many problems. After this first conference show we are sure that all of us will be much wiser, but we are looking forward to this new adventure in showing dahlias.

We have started a membership drive to bring into the organization more of the people who are interested in dahlias. Everyone is talking about the new dahlias and which ones each is going to grow. From all the enthusiasm at the last meeting this promises to be a very lively year for dahlia growers in this area.—Madge B. Kershnik, 6707 N. Michigan Ave., Portland, Ore.

Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio will start the Year 1955 with a banquet and installation of officers. The banquet was held on January 22 at the Masonic Temple Dining Room in Cleveland, Ohio. The guest speaker was Richard Starke who is a well known Chrysanthemum grower. Slides of Dahlias will be shown by members.

The officers installed for the Year 1955 were: President, Bernard Henke; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Lloyd S. Davies, Alfred Srail, John Burt, and Charles Lasch; Recording Secretary, Henry Graham; Treasurer, Joseph Mark; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jerry Kovar.

The 1955 Show Dates for the Dahlia Society of Ohio Annual Show will be on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20. The Show will be held in the Auditorium of the Higbee Company, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. The Auditorium has been redecorated and provides a very beautiful setting for a Dahlia Show as was proved by our 1954 Show. The Show Chairman will be E. J. Wind.—Howard F. Skorepa, 4305 Lucille Rd., South Euclid 21, Ohio.

Indianapolis Society

The officers of Indianapolis Dahlia Society for the year 1955 were installed at the Society's annual Christmas party December 14. They are: Walter Saffell, President; Lawrence Daily, Vice-President; Miss Hazel Walther, Secretary; Mrs. Walter Saffell, Treasurer; Richard Dunwoody, Show Manager; Mrs. Ralph Wikoff, Assistant Show Manager in charge of the Garden Flower Section; Edwin Record, Propagator; and Raoul H. Ayers, Publicity. The date for the annual Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival was set for September 17 and 18. Mr. Saffell has appointed his committees and is hard at work to make 1955 the best year the society has ever had. If any of you readers happen to be in the Midwest around September 17 or 18, drop in to see our show. We can assure you a fine show and a good time.—Raoul H. Ayers, Publicity, 4658 Rockwood Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Pacific Northwest Conference

The First Annual Show of the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference will be held at Floral Hall in Everett, Washington, on September 3rd and 4th, 1955. The Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society is Host to the Conference at this show.

Visitors are invited and assured of a very enjoyable time. Air shipments are welcome from all Conference members everywhere, and information concerning such shipments or concerning the show will be furnished upon request.

Other societies participating in this show will be the Washington State Dahlia Society, the Kitsap County Dahlia Society, and the Portland Dahlia Society. Doors will be open to exhibitors beginning at 6 PM on September 2nd, and all exhibits must be in place before 1 PM on September 3rd.

Full information on committees and show schedule will be available in the March issue of *The Pacific Dahlia*. For information write to: Tony De Rooy, Box 493, Monroe, Wash.

San Diego Society's New Medal

California's San Diego County Dahlia Society has joined the list of societies that have their own medals for awarding prize flower growers at their annual shows.

The medal was used for the first time at the 1954 San Diego show. It is two inches in diameter and $\frac{3}{8}$ th inch thick. On the face, engraved with the lettered name of the society, is the famous California Tower, San Diego's trademark in its huge downtown Balboa Park. Opposite the tower is a large dahlia, appropriately Miss San Diego.

Embossed spaces for informative detail are on the medal's reverse.

The San Diego society awards four bronze medals, one for the best bloom in each of four show classes, and one silver medal, for best bloom in the show.

First winners of the silver medal was Paul and Rose Marie Comstock, of San Diego's Comstock Dahlia Gardens, developers and growers of the Miss San Diego dahlia—as well as many others. The best bloom award was for a specimen of Comstock's new variety First Lady, yellow formal. (see picture in Honor Roll Story)

New officers have been elected for 1955: President R. B. William, 3638 Mississippi St., San Diego; vice president, Lester Hegele; recording secretary, Ruth Bishop; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. E. Hughes, and treasurer, Mrs. Laura Booker.—Larry Sisk, 3765 Tenth Ave., San Diego 3, Calif.

Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society

Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society has elected the following Officers for 1955: President, Joseph Stanisz; Vice-President, W. W. Sprague; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Bruce; Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Williston; Trustees, A. J. Holke, Roy H. Koch, Z. W. Kosmela.

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Nationwide Dahlia Society News

Alabama Dahlia News

The place — Birmingham, Alabama, where the Dahlia Society of Alabama was host to the Seventh Annual Show of Southern States Dahlia Association. For the nineteenth time the Alabama Dahlia Society had a good show. Most plans as scheduled were completed but where unexpected difficulties arose, these were either surmounted or by-passed. This was made possible through the efficient leadership of George E. Alderson, president of Southern States Dahlia Association, also Show Chairman and the cooperation of seventy-five hard-working members of the Alabama Society. Operation—S.S. DAHLIA SHOW—cannot be called a task, instead it was a genuine pleasure, for it brought to us such friendly folk from North, East and Midwest that we wish we could keep them here.

Blooms in this year's show proved they really can "take it" in spite of heat-breaking weather conditions. We salute them and their growers. Winners of Special Trophy Awards were; Largest Bloom in show—*Mary Elizabeth*, by H. L. McLane; Most Perfect "A" Bloom—*Mary Elizabeth*, by Gregory Christopian; Best 3 "A" Blooms—*Surprise*, by George Baker, Moline Illinois; Best "B" Bloom—*Golden Treasure*, by W. L. Fleck; Best 3 "B" Blooms—*Southern Lady*, by Norman LaMotte, Best 5 Blooms—*The Real Glory*, by W. L. Fleck; Best 12 Blooms—*Seedling*, by Dr. H. C. Rike; Best 1954 *Seedling*, by Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens; Best Foreign Introduction—*Winifred Stredwick*, by G. Christopian; Best "Day Late" Bloom—*Mrs. Hester Pape*, by A. H. West; Best 1954 Introduction—*Mary Elizabeth*, by H. L. McLane; Best 1952-1953 Introduction—

Jemar's Yellow, by A. H. West; American Home Achievement Medal—*Surprise*, by George Baker, Moline Illinois. SWEEPSTAKES—Section A, Walter Gaines; Section B, F. M. House; Section C, E. D. Ratliff; Section D, A. H. West; Section E, A. H. West; Section F, A. H. West; Section G, Conrad Faust, Atlanta, Georgia; Sections J-K-L, Small Flowering, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moor, Atlanta, Ga., Special "Take Home" prizes were awarded to; *Roselyn Straight*, by Walter Gaines; *Jersey's Dainty*, by Dr. Jim Roberts; *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, by George W. Hamilton; *Doreen E*, by Walter Gaines; three awards to *The Real Glory*, by F. M. House; *White Luckey*, by Ross Reynolds; *Clairiam Luray*, by House; *Mrs. Hester Pape*, by West; *Edna D.* and *Marian Glenn*, by West; *Golden Treasure*, by Fleck; *Clairiam Luray*, by West; *Mary Elizabeth*, by Christopian; *Seedling*, by Dr. H. C. Rike; *Juanita*, by E. E. Montgomery, Atlanta, *Freda George*, by Dr. H. C. Rike; *Alice O'Neal*, by B. L. Kennedy, Atlanta, *Little Jerry*, by E. S. Montgomery, Atlanta; *Freda George*, by Dr. H. C. Rike; *Alice O'Neal*, by B. L. Kennedy, Atlanta; *Little Jerry*, by E. E. Montgomery; *Pooka*, by Edw. A. Moor, Atlanta. Garden Club winners were; First Award, Springdale Garden Club; Second Award, Midfield Garden Club. In the Arrangement Section winners were Mrs. Hendon Foster Mrs. F. L. Richter and Mrs. Zeigenhaven.

Gains realized from Operation — S.S. Dahlia Show: Good Sportsmanship, cooperation and perseverance pay worthwhile dividends. Our need to study more diligently Dr. Cook's splendid Manual. Our understanding of each other is better —our friendships have been deepened and strengthened. We've made some new and wonderful friends. Conclusion — Blessed is the Dahlia for it binds our hearts in friendship. Why not call it the —Friendship Flower?

The Dahlia Society of Alabama closed 1954 with a Christmas party in "The Rike's" recreation room and the fun we did have. All who were there are still chuckling over the game, stunts and gifts that Santa distributed. How that busy old fellow managed to find gifts that were simply a scream is beyond me.

We look forward to 1955 with our hopes high and expectations great, for this year we will have our Twentieth Show, September 24th and 25th at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham. George Alderson will be Show Chairman and will have as Co-Chairmen, C. O. Mitchell and

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We hope to be seeing our good dahlia friends in Milwaukee, a number of us are already planning to be there, also in Chattanooga for Southern States and you will always find our latch string on the outside, we hope you use it and visit us. M. M. Goodwin, Reporter, 2612 Ave. S, Ensley, Birmingham, Ala.

Dahlia Society of Georgia

In 1954 we had the most unprecedented weather conditions our local has experienced in more than a decade. Between July and November, we received only 1.57 inches of rain, making August, September, and October, the driest three months period ever recorded on the weather bureau books, and the temperature ranging from 90° to above 100° during that period. However, with a lot of determination and diligent application of that certain skill and know-how of those who truly love the dahlia, we were able to stage what we thought was a very creditable show. There was a total of 841 entries in the main sections, and 21 entries of artistic arrangements in the Garden Club section.

Section — A — Novices. Best — A — bloom — *Mrs. Hester A. Pape* — by Sandy Nelson; Best — B — bloom — *Golden Treasure* — by C. O. Mitchell; *Sweepstakes* — Mrs. Ralph Huie, Atlanta. Section — B — Amateurs, 125 Hills. Best — A — bloom — *Sherwood's Peach* — by B. E. Phillips; Best — B — bloom — *Marian Glenn* — by R. O. Cason; *Sweepstakes* — B. E. Phillips. Section — C — Amateurs, 250 Hills. Best — A — bloom — *The Real Glory* — by W. L. Fleck, Birmingham; Best — B — bloom — *Nicky K.* — by T. G. Hixson, Chattanooga; *Sweepstakes* — A. H. West. Section — D — Open To All. Best — A — bloom — *Five Star General* — Best — B — bloom *Golden Treasure* and *Sweepstakes* — R. O. Glauzier. East Point, Ga.

Section — E — Small Flowering Varieties Best Pompon — *Betty Malone* — by Edward Moor, Marietta; Best Miniature — *Arakeske* — by T. G. Hixson, Chattanooga; Best Ball — *Rosy*

Dawn — by D. S. Wells, Atlanta; Best Other Varieties — *Mia Karsten* — by R. O. Cason, Atlanta; Best 12 Blooms — *Kokette* — by Clarence Kallquist, Chattanooga; *Sweepstakes* — B. L. Kennedy, Atlanta.

Section — G — Open To All. Best 3 blooms — A — *Mrs. Hester A Pape* — by A. H. West, Birmingham; Best 3 blooms — B — *Undisseminated* — by C. E. Faust, Atlanta; Best 5 blooms — A — *The Real Glory* — by W. L. Fleck, Birmingham; Best 5 blooms — B — *Clarose* — by D. S. Wells, Atlanta; Best 12 blooms — B — *Nicky* — by T. G. Hixson, Birmingham; Section — H — Seedling. Best one year seedling — Chas. A. Watson, Chattanooga; Best two year seedling — C. E. Faust.

Section — I — American Introductions. Best 3 blooms 1953 — *Clariam Luray* — by A. H. West Birmingham; Best 1 blooms 1954 — *Storm Cloud* — by R. L. Vaughn, Birmingham; Best Small Flowering — 1954 — *Tinnie* — by Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., Atlanta; Best Southern Introduction — *Golden Treasure* — by Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham; Best 3 blooms, Southern Introduction — *Golden Treasure* — by E. E. Montgomery, Atlanta.

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Editor's Note: The two preceding Oct. show reports appear 5 months late. One was received in Nov., one in Dec. Both were too late for Nov. Show Issue. Why?

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Nationwide Dahlia Society News **The Long Island Dahlia Society**

The close of the year, 1954, marked the end of a banner year for the Long Island Dahlia Society both in growth of membership and the staging of its biggest and most successful show ever held. Looking forward, the society is already setting up plans for a more expansive show in 1955. This 11th Annual Show will be held September 17, 1955, at the Plattduetsche Park Hall, 520 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, L. I.

At the December 9th meeting, the following officers were re-elected to serve in 1955: Martin Guttler, Kendrick Lane, RFD No. 4, Huntington—President; G. Joseph Mugno, 93-21 74th Place, Woodhaven—Vice-President and Chairman of Publicity; James Lawless, Jr., 129 Lincoln Street, Elmont — Vice-President and Chairman of the Show Committee; William P. Ernst, 128-02 Inwood Street, South Ozone Park—Vice-President and Chairman of the Membership Committee; I. J. Wahl, 20 Lexington Street, Floral Park—Secretary and Mrs. John R. Stack, 20 Lexington Street, Floral Park — Treasurer. At the January 13th meeting, Past President George Yaeger installed the officers. Plans are underway, under the Chairmanship of Emil Berzau, for a 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Long Island Dahlia Society to be held at the April 14th meeting.—I. J. Wahl, Secretary, 20 Lexington St., Floral Park, L. I. N. Y.

Ithaca Dahlia Society

The Ithaca Dahlia Society won a blue ribbon and a cash award at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, N. Y. last September. The award was made for an arrangement of dahlias to be used in a recreation room.

Five members competed with other New York State residents in individual floral arrangements. Fifty seven ribbons and cash awards were made to Ithaca residents.

Earlier in the season, the society competed in the floricultural show and won a first prize and blue ribbon at the Tompkins County Fair in Ithaca, N. Y. August 9, 1954.

The last Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Herbert Bennett of Danby, N. Y. at which time the bronze plaque for 1953 was awarded to Mrs. James Barry for making the greatest contribution in cultivating and showing of blooms during the 1953 season.

The 1954 plaque was awarded to Mr. Richard Putney by Mrs. Barry for his outstanding varieties of dahlias.

Mr. Fred Horton, superintendent of Department of Floriculture at Cornell University greenhouse, was the guest speaker. He stressed the importance and necessity of proper storage of the dahlia tuberous roots during the winter months resulting in larger and better blooms the following season.—Mrs. James Barry, 611 Hudson St., Ithaca, N. Y.

Fresno County Dahlia Society

The Fresno County Society held their reorganization meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Neel in Fresno, on October 26th, 1954. Presiding at the meeting was the well known dahlia Judge and grower, Noel O. Scott from Glendale.

Mr. Scott has long urged the re-organization of this Society. After discussing the many advantages of an active organization in this area at some length, Mr. Scott gave us interesting facts about the AMERICA DAHLIA SOCIETY, and called our attention to the forth-coming conference of the Southern California Dahlia Association, meeting at San Diego in February. He also mentioned that he had represented our inactive Society on the committee which formulated the Constitution of the above association of dahlia societies; thus including the Fresno County Dahlia Society as a Member Society of the Association.

After a group discussion on the matter of re-organization, the following officers were elected, who will operate the Society temporarily under our old by-laws: President, Clyde J. Nankervis; Vice-Pres., Donald Withers; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Schmall; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Arnold; A.D.S. Delegate, Mr. Everett Behrend. Mrs. Arthur Schmall, 5346 E. White St., Fresno.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The following officers have been elected for the year of 1955: President, Charles Mosser; Vice President, Herman Degner; Secretary, Ervin Makowski; Treasurer, Edward Wisniewski. Regional Vice Presidents: Ben Makowski; Dr. N. W. Ackerman; J. S. Jones; and Judge George Curril. The Midwest Dahlia Show will be held in Milwaukee, September 10 and 11, 1955.—Ervin Makowski, Secretary, 3705 South Herman St., Milwaukee 7, Wis.

Suburban Dahlia Club

At the January meeting of the Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland, at Reisterstown, Md., the following officers were installed: President David F. Quick—1st Vice Pres., Hervey Brown; 2nd Vice President, H. J. Quick; Treasurer, Mrs. Hervey Brown; Sec'y, Mrs. J. Edgar Miller. Mrs. Elsie Brach was appointed Show chairman and she has picked a goodly number of members to work on the Show Committee with her. Our Show Committee is planning a bigger and better Show for 1955, which will be held at the Franklin High School, Reisterstown, Maryland on September 16th & 17th. This Show will be held in conjunction with the Franklin High Fair, held by the High School. This is an unique set up because it is a miniature agriculture Fair with the regular exhibits staged by the students and 4 H club, in the classrooms and the Dahlias in the gymnasium.

Last year, our Show was attended by over 6000 and we had 742 entries, 200 more than the previous year, despite the weather and we expect to do better in 1955. We extend a hearty invitation to all Dahlia and Flower growers to exhibit and visit our Show. If any of you out of town Judges passing through Baltimore the morning of September 16th stop off, we will put you to work.—Conrad V. Brieger, 12 Cedarcroft Rd., Baltimore Md.

The Rochester Dahlia Society

At the December meeting of the Rochester Dahlia Society officers were elected for 1955: President, Frank Eyer, 100 Dunsmere Dr., Rochester 16, N. Y.; Vice President, William Stonewall, 24 Forest Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y.; Louis Eckl, 535 Gillette Rd., Spencerport, N. Y.; Rec. Sect., Edith Stonewall, 24 Forest Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y.; Cor. Sect., Helen E. Herring, 61 Dunsmere Dr., Rochester 16, N. Y.; Treasurer, John Kosack, 62 Fallstaff Rd., Rochester 9, N. Y.; Trustee, Philip Kimmell, 166 Linden Ave., Rochester 10, N. Y.

Please address all correspondence to the corresponding secretary, Helen E. Herring. (see above)

At this meeting a Rochester Dahlia Society Bronze Medal was approved providing strict rules be adopted governing it's use and that fifty per cent of the cost of the die be raised through voluntary contributions. Contributions from persons not members of the Rochester Dahlia

Society will be gratefully accepted.

Our 1955 Show will be held Sunday, September 18th at the Rochester Museum. Out of town judges and visitors are cordially invited. From attendance at other shows we feel our Show is equal or better than any other show in the East with the exception of the A.D.S. Show and perhaps the Washington Show. Frank Eyer has been chairman of the show for several years and has been chiefly responsible for its past success.—Mary Jane Kimmell, 61 Dunsmere Dr., Rochester 16, N. Y., Past. Cor. Sec'y.

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society wishes to express belated thanks and appreciation to the judges of our 1954 Show, who were Mrs. Henry L. Bishop, Mrs. E. D. Duval, Mrs. H. T. Crittenden, Mrs. H. A. Addebroke, Dr. Henry C. Parker, Messrs. C. H. Stoeckel, Thomas Yano, George E. Dodrill, Arthur S. Mason, R. F. Gray, W. W. Deal, Edward M. Keck, Geo. R. Hitchcock, E. R. Phillips and R. W. Webb. A majority of the blue ribbons were won by exhibitors who brought their blooms from a distance, which speaks well for their culture and care in packing. The Cardinal won more blues than any other variety. Among other outstanding blooms were Daisy Ethelbest in show, Pride of Parkersburg, Wake Up, War Paint, Special Award, Burnbrae's Memories and Little Timmie—best miniature.

In order to educate our newer members, we conduct a monthly Study Group with talks on flower arrangements, flower show practice, horticulture, varieties to

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plant for show, etc. We are planning for our 1955 Show which will be held on October 1st and 2nd in the Game Room at Williamsburg Lodge. Mrs. R. Lacy Fraser is our Show Chairman and Mrs. C. C. Lankford our President.—Bess E. Dennis, Show Publicity Chairman, Route 1, Box 110, Williamsburg, Va.

Michigan Dahlia Association

The following officers were elected at our October meeting, for the year 1955. President, Mr. Arthur J. Wulff; Vice-President, Miss Ann Pedlow; First Vice-President, President elect of Jackson Society; Second Vice-President, President elect of Battle Creek Society; Third Vice-President, President elect of South-eastern Society; Secretary, Mrs. David Millar; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Alex Toth; Treasurer, Mr. V. Steckle; Publicity Director, Dr. C. E. Wildon; Trustees, Mr. A. E. Cadwell; Mr. William Behl, Mrs. H. C. Rhode.—Mrs. D. Millar, 15848, Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.

Orange County Dahlia Society

Our November meeting featured a color film and discussion presented by the Comstock Dahlia Gardens of San Diego. This film very clearly showed the entire years cycle of dahlia culture, including sprouting tubers, plant propagation, planting, pinching back, disbudding, fertilization, spraying, digging, and storing.

The following officers were elected for 1955: — Heywood Allen, President; Lawrence Archibald, First V. P.; Dr. G. Emmett Raitt, Second V. P.; E. H. Middleham, Third V. P.; Mrs. H. O. Allen, Secretary; Eldon McNeil, Treasurer. — Mrs. L. O. Archibald, 10162 S. Old Park Road, Orange, Calif.

Dahlia and Plant Specialists

The Annual Dinner of the Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland was held at Clark's Shakertown Restaurant Saturday evening, January 8th, 1955.

Mr. Arnold Davis, Director of The Cleveland Garden Center gave a very interesting and highly appreciated talk.

The following officers were installed: President—Richard Howells; 1st Vice

President—Jerry Kovar; 2nd Vice President—Clarence Rankin; Recording Secretary and Treasurer—Loretta Lackamp; Corresponding Secretary—Edith Rankin; Trustees—J. W. Cowie and H. H. Robens; Program Committee—William Hall and John Kern; Show Committee—J. W. Cowie, Joe Kern and H. Salisbury; Historian—Ethel Cowie; Hospitality—Edna Posky; Publicity—Ada Robens, Route 1, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

At our annual fall meeting, the following members were elected for the year 1955: President, Sam Klingensmith; 1st Vice-President, Bill Koenig; 2nd Vice-President, Frank Fisher; Secretary, Mrs. Eula Mac Roberts; Treasurer, Ray Baker; Directors, W. Flickenstein, H. Mac Roberts, G. Hall, C. Villwock.

We had an extra nice Christmas party, with a talk and slide review of Italy, taken by Dr. A. Pondolfo of the Mens Garden Club of Pittsburgh, who recently returned from a tour abroad.

At our next officers meeting the schedule for the coming year will be set and a good program and fall show should be in order. More and better dahlias for '55 is our slogan.—R. D. Motznik, 4429 Brightview Ave., Pittsburgh, Penna.

East Liverpool Society

The following officers have been elected to serve for 1955: President, Harold J. Gallimore; Vice President, Publicity, Frank Richmond; 2nd Vice President, Program, Mrs. Geo. H. White; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Green; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. C. Craine, Box 284, Midland, Pa.; Fin. Secretary, Miss Susan Lewis; Treasurer, Charles Glover; Show Chairman, Richard Heidel. Board of Directors: Wm. Haugh, Harry Johnson, J. V. Eccleston, Leonard Bradley, Miss Myrtle Finney.

Our show dates for 1955 are September 17 & 18, 1955, in Memorial Auditorium, East Liverpool, Ohio.—Wm. C. Craine, Corr. Secretary, P.O. Box 284, Midland, Pennsylvania.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky

At the Annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky the following officers

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were elected to serve for the year 1955. President—Mr. C. W. Simbritzki; Vice Pres.—L. B. Whitman; Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn; 726 Barret Ave., Louisville 4, Ky. Directors: A. W. Adams, M. Kimbel, Roy Schooler, John Mills, J. B. Floyd, W. H. Swift. Show Chairman: George Shee. Show dates for the 1955 Show are September 24-25, 1955 at the Kentucky Hotel. A very cordial invitation is extended to all or to any one who may be passing thru Louisville to visit our 23rd Annual Dahlia and Garden Flower Show.—Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary.

Wanted — Roots for Experiment and Thesis

A graduate of Michigan State College wants to work out a test on the effect of growth substances for propagation of dahlias for his Ph. D. Thesis.

For these tests about 800 root divisions of each of two varieties are needed. The varieties are *Michigan White* and *Ballego's Surprise*. If you have or know of anyone who has a surplus of roots of these dahlias, won't you write Dr. C. E. Wildon, School of Agriculture, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. We hope that all growers who can contribute roots to this experiment will do so. It could very well result in a great and lasting benefit to all dahlia people.

We recall that a similar project and thesis by Dr. Philip Brierly, at Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in 1932-33, which resulted in the discovery that peach tree aphids were the carriers of dahlia mosaic virus. His findings in this connection were first published in the A.D.S. Bulletin in July, 1933. We hope that the results of this new experiment in use of growth substances in dahlias will also appear in this publication.

Dr. Wildon adds: "Anyone who has any roots of *Ballego's Surprise* and *Michigan White* that they can spare, we would appreciate receiving them at once. A comparison of the half dozen growth substances is the objective of the experiment."

The graduate and Dr. Wildon are respectfully referred to the article "Root Inducting Substances" by Henry Kirkpatrick, Jr., who selected this topic for his thesis at Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, as reported in the August, 1939, issue of the Bulletin.

(Editor's Note: Upon making inquiries among eastern commercial men, we have

been told that finding 800 surplus roots of these varieties will be very difficult. Especially is this true of *Ballego's Surprise*, which is not listed as of today in many catalogs. It has been supplanted by *Faithful*, *Remembrance*, *Vision*, *Whitehall* and other A-S-C., Whites.

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Are Any of These Available?

Frequently, the editor and others in A.D.S. receive requests for information as to where certain old favorite dahlia varieties may be obtained. The following was sent to Secretary Edw. B. Lloyd from R. L. Pyle, 2116 Poinsettia St., Long Beach, Calif.

"I would like to know if any of the following varieties are still being grown and from whom I might obtain roots: *Pinkie*, (like *D-Day*); *Gold Coast*; *El Toro*; *Betty Compton*." If you know where Mr. Pyle can get these old ones, please write him direct, at above address.

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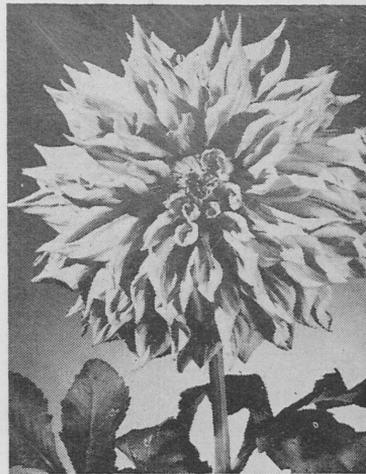
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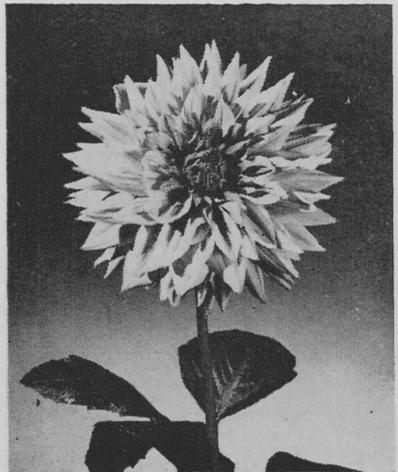
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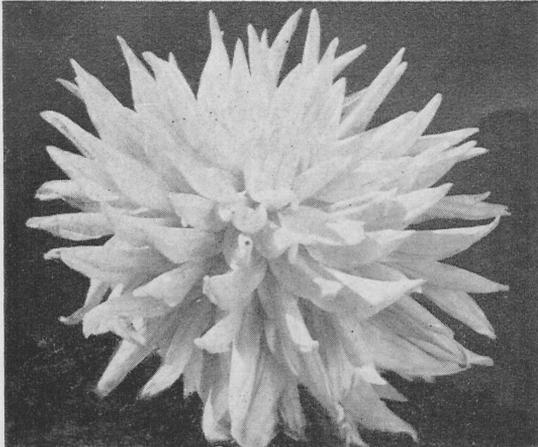
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