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September Is Show Time

Next month across the nation more than fifty dahlia shows will be staged. This picture above of an A.D.S. New York Show was taken around 1934 or 5 at the then, Pennsylvania Hotel. Many old timers may be seen (with a glass) looking over the blooms. In those days we had larger crowds in attendance than today

A. D. S. Research Program for 1956 Launched

For several years past, the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society has realized the growing importance of a carefully planned research program.

The increasing incidence of virus diseases; the general lack of knowledge of how such diseases affect plant growth and bloom production; simple ways to recognize these diseases; the importance of roguing out affected plants to prevent spread of the disease to other healthy plants; all these and more pathological problems are becoming of increasing importance to Dahlia growers.

Such studies are essential, but they only cover a part of the picture which this society would like to help clear up for the future advancement of Dahlia growing. For instance, there are such matters as pest control, (and this is closely related to disease control); then there are the subjects of fertilization; mulching; general soil preparation; use of trace elements; timing blooms for exhibition; mal-formed blooms; plant stunt; root storage and many other subjects for examination.

If this research program is to proceed in an orderly manner and make reasonable progress, there are many steps to be taken. Enlisting the aid of A.D.S. members who have the time and who are qualified, is the first step. The Research Committee therefore, earnestly solicits the aid of all such members. The next step is to obtain, if possible the aid and counsel of experts whose training has been along the line of the studies to be undertaken.

Probably the simplest way to our goals would be to raise sufficient funds to underwrite the services of those institutions dedicated to horticulture, where technicians and students could carefully plan and execute the various tests over a considerable period.

The A.D.S., unfortunately, does not have such funds available.

The lack of funds to conduct these experiments, or at least partially support them, should not discourage us. It is true that if a certain number of members who can afford it, would make contributions toward this research program, our problem would be simplified and results obtained much faster.

But the Research Committee is going ahead with its plans and will make as many studies as possible without subsidies. At least a start will be made, with the hope that, as the project proceeds, offers of personal aid and perhaps some contributions of research funds will be forthcoming.

At the beginning of 1956 President Bruce Preas appointed a Research Committee of the following members:

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON NEW RESEARCH PROGRAM

By ARTHUR W. MASON, Chairman

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We have visited personally several of the Experimental Stations in the vicinity of Washington and have found many experts in the various categories of plant research in which we are interested, who are sympathetic to our dahlia problems.

The Ornamental Plant Section of the Horticultural Research Branch at Beltsville, Md., has furnished us with information and Bulletins which have been of great help in starting this program. It is expected, as the program progresses we will get additional aid from them.

The three divisions of the program will be:

1. Pathology.
2. Entomology.
3. Agronomy.

As to No 1, Pathology, we expect to start with the study and report published in the July, 1933 issue of this Bulletin. This was entitled "Dahlia Mosaic and its Relation to Stunt," by Dr. Philip Brierly, who, at that time was Assistant Pathologist, Division of Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture. His experiments were conducted at the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research at Irvington on the Hudson, N. Y. The A.D.S. was indebted to this famous institution as well as Dr. Brierly for permission to print the article.

His research determined that Mosaic virus in Dahlias was transmitted from one plant to another by the medium of Peach Tree Aphis. He concluded, as have other researchers, that there is no method known which will cure a plant once it is affected with Dahlia Mosaic.

He also found that Dahlia Mosaic is not synonymous with stunt. He said, regarding this point, "It is generally known that all stunt is not due to mosaic, but the fact that mosaic does not involve stunting in all varieties is a new point of considerable importance. In other words, the same mosaic disease involves severe stunting in some varieties and essentially no stunting in others."

Dr. Brierly described and Boyce-Thompson technicians photographed Dahlia Mosaic in the leaves and plants and the cuts depicting same were published in this 1933 report in this Bulletin. These reproductions of actual mosaic ravages were excellent helps to aid growers to

recognize the disease. Because this report, published 23 years ago, was the first and probably the most comprehensive study of this disease in Dahlias, we recommend that it be republished in an early issue of this Bulletin.

We feel certain that we can count on help and guidance, perhaps even some specific testing from Dr. C. E. Wildon, our committee member. The report of his group at Mich. State University, on Stunt, Diseases, Insect Control, Nematodes, and Control of Virus Carrying Insects, in the May, 1955 A.D.S. Bulletin was very helpful to dahlia growers.

On No. 2, Entomology, we definitely have considerable research data available and will utilize this and make a report with the help and advice of experts in this field.

Our Research Program on No. 3, the Agronomy side will tentatively be on the following topics: (1) Fertilization; (2) Moisture Requirements; (3) Soil Preparation; (4) Mulching, (including under surface mulch); (5) Cause of Malformed Blooms; (6) Trace Element Importance.

We hope other equally important objectives will be outlined and undertaken later. We should point out that even on the phases outlined we must, of necessity, go slow and take up each step separately. All of our work will be on a voluntary basis.

We expect to obtain considerable help and advance planning from the people at the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Horticultural Crop Research Branch, Ornamental Plant Section, Beltsville, Md. They have promised to at least guide us and to review our findings.

And, as said previously, we solicit the help and advice of every member of this Society and the assistance of technicians and researchers at all State Agriculture Experiment Stations who either have in the past done or can in the future take on some phases of this project. At present we are unable to pay for actual research experiments, but we will cooperate by supplying dahlia roots, plants and other material as required to make various tests.

As Chairman of the Committee, I personally pledge my best efforts to the project and am sure that every member of the committee will do likewise. The results of all tests and experiments will appear in the pages of future issues of this Bulletin. — Arthur S. Mason.

Dahlias and Bulls Rampant in Mexico City, Say the John Metzgers

Because the Dahlia is a native of Mexico, we expected to find only the simple, single-petaled wild Dahlias down here. We had planned to bring you some of the wild roots, because we know that you, our editor, are working on a pictorial history of the various original species from whence came all of the wonderful dahlias, as we know them today.

But even if we had found some of these botanical Dahlias, which we did not, we were informed that the border inspectors would not have permitted us to bring them in. We are sorry to disappoint you.

This is truly however, a land of flowers. We can't begin to name all that we saw. It would take too much time and there are many varieties of which we did know the names. They have all of ours and a lot more. We will mention but three of those which we did know,—Dahlias—Roses—Gladiolus. These were growing in great profusion everywhere.

The three main thoroughfares, Reforma, Insurgentes and 7th of September are park-like highways with wide expanses of land separating the traffic lanes. These middle sections are planted with thousands of flowers, with the three mentioned above predominating.

It seems as if there were Dahlias growing everywhere. In every yard there were many large types as well as medium sized ones. Also there were many singles, duplex and small formals and pom poms. Few, if any, are disbudded or debranched, but what a gorgeous picture they make, grown as they are in such profusion everywhere you turn. We noticed no stunted or diseased plants. Likewise there were no recent introductions like we see in all our gardens and shows in the States, but there are plenty of standard, older sorts.

Dahlias can be found in Mexico City in pots, blooming on the window sills and on the front steps, also in window boxes as well as in the front and back yards. They are for sale by vendors, both men and women, also children. There are many stalls offering them for sale at a few pesos per bunch. Rarely are Dahlias absent from the church altars. Perhaps more of us should take a lesson from that splendid practice south of the border.

In all our travels in many states in our country, we have never seen flowers, and particularly Dahlias, grown and used so extensively. It would almost seem that the people of our neighbor to the south make flowers a real part of their lives. They like bright colors of course, but beyond that they get an uplift and a peace of mind just from being surrounded by the abundance of blooms with which nature provides them.

In fact, we are almost ready to state that there are more Dahlias grown right in Mexico City than are grown in any one state in the U. S. We would even be willing to include New Jersey, New York and California in that claim. (Boy! Am I sticking my neck out, observed John). Anyway we have honestly never seen the profusion of Dahlias for landscaping, home decoration outside and inside, church altars and for sale everywhere in any place in the Americas than can be found in this capitol of Mexico.

Of course, we must also admit that the season is much longer here.

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DAHLIA'S AND BULLS RAMPANT

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Then the soil, which is volcanic and contains lots of potash is ideal here in the natural habitat of Dahlias. The warm days with lots of sunshine and the cool nights are what makes Dahlias flourish. And last but not least, it rains some every day, usually in the afternoon, and if the Metzgers know anything about Dahlias it is that "they just dote on water." Further, the roots need never be dug up and replanted unless the grower wishes to do so. And privately, we think that there are just as many lazy gardeners down here as there are at home, maybe a few more. They generally treat Dahlia roots in Mexico gardens just about the way we do Iris and Peonies up north, only dig and cut them up when they get too thick.

Wish that we could have brought a lot of you Dahlia "fans" along with us. Your eyes would have popped out as ours did when we saw how many Dahlias are grown here, in so many places and used for so many purposes.

They also grow Bulls here. Some mighty pert looking ones, too. We went to a Bull Fight yesterday. Saw some fancy dressed fellows finish off four of the Bulls without too much trouble and as we suspected, without too many real chances being taken by the finishers. After the fourth demise, the sport, if it was such, was rained out. Guess it must have been declared "no contest," because four innings don't make a game, where we came from, anyway. But, unlike our big sports "spectacles," when the event was rained out, there were no rain checks distributed, nor did we notice anyone demanding a refund.

The only real difference between Mexico and the United States, as we figure it, is that we grow less Dahlias and talk about them more. Also we have to combine our Dahlia Shows and our Bull Sessions. We shoot the Bull, but down here, they "stick 'em." Our Bull Sessions are long drawn out, but here, they drag the Bulls out. Perhaps we could adopt one of their practices. We might appoint a Matador, or Master of Bull Sessions, give him a sword and let him settle some of the more, shall we say, spirited arguments.

P. S. Any similarity between our letter to Editor Dudley herewith and the Bull Fights or Bull Sessions is purely coincidental.—(Mexico City, July 9, 1956)—Mr. and Mrs. John Metzger.

New Affiliated Society

The latest society to affiliate with the A.D.S. is the Men's Garden Club of Asheville, N. C. The officers of this society are: President, C. W. Chapman; 1st Vice Pres., Ernest L. Symms, 2nd Vice Pres., Ed. G. Roberts; Secretary, Willard M. Sessler and Treasurer, Jas. H. Laubach. The society will participate in the A.D.S. Sweepstake Awards at their show to be held Sept. 20, 1956.

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Dahlia Registration

Lotti, B. F.D., orange, seedling of *Madonna*. Registered June 1, 1956 with A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee, as an official name, by Mrs. Florence Clapp, Albemarle Co., Campbell, Va. Fee of \$1.00 acknowledged. — Charles Conners, 115 No. 6th Ave., Highland Park, N. J., Chairman

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to everybody, except those who purchase new dahlias for their gardens. Watching them come to bloom, and exhibiting them in shows is always worth more than the cost.

My Experience Growing Plants In California

By Dr. Julian R. Brandon, Jr.

In California practically all dahlia plantings are with roots. The vast majority of the dahlia growers in this section do not have a propagating bed. A few have tiny propagating benches in their basements or a miniature glass house in a corner of their garden where they take cuttings and make plants of some new and expensive variety.

Most of our amateur growers are reluctant to part with \$15.00 per root for a new variety. By preference, they would rather wait a year or so and get that variety in a "swap" of roots.

I broached the subject of plants to a number of members of various dahlia societies and found that the majority who would not pay \$15.00 for one root of a new introduction, would gladly pay \$15.00 for plants of THREE new introductions. With this in mind I decided to explore the possibilities of specializing in the sale of plants.

I felt that if I could be the first in the field in my area to produce plants on a fairly large scale, I would "have the jump" on most of our commercial growers.

As editor of the "West Coast Dahlia," I had received a score of articles on plant propagation and found that everyone seemed to have vastly divergent views on this subject. Yet, despite the wide difference in methods, I knew personally that many of them were highly successful.

Let me say that I personally had very little experience with plant propagation. In the 1955 season, my propagation house not having as yet been built, I set up a makeshift affair on a service porch at the farm.

At first I started using No. 2 sand but found that it simply would not hold moisture. I was handicapped by the fact that the farm was some 55

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THE EDITOR'S GARDEN ON JUNE 11, 1956

The "Straw Boss" is young Allen Tubman of New Rochelle, a Freshman at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

This was the day the straw mulch was placed, two weeks earlier than usual, in case a drought developed in early summer, as in the past two seasons. But luckily, the rains came and growth of plants has been steady without watering since June 18. Only one over 90 degree spell in late June. July has been cooler than normal, which dahlias like.



MY EXPERIENCE IN GROWING PLANTS

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miles from my office and it was impossible for me to be there except on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday afternoons.

By adding quite a bit of vermiculite I licked the drying out. My damp-off, however, probably established a record all time high. On the whole, I spent the 1955 season learning "the hard way."

My dahlia house was completed in ample time for the 1956 season. It was unlike anything I had ever seen and was very definitely an experiment on my part. It was not a glass house but had rustic sides and composition roofing with NO glass in the roof. A ceiling of sheet rock was installed and the walls insulated. The only glass was in three fairly large windows on east, south and north side.

In place of sunlight I installed fluorescent tubes, infra red lamp and ultra violet lamp. Windows were heavily coated with whitening which was then scraped off both ways, diagonally with a sharply pointed stick. This permitted a limited amount of sunlight to hit the part of the bench in which cuttings were being rooted.

I had finally decided to string along with the ideas of Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa., on propagation as he had given me much good advice in the past and I knew him to be one of the most successful of propagators. However, by nature being decidedly unorthodox and given to experimenting, I deviated from his method in a number of things.

My farm advisor and the agricultural inspector, as well as our many nurserymen in this area, gave me a rather fishy eyed look when I sterilized my sprouting and rooting beds with 20 volume Hydrogen Peroxide. Here, most of them use Methyl Bromide or Panogen. I felt if it worked for Stanley Johnson, it would work for me.

For starting the roots sprouting I mixed No. 2 sand, some vermiculite, peat moss, spagnum moss and some perlite. For rooting, I prepared a mixture of No. 2 sand, a very little vermiculite, a little spagnum moss and a large amount of "Planters Mix." The latter consists of spagnum moss, peat moss, coarsely ground shell, organic plant food and a liberal amount of coarse charcoal.

Results were phenomenal. Damp-off was less than one per cent. At first rooting was a bit slow. By increasing bottom heat from 66 or 68 to 70 to 72 the cuttings rapidly took root and the first of my cold frames began to be filled with husky, healthy plants.

About the middle of April all my plans fell in a heap. The man who had taken my order for plant shipping containers, after considerable "stalling," told me he could not make delivery. And at the same time I was taken seriously ill. Fortunately I had shipped over 90 per cent of my orders before this occurred and my wife was able to ship the balance.

But she knew nothing about handling cuttings or plants and, even if we had the containers, she would not have known how to pack them. As a result, we had to, in many cases, ship roots at plant prices; not a profitable deal. But it kept our customers happy.

When, some few days ago, I was well enough to go out to the dahlia house, I found a strange sight. Two and a half months of total neglect had resulted in a weird scene. On the starting bench were some plants standing

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two feet high. Others had grown to as much as three feet in length but were trailing vines that hung over the bench and trailing almost to the floor.

Strangely, with all the neglect, in the rooting bed less than 2 per cent of the plants had died. I quickly got most of the balance into pots. Their roots were so well developed that they needed but a day or so in the cold frame before I could put them directly in the ground, where they took hold immediately with not a sign of set back or a drooping leaf. The balance are being put rather deeply into the ground in their pots to make pot roots for next year.

This I have learned. In California and for me, I do not think it a profitable deal to sell plants of anything but new introductions or varieties in their second year. The cost for labor, the time involved and the cost of packaging eat up the small margin of profit there is in low priced plants.

Further, fumigation of plants shipped to another state, plus the far too frequent postal delays, so often results in dead, or almost dead plants. Next year I will probably limit my plant sales to California, and to high priced varieties, except those that I wholesale to nurseries within a 60 mile radius where the order is large enough to warrant delivery by station wagon. Outside the state I will sell roots only.

For those who cannot afford to or will not buy the roots of new introductions, I believe the answer lies in pot roots. I do believe that we will see more and more plantings of pot roots and plants on our West Coast. To the amateur who plans to propagate I would say "You CAN succeed, but be prepared for disappointments before you learn what works best for you. Experience costs money and time—but is well worth it."

Send Catalogues, Please

to Dr. Charles Connors

Chairman A.D.S. Nomenclature

The catalogues for 1956 of all commercial growers are requested by Dr. Connors. One of the requirements of official A.D.S. listing of varieties is that the new dahlia must be listed in catalogues. Others are the registration, with the fee of \$1.00. Dahlis which receive an A.D.S. Certificate at its Trial Grounds are automatically eligible for registration.

Thus every commercial dahlia grower who issues a list or catalogue is requested to send a copy to the address below. By so doing he is performing a real service in the dahlia world. —Charles H. Connors, 115 North 6th Ave., Highland Park, New Jersey.

The Chappaqua Dahlia Gardens, operated by Mr. Seibrecht for many years in northern Westchester County, N. Y., is being divided up into building lots. No more will dahlias be grown there for New York flower markets as has been done for more than 20 years.

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A.D.S. SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES FOR 1956

37 Societies Participating

This year we have received the largest number of applications (37 in all) to include A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes in the shows of Branch & Affiliated Societies ever. The following is the list where exhibitors and originators can compete for the ribbons, certificates and A.D.S. Medals.

Dahlia Society of Alabama
Baltimore Dahlia Society
Central States Dahlia Society
Central Valley Dahlia Society
Dahlia Society of Georgia
Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society
Kentucky Dahlia Society
Kitsap County Dahlia Society
Men's Garden Club of Asheville
Michigan Dahlia Society
Mid America Dahlia Society
National Capitol Dahlia Society
Dahlia Society of Ohio
Orange County Dahlia Society
Southern Tier Dahlia Society
Dahlia Society of Tennessee
Virginia Dahlia Society
Dahlia Society of Wisconsin
Badger State Dahlia Society
Bergen County Dahlia Society
Burholme Horticultural Society
East Liverpool Dahlia Society
Dahlia & Plant Specialists of Cleveland
Irvington Dahlia Club
Long Island Dahlia Society
The Dahlia Society of New Jersey
North Jersey Dahlia Society
Ohio Valley Dahlia Society
The Portland Dahlia Society
Rochester Dahlia Society
The San Diego Dahlia Society
San Leandro Dahlia Society
Snohonish County Rose & Dahlia Society
Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society
Southtown Dahlia Society
Washington Dahlia Society
Williamsburg Dahlia Society

Ribbons, score sheets and instructions on the use of the score sheets have all been sent to the proper officials and if any Society has not received them please contact immediately Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman, 20 Marshall Ave., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. and you can be sure of a prompt reply from him.

When returning the score sheets to him, after your show has been held, *please be certain that each has the name of the variety, the name and address of the originator, the total points checked on each score sheet and the proper average also shown of the judges scores.* Your cooperation will greatly assist the committee in their computing the grand prize winners.

The judges should sign each score

sheet and the scores sent *PROMPTLY* to the Chairman immediately after the show.

If each Society complies with the aforesaid, then a summary of the winners, with the correct scores and names of winning varieties and their originators will be published in the November Bulletin.

Trial Ground Entries Go Up 50 Per Cent

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that the Trial Ground Committee of the A.D.S. announces that the entries of new seedling dahlias at four out of the five Official A.D.S. Trial Grounds are higher than last season.

In the February issue of the Bulletin it was reported that, by agreement with the Flower Grower and its four Honor Roll Testers, an Entry Fee of \$3.00 per variety would be charged by both Trial Gardens and the H. R. Testers in 1956. It was hoped that by the adoption of such a plan the number of Entries sent to the A.D.S. Trial Gardens would increase. They had dropped to an all time low in 1955.

We are happy that the experiment has been a success. In four out of five Trial Gardens there has been a substantial increase. This adds up to a total of 152 Entries for 1956 against a total of 102 in 1955. This makes it an average increase of 50 per cent for all the gardens.

Here is the Entry Score:

Eastern Trial Gardens,		
Farmingdale, N. Y.	1955—25	1956—49
Pacific Coast Trial Gardens,		
Oakland, Calif.	1955—32	1956—45
Southern Trial Gardens,		
Atlanta, Ga.	1955—8	1956—22
Ohio Valley Trial Gardens,		
Cincinnati, Ohio	1955—10	1956—17
Mid-West Trial Gardens,		
East Lansing, Mich.	1955—27	1956—19
Totals	102	152

We hope that this trend will continue and that more and more Originators and Introducers will send their seedlings to the Trial Gardens. It will be announced in the February Bulletin whether the same Entry Fee will be continued for 1957. — Bert Pitt, Chairman.

Associate Editors of the A.D.S. Bulletin

The following editors are doing a fine job of writing the kind of articles we believe our readers appreciate. If you have any suggestions as to future articles, write the editor and, or any of his associates listed below:

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**The A.D.S. New York Show
for 1956 will be staged at the
Collonades Ball Room, Essex
House, Tuesday and Wednesday,
September 18 and 19.**

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call B. E. (Billy) Phillips to his final resting place, and

Whereas, Billy Phillips was a charter member and past president of the Georgia Dahlia Society, and

Whereas, Billy Phillips has been an active and much respected member of the Society for many years. A lover of the flower "The Dahlia" to which he gave his interest towards its betterment, advancement and future development.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Georgia Dahlia Society does hereby express its deepest regret at the passing of B. E. Phillips on March 28, 1956; extends its sincere sympathy to the members of his family and to his numerous friends; and hereby orders that this resolution be permanently incorporated in the minutes of the proceedings of the Georgia Dahlia Society, and that public expression be given hereto.

Signed by the following officials of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, Atlanta, June 27, 1956:

Dr. A. L. Stephens Jr., President;
David Sullivan, 1st Vice President;
Charles King, 2nd Vice President; Mrs.
Ralph Huie, Secretary; Mrs. A. C. Caraway, Treasurer.

(Mr. Phillip's has also been an A.D.S. Vice President for several years. He had many friends in this Society).

The color plates used on the May, 1955 BULLETIN of Johnson's Ned Seymour, were loaned to the National Capitol Dahlia Society by the A.D.S. for use on the cover of their 20th Annual Show Schedule. It made a very beautiful cover.

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

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Editorial

Reports from practically every section of the country say this is the best season for several years for growing dahlias. Only around Atlanta have we heard adverse comment and that was because they have had several over 90 degrees spells. Here on eastern seaboard, rain was shy early in June, but then came thunder showers on successive weeks followed by several rainy days. Our own garden, as

well as those in this section is really jumping. We put out our straw mulch two weeks earlier, so that if a drought came, in July as in the past two seasons, we could conserve all the natural moisture. We only had to water early in June to keep them growing after planting was completed on June 8. It really looks like a banner year for dahlia blooms.

We thank the many friends all over the country for their nice comments on our California story in May. The "East" and "West" should visit each other often. We will be happy to welcome our Western friends when they visit here. And reports of visitors to other points are always welcome in the columns of this Bulletin.

Please plan to exhibit your dahlias in your Society shows and in other shows which you can reach by car, train or plane. The New York Show at the Essex House, Sept. 18 and 19, 1956, welcomes all exhibitors, whether members of the A.D.S. or not. Bring your blooms and take home some awards.

Judge George Currie, of Madison, Wisconsin, here in mid-July to attend an Appellate Seminar, met many of his dahlia friends in the east at a dinner and get-together at the Milleridge Inn in Hicksville, L. I. The group was headed by A.D.S. President Preas and we understand a great time was had by all. The editor, to his great regret, could not attend.

Sorry to hear that our Nomenclature Chairman Charles Conners had another heart attack in May and spent four weeks in the hospital. After the 4th attack writes Charles, "my exertions are chiefly mental." Take it easy Charles.

The A.D.S. Show schedule to be held at the Essex House, N. Y., Sept. 18-19, was mailed to all active members the week of June 15. Copies were also sent to the Secretaries of all Branch and Affiliated Societies. Other copies may be obtained by writing show chairman Court Duerk, 510 Anderson St., Baldwin, N. Y.

The Post Office Department has been pressing Congress for an increase in Second Class Postage rates covering the mailing of magazines, newspapers and the like). If this should happen it will make it still more difficult for publications like this Bulletin to meet growing expenses out of a portion of this Society's annual dues.

From the Bulging Mail Bag

E. E. Montgomery, Atlanta, says, "It was very interesting to read of your trip to Frisco and meet with the dahlia people out there. Naturally there isn't enough contact between the East and West groups, due to distances. I know the folks out there enjoyed your visit. I was in Calif. in January and visited with quite a few dahlia friends in L. A. also the San Leandro Valley bunch and flew on down to San Diego to visit the Comstocks. His gardens are 21 miles north. I like the way Paul gets special seed. He has a cloth seed house, completely inclosed, planted with dahlias he wishes to cross-pollinate. He shuts a hive of bees inside the cloth house and don't let them out till the end of the season. (I wonder how dahlia honey would taste.)"

From Charles Garrity, San Leandro, Calif., I want to tell you how pleased I was when I saw my old phiz on the Bulletin cover for May. And to read about my raising dahlias and making so many friends among the dahlia people here and in San Francisco Society. Thank you so much.

From Eleanor Bolesworth, Secretary of the San Leandro Dahlia Society: We wish to thank you for the wonderful story you wrote in the A.D.S. Bulletin telling about your trip to California. It was very interesting. And the picture of Mr. Garrity on the cover is just "darling." It looks as if he would walk right out of the picture and start on his favorite subject, "Just Plain Dahlia Talk."

A closer reading of the Bulletin impresses me with the fact that it is a very good dahlia publication. Lots of "meat" in it. Congratulations. — Ralph Berry, Rocky River, Ohio.

Henry Retyer, West Bridgewater, Pa.: I have grown dahlias for 60 years, and I still love them as much as ever. They are my first love in flowers. I enjoy your A.D.S. Bulletin very much. I am 71 years old and this year I will plant 18,000 to 20,000 dahlias, also 10,000 asters, 1,000 mums, 1,000 tomatoes and 5 acres of corn. I wish you continued success with your dahlia magazine.

From R. E. Harter, Walnut Creek, Calif. We certainly appreciate all the nice things you said about us Bay people in the May Bulletin. We were especially pleased to see our old friend Charlie Gar-

rity's picture on the cover. He is one dahlia man who has no enemies. He is also one of the best known men in the "Bay Area." This in itself is quite an accomplishment for one who has worked all his life tending people's lawns and gardens, at laborer's wages. Besides that he has probably given away half of what he has earned. Who among us can match that?

From C. W. Ballay, Palo Alto, Calif.: Am glad you enjoyed your trip to California. Our California people pride themselves on their hospitality and try to make their visitors welcome. I think your contact with the Dahlia Society of California also had a good influence. I have always thought that the California Society should be affiliated with the A.D.S. Somehow this move has never materialized.

From Hugh F. Lewis, Chicago, Ill.: I want to say to you what I say to myself and others, "The A.D.S. Bulletin seems to get better and better with each edition."

Gordon Wasser, Marlow, N. H., for 17 years the able and affable editor of this Bulletin: Here in New Hampshire certain flowers may be grown almost to perfection — others not at all. I grew huge Dahlias two years in succession, but of course just got one crown bloom to a plant before the early frost got them. I had the largest Jane Lausche I have seen since John Allen's great three blooms shown at the New York Show a year or two after its introduction. Mine was a full 15 inches across with a depth which I could hardly believe, as I saw it. Folks hereabout had never seen such a flower. Will be glad to hear from those who question the size of this Lausche.

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WHEN DAHLIAS BLOOM AGAIN

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From the Bulging Mailbag

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John Metzger, Irvington, N. J.: As the world's worst letter writer, I never did say how nice the Bulletin has been under your guidance. So, to keep the record straight, and my opinion before you, I do say it now. It's the best.

Dr. Julian R. Brandon, Jr., Sebastopol, Calif.: (The good doctor became ill, right after our visit to Calif. and for two and one half months was unable to work.) "In fact I nearly cashed in my checks on two successive nights. My doctor told me what I already knew, that trying to run a monthly dahlia publication, a commercial dahlia nursery and practicing my profession, all with about 5 hours sleep per night, just wouldn't work."

Strangely my profession was the hardest of the 3 jobs, so have taken the bull by the horns, and moved our retirement up a couple of years, given up office and flat in San F., and moved up to the ranch in Sebastopol. We may have less financially, but we will have peace of mind and rest among the dahlias. Yours is my first letter written since all this transpired. (See Dr. Brandon's article on dahlia plants in this issue. We appreciate his keeping his promise to write it, in spite of his illness and troubles afterward. — Editor.)

Mrs. Fred W. Frese, Aliquippa, Pa.: We have enjoyed your Bulletin, and it's very interesting and informative articles.

Mrs. Lynn G. Murray, Seattle, Wash.: Thank you for putting out such a nice dahlia magazine. Enjoy it a great deal.

R. E. Trotter, 382 MacArthur Blvd., West, Oakland, Calif.: The story on my discovery of a new dahlia manure, in the May issue is bringing me very satisfactory returns. Yesterday John R. McEvoy, President of the Portland Dahlia Society called on me to inquire where he could obtain some. Edward A. Papish, of Garfield Heights, Ohio, just wrote me today about it. This may yet revolutionize dahlia feeding.

Sign on the outskirts of a Washington State town: "Our speed limit is 25 miles per hour, with a fine of \$3 per mile for faster driving. Dahlia growers, please pick out a speed you can afford."

Query On Root Storage

Lakewood, Colorado
June 7th, 1956

Mr. Lynn B. Dudley, Editor,

Will you be so kind as to tell me how to store dahlia bulbs over winter. I have a great deal of luck growing them, but I just do not seem to be able to winter them.

I had fine clumps when I dug last Fall, but the tubers shrivelled so and I only had one bulb alive this Spring. I am definitely doing something wrong but I do not know what.

I packed them in sand, put them in a box in the garage with old blankets and rugs wrapped around them. They just will not live for me over the winter.

Any help you can give will be appreciated.—George M. Foster. P.O. Box 7722, Lakewood, Colo.

(Editor's Note: We hope we can have some answers to Mr. Foster's query from our members to be published in Nov. issue. We have already given him some suggestions. Probably you have a better method.)

Query On Propagating Storage and Pot Roots

We in New Jersey would like to hear from Dahlia growers across the country on their experiences anent the propagating of plants from "strictly field grown crop of Dahlias" as opposed to plants from stock forced for show the previous season. Our experience and contention is the former is superior. Letters directly to New Jersey Dahlia Society or to Mr. Dudley will be much appreciated, on this vital subject. We've tried a new method of growing our pot-roots in long trenches, in the open garden—fed twice during the season—pinched out buds during growing season. This week dug up a few and found most gratifying results, fine plump pot roots. Have other dahlia growers tried this method. Please let us hear from you? An interesting chat with Mrs. Rose Marie Comstock of California, at the A.D.S. Show Judges Luncheon in New York, brought out the interesting fact our method of washing and splitting dahlia clumps before storing is advocated by the Comstock Dahlia Gardens. We in New Jersey find "Vermiculite" an excellent storing medium. We think the A.D.S. Bulletin is the best medium for idea exchange. Best wishes to all dahlia growers from the Dahlia Society of N. J. President, Marion Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, N. J.

See Below for Society News Closing Dates

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.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society will be hosts to the Mid-Atlantic Conference which will be held in conjunction with our 31st Annual Show, September 15th and 16th at the Turner Armory, Hillen Road and Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md. President John Sherwood along with the Show Manager, Louis Gill and the various other committees are working overtime to make this just the finest show to be staged in the East. The Show schedules call for over 400 competitive classes with cash awards along with very fine silver trophies. Enthusiasm is running high and barring another hurricane we are assured of plenty first class blooms as the gardens never looked better. Chas. Dffen-derffer has completed arrangements for the judges and the Reception and Hospitality Committee chairman, Mrs. E. Wilbur Plitt is getting everything ready to greet the many visitors expected at the show. As a special feature we are to be entertained by an outstanding orchestra of 20 pieces under the direction of Irving Bodenburg and who is also the Chairman of Publicity and doing a first rate job. President Sherwood has been assured the cooperation of all the members of the Mid Atlantic Conference and an invitation is extended to all to attend our show, September 15th and 16th. For a show schedule write our Secretary—Herbert O. Aburn, 610 W. Pratt St., Baltimore 1, Maryland.

The Dahlia Society of Georgia

The Dahlia Society of Georgia will be host to the Southern States Dahlia Association with a show September 29th and 30th.

The show this year will be held in conjunction with the Southeastern States Fair. Our headquarters will be the Henry Grady Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Buses will go from the Henry Grady to the fairgrounds carrying all visitors and also returning them to the hotel.

It is our plan to have all visitors register upon arrival at the hotel. Those arriving Friday evening will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Faust.

On Saturday evening a banquet will be held at the Henry Grady Hotel with entertainment and some good old fashioned square dancing.

Sunday, a tour of the gardens and other interesting sights will be included. Atlanta is the home of the famous Cyclorama depicting the Battle of Atlanta. There are only three cycloramas in existence in the world. Also there is Stone Mountain on which the partial figures have been completed and on which work will be resumed this coming year. We also have the home of Joel Chandler Harris, who was the father of the Uncle Remus stories. This is interesting to see as they have preserved it and you can still see Brother Rabbit and his favorite briar patch, also Tar Baby.

Everyone is urged to meet with us this year and enjoy some good old fashioned Southern Hospitality. — Charles King, Publicity.

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Long Island Dahlia Society

The dahlia seedlings at the trial grounds out at Farmingdale, N. Y., at this writing appear to be in a very healthy state. There are forty-nine seedlings vying for recognition at the hands of the experts. The pertinent judging undertaking will be in the hands of Mr. Martin Guttler, assisted by such capables as Henry Olsen, Geo. Yaeger, Emil Berzau and Bert Pitt. Starting about the middle of August, each week end should find this team in action and their efforts will be closely followed by dahlia public. Not that their decision will be final but a great influence, when all returns are in, as to just which new dahlias shall grace your gardens next year.

We at LIDS can think of no better time or better excuse for seeing these dahlia seedlings than Sunday, September 2nd. On this date the Long Island Dahlia Society will hold its annual field day and get-together for members and friends, also anyone growing dahlias can feel free to visit with us. We have a cozy little nook, somewhat secluded at The Agricultural Institute in Farmingdale, tables are arranged to seat a goodly crowd and refreshments are free, so to one and all plan to be with us on this date.

The main topic at this time naturally is the twelfth annual dahlia show sponsored by The Long Island Dahlia Society on Saturday, September 22nd in the Plattduetsche Park Hall at Franklin Square, N. Y. Each show is a climax to a year of planning and effort on the part of many persons working individually and collectively to achieve this climax. This year promises to be no exception but from all accounts don't be surprised if this year's show surpasses any of the past. The arrangement class will have Miss Inez McGill as chairman and Mrs. Mary Guttler assisting. Robert Pape as general show chairman has a well rounded staff at his command. Bert Pitt has done a great job on the show schedule which will be of keen interest to all competitors at the show tables. Joe Mugno is the ballyhoo boy on publicity. Mrs. Margaret Holslag will have charge of the tickets. The part that often falls a cropper and we mean a well rounded committee of judges to handle the judging, was no problem this year. Some of the best judges in the east have responded to our call. To each of these men and women we take this opportunity to extend our grateful thanks in their unselfish co-operation. — C. D. Francis, Sec., 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

Heard Around Southern Dahlia Shows

"I've got better blooms at home than these that won—but I didn't bring any."

"Those judges must read all the entry tags—that guy always wins."

"That best bloom isn't so hot—the one last year was much better."

"Come back here with me and show me why that gold ribbon winner was better than mine."

"He must have another garden somewhere. I never saw blooms like that at his place before the show."

"I didn't think I'd have a bloom on account of the weather; you say I won sweepstakes?"

"He ought to win; he fertilizes his plants enough and shades his blooms too."

"Oh well, I'll get him next year for sure."

"They should win more ribbons, the show was held in their town."

"There's something in Alabama soil that makes dahlias grow bigger."

"He won't tell you all about pruning dahlias; he keeps some of the special secrets for himself."

"He ought to win prizes; look at the type of dahlia he grows."

"I won't have a bloom for the shows; the plants just aren't doing right this year."

And the stranger at the show tells you: "Oh, they are pretty alright, but my Aunt Mabel out in the country used to grow dahlias, and most of the blooms measured 16 to 18 inches across."—Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., President Dahlia Society of Georgia.

"Bulletin Editor" Addresses

New Jersey Dahlia Society

The Dahlia Society of New Jersey was treated to a most interesting trip "TO THE COAST" and through the "HONOR ROLL DAHLIA GARDENS" in New York via the "Talk" and "Picture Viewing" of our own Dahlia Bulletin Editor, Lynn B. Dudley, who took us along the "DAHLIA ROW" on his recent combined pleasure and "work" trip visiting with his family in the San Francisco Bay Area. We wonder he finds time to address dahlia societies what with all the time given to the "Editing" of the A.D.S. Bulletin.

We met many dahlia veterans through this talk and especially enjoyed hearing of the "Father of the San Leandro Dahlia Society" 83 Years Young, and Still Going Strong—Mr. Charles Garrity. From Lynn

B.'s vivid description of this initial visit we felt we had known Charles Garriy all our lives.

He gave us an insight into and comparison of "West Coast via East Coast" problems and solutions of Dahlia growing. He told us that future A.D.S. Bulletins will be of an educational nature. All we can say in our small way of appreciation "More Please!"

The New Jersey Dahlia Show is scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd at the Commonwealth Club, Valley Road, Upper Montclair, N. J. With Co-Chairman Edward B. Lloyd and Leslie L. Del Tufo all arrangements are in tip-top shape. Hope all you "Arrangement Fans" contact Arrangements Chairman Mrs. Walter Bardell by September 15th for space reservations.

Keep the hoe shiny by continuous cultivating the dahlias and keep the spraying on time—as Red Spider and Leaf Hoppers never vacation!

Best wishes for good growing and showing across the country. See you all at the Shows!—John C. Metzger, 126 Allen St., Irvington, N. J.

San Diego County Dahlia Society

The annual dahlia show of the San Diego County Dahlia Society was bigger than ever this year, according to G. C. Kern, society president. Dates of the show were Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5.

One of the biggest shows in the nation devoted exclusively to dahlias, the exhibition took place in Recital Hall, Balboa Park, the first of the year in the nation. Later, flowers of the new-bloom winners selected in San Diego will be sent by air to the other major shows in all parts of the nation in succeeding weeks and months, to compete for best dahlias of the year. More complete report of the show in November.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society

The Bergen County Dahlia Society of New Jersey will hold their Ninth Annual Dahlia Show at the Liberty School, Palisades Ave. and Tenaflly Road, Englewood, N. J., on Saturday, September 15th and Sunday, September 16th.

Would you kindly have this information in the next issue of the Bulletin. — Harry Dreyer, 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The 12th Annual Dahlia Show will be held by the Williamsburg Dahlia Society at the Matthew Whaley School in Williamsburg on October 6th and 7th.

Officers for 1956 are—President, Mr. O. H. Weiss, First Vice-President, Lt. Col. C. C. Lankford, Second Vice-President, Mr. R. W. Thomas, Secretary, Mr. Donald Samson and Treasurer, Miss Bess E. Dennis. Show Chairman for this year, Mrs. C. C. Lankford.

Several new Sections have been added—Special Awards from Holland Growers for arrangements and specimens, also a Section for the Oldest and Newest Varieties.

Our Arrangement Theme this year is entitled "Our Peninsula." The Junior Section shows much activity. We expect to enlarge on the Invitation Class to Garden Clubs. There will be an Educational program and a special display by local florists.

In spite of very, very dry and hot spells running into 98 degrees, we are all working hard to make this the largest show yet and look forward with much pleasure to seeing all of our distant friends and members with us at Show time.—Douglas B. Green II.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The Dahlia Show this year will be held on Sept. 5th to 8th at one of Philadelphia's leading and largest department stores, namely Snellensburgs, 12th and Market Sts., Philadelphia.

Again will feature the American Home and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake classes. As usual, color, type and basket classes.

The prize list is fabulous — money, awards and trophies.

Show schedules can be obtained from the Show Secretary — Mr. William Blair, 7323 Whitaker Ave., Phila. 11, Pa.

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Michigan Dahlia Association

Keeping in mind other years when we had to do a bit of coaxing to induce blooms to reach their peak at show time, this year there is an added challenge. Our show, which is being held in conjunction with the Flint Yard and Garden Club's Silver Anniversary flower show, will be unusually early—September 1st and 2nd. So there must be lots of knowhow, plus a spot of luck to produce the blooms at that time.

We are off to a good start with the many rain showers in this part of the country, and our members report their dahlias are looking wonderful, and ahead of schedule.

Plans for the show are going ahead rapidly under the capable hands of Show Chairman, Dr. C. E. Wildon, and his Co-Chairman, Bill Cadwell.

We expect to have our show schedules ready for distribution by the end of July. We extend a cordial invitation to all flower lovers to visit the show at the I.M.A. Auditorium, Flint, Michigan, September 1 and 2. — Mrs. David Millar, Secretary, 15848 Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 38, Michigan.

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Show again will be held in the beautiful and spacious lobby of WCAU—Radio and Television Center, City Line and Monument Aves., Phila. Show dates are Sept. 22nd and 23rd. American Home, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and classes for all types of the dahlia.

Get your show schedule by writing to our Secretary, Mr. Walter Strobel, 10

township Line, Elkins Park 17, Pa. Prizes, money and trophies.

Plan now to exhibit or see this big Dahlia Show which gets plenty of TV and Radio coverage.

Suburban Dahlia Society

The Suburban Dahlia Society wishes to announce a change in their Show date and place. Having pledged our support of The Mid Atlantic Conference Show, we found that we could not give them our whole hearted support because of the Show dates overlapping. Our committee has secured a Hall which we think, will do our Show full justice.

Our Show date will be Saturday, September 8th. and Sunday, September 9th, at the Fellowship Hall at the Sudbrook M. E. Church, Reisterstown Rd., and Warren Ave., Pikesville, Md., all judges please note the change — Conrad N. Brieger.

A Perfect Dahlia Insecticide?

We quote below from the January 2nd issue of "Time" magazine. What can be done for cotton, surely can be done for dahlias! Will this eventually (and soon) be our answer? Ye Editor sincerely hopes so.

Internal Insecticide. The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced success with a long-held dream of agricultural chemists: an insecticide that makes the whole plant deadly to insects that try to feed on it. The chemical, called Thimet for short,* was developed by American Cyanamid Co. It is mixed 50-50 with carbon dust, and 8 lbs. of the blend is mixed with 100 lbs. of cottonseed before planting. The cost for an acre of cotton: \$3.

When the seed sprouts, the young roots absorb the Thimet, and as the plant grows, the poison spreads through it without doing any harm. But insects that eat the plant or suck its juices die of their poisoned meal.

Many cotton pests, including thrips, aphids, spider mites and cutworms, are controlled by the internal poison. Boll weevils are killed if they show up during the period of the poison's effectiveness, which is three to seven weeks. Big advantage of the internal poison is that it protects the whole young plant, while sprays and dust may leave some parts unprotected.

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DAHLIA SHOWS ACROSS THE NATION

Date	Society	Place	City
Aug. 4-5	San Diego Co. Dahlia Soc.	Recital Hall, Balboa Park	San Diego, Cal.
Aug. 18-19	Orange Co. Dahlia Soc.	Huntington Beach Mem. Hall	Huntington B., Cal.
Aug. 23-24	Kitsap Co. Dahlia Soc.	Civic Center	Bremerton, Wash.
" " "	Dahlia Soc. of California	Rotunda, City Hall	San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 25-26	Snohomish Co. R.&D. Soc.	Floral Heights, Forest Park	Monroe, Wash.
" " "	San Leandro, Dahlia Soc.	Veteran's Memorial Building	San Leandro, Cal.
Sept. 1-2	Washington St. D. Soc.	Norman Hall	Tacoma, Wash.
" " "	Minnesota Dahlia Soc.	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul, Minn.
" " "	Michigan Dahlia Ass'n	I. M. A. Hall	Flint, Michigan
Sept. 2-3	Badger State D. Ass'n	Madison Community House	Flint, Michigan
Sept. 5-8	Burholme Hort. Society	Snellenburg's Store	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept. 8-9	Portland Dahlia Society	Masonic Temple	Portland, Oregon
" " "	Host to Pacific	Northwest Dahlia Conference.	
" " "	North Jersey D. Society		Paterson, N. J.
" " "	Dahlia Society of Toledo		Toledo, Ohio
" " "	Dahlia Soc. of Wisconsin	Mitchell Pk. Community House	Milwaukee, Wis.
" " "	Dahlia & Plant Specialists	Cleveland Garden Center	Cleveland, Ohio
" " "	Suburban Dahlia Society	Sudbrook M. E. Church	Pikesville, Md.
Sept. 9	Southern Tier D. Soc.	Mark Twain Hotel	Elmira, N. Y.
Sept. 15-16	Southeast'n Mich. D. Soc.	Cannon Memorial Gym	Detroit, Michigan
" " "	Bergen Co. Dahlia Soc.	Liberty School	Englewood, N. J.
" " "	Central States Dahlia Soc.	Garfield Park Conservatory	Chicago, Illinois
" " "	East Liverpool D. Soc.	Memorial Hall	E. Liverpool, Ohio
" " "	Indianapolis Dahlia Soc.	Brookside Community House	Indianapolis, Ind.
" " "	Baltimore Dahlia Society	Turner Armory	Baltimore, Md.
" " "	Host to Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference.		
" " "	Garden Club of Jersey City	Murdock H'l Medical Center	Jersey City, N. J.
" " "	Irvington Dahlia Club	Irvington High School	Irvington, N. J.
" " "	Rochester Dahlia Soc.	Rochester Museum, Arts & Sci.	Rochester, N. Y.
Sept. 16	Rochester Dahlia Society	Rochester Museum Arts Science	Rochester, N. Y.
Sept. 17-18	Dahlia Society of Ohio	Higbee Auditorium	Cleveland, Ohio
Sept. 18-19	American Dahlia Society	Essex House	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 20	Men's Garden Club		Asheville, N. C.
Sept. 22-23	Tri-State Dahlia Society	Scottish Rite Cathedral	Moline, Illinois
" " "	Host to 23rd Annual Mid-West Dahlia Conference.		
" " "	N. J. Dahlia Society	Commonwealth Club	Montclair, N. J.
" " "	Southtown Dahlia Club	Hamilton Park Field House	Chicago, Illinois
" " "	Long Island Dahlia So.	Plattdeutsche Park Hall	Franklin Sq., N. Y.
" " "	Greater Phila. Dahlia Soc.	WEAU Radio-Tel. Center	Philadelphia, Pa.
" " "	Central Valley D. Soc.	San Joaquin Tractor Bldg.	Bakersfield, Cal.
Sept. 23-24	Dahlia Soc. of Tennessee	East Ridge Town Hall	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sept. 24-25-26	Virginia Dahlia Soc.	Miller & Rhodes Store	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 26-27	Hagerstown Dahlia Soc.	Community Market	Hagerstown, Md.
Sept. 29-30	National Capital D. Soc.	U. S. Botanical Gardens	Washington, D. C.
" " "	Dahlia Soc. of Kentucky	Kentucky Hotel	Louisville, Kentucky
" " "	Ohio Valley Dahlia Soc.	Cincinnati Art Museum	Cincinnati, Ohio
" " "	Greater St. Louis D. Soc.	Missouri Botanical Gardens	St. Louis, Missouri
" " "	Dahlia Soc. of Georgia	Southeastern Fair	Atlanta, Georgia
" " "	Host to Southern States Dahlia Conference.		
" " "	Mid-America Dahlia Soc.	Country Club Plaza Bldg.	Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 6-7	Alabama Dahlia Soc.	Thomas Jefferson Hotel	Birmingham, Ala.
" " "	Williamsburg D. Soc.	Matthew Whaley School	Williamsburg, Va.