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DAHLIA JUDGES WORK HARD

Consider the Dahlia Judge. He pays his own expenses, including transportation, hotel bills, meals except for the luncheon, given by the society he is helping, often tendered after he has done his job. He studies the Judges' Manual, spends hours with the Joint Classification List to learn names, colors, types of the varieties listed. Then he concentrates on the job he is asked to do and gives his best judgment. No one knows exactly why he does all this. Here Henry Olsen, Andrew Mulcahy and Emil Berzau are intent on the Cactus Class at Paterson, North Jersey D. Society show, Sept. 7th, 1957 —Photo. Dudley

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ALBERT PARRELLA



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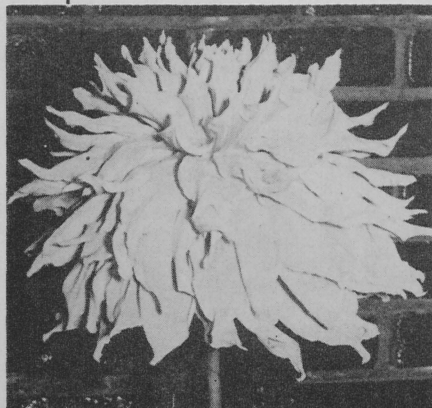
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The A. D. S. is Expanding — Many New Officers Added

The Presidents of the 22 A.D.S. Branch Societies are automatically Vice-Presidents of this Society. This was accomplished by resolution of the Executive Committee early in 1957. They are not included on the ballot of officers for 1958 in the back of this issue, which will be voted on by the A.D.S. Members before January 1st, 1958. This is because they are Vice-Presidents of the A.D.S. by virtue of their office as Branch Society President.

These Vice-Presidents for the past year, 1957, are:

Dahlia Society of Ohio — Howard Skorepa.

Rochester Dahlia Society—Thomas C. Gordon.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society—Lewis Clark.

Suburban Dahlia Club—Robert Edmonston.

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Fresno Dahlia Society—Clyde J. Nankervis.

Dahlia Society of Georgia—R. D. Cason.

Greater Phila. Dahlia Soc. — Stanley Johnson.

Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society—William Koenig.

Ithaca Dahlia Society — Mrs. Ethel Barry.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky — Roy Schooler.

Michigan Dahlia Association — A. J. Wolff.

Minnesota Dahlia Society—Harold E. Nelson.

Orange County Dahlia Society — Dr. Emmet Raitt.

These Branch Societies are asked to notify Emil Berzau, Ass't Sec'y of A.D.S., 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y., and furnish names and addresses of their new officers elected for 1958 so that the 1958 list of Vice Presidents can be published in the Feb., 1958 Bulletin.

When you add these 22 Veeps to the some 70 which are elected at large, we have around 90 or more officers of this society, all of whom are entitled to attend the monthly executive meetings and have a voice in its affairs. They are located in nearly half of the 48 states, which truly makes the A.D.S. a National Organization devoted to the general improvement of dahlia.

In addition to these 90 officers, Edward B. Lloyd, secretary of the A.D.S. was recently asked by the Executive Committee to investigate several areas where Dahlia interest is on the rise, and find if there were some public spirited dahlia people who would accept nomination for Vice-President of the A.D.S. Several have been suggested and their names will be added to the ballot in this issue of the Bulletin.

A dahlia society, in our opinion, can be of maximum service to its members only if its officers have initiative, imagination, and the interest of the whole group as the basis of its operations. What the A.D.S. is constantly seeking, is the help and co-operation of dahlia groups and individuals who want to make the dahlia a more important part of the whole horticulture picture in America.

The A.D.S. invites the active co-operation of dahlia groups and individuals everywhere. It can be of maximum service to its members and its Branches and Affiliates only by the progressive thinking and action of its officers. That is why it invites dahlia society leaders to join it in the capacity of Vice-Presidents or as appointive members of its Executive Committee.

We ask our members in all catagories to vote on these officers and thus increase the scope and service of the A.D.S. nationally. Send the ballot, filled out with checks on all the individuals you wish to see elected, to Henry Olsen, 45 Clement St., Elmont, N. Y., before the end of 1957. Thank you, Bruce B. Preas, President.

The 43rd A.D.S. Show Sept. 14 & 15 at Newark Airport Most Successful

For the first time in 43 years, the A. D. S. held its annual fall exhibition outside of New York. It was held in conjunction with the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and the Garden Club of Irvington, N. J. It was also co-sponsored by the Port of New York Authority. The Authority gave every assistance within their power to assure the success of the show.

Edward B. Lloyd, Show Chairman of the A. D. S., wrote Mr. Cliff Evans, Aviation Development Division of the Port of Authority after the show and, in part said, "It seemed almost an imposition that the Port of New York Authority, which has, for so many years, been the sponsor of so many big projects which have made the City of New York the city that it is today, should be asked to take under its wing an organization and exhibition of our type. We had a real need for assistance and for a floor and a roof over our dahlias. In permitting us to use the Observation Deck of the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal, for our exhibition, on Sept. 14th and 15th, you rendered that assistance. We are indeed grateful."

Ed. Lloyd's letter continued, "This 43rd exhibition of our society, staged with your help was one of our best in many years in quality of bloom, as well as quantity. Also we had more exhibitors and visitors at this exhibition than we have had in many years. The co-operation of the entire staff at the Airport was much more than we had a right to expect. But we thank you and all the others for really helping to make this Dahlia Show an outstanding success. The Members of the A. D. S., the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and the Garden Club of Irvington all join me in this expression of appreciation."

Chairman Lloyd is right. The records show that we had 77 exhibitors and well over one thousand individual exhibits. One trouble was, the public could only view one section of the show at a time and therefore could not realize how large the show really was. There were exhibitors who had not shown at a New York show for the past five years. And there was a steady stream of visitors from opening at 3 P.M. Saturday until the closing hour, 10 o'clock Sunday night.

The Newark News of Sunday pictured the largest bloom in the show, a huge, 14-inch *Mary Elizabeth* shown by Edward O'Keefe, Sr., Cold Spring, N. Y. and noted, "For two days Newark's Airport Terminal building has been the busiest "greenhouse" in the world. The American Dahlia Society descended on the modern passenger terminal Friday night and transformed it into an exhibition hall for its 43rd flower show. The 600 foot south observation deck has been given over to hundreds of varieties of dahlias of every size and hue. Governor Meyner was on hand to bestow a large gold cup as an award for the three dahlias exhibited by a member of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. His trophy went to Harry Frank, of Far Hills, for three huge blooms of *Surprise*. This was the third and final winning of this trophy by Frank. Senator Malcolm Forbes was also on hand to award additional trophies, later."



—Photo Courtesy Port of New York Authority

ONE OF THE FIVE "BAYS" AT A.D.S. SHOW

There were five sections to the display of blooms at the Newark Airport A.D.S. N. J. and Irvington show. Above is a portion of the big Open to All Class.

Winners of Section Sweepstakes and Special Awards

Robert P. Connal of Rochester, N. Y., describes the A.D.S. show in the Dahliagram as follows: "The Newark Airport was reasonably accessible and there were adequate parking and sleeping accommodations within walking distance, at a cost of about half that of similar accommodations in New York. From a superficial study it appeared that the set-up facilities were not as ample or accessible as to be desired."

"Mr. Connal continued, "I was indeed pleased to observe the surprising quality and quantity of blooms. The combination made it the biggest metropolitan show I've ever seen in the area."

SECTION A—(Novice) Special A1

to A11, won by Peter J. Birgy of Irvington, with *Juanita*, Award, East Liverpool Dahlia Society Medal; Sweepstakes, A1 to A11, won by R. W. Rowlely, Elmira, N. Y., award, A.D.S. Bronze Medal.

Section B—(Amateur) Special, B1 to B5, won by Harry Dryer, Ridgewood, N. J., with *Windlassie*; Special, B6 to B14, large cactus, J. Musso, West Orange, N. J., with *Preas Pride*; Special B15 to B24, Large Dec., Mrs. Harry Dryer, with *Orange Majesty* which also won Largest and Most Perfect award, the Tennessee Dahlia Society Medal; Mr. and Mrs. Dryer also won the Sweepstakes award this section, an A.D.S. Silver Medal.

The Big "C"—Open to All—A and B Specials

CLASS	TYPE	WINNER	AWARD — VARIETY
C1 to C14	Med. B. Cac.	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dryer, Ridgewood, N. J.	East Liverpool Medal Nutley Sunrise
C15 to C28	Med. Semi-Cac.	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	Spotlight
C29 to C36	Med. I. D.	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	Windlassie
C37 to C50	Med. F. D.	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	Jersey Beauty
C51 to C54	Med. Cac., 5 blms.	Frank Marker, Layton, N. J.	Renee
C55 to C59	Small Med. BB	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dryer, Ridgewood, N. J.	Central States Medal Cheerio
C60 to C64	Ball	Gamston Gardens, Westwood, N. J.	Inglewood D. Soc. Medal Rosy Dawn
Sweepstakes	C1 to C64, Med. B	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	\$25.00 cash
C65 to C78	Large Cac. A	Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Flying Saucer
C79 to C92	Large Semi-Cac.	Edward O'Keefe, Sr., Cold Spring, N. Y.	Surprise
C93 to C106	Large I. D.	Edward O'Keefe, Sr.,	Croydon's Masterpiece

C107 to C120	Large F. D.	Edward O'Keefe, Sr.,	Virginia B. Taggart
C121	Large Cac., 3 blms	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dryer,	Brown Bomber
C122	Large S.-C., 3 blms	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	Pride of Parkersburg
C123	Large I. D., 3 blms	Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J.	Kelvin
C124	Large F. D., 3 blms	Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Gloria
C125 to C128	L'g't and M'st Per.	Martin Gutler, Huntington, L. I.	Surprise
Sweepstakes	C65 to C128	Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	\$25.00 cash
C129 to C130	Basket, BB's	Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Rose Fletcher
C131 to C132	Basket, Med. B's	Dr. E. J. Cohen, Old Westbury, L. I.	Lyric
C133 to C134	Basket, Large	Dr. Fred Knocke, Readington, N. J.	Art Linkletter
Grand Sweepstakes	C1 to C134	Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Margaret Gordon Waaser Trophy

Section D—Open to All—Small Flowering—Specials

CLASS	TYPE	WINNER	AWARD — VARIETY
D1 to D15	Min. Cac.	George Brunjes	Miss Mollie
D16 to D33	Min. Dec. & Ball	Harry Frank	Seedling M56R
Sweepstakes	D1 to D33	Henry Olsen	
D34 to D46	Pom pons	H. Allyn	Heloise
D48 to D54	Singles, etc.	Harry Frank	Temple Kid
D55 to D63	Baskets	Dr. E. J. Cohen	Bishop of Landaff
Sweepstakes	D55 to D63	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dryer	
Grand Sweepstakes	D1 to D63	Henry Olsen	\$25.00 cash

Section E—Special Displays

E1 Vase	12 A-size	Edward O'Keefe, Jr.	Kelvin
E2 "	15-25 B-size	Cris J. Poulos	Crislene
E3 "	5 N. J. orig. dah.	Frank Marker	L. Pollak's Ray Smith Mem. Tro. Renee
E4 "	& A or B Bi-colors	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dryer	Lynn Dudley's Glass Plate, Piquant
E5 "	1 Bloom, A-size Lg.	Edward O'Keefe, Sr.	E. E. Tooker Mem. Trophy,
			Mary Elizabeth
E6	3 Blooms, B-size	Henry Olsen	Final win. Mrs. Louis Tim Trophy,
			Windlassie
E7	5 Blooms, M-small	Harry Frank	D. Edward McDade Trophy, M56R
E8	Mst. Out. Ent. in Sh.	Harry Frank	A. D. S. Gold Medal, Surprise

Section G — Seedlings

A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes and G 15, Henry Olsen, A. D. S. Medal Certificate, *Little Harvey*.

A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes and American Home Achiev. Medal, Frank Marker, *Renee*.

A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes and G 27, Gamston Gard., Walt. Bardell Tro., *Lawrence Welk*.

G24 Vase, 12 BB Small Medium or B, Dan'l W. Kavanagh, Nat. Assn. Com., Dah. Growers Award, *G. K513*.

G25 Vase, 3 finest A-size, N. J. Soc. Mem., Harry Frank, Gov. Meyner Tro., *Surprise*.

G26 Vase, 3 Best B-size, grown N. J. Mem., J. Musso, Mrs. Walter Bardell Trophy, *Bunny*.

G27 Best bloom of variety, 15 years old or older, Gamston Gardens with *Jersey Beauty*.

Silver Vase class for the best miniature seedling.

Space does not permit listing of all the blue ribbon and other winners at this big exhibition.

A. D. S. Research for 1958

There are in process only two research projects by the Research Committee for 1958. These studies take considerable time, and the work of all who take part in them is at present contributed. This is because we have not been able to find or collect funds to support them.

Arthur Mason, Chairman informs us

that the following topics will be covered and reported to our members next year.

1. Control Of Aphis and Thrip on dahlias.

2. Old Dahlias on New Ground.

Watch for these reports and let your neighbors read the Bulletin in which they appear. They are sure to be of interest to all growers.

A. D. S. Trail Garden Report, 1957

FORTY-TWO VARIETIES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

By BERT PITT, Chairman

The Trial Garden report this year does not include the varieties which scored 85 points or more at the Ohio Valley Trial Garden in Cincinnati as this report had not been received up to the time this issue went to press. For this reason it is not possible at this time to determine and report the names of the varieties which won the Derrill Hart awards. These reports will have to be held over until the February Bulletin, at which time we hope also to have the names of those varieties reported under a number (in this four-Garden consolidated report which follows).

That the Trial Gardens enjoyed a good year is evidenced by the fact that with only 4 of the 5 Trial Gardens reporting, 42 varieties have scored 85 points or more as compared with 31 varieties which scored last year in the complete report. Four varieties scored 85 or more points in all four Trial Gardens reporting.

The report of the winning varieties is as follows:

A-TYPE DAHLIAS

Charles H. Connors (A-S.C.-Pink) A large pink Semi-Cactus, ranging in size from $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ to 9×7 carried half facing on strong, stiff stems, 7 to 12 inches in length. Health, substance, and floriferousness excellent. Entered by E. B. Lloyd, 10 Crestmont Rd., Montclair, N. J. (Ruschmohr) SCORES:- East Lansing—85.1.

Dr. Paul Rahn (A-S.C.) Semi-Cactus, blooms held facing on plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in height. Reports on color differ, Oakland reporting it as Tyrian Pink, and Farmingdale Light Persian Rose. The Oakland report would place it in the pink class, while the Farmingdale report places it in the lavender. Oakland reports the size as 11×5 , while at Farmingdale it grew to 8×4 . Entered by Dahliadel for James Rafferty, 195 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, Cal. SCORES:- Oakland—85, Farmingdale—85.

Eileen Maytrott (A-I.D.-Pur.) Informal Decorative, blooms of Doge Purple measuring up to $11 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ on 4 ft. plants. Flowering habit good. Entered by John Gaylord, 285 Douglass St., San Francisco 14, Cal. SCORES:-Oakland—85.

Esther Blanche (A-F.D.-White) White Formal Decorative blooms measuring from 10×5 to $11\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ on strong, straight stems from 8 to 12 inches in length. Flowers mostly half facing. Excellent floriferousness. Dense habit of growth with heavy foliage. Entered by Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J. Originators: Baynes. SCORES:- East Lansing—85.



DR. PAUL RAHN

An "A" S. C. Tyrian Pink, 11 by 5 inches, won an A.D.S. Certificate at Lakeside Park, Oakland, and also one at Farmingdale, L. I. Originated by James Rafferty, 195 Broadmore Blvd., San Leandro, Calif. Introducer Dahliadel. — Photo by Lionel E. Sanford.

Helen Hayes Large blooms ranging in size up to $10\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$, held at a good angle, on strong straight stems about 10 inches in length. Plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Atlanta reports type as Formal Decorative and color as

Cobalt Violet (purple), Farmingdale reports color as Mallow Purple (lavender) and form as I.D. Other reports are equally divided as to form, but reports on color place it in the lavender class. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., San Diego 16, Cal. SCORES:-Atlanta—85, Farmingdale—85.6.

Helen M. (A.-I.D.-Dk. Bl.) An Informal Decorative (East Lansing reports Formal) of unusual depth and unique coloring. Size ranges from $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ to $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7$. Stems from 9 to 13 inches in length are stiff and straight, strong enough to support a bloom of this weight. Flowers are held half facing to erect. Healthy bushy plants of medium height. Base color is Lavender, each petal having exactly three Fuchsia Purple stripes which blend into the base color giving the effect of Light Persian Rose. Entered by Ruschmohr Gardens for Richard Schwanebeck, 8721 Old Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. SCORES:-East Lansing—85, Farmingdale 85.

Jet (A-St.C.-Var.) A variegated Semi-Cactus, measuring up to $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ on $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. plants. Color is Turkey Red streaks and splashes on a golden yellow base color. Entered by Marlow's Dahlia Gardens, 1505 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz, Cal. SCORES:-Oakland—85.

Mid-America (A-I.D.-Red) A Spectrum Red, Informal Decorative ranging in size from $7\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 to 9 by 7, carried half facing on strong stiff stems 7 to 12 inches in length. Health, substance, and floriferousness excellent. (one report gives size as up to 12×5) Entered by Rocky River for Dr. E. C. Drace, Keytesville, Mo. SCORES:-East Lansing—85.

Randy Prince (A-S.C.-Yel.) A large, deep, Semi-Cactus, Primrose Yellow. Blooms measured $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ disbudded down to $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ grown naturally. Bloom position and substance good, stems excellent. Plant height $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Frank Miller, originator. Entered by Forest Dahlia Gardens, 42 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, N. Y. SCORES:-Farmingdale—85.1.

Son of Volunteer (A-S.C.-Dk. Red) Very large, Ruby Red, Semi Cactus blooms ranging in size from $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ to $13 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$. Stems and substance adequate. Entered by Parrella Dahlia Gardens for C. H. Bowen, 448 Arch St., Chillicothe, Ohio. SCORES:-Farmingdale—85.

Sophia R. (A-F.D.-White) Pure White, Formal Decorative, blooms measuring 9×5 on 9 inch stems. Plant height $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens for J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Ave.,

Chicago, Ill. Ruschmohr to introduce SCORES:-Atlanta—85.

The Chief (A-I.D.-Autumn) A strikingly colored Informal Decorative of Yellow Ochre, overlaid with Red giving a color in the Autumn class. Good stems and bloom position. Size range from $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ to $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$. Plants 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in height. Entered by Conrad Brieger, 612 Cedarcroft Rd., Baltimore 12, Md. SCORES:-Farmingdale—85.

Vera Seyfang (A-F.D.-Lav.) Large lavender Formal Decorative blooms with petaloids of the same color. Color is reported as Light Phlox Purple, Light Mallow Rose, and Rose Purple, all in the lavender class. Largest size reported $12 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$. Other reports average about $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$. Strong stems 9 to 12 inches, bearing flowers half facing to erect. A bloom of this variety seen at Farmingdale on Oct. 19 still measured about 9×5 ; stem was still straight. Plant height 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Entered by Rocky River for A. H. Baynes, Barmora, So. Australia. SCORES:-Atlanta—85.2, East Lansing—85.1, Farmingdale—85, Oakland—85.

UCHUU (A-F.D.-Red) Large Formal Decorative, blooms of Rose Red on strong stems. Blooms ranged in size from 9×5 to $12\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ held facing. Strong growing plants from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 ft. in height. Entered by Yoshida Dahlia Gardens, West 11, North 4, Sapporo City, Hokkaido, Japan. Parrella Dahlia Gardens to release in U. S. SCORES:-Farmingdale—85.8.

Royal Robe (A-I.D.-Var.) Informal Decorative, Mallow Rose splashed with Spectrum Red. Diameter $8 \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Depth 4×6 inches. Stems 8-12 inches, strong, thick, straight. Flowers facing to half facing. Health excellent, habit branching. Floriferousness good. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, 961 Oakleigh Rd., Grand Rapids 4, Mich. SCORES:-East Lansing—85.

B-TYPE DAHLIAS

Cascade Oriole (B-I.C.) Incurved Cactus, blooms of Lemon Yellow, irregularly overcast lightly Spectrum Red. Diameter 6-7 inches, depth $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Thin, but strong and wiry stems 8-15 inches. Health excellent, plants erect branching. Floriferousness very good. Entered by Rocky River for T. DeRooy, P.O. Box 443, Monroe, Wash. SCORES:-East Lansing—85.

Christlene (B-St.C.-Lt. Bl.) All reports agree that this one is in the Light Blend class, but no two agree exactly on the coloring. All agree that the center petals are yellow, and the outer petals pink, the dif-

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A.D.S. TRIAL GARDEN REPORT—(Contd.)

**"CHRISLENE" 4 TIME WINNER**

This dainty "B" St. Cac. Venetian Pink with Primrose yellow at center won at four A.D.S. Trial Gardens in 1957 with an average score of 85.4. Originated by Chris. J. Poulos, Seekonk, Mass. Introducer, Dahliadel. — Photo by Lionel E. Sanford.

ferences being in the shades reported. Largest size reported was 7x4, most of the reports slightly smaller. One report shows the form as Semi-Cac., the others as Straight Cactus. Stems 6 to 11 inches, mostly straight. Bloom position good. Plants 2½ to 3½ ft. The Writer's impression is that it resembles "Juanita" in everything except color. Entered by Chris. J. Poulos, 1470 Newman Ave., Seekonk, Mass. Dahliadel to introduce. SCORES:—Atlanta—85, East Lansing—86, Farmingdale—85.9; Oakland—85.

Clariam Idol (B-S.C.-Yel.) Sulphur Yellow, Semi-Cactus, blooms measuring

up to 8x5 on 8 inch stems. Low plants 2½ ft. in height. Entered by Rocky River for Wm. Wilbert, 2109 Sunset Ave., Springfield, Ohio. SCORES:—Atlanta—85.

Iva Jean (B-I.C.-Bi) Incurved Cactus, blooms of Mallow Purple tipped White. A prolific bloomer, no tendency to sport solid color blooms was noted. Largest size reported 8x5 with the average about 7x4½. Stems strong, stiff, and straight 7 to 11 inches in length. Flowers held facing or half facing. Plants 4 to 5 ft. Entered by Dahliadel for Nat C. Lundgren, 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Cal. SCORES:—Atlanta—85.1, East Lansing—85, Farmingdale—86.5, Oakland—86.

Miss Westbury (B-F.D.-Yel.) Sulphur Yellow Formal Decorative blooms borne in profusion on moderately tall plants (5½ ft.). Size range from 5½ 3½ to 7x5. Good stems, bloom position, and substance. Entered by Forest Dahlia Gardens, 42 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, N. Y. SCORES:—Farmingdale—85.

Moorpark (B-F.D.-Au.) 6½x3¾ to 8x4 inch flowers carried part facing to erect on stems 9 to 16 inches long. Color is Light Yellow Ochre. Health and floriferousness excellent. Entered by Rocky River for A. H. Baynes, Barmera, South Australia. SCORES:—East Lansing—85.5 as a landscape or border variety.

Mrs. Charles J. Friburg (B-St.C.-Yel.) Straight cactus, blooms of Light Primrose Yellow ranging in size up to 7½x4. Good habit of growth. Plants 4½ ft. Entered by Theodore Sjoburg, 2180 48th Ave., Oakland, Cal. SCORES:—Oakland—85.

Oguerita (B-F.D.-Lt.Bl.) Color is a blend of Pastel Mauve and White. Blooms up to 7x5 on 4 ft. plants. Good habit of growth. Entered by H. Pope, 3200 Liberty Ave., Alameda, Cal. SCORES:—Oakland—85.

Old Lace (B-S.C.-Lt.Bl.) Semi Cactus, flowers (sometimes Informal) of White with a Mallow Pink suffusion. Largest diameter reported; 8 inches; greatest depth, 4½ inches. Strong straight stems 7 to 10 inches long. Health excellent, habit branching erect, floriferousness good. 4½ ft. plants. Entered by Nels Johnson Dahlia Fields, Rt. 1, Sumas, Wash. SCORES:—East Lansing—85, Oakland—85.

Orchid Queen (B-F.D.-Lt.Bl.) A well formed and delicately colored Formal Decorative. Outer petals are Pastel Mauve with center petals White. Size ranges from 5x3 to 6½x4. Stems and bloom position good. Entered by Rocky River for H. H. Hadow, no address

given. SCORES:- Farmingdale—85.1.

Reinbeker Glut (B-I.C.L.-Dk.Red) Currant Red, Incurved Cactus blooms measuring up to 7x4 borne in profusion on 4 ft. Plants. Entered by Roy Wagschal, Reinbek-Hamburg, Germany. SCORES:- Oakland—85.

Rodeo (B-I.C.-Dk.Red) Incurved Cactus, blooms measuring up to 7½x4 on 5 ft. plants. The color of this one is also Currant Red. Prolific bloomer. Entered by Fa. D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland. SCORES:- Oakland—85.5.

Fair Lady (B-S.C.-Lt.Bl.) Light Mallow Rose to Cream White at the center. Diameter 5-6½ inches, Depth 3-3½ inches, Stems 7-10 inches, stiff, straight, wiry. Flowers half facing to erect. Health excellent, habit bushy branching. Prolific bloomer. Entered by Rocky River for Norman Lamotte, Hopeville, Ga. SCORES:- East Lansing—85.3.

BB-TYPE DAHLIAS

Little Playmate (BB-I.C.-Pink) Empire Rose, Incurved Cactus, blooms held half facing on plants 4½-5 ft. tall. Stems 6-9 inches, strong, straight to curved. Health excellent, habit erect. Early bloomer. Floriferousness fair to good. Entered by Mrs. Sarah W. Wood, 779 Hull's Highway, Southport, Conn. SCORES:- East Lansing—85, Farmingdale—85.1.

Lemon Ice (BB-I.D.-Bi) A bi-colored Informal Decorative, each petal having a broad White stripe down the center with both edges Canary Yellow. Bloom position good. Size reported as 5x3½, in the BB size class, but reports last year from three Trial Gardens indicated sizes in the B class. Plants 4 ft. Entered by Dahliadel for Lynn B. Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y. SCORES:-Atlanta—85.2.

Miss Magoo (BB-F.D.-Var.) Carmine Rose, streaked with Currant Red. Colors reported vary slightly. Tendency to sport solid colored flowers was noted but is considerably less than is usual with variegated flowers. Diameter 6 inches, a few 6½; depth, 4-5 inches. Stems, 6 inches. Atlanta reports plant height as 2½ ft., but other reports indicate a height of 4 to 5 ft. Entered by Rocky River for R. E. Harter, 279 Danville Highway, Walnut Creek, Cal. SCORES:- Atlanta—85.

Mouney C. (BB-F.D.-White) Paper White, Formal Decorative, blooms of excellent substance making it an ideal cut flower. Largest diameter reported, 5 inches; greatest depth, 4¾ inches. A prolific bloomer on plants 4-5½ ft. tall. Health excellent, habit erect, branching.

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IVA JEAN AND IVA JEAN

The beautiful daughter with the very fine dahlia named after her, "Iva Jean", and originated by her father, Nat C. Lungden, 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Calif. The dahlia is a "B" I. C. Bicolor, Mallow purple tipped white, size 8 by 5 inches. It scored an average of 85.6 in four Trial Gardens.

LEMON ICE—B.B.-I.D.

This little informal bi-color is the "cool" breath of lemon sherbet to the editor. See description, opposite page. It also won an A.D.S. Certificate at Farmingdale in 1956. It is nearly round, blooms profusely all season. (Photo Dudley)



A.D.S. TRIAL GARDEN REPORT—(Contd.)

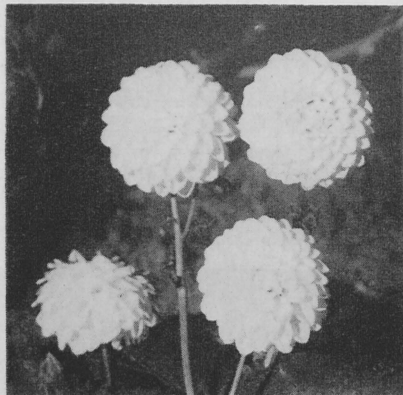
Stems $7\frac{1}{2}$ - 13 inches. Flowers facing to erect, mostly half facing. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., San Diego 16, Cal. SCORES:- Atlanta—85.7, East Lansing—85.4, Farmingdale—85.2, Oakland—85.

SMALL FLOWERING VARIETIES

Annie Annand (M-F.D.-Lav.) Dainty, Light Phlox Purple, blooms $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$, smaller when the plants are in full bloom. Prolific bloomer on $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. plants, Stems in proportion. Entered by Nat C. Lundgren, 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Cal. SCORES:- Oakland—85.

Cascade Cupid (MB-Yel.) A yellow miniature ball of pure Lemon Yellow. Diameter $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth $2\frac{1}{4}$ - 3 inches. Stems 6 - 9 inches, thin, wiry, straight. Flowers half facing. Floriferousness excellent. Entered by Rocky River for Tony DeRooy. SCORES:- East Lansing—8.

Little Dickey (M-F.D.-Dk.Bl.) Base color is White, but petals are heavily overlaid with Rhodamine Purple which deepens toward the tips to a solid color. Blooms were $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ when plants were in full bloom and covered with flowers. A Formal Decorative, held facing on good stems, 6 ft. plants. One of the first

**MOUNEY C., 4 TIME WINNER**

This formal dec. White, 5 by $3\frac{1}{2}$ "-BB won four A.D.S. Trial Garden Certificates with an average score of 85.3. Originator and Introducer, Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., Santa Cruz, Calif. — Photo by Lionel E. Sanford.

to bloom, but early flowers were in the BB class. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., San Diego 16, Cal. SCORES:- Farmingdale—85.

Treasure (Mason's Pink) (M-S.C.-Pink) Dainty, Semi-Cactus blooms, and plenty of them. Color is Dawn Pink, size up to $4 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Good stems and plant growth. Plants $3 - 3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Entered by Dahlia del for Arthur S. Mason, 3935 6th St., Arlington 4, Va. SCORES:- Atlanta—85.

Tassy (M-F.D.-Lav.) Mallow Purple blooms measuring $3 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Formal Decorative on $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. plants. Entered by Theodore Sjoburg, 2180 48th Ave., Oakland, Cal. SCORES:- Oakland—85.

Good Morning (M.-F.D.-White) Miniature Formal Decorative, White, Diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches, depth 2 - $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Stems 6 - 9 inches holding flowers half facing. Stems thin and wiry. Entered by Rocky River for Mrs. Walter Malcolm, Rochester, N. Y. SCORES:- East Lansing—85. Tentatively named *Good Morning*, which is already being used.

Charlene (M-F.D.-Yel.) Miniature Formal Decorative, blooms of Lemon Yellow ranging in size from $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4×3 inches, Stems 5 to 9 inches, thin, straight to bowed, holding flowers half facing. Plants low, bushy, branch spreading. Entered by Rocky River for E. R. Phillips, 807 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. SCORES:- East Lansing—85.

Mid-America (M-F.D.-Yel.) Formal Decorative blooms of Mimosa Yellow measuring 3×2 inches on 5 inch stems. Profuse bloomer on plants $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in height. Entered by Rocky River for E. R. Phillips. SCORES:-Atlanta—85.2.

Craig Dresden Yellow Orchid flowering blooms 4 inches in diameter on 6 inch stems. Early and prolific. Entered by Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. SCORES:- Atlanta—85.

No name or number. (*Pom.-Red*) Small dainty blooms $1 \times \frac{3}{4}$ of Spirea Red on 5 inch stems. Profuse bloomer on 2 ft. plants. Originator's name not shown. SCORE:-Atlanta 85.1.

Bert Pitt, Chairman Trial Grounds, 9730-123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N.Y.

Editors Note: Chairman Pitt would like to have names of the varieties and in some cases, the names of the originator and introducer of any of the above, which information was lacking at time of going to press. These will be included in the supplementary report in the Feb. 1958 Bulletin. Please send these to Mr. Pitt if you know them.

A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Report

This year there were 39 Branch & Affiliated Societies that participated in our Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. Reports have been received from 36 of which 15 reported "no awards."

After consolidating all the reports and then analyzing them there were fewer varieties scoring an average of 85 or more, than in former years.

The GOLD MEDAL WINNERS are as follows: (highest average score in at least 3 shows)

Size A—No Award.

B—**Nita** (Paul Hale), lavender purple, St. C., $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$. Average score 86.18.

BB—**Mouney C** (Comstock), white, F.D., $5 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. Average score 86.25.

M—**Little Dickie** (Comstock), rhodamine purple, F.D. Average score 85.63.

The following varieties all scored in more than one show:

Size A—**Helen Hayes** (Comstock), Lav., I.D., 10×7 , at San Diego, Inglewood and Orange Co.

Sophie R. (Roberts), white, F.D., $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, at Southtown and St. Louis.

Size B—**Renee** (Marker), shrimp pink, St. C., $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, at N. Y., Bergen County and Irvington.

Goody (S. Johnson), Rose pink, I.C., $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, Burholme, Richmond, Greater Philadelphia and National Capital.

Size BB—**Lawrence Welk** (Gamston), Lav. violet, F.D., $4\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$, at N. Jersey, N. Y. and Bergen County.

Betty (Rosemary), Red and Yellow, I.C., $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$, at East Liverpool and Dahlia Society, Ohio.

Size M—**Little Harvey** (Olsen), Capsium red, F.D., $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ at N. Y. and Long Island Dahlia Society.

Mark E. (Keck-Stephens), Dark blend, F.D., $2\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$, at Burholme, Greater Philadelphia and Richmond.

The following scored at only one show:

Size A—**Revival** (Simbritzki), Pink to mallow purple, I.C., 8×4 at Kentucky Dahlia Soc.

Mid-America (Dr. Brace), Red, S.C., size not given at Mid-Amer. Dahlia Soc.

Vera Seyfane (Baynes), Lav. pink, I.D., 10×5 at Dahlia Society, Ohio.

Terrific (Robens), Bi-color, red and white, I.D., $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, at East Liverpool.

Chamelon (Mrs. Lucas), Lt. blend, I.D., $9 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ at S. E. Michigan Dahlia Society.

Show Window (Caldwell), Yellow Cactus, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, at Scioto Valley Dahlia Society.

Size B—**Iva Jean** (Lundgreen), Purple, pure white tips, I.C., $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, at Central Valley Dahlia Society.

Mary B. (Jacobsen), Lt. Primrose, I.C., $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3$, at Fresno, Dahlia Society.

Barbara Holke (A. Holke), Light blend, I.C., $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ at S. E. Michigan Dahlia Society.

Clarium Idol (Wolbert), Yellow, no type or size reported at Scioto Valley Dahlia Society.

Size BB—**Autumn Star** (F. Daniel), Red and yellow, I.C., $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ at Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society.

Size M—**Charline** (R. Phillips), Yellow, F.D., $3\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ at Dahlia Society, Ohio.

Jeanne K (Kindlein), Pink, I.D., 4×2 at Central States Dahlia Society.

This report includes all scores received to October 19th and any received later must be disregarded as the originators and the introducer desires the list to be published in the November Bulletin, which we promised would be done.

May I take this opportunity to thank all for the co-operation they gave to me this year: It really makes a thankless job

bearable knowing that some benefit and each year there is a growing interest in this particular class in numerous shows.

Surplus score sheets and ribbons should be retained for next year. We hope all societies will make application early for the 1958 A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards.—Drew Mulcahy, Chairman.

Prevention of Decay and Shriveling in Dahlia Roots During Winter Storage

By ARTHUR W. MASON

Chairman A. D. S. Research Committee

The storage of Dahlia roots has been a serious problem ever since they were introduced into our gardens. Heavy losses are often times experienced by even the most expert growers. Decays effecting roots are caused by the loss of moisture, often amounting to as much as 60%. This loss of moisture causes shriveling and drying out of the roots to such an extent that often the power of the root to reproduce itself is destroyed. This loss of moisture is generally associated with low humidity and high temperatures.

Hit and Miss Control Methods

Many control methods have been advocated and used by growers to prevent losses by decay and shriveling. Careful search reveals the fact that few of these preventive methods had any adequate controls. When the experiment was repeated with controls properly set up, it was generally found that the method advocated was only as good, or at best, a little better than the controls. Correspondence and interviews with many growers reveals that the users of these methods, if they still grew dahlias, had long since abandoned most of them. Further inquiry reveals the fact that with some growers there came a time when their root losses were so high that they became discouraged and turned to growing gladiolus, or some other flowers. The experiments which we will describe up to creation of the formula for the prevention of Dahlia root decay, were first started during the 1948-49 season. The experiments to prevent shrivelling were started during the 1950-51 season.

Types of Bacterium

The following are the most common bacterial micro-organisms that attack dahlia roots: *Erwine Atroseptica*; *Bacillus Polymyxa*; *Bacterial Subtilis* and *Pseudomonas Solana Cearum*. All of these appear as soft, watery, light brown to black spots, generally showing a sharp line of demarcation between sound and decayed tissue. A foul odor sometimes develops after infected tissues collapse. More than one of these micro-organisms are often found on the same root. Infection generally occurs in the field. Rot on the stem of dahlia after frost is generally caused by a bacterial micro-organism.

Types of Fungus

The Fungus micro-organisms attacking dahlia roots are: *Fusarium Moniliforme* and *Fungus Verticullium*. These are semi-soft to dry rots and enter the root through cuts and skin breaks. Then there is a fungus called *Botyris Alli*, or gray mold rot, which because of its appearance, is often taken for mildew. In its advanced stages, the color of this fungus is often jet black. Another is *Sclerotium Rolfsil*. This is an uncommon rot

but once dahlia roots are infected, it spreads very fast. With this type, roots are covered with film of white mycelium. The flesh of the root becomes water soaked and has a tan discoloration.

Usual Prevention Methods

Most of the chemicals in common use to prevent root rot of dahlias such as sulphur, lime sulphur slack lime, bordeaux mixture and other common chemicals are a better drying agent than they are a fungicide. As a drying agent they can help prevent micro-organisms from attacking moist live tissue, but as a destroyer of micro-organisms on live tissue, they are of questionable value.

Many Preventives Tested

To be fully effective, treatment of roots must be both a disinfectant and a protectant; a disinfectant to kill the micro-organism in the primary infection, and a protectant to prevent secondary infection. This, the chemicals in general use do not do. Between 1948 and 1956, the following chemicals were used to try to prevent dahlia root rots: copper sulphate, yellow oxide of mercury, mercuric chloride, formaldehyde, cuprocide, copper carbonate, bordeaux mixture, lime sulphur, Dow-9-B, Semasan, Fermate, Diathane, Phygen, Zerlate, Capatan, Mersolite, and oxyquinoline benzoate. These chemicals were used separately or together with one or more of the other ones. They were used at the strength recommended by the manufacturer or some research center.

Two Chemicals Prove Effective

Many of these chemicals were effective in the prevention of dahlia root rot, but it was the combination of Mersolite, Oxyquinoline Benzoate and sulphur that best answered the following qualifications:

1. The mixture would actually destroy micro-organisms and prevent decay of dahlia roots.
2. The chemicals would not injure the propagation properties of the root.
3. The roots would not be injured by over-doses of the mixture.
4. The chemicals must be reasonable in price and easily obtained.
5. The mixture would be equally good in the control of both primary and secondary infections.
6. The mixture must have a low toxicity toward man.

It was found necessary, also to add an adhesive to the mixture to help the mixture adhere to the cut portions of the root. Casco dry glue was found to be the best adherent agent.

Here is the Effective Control

The following is the complete formula:

- 10 pounds commercial talc.
- 3 pounds of agricultural sulphur.
- 8 ounces powdered Casco casein glue.
- 2 ounces Mersolite (phenyl mercury acetate).
- 2 ounces oxyquinoline benzoate.

Mix well and store in a dry place, but it does not need to be stored in air tight containers. Apply sparingly to all cut or skinned portions of the root. If rot is present, cut same completely out, because the chemicals in this formula have little or no penetrative powers. The mixture will best adhere to the root if the cut portions are slightly damp. If a complete clump is to be stored, and decay at the crown should be cut away, the stem partly split, and the fissure filled with the mixture.

The quantities in the above formula are enough to treat up to 12,000 divisions at a total cost of about \$2.50.

Vermiculite was found to be the most satisfactory medium in which to store the roots. To each bushel of Vermiculite there was added 8 ounces of the mixture; this helped to prevent secondary infection.

The Use of Plastic Bags

During the last few years dahlia roots have been stored in polyethene bags. Losses have ranged from practically nothing to 100%. If losses occurred, they could all be traced to improper storage practices.

Dahlia roots properly treated with above mixture can safely be stored in polyethene bags if the following procedure is followed. After the roots are treated with the mixture, they should be thoroughly dried at temperatures ranging from 70 to as high as 90 degrees F. with a relative humidity of 20 to 50%. Medium to large roots should be left for 24 to 36 hours, and small ones for not more than 24 hours. It is very important that they be thoroughly dry. During this drying out process, the roots will lose approximately 4% of their moisture content. The loss of this moisture does not seem to effect their turgidity to any marked extent.

Size of Bags Important

Be sure and use the proper size bag for the number of tubers. An oversized bag requires too much vermiculite. The roots should, however, not be too crowded in the bags. Generally, it is best not to fill the bag more than half full with roots.

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PREVENTION OF DECAY—(Contd.)

Medium weight bags should be used of sizes ranging in size from 5x8 inches to 18x22 inches.

Place the roots in the empty bag and completely cover them with vermiculite; shake down the vermiculite until it is settled closely around and over the roots. Roll down the tops of the bag tightly around the belly of the bags. Be sure there are no air spaces in the closed bags. Secure the bag with from one to three rubber bands around the neck of the bag. If air spaces are left in the bags, condensation of moisture may occur, which makes the organisms. Most of the decay which has heretofore occurred, was in the bags that had air pockets. Both bagged roots and controls were stored in the same room, where the temperature ranged from 36 to 70 degrees F. and the relative humidity ranged from 25 to 50%. Bagged roots kept as well at the higher temperatures as the low ones. But in the controls, most of the losses from rot and shrivelling occurred at the higher temperatures.

When roots were bagged about November, it was found that by March 1st, the bagged tubers had lost about 4% in weight. Of this loss, approximately 3½% of the moisture was absorbed by the vermiculite. This loss can be offset by adding water to the vermiculite. But a word of warning: do not moisten the vermiculite until about 15 days before you plan to remove the roots from the bags in the spring, add a teaspoon of water to quart of bag space. When the roots start to develop feeder roots in the bags, they will absorb some of the added moisture. However, most roots will not develop feeder roots unless the moisture content of the vermiculite is 3% or more.

Results of Testing Program

Bagged Tubers		Controls	
Loss from rot	2.10%	Loss from rot	14%
Loss from drying out	None	Loss from drying out	6%
Loss from injury to roots	1%	Loss from injury to roots	5%

The average total loss of moisture in bagged tubers was 3%, while the average loss of moisture in the controls was 22% with some varieties showing losses as high as 56%.

The weight of the sprouts in the bagged tubers was approximately one half the weight of the sprouts in the controls, though about 15% more divisions in the

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Annual Meeting-Banquet

Please note the date, Sat. Jan. 18, the Annual A.D.S. Meeting and Banquet at the Park Sheraton Hotel 56th St. & 7th Ave.

The annual meeting and dinner will be again at the Park Sheraton, on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1958. The annual meeting will be called to order at 2.30 p. m. by Pres. Bruce Preas and all other officers will be installed, for the coming year. Reports will be given by Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen and the regular order of old and new business will be discussed.

The Banquet will be served in the Tower Room starting at 7p.m. In order to get this in the Bulletin no "principal" speaker has been chosen up to this time but we will have an interesting program at the Banquet. Perhaps you might have some good Kodachromes of some of the 1958 Introductions, if so, bring them along for Lynn Dudley and Henry Olsen will be pleased to show them.

Dewey Mohr will continue as Chairman of this affair and suggests reservations be made early. Tentative reservations with the hotel to take care of out of town guests, who care to spend the weekend in New York have been made. Those interested should make room reservations with Mr. Robert Weatherston, Director of Sales, Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, 19, N. Y., mentioning American Dahlia Society meeting.

As the Hotel had to increase its union contract, they have found it necessary to increase the price of the dinner, therefore the price of the banquet tickets will be \$7.50 per person, including tax and gratuities. A special get together room has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights for those out of town guests who care to have a bull session on those nights.

The way things are in the dahlia business these days, you've got to be crazy or you'll go nuts.

bagged roots showed sprouts than in the controls.

We hope that the above tests and their conclusions will be of help to dahlia growers everywhere. If they can help to prevent the losses from crown and root rot which many growers have experienced for years, then we will feel amply repaid for our efforts.

Holland National Champions for 1957

1. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST KEEPING VARIETY AS A CUT-FLOWER, BLOOMS OVER SIX INCHES.

BRUMAS (Bruidegom)

Competitors: *Soest Vooruit* (Bruidegom), *Nonpareil* (Bruidegom), *Beauty of Baarn* (Bruidegom), *Sunmaid* (Maarse), *Mascarade* (Ludwig), *Chinese Lantern* (Maarse), *Popular Guest* (Bruidegom), *Up-to-date* (Maarse), *Rodeo* (Bruidegom), *Delicious* (Topsvoort), *Guiding Star* (Maarse), *City Lights* (Maarse), *Lucky Strike* (Ludwig), *Belmonte* (Ludwig), *Perfectos* (Bruidegom), *Schiller* (van Oosten), *Bestseller* (Bruidegom), *Rubato* (Topsvoort), *Saffire* (van Oosten), *Far West* (Bruidegom), *Grand Style* (Bruidegom) and *Jan Teulings* (Topsvoort).

2. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST KEEPING VARIETY AS A CUT-FLOWER, BLOOMS UNDER SIX INCHES.

FRANK SOETEN (Bruidegom)

Competitors: *Magenta Queen* (van Oosten), *Pinnacle* (Maarse), *Nocturne* (van Oosten), *Seedling 1442* (Bruidegom), *Seedling 28-3* (Maarse), *Henny Berkel* (Topsvoort), *Bonpapa* (Ludwig), *Quizmaster* (Weijers), *Beauty of Holland* (Kops), *Polar Bear* (Bakker), *Seedling 21-1* (Maarse), *La Pair* (van Oosten).

3. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST KEEPING VARIETY AS A CUT-FLOWER, POMPON ANY SIZE.

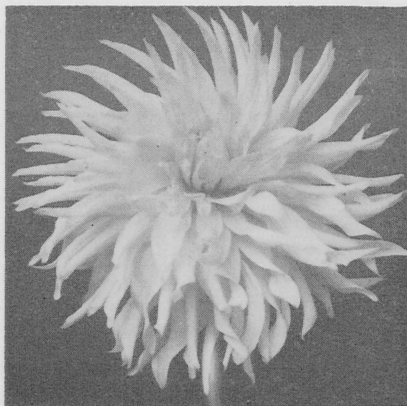
ORCHID GEM (Ludwig)

Competitors: *Medallion* (Geerlings), *Rondeur* (Ludwig), *Daphne* (Bruidegom), *Clarity* (Bruidegom), *Tenderness* (Bruidegom), *Breathless* (Bruidegom), *Nanno* (Ludwig).

4. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DUTCH NOVELTY 1957, OVER SIX INCHES.

HOEK'S WHITE (Hoek)

Competitors: *Fireworks* (Bruidegom), *Showpiece* (Bruidegom), *Soest Vooruit* (Bruidegom), *Rodeo* (Bruidegom), *Bestseller* (Bruidegom), *Belle of the Ball* (Bruidegom), *City Lights* (Maarse), *Peace* (Maarse), *Chinese Lantern* (Maarse), *Cleopatra* (Maarse), *Guiding Star* (Maarse),



HOEK'S WHITE, B-St. C., White

Winner Holland Challenge Cup for best Dutch Novelty, 1957, over 6 inches, white. (Hoek)
(Photo, courtesy J. G. Ballego)

Perfectos (Bruidegom), *Vogue* (Maarse), *Arubanita* (Ballego), *Delicious* (Topsvoort), *Capriool* (Topsvoort), *Jan Teulings* (Topsvoort), *Eclipse* (Hoek), and *Ami Pardieu* (Ballego).

5. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DUTCH NOVELTY 1957, BETWEEN 4 AND 6 INCHES.

PINNACLE (Maarse).

Competitors: *Tamara* (Hoek), *Magenta Queen* (van Oosten), *Esmeralda* (Maarse).

6. CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST DUTCH NOVELTY, UNDER FOUR INCHES.

FRANK SOETEN (Bruidegom).

No competitors.

7. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DUTCH NOVELTY 1957 POMPON, ANY SIZE.

BASEBALL (Ludwig)

Competitor: *Orchid Gem* (Ludwig).

8. CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST 1957 NOVELTY OF FOREIGN ORIGIN.

FIRST LADY (Comstock, U.S.A.)

Competitors: *Wagschall's Goldkrone* (Wagschal, Germany); *Heimatland* (Bergerhof, Germany).

The trouble a dahlia grower has when he reaches middle age, is to decide which there's the most of . . . age or middle.

The A-Size Question is Still Alive

Tony De Rooy Agrees With Maytrott About Sizes

Enroute on the Western Star,
Sept. 3rd, 1957

Lynn B. Dudley, Editor A. D. S. Bulletin:

I've never been much good writing on a moving train, but since about one third of my time is spent that way, I can gain some time, by writing now instead of waiting until I get back to my office.

I have just finished reading in the August Bulletin Warren Maytrott's article on future Dahlia Classifications. I want to say that I am 100% behind his suggestions. I was also very glad to note that the A.D.S. is giving full recognition to the B B—4 to 6 inch size. I firmly think that this will be a very good thing for the dahlia and for those who show them.

Also, I am in full accord with Mr. Maytrott's proposal to increase B size limits to a 9 inch maximum, because there are a great many recent introductions which are, at present, classed as A size but which get into this size bracket by only a small margin. Many Cactus varieties especially, come only up to about 8½ inches in diameter. In fact, very few A size Cactus in today's crop grow much over the present A size minimum limits, (8 inches.)

Mr. Maytrott also said that we should nationalize our Dahlia Classifications and permit all A.D.S. Branch and Affiliated Societies to participate in compiling this yearly Classification of Dahlias. I might suggest, that for the sake of reducing the work that such a plan would entail, perhaps it would be easier to ask each Dahlia Conference to participate in compiling the annual classification, rather than the 50 odd societies. This would reduce the correspondence and the resulting paper work by about one fifth or even more and it would also eliminate certain varieties which are perhaps grown only in one or two societies' locality. I cannot say if this is the case all over the nation, but it seems that in our region we grow and show a great number of standard varieties which have been deleted from the list or have not yet been listed in the Official Classification. This includes a great many of the better foreign introductions which get widespread distribution in the U. S.

each year, as well as some of the U. S. originations which are getting rather old, but are still grown by many of our exhibitors.

One more suggestion and this is my own idea. I would like to see all the Formal Decoratives and Informal Decoratives under one heading of Decoratives. It is my opinion that the difference between them is so slight, that it takes an expert to tell them apart. I do not feel that there is enough difference between the two types to merit separating them. I think England and Australia have the correct idea in calling them all Decoratives.

No doubt Mr. Maytrott's article will bring in many other remarks, pro and con. I hope that this comment of mine will help to keep the ball rolling towards a better and more truly National Classification List. I certainly enjoy the Bulletin, Lynn. You are doing a remarkable job. Sincerely, Tony De Rooy, P. O. Box 443, Monroe, Washington.

Editor's Note: Everything you said, Tony, was excellent and showed a lot of thought, except for your last suggestion. It is our opinion that to return to one classification for all Decoratives is to return to the dark ages of dahlia classifications. You can't tell the difference between Formal and Informal? Please, on your next train trip, take along these two definitions from the A.D.S. Official Classifications: Formal Decorative Dahlias: Fully double flowers, with the margins of the floral rays slightly or, not at all revolute, the rays generally broad, either pointed or rounded at tips, with outer rays tending to recurve and the central rays tending to be cupped; and the majority of all floral rays in a regular arrangement. Examples, *Five Star General*, *Class*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Jersey Beauty*.

Informal Decorative Dahlias: Fully double flowers, with margins of the majority of the floral rays slightly or not all revolute. The rays generally long, twisted or pointed and usually irregular in arrangement. Examples, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Jane Cowel*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Mary Elizabeth*.

Study these—learn them by heart—apply them to the many fine examples of each type on the show tables, and then say, if you dare, that the cause of better dahlias would be better served by going back to the old combined class.

Quality or Quantity?

As a comparative newcomer to the ranks of exhibitors, I may be considered nervy. However, it is the greenhorn that listens to the comments in hopes of learning, while the old-timers often become victims of habit and custom.

Why is a quality bloom of 8 inches beaten by an inferior bloom of 10 inches? There's only one answer—size. Again, why is a quality bloom of 8 inches beaten by an inferior bloom 5 inches? Again, the same answer—size.

In the A class, we seem to have been striving more for size than quality. The 12 inch dahlia becomes an easy winner with most judges regardless of its softness, loss of symmetry, position of bloom, color, foliage and general condition because it is big. This, of course, is due to the 50 points considered for size with the remaining 50 points covering all the important points which actually make up a pleasing dahlia.

The reverse conditions are applied to the B Dahlia, with a BB size usually a winner over a larger, better 8 inch bloom because it approaches too closely an A dahlia.

Judges seem to feel to-day, that the 50 points for size are too great a percentage of the total score and this should be reduced, so we can give a quality bloom an even chance regardless of size as long as it is truly in the class that is being judged. Tolerances should be abolished.

The recent article by Warren Maytrott seems to have merit. Many have agreed with his thinking. His recommendations are an A class of 9 inches or over, a B class from 6 to 9 inches, and a BB class from 4 to 6 inches with other classes as they now exist. My only suggestion is to change the name of BB to Class C. I believe that it would remove some confusion and make this class more distinct. Also the recommendation would remove some of the judging difficulties now existing of dahlia varying too greatly in size to be competing against each other.

With less importance placed in size of A's, and more importance placed on quality with size, we would gain more dahlia enthusiasts and supporters and properly reward the grower who produces quality blooms.

There is one other suggestion which is being discussed and has considerable merit. All show schedules should have the same numbers for all dahlia classes. Special

and extra classes could be lettered to avoid confusion. In this way preparation of entry cards, placing of exhibits on the tables and time involved would be reduced and efficiency increased.—Dr. L. E. Jordan, 368 So. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Against 9-Inch Minimum A-Size

To—Lynn B. Dudley, Editor A.D.S. Bulletin:

Referring to the article on Page 11, August Bulletin, "Some Suggestions for future Dahlia Classifications", I wish to comment as follows: I cannot agree with Warren Maytrott in his suggested change in the size limitations of B and A size dahlias. Such a change will favor the large growers and the owners of large estates, but will be hard on small growers. I think it would tend to reduce the number of small space gardeners exhibiting in the shows.

Any dahlias which fulfill the minimum diameter size requirement Class A and B should have the same chance of getting the highest awards and the largest dahlias should not have preference.

Having 10 or 12 inch dahlias for the right date of the show is a function of the number of plants of the same variety that the gardener grows, and not the ability of the grower. Gabriel d'Eustachio, 175 Water St., Perth Amboy, N. J. — dated Sept. 23, 1957.

Editor's Note: Under the A.D.S. Official size classification for dahlias, since the B B size has been adopted, The size categories are: "M"—Small, up to 4"; "BB"—Small Medium, 4" to 6"; "B"—Medium, —6" to 8"; and "A"—Large, 8" and over. A number of dahlia growers have recently advocated splitting the "A" Large size into two sizes, 8 inches to 11 inches, and over 11 inches, calling them "A" and "AA". Indeed, one western firm so classifies the A sizes in their catalogue. I believe that Mr. Maytrott's suggestion to spread the B sizes to 6" to 9" and make all the A size 9" and above to avoid the confusion which splitting the A's would most certainly cause. Another reason for his suggestion was to make it possible to take the many cactus types which grow quite naturally about 8" to 8½" out of competition with the big 12" varieties. You see, the score card for judging Large size dahlias puts 50% of score on "Size", and 50% on quality of bloom. Therefore, size is a big factor in judging an 8½" *Ami Louis Blin* against a mammoth 13" *Mary Elizabeth*.

Should We Reduce This Debt?

Did it ever occur to you that we, the dahlia societies of this country, owe a debt to the commercial growers? Like our national debt it has been mounting for years, but unlike most debts, no figures are available as to its size; no demands are ever made for payment. Indeed, some of us are unaware the debt exists! It does though, a substantial one.

Just how did we incur this indebtedness? In many ways. When societies were forming, the commercial growers were often called upon to help in the organizing and continuously thereafter have given of their time and energies to our organizations. Soon he was asked to contribute a suitable cup as a show prize. Root and plant auctions were inaugurated and frequently became one of the mainstays of our treasuries. Naturally, the greater the assist to the treasury, the greater the reduction in the potential market of the commercials. The commercial grower met this with silence, a silence so deep we were emboldened to go a step further. He was asked to donate plants and roots for these sales. Just to round it out, sometimes we even got packets of seeds, too. To assure our solicitations would be honored, on occasion we resorted to the simple expedient of having a member who happened to be a good customer do the begging. Somehow, it never occurred to us that a gift of roots, of say \$10.00 value, roughly represented the net profit on a \$100.00 sale. Nor did it occur to us that other societies were importuning him with similar requests. He never complained, so why should we have given it any thought?

The commercial grower is in a position to solicit new members for the societies. Occasionally he does this, knowing full well his usual \$25.00 purchase from the customer will be cut down by the society sales and trading among the members.

Then he has the requests for ads—the larger the better—from our publications. Deeming this somewhat in the nature of an obligation, usually the commercial grower has faithfully obliged, even though sometimes a little dubious about getting returns commensurate with his outlay. And what better prospect do we have than the commercial grower for an ad in our show schedule?

Then comes the show. Of course he will want to support this effort financially, with a display or in any way he is requested to do so. His display, laboriously set up, unquestionably adds something to our show. This is one place where in

recent years we have reduced our indebtedness, for prior to this a substantial charge always was made for space. Incidentally, have you ever observed a congestion of traffic at his booth brought about by a waiting line of those placing orders?

A show must have judges and who is better qualified than the commercial grower? So we pressure him to travel 250 or maybe 500 miles to attend our show. It will take the profits of thirty or forty fair-size orders to cover his expenses visiting a few of the shows around the country. "Well that's his problem", we say.

True, there are some entries on the credit side of the ledger against this debt. They are the purchases of our members from the never-complaining, always-willing-to-lend-a-hand commercials. Bearing in mind the profits in this business are modest and that it is only the profit that counts, just sit down and figure out what you think the ledger balance is.

How has all this come about? It could be our society thinking. Our habit of thinking, we might say. In our founding days, like children, we needed the financial support—or thought we did—the commercial grower willingly gave us. Today we have come of age capable of standing on our own feet. Possibly some of us have failed to recognize this for we are still asking the commercial grower to take us by the hand. In pursuing this rather inexpensive hobby, we have conditioned our minds into believing our societies should be quasi self-supporting. "We must have our auctions", we say, "let the chips fall where they may. Why, we've always had them." In most cases our annual dues are insufficient. In an era when living standards were never higher, we try to ignore this as far as possible in the conduct of our societies.

We, as associates, have a decision to make. Shall we take steps to reduce our obligation to the commercial grower? Or shall we just let things drift along as they are?

An Amateur Who Got Religion.

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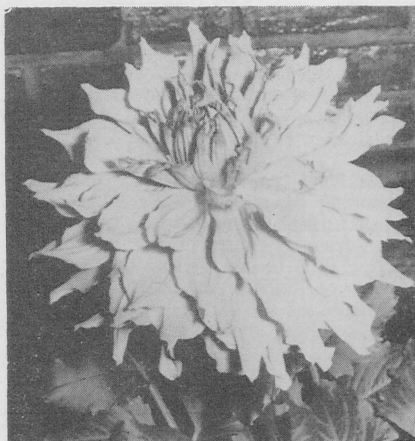
"And remember, my friends, the speaker told the dahlia society audience, there will be buying and selling of dahlia roots in heaven." "That, mumbled a commercial man in the back of the room, "is not where our business has gone."

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Offers Many Fine Handbooks

We are in receipt of two fine horticulture Handbooks, recently published by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. One, #24 in their series, is entitled, "Mulches" (Spring 1957). It lists the best kinds of mulches to use in the various regions, when to apply same, and includes a list of the new materials now being used for this garden aid. It has 84 pages and is profusely illustrated. Price is \$1.00, postpaid. Address Brooklyn Botanical Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

The other Handbook is #24, is entitled, "Propagation," (Summer, 1957). It lists all the best known methods now in use for increasing plants by cuttings, seeds, grafting and layering. It has 84 pages and is profusely illustrated. Price is \$1.00, postpaid. Same address as above.

Other Handbooks which might be of interest to our readers and are available also, are: #7, "Fruits for the Home Garden," 75cts.; #11, "Gardeners Handbook," 75cts.; #12, "American Gardens," 75cts.; #14, "Vines and Ground Covers," \$1.00; #15, "Garden Structures," \$1.00; #17, "Plant Pests and Diseases and their Control," \$1.00; #19, "Flower Arrangement," \$1.00; #20, "Soils," \$1.00. A binder for these publications is also offered for \$1.00. All of these Handbooks are written and compiled by experts in their various categories of horticulture. They would each cost several times the price asked by the Botanic Garden, if they were privately published.



From Out of the Past Comes "Kemp's Memorial"

J. A. (Daddy) Kemp, who died three years ago, introduced many fine dahlias, including *Freckles*, *Kemp's — Grand Champion*, *Purple Triumph*, *Radiant Beauty*, *Violet Wonder* and *Yellow Supreme*. Only two of these are now listed, *Purple Triumph*, and *Golden Jupiter*.

Before he died, "Daddy K" he gave what he considered to be "the best seedling I ever originated" to his lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda, of Ridgely Park, N. J., of this variety with the request that "they grow it in his memory." So, it will be called, *Kemp's Memorial*.

The Swobodas, who have grown and shown most of the introductions of Mr. Kemp, grew this on for three years, without ever propagating it. The root stock has now increased to a point that they believe that the public should be able to purchase it. Not being commercial minded, they asked Albert Parrella to introduce it in 1957-58.

Its name, *Kemp's Memorial* is a tribute to this pioneer A.D.S. Dahlia Grower. It is a blended autumn, with soft bluish undertones, size, normally grown, 12 by 7 inches, but can be pushed up to much larger with care. Bush 5 to 6 feet. The Swobodas say, "there is nothing like this huge dahlia on the market." It should be planted early for early blooms.

A dahlia grower's neck is something which if he don't stick it out he won't get in trouble up to.



A.D.S. President, Dr. Bruce Preas, at Mid-West Show at St. Louis, 1957. Photo courtesy Rex Pierce. The bloom was Largest and Best in show, **Preas Pride**.

A Voice From the Great Beyond

Curtis Redfern, originator of many fine dahlias, passed away in August, 1957, at the Masonic Home, at Decota, Calif., aged 78 years.

A letter from Charles M. Kurtz, corresponding Secretary of the Dahlia Society of California, so advised us on Sept. 16th. Among other things, Mr. Kurtz wrote, "At a recent meeting of the Dahlia Society of California, an announcement was made of the passing of one of our most honored and respected members, Curtis Redfern. In discussing this great dahlia enthusiast, we could not help but marvel at the close similarity of the lives and closing years of Daddy Kemp and Curtis Redfern.

Altho they lived at opposite ends of our country, their careers followed a close pattern. Both were avowed dahlia enthusiasts all their lives; both introduced many outstanding dahlia varieties; both were enthusiastic and hard working members of their respective dahlia societies. We, out here on the West Coast, were shocked some six years ago to hear that Curtis Redfern had suffered a severe stroke. Although this affliction handicapped his vigorous schedule, he lost none of love and enthusiasm for the dahlia and he carried on as much as his physical condition would permit. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. Recently he was admitted to the Masonic Home at Decota, Calif. We understand that like him, Daddy Kemp was admitted to a Masonic Home also a short time before his death. Curtis was an Honorary member of the Dahlia Society of California, of which he had been president for eight years and I understand he was also a Vice President of the A.D.S. for many years. He was 78 years old at his death."

Curtis Redfern's Last Letter To the A. D. S.

Masonic Home, Decota, Calif., June 18, 1957

To Henry Olsen, Treas. of the A.D.S.
Dear Mr. Olsen: My health has not been all I could desire, so I recently applied for admission to this Home. I moved here June 18th last.

I will send you a check later for \$4.00 to pay for a year's dues in the A.D.S. for my friend, R. Chevalier, of Marcouse, France. Will probably have to let my own membership in the society lapse, much as I hate to do so, but I will have a very limited income from now on.

I am an Honorary Member of the Dahlia Society of California of which I was president for eight years. This is tantamount to a life membership, which I appreciate very much. I first met some of the members of the A.D.S. in July, 1925, during the lifetime of Derrill Hart. I had sent the first dahlias from San Francisco ever exhibited in the A.D.S. New York show. I sent them by Railway Express, as there were no airplanes or Air Express in those days.

It took 36 hours to get them to New York and the late Mrs. Charles Stout had her chauffeur meet the train and convey them to the show. The box was opened by Miss Helen Hayes at the show and they were put on display. The A.D.S. bestowed its Silver Medal on me for this "First Exhibit" of California dahlias in New York. Also the A.D.S. made me Honorary Vice President for three years, possibly because I was president of the Dahlia Society of California at the time, as well as for my efforts in making this "coast to coast" exhibit.

Now, I can only think of those wonderful times and the many fine dahlia friends which I made, because I became paralyzed on August 15th, 1945 and am still in that condition, altho 12 years older. Last year, I had an attack of pneumonia, which nearly finished me. In 1947, altho partly paralyzed, I returned to the beautiful Mission City of Santa Barbara and established a small dahlia garden. I remained there until 1953 when I became ill and moved to Daly City. There I lived with my daughter Caroline Redfern Shutt until last week, (June 12th) when I moved here to the Home.

I certainly enjoyed meeting the many fine people in those years which now seem so long ago. I remember so well such wonderful dahlia folks in the East, including, J. A. Kemp, Charles Reed, Mrs. Frieda Fischer, Derrill W. Hart, Leonard Barron, Dr. Marshall A. Howe, George Fraser, Tom Leavitt and Mrs. Charles Stout. The latter's book, "The Amateur's Book of the Dahlia" became a best seller among the amateur dahlia growers from coast to coast and was soon out of print. A copy of it is now in the library of the Dahlia Society of California, a gift from myself.

Gardeners here at the Masonic Home are planting many dahlias, including those which I originated in the past as well as

a collection of the latest varieties originated in the U. S. as well some from Ballego & Sons from Holland and from my friend, R. Chevalier from France.

These dahlias will begin blooming around August 1st and the blooms will be used for decorating the dining rooms and spacious lobbies of the Home. I expect that the members of the D. Society Of Calif. will visit me and view the gardens this summer. Probably the members of my own Masonic Lodge, of which I was master, will also visit me and attend the small Masonic Temple located on the grounds of this big 252 acre plot in October.

Should any of the members of the A.D.S. visit this part of California, this fall, I invite them to come to Decota. It is near Hayward on San Francisco Blvd. I would be glad to meet with them and talk dahlias.

With all good wishes to the A.D.S. membership, I am closing with the old Spanish farewell, "Vaya con Dios,"—(Go with God) Sincerely, Yours,

Curtis Redfern

Editors Note: This last message from one of the dahlia greats, is almost a mes-

sage from The Great Beyond to members of the A.D.S. and dahlia growers every where. Curtis Redfern in this letter, not only showed his intense love of the dahlia, but also his high regard for those many dahlia people with whom he came in contact during his nearly four score years. He was born 78 years ago in Santa Anita, which is only a mile from the San Gabriel Fransiscan Mission, which he often visited in his youth, and learned to love.

The high point of the commercial career of Curtis Redfern was in the period around 1925 to 1930. The best known of his many dahlia introductions were: *Bagdad*, *Barbara Redfern*, *Jennie Lind* and *Burgundy*. Among his contemporary commercial growers of that period, besides Kemp, Reed, Fischer and Fraser, which he mentioned were: Bessie Boston, Alice Muserderffer, J. D. Peacock, Carl Salbach, Wm. Waite, Jesse Seal, Wm. Neunveller and Warren W. Maytrott. Incidentally, Maytrott's "Dahliadel" is the only firm of them all still doing business. We believe that of all of those mentioned, W. W. Maytrott, George Fraser, Tom Leavitt and Frieda Fisher are the only ones living today.

TWO WINNERS FOR 1957

RANDY PRINCE — "A" I. D. Primrose yellow, seedling Ginger Rogers, originator, Frank Miller. A free bloomer, bush 6 ft., flowers on side. Won A.D.S. Certificate Farmingdale, 1957.

Roots, \$10.00 net. Plants, 3 for \$10.00 net.

TERRY C. — "M" Straight Cac. True pink, lighter at center, profuse, long keeping, bush 5 ft. A little honey.

Roots, \$5.00 net. Plants, 3 for \$5.00.

Forest Dahlia Gardens

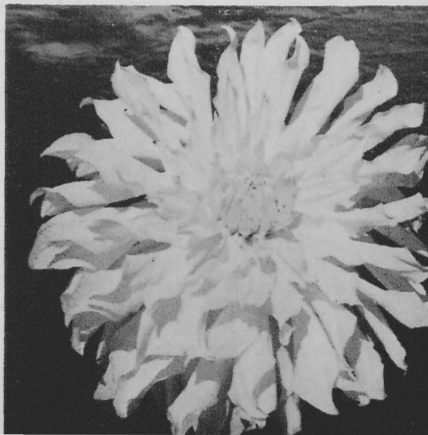
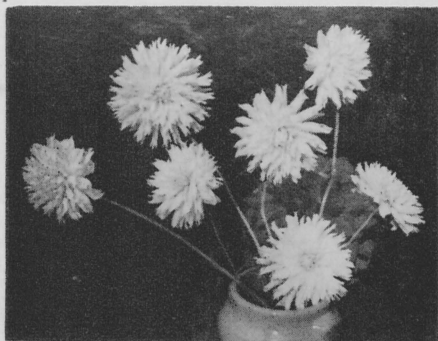
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24 Forest Ave.,

Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.

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RANDY PRINCE



IN MEMORIAM

Henry F. Cory — Died May 24

Henry F. Cory, aged 79 years, died at his home in North Linthicum Heights, Baltimore, on May 24th last. He was born in England in 1878 and came to America in 1906 to take a job of bricklayer on construction work, due to the big Baltimore fire of that year. When he arrived here he formed his own company, which prospered right from the beginning.

In 1901, before coming here, he married Miss Elizabeth Rees, who, with their daughter, Constance W. Cory, survives him. Just when Henry began to grow dahlias, we do not know, but we are sure of one thing, he loved them and for years grew many varieties and exhibited them. He also experimented with seedlings and introduced several, one of which was *Virginia Shipley* in the late 1930's.

Henry was a most loyal member of the Baltimore Dahlia Society for many years, and also a Vice-President of the A.D.S. He was almost alone responsible for the establishment of the A.D.S. Trial Garden at the University of Maryland. He provided the stakes for this garden and did much to assist the local societies and the University to have a good testing garden. He was a generous contributor to the A.D.S. and other societies. We will all miss Henry very much and our sympathy goes to Mrs. Cory and Miss Constance. This notice was planned to go in the May issue but became misplaced.

Curtis A. Goodwin

Curtis A. Goodwin of Philadelphia, secretary of the Greater Dahlia Society and an indefatigable worker in the interest of dahlias and dahlia people, passed away September 5th last.

Mr. Goodwin was a dynamic leader who inspired everyone to do a little more for the good of the dahlia. According to Stanley Johnson, one of his close friends, "No greater loss could have happened to this society."

His last service to the Greater Philadelphia Society was to plan the recent show, help to lay out the schedule and, unassisted, secured the awards and trophies which were awarded at the show. His death caused a somber cloud over the exhibition.

Betty Blossom Garden Writer and Botanist Dies

Betty Blossom, aged 48, editor and writer on horticulture died in New York September 22nd. She was the beloved wife of Jack Johnston, Horticulture editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, a long time dahlia grower, lecturer and writer.

Many of our members will remember her as the one for whom the Herman Rindfleisch dahlia, *Betty Blossom*, was named at the A.D.S. show by Phil Alampi, now Secretary of Agriculture of New Jersey, some five years ago.

Mrs. Johnston never grew dahlias, but she often did research work on them and published several articles on them in conjunction with her husband, Jack. She was a former Garden Editor of House and Garden magazine before her ill health forced her to resign that position. She was graduated in botany and horticulture from Smith College in 1930. The funeral and burial occurred in Wilmington, Del., Sept. 25th. We, in New York, express our deepest sympathy to Jack Johnston, in his bereavement.

Mrs. Frank Eyer

We are saddened to learn of the death on Sunday, September 22nd, of Mrs. Frank Eyer, wife of Frank Eyer of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Eyer is one of the most respected members of the Rochester Dahlia Society and of the A.D.S. He is a consistent winner at his home show, Elmira, and also at the New York Show. Mrs. Eyer has been his right hand and has assisted him in his many show winnings.

From Frederick C. McKelvey, Santa Monica, Calif., Have just finished reading the recent issue of the Bulletin, and I think that it is fine. As Editor, you have done a done a magnificent job. In the issue, however I was very sorry to learn that the Flower Grower is dropping the Honor Roll of new dahlias. In another article, I noted you were working on a History of the Dahlia. I think that's a grand idea and a needed thing, so please keep at it. And by all means have it published. Thanks, Mr. McKelvey.

Joint Classification Meeting

During the mid-West show at St. Louis, Mo., September 29th the Joint Classification Committee of the Central States Dahlia Society and the A.D.S. met for discussion of the list for 1958. Present for the A.D.S. were, J. Louis Roberts, Dr. H. C. Rike, President Bruce Preas and the writer, acting as Chairman. For the Central States, H. L. Cummings, Fred L. Trauth and President Bernard E. Wright, were present.

Among other matters discussed, it was agreed that the Small Medium Class known as the BB Class, dahlias measuring 4 to 6 inches in diameter would be included in the list of varieties. The BBs will be identified so that any society using the List, could include the Class in their show if they so desire. The judges at any show scheduling the Class may refer to the List. Although we do not claim that the list will be complete this first year it is included, at least we are making a start. We welcome suggestions as to future varieties which should be listed in this size category. We hope to have the 1958 Joint List in members hands before the end of 1957—Charles M. Diffenderffer, Chairman, 2204 N. Charles St., Baltimore 18, Md.

Dahlia Border in Bronx Park

After some fourteen years the Dahlia Border planted this year by the New York Botanical Garden is a wonderful display. It is a representative planting of some of the most popular dahlias originated in America and foreign lands.

There are over 200 hills and their culture, under the direction of L. P. Politi, Head Gardener and John King, Assistant Head Gardener, was excellent. Mrs. Hansell, Editor of the Garden Journal of the N. Y. Botanical was also instrumental in getting this dahlia garden to resume operations.

The blooming season was late due to delays in getting the plot ready. The hills were arranged with ample space between and most of the varieties were plainly labeled, so that the thousands of visitors, who view the garden may learn the names of those which they like best. The varieties grown are in all types from the small singles, collarettes, miniatures and pom pons up to the medium and large cactus, informal and formal decoratives. One of the most spectacular portions of the garden was a row of seven bicolors named

Town Topics, a B size, scarlet with white tips. These were about seven feet tall.

A partial list of the other varieties follows: *Tiara*, *House of Orange*, *Orange Princess*, *Rythm*, *Red and White*, *Pride of Holland*, *Terpo*, *Margaret Rose*, *Belle Dame*, *First Lady*, *Michigan White*, *Jane Lausche*, *Pink Giant*, *Jersey Beauty*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Ruth Alampi*, *Dueill du Roi Albert*, *Dora McCann*, *Five Star General*, *Allegresse*. Among the small varieties were: *Pom Pons*, *Lemon Gem*, *Betty Lou*, *Margaret Williams*, *Betty Malone*, *Honey*. Miniatures: *Little Rachel*, *Louise Ann*, *HI Jack*, *Tacita*, *Hestia*, *Lillianne Ballego*, *Mamie*, *Decoy*, *Cristine Valsecci* and others.

Anyone interested in dahlias should see this spectacular and colorful border, which is really a large crescent. We understand that it will be continued in the season of 1958, so if you do not get there before frost gets them, be sure and see it next year. If the late Dr. Marshall Howe, former Director of the Botanical Garden and the originator of the Dahlia Border there could have seen this year's border, he would have been proud of it.

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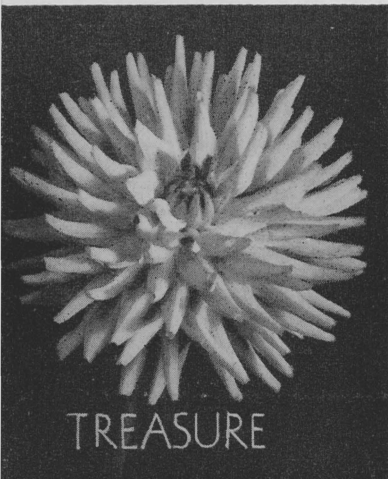
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IVA JEAN (Lundgren-Dahl), B IC, E, Bloom 7 x 4, Bush 4 ft. The most outstanding dahlia in the trial grounds and does well both East and West. We saw it in Calif. last season and Long Island this year, so are confident of its merits. Unusual for bi-color as all blooms are evenly and distinctly tipped white on soft cyclamen purple. Easily grows 7 to 8 inches. A good grower and fine for exhibiting. Won several American Home Achievement Medals, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and scored in 4 Trial Grounds. From present reports it looks as if it has the highest average score for Trial Ground winners and will win the Derrill Hart Memorial Medal for B dahlias. **Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$3.50**

TREASURE (Mason-Dahl), M SC, M, Bloom 3½ x 2, Bush 2½ ft. Really a little treasure in an even tone of Tyrian pink. Not just another pink, but really dainty and beautiful in full bloom all season and even liked our hot summer. Blooms have many petals and full centers to the end of the season. Wonderful for the garden and cutting and just right for exhibition. Scored 85 at the Ga. Trial Grounds. **Root, \$5.00; Plant \$2.00**



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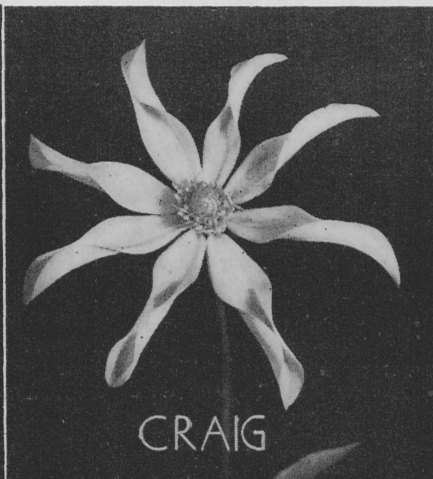
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CRISLENE (Crystal Dah.G-Dahl), B StC, M, Bloom 7 x 4, Bush 4½ ft. Lovely light blend of Venetian pink changing to light primrose yellow at center. Dainty and appealing all season. Fine form and clean pastel color that will easily win on the show table. Winner of many firsts besides scoring in 4 Trial Grounds this season.

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CRAIG (Dahliadel), Orchid., E, Bloom 5 inches, Bush 2½ ft. Lovely clear light primrose yellow. Nice bush and foliage even in a dry season. Scored 85 at Georgia Trials, 1957. Named in honor of our youngest grandson.

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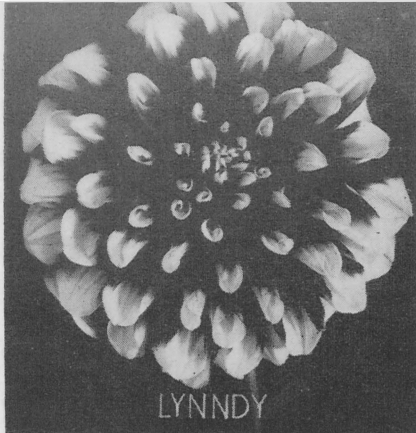
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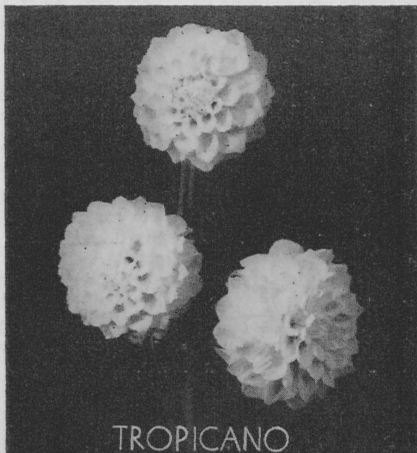
LYNN DY (Dahliadel), B FD, E, Bloom 8 x 5, Bush 3½ ft. Mr. Lynn Dudley has sponsored bi-color dahlias for many years which prompted this nickname. Those who like bi-colors will love this one. Rich ruby red distinctly and evenly tipped white. Blooms very deep and full with petals coming back to the stem. We are introducing this dahlia without any fanfare as it was our most striking bi-color to visitors this year especially as it is one of the first to bloom. Also we have never seen a solid color flower.

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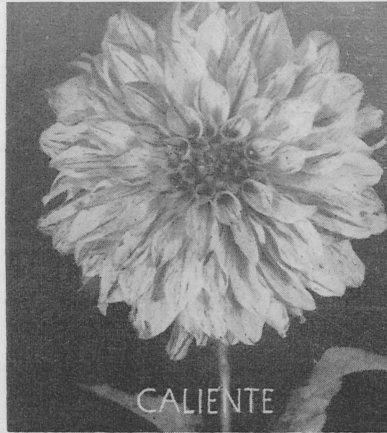
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A Thank You and Two Rules

We wish to thank all the Society Secretaries for their very excellent reports of their 1957 shows. There are 34 Society and Conference reports, herewith, more than we have ever published in one issue of this Bulletin before. The editor appreciates that it requires a lot of work and effort to make these reports and get them to us before the middle of October.

But every secretary realizes also that it is important to all the winners to have their triumphs printed in the Bulletin. And it is gratifying to the A.D.S. and the editor to have them appear. The net result is that the Bulletin becomes important reading matter to more dahlia growers, because the varieties which win are just as interesting as who won with them. Our deep thanks, therefore, Friend Secretaries. We wish we did not have to make the rules about these reports, which appear below.

We hope that Branch and Affiliated Society secretaries will understand the new ruling that *"no Society Reports will be accepted for publication in this Bulletin, beginning with the Feb. 1958 issue, unless typewritten."* For this issue, (Nov.) we received 63 pages of handwritten copy, which we could not turn over to the printer because it takes too much time of the linotype operator to decipher it and set into type. Therefore we had to typewrite all of it. We are no speed demon on this machine and it is not economically possible to hire a typist. We hope this will not cause undue hardship on the Society Secretaries, but your editor now spends one and one half months of working days and often far into the nights putting each issue into shape, entirely without recompense. He just cannot take on this extra job of recopying so many society reports.

Another thing. Society reports are becoming far too long. The American Dahlia Society and your editor are sincere in their desire to print all of the news and happenings of its nearly 50 Branch and Affiliated Societies. Yes, we are also glad to print the reports of other Dahlia Societies also. But the cost of printing has so advanced that we must limit reports, other than show reports, in the future as follows: Branch Societies will be entitled to 270 words, or 45 lines of 8 point type, measuring about 5 inches in the column, each issue. Affiliated Societies will be entitled to 180 words, or 30 lines of 8 point type, or about 3½ inches in one column, each issue. As in the past we will try to be fair and liberal in space. Show reports will be longer than the above limits, we expect, and you will observe that this is the case in this issue. Emerson said: "If I had had time, I would have written a shorter letter." So, please take more time and send concise, but factual reports, so the editor won't have to cut them down.

Some Things to Think About

From the reports from Dahlia Societies from coast to coast, the weather man has been most unkind to dahlia growers in 1957. In the mid-west and mid south they had too much rain at the beginning and some lost their first plantings.

In the east it has been the reverse. The Weather Bureau reports a shortage of over ten inches of rainfall, and that it has been the driest summer in 130 years from May through August. During May, June and July, and August the real growing season for dahlias, we had 7.44 inches, whereas the normal rainfall would be 15.79 inches. All shows without exception, in the east, reported less blooms on exhibition than in many years.

There will be, as previously announced, no Flower Honor Roll for 1957. This issue carries the reports of the A.D.S. Trial Garden Certificate winners and also the winners of the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards in the many Branch and Affiliated Society shows from coast to coast. These winners are the top new introductions from which our readers may select the new varieties with which they wish to win blue ribbons and trophies in 1958.

The list of Commercial Growers is growing smaller, it seems, each year. Some of the reasons for this were listed on pages 12 and 13 of the August Bulletin. If you did not read it please do so. Then lend your support to those that are left, most of whom are advertisers in this Bulletin. You may patronize them with confidence. You may be sure they will treat you right and guarantee your satisfaction. Please read their advertisements, send for their catalogues, and then send in an order for the varieties which appeal to you. And send early, before stocks are depleted. By so doing you please yourself, and you are helping the whole structure of the dahlia business, of which the Commercial man plays such an important part, under many discouragements of economic nature, today.

West Coast "Dahlia" Resumes

Three issues of this excellent monthly dahlia publication were missed, due to a combination of circumstances, described by its editor Dr. Julian Brandon, Jr., as unavoidable. His duplicating printing machine broke down and he had to get his social security established, so he

took a night job in an apple drying plant. He lost 26 pounds, 6 inches in waist line, feels 20 years younger, secured his social security status and resumed publication of the W. C. Dahlia with the Sept. issue. We are glad that Dr. Brandon will continue to issue this fine, straight-from-the-shoulder, as he sees it, dahlia publication. If you want to subscribe to it, send \$2.00 to Dr. Julian Brandon, Jr., 3437 Gravenstein Hwy., So., Sebastopol, Calif.

Paul F. Frese, former Editor of the Flower Grower and one of the staunch supporters of the Dahlia Honor Roll with that publication, has just been appointed Garden Editor of House Beautiful Magazine. He was also one of the founders and editor of the Popular Gardening. He has lectured extensively on horticulture subjects for many years. He is co-author of "Favorite Flowers in Color." We wish Mr. Frese success in this new undertaking.

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From the Editor's Mailbag

From Mrs. Charles Ayler, Corresponding Secretary of the Tacoma Dahlia Society: "We had 18 judges for the 511 classes, and the judging went very rapidly. In past years, we always took our judges to lunch at a restaurant before the judging.

But this year we called in a catering service, therefore the judges were seated almost as soon as they arrived in an ante room and served immediately, thereby saving much valuable time. Naturally, too, the judges were very pleased. Then, at four o'clock, a no-host dinner was served, followed by the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference meeting.

Editor's comment: You folks really appreciate the service rendered by the judges. By contrast, at one show where we judged, we went to work at 11 a. m. and kept going until 3:30 p. m. when we were driven about 30 miles to a restaurant lunch. Never again will we do this for any society.

The American Horticulture Council, of which the A.D.S. is an affiliate, announces a new color chart, called the Nickerson

Color Fan. It is available through the A.H.C.'s Secretary's Office, Address, Donald Wyman, Secretary, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, 30, Mass. It is said by the Secretary to be the answer to all the color problems of the horticulturist. It folds into a booklet 7½ inches long by 1¾ inches wide, which easily fits into a pocket or hand bag. It contains 262 colors of 40 hues. It is available at \$5.00. Included is a 12-page booklet explaining the use of the fan in detail. Trouble is, we just get used to one color chart and along comes another, described as the last word. We liked, and got used to the old Ridge-way Color Chart and its color names. Then it went out of print, and we adopted the Maytrott-British Hort. Color Chart and have become used to locating dahlia colors with it. Now we refuse to change again unless this new one is a lot simpler, more complete and has all the colors named in terms similar to previous charts.

A.D.S. from K. K. Williams, 8020 Censer St., Overland Park, Kansas. Last week at our Mid-America Dahlia Show, I won your A.D.S. Medal for the best bloom in Sec. A. with *Mary Elinzabeth*. I want you to know that I am very proud that I belong to your society. Really, I could not get along without the Bulletin.

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Dr. Julian Brandon, Jr., Editor of the West Coast Dahlia, wrote: I was seriously ill for three weeks and confined to my bed just at dahlia planting time, I did not know how I was going to get my garden started. Tuesday morning, real early, a car drove up and when I went out to see who the visitors were, there was Carl Lundvall, last year's president of San Leandro society and Dick Trotter (of owl manure fame). Both were all dressed down in their garden clothes. Before I knew what had happened, all my stakes were driven and all of my roots were in the ground. All of which adds up to, "there are some pretty fine people in the world, and quite a few of them are dahlia friends."

From Lavina C. Fugal, Pleasant Grove, Utah: Thank you so much for the copy of the A.D.S. Bulletin you sent me. I am interested in dahlias, although not on as large a scale as formerly. I was a member of the A.D.S. for many years and it is with a thrill to read about the modern varieties. Thank you, Mr. Editor.

From David Scherr, LaPlata, Md., Dear Dudley: In the next issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society, would you please publish a list of some outstanding and worthwhile books on the Dahlia and its culture.

Dear Mr. Scherr: As far as we know there is only one book on Dahlias still in print and available. It is "Dahlias for Every Garden." by Miriam C. Walker and the publisher is M. Barrows & Co., 425 Fourth Ave., N. Y. Price \$2.95. The one preceding that was "Dahlias, What is Known about them," by Morgan T. Riley. Two editions of this were printed, we were told, the first one in August, 1910. Publisher, Orange Judd Pub. Co., Inc., N. Y. But we believe that, except for an occasional copy in a few bookstores, it is out of print. Incidentally, both of these books were written by people, who, we were informed, did not either grow dahlias,, or, if any, very few. They were both compiled from past sources and research. Trouble is, Dahlia books are printed in limited editions and usually demand exceeds the supply.

Its not enough, as the fellow said, for a gardener to just love flowers. He must also hate weeds.

NORTHWEST TRIAL GARDEN

(Unofficial)

In addition to the regular Trial Grounds listings beginning on page 8, this issue, we have a report from the Pacific Northwest Trial Garden at Tacoma, Wash. This garden was started this year with the intention of gaining recognition as an official A. D. S. Trial Garden as soon as rules permit. They report that no variety on trial scored 85 points, but that four varieties scored more than 80. We are glad to publish a brief description.

Cascade Oriole. This variety was entered in an A. D. S. Trial Garden, and is described in the report.

Pacific Breeze B-I.C. Pale Mauve, light center. SCORE:- 83.875.

Pacific Ripples B-I.C. Creamy Yellow. SCORE:- 83.182.

Both varieties: Charles Julin, Tacoma, Wash.

Coral Sea A-I.C. Salmon Pink—Gold Base. SCORE:- 81.444.

Mrs. V. E. Sandford, Bremerton, Wash.

A prominent dahlia grower was asked to describe an expert. "An expert," he said, "is a man wearing a tie and an important look on his face, who knows how to complicate simplicity."

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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.

PLEASE KEEP REPORTS BRIEF

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SOCIETY SECRETARIES

Beginning with February, 1958 issue of this Bulletin, no Society Reports for publication will be accepted *unless they are type-written*.

Unfortunately we do not have time to copy them by our two finger method—we cannot hire a typist—and the printer *will not accept hand written copy*.

So, we are sorry that this edict is necessary—but hereafter send only typed manuscript, please.



Southern States Conference

The 10th Southern States Dahlia Conference Show has now been folded up, tied with happy memories and filed along with other good times the Dahlia Society of Alabama will long remember.

The blooms which came from far and near (you should have seen the ones Paul Hale brought in his station wagon all the way from Illinois), won the admiration of all who saw them. However, there was one fine bloom not seen by the casual visitor at the show, but was greatly appreciated for its many fine qualities by us in the Dahlia Society of Alabama and we believe also appreciated by our

very nice guests. This bloom has a deep, rich, glowing color and the more it is grown the better you like it. It is called *Friendship* and it is our desire that it will be found in all our shows through the years to come.

Perhaps our many friends from places far and near (thirteen states being represented on the judging teams) will never know just how very happy they made us by being here. If they had half as good a time as we did, then a marvelous time was had by all. It's no wonder we hope they'll come again.

Only a few new varieties appeared on the show tables to carry away top honors. Most of the top winners were the tried and true of former years. Still the most important VIP, is that marvelous dahlia, *Mrs. Hester A. Pape*. This dahlia won more honors than any other. It was not only the largest bloom but the most perfect "A" size bloom; the best three "A" size, the most perfect "A" Informal and Decorative, the best day-late bloom, the best entry 10 years or older as well and wherever found it was bedecked with blue, gold and purple ribbons. *Windlassie* was the most perfect "B" bloom as well as being the best "B" Informal Decorative. The best three blooms, were *First Lady*, this variety also being the best of recent (1955-56) introductions, as well. The best five blooms were *Margarten* brought more than 600 miles by Paul Hale. Who says dahlias can't take it? 'Taint so. The best twelve, were a mixed variety which took the same long ride as did *Fay Patricia*, the best foreign introduction. The best Southern introduction was again the beautiful *Golden Treasure*. The best three miniatures were *Spreckles*, the best three pompans, *Master Michael*. The best 1957 introduction was *Art Linkletter*. The Best "A" Formal *Daph*, Best "B" Formal *Alabaster*. Best "A" Semi Cactus was *Irvin Fleck*, the best "B" Semi cactus, *Maryland Beauty*; the best "A" Cactus, *L. M. Proops*, the best "B", *Juanita*.

Winning both gold and purple ribbons in their sections were *Art Linkletter*, *Five Star General*, *Giant Beauty*, *Irvin Fleck*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Cherokee Beauty*, *Fay Patricia*, *Windlassie*, *First Lady*, *Juanita*, *Margarten*, *Almoles*. Gold ribbon winners were *The Real Glory*, *Jane Lausche*,

Mary Nobles, Edna D, Daph, Burnbrae's Memories, Kidd's Climax, Empore State, Mr. President, Carletta Rose, L. M. Proops, Nick's Orchid, Alabaster, Maryland Beauty, Bunny, Nita. Small Flowering purple ribbon winners were; Master Michael, Butter Ball, A. D. Lavonia, Speckles; gold ribbon winners were Silver Springs, Lady Ester, Jonsey, Jersey Maid, Candle Light, Bonny Esperance.

Now that the 1957 Show has become history though we rejoice in its accomplishments we are looking forward to the challenge of 1958. By no means are we merely satisfied. There are new people to be introduced to "our flower", hoping that "the bug" bites them and they will join us not only in the growing of more dahlias, but in better understanding and more friendships both far and near.—Maude Goodwin, Show Secretary, 2612 Ave. S., Fairview, Birmingham 8, Ala.

Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference and Virginia Dahlia Society Show

The Virginia Dahlia Society was host to the Third Mid-Atlantic Conference Show in combination with it's Thirty-third

Annual Show at Miller & Rhoads, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, September 23, 24 and 25.

Due to very incongruous weather conditions during the latter two weeks in August and the month of September, there were fewer blooms displayed than at any show for quite a number of years. However, the Staging Chairman, Mr. R. W. Thomas and his assistants did a beautiful job of staging the blooms available so we hardly missed the usual volume of flowers. Dahlias were received from Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

Much of the success of the Show was due to the untiring efforts of our General Show Chairman, Mr. Frank J. Busch and his several appointed chairmen. Selection of the winning varieties of dahlias was made by a very competent team of 19 Judges. Six of the Judges who had been invited found it impossible to attend for one reason or another and four Conference Judges were good enough to substitute for them at the last minute. Those substituting were Dr. Ward Cook, E. R. Phillips, George Dodrill and Forest T. Minor. The sympathy of the members of

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NEW DAHLIAS

By Stanley Johnson

GOODY — the Big Winner of the 1957 Show Season.

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the Virginia Dahlia Society was extended to Frank M. Eyer whose wife died the day before the Show, thereby making it impossible for him to be present to judge.

The American Home Achievement Medal and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes certificate and ribbon were awarded to Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, for his seedling, *Goody*, a pink incurved cactus B. Size dahlia. Mr. Johnson showed three blooms of his seedling which were scored by a team of five judges as 86.8. Also scoring for the A.D.S. certificate and ribbon was Ed Keck with a score of 85.2 on his miniature formal dark blend, *Mark E*. The blend is described as yellow ocre with rose red tip.

The Show's best A type dahlia was *Ruth Alampi* exhibited by J. A. Eddins; Best B. type dahlia was *Juanita* exhibited by E. R. Phillips; runner-up J. B. Eddins' *Nutley's Sunrise*. Best Ball dahlia, *Dottie D*, a two year seedling exhibited by A. G. Chamberlayne. Best miniature, R. H. Schwanebeck's *Delicate Beauty*. Best Pompom, *Alderman Perdue* exhibited by Vernon L. Ailstock. Best of other types, *Top Mix* shown by Alton W. Smith. Mr. T. W. Sweeney was the outstanding novice grower showing this year. The A.D.S. Silver Medal was won by J. A. Eddins for the best 3 blooms in Sections 3A & 3B and the Bronze Medal was awarded to Forest T. Minor for his specimen bloom of a seedling. Over-all sweepstakes went to J. B. Eddins.

There were twenty-two artistic arrangements shown portraying the theme "Virginia" — From Majestic Mountains to Shining Sea. The tri-color award was won by Mrs. R. E. Bryant for her "Progressive Virginia". The Award of Distinction went to Mrs. M. L. Mattern for "Golden Tobacco". Mrs. R. E. Bryant won artistic arrangement sweepstakes for those exhibited by society members. Mrs. W. R. Eister, Hilliard Park Garden Club, won the blue ribbon in the Invitation class "State Capital"; Mrs. Presley T. Creery, Rollingwood Garden Club won red; Mrs. W. C. McIntosh, Beverly Hills Garden Club, yellow; and Honorable Mention went to Mrs. F. L. Worcester of the Barton Heights Garden Club. We appreciated the interest shown in our Show by the several Garden clubs which were represented and wish to thank them for participating.—Mrs. J. B. Eddins, Cor. Sec.

Inglewood Dahlia Society

The twenty-sixth annual flower show of the Inglewood Dahlia Society was held August 17 and 18 in Inglewood High School Study Hall, Inglewood, Calif. The largest number of exhibitors ever to display their prize blooms filled the large exhibition room.

Again this year the show tables were covered with silver paper, and there's no doubt about it—the reflected light on the under part of the dahlias certainly does something for them!

In the open-to-all section, largest and best dahlia was "*Art Linkletter*", entered by Paul Comstock, San Diego. "*Master Michael*" was the smallest, entered by Larry Sisk, also of San Diego. "*Croyden Eclipse*" won for Mr. Comstock as best individual bloom in its class. Three blooms of "*Piquant*" entered by Everett Henderson, San Diego, were judged best in its class.

The seedling classes were well filled. Mr. Comstock won the American Home Achievement award with "*Mouncey C.*", a formal decorative B-size white. His "*Helen Hayes*" won the A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes as a 3rd year seedling.

Winners of best-in-section awards in the advanced amateur group were: "*Salmon Glory*", entered by Don Haskett, Long Beach; three blooms of "*Delicate Beauty*", entered by Frederick McKelvey; and a multiple-bloom entry of "*Willow's Violet*" by Charles Teter. Mr. Teter won sweepstakes and best and most artistic displays awards in this division.

Best-of-section awards in the amateur group went to Bruce Barbour for a single bloom of "*Sydney*" and for four blooms of "*Marilyn Dale*". Herbert Priess won sweepstakes and best general display awards and Mr. Barbour the most artistic display award.

The new classes in BB size were popular. Some winners: *Lady Sunshine*, *Delicate Beauty*, *St. Therese*, *Eastern Echo*, *Adelaide*, *Louise of Sweden*, and *Millie*.

Excessive heat in June and July this season was not entirely favorable to dahlia growing, and the A size blooms were not as plentiful as usual. Our membership is to be commended for again presenting a most attractive show, and our president, Mr. Herbert Priess, for the many hours devoted to general planning and program preparation. Mrs. F. C. McKelvey, Show Secretary, 962 Franklin St., Santa Monica, Calif.

Mid-West Dahlia Conference

The 24th Annual meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference was held at the Hotel Chase in St. Louis, Missouri on September 28th, 1957 at 5:15 P.M. with President Mr. Russell Tilly, presiding. Roll Call of delegates:

American Dahlia Society: Chas. Diefenderfer, J. Louis Roberts, Dr. Bruce B. Preas. Central States Dahlia Society: H. L. Cummings, Fred L. Trauth, Bernard E. Wright, Mrs. Henry Grotheer, Ed. Dickhoff. Indianapolis Dahlia Society: N. R. Hemphill, R. Dunwoody. Dahlia Society of Kentucky: W. F. Kleinjohn. Dahlia Society of Ohio: E. J. Wind. Ohio Valley Dahlia Association: No delegate. Dahlia Society of Wisconsin: Ben Makowski, George Merkel. Minnesota Dahlia Society: T. C. Solem. Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society: Chas. DuChesne, Rich. Jamison. Dahlia Society of Toledo: No delegate. East Liverpool Dahlia Society: No delegate. Badger State Dahlia Society: E. B. Frusher. Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society: No delegate. Tri-City Dahlia Society: Delos Thomas, Robert Anderson. Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society: Wm. Koenig. Mid America Dahlia Society: Dr. E. C. Drace.

Minutes of the 1956 meeting held at Moline, Illinois were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read showing a balance as of September 28, 1957 of \$203.43. A motion was made by Robert Anderson of Tri-City Dahlia Society and seconded by J. Louis Roberts of the American Dahlia Society that the report be accepted and filed. Motion carried. A motion was made by H. L. Cummings of Central States Dahlia Society and seconded by J. Louis Roberts that the \$25.00 be paid to the Host Society for the Midwest Dahlia Conference Trophy. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter was read by the Secretary from the Michigan Dahlia Association desiring to become an affiliated Society of the Midwest Dahlia Conference, also the answer sent by the Secretary of the Conference. A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and seconded by Robert Anderson that the Michigan Dahlia Association be accepted into the membership of the Midwest Dahlia Conference. Motion carried.

Bids for 1958 Midwest Dahlia Show and Conference meeting were read by the Secretary from the Minnesota Dahlia Society extending a bid for the 1958 Midwest

Show and Conference meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dates to be announced as soon as possible. A motion was made by H. L. Cummings and seconded by E. J. Wind of the Dahlia Society of Ohio that the bid of the Minnesota Dahlia Society be accepted for the 1958 Midwest Show. Motion carried.

Mr. Kleinjohn thanked the Host Society for their hospitality, and staging a very fine show. A motion was made by H. L. Cummings and seconded by Dr. Bruce Preas of the American Dahlia Society that the Secretary be allowed \$75.00 for her expense to the Midwest Dahlia Conference meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Koenig of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society was asked if he had anything to say in regards to the bid offered for the 1959 Midwest Show to be held in Pittsburgh and he said, "it still stands."

Election of Officers: *President*: A motion was made by Robert Anderson and seconded by J. Louis Roberts that the President elect of the Minnesota Dahlia Society be elected the President of the Midwest Dahlia Conference for 1958. Motion carried. *Secretary-Treasurer*: A motion was made by Mr. Carl Sattler of the Michigan Dahlia Association that Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest Dahlia Conference by a unanimous vote. Motion carried. Mr. Tilly thanked all who attended the Show and Conference meeting and it was a pleasure to have us. Nothing further, the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary.

There is expected to be a salt shortage soon . . . due to the fact that so many dahlia stories now have to be taken with a grain of it.

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MISS PATERSON PICKS "LAWRENCE WELK"

At the North Jersey Dahlia Society show at Paterson, Sept. 7th last, Miss Patterson, (Miss Marie Crittenden) congratulates Joe Gambi and Will Stone (Gamston Gardens) and picks their almost blue, lavender "BB" F. D. variety, Lawrence Welk, as her dahlia-of-the-year choice. It also won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award and the Am. Home Achievement Medal. — Photo, courtesy Tom Probert.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

To say that our 8th Annual show was a success is a mild statement. Thousands of people viewed the show with much favorable comment.

This year's best seedling exhibited was named *Lawrence Welk* in honor of the famous band leader by his special permission. It was originated and shown by Gamston Gardens, Westwood, N. J. This is the first time a B. B. size dahlia has ever won an American Home Achievement Medal. It is a lavender formal decorative, well placed on good straight stems. Size about 5 inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ and certainly worthy of this honor.

High lights of the show besides this new one were, *Ned Seymour*, largest and best in show, size 14 by 11 inches. The smallest was *Clover*, a 1 inch beauty. Both these were grown and exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer, Ridgewood. They also won several other firsts and specials. Mr Dreyer is grower of fine dahlias and is an expert in staging them.

Vernon Ailstock of Arlington, Va., Roy Webb of Scranton, Pa., Martin Guttler and Tom Kazenka of Long Island, N. Y. exhibited some very fine blooms. Coming so far with their blooms, they are to be complimented on their excellent exhibits.

Charles Konzelman won the sweepstakes, plus several trophies and medals.

Wally McFarland was a consistent winner. Other winners of note were John Wagner, A. Case, J. Weiler, Ed Steele, Charles Wagner, and Frank Knapp.

Miss Marie Louise Crittenden (*Miss Patterson*) made the selection of the dahlia which was named *Lawrence Welk*. This dahlia scored an average of 85.4, thereby winning the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, as well as the A.H.A. Medal.

The Society appreciated the visit of the following A.D.S. members and officers: H. Dewey Mohr, Lynn B. Dudley, Editor; Andrew Mulcahy, A. W. Mason, of Washington, Stanley Johnson, of Cheltenham, Pa., Conrad Brieger, Mr. Schwanabeck, of Baltimore, and many other visitors from out of town.

Our show is sponsored by the Patterson Evening News, H. B. Haines, Publisher, and the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Patterson, Carl Wagner, President, Charles H. Steckel, Scribe.

Long Island Dahlia Society

Into the record must go another outstanding accomplishment for The Long Island Dahlia Society in connection with their thirteenth annual dahlia show. A colossal classic success which bordered on confusion, due to the unprecedented re-

sponse of the many exhibitors with their unstinting array of dahlia blooms.

Many times over The Long Island Dahlia Society is thankful to the judges for their participation in our show. In the final stages of any dahlia show, their judgement and efforts are all important. Add the fact that they come from many miles away in many cases, then, one must appreciate them as swell fellows.

Thanks are also due our sponsor, The Franklin National Bank of Long Island and to the merchants of Roosevelt Shipping Center where the show was staged.

Thanks also to The Tex McCrary Public Relations Office and The Businessmen's Association of Roosevelt Shopping Center for their efforts in making "Dahlia Day" at the shopping center something to remember. Thanks also to Hofstra College from whence came "The Dahlia Queen".

In making so many new friends, we at LIDS. have no desire to forget our older ones, so to The A.D.S., The Bulletin and Editor, the radio stations and newspapers and the many individuals, a round of thanks for the many favors you have rendered us with our show this year.

A resume of tri-color, medal and trophy winners in the various classes of our show. Section A—Large, (1) bloom: F. D. *Five Star General*—Mrs. D. Sommers; I. D. *Autumn Blaze*—Martin Guttler; S. C. *Pride of Parkersburg*—Richard Schmidt; I. C. or St. C. *Leander*—Mr. Robert Pape.

The largest and best in the show went to Mr. Schmidt with his *Pride of Parkersburg* and earned him a huge trophy.

Section A—Large (3) blooms any color of the (4) (A) types, was won by Mrs. Margaret Schmidt with *Pride of Parkersburg*. Section B—Medium (1) Bloom: F. D. or I. D. *Windlassie*—Lawrence Palminteri; S. C. *Eldorado*—Henry Olsen; St. C. *Amber Star*—Herman Cappel; I. C. *Nutley Sunrise*—H. Dewey Mohr.

Mr. Palminteri's *Windlassie* retired the trophy as the best single bloom in the B—class.

Section Ba—Medium (3) blooms F. D. or I. D. *First Lady*—Charles Konzelman; S. C. *Eldorado*—H. Dewey Mohr; St. C. *Florence Chadwick*—Martin Guttler; I. C. *Nagel's Solidite*—Doris Duerk.

The trophy for the best of the four tri-colors listed above was won by *Nagel's Solidite* and Doris Duerk.

Section BB—Small Medium (3) blooms of one variety, any type, *Belle Fleur*—Doris Duerk.

Section C—Miniature (3) blooms Formal or Informal—*Autumn Queen*—Doris Duerk; Cactus all types—*Ruby Charm*—Henry Olsen.

Section D Pompon (3) blooms—*Little Jim*—Henry Olsen; Section D Class 157 (1) bloom—smallest and most nearly perfect—*Little Edith*—Lawrence Palminteri.

Section E—Other Types—*O. D. Baldwin*—Henry Olsen. Section F—Baskets A type (7) blooms or more, any color or colors—*Kelvin*—Joe Martin.

Martin Guttler had the unique honor of winning four of the five tri-colors in the basket classes. Entries were very numerous and competition real keen. The Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for Dahlias of Long Island origination was awarded to A. Tedesco for his three year old seedling.

The American Home Achievement Medal was not awarded this year. The judges are to be commended in this respect in maintaining the standards set by The American Dahlia Society and this should be encouraged.

The A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award went to *Little Harvey* with a bench score of 85.5, and exhibited by Henry Olsen. The Otto J. Aumuller Memorial Trophy was taken by Martin Guttler with his exhibit of *Burnbrae's Memories*.

In the arrangement classes the Theme was Holidays of America. There were Eight classes, well filled and were as follows: No. 1—*New Year's Eve*—Mrs. Fennell; No. 2—*Valentines Day*—Mrs. A. Eichman; No. 3—*Washington's Birthday*—Mrs. A. Eichman; No. 4—*Easter*—Mrs. Martha Aumuller; No. 5—*Independence Day*—Mrs. Carol Lawless; No. 6—*Halloween*—Mrs. Martin Guttler; No. 7—*Thanksgiving*—Mrs. Margaret Holslag; No. 8—*Christmas*—Mrs. Martin Guttler.

The tri-color for best of the above eight winners fell to the arrangement *Christmas Day* by Mrs. Martin Guttler, in class eight — C. D. Francis, Sec'y, 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

Michigan Dahlia Association

Our program started April 13, 1957. This included the first session of a judging course for Student Judges, in which Dr. Wildon conducted classes in all phases of Dahlia judging both at trial grounds and at Shows.

Our Show was held Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th, in the beautiful
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tiful new Civic Auditorium in downtown Lansing.

In the novice division, *Kilgore's Purple* was judged "Most Outstanding Bloom", and *Arthur Godfrey*, "Largest Bloom" entered by H. Gallick Lansing, who also won division sweepstakes. Mr Gallick was welcomed as a new member of the Michigan Dahlia Association.

In the small amateur division *Princess Royal* was judged "Most Outstanding Bloom" entered by our youngest member, seventeen year old, John B. Allen, Detroit. The "Largest Bloom", *Pride of Parkersburg*, by Mrs. Robert Schilling, Bloomfield Hills, Sweepstakes Trophy was won by Raymond Olson of Plymouth.

Winners in the large amateur division, "Most Outstanding Bloom" was *Oakleigh Champion*, Ralph Etienne, Jackson. "Largest Bloom" *Mary Elizabeth*, David Millar, Detroit. Sweepstakes Trophy, won by James Faggion, Lansing.

Winners in the open division, "Smallest, Most Perfect Pom", *Tiny Tot*, James Faggion. The "Most Outstanding entry", *Arthur Godfrey*, Alex Toth, Detroit. The "Largest Bloom", *Mary Elizabeth*, James Faggion. The "Best A" Bloom single entry. Special Award. John Rux, Lansing. The "Best 3-Bloom B" entry, *Gypsy Girl*, James Faggion. The "Best 3 Bloom", one variety, miniatures, balls, poms, etc., *Dainty Lady*, John Rux. The open class Sweepstakes Trophy won by B. H. Bottom, Detroit.

No awards were made in the ADS Seeding Sweepstakes or the American Home Achievement Classes. The commercial display (over 50 square feet) and the ADS Medal for Artistic effect were won by the Bottom's Dahlia Gardens, Detroit.

The Rubellite Trophy won by Mr. & Mrs. James Faggion and the "Michigan Originations class" also won by the Faggions with *Michigan White*. The "Largest Bloom in the Show" *Arthur Godfrey*, entered by Alex Toth. The "Smallest Bloom in the Show", *Tiny Tot*, Mr. & Mrs. James Faggion. The "Most Perfect Single Entry A Dahlia In the Show", *Mary Elizabeth*, David Millar.

In the Junior division, novice midgets, those under 12 years of age who never won a blue ribbon, Rebecca Adams, Detroit, won two first prizes and two second prizes. Barbara Hines of Detroit won a first prize. In the Junior Achievers class, 12 to 16 years of age, Larry Israels, Grand Rapids won 4 first prizes. Ralph L. Etienne, 527 Barrett St., Jackson, Michigan.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society

A record number of blooms and entries, with the largest attendance in the history of the Society, combined to make the tenth anniversary show of the Bergen County Dahlia Society held at Liberty School, Englewood, Sept. 21-22, a memorable occasion. President Joseph Gambi, Show Manager Harry Dreyer and co-chairman Joseph Vogl felt well repaid for their efforts.

Sweepstakes—Groups A, B and C—Past Presidents Cup, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer, with varieties, *Giant Beauty*, *Roben's Showboat*, *Jane Lansche*, *Bay City White*, etc. Sweepstakes—Group D, Novice Class—Trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. H. Meyer., James Dreyer with "*Mary Elizabeth*". Sweepstakes—Groups E and F—Senator Walter H. Jones Trophy., Gamston Gardens, with varieties; *Arthur Godfrey*, *The Marquis*, *Roben's Showboat*, *Bay City White*, *The Whirl*, etc.

Sweepstakes—Groups G and H, Mrs. Fred Bremer. "*Gypsy Girl*", "*Ricky*", "*Aurora*", etc. Sweepstakes Groups I, J and K—Officer's Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer, "*Little Rachel*", "*Johnny Casey*". Sweepstakes Group P—President's Trophy, Mrs. Wesley Hunter; arrangement featuring dahlias.

American Home Achievement Medals—Gamston Gardens, "*Renee*"; Frank Marker, originator. Gamston Gardens, "*Lawrence Welk Award*"—Arrangement featuring dahlias, Mrs. William Meyers, Garden Club of Teaneck.

Most Perfect "A" Dahlia, Amateur Classes—W. J. Stone Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Doreman with "*Mary Elizabeth*". Most outstanding exhibit, amateur, Dr. William Hitz, "*Grandezza*". Most outstanding exhibit, open to all; Gamston Gardens, "*Ginga*". The most perfect "A" dahlia in the show—A. D. S. Bronze Medal; Harry Dreyer, "*Art Linkletter*". Most perfect "B" dahlia—Officers Trophy; Mr. and Mrs. William Doreman, "*Juanita*". Special Class A—Grand Award; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer, "*Art Linkletter*". Special Class B—Grand Award; Mrs. Fred Bremer, "*Spotlight*". Special Class C—Rose M. Gambi Memorial Award, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer. Special Class D—John B. Dennis Memorial Award; Mrs. Wesley Hunter, "*Gold Dust*". Special Class E—John Metzgar Trophy; Gamston Gardens, "*Maffie*". "A" —for men only—Dr. Carl C. Margraff Memorial Trophy; Harry Dreyer, "*Kelvin*".—F. R. Kurzenknabe, 933 Main St., Hackensack, N. J.

Washington State Dahlia Society

Report of the 3rd Annual Show of Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference and 47th Washington State Dahlia Society Show

The third annual Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference show combined with the 47th annual Washington State Dahlia Society show was held September 7, and 8, 1957 in Normana Hall, Tacoma, Washington.

The main feature of both Saturday and Sunday afternoons was the demonstration of flower arranging by Mrs. Elvin B. Elliott of Tacoma. She made arrangements suitable for the dining table, coffee table, and mantel or buffet, using the colorful small and medium type dahlias.

There was much interest in the arrangement classes having had the most number of entries on record. The John Baush award for the Best arrangement was won by Mrs. Lena Hall, Morton, Wash.

Section award winners, Novice Section went to Dennis Schiller, Portland, for his *Windlassie* and *Silver Spring*. Section Champions, Amateur Division, Single Entry, A Size *Black Monarch*, by Leo Miller, Bremerton. B size, Single entry section award was *First Lady*. Section Award, Best Triple entry, A size, was *Black Monarch*; Best triple entry B size, *Autumn Brocade*, by Leo Miller.

In the Open Sections, Section Champions were: Single Entry A size—*Surprise*—Vern Sanford, Bremerton, and also for Single entry B size—*First Lady*.

Smallest Most Perfect, R. D. Evans Trophy, bloom, *Unit* by Mrs. Geo. McNay, Tacoma; Best A Size, Kitsap Dahlia Soc. Trophy, *Surprise* by Vern Sanford, Bremerton; Best B Size, Snohomish Dahlia Soc. Trophy, *First Lady* by J. R. Beyerle, Portland; Largest Most Perfect, Am. Dahlia Soc. Medal, *Freda Gaylord* by Mrs. W. A. Teul, Seattle; Best Seedling, Andy De Rooy Memorial Trophy, variety, (unnamed) by Wesley Ulsh, Gig Harbor; Best Basket, B size cactus, Mortland Trophy, *Maitre Fargotton* by Mrs. Leo Fanning, Tacoma; Best Container, A size, Empire Builders Trophy, *Allways* by Mrs. Glenn Dunlap, Tacoma; Best Container Miniature Dec., McClary Trophy, *Hulin's Carnival* by Mrs. Geo. Venner, Portland; Best Basket PomPoms, Anderson Trophy, *Tom Thumb* by John Lindstrom, Everett; Best 3 blooms Wash. Origin, Wash. State Dahlia Soc. Award, *Night Editor* by Vern Sanford, Bremerton; Best 3 blooms Ore. Origin, Berneche Award, *Sellwood's Glory* by Dick Sproule, Portland; Best 3 blooms Am. Origin,

Portland Dahlia Soc. Medal, *Night Editor* by Vern Sanford, Bremerton; Best Basket Miniature Cactus, E. Henry White Trophy, *Dainty Lady* by B. S. Chambers, Portland; Best 1 bloom Foreign Origin, F.A.D. Bruidegom Award, *Nagel's Solitude* by J. R. McVoy, Portland; Novice Sweepstakes, Wash. State Dahlia Soc. Trophy, won by Dennis Schiller, Portland; Amateur Sweepstakes, B. H. Weber Trophy, won by Mrs. Leo Fanning, Tacoma; Open Division Sweepstakes, Portland Dahlia Soc. Trophy, won by Andrew Babb, Bremerton. — Mrs. Chas. Ayler, Cor. Secretary.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

Following are the results of our 11th annual show held at the Mark Twain Hotel on September 8, 1957: Grand Champion, *Fireworks* by Dick Rowley; Largest bloom, *Autumn Blaze* by Dr. Lester E. Jordan; Smallest bloom, *Gold Dust* by Charles Liskovec.

Court of Honor (Tri-Color Award)

Giant Spider, Dick Rowley; *Collectors Item*, Dick Rowley; *Croyden's Masterpiece*, Peter Collis; *Lavender Perfection*, Mrs. Joan Fitzpatrick; *Juanita*, Merton Clemons; *Andries Orange*, Dick Rowley; *Hulin's Carnival*, Peter Collis; *Anneke Weidner*, Guy Dennis; *Butter Ball*, George Brunjes; *Edna D.*, George Brunjes; *Surprise*, Dr. Lester Jordan; *Nearest Blue*, George Brunjes; *Valerie Watson*, George Brunjes; *Dainty Lady*, Marlow Frantz; *Hulin's Carnival*, George Brunjes; *Margaret Williams*, Frank Eyers; *Ebony*, Ronald Hollenbeck; *Fireworks*, Best 3 Blooms, Dick Rowley.

There were 1500 entries and about 1,000 visitors attended. Supervisor of Judges — Lynn Dudley, New Rochelle, N. Y. Judges: Dr. Ward Cook, Andrew Mulcahy, Frank Eyer, Henry Olson, Robert Connal, Marlow Frantz. — Dick Rowley, Sec.

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San Diego County Dahlia Society

Three dahlias were introduced and scores of older flowers rose to new heights at the 17th annual show of the San Diego (Calif.) County Dahlia Society, Aug. 3 and 4.

The three new ones are the *Helen Hayes*, large purple informal; *Mouney C.*, BB white formal, and *Little Dickey* miniature rose-red formal. All were grown and shown by R. Paul Comstock.

About 4,000 blooms were entered, and exhibitors were from several Southern California counties, and as far north as Portersville—250 miles away, according to Dr. J. W. Troxell, president.

Best bloom in show was *First Lady*; largest, *Art Linkletter*; Best A-size, purple seedling by Comstock; Best B-size, *First Lady*; smallest bloom, *Topmix Ruby*, and smallest pom, *Gold Dust*.

Court of honor included *Silver Wedding*, *Croyden's Masterpiece*, *Collector's Item*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Andries Wonder*, *Groszmeister Berger*, *Verna Martin*, *Beloved*, *Schubart*, *Samba*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Ella Bolster*, *Mr. President*, *First Lady*, (2), *Golden Autumn*, *Mme. Clementine Payen*, *Ballego's Glory*, *Good Earth*, *Windlassie*, *Miss San Diego*, and *Rondkop*.

Blue winners included *First Lady* 14, *Art Linkletter* 5, *Helen Hayes* 5, *Andries Wonder* 4, *Silver Wedding* 4, *Florence Chadwick* 3, *House of Orange* 3, *Five Star General* 3, *Croyden's Masterpiece* 3, *Mars* 3, *Ballego's Glory* 3, *Autumn Blaze* 3 and *Cherio* 3. Winning 2 each were *Arthur Godfrey*, *Malcolm Bengay*, *Kelvin*, *Val St. Lambert*, *Thomas A. Edison*, *Tartan*, *Gloire de Lyon*, *Samba*, *Maureen Connolly*, *Juanita*, *Nelleke*, *Rondkop*, *Orfeo*, *Millie*, *Windlassie*, *Miss San Diego*, and *Little Dickey*.

Feature of the suburban La Mesa Fiesta de las Flores, held a week after the San Diego show, dahlias were the big feature.

Court of honor flowers included *First Lady* (best in show), *Carl Dahl* (largest), *Five Star General*, *Gloire de Lyon*, *Gunyah Glory*, *Patricia Spollen* (3), *Andries Wonder*, *Kelvin*, *Helen Hayes*, *Maureen Connolly*, *Tartan*, *St. Therese* (2), *Jane Lausche*, *Windlassie*, *Ami Luis Blinn*, and *Helen Hayes*.—Larry Sisk, 3179 N. Mt. View Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.

Portland, Ore. Dahlia Society

Show held Sept. 14-15, although suffering from an almost unprecedented dry, hot spell, nevertheless produced some worthy blooms.

Best "A" was *Graf Folke Bernadotte* by J. R. Beyerle, Best "B", *Windlassie*, by a novice, Dennis Schiller. Largest was *Art Linkletter* 12½x9½, by Henry White.

In the novice, amateur, and advanced amateur divisions respectively, best "A" and "B" size awards were *Marilyn Dale* by Mr. Coufal, *Autum Blaze* by Mr. Sproul, and *Mary Babcock* by Mr. McEvoy. "B" size; *Windlassie* by Schiller, *Humorist* by Mr. Kerlinger, and *Mme. Kronacher* by Mrs. Oswald. Novice sweepstakes was won by Mr. Schiller, amateur by Doris Johnson, and advanced amateur by J. R. McEvoy.

Garden clubs in the area participated in dahlia arrangements, first award going to the 50 x 10 Garden Club, with the Kershnik awards being won by Doesch Diggers, Unit 2; Alto Park; and Woodland Friendly Garden Club.

Outstanding seedlings were shown by B. S. Chambers, H. B. Holmes, Gladys Marshall, and Dick Sproul. Special exhibit competition was keen, C. E. Richter excelling as the individual winner of special awards.

The complete list follows:

North Jersey Dahlia Society Medal won by *Norlane* by Mrs. H. J. Oswald; Minnesota Dahlia Society Medal won by *Winsome* by J. R. McEvoy; Clarence M. Daniel Memorial Award won by *First Lady* by E. Henry White; Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society Medal won by *Meta*, *Baby Daughter*, and *Gypsy Kiss* exhibited by Gladys Marshall, Cornelius; Mastick Cup won by *Charles Mastick*, by C. E. Richter; J. R. Beyerle Cup won by *Sellwood Glory*, by Carlton E. Richter; Kershnik Award won by *Decoy*, *Ike* and *White Fawn* by C. E. Richter; Anderson Award won by *Heloisa* exhibited by C. E. Richter; Smallest Perfect Dahlia *Gold Dust*, L. Anderson;

Portland Dahlia Society Medal for Advanced Amateurs, won by *Flamingo*; C. E. Richter; Portland Medal for Amateurs won by *Good Earth*, Glenn Baker; Scruton Award *Heart of Gold*, *Vooriut*, *Priscilla*, Gladys Marshall; President's Award, won by *Preas-Pride* by Gladys Marshall; Portland Medal for Com. Growers won by E. Henry White with *Miss Rose Fletcher*.—B. S. Chambers, 7652 Stanton, Portland 13, Oregon.

The Rochester Dahlia Society

The Rochester Dahlia Society held their 18th Annual Show at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Science Sept. 22, 1957.

Although we had hot, dry weather all summer the exhibitors rounded up some 1400 beautiful specimens of fine blooms.

"*Five Star General*" marched at the head of the dahlia parade winning the best-in-show honor for R. W. Rowley of Elmira, N. Y. This exhibitor also captured another of the major honors with the largest bloom of the show, "*Pirate Treasure*"—12½" in diameter. Smallest bloom honors went to Charles Lisbovec of Elmira, N. Y.—with the tiny pompon "*Gold Dust*".

The President's Cup, given by Thomas Gordon of Brockport, N. Y., president of the society, for specimens in three different classifications, was won by John Franz. Alton J. Parker of Spencerport, N. Y. took the top seedling award with a dark semi-cactus sentry. H. H. Bircher won the Merrill Brown Memorial Award given for a variety introduced by the late Prof. C. Merrill Brown of Williamsville, N. Y. His entry was "*Vision*".

An outstanding entry in the Novice Section was Webb's Yellow show by Victor Benton who also won the Novice Sweepstake award. In the amateur division the best bloom was *Five Star General* exhibited by R. W. Rowley. Peter Collis, Rochester, won the sweepstakes in this section. Other winners also in this section were Alton Parker and Edward Woerner.

Phillip Kimmell's "*Windlassie*" was the best bloom of Rochester, in the "Open to All" class. George Brunjes of Elmira, N. Y. was sweepstakes winner in this section. Frank Eyer and Phillip Kimmell of Rochester were also winners in this section.

Pittsford Garden Club was first prize winner in a garden club class for flower arrangements with its entry entitled "*Sunset*".

This year our society had a special membership drive. At the show the membership committee arranged a very interesting and informative booth showing the culture and care of dahlias in various stages of growth. They had an automatic projector and showed colored slides of dahlias.

The show presented a vivid array of fine quality material and attracted over 1200 visitors. The committee wishes to express their thanks to all who worked so tirelessly to make the Rochester Dahlia Society Show one long to be remembered.—Frank M. Eyer 100 Dunsmead Dr., Rochester.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The 32nd annual Dahlia Show of the Baltimore Dahlia Society was held September 21st and 22nd in the Auditorium of the Sears Community Building, Baltimore, Md. Every year our shows improve and 1957 was certainly another banner exhibition. Show Manager Chas. Fordney and his associate Louis Gill certainly deserve credit for their handling of the exhibits and the fine staging. The auditorium was overflowing with wonderful blooms and it was necessary to stage the Pompon exhibits in the entrance. The winners in the Court of Honor were: Most Perfect A size, George Dodrill with *New Look*; Most Perfect B size, E. R. Phillips with *Juanita*; Most Perfect Ball, A. G. Chamberlayne with *Dottie D.*; Most Perfect Pompon, Wm. Rau, Jr., with *Mrs. French*; Most Perfect Miniature, Harry J. Quick with his seedlings; *Best Basket*, Chas. M. Diffenderfer; and the Outstanding Entry, E. R. Phillips *Juanita*.

Sweepstakes winners were as follows: Novice, Richard P. Small; Section A for growers of less than 75 plants, Chas. Faist; Section B for Growers of less than 150 plants, A size, F.J. D'Eustachio; and B size, John Sherwood. Open to All, Chas. M. Diffenderfer; Section D, Ball, to Mrs. Louis Gill, Section G. Pompons, Wm. Rau Jr.; Section H, Miniatures, Formal & Informal, Wm. Rau Jr., and Cactus; and Semi Cactus, V. Ailstock; Hardy Gardens, Mrs. Wm. Harris; Gov. McKeldin Trophy for the best basket 9 blooms, to H. E. Zieg; Mayor Thos. D'Alesandro trophy for basket of 7 blooms, to E. R. Phillips; Memorial trophy and Maryland Origination to H. W. Anderson.

Some of the prize winning blooms in the sections were: A type, Formal, *Croyden Snotop*, *Kelvin Floodlight*, *Kidds Climax*, *Gloria* and *Raymond O'Sullivan*. Informal: *Mary Black*, *Joan Carroll*, *The Master*, *Aussie Snoball*, *Cactus Bay City White*, *Brown Bomber*, *Leander*, *Big Ben*, *Juan La Belle*. Semi-Cactus: *Whitehall*, *Dr. McK. Cattell*, *Imperial*, *Surprise*, *Preas Pride*, *Collectors Item*.

In the B type, Formal: *Alabaster*, *First Lady*, *Mrs. McD Quill*, *Flamingo*, *Juanne*, *Barbarosa*, Informal: *Windlassie*, *Euclid Beauty*, *Marie Ayling*, *Mrs. Eric Hallford*. Cactus: *Florence Chadwick*, *Bunny*, *Priscilla*, *Wagschal Goldkrone*, *Juanita*, *Heart of Gold*. Semi Cactus: *Golden Halo*, *Maryland Beauty*, *Eldorado*, *Grace*,

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Piedmont. Pompons: Mrs. Telefer, Leslie Marks, Clarisse, Gold Dust, Margaret Williams, Alderman Perdue. Miniatures: Agatha, Timmie, Decoy, Bo Bo, Snowcloud, Ella Coles, Dark Felt, Chasamy, Dorian, Syd Part, Princess Margret, Jinny Johnson, Maxine, Sandra Brumbley. Herbert O. Abron, 6425 Blenheim Rd., Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

Memorial Service

The members of the Baltimore Dahlia Society attended a Memorial Service held Sunday, September 15th, in Boundry Methodist Church—Baltimore, Md. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Seymour, who is blind is an active member of the Society and a dahlia enthusiast. He grows more than 100 of which his specialty is "Kelvin".

The service was held to honor the following members who died in the past year—Wm. F. Schaun, the first president of the Society, Henry Cory a life long member also a Vice President of the A.D.S., C. H. Reisinger, Mrs. Mary Plitt and Norval Jean. The church was decorated with vases of both large and small dahlias and Rev. Seymour preached a most impressive sermon.—Nancy O. Aburn, Sec'y., 6425 Blenheim Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.

Scioto Valley Dahlia Society

Chillicothe's Sixth Annual Dahlia Show of the Scioto Valley Dahlia Society was very good regardless of the very dry season we had in this area. It was not as large a show as last year but the flowers were as good if not better.

The Sweepstakes and Grand Sweepstakes awards are made on the point system. Sweepstakes winners, in A class, W. C. Anderson, Cincinnati; B class, John Dickman; in Ball class, Earl Weaver, Portsmouth; in Poms class, W. C. Anderson, in Min. class, Mrs. Clifford Fritz, Wheelersburg. Grand Sweepstakes winners were W. C. Anderson of Artistic Sec., Mrs. C. W. Hedges, Ashville; of Seedling Sec., Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Otway.

The Rufus Camelin Memorial Trophy was won by Artie Boram, Beaver, Ohio, for his *Boram's Wonder* for the largest bloom.

The most perfect A size bloom was *Kids Climax* grown by Presley Caldwell, Chillicothe. The most perfect B size

bloom was *Jaunita* grown by Howard A. Ray, Cincinnati.

The best 1st. year seedling was grown by William Wolbert, Springfield. The most outstanding arrangement was by Mrs. Howard Ray, Cincinnati. The 10 cactus roots went to Presley Caldwell for the best 5 st. cac. A size blooms of his Caldwell's *Show Window* Seedling. The semi-cac. went to Charles H. Von Schlutter of Chillicothe, Ohio with 5 blooms of *Mary Elizabeth*. The I. D. went to C. H. Bowen of Chillicothe, Ohio with 5 blooms of his purple seedling, *Son of Volunteer*.

The American Home Achievement Award was awarded to Caldwell's *Show Window*, a large yellow cactus, grown and exhibited by Presley Caldwell, Chillicothe. The A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award also went to Caldwell's *Show Window*, and also to *Clariam Idol* grown and exhibited by William Wolbert, Springfield.

It is only six years since we organized the Scioto Society and we are very proud of the progress we have made and the fine shows we have staged. We are glad, too, to be affiliated with the A.D.S. We are sure it will help us to make greater progress in the years to come.—C. H. Bowen, Secy.-Treasurer, Box 415, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Burholme Horticultural Society

Our 37th annual show as held Sept. 26th and 27th at the Cheltenham Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, 6425 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia. In spite of the unusually dry weather throughout the summer the number of entries was surprisingly large.

The winner of the greatest number of firsts was Walter Strobel, Elkins Park, Pa., with such varieties as: *Croydon Masterpiece*, *Kidd's Climax*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Juanita* and others. The award for the best dahlia in the show went to Frank V. Deichler, Jr., Upper Darby, Pa., with *White Nobby's Light*.

The American Home Achievement medal was awarded to Pennypack Gardens, (Stanley Johnson) for the new origination, "*Goody*" named in honor of the late Curtis A. Goodwin. This is a B size, 8 inch, lavender, incurved cactus.

The A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award went to the Keck-Stephens Gardens, Ferndale, Pa., for the new miniature variety, "*Mark S.*", an improvement over *Bo Bo*. Another winner in this class was a new seedling by Stanley Johnson,

an 8 inch B, Bronze in color. (This last award can only be made if the variety is named—Editor.) Incidentally, "Goody" scored an average of 86.8 points to also gain the A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstake award.

Another winner of many prizes was John Drach, Cheltenham, with such varieties as *Spot Light*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Heavenly White*, *Our Friend*, *Bunny*, *Variety Girl* and others. Other major winners were: Frank W. Deichler, John Plewinski, Mrs. G. L. Stitzinger, Mrs. Harry Duckett and Charles Trout.

Sweepstakes winner, Arrangements, was Mrs. Edward H. Adams, Phila., Show Secretary was Wm. T. Blair; Show Superintendent, Charles G. Friedel—Chick Hausmann, Publicity, Church Rd. at Shelmine St., Philadelphia.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

This Association sponsored its 1957 show in the artistic surroundings of the beautiful Cincinnati Art Museum. Show Chairman Jack Wilsey and his committee were rewarded by a record attendance.

Winners at the show in part were: Most perfect bloom, A or B, *First Lady*, by John H. Dickam. Best A size, *Ivory Giant*, by George Richardson. Best Ball, Mrs. C. D. Anderson variety, won by Alfred Letzler, Best Pompon, *Valda*, by W. C. Anderson. Best Min. Cac., *Andries Orange*, by Wm. Bertele. Best Min. Dec., *White Fawn*, H. Hogett.

Largest Bloom, *Autumn Blaze*, W. C. Anderson. The several circulating trophies, awarded each year were won by the following members: Marie Emmerich Trophy to W. C. Anderson. Howard A. Ray Trophy to Val Schill. Charles F. Pape Trophy to Howard A. Ray. R. G. Huey Trophy to Howard A. Ray. M. Y. Thomas Trophy to Fred Binstadt. Ed. Heepke Trophy to Jack Wilsey and the Mattick Trophy to Irwin Schroeder.

Open to All Sweepstakes, A B sizes, won by W. C. Anderson. Small size Sweepstakes by Wm. Bertele. Novice Sweepstakes to Melvin Nochang. School Children, to Patricia Sroufe, Artistic Arrangements to Mrs. Howard Ray. For men only to Val Schill.

The American Home Achievement Award was won by Wm. Wolbert, with *Clarium Idol*.—Mrs. John H. Dickman, Show Secretary, 3036 Boudinot Ave., Cincinnati 38, Ohio.

East Liverpool Dahlia & Floral Soc.

Our 32nd annual show was held September 21 and 22, 1957, in West Gate School on a rainy day. The room was ideal and the display excelled previous shows in many ways. Visitors came from many miles away and brought their blooms, and really saved the day with their exhibits.

Our season was very dry and we had no rain at all for 6 or 7 weeks prior to show. But it did rain on the day of the show. Some of the winners are listed herewith.

Open to All Sweepstakes winner, Leo Lawrence; Second Sweepstakes winners, "Open" went to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls. Largest and Most Perfect, won by Frank H. Richmond, with *The Cardinal*. Largest in show, single entry, to Roy Smith, with *Mary Elizabeth*. Best 3 A size, Frank Shone, with *Hester Pape*. Most Perfect B size, Leo C. Lawrence, with *Clarium Luray*. Sweepstakes, Baskets Vase and Bowl, Mrs. Angelo Danko, Parma Heights. Most Perfect Miniature, G. Rozopos, Bedford, with *Purity*. Sweepstakes, Large Amateur Division, Frank Shone. Smallest Most Perfect Pom, A. Sraile, Cleveland, with *Celestia*. Most Perfect Ball type, Leo Lawrence, with *Mary Helen*. Arrangement Award to Mrs. Dorothy Kountz, for *Frosty Simplicity*.

In arrangements, East Liverpool Garden Club award was won by Mrs. George White, with *Japanese Manner*. Other winners were Mrs. Ruth Wolf, Mrs. Melvin, Maxine Burch, Eva Stephens and Robert Lawrence. We wish sincerely that we could interest more of the young generation in growing dahlias. It should not be just an old peoples pastime. — Wm. C. Craine, Box 284, Midland, Pa.

Seattle Dahlia Society

First Annual Dahlia Show

The first annual show of the Seattle Dahlia Society was held at the Queen Anne Field House in Seattle on August 31st and September 1. The enthusiasm of all society members and exhibitors was a source of gratification to all, and indicates that we can look forward to many excellent shows in future seasons. Show Manager Ira Porter has worked very hard to make this show a success, and in consideration of the fact that none of our show committee heads were experienced in
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NATIONWIDE DAHLIA SOC. NEWS—(Contd.) showmanship, it was a remarkable achievement. We are grateful to those exhibitors who came from other cities to help stage the show and to bring their exhibits.

The Best "A" bloom in the show was a perfect specimen of that old champion *Marilyn Dale*. It was exhibited by Verne Sanford of Bremerton. *Mme Emile Nagels* was Best B Dahlia, entered by Bess Owens, wife of our amiable and capable president. George McCrea won Best BB Dahlia honors with a perfect bloom of *Danseusse*. The Best Miniature was *Andries Orange*, by little Pat Owens. Jesse Cavender of Everett won Largest Dahlia with *Joseph B. Langtree*. Best Seedling in Show won by Pablo Abellera with a two-year old large cactus of wine purple. Mrs. C. A. Taylor's entry of *Tom Thumb* was Smallest Bloom in the Show, and Andrew Babb's entry of *Night Editor* won as Best Washington Origination. Novice Sweepstakes won by Tom Richardson while Bess Owens walked away with Open Division Sweepstakes. Other winners; in the Basket and Arrangement Sections were as follows:

Seattle Dahlia Society Challenge Trophy Bess Owens with *Golden Rectitude*; Best Basket A Dahlias—Pablo Abellera with *Frieda Gaylord*; Best Basket B Dahlias—Bess Owens with *Rivoli*; Best Basket BB Dahlias—Bess Owens with *Miss Rose Fletcher*; Best Basket Miniature—Bess Owens with *Little Jenny*; Best Basket Pompons—Bess Owens; Best Arrangement in Show—Laura Buddin; Special Entry 12 Blooms—John Lindstrom with *Janice V*.

There were no winners in the American Home or in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Sections.—Mrs. Maxine Murray, Secretary.

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Our 25th Silver Anniversary Show, August 24th and 25th, was held at Bancroft Jr. High School, San Leandro. The show was exceptionally good, considering our summer, being the hottest in history. We had many visitors including two Greyhound busloads from Sacramento. Mrs. Comstock, from Comstock Gardens, was a visitor (also a judge).

The high-light of our show was our King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Garrity. We presented each with a money tree with 25 silver dollars on them. Also, there was a one year old seedling on Pete Harter's table (a B size, I. D. 8 inch variety) named "*Mr. Garrity*". It will be two or

three years before we can buy this one, but am sure everyone will want it. The reason he has named it so soon, is that he wanted to honor Mr. Garrity this year.

The results of our show are as follows: Mrs. John Dew won four of the "Best" awards and the sweepstakes with "*Near-est Blue*", "*Fresco*", "*Suzzy*" and "*Pride of Berlin*". Novice section, A., Enos and John Guggemos were the big winners with "*Orange Majesty*", "*Maurene Connolly*", "*Lady Ismay*", "*Salmon Glory*", "*Frisco*", "*Hilde*", "*Needles*" and others. Enos won best general display and the Sweepstakes. Open to all: Largest cactus, Pete Harter with "*Dr. McKeen Cottell*", Largest F. D., Pete Harter, "*Kelvin*", Smallest Pompon, "*Gold Dust*", Pete Harter; Best bi-color, "*Town Topic*", Nat Lundgren; Best cactus, B., "*Florence Chadwick*", Nat Lundgren; Best semi-cactus, "*Jolly Time*", James Rafferty. Rafferty also won best B-F. D. with "*Spauldings Lavender*"; Best 5, 1. C. or St. C., Nat Lundgreen, with "*Frisco*", "*Superclass*", "*Aglaja*". Best semi-cactus, also Nat Lundgren; Best A-F. D., "*Lavender Perfection*", James Rafferty. Best 5 A-I.D., Nat Lundgren with "*Joseph B. Lanktree*", "*Lord of Autumn*", "*King of Whites*", "*America's Beauty*". Twenty-five any size, variegated, "*Dixie Windot*", Nat Lundgren. Twelve cactus, A size, "*Gold Coin*", "*Superclass*", "*All-ways*", James Rafferty. Best bloom in show, "*Pacific Queen*", Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Trotter. Largest bloom, "*Giant Beauty*", Nat C. Lundgren.

Sorry, but we were unable to secure winners of arrangement classes in time to get this to you under deadline.—Troy Cloinger, 4644 Dolores Ave., Oakland, California.

Oakland Bank of Commerce Dahlia Show (San Leandro, California)

For the past five years, the Oakland Bank of Commerce has sponsored a dahlia show through our San Leandro Society. This show follows our San Leandro show a week to ten days later, so we have a chance to show a lot of good blooms, especially the late bloomers. This year was the best show yet, as weather had cooled off a bit.

There were seven exhibitors, Walkups Nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kurtz (both commercial growers). The amateur winners were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harter, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Guggemos, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cloinger. The

best part of this show is that everyone who exhibits is a winner for the simplest reason that you enjoy seeing so many people who never get to a show and they seem so appreciative. One judge just can't praise enough, a commercial institution, such as this for helping to put on such an exhibition. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lundvall were show Managers.—Troy Cloinger.

Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society

The 48th Annual Dahlia Show of the Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society was held in Floral Hall at Everett, Washington, on August 24 and 25. Although we've had a number of shows in the past which boasted more entries, it is doubtful that the quality of bloom in any previous show could have exceeded this one. In view of the number of annual shows we've held here we consider this society to be the oldest in the United States, and we are proud of our record and of every show we've staged. Bill Caldwell was show chairman.

John Lindstrom took top honors for Best Dahlia in the show with a beautiful bloom of *Surprise*, and Bill Caldwell took the sweepstakes trophy. John Lindstrom also won trophies for several baskets; Best Basket, Large Decoratives with *Princess Dianne*; Best Basket, Large Semi-Cactus with *Mentone*; and Best Basket, Miniatures, with *White Fawn*. Largest Dahlia honors went to Mrs. J. B. Mortland, for her magnificent bloom of *Croydon Masterpiece*. Mrs. Mortland also won awards with Best Basket, *Jane Cowl* and for Best Basket, Mixed Dahlias. Mrs. Bess Owens won the award for the Best "B" Dahlia with *Mme. E. Nagles*. Mrs. Owens also won Best Basket in Open Division (B size) with *Danseuse*; and another trophy for Best B Cactus Basket with the same exhibit. Tom Wigley again won the Smallest Dahlia Trophy with his consistent winner *Tom Thumb*.

The Andy De Rooy Memorial Trophy went to Pablo Abellera for first year red A cactus seedling. Although there were a few entries in the American Home Achievement class this award was not given, indicating that our judges are intent on upholding the high standards of this award. The Trophy for Best Arrangement went to Mrs. Mortland. Leo Meyers won Sweepstakes in the Amateur Division while George McCrea took this honor in the Novice Division.—Tony De Rooy, P.O. Box 493, Monroe, Wash.

Fresno Dahlia Society

The Fresno Dahlia Society's third annual Show was held September 22nd. Every one agreed that it was a most successful show. The following were the principal winners of medal and trophies. American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Award to George Jacobson for a fine new seedling which was named Sweepstakes Specimens, Wesley Wipf. Sweepstakes Specimens, Novice, Jerry Chuman. Sweepstakes Arrangements, Mrs. Arthur Schmall. Best Commercial Exhibit, Pete's Dahlia Garden.

Largest in show, R. W. Richter with *Giant Beauty*. Smallest, Jerry Chuman with *Clover*. Best Bloom, Wesley Wipf with *Juanita*. Best "A" type, Kenneth Clifford with *Kelvin*. Best "B" type, Wesley Wipf. Best miniature, Clyd J. Nankervis with *Jonny K*. Best 3 pompons, Wesley Wipf with *Rifleman*. Best ball, Jack Arnold with *Rosy Dawn*. Best Orchid or Collarette, Wipf with *Woody-Woodpecker*. Best 3 formals or informals Wesley Wipf with *Ballego Glory*. Best Cactus, any type, 3 blooms, Wesley Wipf with *Juanita*. First place, arrangement, Novice, Mrs. Virgiana Picchi. — Mrs. Arthur Schmall, Sec'y, 5346 White Ave., Fresno, California.

Southtown Dahlia Club, Inc.

Follows the list of winners and winning varieties of our show held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21-22 in Chicago: Most perfect bloom in the show, *Nita*; Most perfect "A" bloom, *Judith*; Most perfect "B" bloom, *Nita*; The three most perfect Miniatures, *Chasamay*; The three most perfect Pom Pons, *Little Edith*; The three most perfect Other Type, *Elizabeth H*; *Largest bloom, Ada N—13½" x 9½"*.

The 10, A Size, most frequently winning blue ribbons, were: *Clariam Royalty*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Margaret Duross*, *Croydon Masterpiece*, *Ned Seymour*, *Pirate's Treasure*, *Whitehall*, *Tiara*, *Jane Lausche*, *Kelvin*.

The 10, B Size winning most frequently were: *Juanita*, *Florence Chadwick*, *Margraten*, *Dulcie May*, *Windlassie*, *Lady Ismay*, *White Mist*, *Glenda*, *Heimatland*, *Robyn*.

The 4 most perfect "A" blooms were: *Leander*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Margaret Duross*, *Kelvin*.

The 4 most perfect "B" blooms were: *Alabaster*, *Windlassie*, *Lady Ismay*, *Pi*
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quant. The 4 most perfect "A" and 4 most perfect "B" blooms were won by Mr. J. Clare Moore, of Markham, Ill., the president of the Southtown Dahlia Club.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Mr. J. Louis Roberts for his white "A" size formal seedling named "*Sophia R*"; for Mrs. Roberts. It scored 85 and will compete with "*Croydon Snotop*".

The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes winners were: Mr. J. Louis Roberts—"A" size white formal—scored 85; Mr. Paul Hale's "Nita" "B" cactus variegated—scored 86.8.

There were about 2,000 blooms on display and 69 arrangements. Mrs. Edward J. Dickhoff, Pub. Chm., 13813 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 27, Ill.

Dahlia and Plant Specialists

The Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland held their 1957 show, Sept. 7th and 8th, at the Cleveland Garden Center. On display were some 500 Dahlia blooms, Roses, annuals, etc., resulting in a wonderful display, which exceeded all expectations, considering the very wet conditions experienced after planting time.

The quality of the blooms was excellent, and members who found their entries displayed in the "Court of Honor" can be congratulated on their perseverance. Keeping up with his past reputation, our President Jerry Kovar, again took top honors with the best "A" bloom, the best miniature and the smallest and most perfect Pom. W. J. Cowie, who grows them big had the largest bloom, while the best Ball, and "B" size bloom went to a newcomer and a keen competitor W. F. Lemke. Other blue ribbon winners were John Kern with his roses, and Mrs. John Kern and Mrs. Agnes Salisbury in the arrangement classes. Our society is grateful to Joseph Kern, Rose Growers, Mentor, Ohio, for his commercial display of modern roses, our shows would never be complete without his beautiful display. The only disappointing aspect of our show was to find no entries in the A.D.S. seedling classes. Earlier in the season the majority of our members again voted to apply for the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards, and the American Home Achievement Medal. This was the second year that there were no entries; however, our show was a great success and our members are earnestly awaiting the new catalogues, and making plans for growing bigger and better Dahlias in 1958. — R. H. Howells, 3290 Dover Center Rd., Westlake, Ohio.

Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

One of the best shows in several years was held by our Dahlia Society this Sept. Over a thousand blooms were entered and they were of fine quality. The auditorium of the Higbee Co. made a most beautiful setting with a fountain in the center and displays by the Rocky River and Wagon Wheel Dahlia Gardens at the sides. The show was co-sponsored with the Downtown Ladies Garden Club, which had a very nice display in an adjoining room. Many out of town judges were present and a fine job was done by all. A luncheon was served by the society before judging began. The show was under able chairmanship of Jerry Kovar. Many thanks to the fine job done by all who participated.

Sweepstakes winners were as follows: Novice: Glen Ruth. Small Amateur: W. F. Lemke. Large Amateur: Angelo Danko. Open To All: Jerry Kovar with Rosemary Dahlia Gardens runner up.

The Court of Honor winners were: Best "A": Leo Lawrence with "*Clarium Royalty*". Largest Bloom: E. A. Wosnicki with "*Ned Seymour*". Best 3 "A": Leo Lawrence with "*Clarium Royalty*". Best "B": Mrs. L. S. Davies with "*Michigan White*". Best 3 "B": Nick Kozapas with "*Prince Noire*". Best Ball: Mrs. E. M. Higley with "*Bobby S*". Best of Miniatures: Leo Lawrence with "*Little Sinda*". Best of Pompons: Jerry Kovar with "*Clarise*". Grand Champion: Jerry Kovar with a seedling. The best entry of a 1957 variety was won by Charles Lasch with "*Euclid Beauty*". In the Arrangement Division handled by Mrs. Ed Papesh the Sweepstakes winner was Mrs. Frank Weber with Mrs. John Chipka runner up. —Eugene Woznicki, 65 Leyton Ave., Bedford, Ohio.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

Our Society again was privileged to use the facilities of the W.C.A.U. Radio and Television Center for this 10th Anniversary Show. Amos Kirby, farm and Garden Director of the station gave the show much publicity, which resulted in a very large attendance. Our growing season was a very poor one, with practically no rainfall during May, June, July and August. This worst summer drought in history resulted in less blooms being shown than usual.

A cloud of sadness fell upon the entire membership when it was learned that our energetic secretary, Curtis A. Goodwin passed away suddenly several weeks prior to the show. He had prepared a won-

derful show program, with many awards and trophies. It has also been his fine leadership which has resulted in increased membership recently. He will be sorely missed by all.

The quality of the blooms was excellent, but the show somewhat smaller. The Table of Champions showed the following winners: American Home Achievement Medal won by Pennypack Gardens with *Goody*, a B size 8 in. lavender I.C. A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards to *Autumn Star*, seedling exhibited by Frank V. Daniel. Also to Keck-Stephens Gardens for an F.D. miniature, an improved *Bo Bo* also to *Goody*, Pennypack Gardens and, if named, to two other seedlings. *No. 512*, by Pennypack and to *No. 55* another miniature by Keck-Stephens.

Other winners: Best A size *Giant Beauty*, by John Plewinski; Best Basket, A size, *Autumn Blaze*, by Walter Strobel; Best 3 B's *Piquant*, by Walter Strobel; Best Basket B's and the most outstanding exhibit, *Goody*, by Pennypack; Best 3 BB size, *Lady Sunbeam*, by Strobel; Best 5 Miniatures, *Fuzzy Wuzzy*, by George M. Boyles; Best Basket Mins. *Little Diamond*, by Strobel; Best 5 Pompons, *Gold Dust*, by Boyles; Best Basket, Pompons, *Margaret Williams* by Strobel; Best Arrangement, by Mrs. Leona Holmes. Amateur Sweepstakes won by Frank V. Diechler. Open to All Section winner was Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He also won the Section for BB's. There were many other winners which space does not permit recording.—Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham.

Suburban Dahlia Show

Pikesville, Maryland

Due to the severe draught during the growing season, followed by local heavy rains and wind storms the day before, many members of the Suburban Dahlia Society came to the show on Sept. 14th without a single bloom to enter. The few exhibitors not affected by the local storms however, accounted for over 300 entries out of 312, and were well rewarded with loads of trophies and awards to justify their efforts in making the show a success under the adverse conditions. The Hall at the Sudbrook Church, although large enough to contain several thousand entries, was re-arranged by the show committee after the judging to make the display not only interesting but very lovely for the public to view. All members are now

looking forward to next year when the Society will be host to the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

It was interesting to note however, the quality of the blooms and varieties were very good.

In the Court of Honor, the best A size was won by John Sherwood with *Mary Elizabeth*, the best B size by Harry Zieg with *Juanita*, the best 3 large bloom entry by Harry Zieg with *Gold Krone*, the best 3 small blooms by Vernon Ailstock with *Betty Malone*, the best basket by E. R. Phillips with 5 *Windlassies*, and the Grand Champion award went to Harry Zieg's *Gold Krone*. None of the entries in the A.D.S. or the A.H.A. sections scored the necessary points.—Bob Edmonston, President, 4209 Lowell Dr., Baltimore 8, Md.

Orange Dahlia Society, Inc.

This year, our Show was sponsored by the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference and was held August 24 and 25, in Memorial Hall, Huntington Beach, California. Dahlia members from all over Southern California exhibited their best blooms to present a lavish display of dahlias. Much credit for the success of the Show should go to Alonzo Frazier, Show manager, for his untiring efforts in staging the Show.

The following are the major award winners: Novice, Don Straub, Long Beach, *Kidd's Climax*, Amateur, Del Hughes, San Diego, 1 bloom, *Maureen Connolly*, 3 blooms, *Stardust*, Advanced Amateur, Fred McKelvey, Santa Monica, 1 bloom, *Apple Valley*, 3 blooms, Miss Rose Fletcher, 5 blooms, *Brightest Pink*. Open for All, Comstock Dahlia Garden, San Diego, 1 bloom, seedling, 7 blooms, *La Cierva*, mass display, *Potgieter* and *Little Dickey*. Henderson Dahlia Garden, San Diego, 3 blooms *Maureen Connolly* Best arrangement, Mrs. Don Haskett, Long Beach.

Sweepstakes winners were: Novice, R. L. Pyle, Long Beach, Amateur, Alan True, Hermosa Beach, Advanced Amateur, Fred McKelvey, Santa Monica, Open for All, Henderson Dahlia Garden, San Diego.

Best A size dahlia in the Show, Comstock Dahlia Garden, undessimated seedling. Best B size dahlia in the Show, Henderson Dahlia Garden, *First Lady*. Best B-B size dahlia in the Show, Del Hughes, San Diego, *Vernon's Snowball*.

Largest in the Show, Comstock Dahlia Garden, *Art Linkletter*. Smallest pompon,

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Mrs. R. M. Middleton, San Diego, *Gold Dust*. American Home Achievement Medal winner, Comstock Dahlia Garden, with *Helen Hayes*, which also won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes with a score of 86. Comstock also won Seedling Sweepstakes, B-B size with *Mounney C*, and the M size with *Little Dickey*.

Other dahlias quite prominent in the blue ribbon class were: *Juanita*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Nagel's Solidite*, *Piquant*, *Silver Wedding*, *Rearlight*, *Pat Ann Dee*, and *Ruby Charm*. Lawrence O. Archibald, Cor. Secy., 10162 S. Old Park Rd., Orange, Calif.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky

Another pleasant memory in the history of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky is their 25th Annual Dahlia Show which was held at the Kentucky Hotel on September 21 and 22. Blooms were plentiful and of good quality.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by C. W. Simbritzki with an entry called "*Revival*". He also won the American Dahlia Seedling Sweepstakes award with "*Revival*".

The largest bloom, was shown by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons with "*Sherwoods Peach*." The Derby Class winner was C. W. Simbritzki with a bloom of "*Ogden Reid*." Best "3" Red A Dahlias, were "*Mrs. Hester Pape*" and were shown by Mr. Clarence Hoagland. Best "B" bloom in, was "*Juanita*" by Barnard James of Indianapolis, Indiana. Best Cactus bloom, was "*Big Ben*" shown by Barnard James. Best 3 bloom entry in Section 1 was "*Burnbrae Memories*" by Mr. W. W. Stout.

Sweepstakes of the entire Show won by W. F. Booker. Court of Honor winner was "*Juanita*" shown by Barnard James. Winner of the Novice Section was Maurice Clark.

Best blooms in Single blooms Section 1 were "*Big Ben*", "*Mary Elizabeth*", "*Nearest Blue*", "*Arthur Godfrey*". Best of the 4 blooms was "*Arthur Godfrey*." Sweepstakes in Section 1 won by Mr. Joe Hellmann. Best blooms in Single bloom entry Classes in Section 2 were "*Big Ben*", "*Storm Cloud*", "*Sherwoods Peach*", "*Prairie Sun*". The best of the 4 was "*Storm Cloud*".

Sweepstakes in Section 2 was won by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons. Best blooms in Single blooms entry Classes "B" Dahlias were "*Juanita*", "*Rockett*", "*Windlassie*", "*The Real Glory*". The best of the 4 was

"*Juanita*". Sweepstakes in Section 3 "B" Dahlias was Wilbur Anderson of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sweepstakes in Poms and Miniatures was won by Mrs. Floyd Cook. Sweepstakes in the Garden Flower Section was won by Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn. —Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary. 726 Barrett St., Louisville 4, Ky.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The 27th annual show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin was held at Mitchell Park Pavilion, Milwaukee, Wis. September 7th and 8th.

Due to the heavy rains around the Chicago area early this summer, entries from that vicinity were not as plentiful as previous years, but blooms exhibited were fine specimens. Some of the growers from that area were completely wiped out. Despite these setbacks, we still had a successful show this year, thanks to George Merkel, Show Chairman and all assisting committees and members who helped put it over.

A very nice display piece facing the public as they entered the hall was set up by our treasurer, Ed Wisniewski in the form of an artist's easel five foot high with the whole outer edge lined up with all sizes of dahlias and colors, kept fresh by small water cups on the back side, the center area filled in with pictures taken by him of our last years annual banquet. Congratulations Ed for a nice piece of work. Credit also goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mosser for arrangement of a very fine dinner, which I for one and many others will readily say was the best in the Midwest. This I think leads to good judging of show flowers afterwards.

Following are the results of the show winnings: Largest bloom "*Big Ben*" 12½ inches — Judge George Currie; Most perfect A—*Great Lakes*—Ben Makowski; Most perfect B—*Bunny*—Summit Dahlia Gardens; Best 1957 introduction—*Charles Ondrick*—Clare Moore Jr.; *Big Ten* and *Big Four*—Ben Makowski; *Big Six*—Clare Moore Jr.; *Little Ten*, *Six*, and *Four*—Summit Dahlia Gardens; Best entry of *Mrs. Hester Pape*—Ben Makowski;

Open Division: Largest Bloom—*Big Ben* by George Currie; Most Perfect A—*Janet Beckett*—Summit Dahlia Gardens; Most Perfect B—*Bunny*—Summit Dahlia Gardens; Sweepstakes—George Merkel—Edward A. Boese, Secy., 3855 E. Cudahy Ave., Cudahy, Wis.

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A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1958 as listed on the ballot below.

Active members in good standing shall be entitled to cast two votes. Sustaining and life members, the same.

Participating members shall be members of Branch Societies who have been duly accepted as members. Each Participating Member shall have one vote.

Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1958 to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

VOTE

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INC.

The Officers placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1958, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are as follows:

- ☐ For President: Dr. Bruce Preas, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- ☐ For Secretary: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, New Jersey
- ☐ For Assistant Secretary: Emil Berzau, Merrick, N. Y.
- ☐ For Treasurer: Henry A. Olsen, Elmont, L. I., New York
- ☐ For Trustee to 1959: Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J.

For Vice Presidents (vote for 25 or more):

- ☐ L. C. Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.
- ☐ J. Ralph Berry, Cleveland, Ohio
- ☐ Emil Berzau, Merrick, N. Y.
- ☐ Leslie Bowling, Silver Springs, Baltimore, Md.
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- ☐ E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio
- ☐ Mrs. Sarah Wakeman Wood, Southport, Conn.

Note: If you are an active or sustaining member in good standing, or a life member, your vote will be counted as two (2) votes for each officer voted for. If you are a participating (Branch membership classification) your vote will be counted as one (1) vote. Be sure to mail this ballot before January 2, 1958, to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

Note 2: You have privilege of voting for other A.D.S. members in place of those nominated above, providing that the written acceptance of said candidate, properly sworn to before a legal officer, has been filed with the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society. (It requires twenty-five (25) votes to elect.)

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ANDREW J. MULCAHY

Notary Public,

State of N. Y.,

March 30, 1958

National Capital Dahlia Show

Senor Don Manuel Tello, Ambassador of Mexico to the United States, opened the Twenty-Second Annual Dahlia Show of the National Capital Dahlia Society at the U. S. Botanic Gardens, Washington, D. C., on September 28th. The Ambassador was accompanied by his wife and daughter to whom were presented dahlia corsages created by Walter Charon of the Nosegay Flower Shop.

The Show closed the next day on a triumphant note as the Ambassador presented the Mexican Trophy to Mr. Clyde Stewart of Arlington, Virginia, for his entry *Chasamay*, a miniature dahlia selected by the judges as "Queen of the Show." The trophy, a large Mexican silver tray centered with a reproduction of the ancient Aztec calendar, was a gift of Senora Maria Ruiz Cortines, wife of Mexico's President.

For the third consecutive year, Harry Frank of Far Hills, New Jersey, entered the Largest Bloom of the Show—a yellow giant named *Art Linkletter*. It also was judged the Best Large Bloom. And for the second consecutive year, Clarence G. Phillip, Falls Church, Virginia, President of the Society, won the coveted Evening Star Trophy with his entry *Olympic Centennial* in the 125A Section.

The best Medium Flowering Dahlia, *Judy G* likewise was entered by Mr. Phillip, while the best Florist Size was *Dark Felt* entered by Vernon L. Ailstock, Arlington, Virginia. Clyde Stewart won a second trophy with *Rhonda*, the best Miniature Dahlia, while the best Pompon was *Lulu* entered by Dr. Henry C. Parker, Chevy Chase, D. C.

With approximately 1700 entries, it was not our largest show to date but we believe it was our finest. For the first time blue ribbons only counted towards sweepstakes, so only the very best blooms were entered in the show. Then too, the attendance was the largest ever, and the addition of organ music enhanced the charm of the Show.—Carl G. Greimel, Chairman Publicity, 6369 Ridge Dr., Washington, D. C.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

This society held its 28th annual Dahlia and Flower Show, September 18th and 19th in the basement of the City Market. It was opened to the public at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Despite weather conditions which were hot and dry all season, we staged a very

credible show. Number of entries was not up last year, however. Attendance was up, in fact, the best in our history according to some. In addition to dahlias there were exhibits of *Roses*, *Gladiolus*, *Marigolds*, *Zinnias* and other flowers.

Best Dahlia in show, *Mary Elizabeth*, by Mrs. Roy Polsgrove; It won the Governor's Trophy. Largest dahlia, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, by Frank Rynex. Smallest dahlia award, to Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis. In the Novice Class, which was included for the first time, won by Mrs. C. E. Rohrbaugh, a trophy donated by Leslie J. Bowling.

Sweepstakes in other classes, First Prize to Norman Shockey. Judges were: Prof. J. B. S. Norton, U. of Md., Henry J. Betz, Baltimore, Miss Mary Bester, Hagerstown, Md.

At the Pacific Northwest Conference meeting the following officers were elected for 1958. President, Mrs. Leo Miller, Rt. 5, Box 85, Bremerton, Wash.; Vice-President, Clifford Taylor, 1420 So. Stevens, Tacoma; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. D. Evans, 4422 Glenwood Dr., Everett.

The Best Dahlias in Holland in 1957

The Joint Dahlia Committee (15 Judges) have selected the best new introductions, after seeing them during 8 weeks at the weekly meetings at 2 Trial Grounds in 1956, and having judged at least 42 cut blooms per variety during the meetings in 1957. Reported by Ballego.

Reds: *Arubanita*, A, ID, signal red; *Chinese Lantern*, B, FD, cerise to yellowish centre; *Guilding Star*, B, ID, scarlet to yellowish centre; *Best Seller*, B, SC, orange red; *Eclipse*, B, SC, Turkish carmine red; *Perfectos*, B, SC, blood-red; *Pinnacle*, B, SC, scarlet throughout; *Rodeo*, B, SC, dark red.

Whites: *Frank Soeten*, M, StC, white miniature bedder; *Hoeks White*, A, SC, purest white; *Peace*, B, FD, snow white.

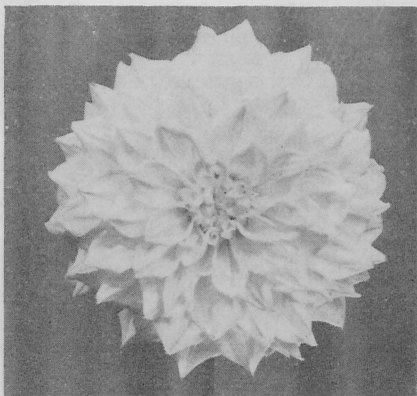
Rose: *Belle of the Ball*, B, FD, rose to ivory at centre; *Vogue*, peach with golden sheen, B, IC.

Autumn: *Ami Pardieu*, A, SC, terra cotta to golden centre; *Miss Universe*, A, SC, burnt orange; *Wagschals Goldkrone*, B, IC, gold to brown at centre (German).

Yellow: *Cleopatra*, A, SC, dark canary yellow; *First Lady*, B, FD, lemon yellow (U. S. American).

Purplish: *Heimatland*, B, SC, pink to mauve (German); *Magenta Queen*, B, FD, magenta.

Pompons: *Baseball*, small, purest white; *Orchid Gem*, small, orchid purple.



SOPHIA R.

REPORTS INDICATE . . .

that there will not be many new A type Dahlias introduced this coming year. We have the good fortune of being able to introduce two good ones.

SOPHIA R.—The originator of this dahlia is Mr. J. Louis Roberts, the dahlia authority of the Middle-west and former Honor Roll Writer, who has named this dahlia after his charming wife. This is a pure white formal decorative of 10" x 5 1/2", with stems of 10 inches, holding blooms on side. The bush is 6 ft. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at

the Middle-west Show in St. Louis, as well as the Southtown Show in Chicago. It also received a Certificate of Merit at the Southern Trial Grounds in Atlanta, Ga. Our stock on this Dahlia is very limited and orders shall be booked as received for immediate delivery on roots or may be reserved for a later date.

Plants \$5.00 Net—Roots, \$15.00 Net

HELEN M. (Schwanebeck-Brieger)—This is a dahlia that is very much needed in the A type dark blend class in which there is very few. The size of the blooms run 10" by 6". The color is a deep Persian rose, overlaid with an orchid purple. It is a seedling of **Quinn's Tidal Wave**. The plants are very healthy, with heavy dark green leathery foliage. Plants are 5 1/2 ft. tall. Blooms are at 45 degree angle. This dahlia has received a Certificate of Merit at Eastern Trail Grounds in Farmingdale, N. Y., as well as the Midwestern Trial Ground in East Lansing, Mich.

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