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### THE LITTLEST GIRL AND THE LARGEST DAHLIA AT ELMIRA

Little Miss Paulette Kester, of 262 E. Miller St., Elmira, N. Y. She is shown with the Bloom of Autumn Blaze, which won the Award for the Largest and Most Perfect Bloom, for Dr. L. E. Jordan, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Paulette's daddy is in Japan, and a copy of this photo, by Dudley is being sent to him.

# Let's Get Busy for a Big Year in 1958

I thank the members of the A.D.S. for the honor of being elected for the third term. The position has been at times formidable, but due to the never failing work and loyalty of it's committees and members, the prestige of the Society has continued to grow.

Continued unity with the A.D.S., and the hard work of chairman Charles M. Diffenderffer, as well as all the members of his committee, caused the joint classification list to be completed and delivered at our Annual Meeting — the earliest ever.

Our Annual Show, held for the first time away from New York, was a great success. Chairman Ed Lloyd, as well as John Metzger and other members of his committee, surely deserve much credit. Ed Lloyd has ironed out all of our 1957 difficulties, and our 1958 Show will again be held in the Newark Airport on Sept. 13th and 14th.

Our show schedule will have a new format, and the advertising in it will in all probability improve our financial condition, so that aid to research on dahlias, and aid to our Branch and Affiliate Societies will be possible.

The trial grounds under Bert Pitt showed a great increase in entries, and perfection in their conduct.

The A.D.S. Sweepstakes was the most successful ever, under chairman Drew Mulcahy.

Editor Lynn Dudley, deserves all credit for our wonderful A.D.S. BULLETIN, which if possible, improves with each issue.

If all of the commercial dahlia firms would seek more sales by advertising in the BULLETIN, they would benefit by it as well as aid our Society. The Editor demonstrated at our Annual Meeting, the cost of printing Editorial material and Commercial ads. Our friend the "Dahlia" fully proved that any magazine must balance the cost of each, in order to survive.

The other Committees served well and space prevents the acknowledgement and appreciation by names of those who contributed to our first position in the Dahlia World.

The Society is democratic and national in that, besides the elected officers and vice presidents, all Branch and Affiliated Societies have representation in our Executive Committee. Each presiding officer of those Societies for the current year is automatically an A.D.S. Vice President. He can attend, express opinions, and vote in each monthly Executive Meeting.

Now with these appreciative remarks over, may I suggest that all members of the A.D.S. get behind your officers and plan and work for a Big Year in 1958.

BRUCE B. PREAS, M.D., President.

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Membership dues in the American Dahlia Society, \$4.00 per year, of which \$3.00 is for the annual subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society, published quarterly.

Send membership dues to the Treasurer of the Society, Henry A. Olsen, 418 Clement Avenue, Elmont, New York.

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Editor - - LYNN B. DUDLEY  
25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

# Annual Meeting — American Dahlia Society, Inc.

The annual meeting of the American Dahlia Society, Inc., was held in New York City, in accordance with the Corporation Laws of the State of New York, on January 18th, 1958, at the Park-Sheraton Hotel. Seventy eight members being present and declared a quorum, President Preas called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M., and requested a brief pause of prayer in memory of those members no longer with us. The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting was called for, but on motion, since the Minutes of this 1957 meeting had been published in full in the BULLETIN the reading was omitted and the Minutes approved as printed. Mr. Olsen, as Treasurer submitted the financial report for the year ending December 31st 1957. This report was received with appreciation, and being approved was ordered spread upon the Minutes of this meeting. Together with the Treasurer's report was that of the Auditor who found all accounts and records of the Treasurer's office in perfect and complete detail.

President Preas called for the report of the Tellers on the election of officers to serve during the year 1958, or until their successors might be elected or appointed. Mr. Pollak, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the election of the entire slate of officers as submitted by his Committee and as published in ballot form in the November 1957 issue of the BULLETIN. President Preas expressed his appreciation for the vote of confidence evidenced in his re-election, and in turn expressed his own appreciation to the members of all Committees for their efforts in his and the Society's behalf. The President then called for the reports of Standing and Special Committees.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE. The Editor, Mr. Dudley gave a resume of the operations and on the publishing of the BULLETIN during the years of his Editorship. In part this disclosed a yearly increase in editorial matter with a marked decrease in advertising pages. To remedy the advertising space decrease, in hoped for amount, the Editor moved and it was carried unanimously that advertising rates in the BULLETIN be revised in accordance with Mr. Dudley's ideas—the new rates will be published in the February BULLETIN. The Editor thanked the representatives of the Branch and Affiliated Societies for their cooperation in the matter of typed reports of their activities. He further reported the retirement of Mrs. Goodwin as Secretary of the Dahlia Society of Alabama, and the election of Mr. R. E. Harter as President of the San Leandro (Cal.) Dahlia Society. Mr. Dudley recommended consideration of methods to secure financial aid to the Research Committee, and for increased aid to the Membership Committee. In the absence of Chairman Mason of the Research Committee, Mr. Dudley announced application from the publisher of the Dahlia Year Book, of the National Dahlia Society of England, for permission to reprint certain results of research on root storage in their Year Book. This permission has been granted subject to proper credit being given this Society and its Research Committee.

TRIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE. Mr. Pitt for this Committee reported 222 entries in the five Trial Gardens for the past year. He complimented the Trial Garden officials on their operations and cooperation, and anticipated further excellent results in 1958. He pointed out the necessity for those sending entries to the Pacific Coast Trial Garden to have such entries arrive in Oakland, California not later than early April, due to the variance in growing seasons.

DERRILL HART MEMORIAL AWARD. Mr. Pitt for this committee announced 1957 Derrill Hart awards to VERA SEYFANG in the "A" size; to IVA JEAN in the "B" size; to MAUNEY C in the "BB" size; and no award in 1957 in the "M" size.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE. Mr. Diffenderfer for the A.D.S. and for the Joint Classification Committee reported the completion of the 1958 official classification lists and that they were as of this date in the mails for distribution to the members. The President warmly congratulated Mr. Diffenderfer for this accomplishment, it being the first time in many years the annual List has been published so promptly and efficiently. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the members of the Joint Committee all of whom had made these results possible.

SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES COMMITTEE. Mr. Mulcahy for this Committee reported application blanks prepared for this competition and ready for mailing to interested member societies. He requested all Branch and Affiliated Societies to forward to his office a list of present officers in order that 1958 applications be directed to the proper person and address.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Mr. Frey expressed his appreciation to the 1957 judges and clerks, and to all who so ably assisted him at the 1957 exhibition.

SHOW COMMITTEE. Mr. Lloyd reported receipt of an invitation from the Port of New York Authority to hold the 1958 exhibition of this Society on the Observation Deck of the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept this invitation and to hold the 44th annual exhibition of this Society at this location on September 13th and 14th 1958. It was announced by the Chairman that the matter of viewing the display, an unpleasant matter in 1957 at this location, had been overcome through the lifting of restrictions on the number of visitors allowed on the exhibition floor by the Port Authority officials. President

Preas announced the schedule will be financed through advertising as far as practical, and issued in a more up to date style. Due to the very small amount of space available for commercial entries, it was recommended to the Show Committee that commercial space be made available only to those commercial members who subscribe to advertising space in the Show Schedule. The President announced Mrs. C. V. Smith and Mrs. Diedrich Meyer would be in charge completely of all Arrangement Classes and Schedule.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Mohr, for the Dinner Committee reported the annual banquet would start promptly at 7:00, and with entertainment by members of the Bergen County Dahlia Association, all of whom are also members of this Society.

As is our happy custom and privilege to recognize the unselfish and loyal services of our members, Gold Medal Awards for distinguished services to the American Dahlia Society are awarded in 1958 to Mr. Charles M. Diffenderfer Chairman of our Classification Committee, to President Bruce B. Preas, and to Past President Thomas Leavitt of Assinippi, Massachusetts. In presenting the medal to Mr. Leavitt, Past President Fraser announced that although the award was made to Mr. Leavitt ten years ago, Mr. Leavitt had been unable to be present to accept the award until this meeting.

The President announced that the New York Botanical Garden had an outstanding display of dahlias this past year, and since the display is to be continued, he requested all to cooperate with the N. Y. Botanical in this effort. Our guest at this meeting, Mrs. Hansell, Editor of the GARDEN JOURNAL and largely responsible for the establishment of this dahlia crescent will discuss this garden at the annual dinner meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary.

Today's forgotten man: The commercial dahlia man who stopped advertising last year.

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**September 13-14 — Newark  
Airport — A Bigger  
Better Dahlia Show**

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# The Annual Dinner

Park Sheraton Hotel, N. Y., January 18, 1958

The Invocation was given by Leo Pollak in his customary inimitable style and well chosen words.

Thomas Leavitt, of Assinippi, Mass., President of the A.D.S. in 1930 and 1931, was the recipient of the Society's gold medal presented by George Fraser, President, 1936. He said he was especially pleased to receive the medal and he was always among friends when he came to the A.D.S. meetings. He added that he was glad that the same spirit of devotion activated the present officers of the society as in the old days. He recalled that he appointed Dewey Mohr to the finance committee in 1930 and now 27 years later Dewey is still active on the same committee. He also electioneered for Lynn Dudley for President in 1937. Concluding, he said he was a member of many national organizations, but that he believed that there was nothing more to be treasured than dahlia friendships.

As reported in the annual meeting agenda by Secy. Lloyd, Charles Diffenderffer and Dr. Preas were both given A.D.S. Gold Medals. The latter was presented by Past Pres. (1948-52) Leo Pollak with the statement that he had waited five years to get the medal and he wanted to see that "Doc" got his now for the wonderful job that he has and is doing for the society. In presenting the medal to Mr. Diffenderffer, Pres. Preas said "Charlie" had distinguished himself in his work on the 1958 Joint Classification List and his devotion to the advancement of the dahlia.

Ted Weston, Horticulture Editor of the American Home was next introduced and his remarks will be found in another column, with the list of medal winners for 1957.

President Preas then asked Secretary Edw. Lloyd to introduce the next speaker. She was Mrs. Dorothy Ebel Hansell, editor of the Garden Journal, published by the New York Botanical Garden.

Mrs. Hansell told of going with her father, a famous botanist, to the Botanical Garden when she was a small girl. They there visited the Dahlia Border with Dr. Marshall A. Howe, its originator. They

were accompanied by Derrill Hart, John Sheepers, Leonard Barron and Wm. Waite. She said the Dahlia Border has been reinstated the past season, after 14 years, under the direction of L. P. Politi, Head Gardener and John King, Assistant Head Gardener. She said the Garden appreciated the help and encouragement of Edw. Lloyd and Lynn Dudley in getting the border established again.

Most of the varieties planted in 1957 were purchased by the garden from American and foreign firms. She added that the budget would not permit the purchase of the new and more expensive varieties, but if originators and introducers wished their new novelties to be included in the planting in 1958, and would send them to the Garden in her care they would be given a prominent place and the best of culture.

Mrs. Hansell said that in the coming season an inner "Crescent" would be added which would include the smaller, lower and earlier blooming singles, Unwin and Coltness hybrids. She said the planting could not be a Trial Garden for the new seedling dahlias. They wanted primarily,

View of the "Dahlia Crescent" at the New York Botanical Garden, 1957. This shows "Town Topics," an old timer bicolor, literally covered with blooms. Photo Dudley.



the older and proven varieties. She said many thousands viewed the garden, even tho' it was planted late. Next year, she added, it would be planted earlier and because of the publicity given it in the A.D.S. BULLETIN and other publications, they expected a much larger group of visitors in 1958. Everyone present was invited to come to the Botanical Garden this fall to see the planting.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Musical interlude by Will Stone and Joe Gambi of Rivervale, N. J., who are the Gamston Gardens. Joe first sang an aria from Don Giovanni, then both joined in duet to render Handel's Largo. Then followed several short selections by Will, who also played all the piano accompaniments. The audience was indeed appreciative of their fine talents.

Dr. Preas then said that Lynn Dudley was "champing at the bit", and would he please proceed to make his introduction of the Kodachrome slides of dahlias. Dudley proceeded, with the very able assistance of Henry Olsen, machine operator. Over 300 slides were shown. Among these were slides of Bert Pitt, taken at the Farmingdale Trial Garden; those of Roy Webb taken on his trips to the shows in 1957; those of E. J. Wind brought by Charles Diffenderffer, and those by Lynn Dudley.

Before starting the picture showing, which lasted for over an hour, Dudley explained the real facts behind the recent dispatch from Birmingham, England, which "made" every newspaper in America on Jan. 10th. It was called the "Goode Story" but it did not turn out so good for Mr. Goode, when his wife left him because he wouldn't give up his blooming dahlias. (See story of inside facts on another page of this issue.)

Music during the dinner was furnished by Tully Camerini, of Westwood, N. J., a member of the Society.

The meeting concluded at 11:15. And now to another good dahlia season, we hope.

## • American Dahlia Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Park Sheraton Hotel — New York City  
January 18, 1958**

President Preas called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The following members were present: Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Meyer, Dr. Knocke,

Dr. Cook, Fraser, Leavitt, Pollak, Frey, Mohr, Mulcahy, Stewart, Dudley, Hardisty, Webb, Stoeckel, Brieger, Pitt, Mugno, Gambi, Stone, Brunjes, Frank, Seaman, Eyer, Diffenderffer, Olsen, Johnson, Metzger, Preas, and Lloyd.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 6th 1957, and the Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31st were accepted as read and as presented. Mr. Mohr, as Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the books and records of the Treasurer having been audited and found correct in all respects.

Mr. Dudley, for the Bulletin Committee gave a report on the operations and publishing of the BULLETIN during the past four years. This disclosed a yearly increase in editorial pages with a decrease in advertising pages. To remedy the advertising space decrease, Mr. Dudley moved and it was unanimously carried that the BULLETIN advertising rates be revised. These new rates will be listed in the February BULLETIN. It is Mr. Dudley's expectation that the new rates will simulate the advertising income and tend to balance the costs of publishing — for instance, it is now costing this Society the sum of \$90.00 dollars per Branch with an average of only fifty dollars received, and showing a further loss to this Society on the operations and publishing of Classification Lists annually, all of which comes out of the fifty dollars first mentioned. Among other details the Editor thanked the representatives of the Branch and Affiliated Societies for their cooperation in the matter of typed reports, reported the election of Mr. Harter as President of the San Leandro Dahlia Society and the retirement of Mrs. Goodwin as Secretary of the Dahlia Society of Alabama. He recommended consideration of a plan to secure financial aid to the Research Committee, and for assistance to the Membership Committee.

Mr. Diffenderffer, for the Classification Committee reported the 1958 Classification List completed and in process of mailing, and thanked the members of his Committee, all of whom were in turn thanked by President Preas.

Mr. Mulcahy, for the Seedling Sweepstakes Committee requested all Branch and Affiliated Societies to forward to his office a list of present officers in order that the 1958 applications for entry in this competition from his office be directed to the proper parties.

Mr. Pitt for the Trial Grounds Com-

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# 1958 Annual Exhibition



## A.D.S. EXECUTIVE MEETING —

(Continued)

mittee and the Derrill Hart Memorial Award Committee reported "progress" on the former and for the latter reported Derrill Hart awards for 1957 to the varieties *Vera Seyfang* in the "A" size; to *Iva Jean* in the "B" size; and to *Mauney C* in the "BB" size; and no award in the "M" size.

Mr. Lloyd reported for the Show Committee, explaining that an invitation was received from the Port of New York Authority to hold the 1958 exhibition on the Observation Deck of the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal, this being the location of our 1957 exhibition. The Port Authority having lifted the restrictions as to number of visitors allowed on the show floor, after some further discussion it was moved and carried that the 1958 exhibition of this Society be held on September 13th and 14th at this location. It being anticipated that through advertising space in the Show Schedule much of our expenses would be covered, it was recommended to the Show Committee that consideration be given to the idea of restricting the small amount of available commercial space on the exhibition floor to those commercial growers only who took advertising space in the 1958 Show Schedule.

It was moved by Dr. Knocke, seconded and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks and approval be given the officers and committees of the Society and Editor Dudley for their work and activities in 1957.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 12:00 noon to reconvene in annual session at 2:30 P.M. — Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary.

Edward B. Lloyd, A.D.S. Secretary and his New Origination, named in Honor of Dr. Charles H. Connors, Ch'mn of Nomenclature Committee of the Society. It is an "A" Semi-Cactus, True Pink. Won A.D.S. Certificate of Merit at East Lansing, 1957. Ed will again be Chairman of the A.D.S. Show in 1958.

At the annual meeting of this Society, held January 18th 1958 in New York City, it was the unanimous vote of the members that the invitation of the Port of New York Authority to hold our 44th annual exhibition on September 13th and 14th 1958 on the Observation Deck of the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal be accepted. This is the location of the 1957 exhibition.

The Chairman of the Show Committee announced that the engineers of the Port Authority, having re-examined the construction details of the exhibition floor area, restrictions as the number of visitors allowed to closely view the blooms and exhibits would be lifted.

It is planned to have Society and Exhibition headquarters in a convenient New York City Hotel this year. Airport bus and taxi service are quickly, and to some extent reasonably available to and from New York. A hotel headquarters will be selected and announced in the columns of the BULLETIN.

Mrs. C. V. Smith and Mrs. Diedrich Meyer will handle all details of the arrangement classes and schedules with their customary efficiency.

As plans and details develop, further advice will be given through the BULLETIN in subsequent issues. In the meanwhile, your Show Committee wishes to emphasize the need for help on the exhibition floor during preparations for the exhibition, and throughout show period. Without this help, our pay-roll for union labor will have a lamentable resemblance to that of 1957!

Among other requirements are the services of a union carpenter. — Edw. B. Lloyd, Chairman, Show Committee.

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A.D.S. Show Combined With New Jersey Dahlia Society and Irvington Garden Club, Sept. 13-14, at Newark Airport. Start NOW to Plan Your Exhibits.

# Derrill Hart Awards — Trial Gardens

The Derrill Hart Medal for Class A dahlias in 1957 was won by VERA SEYFANG, originated by A. H. Baynes of Australia, and is being distributed by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. It is a lavender formal decorative, with petaloids of the same color and much the same shape, so that the effect is a double petaled bloom.

The award for Class B dahlias was won by *Iva Jean* from the gardens of Nat C. Lundgren in Santa Cruz, Cal. This bi-colored incurved cactus is being distributed by Dahliadel Nurseries.

In the BB class, the award was won by MOUNEY C., a white formal decorative with enough substance to make it a favorite with florists. Originated and distributed by Comstock Dahlia Gardens.

Although several fine miniatures were grown, none were shown in the required three or more Trial Gardens and therefore were not able to win a certificate of Merit. For this reason, there is no Derrill Hart Medal award in the miniature class this year. But the miniature varieties, scoring 85 or more points in one or two Trial Gardens in 1957, can be sent to others in 1958. Then if they receive a total of three certificates, and the highest average score in the two seasons, will win the Derrill Hart Award in 1958.

## Trial Garden Report

Eight dahlias won Certificates of Merit at the Cincinnati Trial Garden last season, all with a score of 85 points. Seven of them won Certificates at other Trial Gardens, and were described in the November issue. Only the names of these varieties are listed here. They are:

MID AMERICA

VERA SEYFANG

CHRISLENE

LITTLE PLAYMATE

WHITE MORNING

MOUNEY C.

CASCADE CUPID

An additional variety not certified at any other Trial Garden is CREM WEIB.

This is described as, Semi-Cac., size B, 8" by 4", bush height, 5 ft. Color, pink shaded yellow to center. Entered by H. G. Huey, 731 N. La Mirada Ave., La Habra, Calif.

The names of two varieties reported in the November issue have been changed because the names originally selected were

already in use. We have also a few corrections to make.

JET has been renamed JETER

GOOD MORNING has been renamed WHITE MORNING

MID AMERICA appears twice in the report, once with the Class A dahlias as a large red informal decorative which is the correct listing. It is listed as a yellow formal decorative miniature. This was in error. The yellow miniature is CHARLENE which was also listed just above it in the BULLETIN.

We still do not have a name for the red pompon, which we understand will not be available this year.

HELEN HAYES was reported as growing  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ . We hope no one bought this one expecting to produce a bloom  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches in depth. It is a fine dahlia, but the size should have read  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ .

Still another error was the score of *Cascade Cupid*, which should have read, "Score 85."

The 1958 season is about to begin and we hope that new varieties are being readied for the Trial Gardens. More about this in the May issue, but the Pacific Coast Trial Garden plants in April, so if you are contemplating sending dahlias to Oakland, you will be giving your variety an advantage by sending it there early, instead of the handicap it will have to overcome if you send it late. The same applies to the planting at Tacoma, Wash. This Garden will not be an Official A.D.S. Trial Garden before 1959.

We should point out that some of the above errors in listing and names occurred because of the difficulty in obtaining correct information quickly from originators and introducers. The names of varieties should be supplied on application along with a code number, to Garden Superintendents. The names will not be used unless the variety scores 85 points or more, if you request it.

The reports should be published in the Nov. BULLETIN to give the new novelties the earliest publicity possible. That benefits both buyer and seller of the introductions.

Write me if you have any questions about entering dahlias in the Trial Gardens or if you wish Entry Blanks, Bert Pitt, Chairman Trial Grounds, 9730 123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

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# Show Winning Dahlias In 1957

By Charles Diffenderffer and Dr. L. E. Jordan

This consensus is the list of winning dahlias by class in 18 shows from all areas of the country. Only blue ribbon winners were tabulated when correctly entered in their class. Both amateur and open classes were considered. In a few classes, ties resulted and are so listed. These were compiled from reports to the chairman of the Joint Classification List.

It is hoped that this may be a guide to the exhibitor, especially the new exhibitor who is not sure of what varieties to grow in certain classes. These are proven varieties when the stock is good and the plant properly handled.

In making this tabulation two things impressed us greatly. The first is the need for a standard show schedule for all shows. If a particular show wishes to have additional classes, these could be added for that show, but the main amateur and open classes should all have the same numbers. The exhibitor, showing in several shows could greatly simplify his choice of blooms to enter and fill out his entry cards with less confusion and time. It would also aid in reducing the second criticism.

Second is the entry of blooms in the wrong classes. In some shows, this is very common. It is unfair to the exhibitor who has correctly placed his entry. To the exhibitor who makes the wrong entry as to class, he might do better with his entry, if correctly placed. It is a careless habit for a Society or exhibitor to permit this and we feel it could be avoided with proper reference to the Joint Classification List. We suggest that all show committees should emphasize the importance of entering the blooms correctly, and really aid the new exhibitor until he understands the various classes.

The following shows are included in this consensus:

Atlanta, Ga.	A.D.S., N. Y.
Baltimore, Md.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Birmingham, Ala.	Richmond, Va.
3 California Shows	Rochester, N. Y.
Chicago, Ill.	St. Louis, Mo.
Elmira, N. Y.	Southtown, Chicago,
Long Island, N. Y.	Tacoma, Wash.
Louisville, Ky.	Washington, D. C.
Milwaukee, Wis.	

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## DERRILL HART AWARDS—(Continued)

### Northwest A.D.S. Trials

The Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference is going to operate its Trial Garden for the second year, this season. All of last years entries will be re-grown, and we would like to receive some new ones.

We would appreciate it greatly if some of the eastern introducers would send entries to see how they do in the Northwest. We believe this is essential to building up demand for new novelties in this section.

Our garden is located in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, Washington.

All entries should be mailed to Mr. Howard S. Harmon, Supt., 5402 No. Shirley St., Tacoma 7, Washington.

The entry fee is \$3.00 for three (3) roots, (one variety).

June 1st is the deadline for receiving entries.

1957 was our "learning year," this year (1958) we are going to make a go of this garden. — Clifford A. Taylor, v.p. & Trial Garden Chairman, Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference, 1420 So. Stevens St., Tacoma 5, Washington.

### Our Mistake —

### John Hanna Still in Business

In the August 1957 BULLETIN on page 23, we reported that John Hanna of Clayton, N. J., was retiring from the Dahlia Commercial business. This, Mr. Hanna informs us was in error, and we are glad to recind this statement for many reasons. First, we need all the few Dahlia Commercial Firms still in business; second, John Hanna has enjoyed a fine reputation as one who kept his promises; third, his root and plant stock has been clean and disease free and lastly he has had a good selection of domestic and Australian varieties.

John had informed us that he would sell his place in Clayton and go to be near his son in Baltimore, and others informed us that they had purchased all the plant stock and green house material, so the editor acted in good faith in reporting the matter. We are sorry for the mistake, and very pleased that he will sell dahlias for 1958 planting. We are sure that his many former customers join us in this.

## CONSENSUS OF FIRST PLACE VARIETIES

### "A" Size Dahlias

Color	Formal Dec.	Informal Dec.	Semi-Cactus	Cactus (St.C. or I.C.)
White	{ Real Glory	Aussie Snowball	Whitehall	Silver Wedding
Yellow	{ Croyden Snowtop	Burnbrae's Memories	Art Linkletter	Juane LaBelle
	{ Prairie Sun			
	{ Judith			
Orange	Charlotte Collis	Orange Majesty	Prairie Fire	Patricia Spollen
Autumn	Margaret Duross	Croydon Masterpiece	Special Award	Brown Bomber
Pink	Otto's Thrill	Kelvin	Surprise	{ Hart's Whirlaway
				{ Salmon Glory-Allways
Lavender	Lavender Perfection	Nearest Blue	Marilyn Dale	Nellie Retzer
Flame	Arthur Godfrey	Col. Little	Collector's Item	Leander
Red	Pop Harris	Ned Seymour	Mary Elizabeth	Edna D
Dark Red	Ceramic Beauty	Mrs. Hester Pape	Storm Cloud	Big Ben (English)
Purple	{ King David	Night Editor	Hollywood Star	Clariam Royalty
	{ Croydan Nigger			
Lt. Blend	Kidd's Climax	Andries Wonder	Arab Queen	Flying Saucer
Dk. Blend	Bridal Gown	Autumn Blaze	Charles Ondrick	William Evans
Bi-Color	Tiara	Kentucky Sportsman	Jane Lausche	Aristos
Variegated	----	Dixie Winedot	Figaro	Samba

### "B" Size Dahlias

White	Alabaster	Windlassie	Michigan White	Florence Chadwick
Yellow	First Lady	Yellow Elegance	Hoek's Yellow	Bunny
Orange	House of Orange	Orange Special	Joey K	Golden Autumn
Autumn	Golden Treasure	{ Gold Digger	Chamoisette	Wagschal's Goldkrone
Pink	Jersey Beauty	{ Retzer's Gold		
Lavender	Frances H. Archer	Cheryl	Heimatland	Good Earth
Flame	Flamingo	Cherie	Nick's Orchid	Lyriek
Red	Barbarosa	Caroline Kernochan	Golden Heart	Carnival
Dark Red	Smiler	Euclid Beauty	Stoplight	Aristocrat
Purple	Braith Davis	Lady Gartmor	Prince Noire	Juanita
Lt. Blend	Betty Blossom	Eventide	Colbert	Orfeo
Dk. Blend	Ballego's Glory	Little Eddie	Maryland Beauty	Lady Ismay
Bi-Color	Duet	Frivool	----	Smoky
Variegated	Gypsy Girl	Mrs. Eric Halford	Piquant	Victory Maid
		Goudbrocaat	Kandy Kid	Christine (Aus)

### Miniatures

White	White Fawn	White Gardenia	Geneva Crystal Wh.	Little Linda
Yellow	Little Lemon Drop	----	Sunrise	Arabesque
Orange	Peggy Lindley	Cinnamon Gem	Andries Orange	----
Autumn	BoBo	Bronze Elise	{ Sabina	Bronze Princess
Pink	Silver Springs	Raleigh	{ Hestia	
Lavender	Lilly Belle	Ming	Little Ratchet	Chasamay
Flame	Decoy	Jubilant (Dahlia del)	Mrs. F. Watts	Destin
Red	Mickey	Chico	Nar	Gay Lover
Dark Red	Ike	Dove	Double Victory	Ruby Charm
Purple	{ Little Jerry	----	Dubonnet	----
	{ Princess Royal		Lombert's Violet	
Lt. Blend	Timmie	Belle Fleur	Princess Margaret	Hazel Harper
Dk. Blend	----	Pantomime	Miss Mollie	Ginny Johnson
Bi-Color	Funny Face	----	Little Shiek	Look
Variegated	Little Speckles		Tjiske	----

### Other Small Types

Color	Ball	Pompoms	Collarettes	Single
White	Glorie DeLyon	Mrs. J. Telfer	Cherubino	Tiny White
Yellow	Butterball	Light Ball	Claire de Lune	Candle Light
Orange	Orange Glow	Master Michael	Orangeade	----
Autumn	{ Charlotte Cardwell	Gold Dust	----	
	{ Bobby S			
Pink	Alice J	{ Betty Ann	Pink Spangle	Bonne Esperance
		{ Mrs. French		
Lavender	Bonnie Blue	Margaret Williams	Music	----
Flame	Rondkop	Little Edith	Mitzi	----
Red	Red Bird	Tiny Tot	LaGioconda	Temptation
Dark Red	Black Ball	Ebony	Libretto	----
Purple	Frank Haefner	{ Miss Marjorie	Woody Woodpecker	----
		{ Valda		
Lt. Blend	Rosy Dawn	Morning Mist	Dad's Favorite	----
Dk. Blend	----	Ginette	Curiosity	----
Bi-Color	Clara Clements	Eileen-Fritz	----	Jersey Maid
Variegated	Jayseedee	----	Needles	----
Anemones		Orchid Flowering		Peony
Lucky Kid		Imp		Pink Lassie
Comet				

# The

PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1958

year-old dahlia fan-  
won many prizes at  
told the newspapers  
Dec. 30,

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yard was only fifty feet in depth behind the house, but most of this space was planted to dahlias each spring. In one corner of the yard was a deep cold frame. He could walk down into it, so it was almost a small green house. At least it was as near a glass house as he could afford. Here, he propagated plants of some of his favorite cultivars. He always had surplus plants, more than he could plant in his small space. These extra plants, he gave to his neighbors and had succeeded in making dahlia enthusiasts out of many of them. Then too, he got a lot of extra satisfaction out of winning over them at the dahlia shows every autumn in Birmingham and other localities nearby. His better blooms usually took a majority of the blue ribbons and other awards.

William had set aside, at least in his own mind, this holiday to start propagation of his dahlias in the cold frame. He had divided the clumps and had the choice cultivars ready to put in the bench.

Once he had journeyed to Wisley, near London, where the best flowers of many species were sent for trial, each year. His real purpose was to see the new dahlia novelties, which the judges, as the various shows the season before, had recommended for test. By going without certain items of personal comfort he usually saved a pound or two with which to purchase some of the new dahlias which had won awards at the shows and were to be grown at the wonderful Wisley Gardens.

There was always an argument in the Goode household when he spent money for new dahlia roots. Even though William saved the money to be so spent from his allowance, Mrs. Goode thought it would be more sporting on his part if he bought something they could both use, or for a present for her.

One day Daisy, for that was Mrs. Goode's Christian name, heard William talking near the fence with his next door neighbor. She could not catch all of the conversation, although she tried, but she did hear the name *Mary Elizabeth* repeated several times. William had, on several occasions recently, after supper, told her he was going down the road to visit some dahlia friends. On such occasions, he was often gone until nearly midnight. She had thought nothing of this, until she heard her husband discussing that mysterious woman, *Mary Elizabeth*.

Then she began to wonder if William had arrived at the dangerous age. She thought over what she had heard. It went, as near as she could remember, something like this: "Mary Elizabeth is an American." The neighbor must have asked William as to the color of the lady's hair, because he had answered, "Red". Next she heard, "She's about five feet tall and creates a sensation everywhere. I am going to try to get her this spring."

For the next few days, and evenings, Mrs. Goode kept close watch on William. She looked at the clock each evening as he arrived home to see if he was late from business. He was punctual. If he had even mentioned that he was going down the road to see a friend that week before Christmas, she would have taken the next Tram to Coventry. And she would have taken her little Christmas gift to William with her, too. But William seemed to be embued with the holiday spirit.

On Saturday the 29th, the Goodes were recovering from the strenuousness of a visit from her brother and his family at Christmas time. Mrs. Goode had something on her mind this Saturday that all the Holiday spirit and festivities could not erase. She just had not had time to brood about it. And it was not that William had not been cordial and kind to her relatives. He had been extremely friendly. What set her really to "boiling" was something William said to her brother. From William's standpoint, it was entirely innocent. From Mrs. G's angle, it was just about the last straw. William was discussing somebody's First Lady. He said: "the Holland folks have gone batty about her, I'm going to get *The First Lady*, if I have to steal her from George Haviland. She's round as a pound Sterling and has a pale yellow colouring. That capped the climax. She was fed up to her back teeth. Whether it was a woman friend or just more dahlia talk, she had had it. And she decided right there that there could be only one *First Lady* in the Goode house. If this was a new woman her husband was enamoured with, she was through. And she told him so in no uncertain terms. He explained that *The First Lady* was an American Dahlia, originated in California by a Mr. Paul Comstock and it had been

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## THE GOODE STORY—(Continued)

winning prizes all over Europe the past autumn.

Strangely, even this explanation did not seem to reduce Mrs. Goode's anger. She said she was fed up with his crazy love for dahlias. He spent more time with them than he did with her. He wouldn't go anywhere she wanted to go in the Autumn for their holidays. He had to stay home and pamper his pets. He spent too many evenings down the street talking dahlias. Even if *Mary Elizabeth* was not a new "flame" of his and if he had to have a *First Lady* more important than his wife, then she would leave his bed and board forthwith.

He tried to pacify her. He said he would spend more of his holidays with her and they would go where she wanted. He would not go down the street any more unless she went along. In fact, the poor simpleton knuckled completely under, forgetting for the moment how much dahlias had aided his health and mental wellbeing all these many years.

But his offered sacrifices went for naught. She stormed out of the room in silence. And silence, as you know, where an irate wife is concerned, portends something very unpleasant.

"Well," reasoned William, "if she won't talk to me, I'll go out and see if the dahlia root divisions are showing any shoots yet." So, he spent the rest of the afternoon there, as he had planned to do all along. When he went into the house, there was no supper prepared, and he satisfied his hunger with some bread and a cold joint, with the usual tea. The door of her room was closed and silence reigned. He read G. F. Drayson's *Dahlia Year Book*, published by the National Dahlia Society, of which he was a member, for a while and then went to bed. He awoke early, made breakfast tea, toast and bacon and then rapped on her door. No answer. He then tried the door. It opened and he found the room empty. The bed had been slept in, but Mrs. Goode was absent. Nor was she anywhere in the house. On her dressing table he found this note:

"Dahlias! Dahlias! Dahlias! I am fed up with them. Breakfast, supper and bedtime. That is all I have had to hear. Good bye!"

William told his friends and neighbors: "I am sure now that my wife

just got fed up to the back teeth with my dahlias. Maybe I did give them too much of my time and thought. If she will come back, I will give them up."

Mrs. Goode is 52. William is one year younger. The difference in ages is not enough in itself to have caused this domestic tragedy. Let us say that there is evidence of lack of understanding on both sides. And dahlias should not get the entire blame. It was undoubtedly a human tragedy rather than a horticultural one. Too bad they did not have a "Mr. Anthony" to go to for advice. Imagine William asking, "Should I give up my dahlias or my wife?" Picture Mr. G. inquiring, "Would you advise that I be more sympathetic with my husband's Hobby?"

The news of this domestic misunderstanding came to America in an Associated Press dispatch from Birmingham and appeared in most American newspapers, dated Jan. 10th which said, "William S. Goode, aged 51, promised publically to quit dallying with dahlias if his runaway wife would return to his bed and board."

A newscast on Station W.N.E.W. at 7:30 a. m. Jan. 10th, reported "Mrs. Goode sues husband for divorce. Reason, he was too fond of his blooming dahlias. Mr. Goode's comment: The little woman is more important than the blinken, blooming dahlias."

In the Easton, Pa., a front page story was headed, "Dahlia Fancier Will Swear Off If Wife Returns," and continued, "Mrs. Goode of Birmingham, England, left her husband, William, who has won many prizes with his dahlias at the flower shows. He told newspaper men that Mrs. Goode vanished Dec. 30th and he did not know her whereabouts, but he wanted her back. He added that he would even give up growing dahlias, which was the cause of the domestic rift, if she would return."

Dahlia addicts everywhere can learn something from this tale of domestic tragedy. Take your wives to visit her relatives occasionally. Give her one weekend out of four. Buy her a gift now and then and don't send flowers. When you discuss a *Mary Elizabeth* with your friends, show her a picture of the lady, showing her 13 inch waist, (we mean diameter).

And wives, remember this: If your hubby works every evening in the

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# American Home Achievement Winners 1924-1957

**Ted Weston, Horticulture Editor, Makes Awards at A.D.S. Dinner**

As I'm sure you can imagine, I came here with some apprehension. Lynn Dudley and Dewey Mohr asked me to come and take Ned Seymour's place, and talk about the American Home Achievement Medal and make the presentations of the 1957 medals to any recipients who are here tonight.

The late Ned Seymour, my predecessor as most of you know, was one of the best horticultural speakers in the business, and for me to take on a job of this kind is to invite some rather sour comparisons. But Lynn and Dewey assured me they didn't want a long talk, so I said all right.

First I'll tell you a little about the origin of the Achievement Medal, and then I'll tell you who won all the medals in 1957. I have all the dahlia medals here for any of the recipients who happen to be present tonight.

A few months ago Lynn Dudley wanted some information on the origin of the Achievement Medal for the A.D.S. BULLETIN. Then Paul Hale of the Central States Dahlia Society wanted the same information for their Bulletin. So I went through the old bound volumes of the American Home and the magazines that preceded it until I got what seem to be all the obtainable facts on the beginnings of the medal.

Evidently it's one of the oldest medals that have been awarded continuously at flower shows in this country — certainly one of the oldest that have been awarded every year at the shows of the special plant societies. In 1957 the medal was 33 years old.

As at least some of you know, the publishing firm of Doubleday at Garden City, Long Island, once published a periodical called "The Garden Magazine." It flourished in the early years of the century and its editor was Leonard Barron. In the early 1920's it became "The Garden

Magazine and Home Builder," and in 1928 it became "The American Home." Leonard Barron was horticultural editor of both these magazines.

The first dahlia medal was awarded in 1924, after "The Garden Magazine" had become "The Garden Magazine and Home Builder." It was referred to as "The Garden Magazine and Home Builder Sweepstakes Medal," and it was awarded at the 1924 New York show. The variety that won it was *Robert Treat*.

I found no indication of who actually proposed the medal, but since Leonard Barron was horticultural editor of the magazine I assume it was his idea. At that time, however, Derrill Hart also wrote on dahlias for the magazine, and so it might have been his idea.

Anyway, it became an established thing, and the second medal, under the same name, was awarded at the 1925 New York show to the variety *Herald Tribune Elite*.

In 1926 the name of the medal was changed to "The Garden Magazine Achievement Medal." This was the first time the word "achievement" was in the

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## "GOODY"—B-I.C. Lavender

Top Winner at 1957 shows, with 4 American Home Achievement Awards and 4 A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards. Introduced by Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.



## THE GOODE STORY—(Continued)

green house, and goes to his dahlia society meetings regularly, he is a much more dependable husband than if he went out to the bars and other places of amusement several times a week.

As to the Goodes, don't forget her name is "Daisy." How could a Daisy like dahlias anyway?

## AMERICAN HOME WINNERS—

name, and it's curious that it was "The Garden Magazine Achievement Medal" although the full name of the publication was "The Garden Magazine and Home Builder." This time, too, the medal was offered at four shows. The variety *Eldridge* won it at the 1926 New York show, but I found no references to winners at other shows.

In 1928 the magazine became "The American Home" with the October issue. And so the medal was first offered as "The American Home Achievement Medal" in 1929. The first varieties to win it under its present name were *American Triumph*, *Aunt Fannie*, and *Orinda*, all shown in 1929.

That's how the Achievement Medal actually started. From a sweepstakes medal at the New York show it was gradually adopted by dahlia societies in all parts of the country as the top award for new varieties exhibited at their shows.

Last year, in 1957, the Achievement Medal was offered at some 50 dahlia shows all across the country. It was awarded at 31 of these shows, and evidently the remainder the judges did not consider any variety worthy of the medal.

In recent years, the Achievement Medal has been offered also at gladiolus, peony and daylily shows, but it is still primarily a dahlia medal. Of the 47 medals awarded in 1957, 31 went to dahlias, 13 to gladiolus, one to a peony, and two to daylilies.

At the present time, we at The American Home are considering the redesigning of the medal and also the possibility of revising the method of awarding it. But all this is one of those things that involve a lot of people and take quite a bit of time and I can't say when it's likely to come about or what shape the changes are likely to take. For the time being, at any rate, the medal will look the same and will be awarded in the same way as it has been these many years. As you know from your show schedules, the medal is awarded to the most worthy undisseminated variety exhibited at each show.

Now as to the 1957 winners. I've brought all the dahlia medals with me, and I'd like to present them to any of the recipients who are here tonight. I'll read off the winners, and when I come to the names of any of you present please come up and get your medals.

First, the names of those who won more than one medal, then all the one-medal winners in alphabetical order.

Again this year our top winner is Stanley Johnson of Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, Pa. He captured 5 medals, 4 for the variety *Goody* and one for *Pocono*. I don't know how many Achievement Medals Stanley now has, but they sure must weigh an awful lot! (Stanley Johnson came up and received them and with his thanks, stated that he had received about 50 medals).

Second is Comstock Gardens, San Diego, Calif. with 3 medals for *Helen Hayes* and 1 for *Mouney C*. I don't suppose Rosemarie Comstock is here . . . but you never know . . . (No)

In third place is Frank Marker, Layton, N. J., whose variety *Renee* captured 3 medals and so tied with Comstock's *Helen Hayes*. (Will Stone received medals for Marker)

Now we have five 2-medal winners. Gamston Gardens, up in my neck of the woods in River Vale, N. J., won two with their *Lawrence Welk*. (Joe Gambi received these)

Next, Nat C. Lundgren, Santa Cruz, Calif. — 2 medals for *Iva Jean*. Then my good friend J. Louis Roberts of Chicago — 2 medals for *Sophie R*. (These were accepted for "Lou" by Dewey Mohr)

C. W. Simbritzki, Louisville, Ky. — 2 medals for *Revival*.

William Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio — 1 medal for *Clariam Idol*, 1 for *Clariam Royalty*. (This last one was in error as this variety is dissiminated)

That concludes the multi-winners.

A. H. Baynes of Barmera, South Australia, won a medal for *Vera Seyfang*, exhibited by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Columbia Station, Ohio. I don't imagine Mr. Baynes is here.

Presley Caldwell, Chillicothe, Ohio, an Achievement Medal for *Caldwell's Show Window*. Dr. Edward Drace, Keytesville, Mo., for *Mid-America*. Gerald H. Harrison, Minneapolis, Minn., for *Harriman's Folly*. Arthur Holke, Detroit, Mich., for *Barbara Holke*. Mrs. C. R. Lucas, Northville, Mich., for *Chamelon*. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, for *Terrific*. Donald A. Serry, Bremerton, Wash., for *Donnette Robin*. Kenneth K. Williams, Overland Park, Kan., for *Pamela Kay*.

"During all those years," the elderly wife of the dahlia fan was asked on her golden wedding anniversary, "have you ever thought of divorce? "No," she replied, "only murder."

# Plans For A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, 1958

Each year more and more of our Branch and Affiliate Societies are participating in the Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. This year, as in the prior years, it will be necessary for each Society to make formal application if they wish to include this award in their show.

Applications for the Award competition will be forwarded before April 1st to each Branch and Affiliate Society. It will be of great assistance if each Branch and Affiliate Society will send a *typewritten post card* to the Chairman of the Seedling Sweepstakes Committee, advising him of the name and address of the person to whom the 1958 formal application should be forwarded. This request is made so that we can correct our records of any changes that may have been made in Society officials. Also inform us please if you have sufficient ribbons and score sheets left from previous shows, so that we do not need to send more.

One important reminder, for all show officials. All score sheets sent to us in 1958, to receive awards, must have the name of the variety and the name and address of the originator. Every year some sheets must be discarded or a great



Mrs. Charles Lucas, R.F.D. #2, Northville, Mich., with "Chameleon," which she originated. It is an A. I. D. Light Blend. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award, S. E. Mich. Dahlia Show, 1957. Photo courtesy Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff.

deal of correspondence necessary to obtain essential information.

Please forward the postal card *immediately* to Drew Mulcahy, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Chairman, 20 Marshall Avenue, Floral Park, New York.

## Fifteen Presidents of A.D.S. in Its 43 Years

Since the American Dahlia Society was established in 1915, it had fifteen Presidents to help guide its operations and spur it to greater accomplishments in the interest of dahlia growers everywhere. The terms and names of these presidents follow. Eleven of these fifteen are living.

1915 to 1926, ....	Richard Vincent, Jr.
1927 .....	James Duthie
1928 .....	N. Harold Cottam
1929 .....	C. Louis Alling
1930-31 .....	Thomas Leavitt
1932-33 .....	Warren W. Maytrott
1936 .....	George W. Fraser
1937-38-39 .....	Lynn B. Duddley
1940-41 .....	Conrad Frey
1942-43-44-45 .....	Edward B. Lloyd
1946-47 .....	Gordon C. Waaser
1948-49-50-51-52 .....	Leo L. Pollak
1953-54-55 .....	Andrew J. Mulcahy
1956-57-58 .....	Dr. Bruce Preas

## A.D.S. Executive Meetings, 1958

President Preas announces that the regular monthly meetings of the A.D.S. Executive Committee will be held at the Park-Sheraton Hotel 56th St. at 7th Ave., New York City., on the following dates in 1958. Past Presidents, appointed members, and the nearly 100 Vice-Presidents, including the Presidents of its 22 Branch and 25 Affiliated Societies, are eligible to attend and vote. Other members of the A.D.S. and other societies are invited to attend when in the city, but have no vote. They may join the others at dinner before the sessions, if they wish, dutch treat of course. The meetings, always on Friday night at 7:30, will be called to order on the following dates:

February 21st, March 21st, April 25th, (No meeting May) June 13th, July 25th, August 22nd, (No meeting Sept.) October 17th, November 14th, December 12th.

# Midwest Dahlia Conference

## August 31, September 1

The Minnesota Dahlia Society is honored and happy to again be host to the Midwest Conference and Dahlia Show featuring the celebration of the twenty-fifth or Silver Anniversary Show of the Midwest Conference, and the thirtieth consecutive show held by the Minnesota Dahlia Society. We extend a cordial invitation to all member societies, friends, and individual growers to be with us on this great occasion, and to share with us what promises to be the biggest and best show of the year. The great Twin Cities invite you to partake of their hospitality.

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The 1958 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show will be held August 31 and September 1 (Labor Day) in the Horticultural Building at the Minnesota State Fair, midway between Minneapolis and St. Paul. This will be the fifth consecutive year the Minnesota Society has been held at the state fair, and each year it has gained more and more in popularity, with over 50,000 persons visiting the show last year.

The Midwest Conference headquarters will be Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis. Hotel Leamington offers the finest accommodations, with adequate parking facilities. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel as early as possible. Conference registration will be in the lobby of the hotel. Visitors are urged to register beginning Friday PM August 29, and continuing Saturday, August 30. On Saturday, the 30th, there will be tours of the cities and gardens.

The Midwest Dahlia Conference will be held at Hotel Leamington at 5 PM Sunday, August 31. Member societies

should forward the names of their delegates to the secretary, Mrs. Louise Klejohn, 726 Barret Avenue, Louisville.

The annual banquet will be held at 6:30 PM Sunday, August 31, in the Leamington's Hall of States, second largest hotel ballroom in the United States, with a fine program following.

Blooms sent by express or air express should be addressed to Minnesota Dahlia Society, c/o Minnesota State Fair Horticultural and Agricultural Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the attention of S. D. Peterson.

The show chairman, Wm. Thorne, and his assistants are going all-out to make this the greatest show of the year. Schedules will be mailed to members by the secretary. Individual growers may write him for copies and further information. Address your inquiries to Chester Andersen, secretary, 4509 - 45th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We look forward to having you with us, and are sure you will enjoy our great show. The last time the Midwest Dahlia Show was held in Minneapolis was 1950, and it is still being talked about at the Midwest Show each year. The 1958 show will far surpass the 1950 display.—T. C. Solem, Pres. Midwest Conference and Minnesota Dahlia Society.

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## A Dream? Or a Forecast?

Two incurable Dahlia fans were driving on a 333 mile trip to an upstate city to assist in judging the dahlia show to start the next day, Sunday. One of them, the elder, was very tired and worried because of a wife who was ill at home. He was certain that he should not have left her.

Arriving at the Hotel, they had a leisurly dinner, then visited the room where the show was to be staged. There they met some of the members of the local dahlia society which was holding the exhibition. They compared "notes" for a while, then, after the old guy had called home to find that his wife was doing all right, maybe better, without him, they decided to retire to their room.

The younger man, a prosperous real estate operator, having no worries, dropped off to sleep almost at once. The other tired warrior could not get comfortable. He tossed. He got up and took some Aspirin. He read, but he did not go to sleep till nearly 4 A. M.

Both men awakened about the same time, one cheerful and refreshed, the other with red rimmed eyes and a distinct

grouch. The happy guy smiled and said, noting it was seven o'clock said, "Too early to get up" and promptly dropped off to sleep again, while his morose companion read the Sunday paper.. About an hour later he awoke, turned over and said, "I had the darnedest dream last night." "You mean you have been having amusing dreams while I was laying here sleepless?" "Yes sir, I did and just let me tell you about it."

"I dreamed that when we arrived at the A.D.S. Show at the Newark Airport the exhibitors were milling around in a very confused state, most of them holding vases of blooms in their arms, but not going anywhere with them. When I inquired what was the trouble," continued the good-sleeper, "they told me that there was a jurisdictional dispute between two unions and both of the groups demanded to be the one selected to place the exhibits on the tables."

"I never did find out which union won the dispute. My dream was not long enough, but I did notice one peculiar thing. A certain large exhibitor and a consistent prize winner, a young Physician-Surgeon from Readington, N. J., came into the Observation Deck where the dahlia exhibits were to be staged, with about sixteen big boxes of dahlia blooms."

"When they told the Doctor about the labor dispute, he, with his helpers, set the boxes down on the terraza, then sat down on it himself, took out a big sack of peanuts from his pocket and started very unconcernedly shucking them and crunching the meats."

"What happened then?" inquired the sleepy guy. The ubiquitous sleeper turned over, reached for his electric razor, leaped out of bed and said, "Nothing. You woke me up rattling the Sunday paper." "Well," said the very sleepy dahlia judge, "You sure have a lot of entertainment with your shut-eye."

The above story is true. Only the names of the principals have been deleted. While it was only a dream, and it did happen before the A.D.S. 1957 show, perhaps there was an area of prognostication in it. Who knows, it might be a forecast of some future dahlia shows.

Dahlias are a great comfort in your old age — and they help you reach it faster, too.

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is the neatest satellite you will see circling about the various dahlia orbits in 1958. Train your telescopes and your earphones on her. She'll send you signals you really can dig.

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we can't release Nita yet, but she's worth waiting for — 'till 1959, to be exact. You've heard, of course, that Nita is Paul Hale's sensational variegated sport of Juanita that won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes at the 1957 shows for highest scoring B-size dahlia. The distinct and coveted privilege of exclusive introduction of Nita in 1959 has been given to

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## Sources For Chemicals To Prevent Dahlia Root Rot

In the November Bulletin Arthur W. Mason, Chairman of the A.D.S. Research Committee had a very interesting and timely article on the "Prevention Of Decay and Shriveling in Dahlia Roots in Storage." This article has caused more mail than any article we have published in many issues. One thing that was omitted, and that was as much the Editor's fault as the author's, was the sources where the chemicals, which were recommended could be purchased.

Many wrote us, and Mr. Mason also, to learn where they could be ordered, after finding that local stores did not carry them. To save time and trouble, Mr. Mason very generously had some 1 pound packages of the mixture made up and sent them out to inquirers. He sent some 50 packages and then was informed by the Postal authorities that, because the compound contained Mercury, it could not be accepted for mailing.

However, Mr. Mason supplies the following information for those who want it. Its too late to use it this year, undoubtedly, but if those interested will

mark this item for future reference, perhaps it will help them in the future. Here are the sources: "Both Mersulite 8, and oxyquinoline Benzoate can be purchased from F. W. Burk Chemical Co., Woodbridge, N. J. Merk, Charles Pfitzer & Co., and Stauffer Chemical Co., also handle or manufacture both of the Chemicals. The last price I paid for them was \$4.00 per pound, although I understand that the price has gone up to \$5.00 per Pound. If you wish to order from your local chemist, ask him to contact the last two chemical firms, named above."

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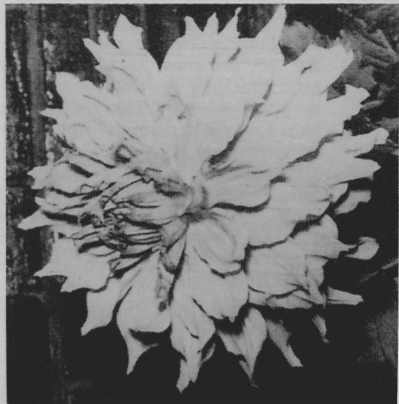
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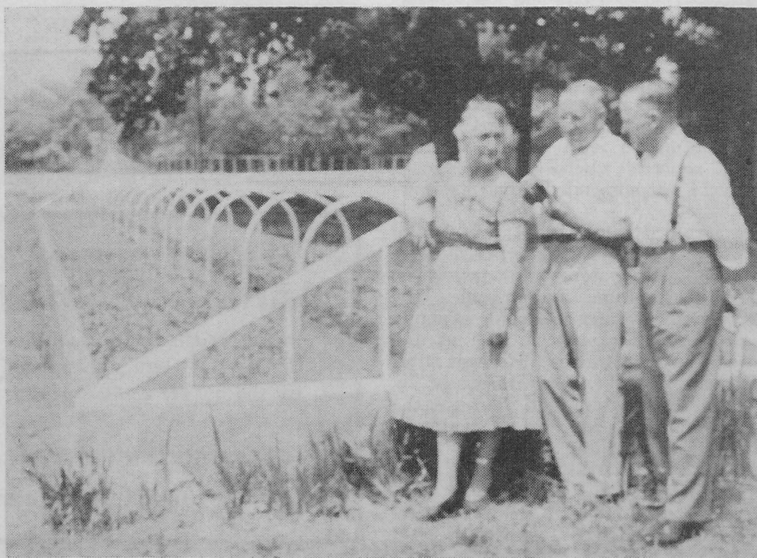
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# DAHLIA PEOPLE

## Here There and Everywhere



### A SUPER-DUPER COLD FRAME

The Main Cold Frame at Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J. It is 250 feet in length and is a walk-in. It can accomodate over 25,000 plants. Also used as a Pot Root Frame after plants are out. Here Warren Maytrott explains its operation to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harter, of Walnut Creek, Calif.

From Pete Harter, Director of the A.D.S. Trial Garden, Lakeside Park, Oakland, Calif. and New President of the Dahlia Society of San Leandro: As far as dahlias are concerned, the West Coast is going to do a lot of growing and expanding during the next few years. Interest is really developing fast and dahlias do so well here in the Bay Area and the Trial Garden is giving such a boost to so many gardeners, that when we get our new Garden Center in Oakland finished, we will be all set to put on a super-duper show. At present, the San Leandro society is not talking moving or expansion, and our show will be rather small this fall. But we hope to have this new building ready by 1959 and that is when we will really start to develop new location, new show, new members, new horizons. Hope you, Warren Maytrott and Bert Pitt can be with us this fall. But plan a big delegation in 1939.

From G. F. Drayson, Editor of The Dahlia Yearbook, published by the National Dahlia Society of England. "I always read with interest everything which appears in THE BULLETIN of the A.D.S., of which you are Editor. I am particularly interested in the article on the preservation of dahlia roots during storage, by Arthur S Mason, which appears in the Nov. 1957 issue. I feel certain that the readers of the Year Book, would be interested in the article, and with your permission, would like to use a shortened version of same in the forthcoming 1958 Yearbook. Mr. Drayson has received the permission of both Author Mason and the A.D.S. to copy not only this article, but any other BULLETIN article he wishes to use.

Dr. Carrick E. Wildon, Professor of Horticulture at the Michigan State University and Director, for many years of

the A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Garden there, will be the Conductor of the 1958 Spring Garden Tour of the British Isles. These Tours are operated by the Jean Berke Travel Service, Inc., 516 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 36, N. Y. They, (and there are also Garden Tours to Europe and Hawaii,) are sponsored by the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Penn., Mich., and Ontario Horticultural Societies. Dr. Wilton's Tour leaves New York, Wed., May 14th on the S. S. Queen Elizabeth and arrives back in New York, Tuesday, July 1st, on the Queen Mary. The prices, if you are interested are, for the complete tour, Tourist per person, \$1,290.00; First Class, \$1,686.00.

From a N. Y. Botanical Garden News Release of Feb. 1st: "A crescent-shaped bed, 400 feet long, filled with leading American and Holland varieties of dahlias, made a colorful picture here at the garden far into October, 1957. One of the most spectacular sections was the row of the bi-color dahlia *Town Topics*, scarlet with white tips. This fine planting was made possible through the cooperation of the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society and the Editor of the A.D.S. BULLETIN. In fact, the latter, Lynn B. Dudley, himself presented a collection of

thirty-five fine varieties, including several new ones available for the first time in 1957.

This year, 1958, an inner crescent-shaped border is being designed to include a planting of Unwin and Coltness hybrids, mostly singles, which will bloom earlier than the larger types. It is probable that there will be some Botanic Species dahlias, courtesy of Mr. Dudley, in the planting."

From Bruce Collins, Utica, Mich. "Let me quote some news from a letter from Jack Riding, member of the National Dahlia Society of England. "There is a tremendous upsurge of interest in dahlias here in Britain and also on the continent. The National Dahlia Society has enrolled 1300 new members during the past year." Bruce adds to this his own theory and we hope he is correct. "I stated some time ago to a friend that these dahlia interest upsurges usually start in Europe, and, in a couple of years, or so, they hit us here in America. At least, that is what happened along about 1933 to 1939, according to my memory.

From the Newark Sunday News, (N. J.) date of Dec. 20th: "Irvington may  
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## FOR 1958 RENEE and LAWRENCE WELK

**RENEE** (Marker-Gamston), St. C., B 7½ x 4½ inch blooms. Won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and American Home Achievement Medals in three Shows. Color, Spinel Pink suffusing to Deep Salmon, giving a most novel and pleasing effect. Prolific bloomer and vigorous grower.

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## DAHLIA PEOPLE—(Continued)

be the only town in the country where Santa Claus works overtime — right up to New Years Eve. The kids who flock to 126 Allen St., can see him any night from Christmas Eve to New Years eve, roaming merrily up and down the street handing out candy canes and lolly pops. This Santa's no slouch."

"Under the gaudy red costume and the white beard is John C. Metzger who, every Christmas week for 10 years, has spent his evenings bringing cheer to children of all ages. They come from miles around to see this 62-year-old dahlia growing Saint Nick. For several hours each night, Metzger strolls along the street with his bag of gifts. Each year he gives away about 3000 candy canes to young and old alike." John is the A.D.S. Membership Committee Chairman, and one of the most faithful and hard working officials of both the A.D.S. and the Irvington Garden Club.

Arthur S. Mason has succeeded Dr. Henry Parker as Editor of the National Capitol Dahlia Society's Dahliagram. Dr. Parker has been in poor health for some time and has had two operations on his eyes. We are indeed sorry that he has

had to give up the editing job, which he did most ably. But we are also certain that Arthur Mason will do a fine job. He has written us about his plans for the publication and they are both broad and ambitious. More power to him and the N. C. D. S.

From J. Ralph Berry, new address until March 20th, 202 S. E., 21st St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., "I have never been one to say or write much about Florida weather. However it has been so unusual, I must say a word or two about it. Ever since we arrived, Dec. 8th, last it has been unbelievably poor, entirely different than any we have been accustomed to down here. Perhaps, during our stay thus far we have had 4 or 5 nice days. The balance have been rainy, cold or very cloudy. Today it happens to be clear and cool. We have sold our place here and will be living in an efficiency apartment until March 20th, when we will return to Rocky River and begin to think about planting dahlias."

From Henry White, (White's Dahlia Gardens) 6720 No. Albina Ave., Portland, Ore. Jan. 30th. "You can go ahead and run a 1/8th page in the Feb. BULLETIN. I enjoy the BULLETIN, and although I don't believe I can handle many new dahlia customers, I feel that I should help out the fine BULLETIN you publish for the A.D.S., as often as I can. Although I am not a professional printer, I print my own catalogue and will send it to any of your members who ask for it." We wish more Dahlia Firms felt as does Mr. White — Editor.

From H. Pope, 3200 Liberty Ave., Alameda, Calif.. "Our weather this winter has been very poor. Have had several light frosts, but no real freeze. Nights average 36 degrees, days 55 to 60. I have my 1000 clumps dug or lying on the surface. It is now 1:00 Friday a.m. It has been raining for 11 hours steady. Roots all washed. Many growers in this section have not yet dug, but we have many days left for this job. Some day the sun will return, then we'll be happy again.

Joseph J. Lane, the first Secretary of the A.D.S. back in 1915, and now advertising representative of House and Garden Magazine, was the recent recipient of the Tessie K. Sharps Memorial Life Membership Award. It was awarded by the Horticultural Society of N. Y. for having served horticulture in a unique

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manner. It was the fourth medal received by Mr. Lane, one of which was the Gold Medal of the A.D.S.

From G. E. Alderson, Birmingham, Ala., "You will note that the Alabama News is not sent by Mrs. Maude Goodwin, who has served as our A.D.S. correspondent so faithfully for so many years. She begged off this year, and the job fell to me. (The Editor with much regret, thanks Mrs. Goodwin for her many fine reports over the years.)

From Charles Garrity, father of the San Leandro Dahlia Society, and the most generous Scotchman of our acquaintance, and we have known him for some 20 years. "Good morning your Honor! This is just to let you know that I am not living in San Leandro now. As much as I hated leaving after all these years, we had no choice. I have been on the sick list over two years and Mrs. G., "the boss" has also been ill which did away with all we had. In fact, if we had not had sick benefits from the I. O. F. we could not have held our home together as long as we did. So we came here to the Forester's Home in Pacoima. It is a very nice place to live and I guess I can still

have a few dahlias. Guess it was the best thing to do after all. We have a nice little cottage to live in and no work to do. Best of all, we are well fed. I sent you a package the other day. It was the seed that I had planned to plant myself. Not having a place to grow them here I thought I would pass them on to you. These are all I saved this year. I hope they produce something worth while. If they do, maybe they will remind you of me. Anyway, keep smiling and I wish you the best of luck. I hope that my dahlia friends will visit me here. And if you would write to me once in a while, I will sure bless you." Signed, Your Old Dahlia Friend, Charles Garrity. P. S. My address is Forest's Haven, Lopez Canyon, Pacoima, California.

*Editor's Note:* There isn't much I can say to that. Charlie is one of the finest men I ever knew. In spite of all his set backs and discouragements, he is one of the richest of men. He has hosts of friends in the Dahlia Societies of the Bay Area. I hope many of them visit him often. When I go to California, the Forest's Haven will be my first stop, Charlie. I hope you live to be 150 years old. And I hope that many of your friends will write you often, as I intend to do.

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### ***These Will Help Your Chances of Winning in 1958***

**SOPHIA R.** — A — F. D. pure white and very big. Originated by J. Louis Roberts. Won American Hm. Achv. Medal in St. Louis and Southtown, 1957. Won A.D.S. Certificate at Atlanta. The best new white. .... **Plants only, \$5.00 net.**

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**HELEN M.** — A—Inf. Dec. Dark Blend of lavender and Fuchsia pink with lines of darker color. Originated by Richard Schwanebeck, of Baltimore. Seedling of Quinn's Tidal Wave. Size 10 in. by 6 in., bush 5½ ft. Won at Atlanta and East Lansing.

**Plants, \$5.00 net — Roots, \$15.00 net.**

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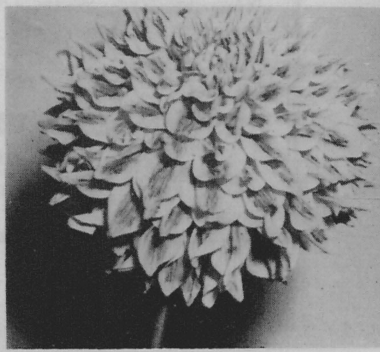
Many from named var. — the biggest and best ones, such as Kelvin, Fresco, Mary Elizabeth, Kidd's Climax, Prairie Fire, Patricia Spollen, etc. Going fast, too! 20 for \$1.00; 60 for \$2.50; 125 for \$5.00.

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**DAHLIA PEOPLE— (Continued)**

From Glenn L. Pierce, Glen Ellyn, Ill., Feb. 4th: "Since exchanging excuses for reticence seems to be in vogue this winter, here is mine. Mrs. Pierce and I were in an auto accident in which we both suffered injuries. While it sounds worse than it really was, I actually received a broken neck, a fracture of the cervical vertebra. My routine of trying to continue my regular work here with the Illinois Department of Agricultural Dept., and at the same time get out my bulb catalogues, and mailed, was handicapped by a long series of sessions with the doctor for x-rays and treatments. In the midst of all this, I had to go through with heading up as Convention Chairman of the National Convention of the North American Gladiolus Council in Chicago. After this session was over, I felt more prostrated than I did from my injuries in the accident.

**Branch and Affiliated  
Society President's**

**Names Wanted by Berzau**

As has been reported in recent issues of this BULLETIN, the Presidents of all of A.D.S. Branch and Affiliated Societies are automatically Vice-Presidents of the A.D.S.

When new officers are elected they should be immediately reported, by Corresponding Secretaries to Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y., Assistant Secretary of the A.D.S. He will then compile the list of new A.D.S. Vice-Presidents and same will be published in the May BULLETIN. As every president likes to see his or her name in print, better send these names in, or some secretaries could be looking for another job, come 1959.

In this issue of the BULLETIN there are reports from 18 societies with the name of the Presidents for 1958 listed among other officers. That leaves about 29 or 30 precincts yet to report, providing Mr. Berzau will type the names of these new VeePees from Society News Reports. He says he will gladly do so. Emil reminds you the dead-line is April 15th for these Presidents' Names not already sent in.

Plan to Send Your Blooms By Air  
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# Our Changing Times

By J. E. HULIN

Port Orchard, Washington

When I planted my first dahlias in 1925 I thought I had entered a field of Nature unsurpassed by any other living creature. I thought the Dahlia the most beautiful, colorful and awe inspiring of any flower that blooms. Well do I remember my first planting of 100 roots in heavy clay soil. We had a fairly steep bank of four terraces, each large enough to hold 30 dahlias. We lived close to the salt water and could get lots of fish of various kinds. After digging the trenches in the fall and placing a lot of peat and sand to soften the clay we incorporated herring—rock cod—flounders and trimmings of salmon in the trenches to decompose over winter. The trenches were not filled with earth at this time, a depression of at least 12 inches was left, being filled in at planting time. This was all the fertilizer the plants got and I have never seen such color since.

During the first few years I expected to see great strides made in the growth of the dahlia both as a garden flower and for the Hobbyists. When I read about the big show the American Dahlia Society held in Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1928 where there were 35 Commercial Displays and where there were exhibited thousands of single and triple entries, I pictured myself supplying a portion of these wonderful dahlias that, I thought were going to be grown in every garden in the land as well as in parks and playgrounds. In 1930 we bought one acre on a good highway in Seattle, Wash., where we proceeded to get the soil ready for all the dahlias the acre would hold. We had purchased *JESSE SEAL'S AMUN RA*, the first Gold Medal dahlia in America. Later we bought her *MRS. JESSE B. SEAL*, which, if I remember right, was the first dahlia to offered at \$25.00 a root. It was reported that Mrs. Seal made enough money from the sales of these dahlias to finance a trip to Europe. At this time Dahlia Societies were springing up all over the country and thousands of dahlias were being sold all over the country each year.

We had visioned a larger place in the near future so started out to save seeds. Our first seed pod was a real winner producing one good big yellow dahlia that we called *SPOTLIGHT*. Some of

the old timers may yet remember it. We won only one Achievement Medal and a score of 84 at the trial gardens. It was well pictured in the Am. Home Magazine on Mr. Derrill Hart's Honor Roll. We sold 91 roots at \$10.00 each and the same season Lee's Dahlia Gardens of Tacoma, Wash. sold 102 roots of their *WASHINGTON GIANT* at the same price. How wonderful it would be if that could be done today. This also led us to think we were going to be a big cog in the wheel that produced the dahlias for the big American public. We were destined to keen disillusionment in the next few years. Seldom did any one sell this many roots of a new variety after 1936. When the quarantine was lifted on Foreign dahlias, the exit of American Commercial Dahlia Growers began and it has continued until today there are far less than there were 20 years ago.

In the early 1930's, at the big shows of the country, it was quite common to see from three to twenty Commercial displays,

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but not so today. It is a sad sight to see so many Commercial Growers going out of business and no one to follow in their foot steps. The steady decline of advertising in the Dahlia publications attest to this fact in no uncertain terms. Here are a few figures to bear out this statement. In one of the most popular dahlia publications the advertisements in the Nov issue over a period of five years was as follows: Nov. 1938, 60; Nov. 1946, 41, Nov. 1947, 35; Nov. 1949, 25; Nov. 1956, 19. It is sad to know how many Commercial Growers have recently quit business or are about to do so. Something should be done about it but just what, is the big question. Among the certain facts we growers must face are the following to wit: Society Members are only fair prospects for sales. A few sales are made each year to them but the average member prefers to get his stock from Auction Raffles and swapping. Some groups club together and send over seas for the new varieties they hope to win with.

At one time I had a very good customer who was unfortunate in losing a lot of his stock in storage. I handed him a Dahlia Bulletin in which were several articles on Storage of Dahlias. This I did in the hope of helping him, which I most certainly did. Here is where he first found out "*It is so easy to import dahlias from Holland*", so I lost a good customer. No foreign dollars or other type of money is coming over here for Dahlias but plenty of our good dollars are going over there. No one can be blamed for getting their stock as cheap as possible consistent with quality, but how is the American Grower going to introduce his new numbers when the returns are seldom worth the effort?

There are other reasons for the decline of the dahlia. Certainly we have not seen the steady advancement we expected, when we started. We cannot laugh off the fact that Florists are not 100% satisfied with the performance of the dahlia as a cut flower, neither can we ignore the fact that 90% of Garden Club Members do not include dahlias in their planting, mostly because of the care and special know-how required for culture and with the doubtful keeping quality of some varieties and the necessary replacement each season. When a fool-proof method of storing the dahlia roots over the winter is devised that will be the beginning of the return of the dahlia. Another item that is vitally necessary to success with dahlias is the introduction of more rugged varieties that are good root keepers, and are not susceptible to virus diseases.

## Two Bulletin Advertisers Are Pessimistic

"I have questioned in my mind whether it is worth while to advertise this year. In spite of this I enclose our copy for Feb. BULLETIN. As you know, the buying public are ordering the foreign offerings in big quantities. These are mostly Holland pot roots. Reasons for low prices, of course are: the low tariff, low rate of exchange and the lower cost of labor.

"And this labor cost here is going up and up, so there is little chance for we dahlia growers to come out in the black. But in spite of this and since we are members of the A.D.S. we feel that we want to support our National organization in every way possible, even though our returns sometimes do not seem to justify it." Thus writes a loyal southern BULLETIN advertiser. (The A.D.S. and its Editor are indeed grateful for this kind support for their efforts to keep dahlia interest high. We hope our readers will justify such faith and purchase the offerings of advertisers.)

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"Quite frankly, we get very few orders from members of the various dahlia societies around the country. In fact, we frequently lose a good customer after they join a dahlia society, because of the tremendous amount of horse trading and swapping of all kinds which goes on between members. We know that the A.D.S. and the Central States Society are actively aware of this situation. You and the Editor of the Dahlia are actively trying to influence your readers toward buying from the advertisers in their respective publications. We certainly commend this program and feel that it must succeed if the advertisers are going to be able to continue spending money with them." (This is from one of the largest commercial firms in the west, and what they say is so true, that it hurts the Editor to read it. Again we wonder if it will help our readers to realize that here is an opportunity for them to help save the dahlia decline by sending in even a small order to our advertisers.)

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The ninety-year old man interviewed on his birthday, said: I never knew what happiness was until I got married and began to grow dahlias — then it was too late.

## Joint Classification Lists

The 1958 edition of the Joint Classification List was put in the mails late in January and is now in the hands, it is hoped, of all Active, Participating, Sustaining, and Life members, to whom it is mailed free each year.

Chairman of the Joint Classification Committee, Charles M. Diffenderffer, of Baltimore, worked very hard on the list to get it out promptly so that it would be in the hands of members early. And he succeeded, as he says, with the help of a very able committee. He further says: "At this time, I want to thank each and every one of the 28 Dahlia Societies for their show reports received stating names and type of the winning varieties. With this information the committee was able to determine just which varieties should be deleted, and which ones should be added to the list."

"For your information, 76 varieties were added and 54 were dropped. Two varieties in the 1958 list have been reclassified, from their categories in the previous list. *Nutley Sunrise* was changed from Autumn to Orange. *McDonald's Quill* was changed from "B" to "A" size. These changes were made upon a written vote of committee members, as are all changes, under present operational plan."

"As we close the books for 1957-1958, I would like to thank Bert Pitt, Chairman of the A.D.S. Trial Grounds Committee and Drew Mulcahy, Ch'm. of the Seedling Sweepstakes Com. for their reports. Also all members of the Joint Committee for their wonderful co-operation. Next year, Harold L. Cummings, of La Grange Park, Ill. will be Chairman of the Joint Committee, under the rules of the two organizations, The American Dahlia Society and The Central States Dahlia Society, responsible for the publication of this Joint List. — Charles M. Diffenderffer, Ch'm, 1957., Secretary, 1958.

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### Things to Think About

Please note on Page 3 a change in the Advertising Rates of this BULLETIN to make it more worth while for advertisers to use all 4 issues of the publication with the largest group of dahlia grower readers in America. Continuity of advertising has always paid advertisers in any medium. The public forgets a name or a product very fast if it is not reminded often that the firm not only wants, but deserves its patronage.

Here is a summary of the editorial and advertising material offered to our readers in the last four years of the present editor's

work for the A.D.S. 1954, Editorial, 172 pages, Advertising, 263/4 pages; 1955, Editorial, 156 pages, Advertising, 20 1/2 pages; 1956, Editorial, 134 pages, Advertising, 21 pages; 1957, 152 pages, Advertising, 18 1/2 pages. Note that the editorial has remained fairly constant, attesting to the fact that there is no dearth of Dahlia News. But we regret to say that the amount of advertising and the number of advertisers have been growing less each year. There are many reasons for this, some of which are set forth by commercial people in other columns of this issue. However, there are none of these factors which could not be improved if our readers would start buying more roots and plants from BULLETIN advertisers.

One advertiser in this issue is starting a new experiment and we hope very much that it will be successful. Wm. L. Tilton, of 24 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y. is taking larger space, a page in this issue, to ask for our readers patronage, instead of issuing a catalogue to be mailed to them. He says he thinks our large membership is a better and much larger mailing list than he can get. If you believe in reciprocity, order some roots or plants from this Forest Dahlia Garden BULLETIN Catalogue.

Speaking of reciprocal action, Paul Hale, Editor of the "Dahlia, published by the Central States Dahlia Society, has kindly offered the BULLETIN publication rights for the cultural material written by him and published in the Sept, 1957 Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin titled: "Growing Dahlias for Exhibitions and Garden." It is a very good article and we are grateful to Paul for this. We believe, because Mr. Hale is one of the most successful exhibitors in the mid-west, it will be most interesting to our readers. We hope to use it in the May issue.

The San Leandro Dahlia Society really appreciates having its events published in the BULLETIN. For February we received 3 (three) reports of its recent meetings and the election of new officers, including R. E. (Pete) Harter as President.

The Editor has launched his spring showings of Kodachrome slides of the better old and new dahlia Varieties. On January 6th he addressed about 150 members of the West Street Garden Club. This Club, with over 400 members, is

composed of employees of the Bell Laboratories. The meeting was at noon, preceded by lunch in the Company restaurant. The second showing was at the A.D.S. Annual Dinner at the Park-Sheraton, N. Y. Next, on Feb. 18th they will be shown to the Garden Club of Larchmont. At some of these meetings we distribute free packets of seed to induce more people to take up dahlia culture.

We wish to thank the many members who wrote to congratulate us on the November issue. It did take an unusual amount of time and effort, and we are happy that so many gave us a pat on the back in writing. That is our only recompense but it is most gratefully received. If you have any ideas on how to make the BULLETIN more interesting, and helpful, please write to the Editor.

## When You Change Your Will

As one's dependents attain success in life and need the bequests of parents less, we elderly people who are devoted to the advancement of dahlia knowledge, could remember the many ways in which a modest sum could benefit the whole dahlia world. Such a bequest to the American Dahlia Society could establish a Research Foundation or other project in the name of the donor. The services of experts in pathology and entomology at the State Experiment Stations could be obtained to secure data and determine correctives for plant diseases and pests.

If there are any A.D.S. Members who will leave more money than their relatives need, and who wish to have their memory perpetuated in the Dahlia World, it would be a very simple thing for them to instruct their lawyer to revise the will and add a clause which might read:

"I bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the American Dahlia Society to be used to help establish an endowment fund for research. This bequest is to be known as the \_\_\_\_\_-(your name) Fund For Research. It is my wish that this money be deposited in a bank, to the order of the Trustees of said society, and that the principal sum and any interest derived therefrom be used only for the purposes of exploration into the causes and remedies for dahlia diseases and the control of pests which attack dahlia plants."

## Catalogues and Publications Received by Editor

All Dahlia Commercial Firms are requested to mail catalogues to the Editor. All received after this issue goes to press will be acknowledged in the May BULLETIN.

### Publications

DAHLIAGRAM, National Capitol Dahlia Society, Jan. issue, the last under editorship of Dr. Henry Parker. New Editor is Arthur W. Mason. A monthly. N. C. D. S., Dues, \$2.00 per year to C. D. Schoolcraft, Treas., 5108 No. 30th St., Arlington, Va.

THE DAHLIA, Central States Dahlia Society, Chicago. Now a year book issued January, Editor Paul Hale. 52 pages and cover, with excellent, timely articles on dahlias here and abroad. Dues, \$3.00 to Mrs. Frank Fontanetta, 4857 West Catalpa Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

The West Coast DAHLIA, Nov. issue, a monthly, edited by Dr. Julian Brandon. Subscription, \$2.00 per year to Dr. Julian Brandon, 3437 Gravenstein Highway, So., Sebastopol, Calif. Interesting comment on west coast dahlia culture and varieties and reports of shows.

GROWING DAHLIAS For Exhibition and Garden, published by the Missouri Botanical Garden, 306 E. Simmons St., Galesburg, Ill., price 25 cents per copy. Much of this bulletin. Issued at the time of the Mid-West show in St. Louis, written by Paul Hale, editor of the DAHLIA. (Vol. XLV, September, 1957. No. 5.)

BAILEYA, A quarterly Journal of Horticultural Taxonomy, Published by the Bailey Hortorium of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Editor William J. Dress. Price \$200 per year, net, postpaid.

GARDEN JOURNAL, N. Y. Botanical Garden, Nov. - Dec. issue. Sent free to members. Dues, \$10.00. Annual sub'n, to G. Journal \$2.00.

PACIFIC DAHLIA, Official Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Conference. Sent by J. E. Hulin, Port Orchard, Wash. Editor. Subn Rate, \$1.50 per yr.

### Catalogues

Dahliadel, Warren W. Maytrott, Vine-land N. J.

Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Dewey Mohr, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y.

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## CATALOGUES RECEIVED—(Continued)

H. H. Robens, Rt. 1, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Ballay Dahlia Gardens, 4309 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, Calif.

Hanna Dahlia Gardens, 812 So. Delsea Dr., Clayton, N. J.

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Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland.

Nels Jonson, Sumas, Wash. R. D. #1.

Barwal Dahlia Farm, Westville Ave. Ext., Danbury, Conn.

## Additional 1957

### A.D.S. Registrations

All seedlings with legitimate names entered in the official Trial Gardens of the American Dahlia Society that score between 80 and 85 are automatically registered. The list for 1957 follows, including name, classification as to size, form, color, originator or introducer, trial garden, score. The trial gardens reporting were E, Farmingdale; MW, East Lansing; PC, Oakland; S, Atlanta.

*Belle of The Ball*-B, StC, L-Bruidegom, PC, 82.

*Betty G*-B, SC, Au-Happy Cabin, E 82.

*Brenda*-BB, FD, Dk R-Keiser-MW, 84.

*Candy Cane*-BB, FD, bi., DkR&W-Pope, PC, 82.

*Cindy Ann Mitchell*-M, F, D, L-Oakleigh, MW, 80.

*Craig-O,Y-Dahliadel*, E, 83.5.

*David Mark*-A, SC, Y-Gaylord, E, 82.5.

*Dr. Hillburger*-B, SC, Lt Bl, Pk & Y Bottling, E, 84.

*Far West*-B, SC, DkR-Bruidegom, PC, 83.

*Elizabeth M*-A, ID, Y-Forest, E, 83.7.

*Foreman Pride*-A, ID, rose opal-Bruidegom, PC, 81.

*Elinor Bolesworth*-BB, FD, flame-Harter, PC, 80.

*Gitten Yellow*-B, IC, Y-Gitten, E, 80.5.

*Harriman Folly*-B, StC, R-Nelson, E, 83.

*Ida J*-ID, L-Bloomington, MW, 82.5.

*Joan Rose*-A, SC, Y-Sparre, PC, 83.

*Keiser Delight*-A, ID, Au-Keiser, MW, 84.

*Meta D*-BB, SC, fuschine pink-J. E. Kelly, E, 82.6.

*Michigan Blaze*-A, SC, flame-Hertel, E, 83.2.

*Molly Ann*-A, ID, amaranth rose-White, PC, 83.8.

*Morgan's Delight*-A, FD, bi R&W-Morgan, E, 83.8.

*My Pride*-A, ID, R-Gaylord, PC, 80.

*Mrs. Amelia Moorhead*-BB, StC, Y-Venner, PC, 83.

*Mrs. Jack Whittaker*-B, FD, L-Venner, E, 80.3.

*Olive Pope*-M, Ba, Pu-Pope, PC, 82.

*Swan Ballet*-A, SC, W-Sexton, E, 80.

*Tanya-M*, SC, DkR-Sjoberg, PC, 80.

*Tiptoe*-B, SC, bi Pu&W-Anderson, MK, 81.8.

The above have been duly registered. If any originator does not expect to use the name for that particular dahlia, it should be withdrawn by notifying the chairman of nomenclature, Charles H. Connors, Chairman, Committee on Nomenclature.

### New Registrations for 1958 Are

Registered by Barrett's Gardens, Route 2, Box 302, Roswell, N. M.

*Caperucita Roja*, BB, informal decorative-red.

*Narahja*, BB-straight cactus-bicolor, orange slightly tipped yellow.

*Sputnik*, A-informal decorative-giant blood red, broad rays-C.H.C.

*Karen Lynn*, by Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Pyle, 2116 Poinsettia St., Long Beach 5, California, BB dahlias, formal decorative, orchid lavender suffused pink. Fee received.

*Lawrence Welk* by Gamston Gardens, Westwood, N. J., BB, Formal Decorative, soft Mauve. Fee paid.

Received from Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff, Secretary Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society, 15170 Garfield Road, Detroit 39, Mich., the following:

Registered by Arthur J. Wolke, 5280 University Place, Detroit 39, Mich., *Barbara Holke*, "B" dahlia, incurved cactus, light blend of pink.

Registered by Mrs. C. H. Lucas, 8166 West 5 Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, R. F. D. No. 2, *Chamelon*, "A" dahlia, informal decorative, light blend of lavender and white.

Both above varieties received A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award at South-eastern Mich. Show 1957.

Registered by Edouard J. Lagarde, 2119-20th Avenue, San Francisco 16, Calif., *Roulette*, Collarette, bicolor, red edged yellow, collar yellow grading to white, Fee paid. Charles H. Connors, Chrm Com. on Nomenclature, 115 No. 6th Ave., Highland Park, N. J.

**Lots of Parking Space for Exhibitors and Visitors: Newark Airport — Sept. 13-14, A.D.S. Dahlia Show.**

# Nationwide Dahlia Society News

## Closing Dates for Reports

Jan. 10 for Feb. issue

April 10 for May issue

July 10 for Aug. issue

Oct. 10 for Nov. issue

Please send Reports by the above dates if you wish them included in following issue.

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## North Jersey Dahlia Society

The last social for the year 1957 was our Christmas party with all, or practically all, members present and exchanging "hobbies". Everyone had a grand time and asked that the affair become an annual one along with our regular social schedule; card party in April, Family outing in August, and Banquet in October.

Many new ideas toward improving the already highly successful show, are being considered and in the "blue print" stage for 1958, with the aid of a good growing season.

September 13th and 14th are show dates for 1958 with Ed Steele the show chairman already cracking the whip. Last year was our first experience in exchanging medals with other societies and was well received. Any society desiring to exchange with us, please contact our secretary.

The new slate of officers are: Pres., Lewis Culp, 163 Grant St., Dover, N. J.; V. Pres., Ed. Steele, 24 Goshen St., Paterson, N. J.; Secy., Ann Church, 1480 Alps Rd., Wayne, N. J.; Treas., Chas. Stoeckel, 511 Park Ave., Paterson, N. J. Everett Church, Publicity, 1480 Alps Rd., Wayne, N. J.

Don't lose faith in humanity. Think of all the dahlia fans in the country, who never played you a dirty trick.

## San Diego Co. Dahlia Society

The San Diego County Dahlia Society closed the 1957 season with a dinner meeting at the Cafe del Rey Moro, in Balboa Park, Tuesday evening, November 26th. Fifty-three members attended.

The officers elected for 1958 are: President, Mrs. J. A. Bishop; 1st Vice Pres., Delbert E. Hughes; 2nd Vice Pres., E. C. Major; Recording Sec., Mrs. L. L. Sisk; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. D. E. Hughes; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. F. Booker.

Our membership showed a 20% increase in 1957 and we anticipate an equally successful year for 1958. Dr. J. W. Troxell, out-going President received the appreciation of the entire membership for his diligent leadership. There will be no December meeting and Mrs Bishop will hold the first executive meeting January 6th. The first meeting in 1958 will be January 22nd. — Mrs. Delbert Hughes, Cor. Secy., 3663 Riviera Dr., San Diego, Calif.

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## NATIONWIDE DAHLIA NEWS

### Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

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The Annual Banquet of the Society, was held at The Tavern, Cynwyd, Pa. Jan. 30, 1958. Mrs. N. L. Wright, Secy., 6926 Ridge Ave., Phila. 28, Pa.

#### In Memorium

Mrs. Bela Barnes, wife of the late Geo. J. Barnes, of Merion, Pa., passed away December 17, 1957, suddenly.

Many of the Members of the Greater Phila. Dahlia Society; will remember her as a very active Dahlia fan, her untiring enthusiasm, and dependability will be very much missed by the Society.

Mrs. Julia Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa., passed away Jan. 1, 1958; she was the mother of Stanley Johnson, A.D.S. Representative and Pres. of The Greater Phila. Dahlia Society.

### Fresno Dahlia Society

The Fresno Dahlia Society wishes to announce the following newly elected officers who will be installed January 27 1958. President, Mr. Arthur Schmall; Vice Pres., Mr. Wesley Wipf; Secy., Ellen Moore; Treas., Mr. Harry Hanrahan; Mr. Wipf, assisted by Mrs. Agnus Hughes, will be show chairman. The directors will be Clyde J. Nankervis, the outgoing president, (Chairman), assisted by the following: Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Kanne, Messrs. and Madams E. E. Weymouth, R. W. Richter, Jack Arnold, Roy McLeod and A. H. Winters.

Hoping the new year is as successful as the past years for the A.D.S. as well as for our society I remain, Mrs. Schmall, Secy., Fresno Dahlia Society, Fresno, Calif.

## Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

*Editors Note:* the following winners were deleted from the show report sent for publishing in the Nov. BULLETIN, by Edward A. Boese, Secy., because the report was twice the length allowed to Branch Societies for BULLETIN news. And we must add that the Wisconsin Society report was not made the required number of Participating members to qualify for Branch membership in several years. Yet the BULLETIN has continued to publish its society reports, usually in full. We made an exception in the Nov. issue and deleted about half of the report. But we did publish about six column inches of the report. At the request of Edmund Slak, under date of Nov. 26, who said "Kindly make proper corrections in your next issue" we are herewith leaning over backwards to be fair. But after this, we will ask Mr. Slak and the Wisconsin Society to comply with all the rules of the A.D.S. relative to qualification for Branch Membership and to the rules for length of BULLETIN reports as listed in the "Special Notice" page 32 of the Nov. BULLETIN.

Winners in the Large Type Amateur Class: Max Freudenberg, Dr. Van Horn, Edward Ladendorf, Bernard Wright. In the Small Type Amateur Class: Ervin Makowski, George Wilson, Lewis Amborn. Winner of all special awards in the Novice Class, Mrs. W. A. Saveland.

Winners in Small Flowering Class: Richard Martin, Dr. Van Horn, Shirley Makowski; Sweepstakes, E. J. Heggasted. In Women's Arrangements, Mrs. Herman Degner and Mrs. Ervin Makowski. Most Outstanding Arr., Adv. Am. Mrs. Charles Mosser; Sweepstakes, Mrs. Degner. Men's Arr., Both awards to Charles Mosser. The balance of the report appeared on page 48 of the Nov. BULLETIN.

At the end of the report it said "continued on page 51" but that referred to whole section of the Nationwide Dahlia Society News, not to the Wisconsin report. Incidentally, there were 30 Society and 4 Conference reports in this Nov. issue, a total of 18 pages.

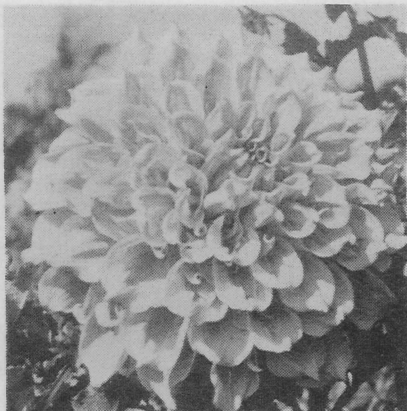
And the BULLETIN and the A.D.S. is very proud of the fact that so many societies want their news published in this BULLETIN. But, due to the increasing cost of publishing it we must ask that our correspondents condense their reports and give the pertinent facts without frills. Thank you, L. B. D.

## San Leandro Dahlia Society

R. E. Harter of Walnut Creek was installed president of the San Leandro Dahlia Society at the regular monthly meeting last evening (January 7) by Mrs. Rose Gaubert of Walnut Creek, Director of District 4-A California Garden Clubs, Inc. Other officers installed were: Troy Cloinger, vice president, Oakland; Charles Kurtz, secretary, Piedmont; Mrs. James Rafferty, treasurer, San Leandro; and board members, Jack Sparre, Oakland; Mrs. Eleanor Bolesworth, San Lorenzo and Lester Clark, Richmond.

Mr. Cloinger, program chairman, presented Paul F. Covel, Park Naturalist of the Park Department, City of Oakland, who showed colored slides of fall and winter flowering shrubs, berries and some unusual small plants making pertinent comments on the growth, habits and adaptability for this area so that one may have continual color from the time the dahlia season is over, and until the spring flowers and shrubs come in.

Mr. Harter appointed the following Committee chairmen: Cheerio, Mrs. Carl Lundvall, San Leandro; Delegate to the East Bay Garden Council, Charles Kurtz, Piedmont and Alternate Delegate, Mrs. Richard C. Trotter, Oakland; Flower Arrangement, Mrs. H. E. Cunningham, Hayward; Liasion, Carl Lundvall, San Leandro; Library, Mrs. Bart Garbacci, San Lorenzo; Parliamentarian, Troy Cloinger, Oakland; Plant, W. W. Walkup, Berkeley, and John Guggemos, Richmond; Publicity, Lionel E. Sandford, Albany; Show Manager, Mr. Kurtz, Piedmont; Display Dahlia Garden in Lakeside Park, Richard C. Trotter. Mr. Harter will continue as Manager of the Trial Garden, also in Lakeside Park.—Lionel E. Sandford, Publicity Chm., 955 Stannage Avenue, Albany 6, Calif.



### AUSTRALIAN VARIETY WINS DERRILL HART MEDAL

"Vera Seyfang," An A size, F. D. Laverder. Unusual in that it has many petaloids of self color, which is rarely found in a Formal Decorative. It scored average of 85.1 in 4 Trial Gardens. Originator, A. H. Baynes, Barmera, So. Australia. Introductor, in America, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

### Dear Dahlia Friends

Time to look forward to  
another dahlia season

We have one very good new dahlia for 1958. It won the American Dahlia Society Gold Medal Certificate in the Central States Show, Chicago, Sept., 1957. The name is

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## Baltimore Dahlia Society

The 33rd Annual Fall Flower Show of the Baltimore Dahlia Society will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 21st in Eastpoint Community Hall, Eastpoint Shopping Center, Eastern Avenue & North Point Road, Baltimore, Md. Newly elected president, Louis Gill anticipates one of the finest shows of the year. We invite all growers to exhibit and entries will be received until 12 Noon — Sept. 20th. For schedule write H O. Aburn, 6424 Blenheim Road, Baltimore 12, Md.

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## NATIONWIDE DAHLIA NEWS

### Alabama Dahlia News

With 1957 and the Southern States Show behind us, our members are actively planning their 1958 gardens and taking inventory on their roots for immediate and future reference. Those of us who are equipped to propagate have already set our roots and will soon be taking cuttings. Our dahlia hobby keeps us moving the full twelve months of the year in Alabama.

At the November meeting, a new set of officers took over and we are off to another good year both for ourselves and for Southern States.

The new officers are: President, G. E. Alderson; Vice Presidents, R. L. Vaughn, Sandy Nelaon, Gregory Christopian, Henry McLane and Walter Gaines; Recording Secretary, E. K. Henderson; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. H. C. Rike, 1110 - 31st Street, Birmingham 5; Treas., Mrs. F. M. House. A. H. West was appointed 2nd Vice-President of the Southern States Dahlia Association and Messrs Rike, West and Alderson will represent our club on the Southern States executive committee. Our General Show Chairman will be H. L. Ballman.

It will be noted that Mrs. C. G. Goodwin has not been mentioned above. After many years of service as corresponding secretary, she requested "retirement". She is still one of us but has been given less strenuous duties.

Our show this year is scheduled for September 20th and 21st but activities other than the monthly meetings will include the annual plant sale or exchange in May, a picnic in July, a Christmas party in December, several bingo parties and probably a tacky party. We believe that frequent social activities of this kind help to give us a stronger club. We have also set up a visiting committee, the purpose of which is to promote closer contacts between the members and we will also have club news reporter this year — none other than your old friend Maude Goodwin.

It might be of interest to some of our readers to hear that C. O. Mitchell, general show chairman for the past two years, has been transferred to Kansas City. What is our loss should be a gain to our friends in Kansas City. We wish all of our Dahlia friends from coast to coast a very good and a very successful season. — G. E. Alderson, President, 1218 Irving Rd., Birmingham 9, Ala.

### The Bergen County Dahlia Society

The seventh Annual Installation Dinner of The Bergen County Dahlia Society was held Saturday evening January 4th at the Red Lion Inn, Hackensack, N. J. Sixty two members and friends attended. Mrs. Ethel Weidermann, Chairman of the dinner committee welcomed those present and introduced the master of ceremonies for the evening our very able Bert Pitt. Will J. Stone was asked to give the blessing.

After a very fine dinner the following were installed into office for the year 1958: Joseph Gambi, President; Harry Dreyer, 1st Vice Pres.; Gary Eybers, 2nd Vice Pres.; Stephan Pall, Treasurer; Mrs. William Hitz, Recording Secy.; Mrs. Mildred Robbins, Cor. Secy.; Mrs. Diederich Meyer, Exec. Com., 2 years; Mrs. Ethel Weidermann, Exec. Com., 1 year. Mr. George Yeager was the installing officer.

Among the guests present were Dr. Ward Cook, Drew Mulcahy, Dewey Mohr, James Hopper, Mrs. Homer Staley and the Judges of our 1957 Dahlia Show. Each of the guests were asked to say a few words as were the four past presidents of The Bergen County Dahlia Society, Diederich Meyer, Will J. Stone, Frank Kurzenknabe and Mrs. Diederich Meyer. Joseph Gambi thanked the membership for their cooperation in the past year and expressed the hope of everyones help in the coming year.

Accordion music and community singing was enjoyed by everyone during the dinner and at various intervals during the evening. After dinner entertainment followed, several piano and vocal renditions by Will J. Stone and Joseph Gambi.—Mrs. Diederich Meyer, 165 Harcourt Avenue, Bergenfield, N. J.

### The Dahlia Society of Georgia

The year of 1957 has now grown past us and the new year of 1958 is growing—in. The past season has taught us new things; some of which are helpful, and others remain a mute question as to their value and as to the one who thought of them. They are as follows: (1) Never plant more than your wife can take care of. (2) Too much watering in hot weather will cause plants and tubers to rot. (3) Fruitone is good for tomatoes but will not make dahlias grow better blooms. (4) Cook's Kill will kill ants on the plants but also will kill plants. (5) It is very difficult to paste an open center together so that a judge cannot

tell its presence. (6) Taken-for-granted all judges are stupid, you can enter a variety under numerous classes and with a different name each time.

New officers for 1958 are as follows: President, R. O. Glauzier; 1st Vice-Pres., David Suullivan; 2nd Vice-Pres., Lee Holloway; Secretary, Mrs. Eve Huckeba; Treasurer, Gene Boeke; Corresponding Sec., Miss Mae Hudson; Parliamentarian, Barnie Kennedy.

The new officers took-over at the annual Christmas party and handled it well. Everyone had quite a good time with a turkey dinner, gift exchanges, numerous draw door prizes, and games which as usual brings to the fore the monkey blood in all of us.

The only sad part of the Christmas season was the loss to the Society of Charles R. Perry, who died in December. Mr. Perry was a Past-President of the Dahlia Society of Georgia and also of the Men's Garden Club of Atlanta. His hard work and beautiful blooms as well as his wonderful personality have been missed the past few years due to repeated illnesses. The entire society will miss his presence and helpful hand. Dr. A. L. Stephens Jr., 1260 Brookforest Dr. N.E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

### Badger State Dahlia Society

(Received too late for Nov. issue)

The Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. held its 12th annual dahlia and flower show on Sept. 1st and 2nd.

Largest bloom in the show was an *Edna D.* measuring  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4}$ , exhibited by P. W. MacKenzie; most perfect formal was a *First Lady*, by J. Clare Moore; most perfect informal was *Orange Majesty* by H. I. Peterson; most perfect semi-cactus *Marilyn Dale* also by P. W. MacKenzie; and most perfect cactus *Bunny*, the winner, Glenn L. Pierce.

Small amateur section sweepstakes won by H. I. Peterson. Large amateur sweepstakes won by P. W. MacKenzie. Open section sweepstakes won by George Merkel. Miniature and pom section sweepstakes won by E. J. Heggstad.

The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award went to *Nita* originated by Paul Hale of Brighton, Illinois and grown by Glenn Pierce.

The following officers were elected for 1958:

President, Otto Sell, Evansville, Wis.; 1st Vice-Pres., Dr. Gordon Garnett, 5310 Loruth Terrace, Madison; 2nd Vice-Pres.,



This is "Jeter," an unusual variegated, originator, Marlow Dahlia Garden, 1505 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz, Calif. A St. Cac. Turkey Red Streaks on Golden Yellow. Won A.D.S. Certificate at Oakland, 1957. Size,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 inches. Photo, Lionel E. Sanford.

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The 13th annual dahlia and flower show of the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. will be held at the Madison, Wis. Community Center Labor Day week-end, Aug 31, and Sept. 1, 1958.—P. W. MacKenzie, Jr., Publicity Chairman.

## The Dahlia Society of Tennessee

The Dahlia Society of Tennessee, Inc. Chattanooga, Tennessee announces the following officers for the 1958 year: President, A. Vonley Cox; 1st Vice-President, H. L. Whittaker; 2nd Vice-President, M. L. Sparks; 3rd Vice-President, T. G. Hixon; 4th Vice-President, E. B. King; Treasurer, J. R. Cooley; Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Hixon; Parliamentarian, A. A. Burnette.

This group of officers has been assured of the backing of a its members to make Southern States Dahlia Association Show a complete success.

### Host to S. S. Dahlia Ass'n, 1958

The Southern States Dahlia Association Show will be held in Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 27-28th. The Dahlia Society of Tennessee will be host to this "All Southern Show" and have announced the theme of this 1958 show to be:

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*Note:* Clarence R. Kallquist, is President of the Southern States Dahlia Association with Miss Marian L. Kallquist Secretary of this group.

The Dahlia Society of Alabama and the Dahlia Society of Georgia gave both assured full cooperation in the Dahlia Show of Shows for 1958. Clarence R. Kallquist, 3607 Monte Vista Dr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Please address all correspondence and communications relative this Show or other matters to: Mrs. T. G. Hixon, Sec'y, Dahlia Society of Tennessee, 321 McBrien Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## Portland Dahlia Society

Our new Officers for 1958 will be as follows: President, J. R. McEvoy; Vice Pres., W. F. Kerlinger; 2nd Vice Pres., Herman Runge; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. McEvoy; Ass't Sec., Mrs. W. Waterhouse; Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Oswald; Publicity, B. S. Chambers.—Mrs. J. R. McEvoy, 14 S. E. 71st Ave., Portland 16, Ore.

## The Long Island Dahlia Society

The news from this source at this time is very limited but it might be of interest to mention that at our December meeting the following slate of officers were elected and will be installed in a fitting ceremony to serve in 1958.

President, Mr. Lawrence Palminteri; Vice Pres. and Publicity Chairman, Mr. Joseph Mugno; Vice Pres. and Show Chairman, Mr. Robert P. Pape; Membership Chairman, Mr. Monroe C. Clayson; Treasurer, Mr. Emil Berzau; Secretary, Mr. Chester D. Francis.

At the same meeting a tentative date September 20th, pending further details as to sponsors' ideas and sites. We hope to be able to make a full report in the May issue of The BULLETIN. C. D. Francis—Sec'y, 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

## National Capital Dahlia Society

Clyde M. Stewart, a tall tan Texan who specializes in dainty diminutive dahlias was unanimously elected President of the National Capital Dahlia Society. Mr. Stewart lives at 1032 N. Vermont Street, Arlington, Virginia. He is a graduate of American University, and is a statistician in the Department of Insurance, Veterans Administration.

Although Mr. Stewart raises all sizes and types of dahlias he has been especially successful with his small flowering dahlias. At the 1957 Show of the National Capital Dahlia Society a mighty miniature, his *Chasamay*, was selected as Queen of the Show and won for Mr. Stewart the richest prize ever awarded by the Society — *Tropheo Maria Ruiz Cortines* — a generous gift from the wife of Mexico's President. It was presented to Mr. Stewart by Mexican Ambassador Manuel Tello. For the past three years Mr. Stewart won trophy for best specimen pom-pom dahlia in the Society's show.

The Society's other officers and Committee Chairman are: John B. Gilmer, Vice-President; Donald C. Schoolcraft, Treasurer; Russell M. Vaughn, Secretary; Manager 1958, James W. Browning; Manager 1958, Lloyd C. Dye; Manager 1959, Lee M. Clarke; Manager 1959, Benton J. Stong; Show, Orman E. Schneeman; Program, Captain Walter R. Wright; Membership, Clarence G. Phillip; Public Relations, Carl R. Greimel, 6369 Ridge Dr., Washington 16, D. C.

## Seattle Dahlia Society

Officers for 1958 were elected on October 9th.

*Editors Note:* This report was not received until after the Nov. BULLETIN was on the press.

The new officers who will guide the work of the society for the new year are as follows: President, Ira Porter, 2241 6th Ave., Renton 2, Wash.; Vice Pres. Mr. Nilkel, 3520 E. 110th St., Seattle 55; Secretary, Mrs. Willis W. Collins, 11249 Fremont Ave., Seattle; Treas. Mrs. W. A. Teul, 2708 E. Denny, Seattle 22.

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Paul Hale, Editor of the "Dahlia" with his winning basket of his new cactus, "Nita," at the Mid-West Show, 1957, St. Louis. Won A.D.S. Gold Medal 1957 Sweepstakes as best B-size. A Straight Cac. Lavender-Purple. A Sport of Juanita; Glenn Pierce, introducer.

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### Rochester Dahlia Society

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### Dahlia and Plant Specialists

James W. Cowie, aged 67 years, died suddenly at his home, 18333 Marcella Road, Cleveland, November 29th, 1957.

Jim Cowie, as he was known to all his friends, was one of the leading amateur gardeners in greater Cleveland. His death was a severe blow to his friends, associates, and garden organizations. He was a charter member of The Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland, and served as their president for four



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consecutive years. Other organizations that he was affiliated with were, Cleveland Mens Garden Club, Cleveland Horticultural Society, Ohio Dahlia Society, American Dahlia Society and East Liverpool Dahlia Society.

An ardent Dahlia grower and a well known judge, dahlias were his specialty, he could grow them big, and his blooms were admired wherever shown. Often during the dahlia season his blooms could be seen at the leading Dahlia Shows and at the well known "Cleveland Garden Center." Not only did he enjoy growing flowers but he knew the expression of thought, love, and kindness flowers meant to others, and many a soul did he make happy with his generous bouquets. We will miss Jim very much, and his contribution of flowers to his friends and various Garden organizations will never be forgotten.—R. M. Howells, 3290 Dover Center Rd., Westlake, Ohio.

### Minnesota Dahlia Society

At the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Dahlia Society held December 5, 1957, at the Richfield Methodist Church, Minneapolis, the following were elected: President, T. C. Solem; Vice Pres., Wm. Thorne; Secy., Chester N. Anderson; Treas., Floyd Burkhardt. Directors: T. O. Anderson\*, Ronald Gustafson\*, Rudy Gustafson, Carl Nelson, Harold Nelson, Art Ronning, Dave Smith\*.

\*Carry-over's.

Plans for the Midwest Conference and the Dahlia Show to be held at the Horticultural Building of the Minnesota State Fair on August 31 and September 1, 1958, were discussed.

After adjournment of the business meeting, the balance of the evening was spent enjoying a delicious turkey dinner and the annual Christmas Party. Several members took part in the program which consisted of short skits, music, and exchange of gifts. — T. C. Solem, 7100 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis.

### San Diego Dahlia Society

The San Diego County Dahlia Society held its January meeting Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. in the Floral Building in Balboa Park.

Mrs. Joseph Bishop, the society's new president, showed films of the

National Dahlia show of England and other events photographed during their European trip last fall.

The society is already forming plans for its annual dahlia show to be held August 2 and 3 in the Conference Building in Balboa Park. Mrs. Bishop announced her committee chairmen and complete monthly meeting dates and program schedules.

With the growth of this society and its affiliation with the Fiesta del Pacifico this should be an outstanding year — Mrs. Delbert Hughes, Corres. Secretary.



### **Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society**

With the year of 1958 ahead, Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society is making plans for interesting meetings for our 1958 show was set as Saturday, and providing opportunity for more and closer fellowship. Likewise of great concern to the membership is a goal to grow bigger, better, and more beautiful dahlias. Dr. C. E. Wildon, of Michigan State University, who is internationally recognized as authority in horticulture will address the society at the first meeting

"Rodeo," B. I. C., dark red, originator, Fa. D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland. Won Certificate, with score of 85.5 at the A.D.S. Trial Garden at Oakland, Calif., 1957. Partly shaded in Editor's Garden last year it was a Brilliant Current Red. Photo by Lionel E. Sanford, Oakland.

of the year. Officers for 1958 are: President, Walter Sprague; Vice-President, Bert Grim; Secretary, Hubert Backus; Treasurer, Joseph Morris; Trustees, R. F. Row, David Millar, A. E. Cadwell.—Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff, 15170 Garfield Rd., Detroit 39, Mich., Retiring Secy.

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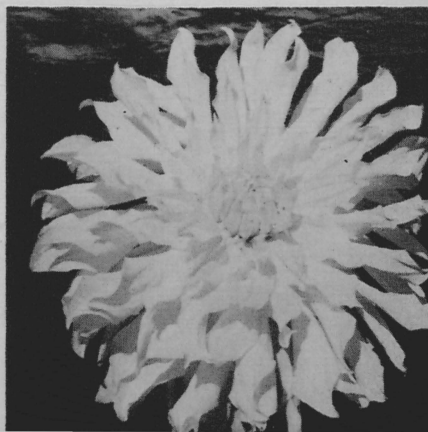
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Carol E. — M FD Yellow .....	3.00
Dew Hurst — BB FD Roseine Purple .....	2.00
Diana Maxine — M StC Yellow .....	1.50
Elsie A. — M FD Orient Red .....	3.00
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Ella Cole — BB StC Orange and Red ..	2.00
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Gold Kathie — M FD Lt Bl, Yellow	
and Rose .....	2.00
Johnnie Casey — M FD Bi-color	
Red tpt W .....	1.50
Kosciusko — M SC White .....	1.50
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Mamau — BB SC Yellow .....	2.00
Marjorie Lawrence — M SC	
Chatenay Pink .....	2.00
Maxeen — M IC Bi-color Rose Red.	
White Tips .....	2.00
Pam McDonald — M StC Au. Yellow	
and Red .....	2.00
The Bride — BB IC Lovely White .....	2.00
Tweed — BB SC Yellow .....	2.50
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suf. Phlox Purple .....	2.00

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