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The King of Flowers!

By William Scott Doig, Boise, Idaho

The Dahlia! King of the Autumn shades
Which turns our thoughts from sylvan glades,

To thy great majesty!

Faunting bright colors far and wide,
O'er garden farm and countryside,

King by royal decree!

A King in color, size and worth,
Proclaiming Royalty, standing forth

In flashing harmony;

But yet, the humblest in the land
May reap his riches, for his hand

Is stretched forth honestly.

His rugged beauty shows his strength
In all its joy, until at length

Charms mere Man by his powers;

Till loved by rich and poor alike,

His giant or his smallest spike

Is crowned by regal flowers.

His sparkling beauty ever bright,

Endowed with honor and with might,

Evanescient glints enthrall:

As buds burst forth a brilliant flame,

To spread o'er all the earth his Fame,

Great Dahlia: King of All!

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DAHIA SHOWS ACROSS THE NATION

If your show is not listed below, please send information to the Editor. Or, if it is listed, but incorrectly, please send revisions for Aug. Bulletin.

Date	Society	Place	City
Aug. 2-3	San Diego Co. Dahlia Soc.	Recital Hall, Balboa Park	San Diego, Calif.
Aug. 16-17	Inglewood Dahlia Society	Inglewood High School	Inglewood, Calif.
Aug. 23-24	Snohomish Co. Dahlia Soc.	Public Library	Everett, Wash.
Aug. 23-24	Portland Dahlia Society	Sunken Ball'r'm, Masonic Temple	Portland, Ore.
Aug. 21-24	Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society	Bremerton Civic Cen. (Co. Fair)	Bremerton, Wash.
Aug. 30-31	Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society	Bremerton Civic Center	Bremerton, Wash.
	Host to Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference)		
Aug. 30-31	Southern Oregon Dahlia Soc.	Auditorium, Public Library	North Bend, Ore.
Aug. 30-Sept. 1	Badger State Dahlia Soc.	Community Center	Madison, Wis.
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Minnesota Dahlia Soc.	Hort. Hall, Minn. State Fair	Minneapolis, Minn.
	(Host to Mid-West Dahlia Conference)		
Sept. 6-7	Dahlia & Plant Specialists	Garden Center	Cleveland, Ohio
Sept. 6-7	Washington State Dahlia Soc.	Normana Hall,	Tacoma, Wash.
Sept. 7	Irvington Garden Club	Irvington High School	Irvington, N. J.
Sept. 7	Southern Tier Dahlia Society	Mark Twain Hotel	Elmira, N. Y.
Sept. 6-7	Michigan Dahlia Ass'n.	I. M. A. Hall	Flint, Mich.
Sept. 13-14	American Dahlia Society	} Newark Airport	Newark, N. J.
	New Jersey Dahlia Society		
	Irvington Garden Club		
Sept. 13-14	North Jersey Dahlia Society	First Nat. Bank & Trust Co.	Wayne, N. J.
Sept. 20	Long Island Dahlia Society	Mid-Island Com. Center	Hicksville, N. Y.
Sept. 21	Fresno Dahlia Society		Fresno, Calif.
Sept. 20-21	Baltimore Dahlia Society	Eastpoint Com. Hall	Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 20-21	Dahlia Society of Ala.	Thomas Jefferson Hotel	Birmingham, Ala.
Sept. 20-21	Bergen Co., Dahlia Society	Liberty School	Englewood, N. J.
Sept. 20-21	Southtown Dahlia Club	Hamilton Park Field House	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 20-21	Dahlia Society of Kentucky	Kentucky Hotel	Louisville, Ky.
Sept. 20-21	Takoma Horticultural Club	Takoma School	Washington, D. C.
Sept. 20-21	East Liverpool Dah. & Fl. Soc.	West Gate School	East Liverpool, Ohio
Sept. 20-21	Greater Phil. Dahlia Society	W. C. A. U. Tel. Sta.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept. 24-25	Berholme Hort. Society	Cheltenham Fed. Sav. & Loan	Cheltenham, Pa.
Sept. 27-28	Mid America Dahlia Society	Country Club Plaza	Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 27-28	Ohio Valley Dahlia Ass'n.	Cincinnati Art Museum	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 27-28	Dahlia Society of Tenn.	Hotel Patten	Chattanooga, Tenn.
	(Host to the Southern States Dahlia Association)		
Sept. 27-28	National Capital Dahlia Soc.	U. S. Botanic Garden	Washington, D. C.
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Virginia Dahlia Society	Miller & Rhoades Store	Richmond, Va.
Oct. 4-5	Central Valley Dahlia Soc.	Bakersfield Art Gallery	Bakersfield, Calif.
	(Host to the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association)		
Oct. 4-5	Dahlia Society of Georgia	Southeastern Fair	Atlanta, Ga.
Oct. 4-5	Greater Kansas City Dah. Soc.	Shawnee Mission High School	Mission, Kan.
Oct. 4-5	Suburban Dahlia Society		Pikesville, Md.
	(Host to Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference)		

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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, 48 Clement Avenue, Elmont, New York.

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The Green Peach Tree Aphid— The Carrier Of Dahlia Mosaic

By Arthur W. Mason, 3935 — 6th St., So., Arlington, Va.
Chairman Plant Research Committee, A. D. S.

The Green Peach Tree Aphid (*Myzus persicae*), which is sometimes called the Spinach Aphid, is the worst insect that attacks dahlias. It is the only known carrier of dahlia mosaic. It was named the Peach Tree Aphid because it generally appears about the time the peach and other pit fruits are in bloom.

This particular Aphid was introduced in the United States from Europe where it was known as the Green Fly. Within a few years after it was introduced in the United States it had spread to all parts of the country. In different parts of the United States it favors different kinds of vegetation and often limits its infection to certain varieties of plants. There is no section of the United States where, during the growing season of dahlias, it has not been found on dahlia plants.

The Green Peach Tree Aphid hatches from shiny black eggs, generally deposited on the bark of peaches, plums, cherries, apricots, and other pit fruit, but eggs have now been found deposited on the bark of other deciduous trees. Eggs have also been found upon certain perennial plants, such as English and Boston Ivy. Occasional reports indicate that the eggs have been found on chrysanthemums and primula plants.

In the Washington area Green Peach Tree Aphids have been discovered in green houses as early as February 15 and have been detected in cold frames as early as May 20.

Many dahlia plants in the cold frames where the aphid was discovered later developed mosaic. Plants taken from the same parent stock but grown in other cold frames where there were no Green Peach Tree Aphids, were healthy.

Near these cold frames there were several host plants, some of them with live aphids on them. All of these investigations point to one fact, that infection can take place in the green houses and cold frames before the plants are planted in the field.

There is a record where a dahlia clump was cut in two and the two halves propagated about 15 miles apart. One propagator, all his plants were healthy. The other grower, at least, 50 percent of the plants showed an unmistakable mosaic pattern by May 15.

Many dahlia growers are unable to distinguish Green Peach Tree Aphids from other green bodied aphids. Oftentimes, the Apple Aphid, Green Aphid, Melon Aphid,

Pea Aphid, and others which have green bodies are mistaken for the Green Peach Tree Aphid. The following factors may help to distinguish them:

1. Many of the green bodied aphids don't like dahlias, or at best are only compatible to certain varieties of dahlias. If they are put on dahlia leaves, if winged, they fly immediately away, or if wingless, they soon fall to the ground.
2. The body color of the Green Peach Tree Aphid is a yellowish green color. It has a uniform color at all seasons of the year. It has been determined that most of the other green bodied aphids either have more yellow in their body colors or are a darker green than the Green Peach Tree Aphid.
3. The Green Peach Tree Aphid has a distinct marking of three cross lines and are much more distinct than on the bodies of other aphids similarly marked. These lines appear to be more distinct during the spring months than during the summer and fall.

We have examined numerous dahlia patches. In most of these no live aphids were found, but on close examination of the plants unmistakable signs were found that at some time aphids had been present:

1. Body shells of dead aphids.
2. Deformation of tender new leaves, characteristic of aphid injury.
3. Sooty mold growing in Aphid honeydew that was deposited on the leaves. Oftentimes with ants present.
4. Plants known to have been grown from this stock in the field developed mosaic.

Generally nearby numerous host plants were found, oftentimes with aphids present. Late in the growing season the most numerous hosts were abundant, in vegetable gardens.

All Aphids hatched from eggs in the spring are wingless females. These females are viviparous and produce young without fertilization, which in turn produce other wingless females.

Some of these wingless females soon hatch winged females which migrate to

other host plants. For some reason unknown to us these early hatched winged females seem to favor other food plants than dahlias, but once the dahlia plants get a start or are 18 inches high, they become one of the favorite host plants for Green Peach Tree Aphids. The first Aphids found on dahlias are practically all winged females, which certainly indicates that they are visitors from other host plants. In dahlia fields, where a weekly spraying program is conducted, wingless females are never found, which is another indication that the Aphids have migrated to the dahlias from other plants.

In the Washington area Green Peach Tree Aphids have never been discovered on dahlia plants before May 25. It is about that time that the first migration from the original host plants takes place.

In this locality winged males are first found on dahlias about September 20; on unsprayed dahlia plants they will be found until the first killing frost. Wingless females are not found on dahlia plants until sometime after September 20 and again only on plants on which no insecticides have been recently applied. These males and females are, therefore, the offspring of Aphids that have mated on dahlia plants. About that date the first mating takes place on dahlia plants. The eggs from this mating are deposited on winter host plants.

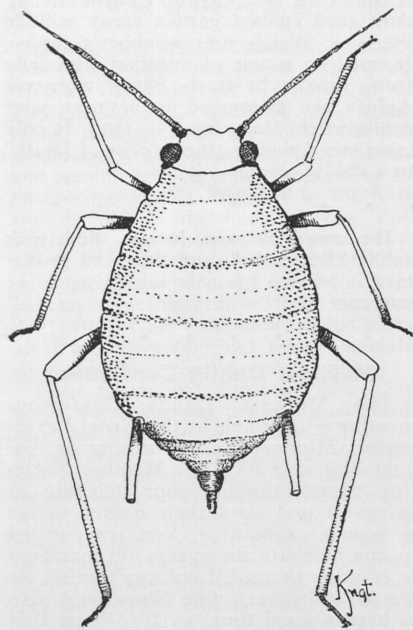
It is dangerous to believe that only stunted dahlia plants are affected with mosaic. The mosaic pattern often varies with different varieties, or even with the same variety. The pattern often varies at different seasons of the year. The characteristic symptoms are fully described on page 24 of the February 1957 issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin.

Since 1956 when I was appointed Chairman of the A.D.S. Research Committee, I gave a large portion of my time studying dahlia mosaic. During that period I have examined many thousand dahlia plants in different parts of the United States and I am convinced that there is no garden, including my own, growing of more than 100 plants that does not have mosaic unless it has been thoroughly rogued.

These examinations have developed many interesting facts. The following observations are limited to "A" and "B" size dahlias listed in the 1955, 1956, and 1957 Official Classification List:

1. Semi-cactus and Cactus varieties are almost twice as susceptible as formal and informal, decorative dahlias.

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The Green Peach Tree Aphid

The only known carrier of Dahlia Mosaic virus, as proved by Dr. Philip C. Brierly in 1933, (see A. D. S. Bulletin, July, 1933) in tests made at the Boyce-Thompson Institute for Plant Research, at Yonkers, N. Y.

Peach Aphid, Carrier of Dahlia Mosaic
MOSAIC — Continued

2. Aphids seem to prefer some varieties over others. Dahlias that show a high percentage of infection in one part of the country generally show a similar percentage in other parts.
3. Aphids seem to have a decisive preference for color. White and yellow varieties being their favorite colors. Followed by light blends of pink, lavender, autumn, and orange colors. Light reds, deep pinks, and deep lavendars are not among the colors favored by Aphids. Dark reds, purple, and purple and white bi-colors are the colors that are the less favored by Aphids.
4. Dahlia plants with coarse leaves and heavy fibrous stems definitely have less mosaic than plants with fine leaves and smooth stems. This fact has been noted in several different parts of the world, and it seems to be the general opinion that because of the coarse texture of the leaves and stems the Aphids are unable to puncture the plant tissue sufficiently to get the virus into the sap stream.
5. Some varieties are *almost* immune to mosaic. For example, I had to examine 136 of "Mrs. Hester Pape" before I found a plant affected with mosaic.

A common topic among dahlia growers is the health of their dahlia plants. One often hears conversation about his "healthy stock" or "good stock" or "clean stock" and many other synonyms to describe good dahlia roots and plants. On the other hand you will hear this about poor plants and tubers "stock has run out" or "I can't locate any good stock" or "..... variety isn't good any more." Seldom do you ever hear dahlia growers admit that he has mosaic in his garden.

For the past three years my interest has been largely in the "run out" or "poor stock" not in a "good or clean stock." This is what I have found out about the "poor stock." The percentage varies in different gardens, but generally 60 percent of the "poor stock" has mosaic. The other 40 percent deterioration is from other causes.

Many of these 60 percent varieties are tolerant to mosaic but not to the extent that the virus does not affect the growing habits of the plant and/or the size of the flower, and/or the vigorousness of the roots.

I have listed all of the "A" and "B" size dahlias that have been deleted from the 1956, 1957, and 1958 Joint Classification List and it is interesting to note that of the varieties that have the mosaic record, approximately 36 percent of these deleted varieties are listed as showing the highest percentage of mosaic.

We have found that from September 20 until the frost is the worst time for the spreading of dahlia mosaic. It is the end of the growing period, most of the shows are over, and there is a general let-down in garden care by most dahlia growers. Few of them continue their usual spraying program.

During this period we have seen numerous dahlia plants with very slight signs of mosaic, generally affecting only a few of the topmost crowns of the plant. It was necessary to make a careful examination of these plants to discover the infection. Numerous plantings from these plants the following year always produced a high percentage of mosaic infected plants.

Early spraying of all winter host plants is one of the best ways to control Aphids. Any good contact garden spray will do the trick. Watch your neighbor's garden. It can be a source of infection, especially from June 1 to frost. Spray whenever Aphids are discovered in or near your dahlia patch. Delay may be fatal. It only takes one Aphid to give a "Kiss of Death" to a dahlia plant.

He named his new, lucious, flesh pink dahlia "Striptease", and then had to discard it because his wife said it would be improper to show it, (her).

Midwest Dahlia Conference

The Midwest Dahlia Conference meeting will be held at the Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 31st at 5:00 P.M. Member Societies, please appoint your delegate or delegates and send their names to me as soon as appointed. You are entitled to **one** delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof. Looks as though we are in for a very fine Show and also to have a good time, so I do hope that a large number of you are planning to attend the Midwest Show. This is our Silver Anniversary, so lets celebrate it with the folks of the Minnesota Dahlia Society. You are missed if you do not attend. — Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, 726 Barret Ave., Louisville 4.

44th Annual A. D. S. Exhibition

At Newark Airport, Sept. 13-14, 1958



Photo Courtesy Port of New York Authority
View of the A. D. S. — New Jersey Show, Newark Airport, 1957

In 1957, the first national dahlia exhibition to be staged in a major airport, was held in the Passenger Terminal of the Newark Airport, where it was known many thousands of air-borne travelers would enjoy the spectacle. The activities and results were carefully analyzed by the sponsoring organizations and by the Aviation Section of the Port of New York Authority. The issuance of a return invitation to hold our 44th annual exhibition on September 13th and 14th of this year, indicates the recognition from the Port Authority of the exhibition's value to the air traveling public and to the specialty shop tenants in the Terminal building.

From the exhibitor and spectacle viewpoint, the sponsoring organizations recognize the value to all dahlia and flower lovers of this location and its facilities, and have therefore accepted the opportunity to once more exhibit at the Newark Airport. This annual exhibition, like so many of our previous efforts, is not an inexpensive venture to the American Dahlia Society, but is one of those services which your officers gladly undertake to place before you, knowing that your support will be ample reward.

It is anticipated this year we will have greater competition in the classes for air-shipment from distant points, both domestic and foreign. Tentative inquiries in this respect have already been received from the Netherlands, Belgium, and England,

and the Show Committee is bending every effort to secure entries in these classes. It will be especially simple to ship such entries from domestic points of departure direct to the Newark Airport, where a

Learn by experience — that of other dahlia growers — if you're smart.

capable committee headed by two of our master-showman exhibitors—Ed O'Keefe and Harry Frank—will be prepared to receive the entries and promptly place them. Such entries should be sent fully prepaid and carefully packed both for shipment and variety identification to the American Dahlia Society, Observation Deck, Passenger Terminal, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, in care of Mr. Harry Frank, to arrive Sat., Sept. 13th on an early plane.

The schedule committee is working on a revised form for presentation to our members in ample time to plan gardens for exhibition blooms. The weather bureau is also, we hope, working on a revised program for the atmospheric and climatic fronts—an effort which it is believed can be beneficial and an improvement over 1957.

Further details will appear in the next BULLETIN.—Edward B. Lloyd, Chairman —Show Committee.

The A. D. S. Trial Gardens

For 1958 — By Burt Pitt, Chairman



Scene on Field Day at the A. D. S. Trial Gardens, 1957 at Long Island Agriculture Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

The A. D. S. Trial Gardens are ready for your new varieties for trial, and if you have not already done so, we strongly urge you to send your worthy seedlings without further delay; the Trial Gardens are ready to plant **RIGHT NOW**.

Perhaps the advantages of having an A. D. S. Certificate of Merit for your new variety are not fully understood, and so I will try to explain just what they are.

1. Plants at the Trial Gardens are grown under good garden conditions without any attempt being made to see how large they can be made to grow. There is no forcing here.

2. While most of the characteristics scored have to do with the quality of the bloom, the A. D. S. field score card also provides for scoring for the number of blooms produced.

For these reasons buyers of Certificate of Merit varieties can be reasonably certain of producing in their own gardens, results similar to those obtained at the Trial Gardens. What interests buyers, should certainly be of interest to sellers also, but there are further advantages.

3. The scores, and a brief description of the Certificate of Merit varieties are published in the A. D. S. **BULLETIN**. We estimate that each issue of the **BULLETIN** is read by at least two persons, and surely **ALL** of our readers are dahlia growers, and therefore, potential buyers of the new varieties. What better advertising could

you get for the \$3.00 it costs to send a variety to a Trial Garden?

4. There is an advantage to be gained by sending your new variety to more than one Trial Garden. A variety which wins a Certificate of Merit in all five Trial Gardens is not necessarily a better variety than one which wins a Certificate in only one garden. The score rather than the number of Certificates won is a better indication of quality. What it **DOES** mean is that a five Certificate variety may be expected to give satisfactory results in a wide variety of soils and climates. If your stock of your new variety is small, and you are not ready to offer it for sale, you can send it to one or two of the Trial Gardens this year, and to the others next year. Or if you sent it to one or two of the Trial Gardens last year and received a good score, you can send it to the others this year. Only remember that once a variety has been offered for sale, it is no longer eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit.

5. In addition to the Certificates of Merit, the A. D. S. offers the Derrill Hart Memorial Medals. Four of these medals are awarded each year, one in each size class. They are given to the variety which earns the highest average of the scores from three Trial Gardens. These scores need not be earned in one year. Varieties certified last year, provided that they have not been offered for sale in the meantime, are eligible for consideration this year if entered in other Trial Gardens. The Derrill Hart Medals are the highest honors which the Trial Gardens can bestow.

Three roots (or green plants) of a variety are required for testing, and there is an entry fee of \$3.00 for each variety at each of the Trial Gardens to which it is sent. Entry blanks, which may be secured from any of the Trial Garden Directors or from the Chairman of the Trial Garden Committee, should be filled out as fully as possible, and sent, with your entry fee to the Director of the Trial Garden (or gardens) which you have selected.

All of the Trial Gardens treat the plants in the same manner. Plant No. 1 is not topped, and after the crown flower blooms, the side branches are allowed to develop to a reasonable number (depending on its size class) and are thereafter disbudded. Plant No. 2 (all plants if a small flowering variety) is topped, and thereafter grown naturally without disbudding. Plant No. 3 is topped and the side branches are disbudded.

Records are kept from the time the first bloom appears, but scoring begins when all three bushes are in bloom. There should be at least five judges working independently of each other and they should live near enough to the Trial Garden to be able to visit it frequently during the blooming season. The regular A. D. S. field score card is used. This provides a maximum of 100 points unequally divided among the nine characteristics to be scored. The greatest share of points is allowed for color, with form, stem, and foliage and bush just a few points lower, and the other characteristics (including the number of flowers produced) following with a slightly lower value. Each judge scores each variety, and turns in his score.

At the end of the season, all scores turned in for a variety are averaged, and it is this average score which becomes the official score given the variety at the Trial Garden. The judges are experienced, and it is not unusual for a judge to "step

out" and not score a variety belonging to a friend. Further, should a score be turned in which is far out of line with the others, it is discarded, and not included in the average. This is done to avoid any reflection of personal likes or dislikes for a particular color or form or other characteristic on the part of any judge, and so to obtain as fair a score as possible.

For the reasons given above, the Trial Garden Committee feels that an A. D. S. Certificate of Merit, or better still, a Derrill Hart Medal, is the best recommendation to dahlia buyers which your new variety could have, and we look forward to seeing it at one or more of the Trial Gardens listed below.

Eastern Trial Garden

Mr. C. Rissmeyer
L. I. Agricultural & Technical Inst.
Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

Mid-west Trial Garden

Dr. C. E. Wildon
823 Huntington Road
East Lansing, Mich.

Southern Trial Garden

Mr. E. E. Montgomery
1017 S. McDonough St.
Decatur, Ga.

Pacific Coast Trial Garden

Mr. R. E. Harter
2769 Danville Highway
Alamo, Calif.

Ohio Valley Trial Garden

Entry blanks and fees to:
Miss Alice Mattick
4223 Dane St.
Cincinnati 23, Ohio

Roots or plants by Railway Express only to:

Mr. Robert Seibel
Principio & Heekins Ave.
Cincinnati 26, Ohio

Pacific Northwest

This is not yet an official Trial Garden, but they would appreciate your support. For instructions for sending material write:

Mr. C. A. Taylor
1420 S. Stevens St.
Tacoma 5, Wash.

North Central Trial Garden (proposed):

It is now being arranged to have a Two-Year Un-official Trial Garden at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, beginning this year. (It will not be an A. D. S. official garden until after the usual two-year test period.) It will be

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All Are Vice-Presidents of the A. D. S.

The following presidents of the Dahlia Societies listed, all Branches of or Affiliated with the American Dahlia Society, are also Vice-Presidents of the A. D. S. for 1958. We are glad to welcome them to the big and growing family of the A. D. S. officials.

The A. D. S. is glad to have these men and women take part in its affairs and attend any of the regular meetings of its Executive Board, which meets monthly at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th St., at 7th Ave., New York City. The meetings for the balance of 1958 will be: June 13th, July 25th, August 22nd, October 17th, November 14th and December 12th. There are no meetings scheduled in May or September, as those months are at planting time and show time. But if any of the Vice-Presidents listed below are in New York at 7:30 p.m. on the above dates they are cordially invited to attend. Also it is hoped that many of them will plan to attend the A. D. S. Annual meeting next January 17th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Park-Sheraton.

Any Society Can Be a Branch

If any Dahlia Society will secure 20 or more of their members who will join the A. D. S. as Participating Members and pay \$2.50 per year, then that society may become an A. D. S. Branch Society. In that event, the Branch will receive the A. D. S. Medal for awarding at its show and the privilege of participating in the nationwide Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. Each Participating member will receive this Bulletin and the Annual Joint Classification List. He or she may attend any A. D. S. Official meeting and may vote for its officers each year.

Affiliated Societies

Any Dahlia Society may become an Affiliated A. D. S. Society by paying an annual fee of \$20.00. For this it will receive the A. D. S. Bronze Medal for awarding at its show, six copies of each issue of this Bulletin sent to its Secretary

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under the supervision of the Dahlia Society of Minnesota. University Horticultural Dept., will furnish the plot and do all the work, including the preparation of the ground, planting, cultivating and spraying. Anyone interested in sending seedlings for test to this new garden, write: T. M. Solem, President, Minn., Dahlia Society, 7100 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 23, Minn.

for rotating among its members, and the right to participate in the annual A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes at its show.

The American Dahlia Society furnishes the above services and privileges at less than actual cost in order to help promote interest in the growing of dahlias and to obtain the co-operation of other dahlia societies in its affairs and program. The Active (\$4.00 per year) and Sustaining Memberships, (\$5.00 and \$10.00) make up the difference in the cost.

The New A. D. S. Vice-Presidents

The following officers of Branch and Affiliated Societies for 1958 were reported to Emil Berzau, Assistant Secretary of the A. D. S., 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y. He tells us that several societies failed to answer his request for this information. If your society should be listed below and is not, please send the name and address of its president at once to Mr. Berzau and it will appear in the August Bulletin.

G. E. Alderson, 1218 Irving Rd., Edgwood, Birmingham, Ala. Dahlia Society of Alabama.

Mrs. Charles Ayler, 1121 So. 59th St., Tacoma 8, Wash. Washington State Dahlia Society.

Mrs. Walter Bardell, Woodcliff Ave., Woodcliff Lake, N. J. Dahlia Society of New Jersey

Mrs. Ethel Barry, 611 Hudson St., Ithaca, N. Y. Ithaca Dahlia Society.

Barton J. Brooks, 40 Hickory St., Rochester 20, N. Y. Rochester Dahlia Society.

Mrs. R. E. Bryant, 2623 Linbrook Drive, Richmond 28, Va. Virginia Dahlia Society.

Wm. Caldwell, Rt 1, Snohomish, Wash. Snohomish Dahlia Society.

Elroy Christman, 23910 Gessnor Rd., North Olmsted, Ohio. Dahlia Society of Ohio.

A. Vonley Cox, 3610 Reading Rd., Chattanooga, Tenn. Dahlia Society of Tennessee.

Lewis Culp, 163 Grant St., Dover, N. J. North Jersey Dahlia Society.

Howard Engle, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tulsa Dahlia Society.

Joseph Gambi, 5938 Piermont Ave., Rivervale, N. J. Bergen County Dahlia Society.

Louis Gill, Baltimore, Md. Baltimore Dahlia Society.

George W. Hagerman, 551 Tyson Ave., Phila. 11, Pa. Burholme Hort. Society.

Mrs. J. E. Hall, 38253 Wilson Ave., Willoughby, Ohio. Dahlia and Plant Specialist of Greater Cleveland.

L. E. Hill, Kingston, Ohio. Scioto Valley Dahlia Society.

R. E. Harter, 2769 Danville Highway, Walnut Creek, Calif. San Leandro Dahlia Society.

Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society.

Miss Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane St., Cincinnati 23, Ohio. Ohio Valley Dahlia Society.

Leo G. Miller, Rt. 5, Box 85, Bremerton, Wash. Kitsap County Dahlia Society.

J. R. McEvoy, 14 S.E. 11th Ave., Portland 16, Oregon. Portland Dahlia Society.

Lawrence Palminteri, 85-38 105th St., Richmond Hill 18, N. Y. Long Island Dahlia Society.

Henry Rabner, 2 Columbia Ave., Newark, N. J. Irvington Garden Club.

Dr. G. Emmett Raitt, 1971 S.E. Mesa Drive, Santa Ana, Calif. Orange County Dahlia Society.

Richard Rowley, 530 Partridge St., Elmira, N. Y. Southern Tier Dahlia Society.

Arthur Schmall, 5346 East White Ave., Fresno, Calif. Fresno Dahlia Society.

Otto Sell, Evansville, Wis. Badger State Dahlia Society.

T. C. Solem, 7100 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Minnesota Dahlia Society.

Clyde M. Stewart, 1032 N. Vermont St., Arlington, Va. National Capital Dahlia Society.

Walter Sprague, 1482 Vinerwood Ave., Detroit 16, Mich. South Eastern Michigan Dahlia Society.

David Sullivan, 2276 Camellia Drive, Decatur, Ga. Dahlia Society of Georgia.

W. H. Surft, 900 Eastern Parkway, Louisville 17, Ky. Dahlia Society of Kentucky.

Frank Tamborella, 3011 East Ninth St., Kansas City, Mo. Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society.

Alan True, 1936 Loma Drive, Hermosa Beach, Calif. Inglewood Dahlia Society.

K. K. Williams, 8022 Conser, Overland Park, Kansas. Mid-America Dahlia Society.

Edward Wisniewski, 123 W. Waterford Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wis. Dahlia Society of Wisconsin.

Bernard E. Wright, 1401 South 7th Ave., Maywood, Ill. Central States Dahlia Society.

Arthur J. Wulff, 15170 Garfield Road, Detroit 39, Mich. Michigan Dahlia Association.

Alvin Almgren, Bakersfield, Calif., Central Valley Dahlia Society.

Bob Edmonston, 4209 Lowell Dr., Baltimore 8, Md. Suburban Dahlia Society, Pikesville, Md.

John T. Eccleston, Chestnut Extension, East Liverpool, Ohio. East Liverpool Dahlia Society.

Basil R. Fischer, 1143 Dudley Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Indianapolis Dahlia Society.

G. Reed Thomson, 3520 Condit St., Highland, Ind. Southtown Dahlia Club.

Charlie Garrity 85 Years

A note from the "Father of the San Leandro Dahlia Society", Charles Garrity, dated March 12th, says: "I was 85 years old last Wednesday, (March 5th) and what do you think happened? They gave us a big birthday party, right here at the Forester's Haven, where we came to live last fall. They gave me several birthday gifts, too, which was very kind, at my time of life, and being a newcomer here, besides.

"I am going to try to repay them for

their thoughtfulness by trying to plant a dahlia garden so everybody can enjoy my favorite flowers with me. It will give me something interesting to do as well as keep me out of mischief. If I am spared, and can have a garden, I will have to get some new roots, as I gave away all my old ones when I came here.

"But I don't worry about that, for several of my friends have told me they will send me some. These long time friends include, Pete Harter, Jim Rafferty, Charlie Lasch, of Euclid, Ohio, and J. Pyle. I felt bad about not being able to bring some of the dahlias I have liked so much, when we broke up our home. But still worse, I hated to leave all my dahlia friends behind.

"But we are sure that we did the right thing, in coming here. If I can grow some dahlias this year, it will help me to pass away the time and probably make others here more contented too. If I get some nice blooms, I will be a lot happier. Of course I will have to take it easy, but I sure will try hard, you can bet on that. I always got more pleasure out of growing dahlias than anything else. And getting other folks interested in them made everything worth while. Keep smiling, Lynn, and Good Health and Happiness to you. Yours Sincerely, Charles Garrity." Address, Forester's Haven, Lopez Canyon, Pacoima, California. Members of the A. D. S. could not better use their spare time than to writing to Mr. Garrity, or their spare roots to be grown for the shut-ins. He is lonesome for his dahlia friends. L. B. D.

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

Wanted! Music for this Dahlia Song

The poem on our cover, written by William Scott Doig, of Boise, Idaho, especially for this A. D. S. BULLETIN, was first published in the May, 1935 issue. It was the second one which Mr. Doig had sent us, and then we received no more from him. We wish that we knew if this man, who so appreciated dahlias that he wrote songs about them, was still alive.

For these are the lyrics of a Dahlia Song, truly. Perhaps Will Stone and his partner Joe Gambi could collaborate on some music for this song and favor us with it at the Annual A. D. S. Meeting in January, 1959? We hope they will do so.

DAHLIA PEOPLE

Here, There, and Everywhere

C. Louis Alling, of West Haven, Conn., went to the hospital the day after Christmas and altho' the doctors recommended an immediate gland operation, he went home without it. But in February, because of constant pain, he had to return for scalpel detail. He reports that pain is gone but he has developed a minor infection, which is bothersome. His doctor tells him not to worry and he will soon be much better. We hope that the former A. D. S. President and Secretary for so many years, will soon be in good health and out in the dahlia garden again.

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T. C. Solem, President of the Dahlia Society of Minneapolis, has invited your editor to speak at the Mid-West Conference banquet, Sunday evening, August 31, at 7:30 p.m. And it was the editor's pleasure to accept. The banquet will be held in the Hall of States, at Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis, and will have guests from some twenty or more states.

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G. F. Drayson, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, and editor of the Dahlia Year Book, published by the British National Dahlia Society, says that the Society keeps a Register of Dahlia names and there are between 20,000 and 30,000 names listed therein. He adds that there must be many names of extinct varieties in the list, but there are also many thousands of new varieties which have never been registered with the society. He says that they have hundreds of growers raising new varieties each year who never think of registering them. He adds that there is an international code for naming dahlias, but that the British society does not enforce it. He does not believe that the A. D. S. enforces it either, and that is literally true, because no society can enforce any such code. But we can tell Mr. Drayson that the A. D. S. does automatically register all new varieties tested at the five Official Trial Grounds, which each year, score 80 points or more of the Official Score Card. Also many new ones are registered each year by originator with Dr. Charles Connors, Nomenclature Chairman, and pay a \$1.00 fee for that privilege.

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Arthur S. Mason, says a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal, has been given a temporary appointment as Acting Chief of the Ocean Transportation Branch of the Transportation and Storage Division of the Department of Agriculture. This is the same work that Arthur was engaged on before his retirement, about a year ago. He is relieving Clifford H. Spence who is on 120 days sick leave. Mr. Mason, as you know, is the editor of the Dahlia-gram of the N. C. D. S. and our A. D. S. Chairman of Research. How he does all the various jobs so efficiently, we will never know. But we bow our heads to him. He is overweight, as are many of us who grow dahlias, but he has more energy than most of us.

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Sarah W. Wood, of Southport, Conn., says, "We all appreciate your fine job that is being done to bring us so much news of the Dahlia World in the BULLETIN. But, please don't work too hard on it." She adds a sombre note, the like of which we have heard from many others this spring. She says: "When we checked our dahlia roots in March, we found that many, many more than usual had rotted. I hate to lose so many of my old favorites, most of which cannot be replaced."

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For several years we have been trying to contact J. B. S. Norton, who was the compiler and publisher of the first list of dahlia varieties in America. Finally, H. K. Ramsburg of the Hagerstown Hort. Society supplied his address, at our request. Mr. Norton published several lists of dahlia varieties, two of which this editor is fortunate enough to possess. One of some 291 pages, was copyrighted in 1923. The other, more compact, has 66 pages and cover and was published in 1928. These are museum pieces today and contain much valuable information about the dahlia business of the early 20th century. Of the 30 collaborators whom Mr. Norton thanks for help in compiling the 1928 list, we believe that only two besides himself are alive today. They are Dr. Charles H. Connors and Harley T. Peck. Dr. Norton tells us that he is 86 years old and does not now grow dahlias, but still does judge them at shows. He has judged at Hagers-

Pioneer of the Large Dahlia,

John Harding, Dies, Aged 77

(Editor's Note: We are indebted to Mrs. Sarah W. Wood for the notice of the death of John Harding who, more than any other man, was responsible for the origination of the large decorative dahlias, as we know them today. And also to C. Louis Alling for other data.)

John Harding, aged 77, of 500 North Main Street, Westport, Conn., died Jan. 27th, 1958, at the Norwalk Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment Jan. 21.

Born in Newport, England, Mr. Harding came to America about 1900 and became a resident of Westport in 1911. He was superintendent of the Greens Farms estate of the late Judge Josiah Marion, a former judge of the Supreme Court of N. Y.

He began to hybridize dahlias soon after he came to the Marion estate and some of the results of his work soon attracted the attention of the dahlia world, both here and abroad. They were larger and of more vivid colors than had been introduced to growers previously. Probably the most notable of these was the variety Mrs. I. de Ver Warner. This was listed in the 1935 catalogue of Dahlia del Nurseries as follows: Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, formal decorative, color, bright lilac rose. Fore-runner and parent of a number of our

most popular American Dahlias, all of which are characterized by sturdy, open growing bushes, insect resistant foliage, strong stems and full centered blooms. The price in 1935 per root, or earlier was 25 cents. It had evidently been originated about 1911 or 1912 to have been sold at this price in 1935.

He was the father of Evan H. Harding, operator of the Daybreak Nurseries in Westport. He also leaves a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanbury Harding, and three other sons, William J., Lyn H., and Cyril T. Harding, all of Westport.

C. Louis Alling, former President and also Secretary of the A. D. S., for many years, and still residing at 251 Court St., West Haven, Conn., was one of the prominent Commercial Growers at the time of the Harding introductions, and gives us these comments. "Dahlias were just a hobby with John Harding when he was Supt. of Green Farms, the Judge Marion

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town for over 20 years. "If someone, like yourself," writes Dr. Norton, "could come down and talk about the early dahlia days, I would be glad to do some remembering." He says: "I am trying to get a lot of work finished while I am still able, but do not believe I could make myself sit down and write out this history you suggest, all by myself." The editor plans to visit Dr. Norton this summer between BULLETINS.

Dr. Henry Parker is reported to again be in Doctor's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and is at present in a critical condition. Doctors reports in the last few days have not been favorable. Dr. Parker, former editor of the Dahliagram and a most devoted dahlia enthusiast for many years has a host of friends in the A. D. S. May we suggest that they drop a card of good cheer to the great guy lying there waiting and hoping.

Arthur S. Mason tells us that the notice (advertisement), in the Feb. BUL-

LETIN, produced six memberships for the National Capital Dahlia Society by April 15th. Probably more later will join, because it pays to advertise in the Bulletin and its worthwhile to join the N. C. D. S.

Reported that Conrad Frey and Mrs. Frey have been recently under the doctor's care. May we wish both of these fine folks a speedy recovery.

Dr. Julian R. Brandon, Jr., editor of the very worthwhile dahlia publication, The West Coast Dahlia, gave the A. D. S. a very fine write up in the April, 1958 issue. Also he gave a list of the A. D. S. Trial Grounds and addresses of the superintendents to whom new varieties should be sent for testing in 1958. We thank you, Dr. Brandon.

George Fraser, past president, A. D. S., Willimantic, Conn., leaves July 18 for Bonnie Scotland by plane to visit old friends and maybe a few relatives for six weeks. Bon voyage, George.

estate. He first used his seedlings and other dahlias, too, as landscape plantings. He did show some of his new Decorative Seedlings at the New York show around 1917-1918 but he did not sell them, although he must have received some fantastic offers for these first big dahlias."

"The first ones offered to the public were catalogued by John Sheepers. He catered to the "carriage trade" and put them out at \$10.00 to \$15.00 per root, which was quite a price in those days, with the dollar worth a dollar or more. Sheepers would not play ball with other commercial men, either, and allowed no discounts to them.

"I. de Ver Warner" was the first introduction, closely followed by Judge Marion, an autumn shaded decorative. Others were Charm, an orange ball and a white, tinted purple, called Venus. Also Mephistophles red; LaToreador red; and John Sheepers white. Later on and I think his best introduction was Rose Fallon. I recall that he used a seed parent for these big decoratives, a crotch stemmed and hard centered variety called 'Goldfinch.' This variety was scattered around his landscape planting among the other dahlias. The pollen parents must have had good strong stems and good centers, because he produced new varieties which were the wonder of time and were sold widely here and abroad by Sheepers, even at the high prices charged."

Mr. Harding won several medals for his pioneer work in producing these large decoratives, which were new to the show tables, but we are afraid that he never received the acclaim and recognition that his pioneering really deserved. He was an early member of and exhibitor at the American Dahlia Society shows beginning in 1915. He was a charter member of the Stamford Horticulture Society, also.

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Publications and Catalogues Received by Editor

THE PACIFIC DAHLIA — Spring issue, 1958, Vol. 5, No. 1 24 page issue with many good articles and items about Northwest Conference plans for its show, and those of the six societies which it comprises. Conference President is Leo G. Miller, R. D. 5, Box 85, Bremerton, Wash., dues and subscription to The Pacific Dahlia, \$1.50 per year in advance, to Mrs. R. D. Evans, 4422 Glenwood Dr., Everett, Wash.

GARDENING IN CONTAINERS — Spring, 1958 Handbook, published by Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Vol. 14, No. 1. 80 pages and cover. A well illustrated guide to roof gardens, House Plant Culture, Pots and Containers. Price \$1.00. Checks payable to Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

DAHLIAGRAM — Feb., March and April issues. An 8-page multigraph publication under editorship of Arthur S. Mason, 3935 6th St., So., Arlington 4, Va. In the March issue Editor Mason gave the A. D. S. a fine recommendation and asked N. C. D. S. members to join it. In the April issue he gave the A. D. S. Seedlings Sweepstakes a plug. N. C. D. S. membership dues, \$2.00 per years, to Mrs. John L. Bishop, 1512 Lawrence St., N. E. Washington. A. D. S. Memberships may also be sent to her.

NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MAGAZINE — Journal of the American Hort. Council, and the American Hort. Society, 1600 Bladensburg Road, N. E. Washington, D. C. Dues, including magazine. \$5.00 per year. This January issue contains, among other articles a 16 page article entitled, "The Dahlias" by Conrad Faust of Atlanta. It includes American Dahlia Society Official Classifications, in colors, sizes and types; Official Score Card and directions to score; as well as directions for culture and a list of current varieties by name and description. It is well illustrated and is a distinct achievement for this editor's former colleague on the Flower Grower Dahlia Honor Roll. Good job, Conrad.

MICHIGAN DAHLIA NEWS — January 1958 issue, edited by Dr. C. Wildon, Vol. 9, No. 1. Contains a report of the Mid-West Trial Grounds, of which Dr. Wildon is the very efficient manager. Also articles by Barton Elliott, Pat Wisenski and others.

Catalogues Received

Retzer's Dahlia Gardens, Henry J. Retzer, P. O. Box 244, West Bridgewater, Pa.
Bruce Collins, 8844 River Rd., Utica, Mich.

World Dahlias, Jack Natteford, 12935 Saticoy St., North Hollywood, Calif.

Gladside Gardens, Corys M. Heselton, 61 Main St., Northfield, Mass.

Pennypack, Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, E. J. Wind, East River Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio.

Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens, Mrs. M. E. Simmonds, Box 415, Signal Mt., Tenn.
Maganda Gardens, Box 536, Bangor, Wis.

Parrella Dahlia Gardens, Albert Parrella, 3380 Ely Ave., N. Y. 69, Bronx, N. Y.

Summit Gardens, Glen L. Pierce, P. O. Box 567, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Oakleigh Gardens, W. B. Mitchell, M. D., and Thomas O. Mitchell, 961 Oakleigh Rd., N. W., Grand Rapids 4, Mich.

Thomas Barrett, Barrett's Gardens, Route 2, Box 302, Roswell, New Mexico.

DEE CEE Dahlias, D. C. Schroeder, 547 Runnymede St., East Palo Alto, Calif.

Hill Top Dahlia Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. John Baush, Rt. 4, Box 392, Port Orchard, Wash.

Spechts Dahlien und Gladiolen, F. P. Specht, Andernach/Rhein, Germany.

"Experience" is what a dahlia man claims to have when he has made a chump of himself.

Hotel Statler A. D. S. Show Headquarters in N. Y., Sept. 13 - 14

Secretary Edward B. Lloyd has made tentative reservations for guests from outside New York, for the weekend of Sept. 13th and 14th, when the show will be held at the Newark Airport. And the Hotel has been named as Headquarters for the three societies participating in the show. Carey limousines which make regular trips to and from the Airport, stop at the Statler, making it very convenient for those attending the show to visit it.

Members wishing reservations at the Statler, please make them through Edw. Lloyd, 10 Crestmont Rd., Montclair, N. J. He is in charge of all A. D. S. reservations. Make them early, too, please, so as to not be disappointed.

We Omitted Derrill Hart's Name

We will never know just how Derrill Hart's name was omitted from the list of A. D. S. Presidents on Page 17 of the February, 1958 BULLETIN. We believe that the printer somehow left or dropped out one line of type in making up the page. We counted right, and said there had been 15 Presidents.

But, anyway it was omitted and we have heard from many friends of Derrill about the error and we are sorry, very sorry that it happened.

We reprint the whole list below with the year 1934, and Derrill's name included. 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
1934	Derrill W. Hart
1935-1936	George W. Fraser
1937-38-39	Lynn B. Dudley
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

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48 Clement Ave., Elmont, N. Y.

LYNN B. DUDLEY, *Editor, Bulletin*
25 Irving Pl., New Rochelle, N. Y.

Things to Think About

The Editor would like to wish all our A. D. S. members a very successful dahlia season.

Comment on the way the BULLETIN is edited is most welcome. If there are some particular phases of dahlia culture which we have not covered, and which you would like to see in print, please tell us. We aim to please, not everybody, of course, because that would be impossible, but let's say the majority, anyway.

We could have published a much larger issue than this if more advertisers could have seen in it an opportunity to get more business, in a year when many of their prospective customers have lost many of their favorite varieties. (See Mrs. Sarah Wood's statement in the Dahlia People column.)

It has been one of the worst years for keeping dahlia roots in the experience of many growers. One commercial firm reports that the big suppliers of the jobbers of package roots have been sold out since early in February. The large plant sellers report one of the best selling years they have ever experienced. But the orders are smaller and they include many collection purchases. Which goes to support the editor in the statement, made early in 1958 that, even in a recession year, people will buy dahlias. But they want some offered at less than the first year, introductory price.

We believe that many commercial growers could move some of the varieties on which they find themselves overstocked, if they would offer these to growers who have lost a lot of stock, in advertisements in this issue of the Bulletin. We try to get it to readers early in May. In many cases, when the Bulletin does not seem to bring in \$.50 for every dollar spent for advertising it, it may be the fault of the merchandising policy more than the fault of the BULLETIN. If only two people, (and there are probably four) read each copy of this issue, it would be seen by well over 4000 dahlia growers.

New Class at A. D. S. Show "ALL AMERICAN"

The following New Class will be inaugurated at the 1958 A. D. S. show at the Airport. For AMERICAN originations introduced in 1958.

Class A — 1 Bloom — Large — over 8 in.
Class B — 3 Blooms of one variety —
medium — over 6 in. to 8 in.

Class BB — 3 Blooms of one variety —
small medium — over 4 in. to 6 in.

Class C — 5 Blooms of one variety —
miniature, pompon, or other small
flowering variety.

Note from Bert Pitt, who suggested this new class. The idea for this class was an outgrowth of the articles which recently appeared in the BULLETIN on sup-

porting the American Originators and Introducers. I am glad that it found favor with the Executive Committee, because I think it is something in which we should take the lead. I hope that other Societies which feel that something should be done along this line to help the American grower, and will follow suit in their show. Bert. Pitt.

The extremely low tariff, the unfavorable rate of exchange and low wages paid by foreign growers has left the American Commercial grower in a very bad competitive situation. Roots may be secured from abroad at a fraction of what they cost to produce here. This New Class, as Bert Pitt, the originator of it says, is designed to draw the attention of American Dahlia people to the many fine American Introductions of the previous season. It is hoped that the same idea will be adopted by other societies with the result that each season more of the introductions will be purchased by exhibitors to be shown in this competition.

Prizes for these classes will be of exceptional merit and will be announced in the August issue of this BULLETIN.

Write to Right A. D. S. Person Please

The A. D. S., like any well operated society, divides its work among various officers. Reason: no one person can do everything. Each officer contributes his or her time and efforts to helping the society progress.

Sometimes, because a member does not know just who to go to for a request or a complaint, letters are addressed to the wrong person. This causes great delays. Lately a great deal of the mail is addressed to the BULLETIN Editor which should go to others. He has no secretary. And ordinarily he is glad to reroute the mail to the right party. Except that all too often, there is a time element involved and he stops garden work or writing an article for BULLETIN to answer this mail. So, he respectfully asks that you note the names and addresses of the various officers below and send mail to them which comes under their proper function.

MEETINGS — COMMITTEES — BY-LAWS — President Bruce B. Preas, 387 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

ACTIVE MEMBER DUES — AFFILIATED SOCIETY DUES — BULLETIN ADV. PAYMENTS — Treasurer Henry Olsen, 48 Clement Ave., Elmont, N. Y.

GENERAL INQUIRIES about Society opera-

tions, functions and procedures, including shows, schedules and records — Secretary Edward B. Lloyd, 10 Crestmont Rd., Montclair, N. J.

A. D. S. BRANCH Information, DUES from their A. D. S. Participating Members, and NAMES of BRANCH society officers — Assistant Secretary Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

MEMBERSHIP — Information supplied on all Categories of A. D. S. Membership; sends Sample Bulletins and Accepts New Memberships — Chairman John Metzger, 126 Allen St., Irvington, N. J.

SHOW JUDGES and CLERKS — Past President Conrad Frey, 7 Cathedral Ave., Nutley, N. J.

CLASSIFICATION (Joint) LIST — Vice-President Charles M. Diffenderfer, 2204 No. Charles St., Baltimore 18, Md.

BULLETIN — All Matters Pertaining to Editorial and Advertising in this Quarterly Publication. (Please see Advertising Rates and Closing Dates on Page Three.) All Editorial Matter Should Reach the Editor NOT LATER than the 10th of the month preceding the Month of issue. Editor Lynn B. Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Hurry Please

if you want plants of my three 1958 introductions:

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Sales on above varieties have been very satisfactory and you justified my use of this Bulletin to sell them instead of issuing a catalogue.

I also have many fine, healthy plants of the Other Recent Winners advertised in the Feb. Bulletin And, I have received some very good new Belgians which I will sell reasonably. Come and see me, I'm sure it will pay both of us.

Forest Dahlia Gardens

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24 Forest Ave. Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.

A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes

The American Dahlia Society again offers to each of the Branch and Affiliate Societies the opportunity to participate in the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. This nationwide competition helps to give worthy three year old seedlings their proper recognition and publicity.

It is to the interest of all originators to have their local society include this award in their show in 1958. At these shows, each new novelty which scores an average of 85 points or over will receive an A. D. S. ribbon and later a medal certificate. In addition, the variety scoring the highest average points in at least three shows will receive the A. D. S. Gold Medal. The Gold Medals awarded to the highest scoring variety in each of the four size classes. The A. D. S. furnishes to the Branch Societies the necessary score sheets, ribbons, etc. for the competition at no charge.

If any Branch or Affiliate has not made an application to include this award in this year's show, it is urged to do so immediately. A formal application will be promptly forwarded if you will advise our chairman of the name and address of the parties to whom the application should be forwarded. Applications must be returned not later than May 31, 1958.

It will be most unfair to the originators if any Branch or Affiliate Society does not include a class in their show schedule for this award. Suggested wording for the class is also furnished by the A. D. S.

All communications should be forwarded to the American Dahlia Seedling Sweepstakes, Chairman — Drew Mucahy, 20 Marshall Avenue, Floral Park, N. Y.

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Bugg Bunny, orig. Bugg, M, Semi-Cactus, light carmine rose to light mimosa yellow at center.

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A. D. S. Nomenclature Chairman
 Charles H. Connors
 115 North 6th Avenue
 Highland Park, N. J.

Bergen Dahlia Society

The Bergen County Dahlia Society will hold its Eleventh Annual Dahlia Show on Sat. Sept. 20th and Sun. Sept. 21st. Chairman Harry Dreyer, assisted by Co-Chairman Henry Brinkman, announces a new Class for our Schedule, sponsored by Bert Pitt, the well known Chairman of the Dahlia Trial Gardens. Mr. Pitt has named this Class "All American" and all entries must be 1958 Introductions of American Origination. He feels this will stimulate interest in Dahlias that are strictly American. A handsome Trophy is offered in this Class as well as Trophies for all Special Classes.

May we offer our sincere wishes for a fine DAHLIA year for all dahlia lovers. — (Mrs. H.) Carolyn Dreyer, Publicity; 431 Lincoln Ave, Ridgewood, N. J.

Nationwide Dahlia Society News

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Dahlia and Plant Specialists

At the February meeting the Dahlia & Plant Specialists set the date for their Show — September 6th and 7th, to be held at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11190 East Boulevard, Cleveland 6, Ohio.—Loretta C. LacKamp, Publicity, 543 E. 109th St., Cleveland 8, Ohio.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky

Well, the old Dahlia Bug is out down our way, and all our members are busy planning their gardens and getting the ground ready for planting time. Our Annual Show will be held at the Kentucky Hotel on September 20-21st. We are always glad to see Out-of-town visitors, so if you happen to be in Louisville or close around, how about coming to see and visit our Show. There is only one thing wrong with the month of September and that is, there are NOT enough week ends in it and we cannot visit all the Shows we would like too.

Our Officers for 1958 are: W. H. Swift, President, Carl Booth, Vice Pres.; Louise Kleinjohn, Secy.-Treas.; Directors: Mrs. Floyd Cook, Carl Simbritzki, George Shee, N. R. Hemphill, Mrs. Margaret Schooler, Roy Schooler.—Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society

Following are the officers of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society for 1958:

Basil R. Fischer, President, 1143 Dudley Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Wm. E. Carroll, 1st Vice Pres., 1143 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Robt. T. Price, 2nd Vice Pres., State Road, 421 Zionsville, Ind.; Sam W. Sweeney, 3rd Vice Pres., West Banta Road, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. L. W. Gleckner, Treasurer, 1515 Randall Road, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Barnard A. James, Secretary, 4121 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Raoul H. Ayers, Propagator, 4658 Rookwood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

On Tuesday, May 20th, our Society will have its annual sale. Roots and Dahlia plants as well as many other kinds of flowers and vegetable plants donated by the members. These are sold to the highest bidders. The proceeds from this sale are used to defray the expenses of the Fall Show. The roots given as door prizes at our Christmas party are also delivered at this meeting.

Here is a bit of sad news, and really a big loss not only to just the Dahlia Club of Indianapolis, but to the Dahlia fraternity in its entirety. Walter Saffel of Beech Grove, Ind., who has been President of our club for several terms, and whose interest and untiring efforts for the betterment of the Dahlia was always foremost in his mind passed away and was laid to rest April 11. Walter would have been happy if he could have seen so many of his friends from the Dahlia Club and from his Church who were present to pay him that last token of love and respect which he so justly deserved. May his soul rest in peace.—Lawrence F. Daly, 1537 Dudley Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The following are the officers elected for the year 1958:

President, Ed Wisniewski; Vice-President, Dr. Wm. Van Horn; Secretary, Edmund Slak; Treasurer, Edward Goetz.

Regional Vice-Presidents: Judge George Currie; Herman Degner; Charles Mosser; George J. Merkel. — Edmund Slak, Secretary, 3052 So. 9th St., Mil., 15, Wis.

Midwest Conference Dahlia Show

To be held at Minnesota State Fair



Agricultural-Horticulture Building at the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 31-Sept. 1,
Scene of the Mid-West Show

The Minnesota Dahlia Society looks to 1958 as the "biggest and best" dahlia year in the thirty-year history of the society. It will be host this year to the Midwest Dahlia Conference which comprises the following societies:

- American Dahlia Society
- Central States Dahlia Society
- Indianapolis Dahlia Society
- Dahlia Society of Kentucky
- Dahlia Society of Ohio
- Ohio Valley Dahlia Association
- Dahlia Society of Wisconsin
- Minnesota Dahlia Society
- Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society
- Dahlia Society of Toledo
- East Liverpool Dahlia Society
- Badger State Dahlia Society
- Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society
- Tri-City Dahlia Society
- Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society
- Mid-American Dahlia Society
- Michigan Dahlia Association

Officers of the Midwest Conference are T. C. Solem, Minneapolis, president; and Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn Louisville, secretary.

The Midwest Conference Dahlia Show

will be held August 31 and September 1, in the Agriculture-Horticulture building at the Minnesota State Fair. This will be the twenty-fifth show, or silver anniversary, for the Midwest Conference, and the thirtieth consecutive show held by the Minnesota Dahlia Society. It promises to be the largest dahlia show to be held in the United States this year, with exhibitors from all member societies participating in the fabulous display. There will be thousands of blooms, from the very small pompons to giant dinner plate dahlias up to fourteen inches in diameter, all colors, all classifications; also there will be mass commercial displays and a room full of arrangements by the ladies.

Headquarters for the Midwest Conference will be Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, with a banquet and entertainment on Sunday evening, August 31, in the Hall of States, second largest hotel ballroom in the United States.

The Minnesota Dahlia Society invites you to join now and plan to participate in this great show for 1958. Write to—T. C. Solem, 7100 Oakland Avenue, Minneapolis 23, Minnesota.

Dahlia Society of Tennessee and Southern Conference

The 1958 Mid-Year meeting of the Southern States Dahlia Association was held March 22, 1958 in the "Dahlia Room" of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Kallquist, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Dahlia Society of Tennessee was host for this meeting.

The following officers of the Southern States Dahlia Association were present: President, Mr. Clarence R. Kallquist, Dahlia Society of Tenn.; First Vice-Pres., Dr. A. L. Stephens, Dahlia Society of Ga.; Second Vice-Pres., A. H. West, Dahlia Society of Ala.; Secy.-Treas., Miss Marian L. Kallquist, Dahlia Society of Tenn., 3607 Monte Vista Drive, Chattanooga.

The proposed 1958, September 27-28th, show was discussed and plans indicate another beautiful show is in the making with the entire Mezzanine Floor of Beautiful Hotel Patten, expected to be crowded with beautiful DAHLIAS. The theme for the show to be "Around the World with Dahlias."

Considerable discussion was held on the inclusion of an extra class for "BB" dahlias in the Schedules. This was left to the discretion of each local Show with the understanding that only those dahlias classed as "BB" will be eligible. Overgrown, or undergrown size dahlias not permitted. The Dahlia Society of Tennessee will include this Class in the 1958 Show under "Special Entries", Section M.

The question of Medals, Trophies, or Awards by the Southern States Dahlia Association for exchange with other groups was discussed and it is hoped that by 1959 these awards will be available. It was brought out that each local Society stands ready for exchange of Medals with other Societies at the present time.

In spite of the extremely dry fall and heavy winter, roots were reported to be in excellent condition and the 1958 crop of dahlias promises to be very good. The dahlia enthusiasts already propagating, swapping, buying new stock, discarding diseased and worn out stock; anxiously awaiting Spring weather.

Dahlia judging classes are still being continued as part of monthly programs and show promise of developing into a well worth project. The merits of "cloth-house" grown dahlias against "grown-in-the-open" dahlias brought considerable discussion. Results — may

be some Southern growers will have "cloth-houses."

Judging in Shows brought up a discussion that "Northern Yankees" judge differently. It was not determined just what a "Northern Yankee" was, — we thought that anyone from North of the Mason-Dixon line was a "Yankee", until some "Southern Rebel" pointed out that there is a difference. A "Northern Yankee" is a dahlia judge who visits Southern States Shows and judges dahlias grown by a "Southern Yankee" — a "Yankee" who has migrated to the warm, never-no-snow, sunny South, always excellent weather, in the Land of "Red-Eye Gravy and Georgia Ice Cream," and grows dahlias better than he ever could up North.

The Southern States Dahlia Association gives you a sincere invitation to be with us on Sept. 27-28, Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, Tennessee. — Clarence R. Kallquist, 3607 Monte Vista Drive, Chattanooga.

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If you see good in every dahlia grower you may be an optimist. Then, again, you may be nuts.
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Virginia Dahlia Society

Officers for the year 1958 were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. E. Bryant; 1st Vice-President, Frank W. Childrey; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. E. L. Massei; Recording Secretary, F. A. Hobson; Treasurer, A. G. Chamberlayne and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Eddins.

The 34th Annual Show of this Society will be held in the Old Dominion Room of Miller & Rhoads, Inc., September 29, 30 and October 1, 1958. — Mrs. J. B. Eddins Corres.-Secy., 2124 New Berne Rd., Richmond 28, Va.

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Nationwide Dahlia Society News

Dahlia Society of Georgia

Spring-time is finally finding its way into the South. There is a mad scramble to trade, swap and buy roots and plants this year. This is in evidence more than ever before due to Atlanta having its coldest three months of winter in 80 years.

The few growers who left their roots in the ground, lost most of them by freezing. Some others that were stored in basements were frozen also.

Plans are being made to attend the Southern States Show at Chattanooga, Tenn. this year which will be held on September 27th and 28th. We will be there in force, and with plenty of blooms (we hope).

The Georgia Dahlia Society Show will be held at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta on October 4th and 5th.

Our members are looking forward to 1959 with great interest as it will be the 25th Anniversary of its founding. We will be host Society to the Southern States Dahlia Association Show in 1959 and hope to make it quite a "Silver Dahlia Jubilee", in our 25th year. The Georgia Society has done much toward the promotion of the Dahlia and had quite a good deal to do with the forming of the present classification of the different types of Dahlias.

The trial Garden here at Atlanta will be in full swing again this year as usual. Last year we had thirty-three entries for trial and would like to have even more this year if possible.

For information concerning the Trial Garden or to send plants or tubers; either contact Mr. E. E. Montgomery, 1017 S. McDonough St., Decatur, Ga., or me. — Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., 1260 Brookforest Dr., N.E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Society held its first general Meeting of 1958, at the home of N. Louis Comito, our Dir. of Horticultural Relations, on the Estate of Mr. and Mrs. R. McLean, Fort Washington, Pa. Pres. Johnson gave a short Talk on Insecticides, that would be beneficial in controlling insect damage to the dahlia. Miss Patricia Spollen, Editor of the Garden News of the Phila. Sunday Bulletin was the Society's special guest.

The Society enjoyed a Buffet Luncheon prepared by the Comito Family; after which Mr. Comito guided the Members through the spacious, greenhouses on Mr. and Mrs. McLean's Estate; at the greenhouse, Mr. Comito discussed various phases of dahlia propagation. On leaving the greenhouse a group picture was taken of members present by Mr. Pighini, our membership chairman. On April 17, 1958, a special meeting was held at WCAU, Phila., Pa. to discuss "Our 11th Annual Show."

Those interested in receiving Show brochure, kindly contact Mrs. N. L. Wright, Secy., 6926 Ridge Ave., Phila. 28, Pa.

Central Valley Dahlia Society

This Society closed the 1957 season with a Christmas party at the Bakersfield Art Gallery December 10, 1957. Presentation of a lovely Frostoria bowl to Mr. and Mrs. James Bolender, newly weds.

Officers elected for 1958 are: President Alvin Almgren; 1st Vice President, Frank Greenough; 2nd Vice President, M. O. Buchanan; Treasurer, H. W. Brockman; Secretary Leila Nelson. The directors are the outgoing President George Jacobsen, L. J. Benzino, K. C. Clifford, James Bolender, Edna Rambaud and Georgia Talley. Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association, Conference Committee, Alvin Almgren, Ann Oglesby, Myrtle Wilson, U. W. Shaffer, Frank Greenough, Larry Hendsch, L. J. Benzino, Flora West, Leila Nelson, Conference was held, February 22nd and 23rd, 1958, at El Tejon Hotel, 17th and K Streets, Bakersfield, California.

The Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association trophy will be awarded at the Central Valley Dahlia Society annual show to be held October 4th and 5th, 1958, in the Bakersfield Art Gallery, 1930 R Street, Bakersfield, California, for the Best Dahlia blossom in the show. Everyone is invited to display at our show, and we hope this year we will again have the pleasure of Mr. Pitt and his father as judges for our show.

The Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association invites any dahlia society in the states of California, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, in other words any one society in the Southwest of United States to join with the Conference, and attend.—Leila Nelson, Secretary, 400 "T" Street, Bakersfield, California.

Snohomish County Dahlia Society

At the February meeting of the Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society it was resolved that the name of this *oldest dahlia society* in the United States should be changed to Snohomish County Dahlia Society. This was resolved in view of the fact that, for the past several years this society has concentrated its efforts almost entirely on the dahlia and sponsorship of its annual dahlia show. Members whose prime interest was roses have found the monthly meetings of little interest, and have indicated their desire to formulate a separate rose society if this society would drop the "Rose" portion of the name.

This Society was originated in 1911 and has presented annual dahlia shows each year since that time. Rose shows were also an annual affair until a few years ago when interest in such shows waned, and therefore this resolution was passed at the March 14 meeting by a large majority vote.

Effective March 13, 1958, the name of this society is Snohomish County Dahlia Society. — Tony De Rooy.

Washington State Dahlia Society

The Washington State Dahlia Society, will hold their 48th Annual Dahlia Show in the Normana Hall, 1502 South K Street, Tacoma, Washington, September 6th and 7th. All entries must be made between 7 AM and 11 AM, Saturday, September 6th. Clifford A. Taylor is Show Chairman, 1420 South Stevens, Tacoma.

Washington State Dahlia Society officers for 1958 are: President, Mrs. Charles Ayler; Vice President, Jack Kindberg; Secretary, Mrs. George McNay; Cor. Secy. Mrs. Clifford A. Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. Leo Fanning. — Mrs. Clifford A. Taylor, Cor. Secy., 1420 South Stevens, Tacoma 5, Washington.

Southtown Dahlia Club

The names and addresses of the officers of the Southtown Dahlia Club, for 1958 are as follows:

President, Mr. G. Reed Thomson, 3520 Condit St., Highland, Indiana; 1st Vice Pres. Edward J. Dickhoff, 13813 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 27, Ill.; 2nd Vice Pres. Harold L. Cummings, 26 Elmwood Ave., LaGrange Park, Ill.; Treasurer, Stanley G. Swanson, 10944 S. Washtenaw

Ave., Chicago 43, Ill.; Secretary, Mrs. G. Reed Thomson, 3520 Condit St., Highland, Indiana; Assistant Secy., Mrs. Stanley Skaley, 3525 W. 64th Place, Chicago 29, Illinois. Mrs. Edward J. Dickhoff, 13813 Wabash Ave., Chicago 27, Illinois.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

This Society will hold its meetings in the new location of the Passaic County Extension Service, at 317 Pennsylvania Ave. in Paterson, N. J. Meetings will be held the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:15 P.M. room number 101.

Plans are now completed for the Annual Flower Show to be held on Sept. 13th, and Sept. 14th at the Preakness branch of the First National Bank and Trust Co. in Wayne, N. J. located in the shopping center, where parking is no problem. This is the same location we had last year and a tremendous crowd came to see this beautiful show.

Plans are underway for another big name for our seedling award, and all seedling growers are invited to send or bring in their seedlings for this honor. The name to be made known in the next publication should arouse a great deal of interest. Ed. Steele, chairman of the show, is really giving the Society a workout. Looks like the 1958 show will outdo all our previous successful shows and should be worth visiting. — Everett T. Church, 1480 Albs Rd., Wayne, N. J.

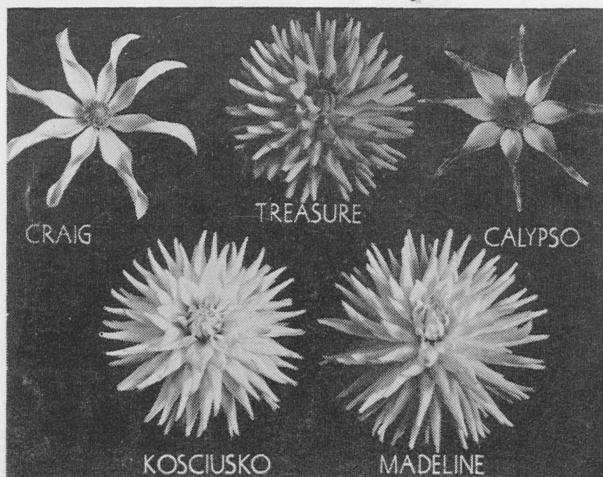
San Diego County Dahlia Society

The San Diego County Dahlia Society held its monthly meeting February 25th, at the Floral Building in Balboa Park; with one of its largest attendances. Several new members were accepted.

A real treat for dahlia enthusiasts was the showing of a motion picture, in color, of all phases of dahlia culture, taken in the Comstock Dahlia Gardens and commented by Paul and Rose Comstock.

Tickets were sold for lucky drawings for several top name dahlia bulbs and created much enthusiasm as well as extra dollars in the treasury.

Eleven members of the San Diego County Dahlia Society attended the ninth annual conference of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association in Bakersfield, February 22nd and 23rd.—Mrs. Delbert Hughes, 3663 Riviera Dr., Crown Pt., San Diego 9, Calif.



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