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The President's Message-1957

Again, I thank the A.D.S. for the honor of being elected president for 1957. The Society, I believe, made great progress last year because of the hard work of your officers, committees and members.

My goal in 1957 is to make our Society even stronger nationally. This was and is being done thru the Bulletin, the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, the increase in Trial Ground Entries and by our visiting various regional shows, such as Mid-West, Mid-Atlantic and Southern Conferences. Editor Lynn Dudley was an excellent ambassador to the West Coast, where he, and later on, Warren Maytrott, helped to cement our A.D.S. friendships.

Through the largest executive member poll vote ever attempted by the A.D.S., a fourth Size Class was adopted by a fair majority, namely, the 4" to 6" Small Medium Class. Then with the collaboration of our Joint Classification Committee, the Central States Society has agreed that the new size class be gradually included in our entire format. This understanding carried out an agreement made some 15 years ago by the two societies, that we were to confer together when considering any change in classification. Incidentally, no designated name has been adopted for the new class, which in the past has been known as "B B" class. (However, one of our mid-west friends has suggested "B A" for Beyond the Alleghanies.)

This year our annual A.D.S. show moves out of New York for the first time. It will be held at the Newark Port of Authority Airport Building, in conjunction with the shows of the New Jersey and Irvington Societies. It promises to be our best show ever. Airborne blooms can actually as well as figuratively land on the show tables.

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me in making our Society a better one. I trust that, with the same kind of cooperation, we will find it a better one at the end of this year.



DR. BRUCE B. PREAS, President A.D.S.

BRUCE B. PREAS

The 43rd A. D. S. Show

Cooperating with the Annual Exhibitions of
The Dahlia Society of New Jersey and

The Irvington (N.J.) Garden Club—Sept. 14 and 15, 1957

AT PASSENGER TERMINAL — NEWARK AIRPORT

The 43rd annual exhibition of our Society will be staged on September 14th and 15th 1957, on the Observation Deck of the Passenger Terminal at the Newark Airport. This announcement marks a step in the annals of the A.D.S.—a forward step, it is thought, and one which has been indicated more and more as an ultimate move during the past few years of increasing traffic, parking, and space difficulties in New York City.

Accessible to Exhibitors

Through the generous cooperation of the Port of New York Authority the difficulty over space requirements, mainly financial it is admitted, has been overcome. The location of this 1957 exhibition at the Newark Airport removes all parking problems—blooms may be delivered to within a few feet of the set-up tables, after which delivery vehicles must be parked in adjacent parking areas. Express highways from Long Island, Westchester, and Jersey points make the site more easily accessible than to any previous hotel sites in New York City. The lay-out of the exhibition areas will produce considerable variation from that of our previous ball-room shows—some difficulties because of the new lay-out may arise, but with the customary cooperation and good humor of our exhibitors and the freely given labor of our Committee members, all can be and will be solved.

Accessible to Air Visitors

The Aviation Promotion Service of the Port of New York Authority, through its Director Mr. Arthur N. Griffin, and the many airlines operating at this busy Airport are fully cooperating. Exhibitors arriving by plane will land at the door of the exhibition. Frequent bus service is available over express highways to New York City and Newark from the Airport. One of the finest restaurants in the Metropolitan New York Area is located in the Passenger Terminal overlooking the exhibition area. Local travel Agencies will be pleased to furnish rates and information on plane service to Newark from all points. The Montclair Travel Bureau gives us the following round trip rates to Newark—Washington \$27.40; Baltimore \$22.70; Boston \$23.10; Atlanta \$97.10; Chicago \$85.70; and Louisville \$81.60—all "First Class" and all plus tax.

Each Fall during the past 36 years there have been held in Northern New Jersey two major dahlia exhibitions—those of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and of the Irvington Garden Club of the Department of Recreation of that City. It is now planned to hold the annual exhibitions of these Societies together with our 43rd annual exhibition at the Newark Airport, all of which will tend to make this New York Metropolitan Area Dahlia Exhibition an outstanding success towards which we are all aiming.

BRUCE B. PREAS, M.D.,

President.

THE A. D. S. ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, 1957

Park-Sheraton Hotel — New York City

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 26th, 1957, at the Park-Sheraton Hotel. Seventy three members being present and declared a quorum, President Preas called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. The reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was in order, but inasmuch as the minutes had been published in full in the February 1956 issue of the BULLETIN, no errors or corrections being noted, it was moved and carried, to dispense with the reading of said Minutes and to approve them as published. Mr. Olsen as Treasurer and Mr. Mohr as Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the financial report for the year ending December 31st, 1956. This report was received with appreciation and ordered spread upon the Minutes of this meeting. Mr. Mohr reported that the annual audit of the books and records of the Treasurer had been held and that the auditor, Mr. Schneider reported all in complete order and complimented the Treasurer on the excellence of his work.

President Preas called for the report of the tellers on the election of officers to serve during the year 1957 or until their successors should be elected or appointed. Mr. Pollak, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the election of the entire slate as submitted by his Committee and as published in the November 1956 BULLETIN. Past President Mulcahy then returned President Preas to the chair, whereupon President Preas expressed his appreciation for the vote of confidence in his re-election and also in the cooperation of the members during the past year. The President then called for reports from Standing Committees, which were presented as follows.

BULLETIN—Mr. Dudley expressed his thanks to the Secretaries of our Branch and Affiliated Societies for their cooperation in sending to his office their Society reports. In connection with the publication of our BULLETIN, Mr. Dudley called attention to the many fine publications being distributed by our Branch and Affiliated Societies to their members and congratulated these Societies on the excellence of their efforts. Mr. Dudley again expressed the thought that the Advertising and edit-

ing branches of our BULLETIN should be the efforts of more than one man, and President Preas announced that the matter would have early discussion in an effort to lighten Mr. Dudley's work. Mr. Dudley, in a communication to the Executive Committee expressed his thanks for the purchase of a typewriter for his office.

TRIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE. Mr. Pitt reported 152 entries in five gardens during 1956, with 47 Certificates awarded to 31 varieties. A complete report showing scores and variety names from all five gardens being published in the February BULLETIN, a detailed report was not presented at this time. However, discussion was held as to the entry fee which had been set for 1956 at three dollars (\$3.00) per entry per garden. It appeared to Mr. Pitt that the three dollar entry fee had been sufficient and satisfactory to the Trial Garden Directors, and it was theretofore moved and carried that this entry fee of three dollars be maintained.

DERRILL HART MEMORIAL AWARD. Mr. Webb reported Derrill Hart awards for 1956 as follows—"A" size to *Giant Beauty* scoring 85.1 in three gardens and "B" size to *Eldorado* scoring 85.8 also in three gardens. No award was given in 1956 in the Miniature size.

SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES COMMITTEE. Mr. Mulcahy reported that 37 Societies accepted our invitation and participated in this Competition in 1956. Gold Medal winners were in the "A" size *Carrie Mac-Avoy*. "B" size *Nutley Sunrise*, and for the Miniatures *Ginny Johnston*.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Mr. Frey expressed his appreciation to all who served and assisted at the 1956 exhibition of our Society.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE. The President regretted the absence of Dr. McDade, Chairman of this Committee, and in his absence, Dr. Preas called upon Mr. Diefenderffer, who reported that he believed the 1957 Classification List to be about ready for publication, but that having been unaware of Dr. McDade's resignation he could not present a more detailed report at this time. (See page 28.)

SHOW COMMITTEE. It was announced that the 1957 exhibition would be held at the Newark Airport, in cooperation with the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and the Irvington Garden Club. The Sec-

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retary explained briefly the reasons for the move from New York City with the announcement that more complete details would be published in the BULLETIN. A meeting of the Joint Schedule Committee for this exhibition will be held in the near future, but no schedule report was available for this meeting.

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE. The Revised Code of Nomenclature, as prepared by Dr. Charles H. Connors, Chairman of this Committee was adopted and the Secretary instructed to have the Code in form for distribution to our members. This Revised Code brings the code of nomenclatures of the American Dahlia Society, as far as consistent with accepted practices, into conformity with the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants as adopted in London in looking forward to universal registration of dahlias under the auspices of the American Dahlia Society.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Mason gave a summary of the work and aims of his Committee, details of which will appear from time to time in the columns of the BULLETIN.

NEW BUSINESS. The following Amendment to the By-Laws, having been approved by the Executive Committee and published in the BULLETIN, was offered to the membership for adoption, and upon motion by Leo Pollak was adopted: Article 2, Clause 4 is hereby amended by the addition of the following clause: "All Past Presidents of the Society shall be automatically elected Life Members of the Society at the conclusion of their final term of office as President. All Life Members are also made members of the Executive Committee, without specific appointment."

A communication was received from the Michigan Dahlia Association suggesting a Spring Convention of the Dahlia Fraternity in Detroit in March or April—this Society to take a lead part in the planning and program. Discussion on this matter disclosed considerable interest in the project, and Mr. Dudley was requested to secure further details from Dr. Wildon for report at our February meeting.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Dudley secure advertising space in the 1957 publication of the International Flower Show, Inc., at a cost not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

There being no further business to come before the Annual Meeting, it was

adjourned at 4:40 P.M.—Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary.

Park Sheraton Hotel—January 26, 1957

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the Chairman of our Worrying Department and Dinner Committee, Dewey Mohr by name, with tears in his eyes and tonsils, moaned that sufficient tickets had not been sold for the dinner to provide his wife, his son, and himself with free dinners, not to mention the guarantees he had given the hotel on his own financial responsibility. This so disturbed the digests of the members present that under the persuasive efforts of "Shorty" Metzger the necessary tickets were sold, Dewey was able to again happily unlock the closet in the A.D.S. suite and place himself and all of us in a happy mood (we do not mean what you think we mean) to hear Bruce Preas call the soup to order at seven thirty o'clock, with an invocation by Past President Leo Pollak.

Joe Lane Receives A.D.S. Medal

From time to time, it is our pleasure and privilege to honor those who have served so faithfully and well the interests of our dahlia and of our Society. On this occasion we honored ourselves as well, by having with us Joe Lane, one of the organizers of the American Dahlia Society in 1915, and our first Secretary. President Preas and Past President Dudley in well chosen words and well deserved expressions of affection and respect, made clear to Joe where he stood with us, in presenting to him the A.D.S. Gold Medal for Distinguished Service. Joe briefly expressed his appreciation and gratitude, leaving us the thought that it is in our "interests" and through our interests that we continue vigorous and young—noting the continued vigor of ours, and his, organization which he was so happy to help organize and promote, as indicated and maintained by these same "interests" over the years—past and future.

Dahlias In Cuba

Following the presentation to Joe Lane, Vice-President Jack Johnson and Mrs. Johnson were introduced. Jack and Betty spent the Christmas holidays in Cuba with Jack Jr., and his family, and entertained us with interesting details of their visit—in particular, the floral displays in Havana at that period of year. With much interest we heard of the dahlia blooms being everywhere in the flower markets in Havana and it is intimated that we may have a display of white

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A. D. S. Trial Ground Report

By Bert Pitt, Chairman,
Trial Gardens Committee

9730—123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

The American Dahlia Society, in co-operation with several local dahlia societies, and with colleges or city parks, maintains five Trial Gardens where new dahlia varieties are sent for trial. These gardens are located in Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, Ohio, East Lansing, Mich., Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y., and Oakland, Cal. Planting

dahlia blooms from Cuba at our 1958 dinner.

Dudley Shows Pictures

Over a longer period and at more expense than he would care to testify without recourse to the 5th Amendment, Lynn Dudley has been preparing an illustrated history of the dahlia from its earliest known days down to the present. On the occasion of this dinner, Lynn unveiled his project—and a real "project" it is—and, assisted by Henry Olsen, at the projector, gave us the most valuable and interesting account of the historical background of the hobby we all follow, that it has ever been our privilege to hear and see. Lynn traced the seldom known facts relative to the early days of the wild dahlias in Mexico, their subsequent introduction into Europe, and the various successes in breeding which have produced today's blooms. All of this being illustrated on the screen as Lynn enthused on his subject. The final slides of the Honor Roll dahlias of 1956—were a fitting climax to the development of the dahlia as we recognize it today. To say that Lynn's effort was appreciated by those fortunate enough to hear and see it, is putting it mildly indeed. Thanks, Lynn, from all of us!

At the conclusion of Lynn's program, we were happy to have Warren Maytrott show us proof of his recent invasion of the Pacific Coast, and in particular the views of our Trial Garden at Oakland California. This Trial Garden, under the able supervision (really super) of Pete Harter is indeed a credit to its sponsors and to the American Dahlia Society. Perhaps this writer may be pardoned if he feels a degree of pride that it was during his term of office as Chairman of the Trial Grounds Committee this Pacific Coast Trial Garden was conceived and organized, and made the valued project which Pete Harter and Ed Lloyd visioned.—Ed B. Lloyd, Jan. 27, 1957.

and cultivation is done by the horticultural staff of the college or park where the Trial Garden is located. The sponsoring local dahlia society collaborates in planting and growing, and organizes a team of judges, usually five, who visit the garden at frequent intervals during the blooming season, and evaluate the qualities of each new variety. The official A. D. S. score card is used, and the judges score so many points for color, so many for form, stem, foliage, and so on down the list. At the end of the season all score cards are collected and an average score computed from all scores made for each variety, so that the scores used in this report represent the average of the opinions of five or more judges.

For each variety which receives a score of 85 points or more out of a possible 100, the American Dahlia Society awards a Certificate of Merit to the originator. In addition to this, the Society awards its Derrill Hart Medal to the one variety in each size class which receives the highest average score from three Trial Gardens, either in one year, or in two successive years.

The report which follows is a consolidated one made from information gathered from each of the five Trial Garden reports. In it bloom sizes are shown as diameter X depth, and, unless otherwise noted, are the largest obtained under Trial Garden culture. They should not be construed as the maximum obtainable.

Derrill Hart Medal Winners

Large, *Giant Beauty*; Medium, *El Dorado*; Miniature, no award.

Certificate of Merit Winners

Art Linkletter—A primrose yellow semi cactus which grows up to 12 x 7 on stems from 6 to 10 inches long. Plants 4 feet tall in eastern gardens, 6 feet in California. Blooms slightly on the late side. Originator and Introducer: Comstock.

Scores: Atlanta 85, East Lansing 85, Oakland, 85.

Barbara Jean—A 10 inch full petalled cactus in the pink class. Color is rhodamine pink. Blooms of excellent formation on plants of medium height. Originator: Schmidt, Introducer: Rocky River.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85.

Beauty Blush—Early and fairly prolific producer of 6 x 3 formal decorative



The A.D.S. Official Trial Garden at Farmingdale L. I. Agricultural Institute, taken September 13, 1956. (Photo by Dudley.)

blooms of white with tints of lavender near the tips of the petals. Strong stems are from 3 to 8 inches long and plants are about 6 feet tall. Originator: Lundgren, Introducer: Rocky River.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85; East Lansing, 85, Oakland, 85.

Best Seller—A semi cactus of poppy red with a Chinese yellow reverse. 6 x 4 blooms are uniformly good in all respects. Plants are 4½ feet tall. Originator and Introducer: Bruidegom.

Scores: Oakland, 85.

Buddha—A phlox purple semi cactus about 9 x 5 on good stems. Plants of medium height. Originator and Introducer: Dee Cee Dahlias.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85.

Cabin Beauty—Semi cactus blooms up to 7½ x 3½ on 8 inch stems. Color is a lively glistening blending of cream at the base blending into yellow with orange tints and with rhodamine at the petal edges. Early and consistent bloomer on 4½ ft. plants. Introducer: Happy Cabin.

Scores: Atlanta 85.3.

Caliente—Formal decorative blooms up to 8 x 6. Color is yellow splashed with red. Full petalled blooms are held almost full facing on good stems. Plant height is between 4 and 6 feet. Atlanta reports blooms early to medium, Farmingdale reports blooms a little on the late side. Originator: Gaylord, Introducer: Dahlidel.

Scores: Atlanta 85.1, Farmingdale 85.1.

Charles Ondrick—Semi cactus blooms up to 9½ x 5½ on strong and straight

stems which hold the flowers part facing. Color is a mixture giving a general effect of one color. East Lansing reports it as a dusky autumn, while Farmingdale reports it as mars orange. Plants are about 5½ feet tall. Originator: Roberts, Introducer: Ruschmohr.

Scores: East Lansing 86.5, Farmingdale: 85.4.

Commissioner Max J. Leonard—Large bright informal decorative blooms up to 11 x 7 on 3 foot plants. Color is Dutch vermilion, a little lighter at the center. Stems sometimes a little short, but at its best, it should give a good account of itself on the show table. Originator and Introducer: Dee Cee Dahlias.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85.

Dark Lustre—An orchid flowering dahlia in the dark red class. Color is indian lake with faint lighter markings. 5 inch blooms borne in profusion on low plants. Introducer: Dahlidel.

Scores: Farmingdale 85.2.

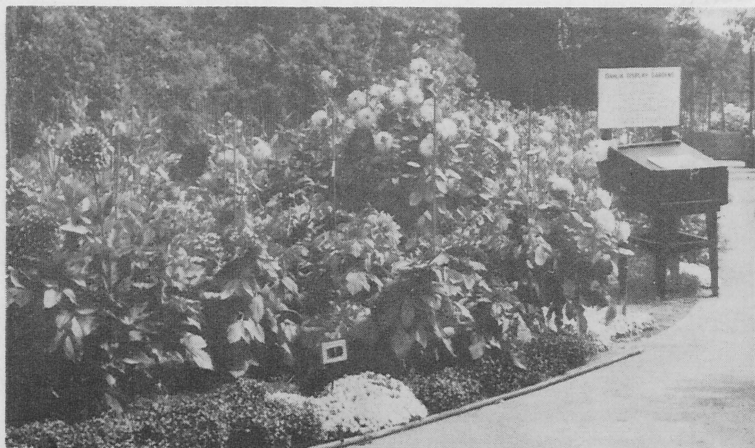
Dr. Borley—8 x 5½ inch blooms of orchid purple, each petal having a yellow ochre dot at the base. Plant height is 4½ feet. Profuse blooms of good substance. Originator: Harter, Introducer: Dahlidel.

Scores Oakland, 85.

Eddie Jr.—A solid lavender sport of *Gypsy Girl*. Plants are about 3½ feet in height supporting quantities of clear mauve blooms about 4½ x 3. Originator and introducer: Gamston Gardens.

Score 85.4, Farmingdale.

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View of the Pacific Coast Official Trial Gardens at Lakeside Park Oakland, Calif. This is only one small section of the huge dahlia garden where over 5,000 plants are grown each fall.

El Dorado—Winner of the Derrill Hart Medal in the medium class. Bi-colored semi cactus of light marigold orange with petals tipped white. Blooms up to $8 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ on strong 9 inch stems. Open growing plants about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height. Bloom position good, substance good. Early to mid-season. Originator: Gaylord, Introducer: Dahliaedel.

Scores: Atlanta, 85.2, Cincinnati, 86.



EL DORADO, B-S-C.—Derrill Hart Medal Winner

Esther Blanche—A pure white informal decorative growing up to 11×6 on bushes 4 feet in height. Clean color, good bloomer. Introducer: Dahliaedel.

Score: 85, Oakland.

Giant Beauty—Winner of the Derrill Hart Medal in the large class. East Lansing reports this one as informal decorative with the color as dark rose. Farmingdale reports it as formal decorative and color as a blending of empire yellow overlaid with spirea red. Both agree that it grows to a very large size— 12×8 with strong stems 6 to 9 inches long. Disbudded plants grew to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, but not pinched out nor disbudded, the plant went to feet and was most prolific. Distinctly an exhibition flower. Originator: Marlow-Lundgren, Introducer: Rocky River.

Scores: East Lansing, 85; Farmingdale, 85.5.

Jane Landis—A rich blood red ball dahlia averaging 4 inches both in diameter and depth on plants 4 feet tall. Profuse bloomer from mid-season until frost. Originator: Ritchey, Introducer: unknown.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85.

Jo-Al—Miniature formal decorative about $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ when in full bloom, early blooms will be a little larger. Color is a soft shade of buff with pink tints held part facing on good stems. Plentiful blooms from early to late on 5 foot plants. Originator: Mugno, Introducer: Passler.

Scores: Farmingdale, 85.7

Lemon Ice—A bi-colored informal decorative, each petal having a broad white stripe down the center with both edges canary yellow. Size ranges up to $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$. Bloom position good. Early and continuous bloomer. Originator: Dudley, Introducer: Dahliadel.

Scores: Farmingdale, 85.7.

Little Alfred—A bi-colored informal decorative miniature. Color is capsicum red with petals generously tipped white. Slight variation in proportion of red and white, with an infrequent solid red. Prolific bloomer from mid-July until frost. When in full bloom flowers measure $3\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ on good stems. Plants about 5 feet tall. Originator: Rovelli, Introducer: unknown.

Scores: Farmingdale, 85.4.

Louis Lundgren—Informal decorative. Blooms measure 10×5 and are lilac purple with small white tips, most blooms being bi-colored. Plants grow to a height of about 5 feet. Originator: Lundgren, Introducer: Unknown.

Scores: Oakland, 85.

Melisande—As a formal decorative in the purple medium class, this one has almost no competition on the show table. Beetroot purple blooms up to 8×6 are held part facing on long strong stems. Plants are 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height. Originator and Introducer: Comstock.

Scores: Cincinnati 85, Oakland, 85.

Miss Mollie—A miniature semi cactus. Back petals are peony purple, center petals are light persian rose shading lighter to the tips. A suggestion of white tips. When plants are in full bloom size is about $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Early blooms will be over 4 inches with a good depth. Foliage small and lace-like. Plants about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height. Early and prolific. Originator: Eddins, Introducer: Ruschmohr.

Scores: Farmingdale, 85, Oakland 87.

Morning Light—A medium sized semi cactus (sometimes close to the informal decorative) in the lavender class. Size ranges up to $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$. Blooms are freely borne on plants from 4 to 6 feet tall. Color is amaranth rose. Originator: Merin, Introducer: Ruschmohr. Scores: Farmingdale, 85.

Elsie B.—A light blend of rose pink with the center petals white with tints of the same rose pink shown in the outer petals. Semi cactus blooms $10 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ are held half facing on strong stems of the proper length. A most attractive flower. Originator: Brach, Introducer: Ruschmohr. Scores: Farmingdale, 85.4.

Niba—Incurved cactus up to 8×5 . Profuse bloomer with good form and substance. Color is delft rose with a



GIANT BEAUTY, A-I.D.—Derrill Hart Medal Winner

brick red suffusion. Plants about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height. Originator and introducer: Bruidegom.

Scores: Oakland, 85.

Mahogany—A dark red informal decorative growing up to $11 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ on strong stems 7 to 9 inches long. Plant height about 4 feet. Color is cardinal red with shadings of chrysanthemum crimson. Originator and Introducer: Pennypack Gardens.

Scores: Atlanta, 85; Cincinnati, 85, East Lansing, 85.

Nina Gerhardt—Dark red with petals curling to show a gold reverse make this a most attractive flower. Size ranges up to $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ on stems 8 to 10 inches long which hold the blooms half facing. Atlanta reports this on as informal decorative; Farmingdale reports it as a semi cactus. Plant height is about 5 feet. Originator: Shepard. Introducer: Ruschmohr.

Scores: Atlanta, 85; Farmingdale, 86.1.

Piedmont Jewel—A deep lavender semi cactus with blooms $7 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ on plants 4 feet tall. Good stems and foliage. Early and prolific with centers holding until frost. Originator: Faust, Introducer: Rocky River. Scores: Atlanta, 85.

Prince Charming—A miniature informal decorative with blooms 3×1 . Color is autumn at the outer edges of the petals blending to lemon yellow at the base. Profuse bloomer with good stems and foliage. Low plants—about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Originator: Lamotte, Introducer: Rocky River.

Scores: Atlanta, 85.

Rosa Lenc—A lavender incurved cactus growing up to 8×5 . Color is mallow

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A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes

Of the 47 Branch and Affiliated Societies of the American Dahlia Society, 39 of them included the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes in their show schedule. Reports and score sheets were received from 36 and some of them did not give any ribbons as no entry had averaged 85.

Knowing you are interested chiefly in the winners, they are:

A-size—*Carrie MacAvoy*—originator Stanley Johnson. It averaged 85.4 and was exhibited at 7 shows. Size 10 x 5½—Light Blend—S.C.

B-size—*Nutley Sunrise*—originator Conrad Frey. It averaged 85.6 and was exhibited in 4 shows. Size 10 x 5½—burnt orange with yellow—I.C.

M-size—*Ginny Johnson*—originator Stanley Johnson. Exhibited in 4 shows and averaged 85.3—S.C.—3½ inch by 1½ inch—Rose Red.

Runners up:

A-size—*Caroline M*—originator J. C. Moore, Jr.—averaged 85.1 in 3 shows. *Art Linkletter*—originator Comstock—averaged 85.7 but only exhibited in 2 shows. Must be in 3 to qualify for Gold Medal.

B-size—*Ann Steckle*—originator Viv Steckle—averaged 86.4 but only exhibited in 2 shows. Must be shown in at least 3 to qualify for the Gold Medal.

M-size—*Little Penny*—originator Douglas Slocum—averaged 85.5 in 2 shows and *Mark E* (Keck-Stephens)—averaged 85.5 also exhibited only twice.

Analyzing all the entries from Coast to Coast, there were more than 50 varieties and results may have been changed if each originator had arranged to exhibit each variety in at least 3 shows and to assist the Committee Chairmen to be certain to obtain the name of the variety. Numbers are not acceptable. The additions of the judges should be checked before mailing as quite a few had errors and differences were from 4 to 10. The exhibitor and/or originator is interested and generally informed of the total score and it must be a disappointment to learn at a later date the variety did not score 85 due to incorrect mathematics. Also, embarrassing to the Committee. On the whole, the reports received were good but we must again advise that if any judges score, is high or low, by more than 3

average. For example: One judge scored a few in the high nineties while none of the other judges could get better than 86 for the same variety at the same show.

The following is a list of those varieties that averaged better than 80 and not previously mentioned:

A

- **Cascade Creole* (T. DeRooy)
- **Mahogany* (S. Johnson)
- **Good Morning* (Saldwell)
- **Clarium Parish* (W. Wolbert)
- Charles Ondrick* (L. Roberts)
- Tangerine* (J. Brugman)
- **Elsie B.*
- **Greenough*

B

- **Euclid Beauty* (Lasch)
- **Kathleen* (E. Phillips)
- Pilchuck Queen* (J. Linstrum)
- **Rev. Jim Marshall* (King)
- Lenore Faye* (J. Kelly)
- **Louise Ann* (D. Slocum)
- **Harry J.* (H. J. Quick)
- Dorothy Canfield*
- **Autumn Star* (F. Daniel)
- **Lavender Queen* (Eccleston)
- Mrs. Marion Kindlein*
- Trissie* (N. Kindlein)
- **Cabin Beauty* (Simmons)
- **Tinker Belle* (Fasolo)
- **Lady Teresa* (Fasolo)
- **Piedmont Jewel* (C. Rust)
- **Dora McCann* (D. Slocum)
- **Mary Margaret* (Reisinger)

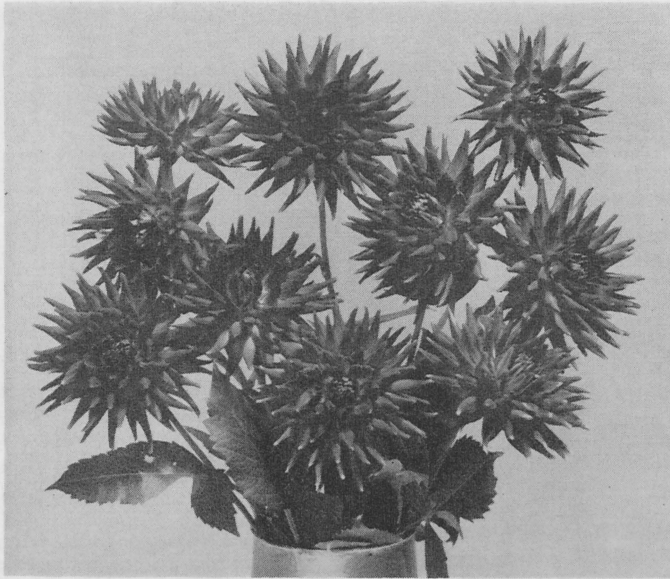
TRIAL GROUND REPORT, Continued

points their score is disregarded for the purple suffused cyclamen purple. Plants are about 4 feet tall. Profuse bloomer with ample substance. Originator: Barrett, Introducer: Rocky River.

Scores: Cincinnati, 85; Oakland, 85.

228-9/14—A deep purple semi cactus with a diameter between 7 and 9 inches and a depth of from 4½ to 6 inches. Strong straight stems 9 to 13 inches long. Health and floriferousness excellent. Introducer: Dahliadell.

Scores: East Lansing, 85.



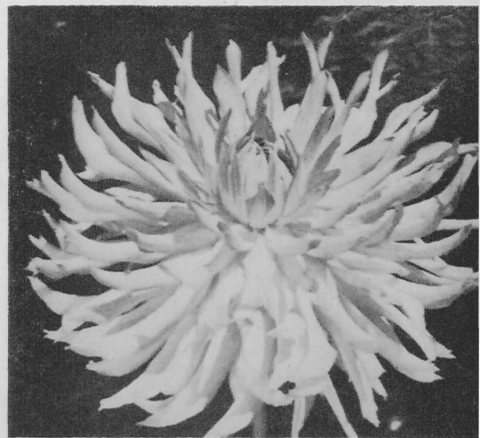
GINNY JOHNSTON, Min. S.C. Dark Blend. Winner of A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes and the American Home Achieve. Medal at the New York show and the first Miniature to get that latter honor in 20 years. It also won an A. D. S. Gold Medal as highest scorer in 4 shows in A. D. S. Sweepstakes. (Pennypack Gardens)

M

- **Purple Gem* (Pom)
- **Pacific Corvet* (Hulin)
- **Carol E.* (H. Frank)
- **Fanny Grace* (J. Reid)
- **Lady Ester* (Ratcliff)
- **Elsie A.* (H. Frank)

Unfortunately, some of the varieties that scored could not be included in this report, as they were entered under seedling numbers only and one of the requirements is that in order to obtain recognition the variety must be named. To avoid omission, of winning varieties at further shows it is suggested that all entries be named and none entered under numbers.

* Designates varieties which won at least one A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Certificate.—Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman, A.D.S. Sweepstakes Committee.



NUTLEY SUNRISE, B-I.C. Dk. Bl. Winner of A. D. S. Gold Medal as high scorer in three shows in the Seedling Sweepstakes in 1956. (Frey-Dahlidel.)

Flower Grower's Report On New Dahlias for 1957

[Editor's Note: The following list of new dahlia varieties selected by the Four Honor Roll Testers is being reprinted by permission of the Flower Grower, where it appeared in the January, 1957 issue. The illustrations used were loaned to us from that publication and we are indeed grateful for these courtesies.]

FLOWER GROWER'S 1957 DAHLIA HONOR ROLL

	E	MW	S	W
AMI PARDIEU	★			
ANNA PARRELLA	★			
ART LINKLETTER			★	★
BABY DAUGHTER	★	★	★	
BOLD FACE				★
CABIN BEAUTY	★		★	
CAROL E.	★			
CAROLINA M.		★		
CARRIE MAC AVOY	★	★		
CHARLES ONDRICK	★	★	★	★
DARK LUSTRE	★		★	
DORA MC CANN	★			
DURABILITY	★			
EL DORADO	★			
ELIZABETH HERTEL		★		
ELSIE A.	★			
ELSIE B.	★			
EUCLID BEAUTY	★			
FLORIST SPECIAL				★
GIANT BEAUTY	★			
GINNY JOHNSTON	★			
HI JACK	★			
IRMGARD	★			
JOEY K.	★	★	★	★
JO NELL	★		★	
LAVENDER BEAUTY				★
LITTLE SPECKLES	★	★	★	★
LOUIS ANN	★			
MISS MOLLIE	★			
MORNING LIGHT	★	★		
NINA GERHARDT	★	★		
NUTLEY SUNRISE	★			
PIEDMONT JEWEL	★			
PINK CLOUD	★			
RACHAEL JACKSON			★	
ROSADEAR	★			★
SHOWBOAT	★			
SUNSETKIST	★			
TANGERINE	★			
VIRGINIA LUBERT	★			
WOODCROFT ROYAL	★			

Each year FLOWER GROWER'S four regional Dahlia Honor Roll testers receive new varieties for evaluation from commercial growers and amateur hybridizers. They grow these plants in their own gardens and observe their performance there as well as in other test gardens and in dahlia shows. They are then scored according to the point scale of the American Dahlia Society. Those receiving 85 or better (an exceptionally high score) are placed on the Dahlia Honor Roll. All the 1957 Honor Roll varieties are listed at left; following are the tester's individual reports. Note: In some cases one tester may receive more varieties than the others, hence one report may be longer than another.

SOUTHERN SELECTIONS

By Conrad E. Faust

The 1956 dahlia season in the South has been good, with one exception—the tail end of Hurricane Flossie dumped 6 inches of rain and caused strong winds, which damaged many plants.

"A" Size, over 8 inches

Art Linkletter: semi cactus, yellow. Size, 9 by 5 with 8 to 10-inch stems. Vigorous grower; late bloomer. (Comstock)

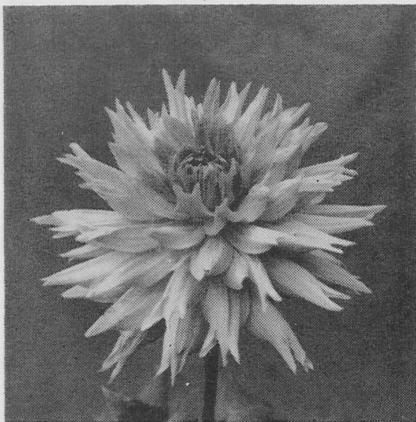
Charles Ondrick: semi-cactus, a dusky autumn shade over-laid mallow rose, will be classified as a dark blend. Good stem holding bloom facing. Bush, 5 feet. (Louis Roberts-Ruschmohr)

"B" Size, 4 to 8 inches

Jo Nell: ball, pure white. Size, 5 by 3 inches. Good stem. Bush, 4 feet. Prolific bloomer. (Summers-Rushmohr)

Joey K.: semi-cactus, marigold orange. Size, 6 to 6½ inches. Vigorous grower. Bush, 5½ feet. Good stem holding majority blooms facing. Prolific bloomer. (Lakeside Gardens)

Rachael Jackson: cactus, clear yellow. Size, 8 to 8½ by 4 inches with good stem holding flowers facing. Bush, 4½ feet. Medium bloom. (D. E. Short-Nashville, Tenn.)



JOEY K. B OR BB, S. C. Marigold orange; 5 to 6½ inches, lacinated petals, on all four Honor Rolls. (Lakeside)

Cabin Beauty: semi-cactus, cream at base blending orange and yellow toward end of petals with a touch of lavender. Size, 7 by 3 inches. Bush, 5½ feet. (Happy Cabin Dahlia Garden)

"M"—Miniature

Dark Lustre: orchid type, maroon. Size, 3 inches. Bush height, 4 feet. Attractive. (Dahlidel)

Baby Daughter: formal decorative, Persian rose. Size, 4 by 2 inches. Good stem. Bush, 4 feet. Prolific bloomer. (Ballego)

Little Speckles: formal decorative, suffused white, penciled purple. Size, 4 by 3 inches. Good substance, strong stem. Clean grower; prolific bloomer. (Lake Side Gardens)

MIDWEST SELECTIONS

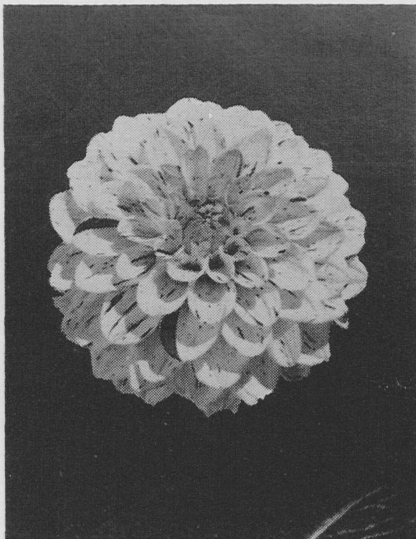
By J. Louis Roberts

This list is compiled from dahlias sent for trial, and visitations to private plantings as well as to four major shows and two minor ones. The trials are compared with existing varieties.

Deviating from my usual practice of not listing a seedling of mine, I am listing CHARLES ONDRICK. This was a requested selection by some of the members of the Southtown Dahlia Club as a tribute to the memory of a president who had passed away the year before.

"A" Size, over 8 inches

Carolina M.: informal decorative, light



LITTLE SPRECKLES. Min. F.D. Variegated. White splashed purple. This one was on all 4 Honor Rolls, for 1956. (Lakeside) (Photo by Dudley.)

blend lavender and white almost lavender. Size, 9 by 5 inches. Bush, medium. Some involute petals at center. Petals are cleft. Competes with HELEN STAFFORD and MAJESTADT. (Moore-Rocky River)

Charles Ondrick: semi-cactus, dark blend, a husky autumn, burnt sienna overlaid mallow rose or French purple. Size, 9½ by 7 inches. Bush, medium. Seedling of CROYDON'S MASTERPIECE. Competes with MADAME XXX. (Roberts-Ruschmohr)

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LOUISE ANN, Min. S.C. Can also be grown as a B. B. or Small Medium. Winner Flower Grower Trophy. (Slocumb-Parrella) (Photo by Dudley.)



CARRIE MAC AVOY, A-S.C. Lt. Blend, yellow flushed rose. Won seven A. D. S. Seedling sweepstakes and eight Amer. Home Achieve. Medals. Also the A. D. S. Gold Medal as highest scoring A size in at least three shows. On East H. R. (Pennypack) (Photo by Dudley.)

Carrie MacAvoxy: semi-cactus, light blend, yellow overlaid pink. Size, $10\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Bush, medium short. Has a good competitor in ARAB QUEEN. (Pennypack)

"B" Size, 4 to 8 inches

Elizabeth Hertel: informal decorative, may be semi-cactus, yellow. Size, 7 by 5 inches. Bush, medium. As an informal it will compete with YELLOW ELEGANCE, and then as semi-cactus I have no record of any winning this year. (Hertel-Oakleigh)

Nina Gerhardt: informal decorative, wine color with some tips gold and reverse showing gold. Petals twist. Size, 8 by 4 inches. Bush, medium tall. As a red it will compete with VIC and MALCOLM W. BINGAY. (Elkins-Ruschmohr)

Morning Light: semi-cactus, shades of pink lighter at center. Size, 8 by 4 inches. Bush, medium tall. Has good competition in HEIMATLAND and ALMELO'S GLORY. (Merrin-Ruschmohr)

"M"—Miniature

Baby Daughter: formal decorative, rose pink. Size, up to 3 by 2 inches. Bush, short. Competes with BABY FONTENEAU. (Ballego)

Little Speckles: formal decorative, variegated white splashed purple-red. Size, up to 3 by 2 inches. Bush, short. Only known competition is HULIN'S CARNIVAL and CATHERINE, neither of which were shown this year. (Lakeside)

Joey K.: informal decorative, autumn. Size, 4 by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches; may run over-size. Bush short. Competes with GOLD DIGGER. (Lakeside)

WEST COAST SELECTIONS

By Richard T. Eddy

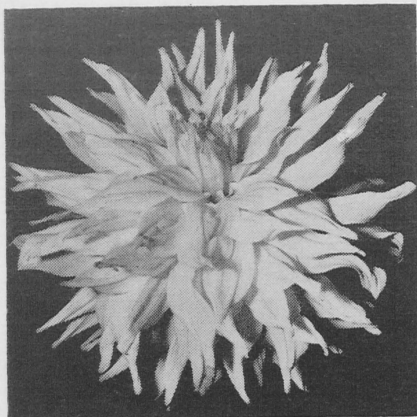
The 1956 growing season—best in several years—was ideal for testing not only the merits of new varieties, but also the more than 500 tolder varieties I grew from several countries. Many of the latter, which in prior years had been classified as just "so so," but had been carried over because they had done well elsewhere, this year showed to real advantage. Fewer varieties were sent for trial than in previous years—a total of 31, or about one-third the number usually sent. It should be explained that the varieties LAVENDER BEAUTY and FLORIST SPECIAL were on trial in the Western Honor Roll Trial Garden only.

"A" Size, over 8 inches

Charles Ondrick: semi-cactus. This 9-inch seedling of CROYDON'S MASTERPIECE is one of the season's "top-notchers," and one of the best in several years. The color is outstanding, but difficult to describe. The bloom formation is perfect. The over-all color is burnt, or Mars, orange, lightly streaked yellow and red. Center is golden yellow, and reverse of petals light purple. (Roberts-Ruschmohr)

Bold Face: informal decorative. This was originally listed for the 1955 Honor Roll, but unfortunately the stock did not carry over the winter so was not grown in that year. New stock was obtained for the 1956 growing season and it did even better than in 1954. The formation and coloring are somewhat unique. The general color scheme is bronze, lightly streaked red. Reverse of petals is a purplish red, and central petals—which take on a jack-in-the-pulpit shape—are a purplish-red tone, completely hiding the bronze. Can be grown 10 to 12 inches. (Pennypack-Brandon)

Art Linkletter: informal decorative. This huge yellow, winner of several Achievement Medals, has been grown by me for two years and closely watched for an additional two years in the gar-



ART LINKLETTER, A-S.C. yellow, very large. Selected by Conrad Faust and Col. Eddy. (Comstock)

den of the originator. I consider this variety as something out of the ordinary. (Comstock)

Lavender Beauty: semi-cactus to cactus, lavender, base of petals white. An early and prolific bloomer. The 9- to 10-inch blooms face sidewise. (Robens)

"B" Size, 4 to 8 inches

Rosadear: straight cactus. A beautiful 7-inch lavender, which I admired greatly at the Capital City Show in 1955 where it was runner up for the best "B" bloom. Winner of Ceramic Award same year at East Liverpool. (Rosemary)

Joey K.: semi-cactus. This outstanding "B" dahlia is listed by originator as orange and checks out as "Spanish orange" on RHS color chart. It is a real find—full-bodied, many-petaled, compact bloom with fimbriated petals. A 5-foot plant covered with blooms throughout the season. (Lakeside)

Florist Special: incurved cactus. A "BB" dahlia of pure lavender, which has proved to be an excellent cut flower with good keeping qualities. Local florists rave over it. (Robens)

"M"—Miniature

Little Speckless formal decorative, white splashed purple. A fine cut flower, good stems, splendid keeper and producer of many blooms. (Lakeside)

EASTERN SELECTIONS

By Lynn B. Dudley

Nature was more kind to dahlia growers in the East in 1956 than for several seasons past. Rain and sunshine were more evenly distributed and the result, as far as our garden was concerned, was steady growth from planting time on. We seemed to have less pests than usual, too. It was only necessary to spray four times. A straw mulch was applied early in July to save time in cultivation and to conserve moisture in the ground, as well as for protecting roots from heat.

Our plants matured early—the majority began to bloom early in August, and in mid-October the garden was still in bloom. Today we are watching more particularly this ability of a variety to have a long blooming season.

Another dahlia characteristic that is becoming more and more important is its "petalage." A dahlia bloom with many petals, which "finish off" at the back, making a deeper flower in proportion to its diameter, is a better variety, bloom for bloom, than a thinly petaled or flat variety. And substance, or keeping quality after cutting, is also most important.

We received and tested to the best of our ability a total of sixty-three dahlia seedlings, some forty less than during the previous year.

"A" Size, over 8 inches

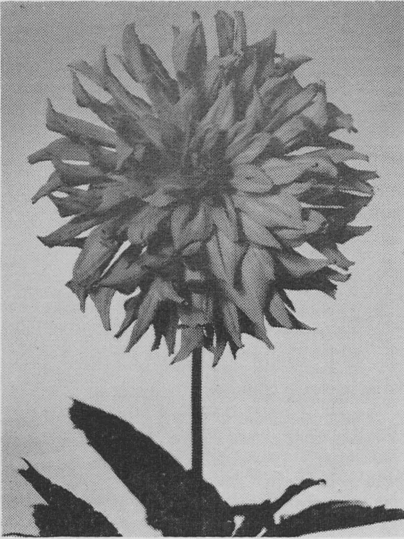
Carrie MacAvoy: semi-cactus, light blend of barium yellow, flushed camellia rose. Rose color predominates. Size, 10 by 6 inches. Bush height 5 feet. Ten-inch stems hold blooms on side. Biggest show award winner for 1956, with seven A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and Six American Home Achievement medals. (Pennypack Gardens)

Charles Ondrick: semi-cactus, dark blend of rose opal suffused Chinese yellow. Early bloomer 10 by 5 inches; height, 4½ feet. Stems, cane-like, 12 inches; blooms on side and at 45-degree angle. Not many in this type and color, so this origination by our Honor roll colleague Lou Roberts is needed in the shows. (Roberts-Ruschmohr)

Giant Beauty: formal decorative, dark blend of peony purple laid over Persian rose and a spot of lemon yellow at base of each petal. Heard big stories about the size of this one while in California in April. It won an A.D.S. Certificate of Merit at the Official Pacific Coast Trial

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FLOWER GROWER HONOR ROLL, Continued



CHARLES ONDRICK, A-S.C. Dk. Bl. A four Star winner, selected by all four Testers and originated by one of them, J. Louis Roberts. (Ruschmohr)

Grounds, Oakland, in 1955, with a size recorded of over 15 inches. Our size was $13\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Bush height $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Probably will win many "largest-in-show" awards. (Marlow-Lundgren-Wind)

Elsie B.: semi-cactus, pink described as camellia rose with a little white at its center. Size, 11 by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with 10- to 12-inch stems, which hold blooms facing or at slight up angle. Bush height 5 feet. Good habits of growth except late blooming. (Bracht-Ruschmohr)

Pink Cloud: semi-cactus, pink, being a combination of two tones of Persian rose, light and dark. Size, 12 by 5 inches. Bush height 4 feet. Stems, slender but strong, hold blooms on side. Prolific bloomer August till frost time. (Dahlidel Nurseries)

Durability: straight cactus; outer two-thirds of petals carmine rose (pink) center and base of petals canary yellow. Size, $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches, hold blooms facing. Bush height $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet; dark foliage. Late bloomer but a most beautiful cactus. (Fa. D. Bruidegom)

Virginia Lubert: small medium, straight cactus, cherry red. Size, 5 by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Stems, 7 to 10 inches. Bush height $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Vivid and attractive. (Retzer Dahlia Gardens)

Woodcroft Royal: formal decorative, white blended and blushed rhodamine purple; effect is pastel, but for exhibition a white. Size, 8 by 4 inches. Stems, 10 inches. Bush, $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Profuse bloomer. Good substance. Originated by a new commercial firm. (Woodcroft Gardens, Indianapolis, Ind.)

"B" Size, 4 to 8 inches

Dora McCann: formal decorative, color deep lavender, described as Persian rose, with a blend of lighter tones of the same color. Size, 8 by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches and cane-like, hold blooms on side and slightly upfaced. Bush, 4 feet. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award, Long Island, 1956. Has only three possible competitors at shows. (Parrella Dahlia Gardens)

Nina Gerhardt: informal decorative; unusual coloring, spinel red with blush of chrysanthemum crimson and finely tipped chrome yellow. Reverse is straw yellow which shows at face as the narrow petals twist. Named for the wife of Major General Chas. H. Gerhardt, World War Commander of the 29th Division. Size, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Bush, 5 feet. Stems 12 inches hold blooms away on side. (L. R. Shepherd-W. L. Elkins-Ruschmohr Gardens)

El Dorado: semi-cactus, bi-color, optimum orange with tones of capsicum red, generous white tips, and lemon yellow at base of petals. Size, 8 by 4 inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches, hold blooms facing. Bush height $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Foliage and stems dark. There is no other dahlia of this coloring and type. Scores high for distinctiveness. (Gaylord-Dahlidel)

Euclid Beauty: informal decorative; blood red and really bright. Size, 8 by 5 inches. Strong stems, 10 to 12 inches, hold blooms facing. Dark-green foliage; bush, 5 feet. Very profuse, blooms from early August until frost; excellent substance and many petals, which are pointed and whirling. Ideal habits. (Lash-Ruschmohr)

Ami Pardieu: straight cactus, autumn yellow at ends, the whole flushed neron rose. Size, 8 by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems, 12 inches, hold blooms facing and slightly up. Bush height 5 feet. (J. G. Ballego & Sons)

Piedmont Jewel: semi-cactus; lavender rosaline purple suffused on a white base.

Size, 7 by 4½ inches. A very deep flower with blooms mostly facing on 12-inch stems. Bush, 4½ feet. Congratulate our Honor Roll colleague on it. (Faust-Wind)

Morning Light: semi-cactus, lavender which is described as a combination of two tones of Persian rose. Size, 8 by 5½ inches. Stems, 8 to 12 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush, 5 feet. An interesting feature of this variety is the presence of many, long, narrow petaloids of the same coloring. This adds much to its beauty. (Merrin-Ruschmohr)

Rosadear: straight cactus, deep lavender or Persian rose. Size, 6 by 3 inches. Wiry stems hold blooms on side and slightly up facing. It is a profuse bloomer early and late in season. Bush height 4½ feet. (Rosemary Dahlia Gardens)

Jo Nell: ball, pure white, even at center. Size, 5 by 3 inches and smaller late in season. Have grown this one two seasons and found it most satisfactory. Excellent stems, 8 to 10 inches, hold most of the blooms on side. Produces flowers in profusion from early August on. Bush height 4 feet. (E. M. Summers-Ruschmohr)

Anna Parrella: informal decorative, bicolor of cardinal red with some darker oxblood red at the beginning of the generous white tips. Size, 7 by 3½ inches. Stems, 8 to 10 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush, 4 feet. Not too free a bloomer with us but in full sun it will probably produce well. (Rolloff-Parrella)

Sunsetkist: informal decorative, Indian orange. Size, 7 by 3½ inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush, 5 feet; dark foliage. This one only has three competitors for the show tables. Should win often and it is a bright spot in any garden. (Forest Dahlia Gardens)

Joey K.: small medium type, semi-cactus, persimmon orange and Indian yellow blended to produce a soft orange tone. Size, 5½ by 3 inches; petals lacinated, adding to its beauty. Stems, 6 to 8 inches; blooms held at 45-degree up angle. (Lake-side Dahlia Gardens)

Tanocrine: informal decorative, deep Indian orange. Size, 7½ by 4 inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches, hold blooms facing. Bush, 4 feet. Have observed this variety for three years. It always attracts attention from garden visitors. (Roblynn Dahlia Gardens)

Cabin Beauty: small medium type, semi-cactus; light blend of mauve blushed on mimosa yellow; petals fold back to points to about half their length. Size, 6½ by 4 inches. Wiry 10-inch stems hold

blooms facing. Bush, 5 feet, with good growing habits. Very attractive. (Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens)

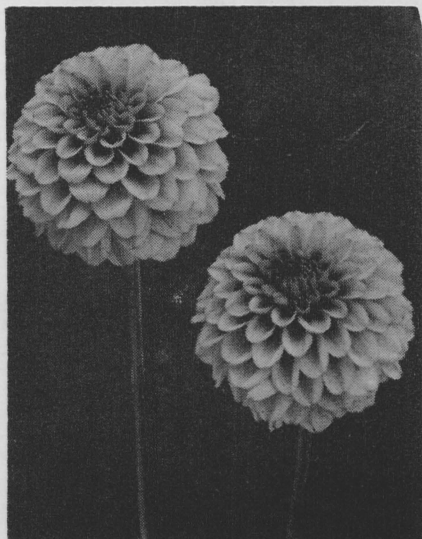
Dr. Borley: straight cactus; Cyclamen, (or Orchid) purple; size 7 by 4 inches; sturdy bush, 4 ft. Blooms have excellent keeping qualities. Won Am. Hm. Achiev. at San Leandro, 1955; A.D.S. Certif. Pacific Coast Trial Gdns. 1957. (Harter-Dahlidel)

Pennsylvania Dutch: formal decorative; Peony purple, with Blood red at center; size, 7 by 4 inches; stems 8 to 10 inches holding blooms on side. Bush, 5 ft. with good habits. Has few competitors in size and color. (Keck-Stephens)

"M"—Miniature

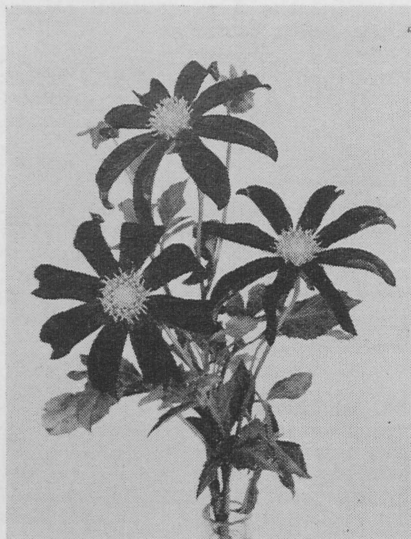
Ginny Johnston: semi-cactus; Dutch vermilion at beginning of season, later on a rose red, with yellow suffusion. At base of petals, straw yellow. Size, 3½ by 1½ inches. Stems, 8 to 10 inches and wiry, hold most of blooms on side. Bush height 4 feet. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes at New York show; the same award at Greater Philadelphia and Burholm shows. Also won American Home Medal at New York—the first time in 20 years that a miniature has won this

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BABY DAUGHTER, Min. F.D. deep reddish lavender. On Faust's, Roberts and Dudley's Honor Rolls. (J. G. Ballego & Sons, Holland) (Photo by Dudley.)

FLOWER GROWER HONOR ROLL, Continued



DARK LUSTRE, Orchid type, dark purple, only one of its color. On Dudley's last Honor Roll. Also won a Certif. of Merit at A.D.S. Trial Garden at Farmingdale. (Dahliadel)

coveted prize. (Pennypack Gardens)

Little Speckles: miniature formal decorative, variegated, white with dots and spots of light phlox and deeper dianthus purple. Size, $3\frac{3}{4}$ by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Stems, 10 to 12 inches. Bush, $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Blooms facing and slightly up. (Lakeside)

Baby Daughter: miniature formal decorative, deep reddish lavender, or rosaline purple. Each petal has two lines of deeper purple lengthwise, giving blooms an unusual appearance. Size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches. Stems, 8 inches. (Ballego)

Louise Ann: generally a miniature but also has small medium blooms, either 4 or $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Attractive in either size. Semi-cactus, a blend of white and both rhodamine and fusine pink, but probably to be classed as light blend. Won FLOWER GROWER Silver bowl as best long-keeping medium type new variety at New York show in 1956. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, New York, in 1955. (Douglas Slocum-Parrella)

Irmgard: miniature formal decorative, soft buff, slightly blushed claret rose. Size, $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Stems, 8 to 10 inches. Bush, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Profuse bloomer. (Forest Dahlia Gardens)

Carol E.: miniature formal decorative, primrose yellow. Size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Stems, 8 to 10 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Won McDade trophy at New York show in 1954, also American Home Medal at the Bergen County, New Jersey, show in 1956. (Harry Frank-Dahliadel)

Elsie A.: miniature formal decorative, signal red, very bright color. Blooms have thick petalage and good substance. Size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems, 6 to 8 inches. Bush, 4 feet. Won special miniature and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards, New York, 1956. (Harry Frank-Dahliadel)

Hi Jack: miniature formal decorative, an unusual color of Mars orange, which is more nearly described as rust color. Size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches; bloom completes to back. Stems, 8 to 10 inches. Bush 5 feet. Very profuse bloomer. August to frost. (Keck-Stephens Gardens)

Dark Lustre: orchid, beetroot purple, which is very dark; it has some peony purple spots on face and on reverse, which shows as petals curl. Size, 4 inches. Stems, 6 to 8 inches. Bush, 3 feet. No other one of its type and color. Dahliadel)

Miss Mollie: miniature semi-cactus, dark blend, cyclamen and rosaline purple with fine white tips and yellow at base of petals. Size, $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches. Stems, 6 to 8 inches. Bush height, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. (J. A. Eddins-Ruschmohr)

Showboat: formal decorative, white. Size, 12 by 5 inches, another white giant. Stem, cane-like, 8 to 10 inches. Bush, 4 feet, spreading, with broad thick-leaved foliage. Blooms have excellent substance. (Burrell-Ballay)

Nutley Sunrise: incurved cactus; a dark blend of burnt orange with a mingling of capsicum red, Tyrian purple and chrome yellow. It has an unusual color range. It can be grown 10 by 5 inches or 8 by 4 inches as is desired. Won three A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards and American Home Achievement Medal at 1956 shows. We have grown it two years and believe it a very unusual dahlia without much competition at shows. — (Frey-Dahliadel)

After 19 Years, Dudley Resigns

From Flower Grower Honor Roll

On December 3rd last, the writer notified John R. Whiting, Editor and Publisher of the Flower Grower that we are most regretfully resigning as writer of

the Eastern Dahlia Honor Roll, after 19 years.

In our letter, we stated that our reasons for this action were many. We named only a few of these. Among them were: present lack of time, energy and money to devote to it. Also the editing of the A.D.S. Bulletin was taking more and more of available time. Plus the fact that we are engaged on a project of factual and pictorial history of the 400 year development of the Dahlia for lectures and perhaps publication.

Mr. Whiting accepted our decision in a letter dated Dec. 10, 1956. We quote from his letter. "After writing the Honor Roll for 19 years, we consider you an institution. I'm sure you know how much we value your close work with us—and I want to tell you how much we share in your belief that bringing ideas about new and important dahlias to the attention of hundreds of thousands of prospective dahlia fanciers is one of the important purposes of the Flower Grower."

"In other writings for us, and in cooperative projects between the Flower Grower and the American Dahlia Society Bulletin, I am sure that we will be working together in the future for the advancement of these good causes," concluded Mr. Whiting."

It was in 1938, following the deaths of both Derrill Hart, who originated the Honor Roll, and Leonard Barron who succeeded him in 1937, that J. Louis Roberts, Col. Richard T. Eddy and the writer began to list our selections of the new Dahlia Seedling Novelties. We were joined, in 1949 by Conrad Faust.

It might be interesting to Bulletin readers to know the records of the four writers as far as their listings are concerned. In the 19 years, the writer has listed a total of 688 for over 250 introducers and originators. In that same period, Col. Eddy listed 344; Louis Roberts, 247. In the 9 years, since 1949, Conrad Faust has listed 95. This adds up to the totals of 688 for Dudley and 686 for the others. We usually had more sent us for testing than the others, but probably they were more tough and discriminating.

Looking back, the writer feels certain that the publicity given these hundreds of dahlia varieties has helped to interest thousands of Flower Grower readers in growing dahlias. It also undoubtedly helped to increase the customers for the new introductions as listed each year on the 4 Honor Rolls.

It has been a wonderful experience for the writer and we only hope that our ef-

forts in this connection for nearly a decade, have been of some small benefit to dahlia people everywhere. We wish to thank the publishers of the Flower Grower and the other Honor Roll writers for their fine cooperation and indulgence all during these years.—Lynn B. Dudley.

Flower Grower Will Discontinue Dahlia Testing

We were informed on January 26, 1957 by the management of the Flower Grower that the testing of new varieties of dahlias by the Honor Roll Writers, as has been the practice for some 22 years past, will be discontinued.

It is probable that a Dahlia feature, perhaps called the Honor Roll, will appear in the January and perhaps also in other issues of the Flower Grower, but they will feature the most popular Dahlias of seasons prior to publication. These articles may be written by the former Honor Roll Writers or by others.

It is expected also that the Certificate of Merit Winners at the American Dahlia Society Official Trial Gardens will be listed in reports in the January or February issues of the Flower Grower, as was the case in the Feb. and March issues this year.

Although no explanation for this decision was forthcoming at this time, it is no secret that the featuring of only the newest and highest priced dahlia introductions in the Honor Roll has not resulted in the sale of these varieties in large quantities to beginners in dahlia culture. This being true, the introducers of the new ones were not always satisfied with the returns from their advertising relative to them, to an audience which, primarily, was not a Dahlia Hobby group. Likewise, if the publication, because of this situation, did not receive sufficient advertising to cover the costs of testing and editorial matter, its management could not be blamed if they assumed that its readers interest in the new dahlia introductions was on the wane.

Probably the reasons behind this decision are many and accumulative over several years. Certainly it was not due to the resignation of the writer of the Eastern Honor Roll, which action he had contemplated for more than a year, but did not make official until Dec. 3rd, 1956.

In any event, dahlia growers every-

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Dahlia Mosaic

By Arthur S. Mason

3935 Sixth Street, South
Arlington 4, Virginia

The dahlia is effected with the following types of plant diseases; virus, bacteria I, and fungi. Of these three the virus diseases are generally considered by plant pathologists as the most important.

The most important of the early virus diseases first reported, were Tulip Breaking in 1576, Peach Yellows in 1750, and potato diseases in 1775. Mosaic occurring in the form of stunt was first reported from Massachusetts in 1911, by G. E. Stone, who gave as his opinion that it was not caused by a fungi or insects. J. B. S. Norton reports in the American Florist, 1916, that it was the worst disease of dahlias, that he did not know the cause, but it appeared to be carried over in the roots. It was not until 1923 that he was to report that the disease could be eliminated by the selection of healthy stock for planting.

J. B. Norton in 1926 was the first to report that a similar condition (to stunt) could be created in a healthy plant by red spider and sucking insects. It appears that he recognized different symptoms in stunt, but did associate one with a virus and the other with an insect.

F. Weiss in the Flower Grower for 15, 106-1928 in which he pointed out that there were two types of Dahlia Stunt, one which the dahlia would recover from, and the other would persist from year to year. Next Paul E. Tilford of the Ohio

FLOWER GROWER TO STOP TESTING, Cont'd where will regret that the Honor Roll, as originated 22 years ago by Derrill Hart will be discontinued. This will leave the 5 Official Trial Grounds of the American Dahlia Society, and the A.D.S. Annual Seedling Sweepstakes Competition at more than 30 shows per year, as the only organized methods of evaluating new Dahlia seedlings. It is hoped that all originators and introducers will send all of their new hopefuls to these gardens, this spring and enter them in the Sweepstakes at the shows. As last season, the testing fee for each variety sent to these five gardens is \$3.00. If sent to at least three, and if it receives the highest average score, in its size class, it will also receive a Derrill Hart Medal.

See details and addresses of these gardens on another page.



Arthur S. Mason, of Arlington, Va., in his garden. He is the very earnest and thorough Chairman of the A. D. S. Research Committee.

Agriculture Experiment Station, in 1930, 1931, 1932, recognized two types of stunt. The one that persisted from year to year as a virus, and the other that did not persist was caused by leaf hopper.

In 1933 Phillip Brierley, while at the Boyce Thompson Institute, established that the dahlia was subject to a virus disease that was the principal cause of Stunt and that it was spread by the Green Peach Tree Aphid, *Myzus persicae*. See A.D.S. Bulletin, July, 1933. His studies were fully reported in his "Studies on Mosaic and Related Diseases of the Dahlia." This and other publications of Dr. Brierley are largely the basis for this article. Also it is his helpful suggestions and cooperation in obtaining research material that makes this treatise possible.

In passing, it is of interest that K. Takata in 1895 in Japan, presented evidence that leaf hoppers could transmit rice stunt virus. This fact did not become known to the outside world until 1935. An earlier release would have been of great importance in early research of virus diseases of dahlias.

There are six definite and well established factors relative to the transmission of virus and its effect on the plant.

1. There must be a reservoir from which the virus can be drawn. In the dahlia the reservoir is a dahlia plant infected with mosaic.

2. There must be a means of transporting the virus from the infected plant to

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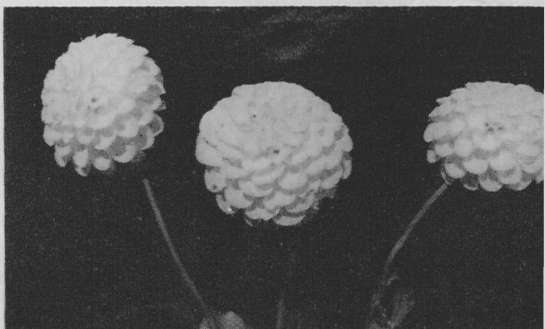
M-S.C. Dark blend, Purple, with fine white tips. 3½ by 2 inches. Won two Certif. of Merit; also at many shows; on East. H. R. Roots, \$5.00 net. Plants, \$2.00 net.

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DAHLIA MOSAIC, Continued



Dahlia Stunt is caused from other reasons than disease. This shows a plant stunted by insect ravages. (Photos by the Author.)

the healthy plant. Only the green peach tree aphid is known to be capable of spreading Dahlia Mosaic. There is some evidence that other insects are capable of spreading this disease, but conclusive evidence is lacking.

3. There must be a susceptible host plant, all dahlia varieties are susceptible to Dahlia Mosaic. No variety of dahlia has been found that is immune to Dahlia Mosaic.

4. Dahlia Mosaic cannot be transmitted by seed. Seedling dahlias can only be infected by a green peach aphid that is a vector from a susceptible host plant.

5. Dr. Brierley states "Repeated attempts to infect healthy plants by rubbing with the juice of Mosaic leaves and other artificial methods which are effective with the mosaics of tobacco, tulip, lily, etc. have failed. It seems safe to say that there is no danger of spreading Dahlia mosaic from plant to plant in the course of dividing root clumps, making cuttings, cutting flowers, or the like. No evidence has developed to indicate that the disease can persist in soil that has grown mosaic dahlias."

6. A plant once affected cannot be cured. It is commonly heard "My plants of (.....) showed mosaic early in the year but it has grown out of it." That is a dangerous doctrine as a plant never "grows out of it," and a careful examination of such a plant will reveal some time during the growing season positive evidence of Dahlia mosaic. Such a plant is a Reservoir for Virus that could effect every plant in your garden.

Stunt of dahlias is generally associated

with mosaic but much of it is caused by insect injury. Stunt caused by direct injury to plants by insects is not persistent from year to year and can be controlled by control of the insects causing the stunt. Mosaic stunting persists in the roots and cuttings from year to year; therefore it is necessary for dahlia growers to be able to distinguish between stunt caused by insects and stunt caused by mosaic.

Dr. Phillip Brierley in "Dahlia Mosaic and its Relation to Stunt" in this Bulletin July, 1933 gives an excellent evaluation of these differences which may be summarized as follows:

"The most characteristic symptom of Dahlia Mosaic is a yellowish or pale green banding along the midribs and the larger veins of the leaves. In some varieties this veinbanding is clear yellow and is readily recognized. In others it is pale green and is distinguishable only on closer scrutiny. The pattern may become masked in varieties which under certain circumstances show it clearly and it is not uncommon to find leaves free from symptoms on the same shoots having clear mosaic patterns. Consequently although the presence of the typical mosaic pattern is positive evidence that the plant is affected with mosaic, the absence of this pattern is not proof that the plant is healthy. It is necessary to examine plants critically several times during the season to be reasonably certain that they are mosaic free. It is well to look closely at the inner shaded leaves when making such examinations since the characteristic pattern will often be found more clearly expressed on these leaves. Some varieties rarely show the typical vein banding pattern. To recognize mosaic in these we must look for other symptoms which are, in general, less distinctive. Dwarfing of the plants or the shortening of all stems, including those of the flowers, is a second symptom evident in mosaic plants of all but the most tolerant varieties. There is a tendency to develop lateral shoots, which are shortened in turn and the result is the familiar short bushy habit of a typical stunt. Varieties thus stunted usually show some leaf deformations. The roots are frequently short and thick. Dwarfing is unquestionably produced by mosaic infection in intolerant varieties. But other causes may bring about dwarfing of a type sufficiently like mosaic dwarfing to make field diagnosis difficult. The vein banding symptom should be looked for as a confirming symptom in dwarf plants." (Continued on page 26)



Some varieties will come to bloom even tho infected with Mosaic. This is "Ottos Thrill" in bud. Blooms may be small and stems short.

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DAHLIA MOSAIC, Continued



This plant is stunted, but because it has both leaf hopper damage as well as mosaic, can we be certain which caused stunt?

Several plant injuries can be confused with mosaic. Insect injuries may resemble mosaic in their grosser effects but may usually be differentiated on closer examination. Red spider may result in dwarfing of dahlia plants but the mites themselves may readily be seen on the under sides of the leaves that they have damaged. The abraded areas of the leaves turn yellowish and later brown and the webbing of the mites is often visible. Thrips may abrade the surface of young leaves causing them to curl and produce a silvery appearance in the region of the feeding. The injured leaf is checked in development and the leaf is dwarfed and pinched. The check on leaf expansion results in a slender plant with densely crowded leaves. Tarnished plant bugs may cause local killing of shoots, petioles or buds. The growth above the point of attack may be confined to one or two shoots and much less commonly involves all the shoots on a plant.

Hopper burn is frequently expressed as yellowing of the leaflets along the margins. The yellowed area may extend inwardly between the veinlets but are not correlated with the veins as in mosaic. The degree of dwarfing resulting from hopperburn evidently varies greatly in different varieties. Several varieties in Dr. Brierley's collection were severely

stunted with typical symptoms of both hopperburn and mosaic. In these cases the combination was worse than either disease alone. In the case of severe infestation by any of the above pests, the growth of the plant is retarded to such an extent that mosaic symptoms are poorly expressed or absent. It is probable that many stunts attributed to insect injury are really due to the combined effects of mosaic and insects. For this reason the grower can well afford to discard severe stunt even if definite symptoms of mosaic are lacking."

A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee Registrations

Dr. Charles Connors reports that the following new varieties have been named in accordance with the A.D.S. Rules of Nomenclature, and the fee of \$1.00 has been paid for each.

JO NELL, by E. M. Summers, St. Joseph, Mo., 3505 Mitchell St. Ball, White, a Seedling of Ike.

MALDEN PRIDE, by Harry B. Shaw, 299 Bennett Highway, Malden Mass. "A" size. Informal, Decorative, light pink.

GAYLE BOONE, by David A. Botting, 905 4th St., N. E. Auburn, Wash. B or B. B. size Semi-Cactus, lavender.

SNOW FLAKE, also by David A. Botting, Miniature, formal decorative, white.

MARIAN, also by David A. Botting, Miniature, formal decorative, pink.

RACHAEL JACKSON, by Andrew Jackson Dahlia Gardens, P. O. Box 6067, Nashville, Tenn., B size, straight cactus, butter yellow.

A.D.S. Executive Meetings for 1957

President Preas requests that all officers, past and present, Committee chairmen and members of the Executive Committee if possible, attend every one of the monthly meetings of the society in 1957.

The meetings will be held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th St. at 7th Ave., New York City, at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 15th; March 22nd; April 26th; (none in May); June 7th; July 12th; Aug. 23rd; (none in Sept.); Oct. 18th; Nov. 15th; Dec. 13.

Members are cordially invited to attend these meetings whenever possible. Usually a group of the officers gather in the dining room of the Park Sheraton for dinner, prior to the meetings. You are welcome to join them.

Trial Grounds — 1957

The Only Organized New Variety Dahlia Testing Project in 1957

January and February weather remind one very distinctly of planting dahlias—the climate is so different! However, it is not too early to commence planning on which varieties you consider worth sending to the Trial Grounds of your Society. When making the decision this year we again ask your cooperation in particular on the two following items. First, we urge that early and carefully packed shipments be made to arrive as near May 15th as possible, and in no case later than June 1st. Second, please be sure to have a name ready to give your certificate winner, or, better yet, supply the name of the variety when making the entry. It is our rule not to give out a certificate to a variety unless it is named, as few of us and the dahlia fans in general are interested in learning that dahlia XYZ-23 scored at the Trial Garden. We wish to know and to recognize it by name, when following its development on the exhibition tables, etc. Your Trial Ground Committee and the Editor of your BULLETIN considers it most important that the names be supplied before the Trial Ground Reports are published in the November BULLETIN, and the February Flower Grower. There follows the address list of the Trial Gardens in operation in 1957.

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Prof. C. Rissmeyer, Long Island Agricultural & Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., New York.

MID-WEST TRIAL GARDEN

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Dr. C. E. Wilden, 823 Huntington Drive, East Lansing, Michigan.

SOUTHERN TRIAL GARDEN

Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. E. E. Montgomery, 1017 South McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia.

PACIFIC COAST TRIAL GARDEN

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

OHIO VALLEY TRIAL GARDEN

Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Alice Mattick, Secretary, 4223 Dane Avenue, Cincinnati 23, Ohio.

Entry fee for 1957, \$3.00 per variety at each garden entered. Payable at time of entry. — Bert Pitt, Chairman, Trial Garden Committee.

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And, If There's Time, in the 1957 Classification List

Special Announcement by President Preas: "I am very glad to announce that Dr. Edward McDade has accepted reappointment as Chairman of the A.D.S. Classification Committee for 1957.

"He is also serving as Chairman of the Joint Classification Committee, which is composed of the Central States Dahlia Society Classification Committee and that of the A.D.S."

"There is a lot of hard work connected with this task and Mr. McDade has served us long and well. He wished to resign this year, but has now decided to serve again."

"He assures me that, after collaboration with the Central States Group, and if it be agreeable to them, every effort will be made to include the new B B size in the 1957 Joint Classification List."

Following the report in the November Bulletin, on the referendum among all officers of the A.D.S. which was favorable to the inclusion of the new Small Medium Class, a lot of spade work has been done. Dahlia people are used to "spade work," but this was of a different kind.

The brunt of this work to get all parties to agree to at least try to get this new class in to all competitions of the A.D.S., fell on Dr. Preas. He was most sincere in stating that the A.D.S. did not wish to force the acceptance of this new size classification on any other group, and particularly not on the Central States Society, with which we had worked so closely on Classifications and other matters so long.

The position of the A.D.S. in the matter had been carefully explained to the Mid-West Society at their annual meeting at Moline, Ill., also to the Mid-Atlantic

Conference at Baltimore and at the Southern Conference at Atlanta by President Preas, as also reported in the Nov. Bulletin. Because he did not want any misunderstandings, Dr. Preas spent many hours and many of his own dollars on long distance calls to Dr. McDade, members of the joint committee and others. It was essential, it seemed to him, that the new 1957 Classification List be published as soon as possible, and if all agreed and it was possible to do so, to have the B B, or 4 to 6 inch category, included, which would help a lot of judges at the shows. Particularly those shows where it was already planned to include the new size class in their schedules.

So, with all the parties involved in apparent agreement, Dr. Preas should be congratulated. It has been quite a task, even for a diplomat. As a result, we are glad to report as follows.

The B. B. size, 4 to 6 inches in diameter, will be included in the Show Schedule of the combined A.D.S. New Jersey, and Irvington, N. J. show to be held at the Newark Airport, Sept. 14 and 15, 1957.

This size will also be included in the competition at the five A.D.S. Trial Grounds and in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. In the case of the Trial Grounds, the highest average scoring varieties in each of the four sizes, will receive the Derrill Hart Medal, if the variety is entered in at least three Trial

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Catalogues Received

It would seem that catalogues are late this year or there are not as many being issued this year. If you will send yours to the editor we will list it in the May issue. Those received thus far are:

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

DAHLIADEL, Leaflet of Bulletin Adv. only, Vineland, N. J.

SUMMIT Gardens, P.O. Box 567, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

BALLEGO, J. G. & Sons, Leiden, Holland.

BRUIDEGOM, Fa D., Baarn, Holland.

DE RUYTER, William, Oegstgeest, Holland.

DAHLIA-MAARSE, Aalsmeer, Holland.

Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal Winners for 1956

The winner for "A" Dahlias is *Giant Beauty*, originated by Marlow-Lundgren in California and is being introduced by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. It was certified at Pacific, East Lansing and Farmingdale with an average score of 85.16.

The winner for "B" Dahlias is *El Dorado*, originated by John Gaylord in California and is being introduced by Dahlia-del. It was certified at Atlanta, Cincinnati and Pacific Trial Grounds with an average score of 85.8.

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A BATTLE LOST

By J. Ralph Berry

It's disturbing, early in the season, to find several of your dahlia plants infested with Red Spider; positively frustrating to find you are getting nowhere with frequent applications of insecticides. My first attempt was with a dust made by mixing Malathion with talc in the prescribed proportions. No more of this messy spraying business — dusting would be a time saver. My enthusiasm for dusting—and Malathion—suffered a shrinkage when, after the dusting, red mites could be observed ambling around, seemingly oblivious to the little packs of white powder on their backs.

Clearly I needed something more effective. I must go back to the Parathion spray which I had used in former years. A squirt of this on the spiders climbing up the green-painted stakes shriveled them instantly. This was encouraging. My examination the day following a thorough application to my plants was a little puzzling. No noticeable decrease in the number of red spiders. It is plain they have developed an immunity to the regular dosage. All I need to is double it. After this double-barrel spraying, I examined the leaves. No sign of movement anywhere. This was not a shriveling or collapse of the torso, previously observed on the stakes; more like a sudden paralysis. Fine if fatal, but I was a little dubious, so a few of the spider-covered leaves were put in a glass jar. An hour later, everywhere there was motion — slow motion to be sure, but motion.

A friend reminded me insects and mites sometimes develop immunity to an insecticide. "Make a change and see what happens." I did — to Vapatone. How did it work? It didn't, except on the stakes just as Parathion had done. It was getting late in August and the Red Spiders were increasing in quantity and size. No longer was a magnifying glass needed for detection. I gave up.

Since this 1956 experience was not set up as a scientific experiment any deductions must be made cautiously. However, it seems safe to make a couple of observations. This apparent immunity to the insecticide is non-existent when sufficient heat is present such as on the stakes heated by the sun's rays. Possibly, insecticides might be more effective if applied in early July when the sun's rays are more direct and the Red Spiders

smaller. These mites appear to have a relatively long life and continue to grow during the season.

A recent issue of the *Farm Journal* under the title "Bugs Shrugging off Phosphate Poisons" submits a report from California from which I quote, "We've run across definite citrus red mite resistance to three organic phosphates — Malathion, Parathion and Systox." I, for one, will welcome the new chemicals whereby the plant is rendered poisonous to insects and mites.

1957 Williamsburg Garden Symposium

Gardeners with an eye to the future and a love for fun mixed with learning will head toward Virginia this March for the Eleventh Williamsburg Garden Symposium. Here, amidst the newness of spring in a restored eighteenth-century setting, the gaiety of gardener gatherings, touring and sightseeing, folks from many states will hear experts bring them up to date on better gardening both now and in the future. The complete program for both sessions appears on page 39. Most of the noted speakers are pictured below.

In the first session the theme will be, "Making Your Garden Really Live."

Among the noted speakers who will address the two sessions are: R. Milton Carleton, Alden Hopkins, J. Gregory Conway, Walter Chambers, John R. Creech, Fairfield Osborn, George H. Lawfence, Donald Wyman, Ralph S. Bailey, Mrs. W. F. Lowry, John W. Brimer, Russell J. Seibert, S. M. Emsweller and Thomas H. Everett.

A folder describing the programs in detail will be mailed on request to Mrs. Cunningham, Goodwin Bldg., Williamsburg, Va.

Please Send Show Dates To the Editor

Beginning in the May Bulletin, we will publish, as is customary, as complete a list as is possible of all the Dahlia Shows to be held next fall in the United States. The show need not be a Branch or Affiliate of the A.D.S. Any show, anywhere, at which the Dahlia is the principal flower to be shown will be listed with the dates and place it is to be held, if it is reported to us before May 10th, 1957.

Dahlia Publications

There is an increasing number of Dahlia publications being issued these days and that is a very healthy sign. We would like to commend those societies and individuals for their devotion to the cause of dissemination of news and information about this oldest American garden flower. None of them make money and always they are the result of many hours of work by a few individuals. They should be encouraged and supported by all dahlia growers. If they accept advertising, commercial dahlia growers should place advertisements in them, because they are responsible for keeping dahlia interest alive.

The following Dahlia Publications have been received and read by the Editor of this Bulletin:

DIALIAGRAM, published by the National Capitol Dahlia Society, Washington, D. C. Edited by Dr. Henry C. Parker, Annual Dues, \$2.00. C. D. Schoolcraft, Treas., 5108 30th St., North, Arlington Va.

MICHIGAN DAHLIA NEWS, published by the Michigan Dahlia Association, C. E. Wildon, Director of Publications, 823 Huntington Road, East Lansing, Mich. Send dues to B. H. Bottom, Treas., 12733 Sussex St., Detroit 27, Mich.

THE DAHLIA PATCH, Published by the Virginia Dahlia Society, Alton W. Smith, editor, 4309 Gains Rd., Richmond 22, Va.; C. I. Bragg, Treasurer, 2120 Maplewood Ave., Richmond, Va.

THE WEST COAST DAHLIA, a monthly magazine, edited and published by Dr. Julian R. Brandon, Jr., 3437 Gravenstein Hwy., So., Sebastopol, Calif. Subscription, formerly, \$1.50 per year, but beginning Feb. 1st, 1957, it is \$2.00 per year, or 15 cents per copy. A very interesting and informative dahlia publication.

BAILEYA, A quarterly journal of Horticultural Taxonomy, published by the Bailey Hortorium, of the New York State College of Agriculture, a Unit of the University of New York, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Subscription, \$2.00 per year. Edited by William J. Dress.

DAHLIA GLOBE, Bulletin of the International Dahlia Society. President, Jean La Borde, 19 Rue Jeanne d'arc, Biarritz, France. Secretary General, A. N. Ballego, Rijsburgerweg 133, Leiden, Holland. There is at present, no dues to this Society. Portions of its publication are printed in French and English, but the copy received December 1956, was mostly in English and contained reports from the

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C. Merrill Brown

Passed away Dec. 8th just as most Dahlia growers would like to have it happen to them when the time comes to go. He had been watching a foot ball game on television, and between halves went out in the garden to a little cleaning up. A neighbor happened to glance that way and saw him lying on the ground. He investigated and found Merrill dead.

He had had several heart attacks, and possibly had had a premonition about his



C. MERRILL BROWN

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED, Continued

U. S., So. Africa, France, Holland, Czechoslovakia and New Zealand. For most part the articles are interesting. The question comes to us, how long can this society continue without dues to pay for its printing and postage. Also can this organization help to solve such pertinent questions as: International Nomenclature and Type, Size and Color Standardization, for dahlia groups in all countries. There are certainly many problems which could be solved by a closer understanding of each others situations. We hope good results will come of this International Dahlia organization and its bulletin.

The DAHLIA, published by the Central States Dahlia Society. Published in the spring and in December. R. G. Huey, Ludlow, Ky., Editor. Paul Hale, Assistant Editor and Business Manager, Box 206, Brighton, Ill. Dues, \$3.00 per year, sent to Mrs. Frank Fontanetta, 4857 W. Catalpa Ave., Chicago 30, Ill. Usually about 40 pages of interesting Dahlia and Dahlia People news and reports. Roy Webb's Dahlia Review is published in Dec. issue. Many of its articles are by overseas dahlia growers.

The Editor of this Bulletin hopes that if any other dahlia publications are printed in 1957, copies will be sent to him.

The Executive Committee of the A.D.S. has authorized us to say that if any Dahlia Society contemplates the publication of a news sheet or magazine, the A.D.S. will lend its support and assist in any possible manner. If any editors wish to copy articles appearing in this Bulletin they are free to do so. We would appreciate proper credits, of course.

One of the most beloved dahlia men in America, and always a tough competitor in shows. An Associate Editor of this Bulletin since 1953. His articles were always interesting.

death, because he wrote us on Nov. 14th, "that in view of the fact that I'll reach my 65th birthday this coming January, I think it best to submit my resignation as one of the contributing editors of the Bulletin. I don't get around anymore the way I did once. The shows which I will attend in the future will be mostly just the local ones.

"Didn't even get over into Canada to see what was new over there this year. I really feel that I have said my say and have nothing further to contribute, other than the occasional communication, like the enclosed. Some of which may be of interest to the members of the A.D.S. Along this same line of thought, I have submitted my resignation as a vice president of the A.D.S. to Ed. Lloyd. I suggested that the society elect Frank Eyre of Rochester in my place. He has earned the distinction, both at home and abroad and I know of nothing in this world would give him greater joy than being elected a V.P. of the A.D.S. He is that kind of a dahlia nut."

At the December meeting of the Executive Committee, Merrill's resignation was tabled and Frank Eyre was elected a V.P. because the Committee knew Frank to be most worthy. Also on Dec. 8th we answered Merrill's letter and said that he would be the last Associate Editor that we would like to see retire and please

would he consent to serve further. Merrill never saw that letter as he died the day it was written.

Ed Lloyd wrote Merrill on Nov. 18 that the Executive Committee decided that his resignation as a V.P. "was unacceptable for further debate, and was declined and refused." Merrill replied in part as follows: "Your kind letter made me feel as if I was of some value to the A.D.S., so I shall try to carry on and do what I can for the good of the whole. I have come to the conclusion that you must have majored in English at Amherst and that what you learned there has stuck with you through the years."

Also to our great regret, one of the items which was crowded out of the Nov. Bulletin because of late arrival of several advertisements, was an excerpt of a letter from Mrs. Walter Bardell, which said in part, "We met some of the Associate Editors of the Bulletin at the shows which we attended and learned much from them anent dahlia culture and found that we had much in common. We do hope that your future Bulletins will carry more articles from them. In particular, do not let C. Merrill Brown 'hibernate.' Keep him writing please." To this the Editor added a note. C. Merrill Brown has announced his retirement from writing. But we do not intend to let that prevent us from getting some more of the informative and valuable excerpts from his dahlia growing experience and experiments for future issues.

We regret that Merrill never got a chance to read the above.

C. Merrill Brown lived at 102 Oakgrove Drive, Williamville, N. Y. with his wife, Natalie Elder Brown. He was professor of Chemistry at the University of Buffalo. He was born in Matawan, N. J. and was graduated from Williams College in 1914. He had been teaching at Buffalo since 1918. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and at one time was a consulting chemist for the Wurlitzer Co. in Tonawanda.

Surviving him, besides Mrs. Brown, are two daughters, Miss Jane E. Brown, assistant Librarian at Harpur College, Endicott, N. Y. and Miss Caroline A. Brown, assistant teacher at the University of California, at Berkley, and four sisters.

Merrill was an indefatigable letter writer and he had correspondents all over the world. At any time he could give you the latest cultural news from Australia or Georgia or the Pacific Northwest. And every one to whom he wrote regularly, including the writer, were always

glad to get one of his newsy and helpful letters.

More dahlia people from more places will mourn the passing of Merrill Brown than almost any other dahlia man in the whole United States or any other country. His last article on his favorite subject will appear in the future issue of this publication.

William Lyda Elkins

Better known as "Bill" Elkins, he passed away December 14, 1956 at his home at 3614 Hawthorne Ave., Richmond, Va., after suffering several heart attacks. He was born Dec. 10, 1880 at Ashville, N. C. Thus he lived four days beyond his 76th birthday.

"Bill spent his early days studying as an accountant which business he pursued up to his death. His firm was known as Elkins, Holt and Brunner. In the early days, he was always so busy working, and studying that he had very little time for play or recreation. But seeing me strive and work to have a few flowers, made him a little ashamed and he began to help me with the hardest part," writes Mrs.

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W. L. Elkins, of Richmond, Va., one of the most beloved dahlia men in the south, died December 14, 1956. He was a vice-president of the A. D. S. for many years.

Elkins. "When he saw what developed from an old ugly looking dahlia root, he became interested. That was during the early twenties."

"Having worked very hard over every accomplishment during his life, the dahlia became a new challenge. He became so interested," continued Mrs. Elkins, "that he soon joined the Virginia Dahlia Society. It became his ambition to go to the top, at least in winning blue ribbons at the Dahlia shows. And it did not take him many years to do this. But just winning medals, trophies or blue ribbons was not the only thrill he got out of growing Dahlias. He really likes the flowers for their own sake. He got a continual kick out of growing them.

"The very last walk he took was through his garden to see his flowers, especially his new seedlings. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to have his friends and, even strangers, regardless of their color or creed, walk through his garden and admire the flowers. Nor was he ever too busy to help a new grower, giving of his experience and sharing his roots with them. Also he never 'knew so much' that he was not willing to learn from others and profit by their experiences. He looked forward each fall to being with his dahlia friends and to help judge at the different shows. He talked about this friendship with dahlia people during his last illness," concluded Mrs. Elkins.

We had the privilege of knowing Bill Elkins for some 15 years. He liked to come to the New York show and we al-

ways had a good visit when he did. Also he invited us to come to the Richmond show, which we did on several occasions, and always enjoyed seeing him. He had a great pal in his grandson Jimmy, and named his latest introduction after him. We were happy to have put it on our 1954 Honor Roll. We are going to miss brother Bill, very much.

Lynn B. Dudley

Jesse L. Strauss

Died Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1956, of a heart attack. He was 76 years old on Dec. 17. He had stopped at his greenhouse at 10:30 a.m. on that day, to tell his gardner what flowers he wanted brought to the house for the next day. While talking to the gardner, he had the attack and died in his gardner's arms. He had had heart trouble for about two years and had suffered several attacks.

Jesse was a member of many Dahlia Societies and Floral Clubs. He had been for many years a Vice-President of the A.D.S. and he usually attended the New York show, also the International Flower Show each season that it was held here in the spring.

He frequently entertained nurserymen, seedsmen and horticulturists at his home when conventions brought them to Chicago. This home was quite a show place, built of stone and brick and having many rooms, a greenhouse, a copper wire enclosed garden, 100 ft. by 50 ft. where he grew his dahlias. Although he grew many types of plants, dahlias were his first love. He liked the medium sized "B" dahlias best. He always attended the dahlia shows in the mid west, and quite often came to New York for the annual A.D.S. Meeting.

He was buried Dec. 26, from his home at 100 Maple Hill Rd., Glencoe, Ill. He leaves a son, John L. Strauss.



Ellis J. Asther

Ellis Asther was born in Ystad, Sweden, and died at his home in Northbrook, Illinois, last fall, at the age of 58. He established the Northbrook Dahlia Gardens there in 1931. He was an exhibitor at the first show of the Central States Dahlia Society at the World's Fair Grounds, where your editor first met him when we were helping to judge that show.

Mr. Asther was one of the most experienced and highly regarded commercial growers in the midwest. His garden was a revelation to us when we visited it in 1944, at the time of the Chicago show. The garden had all the most popular of the standard varieties as well as most of the new Honor Roll kinds. He was a frequent advertiser in this Bulletin. Among the seedlings which he introduced, were: *Victory* and *Mrs. Howard C. Phillips*. They were introduced by Ruschmohr. He leaves a wife and son, Mrs. Gertrud Asther and Donald. Many friends in many dahlia societies will miss him.

You Must Know Your Soil

By Rudolph Kraemer
157 Front St., Hempstead, N. Y.

Knowing your soil is the first Rule in raising Dahlias. That is the foundation of its growth. Dahlias like a soil that is not too heavy and not acid. They require not much fertilizer. A good rotted compost will be all that is necessary. It has plenty of humus and that is life giving for the plant. Soil without humus is dead and will not grow much.

Dig your soil deeply. Deep digging means inserting the spade or fork to its full length of 10 to 12 inches. Turn it over and break up the lumps to make it loose and fluffy. At the time you dig, organic matter should be added to improve the physical and biological properties of the soil. Organic matter is any decayed or rotted plant or animal residue. Humus is one of nature's wonders in your garden. It is very important for the physical condition of the soil. Some soils may need lime added in the form of an agricultural limestone. A good soil test will determine whether it should be added. There are no two soils alike.

To A.D.S. Committee Chairman:

Action by A.D.S. Exec. Meeting, Dec. 14, '56

"Mr. Dudley, reporting for the BULLETIN, announced receiving no report as to the Derrill Hart Awards from the Chairman of that Committee, although

this report had been published in the publication of the National Capital Dahlia Society, and therefore moved and the motion was seconded and carried that 'In order that the BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society shall have the proper prior publication rights, all Committee Chairmen, or members of such Committees, are hereby instructed to submit all reports or articles pertaining to reports, to the President and to the Editor of the BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society before, for approval and for publication and, for consent to any prior release of such reports to any publication other than that of the American Dahlia Society.'"

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Some Things to Think About

This issue has three lists of new dahlia varieties which have won the approval of the judges. They are the A.D.S. Trial Garden Reports; the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes; and the last Flower Grower Honor Roll. With the Honor Roll discontinued as of 1956, that will leave the two A.D.S. methods of evaluating seed-

ings as the only two organized projects for dahlia testing.

May we suggest, therefore, that all originators and introducers plan to send their seedling to the A.D.S. Trial Gardens this spring and also enter them in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes at your show. In each case enter in three, for your seedling, if it scores highest in its size class in at least three Trial Gardens it can win the Derrill Hart Medal; and if it scores the highest in its size class, in at least three shows it will win an A.D.S. Gold Medal, in the Seedling Sweepstakes.

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Won't each of our readers order at least one root or plant from one or more of the advertisers in this issue, please? Commercial men and firms are justly complaining that the "club" method of purchasing the new varieties, and the heavy propagation of them to sell or give as prizes to their members is not only causing them to lose money on introductions, but even worse, is distributing weak and hard to grow plants of the variety and giving them a black eye.

We all look for bargains, yes. But this practice of overpropagation by society greenhouse propagators is only one more reason why commercial Dahlia people are going into mums and other plants where such practices do not occur. No one today is making money in selling dahlias. Many commercial growers are quitting in disgust. What shall we do about it? If there are no introducers, there will be no advertisers of new varieties. If there are no advertisers, there will be no Dahlia Magazines, just little leaflets, perhaps. Every society should call a meeting and consider this grave situation to which they may be a contributing factor. There is an old story about the goose that laid the golden egg and didn't live so long.

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Dahlia societies are already sending invitations to A.D.S. members to come and assist them in judging their shows. Because there are so few dates available in the month of September and early October, judges have to be notified early and requests made so that they can plan their itineraries.

Many judges plan their vacations so that they can go to as many shows as their time and travel money will allow. Only one show in the east paid the expenses of the judges last year. Perhaps some day most show managements will include expense allowances for qualified judges to come and assist in judging. Also societies should, like the Rochester

Dahlia Society did in 1955, send a little "thank you" note to the judges which helped them evaluate the entries in their show. That is just a nice, courteous thing to do, and it pays, too.

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The revised code of Nomenclature for the American Dahlia Society, Prepared by Nomenclature Chairman, Dr. Charles Connors, will be published in the May issue of this Bulletin.

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A horse race at the Santa Anita track in California, included an entry called "The Green Dahlia." It was rumored that said nag was carrying a few "hunch dollars" of a few Dahlia fans. Whether it won or not, we haven't heard. Maybe it hasn't come home yet.

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Louis J. West phoned a few of his dahlia friends in New York on Sunday, Jan. 20. With Mrs. West, he was at the Airport, awaiting a plane for Chicago, after a voyage to Europe where they attended the wedding of their son in Stockholm, Sweden. After the wedding they visited London, Paris, Leiden and other cities. At the latter Holland city they called on Messrs. Ballego. They reported having a wonderful time, all except the cold. With fuel rationing in Europe, this winter, its a "real cool place" they reported.

Associate Editors of the A.D.S. Bulletin

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

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Nationwide Dahlia Society News

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January 10 for February issue

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If copy does not reach the editor by these dates it is quite likely to be left until the following issue, and when that happens its news value is greatly lessened, if not entirely lost.

PLEASE KEEP REPORTS BRIEF

Long Island Dahlia Society

Now that the holidays are behind us and we at LIDS trust yours were most enjoyable, with every prospect for a prosperous new year, let's make with some comments of interest.

We hope you were able to secure a copy of Flower Grower Magazine for the month of January. Wherein one's imagination is whetted by the running account and detailed description of the Honor Roll Dahlias for 1957, as the four regional authorities have put to print. If one had unlimited land and money there would be no problem. You could buy all those new dahlias because they do deserve a place in your garden. As is, *Wistful Thinking* and a couple of these new dahlias must suffice.

The slate of officers for 1957 will, with one exception, be the same as last year for LIDS and is as follows, President James Lawless, Jr; Vice President & Chairman of Publicity Joseph Mugno; Vice Pres. & Show Chairman, Robert P. Pape.; Vice Pres. & Membership Chairman William P. Ernst; Secretary Chester D. Francis; Treasurer, Emil Berzau. Mr. Berzau is the exception as mentioned above and we are pleased to welcome him aboard. It is with many regrets that we are losing Mrs. John Stack after five years and by her own request. Dottie as she is best known among her friends, and we doubt she has any enemies, is going to be sorely missed for her impeccable attention to details that enhance her value

as a friend and officer.

The thirteenth annual dahlia show of The Long Island Dahlia Society will be held on Saturday, September the 21st, at The Plattduetsche Park Hall, Franklin Square, New York.

The A.D.S. Trial Grounds

Another fact to mention at this time is the dahlia seedlings some of you may be planning to send to the various centers for trials in 1957. Being a Long Islander and familiar with what we have to offer, it is natural to pressure or influence as many hybridizers as possible. So prepare to avail yourself and your seedlings of the facilities at Farmingdale, Long Island. First and foremost Farmingdale is one of the outstanding Agricultural Colleges in the Nation. Professor C. Rissmeyer, in his inherent capacity as charge d'affaires of dahlias, leaves little to be desired. It is in the cards that LIDS will be with this project from start to finish. A pre-selected team of dahlia growers of long standing and high repute will perform all the actual work of planting, cultivating, watering, fertilizing and spraying as determined by Prof. Rissmeyer. Therefore hybridizers, on behalf of your seedlings, send them to Farmingdale Trial Grounds, care of Prof. C. Rissmeyer, Farmingdale, N. Y. about the middle of May or not later than Decoration Day.

In conclusion LIDS will roll out the red carpet at our regular monthly meeting of Thursday, March 21st. Playing host to a large delegation from the Bergen County Dahlia Society, out Jersey way. Heading this affair with their song and patter, will be that well known team of Gambi & Stone. They are noted for their ability to liven up any affair by their mere presence. We are looking forward to a good time among good fellows and that is always in order. C. D. Francis, Secretary., 51 Willis Ave., Syosett, N. Y.

Tenth Anniversary Year For Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

It looks like a big year, a busy year for our Society and all its members.

Already we have organized for 1957 with the following officers: President, Stanley Johnson; Vice Pres., Louis Comito; Sec., Curtis Goodwin, 923 Nicholson Rd, Wynnewood, Pa.; Treasurer, Filena A. Alleva. Standing Committees have been appointed to handle the Show. The

Show Schedule: Publicity and Membership. These Chairmen together with five members-at-large constitute our Executive Committee who will 'steer the ship' for the current year.

Our first big event is our Annual Banquet which will start us off in our TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. This is scheduled for Thursday Evening, January 31st, and a big time is expected.

Regular quarterly meetings will be held throughout the year . . . climaxed, of course, with our Show, which again will be held in the spacious auditorium of WCAU on September 21-22. We really expect to make this our biggest and best show to commemorate our 10th Anniversary.

We are giving some thought to a quarterly house organ or bulletin to our members and would appreciate receiving a copy of yours. Please send it to our Secretary, Curtis A. Goodwin, 923 Nicholson Rd. Wynnewood, Pa. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The annual meeting of the Baltimore Dahlia Society was held and the following officers elected for 1957: President, John Sherwood, 1st Vice Pres. G. W. B. Fordney, 2nd Vice Pres., Chas. Faist, Treasurer, Otto E. Weber, Fin. Secy.; N. A. Scheel; Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn; Ass't. Sec'y, Mrs. Edna Fordney. Executive Board, Irving Bodenbun; H. R. Caldabaugh; C. M. Diffenderffer; Arnold Hens, Louis Gill, Wm. Lampkin, L. Murphy, Mrs. E. Wilbur Plitt and Wm. K. Rau.

President Sherwood thanked the members for the honor and assured them that with their support, 1957 would be another banner year. Dates for the 1957 show were announced as September 21st and 22nd, further details to be announced later.

May we also mention the Hardy Garden Section of our show which was not included in our write up of our Show in the November issue. This section was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Louis Gill and the ladies did themselves proud for the classes particularly the arrangements were well filled and drew the praise of everyone attending the show. The Sweepstakes winners in the Hardy Garden Section were: First, Mrs. Louis Gill and 2nd, Mrs. Ella E. Aburn.—H. O. Aburn, Secretary, 610 West Pratt St., Baltimore 1, Md.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected for 1957: President, Carl Wagner; Vice President, E. R. Case; Secretary, Ann M. Church; Treasurer, Charles Stoeckel; Trustees, E. Church, Mrs. Thomas Gryczka, and Lewis M. Gulp.

The December meeting was postponed on account of the Christmas holiday. At the meeting the president will appoint the committee chairmen for 1957.

Plans are already under way for the 1957 flower show. The date and location will be decided upon later.

North Jersey Dahlia Society meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Court House Annex in Paterson, N. J. All dahlia enthusiasts are welcome to attend the meetings and join the Society.—Mrs. Lewis M. Gulp, 163 Grant St., Dover, N. J.

Rochester Dahlia Society

We report the election of the following Officers of the Rochester Dahlia Society for the year 1957:

President, Thomas C. Gordon, 5207 Lake Rd. South, Brockport, N. Y.; 1st Vice Pres., Barton Brooks, 40 Hickory Street, Rochester, N. Y.; 2nd Vice Pres., John Resch, 2790 Nichols St., Spencerport, N. Y.; Secretary, Mrs. Celia Tulley, 985 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Louise Gordon, 5207 Lake Rd. South, Brockport, N. Y.; Treasurer, William Rowe Jr., 777 Liberty Road, Penfield, N. Y.

The above list of officers were installed at the January 8th Meeting, held at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.—Louise Gordon, Cor. Secy.

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Portland Dahlia Society

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The Society closed the year with the largest membership in its thirty year history and looks forward to an increased interest in dahlia culture in the community this next year.

The organization is pondering the feasibility of changing the qualification of exhibitors. At present we show as Novice, (Non-winners of five ribbons) Amateur, (The next advanced class) and Advanced Amateur (Winners of the Amateur Sweepstakes plus the commercial growers). It has been demonstrated that the exhibitor growing the largest number of hills has a definite advantage over the one with limited growing space. We note that some shows classify with respect to the number of hills grown, but we hear also, that this is not entirely satisfactory. Perhaps a partial solution is to make a major award to exhibitors in each class on the basis of the number of points earned, or blues won, divided by the number of entries made by the individual, to establish a percentage factor of merit of blooms shown. We would be interested in hearing from other societies with respect to their solution or suggestions that may be worthy of study to fit our particular needs.—B. S. Chambers, 7652 N. E. Stanton St., Portland 13, Ore.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The BURHOLM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY completed one of their most successful show seasons with their 36th ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW featuring Dahlias held in conjunction with the FIRST ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW of SNELLENBURGS at 12th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 5 to 8, 1956. A dark red Dahlia measuring ten inches across, recently named *Mahogany* by the originator, Stan Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa. was awarded the AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVE-

MENT MEDAL. The AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY SWEEPSTAKES for the meritorious new Dahlias were won by Frank Daniels, Elkins Park, Pa., with variety *Autumn Star* and by Keck Stephens, Ferndale, Pa., Variety, *Marke E.* The winner of the SNELLENBURG BOWL for the most points scored in the entire show was John Drach, Cheltenham, Pa. The officers for 1957 are as follows; President, Walter Strobel, 1st Vice President; George H. Sivel, Second Vice President; George Hagerman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Carl Klemmer, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ella McCarthy, Treasurer; Mrs. Lydia Higginson, Show Secretary; Bill Blair, and Show Superintendent, Charles Friedel. Complete show dates will be announced in future issues. Plans are already in progress to make 1957 an even greater year at Burholme.—Chic Hausmann, Publicity, Church Rd., Fox Chase, Pa.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin held their annual banquet October 28th at which time awards were given out and the slate of officers for the coming year were presented by the nominating committee and unanimously elected as follows: President, Herman Degner, 3866 N. 39th St., Milwaukee 10, Wis.; Vice President, Jack Hubert, 322 E. Drexel Ave., Oak Creek, Wis.; Secretary, Edward A. Boese, 3855 E. Cudahy Ave., Cudahy, Wis.; Treasurer, Edward A. Wisniewski, 123 W. Waterford Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wis.; Regional Vice Presidents, Charles Mosser, Judge Currie, George Merkel and Ervin Makowski.

The dates for the 1957 show will be September 7th and 8th at the Mitchell Park Community House, Milwaukee, Wis.

P.S. This is my first attempt at this matter. If I am in any way wrong about entering this matter please let me know.—Edward A. Boese, 3855 E. Cudahy Ave., Cudahy, Wis.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society

The Bergen County Dahlia Society held their election of officers at their Dec. 12th meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Joseph Gambi, of Riverdale; 1st Vice President, Harry Dreyer of Ridgewood; 2nd Vice Pres., Gary Eybbers of Bergenfield; Treasurer, Stephen Pall of Bergenfield; Recording Secretary,

Mrs. Madaline Hitz, of Cliffside; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Dreyer, of Ridgewood. Advisory Board: Mrs. Caroline Meyer of Bergenfield; Mrs. Ethel H. Weiderman of Fort Lee; Mr. Frank Kurzenkabe, of Hackensack.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society will hold its Annual Dahlia Show on Sat., Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Chairman is Mr. Harry Dreyer, 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N. J. Co.-Chairman will be Mr. Joseph Vogl, 212 Porter Ave., Bergenfield, N. J. The Show will be held at the Liberty School, Englewood, N. J.—Mrs. Carolyn Dreyer, Corr. Secy., 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N. J.

San Diego Co. Dahlia Society

The first meeting of 1957, of the San Diego County Dahlia Society, convened at the Floral Building, Tuesday evening, January 22nd.

Dr. J. W. Troxell, president, heads the new set of officers elected for the year. Others are Delbert E. Hughes, first vice president; C. H. Bartlett, second vice president; Mrs. Delbert Hughes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. L. Sisk, recording secretary and Mrs. William F. Booker, treasurer.

Mr. R. M. Middleton, amateur dahlia grower, will conduct a round-table discussion on the preparation and proper tilling of soil for growth of dahlias.

An executive board meeting was held at the home of the president, Dr. J. W. Troxell, January 15th, at which time all business for the Society was transacted. A complete calendar for 1957 was worked out scheduling each monthly meeting and its tentative program. Chairmen of all committees were appointed for the Annual Dahlia Show to be held this year in the Conference Building in Balboa Park, August 3rd and 4th. This is to be in connection with the Fiesta del Pacifico for the first time; to be listed in their official program and publicity. The building selected for the show is much larger than the one previously used and the "Biggest and Best" show is being planned for this year.—Mrs. Delbert Hughes, Corresponding Secretary.

National Capital Dahlia Society

[Editor's Note: The report below was received from Carl R. Greimel, of 6369 Ridge Dr., Washington, D. C., on January 3, 1957. The show was to be reported by another person, who failed to send it. We are glad

to print same, but we maintain that, after a 5 month lapse, a show report is not news, merely a record.]

The 21st Annual Show of the National Capitol Dahlia Society was held at Botanic Gardens on September 29 and 30, 1956. Labeled by many as the biggest and best show the society has ever held, it drew thousands of visitors to admire the prize blooms in the finest setting of all — the Botanic Gardens at the foot of Capitol Hill.

The award for Best "A" Dahlia in the Show went to Harry Frank for his entry *Surprise*. That was also the Largest Bloom in Show. "B" Dahlia was *First Lady* exhibited by Robert Minor. The best "BB" and Miniature was *Gypsy Girl* exhibited by George Dodrill.

Our newly reelected President, Clarence G. Phillip won the Evening Star trophy in Section 125 A with his entry *Kidd's Climax*. Phillip won the Sweepstakes trophy in that section too. The best entry in Section 125 B was *First Lady* by John Sherwood who also won the Sweepstakes trophy in the same section.

In Section 50, the best "A" was *Leander* by Mrs. Howard Cole. The Sweepstakes prize went to F. J. d'Eustachio. The best "B" was *Good Earth* by F. L. Southerland, who also won the Sweepstakes.

In the Open to All Section, Harry Frank's *Surprise* was the best "A". "A" Sweepstakes was won by C. M. Diffenderfer. The best "B" was *Clairiam Luray* by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Dryer. "B" Sweepstakes to C. M. Diffenderfer. The best "BB" was *Gypsy Girl* by George Dodrill. "BB" Sweepstakes was won by Arthur S. Mason. Best miniature was a yellow seedling by E. R. Phillips; "Min" Sweepstakes, Vernon L. Ailstock. The best Pom was *Clarisse* by Clyde M. Stewart, who also won the Sweepstakes. Best "SF" was *Frank Haefner* by A. G. Chamberlayne; Sweepstakes by Mrs. Louise Gill. The best "S" blooms were an M ID red by Mrs. Howard Cole, and an A ID white by Henry C. Parker; Sweepstakes by Harry J. Quick. Best 3A display was *Surprise* by Gamston Gardens; Sweepstakes by Orman E. Schneeman. The 3B display featured *Carletta Rosa* by Gamston Gardens. Sweepstakes was won by Orman E. Schneeman.

The ADS Sweepstakes and the American Home Achievement Medal was won by Stanley Johnson with his splendid "A" SC Autumn introduction *Carrie MacAvoy*.

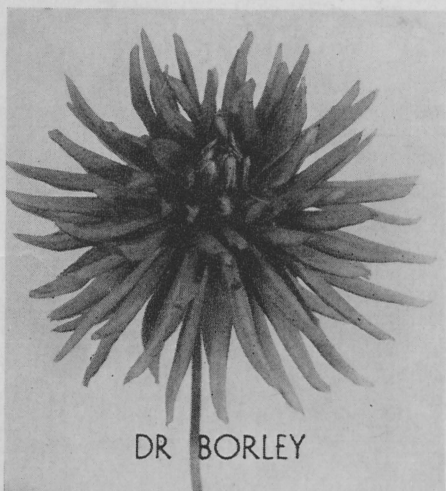
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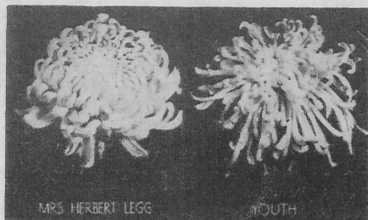
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