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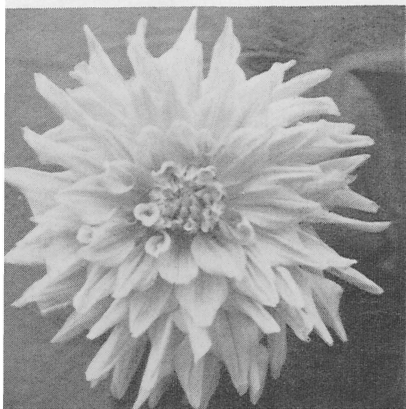
**SHOW ISSUE**

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### **The Big Dahlia Winner of the Year**

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### Outdoor Board Advertises N. Y. Show

This colorful painted spectacular was contributed to the A.D.S. jointly by Secretary Edw. B. Lloyd and the United Advertising Co., of Newark, N. J. It was located on Route 23, near Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N. J.

## In Spite of Two Hurricanes and a Three Month Drought The 40th Annual Show Was A Success

If any proof were needed that dahlia growers are just about the most indomitable race of hobby-flower growers, the 60 odd dahlia shows across the nation this fall surely supplied it.

The 40th annual exhibition of the American Dahlia Society, held September 21 and 22 at the Essex House, in New York, showed definitely that prolonged drought and two damaging hurricanes could not prevent staging a most creditable show.

True, there were less total blooms than at any New York show in many years, but quality was good, novice classes were filled more than in several recent shows, and the garden club section was the best display for many seasons.

The Colonnades room had been recently redecorated, and its beautiful decor furnished a beautiful setting for the riot of color furnished by the thousands of dahlia blooms. There were giant 13-inch decoratives, many medium sized blooms, and a profusion of small miniatures and poms. For the first time in this setting, Show Manager Emil Berzau had arranged

the tables across the large room instead of lengthwise, with the small, shorter stemmed varieties in front and the giant, long stemmed ones in the rear. The result, from the entrance, was quite entrancing. Even with less blooms than usual, the effect was much more colorful than ever before.

Because of the many, and often lengthy, show reports from A.D.S. Branch and Affiliated Societies, in this issue the editor believes that this story of the 40th New York Dahlia Show should be streamlined. We will proceed, therefore, to record only the highlights from the more than 275 classes represented, and list only part of the winning varieties.

Section A — Novice. Curt Duerk, of Long Island, showing in the New York Show for the first time, and Mrs. Walter Bardell of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, were the principal contestants for sweepstakes. Duerk won out, thus obtaining his first "Novice" sweepstakes and automatically making him eligible to compete in Section B Amateur next year. Among the winning varieties were: Jack O'

Hearts, bi-color; Stephen Foster; Ruth Alampi; Croyden's Masterpiece; Deep Purple; Giant of Baarn; Agatha, white miniature; Jackie, Yellow pom. Most outstanding bloom in section, Giant of Baarn, exhibited by Curt Duerk.

Section B. Amateur. The two principal competitors here were Frank L. Deichler, Jr., and Dr. L. E. Jordan, with the latter winning the sweepstakes. All classes were generally filled. Among the varieties which received the nod from the judges were: Juanita; Terpo; Windlassie; Miss Shattuck; Elizabeth H; Stephen Foster; Edna D.; Golden Jupiter; Hypnose; Ballego's Surprise; Coronation Day; Cymbie; Figaro; Quinn's Tidal Wave; Wachung Giant; Mrs. Hester Pape; Glamour; Frieda Gaylord; Simoun; Arthur Godfrey; Croyden's Brightness; Kelvin; Good Morning.

Section C. Open to All. This section displayed some of the finest specimens of the recent A.D.S. Trial Ground Certificate winners and Honor Roll selections in all form types and colors. There were some older varieties, too. In spite of a very dry season, here were displayed hundreds of masterpieces of the dahlia exhibiting art. And it is a real art. Gardens timed exactly to bring the blooms to their maximum condition, some under shade for their last two weeks of blooming, others grown in open "full sun fields." There were as many exhibitors in this class as usual. There were some who had never come before into this section for the expert growers. Although there were less than thirty-five exhibitors in the section, the competition was keen in many of the classes.

The outstanding sweepstakes winners, however, were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knocke of Readington, New Jersey. They won Section Grand Sweepstakes as well as sweepstakes in Classes C 129 and C139. The latter award was the Virginia Pollak Award Cup and the Grand Sweepstakes was the Margaret Gordon Waaser Memorial Trophy. Among the winning varieties were: Pioneer; Agnes E. James; Stop Light; Victory Maid; Judy G; Zenith; Mme. C. Paven; Good Earth; Florence Chadwick; Mme. C. Jussiant; Konigen Juliana; Nicky K.; Bond's Memory; Alemo's Glory; Valley Princess; Red Gleam; Windlassie; Kortrijk's Vendal; Maureen Connolly; Ambassador Von Kleffens; Golden Treasure; Abe Lincoln; Quinn's Highlea; Old Glory; Ballego's Glory; Ruby Glow; Betty Blossom; Clarium Lurav; Soalding's Lavender; Snowball; Purity; Cherrio; Grace; Mary Helen; Dorothy Dean; Supt.

Amrhym; Jaune La Belle; Sam Herst; Rose Ann S.; Edna D.; Giant of Baarn; Stephen Foster; Detroit 250; Uncle Dudley; Torch; Arabian Night; Bertha Schone; Sarett's Pink Flamingo; Irene Dunn; New Look; Prairie Fire; Lynne Fontanne; Outcast; Amelia Earhart; Jane Lausche; Arab Queen; All American; Edith Wilkie; and many others.

Section D. Small Flowered Dahlias. The classes here were well filled and competition was keen. Sweepstakes were won by Harry Frank of Far Hills, N. J., in classes D1 to D63, while the sweepstakes in classes D55 to D63 were captured by Henry Olsen of Elmont, L. I. The usual standard varieties were shown with a few seedlings described further on.

Section E. Special Display Classes, 15 to 25 blooms. Medal from Conrad Frey, won by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knocke, with new 1955 Seedling Marvelous, pink S. C., 5 blooms New Jersey origin dahlia. Silver Medal from Leo L. Pollak, also won by the Knocks with Ruth Alampi. Most outstanding commercial exhibit won by Parrella Dahlia Gardens, Bronx, New York.

Section G. Seedlings. The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards went to the following new varieties: First Lady, A—FD—yellow, Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Calif. (Sent by air); also Mr. President, A. S.C., Light Blend, also Comstock's, by air; Ned Seymour, A. I.D., orange-red, Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Penna.; Catherine, min. F.W., variegated, Luther Schimpf, Millington, N. J.; Joan L. Boyles, min. F.D., red, Louis Comito, Malvern, Penna.; Amberlite, B. S.C., autumn, Stanley Johnson;



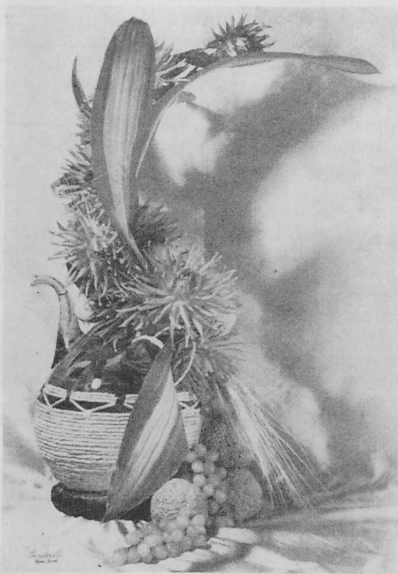
**FIRST LADY**

B—F.D. Dresden Yellow. Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award at N. Y. after air shipment from Calif.

Photo—Dudley



## The Garden Club Section at N. Y.



**"FIESTA"—Tri-color winner in flower composition section as exhibited by Dick von Duzer, New York City. Photo Boutelle**

The flower compositions at the Fortieth Annual Flower Show proved an outstanding feature of the show and commanded much attention. The arrangements were staged in a section to the right of the entrance to the show room, reached by several steps which were flanked by large vases of dahlias.

Dahlias predominated in each of the five classes and all entries were placed in niches. Many well-known arrangers exhibited and it was interesting to see how each artist developed the given themes.

"FIESTA" an interpretive composition stressing gaiety and color: This theme was interpreted chiefly in the reds, red-oranges and yellows of the Fall but each exhibitor used a different theme. One portrayed wine and music, using a small cask, grapes spilling out, maracas and a scarf edged with golden coins plus plant material of red dahlias, tritomas and hosta foliage against a blue-green background; another showed a china bull, dahlias, tritoma, beech and croton leaves; a third used a Spanish shawl and a lovely pitcher in harmonizing tints with orange and red dahlias. Still another used a pair of fine Calypso dancers with driftwood, py-

racantha for line, two types of red orange dahlias picking up the colors of the dancers. This exhibit was our second award for the class. The first award which was also the Tri-color winner, used a large wine bottle partly straw-wrapped as a container and a golden silk background. This arrangement was a rhythmic combination of green and yellow dracena leaves and cactus dahlias in orange and red. *Fiesta* was gay!

"MODERN" our second class was well worked out. One exhibitor set up her arrangement of large red dahlias and

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Lloyd George, A. I. D., Light Blend, Frank Miller, Long Island.

The American Home Achievement Medal went to Ned Seymour, Stanley Johnson's big orange-red informal decorative, which won 9 other achievement Medals. The blooms here measured 13½ by 7½ inches. The A.D.S. miniature seedling trophy was won by Luther Schimpf's lavender, purple veined variegated miniature, Catherine.

The most outstanding non-commercial award in show went to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knocke with a big basket of large white, Edith Wilkes. The Mrs. Louis B. Tim trophy went to the Knockes also for a basket of B size yellow Maureen Connolly. The Dr. Edward McDade Trophy for the five best miniature blooms went to Harry Frank of Far Hills, New Jersey, for a vase of 5 blooms of a new formal decorative yellow seedling named Carol E.

Chairman of Judges, Conrad Frey, was fortunate in having more judges and clerks than he could place and the job of evaluating the entries was accomplished in about two hours. The seedling class took longer than other classes because most of the entries were scored on the A.D.S. Official Bench Score Cards in order to qualify for the popular Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. Twenty-two other shows of Branch and Affiliated Societies participated in these awards at their local shows. The one variety in each of the four size classifications, shown in at least 3 of these exhibitions, will receive A.D.S. Gold Medals. All varieties which scored 85 points or over received A.D.S. Sweepstakes ribbons and medal certificates. According to the rules of the competition, these new varieties are to be introduced to the public in the season which follows.

canna leaves behind a fine set of fire-irons on their own stand, which made a spectacular exhibit. Our second award in this class used a modern marble pedestal container with strelitza leaves and three white dahlias, and the blue award went to a fine arrangement using palm spathes, red canna leaves and large red dahlias, against a chartreuse background. Another exhibitor incorporated peppers, yellow and green shallots (gone to seed) for line, with large orange semi-cactus dahlias, to make a striking ultra-modern design. Dignity was portrayed in still another 'modern' of red dahlias, plums and grapes with a ceramic container, charcoal colored, against a natural wood background.

"NIGHT AND DAY" our third class called for white dahlias against dark background. Our second award in this class used two dancing figures, one painted in water paint to grey tones placed toward the back of the arrangement of white dahlias which were turned to face away to portray the night and as the flowers were stepped down to the foreground they came to face the white dancing figure portraying the day. Another arranger used a deep royal blue satin star-brocaded background covering and on a pedestal an arrangement in a stylized crescent of beautiful white buddleia in bud and white dahlias. The blue award showed an arrangement of various sizes of white dahlias including an interesting piece of driftwood in a black vase against a black background. This designer used a modified crescent.

"RHYTHM" our fourth class well deserved the name and the seven exhibitors were to be commended. The second award in this class used white dahlias and a lovely full skirted figurine and her design was in the Hogarth line. The first award winner was a composition done in crescent form incorporating a male dancer in tunic with Scotch broom well-handled for line and three large dahlias, partly opened flowers and buds, the color harmony of the composition was outstanding.

"SEPTEMBER SONG" our little gem in a 10 in. high by 8 in wide niche was set at eye-level and proved the value in the home of the small dahlia as well as its larger sister. These were lovely exhibits and the first award was a real autumn song in yellows to orange, placed in a pitcher. The second award was a line arrangement of small red dahlias, branches, cedar and fungi, watched over by a pert bird.

It would be too lengthy a tale to de-

scribe each arrangement but well worth the doing if space would allow.

The schedule was set up with the thought in mind of proving the use of the many and various sized dahlias in our home decorating scheme.

#### REWARD WINNERS

##### "Fiesta"

1st—Mr. Dick von Duzer, New York City.

2nd—Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, Long Island.

3rd—Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Upper Montclair, N. J.

HM—Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

##### "Modern"

1st—Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, L. I.

2nd—Miss Doris Kaupmann, Brooklyn, N. Y.

3rd—Mrs. E. R. van Liew, Upper Montclair, N. J.

HM—Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

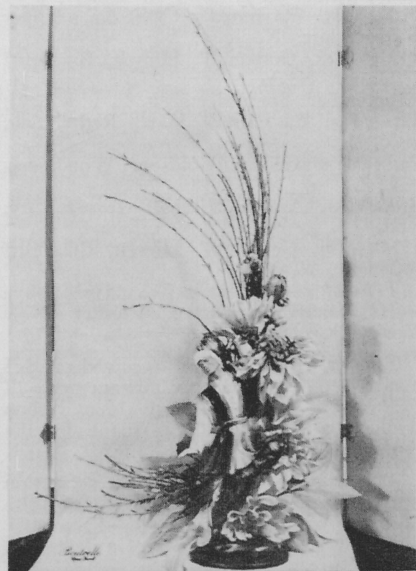
##### "Night and Day"

1st—Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Fairfield, Conn.

2nd—Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Upper Montclair, N. J.

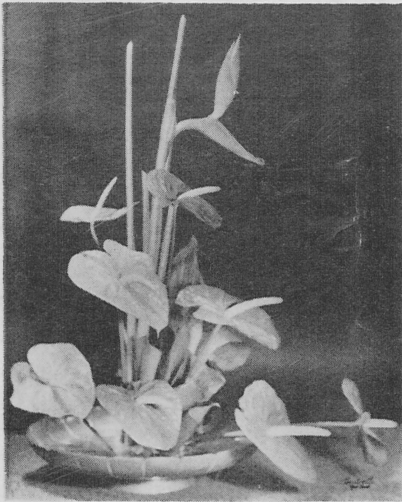
3rd—Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, L. I.

##### "Rhythm"



"RHYTHM"—Blue ribbon composition by Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, Long Island. Photo Boutrelle

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**"HAWAII"**—Tri-color award for composition with Anthurium flowers from Hawaii, sent by Capt. Roberta Stevens to John Metzger, as exhibited by Miss Margaret de L. Grumbine. Photo Boutrelle

- 1st—Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, L. I.  
 2nd—Mrs. E. R. van Liew, Upper Montclair, N. J.  
 3rd—Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Upper Montclair, N. J.  
 HM—Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.  
 "September Song"  
 1st—Mrs. F. Palmer Hart, Red Hook, N. Y.  
 2nd—Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, L. I.  
 3rd—Mrs. Arthur Kimball, Jersey City, N. J.  
 HM—Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.  
 Tri-Color—for best in five classes above  
 —Mr. Dick von Duzer (Fiesta)—New York City.

The tri-color winner received a \$25 award—courtesy of the management of the Essex House. To all blue ribbon winners a \$5 award was made by the American Dahlia Society, Inc.

The best in the Garden Club Section horticulture was awarded to Mr. John Metzger of Irvington, N. J.—\$5 award. There were nine classes in Garden Club horticulture.

(Miss) Margaret de L. Grumbine—  
 Chairman—Garden Club Section

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To the 40th Annual  
 Meeting and Dinner  
 January 22, 1955  
 Park Sheraton Hotel

The annual dinner and 40th anniversary banquet will be held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Saturday, January 22, 1955. There will be a special program with many surprises. Some of the original charter members will be there as well as many out of town guests. It will mark a memorable milestone in the history of this oldest, in point of continuous service, dahlia society in the United States.

The annual meeting will be called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Andrew Mulcahy. There will be several important matters to be placed before the members, including proposed changes in by-laws, listed on another page of this issue. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected. (See voting ballot in back of this issue.) There will be reports by standing committee chairmen and the regular order of other old and new business.

The 40th Anniversary banquet will start at 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Dewey Mohr promises a special and appropriate menu. The program which follows, will include some short speeches, some reminiscing of course, special entertainment, Kodachrome slides of 1955 Honor Roll dahlias and other features.

Members are requested to reserve tickets early, because a capacity "house" is expected.

Out of town guests are also advised to make room reservations early if they expect to remain overnight. Address Room Clerk, Hotel Park Sheraton, 7th Ave. at 56th St., New York.

A dahlia conclave and tall story competition will be held on Friday evening at the hotel. This will be presided over by Dinner Chairman Dewey Mohr who will award root prizes for the most outlandish stories. For dinner reservations write Dewey Mohr, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

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# A. D. S. TRIAL GROUND REPORTS

## Total of 24 Certificates Awarded

By Edward B. Lloyd, Chairman, Trial Grounds

The complete report of the five official and one unofficial trial grounds appear below and on following pages. At all six gardens a total of 24 Certificates were awarded. Six of these 24 were made at the Pacific Coast Trial Grounds located at Oakland, California, which will be made an Official Garden, in all probability, beginning in 1955.

This new Trial Garden has conducted its trials during past two years in accordance with the cultural and scoring practices of the A.D.S. Its reports are detailed and informative. Congratulations to the committee headed by R. E. Harter, which has worked very hard for the success of this Trial Ground Project. It is operated in cooperation with the San Leandro Dahlia Society and the Park Department of the City of Oakland and is located in Lakeside Park. The detailed reports follow:

### Report of Eastern Trial Garden Rutgers University, 1954

This has been another one of those seasons that made it difficult to perform a service for someone else without undue departure from rules that were set up. We had, as all in the east know, hot, dry weather in the early part of the growing season. The difficult feature for dahlias was the hot nights that limited growth. It was not until along in August that the plants made much growth. However, with irrigation and a minimum of fertilizer in the early part of the season, the plants came through with good growth.

There did not appear to be as much trouble with virus diseases as has been the case in some years. Oak leaf showed up on a few and several had ring-spot. Two of the seedlings entered had mosaic so seriously that none of the plants grew more than a foot or so high. Growers should learn to recognize these diseases, for once they get into a stock, they are difficult to eliminate. It is true that oak-leaf and a ring-spot appear not to affect seriously some varieties, but if in the garden they serve as a source of infection for more susceptible varieties.

Another thing growers should take into consideration is the proportion of stem to flower and flower to foliage. A small flower, like a ball dahlia, that stands 12 to 14 inches above the foliage does not have good proportion. Then in the miniatures and B dahlias, several were

entered that had foliage large enough and coarse enough for the largest A dahlia.

Such departures from good relative proportions adversely affect the appearance of the plants.

Thirty-four seedlings were entered this year, a discouragingly low number. Of this number, five (5) are recommended for certificates and eight (8) scored 80 to 84. Some of these failed to go to 85 because of lack of good proportion.

#### A.D.S. CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Those recommended for certificates are the following, and the names will be registered in the Official A.D.S. Nomenclature File:

Stake 1—*Flying Saucer*, originated by Florence Clapp, Campbell, Va. A dahlia, semi-cactus, amaranth rose, white in center, size 10 x 6½ disbudded, 9 x 5 natural, stem 12 inches, height 6 feet. *Score 86.*

Stake 6—*Little Bill*, originated by Hunt, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Garden. Miniature informal decorative, primrose yellow, flowers 4 x 2, stems 5 inches, height 5 feet. *Score 85.*

Stake 13—*Janice V.*, originated by John Lindstrom, Everett, Washington. B dahlia, straight cactus, rhodamine pink on yellow base, 6 x 3 inches, height 4 feet. *Score 85.5.*

Stake 15—*Prince Noire*, originated by J. L. Bowling, Silver Springs, Maryland. B dahlia, semi-cactus to informal decorative, Indian lake with twisted tip showing sometimes a little white from reverse

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color,  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ , stems 8 inches, height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Score 85.

Stake 17—*Snow Girl*, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. B dahlia, straight cactus, white,  $8 \times 5$ , stems 7 inches, height 5 feet. Score 85.

The following scored as indicated, between 80 and 84, and the names will be registered:

Stake 3—*Mary Lou*, originated by Schroeder, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Garden. Ball, pinkish lavender,  $5 \times 3$ , stems 12 inches, height 7 feet. Score 83.

Stake 5—*Dove*, originated by E. M. Dove, Bethesda, Maryland, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries. Miniature informal decorative, Tyrian purple,  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ , stems 5 inches, height  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Score 80.

Stake 11—Entered by L. G. Schimpf, Millington, New Jersey, miniature formal decorative, ball type, variegated phlox purple on light phlox pink,  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ , stems 8 inches, height 4 feet. Score 84. Name, Catherine.

Stake 14—*Ceramic Beauty*, originated by Eccleston, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Garden. A dahlia, formal decorative, Tyrian purple,  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ , stem 8 inches, height 4 feet. Score 82.

Stake 18—Entered by Z. W. Kosmela, Detroit, Michigan. Miniature formal decorative ball type, white,  $2\frac{3}{4} \times 2$ , stem 6 inches, height 4 feet. Score 83.

Stake 21—*Ida Bernadine*, originated by Herbert Frank, Tottenville, New York, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries. B dahlia, incurved cactus, light primrose yellow,  $8 \times 5$ , stem 8 inches, height  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Score 83.

Stake 23—Entered by E. B. Hensel, Bridgeton, New Jersey. B dahlia, semi-cactus, light cadmium orange (much like *Jane Cowl*),  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ , stems 7 inches, height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Score 81.

Stake 31—*First Lady*, originated by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Cal. B dahlia, formal decorative folding back, pale primrose yellow,  $7 \times 5$ , stems 8 inches, height  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Score 84.

Charles H. Connors,  
Superintendent.

### Mid-West Dahlia Trial Gardens

Recommended for certificates at the final meeting of the dahlia judges, held at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, Saturday, October 9th.

Entry No. 2—*Lady Meta*. Score 85 A. Roy H. Koch, 18265 Wormer, Detroit

19, Michigan. Yellow-gold, formal decorative. Diameter 10-12 inches, depth 6-8 inches. Stem 6-12 inches, thick, strong, flowers facing. Health excellent, floriferousness good. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 feet.

Entry 3 and Entry No. 23—*Cherokee Beauty*. Score 85 A. Entered by W. D. Ricks, 269 Altoona Place, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Entry 23 sent in by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Salmon-pink. Informal decorative. Diameter 8-11 inches, depth 6-7 inches. Stem 6-11 inches, thick, strong, straight. Flowers half facing to erect. Health good. Floriferousness excellent. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 feet.

Entry No. 7—*Duet*. Score 85 B. Fred H. Scott, Old Clairton Road, R.D. 6, Pittsburgh 36, Pa. Red-tipped white. Formal decorative. Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Stem 8-12 inches, thick, strong, straight, flowers half facing. Health good. Floriferousness good. Height  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 feet.

Entry No. 17—*Prince Noire*. Score 85 B., J. L. Bowling, 815 Philadelphia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Velvety dark red. Semi-cactus. Diameter 6-7 inches, depth 3 inches. Stem 9-14 inches, straight, strong. Health good. Floriferousness very good. Height 3-4 feet.

Entry No. 34. *Southern Beauty*. Score Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Basic color white, overcast irregularly amaranth. Formal decorative 85.4 B. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Basic color white, overcast irregularly amaranth. Formal decorative—almost ball. Diameter  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, depth  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 inches. Stem 14-16 inches, flowers half facing. Health good. Floriferousness very good. Height of plants  $3\text{-}3\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

### ENTRIES SCORING 80-84 POINTS

Entry No. 1—*Little Cynthia*. Pom. Score 81.6 M. Z. W. Kosmela, 17359 Fenelon, Detroit, Mich. White.

Entry 4—*Miss Ventura*. I.C. Score 81.4 B. Bob Renshaw, 560 So. Coronada St., Ventura, Calif. Apricot.

Entry No. 6—*Prince of Burgundies*. Formal decorative. Score 82.2 B. Burgundy-red. Puget Sound Dahlia Gardens, Tacoma, Washington.

Entry 8—*Coronation*. F.D. Score 80.6 B. Pleasantdale Dahlia, Langley Prairie, B. C., Canada. White.

Entry 9—*Desiree Cactus*. Score 80.4 A. Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Calif. Lavendar.

Entry 10—*Mr. President*. Cactus. Score 84 A. Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Calif. Apricot.

Entry 11—*First Lady*. Formal decorative. Score 84 B. Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Calif. Yellow.

Entry 14. *Tangerine*. Semi-cactus. Score 80.6 B. Walter Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, N. J. Flame.

Entry 15—*Marion Johnson*. Cactus. Score 84 B. Nels O. A. Johnson, Sumas, Washington. Apricot. Late.

Entry 19—*Peppermint*. F.D. Score 83.5 A. Harry A. Beals, 11220 Wallace St., Chicago 28, Ill. White overcast irregularly mallow-rose.

Entry 21—*Dove*. Min. informal decorative. Score 82.8 M. Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Originator E. M. Dove, Bethesda, Md. Rose amaranth.

Entry 22. *Tangerine*. Semi-cactus. Score 84 B. Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J. Originator Wm. Bardell. Flame.

Entry 25—*No. 195-1/18*. Cactus. Score 82 B. Warren W. Maytrott, Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J. White.

Entry 26—E 6-C-1. Ball. Score 82 M. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Lemon yellow florets faintly tipped mallow rose.

Entry 27—*D-50*. F.D. Score 81.3 A. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Rich light amaranth.

Entry 29—*MSD 2-48*. Semi-cactus. Score 84 A. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Light autumn.

Entry 31—*OC*. Inc. cactus. Score 82 B. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Dark autumn.

Entry 32—*EJ-152*. Formal decorative. Score 82.4 A. Mallow rose. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio.

Entry 35—*W-41*. Semi-cactus. Score 83 B. Clarence W. Westbrook, Comstock, Nebraska. Dull autumn.

Dr. C. E. Wildon, *Superintendent*,

Mid-West Dahlia Trial Gardens

### The Ohio Valley Dahlia Trial Gardens

*Little Cynthia*—White Min. Bloom size 2 in. x 1½ in. Bush height 2 ft. Score 85 M. Entered by Z. M. Cosmela, 17359 Fenelon St., Detroit, Michigan.

*Cherokee Beauty*—Deep Rose Pink F.D. Bloom size 9 in. x 5 in. Bush height 5 ft. Scored 85 E. Entered by W. D. Ricks, 369 Altoona Place, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

*Kokette*—Maroon Single with Yellow tips. Bloom size 2½ in. Bush height, 2 ft. Score 85 S. Entered by R. G. Huey, Ludlow Public School, Ludlow, Ky. (Not eligible for certificate. Listed in Ballegos Leidan. Holland, 1954 catalogue.)

*Paisley Gem*—Variegated White Fleck Lavender, F.D. Bloom size 7 in. x 3 in. Bush height 4 ft. Score 85. Entered by J. E. Hulin, Route 3 Box 225, Port Orchard, Washington.

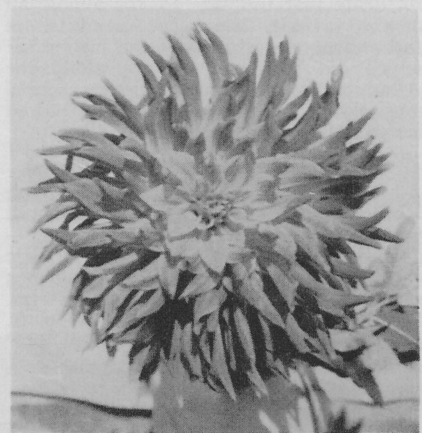
*First Lady*—Deep Yellow F.D. Bloom Size 7 in. x 5 in. Bush height 5 ft. Score 85 E. Comstock Dahlia Garden, 5140 35th St., San Diego, Calif.

*Mr. President*—Cactus lacanited petals. Blend Salmon with Yellow Center. Bloom size 8 in. x 5 in. Bush height 4 ft. Score 85 E. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Garden, San Diego, Calif.

*Orange Monarch*—Salmon shaded Bronze F.D. Bloom size 8 in. x 5 in. Bush height 4 ft. Score 85 E. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio.

*Deep Orange*—Min. Cactus Salmon Orange blend. Bloom size 4 in. x 2 in.

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FLYING SAUCER  
A—S.C. Lav. and White Lt. Blend  
Photo—Dudley

### DERRILL W. HART Memorial Award Winner

This year there is only one medal to be awarded and strange as it may seem to some, that to an "A" dahlia. As no "B" or "MIN" qualified at three or more Trial Grounds.

The winning variety is FLYING SAUCER which was certified at three official trial grounds, all in 1954. Flying Saucer was originated by Mrs. Charles Clapp, Jr. of Campbell, Virginia. We understand that introduction will be by William Tilton of Glen Cove, New York. Flying Saucer is a large Straight Cactus, Lavender with lighter centers at times.

ROY W. WEBB,  
Chairman Derrill W. Hart, *Medal Comm.*



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Bush height 2½ ft. Score 85 M. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio.

*Flying Saucer*—Lavender with Cream Centers. Semi-cactus to Cactus. Bloom size 8 in. x 4 in. Bush height 4½ ft. Score 85 E. Entered by Mrs. Charles Clapp Jr., Abermarle, County Campbell, Virginia.

Robert Seibel, Superintendent.

### Long Island Trial Garden Report

Twenty-two varieties were submitted for trial this year. Some plants failed to grow, but generally the garden did very well and the plants bloomed early. It is fortunate that this was so, for almost all of the varieties had been scored before the garden was struck by the hurricanes which did so much damage along the Atlantic coast. Four varieties scored more than 85 points, eight varieties scored between 80 and 85 points.

#### VARIETIES SCORING 85 OR MORE

*Ida Bernadine* — W. W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J. Medium — Incurved Cactus — in the yellow class. Color — primrose yellow. Early and profuse. Size — 8½ x 4½ disbudded. 7 x 4 grown naturally. Late blooms about same size. Bush height 5 ft., pinched back, 6 ft. grown naturally. Average score 85.5.

*Ceramic Beauty*—Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, 1911 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. Large — Informal Decorative — Dark red class. Color — cardinal red shading to chrysanthemum crimson at the center. Early and profuse. Size — 9 x 6½ disbudded, 7½ x 4 grown naturally. Bush height 3 ft., pinched back, 4 ft. grown naturally. Average score 85.4.

*Flying Saucer*—Mrs. Charles Clapp, Jr., Campbell, Va. Large — Straight Cactus — in the lavender class. Color — Mallow Purple, a little lighter at the center. Early and moderately profuse. Size — 11 x 6 disbudded, 8 x 4½ grown naturally. Blooms facing on long stems. Late blooms a little smaller, but still in the large class. Bush height 4 ft., pinched back, 5 ft. grown naturally. Average score 85.2.

*First Lady*—Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., San Diego, Calif. Medium — Formal Decorative — in the yellow class. Color — light primrose yellow.

Size — 7 x 5 held mostly facing. Same size disbudded or grown naturally. Late blooms about same size. Bush height 3½ ft. pinched back, 4 ft. grown naturally. Average score 85.1.

VARIETIES SCORING BETWEEN 80 & 85  
*MSD-2-48*—Rocky River D. G. Large—Semi-Cactus — in the light blend (possibly autumn) class. Color — a blend of yellow with orange and amber tones. Size range from 11½ x 6 disbudded to 9 x 4 grown naturally. Bush height 4 ft. pinched back, 5 ft. grown naturally. Average score 84.6.

*S.F.B.-50*—Rocky River D. G., Small medium — Formal Decorative — in the dark blend class. Color — petals white at base tipped with fuchsia purple. Size 5 x 4 disbudded, 4½ x 3 grown naturally. Late blooms about same size. Long stems. Bush height 4 ft. pinched back or grown naturally. Average score 83.9.

*Desiree*—Comstock D. G., Straight Cactus — in the lavender class. Color—light phlox purple. Size range from 9½ x 5 disbudded, to 7½ x 4½ grown naturally. Early and prolific. Bush height 4 ft. pinched back, 5 ft. grown naturally. Average score 83.8.

*E. J.-152*—Rocky River D. G., Large—Formal Decorative—rather odd coloring. Base color is white overlaid with a close streaking of magenta rose, visible on early blooms, but not so apparent on late flowers. Size range 8½ x 4 disbudded to 6½ x 3½ grown naturally. Bush height 3½ ft. pinched back, 4½ ft. grown naturally. Average score 83.7.

*Cherokee Beauty*—W. W. Maytrott, Vineland, N. J. Large—Informal Decorative—in the pink class. Color—light camelia rose overlaid with spinel red. Size range from 10 x 6½ disbudded to 6½ x 4 grown naturally. Bush height 4 ft. pinched back, 4½ ft. grown naturally. Average score 83.7.

*Orange Cactus*—Rocky River D. G. Small medium—Straight Cactus—in the orange class. Color—carrot red. Size range from 5½ x 3 disbudded to 4 x 2 grown naturally. Bush height 3 ft. pinched back, 4 ft. grown naturally. Average score 83.5.

*Mr. President*—Comstock D. G., Straight Cactus—in the light blend class. Color—light marigold orange with mimosa yellow center. Early and prolific. Size range from 10 x 6 disbudded to 7 x 4 grown naturally. Bush height 3½ ft. pinched back, 4½ ft.; grown naturally. Average score 83.2.

*Jo-Ann*—Happy Cabin D. G., Box 415 Signal Mountain, Tenn. Large—Incurved

Cactus—in the lavender class. Color—amaranth rose. Size range from 12 x 4 disbudded to 8 x 4 grown naturally. Bush height 2½ pinched back, 3 ft. grown naturally. Average score 83.2.

### ***Southern States Dahlia Trials for 1954***

The summer of 1954 will go down as probably the driest and the hottest year we have ever experienced in the South. The Atlanta weather station reports we have only received 1.4 inches of rain in the months of August and September, while the normal rainfall for that period should be over 6 inches.

We received twenty-one entries from the states, and three entries from Holland; three entries from the states for retrial. Due to the extreme hot and dry weather many of these varieties have failed to bloom up to the first of October, but we hope that some of them will still bloom before frost comes. The following varieties are recommended for certificates:

*Southern Beauty*—Stake No. 7 scored 85.5. Entered by Norman LaMotte, Hapeville, Georgia. Dark blend Clycaman purple blending with white. Size of bloom, 6 to 6½ inches. Stem 7 to 8 inches. Health good, prolific bloomer. Medium to tall plant.

*Ceramic Beauty*—Stake No. 21 scored 86. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Formal decorative. Color, tyrian purple. Size of bloom 9 inches by 4½

inches to 5 inches. Stem 8 inches. Health good. Plant height medium.

*Butterball*—Stake No. 22 scored 85. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Type, Ball—Color, light primrose yellow. Size of bloom, 5 inches by three inches. Stem, 8 inches. Health good. Tall grown. Floriferousness is good.

*Mr. President*—Stake No. 9. Entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens. St. Cactus—Color, Salmon Pink, yellow center. Bloom size, 7½ inches by 3½ inches. Health good. Plant height, Medium. Medium bloomer.

Nelson Crist

### ***Pacific Coast Trial Gardens***

Herewith is our report on seedlings sent to the Pacific Coast Trial Gardens for trial this season:

*Burrell's Show Boat*—F.D. 11½ in. by 5 in. Creamy white, faintly suffused Cyclamen Purple 30/3, but in white class—healthy, profuse and uniform—height 3½ ft. Score 85.3. Entered by Nevin Burrell, 724 E. Inyo St., Tulare, Calif.

*Sequoia*—I.D. 12½ in. x 8 in. Sulphur Yellow 1/3. Most blooms face at 45 degrees, profuse bloomer. Score 85. Entered by John L. Gaylord, 285 Douglass St., San Francisco, Calif.

*Dark Wonderland*—S.C. 7½ in. x 4½ in. Most blooms face at 45 degrees. Ruby Red 827, vigorous and profuse, height

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**CHEROKEE MAIDEN, Winner 2 A.D.S. Certif. Midwest and Ohio Valley.  
Photo—Dudley**

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5 ft. Score 85.6. Entered by Fa D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland.

*Salmon Glory*—I.C. 7½ in. x 4½ in. Mostly facing at 45 degrees, healthy and profuse. French Rose 520, tips lighter. Score 85.8. Entered by Fa D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland.

*Miss Ventura*—S.C. 8½ in. x 5½ in. Blooms face side, face of petals Solferino Purple 26/2 with light suffusion of Dresden Yellow 64/1, reverse of petals Solferino Purple 26/2, healthy and profuse. Score 85.1. Entered by Bob Renshaw, 560 So. Coronado St., Ventura, Calif.

*Smiles*—Min. S.C. 4 in x 2 in. Tendency to run oversize, blooms face at 45 degrees. Begonia 619, with Yellow Ochre suffusion, height 3 ft. Healthy and very profuse — Entered by Ules Johnson, Rt. 1, Sumas, Washington.

The Royal Horticultural Color Chart was used in determining colors.

Although fewer seedlings were received for trial this season than last, the quality was much higher.

We have attended several dahlia shows this season and the interest in dahlias is growing tremendously here in California and we believe our trial ground will be fully able to keep pace with this increased interest. We have a wonderful trial ground committee and have received complete cooperation with the city of Oakland and the Park Department and they are as enthusiastic about the future of our trial ground as we in the San Leandro Dahlia Society are.

You may be assured that we will cooperate fully with you and the A.D.S. Trial Ground Committee and any suggestions or instructions will be fully appreciated.

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### Remember American Legion?

The following article about a grand old timer dahlia was prepared for the May issue, but was crowded out by other more timely material. Imagine our surprise, at the Mid-West Show in Cincinnati to see American Legion (grown by Harold Shanabrook) win a tri-color in Open to All class and another award in single bloom class. Our prediction in the last paragraph came true, except that it was rightly shown in the Semi-Cactus class and won over Miss Parkersburg. Because it is a S.C. it would compete with My Memories, New Look, Forty Niner, and Pride of Parkersburg, and after seeing it win at Cincinnati, we say, "More power to the Old Timers."

Sometimes one wonders what became of some of the great dahlia winners of yesteryear. Remember *American Legion*, for instance? The last Joint Classification List to carry this great yellow informal decorative was 1949. Evidently the committee decided it was "out of print" because it was not shown often, if ever, at shows.

*American Legion* was originated, I believe, in 1939 by Joseph Nuneviller. The variety was without doubt one of the greatest winners in the large size semi-cactus classes in shows east and west for the next ten years. But it had bad habits and was susceptible to stunt, probably caused by virus disease.

Harold E. Shanabrook of Massilon, Ohio, undoubtedly had greater success with *American Legion* than any other grower. We saw winning blooms exhibited by him as late as the Midwest Dahlia Show at East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1947. Being curious as to the fate



of this big yellow informal, we decided to do some detective work. So we wrote to Harold Shanabrook and asked him if he still grows it. We were delighted to receive his affirmative answer on April 6. Here is what he said in part:

"I do have a small stock of *American Legion* which has remained good for me down through the years, now twice removed from my original garden, which, according to a number of dahlia fanciers, was just about the only spot on this sphere where this variety would prosper.

"We have since moved to "Valley Vista," which is eight acres of hill, woods, bottom land and creek, and I have been successful in growing *American Legion* in several locations and with no stunting to speak of at all. In fact it has had less stunt than any other variety grown with it. As you well know *Legion* has always been kind to me and I have had reason to appreciate, as time has gone by, just what a tremendous impact it must have made. I still get several letters a year inquiring about it, including one not too long ago from Joe Nuneviller, its originator.

"Maybe I should do something about it. What is your thinking about its re-introduction?"

Our answer was that if it is at all feasible, this grand dahlia should again be offered to the public. I would like to see it again competing with the old-timers *Lord of Autumn*, *Croydon Superb*, *Arelda Lloyd*, as well as some of the newer ones. I think it would surprise many by again winning over some of those we see often today on the show tables.

L. B. D.

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# Eavesdropping -- Here and There

By Ruth Berry, Associate Editor

Keeping eyes and ears open at the dahlia shows this year, it was brought forcibly to the writer's attention that much may be learned simply by keeping "tuned in" to the conversations of the experts.

Perhaps the most important of all—for no dahlia bloom can be of exhibition quality unless it is grown on healthy plants—was the remark of one expert: "Hereafter I am acquiring most of my new varieties of dahlias from the established commercial dahlia growers." This tip will be easy to follow. Simply provide ourselves with a supply of postcards and write for catalogs from all the commercial growers who advertise in the Bulletin, for we know they are specialists, and then send in an order early before a limited stock of a wanted variety may be exhausted.

If we are not sure that any clump we dug grew well in 1954, or if we are not certain that it is correctly tagged as to variety, we must ruthlessly discard it. And in purchasing new stock, bear in mind that many of the older and less expensive varieties can bring home just as many blue ribbons as the new introductions. We noted at the shows a AUMONIER CHANDELON, MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER, AUTUMN BLAZE, MRS. HESTER A. PAPE, MICHIGAN WHITE, etc. are still among the winners. So for 1955 why not have a dahlia garden made up primarily of varieties with winning records?

Our notebook has given us some cultural tips that we overheard, such as:

"That would have been a winning bloom of AUTUMN BLAZE if the grower had pinched out the center bud and allowed a side bud to grow instead. To get a proper stem on this variety, it must be grown to a side bud."

"Why were WHITE LUCKY and RUTHIE disbudded? Both of these varieties get too long a stem, entirely out of proportion, if they are disbudded."

"Why was that bloom cut too green? Practically no dahlia will stand up on the show table if cut before it is entirely "ripe."

"Those three blooms of RUBY CHARM would not have been disqualified for oversize if they had not been disbudded. Miniatures and poms will never be disbudded. In fact, some ex-

hibitors pinch these types back twice to keep the blooms small."

"Why can't the amateurs learn that they must exhibit blooms with longer stems? Many novices and amateurs seem to forget this."

And perhaps the most often heard statement of the judges was that in spite of all the propaganda, too many dahlias reached the show tables without proper hardening of the blooms.

The 1954 season is in the past. It was hot and dry over most of the nation, but with the rains and cooler weather of August, the dahlia gardens came thru with exhibition blooms. Now we are already planning for 1955. We will heed the advice of the experts by (1) growing only good stock, (2) following good cultural practices, and (3) exhibit properly.

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## Proposed Amendments to A.D.S. By-Laws

At the August 13, 1954, regular meeting of the executive committee the following revisions were voted, subject to the approval of those members, in good standing, at the Annual Meeting of the Society January 22, 1955, at the Park Sheraton Hotel. (The words or amounts changed appear in italics.)

**ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP.** Clause 4 to be revised to read: "Life membership is granted to an individual upon payment of \$100.00 (formerly \$50.00) and the approval of the Executive Committee. Life members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. This clause shall not be retroactive."

**ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP.** Clause 6. (New) *No individual member shall be entitled to vote in more than one category of membership.*

**ARTICLE III — DUES.** Section 1. The dues of Active members shall be \$4.50 a year, payable in advance, of which \$3.00 is for a subscription to the Bulletin of The American Dahlia Society. (Active member dues have remained at \$3.50 per year since 1947.)

**ARTICLE III — DUES.** Section 2. The dues of participating members shall be \$3.00 a year payable in advance by a duly authorized officer of a Branch Society, as hereinafter provided. (Participating member dues have remained at \$1.75 per year since 1947.)

**ARTICLE III.** Clause 1. Sustaining members of Class A shall be institutions or business firms who shall not pay less than \$10.00 per year of which \$3.00 is for a subscription to the Bulletin of The American Dahlia Society.

**ARTICLE III.** Clause 2. Sustaining Members of Class B shall not pay less than \$10.00 per year of which \$3.00 is

for a subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society. (Former rate \$5.00 per year.)

**ARTICLE III.** Section 4. For Participating Members, not less than \$2.50 shall be set aside from the annual dues as the subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

**ARTICLE IV.** Clause 1. All monies received from Life Membership fees shall be invested in suitable securities or a *savings account separate from other funds of the Society.* (Balance of clause same as before.)

**ARTICLE V.** Affiliated Societies. Any local Dahlia Society or Garden Club may become an Affiliated Society of the American Dahlia Society upon approval of the Executive Committee and upon the payment of dues annually, \$20.00 in advance. Each Affiliated Society shall be entitled to receive one (1) bronze medal of the American Dahlia Society to be awarded in a suitable class in the annual fall show of the Affiliated Society and to six (6) copies of each issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society. *All Affiliated Societies, in good standing, are entitled to participation in the annual American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes, and make awards in their local shows, providing they comply with all the rules of the competition.*

**ARTICLE V.** Clause 2. Branch Societies. Each Branch Society shall pay into the treasury of the American Dahlia Society, through a duly authorized officer of the said Branch Society, the sum of \$3.00 a year for NOT LESS than 25 members in good standing of such Branch Society, and as many more as desire to join this Society as Participating Members (Article II, Clause 2.) up to the full membership, in good standing, of the Branch Society.

**ARTICLE V.** Clause 3. Each Branch Society shall receive a medal for award in a suitable class in the annual fall exhibition of said Branch Society. Any Branch Society registering 25 to 49 Participating (paid up) Members, shall receive a bronze medal. Any Branch Society registering 50 or more members shall receive a silver medal. *All Branch Societies, in good standing, are entitled to participate in the Annual A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and make awards in their local shows providing they comply with the rules of the competition.*

No other changes, other than above were voted.

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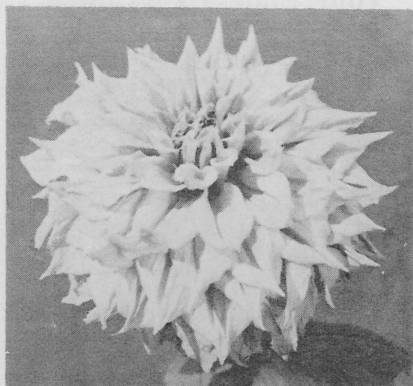
It is customary to offer suggestions on how to store dahlia roots best, to reduce excessive loss from drying, rot, etc., in this issue. There are many contributing factors to successful storage. Among them are: fully matured roots, not necessarily large roots, but cured roots with protective skin unbroken; properly fed roots; roots finished off in late season without excessive moisture; roots undamaged by nematodes and many others.

Probably one of the most successful storage methods is in a root cellar, below frost line, the same type as our forebears used to preserve potatoes, apples, beets, turnips, etc. The same results can be obtained today by sinking a barrel or large wood box at least one and a half feet below ground surface and covering same loosely with wood cover topped with leaves or straw to permit air circulation. Under-the-bench green house storage is also a tried and true method.

Many roots are well kept by placing in corner of cellar, in coolest part, and covering with sand or even dirt with crowns protruding. E. E. Tooker followed this method and rarely lost a clump. Others put them in boxes covered with sand or vermiculite, well away from furnace. Peat moss is not a good medium for covering roots as it is quite acid and spongy and even spreads root rot from one root or clump to another. Some maintain roots should be washed free from garden soil. Others do not wash and allow soil to remain clinging to roots. It is our experience that roots can keep well with either of these methods, but seem to be firmer when soil is allowed to dry on the roots. The drying-out or "curing" for several hours before storage is optional, also, in our opinion.

Roots may be divided at any time, but probably more efficiently when the eyes begin to develop. It takes very sharp and experienced eyes to detect most dormant eyes. After division, care should be taken to prevent further drying. The most successful growers, at least those without root cellars or green houses where both temperature and humidity is controlled, pack the divided roots in cartons covered with vermiculite, labeling each division and with names of varieties marked on outside of cartons for easy reference. Baskets are not good containers for roots as they allow too much air. The ideal temperature for storage is between 50 and 60 degrees.

Our own storage method is both simple  
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Some of these services, in certain states, include free soil analysis, while others do not. For information on this and other helps in growing better dahlias we suggest that A.D.S. members write their state experiment station, addresses of which are given below.

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**IN MEMORIAM**


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**Lou Sarett, Poet  
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The world lost a fine gentleman and scholar as well as teacher of speech and dahlia grower when Lou Sarett died on August 17, 1954, at Gainesville, Florida, from a heart attack. He was also an author, lecturer, and poet.

Dr. Sarett retired last year from Northwestern University, where he taught speech for 30 years. Only last fall he was honored by the University when it established the Lou Sarett chair of speech. At the time of his death he had been visiting the professor of speech at the University of Florida.

He was the author of five volumes of poetry, including "Many Many Moons," "The Box of God," "Wings Against the Moon" and "The Collected Poems of Lew Sarett," the latter with an introduction by his long-time friend, Carl Sandburg.

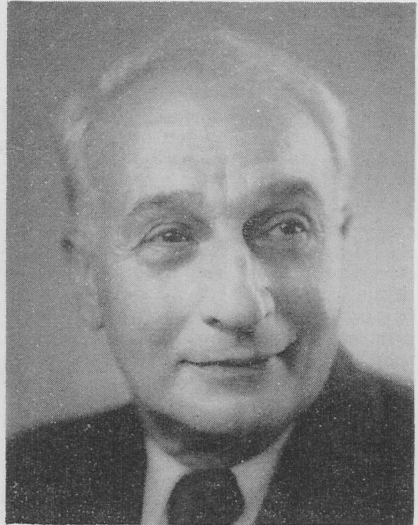
His poems "Little Foxes" and "God is at the Anvil" have been used in the Literature and Life Series in public schools and are known to millions of Americans.

He enjoyed a varied career, having lectured throughout the country for years. In summers he served as National Park Ranger and as a guide in forests in Minnesota and Canada.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alma Johnson Sarett; a son, Dr. Lew Sarett, Jr., of Princeton, N. J., and a daughter, Mrs. John M. Stockdale, of Estherville, Iowa.

He grew dahlias for many years at his home in Winnetka, Ill. He originated many varieties, still being grown and exhibited today, including Sarett's Pink Flamingo, Madonna, Buccaneer, and Cinderella.

Lew Sarett came to New York in January, 1942, and gave a most inspiring talk at the Annual Dinner of the A.D.S. Several years ago he contributed an article on the joys of raising dahlias in Better Homes and Gardens. So far we have not found our copy containing the article. But we hope in a later issue to be able to reprint it. All of us who knew Lew Sarett loved him. He was a warm, staunch friend, and he like many of us, was frequently found in the midst of a group of dahlia fans just swapping experiences about this First American Dahlia Flower.



**Lou Sarett Died Aug. 17, 1954.**

**Joseph Blauvelt Daily**

Joseph B. Daily died in Englewood, New Jersey on October 22 after a long illness of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Margaret E. Daily, and three daughters, Mrs. Margaret C. Maxwell, Mrs. Edna H. Walsh, and Mrs. Grace F. Meyers, a sister, Mrs. William D. Ruch. He is also mourned by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 26.

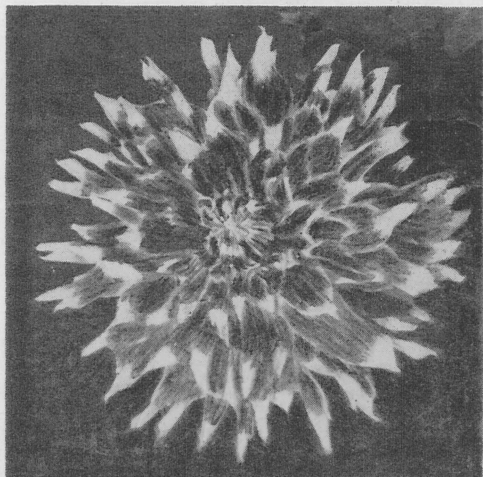
Mr. Daily was a grower of dahlias for many years. Only last spring he told us that in spite of his suffering his greatest thrill and the one single thing that kept him alive these past few years was his love for and work with dahlias. He was the originator of several fine dahlia seedlings. Unfortunately, he did not live to see any of these introduced to the public. His home and greenhouse was at 63 Brook Avenue, Englewood, where we visited him only last April. He planted his garden this year, with only a minimum of help and lived to enjoy its bloom for a short period before going to the hospital for the last time.

We believe that his devotion to this hobby of dahlia growing did give him the courage to go on in spite of pain and handicaps that would have discouraged most of us. May Joseph B. Daily live on in his dahlias for others to enjoy.



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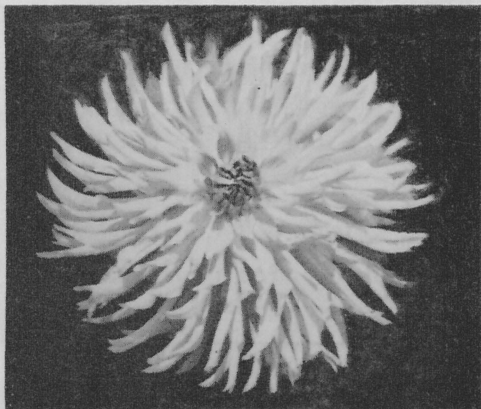
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## Notes From the Editor's Diary

### Recording Visits to Gardens and Shows Sept. 5 to Oct. 6

It has been the good fortune of your editor to have covered more miles, visited more shows and gardens in pursuit of better new dahlias this past season than ever before.

We found that despite the very dry and hot season, there were many excellent gardens, and that invariably at the shows an unusually good selection of fine quality blooms.

The statistics of the month from September 5 to October 6 read like this: total dahlia car miles, 4253. The last three shows, Cincinnati, Richmond, and Birmingham, clocked up a total round trip of 3377 miles. Along the way, we visited some 22 private and commercial gardens, three Official American Dahlia Trial Gardens, and nine shows. To visit one show, Irvington, New Jersey, we traveled 104 miles, one way through the height of hurricane "Hazel" and arrived only ½ hour late. The water at one point on this route was 2½ feet deep. Here is a brief record from our 1955 Dahlia Diary.

September 5 — New Jersey Show at Branch Brook Park, Newark. Here, saw first exhibit of seedling later named "Ned Seymour," a 13½ by 7½ inch orange red informal decorative, originated by Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa. It won the American Home Achievement Medal and an A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award. Other seedlings also winning these latter awards were Luther Schimpf's miniature variegated formal decorative purple and lavender later named "Catherine" and "Joan L. Boyles" a miniature bright red formal decorative, originator Louis Comito, Malvern, Pennsylvania.

September 11 — Irvington. At 10:30 a.m. hurricane "Hazel" was blowing in gusts up to 85 miles per hour. It was pretty bad on the George Washington Bridge as Dr. Ward Cook and I started out. Later two cars were turned over by wind on this bridge. We arrived ½ hr. late, and found Ed Lloyd, Conrad Frey, and Leo Pollak were judging the seedlings. We were assigned to "Open to All" and when we finished here, checked the seedlings and the scores by the above judges. Had to fill in originators names, addresses, names of varieties and average the scores, which they had failed to do. While we were finishing their task, they went to lunch, and later we cruised 25 miles up and down Springfield Avenue, but never did find the judges eating place, and left for home. "Ned Seymour" again won American Home Achievement and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. Among others winning this latter award were: Comito's red miniature, "Joan L. Boyles," Schimpf's miniature variegated "Catherine," and others.



CATHERINE, Min F.D. Variegated.

September 17 — Reisterstown, Maryland, Suburban Dahlia Society at Franklin High School. There was a Franklin County Fair held in conjunction. Only one A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes was awarded—a miniature S.C. orange, originated by Mrs. Coyle and later named "Ember."

September 17 — Burholm Horticulture and Dahlia Society, Jarrel Recreation Center, Cheltenham, Pa. Through the very heavy dinner-hour traffic in Philadelphia, Dr. Cook and I made slow time, arriving at the show at 6:30 p.m. They

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held up the judging of the seedling classes for us and we scored some ten varieties, finishing around 8:30 p.m. (Dinner at 9:00 p.m.) Here again "Ned Seymour" won American Home Achievement and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. Others winning this latter award were: Dr. Parker's red ball "Lulu" and his "Tid," B., I. C., lavender; "Comito Supreme," A., S.C. yellow; Comito's "Joan L. Boyles," miniature F.D., red; Stanley Johnson's A., I.D. orange named "Miss P.R.R." and Keck's "Kandy Kid," B., S.C., variegated.

September 18 — Long Island. Here we found a large array of seedlings. "Ned Seymour" was again American Home Achievement winner. It also won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. Other winners of this latter award were: Miller's "Lloyd George" A., I.D., Light blue; Ed Lloyd's "Crestmont Beauty," B., St. C., Pink; Brusca's "Patricia Ann," B., St. C., Pink; Frank Seaman's "Butterball," M., F.D., yellow, and "Aunt Sarah," Min., F.D., Pink.

September 21-22 — New York Show. (See story this issue.) September 22. Early in the afternoon, the writer, A.D.S. President Andrew Mulcahey, Treasurer Henry A. Olsen, and Vice-President Dewey Mohr, after a slight mixup over a lost car key, started in our Olds for the Midwest Show and points South. We had dinner that night on Route 22 at the Penn. Dutch Shortlesville Hotel. Some eats!

September 23. At 7 a.m. we got E. M. Delbrugge and family out of bed to see their Rosemary Dahlia Garden at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. They have two gardens and both were a riot of blooms. Outstanding was his new seedling, "Marvelous," B., St. C., lavender, which we were growing. It won for Dr. Fred Knocke at the New York Show. We judged it later, too, at other shows. Saw many other fine standard varieties and some promising seedlings.

Same day, afternoon, we stopped at Lebanon, Ohio, and visited Harley Peck and his Golden Rule Gardens. He has one three acre plot in Lebanon, and at his farm, outside of town, there are 20 acres with some 500 varieties and 25,000 plants. He had had a very dry season with a bad windstorm just before we arrived. Most plants were blown flat but there were thousands of good blooms.

September 24 — Ault Park A.D.S. Trial Gardens. We four dahlia journeymen with A.D.S. Secretary Ed Lloyd, who joined us in Cincinnati, paid an early visit to the garden. By good fortune,

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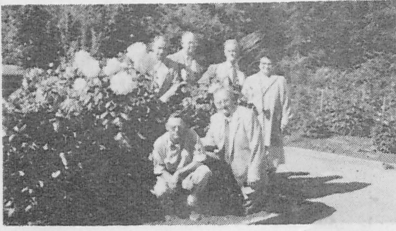
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Group from A.D.S. inspects A.D.S. Trial Garden, Ault Park, Cincinnati. Dewey Mohr, Drew Mulcahy, Edw. Lloyd, Mrs. Robt. Seibel, Robt. Seibel, Supt., and Lynn B. Dudley.  
Photo by Henry Olsen

### Notes from the Editor's Diary

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Robert Seibel, superintendent of the garden since 1937, arrived at that same time with Mrs. Seibel. They gave us a personally conducted tour. There were 15 new varieties on test and two long bed paintings of standard, named varieties. The gardens were in good condition, with good blooms. The seedlings were like old friends, as we are growing most of them on our Honor Roll test garden. We took pictures of the garden and the Seibels.

Later same day, Friday, we accompanied the other guests and Ohio Valley Society hosts on bus tour of gardens. We visited the fine garden of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Heitzman at 3289 Observatory Drive first. Here we saw some 600 varieties, including many 1954 Honor Roll introductions, standard varieties and also foreign ones. Later, back to Ault Park with the group and stops at Art Museum where show to be staged and the Conservatory Greenhouse in Ames Park.

The Midwest Show was held at Art Museum Saturday. Again we reveled among the seedlings. Many were one year old varieties most of which, unfortunately, will appear again on show tables. The

mortality of 1st year seedlings is terrific. But the 2-year or more old varieties had several winners in the American Dahlia Society Sweepstakes. They were: George Baker's "Surprise," A., S.C., light blend of yellow and pink. This one got the American Home Achievement Medal also, which was one of three it captured. Other A.D.S. awards went to Jerry Shutte's "Jerry's Pride," A., I.D., rosaline purple; Art Borum's "Boram's Pride," A., F.D., red; also his BB size, oxblood red, S.C. seedling; and Delbrugge's "Marvelous," B., St. C., lavender, described previously. The full report of the show appears in this issue.

The annual business meeting of Midwest Conference followed the judging. President White of the Ohio Valley Association presided. It was voted to accept invitation of Milwaukee Dahlia Society for 1955. It will be held in Milwaukee September 10 and 11, 1955, in the Mitchell Park Conservatory.

Saturday night the annual banquet was held at the Alms Hotel. Garnett Huey was toastmaster and he introduced many of us at the head table, including: Louise Kleinjohn, secretary of Midwest; Andrew Mulcahy, president of A.D.S., who thanked the home team for the many courtesies shown visitors and complimented show committee on the excellent show; A.D.S. Secretary Ed Lloyd; Jim Marsh, president of Central States and officers of the many other societies present. The speaker of the evening was Dr. C. E. Wildon of Michigan State University. He said he believed that the A.D.S. should be supported in its programs for improvement of dahlia knowledge country-wide. He stated that the A.D.S. should be provided with funds and helpers to carry

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Group visiting gardens of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Heitzmann, Conservatory Dr., Cincinnati. There were over 8 states represented. Note happy faces.





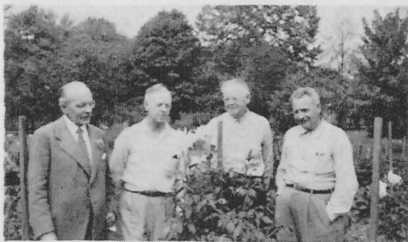
Richmond, Virginia, Show. The four finalist varieties in Best in Show class. Croyden Masterpiece (No. 1) winner. Photo Dudley

on research on dahlia diseases and pests, and increase interest of younger growers in dahlias as well as its continuing jobs of dahlia seedling tests, nomenclature, classification, and other things. We hope to be able to print his talk in the Bulletin later on.

September 26, Sunday — Started for Richmond early and arrived about 10 p.m. The Blue Ridge Mountains were "topped in our flight." A beautiful and sometimes awe inspiring vista for many miles (about 650 miles).

September 27 — Richmond Show. Judging at noon. Miller and Roads department store was a beautiful setting up on 5th floor. There were entries from Washington, D. C., West Virginia, Georgia Show was smaller than last year due to drought and prolonged heat. Only hitch in judging was the voting contest by all judges but one (me), to choose the largest and best bloom. Took  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ballots and it looked for a while like no contest due to several tie votes. Finally, however, Croyden's Masterpiece, 11 inches, won over what seemed to us a practically perfect 13 inch Mary Elizabeth. No A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake award was made. American Home Achievement Medal went to "Marvelous," Rosemary's lavender B., St. C. A fine turkey dinner was served to judges and visitors in the store

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Three visitors in the garden of H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga. Dr. Ward Cook, Mr. Whittaker, Andrew Mulcahy, Dewey Mohr. Photo—Dudley.

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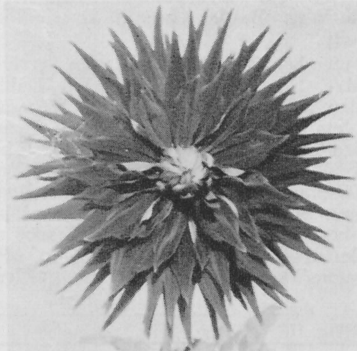
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**Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens—Signal Mountain, Tenn. Left to right, Mr. Simmons, daughter, son, Mrs. Simmons. Photo—Dudley.**

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restaurant introductions. No speeches. R. E. Bryant was the genial introducer.

Next morning off for Chattanooga—and in no hurry this time. On September 28, we visited garden of H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga. He is the originator of "Volunteer," "Sarah Carolyn" and other fine varieties. His garden showed effects of drought. He has about 2000 hills with 150 varieties. Does all the garden work himself. That evening Clarence R. Kalquist, weather forecaster for Chattanooga territory, and grower of fine dahlias called and took us out to dinner. Then he drove us around the city and the full length (seven miles) of Missionary Ridge, the Civil War Battle Ground overlooking the city.

September 29 — At one p.m. arrived at Mrs. Simmons' Happy Cabin Dahlia Garden atop Signal Mountain. Here we saw less evidence of drought than in any garden in that part of the country. They really have three large gardens, some 50,000 plants total, planted 12 inches apart in long 500 ft. rows. Mrs. Simmons has had her gardens here in a 2400 foot altitude for 27 years. Charles Watson, Mrs. Simmons' son, manager of the gardens,

showed us (Mulcahy, Olsen, Mohr, Dudley) around the gardens, while Mrs. Simmons and her daughter prepared a marvelous chicken and all the fixins' dinner at 1:00 p.m. Hot biscuits, cole slaw, apple pie, squash and real fresh cider. What a meal—and not even the altitude affected our appetites. You should visit her home and gardens. Even the dahlias were wonderful.

September 30 at 5:15, arrived Birmingham. I recall now that they had a small show Saturday at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, but the show was lost in the array of invitations to eat. Southern Hospitality. It's no myth in Birmingham. We were still full of Mrs. Simmons' chicken when we were whisked out to Dr. and Mrs. Rike's home. About 40 people enjoyed a fine buffet dinner with the biggest pot of beans we ever saw, or helped eat.

Next day, Friday, October 1, Dr. Rike recruited Warren Maytrott, Andrew Mulcahy, Dr. Cook, Dewey Mohr, Henry Olsen and writer to appear on television to promote Saturday's show. There were no television cameras at the studio at station ASGN, where we landed, so we settled for a radio broadcast, firing questions and so-called expert answers back and forth across the table. Friday evening, a cocktail party in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller in Mountainbrook, outside Birmingham. A beautiful starlight evening. Wonderful hosts and some 200 dahlia friends. Nuff said.

Saturday, October 2, Birmingham Show. Thomas Jefferson Hotel. Before judging started at 11 a.m., we were treated to sandwiches and coke. The show was not a large one. Wonder to us that they had a show after we viewed some of the dried up plants in the gardens. The winner of the American Home Achievement Medal was George L. Baker's "Surprise," A., S.C., light blue which were received by air from Ohio. Winner of A.D.S. Sweepstakes, "Southern Beauty," Norman LaMott's F.D., Dk.Bl., purple red flushed on light ground, seedling of Southern Belle, and also "Surprise."

A most interesting class here was one for dahlias 10 years old or older. Among the oldtimer exhibits were: "Freida George"; "Thomas A. Edison"; "Jersey Beauty"; "Kentucky Sportsman"; and "Jane Cowl." At the Richmond Show we remember two oldies, "Bernice Gear," I.C., pink, and "Robert Treat," F.D., pink.

After the show, judges and guests were taken by bus and cars to The Club, atop Red Mountain, from the windows and terrace of which a wonder-

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The "Smorgasbord" in the Rike's Garden Sunday, Oct. 3. One of three parties given here. Photo—Dudley

ful view of Birmingham was before us. The lunch, with beef tenderloin and other excellent viands, was also spread before us. Here 150 members of Southern States Dahlia Association, guests and their hosts, the Dahlia Society of Alabama, gathered in good fellowship. Toastmaster, G. E. Alderson, introduced Mr. Wade Bradley, Commissioner of Public Improvement of Birmingham, who gave us an official civic welcome. Mr. Alderson also introduced Drew Mulcahy, Dr. Ward Cook, the writer, and other guests. Dr. Rike introduced many of the officers of the Southern Association. A most interesting ceremony followed. We visitors were given a small cellophane package containing a sample of Birmingham soil which was "recommended to grow anything superbly." This idea was dreamed up by Mrs. J. J. Pate, wife of Alabama Society president. When Dr. Rike asked that all present who are members of the A.D.S. rise, more than 85 per cent of the entire group are members. Birmingham Dahlia Society, as a part of their by-laws, requires that as a Branch of



Rike's Saturday night party in Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berry of Cleveland, Ohio. "Ruth" is Bulletin Associate Editor. Photo—Dudley.

the A.D.S. their members must also be A.D.S. members.

Saturday evening, October 2, again at Dr. Rike's for a buffet dinner. Some 150 people present. Everybody had a wonderful time. There was a solemn ceremony in which Drew Mulcahy, Dr. Cook, and Yours Truly were inducted into, and made Colonels in the Confederate Air Force. Framed commissions in this august organization were presented by E. E. "Monte" Montgomery of Atlanta and Dr. Rike. Lots of flash pictures were taken.

Sunday, October 3. Trip around Birmingham and to several gardens, including the excellent ones of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. House and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. West. At the House garden we photographed a banana tree in front of the dahlias. Then again to the Rike's where we were treated to Smorgasbord lunch. What a home for entertaining. And they love to have dahlia friends come there often, as we did on three occasions. Theirs was the peak of southern hospitality. Sunday afternoon we headed home, stopping for the night again at Chattanooga (City View Motel). On this part of the journey we were accompanied by Dewey Mohr (who stuck

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Three Colonels being commissioned in the Confederate Air Force Saturday night, Oct. 2 by (Col.) Rike in his garden. From left to right, Col. Rike, Col. Dudley, Col. Cook., Col. Mulcahy. Photo, E. E. Waterman who also helped in presentation.

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for the entire trip), Warren Maytrott, who joined us at Birmingham, and Dr. Cook, who had become a passenger at Richmond. Henry Olsen flew home from Richmond and Drew Mulcahy from Birmingham. To my companions I give thanks for their good spirits and continuous dahlia exaggerations. All were good travelers and made few complaints about the driving. All in all it was a wonderful dahlia journey.

October 5, Tuesday, we drove the entire balance of the trip from Buchanan,



At Dr. and Mrs. Rike's Saturday night, the neighbors didn't complain but—the singers had fun. The Beer Song was the favorite.

Virginia, some 760 miles, arriving home at 9:30 p.m. Our last garden stop was at Dahliadel, Vineland, where there was a riot of blooms on their 26 acres of dahlias. From there to Fort Dix to get Mrs. Dudley who had been visiting Doris and family.

It was a great dahlia tour, well worth all the time and expense. We saw many old friends and made many new ones. We sincerely hope that many of them will attend the A.D.S. Annual Dinner at the Park Sheraton Hotel January 22, 1954. Many agreed to come.

LYNN B. DUDLEY

### Registration

At the request of C. B. Ambrose, Old Dominion Paper Co., Norfolk, Virginia, and on receipt of a fee of \$1.00, we have registered the dahlia variety as follows:

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### John Vincent Much Alive

Writing to Dewey Mohr on August 20 last, John Vincent, address Box 37, Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, Md., said, "Received the Bulletin this morning and see by same I am not among the living, but think this is quite an error. I have been a shut-in for a few years, but am not yet buried. I would love to be at the meeting in January, but do not expect to be able to come. Give my regards to all my friends of the A.D.S."

Lively yours,  
JOHN VINCENT

Editor's Note: Dear John, We are very sorry if you are in the same situation as Mark Twain when he said, "The rumors of my death are much exaggerated." Really, in looking over the August Bulletin, we can't find which of our contributors were responsible for this statement. Certainly the Editor knew you were alive, even if not kicking. More power to you, John. Hope you can come to the January 27 dinner.



## Thanks to Our Advertisers and Thanks to You Who Buy from Them

We are glad to announce that the amount of dahlia advertising in this Bulletin is greater than in any issue in the last three years. There are four new firms, starting in business this year, and advertising for the first time. The advertisements by the older firms are in many instances increased in size.

These facts more than any words could do, indicate that the dahlia root and plant selling business is on the upswing. One large commercial grower told us that 1954 was his greatest year in number of orders and in total business. He said that by mid April he had received more orders, generally averaging larger in amounts, than he had received all during 1953, and he had the bulk of the season then ahead of him. Other commercial men also said 1954 was a good year for sales.

All of which is most encouraging to your editor. The job of editing and publishing this Bulletin takes a lot of time. These long hours are a contribution to the good of the Dahlia. If we can help members to enjoy their hobby more and help commercial growers to receive more orders, then we feel its worth the effort. If the dahlia business is on the upswing, and more roots and plants are purchased, our gardens will be more attractive and our dahlia shows will be more beautiful and interesting. It's a cycle.

We thank our readers for their patronage of our advertisers, whose advertising makes possible the production of a bigger and better Bulletin, which will be of greater value to more readers. Again it's a cycle—one in which everybody has a part. Thanks to all of you who are helping to keep these dahlia cycles swinging upward. Due to the prolonged drought covering most of the country, dahlia clumps are reported to be smaller than usual. In the middle South, the rains came too late to do the clumps much, if any, good. Even here in the East where we did have a little rain about once a month, some growers report only "mother" roots with a few stringy ones attached. Plants badly damaged by the two hurricanes were mostly a complete loss. Roots rotted in the ground. Probably many standard varieties will have to be replaced by many growers as well as some of the new seedling winners added to collections for 1955.

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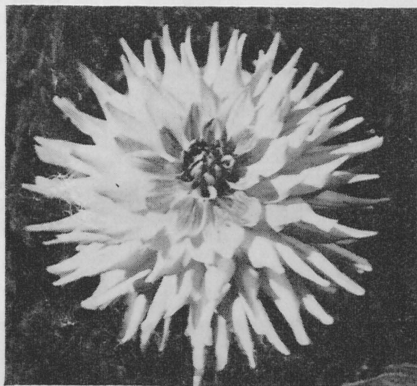
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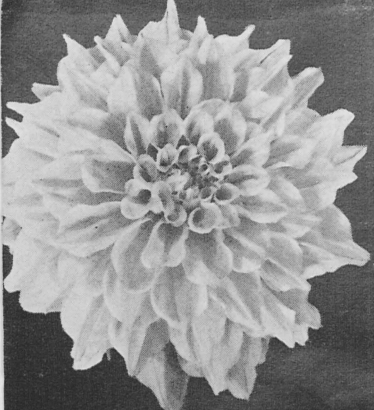
**PATTIE K.**, Min., Semi-Cactus. Yellow, 4 by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Free blooms, good stems, bush 4 feet. A beauty.

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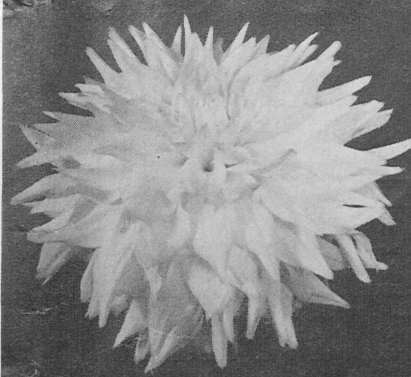
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**PINK SPANGLE** (Premier-Dahl 86), Coll, E, Bloom 4", Bush 2½ ft. This lovely Collarette is in a class by itself, the only pink Collarette we have ever seen. Soft rhodamine pink with collar the same. Nice low growing bush producing quantities of well formed blooms on good strong stems. Really it was a dream all season. On Dudley's Honor Roll and Webb's Eastern Review.

Root, \$5.00; Plant, \$2.00



PINK SPANGLE



CHEROKEE MAIDEN

**CHEROKEE MAIDEN** (Ricks-Dahl 85B), ID, EM, Bloom 8 x 6, Bush 4 ft. Wonderful light mimosa yellow Informal Decorative almost Semi-Cactus at times. Picture shows the high full centers and lovely type. A good upright grower with strong, erect stems and a consistent bloomer.

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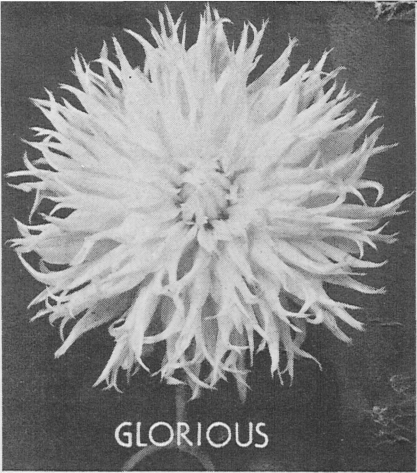
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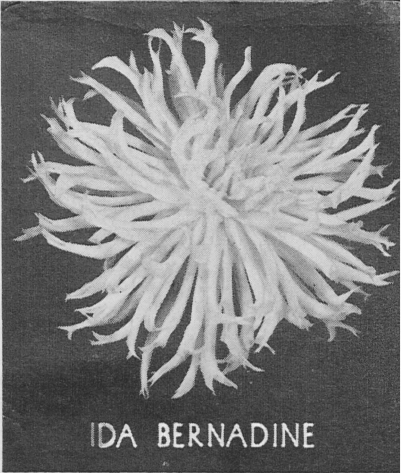
(Dahl 85M), M ID, Bush 3 1/2 ft. The decorative purple snow of. A lively picture shows the distinctive shape with petals facing partially. Just a mass of color. Strong, wiry stems dry weather. Eastern Review. Root, \$3.50; Plant, \$2.00



GLORIOUS

**GLORIOUS** (Hymer-Dahl 86B), SC, E, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 4 ft. The highest scoring dahlia in Long Island Show. Lovely, clear light primrose yellow with deeply serrated petals. Wonderful form, early full centered and deep. Truly glorious all season which prompted its name. Exhibited by Henry Olsen of Elmont, N. Y. and originated by Chester Hymer of Salem, N. J. On Dudley's and Faust's Honor Rolls and Webb's Eastern Review.

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Root, \$10.00; Pot Root, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.50

**PATRICIA ANN** (Brusca-Dahl 85B), StC, EM, Bloom 8 x 4 1/2, Bush 3 1/2 ft. Lovely fuchsine pink that has done considerable winning, especially in New York this season where Dr. Fred Knocke exhibited it. There are very few Straight Cactus in the B size of a true even pink throughout. This dahlia should become very popular on the show table and most pleasing in the garden. Certified at New Brunswick in 1953. On Dudley's Honor Roll and Webb's Eastern Review in 1954.

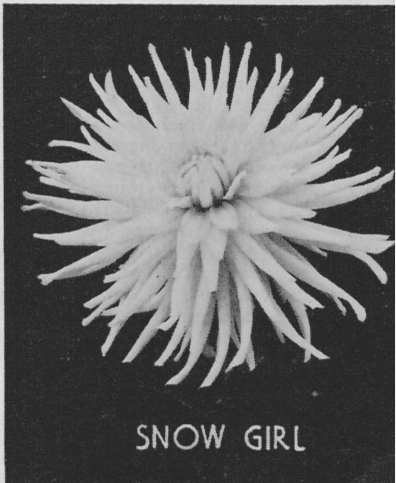
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**SNOW GIRL** (Dahliadel 85B), StC, E, Bloom 7 x 4 1/2, Bush 4 ft. Lovely pure white almost like Dandy Snow, only a smaller size, with Jersey Dainty its only real competitor. Profuse, full centers and a good keeper for cutting. After first blooms laterals produce long wiry stems. Certified at New Brunswick Trial Grounds, on Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll and Webb's Eastern Review.

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PATRICIA ANN



SNOW GIRL

## The AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



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### Page Size Larger

With this issue we have been able to increase the width of each column about one eighth inch and also the depth of the page has been increased about one-eighth of an inch. This has been done without sacrifice of anything except margin. It has enabled us also to increase all advertisements in width. We believe this will be of benefit to both readers and advertisers. We are able also to "bleed" the cuts to edge, or near edge of pages, which again helps the advertisers and shows the customer a better reproduction of the variety.

Judge George R. Currie of Madison, Wisconsin, was pictured in a 4 column picture and story in the Madison Capitol Times of Monday, August 30. Picture caption says, "Justice George R. Currie of the State Supreme Court is shown in his garden at his home at 4130 Manitou Way, Madison, with "Miss Shattuck," a white formal decorative type dahlia." Story went on to say Justice Currie "is a noted state grower and judge of dahlias." Justice Currie grows some 40 varieties of dahlias at his home and blooms from quite a few of them would be seen at the Badger State Society's show held on September 5 and 6.

Through the courtesy of its editor, G. F. Drayson, 23 Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, we received a copy of the "Dahlia Year Book for 1954," published by the National Dahlia Society of that good-neighbor-country. It is regretted that we cannot give a detailed summary of the contents of this fine 125 page (besides advertising) book. It is filled with fine and worthwhile articles on dahlia culture. Non-members of the Society may obtain copies at 7/6 each, post free, by writing H. F. Newsom, 93 Byng Road, Barnet, Herts, England. We may be able to quote from some of the contents in future issues of the Bulletin. (7/6, 7 shillings six-pence, equals about \$1.10 U. S. currency).

The Garden Journal of the New York Botanical Garden, Sept.-Oct., 1954, issued on page 160 prints a courtesy advertisement to this society. In it, readers are invited to join the A.D.S. and a list of advantages to such membership is given. The dates of the A.D.S. Show are mentioned.

The first overseas dahlia catalogue received is that of Ballego and Zonnen Leiden, Holland. A letter received says it is the best catalogue ever issued by this firm. They grow over 1,000 varieties plus their own seedlings. The pictures shown, and it is beautifully illustrated, with 4 dahlias in color besides many black and white are mostly home-made. The text in English is also done by members of the Ballego family. It is a great credit to them.

We wish to compliment J. W. (Jack) Johnson, horticulture editor of the N. Y. Herald-Tribune and vice president of the A.D.S., on his splendid coverage of the 1954 New York Show at the Essex House September 21-22. On the morning of the



22 he was responsible for a fine 4-column spread showing, besides the covering story, a 4-column picture of lovely Mrs. Courtland Duerk of Baldwin, L. I., with the huge Ned Seymour dahlia originated by Stanley Johnson (no relation to Jack) of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. The 14" orange-red beauty, so said the caption, "won the American Dahlia Society Sweepstakes Medal Certificate and the American Home Achievement Medal." E. L. D. (Ned) Seymour, for whom the flower was named, is Horticultural Editor of the American Home Magazine.

Ira D. McIntosh of 1113 Broadway Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va., writes in a different vein than all other parts of the country except Washington State when he says, "We have had a wonderful dahlia season. We have had over normal rainfall. Dahlias which were only supposed to grow 5 ft., went to 8 ft., so you can see what I mean by a good season." All other sections report worst drought, May to November, in more than a decade.

You've heard the story about the farmer's daughter and the city slicker? Well, Phi Alampi WRCA's farm and garden editor says, and he should know, that "farm girls are healthier and more beautiful than city girls. They make better wives, better cooks and they are definitely better housekeepers." He expects to prove this with a month's contest, Oct. 29 to Nov. 26 on his WRCA "Farm Views" program (week days 6:00—6:30 a.m. and Sat. 6:00—7:00 a.m.) He will later exhibit the winning five finalists Sat., Dec. 4 at New Jersey Mid-Atlantic Farm Show in Atlantic City and later on his WRCA—TV program, "Home Gardener and Handyman." Saturdays 1:00—1:30 p.m. Let us know the date, Phil. We will add dahlia roots to their many other prizes.

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### *Mrs. L. Delaporte Fenner*

Mrs. L. Delaporte Fenner passed away July 11, 1954 after a short illness. Mrs. Delaporte will be remembered by her many friends for love of the Dahlia.

Mrs. Delaporte was a charter member of The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin. She displayed her Dahlias annually at the shows. Her exhibits were always highly commended, and she made many fine contributions to the Society.

The editor remembers Mrs. Delaporte and her dahlias, when he visited the Midwest show in 1944 in Milwaukee. She was a gracious lady and loved her dahlias, and was beloved by all who knew her.

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Friends of Dr. Ward Cook, Author of the Dahlia Judging Manual, will be interested in his recent business move. He is a noted pathologist and has been working for several hospitals in South Jersey for the past few years. Beginning Nov. 1 he will act as pathologist for hospitals in Little Falls, Hirkermor and Ilion, N. Y. His address until further notice will be Little Falls Hospital, Little Falls, N. Y.

## *Reports from the Shows of A. D. S. Branch and Affiliated Societies*



At Irvington, N. J. Show

Exotic Hawaiian blossoms of Birds of Paradise, Anthurium, Ginger with Ti leaves sent by Capt. Roberta Stevens to Mr. and Mrs. John Metzger, Irvington, and arranged and exhibited by them at the Irvington Dahlia Society Show, Sept. 11, "Edna" hurricane day. The young lady is Miss Carolyn Scheutz, Metzger's neighbor.

### *Irvington Dahlia and Garden Society*

(From Irvington Herald)

Flower fanciers basked in the beauty of hundreds of prize blooms assembled in Irvington High School's spacious new

gymnasium over the weekend. Ninety-five exhibitors displayed more than 800 colorful specimens to make it one of the most successful shows staged by the Irvington Garden Club in connection with the Recreation Department.

Most of the blossoms had been plucked well in advance of Hurricane Edna and were exhibited in all their beauty and perfection. Edna whirled out of town just before the club opened its 26th annual exhibit and early visitors viewed the floral panorama as sun filtered through the gymnasium windows.

John C. Metzger of 126 Allen St., Irvington, won the Mayor McKenna Trophy for the most number of points in show by an Irvington resident. Metzger also captured the Kiwanis Club Trophy for the second largest number of points scored in the show.

Harry Franks of Far Hills amassed 233 points to win top sweepstakes prize in the show. Second sweepstakes honors went to John C. Metzger, of 126 Allen St., Irvington. This was a reversal of

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#### CLOSING DATE, THE 10TH

Secretaries of Branch and Affiliate Societies are requested to mail their reports for publication in the Bulletin on the 10th of the month preceding publication. These closing dates are:

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*October 10* for November issue

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last year's results. Third place went to Mrs. Peter Madsen of South Plainfield.

Metzger also took first prize trophy among the local exhibitors. A number of Irvingtonians captured ribbons with their prize exhibits.

Unusually beautiful among the special exhibits were the mass of exotic Hawaiian flowers and foliage airmailed here for the show by two former members of the Irvington Garden Club, Capt. Roberta Stevens, now stationed at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu and her father, Wilmer Stevens. (See Illustration).

The American Home Achievement Medal for the outstanding undissemated dahlia introduction was won by Stanley Johnson of Cheltham, Pa.

### Greater Philadelphia Society Show

The 1954 show was held on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, in the beautiful, spacious lobby of Philadelphia's finest Radio and Television Center, WCAV.

The week preceding the show was devoted to publicity over the air encouraging exhibitors and public to attend the show. George M. Boyles, President, Walter Strobel, Secretary, Frank L. Deichler, Jr., and Stanley Johnson appeared on various programs. The big event was the TV show—crowning the Dahlia Queen, lovely Miss Joan L. Boyles. The crown, made of the autumn colored miniature dahlia, "Chips," was designed by the Philadelphia florist, Otto Schmidt. Miss Boyles and Miss Joyce Allen were the hostesses for the Society at show time. It was a well managed show under the guidance of the Show Superintendent, Mr. Fred Moore. The attendance was good on both days.

The Seedling Classes always attract attention. The "American Home" achievement medal went to the dahlia, NED SEYMOUR, a 14" giant, color orange red, informal decorative and an origination of Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. This dahlia also won the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award with an average score of 882/3 points. This

variety, Ned Seymour, also won the Society's tri-color rosette as the highest scoring seedling. Louis Comito, Malvern, Pennsylvania, displayed his prize winning red miniature dahlia, "Joan L. Boyles" and won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake ribbon with a score of 87 points. Mr. Comito's dahlia also gained the Society's tri-color rosette as the best entry of 5 miniature dahlias which is quite an achievement for a new miniature dahlia. The other A.D.S. Sweepstake winner, score 862/3 points, was Amberlite by Stanley Johnson. An 8" S. C. orange color dahlia.

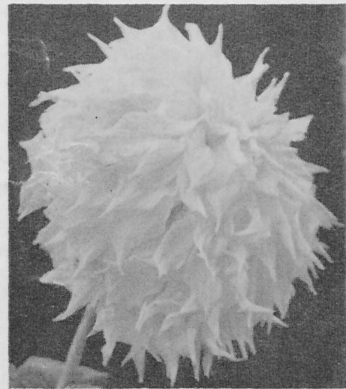
The following were the major award winners gaining the tri-color rosettes given by the Society. Best "A" bloom—Powderpuff, best vase of 3 "B" blooms—Friendship, best basket of 25 blooms—Snowcup, best basket of 25 miniatures—Hazel Harper, and best basket of 25

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pompoms, Joyce Gibbs, all by Walter Strobel, Elkins Park, Penna. Summary shows Mr. Strobel as having 5 entries on the Championship table. Best 3 "A" blooms, unnamed seedling and best basket 10 "A" dahlias, Whitehall, won honors for Robinwood, Devon, Penna, Hugh Sweeney, gardener. The best vase of 5 pompoms went to George M. Boyles, Lansdowne, Penna., for his entry of 5 almost perfect—Little Beauty. Best arrangement to Mrs. R. E. Bender, Havertown, Penna., for her distinctive work in the "predomination of dahlia Section"—Amateurs. Frank L. Deichler, Jr., of Upper Darby, Pa., won the Sweepstakes and possession of the Thomas McKay Memorial Trophy. Some of his prize winning varieties were White Nobby's Light, Autumn Blaze, Maffie, Pride of Parkersburg and Clariam Royalty.

Section Large Varieties—open to all. The Sweepstake winner was "Robinwood" by Hugh Sweeney, and the award—the Amos Kirby bowl. A few of the prominent prize winning varieties were Collectors Item, King Size, Helena Cymbie, Arthur Godfrey, Volcano, Starbright, Great Lakes, Croyden Masterpiece, Kelvin and Autumn Blaze. Competition was by Henry Brusca, William Speaker, John Plewinski, C. Francis Silverio, Keck Stephens Gardens and others.

Section Small Varieties—Open to all. George M. Boyles won the Sweepstakes with plenty to spare gaining the permanent possession of the Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society's Medal. The outstanding pompoms were Little Beauty, Joyce Gibbs, Miss Marjorie, Little Jackie, Clover, Betty Anne and Betty Malone. Blue ribbon miniature dahlias, Little Linda, Autumn Babe, Ruby Charm, Belle, Fuschia Gem, Little Diamond, and Hazel Harper. Best single was Candlelight and collarette La Civera by Joseph Anderson.

Arrangements. The big winners here were Mrs. Ernest Plummer, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Frank Caster. Good competition was furnished by Mrs. W. G. Seeburger, Mrs. N. L. Wright, and Miss Marguerite Fuery.

The judging was in the capable hands of Mayland MacAvoy, Willow Grove, Penna., John Root, Collingswood, New Jersey, Charles G. Freidel, Philadelphia, George G. Johnson, Cheltenham, and Mrs. Frank L. Deichler, Jr., Upper Darby, Penna. These judges were assisted by some of our own members. Stanley Johnson, *A.D.S. Representative.*

## Dahlia of Tennessee

Host for Midwest Show Oct. 1-2, 1955

This past growing season, April through September, was one of the poorest ever experienced in the memory of dahlia growers, not only in the vicinity of Chattanooga but over the entire South with rainfall far, far below the normal, the 95 days with maximum temperature of 90 degrees or better, in Chattanooga, was certainly not conducive to the growing of dahlias, or any other flower or farm crop. It was the driest and hottest on record and records began in Chattanooga in 1879. Dahlia growers complained, griped, kicked, threatened to "tar and feather" Chattanooga's weather man for giving such a poor season and there was a definite voice of pessimism creeping over the growers. (However it didn't do much good to kick to the "Weatherman" all he was doing was to try to outguess the Lord on what was coming next.)

Because of the very, very few blooms just before scheduled show time the Dahlia Society of Tennessee, Inc. called off its 1954 show and concentrated on making the exhibit of dahlias in the Hamilton County-Tri State-Chattanooga Fair one that visitors would long remember. As evidenced by the number of entries, the quantity of entries of good quality, and the close cooperation and participation by all members this Show certainly was a success. It was surprising to note that the "A" and "B" type dahlias withstood the hot and dry weather much better than the smaller types, such as the pompoms, the miniatures, and other small flowering varieties. The great number of visitors to this exhibit showed, again, that wherever a Dahlia Show, or exhibit, is scheduled there you will find the visitors.

Dahlia Society of Tennessee, Inc. members participated in the Southern States Dahlia Association Show, Birmingham, under the host Society, Dahlia Society of Alabama; Also, participated in the Dahlia Society of Georgia excellent Dahlia Show at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta, Georgia. Tennessean's brought back their due share of trophies and ribbons in addition to the friendship renewal that all dahlia lovers experience when visiting other dahlia shows.

At the meeting of the Southern States Dahlia Association Executive Committee in Birmingham, Mr. Charles A. Watson, Signal Mountain, Tennessee, was announced as the President for the 1955



SOUTHERN STATES  
DAHLIA ASSOCIATION SHOW  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
October 1-2, 1955  
Host Society  
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year with Clarence R. Kallquist, Chattanooga being appointed as Secretary.

It was announced that the Southern States Dahlia Association will hold its annual show on October 1st and 2nd, 1955 in Chattanooga, Tennessee with the Dahlia Society of Tennessee, Inc. acting as Host Society and working in full cooperation with them will be the Dahlia Society of Georgia, and the Dahlia Society of Alabama.

Dahlia growers, exhibitors, commercial interests, mark your calendar accordingly. Plan your vacation with those dates in mind and make your itinerary include Chattanooga during these days. Plan to enter your dahlias in this show. Send them down by Air-Mail, Air-Express, bring them down in your own car, carry them with you in airplane, train, or bus, but do plan on entering your dahlias in one of the biggest dahlia shows scheduled over the entire country.

So, good "Fellow Dahlians," we are expecting you at this show. Visit the "DAHLIA CITY OF DIXIE" where the "DAHLIA, KING OF ALL FLOWERS" holds supreme sway.

CLARENCE R. KALLQUIST, *Secretary*

### **National Capital Dahlia Society**

New records were made when 140 exhibitors brought in no less than 2533 (official count) of exhibits to the 19th Annual Regional Dahlia Show of the National Capital Dahlia Society, held at the U.S. Botanic Garden. The show was excellently staged and managed due to the efforts of Show Chairman "Johnny Gilmer" and his assistants, Clarence Phillip and Sam Shapiro. Visitors were estimated at between 18,000 and 20,000. The new code schedule was well received by exhibitors.

An outstanding feature of the show was the exhibit of nearly 100 dahlias by J. G. Ballego & Sons flown from Leiden, Holland. This exhibit of nearly 100 blooms was received Friday evening in a single small florist's box weighing 40 pounds. The stems were cut under water in accordance with directions and before



**COVER GIRL, A—F.D., Bicolor**  
Originated by J. E. Hulin, Oregon.  
Introducer, Parrella, Lavender with  
white tips. Photo—Dudley

morning the blooms were in excellent condition and remained so during the show.

A surprise came from the Children's Section when the best A-size entry—Autumn Blaze by Forest Minor Jr.—went on to win the largest blue ribbon entry award in the show. The Children's section had 72 entries and received much favorable comment. The sweepstakes winner was David Yano, while Billy Barksdale's entry of Hazel Harper was judged to be the best small flowering entry. All blue ribbon winners won prizes which partly accounts for the popularity of this section. The Artistic Arrangements Section was also outstanding with 99 entries. Mrs. Hugh W. Cary won both the best entry award and the sweepstakes award in this section.

The American Home Achievement Medal went to Stanley Johnson for his huge blooms of Ned Seymour. In the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Luther Schimpf's variegated formal miniature received a score of 88, while Dr. Henry C. Parker's entry of LULU—a red ball—obtained a score of 85.

Robert Edmonston won the Bishop Memorial Trophy for the Best Large Flowering Dahlia in the Show with Juane LaBelle. Mr. & Mrs. Blount won the Mason Trophy for the best B-size dahlia—Judy G.—while Harry Frank won the Hitchcock Trophy for the best small flowering dahlia with an entry of his yellow formal miniature seedling M-53-1.

Sweepstakes awards in the following sections were won as follows: Section HA—Sam Shapiro; Section HB—James E. Alford; Section TA—Mr. & Mrs.

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**SURPRISE, A—S.C., Light Blend**  
 Originated by George L. Baker. Introduced by Rocky River. Won many prizes. Photo—Dudley.

Forest Minor, Section TB — Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Blount; Section OA—G. E. Dodrill; Section OB—Chas. M. Diffenderfer; Section 3A—G. E. Dodrill; Section 3B—G. E. Dodrill; Section M—S. S. Mehr; Section SF—Clyde M. Stewart; Section N—V. L. Ailstock; Section S—Dr. H. C. Parker.

The Basket and Vase section contained 71 entries and the trophy winners in this section were: Dr. H. C. Parker (2), G. E. Dodrill, L. M. Clarke, Gus Christensen (2), Harry J. Quick (2), H. W. Anderson, Roy A. Holland, Nicholas Scheel and Mrs. Louis Gill.

The judges were entertained at a steak dinner at the Elk's Club which was declared a very enjoyable occasion by all. The Society wishes to thank the following judges for an excellent job, well and promptly done: Mrs. John L. Bishop, Mrs. V. D. Mc Manus, Miss Bess E. Dennis and Messrs. C. B. Ambrose, C. Brieger, C. M. Brown, R. E. Bryant, Frank Busch, Ward Cook, H. Cory, C. M. Diffenderfer, A. Eagan, W. L. Elkins, Conrad E. Faust, Harry Frank, N. A. Gossman, John Hanna, A. A. Hunter, Ed. Keck, J. E. Kelley, F. J. Marker, A. A. Martin, Warren Maytrott, R. D. Metznick, E. R. Phillips, B. E. Pitt, Donald Samson, Ed. Schann, Wm. Schann, Nicholas Scheel, A. W. Smith, Chas. Stoeckel, Wm. Fozz, H. Watkins, Roy Webb, Herman Williams, Geo. Yaeger and Leo Pollak. Dr. H. C. Parker, Publicity Chairman.

## Washington State Dahlia Society

Dahlia lovers almost ran out of adjectives Saturday afternoon, September 11, at the opening of the two-day Washington State Dahlia Society Show in the Hodcarriers Hall, 755 So. Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington.

The 44th Annual Show opened in a splash of color. Dahlias not only were bigger than ever, but growers had come up with colors an artist would be hard pressed to duplicate. Flower fanciers came from far and near. One man came all the way from Vancouver Island just to attend our show. There were so many entries that the Society ran out of cans to hold the dahlias early Saturday morning. More were obtained after a frantic tour of downtown restaurants.

*Amateur Class:* Cactus, V. E. Sandford of Bremerton (Searchlight); Semicactus, Andrew Babb of Bremerton (Ballego's Surprise); Formal Decorative, Jack Kindberg of Tacoma (Peter's Glory); and Informal Decorative, V. E. Sanford of Bremerton (Night Editor).

*Open Class:* Cactus, Mrs. John Baush of Port Orchard (Fijnstrall); Semicactus, Mrs. Baush (Ballego's Surprise); Formal Decorative, D. R. Wood of Tacoma (Real Glory); and Informal Decorative, Tom Forhan of Bremerton (Croyden's Masterpiece).

*Special Awards:* Best by a Novice, Jeanne Fanning of Tacoma (Dutch Gold); Best by Amateur, V. E. Sandford of Bremerton (Night Editor); Smallest Perfect Dahlia, Mrs. Glenn Dunlap of Tacoma (Bobby Lee Bribble); Largest Dahlia in Show, Charles Julin (Kelvin); Best Basket, Diane Wood of Tacoma (Tornado); Best in the show, V. E. Sanford (Night Editor); Second best in the show, Andrew Babb (Ballego's Surprise); Best Arrangement, Mrs. Frank Ryan of Tacoma; and Second Best Arrangement, Mrs. Charles Ayler of Tacoma. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Mr. Charles Julin of Tacoma for his seedling called "Leschar." This seedling also scored for the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award.

Despite all the long hard rains we had, the 1954 show was a huge success.

Mrs. Charles Ayler

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## Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio completed a most successful show season for the year 1954. Even though there had been a hot and dry summer many beautiful blooms were brought to our shows and they were well attended.

At the show sponsored at beautiful Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio a total of 537 entries were brought in. The Court of Honor winners were: Best "A", Jerry Kovar with Pirate Treasure; Best "B", Charles Schaefer with "Snowball"; Best 3 "B's", Jerry Kovar with "Juanita"; Best 3 "A's", Jerry Kovar with "Croyden Masterpiece" (One of which was the Grand Champion of the Show); Best Ball, Jerry Kovar with "Clara Clemens"; Best 3 Miniatures, Mrs. C. Kellen with "Pax"; Best 3 Poms, Mrs. Wm. Danko with "Valda"; and The Most Perfect Pom by Mr. J. Ralph Berry with "Rosegay."

The theme of our annual show at the Higbee Co. auditorium was Mexico. Very novel commercial displays were set up by The Dahlia Gardens of Wagon Wheel, Rocky River and Garfield Hts. The Higbee Co. also set up a beautiful display and the stage was decorated with accessories by the courtesy of The Mexican Embassy & American Air Lines. It was a job well done by our show chairman Mr. Leonard F. Fuerst.

Sweepstakes winners were as follows: Novice, Miss E. H. Stephens; Small Amateur, Joe Mark; Large Amateur, Mrs. Angela Danko; Open to All, Rosemary Dahlia Gardens; Arrangements, Constance Littell and Alice Williams. The Court of Honor winners were: Rosemary Dahlia Gardens, Best "A", "Prairie Fire"; Mrs. Etta MacDowell, Largest Bloom, "Croyden's Masterpiece"; J. Ralph Berry, Best 3 "A", "Nellie Retzer"; Mrs. Etta MacDowell, Best "B", "Windlassie"; Mrs. L. S. Davies, Best 3 "B", "Mrs. E. J."; Mrs. C. Green of East Liverpool, Best Balls, "Supt. Amrhythm"; William Haugh of Wellsville, Best Miniatures, "Mrs. Stone"; Mrs. Angela Danko, Best Pompons, "Miss Marjorie"; and Rosemary Dahlia Gardens of Martins Ferry, Ohio, Grand Champion, with "Prairie Fire." Howard F. Skorepa. *A.D.S. Cor.*

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## Central Valley Dahlia Society

Third Annual Central Valley Dahlia Show was held in Bakersfield, California, September 11th and 12th, 1954. Specimen sweepstakes was won by Mrs. Ed. Homer of Porterville, California. The arrangement sweepstake was won by Mrs. Robert C. Wilson of Bakersfield, California.

The largest Dahlia in the show "Croyden's Masterpiece" was won by Neven Burrell of Tulare, California. The smallest dahlia, Nerissa, won by Mrs. Herman Fieber of Bakersfield, California. Searchlight was the best individual dahlia won by Mrs. W. R. Mongerson of Bakersfield; and, the best Frieda Gaylord was entered by Mr. K. R. Clifford of Strathmore.

Mrs. Allen Hilton, of Porterville, California won the Noel Scott Perpetual Trophy with California Idol. The best in novice section was won by Neva Sexton of Wasco, California. Mrs. W. R. Mongerson won best in amateur section for one bloom; and, the best in section for three blooms, amateur was won by K. R. Clifford of Strathmore. Mrs. Ed Rambaud of Bakersfield won the best in section one bloom open to all.

Over a thousand blooms were entered in the show. *MRS. LEON OGLESBY, Sec.*

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## The Midwest Show at Cincinnati

On September 25 and 26, with the Cincinnati Art Museum as the setting, the Midwest Dahlia Show and Conference was held and the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association was the host society.

Amid the historic paintings and art treasures some four thousand people viewed one of the finest displays of dahlias that this section of the country has ever encountered.

Beginning with a tour of the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds at Ault Park, where many fine seedlings and countless named varieties grow, the group continued to the formal gardens of Mr. Edw. Heitzman on Observatory Road, and then went to the Eden Park Conservatory and Art Museum. All who made the tour said it was a very enjoyable experience.

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 25, the day of the show a tea was held for the visiting ladies with Mrs. Wilbur Anderson, wife of the Show Chairman, in charge of the event.

In describing the show itself, every type of dahlia was represented, and there were approximately two thousand entries recorded. Two large commercial displays from Harley Peck of Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, and G. L. Pierce of Summit Gardens added much to the show.

Sweepstakes in the Open to All section for "A" and "B" size dahlias went to G. L. Pierce, and the runner-up was Larry Pele. For the pom and miniature dahlias, sweepstakes went to W. C. Anderson and the runner-up was Miss Alice Mattick. In the Small Amateur section for "A" and "B" size dahlias, B. C. Wright won sweepstakes with Howard Ray runner-up.

For the Pom and Miniature dahlias, Harry Story won sweepstakes with Fred Binstadt runner-up. Novice Sweepstakes went to Eva Horning with David Holder runner-up, and Children's Sweepstakes went to Eddie Newman with David Holder runner-up. The Artistic Arrangement Sweepstakes winners were Mrs. Howard Ray, Open to All; John Dickman, Men Only., and Eva Horning, Novice.

The largest bloom in the show was Arthur Godfrey,  $12\frac{1}{8}$  by  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches grown by Howard Ray. The most perfect "A" size bloom was Prairie Sun, grown by Larry Pele, and the most perfect "B" size bloom was Clarose, grown by G. L. Pierce. The most outstanding entry in the show was Almelo's Glory, grown by G. L. Pierce.

The Charles L. Pape Trophy was won by W. C. Anderson, the Garnett Huey Trophy went to Paul Hale, and the Toledo Dahlia Society Trophy was won by G. L. Pierce. The Midwest Trophy went to Wm. Wolbert and the Col. Thomas Trophy to John Dickman. The Brother Albert Harris Trophy went to W. A. Saffel and the J. G. Ballego Award to Larry Pele. The Emmerick Memorial Trophy and the Milton Kimbel Trophy went to Howard Ray.

In the Seedling Section, the American Home Achievement was awarded to George Baker for his seedling "Surprise." American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes winners were: "A" size, George Baker for Surprise 85.5; J. A. Schutte for Jerry's Pride, 85.3; Artie Boram for Boram's Pride, 85.5. "B" size, Rosemary Dahlia Gardens for Marvelous, 85.3; "B-b" size, Artie Boram for Carmine Red, 85.5.

The winners of gold ribbons in the specimen bloom classes were: Howard Ray for Jane Lausche, Arthur Godfrey, Florence Chadwick, Grandezza, and Snow White; G. L. Pierce for Leander, Warren Slagh, Clarose, Almelo's Glory, and Luck now; Larry Pele for Clariam Royalty, Prairie Sun, Bunny, and Eric Halford; Alice Mattick for Betty Malone, and Arabesque; Fred Binstadt for Mrs. Hester Pape and Bobo; Anna May Schreiner for Marie and Margaret Williams; B. E. Wright for Clariam Royalty and Bertha Schone; Mr. Edw. Heitzman for Rosy Dawn; W. C. Anderson for Baby Fonteneau; Walter Schill for Broeder Justinus; John Dickman for Lombert's Violet; Eddie Newman for Big Mo; Eva Horning for Jersey's Beauty; and Harold Shanabrook for American Legion.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association wishes to thank all those who attended, exhibited dahlias, and helped to judge, thus making the Cincinnati Midwest Show for 1954 the great success that it was.

JACK WILSEY,  
Show Secretary

### Annual Meeting of Midwest Dahlia Conference

The 21st Annual meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference was held in the Alms Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 25, 1954 at 5:45 P.M. with President Mr. L. M. White presiding.  
*Roll Call of Delegates:*



American Dahlia Society: Henry Olsen, Lynn Dudley, H. Dewey Mohr, Emil Berzau, Martin Guttler, J. Louis Roberts, Jesse Strauss, Harry Beals, A. J. Mulcahy, Ed. Lloyd, Sarah Wood.

Central States Dahlia Society: Bernard Wright, James Marsh, Lewis J. West, Lary Pelc, John Schramel.

Dahlia Society of Indianapolis: N. R. Hemphill, W. A. Saffell.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky: W. F. Kleinjohn.

Dahlia Society of Ohio: Ralph Berry, E. J. Wind, John Brack.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association: Wilbur Anderson, George Richardson.

Dahlia Society of Wisconsin: Charles Mosser, Ben Makowski.

Minnesota Dahlia Society: C. A. Nelson.

South Central Wisc. Dahlia Society: No delegate.

Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society: Chas. Wiedemann, Paul Hale, Bruno Faerber.

Dahlia Society of Toledo: No delegate.

East Liverpool Dahlia Society: Jack Eccleston, Wm. C. Craine.

Badger State Dahlia Society: Dr. N. Ackerman.

Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society: No delegate.

Tri-City Dahlia Society: No delegate.

Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society: Wm. Koenig.

Mid-America Dahlia Society: No delegate.

Minutes of the 1953 meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio were read and a motion was made by J. Louis Roberts of the American Dahlia Society and seconded by James Marsh of the Central States Dahlia Society that they be accepted as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report was read showing a balance of \$257.93 as of September 25, 1954.

A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts and seconded by Dr. N. Ackerman of the Badger State Dahlia Society that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wm. C. Craine of the East Liverpool Dahlia Society and seconded by W. A. Saffell of the Dahlia Society of Indianapolis that the \$25.00 allowed for the Midwest Dahlia Conference Trophy be allowed and paid. Motion carried.

*Correspondence:*

The Secretary read a letter received from the Tri-City Dahlia Society of Moline, Ill. extending a Bid for the 1956 Show and Conference meeting.



**FIRELIGHT, B—I.D., Bicolor**  
Originator, Stanley Johnson. Won A.D.S. Sweepstakes Burholm. Blood red, white tips. Photo—Dudley

A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts and seconded by E. J. Wind of the Dahlia Society of Ohio that we thank them for their invitation and the letter will again be read at the next annual meeting and acted upon. Motion carried.

The Secretary stated she had answered the letter and read same and the letter was in accord with the above motion.

*Bids for 1955 Show and Conference Meeting:*

The Secretary read a letter from the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin extending a Bid for the 1955 Midwest Show and Conference meeting.

After a few brief remarks from Mr. Mosser, president of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin and Dr. N. Ackerman, a motion was made by E. J. Wind and seconded by James Marsh that the Bid be accepted from the Dahlia Society of

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Wisconsin to be host to the Midwest Dahlia Conference for 1955. Motion carried. Show dates for 1955 are September 10th and 11th.

*Election of Officers:*—President:

A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and seconded by Ben Makowski of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin that the President elect of the Host Society be the President for 1955. Motion carried. Secretary-Treasurer:

A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts and seconded by Dr. N. Ackerman that Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Lewis West of the Central States Dahlia Society and seconded by Henry Olsen of the American Dahlia Society to allow the Secretary \$50.00 towards her expenses to the Conference meeting.

An Amendment to the above motion was made by Mrs. Sarah Wood of the American Dahlia Society and seconded by H. Dewey Mohr of the American Dahlia Society to increase the amount to \$75.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn and seconded by J. Louis Roberts that we give a vote of thanks to the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association for their hospitality shown us and for staging a very fine show. Motion carried.

Nothing further; a motion was made by W. A. Saffell and seconded by A. J. Mulcahy of the American Dahlia Society that we adjourn. Motion carried. Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, *Secretary*.

## *Dahlia and Plant Specialists*

The annual show of the Dahlia and Plant Specialists was held at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland located at Euclid Avenue and East Boulevard, on September 11th and 12th, 1954.

The show was very well attended both days. The quantity and quality was above normal considering the hot, dry summer we had experienced and the fact that some of the gardens were not at their best yet.

The best bloom over eight inches was "Croydon Masterpiece" exhibited by Richard Heidel, which was also the most perfect bloom in the entire show. The largest dahlia in the show was exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robens with an "Arthur Godfrey." The most perfect Ball dahlia was Charles F. Lasch' "Red Bird." The best bloom in the four to eight inch class was "Juanita" grown by Charles F. Lasch. The best Miniature was a seedling grown by Mr. Lasch. The smallest and most perfect pom was also grown by Mr. Lasch. Numerous Blue ribbons and special awards were won by J. W. Cowie, Richard Howells, A. E. Lackamp, Jerry Kovar, Joe Kern, John Kern and Otto Posky. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robens got an American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Award with their Seedling "Our Friend." They also won an American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Award with "Lulu," grown by them and originated by Dr. Henry Parker of Washington, D. C.

In connection with the beautiful array of dahlias there were also exhibits of the finest specimens of Roses, Gladiolus, Delphinium and Annuals.

A vote of thanks is extended to the Judges for their excellent way in which they handled the Judging. Mrs. H. H. Robens, *Publicity*.

## *Michigan Dahlia Association*

The Michigan Dahlia Association held its seventh annual show on September 11th and 12th at Flint, Michigan, in cooperation with the Flint Yard and Garden Club. The attendance was estimated at twenty thousand. Dr. C. E. Wildon of Michigan State College was show chairman. The ADS seedling award was won by Roy Koch of Detroit, with "Lady Meta." VENUS CADWELL, *Secretary*.

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### *Williamsburg, Va.*

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society held its show on October 2nd and 3rd at the Williamsburg Lodge. The show, being just a little later than others in the vicinity, seemed to profit from a last minute bit of rain and the flowers were at their peak. Competition was stiff with more than 800 exhibits competing for the trophies and blue ribbons.

Perhaps the most exciting portion was in the seedling class, where there seemed to be more entries than usual. "Miss Mollie" took the American Home Achievement Medal for the three year olds. "Miss Mollie" is a miniature semi-cactus in a deep blend, and is an introduction of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eddins of Richmond, Virginia. The new dahlia is named after their daughter who is just a few months younger than her namesake. Mr. W. L. Elkins, also of Richmond, won the American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal for the two year seedling, named General Gearhart, a fuchsia purple "A" semi-cactus.

The other section which held a great deal of interest was the C. B. Ambrose Trophy, which is to be awarded yearly for the best three blooms of a Virginia originated A dahlia, was won by Mrs. Vincent D. McManus's entry of "Col. Little." The nicest part of this was that Mr. Ambrose originated "Col. Little." This is our societies first silver trophy, and was, it seems to us, very fittingly awarded to one of the founders of our society.

Mrs. McManus' exhibit of dahlia culture, which was in the educational class, attracted a great deal of attention since it traced the dahlia from its discovery to its present day forms.

The Childrens Section, new this year, had a number of exhibitors with top honors going to David Dodrill for specimens and Gladys Jean Patrick for arrangements. The Grand Champion of the show was a bloom of "Daisy Ethel" exhibited by Mr. G. E. Dodrill. This was the most perfect A or B bloom and received the W. L. Elkins trophy. Overall sweepstakes went to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eddins of Richmond.

The Annual meeting of the Williamsburg Dahlia Society was held October tenth in the Bruton Parish House, Williamsburg. Officers elected for 1955 were: C. C. Lankford, President; Mrs. H. G. Cooley, First Vice-President; Mr. O. H. Weiss, Second Vice-President; Mr. Claude Slauson, Recording Secretary; Mr. D. A. Samson, Corresponding Secretary; Lt. Col. C. C. Lankford, Trustee.

### *Orange County Dahlia Society*

Our Society has just completed one of its most successful shows in its history. The quality and numbers of blooms exhibited surpassed our previous shows. The entire gymnasium of the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A. was filled with colorful dahlia blooms in all their many colors and forms. Trophies and ribbons were well distributed to novice, amateur, and commercial growers.

Mr. Ray Frazzini of Long Beach won the trophy for novices. Mrs. Hazel James and Mrs. Zelda Osborn, trophy winners in the amateur class. Our president, Dr. G. Emmett Raitt of Santa Ana, won best in the single bloom advanced amateur class. Lonnie Frazier of Huntington Beach won in the three and five bloom sections of the advanced amateur class.

The seedling section drew many fine entries. Mrs. Zelda Osborn won the Kiwanis Perpetual Trophy for the best 1954 seedling. Hobart Jordan won the Excelsior Creamery Perpetual Trophy for the best second year seedling. Comstock Dahlia Gardens of San Diego won the American Home Achievement Medal with three fine blooms of First Lady. This beautiful yellow formal decorative dahlia also won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes as did another Comstock introduction, Mr. President.

In the open division, Comstock Dahlia Gardens won many of the awards. Heywood Allen, of Westminster, won the A.D.S. medal for the best dahlia in the show, Marilyn Dale. Mr. Allen also won in the three bloom class, as did Earl Cowan, in the seven bloom class.

Sweepstakes winners were: Lester Tift of Ontario, Novice, Lillie Wickham of Redondo Beach, amateur, Dr. G. Emmett Raitt advanced amateur, Lawrence Archibald of Orange, open for all division.

Our Society has done other things besides our own Show. Under the capable leadership of Charles Dunn and Elden McNeil, the Society exhibit at the Orange County Fair won first prize and \$75.00.

Before our Show, we made an all day tour of member gardens in this area. Soon after the Show, we made a similar tour to the trial garden of Richard T. Eddy at Encinitis and to the Comstock Gardens at San Diego. Both tours were very interesting. The sight of new varieties, the exchange of information and the fellowship of these tours, all tend to enrich the life of a dahlia culturist. MRS. L. O. ARCHIBALD, *Cor. Secretary.*

### Hagerstown Dahlia Society Show

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society held its 25th Annual Dahlia and Flower Show in the basement of the City Market, September 23 and 24, which marked the Silver Anniversary of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society. Just 25 years ago on September 23, 1929, the Society held its first show in a storeroom in the Public Square.

From every angle, the show was an outstanding success; fine bloom, more blooms, more interest, larger attendance, and this further was proven by the fine lot of applications for membership received at the show. In addition to the hundreds of fine specimens of dahlias displayed, many other flowers artistically arranged were exhibited.

The largest dahlia in the show, Sherwood Peach, exhibited by Oscar Moser; the best dahlia, California Idol, exhibited by A. H. Sherman. The 1954 introductions: best decorative, D. A. Gossard; best cactus, Mrs. P. L. Carper; best miniature, Mrs. P. L. Carper, and H. K. Ramsburg. Sweepstakes: 1st prize, Oscar Moser; 2nd prize, Mrs. Roy Polsgrove; 3rd prize, H. K. Ramsburg. The rain and wind storm played havoc with the gladiolas the day before the show. H. C. Kuhn captured most of the prizes in this class.

Judges of the show were Professor J. B. S. Norton, University of Maryland, Mrs. Henry J. Betz, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary Bester, Hagerstown, Md. Charles W. Zahn was Superintendent of the show with Homer C. Grove, Assistant Superintendent, and H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

An atmosphere of warm fellowship, some interesting reminiscences, and an array of gorgeous flowers made up the background for the silver anniversary banquet of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society held on Wednesday evening September 8. This was the very first banquet ever held by the group who normally meet monthly in the YMCA Auditorium. Two hundred members and guests were present to celebrate this great occasion—an event which was looked forward to for a long time. Among the oldest members attending were Walter S. Gibney, Homer Grove, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg, H. C. Kuhn, Charles W. Zahn, Miss Margaret Middlekauff, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Mrs. Florence White, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg, Jr., Mrs. Chas. W. Zahn, D. A. Gossard, and Oscar Moser. H. K. Ramsburg, *Secretary*.

### East Liverpool Dahlia & Floral Society

The 1954 Dahlia and Floral Show of the East Liverpool Dahlia and Floral Society will be remembered by all who participated. It was considered the best show since Mid-West Show in 1947, and that was a show, as it is still spoken of wherever you go.

It is estimated that over a thousand visitors attended the show, many from outlying cities, and there was both quantity and quality in the blooms.

Mr. Richard Heidel of East Liverpool won the sweepstakes of the open division for the fifth straight year at the 29th annual show.

Mr. J. T. Eccleston won the award for the most perfect and largest bloom with his bloom, Ceramic Beauty, being winner with same variety two years straight. He also won the award for best three in vase with Great Lakes.

Other major awards were won by the following: Mr. H.H. Robens of Chagrin Falls, for the largest dahlia bloom; F. G. Richmond of Chester, West Virginia, most perfect bloom "B" size; Anthony Strechansky of Hubbard, Ohio, sweepstakes of amateur division; the Rosemary Dahlia Gardens of Martins Ferry, Ohio, the largest and most perfect ball dahlia; Wm. Gough of Wellsville, Ohio, smallest and most perfect pompon; Wm. C. Craine of Smiths Ferry, Pa., most perfect miniature dahlia under four inches; Charles Lasch of South Euclid, Ohio, best vase of three incurved cactus dahlia blooms; and Leo Laurence of East Liverpool, Ohio, best bloom of "Bertha Shone."

Fred Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa., won the American Home Achievement with a lovely bi-color "B" size bloom, red tipped white named "Duet" Mr. Scott also won A.D.S. medal in open division.

Sweepstakes in basket, vase and bowl was won by Frank Richmond, while Roy Smith of East Liverpool was the winner of largest and most perfect bloom in amateur division.

Mrs. Wm. Danko of Cleveland, Ohio, was winner of sweepstakes in open arrangement division, and Mrs. Ruth Wolfe in the amateur division, and Mrs. Harold J. Gallimore was sweepstakes winner in the East Liverpool Garden Club arrangement division.

Award and ribbon winners among the out-of-town exhibitors were Frank Shilling of Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Worley of Pittsburgh, Henry Retzer of West Bridgewater, Pa., Gar-



field Heights Dahlia Gardens of Garfield Heights, Ohio, Eugene Summers, C. F. Giffin of St. Clairsville, H. W. Leyh of Keanette, Pa., J. A. Greubel, J. W. Cowie, Margaret Luebbe of Bridgeport, West Virginia, Mr. S. S. Davies of Cleveland, Mr. Chris Wind, Rocky River, Ohio, and Harold Shannabrook of Massillon, Ohio and Mrs. George Wilmont of Clinton, Pa. Wm. C. Craine, *Corresponding Secretary*.

### **Dahlia Society of Kentucky**

The 22nd Annual Dahlia and Garden Flower Show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky was held at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky in the Mirror Room on September 18-19, 1954.

Despite the very hot and dry summer and the loss of many plants, it was amazing the amount of Dahlias that were brought into the Show room and placed in their proper places and Classes. Maybe not as many as when we have a good growing season, but we were very much pleased that we were able to have such a fine Show.

The most outstanding entry in the "Court of Honor" was 3 blooms of "The Cardinal" shown by Mr. N. R. Hemphill of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The most perfect bloom in the Single Bloom entry Classes in Section 1 was "Mary Ada" shown by Mr. Joe Hellman.

The most perfect bloom in the Single entry Classes in Section 2 was "Stella M" shown by Mr. C. W. Simbritzki.

The Largest bloom in the Single bloom entry Classes was a bloom of "Maffie" which measured  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $9\frac{5}{8}$ " was shown by Mr. N. R. Hemphill.

Sweepstakes in Section 1 was won by Mr. John Mills.

Sweepstakes in Section 2 was won by Mr. C. W. Simbritzki.

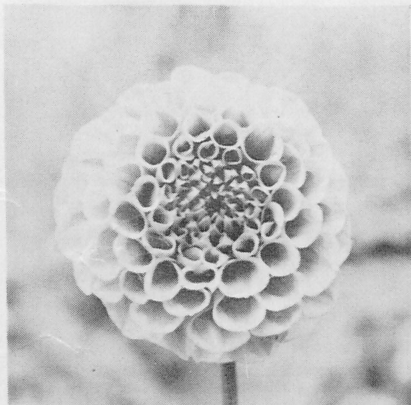
Sweepstakes in Open to All Section was won by Mr. A. W. Adams.

Sweepstakes in Poms and Miniatures was won by Mr. Wilbur Anderson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Grand Sweepstakes of the Entire Show was won by Mr. John Mills.

In the Derby Entry the winners were as follows:

- 1st—C. W. Simbritzki with a bloom of "Arthur Godfrey"
- 2nd—Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons with a bloom of "Arthur Godfrey"
- 3rd—John Mills with a bloom of "Mary Elizabeth"



**MOLLIE LOU, Ball—Violet**  
Originated by Schroeder. Introduced by Rocky River. Cobalt Violet, perfect form. Photo—Dudley.

The most perfect bloom "B" dahlia was "Aristocrat" shown by Mrs. H. Baerveldt.

The Novice Section was won by Mr. Clarence Hoaglund.

The Most meritorius entry in the Garden Flower Section was won by Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn with an entry of "Gladiolas." Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, *Sec'y*.

### **Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland**

The 1954 Dahlia Show of the Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland was held at Reisterstown, Maryland, September 17 and 18 in conjunction with the Franklin Fair at Franklin High School.

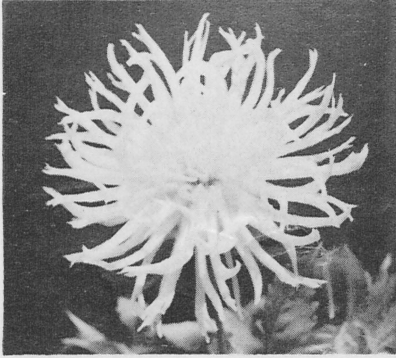
In spite of the very dry weather in this area, this year's Show was larger and better than our 1953 Show. The following new sections were added to the program.

- A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes
- Children's Class—up to 18 years of age
- Maryland Originations
- Suburban-Comstock Futurity Seedlings
- A Section to A and B Dahlias
- B Section to A and B Dahlias

There were 742 entries with a total of 1923 blooms entered in the Show—resulting in 403 awards being made. The Honorable Theodore R. McKeldon, Governor of Maryland, presented the trophies to the winners which were as follows:

Governor's Trophy, Mrs. Dorothy

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**IDA BERNADINE, B—I.D. Yellow**  
 Originated by Herbert Frank. Introduced  
 by Dahlidel. Clear Primrose  
 yellow. Fine form. Photo—Dudley.

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Sherwood; Allied Growers Trophy, Mr. A. F. Murray; Mayor D'Alesandro's Trophy, Mr. Harry J. Quick; John W. Sherwood Trophy, Mrs. Elsie Brach; S. & N. Katz Trophy, Mr. Harry J. Quick; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sherwood Trophy, Mr. Harry J. Quick; Mr. & Mrs. Jules Chodak Trophy, Mr. Harry J. Quick; Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Quick Trophy, Mr. Harry Anderson; Charles J. Brach—Memorial Trophy, Mr. Jules Chodak; S. S. Pennock Trophy, Mr. Harry J. Quick; Mary E. Reisinger Memorial Trophy, Mr. Hervey Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Howard Cole Trophy, Mr. R. Schwanebeck; Edmonston Trophy, Mr. Jules Chodak; David F. Quick Trophy, Mrs. Hervey Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Hervey Brown Trophy, Miss Audrey Brown; A.D.S. Bronze Medal, Mrs. Elsie Cole; A.D.S. Seedling Ribbon, Mrs. Elsie Cole.

The A.D. Seedling Sweepstakes Ribbon, won by Mrs. Cole, was for her miniature flame seedling which scored 86. Mrs. Cole named her seedling "Ember."

In the Suburban-Comstock Futurity class, Mr. Gillem won 1st prize; Mrs. J. Edgar Miller, 2nd prize and Mr. Robert Edmonston, 3rd prize. There were 14 entries in this Section.

Judges for the Show were Mr. Shawn, Mr. Ralph Lamenzo, N. Y., Mr. E. C. Hill, Mr. William Bower, Mr. Henry Betz, Sr., Mr. Lynn Dudley, N. Y., Dr. Ward Cook, N. Y., Mr. Warren Maytrott, Vineland, N. J., John Hanna, N. J. and Rev. Wonder. Much of the credit for the success of the Show is due to the enthusiasm of the President and the Show Chairman, Mr. David F. Quick,

the members of the Show Committee, and the individual members who worked hard to prepare and make the Show a success.

The Suburban Dahlia Club sincerely thanks the judges for their kindness in judging at our Show and we feel they did a magnificent job. Charles H. Reisinger, *Vice President*.

### **Burholme Horticultural Society**

The Burholme Horticultural Society completed their most successful season with their 34th Annual Flower Show which featured Dahlias on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17th & 18th, at the Jardel Recreation Center, Burholme, Pa. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa. with a new orange-red Dahlia, which measured 14 inches by 9 inches named "NED SEYMOUR." This Dahlia was also the Best of the Show and won the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Award with an average score of 88 points. Other A. D. S. Sweepstakes awards went to a red miniature named "JOAN L. BOYLES" by N. Louis Comito, Paoli, Pa. with 85.7 points and "COMITO SUPREME" with 86 points. Keck-Stephens Gardens with "KANDY KID" also 86 points; "TID," an origination of Dr. H. C. Parker of Washington, D. C. exhibited by Thomas Yano of Bethesda, Mr. and "MISS P. R. R." a B size semi cactus, autumn color, also exhibited by Stanley Johnson 87.2 points.

The Sweepstakes winner in the open to all Dahlia classes was won again this year by Walter Strobel of Elkins Park, Pa. Some of the Dahlias he featured were "Amos Kirby," "Pirate Treasure," "Lady Moyra Ponsonby," "Rose Glow," "Mark Twain" & "Arthur Godfrey." Closely competing were Keck-Stephens Gardens, Ferndale, Pa., John Plewinski, Roxboro, Pa., N. Louis Comita, Geo. Boyles, Lansdowne, Pa., and Thomas Yano. Some of the outstanding varieties were "Cymbie," "Collector's Item," "Blendette," "Comito Show," "Sam Herst," "Five Star General," "Maryland Beauty," "Temptation" and "Candlelight."

In the Amateur Class, top honors went to the Sweepstakes winner, John E. Drach, of Cheltenham, Pa. with 39 points and varieties "Croydon Masterpiece," "Friendship," "Whitehall," "King Size" & "Maffie."

Other winners in this class were Frank

V. Daniel, Elkins Park, Pa., Charles G. Friedel, Lawndale, Pa., Geo. M. Boyles, Charles Trout, Cheltenham, Pa., Fred Aurisch, Phila., Pa., and Madeline Knoebel, with the following varieties predominating — "Tidal Wave," "Letitia," "Jane Lausche," "St. Lambert," "Wini-fred Stredwick," and "Herbert Apps." among the pompons.

The American Dahlia Society Medal was won by Walter Strobel for his entry of "Snowcup," a 1954 introduction.

The Show Superintendent was William O. Hird, and the Judges were Lynn B. Dudley, New Rochelle, N. Y., Dr. Ward H. Cook, Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mayland T. MacAvoy, Willow Grove, Pa., George G. Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa., John M. Root, Collingswood, N. J., Thomas Yano, Bethesda, Md., Mrs. George S. Crompton, Phila., Pa., Mrs. A. C. Reynolds, Willow Grove, Pa. Mr. & Mrs. Curtice C. White, Johnsville, Pa., Fred W. Moore, Haverford, Pa. and Alexander McCleod, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Sweepstake Winner of the Novelties and Arrangement Section was Mrs. Frank Castor of 3524 Solly Ave., Phila., Pa.

### Rochester Dahlia Society

The Rochester Dahlia Society once again transformed the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences into a riot of color with some 1100 entries at its 15th Annual Show on September 12, 1954. Quality of bloom was excellent. By actual count we had 328 different varieties among just the first and second place winners.

As was the case last year a first year grower made headlines. Merton Clemons of Elmira, who grew less than 25 hills, entered 18 blooms and won the Hart and Vick Challenge Cup for the largest bloom in the show with a 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bloom of "Powder Puff", had the most outstanding bloom in both the Novice and Amateur Sections with two blooms of Marilyn Dale and had his "Madonna" and "The Real Glory" judged the best of their type in the Amateur Section.

Professor C. Merrill Brown of Williamsville captured the Stoyell Memorial Cup for the best bloom in the show with his entry of "Dulcie May", a B-sized red cactus, and the Democrat & Chronicle Cup for the highest percentage of blue ribbons with 25 blues from 51 entries.

Other first year exhibitors, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Foster of Sea Breeze saw their bloom advance to the Court of Honor when their "Gold Dust" was judged the

smallest and most perfect pompon in the show. None of the entries were judged worthy of the American Home Achievement Award nor of the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. The A.D.S. Bronze Medal for the most promising seedling (assumed to be) under 3 years old, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Kimmell for their bloom of "K-47", a B-sized formal lavender dahlia with a white center. The Best commercial exhibit was judged to be a display of dahlias and gladiolas by Alfred Moses of Lima, New York.

Following are sectional winners: Novice Section. Outstanding Bloom—"Marilyn Dale"—Merton Clemons of Elmira; Sweepstakes—Ardis Hill of Montour Falls. Amateur Section. Outstanding Bloom — "Marilyn Dale" — Merton Clemons; Section Sweepstakes—Gerard Herring; "A" Size Sweepstakes—William Stonewall; "B" Size Sweepstakes—Gerard Herring; Miniature & Pompon Sweepstakes—Ed Woerner. Open to all section. Outstanding Bloom—"Dulcie May"—C. Merrill Brown; Section Sweepstakes—Mr. & Mrs. Phillip M. Kimmell; "A" Size Sweepstakes—C. Merrill Brown; "B" Size and Pompon and Miniature Sweepstakes—M. & Mrs. Phillip M. Kimmell.

A large flower arrangement section was staged by the members of seven Irondequoit garden clubs. In the Garden Club Class the blue ribbon was captured by the Laurel Garden Club with a composition entitled "Fall Forecast" in which dusty rose and orange-buff cactus dahlias were featured with driftwood, purple barbery foliage and fungi.

The judges, headed by Past President Bob Connal included Messrs. Walter Malcolm, Louis Eckel, and Arthur Battams, of Rochester; Arthur Garretson of Syracuse; and Edward Stayments, George Brunjes, Charles Liskovec, Earl Canfield and Gul Dennis of Elmira. Show Chairman, Frank Eyer.

Mrs. Phillip M. Kimmell

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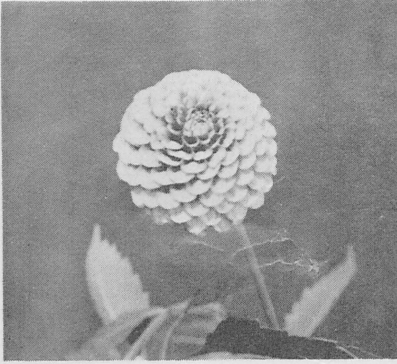
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### *San Diego County Dahlia Society*

A well balanced display of current favorites, new varieties and seedlings attracted more than 7,000 paid admissions to the nation's first dahlia show of the year in San Diego, Calif.

Harold Huebsch, president of the San Diego County Dahlia Society, said 125 growers entered more than 5,000 blooms. Held in one of the exposition buildings in San Diego's Balboa Park, the society's annual show brought in funds to benefit the city's Indoor Sports Club, recreation club for handicapped adults.

Big feature of the show was the introduction of the sensational "First Lady," formal decorative yellow, and the large pink and yellow blend, lacinated cactus type, "Mr. President," by Paul and Rose Marie Comstock of the Comstock Dahlia Gardens. The First Lady was judged best bloom in the show, won class, color and type firsts, and was awarded the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Trophy and American Home Achievement Medal. It was scored 86 plus. The A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award also went to "Mr. President" and the Comstocks took an A.D.S. Trophy on a large yellow informal decorative seedling. This flower also was judged largest in the show.

Winning varieties in the show included: Court Of Honor: White, Florence Chadwick; yellow, First Lady; orange, Croyden's Masterpiece; red, Skyrocket; pink, World Event; lavender, straight cactus seedling, exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Middleton; purple, Esquire; blend, Miss San Diego; bi-color, Clara Clemens; variegated, Comstock undis-

seminated; formal decorative, Stardust, and informal decorative, Carl Dahl.

Color Classes, All Sections: White—D'Arcy Sainsbury, Florence Chadwick, Real Glory, Croyden Snotop, Graf Folke Bernadotte, Windlassie, Snowball; Yellow—First Lady, California Idol, Allegresse, The Governor, Sunrise; Orange—Broeder Justinus, Jane Cowl, Mayor Otis, Oakleigh Champion, Autumn Glory, Sherwood Peach, Croyden's Masterpiece; Red—Fernie's Triumph, Ami Louis Blinn, Clariam Kelton, Princess Dianne, Miss Liberty, Top Flight, Skyrocket; Pink—Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer, D-Day, Croyden's Cyclamen, Five-Star General, Leah Pearl, World Event; Lavender—Commando, Risenwunder, Theresa Whelan; Purple—Zenith, Beloved, Thomas Edison, Volunteer, Esquire; Blend—St. Therese, Sheik, Autumn Blaze, Jane Lausche, Miss San Diego; Bi-color—Kentucky Sportsman, Miss Liberty, Aristos, Dixie's Winedot, Clara, Clara Clemens; Variegated—Figaro, Pharrer Rojek, Gypsy Girl.

Two weeks after the big dahlia show of the San Diego County Dahlia Society, another dahlia exhibition featured the Festival de las Flores held annually in suburban La Mesa, Calif.

The outstanding flower of this show was the Maureen Connolly. It was judged best bloom of the show, and best yellow and best formal decorative in the amateur section. Best in the open-to-all section was Giant of Baarn. A Pink Carl Dahl was biggest of show and Tom Thumb, smallest.

Larry Sisk,  
*A.D.S. Cor. Secy.*

### *Mid-America Dahlia Society*

The Mid-America Dahlia Society held their annual Dahlia show Sept. 25th & 26th in the Tripple Deck Parking Station on the J. C. Nichols Country Club Plaza, in the heart of Kansas City.

Despite the extreme dry, hot summer the exhibits exceeded, in number, those of the 1953 show. Outstanding quality was evidenced throughout the show. The largest bloom of the show was "Arthur Godfrey, a 13½" bloom exhibit by John Meidinger of St. Joseph, Missouri. The Grand Champion (most perfect) bloom of the show was "Croydon's Masterpiece" exhibited by Geo. Chandler of Muncie, Kansas.

The two day show was well attended, in excess of 8,000 visitors witnessed the



68 exhibitors efforts adorned with the attached list of awards.

SECTION "A"—Open to all—"A" size, single bloom: Division winners: Formal decorative—C. A. Pine with Emma Caroline. Informal decorative—Geo. Chandler with Crocydon Masterpiece. Semi-Cactus—Dr. E. C. Drace with Seedling. Cactus—Geo. Chandler with Pride of Holland. 1953-54 Introduction—Dr. E. C. Drace with Eastern Star. Foreign Introduction — Geo. L. Chandler with Crocydon M'p'ce. Most perfect bloom: Geo. Chandler with Crocydon Masterpiece. Largest Bloom: Geo. Chandler with Crocydon Masterpiece. Award: American Dahlia Society Medal. Section sweepstakes: Geo. Chandler.

SECTION "B"—Open to all—"B" size, single bloom: Division winners: Formal decorative—Dr. E. C. Drace with Lou-C. Semi-Cactus—Joe Alexander with Michigan White. Cactus—Geo. Chandler with King's Red. Most perfect bloom: Dr. E. C. Drace with Lou-C. Award: Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Medal. Section sweepstakes: Geo. Chandler.

SECTION "C"—Amateur—"A" size, single bloom: Division winners: Formal Decorative—C. A. Pine with The Real Glory. Informal Decorative—C. A. Pine with Mary Elizabeth. Semi-Cactus—Stanley Janesko with Freda George. Cactus—Stanley Janesko with Pyrophora. 1953-54 Introduction—Dr. E. C. Drace with Eastern Star. Foreign Introduction —C. A. Pine with Heroine. Most perfect bloom: Dr. E. C. Drace with Eastern Star. Award: East Liverpool Dahlia Society Medal Charles Pine Plaque. Largest bloom: John Meidinger with Arthur Godfrey. Award: Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society Medal. Section Sweepstakes: C. A. Pine.

SECTION "D"—Amateur—"B" size, single bloom. Division winners: Formal Decorative—C. A. Pine with Golden Treasurer. Semi-Cactus—C. A. Pine with Broeder Justinus. Cactus—C. A. Pine with Queen Juliana. 1953-54 Introduction —Stanley Janesko with Betty Blossom. Foreign Introduction—Stanley Janesko with Fair Maid. Most perfect bloom: C. A. Pine with Queen Juliana. Award: Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society Medal. Section Sweepstakes: C. A. Pine.

SECTION "K"—Arrangements: Best Arrangement: Open to all: Mrs. A. E. Schumacher. Award: Dahlia Society of Tennessee Hand Painted Plate. Novice: Leon Witherow. Award: Dahlia Society of Kentucky Gold Rosette. Men Only:

Leon Witherow. Award: Special Purple Rosette. Section Sweepstakes: Leon Witherow. Award: Tri-Color Rosette. Van Liew Award (Vase).

SPECIAL AWARDS: Best Seedling: Dr. E. C. Drace with red "A" size cactus seedling. Award: Dahlia Society of Alabama Medal. Smallest Bloom of Show: Dr. A. E. Schumacher with Tiny Tot. Award: Orange County Dahlia Society Medal. Most Perfect "B" Size Bloom Of The Show: Tom Robb with Golden Treasurer. Award: Mid-America Dahlia Society Medal. Most Perfect "A" Size Bloom Of The Show: Geo. Chandler with Crocydon Masterpiece. Award: Dahlia Society of George Medal. George L. Chandler, *Show Chairman*.

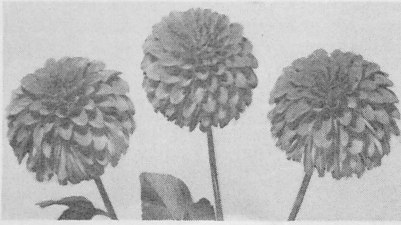
### *The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin*

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin held its 24th annual show at the Mitchell Park Conservatory in Milwaukee, Sept. 11th & 12th, 1954. The show was a credit to the society for the large variety of specimen blooms. The artistic arrangements were of good quality.

The most significant award of the show the American Home Achievement medal, went to a seedling called "Surprise," an A size semi-cactus, Ben Makowski, 3607 S. Whitnall Ave., and James Marsh, Chicago.

The most perfect A bloom in show, Ben Makowski; The most perfect B bloom, Glen Pierce, Chicago; The largest bloom in the show, Jesse Straus, Chicago; Novice Division, most perfect "A", Ervin Makowski; Most perfect "B", E. A. Boese; Sweepstakes, Edwin Makowski; Small Amateur, most "A", Ed. Blaszyński; Most perfect "B", Mrs. Oscar Nell; Largest Bloom, Ed. Lendorf, Chicago; Largest Amateur, most perfect "B", Evert Loder, Madison; Largest Bloom, B. E. Wright, Chicago; Open Division, most "B", most perfect "A", Glen Pierce; Largest, Straus; Ten most "A" Blooms, Ben Makowski; Ten most perfect "B" blooms, Pierce; Six most perfect "A" blooms, Ben Makowski; Six most perfect "B" blooms, Glen Pierce; Big Four "A's", Ben Makowski; Little Four "B's", Glen Pierce; Most outstanding 1954 Introduction, Glen Pierce; Most outstanding, Hester Pape, Ben Makowski.

Outstanding niche and sweepstakes for arrangements, Mrs. Carl Herrman; Outstanding Arrangement, Mrs. Charles Mosser Cudahy.



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### *Baltimore Dahlia Society*

The Baltimore Dahlia Society staged its 29th Annual Show, September 18th & 19th in the Turner Armory, Argonne Drive and Hillen Road, Baltimore, Md. This was by far the most successful show staged with better than 1500 entries which meant for more and keener competition. The quality of the blooms was excellent and the show was very well staged by Irving Bodenbarg the Show Manager and his Committee. The Hardy Garden sections were also well filled and the Chairman, Mrs. L. F. Murphy and her committee did an excellent job.

The classes were again increased and this year there were 364 competitive classes besides the Hardy Garden sections and this gave every grower from the small back yard type to the estate an opportunity to enter their flowers. We were again afforded the pleasure of having just about the finest group of judges that could be assembled and they did a wonderful job under the direction of Chas. M. Diffenderffer who was the chairman of the committee. Our Dahlia judges to whom we are deeply indebted were: Leo. L. Pollack, A. S. Mason, Conrad Frey, E. R. Phillips, N. A. Scheel, Dr. J. L. Bowling, Wm. Elkins, Walter Hardesty, Dr. Bruce Preas, Edward Lloyd, Dr. Edward McDade, Andrew Mulcahy, Dr. Henry Parker, Stanley Johnson, Rixey F. Gray, Eugene Warden, John C. Mencke, Conrad V. Brieger, Roy Tracy and Edward L. Schaun. The Hardy Garden judges were Mrs. William Bridges and Mrs. John Strickland.

The A.D.S. Sweepstake Award went to Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa., and he was also the winner of the American Home Achievement Medal for his outstanding Informal Decorative seedling Ned Seymour which measured approximately 14" x 10". Cash prizes as well as trophies were awarded in each class and

the competition was very keen, particularly amongst the smaller growers. Mrs. John Sherwood, chairman of the Trophy Committee saw to it that every sweepstake as well as special class carried a worthwhile trophy. The winners were as follows: Novice—Mrs. Robt. Edmonston, Section A—Type A—John Sherwood, Section A—Type B—John Sherwood, Section B—Type A—Forrest Minor, Section B—Type B—Paul Hunter, Section C—Type A—Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Section C—Type B—A. G. Chamberlayne, Section D—Wm. K. Rau, Section E—Mrs. D. Lampkin, National Capitol Trophy for largest and best bloom to Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Gov. McKel-din Trophy—Mrs. Elsie Brach, Mayor Thos. D'Alesandro Trophy—Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Morton Katz Trophy—Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Baltimore Dahlia Society Trophy for the best 1954 introduction went to Mrs. Elsie Brach who won by one point over Mrs. Wm. Plitt both showing very fine blooms of "Mary Elizabeth." The Memorial Trophy was awarded to H. W. Anderson, Pompons—Wm. K. Rau, Jr., Section J Miniatures resulted in a tie between Paul Hunter and Wm. K. Rau, Jr.—Section J. Miniature Cactus Sweepstake to Arthur Mason. The Court of Honor awards were as follows: Most outstanding entry was an excellent bloom of "Wildlassie" shown by E. R. Phillips, Nearly Perfect A Bloom—Forest Minor, Nearly Perfect B Bloom—E. R. Phillips, Ball Bloom—Mrs. D. Lampkin, Pompons—N. A. Scheel and Miniatures—Herbert O. Aburn. The Hardy Garden Sweepstake winners were: Mrs. Louis Gill, first and Mrs. Peggy Rau, second.

### *Badger State*

### *Dahlia Society*

The number of blooms entered at the ninth annual show of the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. held at the Community Center Building in Madison, Wisconsin, on Sunday and Monday, September 5th and 6th, 1954, was the largest in the history of the society. Several growers from the Chicago and Moline-Rock Island areas of northern Illinois exhibited blooms. Because of favorable weather preceding the show quality of bloom was excellent. One notable improvement over our show of a year ago were the greatly increased entries in the section devoted to minia-

tures and pompons. Our annual show has a reputation for having a strong artistic arrangement section and the large number of entries of high quality in the 1954 show were in keeping with such tradition.

The following is a list of the principal awards including the names of the varieties as well as those of the exhibitors: Most perfect formal decorative in show—*Maureen Conolly*—George J. Merkel, Milwaukee; Most perfect cactus in show—*Searchlight*—George R. Currie, Madison; Most perfect informal decorative in the amateur sections of the show—*Kelvin*—Ira Fuller, Madison; Most perfect semi-cactus in the amateur sections of the show—*Broeder Justinus*—Lewis W. Amborn, Madison; Largest bloom in show—*Red Champion*, 12½ by 9½ inches—Summit Dahlia Gardens, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Each of the foregoing five winners receives a traveling trophy on which his name and the variety with which he won is engraved, which he retains for one year. If an exhibitor wins such trophy three times he retains the same permanently. This was the third time that Summit Dahlia Gardens had won the trophy for largest bloom in the show and such exhibitor now gains permanent possession of such trophy.

The trophy awarded for the best six "A" sized blooms, each of a different variety, was won by Larry L. Pele, of Villa Park, Illinois, with excellent blooms of *Pirate Treasure*, *Prairie Fire*, *Croydon Masterpiece*, *White Nobby's Light Kelvin*, and *Blue Okanigan*.

A similar trophy for the best six "B" sized blooms, each of a different variety, was awarded to Summit Dahlia Gardens for blooms of *Nick's Orchid*, *Vigo Candy*, *Bond's Memory*, *Juanita*, *Bunny* and *Carnival*.

The American Home Achievement medal was won by George L. Baker, Molin, Illinois, with magnificent large blooms of his peach colored semi-cactus seedling, *Surprise*. L

Further winnings were: Smallest and most perfect miniature cactus or semi-cactus—E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay, with *Snow Prince*; Smallest and most perfect miniature decorative—E. J. Heggstad, with *Fuzzy-Wuzz*; Smallest and most perfect pompon—George R. Currie, with *Willo's Violet*; Sweepstakes in Non-member Section—Prof. C. L. Fluke; Sweepstakes in Small Amateur Section—Edward Ladendorf, Chicago; Sweep-

stakes in Large Amateur Section—J. Clare Moore, Jr., Markham, Illinois; Sweepstakes in Open to All Section—George J. Merkel; Sweepstakes in Small Flowering Section—E. J. Heggstad. P. W. MacKenzie, *Pres., Badger State*.

### Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society

Following is a show report of the Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society's 45th Annual Dahlia Show held at Floral Hall, Forest Park, Everett, Washington on August 28 and 29, 1954.

This 45th show was a highly successful one even though we had much rain and the nights were unusually cool—as low as 40° during June and July. The quality of bloom, excellent, more than made up the lack of entries which was a little less than previous years.

Amateur Division: Thomas Wiggley, 1626 Wetmore Avenue, Everett, Washington, won sweepstakes in the Amateur Division with 39 blue ribbons. Best dahlia in show, Joseph B. Lanktree. Largest and most perfect, Joseph B. Lanktree in Amateur Division and Section Champion single entry "A" size with same bloom. Best size "B" dahlia in show, Mme. Clementine Payen and Section Champion single entry "B" size.

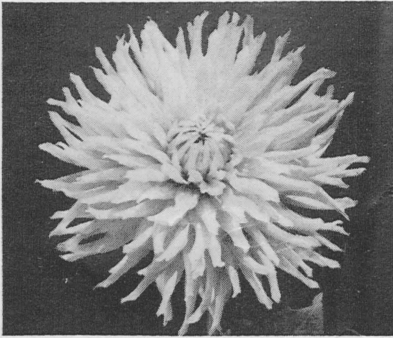
Advance Amateur: 35 blue ribbons Tony DeRooy exhibited the best 1st year seedling, which also won best seedling in show. "Vulcan" Section Champions won by Mr. DeRooy: 1. Single entry "A" size, Cardinal; 2. Single entry "B" size, Coral Queen; 3. Triple entry "A" size, Oreole; 4. Triple entry "B" size, Grandezza; 5. Open section, Remembrance. Runner-up to Mr. DeRooy was John Lindstrom. Triple entry miniature—Section Champion—John Lindstrom's Hazel Harper. Largest dahlia in show, Tony DeRooy's "Olympic Centennial."

Novice Division: Best Dahlia, Bronze Elsie; Novice Sweepstakes, 15 blue, Carol MacDonald; Smallest Dahlia, Son of Tom Thumb, J. J. Custer of Marysville, Washington; Hall of Fame, Sellwoods Glory, E. J. Monroe.

Portland Dahlia Society won Inter-Society Competition for the third time.

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### **Long Island Dahlia Society Show**

When the hurricanes, Carol and Edna, swept across Long Island in late summer, the same thought passed through the minds of Long Island dahlia growers—will there be flowers for the Long Island Dahlia Society Show on September 18th? Fortunately, little damage was suffered and the Tenth Annual Dahlia Show, under the Chairmanship of Mr. James Lawless, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Otto J. Aumuller, Chairman of the Arrangement Classes, was held as scheduled at the Plattduetsche Park Hall in Franklin Square and surpassed all previous shows! The blooms were profuse and the quality excellent. Practically every class in the schedule had entries. Competition was keen but decisions were capably handled by many judges who gave so generously of their time and experience in our behalf.

The Long Island Dahlia Society Gold Medal for the largest and most nearly perfect bloom was awarded to Mr. Harry Swain, Peekskill, N. Y., with *Kelvin*.

Court of Honor winners were: Section A (1 bloom): FD *five Star General*—Mrs. Lenore Feyh; ID *Kelvin*—Harry Swain; SC *Sport of Jane Lausche*—J. C. Taff; C *Big Mo*—Henry A. Olsen. For three blooms in Section A, the award went to A. J. Martin for *Nellie Retzer*. Section B (1 bloom): FD *Rose Barnwell*—Court Duerk; ID *Victory Eclipse*—Henry Wick; SC *Lactare*—Al Tedesco; C *Snowball*—Martin Guttler. The Long Island Dahlia Society Medal for the most nearly perfect of the four tri-color winners in Section B was awarded to Court

Duerk for *Rose Barnwell*. Section BA (3 blooms): FD *Clariam Luray*—Martin Guttler; IL *Yellow Surprise*—J. C. Taff; SC *Woodland Peach*—Henry A. Olsen; C *Finesse Anversoise*—Emil A. Berzau. The Long Island Dahlia Society Medal for the most nearly perfect of the four tri-color winners in Section BA was awarded to Emil A. Berzau for *Finesse Anversoise*. Bert Pitt was awarded the tri-color for his showing of *Grace* in Section BB (3 blooms).

Section C for 3 miniature blooms FD or ID was captured by Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J., with *Schimpf Seedling* and *Dainty Lady* shown by Andrew J. Mulcahy topped all blooms in the C classification. Mrs. Henry A. Olsen was successful with *Ila* Section D, with three pompon blooms. The smallest and most nearly perfect pompon award went to Alice Van Houten for *Clover*. Section E—other types was won by *Dorothy Dean* shown by Court Duerk.

Mr. Martin Guttler received top honors in the large and medium basket classes in Section F with *Five Star General* and *Snowball*. *Little Lemon Drop* won for Emil A. Berzau in the miniature basket class. An assortment captured the pompon basket class for Henry A. Olsen.

#### SEEDLING CLASSES

In Section G for 3 year old undisseminated seedlings (3 blooms) Henry A. Olsen's *Ivory Lass* (BB STC) scored 85.11 and was awarded the ADS Bronze Medal. Mr. Harry Frank was awarded an ADS Bronze medal for 5 undisseminated miniature seedlings over 3 years old with *Schimpf's Seedling* (FDM) which scored 87.3. Henry Olsen's *Aunt Sarah* (SCM) scored 85.33. The coveted American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa., for his seedling, *Ned Seymour*, scored at 86.1.

Seedlings exhibited by Frank Miller, Hempstead, N. Y., Warren Maytrott-Hymer, Vineland, N. J., Henry A. Olsen, Frank Marker, Layton, N. J., Luther Schimpf, Millington, N. J., H. Dewey Mohr and Stanley Johnson received ADS Bench Scores of over 85 in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Class.

In memory of Past President Otto J. Aumuller, the Long Island Dahlia Society introduced the Otto J. Aumuller Memorial Trophy to be awarded for the best large or medium specimen bloom of foreign origination. This class was open to L.I.D. Society members only and was won by Bert Pitt with *Kelvin*.

In the Arrangement Classes, tri-colors were awarded to E. Duryea, M. C. Au-



muller and Mrs. Martin Guttler. Mr. James E. Kelly took top honors in the men's arrangement class.

The Futurity Class for L.I.D. Society members was won by Henry A. Olsen in Class A with Pride of Parkersburg and Martin Guttler in Class B with *Snowball*.

The Long Island Dahlia Society is deeply indebted to and wishes to thank Mr. James Lawless, Jr., Chairman of the Show, Mrs. Otto J. Ammuller, Chairman of the Arrangement Classes, the women arrangers in the Invitation Arrangement Class, the judges who came from far and near, Mr. Passler for his commercial exhibit, the many members who helped with the running of the show, the visitors and last but not least, the exhibitors without whom there could not have been a show. I. J. Wahl, *Secretary*.

### San Leandro Dahlia Society

These are the results of our annual show held on August 28 and 29, 1954. In the Novice Section: Best container of large dahlias, Mrs. Joe Enos; Best decorative size "A," Eugene Corriea; Best container of miniatures, Eugene Corriea; Best container of poms, H. E. Cunningham; Largest perfect dahlia, Eugene Corriea; Best general display, Mrs. R. D. Trotter; Novice Sweepstakes, Eugene Corriea. Amateur Section: Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dowell took all awards in Section. Advanced Amateur Section: Best general display, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sparre; Best bi-color container, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sparre; Best container of "B" size, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rafferty; Best container of miniatures, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rafferty; Sweepstakes in Advanced Amateur, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rafferty.

Open to All: Largest, most perfect dahlia, J. Rafferty; Best dahlia in show, Eugene Corriea, from novice section. Flower was a Croyden's Masterpiece; Most artistic display, J. Rafferty; Best container of commercial dahlias, H. E. Cunningham; Flower arrangement sweepstakes, Mrs. H. E. Cunningham; Best 2-year seedling, Charles Perry; Best 3-year seedling American Home Achievement Medal, Pete Harter. Flower was named Dr. Borley; Best dahlia for girls, Doris Pyle; Best dahlia for boys, Jerry Silva.

Some 3500 people attended the show. We received very high compliments on the show and signed up many new members for the society. Eugene Corriea.

### Portland Dahlia Society

The twenty-seventh annual show of the Portland Dahlia Society was held in the sunken ballroom of the Masonic Temple. The show date was a week earlier than usual and the season was very late and almost sunless with the result being the smallest number of entries any of us can recall. The quality of bloom was excellent and the show was a beautiful one due to more space for entries on the show table and the effect of floor setup.

Mrs. W. J. Moreland, secretary of the society, was show chairman with J. R. McEvoy as staging chairman. "Renaissance," a Cactus from Holland entered by Mrs. Moreland, was the best B size bloom in the show. "The Real Glory" won the Mastick Trophy for the best A size with the lovely "Frances S." the runner-up. The largest dahlia was "Autumn Blaze" and the smallest perfect dahlia was the pompon "Miss Marjorie."

A new award that excited much interest this year in the open class was offered by E. Henry White for 3 blooms, one each A or B size Decorative, Semi-cactus and Cactus but all the same color. This award was won by an entry of "Ballego's Surprise," "Windlassie," and "Candeur Anversoise" exhibited by J. Line Stoddard.

In the Amateur Division "Croyden's Masterpiece" was the best A size. "Seward Glory" took the honors for the best B size in both the Amateur and Advanced Amateur divisions. The best container of large dahlias featured the striking "Brandaris" and won the Clarence M. Daniel Memorial award. An exhibit of "Miss Rose Fletcher" as best container of small dahlias won the Compton award for E. Henry White.

Other outstanding blooms in the winning classes were "Marika Rokk," "Corona," "D'Arcy Sainsbury," "Glorie von Heemsted," "Nearest Blue," "Good Morning," "Colbert," "Blushing Apricot," "Konigan Julianna," "Lilly Belle," "Little Rachel," "Ruby Charm" and "Andries Orange."

The seedling class was disappointing in that there were no really outstanding entries although many were good dahlias. They just lacked that particular something that would set them apart from other dahlias now in commerce.

Next year we will participate in the first Northwest Conference show that will be staged in Everett, Washington. Our own show will again be in the Masonic Temple on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. M. B. Kershisuik, *Publicity Chairman*.



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### *Southern Michigan Dahlia Society*

It's a BEAUTIFUL Show! That was the prevailing comment at South-eastern Michigan Dahlia Society's Annual Show in the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, September 18th and 19th. The quantity and quality of blooms were surprising, considering the long dry spell, followed by cold wet weather the week before the Show. Z. W. Kosmela was Chairman, R. H. Koch Co-Chairman and Dr. C. E. Wildon Chairman of Judges. The main feature of the Show was the unveiling of the Earl M. Hayes Dahlia, which is a white B size straight cactus, originated by Nick Koenig & Sons of Lakeside Gardens. The Hayes dahlia was flanked on either side by baskets of Nicks' all-time favorites and unnamed seedlings.

A. E. Caldwell won the A.D.S. Bronze Medal offered for the most outstanding bloom in the Show (Michigan White) and took the prize for the smallest, most perfect pom (Apropos). Richard Blankertz won the largest bloom award with an Arthur Godfrey. The East Liverpool Dahlia Society Medal, offered for the most outstanding bloom in the Large Amateur Division, was won by Mrs. E. Blankertz with The Cardinal. A. E. Caldwell won the Central States Dahlia Society's medal for his vase of Mme. Eliz. Sawyer. The Kosmela Trophy was won by A. E. Caldwell and the Bottom

Trophy by R. H. Koch. A. R. Mullin and David Millar took the Ballego awards. Special awards went to Ted Szalkowski (Brown Bomber and Arthur Godfrey); Richard Blankertz (Mrs. Hester Pape and Arthur Godfrey); Alex Toth (Windlassie); Mrs. E. Blankertz (The Cardinal and Arthur Godfrey); A. E. Caldwell (Kelvin); Wm. Bruce (Stoplight); A. J. Holke (1st year seedling) and Mrs. C. R. Lucas (2nd year seedling).

Sweepstakes winners were: Novice—Ted Szalkowski; Small Amateur (Millar Trophy)—Richard Blankertz; Large Amateur—Mrs. E. Blankertz; Open Class A. E. Caldwell who also won Demery's Trophy for the Grand Sweepstakes. In the Flower Arrangement Section the Most Outstanding Entry award went to A. J. Wulff, while the Sweepstakes were won by Mrs. D. Millar and Mrs. A. Toth. JANET BRUCE, *Secretary*.

### *Dahlia Society of Toledo*

Herewith is the report on our winners at our annual dahlia show on September 11 and 12 at the Jim White Chevrolet Showroom with an attendance of over 1,000. Sweepstake winners in: Novice Class, A. D. Snavelly; Small Amateur, V. J. Boellner; Large Amateur, H. Brown, Sylvania, Ohio; Open Class, John Schroeder. Silver Medal Winners in: "A" Dahlia Class, Wm. Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio; "B" Dahlia Class, J. Kennedy; Best Pom, Ball and Miniature, John Schroeder.

The largest bloom, over 8" inches, in entire show John Schroeder. Gertrude Towslee, *Secretary*.

### *Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society Show*

The 29th annual Dahlia Show of the Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society was held Aug. 26 & 27th after a week of not good Dahlia weather. Due to this fact the entries were not up to the general standard of this Society. The entries were not so many and more sections were empty. This show, being strictly an Amateur exhibit, had no recent American varieties other than JULIA McKamey, NIGHT EDITOR and SILVER WEDDING; these being Washington Originations. The percentage of Foreign Dahlias entered in all classes was a little over 70% with some excellent specimens being shown in all divisions.

New arrivals in the Novice class had splendid blooms of many of the older numbers with Smoky—Butterfly—Yellow Giant—Clara Carder and Mayor Otis winning blues with Clara Carder judged the best bloom in the section shown by Mrs. Lee Morriss.

The Amateur section were well filled with a wide variety of Holland Cactus as well as a scattering of good American numbers such as Oakleigh Champion, Hart's Whirlaway, Miss San Diego and Grand Slam. Capt. Wright won both cactus sections, one with Utopia and the other with Pride of Holland, both blooms being really well grown. Mrs. R. P. Turnquist was a new exhibitor in the Amateur division and walked away with six blue ribbons, tied for the same honor was Andrew Babb who also won the best in section award and the Amateur Sweepstakes with a fine bloom of Autumn Brocade. This won for him the Society cup. A fine bloom of Miss San Diego won the blue for Jens Nielsen. Other blue ribbon winners were Mrs. Allan Foss with Helios—Donald Serry with Black Monarch—Leo Miller with Burnett. The Formal class is always weak but fine blooms were shown of standard varieties with Mrs. Allan Foss winning with Cease Fire; Donald Serry with Clara Carder, Stellaette and Vanity which won the section Sweepstakes. Charles Mastick won a blue for Leo Miller.

The informal class had some really large blooms. In the pink or lavender Mrs. Jewel Head won with Salmon Giant. Orange or autumn was won by Andrew Babb with Dorothy Tatten. Red or purple was won by Walter Gowdy by taking 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, with fine blooms of Jos. B. Lanktree. The bi-color was won by Leo Miller with Francis H., a Calif. variety. Section winner was Andrew Babb with Dorothy Tatten.

The Miniature and Pom Pon sections were well filled with fine entries of Lady's Fancy, Andreas Orange, White Aster, Trinket, Bruce and a sweet little formal called Junior Hi shown by D. A. Botting, the Originator.

The arrangement classes were real works of Art with Mrs. Tom Foran winning the blue with five lovely creations. Mrs. John Baush won with a fine adaptation for Coffee Table and Mrs. Ernst took several seconds and a first with a neat arrangement of miniatures.

In the cactus division of the Advanced Amateur section our most capable show manager, John Baush, won the majority of ribbons as well as best incurved cactus with Berger's Masterpiece. N. S.

McKamey won the blue with a nice bloom of Val St. Lambert. Section winner was a huge Searchlight shown by Vern Sanford. The Semi-Cactus winner was also won by John Baush with Hohensonne.

In the formal class Prairie Sun, Cease Fire, Arthur Godfrey, Color Sketch, Selwood Glory and Flossie H. competed, with Prairie Sun winning the section for Tom Foran.

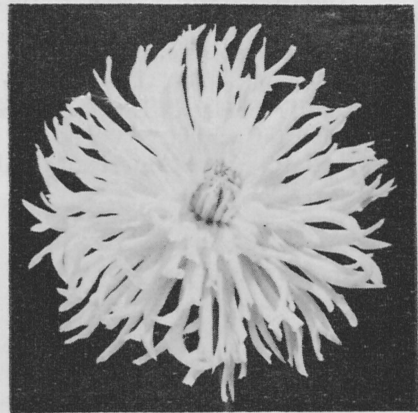
Among the good entries of Informals Dolly Sawyer, Julia McKamey, Nobby's light, Night Editor and Tidal Wave were winners with Nobby's Light the largest in show and Dolly Sawyer a section winner, both for John Baush.

Besides being a hard working Show Manager, John Baush showed us how to win the coveted prizes—Best Dahlia in the show—largest, and three section winners and the Bremer Trophy for the second season. His crew of willing workers will be with us again next season so a good show will again be held in 1955.

J. E. HULIN, *Publicity*.

I wish to congratulate you on the splendid (Feb.) issue. Going back to a quarterly instead of a semi-annual one, I think, is a move in the right direction. The change in size is going to be a little difficult to get used to for oldtimers like myself who have been continuous members of the society for more than twenty years, but if it means a saving in printing costs, I am for it. The "Cream of the Crop" article by Dr. Ward Cook is to me one of the most valuable articles I have seen in a long time.

Hon. George R. Curry, Madison, Wis.



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## These Kind Words Are Much Appreciated

You surely have made a great improvement in the Bulletin. I like the size and the good bit of information which is very helpful, not only to the old grower, but very valuable to the novice. Know issues of this kind will be most welcome to many members of the Baltimore Society, especially the article by Dr. Cook headed "The Cream of the Crop." So many of them are out for A.D.S. Sweepstakes and ask me "What can I grow that is good to win in this or that class?" So now they have the answer. The setup of four issues per year instead of two is a very good thing. It will help to keep up interest in dahlias the year around. It has increased our associated member list of the A.D.S. a good bit already. 1954 list much larger than 1953.

Charles Diffenderffer  
Baltimore, Maryland

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Just a few words to let you know how much I enjoy the new Bulletin. I think it is an improvement over the old style. The composition is good and the arrangement ideal.

J. E. Hulin  
Port Orchard, Washington

I, too, liked the Bulletin. I believe it shows more animation that it has for some time. I do question if there is enough interest in the A.D.S. Show Schedule to warrant the space devoted to it, except in the relatively small area from which entries are drawn.

E. J. Wind  
Rocky River, Ohio

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Allow me to congratulate you on your first "Edition." It is a neat little job and I have some idea of the volume of work and effort you must have put into it. I for one appreciate that. I still believe, though, that two issues of the old size would be to better advantage.

Albert Parrella, Bronx, N. Y.

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The February Bulletin took me a little by surprise because I did not recognize it at first. It is a good, standard size, though, and I thought you did a swell job with it. Best of luck.

Paul Frese, Scarsdale, New York  
Editor, Popular Gardening

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# A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1955 as listed on the ballot below.

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*Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1955 to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.*

## VOTE

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

The Officers placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1955, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are as follows:

- For President: Andrew J. Mulcahy, Floral Park, New York.
- For Secretary: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, New Jersey.
- For Treasurer: Henry A. Olsen, Elmont, L. I., New York.
- For Trustee to 1958: Connie Frey, Nutley, New Jersey.

For Vice Presidents (vote for 25 or more):

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Note: If you are an active or sustaining member in good standing, or a life member, your vote will be counted as two (2) votes for each officer voted for. If you are a participating (Branch membership classification) your vote will be counted as one (1) vote. Be sure to mail this ballot before January 2, 1955, to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

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

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# Twelve Steps to Happiness

By Merrill C. Brown, Associate Editor

If your dahlias have not been giving a good account of themselves over the past years, possibly these suggestions will improve their performance:

1. Plan the planting on paper first, preferably in April when there is not much to be done otherwise.

2. Get your stock cut up and bedded down in damp peatmoss to start up the eyes a few weeks before planting time. Be sure the root is showing signs of life before it is planted.

3. Test your soil or have it tested to make certain you have the right degree of acidity. A pH of 6.3 is recommended for dahlias. If more alkaline than this the addition of some acid forming substances such as organic matter or powdered sulfur is in order; if more acid than this, then an application of agricultural limestone is needed. The amount in each case should be determined by how much one is away from the desired figure. If you have to apply limestone try to get some with magnesium carbonate in it.

4. Dig the garden with a tiling spade, one of those long, narrow affairs, 6" x 15", full depth. But first give the area a generous covering of some kind of organic matter, such as manure, peatmoss or compost, and an application of superphosphate at the rate of 10 pounds per hundred square feet. Try to do this two weeks before planting time.

5. Set your stakes before planting. Three feet apart in the row with the rows 42" apart gives adequate room for planting two to a stake.

6. When danger of frost is past, say the middle of May, start planting the roots. Wait until the last of May before setting any plants. Dig a hole a foot in diameter and 6" deep on the east and west sides of the stake. Add a couple of handfuls of peatmoss and a handful of bonemeal to each hole and mix in well with the earth. Plant directly on top of this mixture. Place the eye on the root to the stake about 2" away from the edge of the hole. Eye up, of course. Two of the same variety is better than mixing them up. Plant the tall growing varieties at the rear of the row, preferably the north side, and the low growing varieties

at the front of the row. Cover the root completely with earth flush with the surface of the ground. Wait for developments. The sprout should come through like a stalk of asparagus rather than like a lead pencil. If you set out green plants, they should not be set as deep as roots. Soak the pot containing the plant in water until the soil is thin mud. Then set in the hole, this time about 4" deep, prepared in the same manner as for a root, spreading out the roots so they can grow in all directions. Pinch off the lower pair of leaves on the plant, fill in the hole with earth to the surface as before and then shade for a few days with a large flower pot until the roots have taken hold. Be sure the plants are free from red spider at planting time.

7. Start to spray or dust as soon as the plant is six inches above ground. Regular weekly applications are desired, though if you see trouble developing don't hesitate to apply more often.

8. Pinch out the tip of the plant when it has four sets of leaves if you desire quality rather than quantity. With two of the same kind at the stake it is often desirable to pinch one and let the other come naturally.

9. When the plants are a foot high start tying them to the stake. Make the tie *first* on the stake and then tie the twine to the stem of the plant. Binder's twine does a fine job here. Support the laterals as they grow, a new tie for every foot of growth.

10. About the 1st of August a top dressing of bonemeal can be given and cultivated in. Repeat about the 1st of September. Keep well cultivated and weeds out. Water when necessary. Soak rather than sprinkle. Use about two handfuls of bonemeal to each plant and try to ring the plant 6"-12" from the stalk on the first application and 12"-18" on the second application.

11. Around the middle of August go through the planting and shape up the plants. Remove all weak growth and reduce the laterals to four or six of the strongest and best placed canes. All damaged foliage is removed at this time. Be sure the laterals which are left are well tied to the stake. Try for a symmetrical plant.

12. When buds start to set, pinch off the two outside buds and leave just the terminal one to develop. Better to wait until you can see that the terminal bud is going to develop a perfectly shaped bloom before disbudding. Then, as the small laterals develop where the leaves come off the stem, pinch them out, starting nearest the bud and working down to the last pair of leaves. DON'T rub off this last pair as they will be the next crop of flowers on that lateral. When buds start to show color be sure the plant does not suffer for want of water.

Grown in this manner you should be able to cut flowers with stems 12"-30" long. Also, the close planting should completely fill in all space by blooming time so no mulch is needed. For cut flowers it is preferable to cut them in the evening with a slanting cut on the stalk and then immerse the stem immediately to a depth of 12" or so in cool water after first removing the lower two pairs of leaves. Let soak over night before using.

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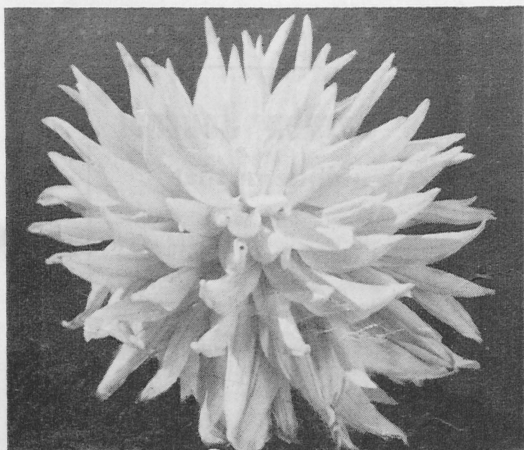
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Felicitations to you on your first issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin. It is well prepared and should be a boost to the Dahlia World. I like the new size. Anytime I can be of help to you from this section, please call on me.  
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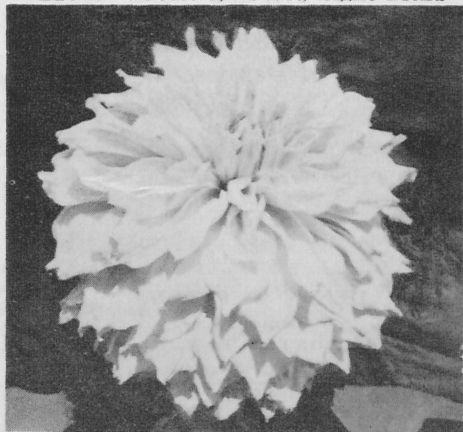
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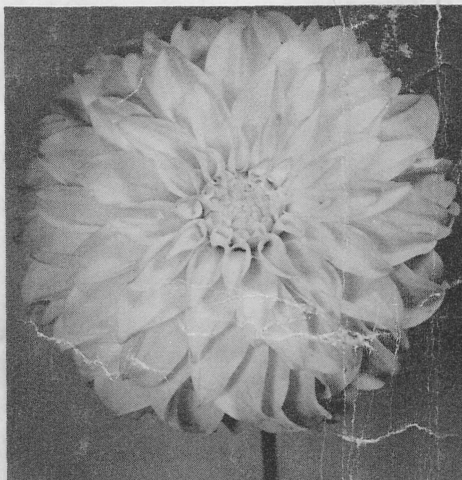


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The new A.D.S. Dahlia Bulletin received and it is very fine and you are to be congratulated. I like the size too and it should bring down cost some. I was also pleased to see you have over nine pages of advertising. But this matter of advertising bothers me. I believe every commercial dahlia grower should be supporting the A.D.S. to a much greater extent than a \$3.50 membership. Whether they admit it or not, the A.D.S., as much as any single agency, makes the dahlia business. Commercial dahlia growers should support the activities of the society to the extent of paying the complete costs of the Bulletin. I know that many of the growers say they don't get their money back from ads, but it is not always the direct benefit of sales that they get from the Bulletin. It is what the A.D.S. does to maintain and stimulate interest in dahlias that is of inestimable value. How can any grower evaluate what he owes the A.D.S. in dollars and cents? I know that the work of the A.D.S. goes to many unknown places and every commercial grower has benefitted far more than he knows or admits. The very least he could do in return is to support the Society with advertising in every Bulletin.

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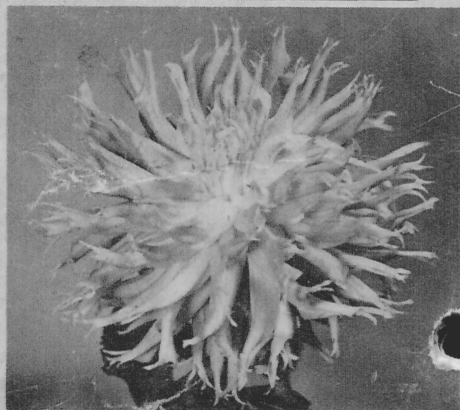
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