
GEORGE STERLING LEE, JR., 1897-1978

George S. Lee, Jr., Executive Director of the American Daffodil Society, died of a heart attack at his home in New Canaan, Connecticut, on Wednesday, January 25, 1978. Neighbors had celebrated his 80th birthday last June.

George Lee was a founding member of the Society, its President from 1957 to 1960, and, since 1966, its Executive Director. He established a system which has handled all business matters for the Society for 11 years. His services to the Society and his accomplishments for it over the years have given it much of the character it has and most of the systems by which it operates. He was editor of the Daffodil Handbook published by the American Horticultural Society in 1966, still considered by many to be the most useful book on daffodils. For several years he published a New England Regional Newsletter that was read nationwide. He developed a most unusual garden that has become a showplace for southern New England and which

now becomes the property of the Garden Center of New Canaan. The garden contains a unique collection of hardy azaleas and rhododendrons.

In October of last year the American Daffodil Society placed a plaque in George Lee's garden telling him and all visitors of our deep appreciation for his loving care. (See the article and illustration in the December 1977 Journal.) The Society's new book, "Daffodils to Show and Grow," is dedicated to George Lee. He expressed his pleasure at our having so honored him and he knew in his own lifetime that his devotion to the Society was returned to him by its membership.