

GEORGE OFFERS BOOK ON DAFFODILS

George: The Computer with a Green Thumb, is now an author. In a restless moment one weekend, he turned out a limited edition of what is certain to be a bestseller in daffodil circles. Imagination is not one of George's most highly developed qualities, so he named his opus "The Daffodil Data Bank of the American Daffodil Society, 1965"—because that's what it is.

However, George is not without his lighter moments, and he dressed his tome up in a heavy cover of daffodil yellow and edged it with a green ring binding so that it opens flat. Just to be sure his less erudite readers understand the rather cryptic language he occasionally employs, George has written a foreword which explains everything in words of one syllable.

Having established comfortable rapport with his readers, George plunges into his story of telling all that is known about some 5,000 daffodils, both species and garden varieties. As far as he has been able to ascertain them, George reveals the names of seed and pollen parents of the garden varieties, the raiser, classification, comparative time of bloom on a scale of 1 to 6, relative height on a scale of 1 to 4, chromosome count, fertility of seed and pollen, and date of introduction. Colors are accurately described by a very simple system which is sufficiently elastic to paint the picture of Grant Mitsch's new Bobolink.

George is short on adjectives, but long on facts. He has distilled all the information from dealers' catalogs, year books, and stud books, but to him "wonderful round overlapping milk white perianth segments" is just a gabby way of saying "perianth white." Obviously George is not the social type and so far has had no invitations to write daffodil catalogs. If there is any chance of finding yourself on an uninhabited island, don't take George's compendium with you; but if you want to know whether Fortune blooms earlier than February Gold, or the name of the grandmother of Chinese White on its father's side, then the DDB of the ADS has the answer.

As a little extra dividend, George has added an appendix describing some of the special reports he is glad to turn out to order whenever he has spare time: a list of pink 2b's, for example; the family tree of Bithynia; or the names of some early daffodils.

George has appointed Dr. Tom D. Throckmorton as his business agent and orders for first edition copies should be sent to him at 1407 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, accompanied by checks at the rate of \$3.25 per copy, postage included. The first printing is only 150 copies, of which a considerable number were spoken for at Pasadena. The price has been set at cost without any plus.