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Editor

EDITORIAL

We begin a new year with this bulletin. We hope each of you had the happiest Christmas and New Year of your life thus far.

Your Editor hopes for each of you content and good health. I particularly hope that our First Vice President, Ray C. Allen, has recovered and that our Regional Vice President, Mrs. R. D. Powelson of St. Joseph, Missouri, has no further relapses. Good health is probably the most important thing in the world.

And if you will permit me to add a few items to your New Years' Resolutions, I would like to suggest the following:

1. Live with and enjoy your flowers more — try to note their details.
2. Try a few new ones each year — don't close your mind.
3. Try a bit of hybridizing — herein lies progress.
4. Get around to the shows, test gardens, and your neighbors and friends.
5. And write your Editor your experiences and your thinking — no matter how long or short or how put together.

I have been greatly impressed with the bulletins some of our regional Vice Presidents have gotten out. I recall especially

the Bulletins of Mrs. John B. Capen of Boontown, New Jersey, Mrs. Walter E. Thompson of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mrs. Polly Anderson of California. The Georgia Daffodil Society and the Indiana Daffodil Society have each issued inspiring Bulletins. And I thought the Regional meeting put on last year by Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton, our Regional V. P. from Baltimore, was one of the best I have attended. It is to be repeated in 1958 at Frederick, Maryland.

Mrs. William B. Weaver of Connecticut plans a Regional Show in 1958 and Miss Eleanor Hill of Oklahoma has plans for Regional meeting and shows in her Region. Power to you — this Regional activity is grass root and really hits home. I believe we should encourage it.

From the President's Desk

Tables will be set up and staffed at Atlanta to display and sell ADS and RHS publications and to exhibit daffodil material of every description: regional newsletters, 1958 show schedules, posters, group bulb purchase projects, dealers' catalogs and anything else of interest. Bring or send single copies marked "For Display Only" or quantity, if available for distribution. Let Fay Pearce, 338 Beverly Road, N.E., Atlanta 5, know by card what you have.

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If our present low dues are to continue, additional members are needed to support our plans for new and improved

services. Let a new member be your personal responsibility; see that ADS membership is suggested on your show schedule, and have someone available to handle applications at shows. May I also suggest that sustaining, contributing, and even life memberships are not beyond the reach of many of us and would be evidence of faith and interest in our Society.

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A remarkable increase in membership has been noted in Nashville, Tenn. Could it be due to the efforts of Mrs. Donald M. Linton who has a special membership poster she uses in connection with talks on daffodils? This and other posters she has devised may be shown at Atlanta.

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Some of our regional vice presidents are sending out newsletters to their members as a means of keeping in touch with each other and reporting local activities. Earlier in the year Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Thompson distributed excellent letters and just recently Mrs. Capen turned out a splendid eight-page report to her members that reflected the intense activity in the New Jersey area: new state show, group bulb sales, local test gardens, and rapidly growing membership.

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My best wishes for the new year go to each and everyone of you. May all your daffodils win blue ribbons.

GEO. S. LEE, JR.

IMPORTANT — CORRECTION — IMPORTANT

The printer made a grievous error that proof reading failed to spot in the recent 1957-58 Year Book. We are very sorry.

The Editor humbly asks that every recipient of this advice immediately turn to page 42 of the Year Book, Line 7, and draw a line thru "not" and write in "now" as the original text of the copy supplied the printer does show. The sentence so radically garbled by one

wrong letter should read "Those who passed Course #1 in 1957 are *now* students."

The Editor begs to observe that hereinafter the galley proofs will be supplied the authors of all copy for the Year Book for their OK before publication. This will mean additions to the Editor's already voluminous correspondence and will necessitate setting up longer deadlines.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the ADS was held November 23 at one P.M. at the Sheraton Hotel in Phila.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Webster Barnes, Maryland
Mrs. Wm. A. Bridges, Maryland
Mrs. John Capen, New Jersey
Mrs. L. S. Crosby, New Jersey
Mr. Orville Fay, Illinois
Mr. Hubert Fischer, Illinois
Dr. Harold King, Maryland
Mr. G. S. Lee, Jr., Conn.
Mrs. Goethe Link, Indiana
Miss E. L. Sharp, Penna.
Mrs. Paul Sowell, Maryland
Mr. Willis Wheller, Virginia
Mr. John C. Wister, Penna.

Mr. George Lee, Jr., presided. The proposed budget for 1958 was discussed and accepted. The Report of the Budget and Audit Committee was accepted and will be published in a future Bulletin.

Future Convention sites were suggested. In 1959 we plan to meet in Phila. and 1960 may find us in Portland, Oregon.

The largest part of the meeting was given over to the report of the committee on Awards and Accreditation. Mrs. Link and her committee were congratulated upon the excellent job they had done and the report with a few amendments was accepted by the directors.

The meeting adjourned at 6 P.M. and was followed by dinner in an adjoining room.

ESTELLE SHARP
Secretary

**SOME 1958 SHOW AND
CONVENTION
DATES TO REMEMBER**

Third Annual Convention:

The American Daffodil Society
Atlanta-Biltmore
Atlanta, Georgia
March 27-30

New England Region:

Third Annual Daffodil Show
Y.M.C.A. Bldg.
Greenwich, Conn.
April 29

North East Region:

Mrs. John B. Capen
will issue a letter later

Mid-Atlantic Region:

Daffodil Show
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Penn Central Bank of Philadelphia
April 16-17

Daffodil Show
Norristown Garden Club
U. S. Army Reserve Center
Norristown, Pa.
April 12-13

Annual Daffodil Show
Maryland Daffodil Society
Baltimore Museum of Art
Baltimore, Md.
April 16-17

Washington Daffodil Society Show
Chevy Chase Auditorium, Woodward
& Lothrop
Washington, D. C.
April 19-20

Twenty-fourth Annual Daffodil Show
The Garden Club of Virginia
Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, Va.
April 10-11

Bluefield (West Va.) Daffodil Show
Bluefield High School
April 19
Huntington Daffodil Show
Huntington Galleries (West Va.)
April 12-13

Western Md.—April 23
Howard County, Md.—April 17
Spring Daffodil Show
Chambersburg, Pa. Garden Club
Mrs. W. E. Culp
April 15-16

Mrs. Louise Wharton will issue a special letter to all members in the Mid-Atlantic Region for the big Regional meeting in Frederick, Maryland, March 1, Francis Scott Key Hotel.

Mid-West Region:

First Annual Daffodil Show and Study
School
Antler's Hotel
Indianapolis, Ind.
April 12-13

George S. Lee, Banquet Speaker
Course II of Daffodil Study
and Show School

South East Region:

Macon, Ga., Mrs. Kenneth Dunwoody,
March 5
Cartersville, Ga., Mrs. Paul F. Akin,
March 18
Winder, Ga., Mrs. L. M. Stoval,
March 18
Creative Study Club Show
Druid Hills Club
Atlanta, Ga.
March 18
Reidsville (N.C.) Show—March 28

Southern Region:

See special article by Mrs. Thompson.

South West Region:

Daffodil Show
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 26-27
Dallas Daffodil Society Show
Garden Center
March 1-2 or March 8-9

There are, of course, a number of shows not reported to us.

But all persons driving to the Atlanta Convention are urged to get out your Year Book and plan to visit the gardens of members en route — especially if you travel thru Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas or southern Missouri.

ITEMS FROM THE EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Polly Anderson visited New Zealand last fall and met Mr. Eric Bell, a young school teacher on South Island. She was much impressed and said they grew more things than they do in California!

Halbert Cunningham of Crawford, Miss., says he has daffodils up 12 inches high with 12° weather on January 3 last. He needs a crying towel.

Glen Dooley, Kentucky, is trying to find out the Southern and Northern boundaries for growing daffodils and asks — "what are the limiting factors"? Can any of you help him out?

This Professor Dooley heads up our Men's Robin and has us all studying the trumpet varieties! Never thought I'd get such a kick out of anything like I have this Robin.

Stanley Woleben and George Lee have agreed on something. They both like Dick Wellband.

Eugene Myers, a farmer from near South Bend, Indiana, notes that the women outnumber the men in this organization. He also says he has no disease problem! I propose a Police Gazette Home Achievement medal to encourage the men. I'd like to repeat that I overheard one male member at Kingwood last spring remark that bringing your wife to a Daffodil Convention is like going hunting with a Game Warden.

George Lee says no bulb is worth \$50 to him and of all things Grant Mitch agreed with him. Grant says Jonquilla, triandus, tazetta hybrids and some cyclamineus are sterile because they are mostly triploids, whereas the other daffodils one might wish to cross them with are either diploids or tetraploids. All clear? Tut tut! And Murray Evans fixes

it all up by sending the curious back to the species.

Jim Yancey down in Thomson, Georgia has a plan I like. He goes cat fishing and leaves his poor wife to raise the daffodils. Sounds like the old Texas pioneer formula — the women do the work and the men go down in history. I'm going to try Jim's catfish this coming spring on the way to Atlanta and find out how he works it.

REPORT FROM SOUTHERN REGION

By MARGARET THOMPSON
Regional VP

Will give you all the Show dates I have to date and if I get any more within the next few days will send them along later.

Birmingham, Ala. — March 8th & 9th — Art Museum, City Hall.

Greenwood, Miss. — March 21st — Confederate Memorial Bldg.

Clarksdale, Miss. — March 15th & 16th — Clarksdale Auditorium.

Jackson, Tenn. — April 7th — Jackson Free Library.

We hope to have a great deal of "Garden Visiting" in our Region this spring. By visiting each other's gardens we can see many varieties and ways of growing our bulbs and also become better acquainted with our fellow members.

We hope to have a Regional Meeting either in the Fall or next Spring.

Since the National Meeting will be in Georgia our Region is hoping to have the largest Regional attendance.

Our Second Regional Letter will be sent out in early February.

From information I have received quite a few new varieties of "Daffs" have been planted in the Region.

May we extend an invitation to all ADS members to visit gardens in our Region as they go to the National Meeting — the gardens in Tennessee and Kentucky may be at their prime at that particular time.

TESTING FOR NEW JERSEY

Although the infinite variety and progressive refinement of the daffodil appeals to the collector and show enthusiast, its primary role is still as a landscape classic — the mainstay of everyman's spring garden — because it is a relatively inexpensive, long-lived plant of easy culture under many conditions.

The new discoverer of "new" daffodils is overwhelmed by the wealth of varieties offered him. Catalogues and daffodil books are of limited help in charting the variables to assist him in selecting for his own location, and he soon learns that many prizewinners are disappointing garden subjects. The variability of behavior, fascinating to the expert, is often frustrating to the novice.

In an attempt to find answers to the questions of which variety of each color and type is best for gardens here, we have inaugurated this year a testing program in New Jersey. Our plan differs from others here and abroad, and we make no claim of perfection for it; it is an attempt to solve our problems within our means.

Twelve experienced members, most of whom already have large collections, have set aside sizable plots for testing, with conditions in each plot as homogeneous as possible. The predominant soils of New Jersey — Gloucester, Chester, Penn, Sassafras, and Lakewood are represented among them and several popular cultural practices included — full sun, partial shade, sod-growing, cultivation, and mulching. Fertilizing procedures, at present, are at the discretion of the individual tester, as long as all bulbs receive the same treatment.

The initial planting includes 53 varieties that are in wide distribution, representing 18 classes and all divisions, obtained from leading commercial growers in Ireland, Holland, and Oregon. Testers are supplementing their plots with other varieties, but reports will be compiled only on those in every garden. Each plot is planted by RHS classification and is open not only to all ADS members but

by arrangement to other interested gardeners. Thus while these collections are growing to a size that will make conclusions significant, we expect them to be the focal points of daffodil study in the state.

Gardens will be listed in the Spring Bulletin, and when we have reached our goal, the results will be available to all interested.

ELIZABETH T. CAPEN

THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY CONVENTION IN ATLANTA

The program for the 1958 Convention of the American Daffodil Society is about complete. Everyone will be getting by mail early in February all the dope including hotel reservation card and registration slips.

All members are urged to send in their reservations and registration as quickly as possible so we can know how many to plan for.

And plan your trip wherever you are going — to Florida or just on a junket to the south in full bloom at convention time — plan it to make Atlanta one way or the other. And visit the gardens of members en route.

Remember the *Dates* —

March 27-30, 1958

The Place — Atlanta, Georgia.

The Hotel — Atlanta-Biltmore.

We have a great program set up including bus trips to the beautiful gardens and homes of Atlanta. You just can't miss having a fine time.

FAY PEARCE

Convention Chairman

MIDWEST REGION DAFFODIL SHOW, MEETING AND STUDY SCHOOL

The Midwest Region of the American Daffodil Society will have their first Regional meeting, Daffodil Show, and Daffodil Study and Show School, Course II at the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana on April 12 and 13, 1958. Entries will be received for the show between

9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday April 12 and the show will be open to the public at 4:00 p.m. Mr. George S. Lee, Jr., President of the American Daffodil Society will be the dinner speaker and will also present the American Daffodil Society Awards on Sat. evening. The Carey E. Quinn silver medal award will be offered for the best collection of 24 named varieties, one stem each, representing not fewer than 5 divisions.

On Sunday, April 13, course II of the Daffodil Study and Show school will be given starting at 10.00 a.m. This will be a continuation of the school started at Mansfield, Ohio last spring.

The show is sponsored by the Central District of the Garden Clubs of Indiana, Inc. and the Indiana Daffodil Society. Mrs. Ray Thorn, 630 Carlyle Place, Indianapolis, Indiana is show chairman and Mrs. Glen Kidlow, 504 E. Jackson St., Alexandria, Indiana is chairman of arrangements for the Regional meeting. Mrs. John Downing, Mooresville, Indiana will have charge of the Daffodil Study and Show School.

All members of the ADS residing in the Midwest Region are eligible to make entries in the show. Visitors are most welcome for the show, Regional Meeting and School.

HELEN K. LINK
Midwest Region VP

DAFFODIL PROGRESS IN TEXAS

By NITA HARMON

The Dallas Daffodil Society has forty members and five Honorary Members. The Society was organized in April of 1957 by me, for I saw the need of more intelligent judging, and the need for growers to know more of classification of their beautiful flowers, as well as to plant them with name labels. In Texas we have a much earlier show than you have on the Eastern coast, even than Atlanta can have.

At our first meeting of the Society on Thursday, January 30th we may make plans to form a Texas Society.

For this show, we ordered many from

Grant E. Mitsch, in Oregon, and many ordered directly from Lionel Richardson or from Holland bulb growers. As an experiment we have all planted Fortune, and each will display blooms of Fortune, which is an early bloomer here, and we will see what difference sand, white rock, black loam, or clay, all soils in this area, will make in the bulb's bloom.

Several of our members are members of the Royal Horticultural Society of England, and have seen the shows staged in London. Next year we intend to see if bulbs from Australia will do better in Texas gardens than those of England and Ireland.

At our shows we have great success with the whites, but the colored, especially the pinks, fade unless picked in bud and allowed to open in the house. Silver Chimes has proven very popular and returns well here. We do not care too much for the huge yellow trumpets like Unsurpassable, for it lacks refinement of texture. Either our Texas wind or sun makes it of a leathery coarse substance. King Alfred and Diotima do not return.

We are all amateurs, but most of us have been in the Garden Club work for over 27 years, so that gives you a degree of training. Texas always does things with a fling and in a big way, so our flower shows realize a profit of 16 and 18 thousand dollars each year—that is how we built our Dallas Garden Center. Dallas has 192 garden clubs, and even when the city fathers turned salt water into our water mains, we go on gardening just the same.

BOOKS FOR LOAN

The Library has for loan the book reviewed by Dr. Weiss in the October issue of the Bulletin—"Bulb Growing and Forcing" published by the Northwest Bulb Growers Association. Also available for loan is "The Daffodil and Tulip Year Book, 1958, of the Royal Horticultural Society."

RUBY W. MOATS

Librarian, American Daffodil Society
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Washington, D. C.

ROUND ROBIN REPORT

ADS Round Robin No. 2 started its first flight on January 23, 1956. It deals for the most part with special phases of daffodil lore and culture. The miniature species and varieties, the older varieties, historical notes of interest, and reference material are freely discussed. Modern hybrids are not omitted by any means, but their merits and demerits are somewhat reserved for general robins on the subject.

ADS Round Robin No. 4 started its first flight on August 29, 1957. It is limited to members of the West Coast Region which is made of up British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and California. It deals with discussion of soil conditions, type of climate, planting ideas, feeding programs, favorite varieties, and general culture.

The robins provide a wonderful opportunity for our members to know one another. Sharing of knowledge, experiences, news reports of the national meetings, colored slides and pictures, special bulbs, and seeds is a basic part of any gardener's life. Members of the society who are interested in joining a robin are invited to write to the chairman or the co-chairman.

MRS RICHARD O. BRADBURY,
co-chairman
612 Grand Ave.,
Vancouver, Washington

All Members — Send your editor a postal listing your *best all round* (for show and garden) trumpets (1a, 1b, 1c, 1d).

All Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen — Write the Bulletin editor a brief report on your show the day after it is held — giving number of exhibitors, number of exhibits, Blue Ribbon and Medal winners (name of flower and exhibitor), and any striking features. Want this for late April Bulletin.

New Rules for Shows — If you wish to qualify your spring show under the new rules, write Mrs. Goethe Link, RR6, Box 152, Martinsville, Ind.

TWO EXPERIENCES IN FIGHTING NEMATODES AND BASAL ROT

By CAREY E. QUINN

My garden is a small one-man operation. I carry a lot of valuable plant and bulb material and have no place to move to or rotate in case my beds get infected with bulb nematodes or basal rot—the two principal things I have to fight.

I tried Dowfume (by the Dow Chemical Company) for nematodes. I took everything out of each bed, loosened the soil to 8 inches, put row of inverted flower pots down the center of the bed to hold up the 6 x 18 foot plastic sheet that went on next. Then I sat a big flat bowl in the center of the bed to contain one end of a rubber tube, and punctured and clipped the other end of this tube to a pint can of Dowfume (they sell a tube made for the purpose) that ran a few feet outside of the sheet. I weighted down the sheet all around. Left it on for 48 hours.

The stuff killed everything in the bed including fungus and weedseeds. I put back new daffodil bulbs and chrysanthemums.

The improvement in growth in the beds treated this year was almost miraculous. Never lost a bulb and they grew tremendously. Same for the chrysanthemums. Lots of trouble, but it does a good job. I am going to treat all beds about every 5 or 6 years hereafter.

Then in another bed where basal rot had almost wrecked me, I went down a bit around all old clumps — enough to make a cup receptacle some 9 or 10 inches in diameter and poured in a pint of Carco X (Getzum Products, Sumner, Washington). In covering new bulbs, I left a cup at top and poured in the Carco X. Simple to mix — 3 tablespoons to a gallon of water. There appears to be no basal rot in that bed this year!

Judges for Shows — Write your Regional Vice-President for list of accredited judges and students in your region.

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MRS. WALTER COLQUITT, *Registrar*

1957 Registrants and Their Registrations

BAUGHN, Mrs. R. N., 1232 Clifton St.,
Conway Arkansas
ARKANSAS TRAVELER

CULPEPPER, Charles W., 4435 N. Per-
shing Drive, Arlington 3, Virginia
RED SUNRISE, SNOW GEM

1957 Registrations

ARKANSAS TRAVELER (Baughn).
3a; 18"; Early midseason. P. light
yellow; C., light yellow. barrii con-
spicuous X unknown.

RED SUNRISE (Culpepper). 2b; 20";
Early midseason. P., pale yellow; C.,
orange red. Fortune X Dick Wellband.

SNOW GEM (Culpepper). 3b; 18"; Mid-
season. P., White; C., orange red.
Firetail X unknown.

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