We made our way along the pine-tree-lined roads of DeSoto County to Hernando, Mississippi, to the home of Miss Leslie Anderson. We knew we were truly in "the land of cotton" as we were presented clever corsages of cotton balls. The Anderson daffodil plantings were outstanding with beds divided by hybridizer. Much of the extensive collection was in bloom. An abundant tea was served in the daffodil-filled home, and just as we were saying good-bye, a few sprinkles of rain fell, but nothing could dampen the hospitality shown by Miss Anderson.

Filled with lovely images of the day's tour, we made our way back to Memphis. The sight of the Mississippi River and the stately old homes of Memphis concluded our tour.

The conclusion of the convention was the Saturday banquet. Our newly installed president, Mrs. John Bozievich, presided. Vocal musical selections were enjoyed as we dined. "Thank God for Gardens" and a southern medley highlighted this portion of the program. The featured speaker, Mr. Charles Mullinnix of Tupelo, Mississippi, gave his views, "A Southern Humorist Looks at Daffodil Growers." His style was somewhat unorthodox, but his message to slow down and see the beauty in daffodils and the world was clear.

As the convention concluded, I felt rather sad to say good-bye to the many daffodil people there. The convention was one of the best and Mrs. Glenn Millar, General Chairman, and all of the hard-working people of the Mid-South Daffodil Society deserve our thanks for a delightful memory.

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER MEDAL OF THE ADS

For the past two years the Honors Committee has been unable to agree unanimously, as the rules require, on a candidate for the Society's high honor, the Silver Medal "for outstanding and distinguished service to the American Daffodil Society." It is not lightly given.

This year, I am pleased to report, there is a unanimous choice.

It goes to a person whose record as an outstanding horticulturist is just the first among many qualifications. A frequent contributor to the ADS quarterly Journal and frequent speaker to our Society and its groups, and to garden clubs generally, an accredited judge, and instructor at our Schools for Judges, an artist of superb talent—it is no longer possible in these remarks to hide her identity. When I state that she was the designer and creator of our perpetual sterling trophies for the Best Standard Seedling in honor of Grant and Amy Mitsch, for the Best Miniature Seedling in honor of John and Betty Larus, the designer of our Membership Pin, and continue to recount her devoted service as an Officer of this Society, it is no surprise that this honor, The Silver Medal of the American Daffodil Society, is this year awarded to our new President, Mrs. John (better perhaps known as Marie) Bozievich.