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From: The Office of the Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on schedule January 25, at the Admiral Semmes Hotel, Mobile, Ala., concurrent with the Annual Camellia Show. It was preceded by a dinner in the Admiral Semmes Room, given by the Men's Club of Mobile County, in honor of the officers of the Society. Mr. 1. B. Cobb, President of the Men's Club, presided. Nineteen officers and Directors, or their proxies, were present. After routine business was disposed of a General Meeting was held in the ballroom of the hotel, which was attended by approximately 200 from 12 states. Mr. A. E. Morrison of Sacramento, California, Vice-President for the Pacific Coast, gave a talk on camellia growing in California, illustrated with kodachrome slides. Mr. Joe Richards of Eugene, Oregon, spoke briefly on camellia growing in the Willamette River valley. Mr. W. T. Wood, who was a chairman of a committee to canvas the results of the annual election, announced that A. E. Mollison, Paul E. Doty, D. C. Strother, A. W. Solomon, R. E. Lee and Dr. Guy Bethea had been elected Directors at Large. The State Directors elected were: Alabama, H. W. Lee; California, Dr. D. W. Mclean; Florida, Mrs.J. H. Churchwell; Georgia, Dr. W. G. Lee; Louisiana, Dr. King Rand; Mississippi, Kenneth G. Price; North Carolina, James Ferger; Oregon, Dr. M. S. Rosenblatt; South Carolina, Mrs. Sheffield Phelps; Texas, R. A. Merritt; Virginia, Miss Mary Bell Glenna; Washington, W. 1. Fulmer.

After the General Meeting adjourned the new Directorate convened and Dr. H. Harold Hume was reelected President, J. P. Illges was elected Vice-President for the Atlantic Coast, S.J. Katz, Vice-President for the Gulf Coast, Robert Casamajor, Vice President for the Pacific Coast, T. J. Smith, Treasurer and R. J. Wilmot, Secretary.

Professor Ira S. Nelson of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La., was elected the first Fellow of the American Camellia Society.

Dr. Rand invited the Society to meet in Lafayette, La., in 1948 and Mr. Morrison presented a letter from the Sacramento Camellia Society also inviting us to meet with them. He suggested that since 1949 would be a year of celebration in California we might rather wait and come then.

A number of very successful camellia shows were held during the season although some had to be cancelled because of the sharp freeze in the Southeast in February. There will be a section of the Yearbook devoted to report" on shows provided the details reach this office so they can be included. Details should include approximate number of flowers shown, attendance, names of winning varieties and those who entered them, sweepstakes winners, etc., place and date of show and who put on the show.

One fact was brought out in the Southeast and that was that there are not enough weekends in the season for shows to he held without some conflict in dates. Mr. W. T. Wood of Macon is the new Chairman of the Exhibition and Awards Committee and any question of dates should be taken up with him. Also names of those who wish to be on the judges' list should be submitted to him. We found that we were premature in announcing medals as awards before the details for them were worked out. Dies for medals cost *$350* and medals then cost from 530 to *$50* each. If medals had been awarded as requested the Society's funds would have taken a decided downward dip.

It is time to put on your spring application of oil emulsion if your plants are infested with tea, camellia or Florida Red Scale, if you have not already done so. A 2% white oil emulsion can be used at this time if the new growth is not too far along. Wait until later if your plants are infested with peony scale. (See Yearbook)

If you have only spot infestations use a small quantity of emulsion and wipe them off by hand. A small flit-gun sprayer is very impractical

Perhaps you have wondered why some plants become re-infested with scale although you have tried to keep them and nearby camellia plants dean. It could be that some of your other ornamentals are infested and are a source of re-infestation.

Other hosts of tea scale are: bottlebrush, the hollies including introduced species;

dog-wood; euonymus; other genera of the camellia family, Temstroemiceae; mango; citrus; and *Rubescens striata.*

Other hosts of the camellia scale are: the hollies; magnolia; *Raphiolepsis* sp. And Ternstroemia sp.

Other hosts of the peony scale are: azalea; privet; tea; rose; honeysuckle; varnishtree; sweet olive; maple; eunoymus; pittosporum; peony; rhododendron; *flex latifolia.*

HINTS FOR AMATEUR GRAFTERS. If a hack-saw is used for cutting-off understock, reverse the blade so that it cuts on the pull like a pruning saw. Somebody knew what they were doing when they designed a pruning saw to cut on the pull. JLC.

We are now officially affiliated with the National Horticultural Society and membership dues in that society in the future will be available at $2.00 rather than $3.00 as heretofore.

The Men's Camellia Society of Dothan, with 48 members, has been organized and membership in the Society is required by the By-laws.

Mr. H. T. Connor held a one-man membership drive at the Central Georgia Camellia Show, Macon, and turned in 47 new members and 4 renewals.

On March 15 a quiz program "What do you know about Camellias?" was held in the Gold Room, DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, by the Men's Garden Club of Savannah. The panel consisted of Judge A. W. Solomon, Master of Ceremonies, John L. Cope, President of the Men's Garden Club of Savannah, Dr. H. H. Hume, D. C. Strother, Fort Valley, Ga., J. G. Bailie and W. A. Wilson, Fruitland Nurseries, Augusta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Karl Johnson, Bloomingdale Nurseries, Bloomingdale, Ga., C. N. Hastie, Jr., Magnolia Gardens and Nurseries, Charleston, S. c., Mr. K. Sawada, Overlook Nurseries, Mobile, Ala., and R. J. Wilmot. Mr. Sam Hjort of Thomasville Nurseries answered several questions from the floor. Questions sent in by mail were read and answered, followed by questions from the floor. Discussions covered culture, insect and disease control, propagation, causes of variegation after grafting and pruning

. We have been notified that the additional Yearbooks are in the press and should be ready for distribution by April 15. Due to the paper shortage, boards for the book covers were not available until now.

This office has frequent requests for sources of liners, understocks, seed, and individual varieties. The latter request is usually easy to answer but we have no way of knowing who may have surplus stocks for sale. If nurserymen who have stocks they wish to move would list them here we might be of some considerable help to them.

More than 300 new members have come in since the first of January and if all the last year's members renew, some of the whom are delinquent, the membership will be over 2000. Here is an application to pass on to one of your friends who might like to join us.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN CAMELIIA SOCIETY

Name _____
(Please Print)
Date _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____
Dues paid $ _____

_____Annual _____Sustaining
Commercial
(Check)
Signed _____

One member suggests that the location of plants in marginal areas would be worth while and reports plants atop Sand Mountain, Albertville, Ala. Plants in Knoxville, Tenn., were reported in the Yearbook. If you know of plants in areas where camellias are not usually grown we would be glad to make a report on them. We also could report on very large trees as to location, size and history. Send in measurements on spread, height and trunk diameter. We have a tree near Gainesville that has been in its present location 60 years and has a trunk diameter of 18 x 19 inches, it is more nearly oblong than it is round, has a spread of 25 feet and is over 20 feet in height. Does anyone know of a larger plant?

When you are mixing Fermate with water before you add it to the water in your spray

tank add a little drift and you will find it wets much easier.

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