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**From**
**The Office of the Secretary**

Miss Mary Bell Glennan, our Director for Virginia and a Life member died in DePaul Hospital, Norfolk at 7:30 P.M. September 12, 1948.

When the American Camellia Society was organized Miss Glennan personally handled practically all of the applications from Norfolk and vicinity and the large membership there is due to her efforts.

For many years she was chairman of the Camellia Show, staged annually by the Garden Club of Norfolk and exhibited her camellias in it and ' the International Flower Show in New York receiving many awards.

A strain of Gigantea which proved very hardy in Norfolk was given her name.

She was active in civic betterment of all kinds and in the activities of the Catholic Church.

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EARLY FLOWERS—Mr. W. Cleve Stokes of Montgomery, Ala. reported his first Arejishi fully open July 11, 1948. This was 30 days earlier than his first flower last year. Here at Gainesville we had two open July 21. Those in full shade opened perfectly and stayed in good condition for several days. Mrs. Charles T. Haigh reported one fully open July 20. Dr. C. J. Milling of Columbia, S. C. had his first Arejishi August 28 and a second September 5. Due to the hot weather they only lasted about one day each. At Gainesville our first seed was ripe July 15. We had our first Frau Minna Seidel (Pink Perfection) open September 7. We also have a seedling which first flowered in September` 1946 and is blooming again this year. Its first flowers had opened and fallen on, the ground by August 31 when they were first noticed. It will be in bloom for some time because there are many buds yet to open. It is about the color of Semi-double Blush and of the formation of Noblissima.

CAMELLIA FLOWER BLIGHT—Dr. H. Earl Thomas reports that Fermate or Zerlate at the rate, of approximately 6 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. suspended in °water prevented the appearance of apothecia in 1947 but not entirely in 1948. Apothecia are the mushroom like growth that spew their spores into the air which in turn infect the opening flowers.

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After reading Mrs. Mogabgab's notes on damage after the hurricane lust year Mr. Paul E. Hines of Beaumont, Texas sent the following note. "The report on hurricane damage in Bay St. Louis, Miss, was interesting. The part of Beaumont I live in floods badly when we have heavy rains. In 1941 we had a flood-water that stood a foot deep over my camellias and I lost a Pink Perfection, a Rose Emry and an Alba Plena. A Mon arch and a Herme, under similar conditions came through unharmed. This was in May. In November, 1948 vie had an even worse flood, it rained 14 inches in one might and the water stood 2 to 3 feet deep in my-yard. It nearly got in the house. The water stood for about a day and a half, not quite as long as it did in 1941, but apparently did no damage at all. Apparently what killed the plants in 1941 was the warm weather. Incidentally sasanquas were not bothered at all. We had a rather mild hurricane, accompanied by a hard rain in about '42 or '43, and while it nearly beat the roses to death it did not hurt the camellias at all. Camellias seem to be able to take it—floods, hurricanes, "freezes, snow, ice storms, or most anything nature can devise."

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Mr. John L. Cope of Savannah reports that he is using peat in glass j ass for germinating camellia seed and finds it satisfactory. Some seeds germinated in two weeks. When he removes the sprouted seeds he transfers the top peat to another jar so that the position is reversed to what it was before. In this way the damper peat in the bottom of the jar is moved to the top thereafter. He feels that this gives a more even distribution of moisture and aeration.

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FELLOWSHIP — Mr. Austin Griffiths, Jr. of Anaheim, Calif. who has just graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles has arrived on the Campus of the University of Florida where he has been appointed to hold the American Camellia Society Fellowship. He will work toward his Master's degree in Horticulture and on a research problem in some phase of camellia culture. The Fellowship runs for two years. This Fellowship was approved at the Annual Meeting in February.

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Dr. Hume returned from England September 24. While there he made his headquarters at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, using their library and herbarium checking early camellia history. He visited the A. J. Smith Nursery on the Island of Guernsey where Lady Vansittart was named, Cornwall, the home of the **C. saluenensis x japonica** and **x cuspidata** hybrids and various nurs- eries. He brought back six boxes of plants and, cuttings. Most of them arrived in good condition but others were in poor condition due either to the long trip or to fumigation at the Quarantine Station at Hoboken.

He reports that he saw no scale, die-back or canker, and that the plants all seemed to be in good growth.

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VARIETY REGISTRATION - The Committee on Variety Registration approved registration forms and these were distributed to those re- questing them. Three have been returned and their registration approved.

No. 1. Katharin Stanton. A ten year old seedling of unknown parentage grown by H. B. Stanton of Savannah, Ga. which first flowered in 1945. It won a blue ribbon in the seedling class at the Savannah Camellia Show that year. It is of rapid growth with upright, willowy branches. The foliage is very dark green and inclined to be flat. The flower buds are oblong in shape, rich green, and are borne usually as doubles and sometimes triples on a twig. The flower is single, deep rose pink, 3-4 1/2 inches in diameter with 6 petals. It is fragrant. It blooms from December through February. Several nurseries have it in propagation.

No. 2. Plumfield White. A seedling from semi-double Blush, 7 years old, grown by. J. P. Illges, Columbus, Ga. first flowered in 1946. It won an Award of Merit at the Central Georgia Camellia Show, Macon in 1948. The plant is of rapid upright growth with elliptical, dark green leaves. The green flower buds are long and pointed. The white flowers are in- complete double with large variable petaloids, 4-5 1/2 inches in diameter. The fragrant flowers open January-March.

No. 3. Joseph Pfingstl. A 5 year old seedling of unknown parentage which first flowered 1946-47, grown by Emmett J. Pfingstl of Montgomery, Ala. It is described in the 1948 Yearbook.

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There does not seem to be any interest in a Question and Answer Column, because there were none sent in for this issue. Nor were there any regional notes from any source.

Most of the local groups have not been active during the summer and therefore have nothing to report. Your Secretary asks again that local groups appoint a Reporter to send in notes for the News- letter. We all want to know what is going on. Notes on early or late flowering dates are of interest and should be on record and items on large or very old plants are

always of interest.

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The 1948 Yearbook is in press and the galley proof has been corrected and returned to the printer. This means that the book should be out either just before or just after November 1. Be sure and read Otis Cotten's article on camellias around McComb, Miss., look up the history of your local plants and, send in an article of a similar nature for the next Yearbook. Such an article is not only interesting but it puts information in print that otherwise would be lost and unavailable in a few years.

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CAMELLIA SHOWS - Mr. W. T. Wood, Chairman of the Exhibition and Awards Committee wants all show dates sent him immediately so they can be announced in winter issues of the various magazines devoted to gardening. Some of these magazines have a very early deadline and require material two or three months in advance. Please let him have the dates by return mail. We will list them in the January News-letter.

Mrs. W. T. Wood who was in charge of the Arrangement Contest last season will be in charge again this season. She feels that the con-test was a success because more than 100 entries were made. Many do not realize that any member can submit a photograph of an arrangement that is made at any time. It does not have to be in competition in a show. A non-member can only submit an arrangement that is entered in a show given in cooperation with the American Camellia Society. The announcement of the 1949 contest follows:

THE EXHIBITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY ANNOUNCES AN ARRANGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To stimulate interest in the general use of camellias in arrangements in homes and shows.

RULES

1. The contest is open to any member of the American Camellia Society or to any member of a club affiliated with the American Camellia Society.

2. Photographs must be on glossy paper, size 5 x 7 inches. A brief analysis of the design, with a detailed description of the container and plant material is required. Photographs of arrangements made at home, or of those - entered in a show held in cooperation with the American Camellia Society may be used.

3. An exhibitor may make only one entry in each class.

4. All photographs submitted will become the property of the American Camellia Society.

CLASSES

1. Two arrangements in a pair of vases, using Camellias and/or other flowers, branches, foliage. In one Camellias by Grandmother, an old fashioned bouquet. In the other Camellias by Granddaughter, a design with linear pattern.

2. “As You Like It" Camellias to predominate.

3. A crescent design of Camellias and branches or twigs, in a suitable container.

JUDGES

Three nationally known judges will serve. Judges decisions shall be final.

PRIZES

First in each class, a camellia plant.

Second in each class, a set of redwood tubs.

Third in each class, American Camellia Society annual membership.

Most outstanding entry in the contest, a camellia plant.

Winning photographs and others of merit will be reproduced in the Yearbook of the American Camellia Society.

Before April 1, 1949 send photographs and descriptions to Mrs. W. T. Wood, A.C.S. Arrangement Contest Chairman,

Overlook Ave., Macon, Ga.

Exhibitions and Awards. Committee
A. J. Nitschke
D. C. Strother
W. T Wood, Chairman

According to the rules set up by the Exhibition and Awards Committee any show can be given in cooperation with the A.C.S. provided certain conditions are met. These are: A list of the judges be turned over to the Committee in advance; tables set up where memberships in the A.C.S. will be solicited; a report of the Show be sent to the Secretary immediately after the Show, including place held, attendance, and a list of the winners. Last year some shows adhered rigidly to these provisions but others ignored some of the provisions, particularly the last and others did not even return the Yearbooks
sent them to use on display.

The Society will again have available Gold and Silver-Certificates to be awarded to winners in shows that cooperate. Award of Merit Certificates will also be available for winners of the seedling class provided 3 accredited judges make the award. It is requested that Shows that wish to "offer the Award of Merit ask for these in 'advance so they will be on hand and can be signed by the judges making the Award. They will then be returned to this office for a final signature by the Secretary so a permanent record can be made. Winners of the Award of Merit will be eligible to compete for the Illges Medal.

The 1949 Annual Meeting will be held at the time of the Sacramento, Calif. Camellia Show, March 5-6, 1949. The Southern California Camellia Society. Show at Pasadena will be held February 26-27 and the Oakland Show March 12-13. We hope that all those interested will attend.

ELECTION—As the year draws to a close it is again time for the election of Directors whose terms expire at the next Annual Meeting. Unit Two, consisting of California, Louisiana, Oregon and Virginia are to elect their state Directors and two Directors at Large for terms of three years. There are 20 states and Australia that have no representation on our Board of Directors. Members from these states have felt that they had no voice in our elections so they have been divided- as the states were, so they at least, can nominate and vote for Directors at Large.
Arizona, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Tennessee are attached to Unit One; Arkansas, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin are attached to Unit Two; and Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, and Australia are attached to Unit Three.

Nominations for Unit Two are for one .State Director from each State and two Directors at Large from the Unit. Nominations roust reach this office before December 1 at which time the final ballots will be mailed. The incumbents are: California, Dr. David McLean; L Louisiana, Dr. King Rand; Oregon, Dr. M. S. Rosenblatt; Virginia - vacant. Directors at Large: A. E. Morrison, California; Paul E. Doty, Oregon. Dr. Rosenblatt feels that the office should go to someone else in Oregon for the next term. Mr. Doty is of the same opinion.

Membership is by the calendar year and annual, sustaining and commercial memberships expire December 31, 1948. Members become delinquent March 1, 1949. Annual dues are $3.00, Sustaining Membership $10.00 or more, Commercial Membership $10.00. Make payment to the American Camellia Society, Box 2398, Gainesville, Fla.