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From
The Office of the Secretary

Approximately one third of the membership have paid their dues for 1949. Those who have not are requested to remit theirs without putting this office to the labor and expense of sending out statements. Annual dues are $3.00, Sustaining $10.00 or more; Commercial$10.00. Make remittances payable to American Camellia Society, Box 2398 University Station, Gainesville, Fla. Memberships become delinquent March 1.

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The ballots were mailed out to Unit 2 the first week in December but evidently many were delayed by the Post Office and were not received until the last of the month. We will therefore hold balloting open throughout January in order to get the votes in. If you are in Unit 2 and did not receive a ballot the nominees are as follows: For California State Director, Dr. David McLean; Louisiana State Director, Dr. King Rand, T. K. McKnight; Oregon State Director, H. H. Harms, Russell Gainer; Virginia State Director, Frederic Heutte.

For Directors at Large A. E. Morrison, John H. Clairmont, Ira S. Nelson, Paul E. Doty, and Frank A. Godchaux, Jr.

Vote for three - one State Director and two Directors at Large.

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1948 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST: It was announced last year that the person sending in the largest number of new members would be awarded a plant of Morning Glow by Bradford's Wayside Nurseries, Ocean Springs, Miss, and that the runner-up would receive a set of redwood tubs from the Patio Wood Products, San Gabriel, Calif. Mr. Wendell M. Levi of Sumter, S. C. who only became a member in February 1948 shortly thereafter notified us that he was favorably impressed with our organization and that he intended to qain 100 new members for us. This he set out to do and so far has sent in 80 memberships. Most of these are from Sumter, a city of only 30,000. Mr. R. D. Coggeshall, Darlington, S. C., sent in 42 members. Vern O. McCaskill, Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. A. A. Mason, Shreveport, La.; G. G. McLaurin, Dillon, S. C.; Mrs. M. E. Crosland, Charleston, S. C. and Paul Lipsey, Albany, Ga. each sent in 5 or more new members. Mr. C. N. Hastie, Jr. soon after he was elected Director for South Carolina sent out form letters to customers of Magnolia Gardens and Nurseries and had about 50 responses.

The membership at the end of December was 3159 even though more than 300 1947 members failed to renew. A total of 1137 new members came in during the year. Some few of these were gained at the shows during the show season but most of them were sent in by friends who recommended that they join. Do you realize that if each of you sent in one new member you would double the membership?

We will announce a new membership contest in the April News-Letter but any membership sent in the meantime will be credited if you will mention the fact that you wish to enter the contest.

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DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA HORSE? - Mrs. Angie Peake Culler of Orangeburg, S. C. found that her annual camellia budget was exhausted but still felt that she needed more plants (I wonder how many more of us are in the same fix!) She casually mentioned to her nurseryman that she had a horse that she. would be glad to trade for some more plants. Now Mrs. Culler has some choice specimen plants, 100 stock plants, and 100 azalea plants, her Nurseryman has a Tennessee Walking horse and they are both happy with their bargain.

This opens up an unlimited field for the horse trader or barterer. Perhaps you have an old 1948 model car you want to get rid of contact W. Camellia Stokes of Montgomery,

Ala. He is in the car-camellia business. Your Secretary also knows of a deal in which a course of chiropractic treatments was paid for with camellia plants.

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Gordon Adams, Green Gates, Frankleigh Park, New Plymouth, New Zealand who recently joined the Society would be glad to correspond with any grower who might wish to exchange notes with him.

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We hope that every one received their 1948 Yearbooks. They were mailed out in November.

The camellia shows that have been registered with us so far are as follows:

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 8-9; Lafayette, La., Jan. 15-16 (Also a Camellia Pageant on Jan. 14); Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 15-16; Quitman, Ga., Jan. 15-16; Orlando, Fla., Jan. 15-16; Winter Haven, Fla., Jan. 19-20; Dothan, Ala., Jan. 20; Valdosta, Ga., Jan. 20; •Cordele, Ga., Jan. 22-23; Mobile, Ala., Jan. 22-23; Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 22-23; Tampa, Fla., Jan. 28-2930; New Orleans, La., Jan.-29-30; Albany, Ga., Jan. 29-30; Waycross, Ga., Jan. 29-30; Bainbridge, Ga., Feb. 1; Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 1.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb. 5-6; Augusta, Ga., Feb. 5-6; Shreveport, La., Feb. 5; Tifton, Ga., Feb. 9; Laurel, Miss., Feb. 12; Savannah, Ga., Feb.12-13; San Diego, Cal., Feb. 19-20; Macon, Ga., Feb. 19-20; Charleston, S. C., Feb. 19-20; Marshallville, Ga., Feb. 23; Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23; Hawkinsville, Ga., Feb. 25; Glendale, Cal., Feb. 26-27; Summerville, S. C., March 5-6; Sacramento, Cal., March 5-6; Fayetteville, N. C., March 9-10; Suffolk, Va., March 24.

The Pasadena show has been cancelled and the Glendale show has been moved to take its place.

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VARIETY REGISTRATION - The Committee on Variety Registration received three more registrations and approved two of them. The Committee will only register seedlings and true sports that have arisen as bud mutations but will not pass variegations that have appeared after grafting. The third registration that was not accepted was a variegated form of Debutante.

One of the primary rules of horticultural nomenclature is that a new variety to be named must be **superior to or different from current varieties**. The committee does not want to set itself up to judge as to whether or not a variety submitted meets these qualifications. It is suggested that if you have a seedling or sport that you wish to register that you get the opinions of some of your local nurserymen and/or collectors and send them in with your registration blanks. This will be very helpful to the committee.

Remember , that varieties to be eligible for the Illges Medal must be registered.

No. 4. George B. Barrett. A seedling of unknown parentage from a seed planted in 1937 by Mrs. E. W. Hagler, Augusta, Ga. A patent was applied for in 1947 and is assigned to Orton Plantation. The plant has an average rate of growth forming a bushy plant. The large leaves are acuminate. The large flowers are self white incomplete., double in formation with large fluted outer petals. The flowers vary considerably with golden stamens scattered among petals and petaloids. Its outstanding feature is its earliness, blooming from October through January.

No. 5. Diddy Mealing. A seedling, suspected to be from Duchess of Sutherland, 9 years • old that first flowered in 1946, grown by Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Mealing of North Augusta, S. C. The type of growth is slightly pendulous with a medium rate of growth. The leaves are long, pointed, and pale green. The flower buds are long, pointed; and open very slowly. The flowers are incomplete imbricated, creamy white in color with a distinct yellow cast in the throat, and always have at least one small pink stripe, some flowers having a pink petal or two. The 4 1/2 to 4 3/4. inch flowers are heavy and the petals are upright, never flat or recurved, the inner ones are pointed while the outer are rounded. The typical flower opens by unfurling petals from the bud, usually three at a time. Flowers with double centers and an occasional irregular double have appeared.

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FURTHER REPORTS ON EARLY FLOWERS - Mr. Harry E. Nation of Montgomery, Ala. reports that he had an Arejishi open July 4, 1948. Mr. Harold M.

Henderson of Birmingham, Ala. had Pink Perfection in bloom September 1 and Rose Dawn and Alba Plena October 1. B. P. Poyner, Jr. of Dothan, Ala. had White Empress in , bloom October 23 and one was in bloom at Gainesville November 1. Mr. E. E. Bolen of Lucedale, Miss. reports Mrs. Chas. Cobb in bloom October 15.

Mr. W. H. Barnesley of Apopka, Fla., lists the following as being in bloom in November: Alba Plena, Fimbriata, Debutante, Colletti, Pink Perfection, Haku Tsuru (White Crane), Sweeti Vera, Lady Clare, Mathotiana, Mathotiana Var., Brilliant, Augusta Wilson, Dixie, Mrs. Charles Cobb, Elegans, Christine Lee, Carnation, Otome Var., Martha Brice, Campbelli, Adolphe Audusson, La Reine, Marchioness of Exeter, Eleanor of Fairoaks, Imura, Nagasaki, Rosea Suberba Var., Victor Emmanuel, Purity, Lindsay Neill, Emperor of Russia, Kimberley, K. Sawada, C. M. Hovey, Woodville Red, Eleanor Hagood.

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RALEIGH MEETING - The Camellia Study Group of the Raleigh, N. C. Garden Club held its annual study class at the Raleigh Women's Club, October 14, 1948. Mrs. R. L. McMillan, Chairman, who is our Director for North Carolina, presided at the all-day session. Mrs. Roy Caveness, president of the Raleigh Garden Club, and Mrs. J. S. Mitchner, past president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Isabel Bowen Henderson of Raleigh spoke on the designing of a small camellia garden; Kenneth Sprunt of Orton Plantation and Robert Holmes of Mt. Olive discussed camellia varieties suitable for North Carolina. Mrs. Anna Lee Harris and Dow Fender led a question and answer period and Mr. James Weaver spoke on preparation of the soil for camellias.

After a luncheon Dr. Allen Easley of Wake Forest spoke on "What Wake Forest has learned about Camellias.- Mrs. David Oates gave a report on the Fayetteville Camellia Show which is held each year and Mrs. Duncan Devane invited the group to attend their coming show. Growers from Goldsboro, Lumberton and Whiteville held a round table discussion on "What we have learned about Camellias." Mrs. C. A. Dillon gave a demonstration of her latest invention, "epergnette."

Camel1ia literature, containers suitable for camellias, and camellia arrangements were on display.

Camellia enthusiasts from throughout North Carolina attended the all-day study class.

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ANNUAL MEETING - As announced previously the Annual Meeting will be held in Sacramento March 5, 1949 in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium where the Annual Sacramento Camellia Show will also be held March 5 and 6. A program covering Officer's and Directors reports, camellia flower classification as applied to show schedule, camellia arrangements in shows, camellia nomenclature and other interesting subjects is being prepared.

A good many from the Southeast are planning to attend and special Pullman accommodations have been arranged by H. W. Lee and W. T. Wood. Round trip fares from Atlanta are $157.26 plus Pullman fares of from $37.00 to $180.00, depending on accommodations. A stop of 4 hours will be made in New Orleans for those who wish to do some sightseeing there. Los Angeles will be reached February 25 in time to attend a dinner and meeting of the Southern California Camellia Society in Pasadena. The Glendale Camellia Show will be held February 26-27 by the Pacific Camellia Society in cooperation with the Southern California Camellia Society. Tours in that area will include a visit to the Huntington Botanical Gardens, Library and Art Gallery where the originals of Blue Boy and Pinkie are hung; the various nurseries; well known gardens; and the California Institute of Technology to see their camellia research program.

After the meeting at Sacramento and tours to surrounding points of interest the party will move on to San Francisco where the Northern California Society aided by the Santa Clara Society will show the sights in the Bay area followed by a large meeting in Oakland Monday night, March 17. The group will leave San Francisco March 8 at

noon returning by way of Chicago.

A good many have made their reservations and it is hoped that many more will do so. Although we have not heard from the Pacific Northwest we hope that as many as possible from there will join us.

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LOCAL SOCIETIES - In compliance with our request for notes on local societies the following have come to hand.

The Men's Camellia Club of Escambia County, Pensacola, Fla. sent in a complete roster of its officers and committees for the year. M. B. Dawson is President, Charlie Taylor, Vice-President, B. H. Crooke, Secretary and John K. Edwards, Jr., Treasurer and Publicity Chairman. Their meetings are held in the recreation room of the First Presbyterian Church, 10 E. Chase St. at 7:30 P.M. of the second Wednesday of each month. A door prize of a camellia plant donated by a member or local nurseryman has stimulated attendance so that about 60 attend each meeting. Meetings are announced in the local papers and over the local radio station as well as an individual notice to each member. Several members are photographically inclined and color movies are made each year of the show and slides are made of new or unusual varieties and are shown at the meetings. John K. Edwards, Jr.

Dr. Aubrey Stabler of Greenville, Ala. called a meeting in November to start a movement to form an Alabama Camellia Society. About 100 attended and a committee was appointed to form a society. A meeting of the Directors was held December 19 and a Charter and By-Laws adopted. A membership drive will soon be under way with a meeting to be held in Mobile January 29 at the time of the show there.

The Oregon Camellia Society held its annual election December 17 and Morrie L. Sharp was elected President, Walter Neubert, Vice-President, Corbett McLean, Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Secretary, Mrs. Archie Anderson, corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Wetzler, Treasurer, David Griffith and Mrs. H. A. Pearse, Directors. Adolphe Audusson was elected camellia of the year with Te Deum and Ville de Nantes runners-up.