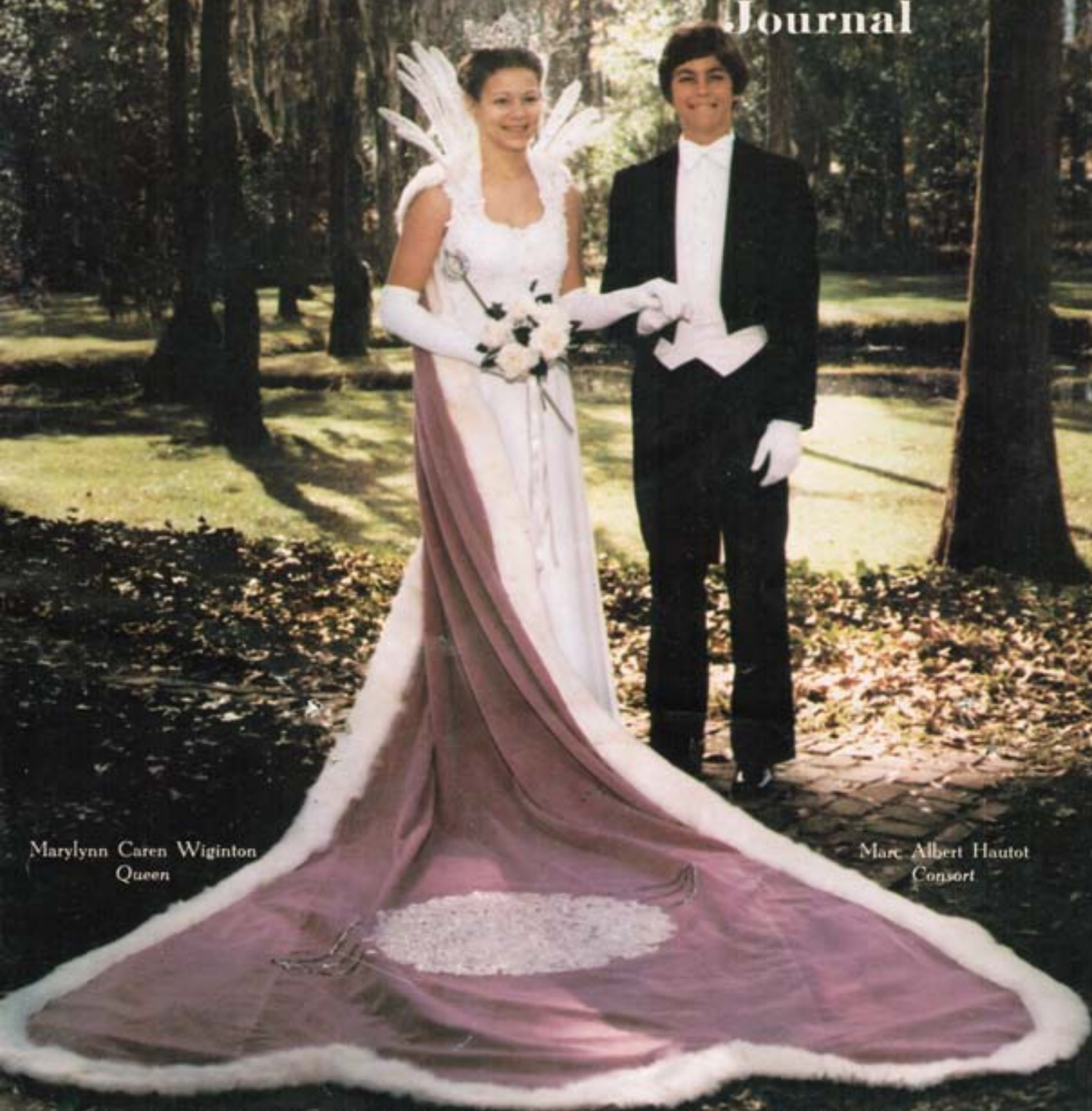


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President's Message

We are all sorry that Terrell Weaver found it necessary, for reasons of health, to resign as President of the American Camellia Society before finishing his elected term. He has done a fine job during the past year, and I shall look forward to his help and guidance, in the year ahead, particularly with regard to our financial affairs and as Chairman of our Bond Investment Committee.

I am honored and grateful that your Board of Directors saw fit to elect me to lead the American Camellia Society as President and as Mr. Weaver's successor. I can only say to you what I told the Board and members in Modesto, that I promise that I will do the very best job that I know how for you and A.C.S.

However, as much as being President means, this job is too big for one person to do alone, and so I shall look forward to having your support in carrying on the business of the Society in the year ahead. I have already received many loyal



WILLIAM B. JOHNSTON

offers of support, and I have already started to pick the various committees that are necessary to make the Society run. I am sure that I will have the support of all of you in our joint efforts to make the American Camellia Society a bigger and better organization, as we look to the future in our effort to promote better means and methods of growing and publicizing our favorite flower, and in our newest effort to find a means to eradicate petal blight, about which I shall have more to say later.

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International Notes

As this issue goes to press The International Camellia Society will be holding a most interesting meeting in Nantes, France. We regret that we were not able to attend this meeting but we just could not "swing it." We hope to have an article for the August issue from one of the attendees.

The ICS has announced the results of the elections for Officers and Directors to serve for two years beginning January 1, 1977. Professor E. G. Waterhouse was re-elected as *President*. Elected as *Vice Presidents* were: Sir Giles Loder, Bt., Leonardslee, Horsham, Sussex, England; Tom Savige, P. O. Box 68, Lavington, N.S.W. 2641, Australia; and Yoshiaki Andoh, 9-11 1 chome, Yawatacho—2Nadaku, Kobe, Japan. The *Treasurer* is John Alpen, 24 Day Road, Cheltenham, N.S.W. 2119, Australia; the *Secretary* is Roger H. Gray, 9 Hanover Ave., North Epping, N.S.W. 2121, Australia. The *Editor* is Eric D. Craig, 4 Lowther Park Ave., Warrawee, N.S.W. 2074, Australia.

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It is our strong belief that those of us who grow camellias in this country would find it most beneficial to be a member of the ICS. It publishes an outstanding *Journal* about camellias around the world as well as a list of members in each country. *The dues are only \$6.00 a year* and should be sent to Joe Pyron.

There will be a complete article on the Project Oil trip to Australia and New Zealand in the 1977 edition of *The American Camellia Yearbook*.

The 1978 Conference of The International Camellia Society will be held in conjunction with the Annual Fall Meeting of the ACS here in the Massee Lane/Perry area of Georgia. **PLAN NOW** to attend! The conference will be held during the period of November 8-12, 1978. The hosts, The Middle Georgia Camellia Society, are already making tentative plans for what should be a truly wonderful meeting.

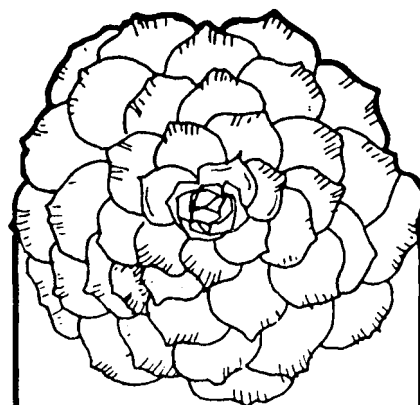
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Camellias for the Inauguration

There seems to be almost as much disorganized confusion as to how the camellias from Georgia got to the White House as there was organized confusion in actually obtaining the blooms from throughout Georgia. We shall try to put "the story straight" about the camellias at the inauguration of Georgia's first President of the U. S. This was truly a tremendously successful effort by the ladies of the Georgia Garden Club, Inc. and members of the ACS throughout Georgia.

Mrs. Carter, now our First Lady, asked her good friend Mrs. Clarence Dodson of Plains to be Chairman of

the White House Decorating Committee. She readily accepted; she and her co-chairmen Mrs. John Cherry of Atlanta and Mrs. Lawson Neel of Thomasville started planning in mid-December. Mrs. Clark Duncan had gotten in touch with Spencer C. Walden, Jr. of Albany who in turn called ACS Headquarters. Meanwhile, Mrs. Dodson told us that Sue (Mrs. Clark) Duncan of nearby Buena Vista would be the one for us to contact. We did so and then set the wheels into motion on January 5th. On January 5th we asked Spencer in Albany and Dr. Bill Mathis in Moultrie if they would



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Eif Girdner and George Fields of Massee Lane pick some 500 blooms from the Jeff Smith Memorial Greenhouse for sending to the White House.

be responsible for that area; we would be responsible for this area. Both agreed wholeheartedly. (For details of Spencer's very active participation, see the second part of this article which follows immediately.)

When the idea of sending the camellias on Sunday—the Inauguration would be on Thursday—was ditched, two public spirited young men volunteered themselves and the use of their private planes to come down to Albany and Macon from Winder, Ga. to pick up the flowers on Wednesday morning. It was a frightfully cold morning and we had fears that the blooms might get burned with frost if any of the boxes were opened when transferred from Johnnie Thompson's Peach County Nursery's truck at the Macon Airport to the plane of Bob Hill, Jr. of Winder, Georgia.

The cold weather tried to do everything possible to deter our getting what we felt were sufficient blooms. However, the greenhouses were producing outstanding blooms during a time when Massee Lane is usually at peak bloom out-of-doors in the gardens. Nevertheless, Eif and George, who combined total almost 90 years of service at Massee Lane, picked some 500 blooms. Jack Braucht of Warner Robins agreed to get blooms from his own greenhouse and those in Macon of Dr. Walter F. Homeyer, Jr., Dr. Frank M. Houser, Mr. N. Terrell Weaver and Mr. Linton Baggs. These were brought to Massee Lane on Tuesday afternoon late.

A committee of five ladies from Marshallville Garden Club volunteered their services on Tuesday afternoon. Many hours were spent by Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Felton Walker, Mrs. Fred Virden, Mrs. James Chappell and Mrs. Milton H. Brown in preparing the blooms for shipment. Very large florist boxes were lined with about three inches of 100% pure Polyester Fiber, normally used to fill cushions, pillows, comforters, etc. The ladies then wired each camellia bloom to its own stem and leaves. The flowers were then inserted into orchid tubes filled with water and then carefully "bedded down" in the soft, non-allergenic fiber for shipping. The flowers would not be able to shift and the material does not bunch or hold water. The operation was such that each flower was treated as if it were to be judged "Best in Show".

Here at Massee Lane the flowers were boxed according to color and the boxes so marked in order to make it easier for the arrangers to pick out the flowers needed for their respective arrangements—boxes of reds, whites,

pinks and variegated. One box had some 60 evenly matched blooms of 'Harriet Bisbee'—a truly magnificent sight to behold. Thirteen boxes, each holding 50 or more blooms each, were then stored in the greenhouse Tuesday night; the temperature had been set to be no more than 35 degrees F.

Early Wednesday morning Johnnie Thompson came by with a van-type truck. We loaded the boxes and drove to the Macon Airport, some 30 miles away. The road up to the airport road was a bit dicey with packed snow and ice on it. We made it to the airport without mishap. Bob Hill and his father had their plane in one of the open hangers. The four of us carefully loaded the plane only to find that we had two boxes left over—the one with the blooms of 'Harriet Bisbee' and a box of white blooms. We radioed to Albany and asked that the plane there stop off at Macon for these two special boxes. This was done. We waited to see the planes off for Washington and the ladies who would be there waiting for them.

Ed Spivia, Director of Tourism for the State of Georgia, recently told me about a box of camellias gotten together at Atlanta by ACS members there. The box was taken to his office to go into the plane taking Governor George Busbee to Washington. Ed, in fear that people would want to open and look at the blooms, told the people in his office that if anyone wanted to know what was in the box they should tell them it contained "poisonous snakes from Georgia". This apparently kept the box completely intact for sending on to Washington. We understand that plant material, and probably some camellias, were sent also from Savannah as part of the large effort on the part of Georgia's garden clubbers and plant societies. Included in the shipment from Massee Lane were a few camellias donated to us at the Mobile, Ala. Camellia Show the weekend before by Sam Zerkowsky of Slidell, La.

Mrs. Dodson has sent a letter of thanks to The American Camellia Society and has asked that we use this



The ladies from the Marshallville Garden Club prepare some 500 blooms for shipment from Massee Lane to the White House. Shown from left in front row are: Gladys (Mrs. John) Walker, Carolyn (Mrs. Fred) Virden, Lillian (Mrs. James) Chappell and Ann (Mrs. Milton) Brown. In the back is Mary (Mrs. Felton) Walker.

channel to thank everyone who participated in making this decoration of the White House the great success it was. Soon after the inauguration Mrs. Dodson wrote, "We want to thank you so much for the beautiful camellias that you sent to Washington. They were simply beautiful and many expressed they had never seen such pretty arrangements. The White House Curator said he had not seen the White House so beautifully decorated in his twenty years there. We used some of the blossoms in the living area of the second floor and shared some with Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller when they departed."

(For other details and color pictures see *Georgia Life*, Spring 1977 issue. We have asked for some good color pictures to be used either in the 1977 issue of *The American Camellia Yearbook* or a later issue of *The Camellia Journal*. We unfortunately could not get them early enough to have separations made for this issue.)

The only other time camellias were used for a Presidential Inauguration was that of President Dwight Eisenhower's second inauguration in 1956. At that time fifty evenly matched blooming plants of 'Lady Clare' lined either side of the Presidential Reviewing Stand immediately in front of the White House. These were obtained through the then—and still—active Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley which assisted the Gude Florists in nearby Maryland to bring them into bloom early.

The Day Before the Inauguration

SPENCER C. WALDEN, JR.

Several weeks prior to Inauguration Day, Sue (Mrs. Clark) Duncan of Buena Vista, Georgia, the incoming President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., called me about furnishing some camellias to be used in the White House for decorations during the Inauguration. Mrs. Duncan told me that Mrs. Ann Dodson of Plains, Georgia, was in charge of decorations for the White House.

When I learned the flowers were to be sent to Washington in a refrigerated truck five or six days before they were to be used, I became concerned about how the flowers would look on Inauguration Day. I got in touch with Mrs. Dodson and discussed with her the possibility of flying the flowers to Washington. She was pleased with the idea and immediately secured two planes, one to take the flowers from Albany, and one from Macon-Fort Valley.

I contacted Milton Brown, Executive Secretary, of the American Camellia Society and he agreed to give 100% cooperation to assist in any way. Brownie requested that I collect all of the flowers in the Albany area and have them ready for delivery to the plane the day before the Inauguration. Growers in Moultrie were contacted and Josh Wilkes, Cecil Beard, and Bill Mathis gave generously of their flowers which were brought to Albany. The flowers from Albany were collected from Hugh Shackelford, Leonard Duncan, Louie Landau, Stuart Watson, and many others.

Mrs. Cile Crouch, representing the Garden Clubs of Georgia, was also requested to assist with collection of camellias in this area and I tried to help Mrs. Crouch in every way possible in getting the flowers together. The flowers were assembled at the Garden Center with Mrs. Vi Strong in charge of the wiring. Volunteers from the various garden clubs in Albany worked like Trojans to wire each blossom and then place in orchid

tubes for shipment to the White House. Mrs. Strong made a corsage for members of the first family to wear at a reception on Friday night. The flowers were packed for shipment and stored by Mrs. Strong.

The flowers were picked up on Wednesday morning and taken to the Albany airport to load on the plane at 9:00 a.m. At 9:35 a.m., John Robinson of Winder, Georgia, the pilot, called and stated his engines were frozen (not being accustomed to 4 degree weather); however, they were thawing the engines and he thought he would be in Albany within 1½ hours—and he made it.

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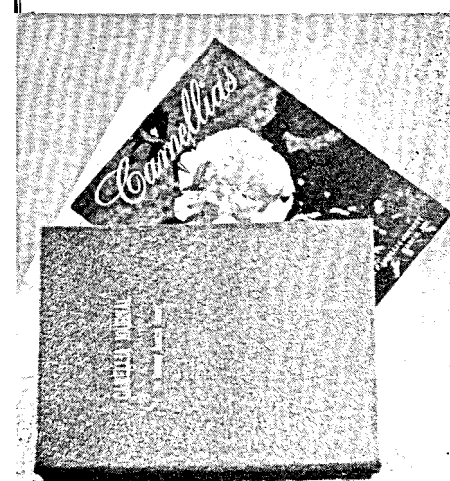
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In the meantime, garden club ladies from Valdosta and Thomasville had collected, wired, and packed about 800 blossoms from their area and had taken them to Plains to be shipped by truck. The truck had already left for Washington loaded with greenery, including magnolia, holly, podocarpus, eucalyptus, loquat, pittisporum, and other Southern foliage. The flowers were then brought to Albany and delivered to Mrs. Strong who requested they also go on the plane.

By this time, it looked like we had enough flowers to fill a 747 Jet and I was greatly concerned as I knew there was no way to load all of the flowers on a small Piper plane. All of the flowers were assembled at the airport, including those from Valdosta and Thomasville, and after John Robinson's plane was loaded, there were ten boxes left containing several hundred flowers. I called Brownie at ACS Headquarters and told them we had more flowers than we could carry. Brownie requested that if at all possible for the pilot to stop in Macon and pick up at least two additional boxes of specially prepared flowers which needed to go. The plane was then completely unloaded and the boxes were taken into the hangar and cut down in order to conserve space, then reloaded leaving room for Brownie's two boxes, and still we had about 10 boxes left.

The large Eastern Airline plane which was parked immediately in front of the air terminal in Albany, to take the Carter family to Washington, was the only way to get the balance of the flowers to Washington. I then went back to the airport about 1½ hours ahead of the Carter's scheduled leaving time and with the help of Mrs. S. W. Oliver, a Security Officer at the airport, contacted the Secret Service and told them I wanted to send some flowers which had been requested by Rosalynn Carter on that plane to Washington. They turned me down and said "to just forget it," there is not a chance in the world. I knew then I was on the wrong track. Know-

ing Jimmy and Rosalynn as I do, I knew if I could contact the right person, I could get the flowers on their plane. By this time, the air terminal was jammed with about 5,000 people awaiting Carter's arrival.

Fortune struck! I think the dear Lord answered my prayers. A friend of mine in Albany, Pinkie Sullivan, was standing talking with me and who would show up but Jody Powell, Carter's Press Secretary. Immediately I told Jody my plight and within two minutes things were set in motion

—ACS—

SHOW REPORTS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, February 12-13, 1977
Sponsor: Birmingham Men's Camellia Society
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Best bloom in show: 'Carter's Sunburst Pink' won by Dick Burnett
Very large: 'Elegans Splendor' won by Clyde Copeland
Large: 'Pirates Gold' won by Clyde Copeland
Medium large: 'Ville de Nantes' won by Clyde Copeland
Medium: 'Feathery Touch' won by Clyde Copeland
Small: 'Little Ginger' won by Clyde Copeland
Miniature: 'Tammia' won by Clyde Copeland
Best white: 'Snowman' won by Dr. Jack Davis
Best 'Louise Hairston' (variegated) won by Clyde Copeland
Best 'Sam Zerkowsky' (variegated) won by Clyde Copeland
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Won by Clyde Copeland for 'Cornelian'
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
Won by C. C. Bush for 'El Dorado'
Best seedling, *C. japonica* won by Sam Zerkowsky
Best seedling (retic. hybrid) won by Holden Naff
Best seedling (non-retic.) won by Marshall Rhyne

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:

Won by R. D. Hicks

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:

Won by Ralph Davidson
Best arrangement in show won by Mrs. Jas. S. McCleney
Best table arrangement won by Mrs. H. M. Lollar
Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

MOBILE, ALABAMA, January 15, 1977 (37th Annual)

Sponsor: The Camellia Club of Mobile, Inc.
Number Blooms Displayed: 3,000. Attendance: 6,000.
Most Outstanding Bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show) 'Tomorrow Park Hill'
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by W. F. LaRose
Runner-up: 'Bob Hope' won by W. F. LaRose
Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Clyde Copeland
Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Roy Stringfellow
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Valley Knudsen' won by W. F. LaRose
Under glass: 'Howard Asper' won by Mrs. O. E. Elmer
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
In open: 'El Dorado' won by J. R. Comber
Under glass: 'Elsie Jury' won by Bagby Hall

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Dr. T. E. Lundy
Under glass won by Clyde Copeland

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In open won by J. T. Barfield
Under glass won by Col. E. A. Swiatek
ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. A. Q. McIntyre and Creativity won by Mrs. John Unger
Number of ACS Memberships sold: One (1)

and Secret Servicemen and everyone who could help brought the station wagon around in front of the huge crowd and drove up to the rear of the plane. Of course, all boxes had to be opened and checked by the Secret Service before they could be loaded. The ten large boxes of flowers were finally loaded on the plane which was to carry the Carter family to Washington. This was when the writer breathed a sigh of relief and was happy to wish them bon voyage and good luck.

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, January 29-30, 1977
Sponsor: West Alabama Camellia Club, Inc.
Number Blooms Displayed: 2,000. Attendance: 5,000.

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Best large, large to v. large or v. large: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Bagby Hall
Runner-up: 'Carter's Sunburst Pink Var.' won by Bagby Hall
Best white: 'Lucy Stewart' won by Dr. Jack Davis
Best medium: 'Evelyn Poe Pink' won by Mr. Carl F. Franklin
Best small: 'Hishi-Karaito' won by Mr. G. E. Harrison
Best miniature: 'Tammia Blush' won by Mr. R. A. Sansing, Jr.
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Won by Mr. C. C. Bush for 'Mandalay Queen'
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
Won by Mr. Holden Naff for 'Charlean'
ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. V. B. Culberson and Mrs. G. G. Ochoa and Creativity won by Mrs. Luther D. Whittle
Number of ACS Memberships sold: One (1)

EL DORADO, ARKANSAS, February 5-6, 1977 (15th Annual)

Sponsor: South Arkansas Camellia Society
Number Blooms Displayed: 250. Attendance: 500.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Jon Laird Carvain
Under glass chemically treated: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Jon Laird Carvain
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Under glass: 'Mandalay Queen' won by O. E. McAllister
Under glass chemically treated: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Robert M. Whitfield
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
Under glass: 'El Dorado' won by Wallace Herbert
Under glass chemically treated: 'El Dorado' won by Wallace Herbert

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

Under glass won by Wallace Herbert
Under glass chemically treated won by Robert M. Whitfield

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

Under glass won by E. N. Kimes
Under glass chemically treated won by Dr. Hilary Hanna

Number of ACS Memberships Sold: None

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, March 6, 1977 (29th Annual)

Sponsor: Central California Camellia Society
Number Blooms Displayed: 1,897. Attendance: 1,500.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Large to v. large: 'Lady In Red' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
Runner-up: 'Leanne's Tomorrow' won by Harlan Smith Family
Medium: 'Emmett Pfingstl' won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Woo
Runner-up: 'Wildfire' won by Art Gonos Family
Small: 'Demi-Tasse' won by Bill Harris Family
Miniature: 'Memento' won by Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Ray

Best chemically treated bloom: 'Rosea Superba' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 Over 5 inches: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Woo
 Runner-up: 'Miss Tulare' won by Mr. & Mrs. Maurie Abramson
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 Five inches and under: 'Coral Delight Var.' won by Bill Harris Family
 Runner-up: 'E. G. Waterhouse' won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Woo
 Best seedling: 'Red Formal double 3-5 inches' won by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Kellas
 Junior Division Awards:
 Best *C. japonica*: 'Elegans Splendor' won by Tod Harris
 Runner-up: 'Annette Gehry' won by Kathleen Gonos
 Best camellia other than *C. japonica*: 'Angel Wings' won by Roberta Rankin
 Runner-up: 'Nuccio's Ruby' won by Tod Harris
 Boutonniere: 'Little Slam' won by Kathleen Gonos
 Artistic Division: Best of show, best advanced & best men's only: won by Stanley Miller
 Best intermediate: Mrs. Sheldon Lewis
 Best beginner: Dick Pozdol
 Best junior: (Grades 1-6): Bobbie Leeann Grim
 Best junior (Grades 10-12) & Honorable mention: Kitty Lewis
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: Two (2)

MORAGA, CALIFORNIA, February 26-27, 1977 (13th Annual)
 Sponsor: Delta Camellia Society
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 Very large: 'Elegans Splendor' won by Mr. & Mrs. D. Lesmeister
 Large: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by John Kick
 Medium: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Peter A. Van Hoecke
 Small: 'Ave Maria Var.' won by Mr. & Mrs. P. Mobley, Jr.
 Miniature: 'White Baby Sargent' won by Mrs. H. C. Rambath
 Best white: 'White Nun' won by Mr. & Mrs. James Randall
 Best under 4½ inches by Youth exhibitor: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Darren Smith
 Best local: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Keith Packwood
 Best over 4½ inches by Youth exhibitor: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Kirk Smith
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 Won by Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Wang for 'Mandalay Queen Var.'
 Best by Youth exhibitor: 'Nuccio's Ruby' won by Darren Smith
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 Won by Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Achterberg for 'Mary Phoebe Taylor'
 Best by Youth exhibitor: 'Angel Wings' won by Kirk Smith

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
 Won by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Galli

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 Won by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boyton
 Best seedling won by D. L. Feathers
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: (1) One

POMONA, CALIFORNIA, February 26-27, 1977
 Sponsor: Pomona Valley Camellia Society
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 Large: 'Lady In Red' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
 Runner-up: 'Elegans Splendor' won by The Bill Harris Family
 Medium: 'Annette Gehry' won by The Bill Harris Family
 Runner-up: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
 Small: 'Man Size' won by The Bill Harris Family
 Runner-up: 'Cottontail' won by Mrs. Sheldon P. Lewis
 Miniature: 'Little Slam' won by The Bill Harris Family
 Runner-up: 'Kewpie Doll' won by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rowe
 Hybrids:
 Very large: 'Moutancha' won by Fred V. Hamilton
 Runner-up: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mrs. Sheldon P. Lewis
 Large: 'Valley Knudsen' won by Dr. & Mrs. Richard A. Stiern
 Runner-up: 'K. O. Hester' won by Bill Donnan
 Medium and smaller: 'Angel Wings' won by The Bill Harris Family
 Runner-up: 'South Seas' won by The Art Gonos Family
 Best bloom Australian origin: 'Margaret Davis' won by Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Pace

'Miss Tulare'



Maurie Abramson and 'Miss Tulare'

(Photo by Advance Register.)



The real Miss Tulare, Mrs. Bill Jones of Fresno, California. The flower and the girl are equally beautiful. (Photo supplied by Mrs. Abramson)

SHIRLEY PHILPOT A-R Staff Reporter

A camellia named for the 1968 Miss Tulare City and Miss Tulare County in 1969 won the top prize at the California Camellia-Rama in Fresno in 1976.

The seed was planted in 1968 by Tularean Maurie W. Abramson, the same year his daughter, Maurine was named Miss Tulare. She is now Mrs. Bill Jones of Fresno.

The camellia, a red reticulata seedling, bloomed for the first time in 1973 and won first prize as a seedling that year and in 1974, 1975 and 1977.

The flower was registered with the American Camellia Society in May, 1975.

According to Abramson, he discovered a seed pod in 1968 on a Crimson Robe reticulata. Bees carrying pollen from a japonica plant had crossed the two flowers making the 'Miss Tulare' a hybrid.

The pod had three seeds, Abramson said, adding that one seed died, another bloomed into an ugly plant and third became the 'Miss Tulare.'

"There are from 2,500 to 3,000 registered camellia plants," Abramson said. "In order to have a flower registered now, you have a unique flower on a good growing plant."

What makes the 'Miss Tulare' unique?

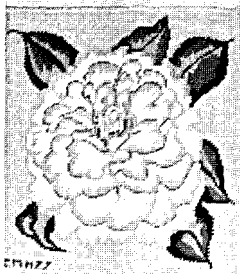
According to Abramson, it has 50 petals, that are wavy. "It's a big flower about 5 to 5 and a half inches in diameter. It has large leaves and good foliage."

Abramson is the manager of the Tipton branch of the Bank of America.

He began growing camellias 20 years ago as a hobby after he and his wife, Elaine, moved into their house at 620 Manor Ave. "There were camellias all along the back of the house," said Mrs. Abramson. "Maurie asked a neighbor, 'what are these?'"

Abramson currently has 125 camellias in his greenhouse, he said. He is also in the process of starting another seed in the hopes of getting another unusual plant.

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Best *C. hybrid* seedling won by Frank V. Pursel
Best sport or Mutant won by D. Leland Chow for 'Han-Ling Raspberry'
Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, February 12, 1977 (16th Annual)

Sponsor: Peninsula Camellia Society
Number Blooms Displayed: 1,142. Attendance: 700.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Very large (greater than 5½"): 'Mrs. D. W. Davis Descanso' won by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pitts

Runner-up: 'White Nun' won by Donald D. Lesmeister
Large (4¼" - 5½"): 'Snowman' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
Runner-up: 'High Wide 'n Handsome' won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Woo
Medium (3½" - 4¼"): 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Achterberg
Runner-up 'Lady Kay' won by Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Lewis

Small (2½" - 3½"): 'Lady Hume's Blush' won by Dr. & Mrs. Fred Heitman
Runner-up: 'Tom Thumb' won by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Batt
Miniature (less than 2½"): 'Little Man' won by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pinheiro
Runner-up 'Kitty' won by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. Busse

C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Very large (greater than 5"): 'K. O. Hester' won by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. Busse
Runner-up: 'Francie L' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor
Medium to large: 'Flower Girl' won by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Galli

C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Angel Wings' won by Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Jones
Runner-up: 'Charlean' won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
In open won by Mr. & Mrs. Al Taylor

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
In open won by Mrs. J. C. Kilsby, Jr.
ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificate: Creativity won by Mrs. Ira W. Thornton
Number of ACS Memberships sold: One (1)

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, January 22-23, 1977

Sponsor: Fort Walton Camellia Society
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded protected:
Best bloom: 'Helen Bower' won by C. C. Crutcher
Best white: 'Charlie Bettes' won by R. A. Sansing

Best medium: 'Annette Gehry' won by W. Y. Bennett
Best small: 'Grace Albritton' won by R. D. Hicks
Best miniature: 'Man Size' won by C. Deupree
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded unprotected:
Best bloom: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by R. A. Hill
Runner-up: 'Princess Lavender' won by Mrs. R. L. McConnell
Best white: 'Honey Bunch' won by Jo Porter
Best miniature: 'Little Slam' won by T. E. Lundy
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Best bloom: 'Francie L' won by J. T. Newell
Runner-up: 'Four Winds' won by D. Madison
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) protected:
Best bloom: 'Angel Wings' won by D. Madison
Runner-up: 'El Dorado' won by C. Deupree
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage) unprotected:
Best bloom: 'Tiny Princess' won by T. E. Lundy

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
In open won by T. E. Lundy
Protected won by Dr. & Mrs. H. L. Berridge

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
In open won by Mrs. Jimmy Hentz
Protected won by Don & Dorothy Madison

ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color and Creativity won by Annice Cowart
Number of ACS Memberships sold: Three (3)

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, January 8-9, 1977 (29th Annual)

Sponsor: Camellia Society of Central Florida
Number Blooms Displayed: 1,800. Attendance: 4,000.

Most Outstanding Bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show) 'Pharaoh' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizell

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open: 'Tiffany' won by Mrs. John W. Pate, Sr.
In open chem. treated: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Ivan Mitchell

Under glass chem. treated: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by Dr. & Mrs. W. F. Mathis
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Valentine Day' won by R. T. Adams

Under glass: 'Pharaoh' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizell

C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Dorothy James' won by Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Vaughn
Under glass: 'Charlean' won by C. T. Freeman
Best Miniature: 'Man Size' won by Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Vaughn

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
Won by R. T. Adams

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won by James Beavers
Number of ACS Memberships sold: Four (4)

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, December 11, 1976

Sponsor: Camellia Society of Panama City
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
Best large or very large: 'Pirates Gold' won by Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Wells

1st runner-up: 'Lady Laura' won by Dr. & Mrs. Reeves Wells
Best medium: 'Gary's Red Var.' won by Jesse T. Barfield

1st runner-up: 'Ville de Nantes' won by Lt. Col. Joseph T. Manning
Best small: 'Man Size' won by Jesse T. Barfield
1st runner-up: 'Pink Smoke' won by Dr. Harry Moore, Jr.

Best formal: 'Compari' won by Dr. & Mrs. H. L. Berridge
1st runner-up: 'Mathotiana' won by Basil E. Moore

Best white: 'Gus Menard' won by Don & Dorothy Madison
1st runner-up: 'Sea Foam' won by Frank S. Huebscher

Best mutation: mutation of 'Doris Ellis' won by Anne & Bob Gramling
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Won by Robert A. Hill for 'Mouchang Var.'

C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
Won by Dr. Harry F. Moore, Jr. for 'Anticipation Var.'

C. sasanqua outstanding certificate awarded:
Won by Frank S. Huebscher for 'Sparkling Burgundy'

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
Won by Dr. & Mrs. H. L. Berridge

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
Won by Robert Gramling
Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, January 8-9, 1977 (35th Annual)

Sponsor: Pensacola Men's Camellia Club
Number Blooms Displayed: 3,000. Attendance: 5,000.

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded in open:

Best in show: 'Helen Bower' won by J. K. Edwards

Best medium: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Bob Gramling

Best small: 'Kitty' won by J. T. Barfield
Best miniature: 'Man Size' won by F. S. Huebscher

Best 'Lady Laura' won by T. E. Lundy

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded protected:

Best in show: 'Helen Bower' won by T. O. Bowers

Best medium: 'Pink Pagoda' won by A. B. Cooper

Best small: 'Grace Albritton' won by James Smelley

Best miniature: 'Hopkin's Pink' won by J. T. Barfield

C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Elsie Jury' won by Dr. A. E. Johnson
Under glass: 'Swan Lake' won by Dr. H. T. Moore

C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
In open: 'Mandalay Queen' won by Dr. A. E. Johnson

Under glass: 'Valentine Day' won by Mrs. O. B. Elmer

Under glass: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Don & Dorothy Madison

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
In open won by J. T. Barfield
Under glass won by E. A. Swiatek

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
In open won by Dr. T. E. Lundy
Under glass won by Dr. H. L. Berridge
Number of ACS Memberships sold: Nineteen (19)

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, January 29-30, 1977 (19th Annual)

Sponsor: Augusta Camellia Society & Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. & Georgia Railroad Bank & Trust Company

Number Blooms Displayed: 541. Attendance: 1,500.
Most Outstanding Bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show) 'Aztec' won by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open: 'Carter's Sunburst' won by J. M. Jones
Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Mrs. J. C. Bickley

Under glass chem. treated: 'Snowman' won by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans

C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
Under glass chem. treated: 'Lasca Beauty' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin

C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
Under glass chem. treated: 'Elsie Jury' won by Mr. & Mrs. Grover Chester

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
In open won by Mr. J. M. Jones
Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. Grover Chester
Under glass chem. treated won by Mrs. William K. Laughlin

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
In open won by Mrs. W. V. Tyson
Under glass won by Mrs. J. C. Bickley
Under glass chem. treated won by Mrs. Alfred Bissell

ACS Provisional Highly Commended Seedling Certificates: *C. japonica* certificate won by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans for No. 100 and originated by them.

ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. William Evans and Creativity won by Mrs. William N. Augusta
Number of ACS memberships sold: One (1)

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, February 5-6, 1977 (37th Annual)

Sponsor: Men's Garden Club of Savannah

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open, under 4½ inches: 'Otome Pink' won by Arthur Solomon

Best white, in open: 'Snow Baby' won by Mrs. Alfred Bissell

In open, over 4½ inches: 'Ville De Nantes' won by Stephen K. Myers

Best white, under glass: 'Bea Rogers' won by Mrs. Wm. K. Laughlin

Under glass, over 4½ inches: 'Carter's Sunburst Pink' won by Graem Yates

Under glass, under 4½ inches: 'Sea Foam' won by G. M. Serpas

Best miniature, under 2½ inches, grown locally: 'Woody Estates' won by Gus Dubus

Best bloom under 2½ inches, grown other than locally: 'Sugar Babe' won by Tom Evans
 Best *C. hybrid* or *C. reticulata* over 4½ inches, grown under glass: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mr. & Mrs. Fred G. Hahn, Jr.
 Best *C. hybrid* or *C. reticulata* under 4½ inches, grown under glass: 'Waltz Time' won by Hunter M. Robertson
 Best seedling won by Mr. & Mrs. Morton F. Miller for seedling No. 4.
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, November 20-21, 1976 (12th Annual)

Sponsor: Valdosta Camellia Society
 Number Blooms Displayed: 1,035. Attendance: 500.
 Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show) 'Pirates Gold' won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teague
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 Variegated, unprotected: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Mrs. Hollis Oliver
 Variegated, protected: 'Tom Cat Var.' won by Jack Teague
 Pink, unprotected: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by W. E. Mathis
 Pink, protected: 'Elegans Supreme' won by C. T. Freeman
 Red, unprotected: 'Clark Hubbs' won by G. R. Dubus
 White, unprotected: 'Gus Menard' won by R. T. Adams
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 In open: 'Rob Roy' won by G. R. Dubus
 Under glass: 'Lasca Beauty' won by C. T. Freeman
 Under glass: 'Francie L Var.' won by Jack Teague

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by R. T. Adams
 Under glass won by Jack Teague

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by R. T. Adams
 Number of ACS memberships sold: Five (5)

WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, March 3-4, 1977 (28th Annual)

Sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs
 Number Blooms Displayed: 964. Attendance: 116.
 Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show) 'Guilio Nuccio' won by Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Pomeroy
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Elegans Splendor' won by Mrs. W. V. Tyson
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 In open: 'Swan Lake' won by Mrs. W. V. Tyson

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
 In open won by Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Pomeroy

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 In open won by Mrs. C. H. Ivey
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

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ALEXANDER, LOUISIANA, November 27-28, 1977 (5th Annual)

Sponsor: Twin City Camellia Culture Club
 Number Blooms Displayed: 849.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Fred A. Martin
 Under glass: 'Betty Sheffield Pinkheart' won by Jon Laird Carvain
 Best grown unprotected by club member: 'Helen Bower' won by Mrs. W. E. Lee
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 Under glass: 'Aztec' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stringfellow
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 Under glass: 'Elsie Jury' won by F. F. Becker, II

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Abendroth
 Under glass won by F. F. Becker, II

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Dr. & Mrs. Alvin Johnson
 Under glass won by Robert M. Whitfield
 ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-color won by Mrs. Joseph D. Smith and Creativity won by Mrs. Tim Block.

Number of ACS Memberships Sold: Two (2)
 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, January 29-30, 1977

Sponsor: Baton Rouge Camellia Society
 Number Blooms Displayed: 860. Attendance: 500.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded in open:

Large to v. large: 'Tiffany' won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Medium: 'Prince Eugene Napoleon' won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Small: 'Pink Perfection' won by Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Stone
 Miniature: 'Fircone Var.' won by Harold Shelly
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded protected:
 Large to v. large: 'Guilio Nuccio Var.' won by Mrs. Oscar B. Elmer
 Medium: 'Carvain's Silk Moire' won by Jon Laird Carvain
 Small: 'Grace Albritton' won by Jon Laird Carvain
 Miniature: 'Man Size' won by Jon Laird Carvain
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 In open: 'E. G. Waterhouse Var.' won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Protected: 'Charlean' won by Mr. & Mrs. Dan R. Scholz
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 In open: 'Dolores Hope' won by Richard B. Leon
 Protected: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Thomas Perkins, III

C. sasangua outstanding bloom certificate awarded:
 Won by Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Stone for 'Sukiya'
 Best *C. japonica* medium seedling untreated won by Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Stone
 Best *C. hybrid* seedling untreated won by F. F. Becker, II

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Stone
 Protected won by F. F. Becker, II

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Protected won by Thomas Perkins, III
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

METairie LOUISIANA, January 22-23, 1977 (37th Annual)

Sponsor: Camellia Club of New Orleans
 Number Blooms Displayed: 1,200. Attendance: 5,000.

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open, chemically treated: 'Tiffany' won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Park Hill Pink' won by E. J. Laurent
 Under glass, chemically treated: 'Carter's Sunburst' won by Dick Burnett
 Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Var.' won by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burnett
C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with reticulata parentage)
 In open, chemically treated: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. F. LaRose
 Runner-up: 'Mandalay Queen' won by E. J. Laurent
 Under glass, chemically treated: 'Howard Asper Var.' won by Mrs. Oscar Elmer
 Runner-up: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Copeland
C. hybrid (With other than reticulata parentage)
 In open, chemically treated: 'Elsie Jury' won by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. F. LaRose
 Runner-up: 'Charlean' won by E. J. Laurent
 Under glass, chemically treated: 'El Dorado' won by F. F. Becker, II

Runner-up: 'Charlean' won by Dan & Del Scholz

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open chemically treated won by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. F. LaRose
 Under glass chemically treated won by F. F. Becker, II

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In open chemically treated won by Michel C. Brondum, Jr.
 Under glass chemically treated won by R. Stanley Magee
 ACS outstanding arrangement certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. Joseph Caparetti and Creativity won by Mrs. Patrick C. Hamilton
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

RUSTON, LOUISIANA, January 8, 1977 (15th Annual)

Sponsor: Ruston Camellia Society
 Number Blooms Displayed: 425. Attendance: 200.
C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Buddy Var.' won by W. E. Mann
 Runner-up: 'Fircone Var.' won by W. E. Mann

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In Fort Worth: Carters Take the Day!



(Photo courtesy of Ft. Worth Star Telegram)

Amidst a rash of cancellations in the bitterest winter in recorded history, Ft. Worth, Texas, in the tradition of "The Show Must Go On" staged another of its spectaculars—this, the 19th in an uninterrupted series, and it was a star-studded day for the "Carter's Family of Japonicas."

David Rubin, pictured above, is shown receiving the Best Large Japonica Award for his 'Carter's Sunburst Variegated' presented by the one and only Mary Agnes Patin. This was the first show for Mrs. Patin since her near-fatal accident last year. Another Carter's—'Carter's Sunburst Pink' was chosen as the Runner-Up Best Large Japonica while two others graced the Honor Table—the original Illges Award Winner and its newest sport, a solid white—"Moonlit Hour." (Text by Jon Laird Carvain)

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A Friend of Mine

JAY BIRD

I am certain everyone heard of the terrific damage caused by the hard freezes in Central Florida last January. However, one pleasant item also appeared. A friend of ours resides in Orlando, in the center of the stricken area. Although their citrus and many other items were devastated, they noted 4 excellent blooms of 'Ruby Mathews' during the period of extreme cold. No other camellia varieties in the garden fared as well. This dark ruby red beauty and the variegated version have proven to be quite attractive; and the above indication of cold tolerance should soon place 'Ruby' on the hit parades in several new areas of the camellia belt.

'Pirate's Gold' continued to produce outstanding blooms this past year, and the variegated form is also striking in appearance.

If there is no change in the edicts promulgated by the bureaucrats, etc., we will soon be swamped by the metric system, with such descriptions as 6" wide by 4" high becoming forbidden. If you do not yet have one, now is the time to search for a ruler with markings in centimeters. Several products indicating millimeters have been noted in the stores, but they are less practical to use than the centimeter type. Also pity the poor fisherman in areas where certain legal limits are established for the length of gamefish, such as 12" for largemouth bass. Although not the exact equivalent, a good rule of thumb is one inch equals 2 1/2 centimeters. For exact equivalents, etc., refer to the metric charts on pages 180-185 of the *ACS Yearbook* for 1976. In any event, do not discard your old style rulers, etc. Remember the battle cry of the unreconstructed old rebel "Hold on to your Confederate money, boys, the South is going to rise again." Maybe this metric bit will fail due to poor reception by the average citizen. If that be treason, so be it. In any event, many camellia

people say they will not be converted. Others say you cannot "fight city hall," and they will follow their neighbors' lead.

A fellow we know reports his 'Francie L' plant set eleven seed last season. The male parent was an unidentified *reticulata*. Now, if 'Howard Asper' would perform likewise, we would be making progress. He added that he removed all the back buds on the 'Francie L' as soon as the seed pods began to grow. Maybe this would be a good rule for all of us to adopt when pollinating retics and hybrids. The lucky fellow also had a bloom from a 'Dream Girl' x *c. Reticulata* cross. He reported the bloom was unusual and good, but inclined to shatter. At least he is experimenting and sticking with it instead of becoming discouraged as I probably would if the first bloom shattered on me.

We need more contributions. Interesting short topics as well as comments on published topics or items will be welcomed. Forward to Jay W. Ellis, P. O. Box 888, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656.

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The ACS Bronze Plaque Award

The Founding Fathers of the American Camellia Society realizing that occasions would arise where tribute should be made to one of its members for outstanding contributions to the purposes, aims and welfare of the organization made provisions for this in their Rules and Regulations.

Tonight I would like to say a few words regarding one such member of our Society. He has been a very active member for 25 years and has served the organization in many capacities during this period. He has been Vice-President from his territory for two terms, State Director for two three-year terms and a member of the Board of Trustees of the ACS Endowment Fund for several years. In every capacity he has acquitted himself with distinction, and has always been an ardent supporter of the Society.

He has served in many official capacities of his local club, has been a long time member of its Board of Directors, and has for years been in forefront of the local group that has always put on an excellent camellia show.



(Photo by Larry Hilton, Shreveport, La.)

He has been instrumental in the formation of several camellia clubs in his area and many of these local clubs continue to look to him for support and guidance. He maintains a membership in several local clubs and is always ready to assist them in any way possible.

For many years he has felt it was a distinct pleasure to create in others an interest in camellias by gifts of

plants and personal guidance in their culture. Many miles are travelled each year in being the program speaker and you will find his name listed on the show judges panel for at least nine or ten shows a season.

He keeps abreast of the happenings of the camellia world, maintains an excellent array of japonicas and hybrids, and is familiar with every worthwhile new variety as soon as or before it becomes commercially available.

Many of the Societies know that he can be depended on to enhance the beauty and quality of their show by exhibiting many outstanding blooms. It should go without saying that you will always find some of his blossoms on the award table, and hear comments of praise regarding his ability to produce show winners.

The Governing Board of the American Camellia Society, being familiar with the contribution he has made to the camellia world, feels honored to award at this meeting the coveted Bronze Plaque to this outstanding member, Roy Stringfellow of Shreveport, Louisiana. (Presentation made by President Emeritus Clyde X. Copeland at the Modesto, California Annual Meeting on March 19, 1977.)

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Place, Location and Sponsor	Date
Columbia, South Carolina, South Carolina State Fair, Mid-Carolina Camellia Society and South Carolina State Fair Association	October 22, 1977
Greenwood, South Carolina, Northside Junior High School, The West Carolina Camellia Society	October 29-30, 1977
Fort Valley, Georgia, Massee Lane, Middle Georgia Camellia Society	November 5-6, 1977
Shreveport, Louisiana, Pierremont Mall, Men's Camellia Club of Shreveport	November 5-6, 1977
Savannah, Georgia, Men's Garden Club (In conjunction with the ACS 28th Fall Meeting)	November 12-13, 1977
Alexandria, Louisiana, The Louisiana Baptist Building, 1220 MacArthur Drive, The Twin City Camellia Culture Club	December 3-4, 1977
Brookhaven, Mississippi, Main Office of Brookhaven Bank & Trust Company, Brookhaven Camellia Society	December 3-4, 1977
Port Arthur, Texas, Mingle Chrysler-Plymouth Bldg.	December 3-4, 1977
Slidell, Louisiana, Municipal Auditorium, Ozone Camellia Club	December 3-4, 1977
Moss Point, Mississippi, Merchants & Marine Bank, Moss Point Camellia Society	December 10-11, 1977
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Baton Rouge Camellia Society	January 7-8, 1978
Beaumont, Texas, Southeast Texas Camellia Society	January 14-15, 1978
Pensacola, Florida, Pensacola Men's Camellia Club, Inc.	January 14-15, 1978
Beaufort, South Carolina, Beaufort Academy on Lady's Island, Council of Beaufort Garden Clubs	January 14-15, 1978
Aiken, South Carolina, Kennedy Junior High School, Aiken Camellia Club	January 21-22, 1978
Shreveport, Louisiana, Pierremont Mall, Men's Camellia Club of Shreveport	January 21-22, 1978
Augusta, Georgia, Augusta Garden Center, 598 Telfair Street, Augusta Camellia Society, The Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. and in cooperation with the Georgia Railroad and Trust Company	January 28-29, 1978
Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Chocawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Camellia Society, Inc. (In conjunction with ACS 33rd Annual Meeting)	January 28-29, 1978
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Municipal Auditorium, West Alabama Camellia Club, Inc.	February 4-5, 1978
Birmingham, Alabama, Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham Men's Camellia Society	February 11-12, 1978
Redwood City, California, Veterans Memorial Bldg., Peninsula Camellia Society	February 11-12, 1978
Tyler, Texas, Citizens 1st National Bank, Tyler Camellia Club	February 12, 1978
Georgetown, South Carolina, Council of Garden Clubs	February 25-26, 1978
Nashville, Tennessee, Tennessee Botanical Gardens at Cheekwood, Middle Tennessee Camellia Society	March 4-5, 1978
Slidell, Louisiana, Municipal Auditorium, Ozone Camellia Society	December 2-3, 1978
Slidell, Louisiana, Municipal Auditorium, Ozone Camellia Society	December 1-2, 1979
Charleston, South Carolina, Main Offices of First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 34 Broad Street, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society	November 19-20, 1977
Charleston, South Carolina, Main Offices of First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., 34 Broad Street, Coastal Carolina Camellia Society	January 28-29, 1978
Fayetteville, North Carolina, Fayetteville Camellia Club	March 3-4, 1978

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Future Meetings of the ACS

November 10-13, 1977 Savannah, Georgia
January 26-29, 1978 Fort Walton Beach, Florida
November 9-12, 1978 Massee Lane/Perry, Georgia
This will be held in conjunction with The International Camellia Society.
January 25-28, 1979 New Orleans, Louisiana
November, 1979 (Firm date to be made later) Gainesville, Florida
February, 1980 (Firm date to be made later) Jackson, Mississippi
February-March, 1981 California—place and exact date not yet known
(NOTE: The Fall meeting for 1979 has not as yet been taken.)

The ACS Governing Board approved these dates and locations at its Annual Meeting in Modesto, California on March 17, 1977. Dr. Daniel E. Nathan, Acting Chairman of the Convention Committee had firmed up these meetings and he and his Committee recommended they all be accepted.

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Name & Description	ACS Registry Number	Originator
'Virginia Womack', large, light pink, formal double, hybrid	1410	Edwin P. Akin
'Sug Edwards', large, medium pink, semidouble, japonica	1411	Sarah G. Edwards
'My Ernestine', very large, medium rose, peony form, retic. hybrid	1412	Paul Gilley
'My Louise', very large, medium pink, semidouble, japonica	1413	Paul Gilley
'Tina', large, white, formal double, japonica	1414	Paul Gilley

'Helen Boehm', very large, blush pink, anemone to peony form, japonica	1415	Dr. Walter F. Homeyer, Jr.
'Miss Ollie', medium, white, semidouble, japonica	1416	W. F. Freshwater
'Laurentine Nolan', large, white, peony form, japonica	1417	James W. Nolan
'Pink Chablis', very large, light rose pink, semidouble, etc. hybrid	1418	Alton B. Parker
'Miss Tulare Var.', large to very large, red blotched white, rose form double to full peony form, reticulata	1419	M. W. Abramson
'Little Ginger', small, pink edges fading to white, formal double	1420	Dr. J. M. Habel, Jr.
'Tomorrow, Marburys Light Pink', large to very large, light pink with outer edges of each petal lighter pink, semidouble	1421	S. L. Marbury
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Everyone from the youngest child to the oldest adult has experienced the feeling of jubilation when a door is opened just for you.

Let us think back to the doors that have opened in our lives:

When—as a child you pounded on the door of your own home and your mother opened it; then everything was all right in your small world; you were welcomed HOME.

When—you made your first visit without your mother to a playmate's house—the door opened—and you played happily all afternoon.

When—on your first day of school you timidly stood outside the door until a teacher saw you and welcomed you into the room; and soon you were one of the gang.

When—as a young man you knocked on the door of the home of a very special girl. Would the reluctant father come to the door? Or the overzealous mother? Or much worse—the kid brother? No, instead the one who made your heart beat faster opened wide the door of her home—and perhaps her heart!

When—you knocked at the door applying for your first job and were ushered in to see the man who had consented to interview you.

By now we can all think of time and again when a door was opened to make us welcome. We also can think of the number of times when a door remained shut—or was shut much too quickly. But we are not going to dwell on closed doors—just open doors—or as the Spanish say, "El Abre la puerta" (It Opens the Door!)

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Doors will also open more readily in your place of business. If the boss' secretary has a camellia arrangement on her desk it may not be long before the boss notices and asks questions regarding the donor, and soon you are in the boss' private office not just as an employee, but on equal basis discussing flower culture.

Yes, doors will open for you as you give away your camellias. A flower is just a flower until it is given, then it becomes a gift. And no gift is more personal than a flower you grew yourself.

Start to grow camellias for others and you too will find "El abre la puerta"—which may lead into lifelong friendships.

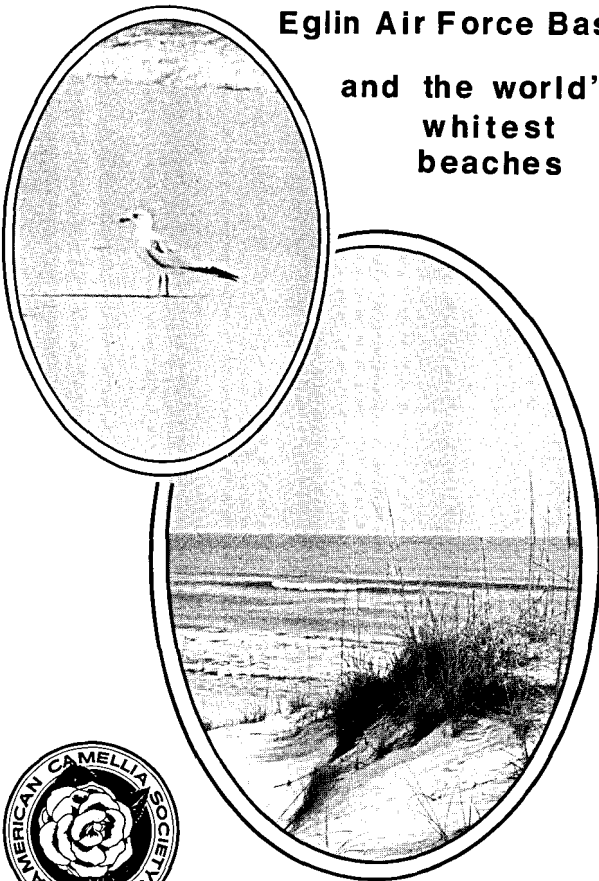
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This year's photo is of Sherie Ricketts, who works under the Director of Component Maintenance, Joe O'Gorman, for United Airlines. Sherie first became interested in Camellias as a young girl after seeing her mother display prize winning camellias from her own garden. Camellias have become a favorite flower for Sherie and she hopes someday to raise prize winning Camellias herself. The trophy donated by United Airlines is for the Santa Clara County Camellia Show Feb. 19 and 20th, 1977 for the Sweepstake Award. (Photo by Sal Hernandez) (Text by Albert E. Buckholz.)

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Fort Walton Beach*

Fort Walton Beach, the center of Northwest Florida's 100-mile long Miracle Strip is located between Panama City to the east and Pensacola to the west, Eglin Air Force Base to the North.

Situated along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, surrounded by numerous bays and bayous and miles of sugar-fine white sand beaches, the area offers unsurpassed outdoor recreation. Those looking for relaxation, entertainment, fishing, boating, swimming, surfing, hunting are drawn to what is popularly called the Playground Area. While hundreds of visitors abound in the area year round, increasing numbers return for the winter months seeking a warmer climate. January's mean temperature is 52.1°; February 53.3° with an average monthly rainfall of 4.20 inches.

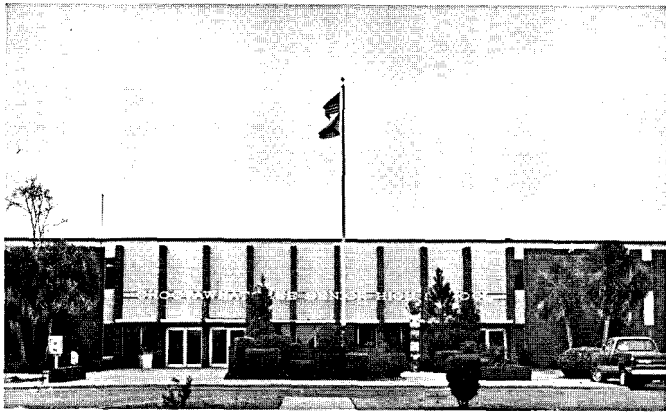
The population of Fort Walton Beach in 1940 was 90 residents with 42 registered voters. By 1975 it had grown to an estimated 26,685 not including adjacent settlements of Mary Esther, Wright, Cinco Bayou, Ocean City, Shalimar, Eglin Air Force Base. Unincorporated housing developments surround the city to swell the population several thousands. Large numbers of service-connected personnel have retired in the area. One may buy a home for a modest sum to water front property that goes for up to \$150,000.

Remnants of earlier visitors are found in the Indian Temple Mound Museum. It is located on U.S. Highway 98, Fort Walton Beach. Designated by the Department of Interior as a National Historic Landmark, this Temple Mound has been restored to its original configuration.

* Mrs. (H. L.) Catherine P. Berridge, Publicity Chairman, February 24, 1977.



Opening of 1977 Camellia Show, right to left at door: Richard G. Kidd, President; Dee Parkton, Chairman, County Commissioner; H. Gene Brown, Mayor of Fort Walton Beach, E. L. Atkins, Show Chairman. The Commissioner and Mayor had come to welcome viewers. Tall man (with hat) next to building: Don Madison—his wife, Dot (light slacks—dark top in front of him) Dr. H. L. Berridge (kneeling in front) 1978 ACS Convention Chairman: Bob Sansing (hat and glasses) with arm around June Atkins—Ella Ruth Sansing (white coat in front); Robert Revell, Treasurer (extreme left).



Front of Choctawhatchee Senior High School showing American and Florida flags—where show will be held.

Evidence points to natives in the area as far back as 3,000 years.

The Gulfarium, Northwest Florida's "Living Sea" is located directly on Highway 98 and the Gulf of Mexico. A 500,000 gallon tank is the setting for the porpoise shows. Watch these fascinating mammals perform almost human antics. The 60,000 gallon indoor tank is the happy home of many and various species of marine life and cow-nosed Rays and Loggerhead Turtles are star performers as the SCUBA divers join them in the tank.



Fishing pier, beach and Gulfarium on Gulf of Mexico.

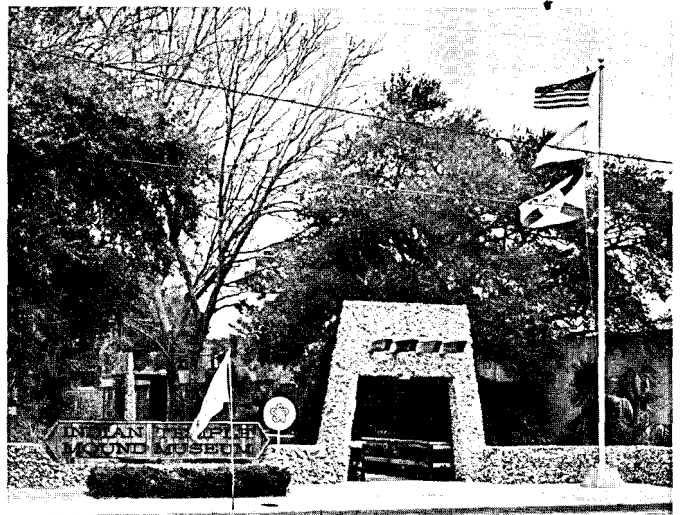
While the major industries of the area are tourist and Eglin Air Force Base, other industries include Datacom, Inc. a process control systems, computer based instrumentation and physical security systems. Keltec of Florida, Division of Aiken Industries, Inc. operates research and development of electronic components, power supplies, amplifiers, distance indicators, etc. Mehling-Montana produces custom and factory built cabinets, commercial, resident and condominium. Metric Systems Corporation includes radar systems, timing equipment, data handling equipment, telemetry, aerial



Marina—showing lt.-rt.—Florida, American-Canadian flags.

cargo handling systems, corrosion control trailers. Northrop Corporation does aerospace engineering and contracting. Ordinance Research, Inc. conducts research and development of military and industrial electronics and pyrotechnics. Vitro Services does objective research, custom engineered electronics, integrated operation and maintenance; quality publication services. P.R.D. Electronics builds test equipment.

The Eglin Air Force Base complex, comprising the world's largest USAF base with 728 square miles of land and miles and miles of water ranges lying within its boundaries, is six miles north from downtown Fort Walton Beach. Included in the vast complex of the base are ten auxiliary fields with a total of 21 runways. The installation occupies an overall land and water area of 45,000 square miles. It conducts the majority of the non-nuclear tests for the Air Force. Eglin also is the home of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, the Tactical Air Warfare Center, the Special Operations Forces, the



Indian Temple Mound Museum: showing American, Florida and Bi Centennial flags on pole.



U.S.A.F. Climatic Laboratory showing thermometer, located on Eglin AFB.

Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center and the Army Rangers. The Climatic Laboratory is world famous where tests on all kinds of equipment and material, including aircraft and missile systems, are conducted at temperatures ranging from -65 degrees F to +165 degrees F. The USAF Armament Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and displaying historical items in the field of aircraft weapons and weapon delivery systems. Displays range from the early days of the Wright Brothers to sophisticated missiles and rockets. The U.S.A.F. Regional Hospital at Eglin is one of the largest in the United States. Teresa Village, consisting of 96 apartments on 4.3 acres, is sponsored by the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, is one of two such homes in the U.S. Since 1975, it has become the residence of widows of retired Air Force enlisted men and a number of retired couples.

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Fort Walton Camellia Society

The *Scrap Book* containing the early development of the Fort Walton Camellia Society on its first page is an article from the *ACS Journal* "On Getting and Holding New Members". The first article, Vol. 16, No. 3, September, 1961: "Dreams Do Come True" tells of the organization of the Frances Pryor Camellia Society. The picture shows Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pryor, Joe Pyron, then A.C.S. Secretary; Mrs. Guy Yaste, A.C.S. Director Ernest Judice and George R. Powell, Jr., Fort Walton Beach. Minutes of the Organization Meeting, May 6th, 1961 Show President: Mrs. W. C. Pryor; Vice-President: Mrs. Jack O'Gwynn; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. H. D. Reed; Recording Secretary: Mrs. H. R. Kenaston; Treasurer: Mrs. Gordon Gibson; Parliamentarian: Mrs. Mary Forrest. The Board consisted of Mrs. M. S. Dillingham, Mrs. W. B. Harbeson, Sr.; Mrs. Clifford Meigs, Mrs. Bill Bacon, Mrs. Liza Jackson, Mrs. E. W. Horton, Mrs. Russell Fanning, Mrs. R. W. McQuagge, Mrs. R. A. McClure. The article said there were 30 members, all women, at the first meeting. They decided to invite men to join. There were soon 75, then over a hundred. "Among the charter members are four generals, a number of colonels, majors and other active and retired Air Force and Army officers, Congressman Bob Sikes, and other interested people from the "Playground Area", comprised of a dozen nearby towns.

Minutes of No. 9, 1961: "The President announced the date of the Flower Show would be the 10th and 11th of February, 1962." George Powell was Show Chairman. It was announced that the aim of the club was to promote beauty and that should be the first consideration in planning activities. (Aunt Frances) Pryor was always saying "We want to make Ft. Walton beautiful".

Jan. 19, '62 shows a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie

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Barfield, Pensacola, who presented a program for the Camellia Society. Feb. 16, '62 is a picture showing Major General Robert Warren and Mrs. Warren standing by a picture of Sarah Frances Pryor, along with George Powell, Show Chairman. March 8, '62 shows John Geiser, Slidell, La., with Mrs. Pryor at a Camellia Society luncheon in New Orleans, La. Minutes of Nov. 18, '62: "The main speaker of the evening, Doctor Reeves Wells, Panama City, who is Past President of the Gulf Coast Camellia Societies, and a Camellia authority, gave an inspiring talk on their cultivation and care. . . ."

Nov. 22, '62 in the Bayou Gazette: "Melvin—Camellia Society President." Jerry Melvin is now a Florida State Representative.

Jake Nowak of New Orleans, president of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society is shown on Jan. 24, '63 presenting camellias to (Aunt Frances) Pryor. Jan. 10, '63 Major General and Mrs. James S. Roberts have accepted the invitation extended to them by the Society to attend their first meeting of the new year on Monday. At their meeting in January, Mrs. Pryor was named a new director of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society by its president, Jake Nowak, New Orleans, Mrs. H. L. Berridge, in August 1976 at the Mobile Annual Meeting of the Gulf Coast Camellia Society was elected as Vice President for Florida. Dr. Berridge served as president for two years, ending in August, 1976.

Jan. 30, '64, an article showing: 2-Day Camellia Show Scheduled: "Because of unfavorable weather, single blooms will not be judged in this year's show, which is being limited to arrangements only. Oct. 22, '64 the Nominating Committee presented the following: President, Mrs. Clyde Bynum; Vice President, J. M. Piper; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin Horton, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Spence; Treasurer, Otis Strother. Directors: Mrs. Dewey Smith, Mrs. H. D. Reed, Mrs. W. C. Lazarus, Mrs. Lisa Jackson, Mrs. Seavy, John Tatum, Mrs. M. Shahad, Dr. Harold L. Berridge. Nov. 23, '65 Robert Hill, Pensacola, spoke to the Society. January 19, '65: Camellia Society Announces Rules for Weekend Exhibit. Jan. 20, '65, Camellia Show is Postponed by Mrs. H. D. Reed. Feb. 3, '65, Camellia Show Rescheduled Here During Next Weekend. Feb. 4, '65, Camellia Show is Cancelled, according to Mrs. Clyde Bynum. Mar. 12, '65, the first news article appearing under the name of Mrs. H. L. Berridge as Promotion Chairman. Oct. 19, '65: Camellia Show is Planned for January 22. Mrs. Berridge accepted being Show Secretary; J. M. Piper—Placement Committee Chairman. Robert A. Hill, Pensacola, presented colored slides of camellias for the program. Minutes of 12 Dec. '68: Three programs on camellias were arranged by Dr. H. L. Berridge, Vice President and Program Chairman and presented by Mr. John E. Bergin, Valparaiso. Special guests were J. D. Godwin, Gulfbreeze; Dr. Reeves Wells, Panama City, Jesse Barfield, Pensacola. Nov. 29, '68:

Show Dates Announced by Camellia Society—Jan. 18-19. Mrs. H. D. Reed was named Show Chairman, Lt. Col. (ret.) E. A. Swiatek, Co-chairman. Minutes: 21 March '68 shows the slate of officers for 1968-69 to be: President, Paul Howard; Vice President, Dr. H. L. Berridge; Treasurer, Mrs. L. O. Sharp; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin W. Horton, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hugh O. Cahalan. Feb. 2, '68: "A steady stream of spectators from all over Northwest-Florida viewed the presentation of almost two thousand Camellia blooms at the Annual Show at the First National Bank, Fort Walton Beach. George L. Dewrell was show chairman. May 24, '67, President, Paul Howard; Vice President, George L. Dewrell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Horton. Camellia Society Show begins January 28, '67—Miramar East Motel. Judges estimated over 1500 blooms in competition. A letter signed October 12, 1966 by Otis Strother, President. Dr. Berridge succeeded Paul Howard as President 1969-70. Vice President, Lt. Col. Roger Anderson, Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. O. Sharpe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Berridge; Treasurer, W. F. Mantey. Mrs. Berridge has served as Corresponding Secretary ever since then and for Promotion since 1965. 1970-71, President, Dr. H. L. Berridge; Vice President, Lt. Col. (ret.) E. A. Swiatek. Program and Show Chairman was E. A. Swiatek. Dr. Berridge served as president through 1973-74. President, 1974-75, Dr. Erby Lee Massie; Col. (ret.) E. L. Atkins, Vice Chairman and Acting President. President, 1975-76, Herbert G. Campbell. President, 1976-77, Lt. Col. (ret.) Richard G. Kidd.

To identify more closely with the community in which the Shows were staged, as is often customary with Camellia Societies, the name was changed several years ago to Fort Walton Camellia Society. However its membership comes from all over Okaloosa County and has included J. D. Godwin, Gulfbreeze; Donald Dean, Floral, Alabama; Robert A. Sansing, Jr., Pensacola. Active membership includes Crestview, Shalimar, Destin as well as Fort Walton Beach. Lt. Col. (ret.) William R. Cady has been membership Chairman for the past year.

While the early years of the Society Camellia Shows were cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions, a policy was established in recent years "That the Show would go on regardless of weather." Many growers both in the local area and exhibitors who bring blooms now have protected blooms grown in part in greenhouses. Exhibitors come in greater numbers and from further distances so a quality Show is assured through cooperation of out of town and out of state Camellia friends and supporters.

With the American Camellia Society holding its 33rd Annual Meeting in Fort Walton Beach, January 25-28, Dr. H. L. Berridge, Convention Chairman, we are planning for the largest and most spectacular Show January 28-29, 1978 ever staged in the area.

In Memoriam

William J. McCoach

William J. McCoach, long time ACS member, formerly of Atlanta, died March 17, 1977. For the past several years Bill had made his home in Ohio. He was a generous supporter of the Endowment Fund and a very successful grower of camellias, winning many trophies.

Mrs. M. J. Witman

Mrs. M. J. (Lilette) Witman of Macon died March 10, 1977 after a long illness. She was born in Correze, France, in 1898. Lilette and Mike were pioneer camellia growers and were among the founders of the American Camellia Society at the organizational meeting in Macon in 1945. She assembled one of the finest camellia reticulata and species collections which she gave to ACS. Lilette was one of the most successful hybridizers, having produced 'Mike Witman', 'Joanne Dibble', 'Petite Rosine', 'Christmas Daffodil', 'Lorraine Cross', 'Michael Witman', 'Anne Dibble' and others. Lilette was a frequent contributor to ACS publications and both were generous supporters to the Endowment Fund. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Anne Dibble, a granddaughter, Joanne Dibble, and a grandson, Michael Dibble, all of Columbus, Ohio.

Lewis H. Knock

On January 3rd Lewis H. Knock died after a quite lengthy illness. Since 1968 Lewis and his wife, who survives him, moved from Frederick, Maryland to Salem, North Carolina. Here he continued his interest in and love for camellias amidst his many friends, and especially Mary and Stewart Howard. He was a real pioneer in raising camellias in a greenhouse while living in Maryland. He was a founding member of the active Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley and the Pioneer Camellia Society of Maryland. He was an early member of the ACS and served as a Director for Maryland-District of Columbia-Northern Virginia for two terms in the 1950's.

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You Want it, We've Got it! Pavlova!!



Yvonne Cave, Valerie Mackay and Elsie Wallace holding their Pavlovas. You should see the color slide of this picture if you want to start drooling.

Those of us who were on Project Oil had the "national dessert" of New Zealand—and equally popular in Australia—often—BUT never too often. And then, one day when we seemed to arrive at a "heaven on earth—the home of Jocelyn and Owen Moore near Wanganui—a marvelous luncheon with the members of the Wanganui Branch of the New Zealand Camellia Society. Owen is President of the New Zealand Camellia Society.

Right there looking at us was not one kind of Pavlova—but three. They even overshadowed the marvelous bloom of "Howard Asper" with its circumference of nearly eight inches. We asked the girls who made them to hold them up for us to take a picture, and, hopefully, asked them for the recipes. They sent them on to us, and we share them with you. (Incidentally, Marge (Mrs. John) Geiser served us Pavlova for dessert when we had luncheon with them during the Ozone Camellia Show in Slidell on December 3rd, 1976.)

"Hey, Mom, What's for dessert?" "Pavlova, of course!"

VONNIE'S PAVLOVA

Beat 6 large or 7 small egg whites
with ¼ tsp. salt till fluffed up,

Then add 1 lb castor sugar

½ tsp. vanilla

1 desert-spoon vinegar

Beat till thick and firm.

Lightly butter a round 9 inch
sponge tin, line with a circle of grease-
proof paper and strips about 3 inches
wide around the sides. (The mixture
will rise quite a lot during cooking
and go down as it cools)

Tip mixture into prepared tin, level

out roughly and bake at 300 degrees
F. or 150 centigrade for 50 minutes.

Cool, then turn out upside down
onto large serving dish. When almost
cold, pull off paper from base and
sides. Cover top (bottom really, but
no one ever knows) with about ½ pint
cream whipped and decorate with
fruit or chopped nuts. We like it serv-
ed with sharpish flavoured fruits like
raspberries, Kiwi Fruit, boysenberries,
pineapple or a tangy fruit salad.

Good luck.

YVONNE CAVE

WALLACE PAVLOVA

- 4 egg whites
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- half pound sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornflour

Beat egg whites and water, add sugar gradually also cornflour and essence.

Butter greaseproof paper and rinse in cold water.

Cook in slow oven about an hour.

Good Luck With It

ELSIE WALLACE

WANGANUI COFFEE PAVLOVA

- 8 egg whites (at room temperature and several days old, otherwise they do not beat stiff.)
- 16 oz. fine sugar (called "castor" sugar in New Zealand) not as fine as icing sugar.
- 1 tablespoon Nescafe or instant coffee powder. (Level or heaped according to taste.)

Beat egg whites until very stiff, in large bowl at high speed on electric beater; turn speed down to slow, slowly pour in sugar and coffee powder, continue beating until thick and glossy (forming peaks that will hold).

Cover two oven trays with waxed paper. With approximately 2/3 of the mixture, make a round base about 1½-2 inches thick on one tray. On other

tray, shape a ring of same diameter as base with the remaining mixture.

Place in oven at 325° Fahrenheit and after about 30 minutes reduce temperature to 275° Fahrenheit. The ring will be cooked in about 1¼-1½ hours all told; the base in about 2 hours all told.

Upend both very carefully (easier with someone to help you!) and peel off paper (very carefully so as not to break meringue mixture) and put base onto your serving plate. All this operation requires care as the meringue will break easily. (In our home there is always a shriek for husband to come and assist!)

Filling:

Whip 2 pints of cream to stiff and fold in 1½ cups of finely chopped walnuts and crystalised ginger (any quantity really, but do not add any extra sugar to sweeten the cream as the sugar coating on ginger is sufficient.)

Spread evenly all over the base and place the ring on top.

N. B.

Any sized Pavlova can be made by allowing 2 oz. of sugar for each egg white.

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JIM McCLUNG

Camellia Petal Blight seems to be spreading to new areas even though every precaution is being taken to restrict it. The situation has arrived at a "kill or cure" stage. The present chemical controls are only adequate if everyone in the area uses them. Picking up diseased flowers to break the life cycle of the fungus poses the same problem. How about the gardener who has only a few plants as part of his general landscape plan? He probably knows nothing of the disease and blames the brown flowers on a multitude of wrong causes. Since the spores can be spread at least a mile by the wind that one gardener can infect a great many other gardens. We are lucky in that only one neighbor grows camellias and he is a member of our society.

The present method of breaking the life cycle would be good if everyone practiced it. If a plant could be treated at the nursery and have the disease cured completely before it entered the garden then we would be

rid of petal blight. Mechanical methods do not seem to be the answer. Black plastic mulch, a two inch layer of path-size redwood bark or pea gravel, and other non-decaying mulches will prevent the second stage in the garden in which one of these methods is used. One must just keep the fallen flower from touching the soil. But that gardener in paragraph one doesn't know about these things. Neither does he know about chemical sprays.

Besides, the large chemical companies say that it is not feasible economically to create a program to investigate permanent controls of petal blight. (Don't they know that a chemical that cures one disease usually cures a whole batch?) So what is to be done?

What we need is a friendly neighborhood microbiologist with a little time on his (her) hands and the will to spend some time in finding a cure. It would seem that the most positive cure would be to find another fungus, one that is parasitic on *Sclerotinia camelliae* Hara during its dormant stage. This fungus could be spread

around the blighted areas to attack *Sclerotinia* before it attacks the camellia blooms. This was done with the milky disease spores to control the Japanese beetles that were destroying America's elm trees. (Editor's Note: "and roses".) It has been discovered that the disease attacks a multitude of larvae that damage plants. At least we know that parasites have parasites and diseases that will keep them under control. But what fungus it is? Look in *Sclerotinia camelliae*'s homeland and see what it is attacked by.

Perhaps we could get some of the staff at Cal Poly to donate some time and wisdom in finding the proper parasite that will destroy petal blight fungus without hurting anything beneficial to the garden. Maybe somebody knows somebody who has the know-how to accomplish this complicated project. It would be a tremendous blessing to the camellia world and sounds like the most logical approach to a serious problem.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Read carefully the adjacent page on the ACS FIGHT BLIGHT Campaign.)

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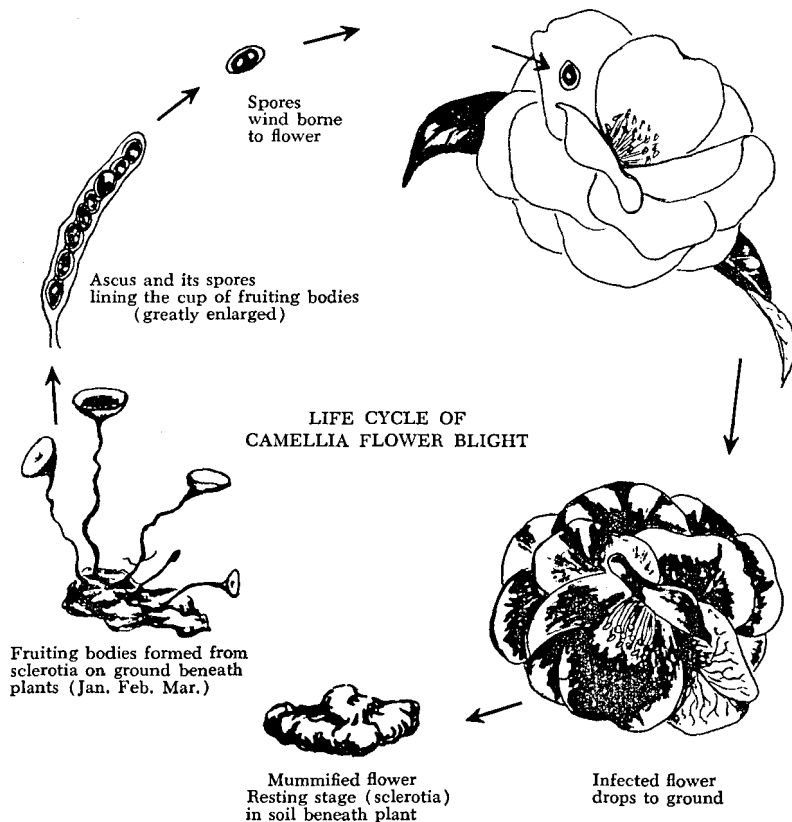
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LIFE CYCLE OF
CAMELLIA FLOWER BLIGHT

Life Cycle of Camellia Flower Blight

The American Camellia Society and The American Camellia Society Endowment Fund have initiated a very active campaign to eradicate the camellia petal blight — *Sclerotinia camelliae* Hara. The impetus for this vital campaign came from one concerned camellia enthusiast in California who started the campaign off with a donation of \$5,000.00. Even before the campaign has gotten off to an official start, two camellia clubs have donated \$200.00 each and there have been individual donations from \$5.00 to \$100.00. The goal is \$20,000.00 to be awarded to the person

or firm who comes up with a product, properly tested, that will eradicate camellia petal blight. The details for this award will be worked out by the ACS Research Advisory Committee and will be published in later issues of *The Camellia Journal*. There will also be publicity in trade and academic journals in an effort to get qualified people involved.

Donations should be made to the ACS Endowment Fund. Such donations are exempt from federal income taxes—and, presumably, also state—under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

I (we) agree that every effort should be made to eradicate the dread camellia petal blight. Please use the enclosed donation for this purpose. I understand the money will be used only for that purpose and kept in a separate account until the award is made. Also, I (we) under-

stand that a proper notification will be made to me (us). Contributors will also be listed in succeeding issues of *The Camellia Journal*.

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Nominations for Directors of Pacific Coast Territory

This is the year for nominating and electing two (2) Directors-at-Large for the Pacific Coast Territory and for one (1) State Director for the State of California and one (1) for Washington/Oregon.

The following states have been allocated to the Pacific Coast Territory: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The Governing Board in making this decision in 1954 did so out of a desire to more or less equalize the total number of states in each Territory, and not by a desire for a more compact geographical distribution. Members in these states can send in votes for two (2) Directors-at-Large but not for any State Director as none is designated from them.

Directors-at-Large: The present incumbents are Peter Grosso of Modesto, CA and Jack Mandarich of Menlo Park, CA. Mr. Grosso is eligible for re-election; Mr. Mandarich is completing his second term and, therefore, is not eligible. He would be eligible for State Director for California.

State Directors: The incumbents are for California, John Augis of San Jose and for Washington/Oregon, Edward M. Lewis. Both are completing their first terms and are eligible for re-election. Either, or both, are

eligible, of course, for Director-at-Large.

Under the changes made in Nashville in March 1976—these changes are still valid for this election (See separate article "New Method of Nominating Directors for ACS" elsewhere in this issue.)—you will not receive a separate mailing of postcards for nominating candidates.

In order to nominate the two (2) Directors-at-Large and the individual State Directors you are asked to fill out the following form and send it

to Headquarters ACS, P. O. Box 1217, Fort Valley, GA 31030 *prior to September 1, 1977*. Election ballots will then be mailed to *each member* of the Pacific Coast Territory listing those candidates who have agreed to run for each office.

Be certain to mark the State in which you live and whether yours is a Joint Membership. If you do not wish to cut the coupon from the *Journal*, you can write a note on a postcard or a Xerox copy of the form and send it on to us.

INDICATE YOUR STATE

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() Washington	*() Minnesota	*() Wyoming
*() Arizona	*() Missouri	

* Designates States with no Director; members in these can vote only to nominate two (2) Directors-at-Large

() Single Membership

() Joint Membership Check one of these categories. (A Joint Membership counts for two votes.)

I (we) vote to nominate:

For State Director (Name one) _____

For Directors-at-Large (Name two) _____

Mail promptly, but not later than September 1, 1977

Are You Naming a Camellia?

The Governing Board at its meeting in Modesto has gone on written record with a unanimous vote to substantiate a long-standing understanding. A person registering or naming a camellia must have in writing the approval of the person for whom the variety is to be named. If the name is for someone deceased, the originator must have in writing an approval by a member of the family. A copy, or the original letter of approval, should accompany the application for registering or naming the flower.



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New Method of Nominating Directors of ACS

At its Annual Meeting on March 17, 1977 the Governing Board of the ACS approved the following method of *nominating* Directors and Directors-at-Large. This new method will begin for the election in 1978 of the Directors and Directors-at-Large of the Atlantic Coast Territory.

The approval of this new method came too late to be the method used for the election for the Pacific Coast Territory this year. See the article in this issue entitled "Nominations for Directors of Pacific Coast Territory".

DIVISION IV

ELECTIONS

D. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice-President of the territory from which Directors are to be elected to arrange for the appointment of a Nominating Committee for each state in his territory. The Committee in each state shall be composed of three members of which the Vice-President shall be chairman. One of the two remaining members of the Committee shall be named by the President of the Society and one by the State Director. If the State Director is unable to act due to a vacancy in his office or for any other reason, then the Vice-President of the territory shall name the Committee member in his stead.

Each State Committee shall name the nominees for State Director of such state and the Committee as a whole shall name the nominees for Directors-at-Large.

The Committees for each state shall be formed as soon as practicable following the Fall meeting of the Society and the names of the members shall be announced in the February issue of the *Journal*.

This announcement shall be accompanied by a request that all members forward to any member of the Committee as soon as possible any suggestions they may have as to members to be nominated for elec-

tion to the Board of Directors. The Committee, after a reasonable time for the membership to have notified them of suggestions for nomination, shall name *at least two members for each office*, if at all possible, and *obtain consent of those who are nominated to run*. If the Nominating Committee is unable to obtain the consents of two people to run for any office after having made a reasonable effort to do so, the Committee shall nominate one member who has consented to run for such office. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made to the Executive Secretary on or before July 1, and shall be published in the August *Journal* as notification to the membership of the names of the nominees. The notification to the membership in the *Journal* shall be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of each nominee advising the membership of what the nominees have done in the American Camellia Society or in local societies.

Election shall be by written ballot which must be received by the Executive Secretary on or before October 15. The winner shall be the nominee receiving a *plurality* of the votes cast.

E. The President shall appoint at least two tellers who shall canvass the final vote for each office and report the results to the President and the Executive Secretary as soon as possible after completion of the balloting.

F. Following the election, the Executive Secretary shall notify the winning nominees for each office and all members of the Governing Board of the results of the election prior to the Fall meeting of the Governing Board.

G. *In case of a tie vote* for State Director or Director-at-Large, the Vice-President for the territory shall advise the tied candidates that a drawing by lot will be held on a spe-

cified date as soon as possible at which time they or their designated representatives may be present. Following the drawing, the Vice-President shall immediately notify the Executive Secretary of the result of the drawing. In the event that the Vice-President of the territory is one of the candidates, the drawing shall be held by the Executive Secretary.

DIVISION IV, 2B

In case of the death, incapacity or resignation of the President, the President-elect shall assume the duties of the President until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event there is no President-elect then in office or if for any reason the President-elect is unable to serve, then the *next immediate past President* shall serve as President until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

DIVISION V. 1B

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Japanese Visitors to Massee Lane



Two distinguished young men from Japan paid a visit to Massee Lane on February 24th. They are seen here with Joseph Pyron, former Executive Secretary and Helen Teeter, the Secretary of our office at Headquarters, in front of a nearly full blooming 'Jenny Mills' — which apparently did not know we had a severe winter!

Standing next to Helen is Kiyoshi

Tarumoto who authored the outstanding book *Overseas Camellias* which we reviewed on page 13 of the November 1976 issue of *The Camellia Journal*. The book had been sent as a gift to our outstanding library last fall by Mr. Tarumoto. He and Helen are holding this exceptional volume. Helen has crossed referenced a copy of *Camellia Nomenclature-1976* so

she can quickly show people a color picture of the 251 camellias pictured in Mr. Tarumoto's book.

Mr. Hiroshi Kihara, who accompanied Mr. Tarumoto, is the official photographer for the *Encyclopedia of Camellias*, published by the Kodansha Publishers, Ltd. of Japan. He photographed some 100 different blooms in our Jeff Smith Memorial Greenhouse for use in a second volume of Mr. Tarumoto's book to come out late this year.

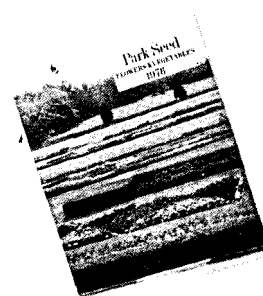
Following this photographic venture, we went to the greenhouse of Dr. Walter F. Homeyer, Jr. in Macon. All of us were tremendously impressed by the wonderful blooms there. Photos were made of many of Dr. Homeyer's well-known crosses as well as some gorgeous varieties yet unnamed and unregistered. After much oohing and ahing over a lovely creamy pink formal bloom, Dr. Homeyer asked Mr. Tarumoto if he would like to have it named for his wife. Complete ecstasy was mirrored on Tarumoto's face as Dr. Homeyer made a tag designating this japonica cross between 'Elizabeth Boardman' and 'Moonlight Sonata' as a new variety named 'Chei Tarumoto.' Wait until you see this lovely new variety!



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Ozone Club Presents Bicentennial Camellia Festival

FAY HAUTOT

In the true American spirit, neither rain nor sleet nor freezing weather could prevent the Ozone Camellia Society from presenting the 26th Annual Ozone Camellia Show at the Slidell, Louisiana Municipal Auditorium on December 4th and 5th.

Preceding the opening of the Festival, the 50 young people who were selected by the Society to serve on the Camellia Court, which is similar to Mardi Gras royalty so dear to the hearts of Louisianians, help paint and fix up and generally make ready for the big event: the show. Of course there is much merrymaking, partying and speculating about who will be selected as Queen and Consort to reign over the festivities surrounding the show.

This year apprehension stalked the hearts of oldsters and youngsters alike

as freezing weather descended upon the bayous just prior to show date and speculation turned to whether there be a show at all. Efforts were rewarded, however, when show day dawned and, amid red, white and blue pageantry, hundreds of blooms, each lovelier than the last, began to arrive from hither and yon to make the show a success.

Resplendent in white, Miss Marylynn Caren Wiginton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marquis Wiginton of Monroe, Louisiana received her glittering crown as 1976 Queen of Camellias from Milton H. Brown.

Consort Marc Albert Hautot, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hautot, Sr. of Slidell, escorted his lovely Queen from the stage to promenade among her subjects and past the sparkling array of trophies which were pre-



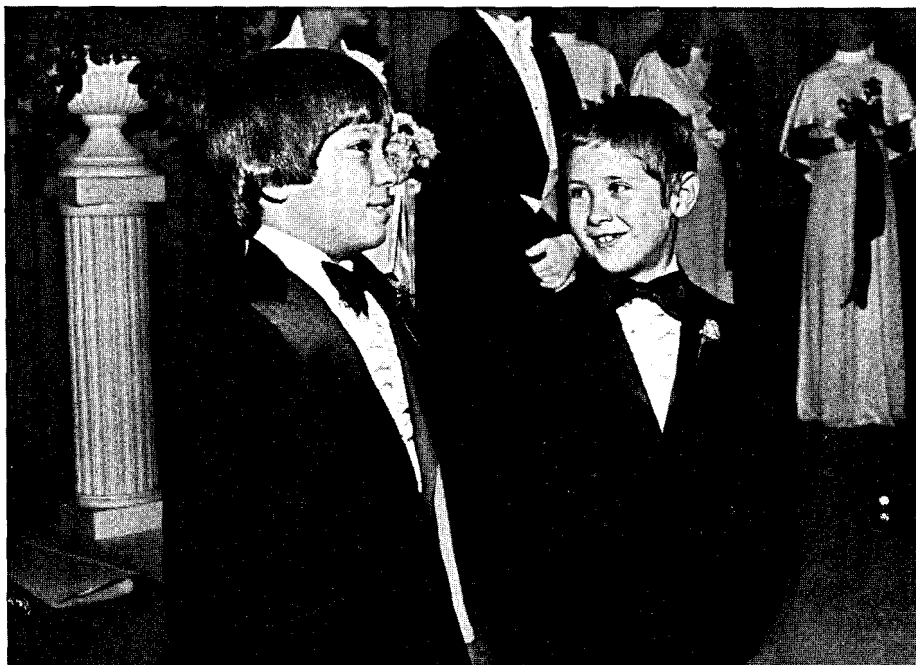
Proud grandfather of Queen Marylynn gets into the picture as the momentous occasion is filmed at his lovely Bayou Liberty home. (See cover to learn what interested him.)

sented to the winning competitors following the presentation of the Court.

Queen Marylynn accepted a coveted invitation from the Louisiana State Society to participate as a Queen in the Court of the King of the prestigious Washington, D. C. Mardi Gras Ball to which she was escorted by her parents in February.

Past president, charter member and proud grandfather of Queen Marylynn, John Geiser, Jr., was recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the Ozone Camellia Society with the honor of Show Dedication, a well deserved honor.

Events of the Festival were culminated with a gala dinner dance at the Pinewood Country Club.



Queen's attendants Charles Palmer Holmes and Stewart Grant Crockett obviously discussing the use of gibberellic acid on reticulatas—what else?



Little maids all in a row—and friend—help Gardner Schneider, Show Chairman, plan show at picture taking session. From left, Kimberly McDonald and Gretchen Throop, Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Schneider.

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Horticulturally Speaking

Growing and *Grooming* are the key words for summer care of camellias.

While camellia culture beckons folk of all ages and of all stages of horticultural experience, we will assume that you have ventured but a few steps into it so far and are eager to go further. If you were told that raising camellias is easy, by comparison with roses it is. Maybe you have not found it all that easy, still the dream of having blooms in your garden like those you saw in the camellia show calls you to plow ahead.

Do you find camellia culture something of a puzzlement (as the king of Siam might have said)? Our diagnosis of the problem is simply this: unfamiliarity with the subject. Before you studied a foreign language you couldn't understand a word. When you mastered it, your second tongue became as natural as the one you were born with. So, let's discuss some of the things you should know if you are to meet success in *Growing* and *Grooming* your camellia plants.

GROWING EXISTING PLANTS

If a camellia has been planted in "just any kind of soil", you should be surprised if it prospers. The soil should have a pH of between 5.5 and 6.5, preferably 6.0 to 6.3. This means the soil should be a bit on the acid (sour) side. A reading of 7.0 would be neutral; anything above it alkaline (sweet). So, be sure to check the pH of the soil around the plant. The county agricultural agent will tell you how to take soil samples and will test them for you; or, buy yourself a soil testing kit from the local farm supply store.

If too sour for camellias (below 5.5), add bone meal, lime, gypsum or calcium to the soil. If too sweet (above 6.5), add superphosphate, sulphur, aluminum sulphate, iron sulphate or magnesium sulphate. One of the most popular organic fertilizers, cottonseed meal, is quite sour so, if

you use this in feeding your camellias, it will help maintain soil acidity.

Like every growing thing, camellias must have carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, and they obtain an ample supply from the air (if it is not excessively polluted) and from water. When water is not received as natural rainfall evenly distributed throughout the year, it is up to man to supply an inch a week. An inch equals roughly a gallon for an average-size plant, applied slowly so that it all sinks in. During extremely hot, dry weather, the foliage appreciates being sprinkled or misted lightly at the end of the day. This is especially helpful when tender new leaves are seen to wilt.

Since camellias do not like "wet feet", they must be rooted in well drained, porous soil. Heavy soils can be made porous by combining each part of soil with two parts a mixture of such substances as compost, humus, peat moss, perlite and sand. Drainage can be improved by placing a good amount of gravel or pine bark nuggets several inches deep in the bottom of the hole below the root area.

One way to improve the habitat of an existing plant is to circle its margin with a spade, cutting deeply but disturbing as little root as possible. Undercut the root ball with a shovel sunk into the earth from six to twelve inches beyond the circle made by the spade and remove most of the intervening soil. With the shovel as far under the root ball as you can get it, tilt the plant backward 45 degrees. If drainage is poor, scoop out the subsoil and substitute gravel or pine bark. Pour new soil mix around the side of the root ball. Tamp and water.

Go to the opposite side of the plant and do the same thing. Repeat with treatment of the remaining two sides. If the crown of the root ball now stands from one to four inches higher than the surrounding solid earth, good. If higher, press it gently down

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within this range. Camellias like to be planted high, otherwise they languish. Finish filling with new soil mix, and water. If much root was disturbed in the operation, compensate by pruning foliage.

Plants need certain chemical elements to produce growth. The primary three are *nitrogen*, *phosphorous* and *potassium*. Every bag of commercial fertilizer prominently displays three digits linked by hyphens, such as 5-10-5, 6-6-6, or 0-8-8. The first

digit always indicates the proportion of nitrogen, the second phosphorous, and the third potassium. If the bag contains 100 pounds and the numbers are 5-10-5, it has 5 pounds of nitrogen, 10 of phosphorous and 5 of potassium. The other 80 pounds of material in the bag is there because, without it, the three primary elements would be so firm you could not spread the combination. Sometimes the excess matter includes traces of other food elements. When this is true, the components are clearly described on the bag in smaller print.

They are referred to as *trace elements* because plants require much smaller quantities of them and infrequent application. The *secondary elements* are calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Minor ones are boron, chlorine, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc.

To guard against camellia roots being unable to find these in the earth, give your camellias an annual dose of a fertilizer containing trace elements. More than once a year may be harmful, although plants occasionally signal a deficiency which requires a special application. Here are some deficiency indicators and suggested remedies:

Terminal buds

Dropping and/or dying

—Calcium

Abnormally numerous

—Copper or boron

Foliage

Chlorosis, general

—Magnesium (Epsom Salts)

Chlorosis, mottled

—Manganese

Purpling

—Phosphorous

General lack of green

—Manganese

Pale Lower leaves

—Sulfur

Defoliating

—Iron or zinc

Dry tips and margins

—Nitrogen and potassium

Curving upward

—Magnesium or zinc

Getting brittle

—Magnesium or zinc

Thinning

—Magnesium or zinc

Curling

—Potassium

Old leaves wrinkled

—Calcium

Young leaves hooked

—Calcium

Plant growth slow or dwarfed

—Nitrogen

Pale but vein green

—Iron

The three primary elements must be available regularly. In what quantity and how often the grower should apply them depends upon the quality of the soil and how available these chemicals are to the roots. If the soil is very permeable and much rain falls within a short period, leaching occurs relatively quickly. On the other hand, the feeding which you supplied when spring growth first began may be sufficient for the year.

Commercial fertilizers may be chemical, or organic, or a combination. The chemical type is the cheaper. Because of its solubility it is the more readily carried away by water. Its lasting power is approxi-

mately a month. If applied too heavily it will burn the roots.

Organic fertilizer is made from organic matter—something which once lived such as seed meal, tankage and sewage. It is less soluble and lasts about three times as long. The nutrients are released more slowly to the plant and are less apt to burn the roots.

A combination of chemical and organic fertilizer combines the benefits of both and lasts about twice as long as straight chemical. If the bag says "40% organic", then 40% of the nitrogen content is organic and the burn danger is less than all-chemical fertilizer.

With this background information, you can step confidently into summertime, when camellia plants should produce lush new growth and set healthy buds that will open into beautiful flowers in the next blooming season. Additional knowledge can be obtained from the "Horticulturally Speaking" columns of past issues of *The Camellia Journal*, particularly the spring issues. Keep in mind these cautions:

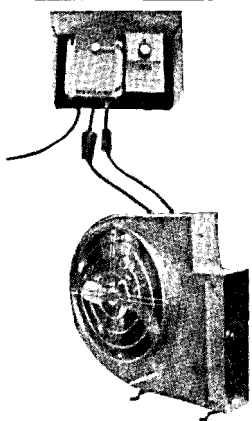
1. Hunger may not be good for camellias but excessive feeding is deadly.
2. You need add nutrients more often to poor soil than rich.
3. Feed container plants more often but in smaller doses than plants in the ground.
4. You should feed camellias when flowering ceases, just before spring growth begins; otherwise, as soon as possible.
5. Avoid feeding after July Fourth in northerly climes, to prevent early frosts from killing new shoots.
6. Fertilize when soil is dampened; then water it in.
7. A good organic starter, depending on plant size, is from one-quarter to one cup per plant, cottonseed meal.

GROWING NEW PLANTS

By rooting cuttings

When you become interested in propagating new plants from those

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you or your friends already have, take some cuttings in late June or July. Cut 4 or 5 inches off the tip of a new branch of half-hardened wood (which would snap if bent) if it has any well-developed leaves and one or two vegetative buds not yet in growth. If the leaves are large, cut off half of each leaf.

Dust the lower end with a rooting hormone like Hormodin No. 2 or Rootone. Place the lower half of the cutting at a 45-degree angle in a moist mixture of sand and perlite or peat moss, in a hole made by a pencil or your little finger, so that the hormone powder has a good chance of adhering to the wood. Then firm the mix against the wood. Keep the mix moist but not soaking wet.

Preferably the rooting mix should be in a flat or box with sides 4 or more inches high so that you can arrange a plastic cover over it. This facilitates moisture retention. If the cover is readily removable, you can spray the foliage or water as necessary.

Set the box where it will not receive direct sunlight. In about two months, carefully lift some of the cuttings and examine the root growth. By the end of September most should develop enough root to warrant transplanting into pots. Whether you get them into pots before the onslaught of cold weather or decide to overwinter them in the box, you should provide some form of protection for their first year. Go easy on feeding until the new plants bloom, which should occur within three years, and sometimes the first year. This is far faster than propagating from seed, and the new plant is true to the parent in contrast to one grown from seed.

By air layering

Another easy and faster way to propagate is by air layering. But the plant you select for reproduction must have already grown to considerable size, because this process necessitates removal of at least 12 inches and preferably twice that much of a sturdy branch. Therefore, choose not simply

a healthy limb but one which will be little missed when gone.

You will need a sharp knife, half a spoon of hormone powder, two twistems, an 8" square of medium-weight plastic, and a generous handful of sphagnum moss. From the point where you intend ultimately to sever the limb, place the knife 3" or 4" toward the tip and circle the limb with a cut through the bark and green cambium tissue, exposing white wood. Then circle it again about 1½" further out. Scrape lightly with the knife between the cuts, removing every bit of bark and cambium, leaving undamaged the solid wood. Dust this well with the hormone powder. Squeeze as much water as you can from the sphagnum moss which has been soaked in water, and wrap a handful completely around the scraped area for an inch or so on either side of it, dislodging as little as possible of the hormone powder. Then tightly cover the ball of moss with plastic. At each end tie a twistem tautly around the stem and plastic to prevent air or rain from entering.

This operation is best performed in late April or May. By September little green roots will be visible through the plastic. Take off the plastic but leave the ball of moss and roots intact, and immediately sever the branch just below the ball. Now you have in your hand a new plant identical to the parent. Plant it in a pot or in the ground and provide some protection for it during the first winter against sun, wind and ice. It will probably bloom next spring but if you can bear to disbud, this will invigorate the plant.

GROOMING

There is hardly a plant but should be groomed at least once a year for the sake of health and appearance. Now is the ideal time to begin.

Take a long, good look at every camellia you have. Perhaps you will discover a plant less green and vigorous than it should be. Maybe there are signs of food or soil deficiencies and symptoms of disease or pest infestation. Check the soil pH and the

lack, if any, of nutrients. Examine the bark and leaves (especially the undersides) for evidence of trouble. Under the heading of "Growing" you have learned enough to solve the majority of environmental and nutritional problems. Now turn your attention to maladies and pests which disfigure and endanger the lives of plants.

Diseases

When dieback suddenly hits a branch, the leaves turn brown and shrivel, first at the tip, then on toward the trunk, and the stem dries out and turns brown. The leaves usually hang on. Prompt and careful surgery is required. Cut the branch back and back until you come to healthy wood and green cambium, even if you have to go all the way to the juncture with the trunk. If dieback gets into the trunk, the plant is usually a goner, although it may possibly be saved by further surgery almost to the roots. After each cut, sterilize the shears in rubbing alcohol or a solution of 50% Captan.

If any doubt remains as to whether you have eliminated every trace of dieback, try spraying the plant with benomyl (Benlate) which some growers swear by, although there is no guaranteed cure or preventive.

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Another ruinous disease, petal blight, is inactive in summer. It appears as brownish, slimy spots on camellia flowers—not to be confused with brownish spots caused by water.

Virus is a disease which causes variegation of leaves and flowers. It can only be transmitted through grafting. There is no cure for it. Most people do not object to variegation, many like it. A few dislike it so much that they will not keep a variegated plant in their gardens, and they propagate only from plants known to be virus-free. Don't confuse naturally variegated foliage with chlorotic leaves deficient in nutrients.

In some parts of the country nematodes produce root-knot. If a plant lacks vigorous new growth, shows numerous dead twigs and the foliage turns yellowish green, the trouble may be root-knot. This can be controlled by an annual soil drench of Nemagon at the base of the plant.

Insects

Until you forsook the house for the garden, you may have thought an insect was just a trivial or contemptible person. Once in the garden, however, you learn that an insect is "any of various small animals." Some fly, some crawl, some spend their adult

lives immobile. All of them are detrimental to the beauty and health of camellias.

Enumerated here are the more important ones and their characteristics so that you can identify them and make a stab at exterminating them.

Sucking Varieties

(Method of control—except as noted below, or in addition thereto, apply a foliar spray of dimethoate, Cygon 2E, 2 tspn. per gallon of water.)

Leaf miners (larvae of moths or flies)—

Feed between leaf surfaces, leaving trails or blotches and when grown make small white cocoons on lower surfaces, sometimes attaching two leaves together.

Aphids (plant lice)—

Rapidly multiplying, sluggishly moving, tiny winged and wingless creatures; feeding on undersides of leaves, buds and new growth; excreting "honeydew" on which sooty mold grows.

Spider mites—

Minute invertebrates hard to see until you find upper and lower leaf surfaces turning speckled and brown and, in shaking a leaf over white paper, little things that resemble red pepper drop on the paper. Spray both leaf surfaces with dicofol (Kelthane), 2 tbspn. wettable powder to 1 gallon water.

Mealybugs—

Up to 1/5" oval or long, whitish with waxy or cottony covering, clustering in axils of leaves or small twigs and along leaf veins and undersides, and excreting "honeydew" on which sooty mold appears. Spread by ants feeding on the "honeydew." Get rid of the ants by soaking the soil with chlordane, 2 tspn. wettable powder to 3 gallons water for 30 sq. ft. Spray bush with malathion 57%, 2 tspn. per gallon of water, or with Cygon 2E.

Whiteflies—

Scale-like, young greenish yellow, adults tiny pale yellow bodies with

white waxy powdered wings. Feed on lower surfaces of leaves and secrete "honeydew" on which sooty mold forms. Treatment same as for Mealybugs above.

Wax scale—

Reddish-brown body covered by thick white waxy coating, up to 1/4" diameter and equally high. Infests stems. Adults immobile, vulnerable only to hand-plucking or systemic dimethoate insecticide. Larvae, crawling in late May and June, vulnerable at that time to malathion spray.

Cottony cushion scale—

Quite similar to wax scale.

Tea scale—

Oblong 1/20", females brown-covered, immobile as adults; males white, mobile. Stick to underside of leaf, feed on tissue, causing yellowish spots on upper surface and cottony wax secretion on under surface. Infested leaves drop prematurely.

Camellia scale—

Looks very much like tea scale but lighter and slightly larger. Infests mostly upper surfaces of leaves.

Peony scale—

Irregular shape up to 3/16" long, spotted whitish-grayish. Infests cambium layer under bark, causing grayish white bumps on bark.

Camellia mining scale (Florida only)—

Gray, armored, circular, up to 1/12" diameter. Burrows under bark, raising slight blister, eventually kills twig.

Chewing Varieties

Beetles, crickets, slugs, snails and weevils nibble and gnaw on camellia leaves, usually in the dark, leaving telltale notches and holes.

(Control by foliar spray of systemic insecticide which puts a poison into the sap stream; dimethoate, Cygon 2E, 2 tspn. per gallon of water. Slugs are vulnerable to slug bait from your farm supply store and to stale beer placed in saucers near the plants.)

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The Board of Directors elected William B. Johnston of Fresno, California as ACS President to begin a term immediately—the term that became vacated due to the resignation for health reasons of N. Terrell Weaver. Johnston was also elected (or reelected) as President Elect to begin a second term at the Fort Walton Beach, Florida ACS Annual Meeting in January 1978.

Dr. Fred Lee was reelected as Vice President for the Gulf Coast Territory. W. F. Freshwater was elected Vice President-Elect for the Atlantic Coast Territory and Ken Hallstone for the Pacific Coast Territory. They will begin their tour at the Fort Walton Beach meeting. Mrs. Carroll Moon and Melvin Gum, Atlantic and Pacific Coast Territory respectively, will be completing their second terms as Vice Presidents at that time.

John Augis of San Jose, California was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors; Marguerite (Mrs. T. J.) Smith was reelected Treasurer; Milton H. Brown was reelected Executive Secretary/Editor; Joseph Pyron was reelected Assistant Editor. Joe, of course, remains Executive Secretary Emeritus.

Board of Trustees

In a separate action the Board of Trustees of The ACS Endowment Fund elected Thomas C. Evans as its Secretary in place of William B. Johnston who resigned since he will be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of his office of President of the ACS. G. Stuart Watson remains as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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HONOR COURT AT ALBANY, GEORGIA CAMELLIA SHOW

The Best in Show is in the center at the top; the Best Tray of Three of One Variety is at the right; and the Best Tray of Five Different Varieties is in the frame at the left. Other Bests are shown in the individual frames. Along the bottom are the flowers of the Honor Court. Spencer Walden, who sent us the photo, reports that it "was a right impressive Honor Table although it was a very small show." Last year this club had a huge Liberty Bell with the prize winners inserted through it. A bit of imagination can really dress up a show. (Photo courtesy of Spencer C. Walden, Jr.)

SHOW REPORTS

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Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill Pink' won by Bob Waters
 Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield Blush Supreme' won by Robert M. Whitfield
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass: 'Valentine Day' won by Jon Laird Carvain
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass: 'Charlean Var.' won by O. E. McAllister

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Mrs. W. E. Lee
 Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stringfellow

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In open won by W. F. Mann
 Under glass won by Wallace Herbert
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, January 29-30, 1977
 Sponsor: Shreveport Men's Camellia Club

C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open, large & v. large: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by E. J. Laurent

Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio Var.' won by B. C. McRee
 In open, medium: 'Eugene Lize' won by B. C. McRee

In open, miniature: 'Pearl's Pet' won by Mr. & Mrs. W. F. LaRose

C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 Protected, large & v. large: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy C. Stringfellow

Runner-up: 'Granada' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy C. Stringfellow

Protected, medium to large: 'Betty Sheffield' won by Mr. & Mrs. O. E. McAllister

Runner-up: 'Emmett Pfingstl' won by David Rubin

Protected, medium: 'Margaret Davis' won by Robert M. Whitfield

Protected, small: 'Grace Albritton' won by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Copeland

Protected, miniature: 'Man Size' won by Charles B. Malone, Jr.

Best white, Protected: 'Mary Alice Cox' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy C. Stringfellow

C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)

Protected or unprotected: 'Aztec' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy C. Stringfellow

C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)

Protected or unprotected: 'Charlean' won by Bob Waters

Best seedling won by Mr. & Mrs. O. E. McAllister for seedling No. 3

Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, November 20-21, 1976
 Sponsor: Gulfport Men's Camellia Society

Number Blooms Displayed: 742. Attendance: 800.

C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open, large to very large: 'Carter's Sunburst' won by Roy Stringfellow

Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Var.' won by Roy Stringfellow

In open, medium: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by James Smelley

In open, small: 'Kitty' won by R. A. Sansing

Runner-up: 'Kiki Toji' won by T. E. Lundy

Harrison County, most blue ribbons and best bloom: 'Judge Talbot' won by E. P. Little

C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)

In open: 'Francie L' won by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Copeland

C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)

In open: 'Anticipation' won by John Huerkamp

Runner-up: 'Waltz Dream' won by John Geiser

Runner-up: 'El Dorado' won by T. E. Lundy

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
 In open won by Dr. T. E. Lundy

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 In open won by Wm. F. LaRose

ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Elouise Douglas and Creativity won by Mrs. T. W. Culbreith

Number of ACS memberships sold: None

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, February 5-6, 1977
 (26th Annual)

Sponsor: Jackson Camellia Society

Number Blooms Displayed: 989. Attendance: 1,200.

C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 protected:

Best large to very large: 'Tomorrow' won by Bagby Hall

Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by Mrs. Oscar B. Elmer

Best medium to large: 'Lady Kay' won by Charles B. Malone
 Runner-up: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Worley
 Best medium: 'Magic City' won by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Copeland
 Runner-up: 'Ballet Dancer' won by Bagby Hall
 Best small: 'Grace Albritton' won by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burnett
 Best white: 'Snowman' won by A. P. Fatherree
 Best Formal Double: 'Helen Bower' won by Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Lattin
 Best Miniature: 'Pink Smoke' won by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Burnett
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass chem. treated: 'Aztec' won by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stringfellow
 Runner-up: 'Valley Knudsen' won by Bagby Hall
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass, chem. treated: 'Charlean Var.' won by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Worley
 Best seedling, not gibboned won by C. W. Lattin
 Best seedling, gibboned won by Dr. Jack Davis
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: Two (2)

MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI, December 11, 1976 (17th Annual)
 Sponsor: Moss Point Men's Camellia Club
 Number Blooms Displayed: 792. Attendance: 189.
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Lady Laura' won by Mr. Wm. F. LaRose
 Runner-up: 'Elegans Supreme' won by Mr. Robert Hill
 Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Mr. Jon Laird Carvain
 Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by Mr. Bagby Hall
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 In open: 'Valentine Day' won by Mr. Wm. F. LaRose
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 In open: 'South Seas' won by Mr. Wm. F. LaRose

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Mr. & Mrs. John Geiser
 Under glass won by Mr. R. Stanley Magee

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. F. LaRose
 Under glass won by Mr. G. J. Bienvenu
 Number of ACS memberships sold: None

Endowment Fund Willed \$1,000.00

The American Camellia Society received \$1,000.00 on April 1st from the estate of the late James Doyle Jones, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been members of the American Camellia Society since 1957 and have also been members of the Middle Georgia Camellia Society. Quite frequently Mr. Jones would come to Fort Valley and to Massee Lane to visit with Dave Strother and to see the camellias here in the gardens. Several hundred camellias bloom in the Jones' garden at Jackson, Georgia—many of these he personally grafted and he was so proud of his camellias. We are so pleased to know that camellias played a wonderful role in the life of this fine gentleman whose loss is keenly felt by his wife, who is still a member of the ACS, and the community in which he has lived for so many years.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, February 26-27, 1977 (21st Annual)
 Sponsor: Men's Camellia Club of Charlotte
 Number Blooms Displayed: 1,400.
 Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show): 'Elegans Splendor'
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 Best white: 'Silver Chalice' won by Robert Edge
 In open, chemically treated: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Jeanette & John Graham
 Under glass, 2½ to 5 inches: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Scott Coble
 Runner-up: 'Grace Albritton' won by Fred Hahn
 Under glass, over 5 inches: 'Elegans Splendor' won by C. T. Freeman
 Runner-up: 'Elegans Supreme' won by Rosemary & Dave Elliott
 Miniature: 'Pearl's Pet' won by Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Hendrix
 Runner-up: 'Man Size' won by Fred Hahn
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass, chemically treated: 'Mandalay Queen' won by Marshall Rhyne
 Runner-up: 'Howard Asper' won by Doris & Robert Fouter
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 In open: 'Anticipation Var.' won by J. W. Holderby
 Runner-up: 'Anticipation' won by C. T. Freeman

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATE:
 Under glass, chemically treated won by J. W. Holderby

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 Under glass, chemically treated won by Dr. Olin Owen
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, February 19, 1977 (21st Annual)
 Sponsor: Whiteville Camellia Society
 Number Blooms Displayed: 850. Attendance: 405.
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Erin Farmer' won by Jeanette & John Graham
 Under glass: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by Sadie & Ernest Aycock
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass: 'Valentine Day' won by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hahn, Jr.
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass: 'Elsie Jury' won by Graem Yates
 Best bloom under four inches, under glass: 'Man Size' won by Annabelle & Lew Fetterman
 Best bloom under four inches, in open: 'Magnoliaeflora' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Jeanette & John Garner
 Under glass won by Annabelle & Lew Fetterman

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
 Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard
 ACS outstanding arrangement certificate: Creativity won by Olene Utley
 Best seedling in show won by Marshall Rhyne
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, February 26-27, 1977 (27th Annual)
 Sponsor: Tidewater Camellia Club
 Number Blooms Displayed: 1,170. Attendance: 920.
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded in open:
 Best 5 inches and over: 'Jessie Burgess' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
 Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio Var' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
 Best under 5 inches: 'Diddy's Pink Organdie' won by Jeanette & John Graham
 Runner-up: 'H. A. Downing' won by Donna & Bill Shepherd
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded under protection:
 Best 5 inches and over: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Bill & Molly Howell
 Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by R. R. McVey
 Best under 5 inches: 'Diddy's Pink Organdie' won by James H. McCoy
 Runner-up: 'Campari' won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard
 Best white over 2½ inches: 'Snowman' won by R. R. McVey
 Best miniature 2½ inches and under: 'Snowie' won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Won by J. O. Jackson for 'Francie L'
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 Won by Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Darrity for 'Charlean'

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Donna and Bill Shepherd
 Under protection won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Dr. R. P. Huffman
 Under protection won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teague
 Best seedling won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teague
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, January 22, 1977 (23rd Annual)
 Sponsor: Aiken Camellia Club
 Number Blooms Displayed: 753. Attendance: 3,300.
 Most outstanding bloom (Best-In-Show or Queen of Show): 'Lasca Beauty' won by L. G. Wilhelm
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open, large to v. large: 'Mathotiana' won by Jeanette and John Graham
 In open, small to medium: 'China Doll' won by Jeanette and John Graham
 Under glass, large to v. large: 'Silver Chalice' won by C. T. Freeman
 Under glass, small to medium: 'Margaret Davis' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell
 Best white: 'Nuccio's Gem' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 Best bloom by Junior Exhibitor: 'Bob Hope' won by Jane Robertson
 Best miniature: 'Man Size' won by Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Dahlen
 C. *hybrids* (Includes both those of C. *reticulata* parentage as well as other crosses)
 Under glass, large to v. large: 'Howard Asper Var.' won by Mr. L. G. Wilhelm
 Under glass, small to medium: 'Dr. Louis Polizzi' won by Mr. R. J. Sprott

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Jeanette and John Graham
 Under glass won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATE:
 Under glass won by Mr. J. A. Timmerman
 Best seedling won by Linton D. Baggs
 ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. Eugene Keller and Mrs. Mackie Scott and Creativity won by Mrs. Charles Ashley
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, January 15, 1977 (31st Annual)
 Sponsor: Council of Beaufort Garden Clubs
 Number Blooms Displayed: 466. Attendance: 800.
 Most outstanding bloom (Award of Merit) 'Tomorrow Park Hill'
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open, treated: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Jeanette & John Graham
 In open: 'Mathotiana Supreme' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 Under glass treated: 'Tomorrow's Dawn' won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass, treated: 'Pharaoh' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell
 C. *hybrid* (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass, treated: 'Elsie Jury' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open, Beaufort County won by Mrs. Juanita Finley
 In open won by Mr. C. R. Grace
 Under glass won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 Open treated won by Jeanette & John Graham
 Overall Sweepstakes won by Mrs. W. K. Laughlin
 ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-color won by Mrs. G. W. McCaffrey, Mrs. David Boyd, Mrs. Merle Ormond, Mrs. C. W. Wilson and Creativity won by Mrs. W. J. Montgomery
 Number of ACS Memberships sold: None

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, November 27-28, 1976 (13th Annual)
 Sponsor: Coastal Carolina Camellia Society
 Number Blooms Displayed: 631. Attendance: 1,200.
 C. *japonica* outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
 In open: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Mr. J. M. Jones
 Runner-up: 'Helen Bower Var.' won by Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Sanders
 Under glass: 'Betty Sheffield Supreme' won by Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Fetterman
 Runner-up: 'Carter's Sunburst Pink Var.' won by Mr. M. S. McKinnon
 C. *reticulata* (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)
 Under glass 'Mandalay Queen' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell
 Runner-up: 'Arch Of Triumph' won by Mr. & Mrs. D. G. Elliott

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:
 In open won by Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Dubus, Jr.
 Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Fetterman

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Graham
Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack W. Teague
Number of ACS memberships sold: Three (3)

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, January 29-30, 1977 (27th Annual)

Sponsor: Coastal Carolina Camellia Society

Number Blooms Displayed: 662. Attendance: 12,500.

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open: 'Guilio Nuccio Var.' won by M. S. Edwards

Runner-up: 'Guilio Nuccio' won by B. H. Aull

Under glass: 'Carter's Sunburst' won by W. M. Walker

Runner-up: 'Tomorrow Park Hill' won by L. M. Fetterman

C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)

Under glass: 'Aztec' won by L. G. Wilhelm

Runner-up: 'Four Winds' won by Marshall H. Rhyne

Best 'Miss Charleston' won by M. S. Edwards

Best white bloom: 'Ivory Tower' won by Dr. Olin W. Owen

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Jeanette & John Graham

Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Fetterman

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Mr. M. S. Edwards

Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Blanchard

Number of ACS Memberships sold: Two (2)

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, February 12, 1977

Sponsor: Mid-Carolina Camellia Society

Number Blooms Displayed: 1,246. Attendance: 1,100.

C. japonica outstanding bloom certificates awarded:
In open: 'Miss Charleston Var.' won by Jeanette & John Graham

Under glass, five inches and over: 'Silver Chalice' won by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Edge

Runner-up: 'Elegans Champagne' won by R. J. Sprott

Under glass, under five inches: 'Diddy Mealing' won by Mr. & Mrs. F. N. Bush

Runner-up: 'Pink Diddy' won by Lena & Harry Watson

C. reticulata (Includes hybrids with *reticulata* parentage)

Under glass: 'Francie L Var.' won by C. T. Freeman

Runner-up: 'Dr. Clifford Parks' won by Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Hendrix

C. hybrid (With other than *reticulata* parentage)
Under glass: 'El Dorado' won by Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Mizzell

ACS GOLD CERTIFICATES:

In open won by Jeanette and John Graham

Under glass won by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teague

ACS SILVER CERTIFICATES:

Under glass won by Mrs. William K. Laughlin

ACS Provisional Seedling Certificates of Merit for Chemically Treated flower:

C. japonica won by J. K. Blanchard for seedling No. 100 and originated by him.

ACS Outstanding Arrangement Certificates: Tri-Color won by Mrs. Joe Hipp and Creativity won by Mrs. Octoma Poole.

Number of ACS Memberships sold: Three (3)



A "Fish Eye View" of Camellias at Pensacola Show January 8-9, 1977.

Camellia Breeding Progress Report

CLIFFORD R. PARKS

Introductory comments: In 1962, our breeding program was initiated jointly by the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum and a private fund-accepting group, the Camellia Research Advisory Committee. As originally conceived, the breeding work was to concentrate on three major horticultural objectives which included cold resistance, fragrance and new flower colors. Taxonomic studies, particularly those involving chemotaxonomic and genetic compatibility analyses, were also undertaken.

When, in 1967, I accepted a faculty position at the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill, I decided initially that breeding work to be continued in North Carolina should concentrate on the problems of winter tolerance, but recently, I expanded into other areas of camellia breeding. Studies in camellia taxonomy and genetics were continued and expanded. By 1970, most of the hybrids synthesized in Southern California were moved to North Carolina.

Breeding objectives: Testing programs have been set up to identify hybrid combinations which show cold-resistant flower buds in *Camellia japonica* and interspecific hybrids with it. Originally, we were of the opinion

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that cold hardiness would be obtained primarily from intraspecific hybrids and open-pollinated segregates of the species *C. japonica*; consequently, our initial test plantings were made up almost entirely of accessions of *C. japonica*. Pilot studies done on a number of interspecific combinations involving a large number of other species have convinced us that there are yet other potential sources of hardiness. It has been encouraging to note that a number of hybrids combining a tender and a hardy species seem to be nearly as resistant to cold as the hardy parent. Hybrids with *Camellia fraterna*, even those with the tender Chinese species, *C. reticulata*, are producing good bloom after periods of severe cold. A number of complex hybrids combining *C. japonica*, *C. saluenensis* and *C. rosaeflora* have bloomed in mid-winter shortly after periods of severe cold. The capacity of these fine-textured camellias to provide winter color in the garden is of considerable horticultural interest. Recent laboratory analysis support the idea that *C. rosaeflora* may

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Kimes is Honored

Mr. E. N. ("Ed") Kimes of El Dorado, Arkansas was honored by his daughter Mrs. Enid W. Hendrick of Midland, Texas. Mrs. Hendrick made a generous donation to the American Camellia Society Endowment Fund to honor her father, Ed Kimes. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund and has just retired after two terms as State Director for Arkansas of the American Camellia Society. We would like also to add our compliments to this fine camellia gentleman who has devoted much of his time and talents to the ACS. You would find him at the various meetings of the Society as well as at various shows where he would serve as a judge. He even came as far as Washington, D. C. a few times to assist in the judging of the camellia shows in our Nation's Capital.

be a *C. japonica* X *C. fraterna* hybrid, so possibly both *C. japonica* and *C. fraterna* may be contributing hardiness to these complex hybrids.

It has become apparent that there is a need and an opportunity to significantly improve the quality and variety of fall-blooming camellias. For this purpose, we are observing fall-blooming segregates of *C. japonica* and a wide range of interspecific hybrids and backcrosses with *C. sasanqua*. We have observed that some hybrids between *C. sasanqua* and *C. reticulata* or *C. granthamiana* maintain the hardiness of *C. sasanqua*, but produce much improved bloom in the middle to late autumn. A small percentage of these hybrids, and a larger proportion of the backcrosses of these to *C. sasanqua*, bloom early enough to enhance the autumn fare.

Test plot maintenance and selection procedures: Until recently, test plot maintenance has been our most severe limitation. The University of North Carolina does not have a horticulture department, and our local North Carolina Botanical Garden also lacks facilities for field testing. In 1967 and again in 1969, test plots were established at the Botanical Garden, but soil conditions at the available sites, water and maintenance difficulties proved to be serious limitations. In 1972, I purchased over five acres of upland, open pine woodland with plans to develop the camellia trials there. The test area, at "Carolina Forest," provides good conditions for camellia cultivation. By the end of the 1976-1977 winter season, all out-of-doors camellia planting will be established at the Carolina Forest site where about two acres are now in camellia trials. Our plantings are divided into three categories which are screening, selection and botanical plots. Hybrid or open-pollinated seedlings are planted directly into the screening plot for genetic and preliminary horticultural evaluations with the exception of plants of obvious taxonomic importance which are set out in a separate area. After the initial screening, plants which have no

botanical or horticultural significance are discarded. For "security" purposes a few cuttings are rooted from those individuals found to have horticultural importance, and the original plant is transplanted to the selection plot for further observation. Individuals which continue to exhibit superior hardiness or other horticulturally important characteristics will be considered for eventual introduction. While a large number of clones in the selection plot currently seem very hardy, I feel it is essential to proceed very slowly with the process of introduction. I want to observe the hardiness response for at least five years before making decisions concerning introduction.

The criteria for selecting individuals from the screening plot and the selection plot are somewhat different. In the screening plot, we look for individuals which show resistance to flower bud injury to cold and resistance to the dieback diseases that infect some camellia species to varying degrees in our area. At this initial stage, we usually do not reject individuals on the basis of floral characteristics if the resistance characteristics are good, because any camellia that can bloom dependably in the colder zones of camellia cultivation has potential horticultural interest.

In the initial selection program for *C. sasanqua* and its hybrids, we are equally concerned about disease resistance, but the second major criterion is early bloom. (*Camellia sasanqua* and its hybrids are always less flower-bud hardy.)

After the initial selection process, we continue to record the hardiness performance in the selection plot, but fragrance, flower color and form, heat resistance (an important characteristic in the zones of American camellia cultivation), floriferousness and plant form and texture are also taken into consideration.

Genetic and chemotaxonomic studies: Analytical studies are also being carried out with species of the genus *Camellia*. At present, we are attempting to determine the role hybridiza-

tion (apparently under conditions of cultivation) has played in the formation of a number of modern, widely cultivated *Camellia* taxa including *C. hiemalis*, *C. maliflora*, *C. rosaeflora*, *C. sasanqua* and *C. vernalis*.

Support: I would like to acknowledge the support our program is receiving. The taxonomic work is supported by the Department of Botany of the University of North Carolina and small grants that have been made available for this purpose. The Smith

Grant is used exclusively in the plant breeding work, and it is the major base of support for the field plots. Financial and moral support from members of the American Camellia Society, and particularly the generous day to day assistance from Mr. Milton Brown's office is invaluable. The free exchange of ideas and materials between breeders and collectors is also a very important base of support.

When you are in Chapel Hill, come and see what we are doing.

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The Tuscaloosa Show

BRANTLY C. McGUIRE

If you were in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on the weekend of January 29th, the place to be was the Tuscaloosa High School for the 15th Annual West Alabama Camellia Show and Mid-Winter Festival. This show and festival was sponsored by the financial institutions of Tuscaloosa and for the first time the West Alabama Camellia Club, the Junior League of Tuscaloosa and the Arts and Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa joined hands.

On exhibit were over 2000 outstanding blooms brought from across the Southeast. The chairman of the Camellia Show, David Darden, said this was one of the most outstanding shows ever held in Tuscaloosa. President of the West Alabama Camellia Club is Beverly Leigh. The West Alabama Camellia Club was formed over 15 years ago to promote and stimulate more enthusiasm for and enjoyment of the official Alabama State flower.

The Junior League has been participating in the show for several years. They are in charge of staging the event and sponsor an arrangement contest using camellias. Over the past several years this arrangements contest has produced over 16 national ACS winners. Last year the national ACS Creativity winner was from Tuscaloosa.

Attending the arrangements contest this year was the ACS Arrange-

ments Chairman, Mrs. John C. Walker, Jr. of Marshallville, Ga. She came to Tuscaloosa because so many national winners have come from this local contest.

Handling all of the arrangements and working with the members of the West Alabama Camellia Club was Janet Stephens, Junior League Chairman of the West Alabama Camellia Show and Mid-Winter festival. She was assisted by Jean Gordon and Jean Adams. The exhibitors of the blooms provide all of the flowers used in the arrangements contest.

The consultants for the arrangements contest are members of federated garden clubs and are official flower show judges. The theme of this year's contest was "Camellias Through the Years."

Another segment of the festival was the Junior League-sponsored student art exhibit. This art exhibit and contest has been a part of the Camellia Show for many years and is designed to encourage young artists and to give them a chance to exhibit some of their outstanding work. There were over 100 youngsters from the city schools participating in this year's contest. The winners, one from each grade from elementary through high school, are awarded prizes by the Junior League. Co-Chairmen of the contest were Danyle Maughn and Charleen Dowling.

During the two-day festival entertainment was provided by members of the Arts and Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa. Some of the entertainment included the Classical Guitar Society, the Bell Choir, the Community Dancers, a modern dance group, a barbershop quartet, and Jazz Ensemble A.

In addition to the blooms, arrangements, student art contest and live entertainment, members of the West Alabama Art Association had an exhibit. It included painting in oil and acrylic, etched glass, macrame and pottery. Visitors were given a chance to vote for their favorite.

During the times that the festival was open to the public, an artist working in charcoal and water colors was giving demonstrations.

This combined effort by the West Alabama Camellia Club, the Junior League and the Arts and Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa was attended by over 5,000 during the two days. It was deemed a huge success and will be expanded next year. This show and festival provides an excellent opportunity for the public to enjoy many different types of artists at work and is one of the few cultural events in Tuscaloosa that is free to the public.

—ACS—

'Dr. Clifford Parks' Receives Award

At the Modesto meeting of the ACS, Dr. James M. Habel, Jr., Chairman of the Exhibitions and Awards Committee announced that the hybrid camellia 'Dr. Clifford Parks' had been awarded the ACS coveted Harris Hybrid Award. This camellia is a cross of *C. reticulata* 'Crimson Robe' x *C. japonica* 'Kramer's Supreme' made by Dr. Clifford R. Parks. It was named, grown and introduced by David L. Feathers. Mr. Feathers accepted the award for Dr. Parks who was unable to attend a meeting. For a color picture of this lovely flower see page 25 of *The Camellia Journal*, "Hybrids: Camellias of Tomorrow", November 1975.

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary/Editor

THE MODESTO MEETING

Because of the early deadline for this issue, we are not able to include our complete article about the glorious ACS Annual Meeting held in Modesto on March 17-20. We also could not meet the deadline for the "Highlights of the Minutes of the Governing Board and Board of Trustees." Both of these articles will be in the August issue.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Since our last issue we have gained four new Life Members; we did lose one in the death of Mrs. Mike Witman. The new ones are: Mrs. P. J. Marice, Mobile, Ala.; Dr. Akito Naguchi, Japan; Mrs. L. S. Venable, College Park, Ga.; and Mrs. David T. Oates, Fayetteville, N. C. as a gift in memory of her late husband David by Mr. and Mrs. Clay B. Foreman. This brings us now to 194, only six short of the mythical 200 Life Members!

SNIPPETS

Many have asked about a source of 6-Furfurylaminopurine (Kinetin) as mentioned on pages 34-37 of *The American Camellia Yearbook - 1976*. Thanks to Mel Gum, we have a source; it is Cal. Bio. Chem., P. O. Box 12087, San Diego, CA 92112.

We have heard via the grapevine that Louis Squyres has made a cash award of \$100.00 per semester for two school years for the outstanding student in the Ornamental Horticultural Program at Tyler Junior College. This wonderful grant of \$400.00 is being made in cooperation with the Men's Garden Club of Tyler. This is a new Horticulture Department there and it has a new building and greenhouse costing some \$600,000.00.

Harold Paige answered my letter of congratulations for his 90th birthday

by sending me an article that our life spans may be stretched to as much as 800 years as a result of breaking down the process of aging! I wonder what camellias will be like 739 years from now?

The Mayor of Warner Robins, Ga. wrote us, "I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the camellias that were used in the decorations and corsages at the inauguration of the new Mayor and City Council of Warner Robins . . ." We also supplied good blooms for the Boy Scouts for their Mothers' Day banquet. It is really great to hear the enthusiastic thanks for blooms from various civic groups that enjoy your Massee Lane gardens.

We hope that you did not cancel your show because of a bad winter. Mrs. Arthur A. Cornell of Augusta, Ga. wrote that "Despite the cold weather we had a nice show even though small. Only 541 blooms, 23 from outdoors, were in the show. The attendance was small also. *The spirit and interest was as great as ever.*" Carl R. Amason, Show Chairman in Calion, Arkansas wrote, "We almost called the show off, and now all the members are warmly congratulating themselves for going on with the show." Not to be outdone by the other plant groups in "far away Tulsa", Harry Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grootemaat in Tulsa, Oklahoma held a camellia display—a first for the outstanding Garden Center, a first for Tulsa and probably the first for Oklahoma — on January 16th. There was a good display of blooms not in competition, and some enthusiasm was "whipped up" and three new members for the ACS resulted from this "labor of love" on the part of these wonderful ACS members in Tulsa. Thank you!

The coldest winter in decades in middle Georgia; one of the finest dis-



(Photo by James A. Henkel)

plays of out-of-door camellias at Massee Lane. The blooms were late in coming, but what a glorious sight we have had for almost a month. Helen Teeter will do an article on the best-of-the-best for cold weather for the August issue. We hope others will also respond on the best and the worst camellias for cold weather; we might be able to work up a good article for the 1977 *Yearbook*.

The Plains phenomena has greatly increased the work load on the small staff here at Massee Lane. No day goes by without several groups of people stopping by to see the camellias, the gardens and the Boehm collection. Hundreds have swarmed in during the clear and warm Sunday afternoons of March. Today as I write this (March 30, 1977) we have had people from Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, Florida and Ohio.

Y'ahl cum home, heah! Yes, Savannah is one of the homes of the ACS due much in part by the late Judge Arthur Solomon. The Fall Meeting of the ACS will be held in this historic city during November 10-13, 1977. Articles, details and ads will be in the August issue. However, make your plans now; you might want to come a few days early and take in the Middle Georgia Camellia Society's Show held here at Massee Lane on November 5-6.

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'Gee Homeyer'

A.C.S. Reg. No. 1264

This intra-specific hybrid ('Elizabeth Boardman' x 'Dixie Knight') was originated by Dr. Walter F. Homeyer, Jr. of Macon, Georgia. This lovely formal double, which has also variegated, is a glowing pink with darker veins. It measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches in diameter ($4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches when gibbed) and has a depth of between $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 inches. The flower will hold on the bush for as much as two weeks and falls in one piece—it does not shatter. It blooms mid-season. We have had outstanding blooms at Massee Lane and included blooms of this to the White House for the Ford family for Thanksgiving and for the Carter family during the inauguration.

(Color separation courtesy of Dr. Homeyer.)