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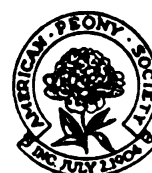
CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is open to both professional and amateur growers. Nomination is not necessary for those desiring admission, but a list of applicants for membership is presented to the Society at its annual meeting and the names are there voted upon.

Those who make application for membership at any time receive the current publications of the Society as they are issued.

The dues are \$3.00 a year, of which \$1.00 is toward a year's subscription to the American Peony Society BULLETIN. *All checks covering membership dues should be made to The American Peony Society and sent to the Secretary with application for membership.* Dues in future are to run from January 1st to January 1st of the following year.

Back BULLETINS of the Society will be charged for at the rate of 25 cents per copy and 50 cents for the Symposium Number (No. 14). To non-members these prices are doubled. No BULLETINS available prior to No. 13.



AMERICAN Peony Society Bulletin

JUNE, 1947

The President's Message

After my election as president of the American Peony Society our secretary informed me that it was traditional for each new incoming president to write a "President's Message." I have pondered over this and wondered if it would be more appropriate to make it a fireside chat or a state of the union discussion. The problems confronting the American Peony Society seem to lend themselves to both a friendly, chummy discussion and a recital of cold facts and figures.

To begin with it seems of first importance that the membership of the society be increased. This problem was up for considerable discussion at the meeting of your board of directors at Boston. It was decided that a membership drive be attempted. Foremost in this drive is a membership contest. The rules of this contest are explained elsewhere in this Bulletin. A number of our originators and growers have offered some of their best new varieties as prizes. This prize list will grow as we are able to contact others. You will note that the contest is divided into three sections: one for the ladies, one for the men and one for the commercial growers. This arrangement should give everybody a chance. I want to appeal to every member to get into this contest. The prize list will be long and everybody has a chance. The membership roster like the sales of a business is the lifeblood of any organization. Your board of directors has many ambitious plans for you but many of these plans require financing. A new manual, regional plantings, comprehensive and regional symposiums, etc., are all on the agenda. Only an increased and active membership will bring many of these to fruition. Let us all at least get into that qualifying list of five new members. Only one new member by every old member will double our membership. The Chairman of the membership committee, Mr. Christman, or myself will welcome any suggestions to further the membership drive. The success of this lies very close to my heart and I can assure you that I shall do everything in my power to further it. Nothing would make me more happy than to find that we have added three or four hundred new members to our roll during the coming year.

On the subject of finances and memberships I cannot refrain from pointing out that our delinquent list is much too large. I am fully convinced that this is not intentional. I am sure that 99% of it is mostly procrastination. Don't put it off by saying to yourself, "I'll mail it when I get to the post office or when I have my check book handy." Do it now as your Society (even though it represents your hobby) must be run as a business. Every paid up delinquent is as good as a new member. Please mail in those delinquent dues payments today.

The cost of printing our Bulletins has increased considerably in the past several years. Your board of directors has discussed raising the three dollar

annual dues. No definite action on this was taken. If our membership drive should be a success this might not then be necessary.

The matter of publicity for the Society was also discussed at Boston by the board of directors. It was decided that the president appoint a publicity committee. I am in the process of doing that and hope to induce several of our members who I know to be top-notch advertising men to serve on it. In the meantime don't neglect to get in that little lick for the peony and the Society at every opportunity.

In conclusion I want to also urge our members to write at least one article for our Bulletin in the coming year. One of the problems of our secretary and editor of our Bulletin is to get enough articles to fill each issue. At this point I should like to tell our membership of an incident that happened at the meeting of our membership present at Boston. Mr. Christman was discussing at some length the problem of getting the Bulletin ready for the press. He stressed the problem of getting enough articles for it and asked all those present to raise their hands if they would write an article in the next thirty days. Most of the hands were raised and I am asking all our members to raise their hands. I knew you would.

We now have one of the finest and oldest floral societies in the United States. Let us make it doubly good by doubling our membership in 1947-1948.

MARVIN C. KARRELS,
President, American Peony Society.



Report of the Annual Meeting of the American Peony Society

HELD IN HORTICULTURAL HALL, 300 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.,
BOSTON, MASS., JUNE 17th, 1947. 8:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by President Peyton.

The first order of business was to be an address by the President but Mr. Peyton stated he would defer his talk and go right into the regular order of business.

The Secretary's report was next in order. This was presented by the Secretary and follows herewith.

June 1st, 1947.

To the Directors, Officers and Members
of the American Peony Society.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting my report for the past year we are glad there has been a steady growth in the way of new members that more than offset the number removed from our list for non-payment of dues. There seems to have been considerable unrest and many members have migrated to new sections of the country, some moving to sections not so well adapted to the growing of peonies. Others have joined more as a passing fancy or due to a keen urge when the flowers were in bloom, particularly peonies. This condition exists to a small degree each year and it is constantly necessary to add new members to our list.

In bulletin No. 104 we gave you a list of mailing, showing where the bulletins go. This list did not include the bulletins that are sent as exchange for publi-

cations of other horticultural societies nor to the various libraries throughout the country which would bring the list slightly over the 900 mark.

I am sure many of our members must have been impressed by the woefully poor showing in some districts where we feel the membership should be greatly enlarged. We will not point out any of these sections but will let the report speak for itself. I think there is considerable food for thought in this statement and shows conclusively that something should and must be done about it. The popularity of the peony is not lessening, in fact I feel positive from sales being made that just the reverse condition exists. This is one of several matters that your secretary urges be remedied in the very near future. We cannot work single handed and accomplish much in this respect but with the hearty support of all our members we can accomplish a great deal that will be reflected in future reports.

With increased costs of most every commodity we have just about broken even as far as revenue and expenses are concerned. I wish to state at this point that recent illness in the family has resulted in delayed statements covering unpaid dues and advertising that we had planned to have cleaned up before this report was made. This will add a few hundred dollars to our balance but it will not be sufficient to carry out the planned activities of the Society in preparing a new manual, etc. There are many things to be done but with limited resources, it is not feasible to undertake them at the present time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank every member who has co-operated in the securing of new members or contributed articles for the bulletin. Much of the delay in getting out the quarterly bulletins is due to the fact that we do not have sufficient material on hand to complete them. This is YOUR bulletin and we want your help in making it one of the best. We would like to see an assistant editor appointed to assist in this work of securing articles.

In all my many years' experience of handling the bulletin, I have never experienced greater difficulties than during the past year. Paper shortage, and numerous other obstacles contributed in countless delays and annoyances beyond our control. This resulted in additional correspondence. We have also experienced much difficulty in getting bulletins through to our members. Some reports reached me that more than two weeks have elapsed between the time of mailing and receipt of bulletin, when two days should be ample to make delivery. We feel quite confident that the year ahead will not have the headaches for us, or at least we are optimistic enough to hope this will be true.

During the past year we have added 123 new members, four of which are life members. This is slightly less than the 134 added in 1945-46 period. We have received a number of new members since the first of June that will not appear on this report. Many requests for information regarding the Society have been received which means new members in most instances.

Remittances to the Treasurer follow:

July 5th, 1946.....	\$ 348.80
July 24th, 1946.....	614.93
August 31st, 1946.....	222.05
October 30th, 1946.....	205.70
December 14th, 1946.....	146.65
January 14th, 1947.....	214.20
February 17th, 1947.....	177.40
March 17th, 1947.....	78.25
April 18th, 1947.....	94.80

Total remittances \$2102.78

The above amounts represent the following:

Renewal of dues	\$1348.70
New members	356.35
Life members	97.00
Advertising	10.00
Manual account	220.28
Back Bulletins	37.70
Registration fee	31.50
Membership cut	1.25
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	\$2102.78

Vouchers drawn on the Treasurer follow:

Voucher	Date	Items covered	Amount
29	7-26-46	Printing	\$ 48.50
30	7-26-46	Auditing Treasurer's record	10.00
31	7-26-46	Medals from Medallie Art Co.....	17.72
32	7-26-46	Award ribbons for Rockford Show.....	43.53
33	7-26-46	Engraving medals Esterly Eng. Co.....	13.68
34	7-26-46	Expense Rockford Show, 2 trips.....	28.50
35	9-23-46	Printing	56.50
36	9-23-46	Mailing bulletins	8.40
37	9-23-46	Printing Bulletin 102 (1100 copies).....	322.00
38	9-23-46	First quarterly Secretary's salary.....	150.00
39	9-23-46	Postage and express.....	32.09
40	10-21-46	This voucher cancelled	
41	10-21-46	Printing 2000 envelopes	11.75
42	1-16-47	Second quarterly salary for Secretary.....	150.00
43	1-16-47	Postage	30.49
44	2- 6-47	Printing bulletin 103, (1100 copies).....	348.50
45	2- 6-47	Mailing bulletin No. 103.....	8.18
46	2-27-47	Medals from Medallie Art Co.....	50.28
47	2-27-47	Medals from Medallie Art Co.....	25.38
48	2-27-47	Third quarterly salary of Secretary.....	150.00
49	3- 3-47	Refund double payment for bulletins.....	2.50
50	5-22-47	Printing bulletin 104 (1200 copies and 250 extra copies schedule Boston).....	428.40
51	5-29-47	Fourth quarterly salary Secretary.....	150.00
52	5-29-47	Postage	15.23
53	6- 2-47	Printing 1000 Questionnaires	11.50

Total disbursements \$2113.13

The manuals have been sold with the exception of 6 copies which we are keeping on hand for future reference work.

As conditions get down to a normal basis again we feel it will be reflected in our future activities. I look for continued progress and welfare of our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CHRISTMAN,
Secretary.

Mr. Karrels made a motion that the report be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Thurlow and carried.

The Treasurer's report was next in order. Due to delay in mail transportation this report was not received in time for the Annual Meeting but was received the following morning and read at the regular meeting of the Directors. It appears herewith in full.

AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY
W. W. COOK, TREASURER
REPORT ON
EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS
PERIOD ENDED JUNE 12, 1947

Board of Directors,
American Peony Society.
Gentlemen:

I have audited the records of Mr. W. W. Cook, Treasurer, from June 12, 1946, to June 12, 1947, and submit the following statements:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 12, 1947
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS

It is my opinion, based upon my examination, that the accompanying statements correctly show the financial condition of The American Peony Society at June 12, 1947 and the operations for the year ended the same date.

Respectfully,

FRED A. PERKINS,
Public Accountant (Iowa)

Clinton, Iowa
June 13, 1947

AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY
W. W. COOK, TREASURER, CLINTON, IOWA
SUBMITTED BY TREASURER AS OF JUNE 12, 1946
ASSETS

Cash:	
Clinton National Bank, Clinton, Iowa.....	\$ 240.87
Other Assets:	
Inventory of Peony Manuals— 6 at \$1.65.....	9.90
	\$ 250.77

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 11.50
Surplus:	
Balance June 12, 1947.....	239.27
	\$ 250.77

AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY
W. W. COOK, TREASURER, CLINTON, IOWA
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JUNE 12, 1946, TO JUNE 12, 1947

Cash Balance June 12, 1946.....	\$ 246.40
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RECEIPTS

1946

July 11	From Secretary.....	\$ 348.80
July 30	From Secretary.....	614.93
Sept. 7	From Secretary.....	222.05
Nov. 6	From Secretary.....	205.70
Dec. 19	From Secretary.....	146.65

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Jan. 20	From Secretary.....	214.20
Feb. 21	From Secretary.....	177.40
Mar. 21	From Secretary.....	78.25
Apr. 24	From Secretary.....	94.80

Total Receipts 2,102.78

Total \$2,349.18

DISBURSEMENTS

By Treasurer on Orders.....	\$2,101.63
Exchange Paid by Treasurer.....	.53
Check Returned—Post Dated.....	6.15

Total Disbursements 2,108.31

Cash Balance June 12, 1947..... \$ 240.87

Election of Directors next order of the program. The Directors whose terms expired in 1947 were Harry F. Little, W. H. Thurlow and Dr. Earle B. White.

The names of Mr. Frank Moots and Mr. Wm. Brown were added to the regular list of retiring directors and vote was taken by ballot which resulted in Messrs. Moots, Thurlow and Brown being elected for a term of four years.

The matter of a meeting place for the next annual meeting and show was discussed. As we had received no formal invitation Mr. Peyton stated that Mr. Wister would like the Society to meet at Swarthmore College to view the tree peonies when at their best, and to have a meeting of the Society in the regular manner.

Mr. N. van Loon of Newton, N. J. thought it best not to give up our annual exhibition.

Miss Mabel Franklin expressed the thought that tree peonies could not be grown to any great extent in many sections of the country and thought it best to have a regular show at some desirable location.

Walter Lindgren also expressed the wish that we continue with our regular shows. After considerable discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Secretary to secure a place for our annual show and meeting. Any members who can make the trip to Swarthmore will be well repaid for the trip as there is a grand lot of the finest tree peonies to be found anywhere growing to perfection under Mr. Wister's careful supervision and that of his associates.

The matter of new business was then discussed. Mr. van Loon asked if there was any ruling that the bulletin could not come out at any time. He wants the change made so that the bulletins can be issued February, May, August and November. After some discussion it was decided to make the changes as

suggested as soon as it could be arranged. If adopted at this time it would make only three issues this year and according to postal regulations we are obliged to get these bulletins out at periods at least four per year. The change can be made with the beginning of the year and in that way comply with the postal regulations, or an extra issue (small edition) of the bulletin could be prepared this season to keep within the postal requirements.

The question of schedules was next brought up by Mr. van Loon, who thought they should be more uniform and not so complicated. Mr. Moots expressed his opinion that they were quite uniform. It is necessary to have them flexible as a set schedule is not applicable to all situations.

The matter of a new Manual was brought up and considerable discussion ensued on just how it should be handled and how the book should be made up. Mr. Karrels showed a loose leaf binder and thought if the Manual was printed in a loose leaf form a supplement could be printed each year and easily added to the original publication to keep it up to date. The loose leaf binder shown by Mr. Karrels was a very substantial one but would bring the cost of the manual considerably higher than it was thought necessary.

Mr. Thurlow brought up the matter of changing the notation on the front of the quarterly bulletin referring to the annual subscription to read \$3.00 instead of \$1.00 as shown.

Mr. Peyton suggested that definite addresses of officers and directors and the various standing committees, such as the schedule committee, nomenclature committee, manual committee, etc., and also a short item setting forth the advantages of being a member of the Society. Also request suggestions for enlarging the membership.

The matter of Mr. Gayles' proposal for a change in the by-laws and re-districting of the various zones was next entertained. Mr. Karrels suggested that inasmuch as the meeting represented but a few of the members, he thought best that the matter be deferred for a later meeting. A motion was made as follows:

In view of the small representation of the Society, we feel a matter of such importance should not be acted upon at this meeting and that it be postponed for another year. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Moots offered a motion that a committee be appointed for a revision of the by-laws of the Society in any way considered necessary. Motion seconded and carried. Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Karrels and Mr. Thurlow were appointed on this committee. Mr. Thurlow chosen Chairman.

On motion, properly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to write the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for their fine co-operation they extended the American Peony Society and for the able assistance and fine work of their Secretary, Mr. Arno H. Nehrling.

As no other matters came up for consideration, a motion for adjournment was favorably acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. CHRISTMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD IN BOSTON, MASS., HORTICULTURAL HALL, JUNE 17TH, 1947

Directors present, Peyton, Thurlow, Karrels, Claybaugh, Lindgren, Christman and Saunders. Represented by proxy, Brand and Cook. This meeting was called chiefly to discuss the election of Directors for the annual meeting and make recommendations. The questionnaire sent out in Bulletin No. 104 did not bring in sufficient recommendations to pass upon.

Mr. Frank Moots of Newton, Kansas was suggested for a new member of the board of directors. Motion was made by Mr. Karrels and seconded by Mr. Lindgren. Carried.

Mr. Wm. Brown of Elora, Ontario was also suggested as a Director as it was felt that we should have more representation in Canada. Moved by Mr. Claybaugh that Mr. Brown be nominated at the annual meeting for Director. Seconded by Mr. Thurlow. Carried.

The Directors whose terms expired were Harry F. Little, Dr. Earle B. White and W. H. Thurlow.

Business matters to be taken up at the regular Directors' meeting were not discussed and Mr. Karrels moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CHRISTMAN, *Secretary*.

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REPORT OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, HORTICULTURAL HALL, BOSTON, MASS., JUNE 18TH, 1947, 9 A. M.

The regular meeting of the Directors was called for 9 A.M., the morning of the 18th of June. Directors present, Peyton, Lindgren, Thurlow, Saunders, Moots, Christman, and Claybaugh. Mr. Brand and Cook were represented by proxy, the Secretary being appointed by them to act in their stead. Mr. Wasenberg was not present at any of the meetings.

Meeting called to order by President Peyton.

The first matter of business was the election of officers.

Mr. Claybaugh made a motion that Mr. Karrels be nominated for President, seconded by Mr. Moots and carried. As no other nominations were made Mr. Karrels was elected to the office. Mr. Peyton turned over the chair to Mr. Karrels who presided for the rest of the meeting.

Election of Vice President next in order. Mr. Peyton made a motion that Mr. Frank Moots be elected to the office. Seconded by W. F. Christman and carried. As no other nominations were presented Mr. Moots was duly elected to the office.

Next office to be filled was that of Secretary. Mr. Peyton moved that the present secretary be re-elected for another term. Seconded by Mr. Claybaugh and carried.

Office of Treasurer next in order. Mr. Peyton moved that the present Treasurer be returned to office for another year. Motion seconded and carried.

The matter of the Manual was next taken up and Mr. Karrels appointed Mr. Peyton as Chairman of the Manual Committee. Mr. Roy G. Gayle, W. F. Christman, Walter Lindgren and Mr. Karrels will act on this committee.

A Publicity Committee was also suggested by Mr. Peyton. This was put in the form of a motion, seconded and carried.

Mr. James Mason of Chicago, Ill., was appointed chairman and the other two members were to be appointed later.

This publicity committee was expressly appointed to secure more interest in the peony and to solicit members for building up the Society. Several suggestions were presented as to the best method of doing this and it was thought that by offering very worthy varieties of peonies, a list of which will appear later in the bulletin, it might be an incentive for our members to try and secure and interest new members. These peonies, or prizes suggested, will only be obtainable by amateurs and the professionals may secure some other citation that will

make it worth their while to get members. The plan is to be worked out later and presented in the bulletin. To start the ball rolling Mr. Christman offered a root of *Victory*, Mr. Peyton the variety *Mattie Lafuze*, Mr. Karrels a root of *Tondeleyo*, Mr. Thurlow offered the variety *Rapture* and Mr. Moots a root of *Elsa Sass*. We want to get a list of at least 20 fine varieties from which the winners can make selections as an award for their efforts to get new members.

At this point of the meeting Mr. Cook's annual report was received and presented. Mr. Moots moved that the report be accepted as read. Seconded by Mr. Lindgren and carried.

As there was no further business, Mr. Peyton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Lindgren and passed.



Report on Annual Show

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION

AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,

JUNE 17, 18, 1947

Hosts: The MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

LIST OF AWARDS AND VARIETIES SHOWN:

Class No. 1 Gold Medal Class. Collection of 50-60 varieties, one bloom each.
OPEN TO ALL. One entry.

First Prize: Gold Medal of American Peony Society. Neal R. van Loon. *Adolphe Rousseau*, A. G. Perry, *Alsace-Lorraine*, *Auguste Dessert*, *Cherry Hill*, E. B. Browning, *Ella Christiansen*, *Frances Willard*, *Georgiana Shaylor*, *Grace Loomis*, *Hansina Brand*, *Judge Berry*, *June Brilliant*, *Kelway's Queen*, *Lady Alexandra Duff*, *La France*, *La Lorraine*, *Lillian Gumm*, *Longfellow*, *Luetta Pfeiffer*, *Marie Crousse*, *Martha Bulloch*, *Mattie Lafuze*, *Mme. Jules Dessert*, *Mons. Jules Elie*, *Mons. Martin Cahuzac*, *Mrs. A. M. Brand*, *Mrs. J. H. Neeley*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Mrs. Deane Funk*, *Nick Shaylor*, *Phyllis Kelway*, *Pink Monarch*, *President Taft (Reine Hortense)*, *President Wilson*, *R. A. Napier*, *Ruth Elizabeth*, *Sarah Bernhardt*, *Solange*, *Tempest*, *Tourangelle*, *Venus*, *Walter Faxon*, *Yukon*; *Fuji-zome-gorono*, *Gay Paree*, *Isani Gidui*, *Moon of Nippon*: *Arcturus*, *Dancing Nymph*, *Kankakee*.

No. 2. THE OUT-OF-STATE CLASS. 1 entry. First: Moots Family. *Coral Queen*, *Elsa Sass*, *Evening Star*, *Hans P. Sass*, *Mary B. Vories*, *Minuet*, *Mrs. J. H. Neeley*, *Myrtle Gentry*, *Ruth Elizabeth*, *T. C. Thurlow*.

SPECIMEN BLOOM CLASSES 3-20. One variety, one bloom. Four awards.

DOUBLES

No. 3. White: First: Roy G. Gayle, *Le Cygne*. Second: Moots Family, *Moonglow*. Third: Myron D. Bigger, *Mrs. Frank Beach*. Fourth: N. R. van Loon, *Mrs. J. V. Edlund*. 4 entries.

No. 4. Flesh: First: Myron D. Bigger, *Hansina Brand*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Victory*. Third: Moots Family, *Mary B. Vories*. Fourth: Frank Stoll, *Sanctuary*. 6 Entries.

No. 5. Light Pink: First: Neal R. van Loon, *Nick Shaylor*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Myrtle Gentry*. Third: Moots Family, *Dorothy J*. Fourth: Myron D. Bigger, *Minuet*. 4 entries.

- No. 6. Medium Pink. First: Moots Family, *Sarah Bernhardt*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Walter Faxon*. Third: N. R. van Loon, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*. Fourth: Myron D. Bigger, *Lady Orchid*. 5 entries.
- No. 7. Dark Pink. First: Myron D. Bigger, *Blanche King*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Pink Monarch*. Third: Roy G. Gayle, *John Howard Wigell*. Fourth: N. R. van Loon, *Walter Faxon*. 4 entries.
- No. 8. Red. First: Moots Family, *Ziba*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Adolphe Rousseau*. Third: N. R. van Loon, *Lora Dexheimer*. Fourth: Frank Stoll, *Ruth Elizabeth*. 6 entries.
- No. 9. Yellow predominating: First: Roy G. Gayle, *Fanny Crosby*. 1 entry.
- No. 10. SEMI-DOUBLES. Any color. First, Second, Third: N. R. van Loon, *Phyllis Kelway*, *Lady Alexandra Duff*, *A. G. Perry*. 3 entries.

JAPANESE

- No. 11. White or Flesh: First: N. R. van Loon, *Isani Gidui*. 1 entry.
- No. 12. Pink. First: Myron D. Bigger, *Westerner*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Fuji-zome-gorono*. 2 entries.
- No. 13. Red. First: N. R. van Loon, *Nippon Beauty*. 1 entry.

SINGLES

- No. 14. White or Flesh: First: N. R. van Loon, *Krinkled White*. 1 entry.
- No. 15. Pink. First and Second: N. R. van Loon, *Angelus*, *Dancing Nymph*. 2 entries.
- No. 16. Red. First: N. R. van Loon, *Kankakee*. 1 entry.

HERBACEOUS HYBRIDS AND SPECIES

- No. 17. Double and No. 18, Japanese. No entries.
- No. 19. Single, any color. First: Roy G. Gayle, *Flame*. 1 entry.

TREE PEONIES

- No. 20. Any type, color. No entry.

OPEN CLASSES

- No. 21. Ten varieties, double, three blooms each. No entry.
- No. 22. Collection hybrids and species. No entry.
- No. 23. Collection tree peonies. No entry.

SEEDLINGS AND NEW VARIETIES

- No. 24. *Albiflora* seedlings that have never been propagated. 1 entry. No award.
- No. 25. Hybrid seedlings that have never been propagated. No entry.
- No. 26. *Albiflora* seedlings that have been propagated. Certificate of Honorable Mention to Myron D. Bigger of Topeka, Kansas for No. 52-37. Double, medium pink with a white undertone. Medium height. Medium size. Effect light pink.
- No. 27. Hybrid seedlings that have been propagated. No entry.
- No. 28. Tree peony seedlings that have been propagated or not. No entry.
- No. 29. NEW VARIETIES. 1 entry. No award.
- No. 30. Special. No award.
- No. 31. AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL IN SILVER awarded to Myron D. Bigger for *Westerner*, medium pink Jap. Very large, strong stems, dark green foliage. Guards medium pink, staminodes bright yellow, carpels tipped pink. Disc pink. Very distinctive.

- No. 32. JAMES BOYD MEMORIAL MEDAL awarded to Cherry Hill Nurseries for their display in the Main Exhibition Hall. Massachusetts Horticultural Society Class Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

- No. 33. Basket. No entry.
No. 34. Vase. Moots Family. First. 1 entry.
No. 35. Bowl. No entry.

ADVANCED AMATEUR CLASSES

- No. 101. AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL. 25-30 varieties, one bloom each. 1 entry. Awarded Moots Family, A. B. Franklin, Coral Queen, Dolorodell, Dorothy J., Dr. Christopher Graham, Elsa Sass, Enchanteresse, Evening Star, Grace Loomis, Hansina Brand, Hans P. Sass, Lulu Little, Mary B. Vories, Minuet, Milton Hill, Mont Blanc, Moonglow, Mrs. Frank Beach, Mrs. Harry F. Little, Mrs. J. H. Neeley, Myrtle Gentry, Nimbus, Raoul Dessert, Ruth Elizabeth, Walter Faxon, Ziba.

CLASSES 102-111. THREE BLOOMS. One Variety

DOUBLES

- No. 102. White or Flesh. First: Roy G. Gayle, *Le Cygne*. 1 entry.
No. 103. Light Pink. First: Roy G. Gayle, *Therese*. 1 entry.
No. 104. Medium or Dark Pink. First: Roy G. Gayle, *John Howard Wigell*. 1 entry.
No. 105. Red. No entry.
JAPANESE. Nos. 106-108 inc. White, pink, red. No entries.
SINGLES. Nos. 109-111 inc. White, pink, red. No entries.

AMATEUR CLASSES

- No. 201. AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL CLASS. 10-15 varieties, one bloom each. No entry.
No. 202. White, double. First and Second. Louis Smirnow, Mrs. Harry F. Little, Elsa Sass.
No. 203. Pink, double. First: Louis Smirnow, *Martha Bulloch*. Second: Harry L. Smith, *Rosanna Shrader*.
No. 204. Red, double. No entry.
No. 205. Japanese any color. First: Louis Smirnow, Mrs. Wilder Bancroft. 1 entry.
No. 206. Single any color. First: Louis Smirnow, *Imperial Red*. 1 entry.
No. 207. Collection five varieties one bloom each. No entry.
No. 208. Collection three varieties Japanese, any color, one bloom. No entry.
No. 209. Collection singles three varieties, any color. 1 bloom each. No entry.

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—
JUNE PEONY SHOW

- Class No. 1. Display to cover 400 sq. ft. any or all varieties. First: Cherry Hill Nurseries.
No. 2. Display to cover 200 sq. ft. any variety or varieties. First: Cherry Hill Nurseries. Second: Cherry Hill Nurseries.

- No. 3. Display to cover 100 sq. ft. any variety or varieties. First: Cherry Hill Nurseries.
- No. 4. Twenty-five blooms arranged for effect: First: Cherry Hill Nurseries.
- No. 5. Collection not to exceed 25 varieties, one bloom each, rating 8.5 or over. First: Roy G. Gayle, *Angelus*, *Arcturus*, *Cherry Hill*, *Fanny Crosby*, *Le Jour*, *Marietta Sisson*, *Mons. Martin Cahuzac*, *Mrs. Edward Harding*, *Nanette*, *Pride of Langport*, *Richard Carvel*, *Therese*, *Victory Chateau Thierry*. Second: Cherry Hill Nurseries: *Adolphe Rousseau*, *Bertrade*, *Cherry Hill*, *Coronation*, *Festive Maxima*, *Frankie Curtis*, *Helen*, *Judge Berry*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Luetta Pfieffer*, *Mons. Jules Elie*, *Mrs. Edward Harding*, *Octavie Demay*, *Pride of Langport*, *Priscilla Alden*, *Richard Carvel*, *Rosette*, *Standard Bearer*, *Therese*.
- No. 6. Collection 20 varieties. No entry.
- No. 7. Six blooms, pink, one variety. First: N. R. van Loon, *Rose Shaylor*. Second: N. R. van Loon, *Sarah Bernhardt*. 2 entries.
- No. 8. Six blooms, white, one variety: First: N. R. van Loon, *Kelway's Glorious*. 1 entry.
- No. 9. Six blooms, red, one variety. First: N. R. van Loon, *Nippon Beauty*.
- No. 10. Collection. Not over ten single varieties, one bloom each: First: Roy G. Gayle, *Arcturus*, *Flanders Fields*, *Imperial Red*, *Pico*, *President Lincoln*, *Pride of Langport*. 1 entry.
- No. 11. Collection. Not over six Japanese. No entry.
- No. 12. Collection six doubles, white, one flower each. No entry.
- No. 13. Collection six doubles, deep pink, one each. No entry.
- No. 14. Collection six doubles, light pink, one bloom each. No entry.
- No. 15. Collection six doubles, red or crimson, one each. No entry.
- No. 16. Specimen Peony Bloom, any variety, Amateurs only. No entry.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Blue ribbon to Garden and Flower Club of Boston for display of peonies.

White ribbon to Martin J. Buck, Chestnut Hill for display of peonies.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF HYBRID HERBACEOUS AND TREE PEONIES

Made by Prof. A. P. Saunders, Clinton, New York.

Herbaceous: 47 varieties, 15 under number and the following 32 named: *Alexander Woolcott*, *Cecilia*, *Cardinal's Robe*, *Constance Spry*, *Coralie*, *Ellen Crowley*, *Fidelity*, *Garden Peace*, *Grace Root*, *Great Lady*, *Janice*, *Julia Grant*, *Jean Crowley*, *Legion of Honor*, *Liberator*, *Lovely Rose*, *Ludovica*, *Mamie*, *Marta*, *Mercy*, *Madrigal*, *Montezuma*, *Red Cockade*, *Reward*, *Red Red Rose*, *Rose Diamond*, *Rose Garland*, *Rosy Wreath*, *Sophie*, *Spring Song*, *Tantrums*, *Your Majesty*.

Tree: 24 varieties, 7 under number and 17 named as follows: *Argosy*, *Age of Gold*, *Banquet*, *Black Pirate*, *Black Douglas*, *Countess*, *Dare Devil*, *Festival*, *Festival's Sister*, *Golden Hind*, *Holiday*, *Infanta*, *Open Your Eyes*, *Phoenix*, *Regent*, *Roman Gold*, *Souvenir de Maxime Cornu*.

COURT OF HONOR

BEST DOUBLE BLOOM IN THE SHOW: B. H. Farr Memorial Medal: *Blanche King*, Myron D. Bigger.

BEST JAPANESE BLOOM IN THE SHOW: A. P. S. Bronze Medal. *Westerner*, Myron D. Bigger.

BEST SINGLE BLOOM IN THE SHOW. A. P. S. Bronze Medal. *President Lincoln*, Roy G. Gayle.

BEST HYBRID PEONY IN THE SHOW: A. P. S. Bronze Medal: *Ludovica*, Prof. A. P. Saunders.

BEST WHITE DOUBLE: *Le Cygne*, Roy G. Gayle.
 BEST FLESH DOUBLE: *Hansina Brand*, Myron D. Bigger.
 BEST LIGHT PINK DOUBLE: *Nick Shaylor*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST MEDIUM PINK DOUBLE: *Sarah Bernhardt*, Moots Family.
 BEST DARK PINK DOUBLE: *Blanche King*, Myron D. Bigger.
 BEST RED DOUBLE: *Ziba*, Moots Family.
 BEST NEAR YELLOW DOUBLE: *Fanny Crosby*, Roy G. Gayle.
 BEST SEMI-DOUBLE: *Phyllis Kelway*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST WHITE OR FLESH JAPANESE: *Isani Gidui*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST PINK JAPANESE: *Westerner*, Myron D. Bigger.
 BEST RED JAPANESE: Not chosen.
 BEST WHITE OR FLESH SINGLE: *Krinkled White*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST PINK SINGLE: *Angelus*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST RED SINGLE: *Kankakee*, N. R. van Loon.
 BEST HYBRID DOUBLE: Not chosen.
 BEST JAPANESE HYBRID: Not chosen.
 BEST SINGLE HYBRID: *Flame*, Roy G. Gayle.
 BEST TREE PEONY: Not chosen.
 AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WINNER: *Westerner*,
 Myron D. Bigger.
 HONORABLE MENTION IN SEEDLINGS: *Bigger No. 52-37*. Pink.
 WINNER OF CLASS No. 16 M. H. S. Not chosen.

JUDGES AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

SEEDLING CLASSES:

William F. Christman, Northbrook, Illinois.
 Harry W. Claybaugh, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
 L. W. Lindgren, St. Paul, Minnesota.
 George W. Peyton, Rapidan, Virginia.
 A. P. Saunders, Clinton, New York.
 Winthrop H. Thurlow, West Newbury, Massachusetts.

OTHER A. P. S. CLASSES:

Harry W. Claybaugh, L. W. Lindgren, Winthrop H. Thurlow.
 Clerk: Louis Smirnow, Great Neck, N. Y.

JUDGES MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

CLASSES M1 TO 16:

Frank A. Allison, Weston, Massachusetts.
 C. R. Dewey, Gardner, Massachusetts.
 Peter Mezitt, Weston, Massachusetts.

SPECIAL PEONY CLASSES:

Dr. George O. Clark, Newburyport, Massachusetts.
 Ernest Borowski, Norwood, Massachusetts.
 Harold E. White, Waltham, Massachusetts.
 Q. A. Shaw McKean, Boston, Massachusetts.
 John Ellis, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

EXHIBITORS

Myron D. Bigger, R. 4, Topeka, Kansas.
 Martin J. Buck, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
 Cherry Hill Nurseries, West Newbury, Massachusetts.
 Garden and Flower Club, Boston, Massachusetts.

Roy G. Gayle, Rockford, Illinois.
 Moots Family, Newton, Kansas.
 Louis Smirnow, Great Neck, Long Island, New York.
 Harry L. Smith, Red Key, Indiana.
 Frank Stoll, Port Jervis, New York.
 A. P. Saunders, Clinton, New York.

NOTES

The relatively small number of exhibits was due to the fact that the season was very late and as the dates of the show had to be set many months in advance and could not be changed, the show missed all the local peonies except a few of the very early varieties. Thanks to our members in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey and New York, some very fine flowers were seen. Probably the most noticed variety was *Westerner*, a very fine pink Jap. which came all the way from the gardens of Myron D. Bigger, Topeka, Kansas, to win best Japanese flower in the show and the American Home Achievement Medal. Likewise Mr. Bigger sent the flower that was judged the best in the show, *Blanche King*. It was also best dark pink. It is noteworthy that he also won best dark pink in the show with this same variety in Minneapolis.

The exceedingly beautiful display of hybrid, herbaceous and tree peonies shown by Prof. Saunders would have been hard to excel anywhere. It would have been better if it had not been delayed in transit by the outrageously slow handling of the shipment by the Railway Express. Many of his blooms were spoiled because it took nearly a week for the shipment to come an overnight journey with no change of cars necessary. And that happens every day in this so-called era of fast and efficient transportation. Fifty years ago things were done far better and with more dispatch.

GEORGE W. PEYTON.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL PEONY SHOW
 MINNESOTA PEONY AND IRIS SOCIETY
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, JUNE 25-26, 1947
 LIST OF AWARDS AND VARIETIES SHOWN
 OPEN CLASSES

Class 100A. COURT OF HONOR.

BEST WHITE: Mrs. J. V. Edlund, Croix Farms.
 BEST FLESH: Alice Harding, Croix Farms.
 BEST LIGHT PINK: Minuet, Franklin Nursery.
 BEST DARK PINK: *Blanche King*, Myron D. Bigger.
 BEST RED: *Bonanza*, Franklin Nursery.
 BEST FLOWER IN THE SHOW: *Minuet*, Franklin Nursery.

Class 100B. AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL AWARD:
 Croix Farms, Martha Bulloch, Mrs. A. M. Brand, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt,
 Mrs. W. L. Gumm, *Victoire de la Marne*.

No. 101. Collection of fifty varieties double. One bloom each. First: R. W. Jones, *Admiral*, Alice Harding, *Berlioz*, *Charlene*, *Cherokee*, *Chief*, *Clemenceau*, Donald, Dr. J. H. Neeley, *Felix Crousse*, *Frankie Curtis*, *Garden Princess*, *Georgiana Shaylor*, *Hiawatha*, *Jacques Dessert*, John M. Good, Karl Rosenfield, *Lake o'Silver*, *La Lorraine*, Loren Franklin, *Madonna*, *Mammoth Rose*, Mary Brand, Mme. Edouard Doriat, Mons. Dupont, Mons. Jules Elie, *Mother's Day*, *Mount Everest*, Mrs. A. B. Franklin, Mrs. A. M. Brand, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Noel, *Onondaga*, *Red Satin*, Rev. H. N. Tragitt.

Richard Carvel, Rosalie, Rose Shaylor, Rosy Rim, Sarah Bernhardt, Shirley J., Snowball, Souvenir de Louis Bigot, To Kalon, Victory Chateau Thierry, Walter Faxon, W. E. Blanchette, W. L. Gumm, William F. Turner, Martha Bulloch.

Second: R. C. Schneider, Adolphe Rousseau, Alice Harding, Alsace-Lorraine, A. M. Slocum, Auguste Dessert, Ball o' Cotton, Ben Franklin, Carbondale, Charles McKellip, Chestine Gowdy, Cornelia Shaylor, Duchesse de Nemours, Eugenie Verdier, Frances Willard, Georgiana Shaylor, Henry Avery, H. F. Reddick, James Kelway, Jubilee, Karl Rosenfield, Kelway's Glorious, Lake o' Silver, La Lorraine, La Perle, Le Cygne, Longfellow, Lora Dexheimer, Martha Bulloch, Mary Brand, Matilda Lewis, Mme. de Verneville, Mme. Emile Lemoine, Mme. Gaudichau, Mms. Geissler, Mons. Dupont, Mons. Jules Elie, Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Mrs. Edward Harding, Octavie Demay, Opal, Petagra, Rachel (Lemoine), Red Bird, Red Top, Reine Hortense, Rosette, Souvenir de Louis Bigot, Therese, Victoire de la Marne, William F. Turner.

- No. 102. Collection ten varieties double, three blooms each. First: Croix Farms, Alice Harding, La Lorraine, Mark Twain, Martha Bulloch, Minuet Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, New Era, Sarah Bernhardt, Souvenir de Louis Bigot, Victoire de la Marne. Second: R. C. Schneider, Alice Harding, Carbondale, Frances Willard, Jubilee, La Perle, Le Cygne, Martha Bulloch, Matilda Lewis, Reine Hortense, Souvenir de Louis Bigot.
- No. 103. Ten blooms one variety, white or flesh: First: Franklin Nursery, Admiral. Second: R. C. Schneider, Jubilee. Third: R. W. Jones, Frankie Curtis. 4 entries.
- No. 104. Ten blooms one variety, light pink. First: G. H. Greaves, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt. Second: Franklin Nursery, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt. Third: R. C. Schneider, Reine Hortense. 5 entries.
- No. 105. Ten blooms, one variety, dark pink. First: Franklin Nursery, Better Times. Second: Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Walter Faxon. Third, R. W. Jones, Loren Franklin. 5 entries.
- No. 106. Ten blooms one variety, red. First: Franklin Nursery, Bonanza. Second: E. H. Lins, King Midas. Third: R. W. Jones, Irene Jones. 7 entries.
- No. 107. Vase of six varieties, double. First: Franklin Nursery, Admiral, Better Times, Bonanza, Cherokee, Hiawatha, Ramona. Second: Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Longfellow, Mrs. A. B. Franklin, Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Sarah Bernhardt, Victoria Chateau Thierry. Third: W. T. Coe, Ann Pfeiffer, Better Times, Mammoth Rose, Mark Twain, Mary Ellen, Minuet. 5 entries.
- No. 108. One bloom white. First: Croix Farms, A. B. Franklin. Second: R. C. Schneider, Le Cygne. Third: R. W. Jones, Snowball. 9 entries.
- No. 109. One bloom, flesh. First: Croix Farms, Alice Harding. Second: R. W. Jones, Rosy Rim. Third: E. H. Lins, Mrs. Harry F. Little. 8 entries.
- No. 110. One bloom, light pink. First: Croix Farms, Cornelia Shaylor. Second: Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt. Third: G. H. Greaves: Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt. 10 entries.
- No. 111. One bloom, dark pink. First: Franklin Nursery, Ramona. Second: Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Loren Franklin. Third: R. C. Schneider, Martha Bulloch. 9 entries.
- No. 112. One bloom red. First: E. H. Lins, Burma. Second: Franklin Nursery, Bonanza. Third: Croix Farms, Mary Brand. 10 entries.
- No. 113. Collection six red doubles, three blooms each: First: R. C. Schneider, Charles McKellip, H. F. Reddick, Karl Rosenfield, Longfellow, Lora Dex-

- heimer, Mrs. A. S. Gowen. 1 entry. (Another entry was placed on the floor and the judges never saw it.)
- No. 114. Collection of Japanese, one bloom each, not more than 15. First: R. W. Jones, *Fuyajo*, *Jean Ann*, *King of England*, *Gypsy Rose*, *Isani Gidui*, *Madam Butterfly*, *Mrs. Mac*, *Nippon Beauty*, *Onahama*, *Yellow King*, *Franklin No. JE 34-19*. Second: R. C. Schneider, *Ashland*, *Fuyajo*, *Gold Tip*, *Mikado*, *Osceola*, 2 not labeled.
- No. 115. Collection of singles, one bloom each. First: R. W. Jones, *Albiflora*—*The Bride*, *Departing Sun*, *Krinkled White*, *President Lincoln*, *Sea Shell*, *Single Red Seedling*, *Single Rose Seedling*. Second: Mrs. M. J. van Wageningen. This entry had five singles and one Japanese variety in it. None were named. Third: R. C. Schneider, *Departing Sun*, *Le Jour*, *Nellie*, *President Lincoln*, *Pride of Langport*, *Schwindt*. 3 entries.
- No. 116. Collection of not over 20 doubles rating 8.5 or over. One bloom each. First: R. W. Jones, *Auguste Dessert*, *Chief*, *Clemenceau*, *Frankie Curtis*, *Gloriana*, *Henry Webster*, *June Day*, *La Lorraine*, *Le Cygne*, *Matchless Beauty*, *Matilda Lewis*, *Mr. L. van Leeuwen*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Priscilla Alden*, *Georgiana Shaylor*, *Souvenir de Louis Bigot*, *Therese*. Only entry.
- No. 117. Handle Basket not over 20 inches. First: R. W. Jones. Second: R. C. Schneider. 2 entries.
- No. 118. Handle Basket not over 12 inches. First: R. C. Schneider. Second: R. W. Jones. Third: Franklin Nursery. 4 entries.
- No. 119. Small vase. First: R. C. Schneider. Second: R. W. Jones. 2 entries.
- No. 120. Large vase. First: R. C. Schneider. Second: R. W. Jones. 2 entries.

ADVANCED AMATEUR CLASSES

- No. 201. Collection of not more than 25 varieties double, one bloom each. First: Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, *Acme*, *Ball o' Cotton*, *Denise*, *Duluth*, *Festiva Maxima*, *Jean Cooperman*, *J. H. Yeardley*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Kelway's Glorious*, *Lady Alexandra Duff*, *Lake o' Silver*, *Le Cygne*, *Longfellow*, *Luetta Pfeiffer*, *Marie Crousse*, *Martha Bulloch*, *Mary Brand*, *Mons. Martin Cahuzac*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Sarah Bernhardt*, *Therese*, *Victoire de la Marne*, *Victory Chateau Thierry*, *Walter Faxon*, *Westhill*. Second: Lorena C. Ahlf, *Alice Harding*, *E. G. Hill*, *Festiva Maxima*, *Frances Willard*, *Frankie Curtis*, *Harry L. Richardson*, *Henry Webster*, *John M. Good*, *Jubilee*, *June Day*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Kelway's Glorious*, *Lady Alexandra Duff*, *La Lorraine*, *Le Cygne*, *Mammoth Rose*, *Mary Brand*, *Matilda Lewis*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Octavie Demay*, *Reine Hortense*, *Souvenir De Louis Bigot*, *Therese*, *Victoire de la Marne*. 2 entries.
- No. 202. Collection ten doubles, three blooms each. First: Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, *Archie Brand*, *Jean Cooperman*, *June Day*, *Kelway's Glorious*, *La Tulipe*, *Mary Brand*, *Minuet*, *Mme. Jules Dessert*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Reine Hortense*. Second: Lorena C. Ahlf, *Auguste Dessert*, *Frances Willard*, *Harry L. Richardson*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Kelway's Glorious*, *La Lorraine*, *Mammoth Rose*, *Mary Brand*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Reine Hortense*. 2 entries.
- No. 203. Three blooms, one variety, white. First: Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, *Le Cygne*. Second: L. W. Lindgren, *Le Cygne*. Third: G. H. Greaves, *Le Cygne*. 6 entries.
- No. 204. Three blooms, one variety, light pink. First: G. H. Greaves, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*. Second: Jos. B. Patzke, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*. Third: Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*. 5 entries.
- No. 205. Three blooms, one variety, dark pink. First: G. H. Greaves, *Martha Bulloch*. Second: Lorena C. Ahlf, *June Day*. Third: W. T. Coe, *Walter Faxon*. 4 entries.

- No. 206. Three blooms, one variety, red. First: G. H. Greaves, *Dearborn*. Second: Jos. B. Patzke, Mr. L. van Leeuwen. Third: L. W. Lindgren, *Daniel Boone*. 14 entries.
- No. 207. Three blooms, one variety, flesh. First: Lorena C. Ahlf, *Alice Harding*. Second: W. T. Coe, *Gleam of Gold*. Third: Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, *Alsace-Lorraine*.
- No. 208. Three blooms, one variety, single or Japanese. First: G. H. Greaves, *Sea Shell*. Second: Jos. B. Patzke, *Isani Gidui*. Third: Lorena C. Ahlf, *Onahama*. 7 entries.
- No. 209. Basket. First: No award. Second: Lorena C. Ahlf.
- No. 210. Small vase. First: G. H. Greaves. Second: Lorena C. Ahlf.
- No. 211. Large vase. First: No award. Second: Mrs. M. J. van Wagenen. Third: Lorena C. Ahlf.

NOVICE AMATEUR CLASSES

- No. 301. Collection of not more than ten varieties, double. First: F. L. Perry, *Candeur*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *La Tulipe*, *Le Cygne*, *Loren Franklin*, *Matilda Lewis*, *Mrs. Edward Harding*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Souvenir de Louis Bigot*, *Walter Faxon*. Second: F. W. Nichols, *Admiral*, *Cherokee*, *A. G. Perry*, *Dr. J. H. Neeley*, *Georgiana Shaylor*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Martha Bulloch*, *Mrs. A. B. Franklin*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Victory Chateau Thierry*.
- No. 302. One bloom, white. First: F. W. Nichols, *Mrs. John M. Good*. Second: F. L. Perry, *Grace Loomis*. Third: H. V. Patzke, *Baroness Schroeder*. 5 entries.
- No. 303. One bloom, light pink. First: H. V. Patzke, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*. Second: F. L. Perry, *Candeur*. Third: A. M. Chesher, *Georgiana Shaylor*. 6 entries.
- No. 304. One bloom, dark pink. First: F. L. Perry, *Lillian Gumm*. Second: F. W. Nichols, *Queen of Hamburg*. Third: W. T. Coe, *John Howard Wigell*. 6 entries.
- No. 305. One bloom, red. First: F. W. Nichols, *Mark Twain*. Second: H. V. Patzke, Mr. L. van Leeuwen. Third: A. M. Chesher, *Karl Rosenfield*. 7 entries.
- No. 306. Collection six varieties one bloom each. First: F. L. Perry, *Clemenceau*, *Elizabeth Huntington*, *Georgiana Shaylor*, *Grace Loomis*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Walter Faxon*. Second: F. W. Nichols, *Admiral*, *Karl Rosenfield*, *Mrs. A. B. Franklin*, *Mrs. A. M. Brand*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*, *Victory Chateau Thierry*. Third: A. M. Chesher. All unnamed. 6 entries.
- No. 307. Collection three varieties, one bloom each. Open only to those who have never won a peony prize in State Show. First: F. W. Nichols, *Admiral*, *Mrs. A. B. Franklin*, *Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt*.
- No. 308. One bloom any single or Japanese. First: H. V. Patzke, *Isani Gidui*. Second: W. T. Coe, *Aureolin*. 2 entries.
- No. 309. Basket. First: A. M. Chesher. Only entry.
- No. 310. Vase. First: Charles E. Lyons. Second: A. M. Chesher. 2 entries.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- No. 402. Collection of not more than ten hybrid peonies. First: G. H. Greaves, *Bright Knight*, *Crusader*, *Eros*, *Flame*, *Gay Cavalier*, *May Delight*. Only entry.
- No. 403. Three blooms, one variety, hybrid. First: G. H. Greaves, *Crusader*. Second: L. W. Lindgren, *Alexander Woolcott*. 4 entries.

SEEDLINGS

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES were awarded to: E. H. Lins for R-4-90, large double creamy white with a few stamens hidden. Good stems. Large foliage.

Franklin Nursery for 474 R. S. Very large deep red single. Good stems and large foliage. Excellent substance.

CERTIFICATES OF HONORABLE MENTION were awarded to: E. H. Lins for R-5-197 large double white. Hidden stamens. Good stems. Large foliage.

Franklin Nursery: for 472-P. Very large deep rose pink double. Stems and foliage good.

AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL in bronze was awarded to Franklin Nursery for *Bonanza*. (Franklin, 1947.) Seedling L 1-R. Medium size, bright medium dark red. Some stamens. Good plant habit.

SWEEPSTAKES:

OPEN CLASSES. R. W. Jones with 74 points.

ADVANCED AMATEURS. Lorena C. Ahlf with 44 points.

NOVICE AMATEURS. F. W. Nichols and F. L. Perry tied each having 31 points.

DISPLAYS

Croix Farms, Hastings, Minnesota. About thirty varieties.

Franklin Nursery, Minneapolis, about 25 varieties mostly their own originations.

R. W. Jones, St. Paul, about 100 varieties varying from the old to the newest then in bloom.

E. H. Lins, Cologne, Minnesota, about 40 his own originations, many under number.

JUDGES

Classes 101 to 116. Myron D. Bigger, Route 4, Topeka, Kansas.
G. H. Greaves, St. Paul.

Classes 201 to 208. R. C. Schneider, St. Paul.
E. H. Lins, Cologne.

Classes 301 to 308. J. B. Patzke, St. Paul.
R. W. Jones, St. Paul.
Arrangements: Helen Fischer, Mrs. Fischer, Louis Fischer, Hastings.
Seedlings and Court of Honor: A. M. Brand, Faribault.
L. W. Lindgren, St. Paul.
George W. Peyton, Rapidan, Virginia.

EXHIBITORS — OUT OF STATE

Myron D. Bigger, Route 4, Topeka, Kansas.

MINNEAPOLIS

Alice Berry, 3112 Colfax Avenue, S. 5.

Mrs. J. A. Carlson, 2778 14th Avenue S.

A. M. Chesher, Richfield Station, R. 4. 7.

W. T. Coc, 803 Phoenix Building. 1.

Franklin Nursery, 6119 Elliott Avenue. 7.

Charles E. Lyons, 1333 North Washburn.

F. L. Perry, Utica Avenue, Saint Louis Park.

Mrs. H. Bruce Rouzer, 1500 Oliver Avenue, N.

Mrs. M. G. van Wagenen, 1729 Irving S. 5.
 Mrs. C. W. Westafer, 4956 W. 40th St. 16.

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 Mrs. John de Vere Hunt, 1502 Chelmsford St. 8.
 R. W. Jones, 1124 Jefferson Highway. 7.
 L. W. Lindgren, 1787 W. Minnehaha Street. 4.
 F. W. Nichols, 538 12th Avenue, N., South Saint Paul.
 J. B. Patzke, 1800 Iglehart. 4.
 H. V. Patzke, 1800 Iglehart. 4.
 R. C. Schneider, 708 Osceola.

STATE

Mrs. Adah E. Mandern, Knollwood, Hopkins.
 Croix Farms, Hastings.
 Mrs. G. A. Daugherty, White Bear.
 Mrs. A. S. Gowen, Excelsior.
 Mrs. H. B. Tillotson, Eureka.
 E. H. Lins, Cologne.
 Arthur W. Shoquist, Taylor's Falls.

NOTES

This show was also somewhat handicapped by setting the date too early. It was made to coincide with the meeting of the Garden Club of America but very few of the visiting delegates were able to attend due to the many other engagements and entertainments arranged for them. If the show could have been held a week later there would have been a great many exceedingly fine late varieties available. They began to open the day after the show was held and seldom have they been finer in quality. As it was the show was quite a success though at one time it seemed there would be few peonies in bloom at the set time. Probably the most talked of variety was the new Franklin red, *Bonanza*. It seemed to have a great deal of promise and we wish it much success.

GEORGE W. PEYTON.

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Special Notice

The next Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the American Peony Society will be held at Guelph, Ontario, Canada next June at a date to be announced later. The Galt Horticultural Society will sponsor this exhibition.

Another bulletin is being prepared and will follow shortly.

Secretary's Notes

Another peony season has passed and it has surely been a most unusual one. I was able to cut some peonies from my field the 11th of July, our 47th wedding anniversary. I cannot recall a year when peonies were so late.

Even with the excessive rains we experienced most of the Spring months, coupled with unseasonably cold weather, we did have some fine peonies and most of them came through with flying colors and proved their real value as a garden plant.

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We have a report of the Boston Show as well as that of the Minneapolis. We have a report from Mr. Peyton of the Duluth, Minn. show which he attended the 15th and 16th of July. This will appear in the next issue of the bulletin. I know these reports will be of interest as Mr. Peyton, in his very thorough manner, does not overlook anything of interest to make his reports as complete as possible.

Our Boston show was too early in the season to make it the real success that we had hoped for. In the Boston area it was at least a week too early and as a result, exhibits from the local territory of Boston were conspicuous by their absence. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Neal R. van Loon of Newton, N. J. for coming through with a good collection of peonies, the largest collection shown by any exhibitor. Mr. and Mrs. Moots of Newton, Kansas went to considerable trouble and expense to send two large boxes of bloom through by air express, only to be disappointed in getting a 24 hour delay on one of the boxes, resulting in the loss of the bloom to a great extent. This is surely a heart-breaker to cut and prepare fine bloom and then have them ruined by tardy transportation. I think about the most disheartening of any experience this year was that of Mr. Saunders of Clinton, N. Y. He and his good wife had prepared a very fine display of specie hybrids and tree peonies for display. At the hour of judging, no flowers had been received at the exhibition hall, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Nehrling, the Show Manager, had made repeated calls to the express company to try and locate the four large boxes that had been shipped in ample time to have reached Boston the day before the show dates. Late in the afternoon of the first day of the show, one box was received, later in the day and well up into the night, other boxes came straggling through. The long delay in transit of the bloom resulted in a great loss of flowers and his display was ruined as a result. In spite of this great handicap, he did manage to salvage some beautiful creations of his own skill in hybridizing that were greatly admired by all who had the pleasure of seeing them.

Mr. Gayle of Rockford, Ill., Mr. Myron D. Bigger of Topeka, Kan., Mr. Smith of Red Key, Ind., and Mr. Smirnow of New York all came through with some bloom that helped out.

The matter of transportation of flowers this year was one of the worst we have ever experienced. I am told by some who are in the express company's service that there is a shortage of help that has caused this condition to exist. I sent a box of supplies and material to Boston that we wanted to use for the show. To make sure it would get there on time, it was sent prepaid express over a week before the show dates. The package was received the second day of the show, entirely too late for use and had to be expressed back to Northbrook unopened.

This has seemed like an unusually long peony season for me as we started the ball rolling by making a trip by air to Sarcoxie, Mo., where we visited Mr. Allen Wild and had an opportunity to see a huge planting of peonies of nearly 100 acres. This is the largest planting of peonies we have ever seen. When I was there at the height of the cutting season, about 155 people were employed to handle the bloom through the various processes of preparation for the market. Peonies are not shipped alone by truck load but by car loads from this series of peony farms that are scattered over several miles of territory. I was there several days but did not get an opportunity to see all the fields. Having spent many years in the commercial growing of peonies I was somewhat prepared for the sight presented. They have a very well organized force and things worked very smoothly. A huge cold storage plant that had been newly installed was giving Mr. Wild considerable concern but the difficulties encountered were soon cleared up and everything worked smoothly and efficiently in a short time. The day after I left there eight car loads of bloom were to be shipped out to various sections of the country. Many of the large fields were just coming into age for cutting and in another year many more thousand dozens will be cut than were shipped this season. Acres of iris and narcissus extended the blooming season and it surely takes a large aggregation of workers to handle the thousands of bloom that have to be prepared for the market.

When we returned we found a few of our own early tree peonies of interest as well as some of the hybrids. A few of the very early *Chinensis* soon followed and with the very late season we have experienced, we have had a full two months of peony bloom. We still have them in storage (July 18th).

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We have recently mailed out statements for dues to all members who were in arrears and it is surprising how many returns we received. I feel that I was at fault that these statements did not get mailed out sooner but we have been away from home a considerable time this spring and with the work on a new home and my regular duties, I have been negligent. We must have dues paid as promptly as possible in order to meet the obligations of the bulletin costs, etc. We are cutting every corner to keep our expenses to the minimum and will continue to exercise extreme caution in this respect. However, we cannot go beyond a certain point and have the Society function properly. We are expecting a prompt and generous response to our request and trust it will not be necessary to send out duplicate statements. Neither do we wish to be compelled to remove any names from our mailing list for non-payment of dues which we will be obliged to do if dues are not forthcoming. I know we can count on you and I am sure I will not be disappointed.

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At our regular annual meeting it was voted to change the quarterly periods of the bulletins and as soon as it can be worked out properly, we will do so. See report of that meeting in this issue.

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There will be a change in the setup of the bulletin that will enable our members to know the various committees appointed so they can get directly in touch with them in case they desire to do so.

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As yet we have failed to receive reports of peony performance in the various gardens of the country with one or two exceptions. We feel this information will be helpful and should have an important part of the bulletin. We want a lot of new contributors to the bulletin pages this coming year.

Be sure and read carefully our new President's article and you will note that we have a very ambitious program worked out for the betterment of the Society. We want to make this one of our most successful seasons and with your aid we can make it so. It will take the combined interest of the entire membership, not the efforts of a mere handful. Remember this is YOUR society and it will be what you make it. Of all the perennials grown, there is nothing finer than the peony. Those of you who have grown them will attest to this fact. Each year convinces me more firmly than ever that the flower I have chosen still ranks the highest in my esteem. I do think that with peonies, iris and hemerocallis go hand in hand and with these three very fine perennials one is able to create some beautifully decorative effects in their landscape planting.

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How things have changed the past fifteen or twenty years. I have reference to the change in flowers chiefly. New originations far surpass those of former years. We can only look forward for better things to come. Faithful and energetic work on the part of hybridists is bringing constant and pleasing introductions that have great promise and magnetic appeal. This brings to mind a pleasing poem recently written by Hilda Butler Farr entitled RETROSPECTION.

As I look backward over years

I cannot help but be impressed,

How wonderfully things are planned

How fortunate I've been, how blessed.

It's easy now to see it all,

The reason for the shadowed days,

Which proved to be a stepping stone

Toward a joyous hymn of praise.

Discovering this, why should I fear

What lies before me further on,

Remembering God has never failed

Me once, in days that now are gone.

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This issue of the bulletin will be late, as usual, for we had to get reports of shows which held up the completion of the number and in addition our printer and family had to take a vacation through the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park for a much needed rest. The next number will follow very shortly and after this season we pledge our word that there will be more regularity in the issues. We will change the quarterly periods to make this possible. If we do not get material, we will issue smaller numbers, but will try and keep them interesting and worth while. We are earnestly hoping that we will get contributions from many new members, or rather from many new writers in our ranks, thoroughly competent to write most interestingly.

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We were obliged to send out several hundred reminders to members who had neglected to send in their yearly dues. It has been most gratifying to see the prompt response to our appeal. We have had remarkably few resignations, and these resignations have been accompanied by a letter in nearly all cases, registering regret that they are no longer cultivating peonies due to ill health or other good legitimate reasons. This leads us to believe that the bulletins bring messages of help to those who really appreciate peonies. Sometimes we are prone to believe that it is a case of love's labor lost, but when we get letters of praise, as we often do, we are obliged to change our deductions.

In closing I want to present a poem written by my favorite poet, Mr. James J. Metcalfe, entitled TODAY.

Today is just another day as far as hours go,
Unless we try to use the time to gather and to grow.
To gather joy and goodness in the warmth of friendly smiles,
And grow in wisdom and in strength along the passing miles.
The day is all our own to spend as we consider fit,
We may employ it gainfully, or we may squander it.
Its workshop may be idle and its branches may be bare,
Or it may be a fruitful field with happiness to share;
But when the shadows lengthen and the sun has slipped away,
It has to be a step ahead, or just another day.

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