



Topic for the March meeting will be

"INFORMATION PLEASE"

THE DATE—Wednesday, March 14, 1945 (Note change of day and date)

THE PLACE—Odd Fellows Temple, 175 North Los Robles Avenue,
Pasadena, California

THE TIME SCHEDULE—7:30 to 8:00 P. M., Informal Flower Show

Exhibits, bearing the name of variety and exhibitor, should be on the tables prior to 7:30 o'clock. **NOTE:** Please avoid traffic jams at the exhibit tables. Keep moving so the other fellow can get a chance to see. Discussions re nomenclature, propagation, culture and the New Deal should be held in secluded nooks or somewhere on the side lines! Lucky Exhibitor's Prize, Camellia Rev. John Bennett; Members' Door Prize, Camellia Alexander Nowlin; Red Cross, Camellia California; Book Fund, Camellia Finlandia. All of these plants have been donated by the McCaskill Camellia Gardens, 25 South Michillinda Avenue, Pasadena.

8:00 P. M., precisely: Report of Nominating Committee.

Action upon the following amendment presented to you by majority vote of the Board of Directors:

"HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS in the Southern California Camellia Society may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the field of horticulture in relation to the Camellia."

8:15 P. M.—Carlo E. Galli.

CARLO E. GALLI, than whom there is none than whomer, will accede to popular request and review, with color slides and blackboard drawings, the gentle art of CAMELLIA GRAFTING, with special attention to the all-important POST-OPERATIVE CARE. Have you a nice big dud in your garden? The Old Maestro will tell you how to convert it into a thing of pride and joy.

8:45 P. M.—Open Forum.

OPEN FORUM! This society's Inimitable Galaxy of Talent will come to the meeting bristling with horticultural information. Bring a question, written on a slip of paper. Drop it in the box on the table at the entrance to the meeting room. Then sit back and watch the pyrotechnic display. If other questions occur to you during the discussion, ask them from the floor. Fertilizing; soil conditioning; pruning; summer care; pest control. Have you a sick plant? Bring it along; bring a leaf or twig. A dozen of this country's outstanding experts will stand ready to help solve your problem. The more questions—the more discussion—the more we'll all learn. Don't let George do it! Bring a question.

9:30 P. M.—Taps.

DON'T FORGET! Change of day and date of meeting (out of deference to the Pasadena Spring Flower Show) **Wednesday, March 14**

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WILLIAM HERTRICH

QUESTION AND COMMENT BOX in the doorway. This innovation was voted by the Board; is to become a fixture for future meetings. **USE IT!** Bring a question. Bring a comment. Have you an idea for future meetings? Future policy? A way to improve our meetings? **Have you a pet peeve? Drop it in the box!** Would you like to receive a Bulletin or two during the summer? (And would you read it?) Would you like to have an occasional program on other Shady Nook plants, such as the Cymbidium, Fuschia, Daphne, Azalea, Begonia? Would you rather have a Shady Nook section of the society, meeting on a separate night? Would you attend such additional meetings? Better stop here for the present, lest the box be stuffed to bursting the first night.

THAT JOINT MEETING of the Horticultural Institute and our society, held last month, sho'ly was sumpin! Six hundred Camellia enthusiasts filled the large dining room of the University Club in Los Angeles, hanging from chandeliers and other appropriate places. One hundred and fifty irate fans were turned away. Even Speaker-of-the-Evening William Hertrich and Vice Prexy Vic Wagoner had trouble getting upstairs! There are tales of Vic scaling the fire escape, climbing back stairs, etc. Next time Bob Casamajor, president of the Horticultural Institute, has a brain-storm and such a good publicity committee, he'd better rent a regimental armory!

OUR OWN MEETING in February was also a "dinger." In the absence from town of the

president, Vice-President Victor J. Wagoner presided; proved his eligibility to the Ancient and Honorable Order of Wielders of the Garden. Attendance was 227—an all-time high. Long library tables lined all four sides of the large room, filled with specimen cut blossoms. It was some show!

Red Cross contribution, \$35.95; Book Fund \$35.95. Harry M. Wammack, Glendale, won the Exhibitors' Prize; Karl F. Leitz, Glendale, the Members' Door Prize; J. E. Kern, San Marino, the Red Cross Prize; Louis Kryger, Pasadena, the Book Fund Prize. It pays to come to church—and bring your luck with you! Mr. John Harn, Arcadia, won the prize in the Flower Arrangement contest, for which there were 21 entrants. Mrs. M. Betz won a beautiful camellia corsage donated by Mrs. Frank Douglas.

Ethel Campbell gave a fine talk on Camellia in Flower Arrangements. All who attended went home purring.

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MEMBERSHIP, at this writing, is 239. General Fund, \$226.72; Book Fund, \$234.70.

What are they gonna do with that Book Fund? is asked—and rightly. Well, good things come slowly. It takes time to work up a rather complete list of camellia varieties known and obtainable in these parts. All of us, amateur and professional growers, and also your volunteer committeemen, are busy people. How shall varieties be classified? How much cross-indexing of "aliases" should there be? Present thought is to arrange varieties alphabetically under their colors, regardless of blossom form. (If you have a better idea, drop it in the comment box at the door.) The foreword for the book will hit the high spots of history, problems of nomenclature, and culture. Recent directors meeting voted to ask William Hertrich to write this foreword—this in view of the many comments on his fine talk during these lines at the joint meeting last month.

A big question was whether to get out some part of a book before the end of this season or to work it out as we'd like to see it and have it reach all members just prior to our first meeting next fall, at the start of seasonal activities. **The latter plan was adopted.**

CORRECTION—The name of this society's No. 1 official registration of new varieties is MARGARETE (not Margaret) HERTRICH.

NEW MEMBERS accepted at recent meeting of the Board of Directors are:

H. E. Bauman, Los Angeles; Glen C. Barnes, Burbank; Frank E. Blauvelt, Pasadena; Mrs. Frank E. Blauvelt, Pasadena; Elizabeth Clifford, Glendale; Mrs. Thomas M. Crandall, Los Angeles; Mrs. John C. Coffin, South Pasadena; Eleanor B. Cockburn, Long Beach; Mrs. Dorothy P. DeWitt, Pasadena; Mrs. R. C. Flewelling, La Canada; Alvin J. Fink, Covina; Mrs. Alvin J. Fink, Covina; Minna Gombel, San Diego; Paul J. Howard, Los Angeles; Mrs. Botha C. Heilbron, La Canada; Bert Hummel, Glendale; Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Riverside; Chas. J. Jurack, Arcadia; Harriet Jones, Glendale; Mrs. H. E. Milliken, Covina; E. W. Miller, Coronado; Noble E. McIlvain, Pasadena; F. A. McKean, Los Angeles; C. E. Quick, Glendale; Zella V. Rimes, Montrose; Richard Sandblom, Glendale; Joseph W. Sefton, San Diego; Hugh X. Sheeter, San Gabriel; Wayne H. Stone, Colton; Roy F. Wilcox, Montebello; Mrs. Lois L. Zeller, Glendale.

PASADENA SPRING FLOWER SHOW will be held in the Fannie E. Morrison Horticultural Centre in Brookside Park, Pasadena, on March 9, 10, 11. Suggested by your Board of Directors, a camellia section has been added to the Flower Arrangements section—with the customary prize privileges. Ethel Campbell and the committee have worked out excellent plans for our society's exhibit. Carter Camellia Gardens will have a commercial exhibit out of doors.

GERBING'S NEW CAMELLIA BOOK is in preparation. Thirty-seven illustrations (35 are varieties not pictured in Gerbing's volume I), 8x12 inches in size, with data concerning each variety, will be provided in loose-leaf form, in a binder having a capacity of 125 illustrations. Additional illustrations will come out periodically at \$5.00 for each eight. Cost of binder and original 37 illustrations is \$10.00. If you are interested, give your name to the secretary, who is investigating the possibility of a group order from the society—if we have a large enough group.

MARK ANTHONY, Charter Member and Honorary Member in Service, writes from the battle front in Italy that he saw a camellia plant, apparently well and happy, sticking up through four feet of snow! Bet Mark would enjoy hearing from **you**. Doggone it, this scribe has been intending to write him for over a month—has had an envelope addressed, lying on his desk. What a desk, you say. Right—and we'll add, what a scribe! These Bulletins are mailed to Mark; hope they catch up with him and beguile a little time while he is toasting his shins after office hours some evening by a fire in the snow.

CALIFORNIA TEST GARDEN project is moving along. Grafting is under way. The Armstrong Nursery contributed a scion of a species; it is hoped to eventually have all known species in the collection, as well as varieties of the Japonica species. This opens up the possibility of interesting experiments in hybridizing. About eighty plants have been contributed to date, including some that E. C. Tourje is grafting (on understock in cans) for the purpose.

An amazing amount of work has been done in the Camellia canyon itself, between the writer's visit a couple of months ago and February 24, when Curator Hertrich escorted the Board of Directors over the ground. Canyon slopes have been cleared of undergrowth, additional paths have been made, and a staggering number of good-sized seedlings have been transplanted to new locations on the slopes, ready for grafting at a later date.

LAST MEETING OF THE CURRENT SEASON will be held on April 12. Annual election and installation of officers. A program to remember. Exhibit of blossoms of the late bloomers. Save the date!



REMEMBER!

March Meeting—Wednesday Eve., March 14

Camellias are a joy forever—BUT—WAR BONDS ARE THE WORLD'S BEST INVESTMENT!

Then, too, this war costs mucho dinero, but it will save the American way of life.



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