



THE OPENING MEETING OF THE 1945-46 SEASON

will be held on Thursday Evening, November 8, 1945, in the
Odd Fellows Temple, 175 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena

EXHIBIT . . . Early Camellia Blossoms will be on the tables at 7:30 p.m., marked with name of variety and exhibitor.

Water Color Reproductions which Mark Anthony had made from plates in rare old books in the library of the University of Rome will also be on exhibition.

PROGRAM, 8:00 P.M. . . . MARK ANTHONY, one of the organizers and first secretary of this society, recently returned from service in the U. S. Army in Italy, will speak of his "Adventures — Horticultural and Otherwise," while abroad. Mark not only helped win the war but also won a scholarship and post-graduate course at the Rome University in addition to his other adventures.

8:30 P. M. . . . Robert Cundy, landscape architect, will speak on "The Use of Camellias in Garden Planning." Mr. Cundy's grandfather founded the Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens. He has a fine background of knowledge and experience; is peculiarly fitted to speak illuminatingly on this subject of vital interest to the owner of one camellia, one dozen or one hundred.

9:00 P. M., PRIZES . . . Howard Asper, keeper of the Camellia Kingdom at Manchester Boddy's Rancho Descanso, La Canada, has donated Camellia Pax for the exhibitor's prize, Camellia Fimbriata Superba for the members' door prize, Camellia Alba Plena for the public address fund, and Camellia Chandleri Elegans for the publications fund.

This promises to be a large opening for a large season. There will be no problem of providing program material this season. Rather, the problem will be to find time and space for all of the material which looms ahead.

9:30 P. M.—Adjournment to informal flower show, the social hour some of us enjoy so much—and the homeward trek.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS met on October 12, waded through a heavy agenda—in fact, kept the gracious host and hostess, John and Dolores Taylor, up 'til after midnight. (And can the vice-president of the Camellia Society raise, among other things, dahlias!)

Treasurer Bob Ward reported a balance of \$154.00 in the general fund and of \$152.63 in the book fund (this, mind you, after publication of the book!) This denotes some very fine managing on the part of that quiet but hard-working secretary of ours who handled the format and actual publication of the book. We'll investigate this matter and tell you all at the November meeting. In passing, comment from all quarters backs up our assertion in the last Bulletin that the book is a splendid job. A bow to the book committee, Mrs. Carlo Galli, Les Marshall and Vern McCaskill.

Secretary Thor Petersen placed before the Board the membership applications of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alderson, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Brooks, San Diego; Durwin H. Brownell, San Diego; Mrs. Jerome I. Case, La Canada; Geo. O. Chapman, Van Nuys; Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Collins, San Diego; Ruth M. Glendon, La Jolla; John C. Holman, Jr., San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Miller, El Cajon; Isabel J. Mullen, Los Angeles; L. H. Murdock, San Diego; A. E. Nelson, Arcadia; Richard L. Pinnell, San Diego. These applicants were elected to membership, bringing our total to 290.

The Board authorized the purchase of a public address system, so you may be assured of hearing everything at future meetings. Board also directed that the "Book Fund" shall in the future be known as the "Publication Fund," available for any publications the society may undertake, including the Bulletin.

THE SAN DIEGO COMPONENT SOCIETY

now ready to go, with 22 members enrolled. Our constitution and by-laws provide in broad way for component societies, authorize the Board of Directors of this society to arrange details by which the component shall function under the same by-laws and with the same objectives as the parent organization. Arrangements now set up are:

Component societies may choose their own names, to which shall be added the words "A Component of the Southern California Camellia Society." They shall elect their own members, officers and board of directors, collect their own dues and transmit to the parent organization one dollar for each membership, whether single or joint, and send to our secretary and treasurer, promptly after the dues-delinquency dates, the roster of their members in good standing.

Members of component societies shall receive the Bulletin of this society, the Camellia Book and any other publications, together with notices of our meetings; they shall have the privileges of the parent organization except

of voting therein. Their organization shall have every possible assistance from this society. The Board authorized the issuing of a charter for the San Diego group. Welcome, San Diego society! And may we suggest that you designate an editor to send news items and other things of interest to this Bulletin, in care of the president.

AMERICAN CAMELLIA SOCIETY has been organized, is being chartered as a non-profit educational society under the laws of Florida. The organization meeting of 50 persons from 16 states was held in Macon, Georgia, on September 29. The charter was adopted, together with constitution and by-laws.

The objectives of the national society are listed in Article II of the charter: "The purposes of this society shall be to promote interest in the genus *Camellia* L., scientific research in its culture, standardization of its varietal names, classification of new varieties, dissemination of information concerning the above and to promote the organization and affiliation of local camellia societies in the United States." Annual dues were set at \$3.00; sustaining members, \$20.00; patrons, \$200 or more; corresponding members, none; fellows, none; commercial members, \$10.00; life members, \$100.

The board of 18 directors, one each from 12 states, and six directors at large, was chosen. Members of the board of directors present then met and elected the following:

Dr. H. H. Hume, University of Florida, president; A. E. Morrison, Sacramento, Calif., vice-president for the Pacific Coast; Ira S. Nelson, Fayette, Louisiana, vice-president for the Atlantic Coast; A. W. Solomon, Savannah, Georgia, vice-president for the Atlantic Coast; T. J. McRae, Georgia, treasurer; R. J. Wilmot, Knoxville, Florida, secretary. The director elected for California was Dr. David W. Mc-

The South was the area to which camellias were early imported from beyond the seas; the first area in the United States in which they were generally cultivated. The South has generations been the center of camellia activity; has been, and still is, the center of propagation of new varieties. It is fitting that the South, and Florida in particular, should be headquarters, the home hearthstone, of the American Camellia Society. Equally fitting it is that Sacramento should be recognized as the pioneer section of the Pacific Coast, should elect the Pacific Coast vice-president. It is a gracious gesture to our own society, a graceful recognition of its interest and activities, that your president was chosen director for California.

Information concerning the basis for affiliation of local societies has not yet reached the officers and Board of Directors of the Southern California Camellia Society.

A JOINT MEETING of the Southern California Horticultural Institute and the Southern California Camellia Society will be held on the first Monday in February. Those who attended the joint meeting last season (and were lucky enough to get in) will be jotting this on their calendars as one of the "musts." Those who were turned away last time will be comforted and encouraged by the information that this time a larger auditorium will be provided for the meeting.

THE CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA TEST GARDEN, in the Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, is fast approaching a full roster of the varieties grown and obtainable in this area. This is due to the unflagging zeal of the curator and of the chairman of our committee; also, quite largely to the connections and sagacity of said chairman and to the generosity of professional growers who have parted with plants not yet generally obtainable, donated plants and in other cases sold them at special prices which were met from funds subscribed by interested individuals and groups.

ON THE CULTURAL SIDE, here is an excerpt from a letter addressed to Program Chairman Ethel Campbell by N. Dushane Hynson, Jr., of 914 West Highland Ave., Redlands:

"First of all, there are no tricks about raising camellias.

"Our garden is about two acres in size, but the camellias are planted only under large trees, which limits the scope. The trees consist of camphor, cedrus deodara, monkey puzzle (but not recommended, as last year we had over 200 cones, some weighing as much as 12½ lbs., so the effect on the plants was not heartening), carob, eastern elm, and a few odds and ends like orange and palm trees.

"This thing was started in 1933 with plants from one to about five feet high. Since then I have been adding a few each year until I have over 200 plants in the ground, with about 175 varieties. About 50 plants are six feet or over, and many are around 10 feet.

"The Redlands soil is heavy, but not clay. As a starter, holes about two feet square by 18 inches deep were dug and filled with earth from under oak trees in our nearby canyon.

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It is fairly loose, containing stones as well as leaf mould. I have found that is an excellent starter. As the plants grow, the roots reach out into the original soil. The roots from the trees do not seem to interfere in any way with the camellias.

"My watering is all overhead, the reason being that leaves, all kinds, when raked up, are thrown around the plants. We don't burn leaves. That gives a continuous mulch. Not too pretty, perhaps, but they keep the weeds down and also keep the camellia roots at a more even temperature than if exposed to the open ground. The watering is done after the sun goes down so the leaves of the camellia will not sunburn. Watering about every four days during the very hot weather is sufficient, and every five or six days in the fall until the rains come.

"I fertilize once a year, with cottonseed meal around the middle of May, using approximately five pounds per plant, scattered well around and out from the plants. This assists the roots in reaching out. The sprinklers carry the fertilizer in, and that undoubtedly is a slow process than many use.

"I do not disbud. I don't think it makes much difference if there are not over two buds at terminal end.

"I prune when the flowers are out. (I mean to say Margaret does.)

"That's about all I know about camellias. In fact, it is probably more than I know.

"Good luck to you."

Despite his modesty, Mr. Hynson has one of the outstanding camellia gardens in Southern California, a mecca for the surrounding countryside during the blooming season.

