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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another bloom season has about drawn to a close here on the Gulf Coast. I am reluctant to see it go. I had a few promising seedlings, the most worthy, near whites from crosses with ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF. Named varieties did well too in spite of our dry Summer. RUFFLED PANTIES produced three sets of scapes, making it bloom from early May to August 8. As each set of scapes reached the end, another set was ready to take over.

DANDY DON, Hughes, bloomed late and the blooms were so large and lovely. CHIPPER CHERRY and BRAVE WORLD were good. MYRA HINSON, always one of my favorites is still blooming a bit at this writing, August 10. My VELO VERDE, a light crepe yellow with a very green throat blooms late and it was very good this year. OPHELIA TAYLOR, Munson, was particularly lovely this season. It is such a good daylily, a lovely pink, ruffled, and it branches so beautifully. Dollie Wheeler's DOUBLE TALK, a beautiful tailored double gold put on quite a show. MILLIE MIDGE (my namesake, named for my two nicknames) was very good. It is a low-growing, medium, large flower, rose with a light edging and a chartreuse throat. Dollie Wheeler's CURTIS COMPTON is always good. I have some very nice seedlings from a cross of CURTIS COMPTON x ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF. CURTIS COMPTON has excellent substance and seems to pass it on to its offspring.

I plan to ruthlessly cull a lot of my older seedlings this Fall to make room for my newer seedlings. I did not make too many crosses this year as space is a problem.

Our trip to Birmingham on the bus was interesting. You will find two accounts of this trip in this Newsletter. I had written mine when I received Lula Mae's and each was a little different so I decided to include both.

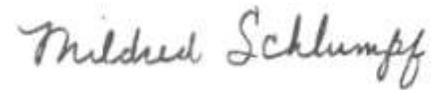
The 25th Anniversary AHS Meeting in Birmingham was really something. We received a gift of some kind at each luncheon and dinner. The first day they had 36 gifts of various kinds for which they drew. That night as we left the dining room after dinner we were each handed a Griesbach tetraploid seedling at the door. The next day at the luncheon we had a little iron skillet ashtray with 25th Anniversary Convention, Birmingham in raised letters in the bottom at each plate. At the banquet each of us received a small enameled silver charm (made in Germany) with a yellow daylily on white enamel and the 25th Anniversary of the American Hemerocallis Society on it.

The gardens were all beautiful and the hospitality in true Southern style. The Flower Show was very interesting. They had two young hostesses dressed as Southern Belles in hoop skirts and picture hats and they added atmosphere to the show. One class in the arrangement section was titled "Our Alabama Industry."

With the bloom about gone, leaving only memories of the beauty, the Fall chores are upon me now and before I can make the rounds of all my beds for weeding, it is time to start over. Our long drought has just been broken and everything has become green again and the weeds are growing like crazy.

I was discussing with Mrs. Howard Cooke the possibility of starting a fund for handling the expense of the Life Membership for each RVP as they go out of office. Now and then, one already has a Life Membership and in that case a gift of cash could be made instead. Mrs. Cooke suggested having an auction at our Regional Meetings each year using only really good new daylilies from Texas hybridizers. I would like some comment on this from our members. This would, we hope, remove the necessity of contacting the various clubs and individuals for contributions for the Life Membership. So let me hear from you and I will put the results in the next Newsletter.

Sincerely,



OOPS - I GOOFED!

My apologies to Mrs. F. D. Tarrant of the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society. In copying the report of the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society Flower Show I accidentally omitted Mrs. F. D. Tarrant as winner of the award for the Registered Introduced Miniature, MATTIE MAE BERRY (Warner). So - my apologies to Mrs. Berry whose namesake I omitted and to Lucille Warner whose origination it was. This sort of thing is very easy to do when copying material as I am sure most of you will understand. Editor

REPORT FROM SAN ANTONIO
Mrs. Paul A. Kane

The San Antonio Hemerocallis Society held its second annual exhibition in Central Park Mall, June 12, 1971. Dark green burlap covered the tables and made an ideal background for the hundreds of blossoms displayed by the exhibitors.

As always, arrangements featuring daylilies drew attention, using companion flowers such as dark red and yellow Shrimp Plant, Coreopsis (Black-Eyed Susan), yellow Trumpet Vine and foliage from Iris, Aspidistra, and Gingers. Driftwood painted dull black and lightly touched with gold emphasized the perfection of the solitary daylily blossom outlined against the somber wood. This use of a single flower brought comments on its simplicity and beauty.

Exhibits varied from beautiful old timers to newer introductions. DELTA GIRL was chartreuse green under the artificial lights and JUBILEE PINK never fit its name better. PROPHET, PURPLE SATIN, and ALAN appealed to the masculine spectators as did the size of WILLIAM MUNSON, JR. LITTLE RAINBOW, BITSY, and even GOLDEN DEWDROP were eye-openers to those who never knew that daylilies come in assorted sizes as well as unusual colors to suit every taste.

KING OF KINGS was regal in pastel robes, followed closely by EXALTED RULER and SUGAR PLUM FAIRY, all of these attracted attention.

In the tetraploid exhibit SIR PATRICK SPENS was outstanding as was SHELL PINK. The heavy texture and size of the tetraploids always lures the passersby and it is interesting to observe how many are fascinated by a down-to-earth explanation of the methods used in creating tetraploids.

Educational exhibits showed the seed to mature plant cycle and included correct planting depth, soil additives (sand, peat moss, and sulphur) for this area, proliferations, and scapes bearing seed pods. Explanations written in bold black ink on white cardboard were easily read. Color folders and applications for membership were available to any who showed interest in joining the Society.

A plant sale offered bare root plants as well as many larger plants grown in gallon cans.

THE MANSFIELD-JONES, BRODNAX, AND HARDY GARDENS

Mrs. W. S. Lanham

One of the most fascinating activities of our AHS Convention is garden visiting. It never fails that there is always something different, interesting, and inspirational about every single garden we visit. The astonishing thing, to me, is that we are never bored and are always ready for the next lovely garden.

On the second day of the Birmingham Convention, we visited the gardens of Mansfield-Jones, Mrs. Hardy, and Mr. and Mrs. Brodnax. Each garden had much to offer us, and we were all busy taking notes. I would like to peek into other notebooks, too, to see what similarities or differences there were. The first garden we visited was the commercial nursery of Dr. and Lutie Mansfield-Jones. There were clumps and clumps of beautiful daylilies which one knew were popular years ago or there were the latest lovelies growing in beds close to the street and house. I shall repeat some of my notes I took about Flower Haven Nursery. Down in the woods with well-marked bloom clumps. Cloudy, so some bloom not wide open. TALALA - very unusual - rose with wide yellow-green eye (Hancock), WAY OUT (Gates) - large deep yellow - huge. GLORIOUS HARVEST (Pittard), orange, ruffled lovely, LOYAL SUBJECT (Reckamp) tetraploid, melon pink, yellow Ooooh! BELOVED COUNTRY - ten blooms, melon, small green throat, tinge of rose. PINK LILY DACHE was a lovely large ruffled pink melon. SHADOW MIST was very unusual, patches of rose (Maxwell).

There was old LUXURY LACE really putting on a show with gorgeous bloom with much brighter color than I had ever seen it. GOLDEN SHOW was a lovely apricot, very ruffled and, PINK LIGHTNING was a rose, ruffled. I put three stars by each of these as they were just gorgeous.

WESTERN SKY was a melon, wide, ruffled with a deep glowing heart that just seemed to say, "You must notice me, too." Huge Hollies made an outstanding background for all the beautiful blooms here. Some more of the daylilies that I noticed were: LADY BE GOOD, ANGEL UNAWARE, SPEAK SOFTLY, RHODA, DIAMOND HEAD, ORIENTAL PRINCE, TIM TANNER, DOWNING STREET, BANJO SONG, and dozens of others. My last notes on this garden said, WINNING WAYS surely likes it here. It was growing so well, and they had five gallon cans of it with much bloom, and it would have been just great to go away with one of these cans full of WINNING WAYS.

Then we went on to Mrs. Hardy's garden which I had never seen before. This garden has great spaciousness. It is spread out over a large area with lots of room for the beautiful beds. First, I had to look at the background plantings. There were tall Pines at the edges of the grounds with Oak Leaf Hydrangeas filling in the spaces. Much Ajuga bordered most of the beds which were not too wide and there was plenty of room to walk and revel in the blooms. This Ajuga was white and gray or white and purple, and Mrs. Hardy told us to take some with us. Her soil was so friable that we could just pull it up. We just looked and looked at all the clumps with their gorgeous bloom and I know many thought, "I have never seen anything so lovely!!" Her beds of Griesbach tetraploid seedlings were the most breathtaking one can imagine. She had the colors separate - all reds, all apricots, etc. They were indeed "out of this world."

I will list some of the notes I took about a few of Mrs. Hardy's "lovelies." PINK CHINA (Hardy) - a pale pink with a ruffled pinker edge, BUDDHA (Whatley), huge dark red with a yellow green throat, PALACE PRINCESS (Peck) rose melon, NEFERTITI (Munson) rose eye - pink, melon - thick Ooooh!! SECRET GARDEN - pink Ooooh over this one, too.

Mrs. Hardy had beds of Ferns and other lovely plants which enhanced her garden, but she really can grow daylilies. Her PERENNIAL PLEASURE was putting on a show as if to say, "I know I am worthy of the President's Cup and indeed it was.

The last garden we saw that day was much smaller, but the design and planning of it to show off the daylilies was superb. It had hanging baskets with a darling corner garden with a pool bordered with exotic Pines and other plants. The beds were not crowded either, and there were rows of FRANCES FAY to enhance the other plantings. Some of the notes I took here were: SCRUMPTIOUS (Gates) - deep melon, DARK STAR - light purple - white midrib, pretty, TWENTY THIRD PSALM - five blooms, gorgeous. LEAD

KINDLY LIGHT, Ooooh!!! Old ATLAS, lovely huge yellow - tall, back of the bed. BURIED TREASURE, HALLCROFT, FAIRY WINGS, CITY OF JACKSON, CHETCO, and CORTIS RICE were grown to perfection. There were GRAND CHAMPION, LITTLE WART, COTTON BLOSSOM, huge, yellow, lovely. All of these daylilies were in very well established clumps and one could take a lesson in landscaping and horticulture here that would help any of us as we plan to "do" over our own gardens or beds. Mrs. Brodnax had some new daylilies too, but some were not in bloom and I thought it was very interesting to see how clever planning and horticulture "know-how" could produce such a dream garden.

We had delicious refreshments as usual in every garden and I am sure all will agree that daylily people are the friendliest and most gracious in the world.

MORE ON THE BIRMINGHAM GARDENS

One of the most beautiful of the smaller gardens was that of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Langdon. (Mrs. Langdon was Chairman of the Convention). When alighting from the bus you walked up a rather steep slope to the house which was bordered with beds of daylilies, beautifully grown and exceptionally well labeled. There was also a bed along the left side of the yard filled with all the latest Hems. I must admit that when taking pictures one does not see as much as one would like to so I have to limit the varieties to the ones I photographed: MYSTIC LADY, Wild - Ivory with an orchid pink overlay, raised lavender midribs; MOON DANCERS, Wild - Rich yellow self; JIM COOPER, Lambert - English Vermilion blend; LADY BE GOOD, Maxwell - pink blend with a cream throat; CHARBONIER, Whatley, beige self; QWAN YIN, Moldovan - pastel pink with green throat, unusual form; SEA WARRIOR, Pittard, a very lovely brown with a deeper brown eyezone. These were the ones which impressed me enough to make pictures of them.

The Miles Garden contained, I believe, one of the largest collections of newer varieties, both diploids and tetraploids, which I have seen anywhere. Those I photographed were: HEATHER GREEN, tetraploid, Peck - a lovely pink with a green throat; HALLOWED VISION, Pittard, wide segments, pink, very lovely; SOUTH SEA CORAL, Lankart - true to its name it is coral pink; TODD GROVATT, Grovatt, beautiful yellow with a very green throat, growing in large clumps in most of the gardens; QUEEN ELEANOR, Peck - lovely pink tetraploid with a green throat; ARRIBA, Griesbach-Hardy - very dark red self with green throat; ROCKET CITY, Hardy - bittersweet orange with a burnt orange eyezone. The Miles garden was on more level ground and there was bed after bed, narrow enough to see from all sides with plenty of room in-between the beds.

The Finchum Garden was similar to the Langdon garden. One walked up the slope to get to the house and most of their plants were in the garden in the rear which was on an even higher slope. CUSTOM MADE, Hall - creamy peach with a rosy peach cast and a golden throat was the only one I photographed here.

The last garden we saw was the Hudson Garden. There were not so many daylilies here but the landscaping was exceptional. The Hudsons had taken advantage of a small brook that ran through the back of their property, (here we walked downhill to get to the house and back garden) and had covered it over most of the way, running it underground to a lake across the side road from their place. At the left of the rear garden they had left it open with a waterfall and a tiny bridge and beautiful plants surrounding the edge of the stream. It was very effective. They had a number of daylily plants but not in such profusion as we had seen elsewhere.

Some of the daylilies that impressed me in the other gardens, covered so ably by Mrs. Lanham elsewhere in this Newsletter, were: RON ROUSSEAU, McKinney - rose-tipped, creamy yellow blend; FIRE BRIGHT - bright red; RUBINA, Parry - ruby self. I also liked TALALA, Hancock - English red polychrome with a wide green throat; GLORIOUS Pittard - a lovely gold! In Mrs. Hardy's garden I photographed: DISTANT GLOW, Griesbach-Hardy (tetraploid), tangerine melon self; JAKARTA, Whatley, the lovely bright yellow with green throat which was so lovely in Atlanta last year; HANDIWORK, Hardy - golden orange with a very ruffled edge, a HORTENSIA seedling (I bought this one); PERENNIAL PLEASURE, Hardy - the lovely yellow that won the President's Cup; FLAGSHIP, Hardy - red self with green-yellow throat; GREAT LADY, Hardy - old rose self; FOLKLORICO, Lambert - yellow with a reddish overlay and deeper red eyezone, yellow ruffled edge; GARDEN TREASURE, a small lavender daylily with

a deeper eyezone; BROADMOOR ROBE - a large yellow, wide segments with a rusty eyezone; DEEP PURPLE, Wild - a very dark purple; WILD WINE, Wild - also very dark, wine red.

Everywhere we went, the plants were exceptionally well grown, the blooms large and the gardens well kept.
Mildred Schlumpf

HEM LINES

Dear Edna:

Just to prove to you I do things bigger than you do, when picking strawberries instead of looking for snakes, I look for Dinosaurs.

Dear Patsy:

Catch that old dog and cut his tail off right behind his ears and I will send you another BERTIE FERRIS in a few days.

Dear Dollie:

My wild Magnolia is doing just fine, growing like mad. I believe it will be at least an inch tall by this Fall.
U. G. Winniford

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN AHS FOR MILDRED SCHLUMPF

By Leatha Cooke

All who attended the Banquet during the Region 6 Meeting in Beaumont in May shared in the tribute made to Mildred Schlumpf by Bertie Ferris as she presented her with a scroll representing a Life Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society. Mildred's skill in rounding up so much interesting news for the quarterly Newsletter, her patience in handling the many frustrating details of such an office during her two-year term as Region 6 Vice-President, and her cheerful response to many requests beyond the call of the duties of the office richly deserved this honor, and it was a joy to see her face light up as she accepted the scroll. We wish you all could have been there, and we mean it, in the full sense of the expression, North and South.

I am pleased to report that contributions exceeded expenses by \$45.73 and this amount is being sent to Mrs. R. L. Turner, Houston, Region 6 Treasurer. The gift included a gold AHS Medallion for chain or bracelet, engraved appropriately. Full accounting of amounts received from individuals and from Region 6 Societies since the collection in Beaumont, and of expenses (preparation of scroll at the Meeting and postage inviting and acknowledging contributions) was made to Mrs. Turner.

Our thanks to Lula Mae Purnell and Inez Tarrant for aiding with the collection. And to Mrs. John Buettner, who made the scroll. The \$45.73 should help Mildred with increased cost of postage for the remaining Newsletters and perhaps leave some to turn over to Rodger Croker, our new RVP on January 1.

Any Societies or individuals we missed who would like to contribute may do so by sending such contributions to Mrs. R. L. Turner, 7140 Appleton St., Houston, Texas 77022.

Just before going to press we were advised of the passing of Mr. W. T. Hardy of Mt. Olive, Alabama. We are very saddened by this news. Mr. Hardy was in a very serious condition at the time we were in Mrs. Hardy's garden during the Convention. We understood then he was not expected to live. He passed away on July 23. We extend to Mrs. Hardy our sincerest sympathy and admire her courage during the Convention in Birmingham.

"MY CUP RUNNETH OVER"

Dear Friends:

I do not have words to express my gratitude to all of you who so graciously contributed to the wonderful Life Membership and Medallion for my two-year service as your RVP. It means so much to me to know that my efforts have been appreciated. I am sure that I have been guilty of omissions for which I apologize, but I am sure that any one of you who have typed from copy have unintentionally omitted things. All I can say is that I have done my best. I want all of you to know that I prize these gifts very highly and once again say, "Thank You."

Mildred Schlumpf

GUEST PLANTS FOR THE 1973 REGION 6 MEETING

Knowing the value of getting guest plants for our 1973 Regional Meeting at Brazosport into the ground well in advance of the date, we are soliciting this Fall, as we have been doing at every opportunity since the invitation was submitted, almost.

Our aim is to have Texas hybridizers so well represented at that Meeting that all will agree Region 6 ranks with the best of them. Remember how well we grew them for the 1967 Meeting here? Guest beds were prominently located, well-marked, and if we do say it, we had some of the prettiest, sturdiest, and bloomingest to show you. We'll admit the Brown gardens at Orange and the Williamson gardens at Roganville at last May's Region 6 Meeting choked us off a bit - they were also the prettiest, sturdiest, and bloomingest. We do hope to have a wide variety of guest plants representative of the culture of our favorite flower all across the Region, which is the biggest, and only with your help can we accomplish this.

Mail them, or better still, bring them, and attend one of our monthly meetings, held at the Lake Jackson Bank Meeting Room, 109 Parking Way, Lake Jackson, at 2:30 p.m. each second Sunday of the month, except January and February. You may send the plants to me at 58 Caladium Court, Lake Jackson, after October 1 since all of the show gardens on the 1973 trail have not been designated.

Mrs. Howard A. (Leatha) Cooke
Guest Plant Chairman
Region 6, 1973 Meeting.

ADDITIONS TO NEW MEMBER LIST

Just as we were about to go to press a letter came from Molly Wheeler with more new members listed for Region 6. Molly states that the Southern Living and Home Garden magazine articles have brought us quite a few new members. In fact she states that we have already had more new members in 1971 than any other year except 1968 when there were 979. That was the HANDBOOK year.

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Learn to live a day at a time, that's tough enough.

The doors of wisdom are never shut.

SCIENTIFIC (?) COMMENT

John P. Buettner

I don't really think it's very often that I get up on a soapbox about anything. But I would like to say a few things in this article on the subject of ecology - not as an expert, but only as one who has read the comments of many people and observed the effect the current uproar is having on the way of life and actions of many others. Particularly, when I start reading all sorts of "reliable" information in our AHS Journals and Newsletters, it is only natural to wonder, "Just how much do all these people really know and where were they with their advice and warnings several years ago when the situation was not markedly different than it is now?"

We have today an abundant supply of what might be termed "instant ecologists," persons who are simply activists for any cause, legal opportunists, or simply headline hunters who know a good thing when they see it. They are long on advice on any subject, particularly one where the facts are as hard to come by or sound predictions as difficult to make as our environment. Just reading your daily newspaper will quickly illustrate the truth of this statement. Remember the oil spill off the California coast last year and the volumes and volumes of newsprint expended on dire predictions of the permanent and irreparable damage to the oceans and shorelines? It occupied a major place in the news for weeks. Did you know that a government study commission has determined just recently that all effects of the spill, as far as can be determined, have disappeared and that the immediate area has returned to normal? Don't be surprised if you didn't, but it is true.

So what does this have to do with us? There can be no doubt that those capable of gross pollution of the air and water should be cognizant of the damage they do - the large industrial firms, sewage disposal plants, and the like - and there should be some regulation of their activities. But to take these as examples and try to apply them in setting rules of behavior for backyard gardeners and those only interested in growing things on a relatively small scale seems to me to be the height of idiocy. I have written in this Newsletter before on the proper use of chemicals by the home gardener and see no reason to repeat myself; I'm sure all of you are quite capable of reading labels and performing these tasks with care.

I first thought of writing an article like this when I read Miss Lankart's comments in the last edition of this Newsletter in which she had been told that systemic chemicals were dangerous to pets and should not be touched with bare hands; these sorts of stories are typical of those to which I refer. I don't know what kind of pets Edna has but unless they are either about as small as the insects she wishes to get rid of or they eat most of the daylily foliage in the garden it is most unlikely that the chemicals will bother them or her, again assuming they have been properly applied. And I'm not trying to poke fun at Miss Lankart or anyone else by this. All too many people do things because others tell them to do them and neither one really knows why. And the idea that anyone with a small city-sized lot could affect the ecology of their area by the way they utilize chemicals is quite out of the question.

People are going to find, I'm afraid, that insect infestations will arise to which only the use of chemicals, in spite of all the dirty names they've been called, will provide the answer. And these may well become more serious in future years because of the reluctance of more and more people to take preventive measures when they should. Lake Jackson experienced a severe aphid infestation late in the Spring this year, brought about by the warm Winter and the dry weather. The bugs were in the trees and everywhere; no amount of ladybugs or other natural enemies would control them. And those who did nothing about it suffered dearly in defective bloom for the remainder of the season. And for those who have lawns of St. Augustine grass, nothing else besides the materials developed for that purpose will control the Chinch Bugs that invade them every Summer.

So, in summary, there is certainly logic to the argument that wanton and indiscriminate use of chemicals yields undesirable results. But to say that one should try to get by on their own small plot of ground without them and attempt to fight off the insect pests that are a part of nature's balance by natural means alone is just asking for the trouble and inconvenience that is sure to come.

TEXAS BUS - 1971

The Texas Bus made its fourth tour to the AHS Convention in June and may it be said - what it lacked in quantity it made up for in quality. Indeed, it was a wonderful group that made up the 1971 family and with two lovely adopted members, one from California and one from Oregon - we really had a trip long to be remembered by all.

Our first stop after leaving Dallas was at the beautiful Lankart Garden in Tyler where we picked up a part of our group. Then on to Beaumont where tables were set in Claudia Fullen's beautiful tree shaded garden and food to dream about was served. Also a number of passengers were waiting to join us. We were very happy to visit the Spalding Garden and to see that Miss Edna's garden is being cared for as she would have wished by her nephew and his wife. When we arrived at the Simon Garden in Lafayette it had cooled a bit and we were able to enjoy the many lovely blooms that can always be seen in this beautiful garden.

After getting settled in our rooms for the night, we went to supper at the famous "Don's" (how could we after all that lunch?) Our trip would not have been complete had we not headed for Abbeville to visit the MacMillan Garden. Mr. Mac was on hand to greet us in his usual charming way and it was hard for us to leave and head on down the Gulf Coast Highway to Mobile with several stops for shells, etc., and believe it or not more seafood - yes, Ken knows all the good places. That afternoon we stopped at Bellingrath Gardens and from there on to Mobile where we spent the night. Next morning we drove into Mobile where we had one of our most interesting and amusing lunches - the old saying, "When in Rome, do as the Roman do" could have been paraphrased to read, "When in Mobile, eat at Wintzell's Oyster House." Late in the afternoon we checked into the hotel for the Convention. This, the 25th anniversary of AHS is history and as this story will be told by others we will go on with our story. Sunday morning found us headed for Natchez. Mr. Coppin gave a most inspiring devotional and prayer and our Mascot, Karen Metzger, passed out the song sheets and with our own Mildred Schlumpf leading, all took part in this part of our service.

When we arrived in Natchez, we had time to visit several of the old homes and retire to be ready for an early start for home next morning. We made good time the next day and arrived back in Dallas over an hour under the deadline for Ken's day of driving.

Yes, it was a most enjoyable trip - it was a wonderful "family group" - and all are looking forward to next year when we "roll again." At this writing 29 have already signed up to go. The \$15.00 deposit is due by October 15th, plans are not complete but I can assure you it will be another worthwhile and interesting trip.

This story would not be complete without telling about our "famous" foot stool. This was furnished by "Mitch" (Mrs. Robert Mitchell), decorated with daylilies and it was the envy of all the bus drivers. Ken had to take special care to see that it was not "lost" (?) Underneath it said, "I have been stepped on by" - and all members were proud to put their names on it. After this - yes it was a great trip and I'll be seeing you in July 1972.

Best wishes,
Lula Mae Purnell

GARAGE AND PLANT SALE

The Texas Bus Kitty is depleted. With less members on the Bus this year to Birmingham than needed to pay full expenses, we had to use the Kitty to make up the difference. SO, we are having a sale all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (afternoon) September 24, 25 & 26 at the Klenk home, 5500 Northwest Highway, Dallas Texas 75220. There will be Hems, Iris, and other plants as well as gifts - knitted house shoes, wind bonnets, satin pillow cases, just to name a few - as well as "odds and ends!" We'll be looking for you!!

Lula Mae Purnell

A true friend, one who thinks you're a good egg after you're busted.

REFLECTIONS OF '71

Rodger N. Croker

The daylily season began here on March 20 as LITTLE CHERUB (Claar) opened its first bloom, to be followed in a few days by BITSY (Warner) and GOLD DUST (Yeld) - 1906. Then in May came our trip to Pleasanton to meet and visit the "Unofficial" Show with the Happy Time Daylily Society under the leadership of Mrs. H. G. Howard.

The end of May brought a most outstanding Regional Meeting at Beaumont. In Mrs. Williamson's Roganville garden the most outstanding Hems were:

LITTLE CELENA - a small rose-pink miniature with a raspberry eye and green throat, finished off with delightful ruffling.

SQUEAKY (Herman Winniford) - a sweet, wide-petaled, ruffled yellow with a different form than I have seen in any other.

ICE CARNIVAL (Childs), CALL TO REMEMBRANCE (Spalding), and ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF (MacMillan) were attention getters in the near white class.

RED SIREN (Claar) called a great deal of attention to itself with its glowing red self.

In the Edgar Brown Garden at Orange appeared doubles in every conceivable form and color, and the diploids were especially showy, but everyone's eyes seemed drawn to the tetraploids growing there.

A visit to the Stanley Hyer Garden at Sweeny revealed many, many daylilies being given extra special care. Outstanding there was a bed of daylilies hybridized by Mrs. Mattie Harrison of Georgia (of GREEN GLITTER fame). SMOKY MOUNTAIN, a huge yellow with a smoky pink haze in the morning, was the most unusual of these. For those who like them huge, this one is certain to please.

Jessie and Betty's collection of miniatures is one of the largest which I have seen. One outstanding miniature seedling was the result of their hybridizing efforts, but somewhere I have misplaced the seedling number.

Visiting the garden of Mr. J. E. Rupe at Bay City was a real privilege. His seedlings were extremely well-branched. Number 118-P was an exceptional one in an attractive brown color.

In June, I visited the Austin Show, where there were many of the latest Hems exhibited. Lou Bell Harris's arrangements astonished me with the vast assortment of companion materials used. Julius Schutze's shadow box with a rotating sphere of daylily blooms served as a focal point for their show.

In our garden we enjoyed the miniatures BITSY (Warner), BLACK PEARL (Kowner), INK SPOT (Walker), RED MITTENS (Heinemann), LONA EATON MILLER (Kraus-Shilling), and WANETTA (Spalding). Wild's DEEP PURPLE on a first year plant was most eye-catching. BOURBON KINGS (Wild) was an unusual raspberry with a bright blue blaze glistening in the sun. For late bloom DRIFTED SNOW (Hall) and IVORY SPRITE (Ross) both began their first blooming the end of June. DRIFTED SNOW is a large pink melon which pales attractively during the day. IVORY SPRITE is an ivory melon miniature with superb branching.

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A BUS LOAD OF FUN

On the morning of June 14 the fourth annual bus trip to an American Hemerocallis Society Convention departed from the home of our able leader, Lula Mae Purnell, in Dallas. A stop was made in Tyler for a visit to the garden of Edna Lankart. From there they proceeded to Beaumont to the home of Claudia Fullen to pick up more passengers and to have a lunch stop. Dollie Wheeler, Bertha Cone, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Mimms, Claudia Fullen, Inez Coffman, and I joined the other group there. After a delicious picnic lunch in Claudia's garden, all 25 of us plus Ken, our regular driver, making 26 in all departed for Iowa, LA, and the garden of Mrs. Elsie Spalding. We enjoyed her beautiful seedlings and named varieties. She has some beautiful near whites such as Ye 71-80, Ye 71-67, Ye 22-70 and LITTLE JONIE, OUR FINEST, and LOVELY GIRL. From Mrs. Spalding's we drove to Lafayette for a visit to Mrs. Simon's Garden. As we arrived a little late, around 5:30 p.m. as I remember. Louise had left for the day but we traced her down and she returned to the Nursery to show us around. There we enjoyed many beautiful seedlings. Louise has one which she plans to name COLONEL SIMON for her son which is a lovely, very large wide segmented yellow. Another large rose Ro 2-71 was impressive. Her MY ROSARY, a soft buff yellow with a lavender halo is good as is the green spider FOR PETES SAKE. The work of many other hybridizers can be seen here such as HEMISFAIR (Wild), a large deep pink blend with a tangerine throat, PASS ME NOT (MacMillan-Kennon) creamy orange yellow with a maroon eyezone, WILD CAPERS (Wild), a lovely coral pink, CHINA MOTH (Munson), cream touched pink with lime green throat and many, many others. From Mrs. Simon's we went to the Holiday Inn in Lafayette for the night.

The following morning we left early for Mr. W. B. MacMillan's garden in Abbeville, Louisiana. We knew that Mrs. MacMillan was in the hospital and as no one was home we contacted the hospital, got in touch with Mr. MacMillan and he arrived in just a few minutes. Everyone enjoyed the tour of his garden. Most of the ones he is so well known for were blooming - JUMBO RED, KING OF GLORY, KING OF KINGS, ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF, HOPE DIAMOND, MOMENT OF TRUTH, etc. He is getting some very good purples, now. His 3-70 and 3-70 +1 are both good ones. Mr. MacMillan told us he planned on going to the Convention if Mrs. Mac's condition permitted. (He was able to go).

After about an hour in the MacMillan Garden we left for Mobile. Our drive along the coast of Mississippi was interesting. This was the first I had seen of the damage left by the big hurricane which destroyed so many buildings along the coast. Although a lot had been cleared away, and a number of new buildings constructed, the results of the devastating wind and water were still very much in evidence. We stopped in Gulf Port for a seafood lunch. In the early afternoon we arrived at Bellingrath Gardens. Although the best time to see Bellingrath is during Azalea and Camellia season, the gardens were still very lovely. Our guide, Albert, took us through. Some of us went through the home of the Bellingraths and found it most interesting. The house is almost exclusively furnished with antiques.

Leaving Bellingrath we headed for the Holiday Inn on Mobile Bay where we spent the second night. Next morning, with only a short distance to drive into Birmingham, we took our time about leaving and drove into Mobile, drove by the Museum and then Ken took us to a famous seafood place called Wintzell's for our lunch. This is where we had the most fun as the rustic walls were literally papered with small cards with jokes and quips. We entertained ourselves while waiting for our lunch by reading the cards aloud. My oyster loaf was delicious. Everyone else enjoyed their meal also. We had stopped on the way from Bellingrath to Mobile and bought a number of watermelons and iced them down so on our way to Birmingham we stopped at a roadside park and had a watermelon feast.

We arrived at the Tutwiler Hotel late in the afternoon. The next three days were spent with the Convention and will be covered elsewhere in this Newsletter.

On Sunday morning after having breakfast at a very good cafeteria in Birmingham, we left for Natchez, Mississippi. Since this was Sunday morning Lula Mae conducted a short Church Service. We always do this when we are on the road over Sunday. Mr. F. D. Coppin, who besides being a High School Principal is also a Lay Preacher, gave a short sermon and Lula Mae asked each of us to give our favorite Bible verse. Then yours truly was asked to sing, so I sang "The Lord's Prayer," "In the Garden," and "How Great Thou Art." It was late afternoon when we arrived in Natchez and were only able to view two of the Historic Homes, Stanton Hall, and Longwood. Both were lovely. Longwood is the one which, although it is 110

years old, has never been completed. The building of it started before the Civil War and after the war, was never finished. One can view the plans and imagine how it would have looked had it been completed.

We spent Sunday night at the Prentiss Motel in Natchez and left for home the following morning. We arrived back in Beaumont around 1 p.m. and Dollie Wheeler and I arrived home in Houston around 2:30 p.m. I think everyone had a wonderful time and we enjoyed meeting our two passengers from the West Coast, Mrs. Stewart of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Kuhs of Bakersfield, California, as well as other Texas folk we had not met before.

Our little Mascot, Karen Metzger, Mrs. Klenk's granddaughter kept us all on our toes, furnishing song sheets, and taking care of other things for us. I am told that some of the girls Karen met in Birmingham asked her if she did not get tired of "all those old ladies?" And Karen said, "What old ladies?" You know that makes one feel just wonderful when a girl young enough to be your granddaughter does not consider you an old lady. "Mamma," Lula Mae Purnell, as usual was a good manager and our capable bus driver, Ken Miller, kept us steady on the road. With only two or three exceptions our passengers all signed up for next year when Ken and Mamma will take us to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 1972 Convention. So if you want to join us you had better get your name in the hat. It is indeed a very interesting experience.

Mildred Schlumpf

AUSTIN STAGES INTERESTING SHOW

The Austin Hemerocallis Society held its Flower Show June 5, at the Austin Area Garden Center. The theme of the show was "Daylilies, Dawn 'til Dark." Featured in the center of the show was a spectacular exhibit by Mr. Julius Schutze. It was a huge black shadow box containing a revolving "world" encrusted with daylilies - and a light representing the sun.

Mrs. John F. Lanier, Jr. was Chairman of the show and Mrs. H. C. Kilpatrick was Co-Chairman. There were 203 people attending the show.

In the Horticultural Division, Sweepstakes winner was Mrs. Guy Gates who also won an AHS Rosette for her seedling 70-111. Queen of the Show was won by Mr. Charles Cyrus for his scape of CLARENCE SIMON. Blue ribbons were also won by Mrs. H. C. Kilpatrick, Miss Lillian, Miss Zona Peek, Mrs. J. L. Fomby, Mrs. T. E. Stone, Miss Katie Lee Stone, and Mrs. William Bohn.

In the Artistic Division, Mrs. Oliver Harris won Sweepstakes, Award of Distinction, and the Tricolor Award. Blue ribbons were also won by Mrs. H. C. Kilpatrick, Miss Lillian Peek, and Mrs. J. F. Lanier, Jr.

Reported by Mrs. J. F. Lanier, Jr.

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES, SAN ANTONIO HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - 1971

By Mrs. Paul J. Offer, President

The San Antonio Hemerocallis Society was host for the Austin Hemerocallis Society and the Happy Time Daylily Society of Pleasanton, Texas, on May 16, 1971, at a Tea from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. which was held at the San Antonio Garden Center for refreshments and rest. Mrs. Robert Parkinson was Chairman for the Tea and had a lovely table set for the guests. Refreshments were superb.

The members of the San Antonio Hemerocallis Society had Open Gardens on May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again after the Tea from 3:00 p.m. until dusk. It was indeed a pleasure to have the Austin and Pleasanton "Hem" lovers visit with us.

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS FOR REGION 6

We welcome the following new members to our Region. We hope that we can be of service to you when you feel the need. If you have any questions, call on us and we will do our best to help you. All of you who live near our new members, contact them and make them feel welcome.

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I wish to thank all who have contributed to the expense of the Newsletters. The cost increased with the last one. It is gratifying and encouraging to find that some of our members in Region 6 appreciate the work and time that goes into the Newsletter. How nice it would be if all of our members took the time to drop a dollar into the mail. All contributions received after August 10 will appear in the next Newsletter.

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THE ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF AWARD

This year there were more entries than last year but many of them were not good enough to be eligible. I understand from Mr. Hall that there were about 100 entries in all. Most of the landscape pictures were evidently taken at Conventions and had people in them which ruled them out for competition. The winners this year were: Mrs. J. C. Lamb, Lexington, Kentucky, the Individual Bloom Award for her slide of CREPED CUTIE, and Miss Edna Lankart for the Landscape Award.

I hope next year that more will enter and be a little more careful about their entries. My congratulations to these two on winning the award.

Mildred Schlumpf

ATTENTION! AWARDS AND HONORS JUDGES

Time has come again for filling out your ballot. It must be in by September 1st. I hope all of you have taken notes and are ready to get your ballots to Luther J. Cooper, Jr., Awards and Honors Chairman, 5206 Hawkesbury Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606. Also, don't forget to mail your Popularity Poll Ballot which you will find in your last Journal to Mrs. Kilpatrick. All members who are not Awards and Honors Judges should send their Popularity Poll Ballot in. This is very important.

Editor

If this Newsletter seems to have too much of your Editor in it, please accept my apologies. It was not intentional, it just worked out that way. My next Newsletter, (and my final one) will be mailed in November. Please send me your reports and articles no later than November 1, so I will have time to get them typed and ready for the printer. I would really prefer having them some time in October if possible.

Editor