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RVP's MESSAGE

After such an excellently carried out Regional Meeting, it's difficult to know where to start. The hospitality was super and the gardens on tour were in excellent condition.

Mrs. Inez Tarrant won the Annie T. Giles Award for the best unintroducted seedling by a hybridizer from the host Society was for her 72-7, a large near white. Tying as runners-up were Mr. J. E. Rupe's STACY BLAIR and the Keener's K52969.

The Malcolm Collie Hemmie Award for the best seedling of a Region 6 hybridizer went to Mr. Z. G. Benson of Wichita Falls for his COMPOST, a recurved buff yellow. The runner-up was Mr. L. R. Smith's POCO VINO.

The George Rambo Garden was one screened from the street by a brick wall and wrought iron gates. From the wall, the garden sloped to a stream running along the back of the property. Here spacious beds emphasizing Hems were laid out attractively, displaying such Hems as MAC THE KNIFE (MacMillan-Wheeler), VELVET APPLE (Schlumpf), VELVET GEM (Waltermire), ROLLING TIDE (LaGasse-Denman), and Lankart's SOUTH SEA CORAL.

Palms of various varieties and a huge clump of Spiderwort completed the picture, along with other companion plants.

The Keener Garden at Angleton was one filled with many named cultivars as well as a large seedling bed. One of theirs I liked especially was K54269, a bronzy orange with a red eye and greenish throat with low scapes.

Here Mr. Martin McMillan's DRUMMER BOY bloomed with its miniature ruffled melon blossoms. Sauer's LAVENDER SHADOWS was a clear vibrant color. Others I noted in my hurried scribbling were the Winnifords' BOZO, a nice red miniature; CLYDE HYDE, a creamy yellow performing well; and the Maxwells' raspberry miniature, LITTLE MUTT.

One cannot forget, either, that beautiful single yellow Chinese Hibiscus growing along the house.

At Wharton we visited the Raymond Earlys whose garden, for the most part, is grown under lath. The largest Pecan tree I've ever seen dominated their backyard. Here grew their huge yellow AMAZING GRACE, BEE KEEPER, CHARLES BUCKMAN, HELLO JOHNNY, JUMBO RED, MAC THE KNIFE, O HOLY NIGHT, SHADRACH, and WINNING WAYS, plus others of Mr. MacMillan's beauties interspersed with the best of other hybridizers.

The Hyer and Davis Garden will not be forgotten with their huge pond dominating the scene. Here huge Oaks and large clumps of Cannas set off the Hems.

Hyer H 67-7, a small raspberry, was a clump of note. The W. A. Clumms of Florida had guested 69-54-2, which was a small purple, and PIXIE PETTICOAT. Winniford's DALLAS SISTERHOOD and TEXAS RANGER were two nice reds.

Mr. J. E. Rupe's Hems seemed to have a home to their liking. Here grew his ARTS AND LETTERS, CAT'S MEOW, COLOR LETTER, DINNER DATE, MEON, and my favorite of his colored Hems, BETTY DAVIS, a purple-raspberry blend with a deeper eye.

At the Tarrant Garden one saw many of the latest cultivars, such as CHILDREN'S PRAYER, DALLAS SISTERHOOD, DOUBLE TALK, GREEN GLITTER, JEAN BECK, LITTLE FELLOW, PERENNIAL PLEASURE, ROLLING TIDE, ROZAVEL, and SOUTH SEA CORAL.

This was the home of the Annie T. Giles Award seedling, Tarrant 72-7. Here COMPOST made its grand show that won it the Malcolm Collie Award.

At the L. R. Smith garden we saw many beautiful selections. Outstanding here were SUSAN KELLY (Smith), a rose pink with low scapes and a green throat; SEA JADE (Smith), a gold melon; POCO VINO (Smith), a rose-wine with lighter shadings on the edges of the petals; and two of Mr. Smith's numbered seedlings, 72-72, a low pink with a deeper eye; and 72-53, a round gold melon.

The banquet was extremely nice with the oil miniatures done as personal favors by Mrs. Naomi Carwile. Especially did your RVP enjoy the oil oval plaque painted by her as a special favor. It was painted on a wood oval and was a scene of a Blue Jay sitting amid a spray of Lilacs.

And a big thank you for the biggest surprise of all - the money gift and the scroll, listing all the contributors' names.

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr. of Dallas was elected as RVP. However, a few days later Bertie was re-elected to the National Board of AHS, which is quite an honor for her and Region 6. Her re-election prevents her serving as our RVP, so Tom J. Hughes of Mansfield has agreed to serve this next two years, beginning January 1, 1974.

I cannot conclude without mentioning a few in our garden that I liked. Especially beautiful was Hughes' SHERRI LYNN, a near white with green throat and ruffling supreme. And it remained low.

Another we enjoyed for its crispness at the end of the day during the late midseason bloom was SILOAM SHOWPIECE (Henry). This is a ruffled brown with a green throat and a brassy halo.

Among the tetraploids, who could decide between MARY TODD or GOLDEN SURREY in the yellow class or Edgar Brown's POLYPLOID PINK or PROMISED PINK among the pinks.

In the smaller ones, LITTLE CELENA (Williamson) a deep eyed rose; BLACK PEARL (Knower); and SQUEAKY (Winniford), the widest petaled yellow miniature, were outstanding. Then, I must mention Winniford's POJO, the most attractive gold double I've seen. It's in the small-flower class.

I hope the rebloom hits each of you in epidemic proportions.

*Rodger N. Croker*

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### MEET YOUR RVP - ELECT

By Rodger N. Croker

Tom J. Hughes, your new RVP-elect, was born on a dairy farm near Dublin, Texas, in 1925, a community where he received all of his public schooling. Upon his graduation, he entered the Army Air Force and served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II.

After this, he attended what is now the University of Texas at Arlington for two years before starting to work, temporarily, at the U. S. Public Health Hospital near Fort Worth. This temporary job has endured until the present time, however, the institution changed from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Department of Justice.

Tom was married to the former Nathalie Kirksey in 1948. Their son Stephen was born in 1951 and

they have two daughters, Rebecca, age 18, and Lee Ann, 7.

Tom became aware of some horticultural skills rather reluctantly on his father's dairy farm. Here his parents, T. E. and Mamie Hughes were avid growers of everything - children, vegetables, pigs, fruit, dairy cattle, Mums, chickens, Iris, and daylilies. He gained from their knowledge and developed his own horticultural interests.

He has the title of Landscape Gardener Foreman at the Federal Correctional Institution of Fort Worth, supervising residents there as they perform all the jobs of caring for some 220 acres of institutional grounds.

Tom became interested in daylilies and Iris, as this was his parents' hobby. Since 1950 his interest in daylilies has grown, and the excitement surrounding the blooming season has increased every year.

In 1955, his dad began to consider retirement from his civil service job to a small nursery specializing in Iris and daylilies. Tom and his dad entered a partnership and in 1958, Mr. Hughes retired to this nursery. And both "Daddy Tom" and "Two Mama" have made it what it is today. The only thing that has diminished is their interest in Iris. The Hem bug just got the best of it. They won their first award, a Junior Citation in 1959 for DUCHESS OF DALLAS and have received a number of others in the following years.

Tom comes to us with much knowledge of Hems and an enormous enthusiasm.

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#### REGION MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Paul J. Offers of San Antonio had their yard named as the winner of the Yard of the Year by the San Antonio Board of Realtors. (Editor's note: This honor is justly deserved, as their garden is one of beauty at any season, and they deserve even more credit, for they do all the labor of love themselves and it shows).

The Waco Council of Garden Clubs have selected yards of the month this year. In the Northwest Ward for the month of July, the residential winners were Mr. and Mrs. Q. Perry Potts of 4909 Crestwood Drive. (Editor's note: Their garden features Iris, daylilies, Roses, and many lovely companion plants in a beautiful lawn setting with numerous medium-sized Live Oaks).

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#### ATTENTION ACCREDITED SHOW PERSONNEL

Editor

If I know people, some of you are going to complain loudly because you received no publicity on your show, either in the Newsletter or the AHS Journal.

Of four known accredited shows held in this Region, only one was properly and promptly reported. (Thanks to Alyne Fisher of Austin for your promptness). Two still have not reported on August 6. July 15 is our copy deadline for the Journal, and that is at least six weeks after most shows are held and should be adequate time to have the report to your RVP.

Show Chairmen, it is your responsibility to see that a copy is sent to the RVP. Local Presidents, it is your job to see that they do it. Local Members, it is your duty to elect a President and Show Chairman who'll get the job done. End of sermon!

## RAMBLING THOUGHTS

Edna Lankart

First, let me say that I missed seeing all of the wonderful Region 6 members at the Lake Jackson Meeting - the first I have missed in many years. I hear it was a very good Meeting and the gardens were lovely. One of the disadvantages of being "among the gainfully employed" is that you cannot always take off when you would wish to do so. This was the ONE week when I had to be in the office, as other members of the firm were out of town on business trips.

What with trips, working, and trying to see what I had at my Tyler and Waco gardens, daylily season was over before I knew it. A good way to lengthen the season is to visit earlier sections before your own bloom season starts. What better way than to drive to Florida with that fun group, Clara Mae and Mutt Pittard, and Ethel Smith to attend the Florida Regional Meeting. This was my first visit to Bill Munson's new garden and upon arriving, all I could do was stand and look in utter amazement at what seemed to be acres of beautifully grown daylilies. Just the thought of all the work that has gone into this garden exhausted me. No wonder none of the Munson's have a weight problem. This garden alone would be well worth the trip to the National Convention in Florida next year, so start saving up those dollars (it used to be pennies).

There always seems to be one daylily that really sends one, and at Bill's it was MOUNTAIN VIOLET, a most beautiful deep lavender rose or violet with grand branching and placement. I tell you about this only because my name is already on the list for a plant. When I get Bill's EMBASSY, an overlapping wine purple and MEDEA, a grape rose wine, which is said to be a good parent, Bill had better watch out for me in a few years, especially when I cross them with such as Edgar Brown's new PINK PRIZE, which is a powder pink, very flat, round, and full and his Brown T 49-72, which has a converted seedling of PRESIDENT GILES x EDGAR BROWN in its breeding. Add to this Peck's JOLLY PINDER, JOCK RANDALL, DOUGLAS DALE, LUSTY LELAND, and BARBAROSSA and if I don't come up with some super tetraploids, I QUIT!

Another early trip, which was to the garden of Betty and Edgar Brown at Orange, was quite an exciting experience. Here I saw possibly the largest AND widest yellow daylily I have ever seen. It will probably be named after their son David so you know it must be a real doozy, as David is very discriminating in his choice of daylilies. Their PEGGY MAC, a large ruffled and recurved rose pink, was most outstanding in their garden, my garden, and also at Shreveport. LESLEY BALL, a very deep clear purple, is probably the best I have seen in this color. These are new introductions, but some of those in commerce that were lovely this year were INCA IDOL, a large coral red that makes a grand clump and garden show; MEXICALI ROSE, a very round, creped coral rose with all the good features one would look for in a daylily - whether for garden show or hybridizing, still a favorite of mine. Some of Betty's doubles that were outstanding were DOUBLE GLAMOUR and DOUBLE LOVE, both in shades of pink. DOUBLE CUTIE, a low light yellow hose-on-hose type, was liked by many. DOUBLE DOUBLOON is a brilliant wide gold that makes a very showy clump.

A visit with Lucille Williamson is always exciting - you can view all of the newest color slides she has taken and also her large beautiful garden. The most beautiful here is Lucille's pink that she may name PINK EDGAR BROWN. What a gorgeous pink this is. The many miniatures in so many colors really turn you on, but the one I liked best was LITTLE GRAPETTE - I could sit and look at it all day. Incidentally, it won the best miniature in the show at the Florida Meeting.

Thank goodness for the medium late bloomers that extend our season. One of the most eye-catching late bloomers I had was SHOWOFF (Brown), a tetraploid with very large most brilliant deep gold blooms, grand branching, and a real showoff. SOUTH SEA CORAL is still blooming and with all the rain the blooms are especially large and showy. EXALTED RULER (Hall) is a very large coral rose that is welcome in mid-July. SMOKEY WONDER (Brown), a wide smoky lavender purple, is still showing off. I am counting on this one to widen the petals of many of the narrow lavenders and purples. CHERRY CHEEKS (Peck) is such a gorgeous bright rose cherry color and usually blooms too late to set pods, but it seems to be setting them in July this year - probably due to lack of too

much heat and plentiful rain. This is also true of Peck's ROYAL FLAIR, EGYPTIAN SPICE, and YELLOW CRYSTAL. They are two other late blooming tetraploids that make a good show but not too useful as parents. My CREPED CUTIE always furnishes late blooms and makes a nice clump. BOZO (Winniford) is such a cute miniature deep orangey red. It has perfectly branched low scapes that keep on blooming late in the season. Everyone has liked this one. If you want a bountiful bloomer for landscaping, try EGYPTIAN ELF - a clump will have hundreds of blooms. COPY CAT (Wheeler) is a cute round coral red that blooms late and makes a grand clump. It is a miniature. My GINGER PEACHY extends the season and is covered in blooms. Another small flowered deep cherry pink that makes a grand show in July is GAY BARTON (Brockman). If you like the pale delicate colors, you will like CATHERINE WOODBERRY (Childs), which is a late bloomer in delicate lavender pink. MEXICALI ROSE (Brown) is repeating now - this one makes a grand clump if you let it get established.

I have had quite a few to write and ask me which I consider the best reds - most want a green throat and that's where the hard part comes in, as many start with a green throat but it turns lemon or yellow later in the day. One of the few that holds its bright green throat is Demarest #6, which I plan to name and introduce. It is a bright ruffled cherry red with good form and always repeats - one I like very much. One of the best named reds was ANZAC (Parry), a large beautiful velvety red with a green throat that can hold its own beside the tetraploids. It was blooming near tetraploid LUSTY LELAND, and it was hard to tell them apart. To me, this is probably the best diploid red to be found, now. In the bright reds I liked FLAGSHIP (Hardy) so well that I bought her full supply a while back. RHYTHM DANCER (Maxwell) was a good red; SHINING BEACON (Pittard) is a good velvety red that bloomed until middle July. I like the three Claar velvety reds: SAIL ON, RED SIREN, and FLEETA.

If you ask me about wide purples or lavenders, forget it, because they are few and far between. I have a line of what I think will be good lavenders, but none available, now.

It is becoming more and more evident that an established clump does make a much better showing in ordinary soil. This along with plenty of rain made some I have not especially cared for look good this year. If commercial growers would let one of each variety grow into a clump, it would show visitors what a show they could make. In so many cases the plants are lined out in single divisions in the Fall and this does not make a good show in the Spring. So many want daylilies that make a showy clump. I'm happy that Rodger is asking for lists of daylilies that do make showy clumps, as this will be most helpful to our members. DID YOU SEND IN YOUR LIST OF THE THREE BEST CLUMPS? I will enclose my list but wish to say that it was the miniature and small flowered that made the most spectacular clumps. The brightest spot was LITTLE BUSINESS (Maxwell), just loaded with bright rosy red blooms and gobs of scapes. Lucille Williamson had an established clump of LITTLEST ANGEL, a pink with rosy red halo that was literally covered in blooms. My clump of LITTLE SHOWOFF (Williamson), a 3" yellow with red eye, has made an eye-catching spot in my garden for several years. At the Browns', their MEXICALI ROSE makes a beautiful show with its good branching and many blooms, and Betty's DOUBLE DOUBLOON makes such a bright splash. PERENNIAL PLEASURE (Hardy), a President's Cup winner, is a joy to see in an established clump.

To the many of you who have requested my 1973 pricelist I'm sorry to say that I did not find the time to get out a Spring list. I'm sure you will understand that with working at Waco, trying to keep up two gardens, and doing my AHS work, there just wasn't time to get out a list and mail out orders this year. Hope there will be more time next year.

## NOTES FROM DALLAS

Rudi Fuchs

This is, and has been, an unusual blooming season. The continuous rains all Spring made many varieties produce scapes much taller than they were "supposed" to. I had many that are listed as 34" and 36" that had fine blooms at 50" and 60". Also, I see many are forming new scapes, when they had never shown continuous bloom before. However, I notice that the plants became overly tender from all the rain, and now that the hot and dry time is upon us, the plants are not holding up as well as they did in more normal seasons. I need some advice. From healthy plants, I've had several whose scapes half develop and then wither and dry up - or the scapes mature, but about half the buds turn yellow and die. I am sure that I need to know what is deficient in my soil.

I had many "favorites" this season. Some of these that bloomed beautifully in my garden are: RASPBERRY PIXIE (Williamson), JEWEL CASE (Lester), SHEER MAGIC (McMillan), CLARENCE SIMON (MacMillan), GLORIA RITCHEY (Simon), WHICKERBILL (McMillan), LITTLE STINKER (Hughes), RINGO (Lankart), VELVET APPLE (Schlumpf), DOLOLLY (McKinney), RENEE (Dill), INCREDIBLE (McMillan), TIMELESS (Wild), WINNING WAYS (Wild), and BILL STUTSON (Hyde). One of the favorites for all at the show and in my garden was an old one by Russell 1961 - TIS MIDNIGHT - a beautiful velvety almost black with profuse branching.

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### VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Attention all AHS members: Last year only slightly more than eighty members of our Region 6 voted in the Popularity Poll. Of those, over 50 were Awards and Honors Judges completing their qualifications in remaining eligible as judges. This means that only thirty members voted out of the remaining 450 members of this Region. It doesn't take paper and pencil to figure that is a poor showing for Region 6.

So, get out your June issue of The Hemerocallis Journal and look just inside the cover for your ballot. List alphabetically your favorites. Follow the instructions at the top of the ballot, and send the ballots in by September 1, 1973. They are to go to Mr. R. W. Munson, Jr. whose address is placed at the bottom of the ballot.

Let's let our Society know what we like in Region 6. This is the only way the Popularity Poll can be representative and meaningful.

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Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

## INSTANT IMPRESSIONS OF IMPRESSIVE HEMS

Luke Senior, Jr., Arkansas  
AHS Slide Custodian

When recalling daylilies that I have seen during recent garden tours, three groups form in my mind. First are the ones that I already grow, admired elsewhere, and know that I will like just as much next season or possibly again this one, if they rebloom. Next are the Hems that I want to add, provided they are available at a price I can afford. Lastly are those which aren't on the market yet, usually seedlings, but with which I want to keep track.

In the first group I recall CHILD OF DESTINY (Simon) and ETERNAL BLESSING (Spalding). Both have won Junior Citations. CHILD OF DESTINY is a small flower of green and yellow blended together over a green throat and is carried on an 18" scape. It held my admiration in the Hodge Garden during the National Convention. Here at home ETERNAL BLESSING has replaced MOMENT OF TRUTH (MacMillan) as my favorite. A near white, the color becomes lighter as the temperature rises and by mid-afternoon it appears white with a creamy halo over the green throat. Branching is excellent. Also, it repeats. Regretfully, it will not take pollen from just any other Hem nor is its own pollen overly acceptable.

The second group is larger. Possibly daylilies in someone else's garden are more attractive than those to which one has become accustomed at home. Three are in the red shades. Mrs. Hancock's TALALA is registered as an English red polychrome with a green throat. Flower size is small. INCA PRINCESS (Bryant) is a rose red with a chartreuse throat which carries out onto the segments. This is a 5" blossom of round form. DEWEY ROQUEMORE (Warner) is a wide-petaled, velvety, deep red tetraploid. The color deepens around the green throat. The 5 ½" round bloom is born on a 26" scape. Two other well-branched tetraploids are LEMON FLURRY and WIDE WIDE WORLD, both from Peck. Instead of lemon, I found the first to be more mustard yellow with a green overlay. The 6 ½" bloom seemed much larger. WIDE WIDE WORLD is similar in coloring to CHERRY CHEEKS (Peck), which is one parent. The flower is much larger, the branching is magnificent, and the midrib of the bloom is light. Basic color is reddish rose with a tangerine throat. GAY CARNIVAL (Gates, W. R.) is a showy 5" flower of red and gold blend that appears bronze. The petals are ruffled and segments recurve. Last but not least only in size, is ROBIN COLEMAN (Lacey). This is a pale golden yellow with a green, thimble-sized throat. Heavily ruffled segments tend to turn back at the edge. Scapes are 20".

The "I want but can't have" selections include two registered varieties and nine seedlings. Wild's POST TIME is a ruby red that is both dark and clear. Flower parts are wide and ruffled. The bloom is 5" on a 28" scape. LIFE IS FRAGILE (Tarrant) is a pale yellow with a green throat. The 5 ½" flower is round and recurves. Scapes are 22". The name belies the excellent substance of this Hem which was holding perfectly on a warm, windy afternoon. Her seedling 73-5 is a heavily branched purple with a high bud count. The taller scape carries a mass of 5" blooms. It will be registered, too. Two other beautiful cultivars in the purple-lavender class are Stutson's MARIE WALTON and Wild's 73-496. Both lack the muddiness found in so many of this color. Perhaps the most interesting Hem of the season was Stutson's RE DO 1-73. This is a double of rosy red with a green throat. The edges of the segments shade to white. The 5" blossom is completely recurved and scape height is only 14". His WH 4-71 is a cream with overlapping segments. The 18" scape is stiff and well branched. The round, ruffled flower measures in the small range. Its substance is waxy and there is rebloom. Two of Elsie Spalding's carry forward the reputation of that Iowa, Louisiana garden. Seedling 72-11 is nearer white than ETERNAL BLESSING. The 5 ½" bloom opens flat and the sepals recurve. Texture is creped. Scapes are 18". Her 71-6 is a cross of EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL x LITTLE JONIE. It is a yellow with green tones and a green throat. The 6" flower is creped and ruffled. It opens flat with the segments recurving at the edges. Scapes are 18", well branched, and strong. Especially praiseworthy as seen at Wild's was Lucille Warner's tetraploid 155-72. This is a vibrant flame red with a small green throat. The round blossom is 5 ½" with 2 ½" petals. Scapes are 28". Because of the unusual color, which might be termed vermillion, and the good branching this is a vast improvement over

many tetraploids. Her LW 103-72 is different as a tetraploid because of its 3 ¾" bloom and the color makeup. There aren't many small-flower tetraploids. Coloring is rose, veined wine, with a wine eye over a green throat. The 30" scape has multiple branching.

Attempting to set limits is usually difficult. When dealing with flowers, it becomes even more so for me. Many outstanding daylilies have been skipped but certainly not forgotten. To see seedlings with excellent branching that carry ever more beautiful blooms has been gratifying. Also, the improvements in the tetraploid field are becoming evident. This is something which was promised but slow to appear. Garden visiting in different areas provides the chance to see how a Hem has achieved a reputation that may be questionable in our local area. It surely develops an awareness of what is happening in the Hem world. Next year try to go to Oklahoma City for the Region 11 Meeting which will probably be the third weekend in June, the National Convention in Florida in May, and your own Regional in Houston. We'll see you there.

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### CHECK LIST PRINTING DEFINITE

The Composite Clonal Checklist is going to be printed. Donations are needed to help make this a reality. Send contributions to our AHS Secretary, Mrs. Arthur W. Parry, Signal Mt., Tennessee 37377; or our Treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Mannoni, 220 S. Larson, Chanute, Kansas 66720. Please designate it for this purpose.

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## HEM-HOPPING

Margaret Kane, San Antonio

Members of the San Antonio Hemerocallis Society have done more "garden looking" than usual this year, beginning with the daylily show by the Happy Time Daylily Society of Pleasanton. This was a very colorful exhibition and would have done credit to a much larger city, proving again that often a few members can accomplish much. Hostesses were dressed in costume, dozens of bright balloons festooned the hall, and a circus decor was carried out. Artistic arrangers used clowns, balls, animal ceramics, and other interesting materials and containers to exhibit the daylilies to advantage. While in Pleasanton the group visited the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whipp.

Our next trip was to the home of member Ruby Lee Whitfield of Devine. Our speaker of the day, RVP Rodger Croker; gave an informative talk on "Selecting New Cultivars for the Home Garden." Mrs. Whitfield's beautiful garden was vivid with color; daylilies and companion plants vied for attention, some under ancient trees, others in full sunshine.

June 1 took us on pilgrimage to Llano gardens where it seemed unbelievable that Rodger Croker had been in possession of his garden for less than a year - it is so well planned. His daylilies and well-chosen companion plants complemented each other to perfection. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bauman hosted a covered dish luncheon, and a visit to their garden revealed many surprises, including a shelf of African Violets (grown from seed) carrying blossoms of every color imaginable in this flower. We also dropped in on Mrs. E. Clyde Reed for a stroll through her garden. Here we saw an attractive plant that would be an interesting addition to daylily plantings, Moth Mullein (*Verbascum blattaria*) with spikes of yellow flowers centered with a tuft of purple stamens.

Next day found us ready for more, and six members journeyed to Austin to judge the Austin area show. Following this pleasant task there were visits to Bill Ater's garden and the new home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gates, formerly of Leander.

Lake Jackson and the Region 6 Meeting beckoned and it would have been hard indeed to resist the fabulous gardens of that area. The colors appear richer and the foliage more luxuriantly green than any seen elsewhere all Summer. Is it the constant humidity or the soil? (We would like to see an analysis of the mineral content of Lake Jackson soil)! On the way home we stopped in League City to visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Johnson where his handsome seedlings and named varieties kept us enthralled all morning.

Notes from Lake Jackson and vicinity:

BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE (Maxwell) large, creped and ruffled, clear pink-melon.

CLYDE HYDE (MacMillan) lived up to its reputation as an excellent choice for landscaping. Light yellow, broad petaled, and well branched.

PLANTATION DAYS (F. Hall) had good branching with medium-size lavender-tan flowers that carried a halo of the truest violet hue I have seen. Very good!

BOLA DANCE is an attractive golden yellow miniature.

POCO VINO - small cherry red with noticeably lighter edging.

SUSAN KELLY appealed to me - rose-pink blossoms, green throat, large flowers on a well-proportioned stem. Not as tall as many in this class.

DOUBLE TALK - clear light orange, hose-on-hose type.

SHADY LADY - light greenish yellow with a beautiful halo.

DEBBIE (Davis) a reversed bicolor with cinnamon sepals and yellow petals that had a brushed brown center. Tall, but with so many buds, it would give a very extended season of bloom.

LAVENDER FLIGHT just matches the pink coneflower (*Echinacea*) that grows by the wayside and is a favorite perennial in many gardens. Plant these together for a beauty spot and edge with pink Yarrow (*Achillea*).

#71-19 in the H. O. Johnson garden in League City was a wonderful glowing deep red with an even deeper halo. This stood out across the garden!

Enroute to Shreveport we visited Edna Lankart's Tyler garden, arriving with a thunderstorm. Nothing daunted us, as we went around between showers taking notes on water-drenched paper. This is a beautiful spot! Surrounded by a tall Redwood fence and shaded by 70 foot Pines and Sweet Gums, it really could make one green-eyed with envy, if so inclined. Every daylily is clearly labeled with nice, large letters that can be easily read from a distance (bless you for that, Edna)! The soil appears to be a sandy, acid loam and the Hems love it. Companion plants such as tall Lilies, Petunias, and Coleus emphasize the daylilies as the platinum setting shows off a sparkling diamond.

In this garden we saw:

DOUBLE MELODY (B. Brown) described by some as cinnamon-rose; to others it appears to have amber overtones on orange. It has an attractive cuplike center.

DOUBLE CUTIE (B. Brown) clear chartreuse, very low growing, four inch double, a must-have.

BONNIE JOHN SETON (Peck) a tetraploid; large flowers, yellow with green throat.

GLAMOUREENA - a dark-eyed beauty with a creamy complexion and green throat. Lovely.

About this time the rain came down with such force we had to retreat or be drowned, but it was a wonderful visit in spite of the weather. If I had to take a choice of seeing this garden in the rain or miss it, I'd put on my rubbers and raincoat and sally forth. Many of Edna's beauties have such texture and substance it takes a terrific storm to damage them.

Arriving in Louisiana we drove to West Monroe where the R. C. Pittards gave us a royal welcome, including a jaunt out to the farm where there are seedlings to dream about.

Among their beauties, we especially liked:

AZRAEL (Pittard) a huge greenish yellow, ruffled and cool, just the answer to a hot day! Mrs. Pittard says this is an excellent parent transmitting its good qualities to offspring.

SPRING SHOWER (Pittard) rose-pink with a parchment cream center to the petals, then a yellow throat that lightens to green. Very, very different in its color pattern. A must-have.

BREATHLESS BEAUTY (Pittard) magnificent velvet red, ruffled and recurved with a fine green throat.

PURPLE PIGMENT (Hardy) richest purple with yellow throat, ruffled, wide petals, and well branched.

RON ROSSEAU (McKinney) creamy yellow, flat-faced, outer edge of petals brushed with pinkish tan.

Unusual and lovely.

Don't miss the Pittard and Gates gardens if you are anywhere near Shreveport. West Monroe is only a short distance, and well worth the time.

After this Mr. Pittard led us to the home of the Meadowbrook introduction; the residence of "Pappy" and Mrs. William R. Gates. Here we saw a magnificent specimen of Lankart's FABULOUS FAVORITE, a handsome green-throated red that draws the eye like a magnet. GOLDEN SPIDER, twirled golden-yellow, 1 ½" petals, is a distinct and welcome change of pace from the wide-petaled huge flowers that are so frequently observed. Beautiful as these grand beauties may be, surely we need a few different forms - after all, variety is the spice of life - or so we are told.

The Maxwells at Olla, Louisiana, also gave us a hearty welcome. Although the garden was full of guests, they took time to visit with us and discuss our favorite flower. Their seedlings are grown in full sun and rigorously culled; those we saw were of considerable merit. Among those the Maxwells have registered are CHOSEN LOVE, a beautiful clear lavender with green throat; ROSE FEATHER, a blend of several rosy tints; and COOL SHERBERT, six-inch near white. There are many more, all beautiful.

In Shreveport gardens we liked:

HUDSON VALLEY (Peck) this tetraploid must have converted many who have said, "The tetraploids have a long way to go." It had large greenish yellow blossoms that looked right at the observer from scapes that were in perfect proportion. Texture was smooth and substance leathery, giving the appearance of a Hem that could take the worst the weather had to offer. Photographers were clustered around this like bees!

WHITE SPIRIT - very flat, very frilled, and broad petaled, near white.

CHARLOTTE RHAME - buff-peach with dark eye.

ORIENTAL INFLUENCE - huge, broad cream, overlapping petals, brushed rose.

BUDDHA (Whatley) deepest maroon with green and yellow throat that extends far along the petals.

Sepals are small and pinched, petals large and flat. Different!  
SASSY MISS (Wm. Spalding) a near white with lavender eyezone.  
DOUBLE WHAMMY (Brown) large, double flower on low scapes, medium gold.  
CHEEK TO CHEEK (Fars) - this is one of the nicest greenish-yellow doubles I've seen. Ordinarily, I prefer the hose-on-hose type of double, but this did not have the ragged look I dislike in doubles. Many buds on a well-proportioned scapes. Flowers large.  
PASS ME NOT (Kennon) is just that! Light amber yellow with a green throat that really shows up a striking red halo.

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### HEMEROCALLIS GROWERS OF DALLAS SHOW

Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, Show Chairman

The Queen of the Show, CHARLES BUCKMAN, was exhibited by Mr. M. W. Norton, Jr.; Sweepstakes, Mrs. I. D. Thompson; Sweepstakes runner-up, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Winniford. The AHS Achievement Medal was won by Mrs. C. Neal Meagher with her own ROBERT BRYCE. Other AHS Special Rosette winners were: Mrs. William K. Russell with LUXURY LACE, (small flower); Hughes Garden with PAT HUDSON, (miniature); Mrs. Meagher with INDIAN BLANKET, (registered, unintroduced variety); Mr. Winniford with T3-012T, (best seedling); Mrs. William D. Owen with CLARENCE SIMON, (Popularity Poll winner). Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr. won a purple ribbon and blue ribbons were won by Mrs. Elmore Klenk and Mrs. W. S. Lanham.

In the Artistic Division the Tricolor was won by Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, and Artistic Sweepstakes by Mr. John H. Barr, III, with two blue ribbons. Mrs. Hugh Purnell and Mrs. Tom J. Hughes each won a blue ribbon.

In the Youth Division Karen Metzger won Horticulture Sweepstakes; Casey Barr and Gordon Henson won blue ribbons. Rebecca Hughes had the best Artistic Arrangement in the Youth section (12 to 18 age group) and Casey Barr the best in the Junior section (under 12 years).

The show was much smaller than usual (about 300 scapes), but attendance was in excess of 600.

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### THREE MOST SPECTACULAR CLUMPS POLL

Because of a lack of participation, this poll fell flat on its face. CLARENCE SIMON (MacMillan) led the group with 5 votes. Others that received three votes were: CREAM GIANT (Lankart), DAMASCUS ROAD (Pittard), GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson), HEAVENLY HAVILAND (MacMillan), MARIE BABIN (MacMillan), MARY TODD (Fay), and WINNING WAYS (Wild).

Since the interest died so completely, we'll leave it that way.

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### AUSTIN HOLDS THIRTEENTH SHOW

Mrs. Jack Fisher

The Austin Hemerocallis Society held its thirteenth annual show on June 2 at the Austin Area Garden Center, with Mrs. Jack Fisher serving as Chairman and Mrs. J. L. Fomby, Co-Chairman.

One 125 scapes were exhibited in their "Summer Magic" show, with the Horticulture Sweepstakes going to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ater. Miss Lillian Peek won the Artistic Sweepstakes.

Some 250 people attended the show, which had the Horticulture Division judged by Mrs. Sam Montgomery, Mrs. Robert Parkinson, Mrs. Theodore Weber, Mrs. Claud C. Smith, and Mrs. Paul Offer, all of San Antonio.

The Artistic Division was judged by Mrs. Jack Murray, Georgetown; Mrs. Lee Marsh, and Mrs. Chester B. Nelle, both of Austin.

## SIGHT-SEEING FOR DAYLILIES

F. D. Coppin

With 25 "Hem" fans aboard, the Silver Chief departed Dallas on June 5, 1973, for a three-day tour along that Damascus Road to Shreveport via Southern Louisiana.

Stormy Weather prevented our going to Lucille Williamson's, and in Woodville we could not get directions to J. L. Cruse's.

At the garden of Edgar Brown there were many beautiful doubles holding in the rain and a bicolored unnamed tetraploid. What a sight!

POPSEY BILL, large flat yellow at Spalding's had been protected from the rain. Business began.

COLONEL SIMON, KING OF KINGS, PLANTATION EMBERS, and PASS ME NOT were breathtaking in the Simon Garden.

Again at MacMillan's was CHARLES BUCKMAN, JUMBO RED, MILLIE MIDGE, and SHADRACH, with many lovely unnamed ones. LITTLE BUSINESS became big business.

It was Tanner's LAVENDER CHARM, PONY, and YOUNG BESS at Durio's.

COMANCHE CHIEF, FABULOUS GOLD, JUDY GATES, and WINSOME LADY being claimed by the Texans and other visitors in the Gates' Garden made a Gay Carnival.

IRISH SPRING, even a man's must, and HALLOWED VISION with the many untouchable seedlings held our attention at the Pittards' garden and field.

Along with the barbecue dinner at the Maxwells, it was BRIDES COSTUME, LOLLS, MISSY BEARDEN, ROSEFEATHERS, and TWITCHED HEART completed the Week's Show.

BIG SISTER was everywhere.

How that Lankart Garden has matured since 1971! GYPSY TRAIL, DOUBLE MELODY, FLAGSHIP, LAVENDER SHADOWS, PINK BRILLIANCE, and RASPBERRY PIXIE, and TOVARICH were some of the eye catchers.

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## TEXAS BUS TRAVELS AGAIN

Mrs. Ruth Cook, Dallas

On the fifth day of June, 24 happy Hem Lovers boarded our famous Texas Bus and headed for a tour of Hem gardens and sightseeing for a few days, then off to Shreveport for the National Convention.

As we left Dallas, rain was falling in blinding sheets, but everyone was relaxed and at ease under the careful guidance of our very capable driver, Ken, whom we all love, who was at the wheel of that big bus - and what a marvelous job he did.

We had originally been scheduled to visit the garden of Mrs. Lucille Williamson at Roganville but due to the heavy rains this stop was bypassed. (We later learned that it did not rain at her place).

In Kirbyville, the rain had slackened some and we purchased Kentucky Fried Chicken to add to the salads, sandwiches, pickles, cakes, etc., that had been prepared at home. Oh, yes, I must not forget the big bag of WHITE Onions brought by Mrs. Mitchell of Irving. After driving a short distance, we found a nice park with a covered pavilion where we spread this lunch. This cover was badly needed, for by this time light rain had started falling again.

Later in the afternoon we visited the Brown Garden at Orange and were greeted by both Mr. and Mrs. Brown and escorted through the house to partake of delicious punch and cake, then on through the garden. Words cannot describe the beauty of this garden and the hospitality that was shown in the home and the garden.

The next stop was in Iowa, Louisiana, for the Spalding Garden. It was very muddy, with water standing in all the low places. The blooms were very beautiful and many were at prices that were irresistible. Your writer feels that Miss Edna Spalding could rightfully be proud of the work being done by her nephew and his wife, Elsie.

As night drew near we found comfortable rooms waiting for us at the Hermitage Motel in Abbeville. As this is a small town and we were a little late getting there, the restaurant's food supply was very low. With their hamburgers and our leftover chicken, onions, and cake, we had plenty to eat.

Bright and early next morning, still in mud, we visited the MacMillan Garden. Mr. MacMillan's nurse dressed him and brought him out in the wheelchair to greet his old friends. He was very alert and recognized several of our group. His nurse told us this was the first time he had been dressed in over a year.

From the MacMillan garden we visited several other gardens, including that of Mrs. Simon at Lafayette and on to Don's Famous Seafood Restaurant for a delicious fish dinner.

The trip through the jungles of Avery Island will long be remembered. How difficult it looked as we watched Ken steer that big bus through the narrow and winding roads that were so interlocked with the limbs of such huge trees - but he made it. The guide explained that many of these trees had been imported from the tropical countries, but had been successful in their growth. She then told Ken to stop the bus and we walked to the tower and bird sanctuary with the thousands of tropical birds, then on over to the pool and the Buddha, which had been placed on a small pavilion that was partially enclosed. The guide also explained many interesting things about the history and present ownership of this island. Our last stop was at the quaint little gift shop. Most everyone brought back McIlhenny Tabasco Sauce.

Another very outstanding visit was in the garden of Mrs. Marie Louise Ryder at Alexandria, Louisiana. This garden was small but artistically arranged and well kept. It will long be remembered for its selection of quality Hems.

Wednesday night was spent at the Rode Way Inn in West Monroe. Next morning, after getting lost several times, we finally arrived at the beautiful home and garden of the Pittards. Mr. and Mrs. Pittard were both at the gate of entrance to greet each one. A most pleasant visit was had. The next stop was at the garden of Mrs. Gates - and oh, what lovely Hems she has. Then off to the Maxwell Garden and barbecue, then on to Opelousas to the gardens of Ken and Belle Durio. This was a very interesting place with a large area of daylilies on one side of the road and a greenhouse filled with

exotic plants on the other side of the road.

About 4:00 p.m. we arrived at the Travelodge Motel in Shreveport. This was very conveniently located to all the sessions of the meeting which were to follow. Due to the large registration, many visitors had to stay across the street at the Ramada Inn.

After being assigned to our rooms, registering, greeting Hem friends, and resting a little, we ate dinner in the restaurant. At 7:30 we gathered at the pool side for reception and entertainment. How nice it was there in the cool of the evening to greet Hem friends that we have known and loved over the years.

Friday morning we again boarded our bus and started to visit more gardens. The first stop was at the home and garden of Melvin and Virginia McConnell. This was a large yard with many old trees but beautifully arranged with beds of Hems, interspersed with companion plants.

The next garden was that of Bill and Susan Stutson, a most unusual one with an oriental theme but using Hems and companion plants.

We visited some lovely hillside gardens, then returned to the hotel for lunch, but left soon afterward to go to the Flower Show at Barnwell Center. This was a lovely show and located in a well-planned building on the banks of a river. (We later learned that Lucille Williamson's GREEN RIPPLE was a prize winner. Also, we learned that Luke Senior, Jr., of DeQueen, Arkansas, won the Horticulture Sweepstakes and National Award, the AHS Bronze Medal).

At 8:00 p.m. we attended the AHS Business Meeting in the Salon III Chez Vous Room, with President, Mr. L. J. Cooper, presiding.

Saturday morning we again boarded our bus and started for another trek of visiting Hem gardens. It would be impossible to point out which one was the prettiest. At the Walker Garden we were treated to a marvelous barbecue dinner. The menu consisted of barbecue beef, chicken, beans, corn on the cob, pickles, and bread. After eating, a long walk was taken to visit the Hem garden, which contained many very outstanding plants.

Other lovely gardens were visited, but we returned to the motel in time to dress for the banquet, which was held in the Shreveport Convention Hall. This was a lovely affair with Mr. L. J. Cooper again presiding. The food at each session was delicious.

Sunday morning we started for home, going through Tyler and visiting Edna Lankart's lovely home and garden. Then on into Dallas where we ate lunch at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Town East. We then visited the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Winniford, then on to Mrs. Klenk's home where we unloaded the bus and bade goodbye until next year when we make the tour to Florida.

Before closing I must state that on Sunday morning we did not forget our Creator. We were led in a short devotional by Mr. Coppin and Clarice Foster led us in singing.

I would also like to add that during the entire trip there was never a dull moment - this was certainly a fun trip and everybody left all their cares behind.

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Remember to vote in the National Popularity Poll before September 1.

## HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY OF DALLAS

The Hemerocallis Society of Dallas, a small and young organization, had its first daylily show on June 16. It was a much larger and finer show than the small membership would indicate. The Lewises of Murchison were in charge of judging the Horticultural Section, and Mrs. Hugh Purnell (Lula Mae) was in charge of the Artistic Division judging.

The last meeting of the season was an "indoor" picnic at the home of Rudi Fuchs in Denton. After everyone wandered through the many daylily beds, John Buettner, of Lake Jackson, presented an excellent and informative slide talk on how to produce tetraploids. Then our new President, Mrs. Roberta Schnitzius, was recognized. This was followed by a bountiful meal provided by all the members. Guests were all the John Buettner family, Dorothy Coker of Dallas, and Rudi's brother, Vernon Fox, from Beaumont.

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## AUSTIN SOCIETY IS ON THE BALL

Mrs. J. L. Fomby

This season's show was our thirteenth annual show with the theme of "Summer Magic." It was attended by 250 people, and we received five new members as a result of the show. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ater won Sweepstakes in Horticulture, and Lillian Peek won Artistic Sweepstakes. This year our Hemerocallis group added two beautiful brass bowls to be awarded to the Sweepstakes winners each year on a rotating basis.

Another bit of news is that nineteen members of our Austin group attended the National Convention in Shreveport. It was impossible to see all of the beautiful daylilies, but here is a list of a few that caught my eye that I would like to add to my yard sometime: AFTER SUNSET, ARTS AND RUFFLES, BABY BETSY, BABY DARLING, COPPER MINE, EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL, FOLKLORICO, GINGER JAR, HOPE CHEST, NORMA WALKER, ORIENTAL RUBY, PURPLE PIGMENT, RASPBERRY JUBILEE, RICH JEWEL, SAIL ON, SCARLET WAVES, and SEA WARRIOR.

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## GENEROSITY VERSUS COVETOUSNESS

F. D. Coppin

Recently I stood aghast before a Hem that stood about 42 inches tall. It was a dark red (black) 4 ½" triangular-shaped flower with 1 1/8" petals and ¾" sepals. The throat was light greenish to yellow. The yellow midrib on the petal and the yellow tip on each sepal was attractive. Most amazing were the six branches with seven and eight buds each - a 44 bud count.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert P. Miller

By Bertie Ferris

The Hemerocallis World lost another gifted hybridizer with the death of Dr. Robert P. Miller of 4507 Holland, Dallas, Texas. A native of Dallas, Dr. Miller died following surgery, July 14, 1973, in a Dallas hospital.

The members of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas and his many daylily friends grieve with his mother, Virginia Miller, and his brother, John Miller. His interest in horticulture led to his great love for the daylily. He had the ability to stimulate interest and encourage the talents of young and old as they visited with him in homes and gardens.

The eleven years of treatment with colchicine of embryo seedling daylilies with success brought Robert to a rewarding threshold. With great expectations in 1974 and 1975, we await the blooming of his tetraploid daylilies in white, pink, lavender, and red. They will fill us with sweet memories, joy, and pride.

Robert was successful in many things. He received M. A. and PhD degrees from Yale University and taught Chinese, Japanese, and Korean there for ten years, after receiving his Master of Arts. Other awards were the Yale Sterling Junior Award, the Chinese Nationalist Government Fellowship, two Rockefeller Foundation grants, and the American Council of Learned Societies grant to study Chinese and Japanese drama in the Far East. He pursued a successful career in the theater, appearing in productions in Dallas and New York. Robert was a baritone vocalist on the Ford Hour for many years. Also, he sang on the WFAA radio show "Early Birds."

During World War II, because of his ability to speak German and Italian, he was asked to serve in the Military Intelligence. He taught Japanese while in the army and wrote the Army Training Manual in Japanese. For the past eight years he taught exotic languages at the University of Texas at Arlington. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and beauty Robert shared with all who passed his way.

AHS MEMBER'S MOTHER

Mrs. Della V. Hill of Hubbard, mother of Mrs. Lois Blacklock, passed away on July 28. We express our sympathy to her family at this loss.

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FANNIE MILLER

Helen Beard, Pleasanton

We offer flowers in remembrance of Fannie Miller; not Rosemary, as the poet suggests, but daylilies, the flowers she loved so well. We shall not forget Fannie Miller. As we turn the pages of memory's album, we see her vignette, sharp, and clear in dozens of different ways.

We see Fannie, early in the morning, in her garden tending her daylilies and other flowers; to her a garden was a "lovesome thing." We find her forming a new friendship when a stranger with a mutual interest driving through Pleasanton stopped to admire the blossoms in her garden. We hear her exuberantly reporting a trip to Lake Jackson to a Regional Meeting.

Again we hear her saying "happiness is" a daylily show and building the annual show around that theme. We recognize her as a person of great thoroughness as we watch her interviewing one with more experience before attempting to produce a flower show.

We find her sharing her blossoms and plants as she conducts a friend or acquaintance through her garden or as she visits a friend or one who is ill. Sharing was a way of life with her.

Again we view her as a person devoted to home and family. One page of the album, tucked away from the view of most, reveals her helping a friend of long-standing with every detail of a golden wedding celebration - from the earliest planning through the returning of borrowed articles.

If we look attentively, we discover another page that is almost hidden from sight. It shows Fannie Miller helping people she did not know as she works through the night at a Mathis Telephone Exchange, warning people of impending flood danger.

Then there is Fannie Miller scanning the local newspaper for clippings to paste into the Daylily Society's history book, along with pictures and other memorabilia she had faithfully collected.

Friends, family, and even casual acquaintances were certainly aware of Fannie Miller, the dedicated Christian, always loyal to her Lord and to her church.

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BIG COUNTRY SOCIETY MEETS

Doris Presswood, Abilene

Big Country Daylily Society met June 25, 1973, with Rodger Croker, Regional Vice-President as our guest speaker. The Society was much impressed by the youthfulness of Rodger and his charming wife, Jimmie.

Rodger spoke on growing daylilies that are known to do well, urging us to do our part by growing them well. He stressed the point on making our gardens a reflection of ourselves by growing what we like and using companion plants that are pleasing to us. "One can learn something from each yard visited, if the gardener has used his own individuality and has not copied from his neighbor."

The Society was also impressed with the fact that Rodger gets so many things done. Besides moving his garden in the past year, and having splendid bloom this year, he is a devoted family man, teaches English in Llano High School, and pastors a Baptist church. You know the old saying, "If you want a job done well, find a busy person," - that's Rodger!

We say thanks for a delightful program and for being such a nice Regional Vice-President of Region 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Truman Largent, Lufkin, "Mrs. Jack Kennedy and I sure did enjoy the Region 6 Meeting at Lake Jackson. I do believe it was one of the best Regional Meetings I have attended.

We saw some beautiful gardens and some new daylilies after returning from Lake Jackson. We made it to Louisiana and returned with some we couldn't live without.

We also had a great flower display, and open gardens were a huge success.

For our next year's project, we are placing some new Hems at the Post Office and hope to have it a real beauty spot."

Mrs. Shy Osborn, Clyde, "Last night was our July daylily meeting with the top 100 slides from AHS with a few of Shy's in the bunch. Doris (Presswood) and Thresa (Holmes) told about the Convention.

The slides were beautiful and some Hems I jotted down I'd like to have are: BUFFY'S DOLL, CATHERINE WOODBERRY, DAMASCUS ROAD, FLEETA, HOPE DIAMOND, JIMMIE FRY, MARY TODD, PERENNIAL PLEASURE, VIOLA PARKER, and of course, many others."

Mrs. Frank West, Riviera, "The Corpus Christi Hemerocallis Society has charge of the Daylily Test Garden on Hewitt Drive in Corpus Christi. We have had quite a few surplus daylilies this year which we donated to the following: Mrs. John Cochran of Kingsville for civic beautification - 1,300 plants; Cullen Junior High, Corpus Christi - 250 plants; Corpus Christi main Post Office - 100 plants; Corpus Christi Council of Garden Clubs March Plant Exchange - 250 plants; King High School, Corpus Christi - 250 plants; and Corpus Council of Garden Clubs May Plant Exchange - 250 plants. This was a total of 2,400 daylily plants donated by the Society for public plantings.

Mrs. Frances Barnhill, Mrs. Lee Lytton, and I attended the Regional in Lake Jackson. Some favorites seen were DAMASCUS ROAD, large red; HELLO JOHNNY, huge gold; SEA JADE, huge wide lemon yellow; STACY BLAIR, distinctive lavender with purple eye; SUSAN KELLY, a wide recurved pink; and VIV, beautiful pale yellow and pink blend.

I also went to Shreveport to the National. Some of the best Hems seen there were: ARTS AND RUFFLES, wide pale peach pink; BONZAI, wide pale yellow; BRIGHT VISION, huge ruffled yellow; B-3-70 (Baker), wide, wide flat pale cream, very beautiful; DOUBLE CUTIE, pale yellow double; DOUBLE LOVE, beautiful double pink; EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL, gorgeous wide pale cream, best seen, and won the President's Cup ETERNAL BLESSING, pale near white; GOOD GRACIOUS, light lemon; HOLY COW, light wide pink; KEITH KENNON, outstanding pale pink blend double; MY SON BOB, wide recurved pink; and PA, wide pale yellow."

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Tear off and send to:

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## MOODS AND WHIMS

Hallie Mercer

Some folks go for large daylily blooms,  
Some prefer them very small,  
While some insist on pinks  
Or nothing at all.

Some folks want the border types,  
Others buy anything that's tall,  
Some want early bloomers,  
Others want those that bloom in the Fall.

Some choose the yellows and golds,  
That blend nicely anywhere;  
They appreciate garden value,  
That caused folks to stop and stare.

Now ladies seem to prefer pastels,  
Some men wouldn't be caught dead,  
With anything but the blackest black  
Or the biggest and loudest red!