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PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is a non-profit organization. Its object is to promote and encourage horticulture. It desires to increase its membership in order to extend its services to a greater number of persons, increase its influence and enlarge the scope of its activities.

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Group photograph at opening of 1950 Philadelphia Flower Show, including Mayor Samuel, Mr. W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., and Lord Aberconway

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Section of Room featuring mantel decorated for special occasion,
Philadelphia Flower Show, 1950

ANNUAL MEETING — 1950

Members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society filled the Library on the afternoon of November 15th. The meeting was called to order at two o'clock by Vice-President Mrs. John B. Carson. In the absence of Mr. C. Frederick C. Stout, the President's report was read by Mrs. E. Page Allinson, and a special greeting and message of gratitude for his administration was proposed and telephoned to Mr. Stout at his home.

Activities of the following committees were reported: Executive, Lecture, Membership, Exhibitions and Displays in the Rooms, Library, and Garden Visits. Reports in detail of these and other committees appear elsewhere in the Year Book.

Election of the following candidates to the Executive Council for the three-year term (1951-52-53) was announced by Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee: Mr. W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Mrs. John B. Carson, Mr. George R. Clark, Mr. Harold Graham, Mrs. J. Norman Henry, Mr. William L. McLean, Jr., Mrs. William E. Phelps, Mrs. Charles Platt, Mrs. Alan H. Reed, and Mr. John C. Wister.

At the expiration of the necessary business and an opportunity to ask questions, members were rewarded with a garden tour of the country, conducted by Vice-President-Secretary John C. Wister with the help of kodachrome slides, many of which were taken by Anne Wertsner Wood.

"Public Gardens and Amateur Gardeners" was his subject. He took his hearers first through the outstanding collections in the Philadelphia area, beginning with the time of John Bartram and including the present day Scott Foundation, Morris Arboretum, Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, Hemlock Arboretum, Tyler Arboretum and so forth. Then, going further afield, he spoke about the Arnold Arboretum, the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Morton Arboretum, the Ewing Park Lilac Arboretum in Des Moines, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the University of Washington Arboretum in Seattle, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. He expressed the value to the community of outstanding collections of flowering plants which draw multitudes of sight-seers, citing as special examples the Dogwoods at Valley Forge and the Japanese Cherries at Washington.

Mr. Wister emphasized the fact that the amateur gardener can get great benefit by visiting these public gardens to study the types of plants hardy in his own neighborhood. He also mentioned the work undertaken by these institutions in plant exploration and plant breeding, the distribution of new kinds of plants and the research into many microscopical phases of plant life which has added much to our knowledge of nature and led to the discovery of penicillin and other valuable chemical products.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 and was followed by many questions and discussions and inspection of the library. Ninety-three members were present.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 1950

We are now in our 123rd year of the starting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and I have been refreshing my memory by reading the History of the Society, prepared by my predecessor, Mr. James Boyd. I would like all our members to read this history, for when we celebrated the 100th Anniversary, Mr. Boyd, who was in ill health, asked me to preside at the meeting. This I did, but I recognized that it was a challenge to me to see how well I could conduct not only that meeting but the Society itself in the years that were ahead. Now at this later date when we are celebrating the 123rd year of the Society, I find myself in very much the same position Mr. Boyd was in, and it is with a sense of both regret and pleasure that I am turning this meeting over to our Vice-President, Mrs. John B. Carson. The principal address will be made by Mr. John C. Wister. I hope all of the Council will recognize that this is a challenge that is placed in their hands. I know they are able today to meet the difficulties that have to be faced in any organization of this kind.

It is a great satisfaction to me to know that our finances have been held in good shape and that the Council has worked together to conduct the affairs in a progressive and ever-growing manner.

I wish to express here the great help that has been afforded to me by Mrs. Henry in helping to build up our Library, with the able assistance of Miss Maria B. Samuel, the Society's faithful Librarian for twenty-seven years, who passed away during the past year; also by Mrs. Carson, who has been so active in increasing our membership, and who has obtained magnificent results. As you all know, Mr. H. Gates Lloyd, who with his brother Mr. Richard W. Lloyd, was instrumental in having his mother's library turned over to us, is now in government work in Washington, and the treasurership has been taken over by the very able financier, Mr. William L. McLean, Jr. Mr. William Clarke Mason has been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for the next year.

Because of pressure of other duties, Mrs. Anne Wertsner Wood feels it necessary to resign from her position with the Society as of the end of this year. She promises to help us whenever we call on her for service, and I am sure we will take advantage of her offer frequently. Mrs. Wood has been a valued member of the staff for fourteen years, and we greatly appreciate her excellent services as horticulturist, speaker, and director of the flower shows.

Our department of garden consultation has proved helpful to many of you, and the Society's Consultant, Miss Phillips, is available to go to your gardens for a moderate fee to help you with your problems as well

as to give free gardening advice to members and non-members here in our rooms.

In closing I wish to thank our members, the Committee Chairmen, as well as the Staff for their loyal support of the Society's work throughout my administration.

C. FREDERICK C. STOUT,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1950

Like the proverbial nation that is happy without a history, our Society has been blessed this past year with a period of steady progress, without crises or sensational ups or downs.

The President has told you that our expenses were kept within our income—by dint of considerable thought and planning—and that we have a new Treasurer, Mr. William L. McLean, Jr. Our books have been examined by Herr & Herr, Certified Public Accountants, and their report will be published in the Year Book for your information.

The chairmen of the various committees will make their individual reports to you, so that it is not necessary for me to review their activities. I am sure that you agree with me that their efforts resulted in a well-rounded program for the year. It takes hard work to plan and carry through the Chrysanthemum Show, our section of the Philadelphia Flower Show, the diversified exhibits in our rooms, afternoon and evening lectures, garden visits, the annual luncheon, and the department of garden consultation. The Library, also, requires careful planning by its Committee.

We have co-operated with the Garden Club Federation in presenting two Flower Show Schools during the year. Not only do these Schools teach the proper methods of exhibiting in flower shows, but they also teach the proper methods of growing plants. Owing to a conflict in dates, the next School, scheduled for April 1951, will be presented by the Garden Club Federation without the active co-operation of our Society.

The magazine *HORTICULTURE* has continued to be a valued companion and inspiration to many of us. The editor welcomes new contributors, and if any of you have information which you are willing to share with

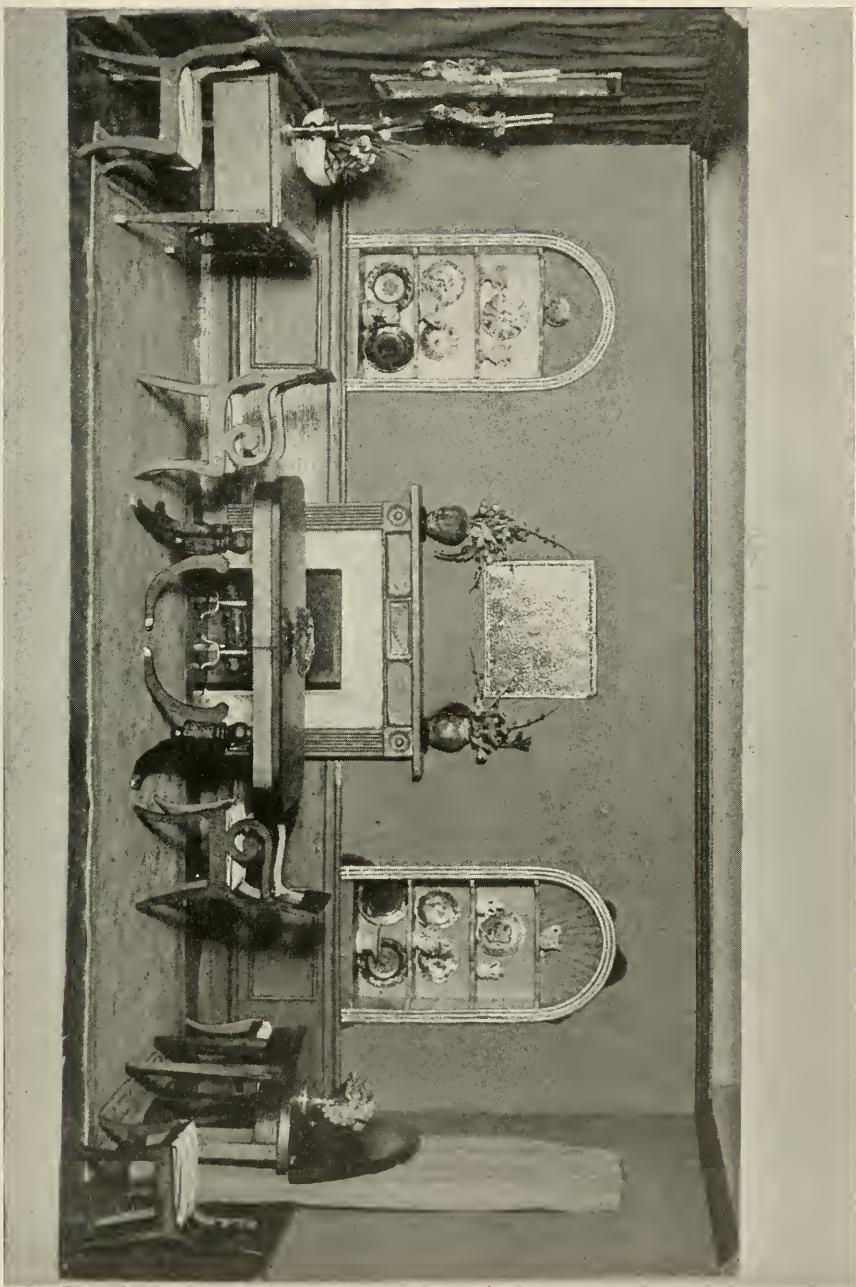
your fellow gardeners, please send it along to him. One of our aims for the future is to be represented more adequately in the magazine. Our new librarian, Mrs. Code, will undertake to send a steady flow of news items concerning our Society to HORTICULTURE. She will also attempt to increase publicity about our activities in the newspapers.

We regret our loss in membership this past year which we attribute to raising the dues in 1949. We hope to make up the loss this coming year. The Membership Chairman has plans under way to this end. Our forty losses by death throughout the year were much more to be regretted than our larger loss from other causes. We always feel badly when we prepare the Necrology for the Year Book. Among the deaths this past year was one which affected all of us—that of Maria B. Samuel, the Society's faithful librarian for twenty-seven years. Her spirited personality and her willing helpfulness in all departments of the Society's activities are greatly missed. The President has mentioned this and has also referred to the loss to the Society due to the resignation of Mrs. Anne Wertsner Wood. We are glad that she will be available for special work.

During the year there were 3,559 visitors to the rooms, of which 784 came particularly to the Library. Twenty-seven meetings were held in the Board Room by committees of the Society and the Executive Council, and 30 meetings were held by other horticultural groups.

I have always tried to make these reports brief. If any members desire more detailed information about any of our activities our office staff will be glad to supply it.

JOHN C. WISTER,
Secretary.



Miniature Setting to represent Room, Philadelphia Flower Show, 1950

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1950

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September 30, 1950

ASSETS

<i>Cash</i>			
General Fund—Girard Trust Company	\$14,777.79		
General Fund—Petty Cash	100.00	\$14,877.79	
Life Membership Fund:			
Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	\$3,756.34		
Library Committee Fund:			
Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	526.52		
Pension Fund:			
Philadelphia Saving Fund Society	3,627.66	7,910.52	\$22,788.31
<i>Schaffer Fund Investments</i>			
Girard Trust Company, Trustee			284,895.85
<i>Investments</i>			
Life Membership Fund	\$48,579.17		
General Fund	28,000.78		
Library Fund	74.00		
Pension Fund	9,536.67	86,190.62	
<i>Equipment</i>			
Office Furniture, etc.	\$2,140.56		
Library Books	11,506.97		
Portraits	6,265.00		
Lecture Equipment	286.94		
Field Secretary Equipment	236.73	20,436.20	
<i>Supplies</i>			
Medals on Hand			287.60
<i>Prepaid Expenses</i>			
			1,204.94
Total Assets			\$415,803.52

LIABILITIES

None

FUNDS

Schaffer Fund	\$284,895.85		
General Fund	43,209.46		
Life Membership Fund	52,335.51		
Library Fund	600.52		
Pension Fund	13,164.33		
Special Contributions	8,369.86	402,575.53	
Appraisal Adjustment			13,227.99
Total			\$415,803.52

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1949, to September 30, 1950

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Income Received from:

Schaffer Fund—Girard Trust Company		\$9,357.03
Interest on Investments	\$4,047.52	
Interest on Savings Fund	3.62	4,051.14
Annual Dues		22,067.50
Special Contributions		158.50
Total Cash Receipts		\$35,634.17

Expenditures of Committees

Committee	1950 Acct.	1949	1951	Total	
Executive	\$14,562.72			\$14,562.72	
Lecture	428.32	—\$34.60	\$95.72	489.44	
Exhibition	2,253.99	— 34.59	—2.20	2,217.20	
Library	4,569.00			4,569.00	
Extension	1,449.59			1,449.59	
Horticultural	457.34		52.06	509.40	
Editorial—Mag. HORTICULTURE.	6,893.67			6,893.67	
Pension-Annuities & U.S. Bond	2,246.68			2,246.68	
Membership	567.35		548.00	1,115.35	
Fifth Judging School Deferred.		519.81		519.81	
Chrysanthemum Show		—426.43	509.16	82.73	
Total Cash Expenditures	\$33,428.66	\$24.19	\$1,202.74	\$34,655.59	\$34,655.59
<i>Net Excess of Cash Receipts over Expenditures</i>					\$ 978.58
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1949					13,899.21
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1950					\$14,877.79

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance, October 1, 1949—Uninvested Cash		\$543.84
<i>Receipts:</i>		
17 New Members, 1949-50		\$ 510.00
139 Old Members paid in 1949-50		1,702.50
U. S. Bond Matured		1,000.00
Total Cash to be Accounted for		\$3,756.34
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Balance, September 30, 1950—Uninvested Cash		None
		\$3,756.34

LIBRARY FUND

Balance, October 1, 1949—Uninvested Cash	\$521.82
Receipts - Interest—January 3, 1950	4.70
	\$526.52
Balance, September 30, 1950—Uninvested Cash	\$526.52

PENSION FUND

Balance, October 1, 1949		\$1,106.47
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Net Proceeds Fifth Judging School	\$433.00	
Net Proceeds April Judging School	118.45	
Donations	48.00	
Interest—May 11, 1950	9.20	
Annuity, Miss Samuel—Cost		1,293.41
Gain	9.62	
Garden Visits—Gross Receipts Less Taxes	609.51	1,227.78
Transferred from Ordinary Income	\$2,246.68	
Purchase of Securities	—2,246.68	
		\$3,627.66
Balance, September 30, 1950		\$3,627.66

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WILLIAM L. McLEAN, JR.,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1950

During the year, the Executive Committee has recommended and the Council has made the following changes.

Miss Mary Phillips is to be employed full time. She is now available for a nominal fee to go to members' gardens to give horticultural advice.

Mr. William Clarke Mason is the new Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mr. William L. McLean, Jr., is our new Treasurer.

Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney, 2nd, is our liaison officer between The Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc., and The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Mrs. Charles Platt is our new Horticultural Chairman.

Miss Estelle Sharp is the Assistant Chairman of the Library Committee.

Miss Root has taken over the duties connected with the finances formerly carried by Miss Samuel.

Mrs. Marion Code, who has been with the Morris Arboretum for several years, has come to take Miss Samuel's place as librarian.

Mr. Walter L. Hewes, landscape contractor of Springfield, is to take Mrs. Wood's place at the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Chrysanthemum Show at Swarthmore.

Mrs. Wood has resigned from our regular staff as of December 31, 1950, but has kindly consented to help us from time to time for special occasions.

Miss Phillips is to be in charge of our shows and exhibits in the rooms, and will work with Mr. Hewes at the two big shows.

A bus was chartered at the request of one of our members for one day of Garden Visits. This proved most successful and we will do it again.

A Certificate of Merit is to be given to the members who so kindly open their places for our garden days.

A new poster with the Society's seal in the corner is to be used for activities.

The ever present question as to how to acquaint the public with our many activities has been discussed. It has been decided to try a paid advertisement in the amusement section of the newspapers before special exhibitions.

The Executive Committee will be more than glad to have any suggestions or criticisms from the members and will be pleased to answer questions at any time.

FRANCES T. CARSON,
(Mrs. John B. Carson)
Chairman.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE — 1949-1950

During the past year 187 more books on horticultural subjects have been received from Mr. Richard W. Lloyd and Mr. H. Gates Lloyd. Of these, 19 have been catalogued for this library, the remainder, mostly duplicates, are being given away to newer horticultural libraries such as that of the School of Horticulture for Women in Ambler, the Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation, and other arboretum libraries in which Mr. Wister is interested. Altogether we have added 59 books to our shelves, 40 by purchase and the remainder gifts. These books have filled many gaps in our subject matter—in landscaping, in monographs on various species, or in flora of different regions. Outstanding among gifts from members is Osvald Siren's GARDENS OF CHINA, containing 220 plates in black and white and in color, from Chinese landscape gardening and old prints, given to us by Mrs. Alan H. Reed, Chairman of the Library Committee. It stands on the reference shelves. We have also acquired useful works in contemporary American landscaping which are constantly called for, and a few of those gently philosophical works (such as Agnes Rothery's JOYFUL GARDENER) which appeal to every true garden lover.

The months of September and October just past have had a total of 185 library visitors and a circulation of 116 books by personal visit or by mail. It is a good library for special research: checking a scientific or historical reference or finding an illustration of a species; it is also a good place to browse and keep up to date on current periodical literature from our 100 or more magazines and garden club leaflets. We hope you will use it freely for your own pleasure or in preparing garden club talks or articles, and that you will let your friends know that it is available also to non-members. Of course we always hope these latter will discover how much to their interest it would be to join our Society.

Lists of new accessions since the 1950 Year Book, and periodicals now available follow. The Library Committee welcomes suggestions of titles they would like to see added to our collection.

Respectfully submitted,,

MARION CODE,
Librarian.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS, 1949-1950

- ALWOOD BROS. Carnations and all dianthus. 1948.
AUL, HENRY. How to beautify and improve your home grounds. 1949.
BAILEY, L. H. Manual of cultivated plants. (Revised edition.) 1949.
BAKER, RICHARD St. B. Green Glory. 1949.
BECHTEL, E. deT. Our rose varieties. 1949.
BEEBE, WILLIAM. Jungle peace. 1918.
CANE, PERCY S. Modern gardens, British and foreign. 1926.
CHILDER, NORMAN F. Fruit Science. 1949.
CLEMENTS, JULIA. Fun with flowers. 1950.
CYPHERS, E. H. Pleasure and problems in flower arrangement. 1950.
DOWNING. Landscape Gardening. 1921.
ELIOT, CHARLES. Charles Eliot, Landscape Architect. 1902.
ELIZABETH (of the German Garden). Solitary Summer. 1900.
ELLIOTT, JOHN. 65 practical garden plans. 1949.
EVANS, JOAN. English posies and posy rings. 1931.
FAULKNER, R. P. Botany for beginners. 1948.
FRARY, R. T. Thomas Jefferson, Architect. 1931.
GANNON, RUTH. Winter bouquets with color. 1949.
GAYE, P. F. The week-end garden. 1949.
GIBBS, L. S. Phytogeography and flora of Dutch New Guinea. 1917.
GUNNISON, OLIVE M. Learning to garden. 1948.
GUSTAFSON, A. F. Land for the family. 1947.
HEDRICK, U. P. History of horticulture in America. 1950.
HENRY, MARY G. Trilliums bring the spring. 1941.
HILLS, LAWRENCE. The propagation of Alpines. 1950.
HOUSMAN, LEON A. Beginners' guide to seashore life. 1949.
HUMPHREYS, JOHN S. Bermuda houses. 1923.
JACOB, REV. JOSEPH. Daffodils.
JONES, INA. Arranging church flowers. 1950.
LANGDON, P. The tuberous begonia. 1948.
LAWSON, WILLIAM. New orchard and garden. 1927.
MACKWOOD GARDENS. Gardens in the shade. 1947.
MAXWELL, SIR HERBERT. Flowers, a garden notebook. 1923.
MAYNARD, SAMUEL T. The small country place. 1908.
MITCHELL, S. B. Iris for every garden. 1949.
MOLDENKE, H. N. American wildflowers. 1949.
NAUMBURG, SOPHIA. The trick of growing house plants. 1949.
MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION. List of trees and shrubs mentioned
in the writings of George Washington.
PENN STATE COLLEGE. Containers for plant growing. 1929.
PETTIT, TED. Birds in your back yard. 1949.
POST, KENNETH. Florist crop production and marketing. 1949.
RODALE, J. I. Stone mulching in the garden. 1949.
ROTHERY, AGNES. The joyful gardener. 1950.
SHARP, DALLAS LORE. The spirit of the hive. 1925.
SHEPHERD & JELLICOE. Italian gardens of the Renaissance. 1925.
SHEWELL-COOPER, W. E. Amateur greenhouses. 1940.
SIM, THOMAS R. Forest flora and forest resources of Portugese E. Africa. 1909.
SIREN, OSVALD. Gardens of China. 1949.
STEFFECK, E. F. Plant Buyer's Guide, 5th ed. 1949.
TAYLOR, NORMAN. Encyclopedia of Gardening. 1948.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. Trees, 1949 Yearbook of Agriculture.
THOMPSON, HOMER T. Vegetable Crops. 1949.
WARD, F. KINGDON, Rhododendrons. 1949.

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. *Colonial Gardens*.
 WAUGH, F. A. *The natural style in landscape gardening*. 1917.
 WESTCOTT, CYNTHIA. *Plant disease handbook*. 1950.
 WILLOUGHBY, ADELAIDE. *Orchids and how to grow them*. 1950.
 WITTRICK, GUSTAV L. *The pruning book*. 1949.
 WRIGHT, RICHARDSON. *Gardener's tribute*. 1949.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED BY
 THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IN 1950

African Violet Magazine
Agricultural Index
 Alpine Garden Society, **Bulletin**
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REPORT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE FOR 1950

The 1949-50 lecture year began with the Annual Meeting in November when Mr. Fairman R. Furness of the Upper Bank Nurseries at Media, Pa., gave a talk on "Little Used Plant Materials", illustrated with crayon drawings of specimens from his well-known collection of rare plants. From the many notes that were taken it was evident that the members present were intensely interested, and we hope that some of the plants suggested are already growing in their gardens.

Two afternoon lectures were given in the auditorium of Strawbridge & Clothier. At the first, Mr. R. P. Korbobo spoke and demonstrated how to "Frame Your Home with Trees and Shrubs". This lecture was so popular that there were many letters asking to hear him again, and he will pay a return visit this winter.

At the second afternoon lecture, Dr. Wendell H. Camp of the Academy of Natural Sciences spoke on "Plants and their Wanderings". It was interesting in the extreme, with fine illustrations.

Five morning lectures were given in the Society's rooms by Mrs. Anne Wertsner Wood, and five evening lectures by Mrs. Edward Garra, Miss Estelle Sharp, Miss Gertrude Smith, Mr. Walter Lapp and Mr. Harry Wood—all excellent and helpful.

The subscription luncheon in March was attended by 316 members and 21 guests. It was addressed by Dr. Kent Leavitt, whose enthusiastic interest in conservation has made him one of the nation's most distinguished leaders in this field. His subject: "Conservation Is Everybody's Business"—was delightfully presented and extremely convincing.

Your Horticultural Society feels that the lectures offered its members are broad in scope and high in caliber, and wishes it were possible for all members to attend and take advantage of the real horticultural benefits that can be acquired.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY FALCON PLATT,
(Mrs. Charles Platt)
Chairman.

LIST OF LECTURES IN 1950

Afternoon Lectures—2 P. M.

Auditorium, Strawbridge & Clothier

- Thursday, January 19—"Frame Your Home with Trees and Shrubs" (demonstrated) by Mr. R. P. Korbobo.
Thursday, February 2—"Plants and Their Wanderings" (illustrated) by Dr. Wendell H. Camp.

Evening Lectures—7 P. M.

Rooms of the Society

- January 12—"Developing a Planting Plan", by Mrs. Edward J. Garra
January 19—"Bulbs", by Miss Estelle L. Sharp.
January 26—"The Small Garden", by Miss Gertrude M. Smith.
February 2—"Making Better Lawns", by Mr. Walter S. Lapp.
February 9—"Chrysanthemums", by Mr. Harry Wood.

Subscription Course by Anne Wertsner Wood

Thursday Mornings — 11 A. M.

Rooms of the Society

- January 12—"Soils"
January 19—"Propagation"
January 26—"Cold Frames and Hot Beds"
February 2—"Annuals"
February 9—"Perennials"

REPORT OF GARDEN VISITS COMMITTEE FOR 1950

Eighteen gardens were visited this year on four Saturday afternoons, beginning on a very cold day in April and finishing on June 10th, when roses had superseded spring bulbs and flowering fruit trees. Members were admitted free and the usual guest fee of \$1.00 for all gardens shown on one day was charged to non-members. The attendance on the first three tours was between 400 and 500, and considerably lower on the final day in June.

One innovation was bus transportation at a cost of \$1.50 per passenger to the gardens on June 10th. At the first stop, the Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill, a sandwich lunch at a small charge was served on the porch of the Morris Mansion on the hilltop overlooking the famous Rose Garden. Bus transportation was especially appreciated by those who have no cars and will be repeated.

These spring tours are very popular and we appreciate the generosity of owners of gardens who share with others the beauties they have helped to create, and give to those with or without gardens the gratification of a natural delight in spring blooms. The hosts were presented later in the year with evidence of appreciation in the form of Certificates signed by President Stout and Secretary Wister.

THOMAS W. SEARS,
Chairman.

GARDENS VISITED IN 1950

Saturday, April 22—Main Line

Miss Margaret Gest
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Sears
Mr. and Mrs. W. Atlee Burpee, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sharples

Saturday, May 6—Mt. Airy and Chestnut Hill

Mr. and Mrs. J. Aubrey McCurdy
Dr. and Mrs. George Woodward
Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke Mason
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot G. Peirce
Mr. and Mrs. Wharton Sinkler

Saturday, May 20—Ardmore and Gladwyne

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick C. Stout
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Pew
Mr. and Mrs. George B. Junkin
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fenimore Johnson

Saturday, June 10—Chestnut Hill, Penllyn, Gwynedd Valley

Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania
Mrs. Charles Platt
Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton Cheston
Mr. and Mrs. E. George Lavino
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Dixon Wainwright

REPORT OF EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

The exhibits held in our rooms during the past year will be reported to you by Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, and I shall endeavor in my report to tell you something about the two large shows in which our Society participated.

The first of these was the Philadelphia Flower Show, held on March 20 to 26, inclusive, in the Commercial Museum, as usual. Through a special committee of representatives of local garden clubs, our Society took complete charge of the section of the Show devoted to classes for garden clubs and other amateur exhibitors. Mrs. Paul Rebmann was the very competent chairman of our special committee, and she and her committee members did excellent work in planning the section, making advance arrangements, and carrying through the exacting details during the week of the Show itself.

Colorful backyard gardens and sections of gardens featuring sculpture were outstanding exhibits in our section. A workable greenhouse showing the possibilities of the growing of seedlings as well as mature plant material, was carefully staged and demonstrated by the West Chester Garden Club, under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Otho E. Lane. Mr. Milton H. Arndt, of Hightstown, New Jersey, staged a beautiful display of Pelargoniums and Geraniums, which like the greenhouse, was distinctly educational as well as interesting. Classes for sections of rooms with appropriate flower decorations and diversified classes for flower arrangements in niches were very popular with the public, and there was a constant line passing before these exhibits.

Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney served as liaison officer between the general committee of the Show and our special committee, and performed valuable service in this capacity—which she has promised to assume again in 1951. Mrs. Whitney is another Vice-Chairman of the Exhibition Committee.

The Chrysanthemum Show was held in the Field House of Swarthmore College, on November 3, 4, 5, with the admirable co-operation of the Scott Horticultural Foundation and the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners. The Wilmington Branch of the National Association was also very helpful, as were the members of the committee in charge of the Show. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood, representing the Scott Foundation and our Society, staged the exhibition to the very best advantage. Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., a member of our Executive Council, staged a handsome exhibit of his own beautifully grown Chrysanthemums. Each plant in his large collection was properly

labelled, as were the specimens in the extensive display of berried trees and shrubs, staged in a naturalistic setting by the staffs of the Morris Arboretum and the Scott Foundation. This display is always looked forward to by our members, and it never lets them down. The Orchid Exhibit was another special display which drew many admirers. In fact, there were so many fine Chrysanthemum exhibits and special displays of other plant material that I wouldn't know how to stop if I started describing them.

Members received a free ticket for the Chrysanthemum Show and for the Philadelphia Flower Show, and also the privilege of buying additional tickets at a reduced price for the latter Show. Toward the expenses of the Philadelphia Flower Show, we received a most welcome subsidy of \$5,000.00 from the general committee of the Show, which in turn covered the subsidies to the garden clubs who staged elaborate gardens and also paid for the construction and staging expenses of the Society's section. The Society's remaining expenses, which came out of our own budget, amounted to approximately \$750.00, and covered expenses for schedules, postage, extra help and other administrative expenses.

The gate receipts from the Chrysanthemum Show covered a little more than half the total cost (approximately \$2,000), and were a great help in financing this exhibition.

HAROLD GRAHAM,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR DISPLAYS IN THE ROOMS FOR 1950

The Committee on Displays in the Rooms has endeavored to have some exhibit of horticultural interest in the rooms throughout the year. Some of the displays were small corner exhibits. Others filled all the available space in the rooms.

The season was opened in October, 1949, by a Display of Herbs staged by the Philadelphia Unit, Herb Society of America, showing many kinds of herbs and demonstrating or describing their use. The exhibit was both beautiful and informative and was greatly enjoyed by the 110 visitors who came to see it.

The display of Christmas decorations included competitive classes for which prizes were given, tables done by invitation and not for compe-

tition, and well-labelled specimens of greens and berries to use in making decorations. Seven hundred and seventy-two visitors came to the show.

In January there was an exhibit of water colors of flowers by Natalie H. Davis; in February an exhibition of hollies by Mr. H. Gleason Mattoon; in March an exhibition of paintings of horticultural subjects by members. There were forty entries. This was non-competitive and no judging was done.

In April the Narcissus Show brought in many fine entries in spite of an unusual season which made our choice of date unfortunate. Mrs. Richard Wood assisted by the Four Counties and Providence Garden Clubs, directed the show. As an advertising feature beautiful arrangements of narcissus were put in many of the store windows in the Suburban Station and attracted much attention. The Daffodil Mart of Gloucester County, Virginia, sent a large display of very fine specimens. There were 250 visitors at the show.

Also in April, the Ambler School of Horticulture staged an exhibit showing numerous ways in which plants may be propagated. This was an excellent exhibit full of helpful information.

We began our season of exhibits this fall with a display of unusual interest. For some time there have come to the ears of the Society rumors of dissatisfaction concerning the part men play in the affairs of the Society. We therefore called upon one of our Board Members, Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., to deal with this complaint which he did in fine style. Under his direction and with his participation, a most interesting fall show was staged by men only. There were handsome specimens of flowers, fruit and vegetables, demonstrations of plant propagation, and information on the nature and control of diseases and pests on apple trees. We hope that the men enjoyed putting on the show and will want to do more things of this sort. We also hope that many more of our members will take the time to come to the rooms to see the various exhibits during the year. We believe you will find them rewarding.

MARY B. REBMANN,
(Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr.)
Chairman.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 1950

We opened the year with 5321 members. We had no membership drive in 1949-50, and we finish the year with a total of 5160 members, having obtained 551 but lost 712, a difference of 161.

Our goal is 10,000 members and we are far from it.

Members are the life blood of the Society and we ask that each member of the Society make a special effort to personally bring one new member into the Society during the coming year.

One hundred and sixty-one members were responsible for each bringing in one new member and some brought more.

We all recognize the advantages and privileges of membership in the Society. So may we all do our part in spreading these good things among as many people as possible and so reach our goal of membership by a united effort.

KATHARINE C. L. HANCOCK,
(Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock)
Chairman.

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The following is a list of the members of this Society whose deaths have been reported during the year.

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Mrs. Charles Davis Clark	Mrs. Sydney E. Martin
Miss Caroline Clothier	Mr. Edward Trotter Price
Mrs. Robert Dechert	Miss Maria B. Samuel

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Mr. O. W. Birkinbine	Mr. H. C. McKenzie
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	Mr. Carl Zeisberg

