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CLASS A (*White Cards*)—Blooms grown in the open by amateurs. Awards: Blue, red and yellow ribbons for each variety.

Div. I—Best flower, Silver Trophy
and Rosette.

Runner-up best flower, Silver Trophy
and Rosette.

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CLASS B (*Green Cards*)—Blooms grown under glass by amateurs. Awards: Same as Class A above.

Div. I—Best flower 2½" to 4½", Silver Trophy and Rosette.

Runner-up best flower 2½" to 4½", Silver Trophy and Rosette.

Div. II—Best flower 4½" and over, Silver Trophy and Rosette.

Runner-up best flower 4½" and over, Silver Trophy and Rosette.

CLASS C (*Yellow Cards*) *Reticulatas* and hybrids with *reticulata* parentage—Blooms grown in open or under glass by amateurs. Awards: Blue, red and yellow ribbons. Silver trophy will be awarded for best flower in class and runnerup in class, provided there are 25 or more blooms entered in this class.

CLASS D (*Blue Cards*)—(Miniature—2½" and under) Blooms grown in open or under glass by amateurs. Awards: Blue, red and yellow ribbons. Silver trophy (miniature) will be awarded for best flower provided there are 25 or more blooms entered in this class.

CLASS E (Hybrid) (*Pink Cards*) *Japonica* or other parentage.—Blooms grown in open or under glass by amateurs. Awards: Blue, red, and yellow ribbons. Silver trophy will be awarded for best flower in class and runner-up in class, provided there are 25 or more blooms entered in this class.

CLASS F (*Blooms from Seedlings*)— Awards: American Camellia Society awards are available at the discretion of the judges. If plants from seedlings have been sold commercially, they are not eligible.

CLASS G (*Best white japonica in show over 2½ inches*). Trophy and Rosette. (can also be best flower in show)

CLASS H (*Collections or Trays Under Glass*)—Blooms grown by amateurs exhibited on moss covered tray or plate furnished by exhibitors. Awards: Blue, red and yellow ribbons, and rosette for the best collection in each group.

I. A. Collection consisting of 3 different varieties

B. Collection consisting of 3 of the same variety.

II. A. Collection consisting of 5 different varieties.

B. Collection consisting of 5 of the same variety.

*Exhibitors shall be limited to one entry in each of the above 4 categories under Class H.

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ASK A MEMBER

How beautiful the camellia bloom is when you see it displayed in a show! You, like all camellia lovers, want to go out on Monday and buy a plant of that variety for your yard. Fine, but ask a member of the host club about that variety first.

I like bananas, oranges, and grapefruit but none of these plants, I am told, are cold-hardy enough to grow in North Carolina. The same is true of many of the beautiful camellia blooms you see displayed in a Men's Camellia Club show. These blooms are grown in some sort of greenhouse unless the section of the exhibit is designated "Outside Blooms".

But don't stop here. Only a few over half the men in the Charlotte Men's Camellia Club have greenhouses. The ones who do have these growing houses started with outside plants and then extended their blooming time by building for it.

Ask a man wearing a host ribbon about the varieties, the hardiness, the availability, and the habits of the plant. Ask a member of the host club to speak to your garden club or civic group. Just limit his time for a member of a camellia club is a lover of camellias and will be long-winded.

Come back to our show next year. Watch for dates and more blooms.

The Editor

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WIFE OF A CAMELLIA "NUT"

BY MRS. LENA WATSON

If her name is Betty, Miss Charleston, Debutante, Drama Girl, Francie L, or one of hundreds of such beauties available, it's wise to admit that you can't compete with rivals like this, so you may as well join them.

It began innocently enough at PTA meetings, of all places. When Harry saw Rachel Mason wearing these gorgeous blooms out of J. P.'s greenhouse, he managed to get an invitation to J. P.'s and that did it.

The very first plant he brought home was Iwane, followed by Pink Perfection etc. etc. and it became evident that a small yard in the city would hold only so many plants, a big collie, three cats, one hundred parakeets and three children! I will always give credit to Professor Sargent, Dr. Tinsley and others for our exodus to the country where there would be several acres, woods, and a lake for irrigation. Father and son put up a small greenhouse the very first thing and in no time at all it seemed to be full. Every time Harry came home with another plant or grafted another scion given to him by Olin Owen, J. P. Mason, Son Hackney, Fred Hahn, Elizabeth Dowd, Carl Weston and many others, his remark was always "This is the very last one, I just don't have any more room in the greenhouse." There have been two additions to that greenhouse and I trust there will be more yet!

The World Book describes the Camellia as a "beautiful waxy flower" and it is often called a man's flower, but I can see the charm of such variety, long blooming season, and hardy plants.

There have been some cold winter mornings when I didn't particularly care to get up at five o'clock to get to some of the shows, but the pleasures of having a husband who grows camellias far outnumber the inconveniences. When nothing else is blooming in cold, bleak winter, the greenhouse is a sight for anyone to see. It's a pleasure to cut dozens of them to share with the sick and shut in. No matter what dress I wear to church on Sunday morning, if I have a big Guilio to wear I can feel very dressed up.

I would have to say that one of the greatest advantages to belonging to a group of camellia lovers is the many nice people we have met and the friends we have made. If a hobby is really a healthy thing for a man, I'm glad Harry chose such a beauty.

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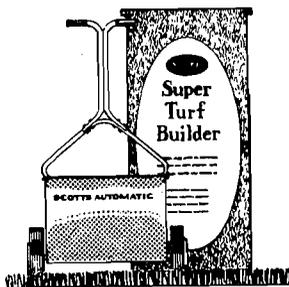
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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

This is a good time to plant camellias and move them for proper spacing. Enjoy your blooms and bring them to the shows. Pick old blooms off the plants and pick up any that fall to the ground. A good mulch helps to keep the blooms from contact with the soil.

MARCH AND APRIL

Now is the time to start feeding, pruning and spraying. I recommend pruning first, then clearing the ground of all the clippings, then feeding with an acid fertilizer, liquid or dry. Liquid fertilizer can be used at 30 day intervals for 3 or 4 times; dry fertilizers can be used in March and May.

Spray for insects when new growth starts. Malathion or Isotox will take care of most sucking insects and arsenate of lead will get the chewing insects.

MAY

This is a good month to spray for scale that gives so much trouble during the summer. We use mostly Volck or Oil-i-cide, for a drench, Cygon once or twice a year during the growing season.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Keep plants watered, mulched and disbudded.

SEPTEMBER

Same as June, July, August. In addition, this is a good time to start gibbing.

OCTOBER

By now I hope you have carried your camellias through the summer in good shape. Inspect them for tea scale and get rid of it before show time. Prune all dead wood from plants, prune out small weak wood which will not give good blooms. Plants should have been disbudded before now, but check for double buds and leave only one on each stem. Gib for good and early blooms.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Enjoy your blooms, the shows and most of all your friends. These two months are very good for planting new camellias or moving those you have to better locations.

This is about the way I grow my camellias. I hope these few tips will help some of you good camellia hobbyists have lots of fun.

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REMINISCING

BY PEGGY BELL BENOIT

It never occurred to me as I was growing up that all flowers didn't grow as easily as daisies in a field. When I was in college I remember seeing glass gallon jugs stuck upside down in the backyard and branches of bushes wrapped in clear plastic. It didn't occur to me that this was an interesting and exciting part of the hobby of raising camellias. In my young married years I remember hearing my father talk about gibbing, air layering, grafting and sports. He often mentioned such people as Lady Clare, Dr. Tinsley, R. L. Wheeler, Betty Sheffield, Mrs. D. W. Davis and Rev. George Bennett

Not until I reached middle age did I understand what raising camellias could mean as a hobby. My father traveled five days a week for years. When he became interested in camellias he soon knew every nursery in North and South Carolina that specialized in this plant. This interest relieved the monotony of traveling the same territory again and again. Many times he came in on the weekend with a bush or two in the trunk of his car. Often upon arriving home he went out to speak to a Debutante or Mrs. D. W. Davis before coming in to speak to the family. This hobby gave my father many years of pleasure as he fertilized, grafted, gibbed, pruned, won a few ribbons and made new friends.

In preparation for retirement a beach house was built. Camellias were planted there and they did flourish and grow as easily as daisies in the field. They are still lovely although they receive no special care other than the sun and rain of the South Carolina coast.

Now years after my father's death his camellias still give pleasure. For several years his camellias were used for altar arrangements at a local church. Never a more beautiful sight praised God than a huge mass of Pink Perfection blossoms.

Sometimes only one camellia blossom was as effective on the altar as a profusion of flowers. I remember one such altar arrangement that caused the preacher to change his sermon after he got to church on Sunday morning. The arrangement was a single lovely camellia at the base of several bare limbs of gray cork like sweet gum. This impressed the preacher as being symbolic of the beauty of Christ on the cross.

Always a conservative man my father was disturbed that I was going to have my portrait painted. He thought the money should be put to more practical use. Trying to appease him I told him that I was going to wear one of his camellias on my dress for the portrait sittings. Although he did not live to see the portrait I think he would have been secretly pleased to see one of his camellias on canvas.

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SOILS

Camellia plants are grown on a wide range of soils but they are not well adapted to very heavy types. In any case, a high percentage of organic matter should be present. This may be supplied in the form of leaf or woods mold, or from well decomposed manure to which no lime or other chemicals have been added. Cow manure is preferable to other kinds of manure. Peat moss is often used as a source of organic matter. Usually the decaying mulch will supply sufficient organic matter after plants are established. In some localities the soil is of such a type that a specially prepared soil is used in which to set the plants. The soil is removed from a hole not less than two feet in diameter and 28 inches deep and is replaced with a mixture of soil, organic matter, and sand. The composition of the mixture may vary to some extent. Soils that contain a high percentage of undecomposed organic matter will settle, and due allowance should be made for this at planting time. When specially mixed soils has to be used, the expense of planting is increased considerably. Furthermore, the plants are not likely to thrive as long as they would where suitable soil is found naturally. The size of the hole into which prepared soil is placed would, of course, affect the duration of satisfactory growth.

A rather acid soil is generally believed to be required for Camellias. A soil of pH of 5 to 5.5 should be satisfactory. It is not the acid itself that is important to the well being of the plants, but the effect of the acidity on the availability of some of the essential elements. When the soil pH is relatively high, some of the so-called minor elements are not available. The plant then will not live and thrive as it should. Iron deficiency often occurs under conditions of high soil pH. When there is an iron deficiency, spraying with a solution of one ounce of ferrous sulphate (copperous) to two gallons of water will overcome the chlorosis and restore the normal green color. This treatment is only a temporary help and will have to be repeated as needed unless the cause of the trouble is removed. When the trouble is due to high soil pH, the addition of acidifying materials is often beneficial.

Aluminum sulphate and sulphur are the materials most commonly applied around camellia and azalea plants to increase soil acidity. Aluminum sulphate is the quicker acting material of the two, as sulphur must undergo changes, which take variable time, before being effective. Aluminum sulphate is believed by some people to have a toxic effect, because of the aluminum which is more available in more acid soils. Ammonium sulphate when applied to the soil adds nitrogen and increases soil acidity.

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CAMELLIA CULTURE

Most of the flowers that you see in a camellia show have had the finest kind of cultural care, the kind that you would expect a camellia hobbyist to give to his plants. They have been planted properly in a soil that is suitable for camellias; whether in the ground or in containers. The ground has not been permitted to dry out. The plants were probably pruned at the end of the blooming season. They were fertilized during the summer growing season. A large percentage of the buds were pinched off on the principle of "fewer and better flowers are superior to more but inferior flowers on the plant." And finally, care was taken as the flowers opened to prevent blemishes on the flowers which would cause the judges to cast them aside in their minds during the judging process.

While these steps are necessary for a person who plans to enter his flowers in camellia show competition, they are not necessary when the purpose of growing camellias is largely garden decorations. Camellias are beautiful assets in a garden, even for the foliage alone, and they can be grown satisfactorily and with much pleasure to the gardener with attention to a few basic rules of camellia culture, as follows:

1. They must be planted properly, otherwise they will not thrive. They should be planted, whether in the ground or in a container, in a soil that will drain well. If the natural soil is heavy, it should be replaced with a mixture of sandy soil and 1/4 peat moss or 1/4 ground fir bark or sawdust. In planting, the roots should be only slightly below the soil level; also, in planting, allowance should be made for the possibility that the plant will sink down as the soil settles.

2. The soil should not be permitted to get dry, nor should it be kept too damp. The optimum would be to water a plant as it is drying out.

3. Some camellia fertilizer will help both the plant and the flowers. First fertilizing should be done after finished flowering, about April 1st with application of a camellia fertilizer that can be purchased at any garden supply store. Two additional applications can be made at two month intervals.

Follow these three rules and you will have good camellias. If you want better flowers, do two more things.

4. Prune out the small inside branches after blooming has stopped. You may also shape the plant at this time. You cannot harm a camellia plant by pruning.

5. Pinch off some of the buds when they get big enough so that you can identify them from growth buds. You will have fewer flowers, but those that bloom will be far superior to what you otherwise would have had.

Observance of these five rules of camellia culture will give you camellia flowers in your garden that will be a pleasure to see. If you want more than just garden color and are seeking personal pleasure in growing camellias that you are proud to look at and to show to others, join a camellia society where the collective purpose of the group is that all the members will grow "show camellias."

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| 63. "Gus Menard" | 83. "Ecclefield" |
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| 76. "Trojan Horse" | 96. "William Hertrich, Ret." |
| 77. "Fire Chief, Hyb." | 97. "Moutancha, Ret." |
| 78. "Mary Agnes Patin" | 98. "Extravaganza" |
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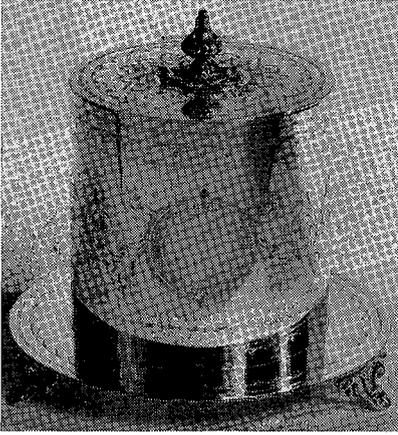
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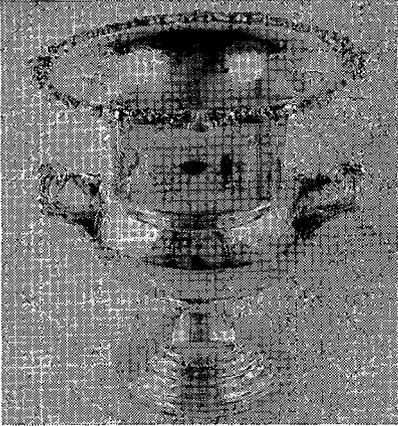
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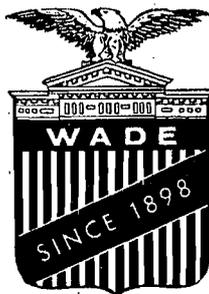
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