



The Pipeline



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The Very Best of Seasons Greetings



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ...

Once again that time of year has arrived when we take stock of our efforts and attempt to project into the future our aims and goals. The past is behind us and our record is good - the future is bright - the promise and possibilities for the lilac in the home landscape are excellent. So, as we look forward to another year with I.L.S., our many projects present the challenge which points to the success of tomorrow.

I wish to express my personal thanks for the many contributions of time, effort, and finance that have kept I.L.S. moving forward. Without the help of many hands, the load would be overwhelming. I would also speak for the Society in thanking, in particular, those individuals who have found the time and exerted the effort to organize conferences and publish the results of the many findings - especially those persons who so meticulously delve into the painstaking work of plant breeding and prolonged observation.

As we celebrate at this joyous time of year and launch into the new year, may we rededicate our purpose, profit from our past experiences, and look to a brighter future.

Walter E. Eickhorst



SIXTH CONVENTION AT AMHERST - The Lord Jeffrey Inn will be convention headquarters for our sixth annual membership meeting, May 20-22, 1977. Society members planning to attend are advised to make reservations right away, since a limited number of accommodations are available. The innkeeper assures the Board of Directors that all ILS members who register will indeed be taken care of at nearby motels.

For room reservations please write as soon as possible to :-

MR. RAYMOND J. KELLEHER,
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LORD JEFFREY INN,
AMHERST, MASS. 01002.

or

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HURRICANE BELLE - Some lilac phenology cooperators on the south shores of Long Island and Connecticut report a flush of lilac blossoms a few weeks after Hurricane Belle swept the area 9 August 1976. The strong winds from the storm carried salt spray inland, saturating leaves on the south sides of exposed bushes and trees in the affected area. Normally heavy rains accompany and follow such a storm, washing off the salt spray, but Belle was abnormal. As the New York Times reported, "For some strange meteorological reason, the storm ... forgot to leave a cleansing rain in its aftermath". At Bridge Hampton, on the south fork of Long Island, Mr. Richard G. Hendrickson - a cooperator in the NE-95 lilac phenology program -- reported only 0.07" of rain during the hurricane. As a result of the severe salt injury, leaves dried up and fell to the ground. The plants thought that winter had arrived, and the good weather a few weeks later triggered them into thinking spring had arrived, sending out new leaves and blossoms. No one knows what effect this will have on the plants next spring.

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1976 Seed List (Syringa)

Supplies on some are very small. Seeds will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Please send self-addressed stamped envelope for each five packets requested, to Mrs. Nancy Alexander, 238 Holmes Street, Hanson, MA 02341.

- 1 x chinensis bicolor (A)
- 2 Diplomate (F)
- 3 Edith Cavell (M)
- 4 x Henryi (A)
- 5 Isabella (F)
- 6 James Macfarlane (F)
- 7 Josikaea (F)
- 8 Josikaea x Wolfii (F)
- 9 Lutèce (A)
- 10 Lutèce (F)
- 11 Mme. Lemoine (M)
- 12 Nocturne (F)
- 13 Olivier de Serres (M)
- 14 Paul Thirion (M)
- 15 pekinensis (A)
- 16 pekinensis (F)
- 17 pekinensis (Mn)
- 18 pubescens (A)
- 19 reflexa (A)
- 20 reticulata (A)
- 21 reticulata var. mandshurica (A)
- 22 Rochester seedlings (F)
- 23 Royalty (F)
- 24 Rutilant (C)
- 25 Sarah Sands (F)
- 26 x sweginflexa (A)
- 27 sweginzowii albida (F)
- 28 Ursula (F)
- 29 villosa (A)
- 30 yunnanensis x sweginzowii (F)

Donors:- Arnold Arboretum (A); Bob Clark (C); Fr. John Fiala (F);
Dr. Joel Margaretten (M); Morton Arboretum (Mn).

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UTLEY LILACS EARN

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

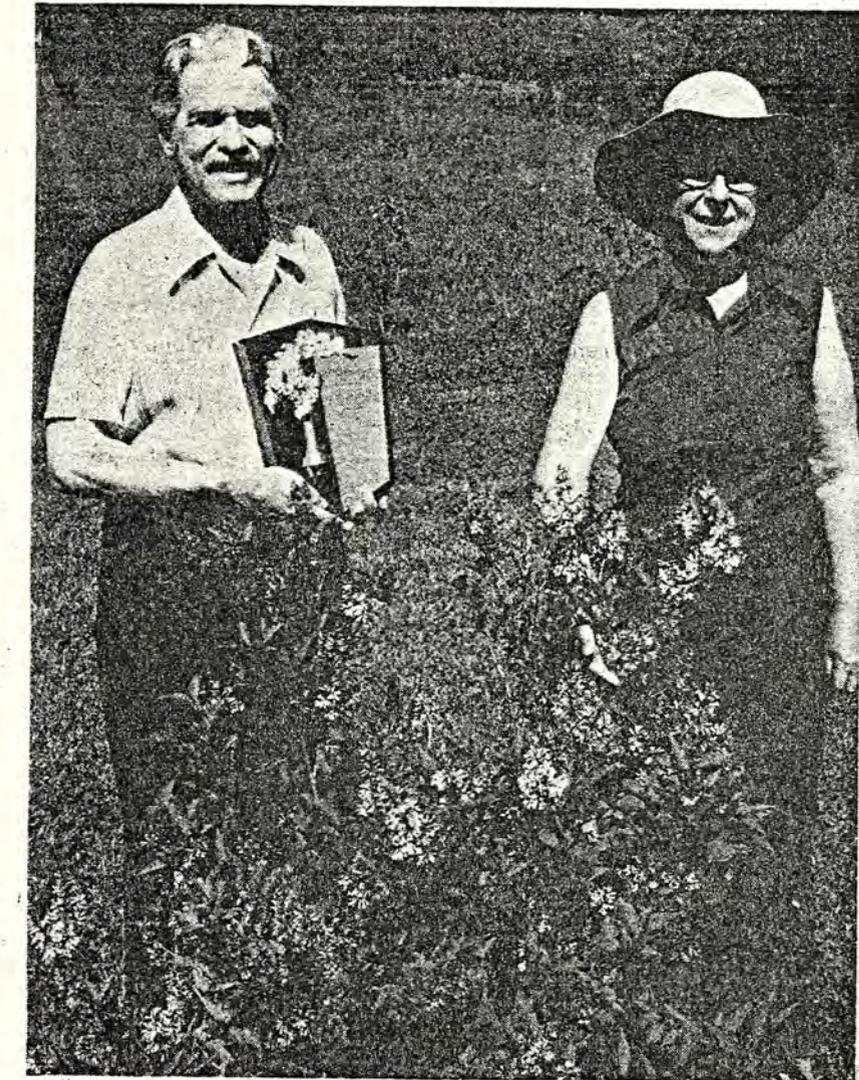
By Anne Maloy "The Geneva Times"

CLYDE - Lois and William Utley of Grape Hill Farm, Devereaux Road, received the president's award from the International Lilac Society during the society's fifth annual convention May 21 through 23. The Utleys have the first private collection to be given the award which has heretofore gone to professionals.

The citation read in part, "presented to William and Lois Utley of Clyde for their dedicated work in gathering together an outstanding collection of lilacs for public viewing, and for their outstanding promotion of the lilac through many efforts in lilac exchanges, publicity, and making available better cultivars for propagation."

The Utleys have 150 varieties of lilacs and 300 plants on their 87 acre farm south of Clyde. They have blooming varieties from May into July, including late hybrids. They are particularly proud of the dwarf specie from Korea which they have developed over the past 10 years. As it grows only about three feet high, they report it smells like honeysuckle and hyacinth and is suitable for gardeners.

They also have tree lilacs which originated in Manchuria, China, Korea and Siberia, some of which are a creamy color.



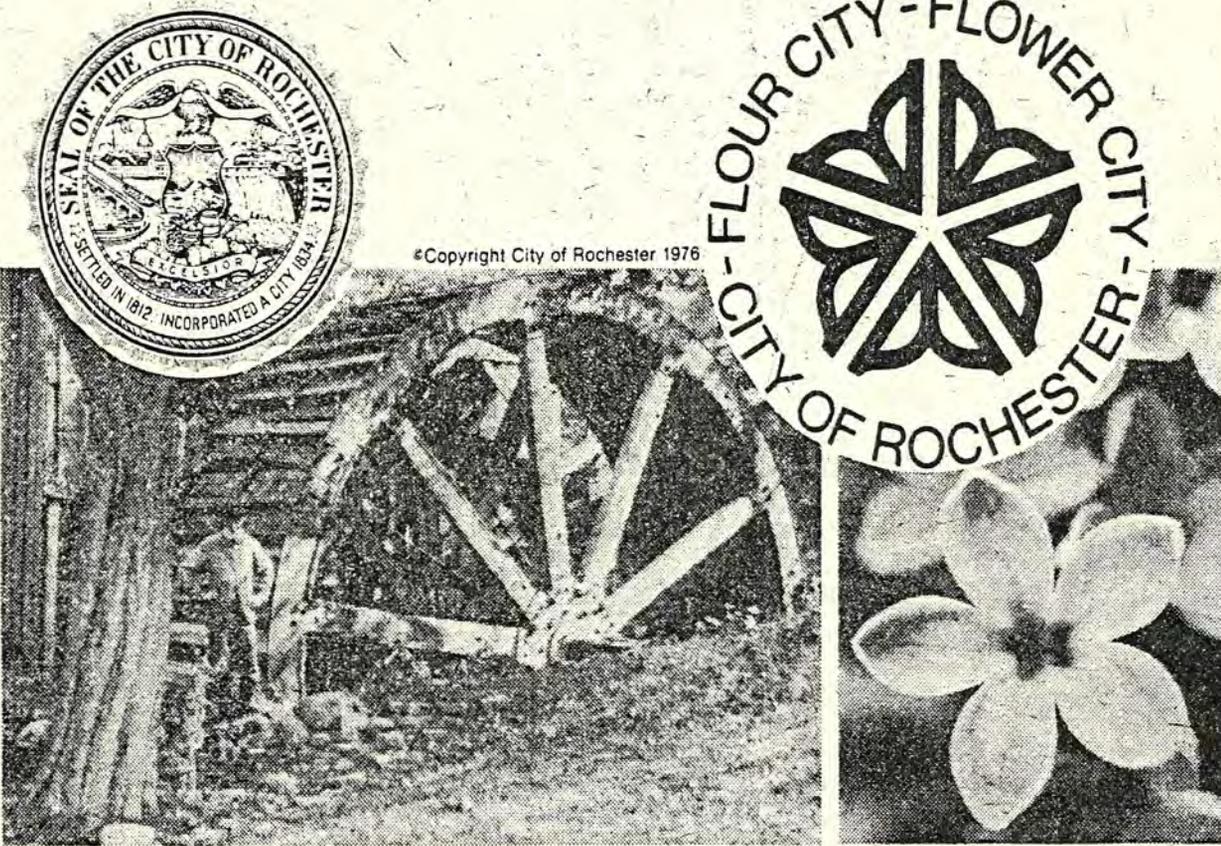
Special species

Bill and Lois Utley of Grape Hill Farm, Clyde stand next to the dwarf lilac which they have been developing. Utley holds the president's award they recently received from the International Lilac Society Inc. in late May, during the society's three-day convention in Rochester. (Times photo)

The three-day seminar of the International Lilac Society was headquartered at the Hilton Inn on the Campus in Rochester. On Sunday, May 23, the Utleys entertained about 75 members at a picnic and tour of Grape Hill Farm. In the afternoon, the "lilac buffs" proceeded on to Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua where one of the Utley lilac trees was planted.

Bill and Lois Utley have an extensive musical background in addition to their floral interests. Now a soloist at Church of Christ Scientist in Newark, Utley has a long history of roles in opera and musical comedy in this country and Europe. He is presently a voice teacher. His wife was chairman of the voice department in Central College, Fayette, Mo. and taught voice at Winthrop College, S.C.

Rochester, N.Y., Wednesday Evening, Nov. 17, 1976



The new symbol (top right) is derived from the blades of a water wheel (lower left) and the petals of a lilac (lower right). Symbol was designed to be more easily recognizable and clearer than the city seal (upper left).

"NOTE THAT THE FLORET IS FROM 'ROCHESTER' LILAC WITH ITS STAR-SHAPED COROLLA".

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE - Articles submitted for publication in "The Pipeline" must reach your editor by the first of the month.

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