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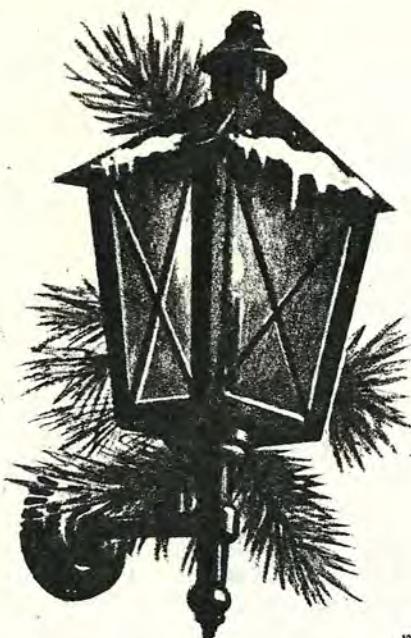
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# Season Greetings

The time of Thanksgiving is with us once more, and as we happily recall the everlasting pleasures and successes that have been our lot, may we humbly acknowledge and ask forgiveness of our many failures during those moments when our performance has been less than perfect during this past year. As a small group of persons with a common interest we have seen the light over our goal become just a bit brighter, the purpose of our efforts more clearly defined, and our combined intent without question more meaningful. This Holiday

Season will be but a brief rest period during which we can re-establish our values, re-affirm our hopes in the mysteries of yet another New Year, and share our wisdom with those who might seek our help.

It is a time when we would extend our SINCERE BEST WISHES to each and everyone, and trust that all our NEWSLETTER readers might express their individual Thanks, sharing their Blessings with the Almighty Architect of the Universe - that strength which is so generously and graciously ours, that strength that gives us a NEWNESS OF LIFE and a meaning to every living thing.

May each of you in your own way enjoy a HAPPY, JOYFUL and HEALTH FILLED Holiday Season.

Editor



DIRECTORS MEETING (Fall 1978)

Your President, Dr. Owen M. Rogers called the fall Board Meeting to Order at 9:20 a.m., Oct. 7, 1978 at Durham, N.H. - twelve (12) Directors and Officers were present. Various Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Media last May were read and considered, and accepted. A Treasurer's Report as of this date was given.

Publications, Committee Structure and the By-Laws were all brought under discussion. President Rogers called for ideas to further the knowledge of the public concerning lilacs. Secretary Walter Oakes offered a suggestion to promote I.L.S. thru the use of a set of slides - more will be appearing on both of these challenges in the near future. Board Member Election Procedure came under fire and following considerable discussion a revised method of selecting persons for these all important posts was agreed upon - more on this at a later date.

A tentative program for the 1979 Convention (June 8-9) was presented. A more nearly finalized program will appear in either the January or February issue of the upcoming NEWSLETTER.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Through contacts in the horticultural world, we have finally located Cora Lindsey Lyden (Mrs. John Lyden). Mr. & Mrs. Lyden owned the beautiful "Lindhome" estate in Monmouth, Maine until illness, advancing years and the lack of reliable help made it too difficult for them to keep the property.

We have had the pleasure of visiting "Lindhome" when the Lydens were there among their lilacs and the memory of it is still with us of banks of lilacs, sweeping lawns and distant mountains.

Mrs. Lyden grew many seedling lilacs and introduced several. Among them and perhaps her best was cv. 'Cora Lyden' - a pink. From the top of a nearby knoll it could instantly be identified as being unique in colour among all the others.

She writes that she is now 86 years young and remains interested in lilacs and gardening. While she complains that her fingers don't always respond to her commands, her knowledge of lilacs gained from having grown them all her life appears to be undiminished.

We are particularly pleased to welcome her to the Society. She would enjoy hearing from other lilac growers. Her address is:

105 Belair Street,  
Brockton, MA 02401.

Hurriedly as usual,

signed: Walter Oakes

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BITS OF WIT

It's the little things that annoy us; we can sit on a mountain but not on a tack.

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A smile is something that adds to your face value.

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# from the... ...Registrar's Desk

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### Syringa vulgaris 'Mrs. Harry Bickle', Rolph 1956

The late Henry McDonald ("Harry") Rolph (1886-1977) of Markham, Ontario, Canada, originated S. v. 'Mrs. Harry Bickle', which was introduced about 1956 by Rowancroft Gardens of Meadowvale, Ontario. The name and description ("A lovely clear light pink with single flowers and spreading growth.") appeared in Rowancroft Gardens' "Catalogue Number Fifteen", p. 30. Cat. Nr. 15 appears to have been issued between 1956 and 1960.

Mrs. Kathleen Rolph, Harry Rolph's widow, in a recent telephone conversation, told us that this lilac selection was named when the original plant was purchased by Mrs. Harry Bickle and that there is a possibility that her late husband subsequently distributed one or more different selections under the same name.

Plants distributed by Rowancroft Gardens appear to be true-to-name. We suggest that anyone having a 'Mrs. Harry Bickle' lilac check the bloom against the above description.

### Syringa vulgaris 'Mildred Luetta', Hetz 1950

In Lilacs for America (Wister 1953) 'Mildred Luetta' is listed as S VII or single and purple. In the mimeographed registration lists 1963-1967 issued by the Scott Foundation appeared the following correction (p. 4, Note 1): "Mildred Luetta, page 35 is D VII not S VII". This refers to Lilacs for America (1953); the original registration list in ARNOLDIA 23(4):77-83 (1963)

does not contain this correction.

Rogers did not see the correction, and in his Tentative International Register (1976) 'Mildred Luetta' is listed as S VII.

Fairview Evergreen Nurseries (F.C. Hetz & Sons, Prop.), Fairview, PA, introduced 'Mildred Luetta' in their Wholesale List, Fall (September 10th) 1950, p. 24 as "Syringa -- Mildred Luetta, Dbl. light red". Personal communication with Mr. Neil R. Hetz confirmed that the colour of this lilac is "reddish purple", and as such it had been listed in subsequent catalogues.

If you have 'Mildred Luetta' in your collection, and if the flowers are double and reddish purple, it is very likely that your plant is labelled correctly.

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#### PHILOSOPHIC JOTTINGS

Don't waste time envying the other fellow. Get busy yourself.

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Laugh and the world laughs with you; frown and see who cares.

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Work, wait and win.

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Master concentration and you can master anything.

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BULK MAILING - - - I have received a limited number of replies to my inquiry concerning our use of this slightly less costly means of getting the NEWSLETTER to the membership. Your response would indicate that the service is reasonable and the regularity of copy is fairly punctual, and above all that you understand our position. At least for the moment we will continue with our present arrangement and I thank those of you that took the time to respond to my "mini" survey.

Ed.

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PLEASE NOTE: (Lilacs Vol. Correction)

During the year 1976 there were, inadvertently two issues of Lilacs (March 1976 and August 1976) that were given the same Vol. 5, No. 1 index. In order that we might adequately and properly refer to the data in these issues via an index, please be informed (mark your copy accordingly) that the Aug. '76 copy (the issue which reports the Fifth Annual Convention (May 21, 22 and 23, 1976) Rochester, New York, is hereby and now corrected to read Vol. 5, No. 2.

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