

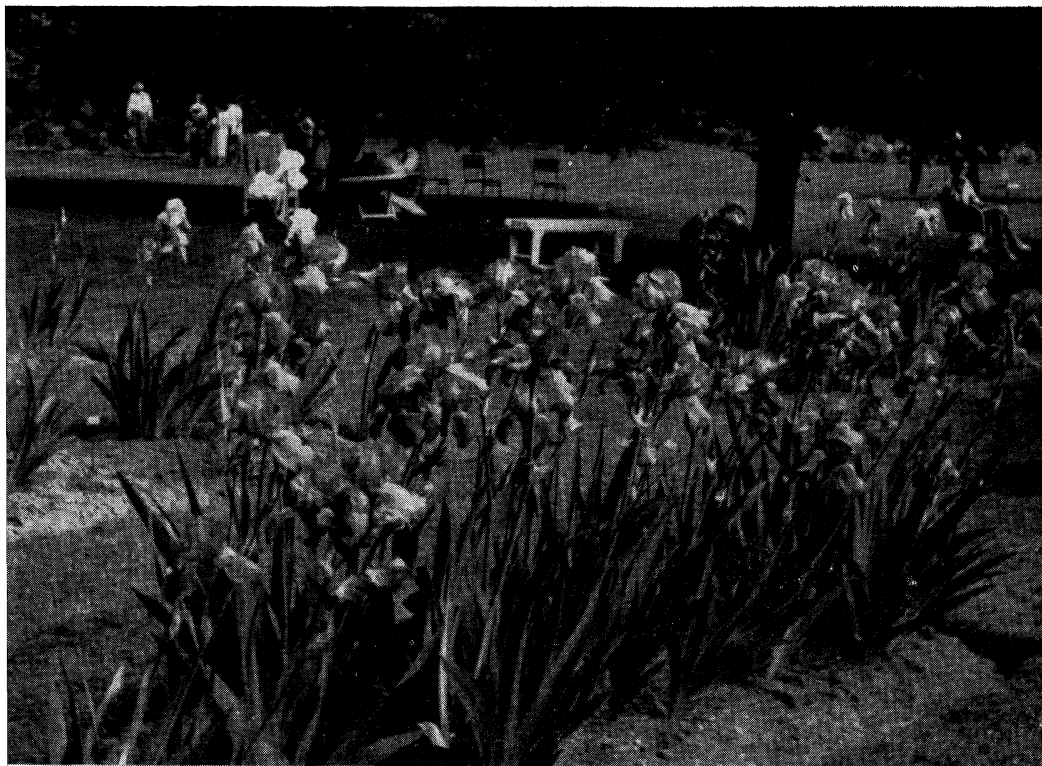
The Elms

The garden of Mrs. Graeme Adam and Dr. A. H. Rolph appropriately named "The Elms" is located in Weston, Ontario. The iris beds are placed around a large grass area and here were some of the finest irises seen on the convention tour. They were extremely well grown and I noted fine stalks of Cliffs of Dover and Blue Bird Blue, two new introductions of Mr. Orville Fay. Cliffs of Dover is a flaring ruffled white of great purity and has received considerable notoriety in England and elsewhere. I had seen a short stalk of it in Nashville, but was glad to see it here blooming in a representative fashion. Canadaway and Algiers again showed their worth. Two new introductions from our President, Mr. Harold Knowlton, were outstanding in this garden. Chiquita is an amoena. It comes from a cross of Amigo x Wabash. Amigo was introduced in 1934 and Wabash in 1936 and such a seedling could have happened any time during the last twenty years, but it remained for our President to be the lucky breeder of this fine iris. Glowing Gold, a Knowlton introduction is an iris with a different shape. It has a rounded form quite unlike anything I know of. The white blaze below the beard gives it individuality.

Guest iris in the Adam—Rolph garden included a plethora of fine seedlings from Paul Cook. Dark Boatman is a blue-black with a deep blue beard, a combination that I find very pleasing in these new dark irises. Deep Black has an incredible depth to its color. It still is on the blue-black side while Sable Night is a red-black. After looking at these three irises I find it hard to imagine any further deepening of color. There was a whole series of the blue reverse bi-color seedlings which Mr. Cook has obtained from crosses involving the little known species *I. imbricata*. Wide World is one of these irises and here in Canada it did not seem to have the depth of color that it has in my Tennessee garden. All of these *imbricata* seedlings show an individuality of form as well as the rare color pattern of blue standards and white falls.

Grand Finale

The final banquet of the 1955 AIS meeting was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel. Mr. Sam Y. Caldwell was master of ceremonies and introduced President Knowlton who gave a report on the state of the iris nation. Mr. Knowlton also presented several Award of Merit Certificates to the recipients who were present at the meeting. The 1954 Dykes Medal awarded to Mr. Orville Fay for his iris Mary Randall was presented to Mr. Fay by Mr. Harry Randall in the name of the British Iris Society. Mr. Knowlton read



1955 Winner of the Franklin Cook Memorial Award is the Bickle variety Algiers here shown in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland New.

the results of the balloting by the convention delegates in the Franklin Cook Memorial Award. The largest number of votes was received by iris variety Algiers, a seedling of the late Mrs. Harry Bickle. The cup was presented to Mrs. Ryland New, sister of Mrs. Bickle.

Mr. Caldwell called on Mr. Jesse Wills who introduced Mr. Harry Randall who was the speaker of the evening. Once before Mr. Randall had been invited to America to speak at our national convention, only to have the vagaries of American weather deprive our members of having him at the meeting in person. This time Mr. Randall would suffer no interference though our season was early this year and the meeting was advanced a week. Mr. Randall was able to change his plans and come early.

Mr. Randall read to the assembled irisarians a special letter of congratulation and felicitation from Her Majesty Elizabeth, The