

TWO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS



Mrs. Ralph E. (Ethel)
Ricker

Ethel Ricker was voted the Distinguished Service Medal by the Board of Directors at the Omaha meeting. She is widely known for being the manager of the 1950 convention, and for a distinguished term as chairman of the Exhibition Committee from 1938 to 1957. She has served as RVP of Region 21, and is the president of the Sioux City Iris Society, as well as historian for Region 21.



Edwin Rundlett

Ed Rundlett also was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal at the Omaha meeting. He has given distinguished service in the cause of the reblooming irises, and stands as the dean of that group. He serves as the editor of *The Reblooming Iris Reporter*, a publication which reflects both his scholarship and his advocacy, and the rapid recent growth of the Reblooming Iris Society is much due to his dedication.

IN MEMORIAM

ALICE WHITE 1886-1969

Alice White left us this past fall, but she left with us the results of a dedicated work and the memories of many years of friendship. Many of us remember Alice from the years when she was nearly the only spark that kept alive the interest in the miniature tall bearded (table) class of bearded irises. Few of us realize the many hours she spent organizing the MTB robins and in keeping them flying, and the articles she wrote, to fan the flames of interest in a class in which interest had almost burned out. Now that the median class is popular again, we recognize Alice White as the "White" part of the Williamson-White Award given annually to the top miniature tall bearded iris. This is a tribute she richly deserved, and we are grateful that she lived to see the award activated.

We visited Alice not long ago, and spend the afternoon with her in the rest home where she had lived since the death of her husband a few years ago. She was still mentally alert, and although she could no longer recall