

About your journal

by Harold Hopkins

A couple of events have happened lately, neither of them of earthshaking intelligence, but both are of more than passing interest to many members, and we believe both deserve special treatment and separation from the meeting and organizational coverage.

Heretofore, the first eight volumes of the NEWSLETTER of the American Magnolia Society, Vol. 1 No. 1 through Vol. 8 No. 2) (12 issues), covering the Society's activities from its founding through its first eight years (1964-72), have been out of print and copies have been unavailable.

New members or those who heretofore have been unable to obtain a complete file of these early copies—which were printed in a format of 8½ x 11 inches—now can obtain an excellent set of facsimile copies, all neatly combined in a single paper binding, for \$10, which includes postage. These contain some classic pieces concerning our favorite tree by such experts as Jack Fogg, Joe McDaniel, Todd Gresham, Phil Savage, Jim Gossler, Phil Seitner, Frank Santamour, Bill Dodd, Neil Treseder, Fred Meyer, John Wister, and even that great taxonomist of the Magnolia family, James E. Dandy (whose knowledge of the Magnoliaceae was so awesome that nobody I know of ever dared to call him 'Jim Dandy').

As for other past issues, these are available from Vol. XIII No. 1 (now to be known as Issue 23) onward for \$5 per copy or \$4 per copy when 10 or more are ordered. This includes postage and represents an increase in price decided upon by the board at

the Mobile meeting to avoid losses from the sale of past issues.

Both the bound issues (Issues 1 through 12) and those sold separately can be ordered from Phelan A. Bright, Secretary-Treasurer, Magnolia Society, 907 South Chestnut Street, Hammond, Louisiana 70403-5109. Checks should be made out to the Magnolia Society.

To put things into perspective, MAGNOLIA: Journal of the Magnolia Society, for its first 16 years known as the NEWSLETTER of the American Magnolia Society, has undergone some sea changes—in three stages as follows:

Beginning in January 1973 with Vol. IX No. 1 (the 13th consecutive issue), Editor Jack Fogg and Assistant Editor Phil Savage changed the format from 8½ x 11 inches to the more compact 6 x 9 inches, a size (believe it or not) more adaptable to photographs and most other graphic displays than the larger size. Phil Savage later that year took over the entire editorship duties and also retained his other titles for the next several years (He is the only person who has ever held every office in the Society).

Then, starting with Vol. XVI No. 1 (the 29th consecutive issue), in the first part of 1980, the newsletter's name was changed to MAGNOLIA: Journal of the American Magnolia Society. This change emphasized the word "magnolia" instead of the word "newsletter," and also had a classier look and sound, at least to the perpetrators.

Then again, just last year, in vol. XXI No. 1 (the 39th consecutive issue), the name was changed again to MAGNOLIA: Journal of the

Magnolia Society, incorporating the newly telescoped name of the Society itself after it had officially dropped the word "American" to more nearly reflect the international character of the organization and the makeup of its membership.

The second matter is a source of some embarrassment to the present editor, but here goes anyway. A few years ago, somebody suggested to us at a Society meeting that references to past issues would be much easier to find if each issue had just a chronological or progressive number, the first issue being Number 1, the next Number 2, and so on through the years up to today, when the issue you are reading would be 41. Well, take a look at the cover and the contents page; it is now an accomplished fact! But read on.

The embarrassment to us was that we had only half heard the suggestion, and when it crossed our mind later we couldn't think of who made the suggestion or just how it would work. Therefore, there was no way of getting a repeat of the details.

And so the matter stood for those years until, at the Mobile meeting, we talked to member Frank Galyon, M.D., the Knoxville magnolia breeder, who introduced the hybrid Magnolia x 'Paul Cook,' and others. This time, Frank (who had made the suggestion in the first place) put the same bug in our ear again. Why not give each issue its own number? So simple it should have stuck in our memory, but it didn't. Now we've got it down pat, and the issue you're reading is *Issue 41*, written just that way. The next one will be *Issue 42*, and so on. The "volumes" designations with their Roman numbers will be retained and continued, at least for awhile, but they'll be fenced in with parentheses. Either system may be used, but we hope people will favor the new "issue" method, which is not only

easier but makes it impossible to confuse No. 1 with No. 2, and so on.

If you want to use the new system, and we hope you will, just go through your filed copies and write in the numbers of the new Issues with pen or pencil or however you prefer to mark them. Here are the "Issue" numbers and their corresponding volume references, in tabular form for easy copying:

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Issue 2	(Vol. 2, No. 1)
Issue 3	(Vol. 3, No. 1)
Issue 4	(Vol. 4, No. 1)
Issue 5	(Vol. 4, No. 2)
Issue 6	(Vol. 5, No. 1)
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Issue 8	(Vol. 6, No. 2)
Issue 9	(Vol. 7, No. 1)
Issue 10	(Vol. 7, No. 2)
Issue 11	(Vol. 8, No. 1)
Issue 12	(Vol. 8, No. 2)

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Issue 13	(Vol. IX, No. 1)
Issue 14	(Vol. IX, No. 2)
Issue 15	(Vol. IX, No. 3)
Issue 16	(Vol. IX, No. 4)
Issue 17	(Vol. X, No. 1)
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Issue 19	(Vol. XI, No. 1)
Issue 20	(Vol. XI, No. 2)
Issue 21	(Vol. XII, No. 1)
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Issue 29	(Vol. XVI, No. 1)
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Issue 31	(Vol. XVII, No. 1)
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Issue 34	(Vol. XVIII, No. 2)
Issue 35	(Vol. XIX, No. 1)
Issue 36	(Vol. XIX, No. 2)
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Issue 38	(Vol. XX, No. 2)
Issue 39	(Vol. XXI, No. 1)
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