visited, grows in soil and quite deeply pulled down with a distinct underground stem. It rarely offsets and generally has but 1 central spine. The spines tend to be quite short. This was characteristic of virtually all the plants we saw in this small population. So small, in fact, that Ed Greenwood requested that we not reveal the exact location for fear that it would easily be wiped out by an unscrupulous collector.

Virtually all the plants of var. dodsonii which we saw were growing at higher elevations, in moss on top of rocks with almost no soil. Virtually every one was caespitose, and typically with several long central spines.

Franz Strigl, in an article about these two taxa in Kakteen und andere Sukkulenten, “Auf der Suche nach Mammillaria deherdtiana Farwig und Mammillaria dodsonii Bravo” (pp. 155-156), uses pretty much the same argument (claiming a difference in 800 meters in elevations) to argue that they are distinct species! ... but then rank, species vs. varieties or forms, is something concerning which I don’t expect a consensus ever to be reached.

LLOYD CECIL BRINSON

Lloyd was born May 19, 1913, in Lyons, Indiana, and died September 18, 1992, in San Carlos, California, where he and his wife had resided for many years. He was 79 years old. Lloyd spent seven years in Saudi Arabia working for the oil company, Aramco. Later he married Harriet Heavenridge on August 31, 1946. He retired in 1978 after working for United Airlines for 22 years. The Brinsons have one daughter, Jane, who lives in Menlo Park, California.

Lloyd’s love of cacti and succulents was a very important part of his life. He was involved with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America for many years and served as vice-president and president of the organization. He judged many shows and for many years he and Harriet actively participated in the annual CSSA show. For a time Lloyd was an associate editor of the Journal; he also served as the U.S. representative for the IOS.

Larry W. Mitich

WALTHER HAAGE, FCSS
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We lost another friend and Fellow of the CSSA this past year with the passing of Walther Haage on April 22 at the age of 92. He was awarded his Fellowship in 1981. He was the fourth generation of Haages to be in charge of the famous nursery in Germany bearing his family name.

BOOK REVIEWettes

IOS Index of Names of CACTACEAE published 1950–1990 from Repertorium Plantarum Succulentarum, edited by Urs Eggli and Nigel Taylor, published by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England and the Zürich Städtische Sukkulenten-Sammlung, Switzerland. 222 pages, £10.00 + £1.50 postage.

This is an invaluable new compilation of all the new names and new combinations published in the last 40 years. Need more be said?

CITES Cactaceae Checklist compiled by David Hunt, 190 pp., soft cover, published 1992, by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England and the IOS, Zürich, Switzerland, £10.00 + £1.50 postage.

As the name implies, this is a checklist of the cactus family. The point of view is expectably fairly conservative, reflecting what has been referred to as a consensus of a majority of specialists in taxonomy of the Cactaceae within the IOS. Major synonyms are listed. There is also a useful cross-referencing by country which also lists the plants’ conservation category.