



Mr. L. V. LAWRENCE

## *T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1968*

Mr. Lionel V. Lawrence, of the National Rose Society of Victoria, was awarded this high honour for 1968.

Mr. Lawrence has been a member of the National Rose Society of Victoria since 1949. He is outstanding as a grower, and has exhibited at many shows since 1956, winning most awards including the Best Rose in the N.R.S.V. Show on four occasions. He has a wonderful rose garden with over 300 plants, including most types.

Mr. Lawrence was elected to the Executive of the N.R.S.V. in 1960, appointed Editor of the Australian Rose Annual in 1963 and made an Honorary Life member in 1967. He has represented the society on many occasions, lecturing and demonstrating in both country and metropolitan areas of Victoria, and in other States. In addition, he has organized and managed, for the N.R.S.V., the three successful rose displays at the head office of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

However, most of these activities are mainly of Victorian interest and the basic principle of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award is a recognition for work done in the six States of Australia and New Zealand. As such, it commemorates the great work done by the late Mr. T. A. Stewart, who edited the first nineteen editions of the Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual, as it was known at that time. Mr. Lawrence's work as Editor of the Australian Rose Annual for the past five years must surely meet all such requirements. The Rose Annual wins not only Australia-wide, but world-wide acclaim each year for the quality and coverage of its subject matter. It is of a standard that should make all Australians proud. This standard is neither reached nor maintained without a great many hours of work done by the Editor every week of each year. Some contributions have to be organized a year or two in advance of publication. It is indeed an arduous task and all done in a purely honorary capacity.

Many representatives of the other societies met Mr. Lawrence at the Australian Rose Convention in Melbourne in April, 1967.

The National Rose Society of Victoria is gratified that Mr. Lawrence is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a rosarian in Australasia.

R. J. SWADESIR.