



Mr. Cyril C. Hillary.

## T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD 1964

The T. A. Stewart Memorial Award for 1964 has been won by Mr. Cyril C. Hillary, President of the N.R.S. of Western Australia, for services to rose-growing in Australia and New Zealand.

In 1932 Mr. Hillary organised a meeting of eleven enthusiastic rose growers as a result of which the National Rose Society of W.A. was formed.

With the assistance of "The West Australian" newspaper (in providing a trophy and publicity) and under the auspices of the National Rose Society, Mr. Hillary organised a rose garden competition throughout the State. This encouraged many home owners to establish rose beds, following which many became members of the Society.

Mr. Hillary continued in office until he left for London in 1938 to take up his appointment as Secretary to the Agent General for Western Australia. While in London, he became a member of the National Rose Society (England). He remained in London through the war years, returning to Western Australia in 1948.

On his return to Western Australia, Mr. Hillary was appointed Administrative Officer in the Department of Agriculture. In the year following, he was appointed President of the National Rose Society of W.A., which position he still holds, taking a very active part not only in ordinary presidential duties, but by judging, lecturing, demonstrating and giving advice not only within the National Rose Society of W.A., but to many local horticultural societies. On many occasions his beautiful garden at Forrestfield has been open for charitable purposes.

As a writer of considerable ability, Mr. Hillary contributes articles on rose growing and general gardening topics to many journals, including a weekly contribution to the principal newspaper, "The West Australian", and to the "Farmers Weekly". He is also a regular contributor to the "Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual". He appears on television in discussions and demonstrations and is accepted as an authority on gardening subjects.

For at least 40 years Mr. Hillary has been devoted to the hobby of growing roses and doing all within his power to encourage rose growing.