

THE HORTENSE SCALES

MEMORIAL BOWL

"The National Button Society has suffered the loss of its best loved member" were the first words written by H. Campbell Scarlett in his Tribute to Mrs. Scales, published in the NBS Bulletin for January, 1957.

In the closing paragraph we read "That this great gentlewoman- and "gentlewoman" is the word which fits Hortense Scales to the very last shade of meaning-should have bestowed so much of the glowing Indian summer of her fine, full and useful life on the National Button Society constitutes for the Society an honor the like of which few organizations can boast."

Thirteen trays, each showing exquisite examples of the art of inlaying, were entered in competition at Buffalo, for the silver bowl, given by Mrs. R. H. Rexroad and Dr. William Scales, in memory of their mother, Hortense McVey Scales. For her tray of Inlays, mixed size, Mrs. Harold Eby, of Pennsylvania, by the decision of the judges, received the much desired gift.

This bowl was considered by many to be the most important award of the 1958 Show; gaining such importance by reason of the deep love and affection felt for the one in whose memory it was given.