

## NEW PLANT FORUM

Mr. William Flemer III served as moderator for the new plant forum.

Dr. Elwin Orton of Rutgers University showed slides of five hollies which he has developed. These are being introduced to the trade as *Ilex* 'Green Dragon', *I.* 'Dwarf Pagoda', *I.* 'Harvest Red', *I.* 'Autumn Glow' and *I.* 'Jersey Princess'. Andy Knauer showed slides and discussed *Idesia polycarpa*. Jim Wells showed slides of *Magnolia* 'Leonard Messel', deciduous azaleas, *Rhododendron* 'Pink William', *R.* 'Peachy Keen', unnamed seedling designated as *R.* WS 1, *R.* 'Gillian's Gold', *R.* 'Windsor Daybreak', *R.* 'Windsor Buttercup', *R.* 'Vivacious' and a fragrant *R.* 'Clear Yellow' which he's currently increasing. Dr. Gus Mehlquist showed slides of his rhododendron breeding research aimed at developing a white and a red rhododendron. Mr. Flemer finished the plant forum with slides of trumpet flowers *Campsis* × *tagliabuana* 'Mme. Galen' and *Campsis* 'Crimson Trumpet', a fragrant double flowered wisteria, a sugar maple, *Acer saccharum* 'Bonfire', *Aesculus pavia* 'Splendens', and two new cotoneasters bred at the U.S. National Arboretum for resistance to fire blight and apple scab.

### Tuesday Evening, August 24, 1976

Dr. Chiko Haramaki served as moderator for the program on ericaceous plants.

#### DECIDUOUS AZALEA LINER PRODUCTION

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When we decided to go into azalea production the first thing we did was to acquire good stock plants. They were fairly large plants, 4 to 5 ft in height. These were planted in well-prepared beds and were heavily mulched with pine bark. They were then cut back hard and left alone for two growing season.

Immediately after flowering the plants were dead-headed which seems to hasten shoot development. When the new shoots were 4 to 6" long and slightly firm, cuttings were made. Normally, this is from May 1 to June 15. We have both cut and stripped them and it doesn't seem to make any difference.