

PLANT PROPAGATION QUESTION BOX

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

December 11, 1959

The Plant Propagation Question Box Session of the Eighth Annual Meeting convened at 8.00 P.M. in the Constitution and Independence Rooms of the Sheraton Hotel. Mr. James S. Wells, the Societies first president, presided over the lively session.

This portion of the meeting was not transcribed.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

December 12, 1959

The fifth session convened at 9:00 o'clock, President Nordine calling the meeting to order. Dr. Wm. E. Snyder, Department of Horticulture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Moderator.

PRESIDENT NORDINE: Good morning, gentlemen. A great many of you have expressed your pleasure with the program this year. There is no question but what it has been conducted very, very well, with this panel type of program. If anybody has to ask any more questions about canned nursery materials or how to grow them, it is probably your fault rather than the way the program has been constructed.

We have the same type of panel this morning, although a different subject. There is always that controversial question, ie, how am I going to propagate it? This morning should answer that question once and for all. If you go away confused it is your own fault.

We certainly are greatly indebted to Harvey Templeton for the content of this program and the way it is put together.

Our moderator this morning is Dr. William E. Snyder, Department of Horticulture, Rutgers University. I am going to ask him to come forward now. Dr. Snyder!

MODERATOR SNYDER: Mr President, members of the Plant Propagators Society.

Looking back over the Proceedings we find that there are a number of different methods of propagation ranging from the traditional cold frame, through the greenhouse, mist propagation, polyethylene tent, and so on. It is no wonder that many of us who have been propagating plants for quite a while as well as those of us who have not been concerned with propagation too long might be a bit confused about what is the best method for propagating plants.

In the first place I don't believe, and I think you will agree, that there is any one best method. There are many methods which are very