

classified ads from those who are raising azaleas, have azaleas for sale, have azaleas to swap, those looking for information on azaleas, whatever your needs are. We plan to publish a little letter to send out to our members and it will also be sent to presidents of the other chapters. This will be nothing fancy, but just items of interest to others. Presently, our mailings are 105.

Ralph Bullard brought in some handouts on types of azaleas, and on propagation of various plants using Hormodin R.

Dr. Joe Coleman gave a magnificent slide presentation on the Kurume Azalea, featuring the Wilson Fifty. Dr. Coleman's talk on the Kurume was recorded on an audio cassette, and is now available in our library. It will be transcribed at a later date.

Following Dr. Coleman's presentation, an auction of several plants Mr. Fuqua, Mr. Demaline, and Mr. Thornton provided brought \$27.00 into our treasury.

Our next meeting will be held April 18 at 2:00PM at the First Baptist Church of Conyers, GA, with Hugh Caldwell on the Glenn Dale Azaleas; Ralph Bullard on the Iris and a Special Auction. □

Report of the Public Information Committee for 1993

William C. Miller III, *Chairman*

For the period beginning, May 1, 1992 and ending April 30, 1993, I submit the following report. One hundred and thirty-five requests for information were received from 30 states and the District of Columbia, one Canadian province (Ontario), two South American countries (Chile and Argentina), one Asian country (Korea), and Australia. This figure is comparable to the 134 cards and letters that were reported in the previous period.

The most inquiries came from the state of Virginia (11) with North Carolina (10) following close behind. June and October were the busiest months with 18 letters received and Septem-

ber had the fewest with four letters received. The monthly average was ten letters per month.

A significant volume of mail continues to be received at the ASA's old address in Silver Spring. This suggests that the old address has not completely disappeared from popular literature. The old box will be maintained as long as the volume of mail received warrants its continuation.

Recognizing that we are all "ambassadors" for the ASA, I would like to thank the nurseries that have gone the extra mile and mentioned the ASA in their catalogs. The simple fact is that the ASA needs to grow, and a high percentage of people who write for information about azaleas end up joining. This just goes to show that anything that we can do to help the ASA grow is in our own best interest because it improves the value of our membership and ultimately translates into a bigger and better AZALEAN. □

In Memory

Ryon A. Page

With regret, we report the death of Ryon Page, founding member of the ASA, former president of the Society and former chairman of the Board of Directors. Because of the profound impact that Ryon had on the Society, the following excerpts from the Washington Post, April 17, 1993 are printed below:

"Ryon A. Page, 79, a retired National Security Agency cryptographer, died of brain cancer April 16 at his home in Silver Spring.

Mr. Page was born in Campobello, S.C. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College and graduated from Wofford College.

Before moving to the Washington area in 1941, he was a teacher and principal in the public schools of Chula, Ga.

During World War II, he served in the Army in North Africa and was awarded a Purple Heart.

He retired from NSA in 1974 after a 33-year federal career that included service with NSA predecessor agencies and the Army.

Mr. Page was an enthusiastic gardener and a former president and chairman of the board of the Azalea Society of America and its Brookside Gardens chapter. He was a volunteer guide at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton and he received the Frederick P. Lee Award for service to the Azalea Society. He was also a former president of the Silver Spring Garden Club.

He wrote garden and travel articles for magazines and was author of two books, "Our Way of Life", which was about growing up on a farm in South Carolina, and "Descendants of H. A. Page and Sally Leora Turner", which was about his parents, brothers and sisters.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Silver Spring."

Dr. William F. Sullivan

Society member Dr. William F. Sullivan of Roseland, New Jersey, died on November 11, 1992. Dr. Sullivan was a past president of the American Rhododendron Society. □

Annual Meeting

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the ASA was held in Dallas, TX, on April 3, 1993. A complete report on the convention will be given in the September 1993 issue of **THE AZALEAN**.

The results of the election of officers and directors were announced. Elected for two-year terms were:

Malcolm Clark, *President*

Stephen S. Brainerd, *Vice President*

Elected for two-year terms as Directors were:

Jeff Beasley

Fred Minch

Rosalie Nachman

Three prizes were awarded:

Fred Galle: Distinguished Achievement