Community

Norval W.I. treated to greenhouse tour

Norval W.I. met at May's Country Market March 7 at 7 p.m. to tour their greenhouse where tomatoes are grown for commercial sale.

Our guides told us - how temperature in the greenhouse is controlled by computers and that pollination is now done manually every other day but that bumble bees are being experimented with for this purpose.

Tomatoes are produced all year round now, where as previously they had only been produced two or three periods in a year, they told us:

We were shown how tomato vines are grown in moss and fed nutrient by piping, this way each vine gets only as much liquid as it can use.

These specialists of growing tomatoes can now purchase cards of insect eggs that hatch and combat the white fly pest, eliminating the need to spray. Each week the bottom cluster of fruit is picked and the vines keep on growing.

After this informative tour our generous hosts gave each of us a box of their famous taters and chicken. They also brought a large tray of fruit and cheese to our table. Marie Murray thanked our hosts for their hospitality and we browsed through the market.

We then motored to the home of Gisela Malchin for our business meeting. Vice President Alleen Nixon was in the chair in the absence of President Jean May who is convalescing from recent surgery. We all wish Jean well.

Members reported from attending Ashgrove branch 65th anniversary and Silverwood branch Tweedsmuir History luncheon. Aileen Nixon and Norine Van Leeuwen gave very enthusiastic reports about their workshops at Fergus Feb. 23, sponsored by the W.I. Educational Committee.

The Health Education and Learning Project was mentioned to remind members to preregister before March 15.

Kay Wilson and Norine Van

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"May I Present" for public relations officers and program coordinators being held at Arkell, Ont., March 9. Dorothy McLean gave a report on Norval Association meeting where a plaque to commemorate Norval P.O. was discussed. Our W.I. yard sale was tentatively set

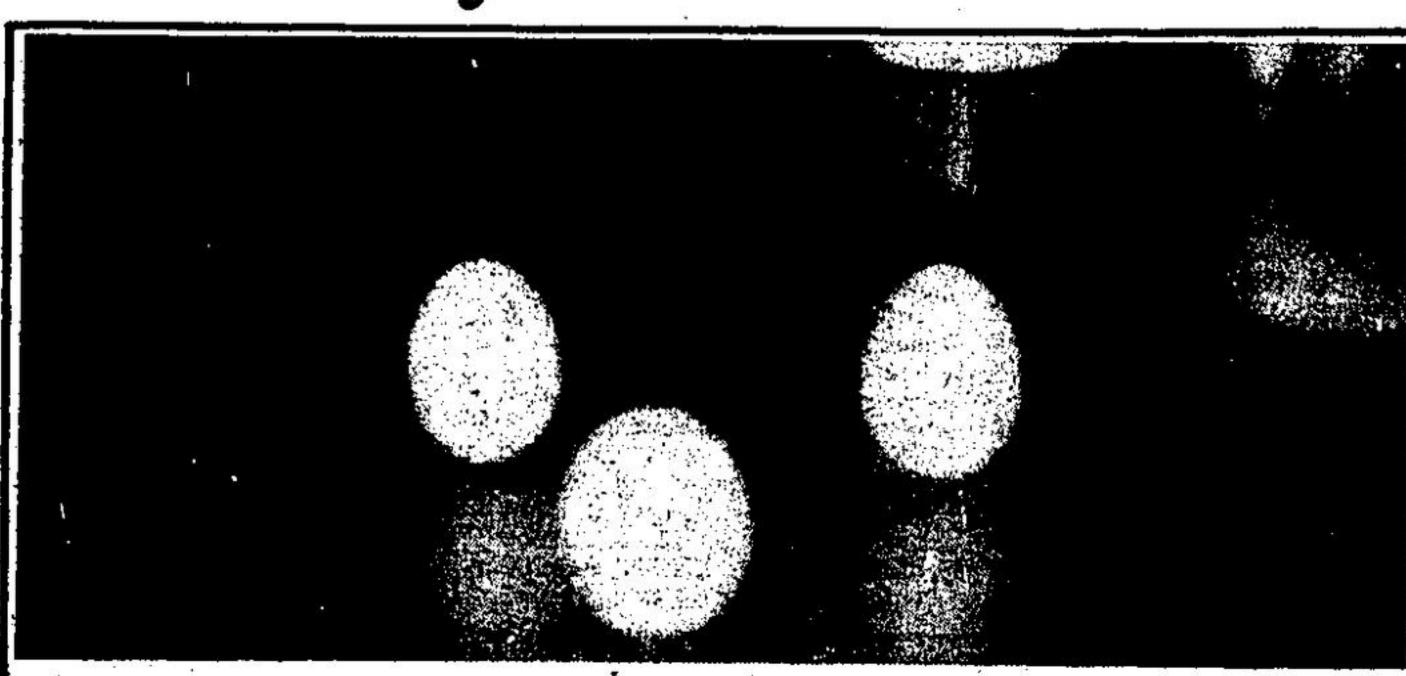
Leeuwen will attend a seminar

for the first week of May. We will donate \$50.00 (same as last year) to the Georgetown Agricultural Society Fall Fair. Dates are Sept. 6, 7 and 8, 1991.

The roll call "a news clipping of an environmental concern" was answered by eight members.

A social hour closed the meeting. German sweets prepared by the hostess and Lila Dahvert were served.

Next is the Annual Meeting at the home of Anne Wilson, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Note change of place.



Eggs-actly upright

The Spring Equinox takes place Thursday (March 21) and as with the Fall Equinox on Sept. 23, it is the time when the sun crosses the equator and every place on earth has equal periods of night and day. Sunrise is at 6 a.m. and sunset is at 6 p.m. It is (Photo submitted) also reportedly the time when eggs will stand

upright. Bob Harris, of R.R.2 Georgetown, attempted the feat six years ago (as depicted in the picture above) and verifies it actually can be done. Mr. Harris had the eggs standing upright at 9 p.m.



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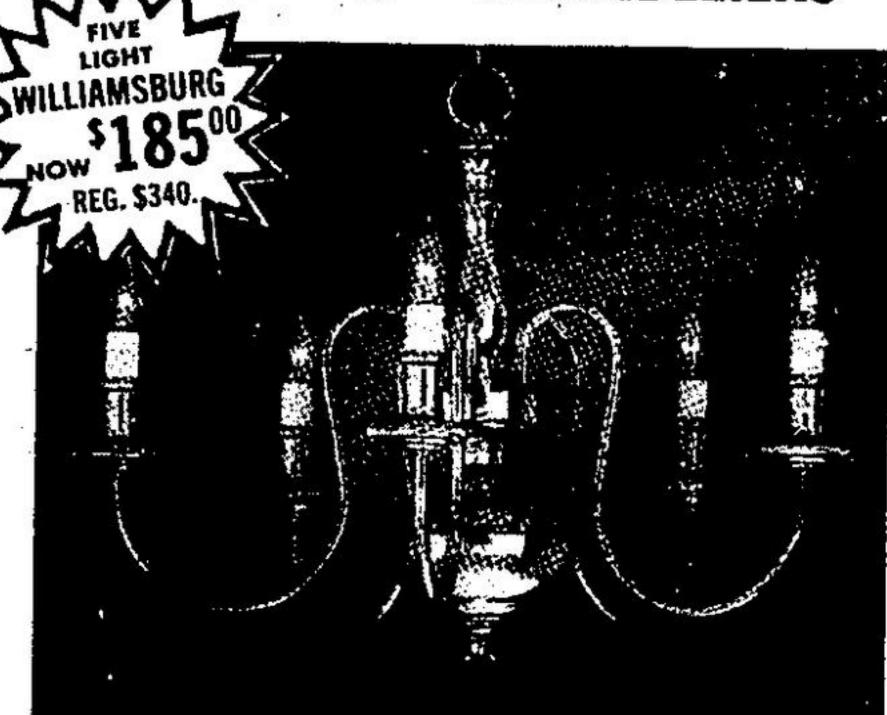
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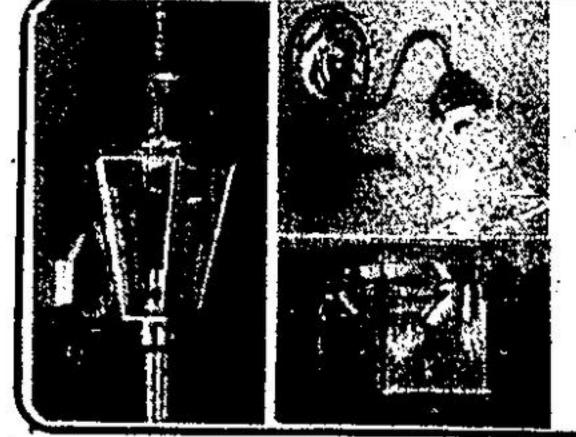
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