

Halton Farm Safety Council elects new slate of officers

Norval W.I. met at May's Country Market (The Greenhouse) at 7 p.m. to tour their greenhouse where tomatoes are now 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 whereas 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

nutrients by piping. This way each vine gets only as much liquid as it can use. These specialists of growing tomatoes can now buy cards of insect eggs that hatch and combat the white fly pest, thus eliminating the need to spray. Each week, the bottom cluster of fruit is picked and the vines keep on growing.

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 Aileen 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 the attending Ashgrove branch's 65th anniversary and Silverwood branch's 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 pre-register before March 15. Kay Wilson and Norine Van Leeuwen will attend a seminar "May I Present" for Public Relations Officers and Program Coordinators held at Arkell on March 9.

Dorothy McLean gave a report on Norval Association meeting where a plaque to commemorate Norval Post Office was discussed.

Our W.I. yard sale was tentatively set for the first week of May. We will donate \$50 (same as last year) to the Georgetown Agricultural Society. Fall Fair dates are September 6, 7, and 8.

The roll call, "a new clipping of an environmental concern" was answered by eight members. A social hour closed our meeting. German sweets prepared by the hostess and Lilo Dahnert were served.

Next is our annual meeting at the home of Anne Wilson on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Note change of place.

Farm Safety meeting

The Halton Farm Safety Council's annual meeting was held February 19 at OMAF Boardroom, Milton. Jay Kitching chaired the meeting which consisted of: a video by Steve Matisz of Guelph, "It's Not Going To Happen to Me"; minutes of the last annual meeting, and Jay

Norval

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Kitching reported on the area meeting in Fergus December 5.

The Farm Safety Association presented Awards of Appreciation to Lance Pocock and Cecil Patterson, in recognition of outstanding volunteer service in the area of farm safety.

Projects for this year: * a trophy will be presented the high member in the 4-H Machinery Club;

* Halton Farm Safety will sponsor a Safety Poster Contest at the Milton, Georgetown and Acton Fairs. The theme, "The Safety Rule You Think Most Important";

* Youth days at Fairs will be continued;

* A video showing safety tips will be shown while children are waiting in line for decals or literature at fairs;

Delegates to the annual conference held March 11 were Mae Brander, Norval, Cecil Patterson, Milton and Lance Pocock, Oakville.

Steve Matisz reported on fatalities in 1990 and observed that many accidents were caused by unusual circumstances.

Election of officers for 1991 conducted by Steve Matisz: Past president, Lance Pocock, Oakville; President, Jay Kitching, Moffat; Vice-president, Cecil Patterson, Milton; Secretary, Lance Pocock, Oakville; Treasurer, Keith Middlebrooke, Milton; Public Relations Officer - South, Mrs. Ella Patterson, Milton; Public Relations Officer - North, Mae Brander, Norval.

The highlight of the day was Jay Kitching presented a gift engraved plaque to retiring Secretary Ella Patterson for her years of service to the association. The Halton Association was organized in 1960 and Mrs. Patterson has been involved in the work since 1964 as a longtime volunteer.



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