



Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Farm Women Society #20 met with Velaria Ferguson and Jane Ferguson at the Union Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 2. It was an all-day meeting with a covered dish lunch, and 306 bed pads were sewed. There were 20 members present and those who did not wear something red were fined 25¢.

Valeria read the scripture from the Book of Isaiah and had the reading "Love is the gift of God." The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated.

Nancy Axe, president, presided at the business meeting. Nancy, Marie Foose and Anna Mary

Groff were the delegates to the State Convention and the report was given by Marie. The Sunshine report was one bouquet and six cards sent. The meeting closed by singing "Brighten the Corner" and the March meeting will be at the home of Vera Herr with Jean Resel as co-hostess.

Lancaster Society 8

Society of Farm Women No. 8 met on February 8 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy. Arlene Witman gave devotions. The hostesses for the meeting were Shirley Trimmer, Arlene Witman, and Helen Wivell. Slides were shown on "Safety Around

Berks Society 3

Group 3 of the Berks County Society of Farm Women held its January meeting at the home of Mary Hill, East Fourth Street, Boyertown. Nine members were in attendance. Vice president Regina Moyer conducted the meeting. Reports were given on the state convention and the county board meeting. Members will assist with bingo at Berks Heim on April 6. The 30th Annual Spring Rally of the Society of Farm Women will be held at Dickinson College in Carlisle on May 23.

A review of the society's by-laws, noting the recent changes, concluded the meeting.

Highlight of the February meeting will be a "proud auction" at the home of Sonya Moyer, Koch Road, Boyertown. Each member is asked to bring something wrapped in red weighing one pound.

The Home and Farm." A representative from P. P. & L. also showed slides and spoke of "Energy in the 90s." The program had many interesting points of information and new technical knowledge. The March 8 meeting will be at the home of Mary Anne Spangler in Marietta.

You Ask, You Answer

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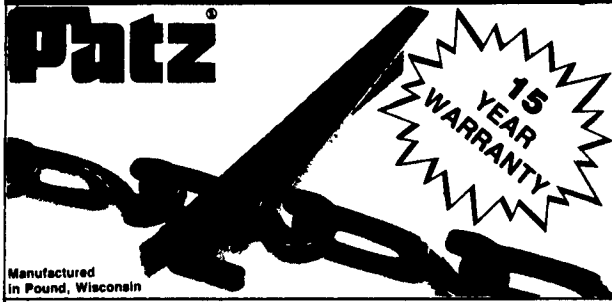
ANSWER — Nancy E. Cummings wanted to know how to store sweet potatoes so they do not wither. Thanks to Rachel Fisher, a Quarryville reader, for sending instructions.

Harvest sweet potatoes before the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees. Try to harvest on a mild day the week of the first frost.

Be gentle with the potatoes so that the skin is not broken by the spading fork. Don't toss the potatoes. Lay them in the garden for 30 minutes in the sun. Wrap in newspaper and store in a warm place 85 to 95 degrees for one week, then at room temperature for one week, then in a cooler place for the winter. I put mine in the basement, which is about 55 to 60 degrees. Use a cardboard box, not plastic, to store the sweet potatoes. Since I use this method, I can use sweet potatoes out of my garden all winter.

ANSWER — Roland Kamoda, Monongahela, wanted to know how to pluck a duck or goose and dress it. And, how to tell the difference between a young duck and a goose. Thanks to an anonymous reader for writing that she dressed hundreds of ducks and lots of geese. She writes that ducklings are short and yellow and have black eyes. They make ducky noises when fed. Baby geese have longer necks and talk. They fuss when a person comes near them. To pluck the feathers, the goose or duck must be dead. Dip body in very hot but not boiling water with baking soda added. If the water is too hot, the skin will scald and come off. It's too cold, you can't pull out the feathers. She often took a stick and brushed the feathers backwards to let water underneath the feathers.

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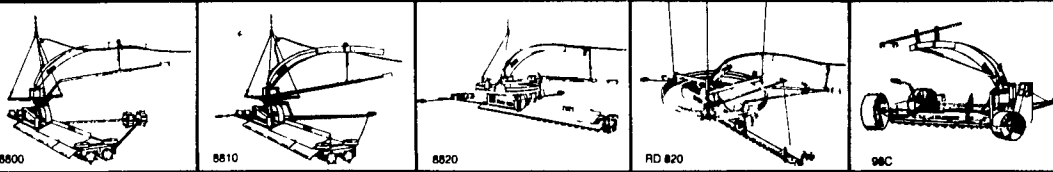
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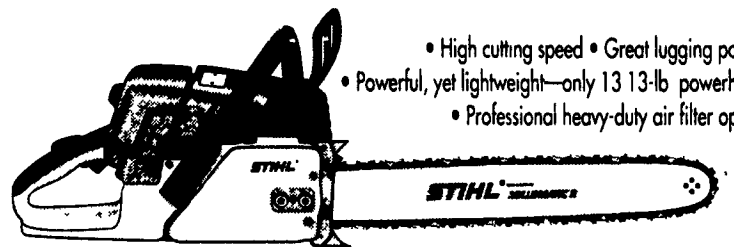
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