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The 1940 session of the Ontario Legislature will open on January 10th, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn announced. The premier's statement followed a conference with Col. George A. Drew, Conservative leader.

Read the "ads" — Many bargains every week.

Chick'n Chats

(By E. W. Anstey)

Many poultry keepers make the mistake of crowding their birds when putting them in the laying pen. It is a very unprofitable procedure to put 150 pullets in a house with a capacity of 100. If one has an overabundance of pullets, resulting from raising a high percentage of chicks purchased or from a desire to keep some yearlings, it is a splendid opportunity to do some rigid culling, thereby guaranteeing a high average egg production and a low mortality during the laying season.

Regardless of breeding, or attention and good feed during the growing period, there is always some pullets that do not come up to standard; either undersized, slow to develop or lacking in external evidence of vitality. These birds should be culled and housed separately if space permits, but under no circumstances should they be housed with the good birds. They may not only be unprofitable, but may in time develop some disease which may spread through the entire flock. Birds of light breeds should have 3½ square feet of floor space each; heavy breeds 4 square feet each. If a separate pen is not available for the over supply, then the less desirable birds should be marketed.

Does culling reduce mortality? Definitely yes. Not only are the culls poor producers, but because of lower vitality they are more susceptible to colds and other diseases with which the birds may come in contact. Many disease organisms live in the intestines of a normally healthy bird without any apparent harm, provided they are housed and fed properly. When closely confined however a few birds with less than normal vigor may start an infection which may destroy a lot of the good birds as well as the poor ones.

Unthrifty pullets are usually carriers of parasites, and even if housed separately should be wormed and deloused.

The egg market continued weak throughout the past week, with substantial price reductions in A large and medium. The cause of these reductions seems to be a slow up in demand, rather than because of any increase in production.

The poultry market is quietly steady with no change in prices.

Country dealers are quoted on graded eggs, delivered Toronto, cases free:

- Grade A large 33c. to 34c.
 - Grade A medium 30c. to 31c.
 - Grade A pullets 29c. to 30c.
- Selling prices to retail stores:
- Grade A large 38c. to 40c.
 - Grade A Medium 33c. to 34c.
 - Grade A pullets 33c. to 40c.

OBITUARY

MRS. HANNAH McQUAY
 The death occurred at Schomberg on November 14th of Mrs. Hannah McQuay, widow of the late John McQuay. Mrs. McQuay was born in Essa township 80 years ago. She is survived by one son, Oliver McQuay of Tecumseth township. The funeral took place on Friday, November 17th with interment at Thornton Union Cemetery. Rev. H. D. Cleverdon of Beeton conducted the service.

LEE WARD
 The death occurred at Schomberg on Saturday, November 18th of Lee Ward in his 62nd year. Mr. Ward had resided in Schomberg for about a year coming there from British Columbia. The funeral was held on Tuesday with interment at Union Cemetery, Schomberg. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Abbott and Rev. Mr. McEwen.

J. E. PHILLIPS
 Jesse Edgar Phillips, well known resident of Woodbridge for many years, passed away at his home on No. 7 Highway early Saturday morning, November 18th. Mr. Phillips, who was in his 79th year, was born on the 10th con. of Vaughan, a few miles from the place where he died.

In 1890 he married Margaret J. Agar in Albion township. For nine years he was a resident of that township but has resided in the Woodbridge area for the past 40 years. He was a member of the United Church and a staunch Liberal in politics.

Surviving him are his widow, 7 children and 12 grandchildren. His children are Mrs. E. L. (Rene) Kaiser, Toronto; Mrs. R. B. (Elma) Cousins, Bradford; Mrs. M. K. (Mary) Mitchell, Toronto; John Edgar, Woodbridge; Roy, Toronto; Stanley A., Woodbridge, and James R., Bradford.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon by the Rev. C. W. Barrett of Woodbridge United Church. Interment was in Hillcrest cemetery and the pallbearers were three sons, Roy, Stanley and James, and three sons-in-law.

A shower was held in the Orange Hall on the eighth line of King on Wednesday evening, November 15, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards.

Here's Some Advice on "Indoor Garden"

John F. Clark, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, tells how to keep plants during fall and winter months.

The Gardening season may be prolonged after frost has cut down plants and a great deal of pleasure derived by cultivating a few plants indoors. The window garden may consist of a jardiniere with one plant or a few choice potted plants on a stand, together with a few bulbs forced for winter blooming, says John F. Clark, Horticultural Specialist, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto.

Potting

Thoroughly wash old pots before using a second time. Avoid using too large a pot and remember your plant should be moved to just the next size larger. The best soil is leaf mould from the woods, mixed with any fresh loam and a little well rotted stable manure. Place broken pieces of flower pots on the bottom of the pot for good drainage and then add a quantity of soil, placing the ball of roots exactly in the centre. This will leave a free space all around the pot which may be sifted full of soil and firmed down until the soil is within an inch of the top of the pot. After re-potting, give a good watering, but after this be sparing of water until the plant shows signs of new growth, which will take place simultaneously with its making roots in the fresh soil.

Proper Position

The position for the plants during winter is in windows with a southern or eastern exposure. Plants need all the light they can get in winter, especially those that are expected to bloom. To prevent draughts which are injurious to many, the windows should be tight. Draw down the blinds at night and endeavour to keep an even temperature at all times. Avoid extremes of temperature, but bear in mind that plants require a supply of fresh air. Tender plants should be moved away from the window on nights when real cold snaps are experienced.

Atmosphere

The most common difficulty in growing plants in the home is the very dry condition of the atmosphere.

If the pots are placed in a fernery on small blocks, water may be left on the bottom to provide humidity, or water soaked moss may be placed around the pots. If the plants are in the kitchen, a pan of water may be left to boil, permitting the steam to escape.

The foliage will need cleansing from time to time to free it from dust. The bathtub is an excellent place for this purpose, the plants being turned on their sides and supported on a small box above the bottom of the tub. Then they may be freely syringed without soaking the soil. The foliage of Rex Begonias should be cleared with a piece of dry or only slightly moist cotton. In the case of Rubber Plants, Aspidistras, Palms and Amaryllis, they may be sponged off with a damp cloth.

Watering

No water should be given until the plant actually needs it. All soft-wooded plants, with a large leaf surface, need more water than hard-wooded varieties and a plant in luxuriant growth needs more than one which is sickly and cut back.

Pests and Prevention

There are a few kinds of insects which infest house plants and as soon as noticed they should be eradicated. Among the most common is the Aphis or plant lice. The lice suck the juice from the tender portions and soon permanently injure the plant. As a cure and preventive measure, take four ounces of Ivory Soap, cut into fine pieces, cover with water and boil until melted, when a gallon of water may be added and the foliage of the plant completely immersed in the mixture. This is also effective against Thrip, Mealy Bug, Red Spider, and Scale. Lemon or Fir Tree Oil provides a good remedy for these pests and full directions accompany them.

Resting

Most plants require a period of rest, just as a human being needs sleep to prevent becoming exhausted, so a plant requires something corresponding to sleep. We must imitate nature's way of doing things. Outdoor plants grow for a season and rest for a season, and without that rest period they will soon be

robbed of vitality and cease to appear at their best. When a plant ceases to bloom and shows an inclination to stop growing by ripening its leaves, encourage rest by withholding water in a great degree, also permitting a less amount of light and heat than it has been receiving and withhold all plant foods. Place it away in a darkened room, in the cellar, and seek to keep it as near a standstill as possible. Do not become alarmed if the plant drops all its leaves, for when it is brought to the light in spring, new foliage will appear.

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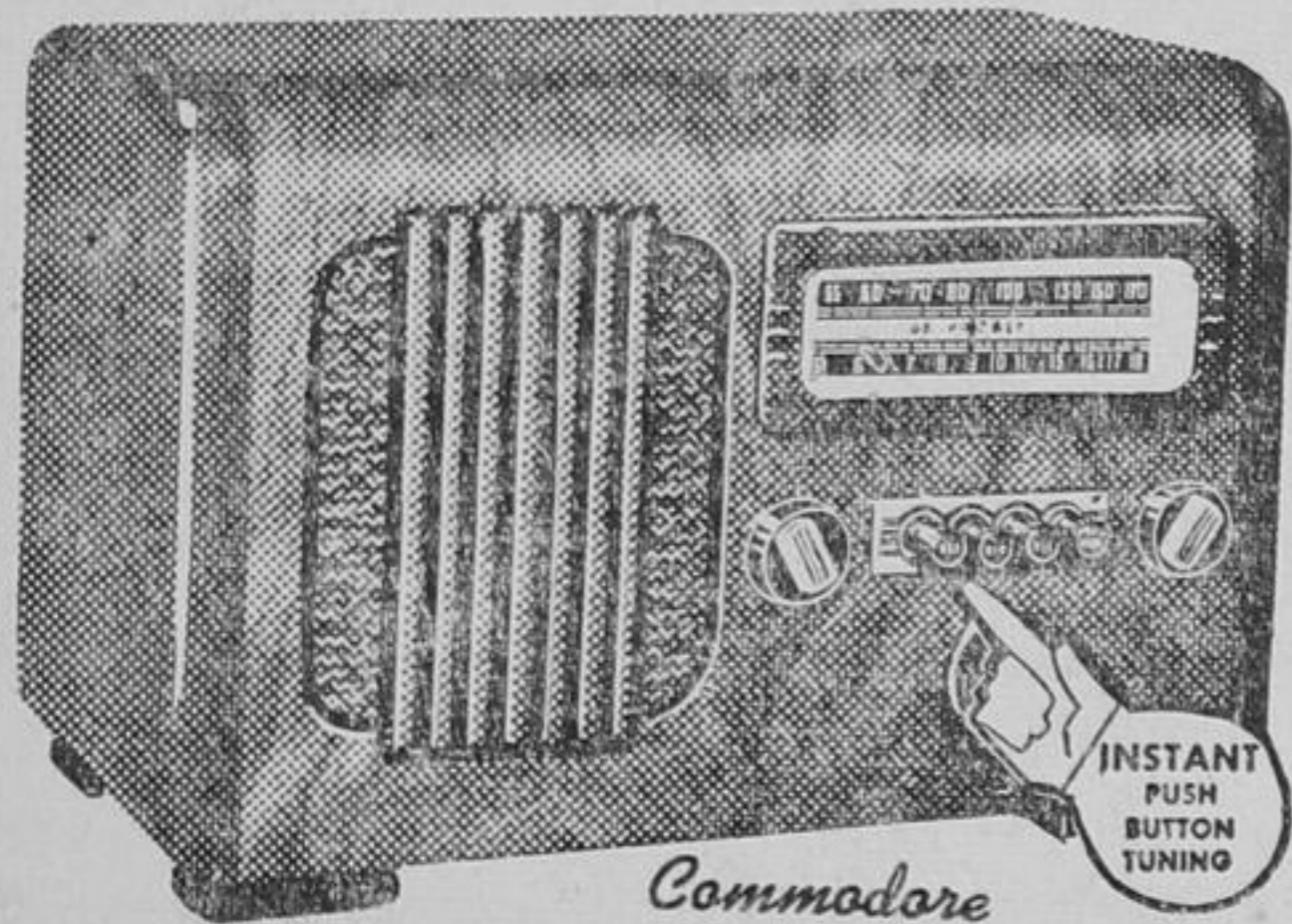
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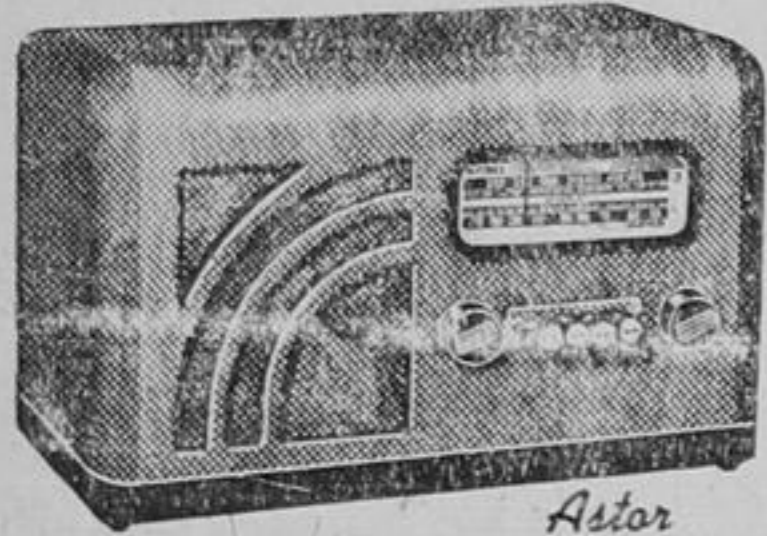
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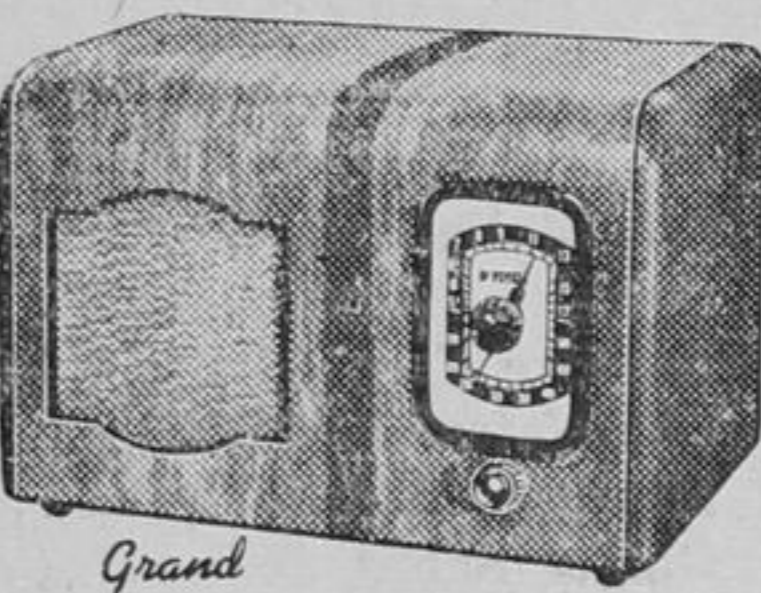
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