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A meeting of the Sunday School Teachers and Officers of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church was held last Wednesday evening at the home of the Superintendent, Mr. Roy Byers. The business of the Sunday School was dealt with and plans were made for the annual Sunday School Christmas entertainment. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess.

Crop Reports In Ontario Are Better Than Expected

Grains, Turnips, Mangolds, Hay and Fodder Were Exceptionally Good This Season

After-harvest estimates place the production of field crops in Ontario somewhat higher than earlier forecasts indicated, says the November crop report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Notwithstanding the lateness of seeding and a period of hot dry weather in several counties, the production of grains, turnips and mangolds, and hay and fodder crops for the province as a whole was exceptionally good this season. Practically all crops show higher yields per acre this year than in 1938, with the exception of sugar beets and flue-cured tobacco, which are somewhat lower. Potatoes again suffered from unfavourable late growing weather and blight, and the total production is estimated at only 7,201,500 cwt. as compared with the much below average crop of 7,428,700 cwt. harvested a year ago.

Total grain production in Ontario for 1939 amounted to 179,186,000 bushels or more than 10,000,000 bushels greater than in 1938, and considerably higher than in any of the years 1931 to 1937. Turnips and mangolds also yielded extremely well, and the total production of these two crops is the highest since 1928. The combined production of fodder crops, which comprise alfalfa, hay and clover, corn for ensilage is estimated at 9,785,000 cwt. This is only about one-tenth of one per cent lower than last year's large yield, and well above the average.

Farmers have increased their seedings of fall wheat an estimated 5 per cent over the acreage sown a year ago. In a number of counties the crop has made excellent growth and will enter the winter with a good top, but in Central Ontario and also in Essex, Lambton, Kent, and Elgin, fall wheat, for the most part, shows only a fair growth owing to the dry weather during September.

Supplies of feed grains in both the United States and Canada are above average and quite ample for all purposes. As a result prices have declined somewhat from the level reached in the flurry which occurred just after the outbreak of war in mid-September. Prices for all classes of live stock, butter and cheese, at the beginning of November are considerably higher than at the end of August, however, and farm income consequently shows a gratifying improvement. Farm revenue in Ontario depends very largely upon prices of secondary products into which feed-stuffs are converted, as practically all grain and fodder grown are fed to live stock.

A short crop of potatoes was harvested in Ontario for the second successive year. Total production is now estimated at 7,201,500 cwt. as compared with 7,428,700 cwt. in 1938, and 10,130,500 cwt. in 1937. The yield per acre obtained this season was 50.7 cwt. as compared with 50.8 cwt. a year ago, but the acreage showed a reduction of 4,100 acres, thus accounting chiefly for the decrease of 227,200 cwt. in output.

The late crop started well and made good progress during the first two months. During August and September, drought, high temperatures and leaf hoppers adversely affected the plants causing immature ripening and a below average yield. Early in September some frosts and late blight killed the plants in several districts. It was feared at the time that tuber rot would be serious, but bright dry weather for the succeeding two weeks prevented serious rot development. The small 1938 crop was well cleared at the time that the early 1939 crop arrived on the market, and with the below average production this year potatoes moved freely, and both the early and intermediate crops were cleared when the late crop was ready for harvesting. Prices in September remained attractive and as a consequence a considerable portion of the late crop was marketed earlier than usual. The quality is much better than in 1938. There is a brisk demand for seed potatoes and many growers are purchasing their requirements now.

The United States crop is below that of 1938, and the 10-year average. The Prairie Provinces and the Maritimes have smaller crops than in 1938, and export demand is good. Prospects are that all the present crop will be needed to meet the requirements until the 1940 crop is available.

YORK MARKET

Turkeys were quoted at 25c. and 30c. at North York Market this week. Some of the finest birds were offered at the lower price in the main market and on the same stands were well-finished roasting chickens, 23c. lb. Boiling fowl were 22c., ducks 25c. and geese 20c. and 23c. Rabbits sold at 20c. lb., pigeons 25c. each. Butter was scarce, 33c. and 35c. lb. being asked; cottage cheese was 10c., old cheese 32c. lb., new 28c., cream 35c. pt., eggs 35c., 38c., 40c. and 45c. dozen.

The new butcher had some choice meats and featured capons at 25c. lb., weighing from 7 to 9 lbs. each. Prime rib roasts of beef were 25c., round steak roasts 20c. and 22c., pot roasts 16c. to 18c., stewing beef and Hamburg 15c. Leg of lamb was 25c., loin 25c., rack 20c., front 17c. Fresh legs of pork were 25c., loin 25c., butt 20c., shoulder 15c., spare ribs 18c. All pork sausage was 18c., 2 lbs. for 35c., rindless sliced side bacon, 30c., back 44c., sliced ham 40c., peameal back 38c. Boiled ham and roast pork were 60c. lb., bologna 15c., black pudding 15c., head cheese 10c. each. Home made mince meat was 13c., 18c. and 20c. lb.

Potatoes were 20c. basket, carrots and parsnips mixed or onions 20c., bunches of carrots or leeks 5c., beets 5 for 10c., salsify, 10c. Cauliflowers were 10c. to 20c., cabbages, hard or savoy, from 5c., Chinese lettuce 5c. and 10c., spinach 15c. basket, leaf lettuce, radishes, watercress and peppercress 3 for 10c., mushrooms 29c. lb., turnips 5c. each, white turnips 5c. box, celery 10c. and 15c.

Mums were 35c. and 40c. bunch to \$1 dozen, pots of poinsettias 35c. and 50c. each, cyclamen 75c. each, begonias 25c., Lady Mac variety 35c., Jerusalem cherries 25c., Boston ferns 50c., everlasting bouquets 30c.

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WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

I interviewed Mr. Joseph Bower, the Superintendent of this busy Institution. He told me that during the twenty-four hour period preceding my visit, nineteen operations had been performed... fifty-two X-ray photographs taken... two hundred and eighty individual prescriptions filled in a completely-equipped dispensary... twenty-eight bed patients were admitted... thirty-three children discharged as cured... more than fourteen hundred meals served... ten children had extensive dental work done... 95% of the beds were occupied, leaving only 19 beds free for emergency cases.

And, according to the Superintendent, the twenty-four hour period was an average one, insofar as typical hospital activity was concerned.

VISIT TO PUBLIC WARDS

After this chat on Hospital activity, I was kindly shown through the Institution. We visited the Public Wards, the kitchens, swimming pool (necessary in the treatment of Polio and other cases), the orthopaedic workshop, the dispensary and operating rooms. It struck me as being a completely-equipped hospital with much special equipment.

Every Ward we visited, Mr. Bower would say: "This is a Public Ward."

I was quite surprised to learn that 95% of the patients treated here are in Public Wards. The Hospital is taxed to capacity with little children whose parents are unable to pay even the low Public Ward rates.

The case history of one little chap I had chatted with, while walking through the Ward, was very interesting and quite typical. "He was brought here one cold Winter day in 1937. His parents had driven more than a hundred miles in the old farm truck so their little child might have hospital treatment."

"After examining the little fellow our doctors told the parents that he needed attention immediately..."

that a complete cure would take many months.

"Upon hearing that bad news, the father and mother were all for bundling the little chap up and leaving for home. They could never begin to pay for that much treatment, they said. 'We had hoped it might be just a week or so'."

"It took quite a while," continued the Superintendent "but we finally convinced the parents that just because they couldn't afford to pay for the boy's care was no reason to deprive him of the only chance he had to get well. We asked them to leave their son with us and let us worry about the cost of the treatment."

"The boy is going home next week after almost two years of continuous hospital care, many operations, several X-Rays, special diets, orthopaedic equipment, etc. He's feeling pretty fit now and his parents have been able to pay out a little toward this wonderful treatment. When a sick child needs hospital care, he gets it regardless of race, creed or financial circumstance."

This led to a discussion on the operating costs of the hospital. I was given information which is interesting and well worth passing on.

In round figures, the operating expenses of the Hospital for the past year amounted to more than \$543,000. The operating revenue—from Private, Semi-private patients and the comparatively few Public Ward patients who are able to pay, grants from Toronto, other Municipalities and the Provincial Government—amounted to just a little more than \$394,000. This means that the Hospital, although run on the most efficient and economical basis, suffered an operating loss of over \$149,000. Part of this deficit is met by the income from investments made with moneys bequeathed or endowed over a sixty-year period. There is still a deficit of \$90,000.

And that is why this Hospital conducts an annual appeal at this time to secure enough funds to offset this operating loss.

If everyone who reads this item could visit the Hospital for Sick Children and see, as I did, what is done here for Ontario's little ones, then they would do as I did. Dig down deep into the pocket for a donation to help continue the splendid work.

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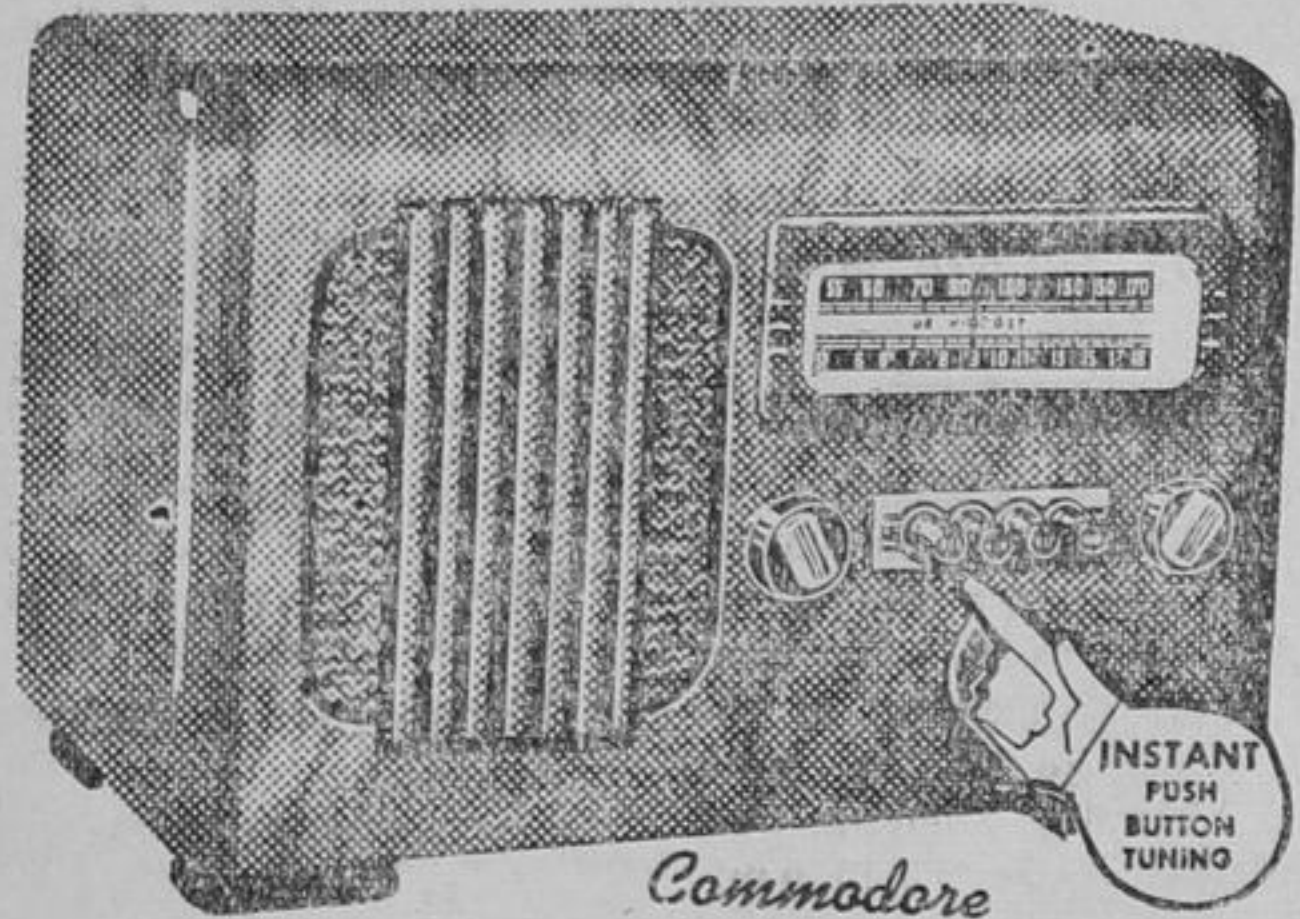
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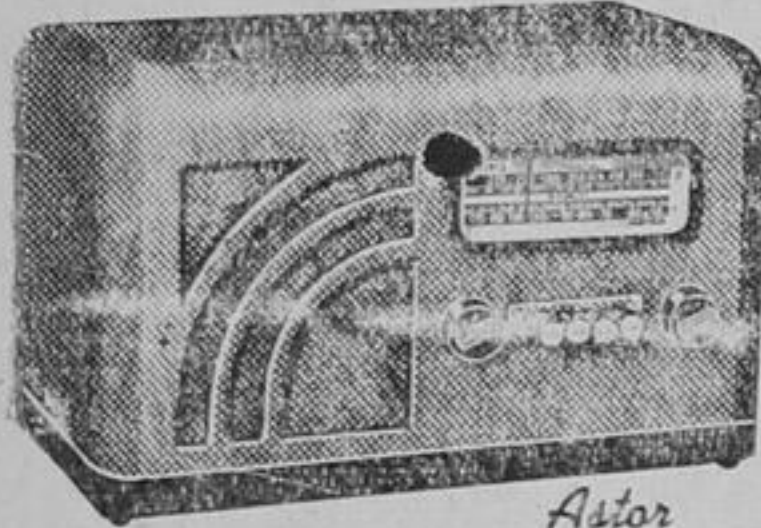
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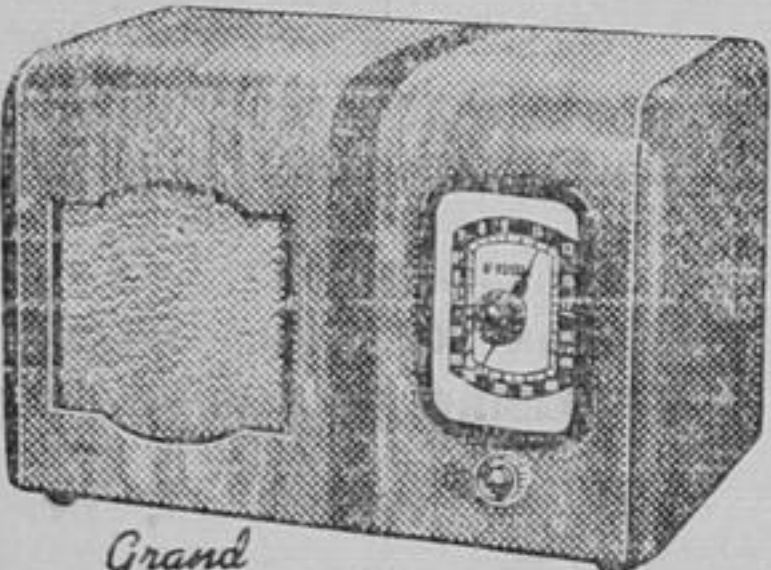


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