

Correspondence

Courses



GIVE WAX PLANT WINTER REST

Give Wax Plant (and many other houseplants) partial rest in midwinter. Withhold fertilizer, keep soil moderately dry and place plants in cool areas until more sunlight becomes available in spring.

According to a Pennsylvania State University correspondence course on houseplants, not hot, dry, indoor air and lack of nutrients, but insufficiency of sunlight is the cause of slow plant growth in winter.

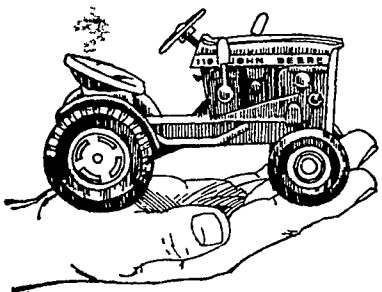
Give Wax Plant full sun in cool windows. Best winter temperature is 60 to 65 degrees in the day, 50 to 60 at night.

Don't repot unless in too small containers to support the plants. Wax Plants bloom best when slightly potbound.

Don't remove the short stems or spurs on which flowers were borne. Next season's flowers will come at the same places.

Wax Plant, *Hoya carnosa*, is evergreen. It's a climbing plant with thick stems and fleshy, lustrous foliage. Pinkish white flowers of waxlike texture bloom in midsummer. It's been a popular houseplant for many years but getting it to bloom in the average home takes time. Flowers don't come until plants are three or four years old and slightly potbound.

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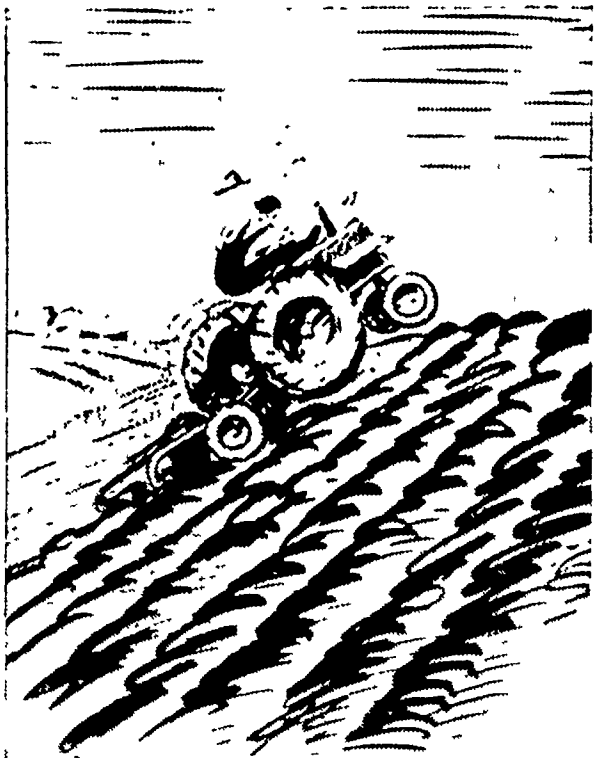
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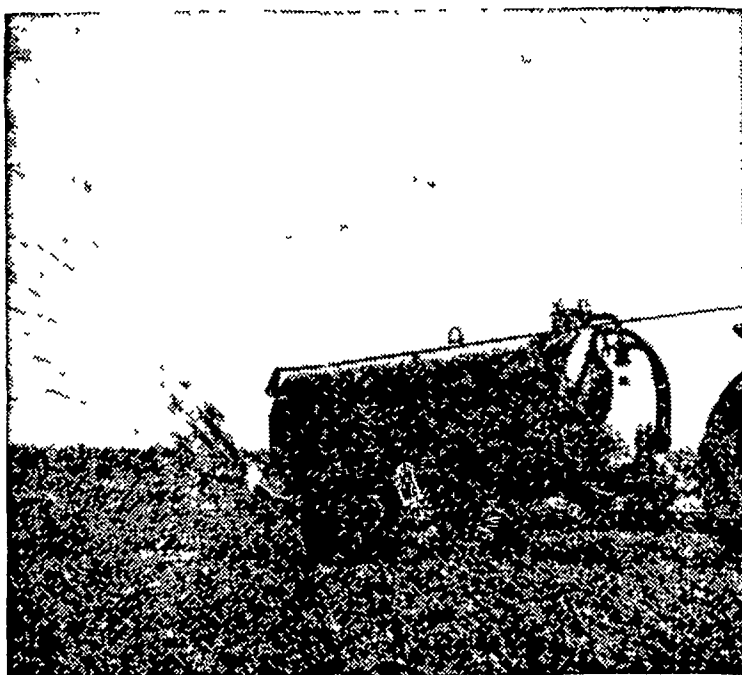
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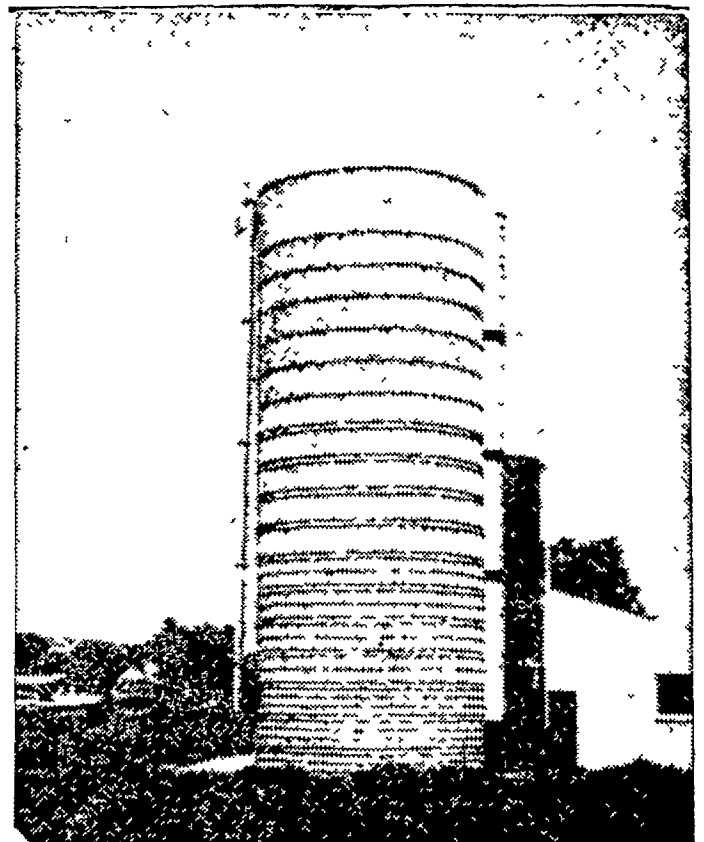
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