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There were strange things done in Service's land of the midnight sun but the strangest by far here is the work of 90 men who toil in complete darkness to satisfy Mrs. Housewife.

These workmen, equipped with their miner's lamps, harvest 1,000,000 pounds of mushrooms annually.

Situated on a 408-acre farm on the Coulet line north of Numkmen, equipped with lamps, harvest 1,000-of mushrooms anthe Supply of poultry manure. The ly 100 acre farm now markets 100; gre (00) turkeys a year. As Dave it Leaver, Manager of the Burlings of the north there is no percentage in doing to things in halt measures.

Next came a canning factory, built on the turkey farm. This percentage in halt measures.

Next came a canning factory, in hor expansion resulted from the increased demand for cantod mushrooms.

The Leaver farms produce can not need mushrooms, under their own name, for a great many of the larger supermarkets.

The next move was the erection of the two giant barn-like in buildings on the Guelph Line in 1953, then part of Nelson Town 1953, then part of Nelson Town 1953, then part of Nelson Town 295 ship.

Reason for the move here was because of the isolated location, to a way from the residential development, proximity to market to he and suppliers and access to high a ways. The physical characteristics of the area, between the estable in the growth of mushrooms, could be skened to living in Australia, the scason is exactly opposite to nor and mai growing procedures.

Three Harvests

bituated on a 408-acre farm on a Guelph Line, north of Number 10 sideroad, the George and H. Leaver mushroom farm presents an assessment of 6,263 to the town.

Mushrooms are cultivated in trkness to presence, which disappearance, which disappears, turning to a dull brown hit by a harsh light, even articial light. Besides as manage havid Leaver adds, "it's cheap-

Canada's Largest

The mushroom producing plant is actually an expansion of the company's first operation in Dixie. The Leavers farms are the largest in Canada.

The plant at Dixis largest in Contario, has 320,000 square feet of growing space.

Like many local businesses, mushroom growing started in a small way for George Leaver and his son Llovd, back in the early 1930's. Originally fruit growers, they started growing the small fungi more out of curiosity than anything else.

With almost immediate success the operation started to grow. A demand for mushroom soup during the war kep; business thriving during hostilities even though steaks were at a premium.

Just as sure as summer follows spring, increased business demanded expansion.

With the enroachment of housing in the Dixie area it was impracticable to expand there.

Secure Supply

In 1951 a turkey farm was instarted to ensure the needed p

Starting in September, three il rops are harvested from one unit and two from the other before the growing season ends. Timing prohibits the reaping of the two units contain 24 in the entire width of the building the entire width of the building with a total area of 10,500 in each bowse. The 10 beds stacked row on row, run three storets high each is the composting of the manifer reeded in the growing process is the composting of the manifer reeded in the growing side. This lasts between 15 to 18 days, During this time in the pieces which are acriated regular.

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Sugar

BY BILL SMILEY

Lalm and smiling all day? Or did she get flustered, undercook the turkey, oversalt the grayy, break one of her good bone china cups, have a little tiff with Aunt Jane to yet the pudding sauce, scream at Dad that if he didn't take those flaming kids out for a while she'd saicide, then burst into tears when it was time to do the dishes and everybody else yas fast asleep? Then, just before Christmas, we were invited to a going away party in the old home sway party in the old home sway. Who was going away? We were, despite the fact that we left last September, and would be back for Christmas a few days later. That's the way they operate in that town, and we like it.

Well, how did you make out at Christmas? Was the loot up to expectations, or was it the usual conglomeration of tasteless ties, tons that break if you give them a puzzled look, furniture with a scratch on it, accessories that don't match anything you wear, and coffee pots with a candle tonder them, of which you have two already?

We had a good Christmas, thank you. We always do, even when Vall these things happen. And they have Plus one Christmas when I litted the turkey out of the oven and dropped it strack in the middle of the floor. Plus another one when the family chipped in on a television set for the grandparents. And we had to put the monster on a toboggan to get it in to the farm. And we had kept it a great secret. And liate Kim, aged 5, tottered in first out of the snow and blurted: "Aren't you excited about the TB. Granny?" TB was her word for television and Granny knew it. with whom we have fought out many an issue, blackened many a reputation, watched many suprise, laid on a posh shindly be started out in a snowstorm and H bours fater arrived there in a snowstorm And for such a patherinal drive through a blizzed for a week. There was the old gang, 30 or 40 of them, and instruction with of brans as even growin ulters at I bear congruents to give us a royal well-distance of the way in a specific or give us a royal well-distance of the way and in a specific or give us a royal well-distance of the way are ditions to give us a royal well-distance of the way are ditions to give us a royal well-distance of the well-distance of

Was the turkey one of those increasingly rare birds with a real turkey flavor — a dandy, tender, big fellow with six drumsticks, four breasts and meat that falls away from the bone — like the kind we used to buy? Or was it one of those frozen slobs of thingst forced along in a hothouse atmosphere, all breast and thighs like a movie actress, looking so beautiful in their plastic bags, and tasting exactly like roast plastic bag?

Did the old man manage to keep his now out of the jug on Christmas Day, or was he in his usual condition: carving all over the tablecloth, comical as a severe toothache, and after dinner, as lively as a sated octopus?

as lively as a sated octopus?

Did the kids tiptoe down at I was crouched in the psychologically and happily with their tance call for me. It was a long discover until you came down? Or B. Lucas of Markdale, Ontario, to did they rocket down with the stealth of skeletons dancing on and to wish me a Merry Christer on at full volume, rip open presents hot meant for them, people are too busy, or too lazy, at massing?

This year, we had some special with the psychology of them, in these days when people are too busy, or too lazy, at massing?

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Several supprements are during this time to provide protein and managen.

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The houses are then sealed and the temperatures raised to 120 per degrees in the beds for pasteurized attorn. The houses are streamlined to kill any bacteria which ed to kill any bacteria which of hight have floated in from out to side All houses are kept sealed in Justing the growing period to eliminate the possibility of discase being borne in the air.

With the temperature lowered to 74 degrees, the beds are then spawned. Soil, sterilized with formal chyde, is then added to a depth of one and a quarter vinches. This entire puscess lasts about nine days.

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Wait Eight Weeks

It takes about eight weeks from the time the compost enters to be bouse before the first mush soom peaks through.

About eight days after the first mush comshroom "pin" appears, hare vesting begins.

Once they start to grow they double their size overnight. Crops are picked for approximately of days from each bed, then the bouses are aired sterifized and the proxess repeated.

The growing procedure on the leaver farm is bundled like a leaver farm is leaver farm is

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THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR THIS TOO

It was grand to see them Wishin 10 minutes, I was back in the throes of taxal politics, being blamed for the new sew-seing blamed for the new sew-scillor. The Old Battle-Axe was chattering like a bluejay with The Girls. There are no friends like old friends. I thought they'd have changed a lot, be older, steadier, more settled. After all, we hadn't laid eyes on them for three months. But they were just the same. We got to bed at 7 a.m.

t good friends, and a good pair of snow tires in case they live a couple of blizzards away?

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The chief value is in their thisers which vary with individual start species.



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With devices like the lever, primitive man multiplied the power of his own massles. Today he puts other energy sources to It was Archimedes who said "give me a lever long enough and a filerent strong enough and single bar hed I can move the world." It is a good thing to know in case things ever get

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Also signaticant in the proving some in the early 1800s of 40 90 High and Scottish settlers. Nava Scotia was one of the four provinces to enter Contederation on July 1, 1867.

-Burlington Gazette

Given Act 9 **Nativity Sunshine**

lighted the Christmas concert paksented by the pupils of the paksented by the pupils of the Neith Halton Sunshine School. Thursday morning of last week the basement of Highway Gosepel church was talled with partents and interested friends for the program as the children present of those second a delightful concert, some last to those seen in public Party

\$200 Damage

Readings, singing and dancing convensed the program, with each of the chicken taking part in many ways. At the conclusion Santa Claus airrived and handed out gibs, and candy for all, M.P. Steney L. Hall was present and said a few words, and Robert and said a few words, and Robert and Steney Spoke for the association. There's was extended to teached to teached. Mrs. Buckner of Acton. Mrs. English of Georgetown. Mrs. George Elliott and Mr. Christenson of Milton.

Many gitts were received by the school this Christmas in Coding a five pound box of canter the school this Christmas in the school this Christmas in the school this Christmas in the form Milton Phormacy, \$5 in the school this Christmas, in the school this Christmas in the school this Christmas in the school this Christmas, in the school this Christmas in the s Rom Rupert of Defaultable of the Con-

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Club has Games, Christmas Party

The guds of the 41f Whenchak group and then leads which held a vir and Mrs. Jun Brown held a cur Christmas parts at fine trabants form on Saturday after the Luncheon a

could period. Gifts were exchanged and ber funch, Christmas cake and her cream were served.

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Christmas Guests

With Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Brown on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. E. Gooch, Kathy and Barbara of Burlington, Dr. John and Mrs. E. Gooch, Kathy and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilson and boxs and Mrs. E. Wilson and Brown.

With Mr. and Mrs. E.d Davenport on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Cole and David of Guelph, Martin Davenenport of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. and M des Robert Sales is cononed to hospital for special care

Home from West

Don Brown arrived by plant from the west to spend Christmas at his home. Miss Barbara Brown was home for the Christmas holi

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of Mrs. Pearl McKenzie Keith and Naccy spent Christmas with Mr. Sancy spent Christmas with Mr. Sancy spent Christmas with Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howden and family spent Christmas in Mitton with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy and girls.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for the retarded children is given the president of the North Halton ation for Retarded Children, Gerry Addison by Bob Mercer, a kindergarden student at Street school. Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, the children brought their own musched each class made a presentation to the Addison on Viednesday of last week.

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