

Christmas Turkeys Are Local Product



Jack Naylor is Surrounded by Turkeys (photo by Barbour)

By Margaret I. McLean
If you are in a flap this week over your Christmas turkey, consider the plight of the Jack Naylor of No. 7 Highway, Concord. They have turkeys in their hair nine months of the year.

When the Naylor's moved from Toronto to their 10-acre piece of land at Concord 15 years ago, they felt that they should put their property to some good use, and decided to raise turkeys. Starting with the 200 poults which Mrs. Naylor hand-finished in the basement, they gradually increased production to the point where they now market 4,000 birds each winter under their well-known name "Harvest Moon Turkeys". The birds are produced solely for the Thanksgiving and Christmas trade, with about 1,000 being marketed at Thanksgiving and the other 3,000 this week for the Christmas trade.

"A premium bird at a premium price" could well be the motto of the organization. Determined to produce the best turkeys possible, Mr. Naylor starts by buying the very best poults obtainable, paying something more than the going rate for them. Through years of work, breeders have been able to

produce a white turkey on the frame of the familiar bronze or grey turkey, and these are what Mr. Naylor buys. He finds they stand the summer heat better and have a better appearance as the bronze-feathered birds often were marked with "ink" from the dark pinfeathers.

As soon as the birds are installed in their pens—they are grown in strict confinement and never touch the ground—they are given the best of feed, without skipping. Their diet is from a formula devised at the Guelph Agricultural College to produce fine-flavored birds.

At the same time, Mr. Naylor uses no artificial means to force his birds, such as artificial light. He also continues to feed the birds after they have reached full size and until each one is well layered with fat. It is this fat layer which keeps the turkey moist during the cooking and lends it its incomparable flavor, states Mr. Naylor. This extra finishing, of course, adds to the cost of the birds.

When the birds are prepared for sale, Mr. Naylor's year-round staff of two is augmented by some 25 local people who clean, pluck and

finish the birds by hand. Most commercial chickens and turkeys have the outside yellow layer of skin torn off with the feathers, but Mr. Naylor's careful hand finishing preserves this outer layer of skin which he feels in turn preserves the flavor of the bird.

It can be easily seen that no trouble or expense is spared to produce full-flavored fat birds. That the Naylor's have been successful in doing this is attested by the growth of their operation and the fact that the bulk of the birds is sold to individuals, with only a few being handled by high-class butcher shops. Some of the turkeys go to business firms for gift-giving to special customers. Mr. Naylor reports that every year he has more enquiries for his birds and that this year's crop is, for the most part, already sold.

As soon as New Year's Day is over, work begins on cleaning up the premises, disposing of refuse, cleaning and refurbishing pens and buildings. To bring a turkey to the state of finishing Mr. Naylor insists it takes 25 weeks. The one-day-old poults for the Thanksgiving market therefore arrive at

the ranch in April, while the Christmas birds come in June. Turkeys are nervous creatures and must be protected from shocks and noises. A cat or a dog running through the grounds creates real havoc. The birds panic, pile up in the corners, and those who are not smothered often receive bruises which remain on the finished bird and downgrade it. The worst incident of this kind, Mr. Naylor relates, was when a low-flying aircraft suddenly switched on its landing lights over the farm. Fortunately, the birds were quite young and their bruises had time to heal. It is for this reason that the pens are maintained at the extreme end of the property and visitors are not encouraged.

For all their involvement with turkeys, neither Mr. Naylor nor his amiable wife appear bored with them. Indeed the turkey motif is carried into the house, where visitors may see a handsome covered tureen in the shape of a colorful turkey gobbler on the hearth. This is Henry, Mrs. Naylor's more than appropriate Christmas gift to her husband some years ago. Just the thing for the man who has everything—including 4,000 turkeys!

And to delight the small fry who visit the premises, on the front of the house is a large cut-out of Santa, his sleigh bulging with toys—and being pulled by a team of rollicking turkeys!

Season's Greetings

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ERIC BASCIANO
Owner & Operator

Give 'Flu Shots' To Key Personnel In York County

Danger of an influenza epidemic next spring has prompted the York County Health Unit to administer "flu shots" to key municipal personnel.

Vaccine has been given to people responsible for fire protection, police protection, road maintenance and hospital service along with members of York County Council.

Some 31 groups including 708 people have taken advantage of the service.

Best protection can be obtained if the vaccine is administered early in the fall, or at least two or three months before epidemic outbreak of an epidemic. Individual patients may obtain the vaccine through family physicians.

Very few people suffer any undue reaction to the vaccine, although persons sensitive to chickens, eggs or feathers, are excluded from the inoculated group.

Hill Council Briefs

Richmond Hill Council Friday night re-appointed Chairman Robert P. Ross to the York Central District High School Board. Mr. Ross has been on the board since 1960.

A request from York County Emergency Measures Organization for space in the municipal building for radio equipment was referred to the police committee.

County plans call for installation of "transceivers" in Richmond Hill, Maple, and Buttonville. These transceivers operate either as base stations or mobile sets.

One of the conditions of the installation will be that access to the equipment by EMO personnel will be available 24 hours a day.

Council learned that the rate of interest on town borrowing has been decreased to five and three-quarters per cent by the local branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

An application from a Toronto firm for a license to operate a used car lot on Harding Boulevard was rejected by council. Operation of a used car lot without a new car show room is prohibited by the

town's land use bylaw.

The request came from Kar Mart, operators of a lot at 3250 Danforth Ave., Scarborough.

Council authorized the borrowing of \$220,000 to finance the town until 1963 taxes are collected.

Welfare costs in Richmond Hill are up slightly for the first nine months of 1962 over the similar period in 1961. Figure for 1962 is \$4,520.99 compared to \$4,293.21 for 1961.

Biggest increase is in direct relief, according to a report submitted to council Friday night. Increase is almost 50 per cent, from \$1,447.31 to \$2,165.52.

Expansion of York County Manor has led to a decrease in the cost of nursing homes from \$1,201.22 to \$568.50.

A limit was placed on the purchase price of proposed parkland on Crosby Avenue, by the Ontario Municipal Board. The OMB informed council it would not approve purchase of the site for over \$3,600.

In a letter to Town Solicitor J. D. Lucas, a board official explained they had taken the average of two appraisals of \$3,450 and \$3,750.

Prenatal Instruction Now Underway Here

An eight week course of prenatal instruction involving one evening a week for the expectant mother is presently underway in Richmond Hill, Aurora, and Newmarket.

This is the second series being conducted by the York County Health Unit this fall.

Included in the course is information on nutrition, prenatal hygiene, exercise, rest, mechanics and physiology of childbirth.

Another new series of classes has just begun in the Sutton area.

Lawrence Sturdy Weds Muriel D. Nelson In Stouffville United Ch.

Stouffville United Church was the setting for the marriage of Miss Muriel Diane Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney J. Nelson of Ringwood and Lawrence Roy Sturdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Sturdy, 214 Lawrence Ave., Richmond Hill, Ont. Rev. G. Cruikshank officiated at the double ring candlelight service on November 24, at seven o'clock. Red and white mums and candelabras decorated the church for the occasion.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white lace over ivory brocade taffeta, featuring a round neckline edged with daisy trim, each flowerette centered with a pearl. The long pointed sleeves had a matching edging. The back skirt formed a slight train effect beneath the alternate tiers of lace and tulle. A coronet of crystal beads held her shoulder length veil. She carried a white Bible topped with a corsage of white roses, with streamers knitted with fern and tiny rosebuds.

Mrs. Rose Hastings of Midland, matron of honour, and bridesmaids, Miss Gail Nelson, sister of the bride, of Ringwood, Misses Sharon and Gail Sturdy, of Richmond Hill, sisters of the groom, were dressed alike in red velvet street length dresses carrying red muffs with white maribou trim and white

rose buds. Their head pieces were of white maribou and tulle veiling.

Assisting the groom was the best man, Mr. Douglas Stewart of Markham and ushers, Tom Ingram of Richmond Hill and George Corlett of Thornhill, a cousin of the bride.

Miss Lynda Nolan accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Chas. Nolan, at the organ, sang the wedding prayer and the wedding hymn. At the buffet supper which was held in the church basement, the cake was cut with the same knife the bride's grandmother and grandfather Snider used to cut their wedding cake, fifty years ago.

For receiving her guests, the bride's mother chose a French gold brocade with green accessories and a corsage of bronze and yellow mums. The groom's mother wore a blue double knit suit with white and black accessories and a corsage of pink roses and white carnations.

For a honeymoon spent in Florida, the bride chose a red wool sheath, black coat and corsage of white roses. On their return they will reside at 165 Colbourne Ave., Richmond Hill.

Guests were present at the wedding from Midland, Willowdale, Woodstock, Weston, Belleville, Downsview, Chicago, Toronto, Thornhill, Keswick, Milton and Richmond Hill.

GORMLEY NEWS

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The Season's Best Wishes To All.

Long, long ago in Bethlehem There rang on the midnight clear, Hosannas of the heav'nly hosts, As the angels did appear.

It's ringing yet, that joyous strain, With its blessings sweet and true; The song that cheered the shepherds Rings down through the ages for you.

Trevor Varley left Malton by jet, Thursday evening, for a three week visit to England.

Twenty-seven ladies enjoyed a Christmas meeting of the sewing circle at the home of Mrs. E. Eade Wednesday afternoon. Guests included Mrs. D. Fennell, Miss Romereil, Miss Kitching, Miss Vera Hills and Mrs. J. C. McKendry.

Mrs. S. N. Doner was presented with a two-tier plate and a cup and saucer in appreciation of the many quilts she pieced during the year.

Mrs. E. Eade was given a box of soap for her home sewing. Mrs. Fennell received a prize for the eldest lady.

Flowers were sent to Mrs. Ida Cook and Miss Elva Kirk. It was also decided to donate \$10 to the dish fund of Emmanuel Bible College. A real variety of gifts made up the gift exchange.

Lunch was served by Mrs. A. Hawkins, Mrs. G. Cullen, Mrs. E. Eade and Miss E. Raymer.

Mr. and Mrs. George French welcomed their first great-grandchild on Friday, a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rush of Ridgeway.

Miss Marilyn Doner had a tonsilectomy at York County Hospital, Newmarket, Wednesday.

Albert Leek is now home from St. Michael's Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hallman of Nigeria, West Africa, were guest speakers Sunday morning in the U.M. senior and junior departments.

The Hallman family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barkey (Erma Nigh) were married at the bride's home Friday evening.

Miss Andrea Stapleton has returned to her home in Nova Scotia after spending a couple of months with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. LeForte at the mushroom farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Moody and two children have moved into the south part of Jos. Jones' house.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. and Mrs. Orland Teal of Springvale, Mrs. Paul Nigh and Norma, Mrs. Grant Tyrrell of Selkirk, Mrs. Vera Burnett of Stouffville Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger, Mrs. Glenn Wide-

Over 7,000 Take T. B. Skin Tests

An estimated 7,085 students from 11 high schools in York County were involved in a program of skin tests for tuberculosis infection conducted by the York County Health Unit during November.

This is the third tuberculin skin testing program for high school students since the service was placed on an annual basis.

Only 40 tests were positive. Officials explain this indicates only that the student has been exposed at some time to tuberculosis. Further tests will be carried out to determine the effect of the exposure.

All teaching staff, bus drivers, and other board employees were included in the testing program.

Written consent for the skin test was obtained from parents.

Jury Advocates Lights, Markings At Death Corner

A coroner's jury has recommended installation of crosswalk warning lights and pavement markings similar to those used in Metropolitan Toronto at Hagerman's Corners in Markham Township.

Recommendation came Tuesday night following an inquest into the death of an 80-year-old pedestrian killed last month.

The jury found that Charles Marks of Markham Township, died when struck by a car driven by Dr. Charles Williams, professor of dentistry at the University of Toronto.

Other recommendations from the jury were that speed limits in the area be reduced from the present 50 miles an hour and that a sharp crest in the road at the intersection be eliminated.

Dr. Williams said he was blinded by lights of a car coming over the crest just before he hit Marks.

The intersection is marked with white lines but there is no township bylaw requiring motorists to stop when a pedestrian is crossing the road between them.

Hagerman's Corners is the intersection of Kennedy Road and Fourteenth Avenue, south of Unionville.

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