

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

THE TURKEY

The common turkey (meleagris gallopavo) is a native of North America. The story is told that a certain Thomas Morton...

generally uses artificial incubation and brooding, and with it new problems arise. We note that in Colorado and states with altitudes over a mile high, operators have found that by pumping fresh oxygen into the ventilation systems of incubators, the mortality rate was decreased 18 per cent.

Best Year For Holstein Ass'n

TORONTO, (CP)—Holstein breeders had their best business year in history last year, the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada was told Wednesday by its president, Norman R. Martin, St. Thomas, Ont.

Wheat Board Optimistic Despite Market Problems

By HAROLD MORRISON

Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's wheat farmers have a good chance of recovering this year from the 1954 Prairie wheat crop failure, but higher production may further complicate the country's tangled wheat-selling picture.

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WORLD SURPLUS Federal authorities estimate exports in the current crop year will increase over the 255,000 bushels shipped in 1953-54. But with other big wheat-producing countries reporting heavy surpluses and the big importing nations seeking lower prices, they see no hope of matching the near-record 385,300,000 bushels exported in 1952-53.

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PRICE FACTOR Increased production this year may see imports come into Canada to reduce wheat prices. The United Kingdom, the world's largest importer, wants to obtain wheat at the lowest possible price without wrecking economies of the wheat-growing countries.

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Timely Notes On Fur Farming

EMBA Royal Pastel mink underwent a crucial test at Hudson's Bay Company's fur sales, New York, last week when the offering was 79,000 pelts, the greatest number ever put up for sale. Ninety-two per cent of the catalogue changed hands and the prices remained firm to the very last.

From Stockholm, Sweden, sale last week we learn that demand was lively and prices firm when more than 16,000 mink were offered at the three days sale of the Nordic Fur Auction Co. Pastels and silverblus sold at prices around 20 per cent above December levels. Buyers from the United States, Great Britain, France, West Germany, Portugal and Norway attended. Pelt males No. 1 sold for an average of 175 crowns and a high of 225. Pastel females sold for an average of 108 crowns and a high of 125. Silverblus males No. 1 sold for an average of 139 crowns. Silverblus females No. 1 sold for an average of 84 crowns.

Continuing the report of the Hudson's Bay Company's sale in New York last week we find that the EMBA Lutetia and Cerulean mink continued to set a wicket pace. Both appeared headed for 100 per cent turnover with Lutetia climbing 15 per cent from December levels. Ceruleans were reported very firm because of strong competition in both categories. Top prices for male Lutetia was \$72, females \$39. Top price for Stewart Royal Pastels was \$57, females \$30. Top price for Ceruleans was \$64, females \$29.

Silverblus, Royal Pastel and Topaz are no longer the exclusive property of Mutation Mink Breeders Association. These mink trade names are now common property. Such was the decision handed down by Federal Judge Patrick T. Stone in Wausau, Wis., on December 5. The decision ended the suit brought by Midwest Fur Producers Association against the validity of EMBA trademarks.

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Girl Guide News



held at the Y. M. C. A. Charlottetown on Monday evening, February 14, beginning at 7 p.m. to which all Guides of this district and their escorts are invited as guests of the Local Association or Sponsors.

Patrol Leaders It is hoped that there will be a full attendance at the Patrol Leaders Training Session on Saturday, February 12, starting with sessions at Zion Hall at 9.30. In the afternoon all will proceed to St. Peter's Cathedral Hall where supper will be served and a short evening session. All Patrol Leaders should try very hard to attend this training as a great deal can be learned to help them in their Company work.

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St. Peter's A.Y.P.A.

The regular meeting of St. Peter's A. Y. P. A., was held February 3, 1955, in the Guild room with a full attendance.

The installation of a new member and election of new officers took place. The following members were initiated: Hazel Kays, Marlene Kays, Frances MacPherson, and Eileen MacKenzie. The officers elected were: Honorary President, Rev. Canon Moffatt; Past President, Harry Shama; President, June Dickson; Vice-President, Priscilla Griffith; Secretary, Eileen MacKenzie; Treasurer, Rom Koryk.

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The crokinole and card party held in East Wiltshire new school on January 24th, was well attended, with fifty-four players. Mr. George Grant spent Sunday January 23, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drake of Cornwall.

Mrs. Donald Ramsay of North River who was in the P. E. I. Hospital, with a broken leg is home again, and is improving splendidly. This must be a very mild winter. The cattle of Mr. Gordon Jewell go to the brook for water each day. This year the first time the brook froze over, was the 28 of January. The latest he ever remembers before, was between Christmas and New Year's of 1949.

Mr. Edmund Vickerson of North River is spending a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Ellen MacArthur of Cornwall. Mrs. Clifford Proud of Hampshire, is spending a few weeks visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Carr of Picton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jewell, son Roy and daughter Beverly, spent Sunday afternoon of January 30 visiting Mrs. Jewell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Vickerson of North River. Mr. Steward Vickerson, who is working at Holman's, Charlottetown, spent the week-end at home.

The many friends of Mr. Richard Henderson, now residing in St. John's, Nfld., were disappointed: "Hope doth not disappoint us," received an attentive hearing, all joining the Choir in the Hymns of the services. Notwithstanding very unfavorable weather, a very fine audience assembled in Hampton Hall, on January 28, to hear and enjoy a Scotch program, consisting of songs, music and Scotch Dances. Also a very interesting address on Bobby Burns by Mr. John H. Myers, sponsored by the Women's Institute. The door receipts together with the sale of boxes, added approximately \$50.00 to the W. I. budget for the furtherance of their work within the district. Mr. John H. Myers was the capable chairman of this concert.

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Mr. Tom Vessey spent Friday in Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Auld, Covehead, was the guests of Mrs. Auld's sister, Mrs. Gordon Crockett on Jan. 30. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allen, City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vessey on Jan. 30. Mr. Benny Watts, York, spent Friday in Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Muttart, Marfield, were recent visitors to York, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Miss Mary Watts, Charlottetown, spent the week-end at her home in York. Mr. Eric Sproule and Mr. Merrill MacDonald, York, spent Saturday in Charlottetown.

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Y.M.C.A. - W.A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. was held at the "Y" on Tuesday, Feb. 1st. After the usual opening songs and the approval of minutes, Mrs. E. V. Bell announced that we would be catering to yet another supper meeting on Thursdays.

The treasurer reported a favorable bank balance, the matter of our Annual Spring Tea was discussed. It was decided to hold it Tuesday, March 8th. Workers were secured for the next catering. After the correspondence was read and voted upon the meeting was adjourned with the Misph benediction. New Wiltshire, but lived for a number of years in North River are sorry to hear he is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, they all wish him a speedy recovery.

WOODEN LAMP PATTERNS 287" CHEST PATTERNS 286" WOODEN LAMP PATTERNS 287" CHEST PATTERNS 286"

Was there ever a home with enough drawer space for those everyday needs like linens and children's things? We have never known such a household so have prepared patterns for making these matching chests in two sizes. The pieces are all straight cuts as the block-front style of construction is used for the drawers. The lamps are beveled wood blocks with brass pipe to carry wire from base to top fixture. These three pieces make a nice matching set when shellacked and waxed for a natural wood finish. Paint or lacquer would be stunning in a bright room. Patterns are 35¢ each, or if you enclose \$1.50 with name and address you will receive the Bedroom Furniture Packet which includes the patterns for the two chests and the lamp as illustrated. Apply: The Workshop Department, The Guardian Publishing Co.

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Canadian Fishermen Land More Fish During 1954

OTTAWA, (CP)—Sea fishermen harvested 882,702,000 worth of fish last year, up eight per cent from 1953. The size of the catch rose 10 per cent.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday the 1,900,312,000 pound catch compared with 1,733,743,000 valued at \$76,347,000 the previous year.

West coast landings rose to 592,640,000 pounds valued at \$33,598,000 from 542,521,000 valued at \$33,952. More herring, cod, clams and oysters were taken while there were smaller salmon, halibut and sole catches.

East coast landings rose to 1,307,872,000 pounds worth \$42,149,000 from 1,191,222,000 worth \$40,350,000. Cod, haddock, pollock, rosefish and mackerel catches were bigger but herring, sardines, alewives and lobster catches were smaller.

The catch in Newfoundland rose to 14,704,000 pounds from 503,550,000 and the value to \$14,912,000 from \$12,016,000. Landings of cod, haddock and lobster were larger but smaller for rosefish. In New Brunswick lobster and mackerel catches were below 1953, however, increases in the other fisheries raised the total catch to 198,907,000 pounds from 185,215,000 and the value to \$6,904,000 from \$6,671,000.

Rose Valley School

The January report of Rose Valley School is as follows: Grade VII — 1. Annie Newsome, 2. Helen Macdonald, 3. Elmer Macintosh, 4. Maud Macdonald; Grade VI — 1. Robert Cousins; 2. Herman Cousins; 3. Ralph Bernard; Grade V — 1. James Smith; Grade IV — 1. Helen Newsome; 2. Kenneth Cousins; Grade III — 1. Joyce Macintosh; 2. Ian Garnhugh; 3. Donna Matheson; Grade II (a) — 1. Stirling Newsome; (b) Jean MacKinnon; (c) Daniel Macdonald.

The following received prizes for making over ninety per cent in arithmetic: Ian Garnhugh, Joyce Macintosh, Herman Cousins, Helen Newsome, Helen Macdonald. Prizes were also awarded for the following for making a hundred per cent in spelling: Annie Newsome, Elmer Macintosh, Robert Cousins, Herman Cousins, Ralph Bernard, Helen Newsome, Kenneth Cousins, Joyce Macintosh, Ian Garnhugh, Donna Matheson, Kenneth Cousins.

The following is the mid-term report of the Souris Line Road South School: Grade VIII — 1. Henrietta Keays; 2. Katherine Bushey; Grade VII — 1. Gertrude Keays; 2. Kenneth Macdonald; Grade V (a) — 1. Doreen Macdonald and Mary MacAuley; 2. Peggy MacPhee and Elmer Keays; 3. James Keays and Merlin Longaphe; Grade V (b) — 1. Nora Macdonald; Grade IV — 1. Margaret MacAuley; Grade III — 1. Gerald Keays; 2. Margaret Bernard; Grade II (a) — 1. Maud Macdonald; Grade II (b) — 1. Daniel Macdonald and John Macdonald (equal); 2. Joseph MacAuley; 3. John Bernard.

Perfect attendance for the first term: Kenneth Macdonald and Gerald Keays. Highest average in the Senior Grades — Doreen Macdonald, 84.7 per cent; Highest average in Junior Grades, Gerald Keays, 82.5 per cent. Dorothy M. Keays, Teacher.

VITAL AREA The island of Hong Kong is 11 miles long, with a total area of 28 square miles. Highest peak in the African continent, Kilimanjaro in Tanganyika towers 19,340 feet.

Warns Against Continuing Farm Policy In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX (CP)—President Stanley Sanford of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture Wednesday warned the provincial cabinet that a continuation of present trends could wreck the farming industry.

He headed a delegation presenting the federation's annual brief to the government. The brief said farmers increased production last year but took a cut in take-home pay because of falling prices.

The delegation called for a mass meeting of primary producers, labor, business and industry to make "an honest and sincere appraisal of the province's economic situation."

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The brief also called for: A government-sponsored "buy Nova Scotia products" campaign; Extension of farm credit; Continuation of provincial land-breaking, drainage and limestone assisting policies.

A federal-provincial soil conservation program; Stepped-up efforts to get a paper mill established in eastern Nova Scotia; Compulsory automobile insurance; Compulsory vaccination of calves against brucellosis; A provincial weed control act and research to control army worms; Improved rural telephone service; Construction of a dormitory at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Son of Artist Seriously Injured

BRYN MAWR, Pa., (AP)—The 18-year-old son of artist Norman Rockwell was seriously injured Wednesday when an eagle, a raptor-like fowl, pierced his lungs and heart during a college fencing match.

Doctors at Bryn Mawr Hospital said it will be three or four days before Peter Rockwell is out of danger. Young Rockwell, a freshman at nearby Haverford College, was wounded in a match with a member of the Princeton team. During an exchange, the protective button on the Princeton man's eagle was knocked off.

TIP OF THE WEEK

FROM YOUR MASTER DEALER PRESTON RACKHAM Weatley River P. E. I. TIP NO. 27

The correct temperature is very important in starting baby chicks. At the start keep the temperature at 90° to 95° at edge of hover. Electric brooder 100° at litter level. Reduce 5° weekly. Let's Discuss Your Feeding Plan With Your Island's MASTER Man IVAN KERRY 66 Green St. - Ch'town Dial 5456

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