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RIGHT FROM OREGON!

No. 1 Turkey of America To No. 1 Man of Turkey

By WILLIAM WARREN

McMinnville, Ore., Oct. 5 (AP)—A No. 1 turkey from America to the No. 1 citizen of Turkey!

The glorious day of our pilgrim fathers will soon be here. And this year President Ismet Inonu of Turkey, "deeply touched" at an invitation offered in an international gesture of goodwill by McMinnville—Hometown, U. S. A.—will joyously join us in our feast of Thanksgiving.

McMinnville, town of some 6,000 souls in the heart of western Oregon's fertile Willamette valley and seat of Yamhill county for which it is market center for the Thanksgiving day birds, started planning recently for its 8th annual Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit, to be held Nov. 15-18.

And Manager Gene Malecki of the gible jamboree thought it would be a gesture of international goodwill to send the show's grand champion turkey to Turkey, with an invitation to President Inonu to join the U. S. in a feast observing our day of Thanksgiving.

Malecki sent his airmailed invitation to Istanbul a couple of weeks ago. And today he re-

ceived from that city by registered airmail this reply from Cemal Yesil secretary-general of the presidency of the republic of Turkey:

"Dear Mr. Malecki: 'His Excellency General Ismet Inonu, president of the republic of Turkey, was deeply touched by your letter of September 14, 1949.

'The President will be very pleased to receive the 'grand champion turkey' to be presented to him by the Pacific coast turkey board of McMinnville, Oregon, as a token of their friendship and goodwill. He asked me to convey his warmest thanks and appreciation for your thoughtfulness.'

So the whole town is talking turkey in McMinnville.

Restaurants are planning to serve turkeyburgers. You grind up raw turkey meat like beef

for hamburgers. You add chopped onion and celery and green peppers and seasoning to taste, and fry the cakes. Then slap a portion between the halves of a hot bun and there you are—turkeyburger. And a layer of hot sage dressing, and you have turkeyburger deluxe.

There'll be a "turkey in the

straw" contest in which turkey dogs will herd turkeys into straw pens along downtown streets of McMinnville. Turkey dogs—shepherds and other breeds—are canine constables schooled to herd turkeys from the ranges to their ranch shelters.

There'll be dancing in Mc-

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Minville, and what will the favored step be? Why, the turkey trot, of course.

Then come Nov. 19—Day after the exhibit closes—the champion turkey will be hoisted

ed aboard a plane and flown from McMinnville airport; destination Istanbul.

There the bird will grace the table of President Inonu of Turkey—while he joins America in observance of Thanksgiving.

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