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FARM POULTRY INDUSTRY

The farm poultry industry now ranks in the billion dollar class, and is the sixth agricultural commodity in value in the United States, according to Harry R. Lewis, president of the National Poultry Council. In line with the increasing importance of poultry and eggs as a source if income to the farmers of the nation, Mr. Lewis and several leading poultry authorities recently called upon General Lord, director of the Federal Budget Bureau, to ask for larger appropriations in 1930 to solve new problems arising in the industry.

This is an indication that chickens on the farm cannot any longer be treated as a side issue but should be considered one of the principle "crops" and the one most readily convertable into "ready cash". Last year approx-1mately \$1,181,000,000 was the farmer's net income from poultry and eggs, which ranks them well above wheat, oats, fruit, potatoes and a long list of other farm products so far as actua monetary return is concerned.

It is on the basis that the National Poultry Council appeal ed to Uncle Sam for more fund. to secure improved methods of poultry keeping which may as sist the farmer in obtaining still larger profits from his poultry flock.

The first step to greater profits from farm poultry is in increased egg production, according to poultry authorities and and farm bureau agents. Hens must lay from 140 to 170 eggs per year to return a good profit to their owners. The princip trouble lies in the fact that the average farm hen lays only 70 eggs a year, which is not enough for the farmers to realize an adequate profit in return for the labor and feed he expends.

In a drive to assist the quality of stock on American farms, leading hatcheries of the country recently united under the slogan "Hatchery Chicks for Greater Profits," pledged to produce profit-making stock at fair prices. Because the great growth in the hatchery business in recent years has enabled the poultry industry to attain its present size, leaders in this field are looking to hatcheries as the most logical source of better farm stock for the future.-Farm Information Bureau.

KNOW TEXAS

In proportion to population Texas has some of the best hotel facilities of any state in the un-

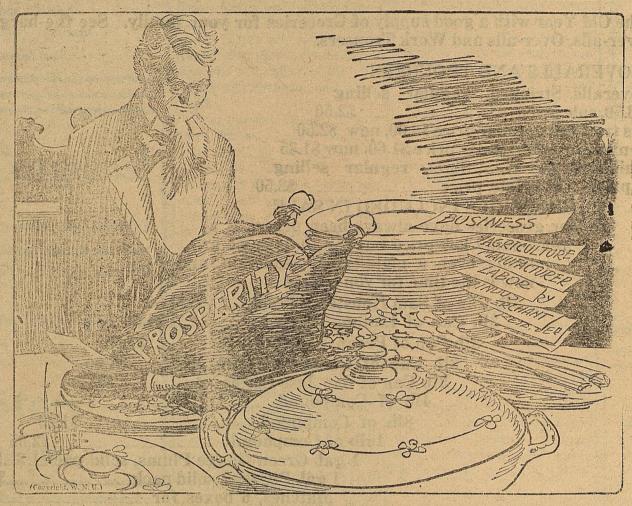
Electricity and gas are being carried to remote sections of Tex as by the interconnected system o fpipe lines and electric lines.

The average number of conversations a day per telephone in Texas is about five. Thehe are approximately 635,000 telephones in the state.

The history of Texas begins with the landing of La Salle on Lavaca Bay in February 1685. Here he founded Fort St. Louis.

The name "Llano Estacado" or staked plains, applied to the plains of West Texas, come from the story that the Spanish explorer, Coronado, staked his course across the plains to enable him to retrace his steps.

Thanks



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we pass another milestone at the end of the year 1928, we are remindel that it is time to take an invoice of our stock and place a value on same. The largest item on the debit side of my ledger is for the confidence, trust and cooperation either by "words, deeds, or actions," which you have given to me and which go to make up that beautiful friendship which to me has a greater value than everything else combined.

In attempting to express my gratitude to you, my own wowrds seem to be inadequate, so I am using the following poem, which I received from a life long friend. The sentiment of which I beg you to accept as my personal New Years message to you.

If nobody smiled and nobody cared, And nobody helped us along; If every fellow looked out for himself And the good things all went to the strong. If nobody cared just a little for you, And nobody thought about me, And we stood all alone in the battle of life, What a dreary old world this would be.

Life is sweet because of the friends that we love, And the things that in common we share; We want to live on, not because of ourselves, But because of the people who care; It's giving and doing for somebody else-On that all life's splendor depends, And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up, Is found in the love of our friends.

Hoping that the year will bring you happiness and pros-

Yours very truly, J. A. WHITTEN.

ley, so the artificial gas surren- impure English? dered to the advent of natural gas, piped to the Crescent City by the New Orleans Public Service Company from newly dis- lar used for telephone operating to Mr. and Mrs Jesse Smith a covered natural gas fields.

Christmas day and attended the miscellaneous expenses.

Fires of New Orlean's historic Arrests have been made in Trinity University, Jewel Roach been pleasant indeed, and we truartificial gas plant were exting- Turkey for failing to use the new Simmons University, Walter Ra- our pleasant relations rished recently after more than language made compulsory by ninety-three year's continuous changing the alphabet. How burning and service. As the many Americans would be in jail mule cars gave way to the trol- if there were a law against using

Fifty-four cents of every dol- Born-Thursday December 20th expenses goes into wages. Materials take seventeen cents out Mother and baby doing nicely o fevery dollar, taxes eleven cts. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bruton of and the rents three cents, leavlonora, visited reelatives here ing a balance of fifteen cents for

ARGE CROWD ATTENDS PAGEANT AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

very large crowd.

The Pageant, "Bringers of Friends from San Angelo were present at his funeral. characters and their costumes. Lewis About fifty characters took part n this program and with so over their parts well. Most of before knocking your home town. girls that have been away to may realize you're a part of it.

After the program a free-will offering was taken up and the church received about \$100.

STUDENTS RETURN HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

The following boys and girls who have been attendingsome university this fall have returned home for the holidays.

Hick McElory, from Texas Teck, Alvin Leudecke A and M Colledge, Pat Finley Texas [Teck Taylor Wright A and M College Conn Isaacs McMurray College, Forrest Alexander Howard Payne, Misses Jym Newsom Texas Woemns college,, Mary Helen Jackson Baylor Belton, Bernice State University, Lucile Page msay Simmons Uinversity.

T.J Bailey has been home for several days during the illness of his father Mr A. K Bailey

seven and one-half pound son

Christmas with Mr and Mrs Lewis Ballew

RUBY KATHERINE RATLIFF LIONS TO MEET NEXT WED-NESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Eldorado and Community was stricken withsadness Christmas when the sad news was given out that the spirit of Ruby Ratliff had taken its flight to the realm above Ruby was taken sick Sun day night and in spite of constan care of physicians and friends passed away Tuesday at 4:00

Ruby, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ed Ratliff was born June 9 1919 in Eldorado and has spent her entire life here, she was a member of the Baptist chu ich and was president of her class at the Sunday School.

The Baptist paster being away from home the funeral services was conducteed by Rev .L. D Hardt pastor of the Methodist church The service was held only, can put over the needed at the Baptist church Wednesday problems of the town. The life at 3:00 o'clock and a great host of the town depends a great deal of friends were present to pay on the life and work of the club. their last respect for this beloveb daughter.

Brothers of Mr. Ratliff that were here were Jim, Sam, and Fred from Garden City, Texas strong from Odessa, Texas.and ing. one sister of Mr. Ratliff, Mrs. Mr. Ramsel was born at Bren-Last Sunday night the Meth- Newt Snodgrss strted from O- ham, Washington, Nevember 19,

daughter of Ballinger

Gifts", was a representation of Mrs Keeling and Miss Stella, Mrs

short a time for rehearsels, put Count ten and then whistle the characters were boys and By the time you get thru you

FOR SALE

One Registered Jersey Bull. W. D. Swift.



Again we have reached the Jones, Ruth DeLong, Mary Alyce close of another year, and we do Stewardson, from State Univer- not feel like letting it slip away sity, Irene Parker Blanche New- without extending our best wish- Llano this week. lin, Sul Ross, Wilma Milligan, es to our many customers. Our many business dealings have

st that the new year willcontinue May the New Year bring you many happy returns.

San Angelo Telephone Co. Fred O. Green, Manager.

NOTICE

After January 1st, all water The Lodge of the Masons of bills that are not paid by the 10th Eldorado will meet the second of each month, ten per cent will Tuesday of each month and you be added. If not paid by the Miss Tommie Dee Oliver spent 20th, service will be discontinued are requested to be present. O. W. Evans.

Eldorado Chapter No. 313.

The Eldorado Lions Club will meet next Wednesday, January 2nd and will have with them as

their guests, the Boy Scouts of this city. Be sure and don't miss this meeting as it will be worth attending. The Boy Scouts will put on a program and there is also some important business to be brought before the club. Let's have a full membership attend-

The club is just beginning to be what it should be. It is realizing some real good from its organization. It, has started several good moves and put them over and there are many more things the town needs and as this is the only club of this kind in Eldorado, this organization

FERNANDO RAMSEL

Mr. F. Ramsel, prominent stocfarmer who resides west of Four sitsers af Mr Ratliff were Eldorado about ten miles, died here, Mr. and Mrs Seth Peke and Monday morning, December 24, Mr and Mrs Steve Baker from 1928, at 6 o'clock, of heart fail-Big Spring, Texas, Mr and Mrs ure. He had been sick the night Tas Love from Monument, New before, but was feeling well that Mexico, Mr and Mrs Fount Arm-morning and died without warn-

dist church gave a Pageant, an dessa but because of illness and 1863. He united with the Luthannual program with which to car trouble was unable to get her eren church in 1900 and lived the help their orphan's home at Wa- One sister of Mrs. Ratliff, Mrs life of a christian ever after. He co This was the first program of Pink Hines and daughter from was married to Miss Helen Gabthis special kind that had been Coleman Texas and one brother itzsch, Oct. 15, 1890, in Fayette put on and was attended by a Mr and Mrs C D. "Harris and County. To this union was born eight children, all of whom were

Mr. Ramsel, with his family the birt hof Christ. It was beau- Bob Keeling, Mrs, Carver ond moved to Schleicher County, Octtifully described by the many Miss Coro Carver and Mrs. G L. ober 1, 1909 and has resided at the same place continuously. He was a good neighbor and has many friends who join the family in their sorrow at this Christmas yuletide. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. L. D. Hardt, pastor of that church conducting the services. The remains were laid to rest in Registered Jersey Cows and the Eldorado cemetery at 3:33 p. m. The newly made mound being covered with beautiful flowers.

> Misses Marie Doty and Lula Mae Evans, teachers in the Ozona school are spending Christmas in Eldorado with home folks and friends.

So much has been put off till "after holidays" it will take us till June before starting on the things we ought to do in January

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts are visiting relatives and friends in

Your Christms wont be over until all your bills are paid.

C. E. Brown returned last week from the Deleware Mountains with nice peice of venison.

NOTICE TO ALL

CHAPTER MASONS.

H. M. Fruend, Secretary.

JUST THREE MORE DAYS AND OUR SALE PRICES WILL END.

Close the Old Year with a good supply of Groceries for your family. See the bargains in our Cover-alls, Over-alls and Work Trousers.

MEN'S COVERALLS AND TROUSERS

Men's Coveralls, Stripped, regular selling price \$3.50, sale price_____\$2.50 Men's trousers, regular price \$3.00, now \$2.50 Men's trousers, regular price \$1.60, now \$1.35

Children's All Wool Suits, regular selling price, \$3.50, sale price_____\$2.50

GROCERIES INCLUDED IN SALE Our groceries have always been priced at a reasonably low price but for 10 days we are making even a nadditional reduction, and now is the time for you to buy.

3lb Can of Sam Houston Coffee _____\$1.50 3lb Can of Liptons Coffee _____\$1.50 3th Can of Pecan Valley Coffee____\$1.65 3th Can of Grandad Coffee____\$1.30 3lb Can of San Jose Coffee____\$1.20 4lb of Compound_____\$.65 8lb of Compound_____\$1.20

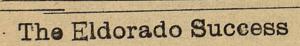
16th of Compound_____\$2.35 1 gal. Green Guage Plums, solid pack_\$_.53

1 gal. Peaches, solid pack_____\$..55 Matches, 6 boxes for_____\$.20

Again we wish to express our thanks for the business of the past year and trust we have merited same.

You will find us everready to serve you right during the coming year and we solicit a portion of your patronage.





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"PICK'S TOPICS"

3rd, 1879.

Petience is a virture when ex-

besides traffic.

Timely song suggestion: When Herbert Comes Sailing Home".

The booster is the only kind of a fellow who has the right to bccome a boaster.

It's a ten-to-one bet that the girl whose fingers are colored by nicotine hasn't any callouses un- "It's a long time between Presi- ideals on the other, without tak-

The automobile is no more necescary than is safe operation of on the streets and highways.

coed miles among boosters?

r. Hoover's good-will trip is! a other one o fthose experievery penny, count.

ments noble in motive. The moral invoice. whole darn country wishes it to succeed.

"Drive at 45 in comfort."-Automobile advertisement. Not from which the lessons for the biuld. Wall Street has other dangers i fthere's a motor cop hiding behind that clump of trees at the ses should be the markers of con heritages of the almost forgot next intersection.

What the chairman of the which ambition is the motive. dential elections."

When you've made up your mind to swear off smoking the first of the year, and that you! open a box of nice Christmas-Los Angeles probably will now gift cigars that some good friend take the Boulder Dam site into has given you, it's hard to tell her city limits. What's a few hun whether the world really is getting better or your own will power getting weaker.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

twelve months one naturally are not solely of self, but of the takes note of the big and little community. They are not solely successes and the big and little of the head, but o fthe heart as failures of the year. Checking well. They are not solely materone against the other a balance ial things, but of the spirit and is drawn. What is the result? of one's finer and nobler nature. Is one on the right side of the ledger? Is one in the red or more luxury to enjoy, more

the page fo rthe year 1929 is more wealth of data from which white and clear. The failures of to make needed research and 1928 should be the experiences experience on which to build our contacts and interests hold some elements of devotion of

Democratic national committee One can not live in th siworld said to the chairman of the Re- of practical causes and results publican national committee was, on the one hand and hopes and ing concern in the things of which he is either a part or by which he is directly or indirectly affected.

Resolutions for the new year such s to work a little harder on tasks assigned; By loving a little more deeply the people to whom duty lies and ideals for which to stand; by honestly sacrificing a little more where nec- List with me your LAND and essary to help others; and by being a little more charitable to-Make every minute, as well as ward the opinions of those with wihch contacts are made in the General Commission Business

everyday affairs of life,-these are the kind of resolutions that can be kept. They are not matters of mathematical acurcacy Looking back over the past nor of technical precision. They

In general, every year we have black ink? And what is one's friends to know, more beauty to inspire, more wisdom to guide, One consoling thought is that more facilities to work with,

In possession of these rich infidence in ourselves and faith for ten past, all may start the new the outcome o ffuture undertak- | year right and go triumphantly ings. There is real human in- The reward of such well doing To avoid a controversy it terest in the passing of an old is infinitely worth the effort it would be wise not to attempt year and the dawn of a new. takes to try. And the satisfacto decide whether the present Government, business, education, tion of having tried one's best toll of alcholic deaths is caused ocial life, religion, daily work, is equivalent in moral worth to by the liquor or by Prohibition. friends, relatives, infact, all of the attainment of the ultimate

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harris and this week attending the funeral funeral of Mr. Ramsel here degree of population they stand of their niece Ruby Ratliff.

Christmas day.

SMALL TOWN STUFF

We shall attempt neither a deense nor a rebuke of so-called small-town stuff", but we shall be obliged to use the language of the street to describe it. After all, there isn't much difference between those living in the villages, towns, and smaller cities and those living in great cities. phistcation, education, artistic natures, culture, alertness and enterprise. The people of the small towns are not lacking in the finer qualities and able capacties. There are just fewer of them. Comparatively, they possess the real values of life as against the artificial and super-

There would be as many or nore "rubes", 'saps," "suckers" and "goldbrick buyers" in New York City, America's greatest community of people, per square mile as in the country or smaller ity districts, even if the country listricts had as many people per quare mile. What counts, however, is which class of people enoy the more wholesome existance, all things considered.

Yes, thes mall-town stuff is ometimes unnecessary, in whatever form it shows up. Too many people know too many other peo- you are the less harm you are ple's business. Too many people apt to get into, the sweeter will make loose and unproved remarks about other people which holidays, and the greater satisthey couldn't prove in court or faction of the world with you anywhere else. Too many peo- and you with yourself. In short ple have an all too narrow view- you'll be successful, my son.point on life, are too intolerant The Jayhawk. of the views of others, and have too small a scope of vision. These people see the world thru a knothole. They are always among gosip and most of the misunder-

standings in the community. They are responsible for most of the lawsuits, and thew either unwittingly or designedly break up homes and separate families by their slips of speech or inquisitive noseiness. They know so much about the other fellow's business they have little time to attend to their own. They con- Ruby. vict and hang men mentally on the street corners. They sneer at law especially if it seeks to compel them to obey it. They become cynical, and blame every body but themselves and every circumstance but those of their own creation for their failures and unhappiness. They contract and spread that terrible disease known as knockitis. But they are not all to be found in the small town. The opportunity to hear and see them is simply greater there. No city, however large, is immune from infesta tion. The difference is that in the small town they are more Fayette Tankersley and Fred easily detected and singled out family of Ballinger, were here Smith of Mertzon attended the and because of the comparative

HHARD WORK IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Here's the sort of thing the father of two decades ago confidede to his son in confidence and sincerity before he struck out into the world:

"My son, remember, you have to work. Whether you handle In both places may be found so- a pick and shovel, a set of books. or a wheelbarrow; whether you dig ditches, edit a newspaper, ring doorbells or sell behind a counter, you must work. Don't be afraid of killing yourself by overworking on the sunny-side of thirty. Men die young sometimes, but it is generally because they stop work at 6 p. m. and don't go home until 2 a. m. It's the intervals that kill, my son. The work gives you appetite for your meals, lends solidity to your slumber, gives you a perfect appreciation of a holiday.

> "There are young men who do not work, but the country is not proud of them. It does not even know their names; it only speaks of them as So-and So's boys. The great busy world doesn't know they've arrived. So, my son, find out what you want to be and do. Take off your coat and make dust in the world. The busier be your sleep, the brighter your

Joe and Author Wilson of Midland, were here for the Christus. They make possible all the mas holidays with their uncle, L. T. Wilson. The boys said they came down to get a good feed and see a good country.

> Edward Ratliff who went to Cotulla to spend the holidays with Floyd Young, was called home Christmas day to attend the funeral of his little sister

Bert Page has been annoyed y hunters hunting in his pasture at night with dogs and running his sheep, so he has posted his pasture with a view of prosecuting all trespassers in the future when caught in there.

F. M. Bradley and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Bradley's mother at Fife, also with Mrs. Bradley's father Mr. R. K. Finley.

eye. In the small community there is no escape from their kind, while in the great city they they become lost in the mass Fortunately, in both places they are in such minority that their ultimate damage has been used humorously and innocently more than it has been used in connecion with harmful consequences.

From a glance at any metroolitan daily, one must conclude that all small-town stuff doesn't happen in small towns. But a greater part of it.

ROCK

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(Continued next week) Copr. 1925 Adam Brown Hunter

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We do most all classes of printing work and solicit the trade of Eldorado the coming year.

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So much distruction of clothes is needless Largely because of saving we're heedless. Many a suit needing cleaning is let go too long, Then, when it comes to pieces we wonder what's wrong. Cleaning isn't just ridding the suit of grease and dirt. It's partly to get rid of germs that will hurt.

(To be continued next week.)

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Auto Accessories, Gas and Oils. PHONE 111,

Tennyson Nixon and wife of Kerrville, were in Eldorado for large number that were getting the holidays, guest of Mr Nixon's food and attention with out giv-

Mrs G L Lewis of San Angelo, wes here Wednesday to attend the funeral of Ruby Ratliff creased average profit for each

He will get them right.

Went to Pieces

"I suffered a long time, before

I tried Cardui," says Mrs. Lillie Pruitt, 130 "K" St., Anderson, S. C. "I was badly run-down in health. My nerves went to pieces', and I had to go to bed. "I got so bad off, I could not bear to have anybody walk across the floor of my room. The least little thing upset me. Sometimes I became hysterical. I had bad pains in my back and

sides, and my head and limbs

would take spells of aching,

which almost set me wild.

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How to Raise Poultry By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V.S., St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of the College, 1892.

LAYERS OR LYERS

The Key to Real Poultry Profits keep. All small undersized hens Says Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S., of for the breed should be discarded St. Louis, Mo

"Chicken, is you layin' or is you lyin'?" exclaimed Rastus as his one-hen poultry flock burst forth into loud acclamations of allged performance. That's an old joke, it's true, but it suggests with graphic good humor one of layer is prominent, bold, bright, the basic principles of success in poultry raising. Any poultryman The comb and wattles should be who persistantly eliminates the large, full, smooth, waxy to iars from his flock will increase the touch and bright red in color. nis profits from the flock to an Poor layers will show exactly opilmost unbelievable degree.

The value of a regular scien-spects. ific culling out of drones from a oultry flock is vividly illustrated in the results of a survey conducted not long ago by the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois and their farm advisors. |The average profit on 264 flocks averaging 161 hens each was 86 cents per hen, but In the poor layer, it will narrow fingers indicates laying condithirds was \$2.28 per hen. Of course, not all of the least productive one-third deserved to be elihinated, but there certainly must have been an astonishingly parents Mr. and Mrs A M Nix- ing an adequate return on what it cost to keep them. Culling out and marketing such hens can only result in a decreased expense account and a vastly inhen remaining.

There is nothing dificult or Have G. D. Hines write your mysterious about culling, nothdeeds and draw your contracts. ing a person of average intelligence could not learn in a short time. First of all, start with the chicks as soon as they are out of the shell. Any that are obviously deformed should be killed at time on.

At least once a month the growing stock should be looked over and the undesirables re moved from the flock. All thin, undersized, scrawny, "crow-headed" birds should be discarder. Such pullets will eat their heads off but will never develop into profitable layers, so you are better off without them than with them. Further culling will be in order when the young birds retch laying age. Those that are backward in maturity should be iscarded. Two hundred days is fair age for a pullet of the heavy breeds or 150 to 165 days of the light breeds to start layng but those taking much more han that are unlikely to develop nto good layers.

For mature birds, the time of he molt is an important indicaion of laying habits, although ther factors should also be conidered. Gererally speaking, ens that molt late in the fall ere the best layers. The poor layre exhausts her energies early and may start molting anytime! during June, July or August. The

hen that is just beginning to molt in August, early in Septem-Scientific Culling Out of Drones ber or later is usually the one to The eggs they lay are usually small and they should never be used as breeders.

> During the normal laying season, there are a number of points by which the laying capacity of hens may be judged more or less accurately. The eye of a good snappy, set in an oval socket. posite characteristics in these re-

The state of the vent is another important indication of lay condition. The laying hen has a large moist, dilated vent. [That of the non-layer is small and

puckered. In the good layer they are curved, thick, with layers of fat and rigid The measurement of these the skin, fat, and gristle over them If the spread between the pelvic bones is two fingers or less, the hen is probably not laying If it is two fingers or more, laying

To accomodate the extra food good laying hen must eat and the expansion of the laying organs, the rear of the keel bone of the good layer will be a greatthat can be placed between the effort



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keel bone and the pelvic bones The back of the good layer will With smaller breeds like Legbe long and broad all the way out horns, a spread of three or more near the tail. On either side of tion With larger breeds, the the vent may be felt the points spread should be four fingers or of the pelvic, pubic or lay bones more Other things being equal, a long bodied fowl measuring three fingers, is equal to a short bodied fowl measuring four

bones is taken at the terminal round the vent and a whiteish or extreme end and includes also or pinkish color of the skin indicates that the hen is laying If we also find bleached eye ring, white bleached legs and beak she has been laying for some time

I have discussed in as great detail as space permits, some of it generally indicates that she is the more important points by which to be guided in culling (Further information will be gladly given to anyone writing to me in care of this newspaper) Do not depend on any one factor in judging your hens, but form an opinion based on all considered together Cull carefully, perer distance from the pelvic bones sistantly and relentlessly and bethan it will be in the poor layer fore long you will have a flock This shows abdominal capacity, of real dividend pavers It takes once. Culling should be made a which is very important and mea time and patience, to be sure, but continuous process from that sured by the number of fingers the reward is well worthy of the By Dr L D LeGear

