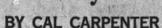
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bout chickens would tell me about them, I'm finding the longer I have these queer birds, the less I know about poultry in general and chickens in particular.

I'm not talking about the downright mystifying things like the bird that looked like a hen and acted like a hen for two years; and then gradually changed into a rooster with wattles, tail features, and a crow that put the legendary Chanticleer to shame. I wrote about her? him? it? a few years back, if you remember.

Nor am I talking about our rooster's, Lucky's, psy-chological problems. Regular readers will remember that he got roughed up when two dogs got in the henhouse. They stripped him of his feathers until he looked ready for the pot. They also seem to have stripped him of the last vestige of his roosterish courage, for he allowed the colorful little game rooster we call "P. T. Barnum' to move in from his bachelor diggins in the hog house and take over as cock of the walk in the henhouse. We first thought Lucky was spending his time hiding in a dark hole behind some separator coops because he was embarrassed by his nak-edness, but that evidently wasn't the case. He has his feathers back now and looks Alas, he's lost his nerve. He still hides from "P. T." who's barely half his size.

No I'm not talking about these problems in abnormal chicken psychology and physiology, nor even those we've had with stubborn hens in the very normal business of setting. I'm talking about the mundane, everyday business of managing a small flock of hens so as to keep eggs on the breakfast table and in the din-

Take our first year on the farm. We'd traded 10 hens from Leander Gillespie, who was living here when we bought the place, and he'd thrown in a ro er. We fed them well and all that summer we had plenty of eggs. Then, in the early fall, the ungrateful birds stopped lay-ing. I asked my mother about it when I was over at Canton one Sunday.

"Son," she said, "that's nor-

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mal. Chickens stop laying for three months or so in the winter and start again after the first of the year."

"Why do they do that?" I innocently inquired.

"They need a rest, I guess," said Mother. It's just not their nature to lay year around."

"Well, my Goodness," said I. "Does that mean we have to do without eggs three months each year? — and if so, where do the eggs in the stores come from when the chickens are on vacation?"

Mother laughed at me, but she told me that new pullets, which had just started laying, would lay on through the

"Ah, ha!" said I to myself. "So you have to stagger their laying and vaca-tion schedules. Well I'll fix that. I'll get some new pullets to start their laying in, say, September. Figure their vacation will then come in June, July, and August; my other chickens will be laying then, so I'll have plenty of eggs all year around."

So I bought 10 beautiful new pullets from a lady who lives down on Ross Road. I bought them in October and they'd just started laying. This was about the time the older hens of my flock had walked off the nest for their three-month

Things worked out pretty well that first winter. We had eggs enough for our use, enough for Mother, who likes our fresh eggs better than any she can buy; and even a few dozen to let our friends have.

But comes this fall and the schedule has gone to pot. The birds who should have taken their vacation in June evidently didn't, for we had a bang up egg production all summer. Now, with winter here, the we've been forced into the indignity of buying eggs — at and Mr. Stepp of Hendersonin the rear line of Lot No. 97;
thence with the line of Lots those bags of expensive chicken feed to keep 20 uncooperative crops full.

I've talked to the hens about it - Marge says if there's ever a stranger around to hear me up in the hen-house telling the "girls" that if they don't start laying, "Comes the Pot" — it, won't be long before the men in

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column we want to wish you God's blessings in the New

Year and a safe weekend. See

Court and Wife Beating

I land Supreme Court has ruled that it's illegal for a man to

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argued the state constitution

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(Omitted Last Week)

CATHEY'S CREEK - Christ-

mas was rather quiet in our section, with several family gather- ly birthday on the 25th. He was ings on Christmas eve and one in our memory is that at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Pruitt, with daughters Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Lavaun Taylor and family of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corn and children of Cedar Mountain, Pfc. Keith Roger Thomas, Pfc. Dexter Schewerman of Fort Benning, Ga. Delicious refreshments were served and gifts exchanged. A grand time was had by all.

Mrs. Sallie McCall and son Junior hosted a dinner on Christmas day for Mrs. Lona Breedlove, Mrs. Ethel Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinney. They enjoyed turkey with all

One thing that touched the heart of many disabled and shut-ins in these parts was the visit of the Rev. Kenneth Bragg J. L. MIMMAUGHN, GAYLE E. pastor of Cathey's Creek Bap- RAMSEY, Guardian ad Litem tist church as he went from for all minors, incompetents, home to home with a happy and other persons under legal smile on his face and some kind disability, all of whom are unwords and a prayer before he known to these petitioners, to-

Pfc. Keith Thomas and Pfc. any, and their respective spous-Dexter Scherman, a native of es, if any, and together with all Colorado, visited Keith's par- creditors or lienholders, reents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. gardless of how or through Thomas over the holidays. They whom they claim, and any and are both stationed at Fort Ben-ning, Ga. all other persons, firms, cor-porations, institutions or legal ning, Ga.

Word was received here on the 25th that Mrs. Nannie B. Whitmire of Columbus, Ga., had been admitted to a Ft. Benning hospital with a bad ear. We hope by the time she receives her copy of the Times she will be all well. Also we wish a very speedy recovery to "Buddie' Buckner ad Luther Garren who are both at present in the local

Mrs. Winifred Taylor of Kirksville, Mo., has been spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Lula Buckner due to the illness of "Buddie". Also Lt. Col. Emmitt Taylor came from Missouri to spend Christmas with his wife and Mrs. Buckner

Mrs. Ethel Lee attended the Christmas program along with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nicholson at street; thence circling with sail the church of the Nazarine on unamed street in a Northeast King Street in Brevard.

whole flock is vacationing and we've been forced into the inKinney were Mr. Arthur Raines line of Lot No. 104; thence with the line of Lot No. 104 to a stake

Jack McKinney of Georgia Nos. 97 and 98, South 41 Jack McKinney of Georgia Nos. 97 and 98, South 41 devisited his folks over the week- grees and 30 minutes East 150

Word was also received here Hundred Three (103) in Secover the holidays that "Aunt tion Number One (1) of that Texie" Cairnes had fallen and certain subdivision known as suffered a broken hip. She is "Montclove Estates," as shown in Monterey Nursing home in and described on that certain

She was reported to be convalescing fine and taking physical therapy each day. She is in her early 80's.

Several of our folk are em- County, North Carolina, ployed at American Thread and which said plat reference all were presented with a lovely turkey for which they wish to say a great big "thank you" to Larry Walker and all who help-

the white coats come for

Maybe so, but it's done no good anyway.

"Ah-caa-caa-cock," is all I get from my pretty sing-ers, two of whom I call Lily Pons and Maria Callas (with no disrespect intended the fa-mous opera singers). They don't believe me anyhow.

Guess Pil just have to get new pullets every year. And that means some of the old-er birds really will have to go to the pot or we'll be ov-errun with chickens on the place.

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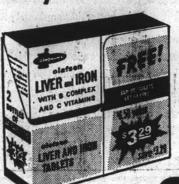
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