

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Natural beauty and associations of the opening of Abraham Lincoln's Illinois career join in making attractive a trip along the State routes designated as the Lincoln National Memorial Highway. The Illinois part of this road, marked by the State Division of Highways after careful study of all sources of information, begins at the Memorial Bridge which spans the Wabash River between Lawrence County and Vincennes, Indiana. It ends at the site of the old ferry-ship at Beardstown.

As a youth of 21, Abraham Lincoln entered Illinois in the early spring of 1830, traveling with his father, Thomas Lincoln, and his stepmother, in an ox-team caravan comprising thirteen persons. The outfit ferried the Wabash at Vincennes. Traveling slowly along rude trails, the Lincoln family came to and settled in Macon County, southwest of Decatur. A winter of deep snow and bitter cold made the new country seem inhospitable. Thomas Lincoln was half-minded to leave Illinois. But he stayed — The Lincoln Memorial Highway goes on, from the place of these early hardships. On to Springfield to New Salem, to the cemetery where Ann Rutledge was first laid to rest — on, along roads surveyed by Abraham Lincoln himself, to end near the spot where Lincoln's New Salem company was mustered in for the Black Hawk War.

Illinois hunters, taking to field and wood with the opening of the upland game season, are asked by the State Department of Conservation to use special care against possible accidental gunshot injuries to members of CCC camps, who are working on projects in various parts of the State. There are at present 46 camps of CCC and allied services in Illinois, and the record is clear of any fatality caused to CCC member by hunters. The commanding General of the Sixth Corps Area, which includes Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, has ordered officers of all CCC camps in the Area to put up warnings around each camp located where there might be danger of accidental shooting by hunters.

Speaking from Chicago at one P. M., Saturday, Nov 19, Dr. A. C. Willard, President of the University of Illinois, will tell how a big state university is run. His talk will be a part of the weekly "Your Illinois" series. It will be broadcast by Stations WJJD, Chicago, and WCBS, Springfield.

The fifteen new oil fields of southern Illinois cover an area of 32,000 acres of proved oil production. They contain an estimated to-

tal reserve of 224,000,000 barrels, according to the State Geological Survey's annual report.

Eleven of the 15 new fields were discovered during the year ending September 30. In the same period, the number of producing wells in new fields increased from 124 to 1,180, and the daily flow rose from 17,772 barrels to about 77,000 barrels. New wells are now being brought in at the rate of about 100 each week, and even the coming of winter is not expected to stop drilling activity, except perhaps briefly during periods of very severe weather.

"This new development has virtually brought a new industry to the State," the report says, "resulting not only in a yearly production value of more than \$20,000,000 at the wells, but bringing in millions of dollars of outside capital, increasing employment and bettering business conditions in general in scores of Illinois communities."

Illinois mineral industries had a 1937 output valued at \$130,000,000. This is an increase of \$9,500,000 over preceding year. The figures are given in a report released by the State Department of Registration and Education. The swiftly-growing oil industry accounted for the larger part of the gain, while increased production of coal, sand and gravel, limestone and mineral wool also contributed to the better showing.

In response to numerous inquiries, the State Department of Conservation is telling hunters that the three-shot law applies to all protected game in Illinois — rabbits, squirrels, quail and pheasants, as well as to migratory water fowl. Automatic or pump shot guns of more than three-shell capacity must be pulged so that there can be not more than one shell in the barrel and two in the magazine.

SENIOR STUDENT 'PAINTS' PICTURE OF YOUNGER SISTER

(By Younger Sister)
The antics of a younger brother as described in a Sunday comic supply the source of amusement for a great many people, but for me every joke played on an unsuspecting victim is an old story. Patiently, sorrowfully, but by no means quietly, I have suffered for many years, as the victim, not of a younger brother, but of a "younger sister."

She has just reached that gawky, awkward, stubborn age, with that overgrown underdog look, that all of us pass through at that certain stage in our career. At present she gives no promise of great beauty or any remarkable talent except in having "her" own way with the family.

She is twelve years of age, but when asking a special favor she reminds one of a spoiled child of four by saying "I don't know how, or do it yourself." But she never fails to get what she wants done. I often tell her she's Fannie Brice's only rival. But then, I tell her a great many things.

Her middle name should be "Borrow." I am not selfish, but I do object to meeting myself face to face on the street. It is "awful" embarrassing at times. I should not mind if I were able to borrow her clothes, but they are all too small for me. Of course she experiences no difficulty in getting into mine.

How I wish that she would never ask me to help her with her home work! Arithmetic was never my best study, and she refuses to be bothered with it. While I rack my brains trying to solve fractions and decimals for her, she insists on

studying my "American History" instead of her own.

When I have company she forces her nose too welcome self upon us and tries to enlighten the evening by tales of school and "my teacher says—" The next morning she expressed her opinions at the breakfast table. "I didn't like him at all mamma; his nose was too long," she expressed loudly. At other times I hear her whispering stealthily, "Oh, mamma she isn't a bit nice!"

Of course if I complain or protest to my fair minded parents, I receive always the same reply: "You are older than she, dear. You must make allowances." Allowances? Allowances? I am waiting patiently for her to grow up. But I shall still be the older sister, shall I not.

Oh, yes! Her name is of all names, Grace Adell!

With the coming of spring, the camel's hair forms into matted tufts, and falls to the ground as the growth of new hair comes in.

Some species of spiders build in colonies, with several webs, united by common lines. Entangled prey belongs to the first spider to reach it.

It has been estimated that there were between 50,000,000 and 75,000,000 head of buffalo in the world in primitive times.

If you want a Thanksgiving turkey to fit your appetite and pocket book better order early from Ott's Grocery see their ad in another column.

RURAL FAIR SEASON CLOSES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 14.—(Special)—Thousands of the finest farm animals of this country and Canada are now in their final week of grooming preparatory to competing for continental supremacy at the 39th International Live Stock Exposition, which will open in Chicago on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving.

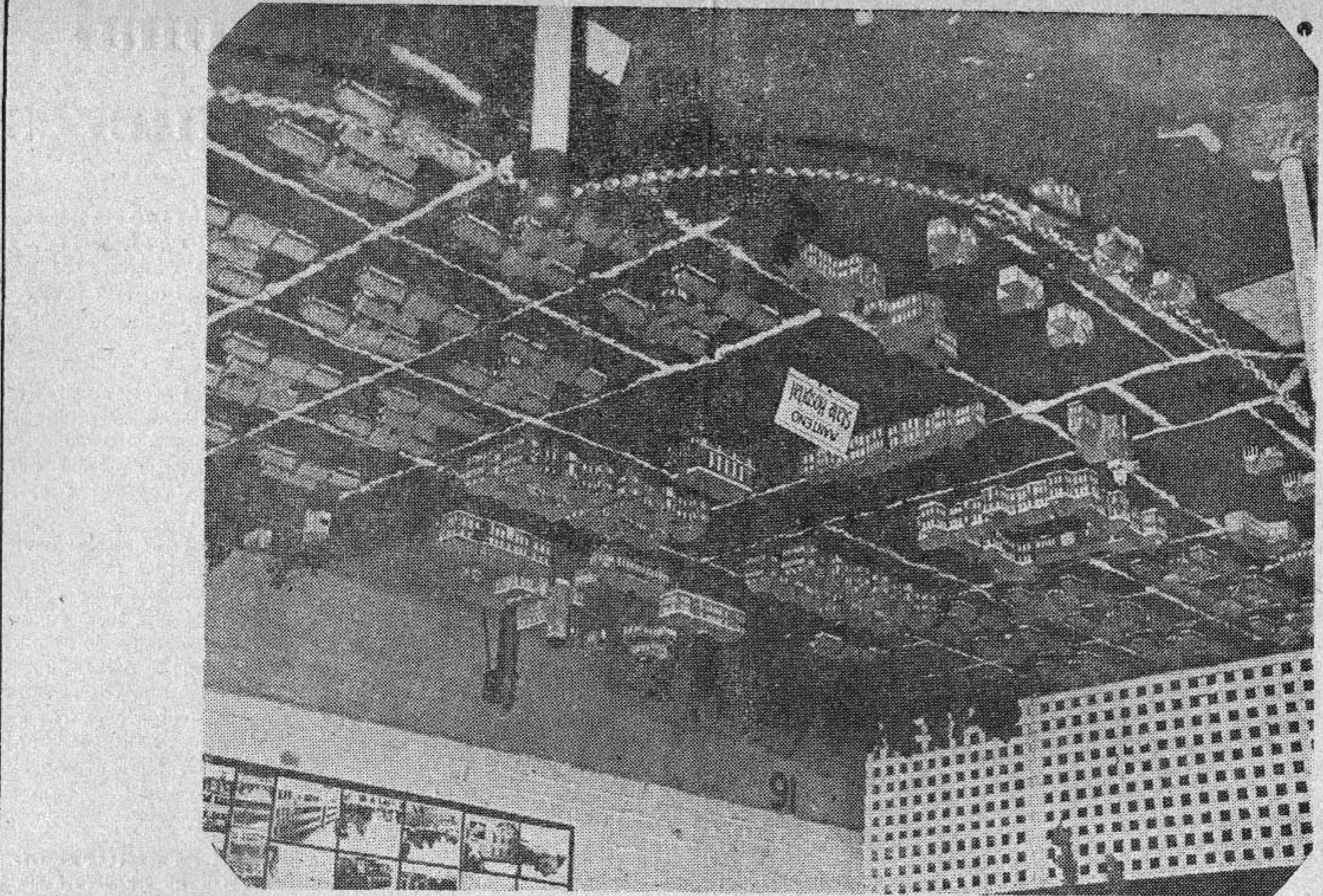
The week of November 26 to December 3 will close America's agricultural show season which is annually brought to a climax at this largest exposition of purebred live stock, prime market animals, and farm crops.

Huge Value Estimated.
Manager B. H. Heide estimates that the value of the live stock that will be exhibited here this year will exceed \$5,000,000. They will represent 29 different breeds, including six breeds of beef cattle, eleven of sheep, seven of swine, and five breeds of draft horses. In addition, there will be several hundred head of the nation's best riding and driving horses and ponies seen in daily contest in the Exposition's Horse Shows.

Mr. Heide reports that twelve breeds have registered increased entries over last year, with an all time high mark recorded for a number of the breed competitions. The list of exhibitors includes many new names, he said, as well as numerous owners who have shown champion and blue ribbon winning animals in the past.

Farm youths from 15 states have made entries for the junior stock show which will be a feature of the opening day. Their exhibits of beeves, lambs, and pigs are again expected to make strong bids for the highest awards of the exposition when they meet the nominations of adults showmen in the open classes.

The junior exhibitors number 274 boys and girls. They will exhibit 398 animals of their own raising, most of which have been champion or first prize winners at earlier shows this year.



MINIATURE OF THE MANTENO STATE HOSPITAL BUILT BY DAVID BRYNN, AT THE HOSPITAL AND EXHIBITED AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, IN AUGUST, 1938.

Many Experts to Judge.

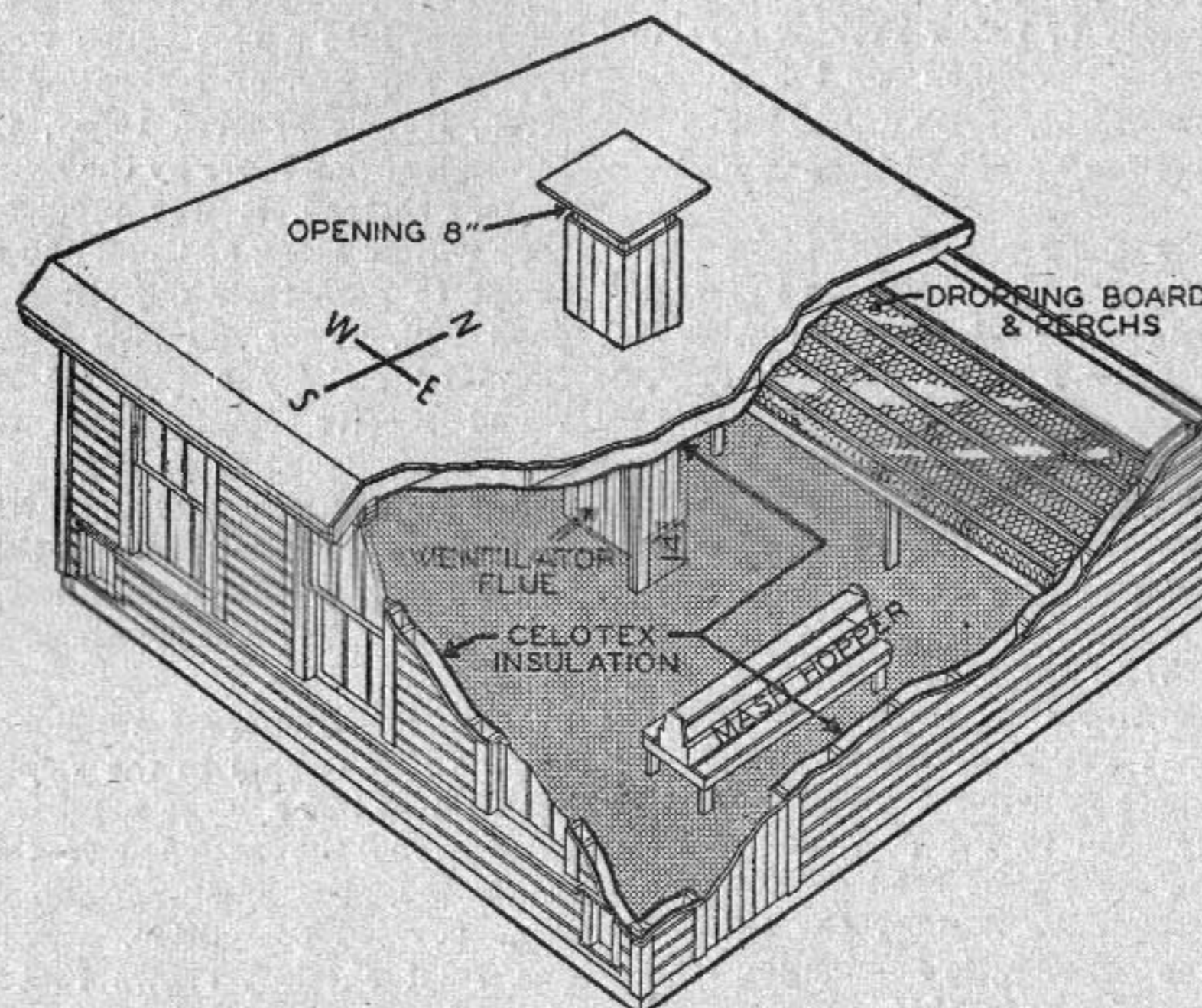
The difficult task of judging the thousands of choice animals that will be in competition at the exposition will be done by 46 men and one woman from 17 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and England.

William J. Cumber, a well known

British authority of Theale, Berkshire, will tie the ribbons in the fat classes and will conclude his work with the selection of the grand champion steer. He has judged at several leading cattle shows in Great Britain.

Betting on a horse races is now legal in 22 states.

POULTRY EXPERTS PRAISE INSULATED LAYING HOUSES



Having observed that egg production falls off during Fall and Winter months when prices are at their peak, many progressive poultry raisers are following the advice of state and county farm advisors and are insulating their laying houses against the cold.

Scientific research has shown that a flock of 125 four to five pound layers gives off in an hour only as much heat as would be obtained by burning about five ounces of coal. Unless insulation is provided, this amount of heat is insufficient to keep a laying house warm in freezing weather and frost will gather on walls and ceiling and the litter will become wet. Also, feed is wasted in the colder house because more feed is needed to keep the hens warm and less is available to make

eggs, leading poultrymen have found.

According to the observations of R. E. Cray of Ohio State University, a well-insulated laying house will also increase egg production in summer months. He says in Everybody's Poultry Magazine that flocks remain indoors close to mash hoppers until late afternoon when an insulated laying house is provided. When the house is not insulated, the birds loaf during the heat of the day trying to keep cool, he reports.

Illustrated above is a simple method of insulating and ventilating a laying house according to the findings of poultry experts. It is adaptable to practically any house, old or new, and any farm carpenter who is handy with tools can do the work easily.

Pioneer Emblem Bears Patent Number

Nearly 40,000 telephone men and women, both active and retired, enrolled in more than 50 Chapters from coast to coast, form the Telephone Pioneers of America, linked in the common interest of having devoted 21 years or more of their lives to the telephone service.

Like other organizations, the Telephone Pioneers have an emblem, or symbol, which is of particular interest and significance. Triangular in shape, it bears around its three sides the name of the organization. In the enclosed triangular space appear the dates 1875 and 1911, the design of a bell, and on the bell the figure 174465.

This was the number assigned by the United States Patent Office to Alexander Graham Bell's patent on the fundamental principle of the electric speaking telephone. All



Emblem of social organization of men and women who have spent 21 years or more in telephone service. Number on bell is that of original telephone patent. Dates are those of first successful telephone experiment and of formation of the Telephone Pioneers.

though officially issued on March 7, 1876, the patent came to Bell as a birthday present, as it were, for it was granted on March 3, 1876, the twenty-ninth anniversary of his birth at Edinburgh, Scotland. This patent was, of course, the very foundation upon which the far-reaching telephone service of today was built. Protected by it, licensees throughout the United States began providing local service, and soon branched out into what grew into the nation-wide long distance network which serves the modern American telephone user.

With the Bell patent itself occupying such an important place in telephone history, it was but natural that the organizers of the Tele-

phone Pioneers should select its number as typifying the early days of telephone history, in which most of the charter members of the organization had played leading parts.

The bell upon which the figure 174465 is inscribed is a copy of that which for many years has been used on the signs and advertising of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and other Bell System companies. This symbol originally bore the words "Long Distance Service" and somewhat later, "Local and Long Distance Service." As now used, it is inscribed "Bell System." The shape of the bell remains practically unchanged from that which was originally designed in December, 1888. The "Blue Bell" will therefore celebrate its fiftieth birthday during the present year.

The dates, "1875" and "1911," which appear at the left and right of the bell, are respectively commemorative of the experiment of June 2, 1875, when Bell verified his theory of the electrical transmission of speech, and of the organization of the Telephone Pioneers of America, on November 2, 1911.

The original Bell Telephone patent is preserved in the American Telephone Historical Library, New York, as is the drawing of the first "Blue Bell" symbol.

Facts About the Telephone

Bell System companies operate more than 6,900 central offices.

The wall type of telephone was introduced in Meriden, Conn., in 1878.

Telephone service has been inaugurated between Puerto Rico and the Republic of Haiti.

In two years there has been a total of 5,200 ship-to-shore telephone calls between passengers on the super-liner Queen Mary and people on land. The average is about seven calls a day.

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