



ALL SIX BOYS IN THE Aaron Glick family share in the egg chores. At far left is John, 13 years old, who gathers most of the eggs from the cages. At far end of the washer is Samuel, 16, who does the feeding and helps with gathering and washing of the eggs. Taking the eggs from the washer is Marvin, 10, who does most of the washing assisted by Kenneth, 7, at the far right in the front row. With Kenneth, who took time out from his chores to pose for the photographer are four-year-old Merle who will soon be five, and Elvin, who is three. Merle and Elvin help gather the eggs. L. F. Photo

● **Caged Layer**

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"And we can handle it all right if we all keep our health."

It is easy to see that the "we" is not just a figure of speech when chore time comes Samuel begins the feeding with a motor-driven, self-unloading feed cart which takes bulk feed from the 13 ton bin by gravity and puts it in the troughs in front of the cages with no lifting or pouring by the operator

As Samuel begins feeding,

John and Marvin begin gathering the eggs on plastic case fillers on four wheeled carts. Feeding takes only about a half hour and Samuel helps John finish with the gathering while Marvin and Kenneth begin putting the eggs through the automatic washer. Sometimes Merle helps with the egg gathering, and even three year old Elvin hitches a ride on the cart and picks eggs off the front of the cages. And he knows they have to be packed with the little end down.

Before you know it, the eggs are sanitized and ready

to go into the humidified and air conditioned cooling room, where they will be put into the pre-conditioned cases. The cooling room, which is 22x20 feet, easily holds the production for half a week until they are picked up by the dealer's truck.

The egg room, containing the washer and a work table is 30x30 feet. Another room contains the water system including hot water tank, the heating system, rest room and

office space.

In the chicken house itself, environment is rigidly controlled. There are no windows for light or ventilation. Over 130

electric bulbs burn for 14 hours each day coming on at 4 a.m. so that most of the eggs are laid before the morning (continued on page 7)

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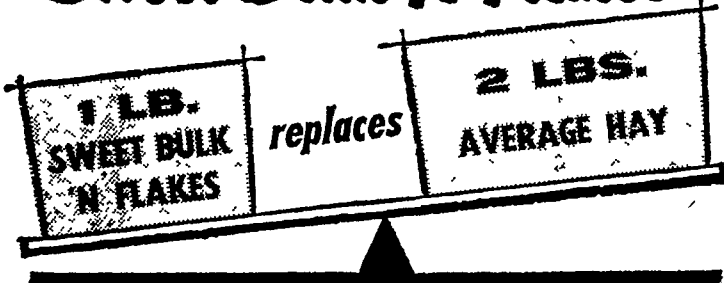
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