

A STATION WAGON FULL OF chicks was a new experience for Diane Kreider, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1. Diane, a kindergarten student at Drumore Elementary School, went with her mother to pick up started capons for her brother, Everett Jr., Ann Lefever and Linda DeLong, all of Quarryville R1. The 375 chicks in 15 boxes (25 to the box) filled the station wagon to the roof, much to the delight of Diane. L. F. Photo

Capons Are Most Popular Poultry Project In The County

Lancaster County's most popular 4-H poultry project got under way this week with the delivery of 4,325 started capons to some 40 4-H club members.

The four week old started capons from the Wilmarth Poultry Farm at Kingsley, Pa. were picked up on Monday and Tuesday by club members or their parents at the farm of Mervin Peifer, Manheim R1.

According to Winthrop Merriam, associate County Agent, most of the birds will be marketed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays many of them as oven-ready holiday treats.

In past years with the help of service clubs which sponsor the club roundups, some 4-H's

have reported profits of \$100 per bird. The possibility of making some profit, along with the possibility of showing the results of the project in a contest and the short term of the project, make capons appealing to a large number of 4-H members.

Members took from 25 to 375 birds, but the average project is 100 birds. Many of the birds will weigh 10 to 12 pounds at market time, and since mass production has not hit the market for heavy birds, most of the capons find a ready sale.

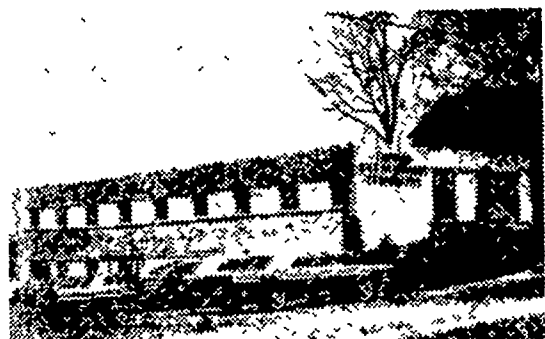
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