

(Continued from Page 8) is to gain closer supervision of it readily about every two weeks. Other interesting features of this farm are the way it handles its feed delivery and fowl problems. A straight-job truck is used two days each week for hauling bulk feed directly from the manufacturer in 9-ton loads. During the rest of the week the truck hauls eggs to the city. When the birds have completed thirteen months of lay (fourteen, 28-day periods), a poultry dealer comes in with his crew and cleans them out.

Bowser feels the greatest economies are gained through the volume of birds handled; the utilization of help to best advantage; and a more efficient use of feed. He deems the greatest production problem of a large growing operation such as Cloisterdale as one of getting top-notch pullets. "Good pullets are the key to success in any large plant," Bowser said.

Another factor which he feels contributes greatly to the success of the operation is the particular attention the company pays to the details of record keeping and cost accounting. A weekly report on each house goes into the office for study, and each house is analyzed as a separate enterprise.

Manure, a problem that has plagued many large cage layer operators is no problem at all at Cloisterdale; in fact, Bowser says he has a waiting list of farmers who want to haul it away. Sixty tons of manure a week could be a problem, but, between local farmers and a fertilizer plant, he manages to get rid of one and a half days. This is followed by a thorough fumigation, and the house is ready for the next flock. Production on the farm is staggered so that birds in one house are replaced every ten weeks.

The company's plans for the future include the addition of four more houses on the farm to bring the bird total to 150,000 by next spring. At the present rate of one full-time employee per 15,000 birds, this may necessitate adding four more employees. Between the farm and the egg plant, the firm presently employes about 60 persons.

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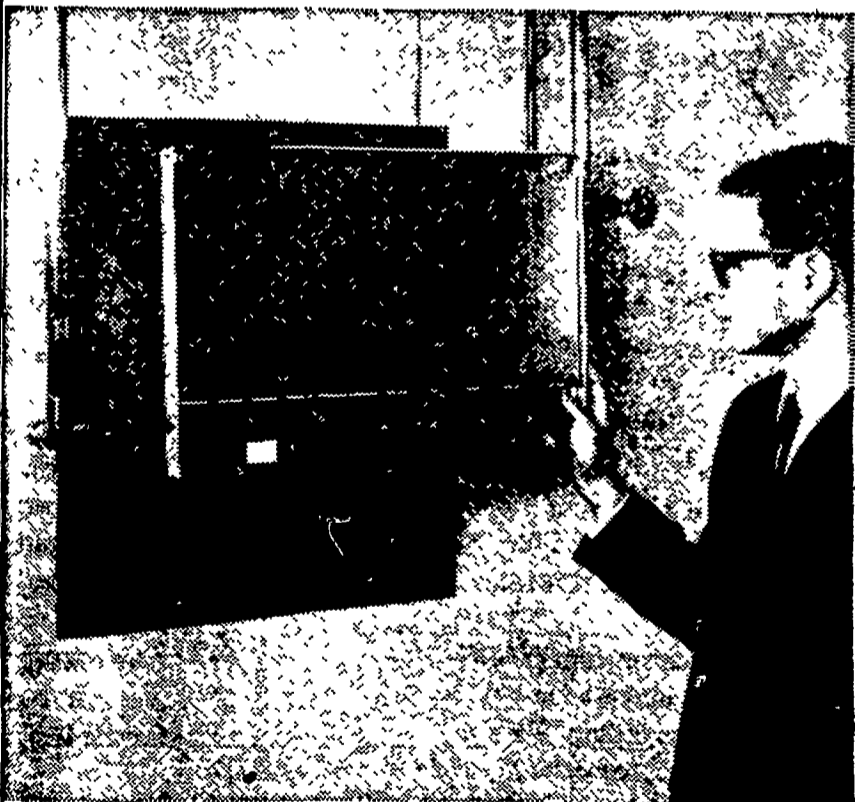
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