

# Some friends will do almost anything

**BY DEBBIE KOONTZ**  
**MOUNT JOY** — "It's times like these you really find out what friends are all about. This is stuff that makes a grown man cry," Harold Brubaker remarked in reference to the turnout of a

chicken house cleaning for Glenn Snyder who lost an arm in a farm-related accident in late February. "We wanted to get together and see what we could do to help Glenn. This was the result," he added looking at the busy friends and



Albert Brenneman fills one of the ten loaders brought to the Snyder farm for chicken house cleaning. This and three other loaders had the house clean by noon.



You know you've got a friend when he'll exactly what these friends of Glenn Snyder did clean your chicken house for you. And that's last Wednesday.

neighbors who gathered to clean the 40,000-layer chicken house.

Fifteen men with the use of 10 spreaders and 4 loaders cleaned the house completely by lunch time.

The neighbors, composed of beef, dairy and poultry farmers were joined by friends of the Snyder family from other areas too. One farmer, Lloyd Keller, brought his tractor and spreader from the Latitz area to help.

Snyder runs his poultry operation with the help of his wife, son Nathan and daughter Kristine. The Snyders raise 70 steers and 250 hogs in addition to the 40,000 layers.

"Everybody's been so kind and they're all so wonderful to help me like this. I really have great friends and neighbors," he remarked.

About his accident Snyder said, "I was just lucky it was my arm

and not my life. I've had so many friends tell me they just can't believe it happened to me of all people, because I'm so careful when I work.

"I've been picking corn with that tractor for ten years and nothing has ever happened," he said shaking his head. "It just seems odd it should happen this way. I hope to be able to talk to other farmers about it so they'll learn to be careful too."

Snyder's accident occurred one Friday when he was hauling manure. After stepping off the tractor to make an adjustment, he slipped on the drawbar.

"The power take off caught my boot and threw my back against the tractor," he said.

And then with a smile he added, "I've received 306 cards in three weeks. I'm just so grateful for my friends; just like the ones that are working out here today."

"The other night I had visitors from people I never even met before. The man had been in a similar accident and had lost his hand. He said he just wanted to make it easier for me by showing me you can still do everything you used to do," Snyder said.

But the questions ended there because over 15 hungry friends and neighbors came into the house for lunch to talk and laugh with Snyder and to tell him how things were progressing in his chicken house.



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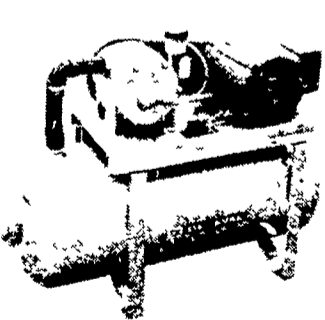
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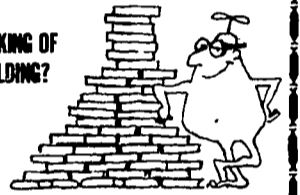
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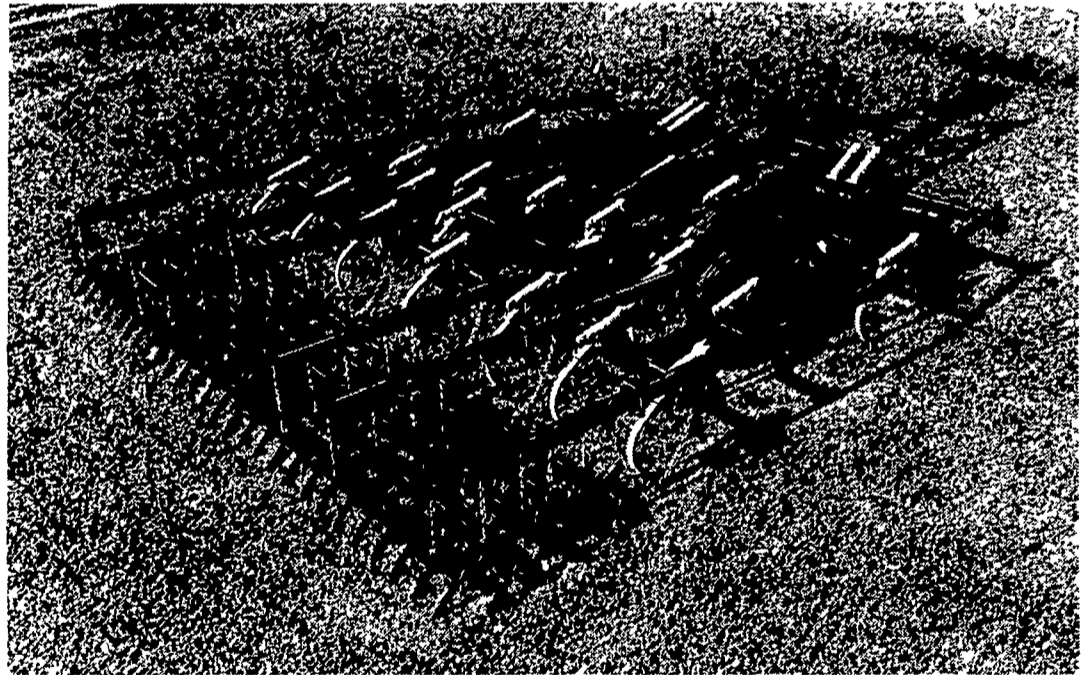
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