

## Fluffy Yellow Ducks, Rainbow Chicks Find Friend As Judge Raps Easter Gift Fad

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 3 (UP)—Those fluffy yellow ducklings of baby chickens and ducks are sacrificed.

Judge Bacon, elderly bachelor and president of the Memphis Humane Society, wants to protect biddies and ducklings. He has initiated a pre-Easter educational program for parents and grownups.

Judge Bacon wants to eliminate "this silly business" of giving baby chickens and ducks at Easter time.

"It's inhumane and wasteful," he said. "A great many of the baby chicks and ducks die shortly

after Easter. Small children either squeeze them to death or smother or don't know how to feed them."

On a national basis Judge Bacon says "hundreds of thousands"

Judge Bacon said that most of the chicks for the mid-South market are shipped by big hatcheries in Ohio and Indiana.

Judge Bacon said that the humane society plans to appeal to prospective buyers—not dealers—to eliminate the fad. He got a quick reply from pet dealer Coyle Shea who said that he stopped handling colored baby chicks a year ago.

He thought that pet dealers would "welcome this campaign and try to co-operate."

Mr. Shea agreed that Easter gift chickens meet untimely

death because of mishandling by and their odor is not the sweetest thing in the world."

Judge Bacon said that the practice means food waste from the standpoint of eggs, fryers and laying hens.

Ducks, however, are 20 times as hardy as a baby chick," he said. "A baby duck not only survives—it grows fore and aft with such rapidity that it looks like it has been blown up with a bicycle pump."

"As for pets, ducks soon follow

children about the house and yard like shadows. But they are dirty,

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