

Area poultry

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neighbors since all of you can spread the disease. Limit visits.

Burn or render dead birds. Transport them only in plastic bags or covered containers.

DO NOT make any exceptions to the above rules.

DO NOT allow equipment to be brought to your farm that has not been disinfected.

DO NOT allow your employees to have back yard poultry or pet birds.

DO NOT keep any stray chickens after the flock is removed.

The Task Force urges all poultrymen to take these precautions very seriously. No exceptions whatsoever. It is particularly important to enforce them for men who go from one poultry house to another, such as repairmen and servicemen.

It is pointed out emphatically by Task Force members that the disease outbreaks thus far have been transmitted from farm to farm by humans. Carriers include clothing, boots, tools, egg crates, etc.

Dr. Mallinson's office notes that out of the 25 reported cases of laryngotracheitis reported since late October of 1977, only three were discovered since the beginning of this year. However, those latest three cases account for 189,000 birds, or nearly half of the total found. Initial cases of laryngotracheitis involved mostly smaller flocks.

Mallinson's office also

revealed that eight premises have been cleared of quarantine restrictions since outbreaks of LT were discovered there. The



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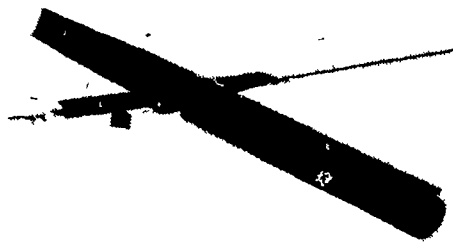
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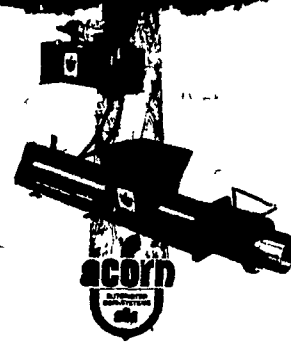
premises have been disinfected.

In conclusions, Mallinson and Task Force members exclaim that the future of Lancaster County's poultry industry doesn't look good if precautionary measures aren't taken seriously immediately.

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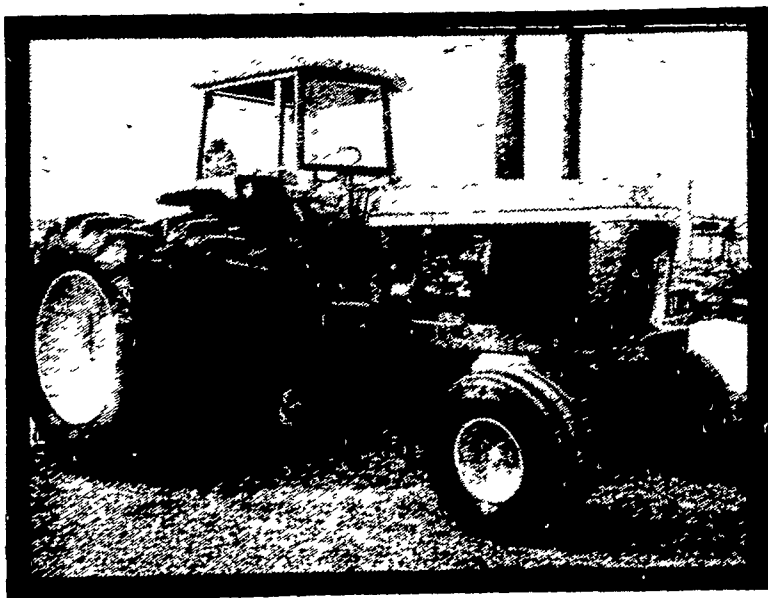
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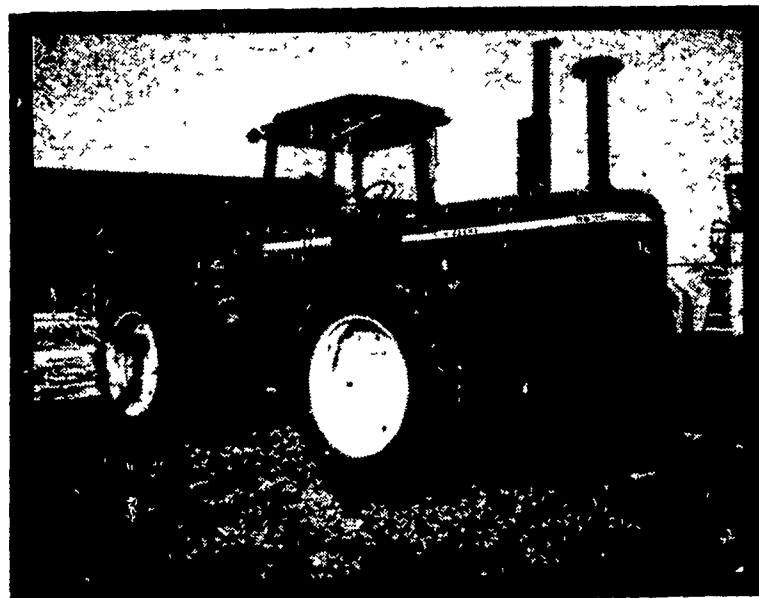
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