

# Berks County Poultry Association revives its own history to build a more secure future

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SHILLINGTON - Reviving

an old tradition from the past, the Berks County Poultry Association held a

chicken barbeque for their annual meeting, October 1st. To highlight the special occasion, guest of honor, Lowell Blass of Hubbard Farms, Walpole, N.H. presented a brief history dating back to September 22, 1951, when the organization held its first barbeque.

Blass, acting as Berks County Extension agent at the time, was instrumental in reinstating the poultry association, and along with three other poultrymen of the county played an important role in getting chicken barbequing started in Pennsylvania.

He also reminded the area poultrymen of the importance of their product, as well as all other agricultural products in the country's balance of payment on the world trade market, "especially with the high



Berks County Poultry Association president Mark Yorgey, left, presented awards to Sol Shearer, Rudy Von Dohren and Lowell Blass for their early involvement in chicken barbequing.



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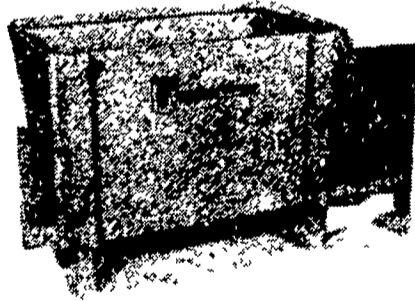
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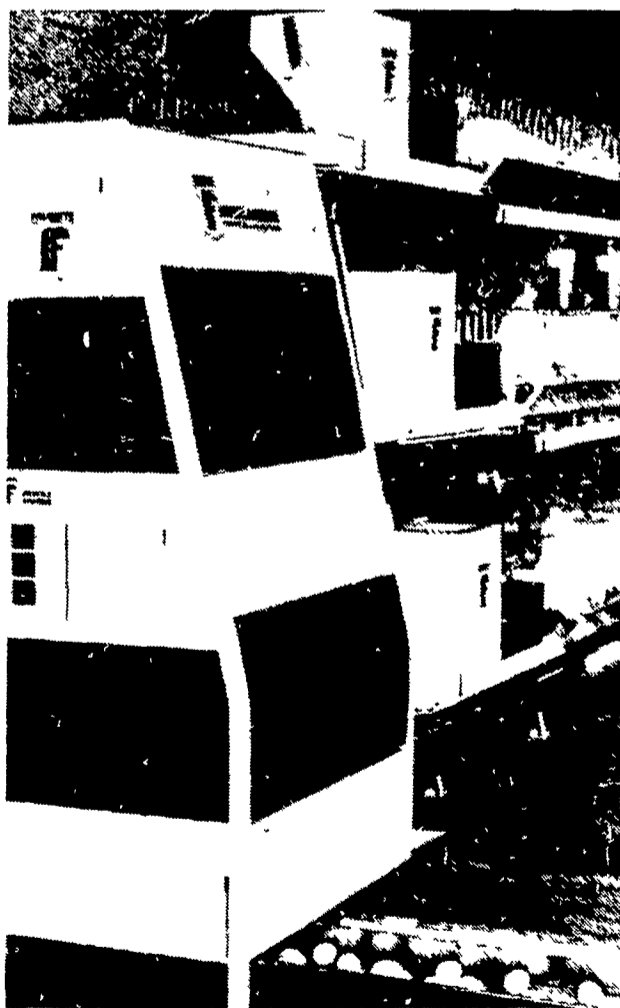
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