



Lowell Blass, right, presented a certificate of recognition to Berks County Poultry Association president Mark Yorgey for 10 years of service.

Berks County Poultry Association

(Continued from Page 113) has played an important factor in breeding the feed efficient birds we have today, Blass continued. The chicken of tomorrow contest feed conversion per pound of

broiler meat has gone from 4.5 pounds of feed in 1948 to two pounds of feed today. Chicken cooking contests also played an important role, also helping to increase the amount of poultry consumption per person.

Rudy Von Dohren, another pioneer in chicken barbequeing, also reminisced about the early barbequeing days, explaining how the association got their first grills and how quickly their recipe of vinegar, water, butter, and salt became so popular the demand for their chickens was too great for the area poultrymen to handle.

To recognize these early pioneers of barbequeing the poultry association presented special awards to Van Dohren and Blass and two others of equal importance. Plaques were presented to Blass, Von Dohren of Oley, Walter 'Sol' Shearer, Shillington, and Carl Dossin, former Extension poultry specialist.

Youth awards were also presented to FFA members for outstanding poultry projects. Receiving awards were Todd Lynn and Todd Long, both of Conrad Weiser, Dean Bruno, Marjorie

Faust, Richard Dietrich, and Dean Shoemaker, all of Kutztown Area High School. A special award was also given to the Kutztown FFA Chapter for their broiler business

The election of officers was also held during the business meeting that followed the barbeque. Elected were: Mark Yorgey, Fleetwood, president; Melvin Kramer, Boyertown, first vice president; Eleanor Sechler, Strausstown, secretary; Matthew Shuhler, Bally, treasurer; and Paul Myers, Fleetwood; Ernest Shane, Oley; Lawrence Houpp, Oley; Hendrik Wentink, Wyomissing; Rae Hix, Mohrsville; and Harold Althouse, Fleetwood - directors.

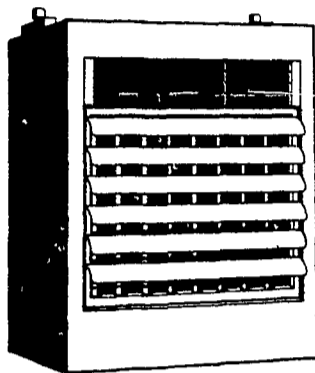
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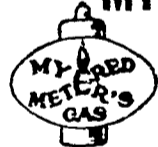


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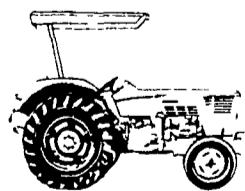
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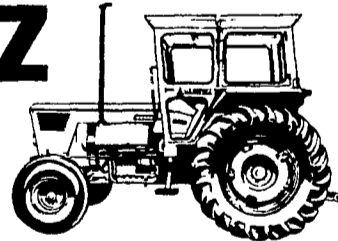


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