



Receives tobacco loading grant

The University of Maryland recently received an \$8000 grant from the Phillip Morris company to fund research into an easy load, stickless mechanical method of handling stalk-cut tobacco. Shown at the informal check presentation ceremony at the university's tobacco research farm in Upper Marlboro are, left to right, Frank Bentz, vice president for agricultural affairs and legislative relations; W. Lamar Harris, director, Maryland Ag Experiment Station, Claude McKee, professor of agronomy, and Phillip Morris representatives Bill Riggan and Dale Hill.

State sets record spring turkey harvest

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania game protectors indicate that the harvest of turkey gobblers during the spring season - this year broke all previous records. Spring gobbler seasons have been held in Pennsylvania annually since 1968.

The 1980 harvest of bearded birds was almost a third higher than the figure for 1979, and that harvest was almost a third more gobblers than were taken in 1978.

The figure for the spring harvest this year was put at 3,716 by game protectors. This compares with 2,836 in 1979 and 2,128 in 1978.

Game Commission studies show the number of birds which game protectors report is only about one-third of the actual harvest. Many hunters take their birds at the crack of dawn or shortly thereafter as the gobblers are coming off the roost, and the hunters generally reach home with their turkeys without being seen by a game protector.

The largest number of birds harvested this spring,

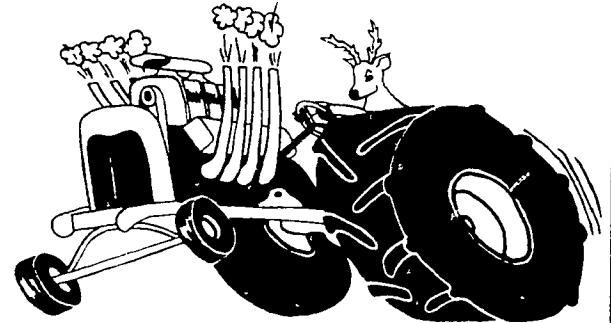
1426, came from the northcentral part of the state. This figure, which is an all-time record for the nor-

thcentral area, is more birds than were taken in the entire state during the 1971 spring season.

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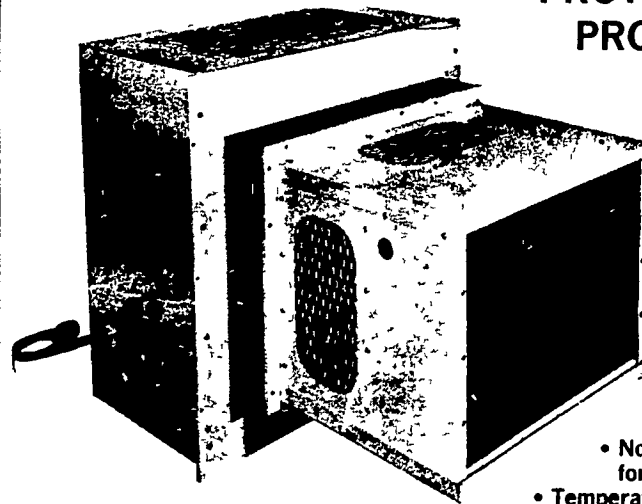
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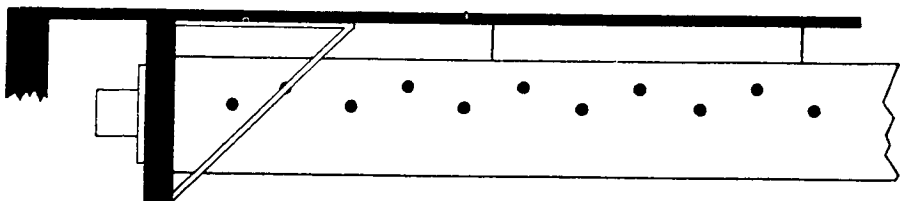


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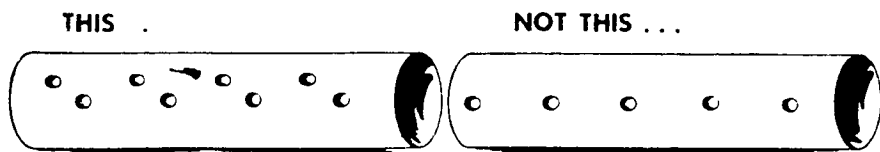
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