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***About the cover***

Kenneth Eskelund, veterinarian, entrepreneur and philanthropist, was a key figure in poultry health and in the AAAP for many years. Born in Winslow, Maine in 1924, he founded Maine Biological Laboratories in 1957 which became a major supplier of biologic products for the poultry industry. He was an early promoter of the use of killed vaccines for poultry. He also founded Northeast Laboratory Services, a company that provided services to the poultry industry. He sold his interest in Maine Biological Laboratories in 1998 but continued his association with the company until his retirement in 2003. He was active in the AAAP, attending every annual meeting from 1967-2003 and serving on the Audit Committee. In 1988 he funded the Kenneth H. Eskelund Preceptorship program through the AAAP Foundation, a program that has encouraged scores of students to consider careers in avian medicine. AAAP honored him with Life Membership and its Special Service Award. Along with his wife, Shirley, Ken was a dedicated life-time philanthropist, funding numerous projects in his home state including the Waterville Boy's and Girl's Club/YMCA and the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center. He was honored as the Outstanding Philanthropist in the State of Maine in 2001. He died in 2013, ending an exemplary career in the poultry biologics industry and leaving his mark on many persons and institutions. His biography is in the AAAP archives and available on the AAAP website.