

# Riegelsville man named to PDA post

HARRISBURG - Daniel K. Cook, 34, of Riegelsville R1, Bucks County, has been appointed as Chief of the Office of Planning and Research for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. Cook assumed his duties with the Department on March 28.

"Dan Cook has had an extensive background in both agricultural and planning matters," Hallowell said. "I am pleased that he has accepted this appointment. Land use planning and farmland preservation are extremely important issues and rate high on our priority list. I am sure that the expertise Dan brings to the job will be a great advantage in our efforts at preserving farmland."

Cook is the Chairman of the Bucks County Planning Commission, a position he has since 1977. As a member of the Commission and then as Chairman, he successfully completed the Bucks County Comprehensive Plan, which identifies and advocates methods for protecting and preserving agricultural land

and natural resources in the county.

Cook graduated from Easton Area High School in 1962, and from the State University of Agricultural and Mechanical College at Farmingdale, N.Y., in 1965, with an Associate Degree in Animal Husbandry.

Since his graduation, Cook has assumed management of the family farming operation. The Cook farm includes 525 acres with corn, mixed hay and a small beef herd.

In 1967, Cook was appointed to the Durham Township Planning Com-

mission and has served since as Secretary for the Commission. He was elected a member of the Bucks County Government Study Commission in 1977.

Cook is a member of St. John United Church of Christ and a Past President of the Upper Bucks Jaycees. A member of the Riegelsville Volunteer Fire Company, Cook is also a licensed civilian pilot and a member of the Pennridge Pilots Association.

Cook has served the Bucks County Farmers Association as a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the

State and National Legislative Committees, and as Chairman of the Local Affairs Committee, which implementation of Acts 319 and 515 in the county.

Dan and his wife Gail have three children, Dana, 11, Lisa, 10, and Brian, 5.

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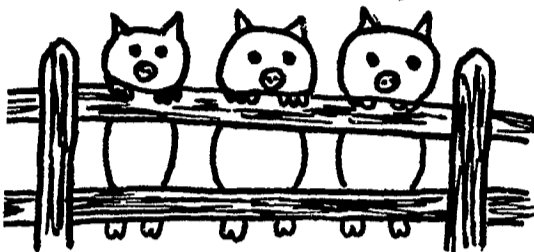
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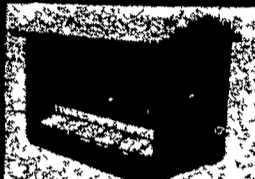
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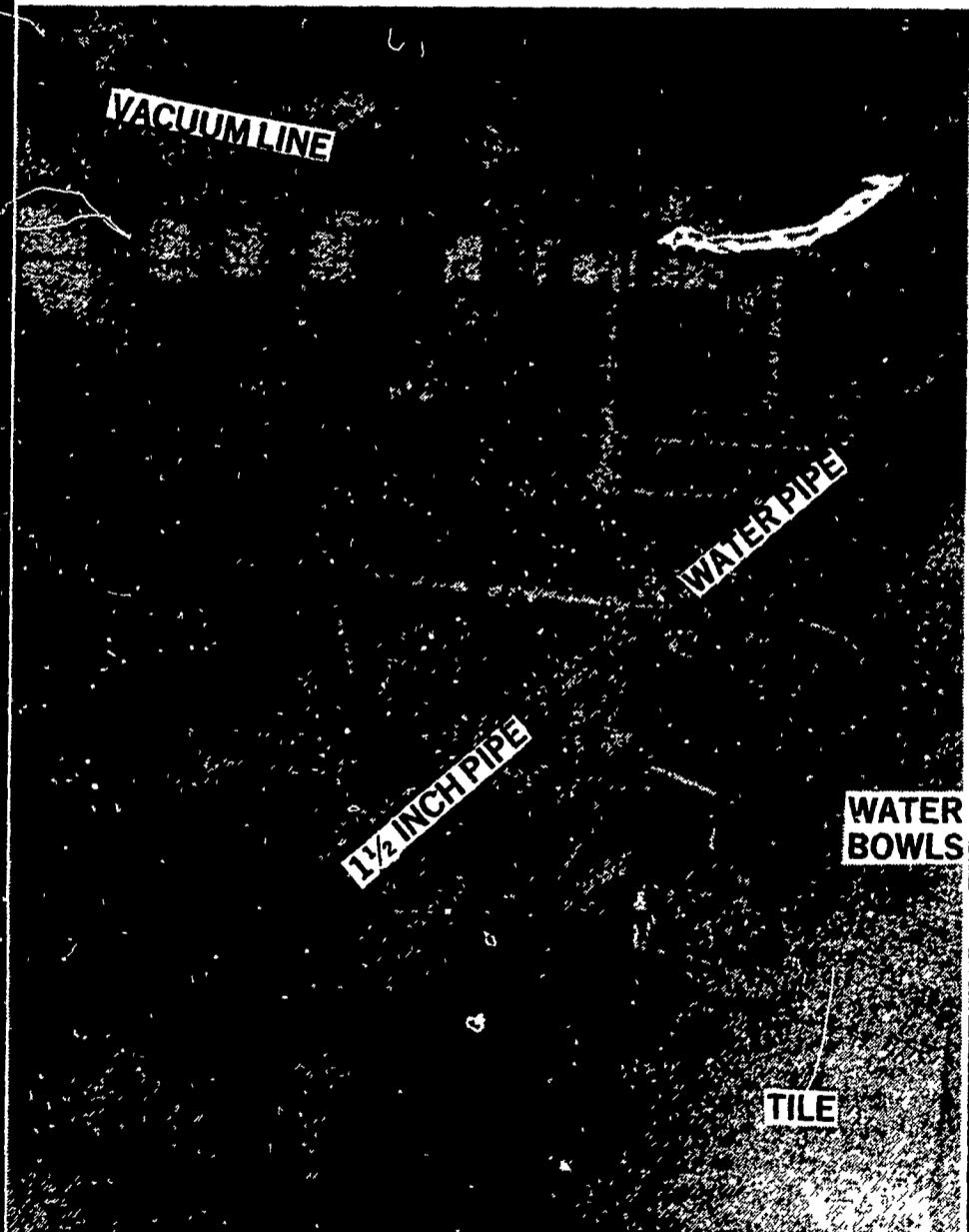
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