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Blair Co. man named to ag post

HARRISBURG — John M. Drake, 51, of Curryville, Blair County, has been appointed Regional Director for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Region Five Office, according to Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. Drake assumed his new duties with the Department on May 9.

As Regional Director, Drake will be responsible for the day to day operations of the regional office, which is located in Altoona. In addition, Drake will supervise the work of the field staff who operate out of the office.

Hallowell said he was pleased that Drake has accepted the appointment.

Drake has an extensive background in agriculture and governmental affairs as a major factor in his selection for the position. "John Drake has had a great deal of experience in agriculture and in the farm problems of southwest central Pennsylvania," he said. "He has repeatedly proved his capabilities through work in agricultural organizations as well as a variety of governmental associations. I am confident that John will become a major force in our efforts to make the Department's Region Five Office more responsive to the needs of farmers and consumers in the area."

Drake and his wife, the former Jean M. Quarry, own and operate Cove Knoll Farms in Curryville, in partnership with their two youngest sons. The farm consists of 220 acres, where the Drake's maintain a herd of 150 cattle, including 85 Holstein milk cows.

Drake is a member of the State and National Holstein Associations, the North Woodbury Grange, where he is a past Pomona Master, the State and National Grange and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, where he served as Blair County Director. He is the immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors. Elected North Woodbury Township Supervisor for the past 18 years, Drake served as secretary of that board for 16 years. He served two years as president of the Blair County Association of

Township Officials, as well as serving as chairman of the Blair County Planning Commission.

Active in community associations, he is a member and a past president of the Martinsburg Booster Association, a member of the Martinsburg Rotary Club, and a member of various county and local Republican clubs. Drake is also a member of several Masonic bodies and the Jaffa Shrine.

Drake was educated in the North Woodbury Township School and Martinsburg Borough School. He is a member of the First Brethren Church in Martinsburg.

The Drake's have six children, all married. Drake has lived on a family farm his entire life. Raised on his parents' farms, he and his wife started farming for themselves in 1948.

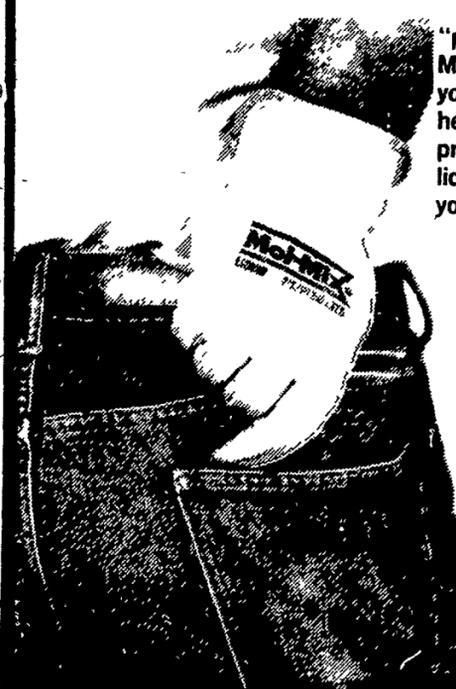
Kutztown FFA elect officers

The Kutztown FFA Chapter elected new officers for the 1979-80 school year. They are as follows: President, Keith Flicker of Maxatown, Vice President, Bruce Latshaw of Alburts R1, Secretary William Zollers of Mertztown R1, Treasurer, Dean Shoemaker of Mertztown R1, Reporter, Ellen Kamp of Kempton

R2 Sentinel, Randy Rabenold of Kutztown R2, Richard Savidge of Mertztown R1, Student Adviser, Dean Bruno of Kutztown.

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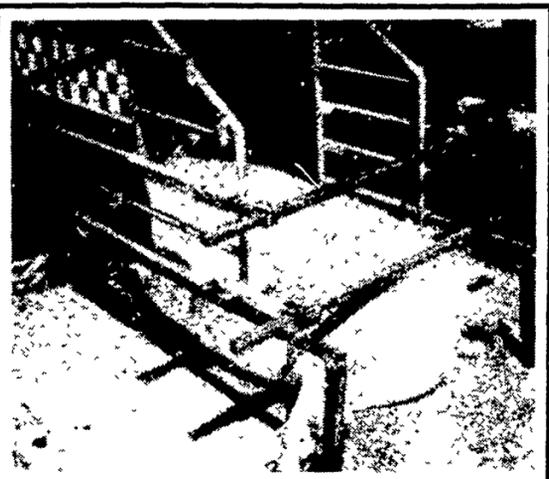
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