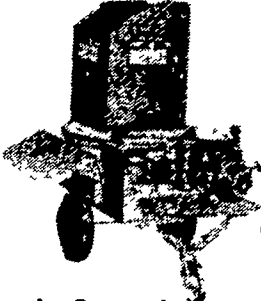


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Lee to retire from Md. agriculture

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Dr. Robert J. Lee, Chief of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Meat & Poultry Inspection Section, has announced plans to retire from state service effective February 1.

In accepting Dr. Lee's decision, MDA Secretary Wayne A. Cawley, Jr. said, "Lee's retirement is a great loss not only to the Department and the State, but also to the consumers whom he has served so well. He has been most dedicated to

performance of his duties, and he will be notably missed."

"We in the Department wish him success in whatever pursuit he chooses in the years ahead.

"While it will be difficult to find a replacement of Dr. Lee's caliber, MDA will continue to maintain the reputation of our state Meat & Poultry Inspection service and work to strengthen it even further to make it the best in the nation."

Dr. Lee began his state

career in 1968 when he was selected to organize a Meat & Poultry Inspection Section in what was then the State Board of Agriculture. Four months after that program became operational in 1969, Dr. Lee had established Maryland as the first state to be declared equal to Federal Inspection standards.

When Maryland's General Assembly created the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 1972, Lee retained his position and continued to build an impressive record of service to the meat and poultry industry and the public.

He has received U.S.D.A.'s Superior Service Award twice for outstanding leadership in his field, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture bestowed its Honor Award for Administration on him in 1976.

Lee also has received several commendations from State and University of Maryland officials for his "outstanding work in consumer protection programs". His latest recognition came in 1979 when U.S.D.A. commended him for setting up an undercover investigation



ROBERT J. LEE

which led to the successful prosecution of a Pennsylvania man who was transporting adulterated meat into Maryland to sell for human consumption.

A Past-president of the National Association of State Meat and Food Inspection Directors and currently the Executive Vice-president of the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians, Dr. Lee plans to open his own consulting business to specialize in problems of the small meat packing and processing plants.

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begin construction of picnicking and hiking facilities as early as 1982.

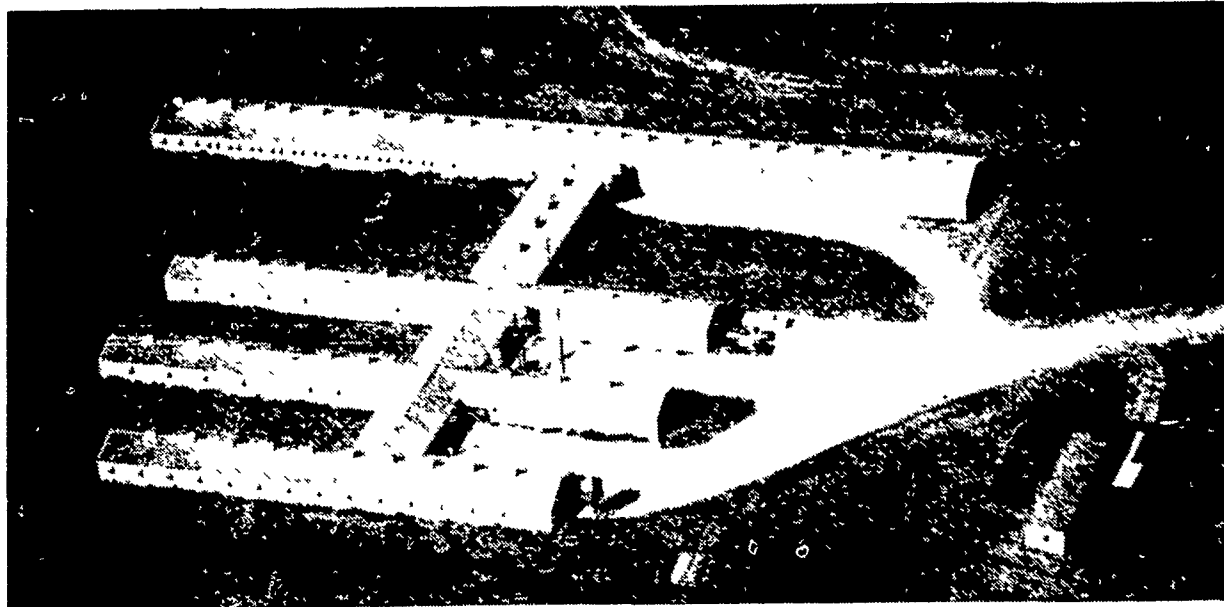
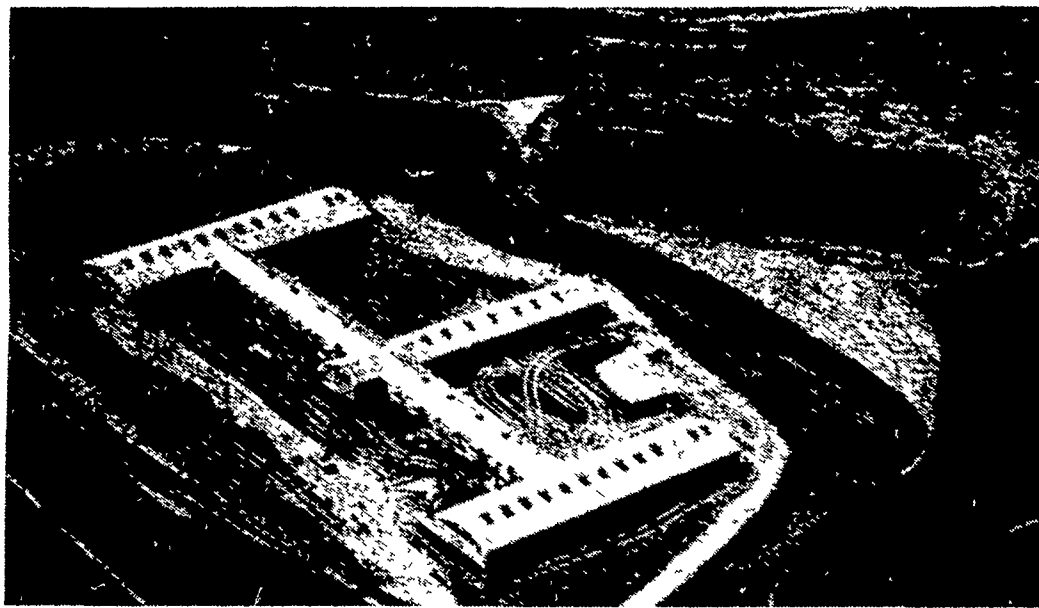
Original plans for the Park included construction of a dam and creation of a water supply and recreational lake on Swatara Creek. In addition to picnicking and hiking, the plan called for development of swimming, hunting, fishing, canoeing, boating and camping facilities.

At current price levels, DER projects that major development, including dam construction, road relocation, and building of recreation facilities, should cost in the area of \$18 million.

Manbeck said that when completed, the Park will provide an easily accessible recreation facility for Dauphin, Lebanon, and Schuylkill County residents, and a first rate tourist attraction for visitors from all areas of the Commonwealth.

In addition to the benefits of the recreational facilities, Manbeck also noted that the Swatara Lake project is vitally necessary as a water supply source for the area. "If Central Pennsylvania is to continue to grow," Manbeck said, "we will need to be able to increase our water supply. The Swatara Lake Park project is designed to help us do this."

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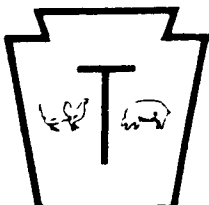
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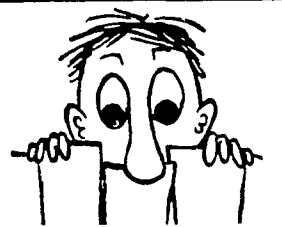
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