

Dean James Beattie to retire

UNIVERSITY PARK — James M. Beattie, dean of Penn State University's College of Agriculture since 1973, will retire June 30, 1981.

Dean Beattie announced Monday that he has decided to accept early retirement in order to pursue personal interests.

John W. Oswald, president of the University, said that Dean Beattie "has played a very important role in the administration of the University and has brought real leadership to the College of Agriculture. He will be missed tremendously."

"I wish I could convince him to delay his retirement. We will begin, in due time, the necessary steps leading to a search for his successor."

Among the College of Agriculture's achievements since Beattie became dean, said Oswald, are:

Recruitment of highly qualified members of the faculty and staff;

Modification of research activities in the Experiment Station to reflect the changing needs of agriculture in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation;

Creation of the Food Science Department in 1975;

Utilization of new technology in the Extension Service to provide relevant information to the agricultural industry throughout the country; and

Improvement and expansion of Agricultural Progress Days, now held at a single location in Rock Springs.

A nationally known agricultural educator and research administrator, Dean Beattie holds the academic rank of professor of horticulture. He also is director of both the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service at Penn State.

From June, 1979, through June, 1980, he was chairman of Penn State's Council of Academic Deans, an advisory board to the president and the provost of the University.

A native of McLean, Va., Dean Beattie received his



James M. Beattie

B.S. in horticulture from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in pomology from Cornell University in 1948.

He joined the Ohio State University faculty in 1948 as an assistant professor of horticulture. From 1953 to 1962, he served successively as associate professor and professor of horticulture, for the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

In 1963, he became

assistant director of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, and assistant director of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at Ohio State. He was promoted to associate director of these positions in 1969. From 1969 to 1973 he was associated director of both Ohio State's College of Agriculture and Home Economics, and of the Agricultural Research and Development Career.

Throughout his career, Dean Beattie has stressed the need for a strong scientific underpinning in agricultural research and education. He is a former president (1969-70) and chairman of the Board of Directors (1970-71) of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

He has been active in the Division of Agriculture of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, has served as chairman of the Experiment Station Committee

291-bushel corn

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committed and take better care of the equipment. The fact is, everyone feels involved. No one gives a second thought to putting in a 96-hour work week during pea harvest, or getting up in the middle of the night to check the irrigation system.

They make up for all their hard work during the growing season by doing a lot of snowmobiling during the winter. They also represent two Country Western artists' fan clubs and whenever they can get away like to hop in their motorhome and drive to shows around the country. Turkey sales keep them tied down until Christmas. But from then until mid-March they're basically free to enjoy a well-earned vacation.

Talking to members of this organized, dedicated farm family, it's easy to understand why it should be someone like them who produced Delaware's

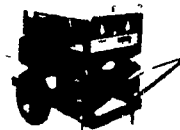
record-smashing yield this summer. "Nothing comes before work," says Phyllis, speaking not just of her husband's nightly maintenance check on each piece of equipment after it comes in from the field, but also, one feels, of the whole family's attitude. They expect to do well, and consistently harvest yields well above the average for the crops they grow. Their achievement this summer was certainly no accident, but the result of a lot of hard work and sound management over a long period of time.

"With yields up near the 300 mark," says agronomist Mitchell, "we're in a position to learn from them." Among other things, these top yields may make more New Castle County farmers take a second look at irrigation. Until now, not many have thought it worth the investment, on land that already produces quite well in most growing seasons."

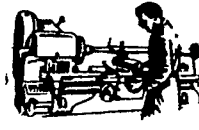
on Organization and Policy, and of the Council of Administrative Heads of Agriculture and of the Division of Agriculture.

He has numerous professional memberships and is the author of more than 50 research papers and monographs. His society memberships include Alpha Zeta, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, and Gamma Sigma Delta.

One of Dean Beattie's principal interests is the development of successful agricultural practices in underdeveloped countries. He was active in Ohio State (Turn to Page D23)



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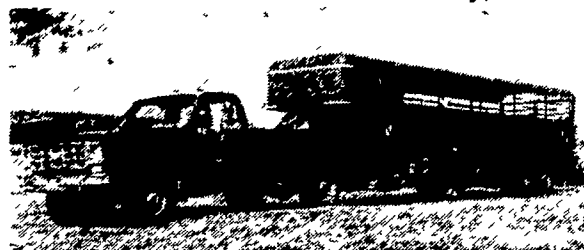


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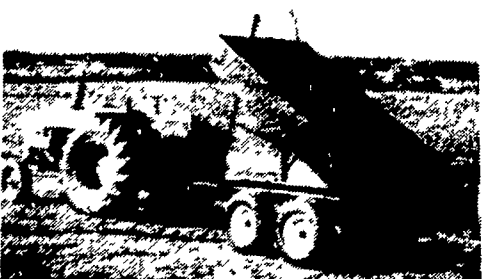
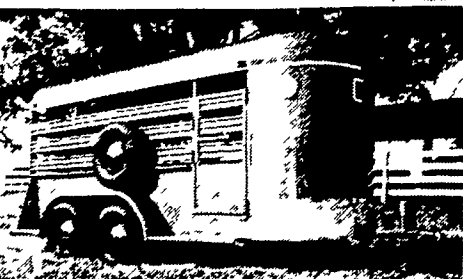
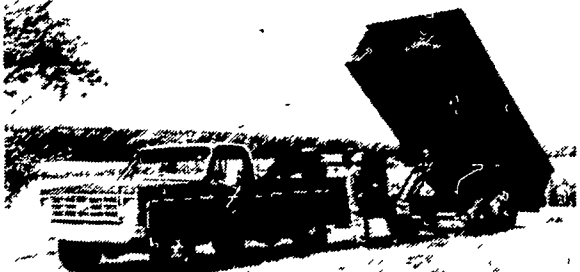
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