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Soil Bank Must Be Voluntary, Secretary Benson Says in Reading

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to the Republican Party's agricultural program. President Eisenhower, called for "full income parity" with no new remedies. Both the President and his Seclong decline in farm prices has been checked Secretary Benson noted a six per cent improveare likely.

Farm income and farm prices have declined every year except two since 1947. They were not down during the height of the Korean War and during 1956, Mr. Benson told the news conferenc and banquet. Since December they have advanced seven per cent. He cited war as the cause of higher prices during Democratic administrationss, but added "We can have peace and prosperity at the same time.

was still open on proposed legis- 20 per cent higher were it not lation for mandatory poultry in- for the \$8 billion in government spection. "I've made no decision, storage We moved \$2.7 billion I have not expressed my view officially Even the poultry men are three channels, to move these are not fully united on the proposal," he told

unfair to the farmer "Under ri- rupt markets "You can't legisgid supports we have held pric- late out of existence the basic es stable at the taxpayer's ex- law of supply and demand," Mr pense," he told. Orderly market- Benson asserted ing, at a level where production can move into consumption not into government warehouses - is the best program, he told, for "a storehouse is not a market"

The Soil Bank is flexible The real test will come in 1957 This year it came so late some crops were alrady planted It will help the poultry and dairy men in Pennsylvania, Mr Benson told, "for it will give buoyancy and strengthening of farm prices . . . I don't believe the Government should say what the farmer should do or not do

Attention was focused on the Suez situation, which the Secretary explained will have an influence on U. S. exports "Egypt competes with us in some crops, as under our very unwise cotton policy Egypt expanded her acreage and we lost our market, from 66 per cent to 20 per cent.

Never has there been so much emphasis on reducing costs in producing and marketing farm crops Housewives buy more than food - they buy 'built-in maid service" in dressed poultry, prepared foodstuffs, but "there are meffficiencies in distribution of farm commodities"

The Administration finds encouragement on the Corn Belt, a hot spot politically - "I just came back from five states andfind people very encouraged There's generally a good spirit, prices are not as high as we would like, but the midwesterners are encouraged, hopeful," he

Speaking of potatoes, which recently experienced a drop from to \$1 cwt from \$7 to \$9, Mr. Benson said "potatoes are perishable, they come in and out quickretary pointed to the fact the ly affected by weather. We feel the diversion program is best. plus research. We've announced a program that provides an imment in farm prices over last mediate 50-cent cwt subsidy plus year, and further improvements whatever they'll sell for. We're moving more lower quality potatoes into other lines such as starches.

> There are no plans for reducing the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Secretary told, and states have wide flexibility in how they may use ACP funds.

"It's unsound, unworkable to put firm supports under perishable products, we favor institutional feeding, not buying for storage," he told

Last year farm income would The Secretary said his mind have totaled \$2 billion more or from storage last year There surpluses into domestic markets, to export, to destroy - which is Programs of the past have been unthinkable, but each will dis-

> He favors "100 per cent in the market place" for farm output unless you want a completely socialized agriculture, you can't do it by price-fixing. "Eightyeight per cent of the decline in farm prices came under Government supports, two-thirds before this administration moved into Washington Never has there been a successful attempt made to fix prices without socializing ındustry," he added.

> Answering Mi Stevenson, the Secretary said "We see drouth relief not as a political expedient, there is no drouth relief in 37 states, in one of every six counties in the United States"

As a footnote to his address in the packed ballroom of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Mr Benson told the Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers

"Let me add one word; my call as Secretary of Agriculture came as a great shock to me. I couldn't imagine anyone in his right sense wanting to take the office. But you can't refuse to serve your Government I am the father of six, one who loves this country. I'm concerned about the future we will leave our children. I'm gratetul for what I've found in the past four years.

"We have in our Chief Executive today a man of real character, where there isn't any character, there isn't much at all Regardless of the party in power, I hope we have a man in the White House of the caliber of our present Chief Executive

Champion Solanco Hereford



Jack Heidelbaugh, son of Mr. and Mfs. Roland Heidel baugh, R1 Quarryville, topped the Hereford division of the 4H Baby Beef Show at Quarryville. Here he is with his-winner (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Women's Page

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One teaspoon cinnamon One-fourth teaspoon cloves Dash of salt.

Put in no liquid, because your sugar and tomatoes make juice FRIED TOMATOES

> Mrs. Jason S. Lowiy, R2 New Holland

Halve or quarter red tomato, depending on size Roll in flour

Salt Fry in skillet with One cup milk Two or three tablespoons

sugar if desired Put shortening in pan, ioll tomato in flour. Fry on one side, then turn, but do not brown them Salt Pour on milk, stirring till it boils. We like sugar in ours That is up to the maker if they like it sweet Don't skin the tomato We like it on

That's about it for now keep your cards and letters coming We appreciate them much Come Filday a week, we'll See vou again

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We must move forward to a fice, expanding, prosperous agriculture - and with God's help, it will be done" he concluded

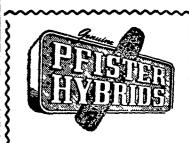
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Stumpf Holstein Leads Red Rose DHIA in August

The highest 305 day lactation in August was completed by a Registered Holstein owned by John G Stumpf, R7 Lancaster This "SH 30" daughter was milked three times daily and produced 21,948 lbs of milk and 865 3 lbs of butterfat The second high lactation was completed by a Registered Holstein owned by Harry H. Ranck, R1 Ronks This 'SH-10" daughter produced 19,-140 lbs of milk and 7515 lbs of butterfat.

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