

**Regional Star**

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of five regional star farmers selected from 197 Keystone Farmer degree winners. The award will be presented at ceremonies in the forum of the state education building, Harrisburg, on January 15, 1964.

Kenneth Martin, Denver R2, was runnerup to Brubaker for region II honors in the contest based on vocational agriculture students' scholarship, leadership, farming program and community activities.

Brubaker, vice president of the Witness Oak FFA Chapter and first vice president of

the county association, is a member of the National Honor Society at Donegal High School where he stands sixth in a class of 134.

He has been elected Teen of the Week, Boy of the Month, a member of the senior play cast, and Editor in Chief of the school yearbook. He is currently serving as treasurer of the Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Club.

Last year Brubaker was state FFA dairy judging champion and was a member of the Pennsylvania team that won a gold medal in national competition at Waterloo, Iowa. Last year, also, he was the state winner of the Penn-

sylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives contest and became the state representative to the American Institute of Cooperation at Ohio State University. His activities in breeding Holstein cattle and managing sales of Holsteins won the title "Pennsylvania Holstein Boy" in 1962.

The Regional Star Farmer award represents a two year march beginning in 1962 when he was named Star farmer of his chapter. Earlier this year he was named Star Farmer of the County.

Brubaker represented the state earlier this year as Pennsylvania winner of the Youthpower contest, and was awarded a trip to Chicago.

With all his activities, Brubaker still finds time to care for his five registered Brown Swiss and 20 registered Holstein cattle, 6,000 broilers, and farm 180 acres of corn, wheat and alfalfa in partnership with his father.

Brubaker's cattle have won a host of prizes in the show ring. At the 1961 regional FFA show he had the senior and grand champion Holstein. In 1962 his senior champion Holstein at the regional show was named reserve champion and went on to first

place in the aged cow class at the state junior dairy show. His regional dairy show entries this year won the Brown Swiss junior championship, senior championship and grand championship. He went on the state junior dairy show, repeated all the regional wins and added the reserve grand championship.

Brubaker's advisor is Grant Miller, teacher of vocational agriculture at Donegal High School.

award reserved for fathers of three or more Keystone Farmers.

Martin's son, James, won the degree in 1958. A second son, David, received the degree in 1961, and this year the award was won by Kenneth.

More awards will go to Garden Spot High School as Robert P. Simon, Jr. Supervising Principal at the school receives the honorary degree.

A total of 197 degrees were awarded across the state. Thirteen school administrators will receive the honorary degree.

The degrees are based on scholarship, leadership, farming program, and community activities.

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G. Spitzer, Shenandoah R1, Cloisters Chapter, Donald S. Miller, Elizabethtown R1, Elizabethtown Chapter; Dale K. Heishev, Manheim R3, Manheim Chapter, and Stanley Graver, Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, Garden Spot Chapter.

The fathers of all the boys will be presented an honorary Keystone Farmer degree, and each of the mothers will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Keystone Association FFA.

Mr. Aaron Martin, Denver R1, will receive a special

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removed — is also being imported under the 16 1 cents duty.

Hess said since the scrap tobacco has no stems or ribs it is essentially stemmed cigar leaf and should be subject to a duty of 23 cents a pound.

Meanwhile, Representative Paul B. Dague assured 31 Lancaster County tobacco growers, in Washington for the hearings this week, that he would personally investigate the charges of preferential tariff treatment on US imports of scrap tobacco.

He said he would request the Treasury Department to explain why scrap tobacco containing no stems is permitted to be withdrawn from bonded warehouses at the same duty rate as unstemmed cigar filler leaf. Dague pledged he "would do everything possible" to prevent a tariff reduction on imports of foreign tobacco.

Hess said this week that he understands there are some 1,100 to 1,500 people who have requested permission to testify at the tariff hearings. The hearings will probably drag on all winter," he said. "but the inequities now existing should be corrected immediately."


"We can not censure the tobacco companies for trying to buy their raw materials as cheaply as possible," he said. "but the Lancaster County farmers can not afford a drastic cut in price. We are too near the cost of production now, and we really have no alternate crop to turn to. A reduction in tariff on imported tobacco can't help but lead to a downgrading of the caliber of agriculture in Lancaster County."

Hess said Thursday night he had not had an opportunity to study the testimony presented by tobacco companies. He said the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative would be given time to testify in rebuttal later, but he has not yet decided if rebuttal testimony would be advisable "until we have had time to study the testimony."

Samuel J. Orr, General Manager of the Connecticut-Massachusetts Tobacco Cooperative, Inc. Thursday supported Hess before the five man tariff commission. He said a cut in tariffs would have a direct effect on the grower and his family in that "with possible added imports of tobacco our present surpluses would be greatly increased and as a result our chances for a market for our tobacco would be decreased greatly."

Hess repeated that the farmer needs to be represented collectively in the market place. The tobacco companies are in business to make a profit, he said, but the growers can not afford a further cut in prices.

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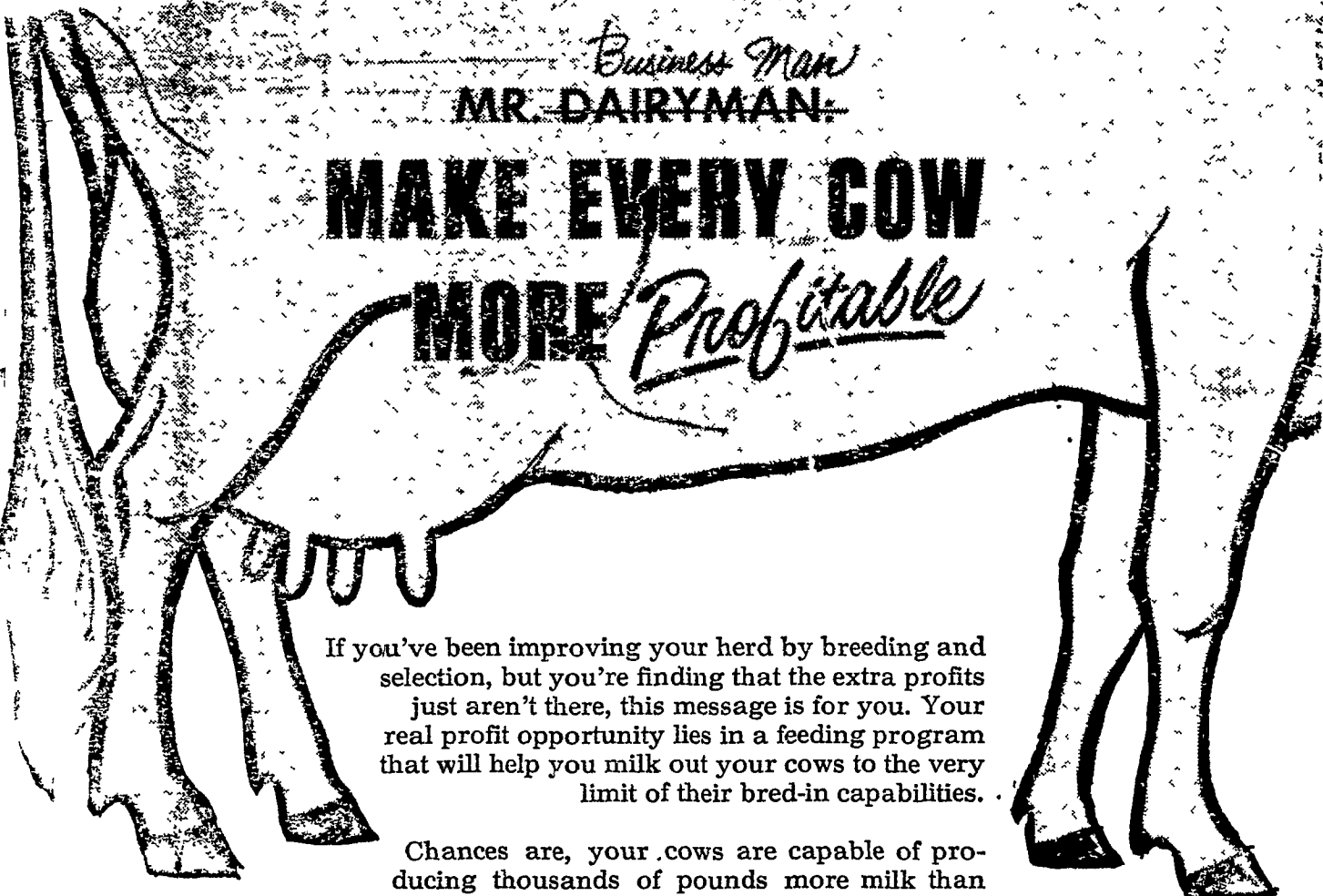
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