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Shuman Labels Proposed Farm Legislation "Same Old Junk" At PFA Meet

"If we go another 25 years under the sort of farm programs we have now, we won't need a million farmers, as President Johnson suggests, 100,000 will be too many because we'll have priced most farm commodities right out of the market," Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said this week. He was addressing an audience numbering approximately 200 at a Pennsylvania Farmers' Association industry-wide meeting near Harrisburg.

The current administration thinking on farm legislation seems designed to put a premium on inefficiency, Shuman said. "The proposed graduated payments to farmers will be used as a wedge beginning with rice and wool, the man producing smaller amounts would receive higher payments than the larger producers. This would amount to premiumizing the inefficient," Shuman stated. "With this approach it won't take long to raise food prices to consumers," he predicted.

Shuman said that, without exception, all past efforts to control and regulate agricultural production have failed. "And this 'new' program is

the same old junk," he said. "The parity ratio is at its lowest point in 30 years," the farm leader stated. He pointed to the contrast in economic stability of the crops that were regulated by government versus those which were sold on a free market. "The two-thirds of agricultural products not blessed by agricultural schemes is in much better condition. Soybeans, for example, the third most profitable crop in the country. Compare that with the wheat, cotton, and feed grains situation," Shuman challenged.

He labeled direct payments and certificate plans as the most direct way to socialism. "The farmer will have to turn more and more to the government for his net income, and the consumer will

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SOME LANCASTER COUNTIANS attending the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Industry-Wide Farm Program Meeting this week are shown above with Charles Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Left to right they are: Harold Rohrer, Lancaster County delegate to the state association; James Kreider; Donald Ney, secretary of the county association (LCFA), Shuman; Clyde Wivell, vice-president LCFA; James Martin, publicity chairman LCFA, and James Garber.

Fed. Milk Order Meeting Set For June 8 At Phila.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will hold a public meeting June 8 in Philadelphia, Pa., to receive oral views, data and arguments on proposed termination of the Delaware Valley Federal milk marketing order.

This order sets minimum prices to dairy farmers supplying milk to the Philadelphia, Pa., and Wilmington, Del., metropolitan areas, and to most of southern New Jersey.

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FULTON GRANGE #66 TO BURN MORTGAGE

Fulton Grange #66 will burn the mortgage on their building in Oakryn, Pa., Monday, June 14, 8 p.m. This building was purchased fourteen years ago and has been used for many community activities as well as Grange functions. The Grange has made extensive improvements on the original building including an additional room built three years ago. This meeting will also feature the annual

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Pa. Poultry Fed. Plans Annual Summer Conf.

Local poultrymen have a market for high quality meat and eggs selling at competitive prices. Pennsylvania Poultry Federation members will be reminded June 16 and 17 during their annual summer conference at The Pennsylvania State University.

Topics June 16 will feature egg production and marketing. Management problems will be stressed June 17. The annual business meeting of the Federation will be held June 16 at 4:15 p.m. in the Nittany Lion Inn, headquarters for the two-day conference.

Harry P. Metz of Belleville, president of the Northeastern (Continued on Page 12)

Farm Family Spending For Consumer Goods Is Up, New Survey Shows

The average American farm family spent about \$3,600 for consumer goods and services in 1961, according to a nationwide consumer expenditure survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Regional spending varied considerably by areas — from a low of \$3,160 in the South to a high of \$4,520 in the West.

Since USDA's Agricultural Research Service participated in the last survey of farm families in 1955, rising incomes and prices have pushed their expenditures about one-

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Health Department To Hold Hearing On Air Pollution Regulation

A public hearing on a proposed air pollution regulation to control smoke and dust will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health at the department's regional office at 401 Buttonwood Street, West Reading, on June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The hearing in West Reading will be for interested persons from Northampton,

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USDA Studies Marketability Of Low-Fat Milk

Sales of a new milk product — low-fat milk — may triple by 1970, according to a report issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The report, a joint study by USDA's Economic Research Service and Statistical Reporting Service, points out that weight-conscious consumers are buying more and more low-fat milk. It says sales of low-fat milk are expected to increase faster than sales of whole or skim milk during the next few years.

In 1963, low-fat milk sales rose an estimated 24 percent over a year earlier and exceeded sales of regular skim milk.

Low-fat milk, sometimes called "two-percent" milk, has become widely available only in recent years. It usually contains about 2 percent butterfat and 10 percent

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DHIA Directors Vote Tester Pay Raise; Pledge \$200 To F&H Fund

At their quarterly meeting held this week at the Farm Bureau Bldg., directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association voted 8 to 5 in favor of a pay raise for the Association supervisors. Although the recommendation of the committee that had studied the raise question was for 3 cents per cow now and 2 cents more in October 1967, the group voted a 5 cent raise effective July 1, 1965. Since the board of directors is not a continuing body it was felt they could not make a decision for the 1967 board.

It was pointed out that this raise will help offset the one-half IBM charge the testers now pay to Penn State University on all cows tested. This arrangement for farmer and tester to each pay

one-half of this charge was set up originally on a one-year trial basis, and has never been changed. Associate county agent Victor Plastow, Association adviser, told the directors that Lancaster County is the only county in the state in which testers are paying a part of the accounting charge.

The approved raise is the first in five years for the supervisors. They were voted a week's vacation last year.

In response to a letter from Willis Esbenschade, president (Continued on Page 6)

Holstein Breeders To Hold Annual Meeting At Seattle June 3rd

A realistic approach to the economics of dairy cattle merchandising will be a program highlight of the 80th annual Holstein convention at Seattle, Wash., June 3, 1965. Four experienced marketing men will make panel presentations.

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average below normal. Normal high and low for the period is 79 and 56 degrees. Most of the cooler temperatures will occur during the second half of the period.

Precipitation will occur as showers late in the weekend and again about Wednesday. Total precipitation will probably not be more than 1/4 inch.