

McHale Speaks at Quarryville

James McHale, new Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, discussed farm programs and ideas of the new state administration at the annual banquet of the Lancaster Local, National Farmers Union at Quarryville Thursday night.

McHale stressed the need for more funds for agricultural programs, including such things as aid to small meat processors who face difficulties because of the new meat inspection laws, research programs, particularly in areas of marketing and promotion, and for providing constructive jobs for elderly citizens with low incomes.

In particular, Shapp mentioned that he hopes to transfer \$520,000 from the Department of Community Affairs to the Department of Agriculture for use in rural programs. He said the fair fund is being eyed with a view toward some changes in use of the funds.

He also said his department will work to help farmers obtain tax relief on their land. "The land should be taxed by its productivity, not its potential use," McHale said.

McHale said he will "take the responsibility of the leadership for the rural people" and a key emphasis will be on seeing that rural residents benefit from the ag department's work. In the past he said, most of the work of the agricultural department has been in the direction of the consumer.



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Ag Secretary Speaks

He also spoke on milk marketing and said reported kickbacks and other questionable actions on marketing will be investigated. "The governor wants information on the situation before he makes any decision to change the system," McHale said.

Edison W Osborne, who helped direct the Shapp election campaign in Lancaster County, explained Friday that while the new administration is well along in identifying the parti-

cular areas of its concern, the actual programs are still being developed.

Management Meeting

Due to stormy weather, the farm management meeting scheduled for March 4 dealing with "Legal Problems with Wills, Estates and Taxes" has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 18 in the Farm and Home Center.

This will be part of the regularly scheduled meeting on "Farm Transfer Arrangements."

Carl Hallgren, Lancaster attorney, will discuss the legal aspect and Fred Hughes, head of the Penn State Farm Management Department will deal with methods of farm transfer such as partnerships, contracts and installment sales.

Friends Help Barleys

Friends of the Harold Barleys last Saturday raised about \$700 to benefit the family, including six children.

Harold Bailey is the 32-year-old Millersville RD1 farmer who was paralyzed from the chest down since being injured in a fall while working in his father's tobacco barn last August.

"We're going to try to keep the farm, at least for another year," said Mrs. Barley. She said there's some hope her husband may recover.

Role of Marek's

(Continued from Page 1) ease from developing in the early and critical growth stages, it was explained.

It was emphasized that the started pullet is the key to a healthy and good producing flock. If Marek's can be kept from these pullets as they grow, the potential for a much more vigorous bird is possible from the day old bird all the way through to maturity.

Increasing pressure on profit margins in the poultry industry makes the increased efficiency from better disease control methods necessary, it was noted.

Robert Bucher, head of the

agricultural department for Commonwealth National Bank, spoke on the importance of good money management.

He stressed that the farmer's investments in production facilities will be three times greater by 1980 than today. This requires increasing emphasis on sharper management and sound records, current financial statements for borrowing, statements on income and expense for at least three years.

A cash flow chart to show their income and expenses will also be important, Bucher said.

Jay W Irwin, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, conducted the meeting.

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Randy Clark, Star Greenhand Farmer. The Star awards recognize outstanding achievement at various levels of the agricultural program.

Solanco FFA Chapter Has Banquet

(Continued from Page 8) medal winners in the state project record book contest were Scott Kreider, Clyde Dearolf, Larry Myers, and Carl D. Kreider.

Silver winners were Scott Mull, Adolph Bensinger, and Jay Hastings.

Four chapter members who received Keystone Farmer Degrees were recognized as follows: Scott Kreider, Roger Campbell, Carl D. Kreider and Tom Huber.

The chapter's two American Farmer Degree men were also recognized. They are James Huber and Preston LeFevre Jr. The two were honored in October at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

Special awards were presented to the six Keystone and American Farmer Degree winners by PP&L, represented by Jerry Shaffer.

Scott Kreider, Solanco FFA

president, was master of ceremonies. Three Solanco vo-ag teachers, Arba Henry, FFA advisor, Bill Fredd and Steve Leiser

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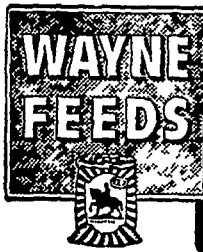
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