

PFA Charges McHale's Programs Are Destroying Pa. Agriculture

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sonal invitation to Secretary McHale to attend. To date, Mr. McHale has not seen fit to attend, or communicate with the group.

Welfare Programs — Item No. 6
Secretary McHale has approved thousands of dollars of agricultural research funds for training of those Rural Advisory Councils, and for a welfare health project in Northern Pennsylvania. PFA believes the first project completely worthless, and believes the second project could have been handled better by other government agencies equipped for this type of program.

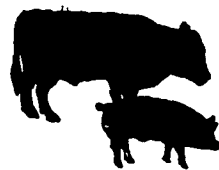
Marketing Bureau — No. 7
Secretary McHale wanted a base from which to operate his consumer programs. He dissolved the Marketing Bureau within the Department, and created another one. The Marketing Bureau was established by the Pennsylvania General Assembly; but Mr. McHale did not deem it necessary to even check with the General Assembly leadership before dismantling it.

Meat Inspection — Item No. 8
PFA fought long and hard to make certain that the Pennsylvania Meat Inspection law met the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act thereby assuring Pennsylvanians that we would have control of our own inspection program.

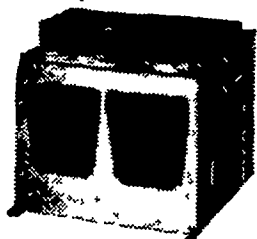
Since Secretary McHale came into office, many small butchers have met with harassment at the hands of state inspectors. Finally, the inspection program started to show some progress, but funds and top-notch administration people were removed from the program. Secretary McHale has assumed the administrative responsibility. The program is now unmanageable.

Farmers Come First — Item No. 9

Secretary McHale has stated time and again that he is for the farmer making a better income. PFA agrees with this objective,



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but what has Mr. McHale proposed to achieve this feat. Absolutely nothing.

Yes, he has written letter after letter to Washington, D.C. requesting more federal funds or federal action; but, he has proposed absolutely nothing here at home.

Department Morale — Item No. 10

Key personnel in the Department of Agriculture are suffering from great insecurity. Department morale is extremely low with professional people seeking other employment. The official attitude is change or be fired. Change to what? Nobody knows.

College of Agriculture — Item No. 11

The college of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, is a suspect. It can't do anything without drawing the suspicion of Secretary McHale. It is treated with open disrespect.

Milk Marketing — Item No. 12
Governor Shapp has announced his opposition to the Milk Marketing Law and has done everything within his power to kill it. And, what he hasn't done, Mr. McHale has volunteered to do for him.

Governor Shapp has tried to discredit the Milk Marketing Law, Milk Marketing Board and its former chairman. Secretary McHale led a caravan of Pennsylvanians into New Jersey to demonstrate the so-called high cost of milk in Pennsylvania.

Farm Show Preview — Item No. 13

Secretary McHale ignored the Farm Show Commission and killed one of the best agricultural public relations programs — the annual Farm Show preview. Each year more than 10,000 Pennsylvanians attend the farm Show Preview, but Secretary McHale cancelled it.

Farm Show Commission — Item No. 14

The 1972 Farm Show was a great success. Records of all types tumbled. The manager of the Farm Show was fired on the last day of the show. Again, Secretary McHale ignored the Farm Show Commission in his campaign to make it a paper organization only. In the past, the Agriculture Secretary hired and fired the Farm Show manager with the advice and consent of the Commission.

Dairy Referendum — Item No. 15
The committee, which was appointed by Secretary McHale to advise him on the Milk Marketing and Dairy Research Program, recommended to him that a referendum be held for dairymen to either enact or reject the program. To date, Secretary McHale has not made his intentions know.

Because of recent activities of Mr. McHale in the area of milk

marketing, producer interest is not high on the referendum.

Mr. McHale informed the dairy industry people that he was going to request a letter from dairy cooperatives which would: (1) Announce their position on the call of the referendum; and (2) If they favored a call, how many "bloc" votes will the cooperatives deliver.

First, let us explain that the majority of the dairy cooperatives have announced their intentions at a public hearing; and secondly, dairy cooperatives should not be forced to guarantee, even if they could, passage of the dairy referendum. Mr. McHale should understand that the reason for holding the referendum is for individual dairymen to express their convictions concerning the program through the ballot box.

Mr. McHale is establishing the cooperatives as a potential scapegoat if the program should be put to the vote and fail.

Reasoning Is Out — Item No. 16
Because the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association has disagreed with Secretary McHale, we do not have access to the Secretary's office or the Secretary. It's almost impossible to reason with a man, when he refuses to meet with you. It doesn't matter who you are... if you disagree with the Secretary on any issue, you have no further opportunities to confer with him.

These are the areas of major concern to the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association. We hesitated in bringing such items to public attention. We were hopeful that Secretary McHale would take the necessary steps to curb present trends within the Department of Agriculture.

It was a difficult decision for us to air these problems in public; but, representing more than 14,000 farm families compelled us to take this route when Secretary McHale refused to discuss these issues with us.

Agriculture can't afford to be splintered and divided; but

In the Kitchen

DIP FOR DIETERS

- 1 cup creamed cottage cheese
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- Dash of salt
- 1 tsp. fresh dill
- Carrot slices

Put cottage cheese, lemon juice and salt in blender; cover and blend at low speed for about 4 minutes or until smooth. Pour into serving dish; sprinkle with dill and top with carrot slices. Serve with celery and carrot sticks, other raw vegetables or potato chips. Makes about 1 cup.

neither can it afford the present situation of questions and suspicion. We can't assume the attitude of "principles be damned".

Reasonable men discuss their problems. Reasonable men seek solutions to their problems. No person or organization has all of the solutions, and it takes strong leadership to glean the wheat from the chaff.

We are gravely concerned about the future of agriculture in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the role of the Department of Agriculture.

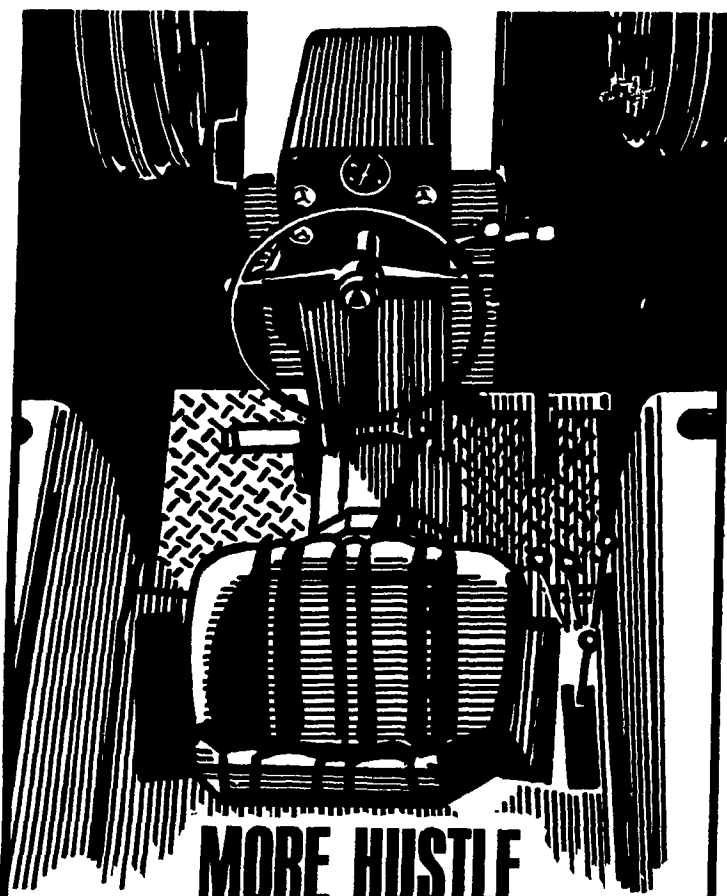
We are being led down a path of self-destruction. Change brought about by arrogance and destruction of current programs

does not constitute enduring progress.

At the present rate, the Department of Agriculture could be the next victim on the list for the wrecking crew.

We are hopeful that Mr. McHale will reconsider the apparent self-centered, destructive pattern that he has adopted as the "game plan" for his administration. The Secretary of Agriculture should be the representative of Pennsylvania Agriculture.

We plead with Secretary McHale to join with others in agriculture to form a positive force to meet the present and future needs of the agricultural community in Pennsylvania.



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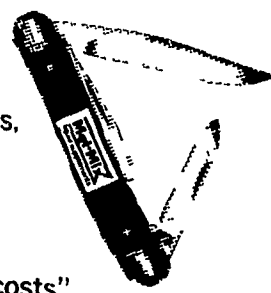


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