



The York Awning Company went a long way - 320 feet, to be exact - to erect this tent for the dairy exhibits this week at the Solanco Fair. The company said it was the longest tent they'd ever put up.

Fair officials reported they had a total of 158 dairy entries this year, the largest number ever at the Solanco Fair.



Joe Glackin displays the pair of market hogs that won him the grand champion trophy for pen of two in the swine show Thursday at the Solanco Fair.



Maurice Welk, a perennial winner at the Solanco Fair, added another prize to his bulging trophy case

on Wednesday when he captured grand champion honors in open Holstein competition.

James McHale

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feel it was their right to appoint the secretary of agriculture - it was just another chair in the College of Agriculture. Well, they learned differently."

There have, in fact, been some battles between the

University and the Department of Agriculture, most notably on the subject of research money. Critics assailed McHale when he put harness racing funds into a rural health study rather than into Penn State's research budget. McHale

also has his share of critics, and this newspaper has been among them, on his approach to dealings with Washington and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He's been accused of spending too much time picking on Washington and not enough time running his department. Answering that charge, McHale said, "The reason I criticize Washington is that that's where the prices are set. I've been trying to educate the

farmers of Pennsylvania to the fact that if they want to do anything about their problems, they've got to start in Washington.

"Take milk pices. Sure, we could have the Pennsylvania Milk Board raise the prices to farmers, but the dealers wouldn't have to pay it. They could just go across the state line and buy milk cheaper than Pennsylvania prices. The federal government has allowed dairy imports this year to be 264 times what

they were last year, and that has hurt prices tremendously. You can't fight that battle on a state level."

In a rare word of praise for Earl Butz, McHale said he was glad to see that the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture had scheduled a nationwide milk price hearing in Chicago on October 8. "They're going to try to set the price for all 61 federal marketing orders," McHale said. "We plan to be there urging them to put a

\$7.50 base under the Minnesota-Wisconsin series. That would bring the class 1 price in Philadelphia up to around \$10.50, which is about where it should be. A farmer was in my office the other day and showed me, in black and white, how it was impossible for him to produce milk for less than \$10 a hundred. I hope something can be done for dairy farmers. But whatever's done, it has to start in Washington."

McHale has more than an academic interest in farm prices, having just recently purchased a farm with 170 tillable acres in Mercer County. He and Mrs. McHale have been spending weekends and vacations this summer working on the farm. It is now idle land investment, because McHale has also bought a lot of equipment with which to work the farm.

"Secretary McHale," we asked in our most devious dare-you-to-answer-this-leading-question journalistic manner, "wouldn't you like to just shuck all this political stuff and go back to Mercer County to work your farm?"

"Well," he replied in the manner of a truly seasoned politician, "that's entirely up to the Governor."

Cholesterol Concern

A team of research investigators at the University of Georgia recently uncovered evidence that the type of saturated fatty acids which raise blood cholesterol levels are not found in meat fat. They also report indications that one of the primary saturated fatty acids in meat fat actually lowers both blood cholesterol levels and blood pressure.

Dreamin'

The guy next door really did fall in love with the girl of his dreams—only trouble was she turned out to be a nightmare.

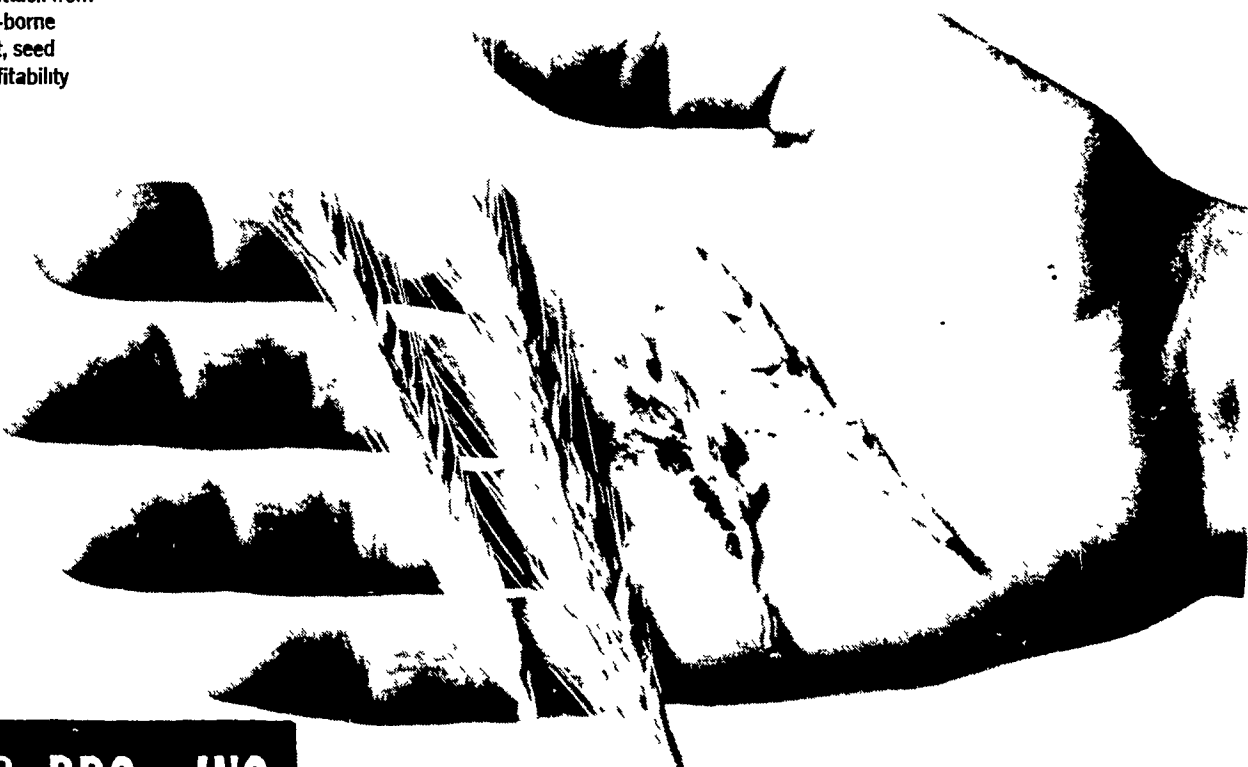
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