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McHale plowed under by Senate

By Dieter Krieg

By a vote of 25 for, and 24 against, Agriculture Secretary James McHale failed to receive the necessary 34 votes Tuesday to win Senate approval for a second term in the Shapp administration. Indications are, however, that he will remain in office at least until the end of the current legislative session, which is in January, 1976.

In telephone interviews with Lancaster Farming, the opinion of Senators who voted against McHale centered upon his record - which they believed was social-welfare orientated and not in the interest of Pennsylvania agriculture. The secretary was also criticized for "constantly attacking U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl

Butz." Senator Richard Snyder, who represents parts of Lancaster and Chester counties, commented: "It doesn't help Pennsylvania agriculture to be yapping at Butz all the time."

A statement released by Senator Franklin Kury, 27th District, said: "It is one thing for Johnnie Carson to continue a comedy routine at the expense of Earl Butz. It is not the same thing for the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture."

"I recall particularly, the press release issued by Secretary McHale last December," Kury continued. "In it he challenged Earl Butz to a milking contest to see who knew the most about agriculture. I thought that challenge

and the press release were a great insult to the dairy farmers of my district and the state of Pennsylvania."

In other comments made by the Central Pennsylvania Senator, McHale was described as being "not qualified for the position," and failing to speak on behalf of Pennsylvania farmers. "I do not expect that the Secretary of Agriculture would be a rubber stamp for the Grange or the Pennsylvania Farmers Association or Penn State or Agri-business, and no one will ever accuse James McHale of that, however I do expect that the Secretary will at least maintain a dialogue with these groups so that their views can be considered and fully appreciated by the Governor

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'How wet can you take wheat?'

By Dieter Krieg

LANCASTER - "How wet can you take wheat?" is the question, Tom Flory tells us, which is frequently asked in these parts by grain farmers who are beginning to scratch their heads wondering what they'll do.

All reports indicate that wheat is sprouting - either slightly or seriously. One Quarryville area grower

found his wheat sprouting and commented it is "soft as mush." Although he's still not sure what to do with it, chances are he will mow it for a combination of feed and straw.

"A little sprouting doesn't hurt," Tom Flory commented, adding that the remark is made on the basis of lots of experience in the milling business. He is the

fourth generation of millers who have been in the business since 1840. "Millers can still buy it," he continued, "there's no panic yet."

Most millers agree that if we receive dry weather now for five to six days, the crop could be knocked off by next Saturday. "We still have hopes to get it in," Flory remarked. Estimates of

what percentage of the crop is still out there ranged from nine-tenth to two-thirds, with most figures falling closer to nine-tenth.

Most millers were paying over \$3.00 per bushel for wheat, with a few expressing pessimism of one kind or another about the crop. "It's bad," said one, "the wheat is sprouting even though most of it is still standing."

Another commented "we had good yields before the rains, and it's surprising how well most of it is still standing, but it's sprouting anyway."

Some millers expressed little confidence in the prices being quoted from Chicago, adding that neither farmers, millers, nor bakers have forgotten their experiences last year and two years ago.

"Wheat will be low in quality and low in weight," said another in a telephone interview Thursday afternoon. "I don't trust the higher wheat market," explained a

Lancaster County miller whose price was the lowest of all surveyed, not counting the one who limited his price to strictly feed wheat, claiming that good wheat

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Members of the "Exclusive" Syndicate that purchased Sterk Exclusive a yearling bull met at the Atlantic Breeder's Co-op on Wednesday evening. Members attending are (from left) Earl Groff, Strasburg; Kermit Fasset, East Springfield, NY; Robert Bauermaster, Berlin; Wade

Groff, Lancaster; Charles Backus, Mexico, NY; Everett Backus, Mexico, NY; Alfred Albright, Landisburg; Charles Myers, Lancaster; David Murch, Lowville, NY; Horace Backus, Mexico, NY; John Metzler, Christiana. Frank Reichard, Lititz, an employee of the co-op, is shown leading the bull.

Area cattlemen buy Sterk Exclusive bull

By: Melissa Piper

Several area cattlemen joined with Holstein fanciers from New York and California earlier this year to buy Sterk Exclusive, a son of the celebrated sire

Osbornedale Ivanhoe as a syndicate.

Members of the purchasing syndicate, met on Wednesday evening, July 16 at Atlantic Breeder's Co-op in Lancaster to view the yearling bull where he is being kept at stud.

Area cattlemen who jointly purchased the animal include Alfred Albright, Landisburg; Robert

Bauermaster, Berlin; Earl Groff, Strasburg; Wade Groff, Lancaster; Charles Myers, Lancaster; John Metzler, Christiana; and Howard Moyer, York. Other members of the group include Horace and Charles Backus, Mexico, New York; Facet Bros., Springfield, New York; George Williams, West Winfield, New York

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Steve Hershey

Attends nat'l FFA meeting

By: Melissa Piper

MANHEIM - Steve Hershey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hershey, Manheim RA, was a recent visitor to Washington D. C., not merely as a sightseer but as a delegate to the National FFA Leadership Conference.

The Manheim youth, who

will be a junior at Manheim Central High School in the fall, was chosen by his fellow FFA members to attend the conference.

Steve will be serving the Manheim FFA as secretary this coming school year and was happy that he had the opportunity to attend the conference.

"We did learn the principles of leadership which will be of help to me next year," the young man explained.

Although his position as secretary will be a new one, Steve has also served the chapter as chaplain.

The National Conference is an annual event which

brings together FFA members from all over the United States to learn leadership responsibilities as well as getting to know other people.

"I enjoyed attending the conference," Steve commented, "as I was able to meet a lot of people, in fact,

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Steve Hershey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hershey, Penryn, recently attended the National FFA Leadership Conference held in Washington, D. C.