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Reaction to McHale is mixed they were undecided about ning of the Shapp ad- McHale's removal from By Dieter Krieg

LITITZ - Until they know who will replace Jim McHale Senate on Tuesday when as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, most farmers would rather not say was the second time within a whether McHale's recent six month period that the 47defeat in the Senate is for year old former dairy farbetter or worse.

tacted by this writer on as the state's Agriculture Wednesday, 12 indicated Secretary since the begin-

McHale lost the con-firmation vote 27 to 20, tt mer was rejected by the Out of 36 farmers con- Senate. McHale has served

the action taken by the State ministration in 1971 and is the governor's hand-picked choice to lead the Agriculture Department.

But his days in office are numbered now, and he is expected to be assigned to another position by the end of the year.

Two of the 36 farmers contacted said they thought

office was definitely for the betterment of Pennsylvania agriculture. Only one individual, who spoke on her own behalf, as well as for her husband, believed the Senate action was a blow to the state's farmers.

Eleven farmers said they

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Economy tied to world trade

CHICAGO, ILL. - The of American future agriculture is tied to the world market and the world economy, William J. Kuhfuss, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said here recently in addressing the Fifth International Commodities Conference in the Palmer House.

and viable U.S. farm economy is bright, if agricultural producers are free to compete in the world market without interference from government in the form of export restrictions, participation in international commodity agreements, government-held reserves, or high commodity loan opportunities for a dynamic

The head of the nation's largest general farm organization with 2.5 million farm families in 49 states and Puerto Rico said that the dramatic changes in the agricultural situation since 1970 offer almost unlimited

"The outlook for a healthy rates," the national farm and productive U.S. nd viable U.S. farm leader said. agriculture. agriculture.

Among the fundamental changes that have occurred in the past four years, Kuhfuss cited the following:

Under the present system of "floating" exchange rates, the U.S. dollar is no longer overvalued and the ability of U.S. farmers to [Continued on Page 14]

Production awards presented

By Melissa Piper

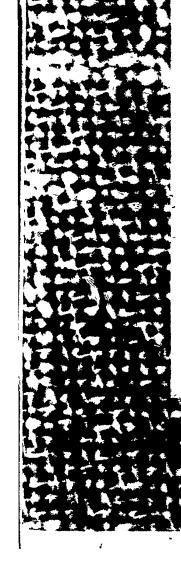
LANCASTER - Three County exceeded an average production of 425 pounds of butter fat for the year with their herdsmen honored for their efforts at the annual DHIA banquet held here on

registered Holsteins cluded: Rufus G. Martin, recorded the highest figures Ephrata R3, with 687 pounds hundred and ninety-three by producing 709 pounds of of butterfat and 18,953 dairy herds in Lancaster butterfat with 19,216 pounds pounds of milk; Ben K. of milk. The Leola R1 Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, 687 dairyman's herd was the pounds of butterfat and only herd in the county to 18,504 pounds of milk; Paul exceed the 600 pound but- B. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, terfat mark. Four other dairymen 16,275 pounds of milk and having over 650 pounds of Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville J. Z. Nolt's herd of butterfat in their herds in- R1, with 666 pounds of but-

678 pounds of butterfat and

terfat and 16,844 pounds of milk.

Six plaques were also presented to county



Tuesday afternoon.

lairymen having the best breed production. K. D. and Elsie Linde, Oxford R1, captured the award for having the best producing herd of Guernseys with

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airymen praised for records

By Melissa Piper

LANCASTER - "Lancaster County dairymen have produced invaluable DHIA records which I'm confident could not be matched elsewhere in the United States," noted Don dairy extension Ace. specialist; at the annual DHIA meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the Farm and character of most herds in the northeastern portion of Home Center here. While his opening remarks quickly reminded the reflected the high production dairymen that production in

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the United States has been "lacking over the years." Explaining that two problems had been reoccuring over the years, Ace expressed his hope that they could be controlled. "Controlling reproduction

problems and herd mastitis [Continued on Page 13]