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[Continued from Page 1] are better now for him than they had ever been. But the expenses he has bother him nonetheless. "Machinery is a lot higher than I ever thought it would be. I don't see how we can get a whole lot less for our milk and still keep people milking," he said. When asked if he had

quitting, thought of Thumma's answer was a "No." He works with a 100 hinted that he wouldn't be milking 85 cows if he hadn't raised them all himself.

Sam Long, Peach Bottom, works with approximately 50 cows and considers that size herd ideal for him. He enjoys working with his cows, considers the price of milk to be very fair and has no complaints. He does wish, though, that dairymen would maintain their herd sizes on a more even keel rather than expand hurriedly each time the price of milk looks more opinionized Long.

One former independent

dissatisfaction over the dairy business. As far as his own work and income is concerned, he's happy. He was very disappointed, however, about having been forced to take a lower milk price after having received no choice on whether or not to join the Federal Order 4 marketing area. As far as he and his wife are concerned, the free enterprise system lightning-fast and emphatic lost some ground when the Federal Order widened its per cent home bred herd and authority in the area. Their monthly losses after the changes exceeded \$600 at one time. What's more, they had to build a base. In spite of these setbacks, they remain optimistic.

Another dairyman interviewed during the past week stated that things look good, "but the government should keep its nose out of it. We'd be a lot happier dairymen if the government were out."

We're still behind other businesses in our profits, the favorable. That's what dairyman continued, but the causes the market to break, price was satisfactory just the same. Over the past 24 years during which he had dairyman in the area ex- been in business he's inpressed both satisfaction and creased his herd from 12

Young Farmers meet

Awards were presented at the annual banquet of the Cedar Crest Young Farmers at the Schaefferstown Fire Hall.

with 154.2 bushels per acre. and Art Krall came in a close hay contest was won by Arnold Acres with second upcoming Work Experience past years activities. Abroad Program. Jay is an FFA member at Cedar Crest in Norway.

The past president's award was given to Dick Kreider by the awards committee chairmen, Amos Balsbaugh.

Mr. Leroy Geesemen Glenn Wenger won first brought greetings from the place for corn grain yield state association. Leroy is the present Public Relations Director for second with 153.4 bu-a. The organization. Also speaking were Dr. Marlin Kessler, Superintendent of Cornwallplace going to Allen Nolt. Lebanon School District and Jay Ault was presented a Don McNutt, advisor to that cash donation from the organization. The two Young Farmers for his speakers summerized the

The banquet committee consisted of Dick Kreider, who will be on an exchange chairmen, Frank Riest Jr., program working on a farm Elwood Houser, Albert Moyer, and Ron Lentz.

cows to 125. Several construction programs were being undertaken at his farm at the time of this reporter's visit.

A recent new member of a dairy cooperative, the dairyman claimed that his expenses have increased somewhat since he joined but that overall he considers himself to be better off than before. He has no predictions on how the dairy business will continue, claiming that he couldn't even guess what next month was going to be

A 17-year old Chester Countian exclaimed that the dairy future was "bright." His family operates a 700acre grain and dairy farm with 115 cows. The only negative remark the youth had about his line of work was that calf prices were poor. An optimist, he figured they would improve in time.

Another dairyman commented "dairying is about as good as any line of farming . . . it's more even . . . not as rough on ups and downs as other lines.

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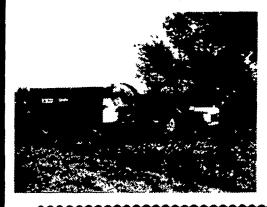
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