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## FARM EXPO NEARS

### HARRISBURG

Because the Pennsylvania Farm Show has proven itself to be too small to accommodate all of the latest and varied technologies of modern agriculture, farmers in the area are being given the opportunity to take a look at what else is new that may not have been seen before. Thursday marks the beginning of what is being loosely termed the "second Pennsylvania Farm Show." It's hoped that it will become an annual event.

Former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Sam Shelhamer, who conceived the March 12-14 equipment exposition at the Lancaster County Fairgrounds, said he hopes the new show will be a success. "I don't think there's any other way to solve the problems of the exhibitor who can't get into the Farm Show and make a little money for the complex," Shelhamer explained. "The Farm Show complex is in dire need of income. The new show has the potential to generate additional funds. Exhibit space was sold at \$1.44 per square foot. Just what will be available at the new exposition aside from the displays of equipment? A brief summary follows: One of the big events that's expected to attract a lot of attention is the auction that takes place on Saturday, March 10. Anyone can consign equipment or household items, and there's still time to do so. Just call either Blaine Hentzel (717-764-8412) or Ralph Horst (717-775-8324) or the Pennsylvania Farm Show office (717-767-8371). Con- siderable time will be accepted the day before the sale.

## National OYF award goes to John Barley

BURLINGTON, Vt. — A Lancaster County farmer last week became the first Pennsylvanian to be distinguished as a national winner in the Outstanding Young Farmer Contest.

John Barley, who has been the subject of several articles appearing in Lancaster Farming, won the honor here last Sunday during a special recognition banquet sponsored annually

by the United States Jaycees. He was one of four farmers from across the United States to receive the award.

Barley, who farms in partnership with his brother, is a 33-year old dairyman. He was raised on a farm at Conestoga R2, became active in 4-H, and has continually used his resources to expand or improve his farming operations.

The honor bestowed on Barley last week is the latest in a series of achievements. Earlier this year he was named a Master Farmer by the Cooperative Extension Service and Pennsylvania Farmer magazine. Active in both agricultural groups and community affairs, Barley has distinguished himself in numerous ways. He is a member of the Dairy Shrine Club, Inter-State Milk

Producers Young Cooperator Committee, Greater, Millersville Jaycees, Manor Township Planning Commission, and Solid Wastes Advisory Committee.

Two years ago Barley gained considerable attention as a result of a dispute he had with the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority (LARA). Fifty-

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John Barley

## Udder boys resist inflation's squeeze

By DIETER KRIEG

MOUNT JOY — The general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Dr. James Honan, had both encouraging and discouraging remarks to make last week when he addressed the District 7 membership meeting, here. But overall, he cautiously predicts a bullish future for cowmen.

On the positive side, Honan commented that he was optimistic about milk prices keeping up relatively well with the serious impact of inflation.

Also, Holly Milk Cooperative is in partial use, and should be in full operation in the near future. Still undergoing a testing period, Holly has had its major problems ironed out,

Honan said. A sewage line costing \$250,000 was laid to connect the dairy plant with municipal facilities, and Inter-State is convinced it is in the cooperative's best interest to have done so, the general manager explained.

Other items of good news include better relationships with neighboring dairy



Dr. James E. Honan

cooperatives and blossoming financial statements.

Inter-State's net savings goal of \$750,000 for the year is right on target, Honan said. Also, extra marketing costs aren't anticipated this year, although they may still occur, he added.

The dairy cooperative chief is concerned, however,

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## Pa. Holstein chief gets 20-year award

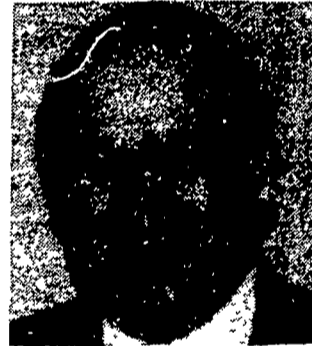
By JOYCE BUYP  
Staff Correspondent

READING — William Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, was honored here last week for 20 years service heading up the state's organization for purebred black and white cattle.

Nichol received the surprise honors during the

Friday evening banquet of the organization's 67th annual convention, held at the Sheraton Berkshire Inn. Long known as "Penn State's number one fan," Nichol was presented an elegant black and gold official Penn State captain-style chair.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," reflected John Cope, quoting from a



Bill Nichol

scriptural reference. Cope, the organization's vice-president, chaired the anniversary surprise presentation.

"It takes hands, arms, feet to make a vision a reality," continued Cope. "This organization has a tremendous variety of differences of opinion. Bill Nichol has steered us through these differences to

make us strong and to progress."

The Holstein secretary was also presented a memorial scrapbook featuring congratulatory letters from friends and business associates. The frontispiece, lettered in delicate calligraphy, includes a sketch of the state

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## Chet Heim named deputy ag secretary

HARRISBURG — Chester Heim is vacating his office at the Pennsylvania Farmers Association in preference for a job as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for the Thornburgh Administration. Heim was recently tapped for the position by the Governor and Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hollowell. He assumed his new post on Monday, succeeding him at PFA as Public Affairs



Chet Heim

Department manager is Richard Newpher.

Heim, a Schuylkill County native, farmed in partnership with his father and two brothers for 20 years. He joined the Schuylkill County Farmers Association in 1955 and that same year took a place on the state board of directors for PFA. During his association with PFA Heim also served on the executive committee, and

was organization director. He had been manager of the Public Affairs Department since 1968. Under Heim PFA became one of the 10 most influential lobbying groups in the state.

Richard Newpher joined PFA in 1973 as a regional organizational director. He had been in the Public Affairs Department as a legislative specialist since May of 1976. His duties and

challenges have included national lobbying efforts and commodity committee directions, local affairs, and political education.

Heim is a familiar face to many Pennsylvania agriculturalists, as he distinguished himself as an entertaining and effective speaker. He attributes his elocutionary abilities to early FFA experiences.



Penrose Hollowell

## In this issue.

Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hollowell says: "If you ever want to talk to me or get my attention, you don't have to bring your tractor to Harrisburg." Page 140 has details.

The Pennsylvania Holstein Convention took place last week. Stories appear on pages 93, 118.

We have more news from the Keystone Pork Congress on pages 124, 168, and 170, and a preview of the American Pork Congress on page 98.

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