



IT FEELS GOOD TO BE HOME again and on the tractor once more, Kenneth Myer said this week after a tour of 11 European countries as a People-to-People delegate from the Elizabethtown chapter of Future Farmers Kenneth, preparing alfalfa ground said this week he saw very little alfalfa on his tour, but he believes the greatest need of European farmers is more modern equipment. L. F. Photo.

● **Kenneth Myer**

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a few Ayrshires and some Belted Galloway" Myer said he was surprised to see that most of the machinery and tractors on display were of American manufacture

After spending most of his first Sunday abroad at the airport because of a schedule mix-up, Kenneth reached London and said he was impressed by the cleanliness of the city.

On a farm about 60 miles outside London, Kenneth said he saw 450 acres of wheat that would average 60 to 70 bushels

per acre With a damp climate and cool nights, the farmers could grow very little corn, but they did raise a mixture of oats, wheat and barley (which they called corn) to feed the 115 dairy cows on the farm.

The cows were milked in a herringbone milking parlor, "fairly modern", and housed in loafing barns Pasture and hay were supplied by Italian Rye-grass No grain was fed during the spring or summer, but the 100 acres of pasture, divided into 21 separate lots, was rotated every day.

In Denmark the Future Farmers visited the state experi-

mental farm where most of the cattle were Red Danes. "There were a few Jerseys and Holsteins, too," he said

Thatched roofs caused the local boy to wonder, until he learned that the barns stay cooler in summer and warmer in winter with grass thatching than with any other kind of roofing material

"We saw quite a few Landrace hogs in Denmark and a few Yorkshires," he said "Everywhere in Europe, the Landrace hog is very popular"

On a Government owned farm in Czechoslovakia, Kenneth saw field after field of hops growing up wires to poles like telephone poles All the farms in this part of the country were big — 2,500 to 3,000 acres, he said Some of the farms were collective (government owned) farms and some were cooperatives

At a collective farm in Hungary, the touring Americans

were served a meal that began with vegetable soup. "When the guy next to me dished up his soup, I saw a chicken head, with the eyes and comb still in place, on his plate I was careful not to get any chicken heads or feet in my soup" Kenneth said. The main course included the rest of the chicken "The soup didn't taste so bad, though," he added philosophically

On this farm of about 3,500 acres Kenneth was amazed to see the large number of horses and so few tractors "The tractors were pretty old and looked sort of home-made" he said

Three hours behind the East Berlin wall were more than enough for the Lancaster County farm boy "It was pretty eerie, and I was glad to get back on the Western side," he said of his bus tour Armed guards stood behind the windows on all the corners and

watched the progress of the bus. Checkpoint Charlie is a series of five gates, he said, and "they close the one behind you before they open the next one" The tour guide explained that the wall had to be built to keep East Berliners from spending too much money in the Western zone "I had heard about the wall, but I wasn't prepared for the broken bottles, barbed wire entanglements and armed guards on it" he explained

After a tour of Paris, the Future Farmers visited a farm in Belgium Flax, in bundles like wheat, was a crop new to the Pennsylvania boys. The farm on the site of the Battle of Waterloo had dairy cows called Pie Red, Pie White, Pie Black and Pie Blue, with the first part of the name being pronounced like "by" These were the "most dairy looking"

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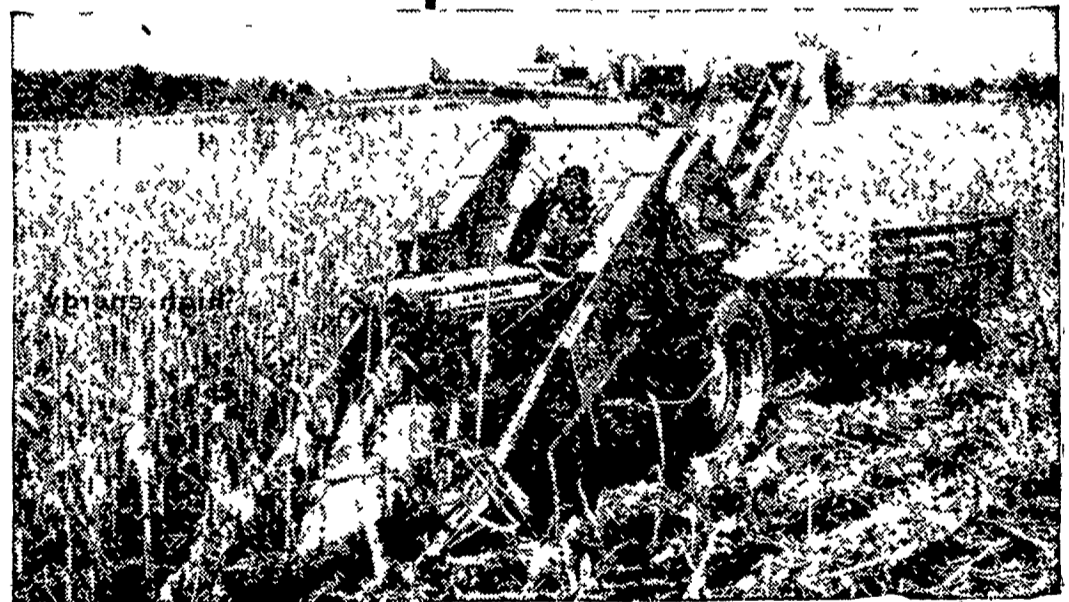
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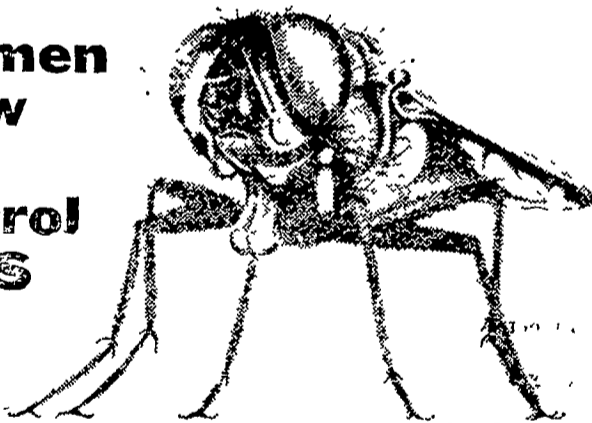
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