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By JOANNE SPAHR HARRISBURG, Pa.— What's the future of rural Pennsylvania?

One hundred and ten insection of the state's ruraloriented organizations Harrisburg, on March 27 to 29 to consider and hash out this question with the hopes of formulating recommendations and resolutions groups.

Dr. Louis S. Meyer, director of the Institute for Community Services of labor market doesn't have Edinboro State College, and coordinator for the two-day event, explained the concept of the first "Future of Rural Pennsylvania" workshop.

"There was no captive audience here," he explained, comparing the conference to business conventions or sociology conventions.

"We extended invitations to a wide variety of individuals in the rural segment such as county commissioners, vo-ag instructors, the Grange, the office of aging, and con-sumer groups," he continued. With this cross section, the hope was to combine the wide ranging input and to come up with resolutions and recommendations for each individual's home group to endorse and relay to legislators.

A few of the cooperating agencies and organizations taking part in the workshop were the Farm Credit System, Farmers Home, National Farmers Organization, Pennsylvania Association of Older Persons, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Farmers Union, and 32 others.

Edinboro State College, Edinboro, sponsored the event through its institute for Community Services. As a matter of procedure the college puts on several workshops of this sort each year, and is presently involved in setting up several others around the state with different topics.

One of the speakers at Monday afternoon's session was Yolanda Jeselnick, director of the Area Agency on Aging, Ridgway, Pa. Ms. Jeselnick spoke on the handicaps faced by the elderly living in rural areas of the Commonwealth.

She first pointed out that the entire United States is now dealing with a generation that has never existed before in the history of the country.

"The fact is," stated the distinguished director, "people are living longer than they ever did, and

young people are not having as many children." This has led to a decrease of 25 per cent for individuals under 25 years of age and a dividuals from a cross doubling of the absolute number over 60.

A few of the problems of gathered at the Host Inn, the elderly living in rural Pa., enumerated by Ms. Jeselnick, are age discrimination and lack of housing alternatives.

Age discrimination comes to take back to their home in the form of the arbitrary ruling that an individual 65 years of age must retire. "This is simply because the enough jobs," stated Ms.
Jeselnick. "However, that
problem will take care of itself and just quietly go away," she continued. This natural process will take place because of the lopsided numbers of individuals over 65 as compared to those under 25 years of age.

However, the housing problem for the elderly in rural Pennsylvania will not take care of itself.

"These people are in desperate need of alternate means of housing other than home ownership" stated Ms. Jeselnick. At the present time, the only other route for these individuals to take besides owning a home is to live in a nursing home.

"At \$1000 a month, the price of nursing homes up my way, how long do you think it would take to dissipate the equity of a lifetime?" questioned the adament lady.

Other concerns for these individuals is lack of accessibility to the agencies of which they are in dire need. For instance, there is usually a long distance between them and the social security office, as well as a lack of public transportation. Also, in many instances in rural area of the Commonwealth, medical care may be as far away as 50 miles. Another factor working against the elderly is legislation for them which has an urban bias.

"There is no common body of advocacy for rural people," Ms. Jeselnick declared, "And, that is a problem."

She also pointed out that we often underestimate the strength of older people and that we need to break apart these myths before we can attack any problems.

"Economically, they have much to give the society. They may only have a third grade education, but they have the wisdom of a lifetime," she emphasized. As a means toward solving the problem, Ms. Jeselnick advocated working the Area Agencies on Aging, which are located in every county in Pennsylvania.

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SAT. APRIL²9, 10:00 AM -Auction sale, 7 tractors and 13 trailers. Located at Ken Taylor's Trucking, Route 40, Glasgow, Delaware, 5 miles north of Elkton, Maryland and 2 miles south of I95 exit at Route 896. William K.

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SAT. APRIL 9, 2:00 PM. Public sale of valuable real estate. Located at R. D. 1, Wrightsville, Pa. on the Craley-Bull Run Road in Lower Windsor Twp. Roy I. and Laricka M. Filmore, Owners. Jacob A. Gilbert, Auctioneer.

SAT. APRIL 9, 12 Noon. Public sale, 13 acre farm, farm equipment, four head feeder cattle. Located at R. D. No. 1, Bethel - at intersection of Interstate I-78 and Route 645 at TTMA Truckshop, go north of Route 645 ½ mile, farm is on right. Joseph and Shirley Strohm, owners. Nelson L. Ebersole, Auctioneer.

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