

Bedford Extension Holds Annual Meeting

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 BEDFORD, (Bedford Co.) — James Weiler, multicounty farm management agent, and Don Evans, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State University were the key speakers at the annual Bedford County Extension Banquet.

"It is the volunteers who are the key to the success of Extension," said Evans. He also commended government on helping with the success of Extension throughout the state noting that county commissioners Dick Rice, Kim Koon, and Gary Ebersole along with Dick Hess, state representative; and Bud Shuster, congressman; have all cooperated to make it a success.

"A democracy is no better than its people and the education they receive," Evans continued. He also complimented the Extension on doing a good job at helping everyone learn more about the world. "We are no longer a county, or a state or a nation that stands alone."

"Extension will continue to provide support for continuing education," Evans concluded.

Jim Weiler thanked the Extension for the part it played in his trip to Poland this past summer. Weiler took the trip with other agents from Pennsylvania.

The purpose was to exchange agriculture ideas with the country of Poland. As a part of his talk, Weiler showed a slide presentation which outlined the highlights of the exchange. He showed pictures of farmers in Poland raising cauliflower, sugar beets, forage beets, potatoes, pork, and a few dairy farms.

For the most part, he found farming methods in Poland to be far behind those of the United States. "But," he said, "farming isn't the only place where this country is lagging. It takes 15 years to get a telephone in Poland and at least five to get a car."

He said the trip was something he had wanted to do ever since he was a teenager.

Other highlights of the evening included remarks from Bedford County Dairy Princess Nicole Childers who prepared cheese appetizers for the dinner.

Fred Claycomb and Dottie Bromley reported on the Regional and State Extension Council. Thelma Albright gave a positive report on Legislative Day which she and Tom Wakefield attended.

Special awards were presented by County Agent Susan Fox to Fred Claycomb and Loren Woy, both past board presidents and to Tom Eller, Sam Rose and Matthew Boyer.

Pam Hershberger presented a



Left to right: James Weiler, multicounty farm manager; Dottie Bromley, Bedford County Extension president; Nicole Childers, dairy princess; and Don Evans, assistant Dean of Agriculture at Penn State, all took part in the annual banquet event held at the Bedford Church of the Brethren.

slide show on highlights of the Extension for the past year which included everything from recycling to latch key children. She

noted that agriculture contributes \$54,000,000 to the economy of Bedford County each year.

Officers elected for the coming year include: Dottie Bromley, president; Paul Turner, vice presi-

dent; Pam Hershberger, secretary; and Peggy McCammon, treasurer.

The banquet was held at the Bedford Church of the Brethren. Connie Claycomb gave the invocation.

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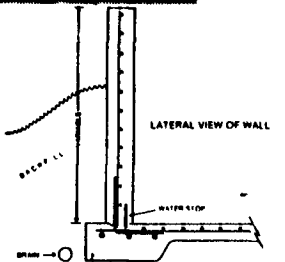
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