

PA Crop Management Annual Meeting Held In State College

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mation to non-association members about the economic benefits of being a member, and to provide information to the non-farm community on the environmentally safe practices of the association based on records kept - the Association increased membership by 10% to 497 farmers and increased crop acreage by 8% to 83,513 acres.

Through services provided by the Crop Association and its technicians, Ligo said he experienced on his farm, a savings of \$600 on rootworm control on 80 acres of corn, and \$1,400 on insecticide on 64 acres of alfalfa.

Ligo said CMA crop technicians have access to Penn State and Extension information, and expects technicians to help far-

mers in the future to comply with regulations and economic restraints.

Jan Pruss, Manager on the CMP, recognized Martin Bennicoff, State Director for the Lehigh Valley area and Harold Book, State Director for the Juniata Valley area, for their years of service on the State Board.

The following speakers addressed the meeting:

Bob Herbst, the Washington Representative for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Chairman of the Natural Resources Council of America and the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, addressed TVA's role in improving fertilizers and addressed ag policies being considered in Washington.

Formed in 1933, TVA is one of the largest utilities, providing power for 8 million people. Congress mandated TVA to be a resource development agency with a role in agriculture to develop improved fertilizers.

Herbst said since only half of the applied nitrogen is used by plants through the year, TVA's goal is to develop a fertilizer of increased nutrient content with less waste. Herbst said we must not ignore organic materials available from industrial and urban areas and must find a way to separate toxic materials from these wastes.

TVA research is now centered on technology for food and fiber



Speakers at the meeting are from left, Alarie Flemming; Barry Frantz; Chris Reaver; Bill Brubaker; Don Unangst; and Lee Bentz.

production that is environmentally responsible.

During the last three years, TVA has intensified research, development, and demonstrations towards water quality, environmental waste, natural resource management, economic development, educational and skills development, and stewardship.

Within the next decade, TVA, in partnership with other agencies, will be forming 100 demonstration farms as research centers for integrated pest management, nutrient management, conserva-

tion tillage, wetlands management, buffer strips along streams, control of livestock waste, feedlot management, storm water management, hazardous materials and waste management, and genetic engineering.

In regards to ag policy in Washington, Herbst says Clinton wants to expand agricultural exports and Herbst expects the new administration to address the following - the deficit, economic stimulation through infrastructure development, recycling, the North American Free Trade Agreement

with agriculture as a key element, pesticide legislation, the Clean Water Act, Wetlands definition (broadening), and increase in research funds for global climate change.

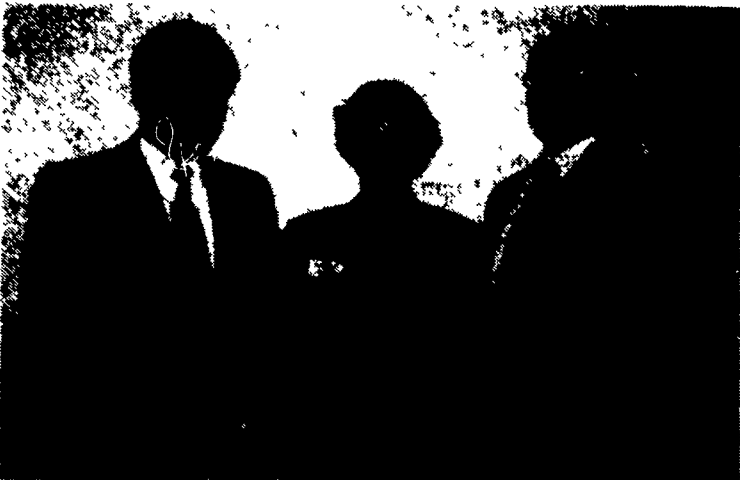
To conclude, Herbst said, "We are entering an era of high hopes, an era in balance particularly with the economy, health care, education, jobs, and the environment."

Dr. Wayne Schutjer, Associate Director in Cooperative Extension, gave a College Future's

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Martin Bennicoff recognized for service.



PCMA officials, from left, Jay Grove, secretary/treasurer; Jan pruss, manager, crop management program; and John Ligo, president.

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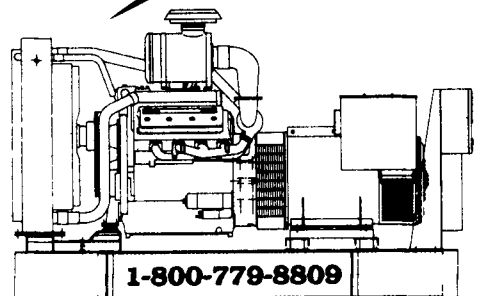
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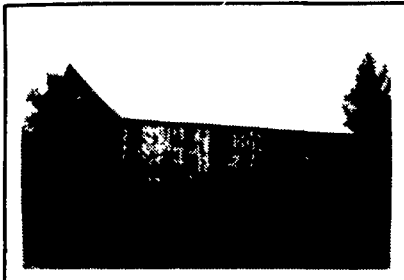


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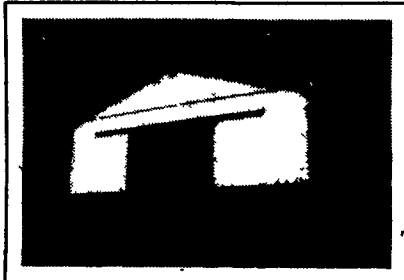
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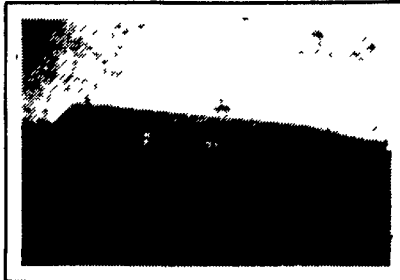
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