

PFA Speaker Remembers Nazi Germany

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LOYSBURG (Bedford Co.) — James Werner, eastern federal director for the Farm Bureau Federation, was the guest speaker at the spring banquet of the Bedford County Farmer's Association held recently at the Northern Bedford County School.

Werner recalled his first trip to America. He was an exchange student to Wisconsin.

Born in Bromberg, Germany in 1941, Werner's father had been a soldier on the Russian front. He recalled vivid memories of his mother taking him, as a small child, to Yugoslavia where they were taken in and protected by farmers while his father was a prisoner of war.

After a glimpse of America as an exchange student, Werner soon decided he wanted to become an American and received his citizenship in 1974.

Speaking of the recent breakdown of the Berlin wall, Werner says, "Opening the borders shows what people will choose when given a choice."

Werner followed a long line of speakers at the meeting which was chaired by Ken Mowry, president.

Jack McMullen, chairman of the Wildlife Damage Control Committee, said they were asking the Pennsylvania Game Commission four special permits which would allow hunters to shoot deer on specific farms in the summer. "We are asking for a pilot program for four counties," he said.

Robert Detwiler, representative on the Washington legislative tour, gave the audience something to write to their legislators about when he noted that Clinton's proposed energy tax would add 17 percent to the price of oil, 15 percent to the price of coal, and 11 percent to the price of gasoline.

He also mentioned the North American Free Trade Agreement and Minor Use Pesticides bill as two other issues of which farmers should be aware.

Harold Shaulis, state PFA director, stated that PFA is currently asking for an adjustable milk rate.

He noted that there are presently two dairy farmers serving on the milk marking board, which is a plus. "We hope we can continue this," Shaulis said.

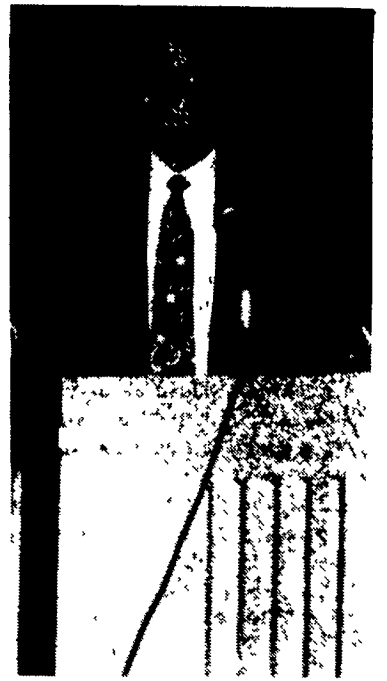
Shaulis also supported the nutrient management bill which would allow 2,000 pounds of red meat per tillable acre.

"It is a good bill and for good farmers, certainly something they can live with," he said.

Rod McKenrick, region 3 organization director, reported on a trip he had recently taken to Holland. "There the government makes all of the decisions. Don't leave the government take over the food supply in this country," he said.

Officers of the Bedford County Farmers' Association include Kenneth Mowry, president; Fred Claycomb, vice president; Betty O'Neal, secretary; and Pauline Yoder, treasurer. Those on the board of directors are Dennis Perrin, Gerald Mowry, Carl Egolf, Jr., Dewey Zimmerman, Norman Soltenberger, Robert Stanton, Alan Frederick, and Julie Cornell.

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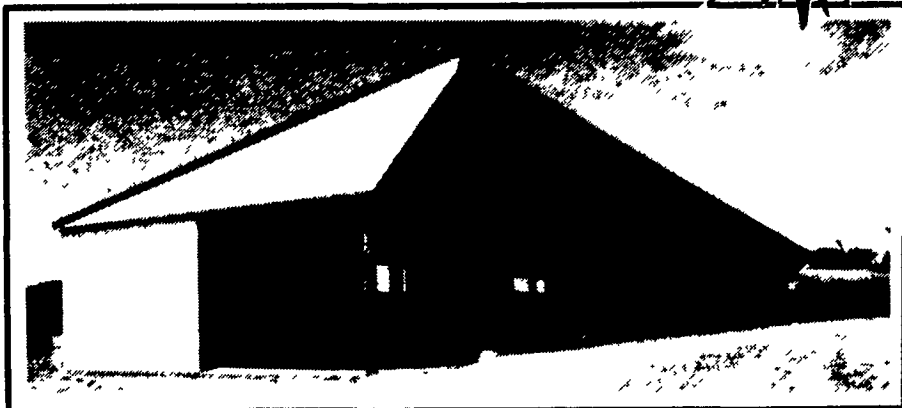
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