

Madigan Says He Is Bullish On Agriculture

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IMLER (Bedford Co.) — Senator Roger A. Madigan, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, was the guest speaker for the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association (now Pennsylvania Farm Bureau) banquet held at the Imler Fire Hall.

Madigan, a dairyman for 13 years, and currently operating a 260 acre crop and certified tree farm, spoke on the importance of farming as it relates to the economy and said he has always been, "bullish on agriculture."

He also announced his intentions to run for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket next year.

"Farmers make up only 2% of the population," Madigan said. "It is important, that despite their busy schedules, farmers find time to take an active part in politics." "If you don't do it, no one will do it for you," he warned.

Madigan also urged farmers to find the time to take a part in farm organizations.

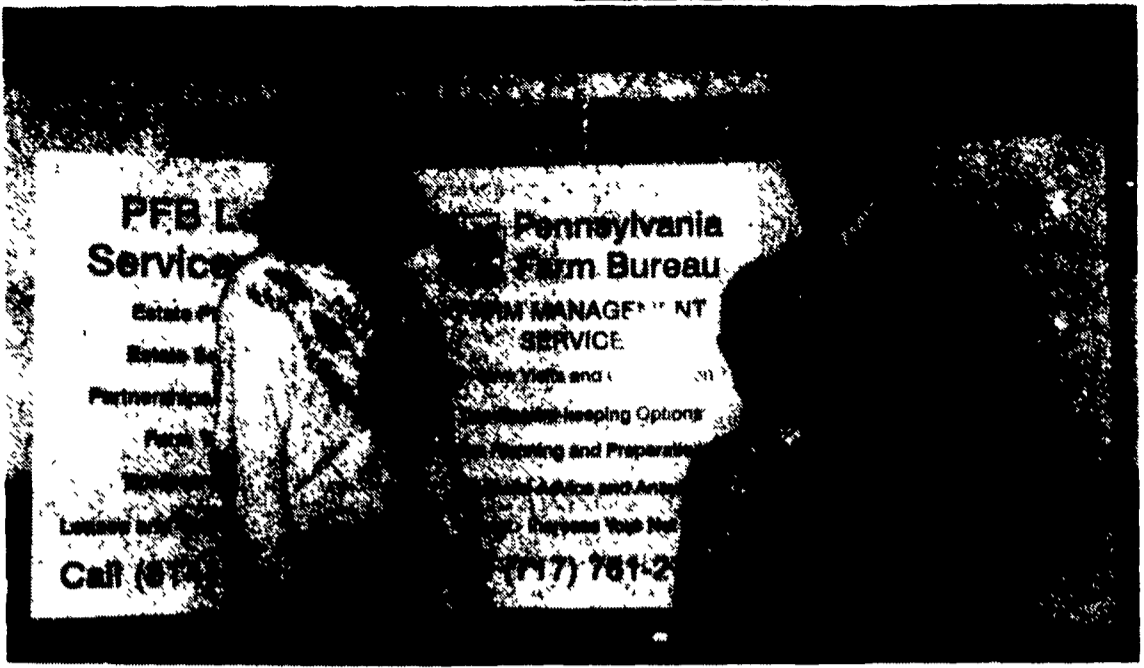
"We no longer have majority rule," he affirmed. "But the minority group that screams the loudest gets heard." He was dismayed to find that while agriculture is the #1 industry in Pennsylvania, it was completely ignored in the latest economic development program.

"We need farmers," he stated, "But, no one can stay in business if he doesn't make a profit." "We must develop an economy that includes agriculture."

Madigan said he recently worked on a committee to bring about workmen's comp reform in Pennsylvania. "I know how important that can be to the farmer," he continued.

On a dismal note he stated that the largest export from the state of Pennsylvania is our young people. "We need to give them a reason to stay here and work here," he added.

Madigan said he was happy to see Amy Mearkle, Bedford County Dairy Princess, and first runner-up in the state. "We need young people with her kind of



Amy Mearkle, Bedford County Dairy Princess, speaker Senator Roger A. Madigan, and Ken Mowry, Bedford County president, in front of an illustration highlighting the importance of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (formerly PFA).

enthusiasm." Amy gave her speech on the

Dinner Meeting Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster Farmland Trust will be holding its ninth annual dinner meeting at the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy on Friday, November 5.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m., following by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$9 for children under 10. Space is limited to 400. The Trust is offering a business table of 10 for \$150.

For reservations, please call the Lancaster Farmland Trust at (717) 293-0707.

importance of calcium in the diet which won her the first runnerup title in state competition.

Also speaking at the dinner were Harold Shaulis, Jr., PFA district director; and Rodney McKerrick, regional organization director. Doris Wertz, PFA District II Womens Committee member,

gave a report on the recent conference she attended in Harrisburg. Directors elected at the dinner included Gerald Mowry, Carol Egolf, and Norman Sollenberger. Other officers are Kenneth Mowry, president; Fred Claycomb, vice president; Betty O'Neal, secretary; and Pauline Yoder, treasurer.

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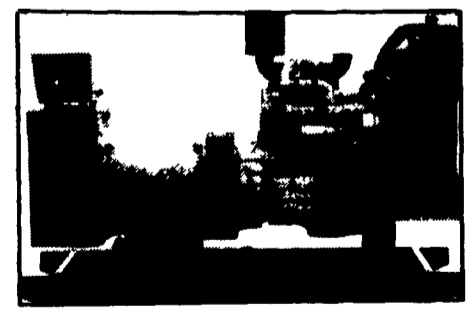
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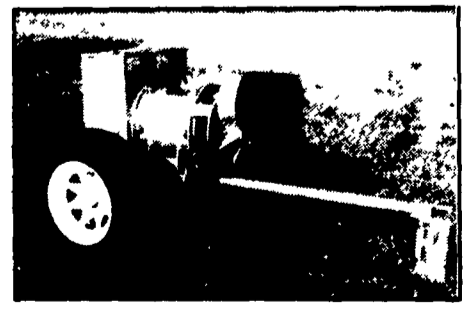


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