

Work continues on New Holland Sales Stables' new addition, which is expected to be completed in about six weeks. The building, designed to house calves and feeder pigs (a new category on the sales slate) is being built the way barns were made during the "good old days" - with mortise and peg assembly. A new set of scales and an auction ring will also be part of the 132-by-196-foot building.



NH stables expanding; old-fashioned construction used

NEW HOLLAND — The Lancaster County New Holland Sales Stables are expanding again — in line with changing trends in

weeks, will house calves, feeder pigs, and an auction ring. All that in itself is newsworthy.

What makes this development even more newsworthy is the way the building is being constructed

— with mortise and peg. It's a construction principle which isn't seen too often, except maybe in areas where the Amish are.

The New Holland Sales Stables' annex is being built by Amishmen. Much of the work is being done by hand. Abe Diffenbach, manager of the stables, expresses satisfaction and admiration for the way the work is being carried out. The Amishmen cut joints into the beams with amazing speed and accuracy. Then they join them with pegs. Nails are hard to find.

The new stable, measuring 132 feet by 196 feet, is

designed to hold 600 cattle, and has facilities for feeder pigs. The latter have not been sold at the auction before, and is indicative of the expanding swine production in Lancaster County. It's reported that the Stables have had "a lot of requests for feeder pigs from feeders and buyers."

A new auction ring with a seating capacity for 100 persons will be featured in the center of the building. Five ramps will facilitate movement of livestock into and out of the Stables. New scales for the facilities are expected in about two weeks.

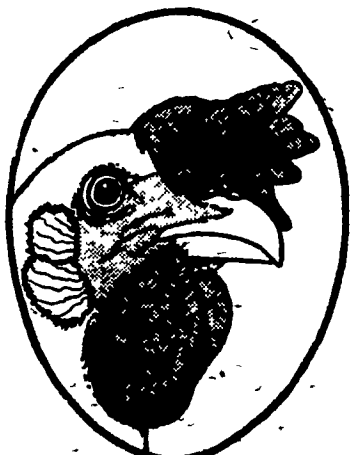
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