

## School to offer wood products course

WILLIAMSPORT — A wood products technology course has been developed by the Williamsport Area Community College and will begin in the Fall of 1981. The Admissions Office is now accepting applications for the new two-year, associate degree program.

According to Joseph Sick, Division Director of the Earth Science Campus, near Allenwood, wood products is a growing industry in the state of Pennsylvania and includes a wide variety of careers. Working conditions vary depending on the specific career and on the employer. Some of the types of jobs include outdoor work and some involve travel. Many of the careers in the field include working with other people and supervising other employees.

WACC's new program combines courses in wood products and business management and is designed to prepare men and women for midmanagement

positions in the wood products industry. Career opportunities include sawmill manager, sawyer, quality controller, dry kiln operator, yard foreman, lumber salesman, lumber buyer, log buyer, lumber grader, equipment and machinery salesman, plant superintendent, wood procurement manager, forest research technician and production manager.

Sick said the purpose of the new program is to provide students with a general education in business management, wood processing information and skills that will prepare them

for mid-management positions in the wood industry.

Students will learn the characteristics of various types of wood and their products. The numerous steps involved in processing wood, sawmill operations, seasoning lumber and the preservative treatments of wood are also covered. The program provides an introduction to the process of obtaining, manufacturing, and marketing wood products to produce a profit and a survey of the basic types of machinery used in wood processing.

Sick said the Wood

Products Technology program combines classroom instruction with hands-on learning experiences. Wood products courses will be taught at the Earth Science Campus which has a sawmill, dry kiln, and drying yard. The program also includes a 200-hour internship in the wood products industry, thus providing students with the opportunity of learning on-the-job.

In August, Steven A. Erbach was hired as instructor of the Woods Products Technology program. Since his employment, Erbach has been working with Sick on the development of the program.

The new instructor is a 1978 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. He also has an Associate of Applied Science Degree from WACC in Forest Technology. He was graduated from WACC in 1975. Erbach has approximately three and a half years of related trade experience.

For further information about the Wood Products Technology program, call 717/547-1661.

## Registration for snowmobile course

NEW PROVIDENCE — Area snowmobilers interested in taking the Pennsylvania Snowmobile Safety Course may enroll for

the course, according to Robah G. Hess, who has volunteered to organize the program in this area.

This program is geared for youngsters 10 to 15 years, but all snowmobilers age 16 and over are invited to take the course.

The course consists of three two and one-half hour sessions. The safety training program will be held at Southern Lancaster County Farmers Sportsmen's Association beginning Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. There are no charges for the safety course.

Snowmobilers and potential snowmobilers may enroll for this safety course by calling 717-786-2853 or by completing forms available at Wenger Implement, at the Buck, phone 717-284-4141.

The three dates the course will be held are January 8, 15 and 22, 1981, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Test breeding

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The Wengers' Acre Lake Farm totals 115 acres, 90 of which are tilled. In a normal year, enough roughage can be grown. About 30 acres are put in alfalfa, with the first cutting for haylage and the second and third baled, if the weather cooperates.

Nelson and Alma have been on the home Wenger farm since 1978. The farm is located along the Earhart Road west of Manheim. Nelson's father held dispersal that year and a number of his cows were purchased for the herd.

Prior to 1978, they farmed for five years on his grandfather's farm at Pennryn.

The Wengers are also quick to give some credit to their good fortune.

"You know, it only takes a

bit of misfortune and that butterfat average can drop real fast," Wenger said.

But with the care and emphasis that they've placed on breeding and feeding, their good fortune has a solid basis in good management.

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"And also work toward a goal of 800 lbs of fat," Alma added.

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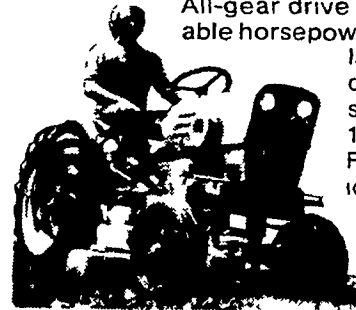
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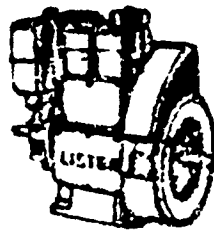
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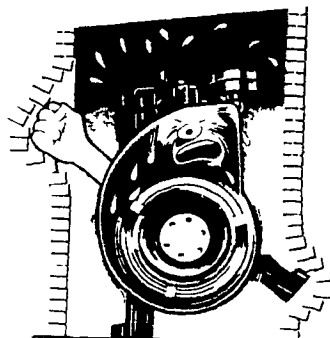
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