

Alfred building new swine facility

ALFRED, N.Y. — Construction of a modern \$100,000 swine production facility at Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College drew praise from several state leaders who were on hand Sept. 14 for cornerstone-laying ceremonies.

One of the guests was Joseph Gerace, state Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, who called the college's venture "an inspirational move which cannot help but enhance what is already the state's number one industry (agriculture)"

States gets post

LEESPORT — Christina L. States has been appointed Extension program assistant for the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. She has been assigned to Berks County, where her responsibilities include the 4-H, livestock and dairy programs.

A native of Homer City, States received her bachelor of science degree in animal production from Penn State. She is currently working toward a master's degree in Extension education, also at Penn State.

The commissioner spent most of the day visiting classrooms, touring the farm complex and other agricultural facilities, and meeting with students and their professors.

He switched roles from commissioner to mason early in the afternoon, however, to lay the cornerstone for the building which is being constructed at the farm complex.

College officials said funding for the project, which has an April 1, 1985 completion target date, came largely from the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc., a non-profit corporation which supports college programs through disbursement of funds donated by private individuals and businesses.

Of the \$100,000 initial outlay, the foundation contributed \$70,000, with \$21,000 secured (for equipment) through a federal grant and about \$9,000 from college funds.

David H. Huntington, college president, believes the School of Agricultural Technologies will be able to expand its animal husbandry curriculum "by one or more courses" in swine production and thus be able to attract more

students.

He also envisions the facility as an ideal site for practical laboratory experience for students and for applied research in such areas as nutrition studies and marketing techniques.

Commissioner Gerace pointed out that New York currently has an "image problem" in that many within and without the state fail to recognize that agriculture is New York's number one industry.

Daniel Langhans, college technical assistant and project director, said the building will contain 5,388 square feet and that the work will be done largely by students enrolled in the Building Construction program at the college's School of Vocational Studies in Wellsville.

Langhans said the facility will feature the latest advances in ventilation and manure handling systems; it will have a 500-animal capacity and will be built of cement block, with aluminum siding and metal roof; the main building will be 42-by-114 feet, with another 20-by-30 foot area for offices, a well house, sow wash area, and observation area.



Joseph Gerace, left, New York Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, lays the cornerstone for the \$100,000 swine production facility being constructed at Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College. Others on hand to take part in the ceremony are, from left, Daniel Langhans, project director; State Sen. Jess Present of Jamestown; David H. Huntington, college president; Assemblyman Richard Wesley of Geneseo; and Eugene Jacobs of North Hornell, president of the Educational Foundation of Alfred.

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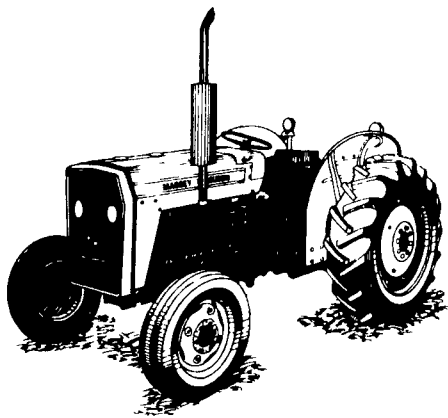
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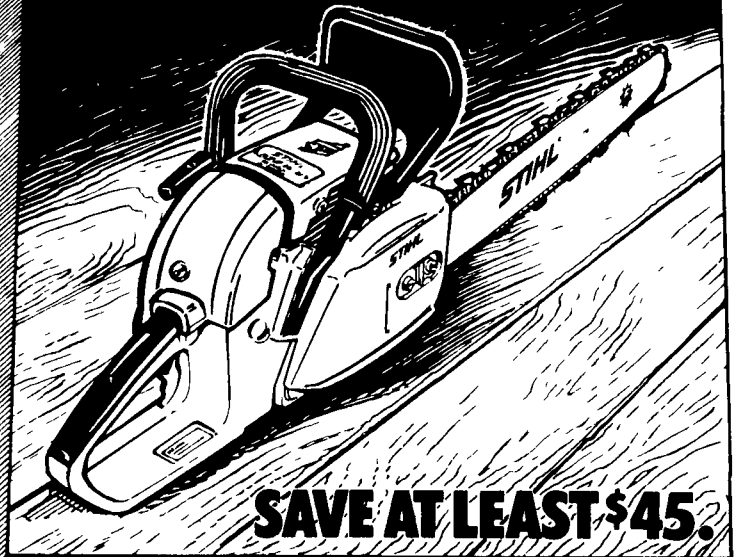
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