

Ag Scholar Alumna Combine Love Of Plants And People

Newark, Del. — "After a week-end visiting the college, I knew I wanted to study here," says Amy Miller Rogers, a graduate of the college of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Delaware. Rogers applied for an agricultural sciences scholarship after hearing a professor from the college speak at her high school.

The Agricultural Sciences Scholarship program opens opportunities for many careers related to agriculture. Since its inception in 1986, 84 scholarships have been awarded and 29 recipients have graduated. The full impact of the program will grow with each graduating class.

Rogers, who graduated in January 1993 with a double major in plant science and agricultural education, says, "My experience at the agricultural college was great. I enjoyed the close working relationship between professors and students."

As a plant science horticulture major, Rogers served two summer internships. At the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens she worked maintaining the gardens and developing a garden irrigation system.

The internship at Callaway Gardens in Georgia opened her eyes to the possibilities of public education as a career. While there, she gave educational tours of the vegetable garden used in Public Broadcasting System's popular program "The Victory Garden." She also led tours of herb gardens and conducted herb topiary workshops. She researched and designed children's programs including a butterfly garden and a backyard habitat for wildlife. Following this internship, she decided to add agricultural education as a second major.

"I enjoyed focusing on children and teaching them about the environment," she says. "I hope to educate young children about caring for the future."

Rogers has been applying what she learned in her horticulture classes to managing The Farm Meadows Nursery in Hockessin, Del. During the past year and a half on the job, she has noticed an increasing interest in native plants for landscaping and say it reflects a desire for low maintenance and environmental compatibility. This is a trend she encourages in the retail market.

Rogers plans to increase her



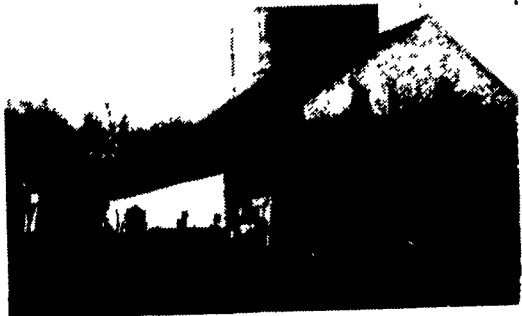
Amy Miller Rogers, an agricultural Sciences Scholarship alumna, is now managing Farm Meadows Nursery in Hockessin, Del.

knowledge and thus broaden her educational influence by earning a graduate degree in public garden management. She plans to apply for admission to a program in fall of 1995.

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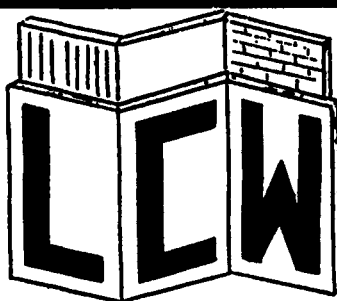


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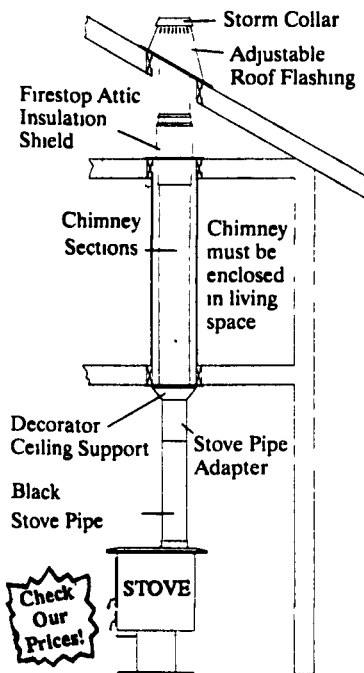
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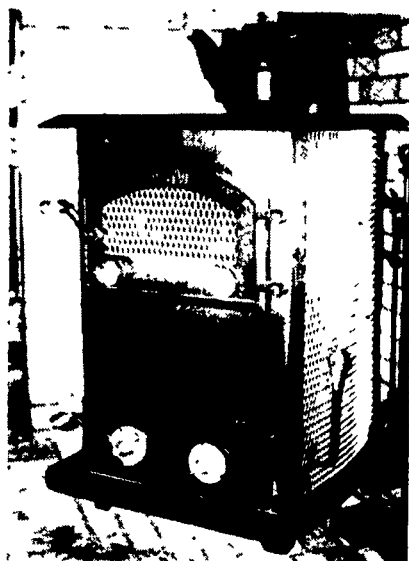
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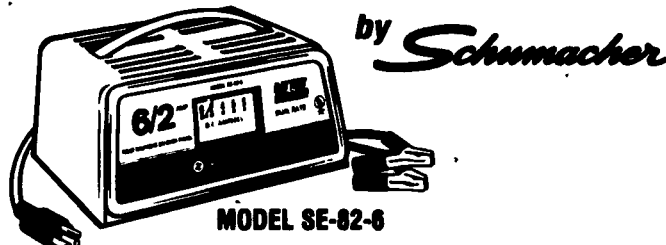
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