# Farm Show Seeks WWII Airplane Engine Workers

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A special commemorative committee is seeking people who worked on airplane engines in the state's Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, when it was converted for use during World War II.

The committee is interested in

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talking to as many people as possible who worked on the airplane engines, because their stories and tales of working there can help with the committee's planned 1995 state Farm Show tribute to the World War II era and the efforts of civilians, set for Jan.

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During the war, most of the Farm Show Complex was used for classrooms, and as welding and machine shops that supported the Middletown air Depot at Olmsted Field (now home to the Harrisburg International Airport, among other

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However, toward the end of WWII there were four assembly lines set up that gave the Farm Show Complex the ability to overhaul one aircraft engine every 10 minutes.

The people who worked on the

airplane engines are being asked to call Fred. Walters at the state Department of Military Affairs, (717) 861-87201, and share their experiences.

The special committee was appointed by Gov. Robert Casey and is called the Pennsylvania WWII Commemorative Committee. It has been coordinating similar projects aimed at helping people understand the importance of military and home front contributions to World War II.

Annually, thousands of people from all over and all ages visit the state Farm Show. This year they can expect to see several displays related to Pennsylvania's agriculturally related contributions to war effort, including two actual aircraft engines to be displayed in the Main Exhibition Hall, near the spot they were worked on 50 years ago.

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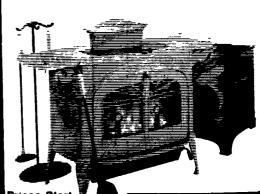
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