

Throw Back Thursday - Ithaca Farm Equipment



Ithaca Farm Equipment owned and operated by Mervin Schroeder. The main line of equipment sold new was Massey-Ferguson. Schroeder also was a John Deere dealer from 1956 to 1960. In addition to new equipment sales, all types of tractor and machinery repairs were completed. Two long time mechanics were Donald Warren and Charles Searles and parts man Randall "Rink" Wright. Ithaca Farm Equipment was located at the southwest corner of VanDorn Road and State Route 79. Later, Schroeder built a large two-story concrete block building on the north side of State Route 79 opposite the original site. The new building was built shortly after the State of New York took part of the original equipment business site to rebuild and widen the Mecklenburg Road and VanDorn Road intersection. The new building was built by Francis Strong, Donald Warren, Howard "Tub" Havens, and Elmer Newberry. Mr. Schroeder retired and closed the business with Larry Dickinson reopening a Massey-Ferguson machinery dealership in the early 1980's called Dickinson Farm Supply at same site. He remained in business until late 1980's. We invite readers to share their memories and or knowledge of the Ithaca Farm Equipment send e-mail to historian@townofenfield.org. <http://townofenfield.org/throw-back-thursday-enfield-history/>