

Maine Buys ASTC Plot For \$60,000

PRESQUE ISLE—The State of Maine acquired an additional 122 acres of land for Aroostook State Teachers College, for expanded purposes, during luncheon ceremonies Wednesday—at a cost of \$60,000.

The purchase included several buildings on the Ben Marks farm property, adjoining the south side of A. S. T. C., but the farm buildings won't be used in the expansion.

Break Ground This Summer

Ground is to be broken at the newly purchased locale this summer for a women's 70-room dormitory to cost \$764,700, and when the dormitory is completed, by the fall of 1963, there should be a sufficient number of students at the teachers college to fill it.

A. S. T. C. President Clifford O. T. Wieden received a deed from Mrs. Samuel Fish, treasurer of the Ben Marks Company, property owner, and handed her a check for the state, as Ben Marks Company President Samuel Fish stood by.

Explaining plans for future development to those at the luncheon, at the Northeastland Hotel, A. S. T. C. President Wieden observed that his school had an instructional staff of 13 and would need 20 instructors before receiving a New England regional accreditation. "That is one of the basic problems with which we are going to be faced," he admitted.

Beed, Council Approve

Approval of the expenditure of \$60,000 for the Ben Marks property had come from Maine Gov. John H. Beed and the Executive Council.

Wieden noted that the Marks Company had been offered amounts far in excess of \$60,000 in proposed sectional sales for the property in question. He pointed

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ed out that the company had been "more interested" in protecting the approach to Presque Isle and lauded it for its decision.

A. S. T. C. had 28 acres of land prior to the new acquisition. It now has approximately 150.

Others present at the luncheon included:

State Sen. Augusta K. Christie, chairman of the Aroostook legislative delegation; Rep. Harold Bragdon, Perham, chairman, Maine House appropriations committee; Leon Walker, assistant attorney general for Maine; Wendell L. Phillips, attorney for the Ben Marks Company; City Manager John E. Henchey; Ralph A. Brown, president, Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce; Edwin E. Parkhurst, president, Northern National Bank; C. H. Stetson, president, Maine Public Service Company; Ivan L. McGlauffin, Jr., executive secretary, A. S. T. C. Alumni Association.

Jere Green, A. S. T. C. assistant professor and chairman of development; Petr Pillsbury, president, A. S. T. C. student government; Kenneth Jackson, architect.

Maine Executive Councilor Ronald S. Wight was unable to be present due to Executive Council business in Augusta.



FOR A.S.T.C. GROWTH—Aroostook State Teachers' College President Clifford O. T. Wieden, center, purchased for the state Wednesday 122 acres adjoining the college for expansion purposes. Wieden received a deed from Mrs. Samuel Fish, left, treasurer, Ben Marks Company, the property's owner, then handed her a check for \$60,000. Observing, during a Northeastland Hotel luncheon, was Ben Marks Company, president Samuel Fish, right. The women's dormitory to cost \$764,700 is to be built on the newly-acquired land. The college, at Presque Isle, now has approximately 150 acres, including the land bought Wednesday.