



## Field trip for real

With produce in hand, Pine Island grower Anthony LaScala tells first graders from the Albert Street Elementary School in Middletown

just how celery is grown and harvested and crated in the fields on the huge machine behind him. The youngsters went by bus to Sleepy

Hollow Farm to learn first-hand about Black Dirt farming.

--TH-Record photo by Manny Fuchs

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# Vince Kosuga to be named Pine Island Citizen of Year

## -PINE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO INSTALL OFFICERS OCTOBER 25-

Vince Kosuga, well known Middletown businessman who started out as a black dirt farmer in Pine Island, will be named Pine Island Citizen of the Year for 1987 by the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce at its annual Installation and Cocktail Party at the CYO Center on October 25 from 4 to 7 p.m.

At the same time, the Chamber will install officers for the coming year. To be installed are Mark Anderson, who was elected president for a one-year term. Also to be installed are Stanley Schultz, vice president; John Wydra, treasurer; John J. Ruskiewicz, recording secretary; and Estella Youngman, corresponding secretary. Directors elected to a three-year term are Ed Gerczak, Jr., Conrad Morgiewicz, Estella Youngman, and John Wydra. Anne Brozdowski was

elected to a one-year term as director, replacing the late Syl Krasiewicz.

Born and raised in Pine Island, Vince Kosuga worked the land, struggling against hard times. Despite the Great Depression, he prospered. His success is the typical story of the American Dream come true.

In 1965, Kosuga built the Jolly Onion Inn, which became a well-known and highly respected restaurant. Today, under the skillful handling of Walter and Elaine Greiner, the Jolly Onion is one of the most popular restaurants in Orange County.

More recently, Kosuga's generosity reached out to the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Pine Island. His donations provided for the building ramp, the installing of new

carpeting, and the refurbishing of the pews. To this day, Kosuga remains very close to the people and the institutions of his hometown, Pine Island.

Following the Citizen of the Year presentation, the Chamber of Commerce will present an Achievement Award to the Bit of Poland Chorus, which has provided a festive atmosphere in Pine Island under the leadership of Jack Filipowski. Special Achievement Awards will also be presented to Mrs. Alice Gerczak, long an active participant in community affairs, and Deirdre Carney, an outstanding 1986 graduate of Warwick Valley High School.

The Installation and Cocktail Party is open to the public, and tickets may be reserved by calling John Wydra (258-4626) or purchased at the door.

THIS IS HOW ITS DONE - Tony La-Scala, manager of Sleepy Hollow Produce Growers Inc., tells 1st level children from Albert St. School how celery is harvested. The class went on a tour of the farm Tues- day morning.



## Produce farmer 'shows and tells' Albert

### Street first graders



GOOD STUFF -- The kids found the celery very fresh and juicy. (Photos by Skip Beattie)



0% COOLER INSIDE -- The ice maker was fascinating and drew many questions, which our guide LaScala answered.



BLASTING INTO THE BLUE - Pilot Mervin Lewis of Slate Hill guns his Ag-Cat to take off while the kids hold their ears for the noise. Lewis demonstrated aerial spraying.