[Continued from Page 71] quickly as it might, so she sometimes lays on the litter.

But, overall, the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages in the Charles' eyes.

Of course, it takes more than just a modern set up and good amnagement to have a good herd. It also takes a genuine interest in the animals and a willingness to do whatever is necessary to raise those swine.

For instance, Nancy and Cliff moved into the farmhouse on the property and Cliff's parents moved into another nearby home that they own because it takes so much work to tend the hogs. And, there are many nights that Cliff stays up with the animals when they are farrowing. So, living nearby was the simplest thing to do.

"I don't have to stay up so much since they aren't farrowing as much now," he says, "but there are nights when I sleep out with them if I know they are going to give birth during the night.'

The reason that only Cliff takes care of the swine is because of the arrangement of the partnership. From the time he graduated, he did all the managing and buying forthe sow herd. At first he and his father were only in business 50-50 with the pigs, but now the whole operation is part of the partnership.

And, of course, to have a

successful operation, it is a help to have a wife who is a faithful supporter of what you do.

Nancy helps with the work of the swine operation when she's needed. She lends a hand to feed and to move the sows and litters after they are weaned. She also takes part in the ear notching and clipping the teeth of the piglets. Plus, there is a lot of book work to be done, which is her responsibility.

also do housekeeping in the barn,' she says with a goodnatured laugh. None of this comes new to her, however, because she was raised on a farm where she did much of the same work - only with steers. And, while the Charles partnership includes 110 head of beef, there's not much for Nancy to do with that part of the operation. It's the pigs which take all the time.

Once they have been raised and fattened to 50 pounds, Cliff markets them to his uncle, Roy Charles. And, a little later on, when it is time to show animals, he goes back and tries to pick out the best ones.

"That's hard to do," he "because they laughs, change so much all the time." From his past record he hasn't done too bad, however. Unfortunately, this year he is too old to show his animals at the Farm Show, but he sold his animals to

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The group held a short business meeting at which time new officers for the next two years were installed by the past county president, Anne Yanos. Secret pals for the past year were revealed by the exchanging of Christmas gifts, and then new secret pals were picked for the coming year.

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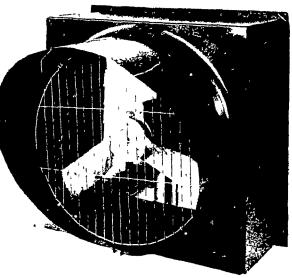
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