

Life on the farm

By DORIS KRIEG



Except for pasture, cows receive their concentrates and roughage in the 112-stall milking barn. Cows are milked in stalls, 56 in a row. While one side is being milked, the other side is being readied, until the entire milking herd has been run through.

Mecklenburg Farm, located west of Jacksonville, Fla., is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul-Friedrich Krieg, former Pennsylvanians and immigrants from Germany. The farm has approximately 1000 head of

dairy cattle, about 500 of which are of milking age. Begun in 1968, it is the largest established herd of registered Holsteins in the South. To either side of the above photographs are pictures of a wood-

A visit to my father's

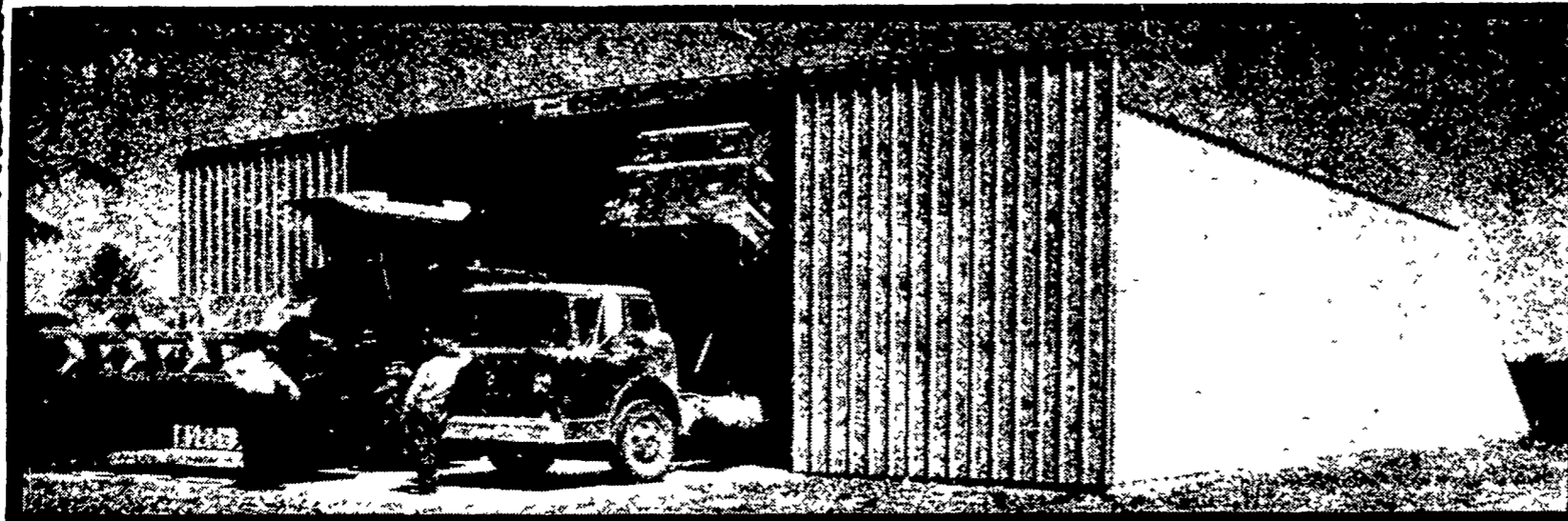
BALDWIN, Fla. — For the Krieg family, life on the farm has included dairying near the shores of the Baltic Sea in northern Germany, three years in the Rochester, N.Y. area, three years in southern Lancaster County, and nearly a decade in York County before finally settling in the Sunshine State.

My parents moved to Florida nine years ago, preferring

that state's flat land and warm weather to conditions found in Pennsylvania. The farm they found and purchased included 586 acres of year-around pasture, a 112-stall milking barn, a dairy house, large utility buildings and 341 head of Holsteins. Since then, numerous improvements and additions have been made. There's a giant all steel barn, for example,

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