



Life on the farm

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...y cattle, about 500 of which are of milking age. 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 wooden

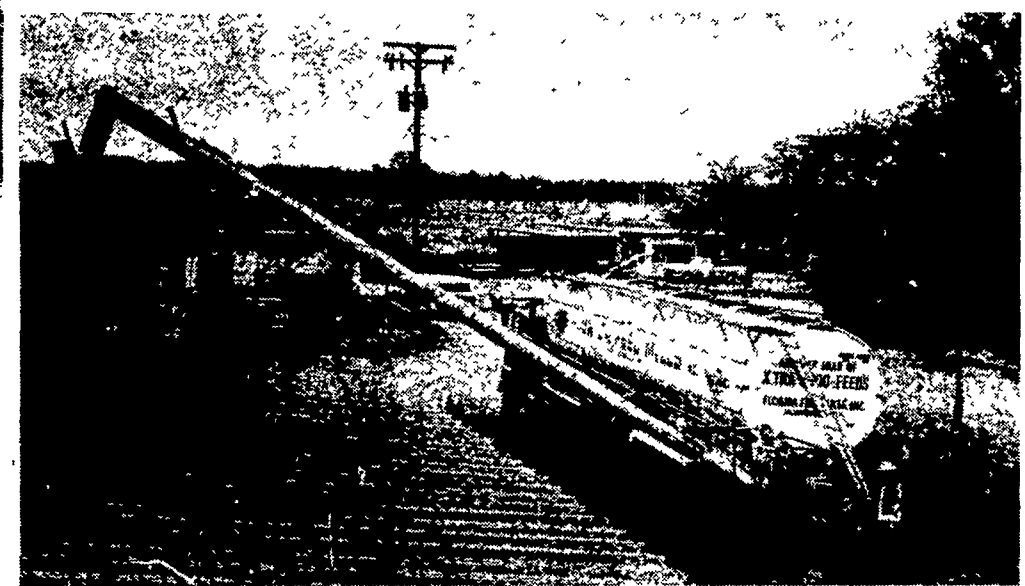
model of a champion cow my father owned in Germany. The solid wood carving stands nearly 1½ feet tall and was created by a master craftsman as a high honor production award.

My father's dairy farm

...t 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 milking barn, a dairy house, large utility building, 341 head of Holsteins. Since then, numerous improvements and additions have been made. There's a giant all steel barn, for example,

which covers an area equal to 1½ football fields. A barn for calves and heifers has room for 600 head. Facilities for bull pens are also included, and the old 1500 gallon milk tank was replaced years ago with one which has a 3500 gallon capacity. The new stainless steel pipeline is three inches in diameter.

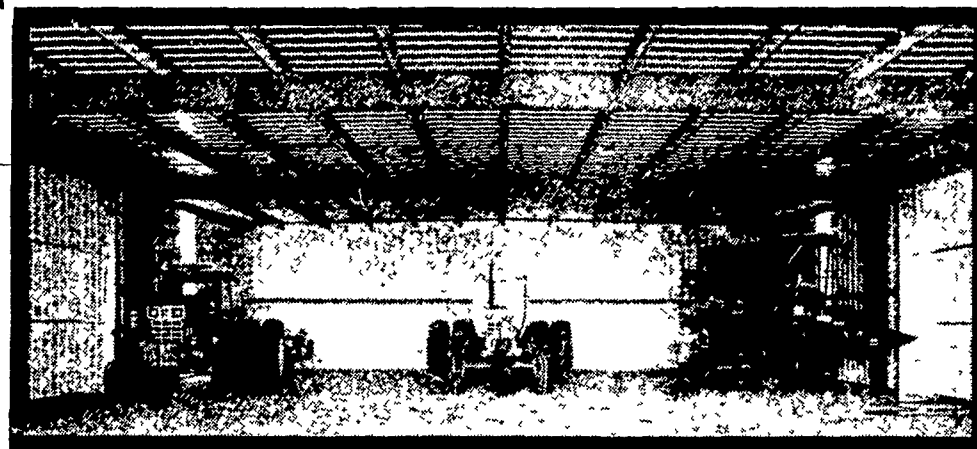
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Over 21 tons of feed are hauled in every other day to nourish the cows and young stock at Mechlenburg Farm. Florida dairy farms, because of their size, have trucks coming and going around the clock. Much of the feed is brought in from out of the state.

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