

Former Hershey student's dream coming true

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
CAMPBELLTOWN — More than four decades ago as a student at the Hershey Industrial School, Elmer Ungemach, R2 Palmyra, had a dream.

Ungemach spent seven years at the school, from 1932 to 1939, in the agricultural program. "On Sunday, we had free time and we'd get the newspaper and look at the

farm ads," he said. "I always had a dream of having my own farm one day."



Elmer Ungemach shows black tiles set into floor of milking parlor which he uses for visual check of milk.

At Hershey, one of Ungemach's favorite buildings was the round barn that housed the cows.

"I took a liking to milking the cows right away and it just increased my interest in farming," he said.

"I remember we'd each hand milk one or two cows in the morning and evening."

That was the start of Ungemach's dream. Through some three decades he held on to it until it finally started to be realized in 1968 with the purchase of a 119-acre farm about a mile and a half south of Campbelltown

along Chestnut Hill Road.

Now, after a five-year modernization and expansion program, his dream has been fulfilled more than he ever imagined during those initial contacts with agriculture as a Hershey student.

Before owning their own farm though, the Ungemachs served a lengthy farming apprenticeship.

Some 18 years were spent working at Hershey following student days, including six years as houseparents. Prior to

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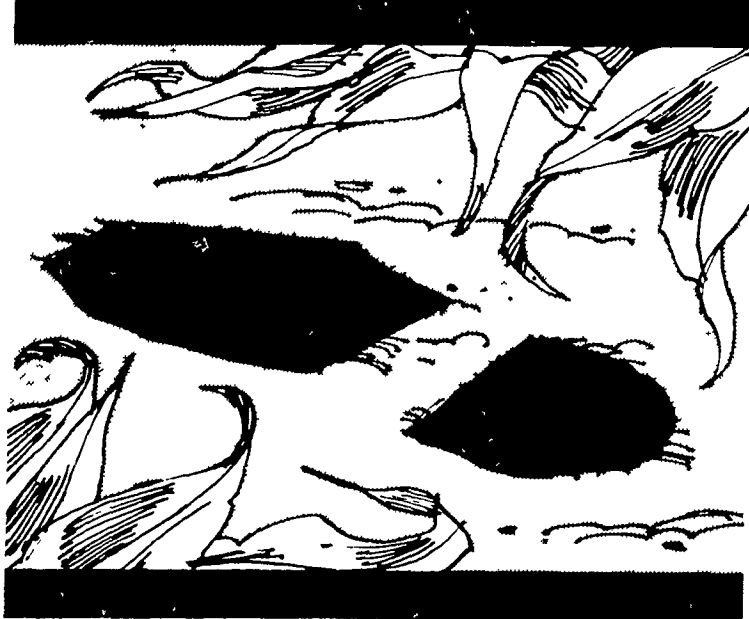
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