

Or, the ole barn never looked this good

All-American stalls shine with decorators' delights

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HARRISBURG — As visitors and exhibitors to the All-American strolled down rows of some of the nation's top dairy animals here this week, they were made to feel right at home. Elaborate displays and farm exhibits graced the normally drab Farm Show livestock quarters, making the All-American barns an interior decorator's delight.

Although many of the booths provided chairs and cots for the exhibitors to relax on between shows, most were seen scurrying behind the cattle with pitchforks in hand in an effort to keep 'everything' cleaned up. Experienced showman dazzled others with their no-straw-out-of-place bedding skills — some even without the benefit of aisle boards to keep slippery straw from squeezing out from under the resting cattle.

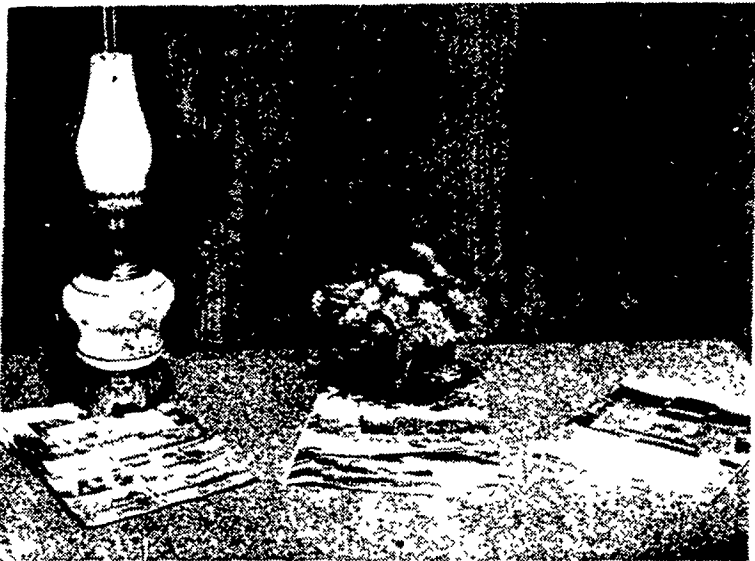
Wreaths and flowers were joined by ribbons and trophies as the week progressed. Flawlessly groomed and cleaned cattle left their comfy stalls to parade around the tanbark for a shot at being picked as the All-American's top entry or to head for the sudsy, steamy wash room.

Of course, all the efforts of the dairy exhibitors will not go unrecognized by the officials of the state's largest dairy show, for the best in-barn performance of 'housekeeping' will be rewarded with the title of top herdsmen.



A house may not always be a home, but in this case it's as close as one can get in the middle of the All-American Dairy Show. Askew's Holsteins of Urbana, Ohio and Kaukauna,

Wisconsin built this cozy structure next to their lineup of top dairy cattle.



A lamp and some flowers exemplify the "little touches" that go a long way in creating a pleasant atmosphere for visitors at the All-American dairy show. These were part of an area belonging to Gary N. Darling, Windever Farm, Groton, VT.



Sand Rock Farm, rocky Ridge, Maryland, has an inviting display and a neat bedded area for their Brown Swiss show herd. Feathers and wild flowers give an outdoor touch.



Herdsmen can relax when cows are as relaxed and contented as these animals resting on this professionally-forked bed of straw. These bovines belong to Douglas Maddox's RuAnn Holsteins, Avon, N.Y.



Corn husk and pumpkins add a touch of fall mirror work together to keep this family on time and looking good in the show ring. Donald Family, Imler. A clock, a radio and a