FFA dairy barn builder

Barn raisings are not uncommon in Lancaster County and other parts of Pennsylvania.

But usually friends, neighbors and family gather from miles around for the event.

Down in Lampeter though, a single FFA student is having a "barn raising" all of his own.

Randy Houser, FFA chapter member at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, is "raising" or more appropriately constructing a 101 free stall barn. Although it measurers only about 4x8 feet, it is an exact model replica of a barn that can be found on a number of dairy farms.

Houser constructed the barn directly from plans drawn up by the University of Ct. Ag Engineering Dept. and promoted through Hoard's.

Houser built his own jig to make the roof trusses exactly as shown. It's complete with milk house and parlor and a hinged roof to lift and view the entire interior. Pipeline and parlor fixtures will even be faatured.

The plywood barn will be used as a teaching tool in the vo-ag instructional program at Lampeter-Strasburg, according to advisor Dick Yencer.





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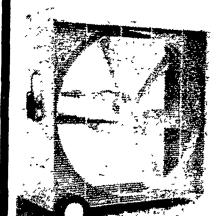
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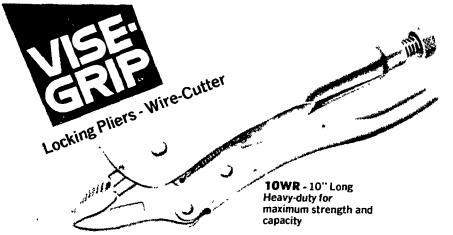
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