

Stump family

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sylvania," with one of her animals, Donna also does most of the milking, taking turns with another sister. Doyles takes care of the feeding chores, and Doris and Denise fill in where needed. Youngest, Dwaine, "does whatever you make him do," the girls add, smiling. Dad makes most of the breeding decisions, the girls added as they also admitted that they ask for his advice when breeding their own animals.

"I like good type," Stump states and adds, "if you breed for type, the production comes." "I wouldn't use a +2000 bull if he were minus for type," this dairyman states.

The Stump's division of chores seems to be a profitable com-

ination for this family. With many dairymen buying their top animals, this family takes great pride that their entire herd is homebred without sacrificing any of the type and production that they want in their animals. The Stumpland herd is currently averaging over 17,700 pounds of milk with over 610 pounds of fat.

In addition to having exported several animals overseas, the Stumps remember 1983 as the year the first Stumpland bull went to a major A.I. stud in the United States. This homebred herd also boasts a full sister and full brother to this bull. "Erin" the Sexation daughter, belongs to Denise. The full brother was proven by the Stumps to his first proof of +1181 milk. Their dam, still in the herd, is a "Betty Chief" with over 28,000 pounds milk and 950 fat in 305 days, and the granddam is an

"Astronaut" with 5 records over 1000 pounds fat. Stumps also adds that he has a daughter of his home-proven bull in the barn that peaked at 82 pounds as a two year old.

Farming 900 acres while maintaining their dairy herd, the Stump family is busy year-round. They are still able, however to share the workload and exhibit their animals at three shows plus district and state shows throughout the year.

The Farm Show always stands apart from the other shows, according to the Stump children because of the large crowds and many questions asked them. "Last year, we were like an information booth," Donna says. Doris states that she finds it "interesting because of the people and questions."

Being the oldest, Donna says that she will probably be staying with their animals this year with the others taking turns coming out. Donna adds that there is one thing she would like to see added to the Farm Show. "I would like to see a fitting and showing contest," Donna says. She states that each of the livestock divisions have the contest and the dairy division should also. The Stumps all agreed that there is much to be learned by juniors participating in or just watching a fitting and showmanship contest.

The anticipation of showing their animals to the large crowds in the big barns against statewide competitors, shows in their eyes. Something else was also obvious when meeting and talking with these five brothers and sisters. With their devotion and dedication to their animals and their family's farm, and their already earned skills in the dairy business, these children are winners without even going to shows. They are learning that "you reap what you have sown."



Donna Stump with her favorite, "Crissy."



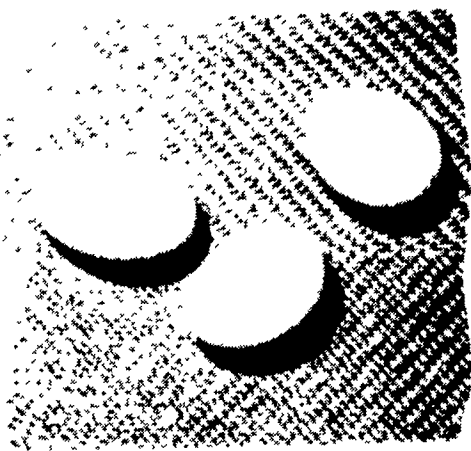
Denise Stump with her best cow, "Brandi."



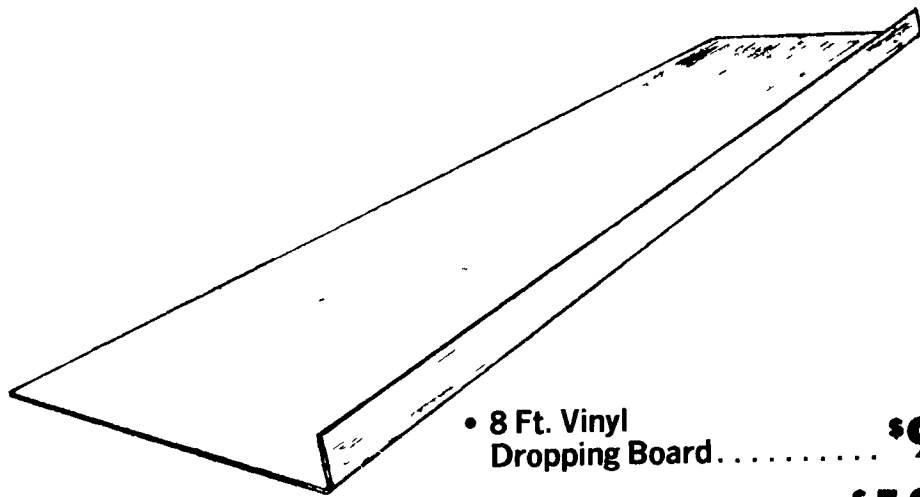
Doris Stump with her best animal, "Candi."

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