Farmer delights in woodcarving

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be stained, not painted, and John pensive that no one would be able has a wide variety of colors available in his shop. White is the only color of paint he uses because he needs it in some of his carvings to offset the design.

John says he can't charge the customer by the hour, because the woodcarving would be so ex-

to enjoy them. Carving of the Dutch home and windmill takes John about eight hours. The total time involved in

each protrait would also include time spent selecting the wood, sanding, staining, varnishing and attaching the hanger to the back,



Lacking pictures of his homeland, John carved this picture of an attached barn and house in Holland from memory.

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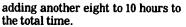
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When setting prices, John says he concentrates more on what the public is willing to pay than on how much time he spends on the piece.

One of the longest carvings that John has done was a six-foot picture of horses grazing in a field. A customer had sent John pictures of his horses and asked that John

carve them into a portrait. Staining each horse to match the pictures, John added a touch of white paint to make them look even more real.

Scenes of his native Dutch homelife and of Dutch dwellings are also special pieces. His collection includes several wood carvings of his family's farm.

John also creates a picture

depicting the five dairy breeds that is sure to catch any dairy farmer's eye. He carefully etches out the characteristics of each breed and stains the color markings as close to reality as possible. Although he doesn't have one of these in his display right now, he does have pictures of them in his album.

"This is just a hobby," John stressed over and over agin. "I just like to do wood carving. It's



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