

## Dairy farmer

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on the finished product. The nose also requires fine attention to detail.

Once the hide is returned to him he places it on the form, first soaking it in a Borax solution. Hides are pliable at this point. Sewing skills come into play as he works to complete the actual mount over the frame.

Asked how he keeps up to date, Herr cites the "Taxidermy Review" as a periodical that is valuable to his work. He also attends occasional seminars sponsored by the Pennsylvania Taxidermists Association, and learns by talking to other taxidermists.

Through the years, Herr has mounted elk, caribou, moose, sheep, foxes, bears, turkeys, pheasants and other game. He estimates that he does 15-25 deer heads and 10-12 bears a season. Although he is an avid fisherman, he doesn't mount fish because that requires different skills.

His favorite mount is the white tailed deer, because "a trophy white tailed deer is as smart as anything." While he has enjoyed some really exciting hunts, he says he still has a goal of finding a true trophy white tail. "A trophy white tail with an 18 to 23 - inch rack would be the ultimate," Herr states.

He has hunted once in Canada, once in New Mexico, and twice in Idaho, but says he hunts primarily in Pennsylvania and the neighboring states. He says, "Pennsylvania is an awfully good place to hunt. We have got a lot of competition, but there is a lot of variety."

Hunting has changed over the years, primarily with the present shortage of pheasants. Herr at-

tributes the declining numbers to modern farming methods which put the farmer in the field with a haybine in May, often destroying young pheasants in the process.

He has also found his taxidermy business changing, with new products constantly being created.

Herr has all the business he can handle, often turning away small game in preference to white tailed deer and also because he likes to return the mounts to their owners within a reasonable time.

While admitting that it is often difficult to find the proper place to display a trophy, Herr solved the problem by adding a room to his beautiful stone farm house. The addition, of matching stone, features a cathedral ceiling which offers a perfect setting for the large moose, elk and bear he has on display. Many other examples of his skill can be found in the comfortable family room.

Herr farms with the help of his wife, Nancy, and two daughters, Judy, 20, and Susan, 14. A married son, Robert, 23, lives close by. He said he enjoys going out to milk after spending an afternoon working at the taxidermy business, and feels the two jobs compliment each other. He points out, "I only work with the taxidermy in my 'extra' time. I try to devote all the time we feel is necessary to the cows."

He adds, "I've been farming all my life." He grew up on the same farm which was worked by his father, Emory, and his uncle Clarence. In addition to the dairy herd, the Herrs had a butcher shop and grew persian melons, cantalopes and watermelons. Federal and state regulations became oppressive, so they left the butchering business, except for



The ruffed grouse, Pennsylvania's state bird, look majestic in this mount prepared by Richard Herr, a dairy farmer near Strasburg.

meeting the needs of the family, and making some bologna for their own enjoyment.

Richard Herr has found great

pleasure in his taxidermy work, perfecting his skills and making the animals appear as they would in nature. Most of all it allows him

to continue his close association with nature and keeps him near to his favorite pastime - hunting.

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PORTLAND, Me. - Peggy O'Day of Seaford, Del. was awarded best of show honors in the National Grange Sewing Contest at the Grange's annual convention being held in Portland, Me., Nov. 12-18. Mrs. O'Day was presented with \$1,000 and other prizes by co-sponsors of the contest.

Mary Buffington, director of women's activities for the National Grange, also announced national

winners in needlework, stuffed toys, quilts and legislative contests.

Ann Yandow of Essex Junction, Vt. was selected state Grange Director of the Year.

National needlework winners were Elsa Grossman, Gilboa, N.Y., Nellie Elfers, Logan, Okla. and Alice Graham, Barrington, R.I. Taking top honors in stuffed

toys were Arvilla Kline, Trout Creek, Mont., Julie Kuschel, Marcola, Ore. and Virginia Champlin, Melbourne, Fla. Quilt contest winners were Betty Patty, Bradford, O., Shirley Fomby, Mundelein, Ill., Virginville Grange, Virginville, Pa. and Columbus Grange, Columbus, Ind.

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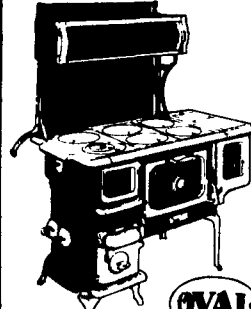
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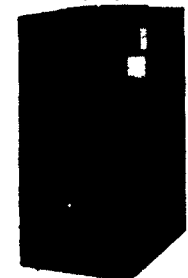


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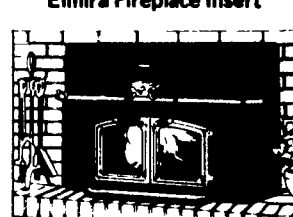
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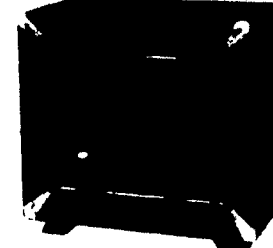
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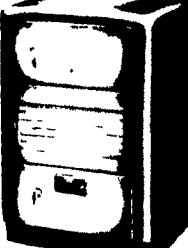
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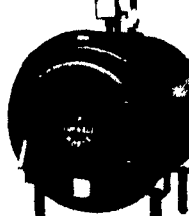


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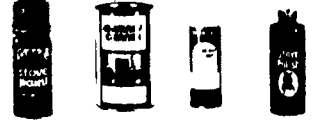


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