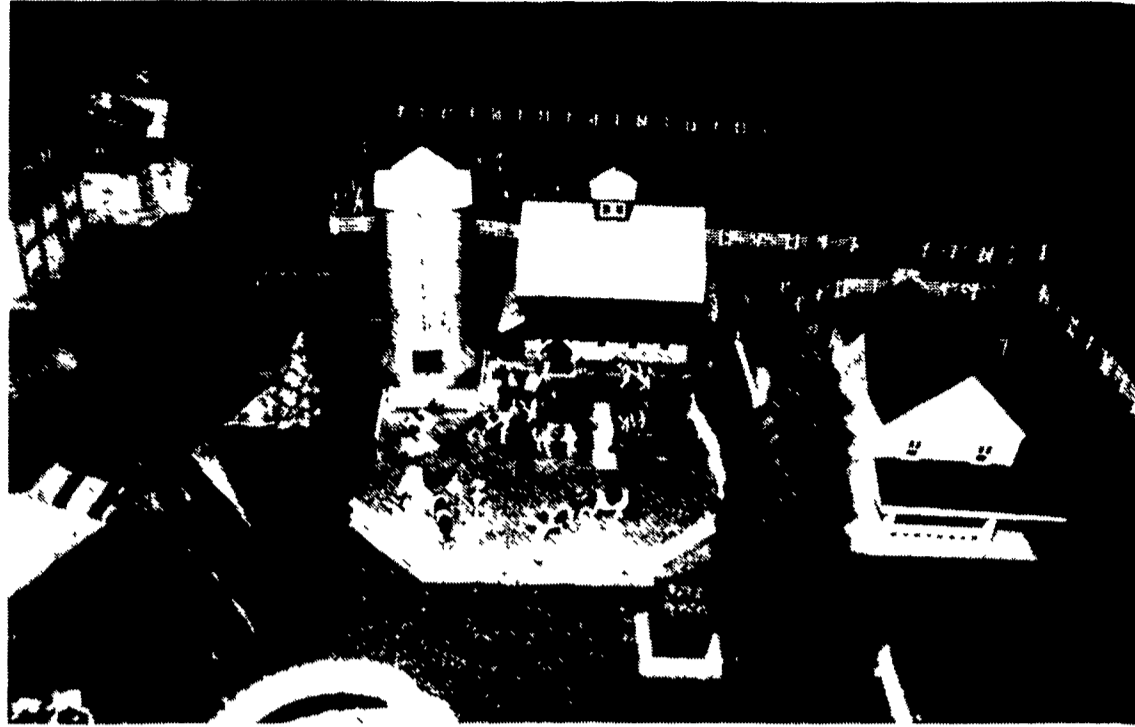


## Industrial Executive Develops Memorial To Farmer Father With Model Cow Collection



More about cows. Note the De Laval promotional piece upper left, and the old true-type Holstein bull and cow, bottom shelf.



A model ceramic farm.

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and the 'jokesy' things just don't do that. When I started serious collecting in the early 1980's I could find more true type cows in the antique shops than I do now. Cow figures have become popular since I started collecting, but they are mostly those cute figures that I don't want."

Bohn was born into a dairy farm family in Frederick County, Maryland, and became acquainted with Holsteins and a few other kinds mixed in. He later graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia and got away from the farm. But those cows were still in his blood. "At home I always liked the cows that were different," Bohn said. "And I still do. I still have some cardboard cut-out cows my grandfather gave me as a boy, but when my father passed away, I decided to buy a model cow as a memorial to him. And from then on it was another, and another, and another."

Bohn has many elite figurines and models in his collection. For example, he has personal contact with John Harper, the famous sculptor of limited edition model cows who lives on the Isle of Man located between England and Ireland. One of the more appreciated pieces in the collection is Harper's sculptured model of the official true-type Jersey cow for the Isle of Man. Other exclusive names in the collection include: Royal Dalton, Andrea, and Beswick. Some of his exquisite pieces are pricey, but he limits his buys to a maximum of \$200 per cow. On the other hand, many of his cows are quite inexpensive. Some pieces are of rare breeds known only in remote parts

of the world. The exhibit includes 40 to 45 different breeds of cows.

If you want to start a collection, Bohn has some advice. "Buy what you like, and don't worry if it's a good investment," he said. "If you buy as an investment, it's probably not the best investment anyway. And then you have to sell them. I don't want to sell my cows because I like to look at them."

What about all these animals sitting around the house?

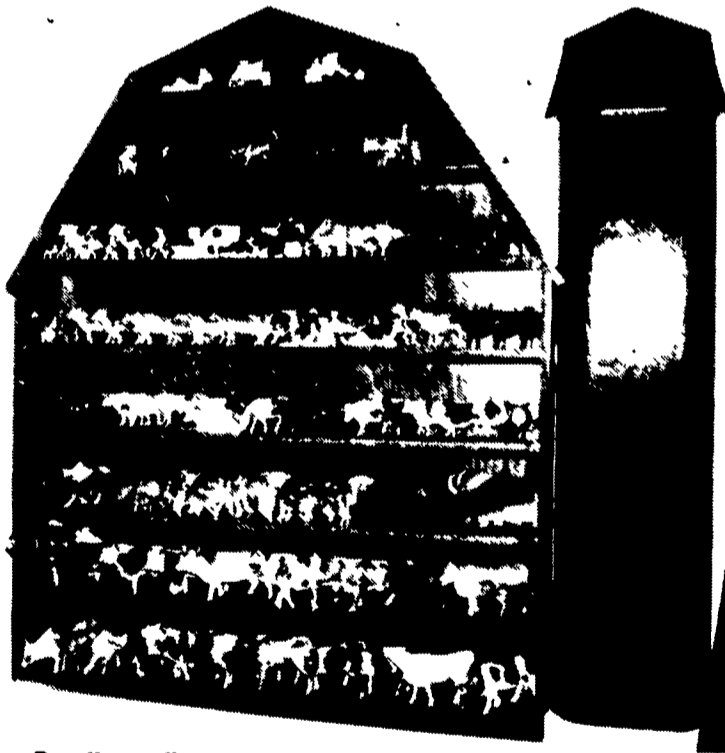
"Actually my wife Joyce finds pieces she thinks I should add to my collection," Bohn said. "In fact, one of the wall display racks that looks like a barn with a silo was her find at the Brethren relief sale. It

was made for Windross trucks, but she thought it should be filled with cows. So she bought it for me. For collectors like me, it helps to have an understanding wife."

What about his peers in the urban business world? What do they think about his secret love of cows?

"For a while when I first started collecting cows, I was embarrassed," Bohn said. "But then I decided that I'm entitled to my eccentricity as well as anyone else. So it's no secret any more."

From this reporter's viewpoint, for those of us who have grown up on the farm, it's not eccentricity at all. It's just the way we are made.



Small cow figurines have completely occupied this barn/silo display unit purchased at the Brethren Relief Sale and originally made for Windross trucks.



An exquisite collection of model dairy animals that include exclusive breeds from remote parts of the world.

## Limousin Posts Record Month

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Despite less than bullish market conditions throughout most segments of the beef industry, the Limousin breed continues to set new marks.

The North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) posted the most registrations in its history for a single month in November with 10,208 head.

"Given the pressures that exist in the market place, it's exciting to see this level of commitment from Limousin breeders," said Dr. John Edwards, NALF executive vice-

president.

He said, "As the breed has grown, so has the dedication to document the genetics and performance of the cattle. Obviously that has a lot to do with the fact that commercial cattlemen are looking for that kind of documentation in making selection decisions."

Year-end numbers for the breed attest to that fact. During the last fiscal year, NALF transfers of cattle grew at a record pace for the seventh consecutive year. Based on annual registrations, Limousin is the second largest beef breed in

the United States.

According to Edwards, "The breed has grown at a phenomenal rate during a period of seedstock consolidation. It has grown based on the breed's inherent advantages in calving ease and carcass merit

compared to other widely used Continental breeds."

"With recent reports from the Meat Animal Research Center documenting the fact that Limousin has the greatest feed efficiency and retail yield of any widely-used

breed, and the evolution of the industry toward value-based marketing where muscle and retail yield look to have added advantage, Limousin has a tremendous opportunity to gain even more wide-spread acceptance."

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