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A Visit To Pasture Green Farm Provides Lesson In History

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the most interesting farm antique pieces you can find anywhere. The wide floor boards, the chair rail, and the plain rough plaster walls provide the setting for an old restored kitchen table set just like grandma would have done it.

A wood fire in the old kitchen range with the black stove pipe visible from firebox to wall chimney casts a comfortable warm glow throughout the well-lighted room and provides the baking and cooking power for many of the extended family's holiday dinners. The delicious tasting cake verifies the assertion that baking in an old range makes better tasting goods than any modern appliance ever could.

A Sellers kitchen cabinet adds to the functional part of the room. And a 1911 De Laval cream separator in the corner and many other De Laval pieces such as an agate farm sign, wall posters and tin product cans bring out the nostalgia of the farm. In fact, De Laval pieces are a speciality. One of the most unique pieces in the collection is a De Laval parts cabinet that still has some of the original parts in the compartments.

Many pieces of literature are in the De Laval collection. And all three of the breed tin cow and calf advertising pieces (Holstein, Guernsey, and Jersey) are in the collection, as well as some of the paper cow pieces made in the late '50s and early '60s.

"This all started," Shirley said, "when we jacked up this old summer kitchen to the level of the house. At the time, junk was stored in it, but we got the idea to restore the room to its original condition. When that was done, we needed

pieces to complete the setting, and that's how this collecting business all started."

Before the kitchen was even completely restored, the old cook stove was in place and used to make a family meal. That was back in 1989. About the same time, an elderly man's farm museum collection in Union County was sold at an eight-day auction. Many of the tools and cream separators ended up in the Womers new/old summer kitchen.

Of course, antique collecting becomes contagious. Soon Scott, at the encouragement of his parents, began collecting old corn shellers, two-cylinder John Deere tractors, farm toys, and two old Ford trucks. Scott has a lot of work to do on these antique vehicles to have them ready by next year when he gets his driver's license.

In 1992, the youth's collecting interest took him to the National Two-Cylinder Club Expo III in Waterloo, Iowa, as an exhibitor. At this show he received a limited edition exhibitor's toy tractor. Since only 1000 of these models were made, it is now worth over \$600.

Shirley's parents, Gene and Janet Willow, Millerstown, share in the antique fever too. The number of pieces became great enough that the Willows and the Womers built a two-story 30' x 90' steel pole building on the Willow's farm to house the collections. Among the store: treadle sewing machines, an old dog treadmill, cherry seeders, meat grinders, an old John Deere manure spreader with a wooden apron chain that is also the floor, and a horse collar bench. Actually, they don't know how many pieces they have, but everything has a story behind it.

In furniture, they refinish every-

thing themselves. Scott's bedroom suite is the work of the family. An old oak ice box in the kitchen shows this handiwork too.

"We should all have a hobby," Shirley said. "The stress of farming is too great not to have an outlet. For us, this is also an investment."

An early 1900s model country store has been set up in one area of the new building, complete with a sign, old door, and shutters from the house. Inside this historical store are old boxes, tins, a copper kettle with apple butter stirrer, and a butter churn.

On weekends the family can be found at an auction or visiting flea

markets in search of that piece in the collection that is still missing. But of course they don't venture very far from home because they need to be back for the evening milking. Even so, they have a great time together as a family and have assembled a remarkable collection in a very short time.

"In a few years the 'kids' won't know what this stuff is or what it was used for," Shirley said.

"How many know what this stuff is even now," Scott counters. "We even have some things we don't know what they are."

But Scott knows what a lot of this stuff is. He's a step ahead of his

peers when it comes to completing school projects. For example, in one of his 10th grade assignments, he produced a video on the subject of the history of farming. Needless to say, with all the history surrounding him at home, the project turned out well and captured a perfect 100 for his efforts.

"We concluded that for us, cows were not going to consume every moment of our lives," Shirley said. "We enjoy cows, but we also enjoy being part of the educational process that helps the next generation know what happened on the farm in years past. To do this, we collect farm antiques."



Terry and Shirley show Pasture Green Enhancer Regency, the supreme champion at the Beaver Fair last year. To add a little family fun and color to the Holstein string, Scott shows his two year-old Guernsey, Crown Stone Smokey Cindy from William Schnebly's herd in Clear Spring, Maryland.

U.S. Hosts 14th World Jersey Conference

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — "World Focus on Jerseys" was the theme of the 14th World Jersey Conference held May 7-16 in Monterey and Modesto, California. International guests were in attendance from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Germany, Guatemala, Island of Jersey, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.

Conference participants met to discuss recent research focusing on Jerseys and milk marketing. A "Farmer's Forum" chaired by Dan

Bansen, Oregon, had panelists from Denmark, England, New Zealand, U.S.A. and Zimbabwe discussing the question, "What are you doing on your dairy farm to maximize profitable milk production?"

Farm visits were arranged in Oregon prior to the conference. Farms in the Central Valley and Ferndale areas of California hosted visitors during the conference. Sightseeing tours were held to San Francisco, the California Redwoods, Napa Valley, Monterey area and Yosemite National Park.

Approximately 600 people attended the Pride of the West sale held during the conference.



Scott takes a ride on his restored two-cylinder John Deere antique tractor.