

Building Miniature Farmsteads, Collecting Farm Toys Part Of Farming For This Huntingdon Dairyman

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HUNTINGDON (Huntingdon Co.)—Building miniature farmsteads and collecting scale model farm toys go together for Terry Eutzy, a farmer from Huntingdon. Both lines of hobby interest stem from the childhood of his children. The first barn Eutzy made was for his young son and so were the first farm toys he bought.

Eutzy grew up on a farm himself and later, after a stint in the armed service and employment as a contractor and carpenter, he came back to the farm.

"I started to build scale model farms in my spare time with ideas out of my head," Eutzy said. "I had extra wood pieces from my carpentry work that were just too good to throw out. Now most of my farm buildings are replicas of actual farms."

Eutzy has a model of a farm in Indiana near the Ohio line, and one of a nearby farm he brought back to life in his miniature setting.

But his most famous building and one that took the most work is a model of the round barn located near Gettysburg. After taking four rolls of film to capture all the intricate construction work in the building, Eutzy put together a scale model, complete with structural rafters to cow stalls that are placed around the bottom stable floor. He left openings in the shell of the building so you can view the neat

work done on the inside of the building.

Today the Eutzy family farms 240 acres and have a large herd of Holsteins. Of course, his spare time is devoted to the model building hobby. It may take five or six months to complete a building.

More recently, Eutzy has switched to balsa wood and other materials obtainable from hobby shops. Farmstead layouts on plywood platforms are built with green and brown materials glued into place to make fencerows, windrows, and fields of baled hay.

As for the farm toy collection, Eutzy started in 1986 and has several thousand pieces. But he says he doesn't have nearly all of what's available.

"It's hard for kids, both young kids and old kids at heart, to collect anymore," Eutzy said. "There are just too many pieces and it gets expensive. You have to cut back and collect only one or two lines."

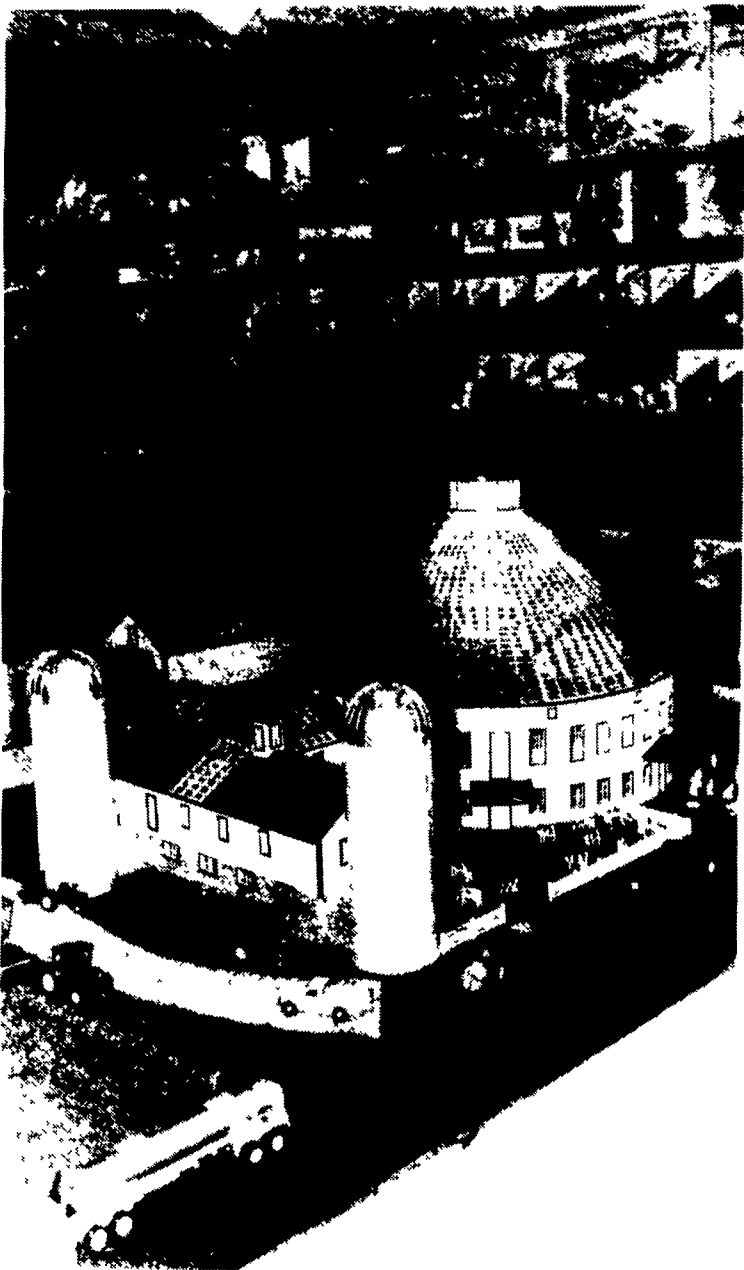
The display shed on the farm has a loft that can accommodate two more farm sets. But Eutzy has dreams of finding a barn along a more traveled highway to open a display center and museum. But maybe he will just build an enlargement to his present display building on the farm. Either way, those who visit the unique display come away feeling a bit of love for farming as shown in the special artistic style of Terry Eutzy.



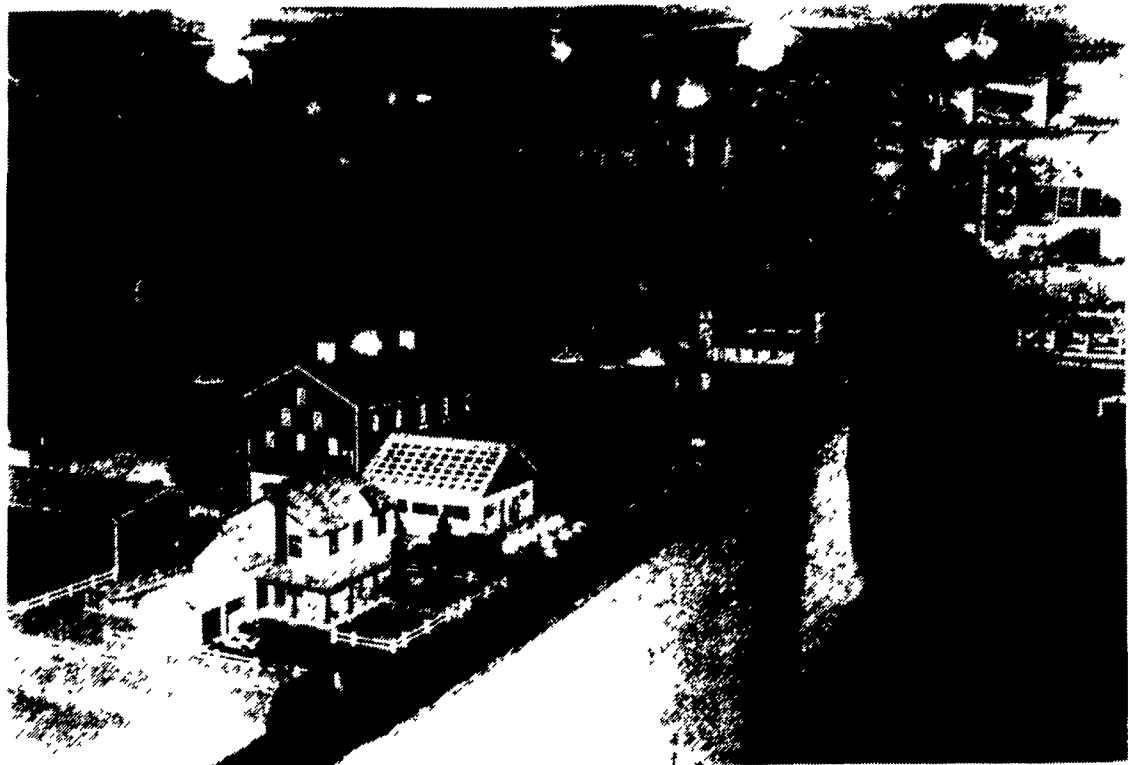
Terry Eutzy shows his latest farmstead creation.



The intricate construction of the equipment in the cow barns and milk house can be seen through removable plastic roof tops.



The famous round barn near Gettysburg is reproduced in scale down to the feed bunks in the lower stable area.



This layout of miniature farmsteads also show many of the farm toy collection that is displayed along the walls of the viewing area.