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CONVERTED INTO AN ART STUDIO AND APARTMENT

Old Dairy Barn Gets New Lease On Life

Looking for a way to make use of an old barn that you no longer need for livestock, or for hay storage?

Wisconsin farmer John Peterson, of Clinton, may have the answer. When he switched from dairying to raising hogs several years ago, he no longer needed the milk house or haymow areas of his large dairy barn. Rather than let them stand idle, he converted them into an apartment and an art studio, then rented them out to two local artists.

Peterson says it only took him about 3 months to convert the unused barn. He rewired it, added insulation and windows, and put in a heating system. He rents out the upstairs apartment for \$125.00 a month and raises hogs in the "basement".

To prevent hog odors and noise in the basement from reaching the haymow art studio, Peterson put a thick layer of insulation between the floors. To help minimize heating bills in the 22 ft. high art studio, he insulated the ceiling, using fiberglass roll

insulation which he covered with fabric. This way, the unattractive insulation was covered, but the aesthetic, loft-like qualities which the rafters provide were kept intact.

Peterson figures it cost about \$45 a month to heat the 1,000 sq. ft. studio last winter. The studio is popular with the artists because of its rural setting, extensive space and uncomplicated design. He suggests that other old abandoned farm buildings could be converted into recreation centers or guest houses.

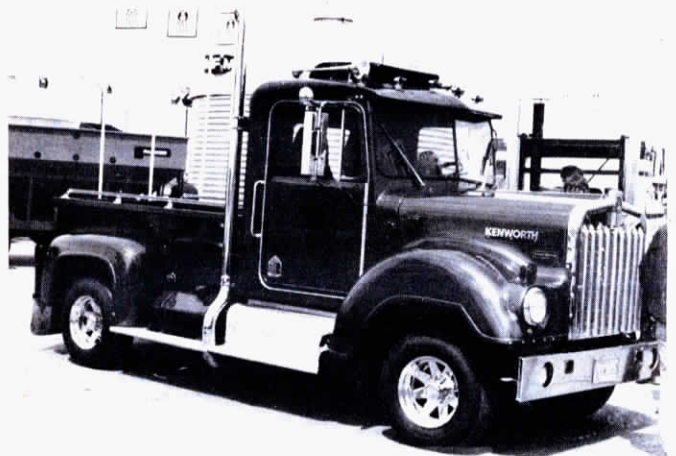
A seminar at Peterson's farm, planned for next summer, will teach interested people how to convert old farm buildings into useful structures again. Peterson says he will include some of his techniques and ideas, along with those of an architect and an environmental designer.

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On-farm seminars to be conducted on the Peterson farm will give tips on converting abandoned farm buildings into recreational centers or guest houses.

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IT WON'T END UP ON THE FARM, THOUGH

"Dream Pickup" Has A Kenworth Cab, Chassis

If you were going to design the "perfect" pickup, you would probably dream up something much like the Kenworth "pickup" recently displayed at a western Canadian farm show. With a standard Kenworth cab and chassis, it's none-the-less rated as a one-ton pickup, the perfect vehicle for long distance travel and heavy hauling.

As showgoers gathered around the hybrid truck, sales people from the exhibitor, Custom Truck Sales, Ltd., in Regina, dashed any hopes farmers might have had of buying a similar truck for themselves. They explained that the truck was not for sale and that there aren't any more like it.

"We bought the truck from a do-it-yourselfer who built it for himself.

We thought it would make a real eye-catching exhibit," a sales representative told FARM SHOW.

The truck has a standard 1972 Kenworth cab mounted on a Kenworth semi-truck chassis. It's powered with a V-6 Cummins diesel engine. Special fabricating involved getting the cab down to pickup height, and manufacturing the pickup box and rear fenders.

Custom Truck Sales doesn't know how much was originally spent to build the truck but representatives said that the price of the truck, if it were manufactured, would no doubt be high enough to make the Kenworth a true "dream pickup" for most farmers.