

The farm buildings were gradually overhauled and updated. Two old wooden silos were replaced by a twin pair of cement silos.

The old stabling with wooden managers and stalls for beef cattle was redesigned and replaced with Beattie steel stanchions and pens and cement managers and gutters for Holstein dairy cattle.

The original drive through arrangement for cleaning out the stables was changed, first to overhead litter carrier track and later to an automatic stable cleaner closed in, cement manure pit.

Two old buildings, the hog pen and implement shed were torn down and replaced with up-to-date structures.



As the size of the purebred holstein herd was built up to over forty cows in the milking rows and the raising of heifer calves for replacement or sale, the cropping program went through a gradual change. What started out as mainly grain cropping, oats and fall wheat with corn silage, and hay, gradually changed to a maximum use of grasses for silage, hay and pasture, an increased use of corn for grain on the cob, and the minimum use of oats and wheat, mainly for the straw for bedding and to serve as a nurse crop for reseeding of the fields to clovers and grasses again.

After ten years at Brownsville, Mr. Buchner purchased an additional 50 acres, which adjoined the farm to the west from Henry Downing. This made it possible to carry 100 head of cattle of all ages in his program.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchner were blessed with two more children, David, born in 1949, and Ruthanne in 1951. This made them feel they had indeed been richly blessed.

L. to R.

Betty
Aubrey
Ruthanne
David
BERTHA
Gerald
Buchner

