

Guest Farm Operator on the Go

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was named for both of her grandmothers. She loves to read and even tries to read while doing some of her work around the house. She is a real help to her mother. She is in first year 4H sewing, being a member of the Mount Joy 4H Sewing Club. She enjoys it very much. She too is interested in antiques. She has collections of paperweights and beaded handbags and evening bags. She has taken piano lessons for two years. She plays while the family gathers around the piano and sings.

Eddie has a vegetable garden. He grows vegetables and sells them to his mother. He helps with the pigs and has seven of his own. Dwight also helps feed the pigs.

Yvonne is the daughter of Martin and Barbara Hauck. She was born on a farm near Rothsville but the family moved to a small farm near York about 20 years ago. She attended Lancaster Mennonite School one year where she met her husband. She graduated from William Penn High School in York.

For two years after marriage, she and Wayne lived in Maine. It was there that she started attending flea markets and became interested in antiques. Three years later she started buying antiques as a hobby. She says it's still strictly a hobby.

She caters to primitives and furniture, although she does have some china and glassware, lots of crocks and what have you. She used to attend and sell antiques at many flea markets but now attends just one big one at New Oxford, Adams County, in June. It is widely advertised and people come to it from far and near.

Mrs. Miller has turned her house basement into an antique shop where all kinds of interesting pieces may be found at reasonable prices. For the most part "pickers" buy for them. Her 100 year old home is also furnished with lovely pieces of antique furniture.

In her basement Yvonne also handles over a dozen colors of burlap yard goods. She does this because it is difficult to find it in stores. She also uses burlap herself in making many household articles like aprons, tablecloths, place mats and for picture backing.

People seeking a quiet, leisurely vacation out in the wide open spaces find The Green Acres Guest Farm an ideal spot, and urban people get a firsthand

knowledge of farm life and agribusiness there. They learn what real togetherness is when they see the whole family cooperating in the many pleasant but arduous tasks of the farm.

Millers provide four or five bicycles, a pony with a saddle, another pony and cart and a splash pool for their guests. Bicycles are not popular with the guests because they have them in the city. They enjoy much more the ponies and the long hikes between the two covered bridges.

Millers can sleep 16 guests in their big 12 room house. They also have a finished room on the third floor and they have one suite of a bedroom and a kitchenette with a studio couch, table and chairs for the family who wishes to prepare their own meals.

But Mrs. Miller provides breakfast and dinner for most of her guests. This is an experience in good eating with plenty of good meat, fresh eggs, milk and vegetables. She always works in a few Pennsylvania Dutch famous dishes. She never fails to serve her own shoo-fly pie once during their stay. Her electric percolator is always brewing and accessible to the guests which makes them feel right at home.

Millers have a very rustic kitchen which they finished themselves last winter. Formerly it was their old out-kitchen which had two built-in iron kettles and a cement floor. They tore out the kettles, making a very large open fireplace with a mantle above. They have a crane built in the side to hold a large iron kettle. Next to the fireplace they have



Mrs. Wayne (Yvonne) Miller points to some guests names who return each year to spend their vacation at Green Acres. In

the background, the old iron kettle hangs from the crane in the big open fireplace in the kitchen.

an "outhouse" as they call it. Above their range and refrigerator they have a wood shingled roof. They covered the front of the refrigerator with red burlap and used the same between the rafters of the open beam ceiling. They used old barn weather boarding for side walls and an old country store counter and set of drawers for the cupboards. All of the drawers and other trim were painted red. The per-

forated metal front of the old store sugar and flour bins was used as a front for the automatic dishwasher. They used red figured wallpaper for part of the walls. Old used bricks were put on the floor which Mrs. Miller says she likes very much.

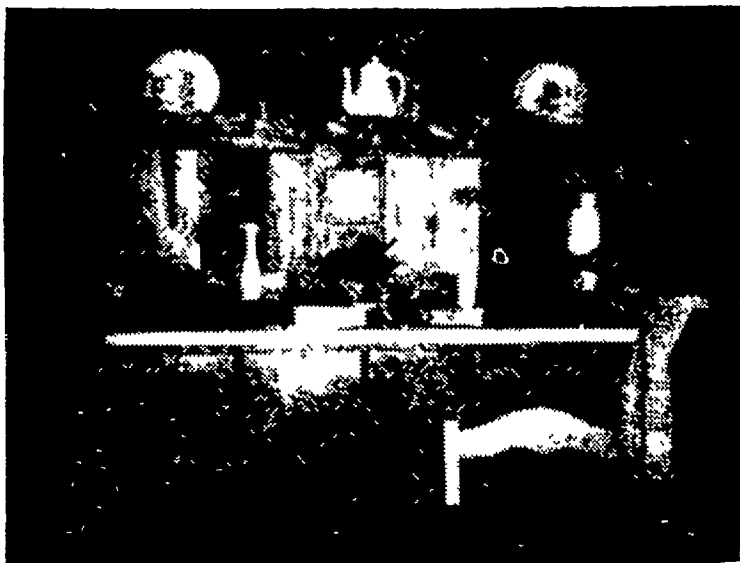
They have a long plank table and a shorter one in this large kitchen and dining room to accommodate their guests. Mrs. Miller completed the decor with burlap curtains, which she made, and displays many of her antique dishes, candle molds, wall plaques, iron kettles, griddles, etc. on the mantle and the shelf above her sink.

The Millers operate the business themselves except when especially busy when Miss Julia Garber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Garber, assists. They are registered with the Lancaster County Tourist Bureau which is

operated by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

Guests, some of which are famous people, have come from Australia, England, Norway, Holland and the states of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Maryland, Minnesota,

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Yvonne serves coffee for guests in her rustic kitchen. Her zinnias and fern lend a friendly atmosphere to the interesting arrangement of antiques and home-canned fruits and mixed vegetables.

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