

Farm vacations

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says Russo with a definite thick New York accent. "We just relax and forget it all."

After five years, the Russos have Lancaster County tourism figured out.

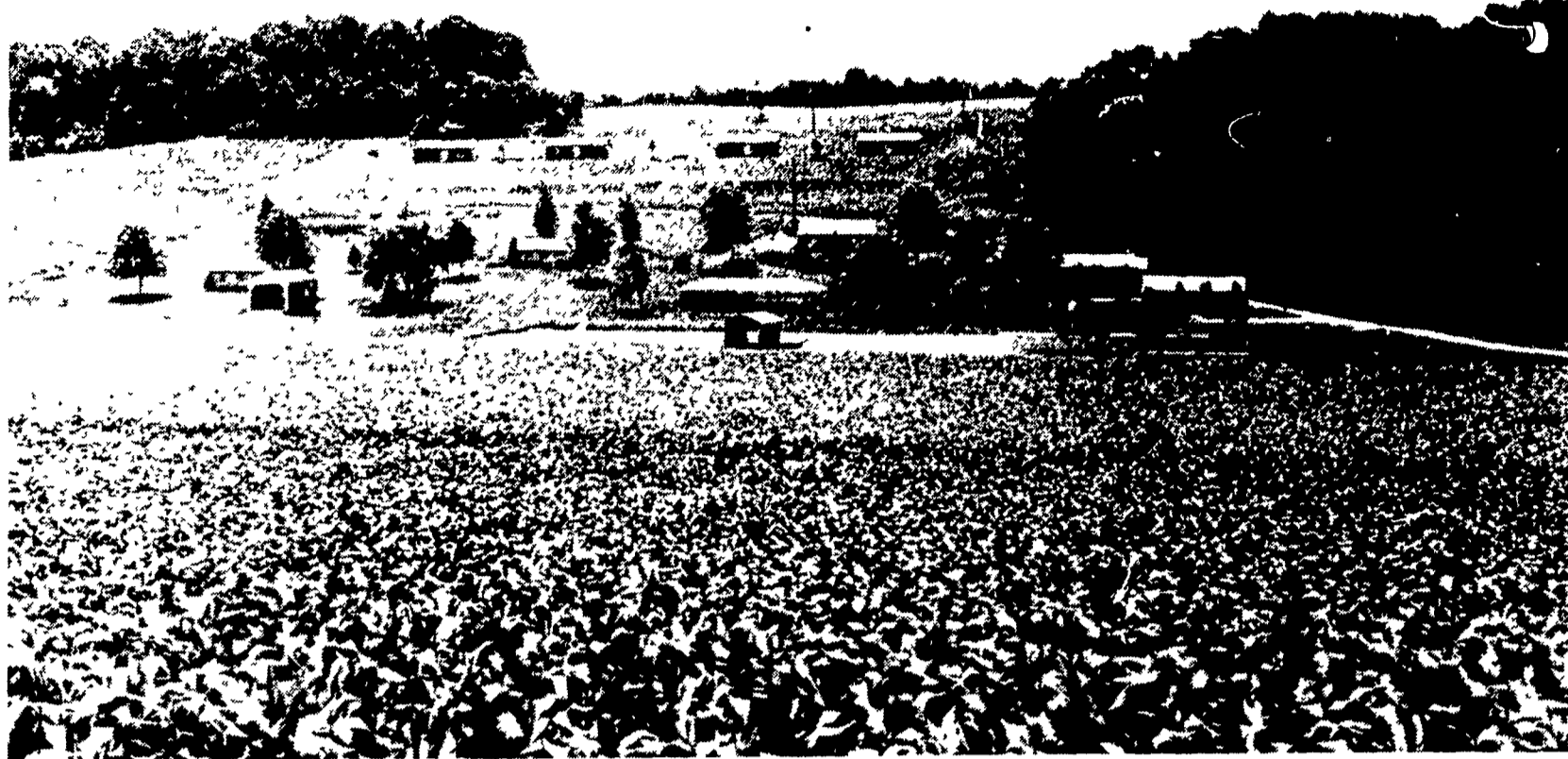
"We don't go on those guided tours of the farms where they only show you what they want you to see," says Russo. "We go in the country and talk to the real farmers."

The Russos say that they find Lancaster County to be friendly, even though there is a strong reputation stating just the opposite.

And, the food found in the county is another aspect of their yearly vacation which they look forward to, although meals are not part of the Brubaker's vacation set up.

Shoofly pie and pork and sauerkraut are Mrs. Russo's favorites. She has also taken a cookbook home and makes "pickled eggs," as she calls them, or red beet eggs, for her family.

The Goulds from Philadelphia also brought up one other point that is good about the farm vacation.



Built on a hill and surrounded by woods and corn fields, Beaver Creek Farm Cabins draw city visitors year after year. On the lower level of the vacation village, centrally located, is the pavilion which the Brubakers use for bonfires and cookouts. On

the hilltop is the lookout tower, which Brubaker built himself. From this tower one can view miles and miles of the surrounding county.

"It's good for our children to get out of the city and back to where it all began," they said.

While their visitors are enjoying the peace and quiet of their farm vacations, the Brubakers mingle and join in

with all of the festivities, which include walks through the woods and a cookout once a week. It also includes answering questions on the difference between sweet corn and field corn, and broilers and layers. The

visitors seem to enjoy the interest the Brubaker family shows in them, and as a result, the Brubakers have made a lot of friends in the past years.

But this, of course, is the good side of running a farm vacation.

Since the tourists rent for only one week at a time, there's also a lot of work to be done at the end of each week. Mrs. Brubaker has to clean each cabin, defrost each refrigerator, and clean each oven, plus much more. She does have two women who help her clean, and her children help her, but there's still a lot of work involved to

get ready for each new renting family. Mr. Brubaker also does his share, which includes the fixing and plumbing.

Yet, the Brubakers say that it's really not too difficult to manage both the 65 acre farm and the cabins. "Broilers don't require too much work," says Brubaker. "Besides, the whole family helps," he adds.

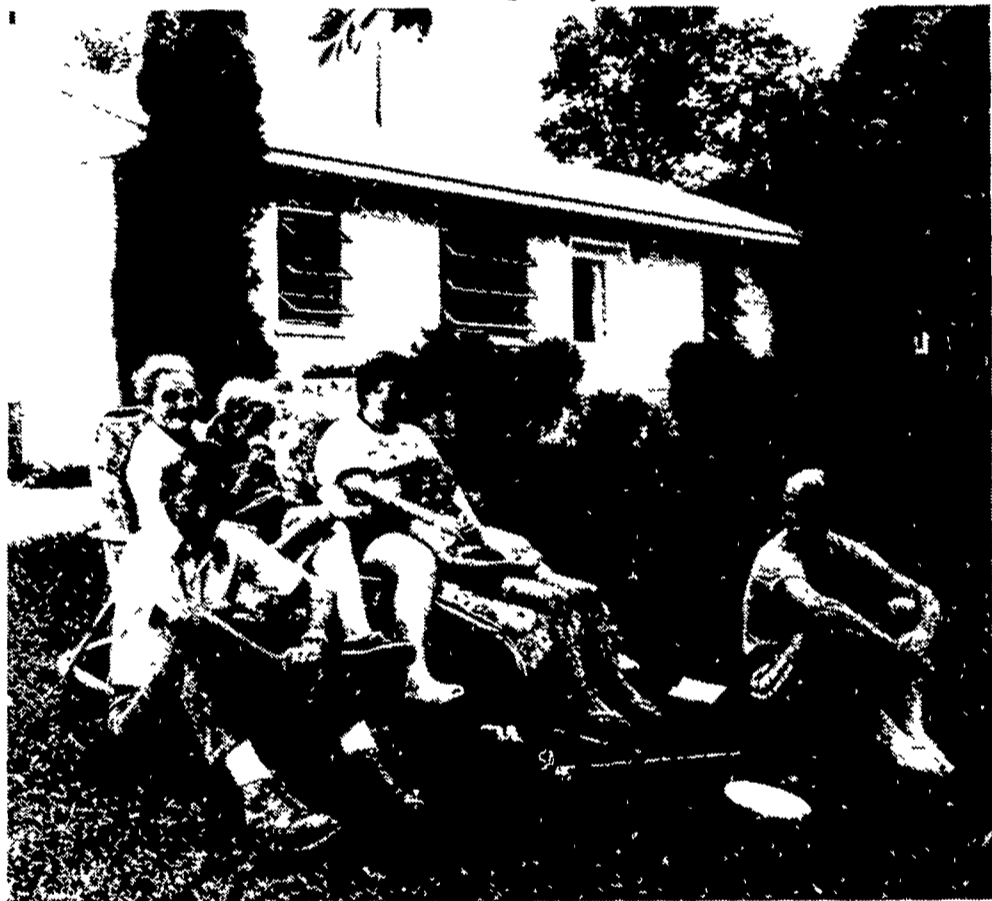
They all need to pitch in because during the summer months the Brubakers are usually booked solid with visitors from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Ohio. They say that

much of their trade is repeat visits like the Russos and the Goulds, and most of it comes in summers, since they have stopped most of their winter rentals except for holiday weekends.

There's just something about Beaver Creek cabins and farm vacations, in general, which help to keep bringing the visitors back.

That certain something can all be summed up in one sentence repeated time and time again by different tourists.

"It's the peacefulness," they say. "You just can't find it too many places anymore."



The Brubakers - Harold, seated on the ground to the left, and Miriam and their daughter, Rhonda, who are sitting on the chair to the left - enjoy a

chat with the Goulds of Philadelphia in front of one of their vacation cabins.

Dauphin farm women meet

The Dauphin County Society of Farm Women Group No. 1, held its monthly meeting on July 13, at the home of Dorothy Rutt. This meeting was the group's family picnic. Hostess for the evening was Dorothy Rutt and co-hostess was Mary Kaylor. A covered dish supper was provided with many dishes from which to choose.

Following the supper a short business was conducted by Bertha Kennedy, president. Several items of business were discussed. Plans were made for the food stand the group will have at the Harry Tripp sale on Aug. 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. A special meeting will be held on July 26th to make final


plans for this project. Final plans got under way for the group's Nite - Out on Aug. 10. The Fall Convention details were explained and a committee was appointed to come up with ideas for the table decorations for the Fall Convention. Thank - you notes were read from Farm Women Group No. 5 and from Debbie Cassel. There was a date change announced. The Sept. 14 meeting will be changed to Sept. 8 which is a Wednesday and will be held at 7:30 p.m. The group's Safety Poster was completed by Kathy Moffatt and was handed in to Mrs. Mary Kopp, safety chairman.

Following the business meeting, Ruth Rife and Ruth

Oberholtzer presented the entertainment. Ruth Rife entertained with a puppet and sing-a-long music. A cake walk was held with everyone joining in.


The next meeting of the Dauphin County Society of Farm Women Group No. 1 will be on Aug. 10.

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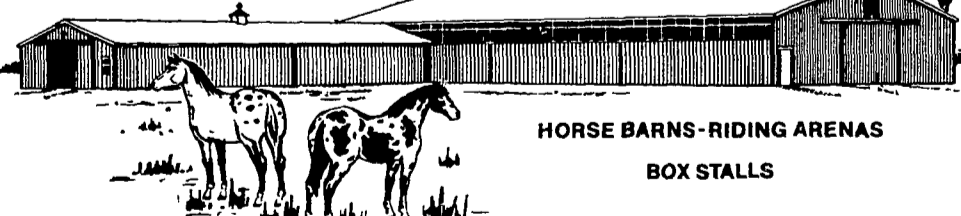
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