Tourist farm

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fancy life offered almost anywhere they may go. These professional people don't usually want us to even know

they are doctors or lawyers. They want to be totally lost in this farm experience," Roy Neff relates.

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When asked what impact this business has made on the children, Mrs. Neff replied that the children have gotten to make a lot of friends because of this.

"Our children have also gotten to know what life is like in the city. It has made them more appreciative of our way of life. They have learned how to get their work done and to get along with people."

The children give the tours on the farm, and the tourists say they are surprised that they know so much about farming. The difference between heifers, calves and cows as well as hay and straw are always topics of dicussion

As a result of their experience on the farm, the guests go away with an updated idea about mechanized and modernized farming as the Neffs practice it, but they are always curious about the Amish neighbors' way of life. Having lived among them all his life, Roy Neff can usually answer their questions.

"Our guests are glad for the opportunity to ask questions and know they are getting answers first hand, says Ellen Neff. Occassionally, some of our guests are recently widowed, or divorced, or suffering in some way. Some just want someone to talk to. Over and over we hear that they don't even know their next-door neighbor and

that they have no one to share with. If they have a problem, we try to help if we can. Many have written to us and said they really appreciated our council and that their visit here was something they will always remember. We share our faith with them when we can. They say we offer them something they can't get by staying at a motel." concluded Mrs. Neff.

'People enjoy the peace and quiet here, they say. To us, it is noisy with the road traffic and the sounds of the animals, but to our guests it is quiet," she adds.

The sharing of two different worlds and making friends are perhaps the greatests benefits of a tourists farm experience for host and guest as well.

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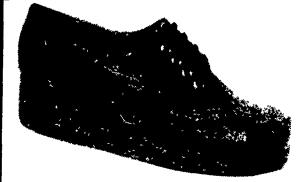


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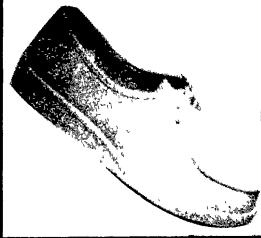


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