

Vacationers

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week in the fall enjoying the farm. "They came up a couple times to watch us milk," says Dottie. "They are all invited to come up here anytime they want."

At Three Spring Run Farm the vacation farmhouse is about five miles from the barn where the Replogles milk 150 Holsteins. Many of the sites in the state are located nearer the farm activity. At times the guests live in with the farm family and are welcomed to all the family meals.

Dottie and Don prefer to be separate and not be responsible for the meals and entertaining of the guests. They encourage the visitors to join them at the main house and barn to participate in farm chores anytime, but also offer privacy in the secluded country surroundings.

The house is ideal for family groups or church retreats because the five bedrooms easily sleep ten. No meals are provided by Dottie, but the furnished country kitchen welcomes any cook.

The thoughtful hosts don't expect their city friends to be cut off from the world. They provide a directory of area restaurants

specializing in home-cooked meals, country grocery stores, laundromats, hospitals, doctors, tennis courts, shopping areas, public phones and churches.

"When they call I ask them what they are really looking for. We want them to know what we have and don't have, before they arrive," states Dottie.

The farmhouse is currently without a television, which is the first thing Dottie tells the callers. She says most prefer it that way, but Dottie still expects to have a T.V. in the house soon.

Some people have even inquired if there is electricity or a cookstove available.

"The woman wanted to take her kids back to when she was growing up on a farm," smiles Dottie. "It's interesting to hear their questions."

Reactions from the guests vary greatly. A visitor from the city road all day in the trucks as they filled the silos last fall. He thought it was a wonderful vacation, while another guest complained about the smell on the farm.

The generous family has also made their house available to neighbors needing additional room for visiting relatives. A storm in October damaged another neighbors home, but they were

able to spend seven weeks in the Replogle's farmhouse.

"I've been really pleased," says Dottie. "The families that I've had, leave the place just the way they found it. I haven't had very many yet," she admits. "But I haven't had any trouble."

The couple confesses that they don't expect to always be so lucky, but do have ways of handling bad situations. Members have been reminded by the association that they are the boss. If someone is causing problems they can be asked to leave. Or turn the inquiry away, if the initial telephone conversation leaves the owner feeling unsure.

The association members meet twice a year in different areas of the state. They swap advice, ideas and stories. If there have been any bad experiences with individuals or families, the word spreads quickly.

The Bedford County farmers have considered renting their house to a local family year round; however, friend's sour experiences with tenants have encouraged them to offer the old farmhouse to vacationers seeking a brief ex-

ursion in the country. If the house would ever be needed for hired help on the farm, Don says it would easily be available.

The purpose of the farm vacation is to offer a clear contrast with city life. It definitely does that. While inviting urbanites to a rural, open country farm setting, the farm families also are supplementing their normal farm income.

The enthusiasm is still evident as Dottie plans to make a go of it.

"As long as we keep getting guests, we'll continue," she said.

For these friendly farmers there is something more important than offering a beautiful vacation spot.

"I enjoy meeting the people," Dottie smiles. "We're getting a lot from them."

Pomona Grange adopts resolutions

QUARRYVILLE — Lancaster County Pomona Grange No. 71 held their annual spring meeting at Fulton Grange Hall, Oakryn, as guests of Fulton Grange on April 21. The Master, Clifford W. Holloway Jr., conducted a business session during which the Pomona Grange adopted three resolutions.

The members resolved to urge the state to select a route to connect the proposed Route 23 to the western end of the Route 30 Coatesville bypass and to proceed with construction as soon as possible.

They also resolved to favor

legislation prohibiting the release of any national election results until the time for voting in the continental United States has passed.

The members also favor a Constitutional amendment changing the present form of selecting judges for state-wide office to a merit system.

Dorothy Berry, the lecturer, presented the program. The next meeting will be the annual picnic meeting and will be held at Huffnagle Park in Quarryville Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

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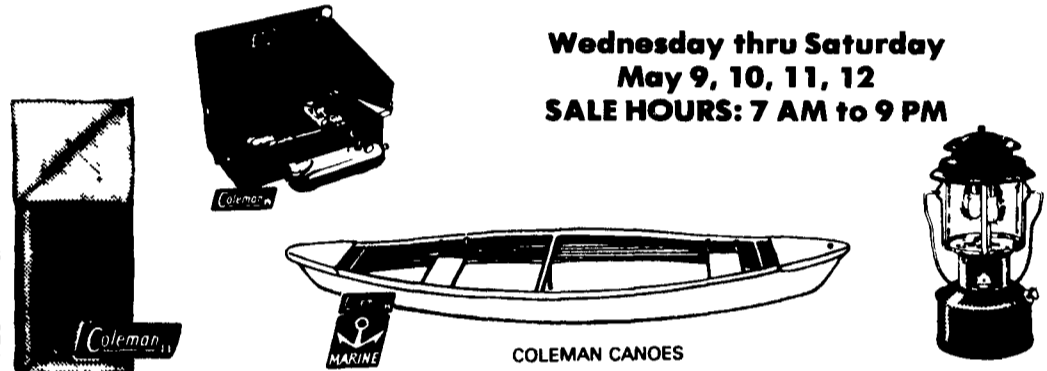
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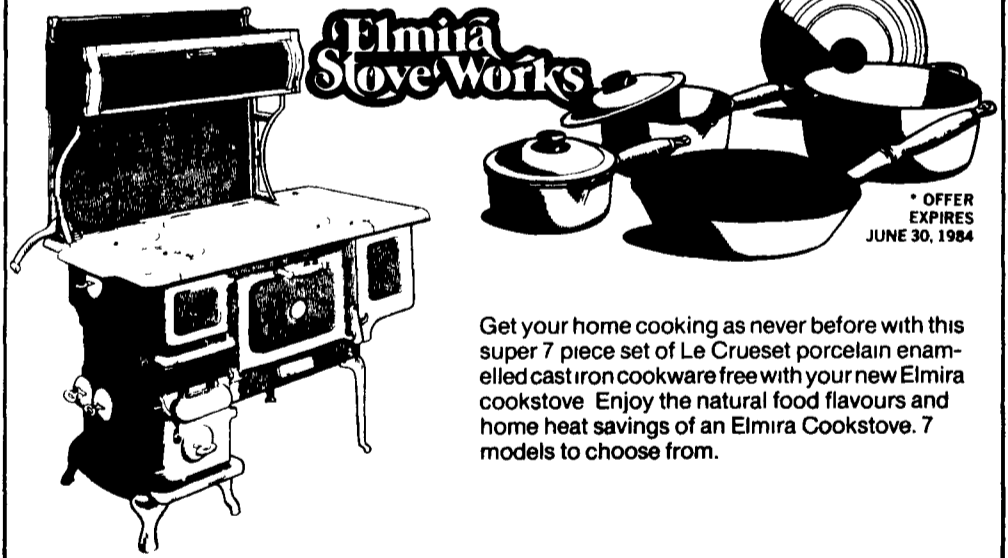
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