

# Kid's Korner

## All About Andy



Andy Stoner, 3, enjoys helping with chores on his family's 115-acre farm. He loves piglets, whether real or stuffed.

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GREENCASTLE (Franklin) —  
Andy Stoner loves pigs. And there is no shortage of them on the farm where Andy lives with his parents, Richard and Lana Stoner, and his older brothers and sister.

Andy's dad has 120 sows. Andy loves to hold the tiny piglets. And he likes to "catch piggies and shot them." He doesn't mean "shoot them," he means "shot them" — vaccinate them.

One pig that Andy has never "shotted" is his stuffed pig, Orson.

Andy, 3, is also interested in his father's crops. He often checked the barley field near the house this fall to see if the barley was coming up.

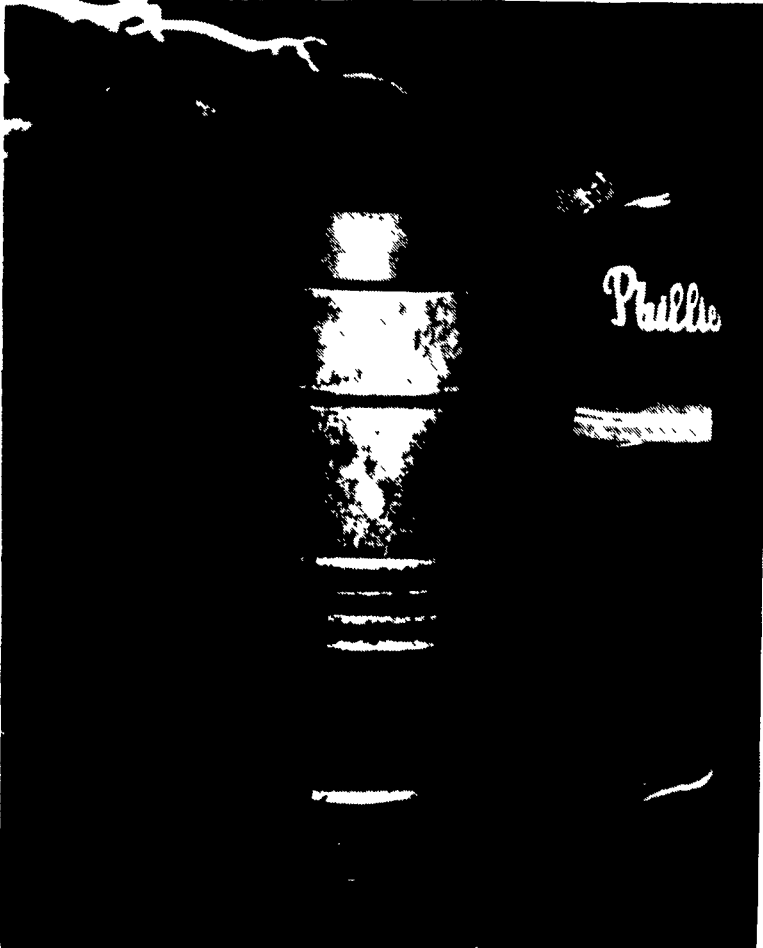
"Every time we go the mail, we had to go check the barley," his Dad said.

Andy is proud of the large potted plant he got from his Grandmother Stoner. He decorated it with birds and placed a small felt Christmas tree on top of it to create his own personal holiday tree. It stands in the living room near the family's tree.

When the weather is warmer, Andy enjoys making roads in his sandbox and playing with the cats that abound on the farm.



Andy decorated a Christmas tree for himself this year. He got the tree and birds from his Grandma Stoner.



Andy checks to see if the pigs need more feed.

## Tractor Pull

Show your pedal power on Sunday, January 8, at the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull held during the 73rd annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. Competition is open to children ages three to eight.

Pedal tractor pulling is similar to real tractor pulling except children on pedal tractors are the pullers. Pedal tractors will be furnished for participants. A special sled that has a moving weight box is attached. A full pull is about 60 feet.

Three classes will be offered: 3 to 4 year-olds, 5 to 6 year-old, and 7 to 8 year-olds.

Sign up begins at 1:30 p.m. in the large arena. Only 20 children will be allowed to enter each class.

Parents wishing more information or who want to sign up their children before January 8, should contact Christian Herr at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (717) 783-8460.



Andy and his father make frequent checks on the crops on their farm. Andy's cats like to accompany them.

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