

Kid's KOrner

Children Meet Animals Face To Face

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CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.)— For one bright, sunny October day, the lawn of Lester Martin's farm was turned into a petting zoo. About 100 handicapped children from the Franklin Learning Center visited the farm as an educational project. For a few weeks before the visit, the students studied about animal mothers and babies and learned what foods farm animals produce.

Then, only a short ride away from the school, they met all of those animals "in person!" They

got acquainted with a Jersey cow named Faith and her calf; two sheep, a goat, a pony, and a hen and her chicks.

Many of the children had never been on a farm before. They were especially fascinated with Faith, and were thrilled when they could squirt a little milk from her udder.

The sheep and the pony stood quietly for many loving touches. Kelby offered the pony a carrot, but it wasn't hungry.

The hayride turned out to be the most popular event of the day.

"It was fun. It was fast and bumpy," said Diana, one of the students.

Corey, on his first visit to a farm, said, "I like the tractor and the hayride and the baby cows."

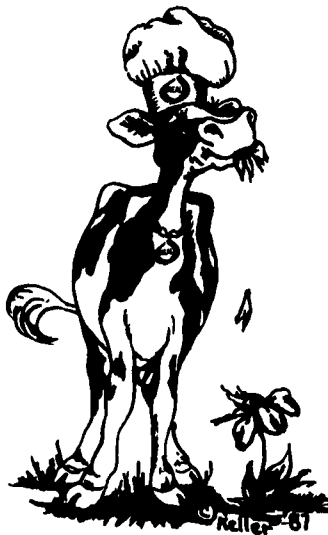
Mr. Martin stopped the tractor in the cornfield and let each of the children pick an ear of corn.

Back on the front lawn, the children were treated to a snack of milk and homemade cookies. Then they each chose a pumpkin from a huge pile. Mike said, "I'm going to make pumpkin pie!" Annette plans to decorate hers for Halloween and for art class.

When asked about her favorite part of the trip, Annette said, "Everything!"



Stevie, Tammy and Nathan enjoy a snack of milk and homemade cookies in the yard.



Many of the children said the hayride was the best part of the visit. "The hayride was fun. It was fast and bumpy," Diana said.



Teacher Bob Crider introduces Mikey to a friendly Jersey cow named Faith.



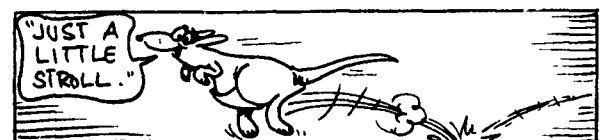
Nicole



Kelby, a student at the Franklin Learning Center, feeds a carrot to the pony.



The students took a rest under a shade tree before boarding the buses to return to school. They each took home a pumpkin and an ear of corn.



Kangaroos can travel 40 miles an hour but they can't walk.