

My husband and I took a 10-day trip South last month. We visited children in Georgia and a child in Virginia. And, it happened that a fourth child was in the area too. So, we had a nice Easter together.

The long auto trip is not to my liking but it is a necessary part of the vacation. There are so many preparations prior to the trip. To take summer clothes or not? Their peas are already blooming and mine are just coming up.

Who will tend our cats — especially now that we have four kittens? They were born in a very big, deep cardboard box and were five weeks old before they managed to climb out. The one is so curious and keeps falling off our back porch.

As I love to bake, I make different kinds of cakes several times a week. Then I share some with our son and his family. As my husband buys apples by the halfbushel, they are often one ingredient in the cakes.

We've had our new lawn landscaped by a professional service. There are two big maple trees in the front yard and a lot of shrubbery in the corners and around some big rocks. I had already put in lilies, peonies, and other perennials. My saffron bulbs had to be HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — With summer vacations on the way, families looking for something new and different may want to consider a farm vacation.

"A working farm is a wonderful place for a family to spend their vacation time," State Agricultural Secretary Boyd E. Wolff said. "In addition to the scenic beauty many farms offer, visitors can learn more about Pennsylvania agriculture, our number one industry."

The 1992 Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Guide, now available from the Department of Agriculture, lists the names and a brief description about farms that accommodate tourists.

Twenty-six vacation farms located throughout Pennsylvania offer activities such as swimming and hiking, horseback riding and pony rides, volleyball and horse-

moved and some of them were destroyed by their rototiller.

Soon I will have fresh cut flowers on the table every day. Last Sunday some visitors were impressed by a bouquet of big, white daffodils and blue hyacinths in a green vase. I do like to work with flowers. shoes, and hunting and fishing. The hosts often encourage visitors to learn about their farm operation and help feed the small animals.

Some of the farms are open all year, offering winter activities like ice skating, cross country skiing, tobogganing and sleigh rides.

Individual accommodations and rates vary from farm to farm. Guests will find rooms in old restored farmhouses and colonial mansions, or rustic cabins and primitive camping. Homestyle country cooking is often part of the vacation package.

For a free copy of the directory, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to: Pennsylvania Farm Vacations, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

Corn Husk Dolls

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and plan to refurbish it, including the open staircase and four fireplaces. with their shared love of history, old buildings and craftsmanship, the Broyles' excitement with this soon-to-be home is evident.

Friends often tell the Broyles they were born 100 years too late. The couple, however, has found a shared way to adapt to that love of old things by restoring and preserving part of America's heritage.

tage. "We're losing a lot of our traditional crafts because people aren't willing to put that much time into something," worries Pat. "I'm not a mass-producer kind of person.

"Cornhusk dolls were not originally collectibles, they were for children to play with, and were eventually swept up in the dust pan," Pat relates. "There are a lot of cornhusk dolls in museums, though, that someone did take care of and save. I want to make mine to last."

Information on Cornhusk Folk Art Figures is available from Pat Broyles, Route 1, Box 200, Grottoes, Virginia 24441. Her brochure is available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



Farm Vacation Guide Available