

Oley Valley Farm

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attending auctions every Saturday for five years.

"My husband is trying to teach me to buy one good item at a sale instead of purchasing box lots to

sort through," Lorin said.

After restoring the farmstead, the Tuttles intended to retire on the farm and concentrate on their quilt collection. Instead, Dave takes care of the daily chores associated

with raising 2,200 pigs owned by a neighboring farmer and cash crops 124 acres of soybeans and corn.

Last year, in answer to Lorin's dreams, Dave turned a cornfield into a greenhouse business called Oley Valley Perennials.

"It's to keep the kids and me busy," said Lorin, who thrives on

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growing healthy perennials. So far, she has 80 varieties.

The isolated farm is no place for a retail business so the plants are wholesaled to growers and landscapers.

Another side business is the bed and breakfast they established in the farmstead's springhouse.

Covered with briars and weeds growing inside that reached to the roof, the burned shell of a stone springhouse captured the Tuttle's imagination from the first day they saw it.

"Amazingly the ground stone floor was plumb after 200 years," Dave said.

It's hard to envision the delightful Little House was once as dela-

pidated and ugly as the photographs show. The lower level with its stone floor provides a kitchen with an open hearth dining room. Dave used what he calls Amish roughbox lumber for the wide board floors. The main level is the living area has a corner fireplace and is furnished with antiques from the area. Narrow stairs lead to a cozy bedroom in the eaves. While lying in the bed, vacationers can see miles of tilled fields and valleys of woodland.

For information about the Little House Bed & Breakfast of Oley Valley, write to David and Lorin Tuttle at 675 Covered Bridge Rd., Boyertown, PA 19512 or phone (610) 689-4814.

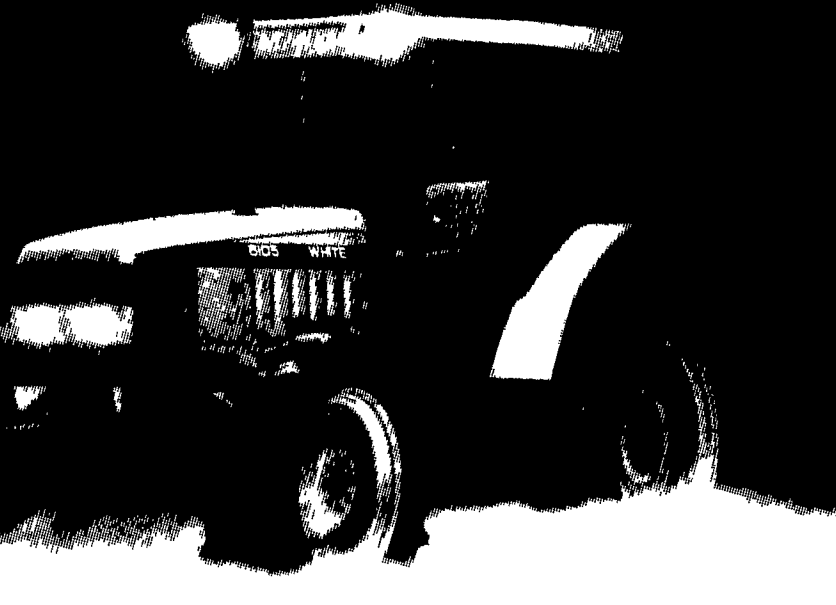


The main level of the Little House Bed & Breakfast is the living area with wide board floors, open beam ceiling and fireplace. The lower level provides a complete kitchen with room for dining in front of the open hearth. Climb the narrow stairs to a cozy loft bedroom that overlooks miles of rolling valleys.



The middle building is the Little House Bed And Breakfast for vacationers who want quiet isolation. The building was completely overrun by weeds inside the shell when the Tuttles purchased the property. They installed modern conveniences to tastefully blend with the early American decor and furnished antiques.

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