

Know Where the Activities Will Be? **Read** the Farm Women Calendar.



My name's Daisy. I'm a duck, I live at the farm of what's-her-name, who usually writes this piece of foolishness.

She's had a tiring week and appears to be falling apart. First her kitchen clock spun its gears out; then the stove died. And, her kıds trucked on home from a farm display with two dozen baby chicks and a pair of guinea pigs in an unplanned pet expansion.

Fact is, the last time I saw her, she was galloping toward the barn, way behind schedule. She was mut-tering, "If this column doesn't get written, they'll cook my goose."

She really shouldn't worry - no one could cook anything on that dead stove. But I thought I'd help her out of her predicament, so I hurried in to the typewriter. Naturally, I type by the "hunt and peck" method.



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By **JOYCE BUPP**

Goodness knows, though, I really don't have time to do this sort of thing. I'm a mother now, you know.

Confidentially, I thought the blessed event would never happen. For two Summers, I patiently sat on nests of eggs that just laid there and refused to respond.

Then I discovered, in a government brochure from the Consumer Bureau, that it helped if you had a father duck around.

Just in the nick of time, two big, strong, handsome drakes arrived here to live in the barn. It was love at first sight. Following a brief Springtime romance, we were wed.

Finally, a day came at last when the eggs I had tenderly nurtured for three weeks began to make strange



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sounds and movements. It was an easy home delivery with no complications; and my happiness was unbounded as I proudly showed off my adorable eleven fuzzy yellow babies.

me what a job it is to raise a family!

All those hungry beaks to feed!

It's "Mom, I'm hungry!" all day long. Have you ever tried to find enough bugs and worms to satisfy eleven insatiable appetites?

And then I have to put up with this constant hassle about eating junk foods paper, sawdust, bits of aluminum foil, even a piece of marshmallow that those human kids tried to feed

them during a picnic the other day. Oh, and they want to run

wild all day long. Three clamor to go hunting in the pasture, four pester to rook in the garden, three others But mother never warned like to splash in the creek and then there's this, irritating one who just mopes around the hen house and pouts," I don't wanna'

go along; it's boring."
Some nights I'm so exhausted from trying to keep track of everyone that know my poor old webbed! feet are just going to drop right off my short legs.

I suspect, in a brief fleeting moment oct casionally, that this motherhood bit isn't all that H it's quacked up to be.



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