On being a farm wife

-And other hazards

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QUAKING IN OUR BOOTS:

It had been a quite typical Easter day feast. An absence of food There had been not the least.

So though it was drizzling, The air laced with fog, And darkness had fallen My mind screamed: Go jog!

So on up the road Through the droplets of rain This jaunt's mostly fun But that night was a pain.

Then off, in the distance, A muffled, dull rumble. Explosion? Or thunder? A giant's loud grumble?

Heading back to the house Through the night's misty drear I saw in the distance A figure appear.

It looked like a farmer Out front of the house And both of our kids were out there With my spouse.

Eyes wide with surprise, Their concern not a fake, They all talked at once. "Could you feel it shake?"

Outside, just loud noises Had been generated. But inside, the most of the house Had vibrated.

The children-both shoeless-Had fled the front door While dad charged downstairs Toward a source of the roar.

Like hundreds of others We dialed Nine-One-One For calm confirmation Of what had gone on.

The fact, as you know, Kept us all wide awake. To mull over thoughts Of this Easter earthquake.

Our West Coastal friends We wish not to insult, But we're glad we don't farm The San Andreas Fault.

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YORK - The York County Conservation District is compiling a list of farmers in York County who are interested in doing custom no-till seeding for other farmers in the county. The Conservation District will then make these no-till farmers names available to other farmers who would like to experiment with no-till seedings, but who do not have the necessary equipment.

If you are a farmer interested in performing custom no-till seedings for others and would like to have your name included on the Conservation District's reference list, contact Linda Houseal at 755-0406. Farmers who are interested in experimenting with no-till, but who need to rent no-till equipment or who need information on custom no-till seeders can also contact the District at the same number.

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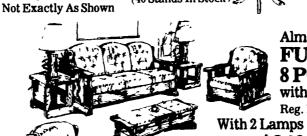
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