

Not too long ago I bought a gift for myself. It was a soft, cuddley teddy bear. I made two trips to the gift shop before I purchased it since the first time my husband was along and he felt it was a foolish whim.

It is said that everyone needs at

least half a dozen hugs a day to be

a well-adjusted person. I'm sure that a lot of people do not get their allotted share. So, in some ways a teddy bear can be a substitute. My experience with toys and

dolls was not necessarily a pleasant one. My aunt gave me a doll for Christmas, when I was a small child, and I was never

Frederick Co. Dairy Princess Sarah Osborn



Sarah Osborn of Keymar, Md., was recently crowned Frederick County Md. Dairy Princess. The daughter of James and Sharon Osborn, she served as state secretary for the Maryland FFA during the 1985-86 school year. Here, she is pictured at the 58th annual Maryland FFA Convention in Hagerstown.



allowed to play with it. One of my earliest memories is of it sitting on top of our piano and of me crying and pleading to be allowed to touch it. But, my mother stood firm and I must say that today that kid leather bodied doll with real hair is worth a lot of money. And then there was the doll that I begged my mother to get for me with some stamps that she had saved. This time I got my doll and I loved "Betty." However, one day I allowed my younger sister to play with it and she dropped it and it's head broke into pieces. My mother never let me forget that she had given up her choice for my broken doll.

One other toy that stands out in my mind is a homemade Peter Rabbit. My great aunts gave me this big-eared brown bunny. His ears just fitted under my chin and up to my ears. He is still hiding somewhere in a box with his embroidered eyes almost worn off. I should hunt him and give him a big hug.





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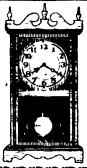
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