

# On being a farm wife - And other hazards Joyce Bupp



Down through history, nearly every culture has included certain rites of passage.

Many had a relationship to the maturing person, in the form of physical or mental endurance "tests" to show readiness for adulthood and the accompanying responsibilities -- and privileges.

In some tribal civilizations, young men had to prove their mettle in survival, going off alone, to meditate, to find an inner strength, to prove their courage and capabilities. With this day of equality, our modern "rites" apply pretty much across the board. But

they still call forth courage, determination and a chance to prove emerging abilities.

And it still holds true that behind nearly every youth dueling with a rite of passage lies a mother with crossed fingers, hope and maybe more than a little bit of uneasiness.

So it was when they took their first steps. Spent their first night away from home. Got on the big yellow school bus the first day. Went on a first big date.

Most times, a good part of the parental apprehension lay in the fact that we couldn't go with 'em. They went across to a sort of Other

Side, an unknown place beyond a barrier, while we remained behind. Another rip toward shredding the apron strings.

All this ran through my mind last week while I sat in the muted gray-blue waiting room of our local state police barracks.

For more than 15 years, since he learned that he could make motor sounds by pursing his lips, gurgling, and pushing a toy tractor across the floor, the family baby had been eagerly awaiting this particular rite of passage.

Application for his driving permit. Which sooner (he hopes) or later leads to that treasured piece of adulthood -- an official motor vehicle operator's license.

A small, unassuming room, this outer office nearly crackled with the tension of the dozen or so, some viably nervous, soon-to-be drivers. Some came hesitantly, scanning the hand-lettered, instructional directions hung on the wall. Around others hung a more confident air, a sure sign that they'd played this scene before.

"Lungs at work -- no smoking" said a red sign patterned after the familiar highway "stop" sign. Only frivolous concession to the ongoing lineup of folks waiting their turn was candy-and-gum machine. Chewing, it would seem,

helps calm the jitters.

About once a minute, a voice, seemingly from nowhere, would burst into the room, booming, "Next!" Some applicants sprang from their chairs, trigger-ready as their turn came up, to charge into battle with this challenge. Others almost dragged away from their chairs, with a nervous grin or glance at accompanying parent or friend. All eventually departed to that mysterious Other Side, beyond the heavily-textured, opaque glass-windowed door.

After about the tenth booming "Next!," our six-foot-tall "baby" slipped beyond the opaque glass.

He had "crammed" up until this last moment, hastily reviewing signs and rules on the 20-minute ride from home. I, meanwhile, squirmed uncomfortably, wonder-

ing why in the world my car's right turn signal had chosen this particular trip on which to malfunction -- a nasty trick it had never before pulled.

Meanwhile, interspersed with the "Next!" commands, those who disappeared earlier reemerged from the Other Side. Some wore the broad smiles of success; others returned less cheerful, shaking their heads as they left, making whispered, frustrated, explanation to friends or parents.

Though brief in reality, parental waiting through rites of passage makes minutes seem like forever.

And, it's just the beginning. Waiting for the sound of a car returning home late at night will no doubt seem even longer. The grin on his face as he returned from the Other Side told me so.

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In 1985 I found a... doctor who taught me the effects of good nutrition. I knew I had a long way ahead of me in rebuilding my system, but with God's strength, I knew I could do it!

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Susan Williams

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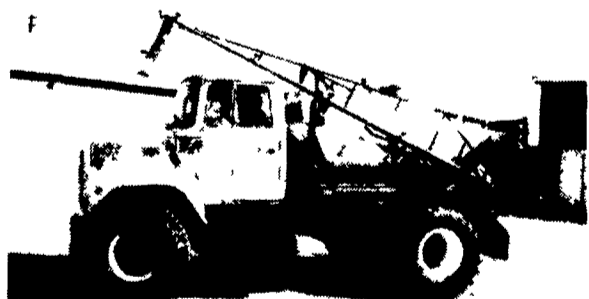
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