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# Early morning chores down on the farm

by Daisy Dopp

Daisy Dopp lived most of her life on the Glover farm that is now home to the Bread and Puppet Theater. When her husband, Jim, died in 1970, Daisy Dopp moved to a home in the village, and spent some of her time writing articles recalling life on the farm. Most were published first in the Newport Daily Express. Elka Schumann befriended Daisy Dopp and, in cooperation with the Old Stone House Museum, collected and edited a collection of her columns. This is the third of a series of these columns with illustrations by Peter Schumann and photographs provided by the Glover Historical Society, the Chronicle will publish from time to time.



Four short years ago, instead of sitting at the typewriter at 5:30 on a cold winter morning, I would have been stoking the big old Glenwood stove with kindling and large sticks of dry wood before going to the barn. I would don warm clothing and put on rubber boots before venturing forth. After taking a peek at the low degree recorded on the thermometer outside the window, I would stumble sleepily out through the shed to the stable.

Lifting the latch, a blast of air, warmed by over 50 head of cattle, would greet me. The barn cats with kittens tagging along would rush up to say good morning. Jim would be putting the milking machines together and sterilizing the equipment. Opening the door into the feed floor,



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INDUSTRIAL PARK LANE ORLEANS, VT two lines of bovine faces would turn in my direction in anticipation of breakfast. Our roan mare Roxie would then open

Our roan mare Roxie would then open the door to her manger with a bang, while her hooves pounded imperiously on the floor for attention. Sandy's homely intelligent head would protrude from his crib and nicker softly and politely to let me know he felt hungry. In both boxes would go the grain, followed by generous helpings of hay in the cribs.

For over 15 years a little pet crow by the name of "No Name" added her raucous cries along with the animals for our attention.

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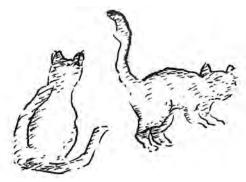


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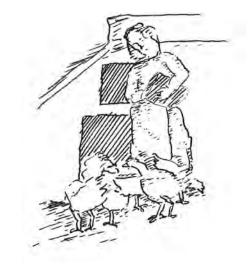
## Hens' music drives haters crazy

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Taking the cold fork handle into my hand to start feeding the hay, Jim's little beagle hound usually came crawling down from the top of the big pile to give my hand a warm, wet kiss of welcome before going into the cow stable. The sweet breath of the eager cows would push out in clouds of steam on the cold winter air. The electric motor would hum and the milkers would begin their rhythm, destined for little children in Boston.



After hay had been fed to both strings of cattle, our attention would go to the 10 or 12 little heifer calves tied behind the young cattle. It was their turn to have grain and hay, as well as water, and from the other stable a fresh supply would be brought to them, according to their individual needs. Fresh straw had to be given then for their beds and one had to be careful not to be hit by



playful feet. I always stopped and inspected them, especially if one was not doing well.

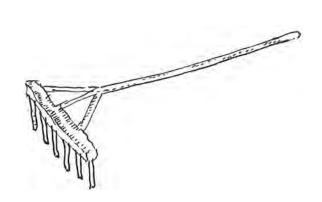
With the animals fed, I would descend the steep stairs to the poultry pen with a pail of water in one hand and a pail of egg mash in the other. On went the lights and on went the crazy noises poultry make when one feeds them. These sounds from poultry drive hen haters almost out of their minds. Those sounds for people who like poultry it is almost like music.

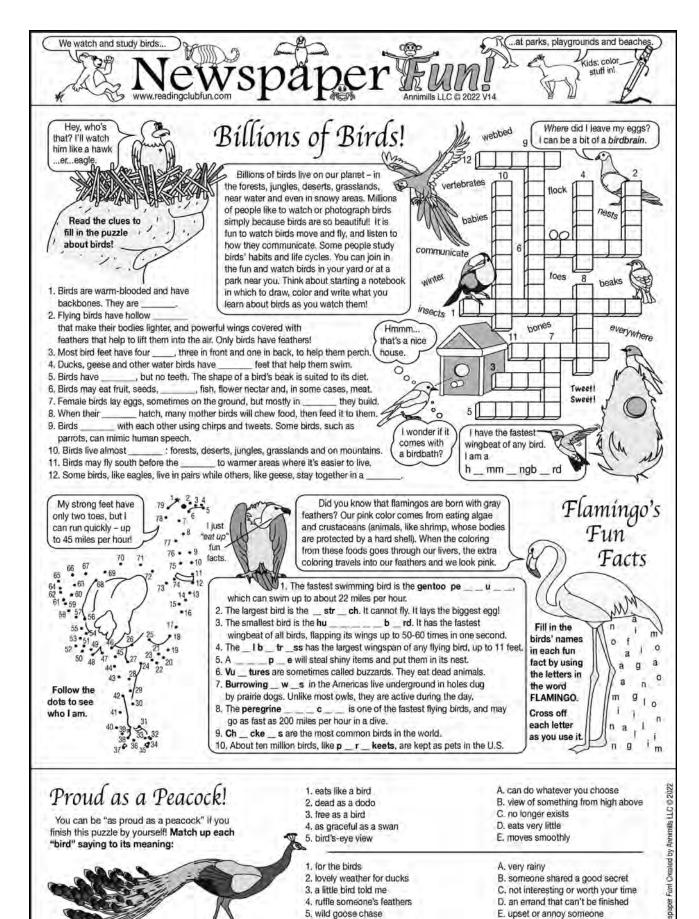
I recall one time I was feeding them some warm mash. I had been working in the sugar place and some of the snow was on my feet. I had a pail of warm mash in each hand. My foot slipped and we coasted down the stairs and

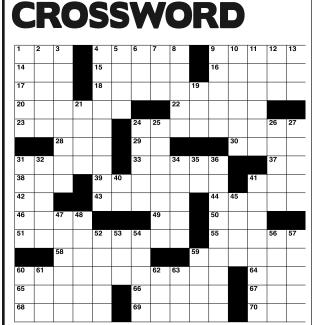
landed at the bottom. The breath was jolted out of me and I landed feet first, seated with my head resting on a stair and each elbow was in a pail of warm mash. Several hens were standing close to me. They squawked and flew away but they came back. One big Rhode Island hen staggered away, making frightened cries. From then on she always walked like a duck.

By the time my usual chores were done, Jim would be nearly finished milking. I would hurry into the house to get a warm breakfast for us. Our cat, who lived in, would meet me as I entered the door, mewing for the menu. The clatter of milking machine pails in the backroom told me Jim was hungry, too. Then we would sit down and eat, after which Jim would be ready to start a day's work.

September 4, 1976







#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Midway between south and
- 4. Celebrations
- 14. Pin
- 15. Rare laughing
- 16. Parts of the circulatory system 17. Financial term
- 18. Pearl Jam frontman 20. Cores of vascular plants
- 22. Strong sharp smell or taste
- 23. City in S. Korea 24. One from Damascus
- an email
- 29. It cools your home 30. Towards the mouth or
- oral region
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Boys and men 37. The 12th letter of the Greek

- contraction
- 2. PA transit system
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. Sweet greenish fruit 5. Lends support to
- 6. Chap
- diffused in the atmosphere
- 9. Asserts to be the case
- 10. Doctor (Spanish)
- 19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
- 21. Nonclerical
- 25. The academic world
- 31. Arrives

- 49. Of I
- 43. A type of seal 44. Stop for a moment 46. Ancient kingdom

39. A way to arrange

41. Body cavity

42. The Great Lake State

- 51. Songs to a lover
- 55. Prices 58. Sun-dried brick
- 59. Where to park a boat 60. One who values reason and
- knowledge
- 64. Partner to feather 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Country singer Haggard 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. An involuntary muscular
- 7. Singer Di Franco 8. Water at boiling temperature
- 11. Auction attendee
- 12. Characterized by unity
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic

- 24. Tree resin
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Infer from data

- 32. Apart 34. Takes on cargo
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Takes apart
- 40. Dorm official
- 41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
- 45. Relating to wings
- 47. Speaker
- 48. Situated in the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot.
- 53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.) 54. Beloveds
- 56. Establish by law or with authority
- 57. Border river between India and Nepal
- 59. Millisecond 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They
- 62. ESPN broadcaster Bob 63. A place to stay
  - See solution on page 32