

Just One Thin Dime!

The hot summer had arrived in North Dakota, along with all of the work that we had to do on the farm. I was only eight years old, but I was already driving a tractor around and around the fields of grain to help Dad. My brother, Michael, and I had chores that began before seven o'clock in the morning and sometimes we worked out in the fields with him until after eight o'clock at night. He would let us stop for meals and snacks, but we never seemed to have a day off during that long hot summer.

One Saturday morning, Mom woke us up to tell us that Dad had a surprise for us. He was giving us the day off and we were all going to the county fair! We got dressed in less than eight minutes and then we were off for a day of exciting adventures!

We spent the day looking at the prize winning animals, tasting the pies and hot dishes that busy moms and grandmas had entered in the baking contests, and riding the Ferris wheel and the ponies on the merry-go-round. By the end of the day, we were all hot, tired, and dirty, but Dad wasn't ready to stop.

He still had seven or eight coins left in his pocket and decided to play the coin toss game before going home. He was pretty good at it because he liked to skip pebbles across the top of the lake at home. My brother and I watched as those thin dimes skipped from one plate to another to

stop right in the middle of a saucer every time! What prizes did Dad win	283
with each of those dimes? We went home with eight fluffy ducklings who	296
thought that my brother and I were their new mamas!	306
We had lots of baby animals on the farm, but we had never had	320
ducklings before. Even though we had to go back and work in the fields for	335
the rest of the summer, we didn't mind so much after the day at the fair.	351
Michael and I spent many hours watching those ducklings waddle around the	363
farm, chasing bugs and playing a goofy game of Duck, Duck, Goose with	376
the chickens and geese. Those daffy ducks gave us lots of laughs and each	390
one cost just one thin dime!	396

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