



# TOT TALK



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Murphy of route 3, New Bern, could teach the experts a few things about raising kids.

In years past, the Stork delivered a total of 15 babies at the couple's farm home. Fourteen are still living, ranging in age from 25 to 51. The Murphys lost a son in World War II.

According to the latest information Andy has available, he and his wife have 69 grandchildren in widely scattered places. By the time this column gets into print, there may be more.

When all of the children were living at home, it took a dining room table 16 feet long to seat them with Mom and Pop. And instead of a single bowl of this and that, several bowls containing each item on the bill of fare were spaced along the table.

a farm.

When we asked Andy about desserts, he said, "We fed them sweet potato pudding." Off-hand, it is hard to visualize anything more satisfying. In our own childhood, such puddings were the closest approach to heaven that a boy could aspire

to.

Andy insists that raising 15 kids wasn't a greater problem than raising one or two. "No matter how many you had, it took it all," he reasons, referring to both food and money. The Murphy home was a happy home. The Old Woman in

the Shoe may not have known how to manage, with offspring swarming like bees, but Mr. and Mrs. Murphy did very well, thank you.

Andy agrees with us that after a while the Stork could have found his house blindfolded, but he was always welcome.

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