

not an ordinary gift

then feeding them for a year until they reach maturity, according to the manager of a hatchery feed and farm supply business.

However, since raising geese requires special equipment and know-how, it would appear the answer would be to buy them grown, bringing the day's total to \$90.

Swans range in price from \$125 to about \$1,000 for an endangered species, Meyer, of Ager Memorial Zoo said.

The big white swans, most commonly seen, cost \$125, she said, making day seven cost \$875.

Because milking maids are difficult to find these days, maids who work with milk at the UNL Dairy Store were substituted.

An employee said that workers, whether maids or men, begin working at minimum wage. If you concentrate the eighth day into one hour, that would bring the cost to \$21.20, while an eight hour day for eight workers would be \$172.00.

If you would want to include cows, that would be another \$6,400 because a registered dairy cow sells for around \$800, according to Franklin Eldridge, UNL animal science professor.

The \$8581.92 figure included the \$21.20 cost, so the words in the song might have to include a phrase "eight maids a milking with modification."

For nine ladies dancing, Ron Bowlin, coordinator for programming at Kimball Recital Hall, said you could "just about pick any number."

The number he picked was \$7,000 for "ladies dancing that were worth anything."

Since the dancers were professional, and the cost suggested a look at the amateur field, "lords a leaping" was interpreted as boys taking ballet lessons from a male teacher.

With this interpretation, the tenth day was also condensed into one hour of ballet lessons.

A dance instructor said lessons average \$3 per hour class, making the tenth day cost \$30.

On the eleventh day, it is time for another professional appearance, which would cost about \$250, according to Keith Heckman of the Lincoln Musicians Association.

He said that figure would include a two to three hour concert, no matter what instrument the musicians were "piping."

If you want to add 11 musical instruments to your Christmas list, beginning flutes and clarinets sell for around \$25. The instruments would add \$2,750 to the total cost.

Because professional musicians normally have their own "pipes" to make music with, \$250 was added to the price list for the eleventh day.

It is again amateur time for the drummers on the twelfth day. Drum lessons cost \$17.50 per month for our lessons, at a local music store.

If you want to compact a day into one hour of lessons, which is probably all you could stand with 12 drumming at the same time, the cost would be \$8.75 per hour, making the total \$105.

If the twelfth day has arrived and you still have some extra money, a student snare drum with sticks, stand and carrying case sells for \$195 at the music store. If you bought 12 of them, it would total \$2340.

Since the drummers will only be present for an hour, it was decided that they could use their own drums.

If you choose to go through the whole procedure instead of taking the check, your problem would be more than your "true love's" bank statement.

You would have 52 extra mouths to feed and 28 birds to take care of plus a tree to fertilize. There would have to be cages for the birds, cows for the maids, drums for the drummers, pipes for the pipers, the list goes on endlessly.

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