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Since her husband died fourteen years ago and left her with seven children, Mrs. Mildred Zane (Oskaloosa, Iowa) has reared and educated her family, and has bought and paid for the 120-acre farm where they live.

"My oldest boy was 14 when his father died," she says. "He stopped school to help me. He was the man of the family. He planted the corn and other crops and cultivated them with the help of the other children."

"The oldest girl was 12, and she did much of the housework. The younger children and I did the chores, fed stock and milked cows. Each year we raised 3 acres of tomatoes for the canning factory and from 6 to 12 acres of sweet corn. All of us worked in those fields, and we counted on them for cash before the other crops matured."

"It wasn't easy," Mrs. Zane admits. "We often ate well only because we raised large gardens and canned food. We had large flocks of chickens and milked five or more cows."

She has given three sons to the service. The oldest, who joined the Navy, died at his station Dec. 29, 1941, when eleven Jap bombers attacked his ship, and was buried at sea at the tip of Bataan peninsula.

Mrs. Zane is not the only Iowa woman who is successfully operating a farm. Mrs. Grace Park is running a 20-acre dairy farm and delivering the milk to Marshalltown. Working overtime or even double time is making new for her. Previous to Dec. 7, 1941, two hired men did the feeding and milking; her son, who taught school, helped her with milking and bottling; and she delivered and collected. Now, her son and hired man have been drafted, and she has purchased a milking machine so she can do the milking herself.

But just raising her dairy isn't enough. Mrs. Park raises 1,000 chickens annually as a sideline. "Containing dressed poultry and eggs with shipping is the only way one can make a small farm like mine pay out well," she says.

Most of the feed for her cows and chickens is raised on the farm with the exception of about 20 or 30 tons of alfalfa and straw purchased each year. Corn on the Park farm yields quite well—100 bushels an acre. Her explanation is that all the fertilizer from roughage consumed by her cows goes right back into the soil. Des Moines Register.

With Catholic Poets

Object Lesson Springtime comes dancing down the days, scattering flowers—and clichés.

She has not learned that over-long Use has dulled the robin's song;

And quite expects us to ignore That Pasque-flowers have been said before.

In her old-fashioned way she starts Mail pulse-beats racing in young hearts.

Because she does not know how to write A moon is—in an April night.

—Elizabeth F. Kirby From "Spirit" a Magazine of Poetry. Copyright 1942, by The Catholic Poetry Society of America, 222 Fourth Avenue New York City.

While God gives them His laws, man's hand should knead and knead what man's hand kneads. —St. Gregory.

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THE BOOK GOD WROTE. The Church has set aside February 21 as Bullion Sunday to interest more people in reading God's Book—the Holy Scriptures. St. Jerome called it "the Divine Library" above his literary excellence, the Bible is the inspired record of God's revelation to man—the biography of the Saviour of mankind.

NEW CHAPELS. We are all thrilled to see the great number of our armed forces attending Holy Mass in the chapels at our army and naval bases. A similar opportunity presents itself in many military areas. If we had the chapels, not only could Catholics attend Holy Mass in large numbers, but many converts would be made. To a chapel they will come.

FOUR BERTS. We have written to many of our members whose membership dues are uncollectible this month. The loss of an uncollectible member is a loss of a member in spirit. We pay the dues, but we do not get the dues. We pay the dues, but we do not get the dues. We pay the dues, but we do not get the dues.

OLD CUSTOM. In many religious orders it is a custom to have the Gregorian Masses offered for a departed member. The custom dates back for many centuries. If you are interested in these Masses for a departed friend, relative or friend, settle for our best, "Gregorian Masses." It is true.

ST. PETER IN ANTIOCH. February 22, the birthday of the Father of our Country, is also the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the first Holy Father of Christendom, in Antioch. St. Peter ruled at Antioch for about eight years before he went to Rome, where he guided the Church on earth until his martyrdom. Antioch is one of our mission centers in Syria. Ask our missionaries to offer Holy Mass for the welfare of the Church in persecuted lands.

FOR THE MORROW. No mission can last or expand unless workers are provided for the future. Among our many activities none is more important than the training of young men for the priesthood. If you are One Hundred Dollars a year to home and train a young man for the missionary priesthood. That all may share in this work, we have a Student's Support Club. Membership is Ten Dollars a year, or a Dollar a month.

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