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Women Run Farms

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. The oldest child was 14 years old and the youngest was four months old when Mr. Zane died. She bought the farm her husband had rented. For a down payment she used most of the life insurance policy he had left. The farm is now clear of debt and she has operated it without help except at harvest seasons.

"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 5 acres of tomatoes for the canning factory and from 5 to 12 acres of sweet corn. All of us worked in these fields, and we counted on them for cash before the other crops matured.

"It wasn't easy," Mrs. Zane admits. "We often ate well on, because we raised eggs, 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. 20, 1941, when eleven Jap bombers attacked his ship, and was buried at sea at the tip of Hatan peninsula.

Mrs. Zane is not the only Iowa woman who is successfully operating a farm. Mrs. Grace Park is running a 20-cow dairy farm and delivering the only raw milk to Marshalltown. Working overtime or even double time is nothing new for her. Previous to Dec. 7, 1941, two hired men did the feeding and milking; her son, who taught school, helped her with cooking and bottling; and she delivered and collected. Now, her son and hired men have been drafted, and she has purchased a milking machine so she can do the milking herself.

But just running her dairy isn't enough. Mrs. Park raises 1,000 chickens annually as a sideline. "Combining grocery poultry and eggs with dairying 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. The 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 cliches.

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

And quite expects us to ignore That "Prague flowers" have been said before.

In her old-fashioned way she starts.

Mad pulse-beats racing in young hearts.

Because she does not know how to write.

A moon is—in an April night.

—Patrick F. Kirby From "Spirit," a Miscellany of Poetry, Copyright 1942, by The Catholic Poetry Society of America, 326 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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THE BOOK GOD WROTE. The Church has set aside February 21 as Biblical Sunday to interest more people in reading God's Book—the Holy Scriptures. St. Jerome called it "The Divine Library." Above the literary excellence, the Bible is the inspired record of God's revelation to man—the biography of the Saviour of mankind. Many have been led to the Cross of salvation by a thoughtful and prayerful reading of God's Book. For instance, St. Ignace, the great founder of the Jesuit Fathers, attributed his conversion to this. He became a saint by living the answer to our Lord's question: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?"

CATHOLIC 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 mission 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. A suitable chapel can be built for as little as Five Hundred Dollars. We are in need of money. A chapel is the heart and the center of missionary activity and success. Will you build a mission chapel? You can select the site. The Holy Father will have it built where most needed. YOUR REPLY. We have written to many of our members whose membership dues are returnable this month. The list of a member is serious. Many, to date, have not replied. We pray they will. Remember that dues are only One Dollar a year. Family Membership is Five Dollars a year. Forty Masses are offered every day for the spiritual and temporal welfare of those who contribute to our mission and care in our Association. 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 priest, relative or friend, write for our leaflet, "Gregorian Masses." It is free. 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. It costs One Hundred Dollars a year to house and train a young man for the missionary priesthood. That all may share in this work we have a Students' Support Club. Membership is Twelve Dollars a year, or a Dollar a month. FOR ODDS AND ENDS. Many things must be provided or done around a mission church or school. Repairs cannot be neglected without serious loss. Your Stringent Gift takes care of these odds and ends. Send us something and tell us to do with it what we think best.

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 in 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. A CHOICE OF GIFTS. Give a Missal for Ten Dollars. Give a Monstrance for Twenty-Five Dollars. Give an Altar for Fifty Dollars. Build a Mission School for Five Hundred Dollars.

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