

# Keeping Them On The Farm

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We have two children—a boy, 22 and a girl, 18. Through our work and cooperation together we have managed to own our farm home. We are proud of it. We have worked hard to improve it. We have a modern house and dairy barn, and much of the work we have done ourselves.

In the spring of 1934, our son graduated from high school at the age of sixteen years. At that time I purchased for him a Purbred Guernsey heifer, which he entered in the 4-H Guernsey Club. He was successful as a club member. The first year, his heifer took second premium in the 4-H exhibition. During the second year of his 4-H membership, his heifer took first premium, and received Grand Champion over all classes. In this way he received his start of Purbred Guernsey. From then on he was heavily interested in Guernsey cattle.

### HAS MONTHLY INCOME

As we went on with our dairy farming program, I always helped him to realize a small income. His cattle increased as time went by. Now he owns eleven head of Purbred Guernseys. Four of these are milking; two more will freshen soon. While his income was still small, I supplemented it with wages. Two years ago he purchased five young sows which fattened about forty pigs. By fattening and marketing these pigs he realized some returns. At the present time, his monthly income amounts to nearly \$100.

I furnish most of the equipment and we farm cooperatively. A year ago my son purchased a combine for \$500 cash. We used it to pick our corn, and then I permitted him to use my tractor with his father to do some work for our neighbors. This brought him an additional income.

The girl graduated from high school last June (1942). We studied hard to make plans to keep her interested and occupied on the farm. Her mother gave her a partnership in the poultry flock. They raised 500 chicks; from these they selected their laying flock. Instead of a purchased calf as I had given my son, I gave her a purchased heifer near freshening time. Now she gets income from her cow in addition to her poultry income. She realizes \$25 or more weekly. Several weeks ago she told her mother that she was doing as well as the girls in town.

### FAMILY UNITED

As parents on the farm we are grateful that we can have constant watch over our children; that we can share with them our income and common necessities; that we can give them a rural and Christian life.

You may think you cannot do what we have done; you may think that we inherited money. We started with \$200 and a Ford car 25 years ago. It was a slow beginning. I worked in town 18 months until we had saved cash. Then we rented a farm and started farming. We made our money reach as far as possible and went in debt a little to purchase 6 cows, 2 dozen chickens, 2 hens, a pig to raise for hams, corn, and a few necessary implements. Later the farm we were renting was offered for sale; we purchased it with a small down payment and the balance on a term contract. Today we are farming about 200 acres, and care for 48 head of Purbred Guernsey cattle, besides our hogs and poultry.

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### Tire For Sale

There is a story going around of a big tough citizen who belligerently walked into a store and demanded a new truck tire. For a price, he was sent to a trucking concern where he repeated his request.

"Sure," he was told, "we'll sell you a new tire." So he was handed one and told the price would be \$10.00.

"What?" yelled the belligerent buyer.

"Why, of course," the seller explained. "That's \$20 for the tire and \$10,000 to pay the federal fine."

### Convert Dies At 80

Ston, La. — William Madison Fisher, who had been a Baptist minister 26 years and was received into the Catholic Church in November, at the age of 80, has died. Services were held at St. Paul's Church.

# TIMELY ETERNALS

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wyrhovon  
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## CHEATED CHILDREN

A most repugnant exhibition of parental selfishness and greed is displayed in the divorce courts when these two little children are involved. How a man can so stultify his intellect and a

woman her intellect, to the extent of raising the issue of their own flesh and blood by blighting the future of their innocent children, is beyond all my understanding!

Oh, you say you think it's some pitiful case where the children were better off away from their father or mother, or both; but that does not change the argument. The fact still remains that either parent, or the two of them, failed to measure up to standards that even animals maintain.

What is at the bottom of practically every divorce? We have the answer of a government official who, in recent years, made an analysis of divorce cases in a certain Southern city. After a three-year study, this United States investigator, concluding reasons for divorce, came to the conclusion that "nearly all those who seek for divorce seem to marry again, and have already chosen their new partners. I am convinced that actual or intended adultery can be read between the lines of 98 per cent of the divorces in our country."

Of course, this diagnosis does not always implicate both parties to an original marriage contract. Most of the time, it is one of them who tries out his or her incompatibility grounds, or whatever cause is handy that the court will accept; nevertheless, in plain language, the real reason for divorce is a rub, or a vindictive animosity. If a husband simply takes the infantile step of divorce, the result is scandalous to others and misery to themselves; if not in this life, then most assuredly in the next. However, most of these faithless workings do not worry about this aspect. All they are concerned about is their pagan, immature satisfaction and their selfish lust, which, as a rule, are not satisfied for very long.

But when poor, innocent, defenseless children are dragged down by the ugly sin of their father or mother, that is sad! In fact, about the saddest and most shameful thing that can happen in this life, how any parent can become so degraded in one of life's many temptations, how they dare to move about in society, with head high, would be another insoluble question, except for the lamentable reason that acquaintances, friends and relatives seem to receive their children not, and that their own offspring. Our American public does not give them enough credit, neither pay them the respect they deserve, nor does it think rationally enough from their moral injury.

"Why, why should they?" ask the broad-minded. "The children, when poor, are placed in orphan asylums, where they are well taken care of; and when they are

born a new home, the best thing they could do is to be provided." In the first instance, the public is faced with the possibility of children in their own homes, the better able to observe about all of what was going on, especially as his direct participation in his home and a different law and way.

Every child has a God-given right to a home and mother's love. No institution in the world can make up for this. It is possible enough when, through proper child substitution, a child is deprived of this parental blessing; but, to be deliberately cheated out of it by his parents, is a crime for a lifetime of bitterness.

How much longer will these divorces, this continuous sin, that played in the United States in 1942, be the last time, the last 20 years, about two and a half million children were made legal orphans through divorce. Think of it! Two per cent of our American population, without approval by their own parents of the unity of parental love and the blessings of a life in a united home?

In our present high-powered civilization, we have all sorts of laws protecting with the highest black laws a legal divorce, but divorcing children's homes is not and should be our laws, divorcing children's lives.

The practice of divorce is not limited by law; however, when regard to parents who marry and wed, they should be sure that their children, by divorce proceedings, legally should be separated, unconditionally and permanently, by all living children. Divorces who do not do this, rob their children of the best natural possessions, should be considered and shunned, the people included with a social stigma. It is the only way they can be made to feel and realize the grave, irreparable injuries they perpetrate.

Anyone who is carried to this type of animal and moral ground has lost charity, thus mortifying his moral make-up.

### A Gentle Reminder

"I wonder where is my boy tonight?"

Your Mother wants to know, she is thinking of you always.

Remember she loves you so.

"I am waiting for a letter."

She is thrilled to hear from you, please send her word tomorrow.

For she sometimes (like he does) is proud of him, but a real good boy.

I've heard your Mother say, "Oh, never disappointed boy, though you are far away."

Look at the bright side always, laugh, and sing, and play, be kind to them around you, and make the sad ones gay.

Be faithful to your duty, which means mother and love, call on God to help you, your heaven light above.

And when you're tired and homesick, think of those in pain, of your Saviour on the Cross, and pronounce His Holy Name.

And pray to Mother Mary, Your guiding star in need, to take you "neath her mantle, Hail-Holy-Queen!

Now may God be with you, "away,"

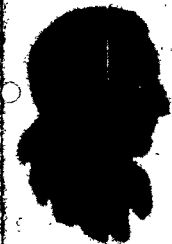
We are praying hard at home, for all our boys in the service; Hope you'll enjoy this poem.

—S. M. E.

### Catholic War Veterans Form Newspaper Fund

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