

# Keeping Them On The Farm

14 weeks of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 1941 (United Ave., One Minute, Iowa).

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 1933, our son graduated from high school at the age of sixteen years. At that time I purchased for him a Purebred Guernsey heifer, which he entered in the 4-H Guernsey Calf 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 Purebred Guernseys. From then on he was keenly interested in Guernsey cattle.

### MAK 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 Purebred Guernseys. Four of them 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 farrowed 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 cornpicker for \$500 cash. We used it to pick our corn, and then I permitted him to use my tractor with his picker 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 800 chicks; from these they selected their laying flock. Instead of a purebred calf as I had given my son, I gave her a purebred heifer near freshening time. Now she gets income from her cow in addition to her poultry income. She realizes \$35 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 clean 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 \$600. 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 8 cows, 5 dozen chickens, 2 horses, 4 pigs to raise for brood sows, 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 300 acres, and care for 48 head of Purebred Guernsey cattle, besides our hogs and poultry.

LA MAE MARTIN

### 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 gag, 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 \$10,000.

"What?" yelled the belligerent buyer.

"Why, of course," the seller explained. "That's \$30 for the tire and \$10,000 to pay the federal fine."

### Convert Dies At 80

Elton, La. — William Madison Fallon, who had been a Baptist minister 30 years and was received into the Catholic Church by November, at the age of 80, has died. Services were held at St. Paul's Church.

# TIMELY ETERNALS

By Rt. Rev. Magr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven  
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## CHEATED CHILDREN

A most regrettable exhibition of parental selfishness usually is displayed in the divorce courts when there are little children involved. How a man can stultify his maternal, and a woman her paternal, in the act of ruining the lives of their own flesh and blood by blighting the future of their innocent children is beyond all understanding!

Oh, you, you can think of some pitiful case where the children were better off away from their father or mother, we 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 Eastern city. After a three-year study, the United States Investigator, providing reasons for divorce, came to the conclusion that "nearly all those who ask for divorce want to marry again, and have already chosen their new partners. I am convinced that normal or extended illicit love can be had between the lines of 48 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 treats his or her incompensability grounds, or whatever cause is handy that the court will accept; nevertheless, in plain language, the real reason for divorce as a rule, is unchastity adultery.

If a children really taking the infamous step of divorce, the result is scandal to others and misery to themselves, if not in this life, then, most certainly, in the next. However, most of these faithless weaklings do not worry about this aspect. All they are concerned about is their pagan, insatiable satisfaction and their earthly lusts, which, as a rule, are not satiated 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 parents can become so degraded is one of life's many mysteries. 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 condone their cowardly act, and abet their crime of infamy. Our American public does not give them enough cold shoulder, nor does it shirk noticeably enough from their moral legacy.

"Well, 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

from a nice home, the best kind of school that money can pay for is provided." In the first instance, the public is taxed for the sin and wickedness of others; in both instances, the helpless little ones are cheated out of what every man, woman and child should possess in life—a home and a mother's love and care.

Every child has a God-given right to a home and mother love. No institution in the world can make up for this. It is pitiful enough when, through unavoidable misfortune, a child is deprived of this position; but, to be deliberately cheated out of it by his parents, is a sorrow for a lifetime of bitterness.

How much have the great justices, this country will, been played to the United States is proved by the fact that, for the last 20 years, almost two and a half million children were made legal orphans through divorce. Think of it! Two per cent of our American population, ruthlessly deprived by their own parents of the unity of parental love and the blessings of a life in a normal home!

In our present high-minded civilization, we have all sorts of laws protecting wild life. Robbing birds' nests is a legal crime, but divorcing children's homes is allowed and abetted by our laws, honorable divorce laws.

The practice of legalism is sanctioned by law; however, who regard to parents who strictly and unflinchingly about their children by divorce proceedings, legalism should be rejected, unconditionally and generally, by all law-abiding citizens. Divorces who deliberately rob their children of their natural parental protection should be attacked and shunned, the people instructed with a social boycott. It is the only way they can be made to feel and realize the grave, irreparable injustice they perpetrate.

Anyone who is cordial to this type of natural and moral pervert has less charity than a carter's horse in 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, dear.

Because 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 feels so blue.

"I'm proud of him, he's a real good boy."

I've heard your Mother say, Oh! never disappointed but Though you are far away.

Look at the bright side always, Laugh and sing, and play, Be kind to those around you, And make the sad ones gay.

Be faithful to your duty, Which means sacrifice and love, Call on God to help you, Your beacon 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 unseen, To take you 'neath her mantle, Hail—Holy—Queen!

Now may God be with you, "soony."

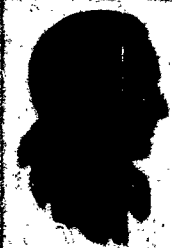
We are praying hard at home, For all our boys in the service; Hope you'll enjoy this poem.

—E. M. T.

### Catholic War Veterans Form Newspaper Post

NEW YORK (NC)—Composed of men employed in all branches and departments of newspapers in this city, the New York Newspaper Men's Post, No. 124, has been formed here as the first commercial post of the Catholic War Veterans.

The Rev. A. William Meyers, of St. Andrew's Church, is chaplain and John J. Segrue is commander.



Throughout Norway the "Jewings" know who will be shot next by the Nazi firing squads. They do not know why they will be shot but they know that names of all loyal Norwegians, or "Jewings," are contained in lists of future victims compiled by the Nazi terrorists and their quailing lackeys.

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