

On being a farm wife - and other hazards

By Joyce Bupp



The miracle of Easter has come again.

And with it comes the joy of living on a farm in that most beautiful season—the time of planting.

The miracle of resurrection comes to farmers, not only at Easter, but with each tiny seed placed in the warming ground for sunshine and rain to nurture.

A seed contains all the elements to bring forth complete and abundant life.

But the seed, itself, must die, so that the proper order of Nature can allow that new life to begin. From death comes life.

The birth of a seed, like the rebirth celebrated at Easter, is an encompassing, thrilling drama. One tiny bit of matter, one spark of life, is

faced with incomparable odds to overcome if it is to survive.

Overwhelming enemies wait at every turn as the tiny hope of corn, wheat, and barley seeds send out the first blades of green. Like raising a child, the farmer-parent of the crop can help it over some obstacles.

Fertilizer is a vitamin fed the tiny newborn to give it strength. Pesticides and herbicides, like antibiotics against human diseases, can be applied to the emerging babes. But, like children, seedlings must make the ultimate effort on their own, growing inside from their roots and stretching tall to their maturity. And, again, like a parent nurturing a child, there are crucial factors affecting the tiny seeds' growth that we simply cannot greatly change. The final decision as to whether a crop does or does not grow is out of our hands. And so the farmer waits on fate, knowing that he is in no way the complete master of his destination.

But each year, the miracle of the resurrection and the miracle of the time of the seed come together again, renewing the farmer's faith and strengthening him to plant another year.

May you and your families have a most blessed Easter and planting season.

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