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WEAKNESSES IN SOIL BANK

A couple years ago, an Illinois farmer came into my office, sat down and explained his "Soil-Bank Plan." It was a nice visit, and the merits of the proposed program were duly reported.

But today, Melvin P. Gehlbach, Lincoln, Ill., farmer and farm management specialist, termed by Secretary Benson as the "Genesis of the soil-bank plan," asserts a different approach is being used in the Administration's program. Mr. Gehlbach had testified before the full House committee on agriculture in the Capitol April 15, 1954.

His plan would pay farmers an incentive to shift acres to soil-building crops in excess of a minimum base. The administration's Acreage Reserve Program is limited to under planting of acreage allotments for the basic crops. It is reported that in the Corn Belt 60 per cent of its haunches like a rabbit

the farmers are not in compliance with corn allotments. Here the program would fail, Mr. Gehlbach believes. In another personal instance, dry weather three years reduced production considerably. To meet requirements of even a sub-normal livestock program, it is necessary to plant more cidents the corn shredder was acres than the Government decrees

Plans are made to be changed Such has happened greatest number of persons on to Mr Gehlbach and his Soil Bank Association's program. Pennsylvania farms in 1905. The To work up a farm program that will equally apply to the other two agricultural operations small farmer and the rancher, the beef producer and the dairy producer, the corn grower and the tobacco grower, is an impossibility. And the bone of contention will be chewed long and loud.

SOIL BANK FISH

Arkansas's Senator Fulbright has suggested farmers could harvest a crop of fish from land diverted to the soil bank The same applies to pheasants, ducks and other wildlife.

Several Arkansas farmers are doing this, diverting or resting rice lands into fish ponds. Fertilizers the fish provide aids the land tremendously, and water levels are being restored more easily

Alabama farmers have averaged \$50 to \$100 per acre Under Straw Stack commercial fish production, plus another \$100 to \$200 an acre from the sale of fishing rights. This brought our comment of the possibility one could have both crop rotation and crappie rotation.



Twenty-five years ago

experience in co-operative mark-

eting, the fundamental principal

on which the agency reported.

Fufty years ago the Russian government appealed to Ameriaccepted the resignation of Alexcan scientists for aid in solving its European soil problem. This ander Legge, of Chicago, as week in 1906 the California Uni-chairman of the Federal Farm versity College of Agriculture re-Board. James C. Stone, of Kenported it had received specimens tucky, was immediately appointof the famous "black earth" from ed to succeed Mr. Legge. In an-European Russia for analysis nouncing the new appointment. to \$115; bulls, \$75 to \$127; The Russians wanted advice on President Hoover pointed out horses, \$140 to \$225. methods to revive the soil for that the new chairman had been agriculture purposes

Cotton Seed Oil **Returned As Olive Oil**

A 1906 report from the cotton growing sections of the South Unofficial Use Of State Autos declared the United States had shipped "one and one-half million dollars worth of cottonseed oil to Italy, which came back to er personnel with State cars as to \$8 Vealers: good and choice, this country as pure olive oil in signed to their use were instruct- \$9 to \$10; medium, \$8 to \$9. bottles, impressively labeled, wired and sealed".

What Was It? Harry Starr Wonders

That's what Harry Starr, a poses on all other days of the Received 151/2 and 3 -Lancaster farmer residing near Rohrerstown, wanted to know, same time it was announced who had in his possession a cat that all motor vehicles of the nabbit freak. Mr. Starr declared State, except those of State Porabbit, which moved by a suc-arms on front doors cession of jumps and it sat on

Corn Shredding **Most Dangerous**

In a commentary on farm acsingled out for injuring the listed among the three top hazards on farms were dynamite and the herd bull

Silo Cost Reported by I.E.S.

Prof. W J Frazer of the Illinois Experimental Station, reported in a 1906 bulletin that construction of a round silo plastered with cement, 20 feet in diameter, 245 feet deep, holding 228 tons, could be built at a cost of \$383, or \$168 per ton capacity.

Farmer Smothered

book, that isn't Oliver Weidler, wealthy Pennworth seeing or sylvania farmer in the Nippenose Valley, near Williamsport, was smothered to death beneath a straw stack on his farm. It was believed Weidler had been standing beside the stack that day when it toppled over A son, passing by later, saw a hand pro-

Lancaster Dogs Quarantined

More than 100 dogs in the southeastern section of Lancaster County were under quarantine by State order Dr Joseph Johnson, Lancaster, appointed in charge of the quarantine, said several dogs afflicted with rabies were on the loose in the area, and had bitten a number of other dogs and cattle

this **Public Sale Prices** week President Herbert Hoover 25 Years Ago

> Prices paid at Lancaster County public sales during the first week of March, 1931, were reported as follows Cows, from \$76

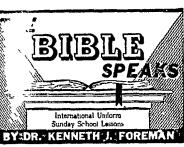
Lancaster Livestock a member of the board from its organization, . with many years **Price Range**

The Lancaster livestock review reported March 7, 1931, by U. S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating with Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets, showed the following range of prices: Steers: Government officials and oth-good, \$8 to \$925; medium, \$7

ed in plain words just when the Feeder and Stocker cattle: good autos were to be used. In a spe- and choice, \$7.50 to \$8.75; cial communique issued by Gov- medium, \$5 to \$7.50 Hogs: good ernor Pinchot, 25 years ago this and choice, 160 to 180 lbs \$8.50 week, the use of State cars on to \$9

Sundays and for unofficial purweek had to be ended. At the For Tobacco Crop

Raymond Sıplın, near Bainbridge, reported selling his seven the animal had the head and lice, were to be painted buckskin acre crop of tobacco to a packer body of a cat, but the tail of a brown with the State coat-of- in that area, receiving 151/2 and

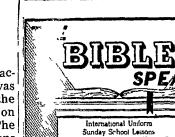


Background Scripture: Luke 17.20 1, 21 5-38 Devotional Reading: Romans 8.28-39



HALF way through a movie you may see people getting up and walking out That does not necessarily mean they are disgusted with the picture. It's just that they came in right there in the first show. "This is where we; came in," they say, and they don't care to see the second half of the film twice (Query, ... Is a movie, or a that isn't film twice (Query, by the way:

There is something more that hinking about Jesus and his sac ifice, when we take Communion In this sacrament we find Him It is quite true, different churches have different official explanations about how we find Chust here. But from "High Church" to "Low," in "Liberal" and "Conservative," in Catholic and Protestant congregations alike, if your could ask the people as they come out of doors again, "What did that service mean to you?" It might be that some would hardly know what to say, for it is always possible to go through the motions without really thinking what one, s doing But those who had entered whole-heartedly into the service, who had come "in love and charity" and in faith, would all tell you about the same thing: 'Christ came very near to me." If Christ seems just as far away after the Lord's Supper as before, then there has been something wrong about us. That is why the Roman Catholic church will not admit any one to communion if he has not been to Confession first. That is why in many Protestant hurches the people are warned



BIG, LONG DRINK

America the past few years has become more waterconscious than ever. But few realize how much water each truding and found the body of individual uses each day. Here are some figures from the his father.

American Water Works Association:

25 gallons for a shower

36 gallons for a bath

Half gallon daily for drinking

5 to 8 gallons for each toilet flush

20 gallons to shave, with running tap

30 gallons to wash one meal's dishes, with tap running

45 gallons for nine pounds of laundry in a machine

All told, you'll use 8 to 110 gallons daily. Your share tor all purposes (municipal, industrial, agricultural) amounts to a staggering 1,100 gallons a day

No wonder there's a water problem Figures for each head of livestock would be equally staggering.

FARM YOUTH

It's been asked before, "How are you going to keep them down on the farm?" The city is enticing away many of today's farm youth - but a phone call today helps show one way you can develop an interest in your son's future. One dad called for copies of a paper mentioning the son. This dad is interested in his son's accomplishments, it's a family pride. He is developing his son's interest in agriculture

To us, that's one of the best ways to keep 'em down on the farm.

Hastings Heads Kirkwood Four-H

James Hastings, Kirkwood, was named president of the Kirkwood 4-H Club Tuesday night with more than 40 members attending Other officels named were

Richard Hastings, Kirkwood, vice president, John Heir, R2, Quariyville secretary; Donald R2, Quarryville, treasurer, Janet Hastings and James Rupert, both of Kırkwood, game leaders, Barbara Miller, R1 Oxford, and Sandra Graeff, Kukwood, song leaders; and Ross Ferguson, Kiikwood, news reporter

SISTERS ROBBED.

Los Angeles - Someone entered the home of two sisters, Mis Loretta Whitmore, a department store buyer, and Mrs Berdena Louing, a telephone company supervisor, and fled with \$1,400 in cash, numerous stocks and bonds, and-their Thanksgiving turkey.

reading twice, worth seeing at all?) In ancient times, the learned Greeks thought that history was like a motion picture shown over

and over again Dr. Foreman If a man lived long enough he could see history repeat itself, they thought. The diagram which to the Greek mind best represented history would be a circle Fly, moth or man, going around in cir- Christ comes to us in the Saccles will never get anywhere History, the Greeks thought, is like that. It moves, but it never gets anywheie.

History Goes Somewhere

The Bible's view of history is a different one History is more like a straight line than a circle "Straight" line is too simple If you will read the book of Judges in the Old Testament you will find a line of history that goes uphilly and down in dizzy succession But clooked or straight, it is a line going somewhere On a circle, you pass a given point Now, after you have passed that point, are you getting farther away from it as you move, or are you getting nearer? The answer is both, of course, Now if history is a kind of circle, then if you ask the question Are we getting farther away from barbarism, is the world getting better at all? The answer will have to be: It doesn't make any, difference. We are farther from that period of barbarism through which we last passed; but we are getting closer to the next period I in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.) which we last passed; but we are

o abstain from Communion if they harbor malice or ugly feeling toward their neighbors.

We Share Him

If it is true that in the Lord's Supper we find the Lord himself, it should be true-and happily it us so-that afterwards life should go on at a higher level than before. The Lord's Supper is less like a doorway leading from one room to another just like it, than it is like a gateway across a boundary from one country to another. rament, but not as a fleeting guest. If we are serious as we take the bread and wine and think about all this in the quiet of prayer, we will so enter into the spirit of Christ himself that we shall 'ie-dedicate ourselves in his servace. It is a kind of parody on Christian ideas to think of Christ's sacrifice as alone and by itself. His cross must be followed by other crosses. His outpouled life must be shared by others who are willing to pour their lives out in turn. 'And it is this, again, which unites all the Christians who in their many valled fashions have taken this Lord's Supper with devoted hearts. For there is a family resemblance among all real Christians, whatever their church-label may be And the resemblance goes back to the same Christ, who has shared himself with every Christian everywhere and always who has taken this Bread and Cup.