

The Everyday Counselor

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There is a rising tide of interest in symbolism. We use common-place symbols daily without considering them such. For instance, a dollar bill is a symbol of exchange. It is not, in itself, worth a dollar. But I—and you—will take all of them we can get. There is a growing interest in church symbolism, as seen in modern churches.

All this has provoked a correspondent to ask for a brief outline of the symbolism of numbers. The Christian symbolism of numbers goes back to the beginning of the Christian church, and back into Jewish, Egyptian, Assyrian, and Babylonian symbolism. A brief outline is given below:

One—is the symbol of unity and means God.

Two—represents the Incarnation, Jesus Christ as God and man. It is likewise the number

of division. Three—is the divine number of completion. It represents the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God.

Four—is the world number of completion. For example the four corners of the earth, the four seasons, the four primary elements, earth, air, fire, and water.

Five—means sacrifice, and refers to the five wounds of our Lord.

Six—is the imperfect number, being one less than seven, which is the number of perfection. In Revelation, the number of The Beast is 666, which means the very depth of imperfection.

Seven—is the perfect number, the sum of three, the divine number of completion plus four, the earth number of completion.

Eight—means regeneration and the new order under Christ. It

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hawkins announce the arrival of a son, John Hunter, on May 25 at Lee Memorial hospital, Marion Va. Mrs. Hawkins is the former, Miss Georgia Cox, of Piney Creek.

Sugar for home canning of fruits, fruit juices and for preserving will be made available to institutional users, and to household users who intend to sell their products, according to an announcement from the USDA.

Stocks of corn on farms throughout the country on April 1 were 26 per cent larger than on April 1 last year.

is the seven days of creation plus the era of grace under Christ. Most baptismal fonts have eight sides.

Nine—is the number of mystery—three times three.

Ten—is the complete number. The Ten Commandments give man the whole duty toward God and one's neighbor.

Twelve—is the universal number, three times four—matter penetrated by spirit. The twelve tribes represent all Israel, the twelve apostles represent the universal Church.

Forty—is the full number, meaning a great many.

One hundred—emphasizes completeness, ten times ten.

One thousand—means an indefinitely large number.

One of the best methods of weed control is to plant clean seed.

At Home On The Farm With The City Cousin

"And so you see, Cousin, farming is not only a method of earning a living, it is also a way of life!"

That was "Dean" Schaub talking, the friendly director of the State College Extension Service. We had been discussing, in his campus office, his favorite subject of conversation—the largest private business in the world—farming.

When the "Dean" reminded me that the total farm plant in 1946 was worth more than ninety billion dollars, I gasped a couple of times and when I got my breath I said:

"Well, sir, if farming is the world's biggest enterprise, why worry about the farmer? If, as you say, his products sold for close to twenty-five billion dollars last year, it seems to me he doesn't need much help?"

"I see," says the director. "You would apply to the farm home the same economic laws that govern business?"

I told him that sounded logical to me.

Then the kindly old head of the vast Agricultural Extension activities in North Carolina explained that a business, organized with a certain amount of capital, may prosper—or it may fail and go down into bankruptcy.

"Now—" said the "Dean," "your peace and happiness, your very life depend upon the uninterrupted flow of products from the soil. Would you like to see bankruptcy come to the concern that supplies you with the source of your food and clothing?"

After a significant pause, just long enough for the words to soak in, "Dean" Schaub began again:

"No Cousin," he says, "it is entirely different with the farm home. When farming is lean, when prices are low, does the farmer declare bankruptcy, retire from farming and follow some other pursuit?"

I assured him we are all thankful he does not.

"By a philosophic determination to hang on," he said, "The farmer sees that a nation's stomach gets the proper nutritious foods, and that other necessary products are provided.

"And so the farmer must be helped to make his farm pay, and the farm woman must be helped to make her home more comfortable, her family healthier and happier, and the children must be helped to learn the fundamental values of life and hom to succeed their parents with proficient farming and home-making skills, and in citizenship

Turkey Research Being Expanded

Work especially designed to develop more economical methods of turkey feeding is underway in the research program at State College, according to Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne, in charge of the college's Poultry Department.

An experiment practicing the entire confinement system of brooding will be used and will extend over the first twelve weeks of the bird's life, Prof. Dearstyne said, adding that emphasis will be given to the biggest possible use of feed ingredients produced in North Carolina.

"A great need exists here for investigational work that will result in a greater utilization of our state's resources," he declared. "This is especially true in relation to feedstuffs and the by-products of certain of our agricultural industries. Many of these materials furnish suitable feed supplements if their proper place in the diet can be determined through research of this nature."

Dr. J. W. Kelley, a turkey specialist who did undergraduate work in poultry at State

College, and received his doctorate in nutrition at Iowa State College, will conduct the nutritional research.

Also included in the turkey plant program that strives to reach the North Carolina farmer and commercial poultryman is breeding research aimed at developing a superior turkey that will have a good type and lay a large number of eggs that will hatch well. Early production, standard egg size, and livability

are other traits the breeding program is stressing.

To obtain high egg production, broodiness and other phases in laying must be bred out of the birds or reduced to a low level. "This is one of the most difficult problems in turkey breeding," Prof. Dearstyne said, explaining that females are trapped and the progeny wing-banded in an attempt to establish complete family detail on the above characteristics.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to Outsmart a River

Maybe you read about the flood in Litchfield County. It never bothered our town—even though the river's only half a mile away.

Seven years ago, the farmers around here got together—and put in a set of flood controls, to regulate high water, and protect our fields. It took a pack of labor and co-operation, but it worked.

We were talking about it in Andy's Garden Tavern, over a friendly glass of beer; and Andy was saying how it was like the brewing industry's Self-Regulation,

as he called it. The brewers work with beer retailers to help them maintain decent, clean taverns. Brewers don't want beer sold in the other kind. This system of moral suasion and self-control works mighty well, too, Andy says.

From where I sit, co-operative regulation is the best way of getting sure results—whether it's keeping our wheat fields healthy, or keeping our taverns neat and clean—and live-abiding.

Joe Marsh

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MOOS OF THE MOMENT

BY UNCLE BOB
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High Quality Hay Cuts Feed Costs

Here's one dug from the dim dark past: A fellow running for a train just missed it and a lounge at the station said, "Guess you didn't run fast enough." "Nope," puffed the runner. "I just didn't start soon enough." Which leads up to starting your hay cutting soon enough—at the right bloom stage, mostly.

There's an article on hay quality and what it means in the April-May issue of the Producers' Kraftman, with photographs in color which show the differences between excellent, good, fair and poor quality hay.

By its color you can tell a lot about the feed value of hay. Green, leafy hay which makes up excellent and good quality grades is high in the feed elements your cows need.

Take alfalfa, for example. Excellent quality will show 18% protein, good quality 15 per cent, fair quality 14% and poor 12%. The stuff they call "carotene" which contains vitamin A goes from a rating of 50 parts per million in excellent hay down to 4 parts in poor.

And that difference is mighty important in the health of your animals. There's no use stuffing them with something that actually does not do a job of keeping them in good health and which does not produce milk.



Much of the difference in the quality of the hay that you'll feed next winter is determined by you and maybe the weather. The difference between excellent and poor alfalfa or excellent and poor clover is most often merely a difference in the timing of the cutting, plus handling from the field to the mow.

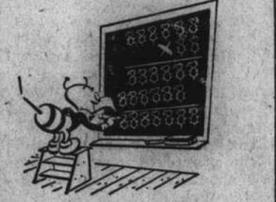
I've listed them before, but here they come again—the right bloom stages to cut hay:

Alfalfa one-tenth to one-quarter bloom stage; clover, half bloom stage; sweet clover when buds show or earlier; grasses as soon as headed, before they bloom; and soybeans, when early pods are well filled and before lower leaves turn yellow.

If you run into rainy weather at haying time, maybe you will do

better to make it into silage. That's another subject which your county agent can give you some sound advice on.

Anyway, I know you'll find the Kraftman article on hay quality of great interest, so if you are not getting a copy, write Uncle Bob at 500 Peshtigo, Chicago 80, Ill., and I'll send one without charge.



Sometimes I can think up a wise crack to introduce a serious subject. But not this next one. I got all tangled up between adders and multipliers and dividers and subtractors, so I'll give it to you straight.

Hot weather, if it hasn't hit your farm yet, isn't far away. Which means extra care in cooling milk, to keep bacteria from multiplying. When those little things start increasing, they cause milk to spoil. So by multiplying they subtract from your income.

You'll want to check whatever cooling system you use to be sure it is doing the job.

There was a lot of rain in spots this spring making for good hay and pasture. But whether your pastures hold up in summer is another question.

Cows can't do their job of producing at a high level without all the good feed they can get. So supplementary hay and grain feeding is something I hope you are planning all summer long.

One of my good extension friends has figured out that a cow needs 100 pounds of grass per day. I don't expect you to go out and weigh your grass every morning, but along about July and August I imagine you can tell by looking that the cows are not getting that much.

If they aren't, it's mighty important to you and the cows that supplementary hay or silage and grain be used.

Uncle Bob

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