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Let's Turn To Livestock — In Time

ARE you growing the things you want to be growing for the next 10 years—the next 20 years? If not, and you would like to keep more milk cows, more hogs, more beef cattle, or more sheep—get started now. What your farm produces this year and next may determine what it will be allowed to produce for years thereafter.

Cotton is piling up on us. So next year the Government will tell you to plant less. How much you can put in will largely depend on how many acres you have been growing in the past.

Sooner or later America will also have too much milk, too much beef, too much pork, and too many chickens. When this happens, the Government may tell you how many cows you can milk, or how many hogs you can keep, or how many chickens you can grow. Your allotment will depend on how many you have and have had in the past.

Tim efor Southern farmers to get started in livestock may be fast running out. Don't get caught holding the bag—in this case, idle acres.

Cotton especially seems fast heading back into the same life-and-death struggle that was going on before the war came along. A lot of light bulbs are being burned out in Washington and elsewhere, trying to figure out what lies ahead. Of one thing, tho, we are certain: Next year, we won't be able to plant as much cotton as this year. Then we'll probably plant less the next year, and so on.

But the South can afford to plant less cotton if we will only set out to make use of the South's climate and pasture opportunities and set out to supply the South's own needs for more meat, milk, eggs, and poultry. Let us see:

1. As long as a big part of the milk used in our cities is shipped from the North, we can afford to add more milk cows and plant less cotton.
2. As long as most of the eggs eaten in Southern cities are shipped from the North and West, we can afford to add more hens and plant less cotton.
3. As long as we can turn hogs in a corn or grain sorghum field and the hogs will pay twice as much for the grain as the farmer, we can afford to add more hogs and plant less cotton.
4. As long as we can turn grass into beef on year-round pasture, we can afford to add more beef cattle and plant less cotton.

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Very fortunately for the South, it may possibly be several years before America produces such a surplus of livestock, dairy, and poultry products as to justify quotas. Dr. B. T. Simms, USDA animal industry chief has been quoted as saying that America will need to keep its level of livestock production 35 per cent above 10 years ago. The same general opinion was expressed in a recent speech by Dr. W. I. Myers, dean of the Cornell College of Agriculture, at the recent American Plant Food Council meeting.

Speaking of the livestock situation, Dean Myers stated that livestock numbers have not increased as fast as population and that livestock per person is approaching an all-time low. In the last 60 years there have been only five years—during the drought of the 30s—when per capita numbers were lower than now. . . . There is an important job ahead if we are to continue to provide a high quality diet for our growing population in the face of these trends. The only ways to avoid declining per capita supplies of milk, eggs, meat, and other products are greater efficiency or increased imports. Even with high efficiency much more feed will be required for livestock if our food standards are to be maintained for an increasing population.

Here, to our way of thinking, lies the South's golden opportunity.

The answer to the nation's need for more meat, milk, and eggs is not in increased imports from foreign countries, as Dean Myers suggested, but increased production right here in the South. While the nation still needs more livestock, dairy, and poultry products, Southern farmers must move in—move in quickly—and help supply this need. If we fail to do so, then producers in other sections will fill this gap as fast as they can. Then later on when quotas are imposed it will be too late for the South to cash in on its tremendous natural advantages for year-round pastures and increased hay and grain production.

Someone has said that nine-tenths of wisdom consists of being wise in time. This is certainly true of the present far situation in the South. The South should turn to more livestock—and turn quickly—while there is time. But feed production must come first. Hence our No. 1 need is for record-breaking

God's Map for Me

Lesson for August 28, 1949

HOW did the writers of the Bible think about the Bible? We can get part of the answer by looking at our Psalms for this week. These poets already possessed a part of our Bible: the Law, some historical books, perhaps some of the Prophets. It was an incomplete Bible they had—but they loved it.

They did not think of it or use it in some of the mistaken ways you may find some people thinking of the Bible today. They did not think it was enough to read a line or two before going to bed every night. They did not think that having a copy of it around would bring good luck, or scare off demons. They said nothing about the Bible's being great literature. Dr. Foreman They were not at all bothered by miracle stories in Scripture; they believed them, and took them as evidences of the mighty power of God (see Psalm 105). They did not look on the Bible as chiefly a dictionary of Don'ts. They did not think of it as a Sabbath book, but rather as an everyday one. It did not strike them as a book of mystery.

The Psalmist's Bible IN reading Psalm 119:7-14, it is interesting to see how many different things the Psalmist says about the Word of God. He calls it by various names, but that is only because, being a poet, he likes to use several words for the same thing. As for Psalm 105, where else but in his Bible would the poet have learned that story of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and the deliverance from Egypt?

The reader of this Psalm will observe that the subject of most of the sentences is GOD. As the poet reviews his people's history, he shows that it is not simply the doings of the Israelites, but it is God who brings things to pass.

"Man proposes but God disposes" is a proverb which the writer of Psalm 105 would approve. Psalm 119 is known as an "alphabetic" or "acrostic" poem. It is divided into 22 sections, each one exactly eight verses long. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and in the Hebrew original of this Psalm each verse of the first section begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph; in the next section, Beth, and so on down to the last letter, Tau.

The Book of God

WHAT the writers of these Psalms said about the partly-done Bible of their times is of course even more true of the completed Bible which is our heritage as Christians. One thing they make clear is that this is first of all God's book. They knew as well as we do that different human minds had a part of it, but for all that it is always God whose message comes through what they wrote. The Bible, properly understood, reveals the mind of God and the will of God. The Bible reveals also the doings of God. His story is the weaving of God's eternal decrees on the looms of time. Again, these poets see that the Bible is for man and about man.

None of them thought of it as a guide to heaven, but rather as a road map or to guide us through the mazes of this world. Psalm 119 stresses this world, and no other, as the world in which God's light shines.

The commandments of God are so many lengths of barbed wire to fence us in, rather, road-signs to guide us on life's open highway. The Bible presents the "How" of living. It is God's map for me.

The Bible in The Heart

THE SENTENCE: "Thy word I have hid in my heart" (Psalm 119:11) is the clue to the right use of the Bible. When a Hebrew writer says "heart" he means something more than mere emotion. The word means character, what a man really is. A young Korean was learning the Sermon on the Mount, but making slow work of it.

When a missionary asked him about it, the boy said, "I have to be slow. First I learn a verse, then I go out and live it. I can learn the words in a few minutes; but it takes longer than that to live it."

That is the right idea. One verse, translated into living, is worth more than a chapter that never gets deeper in than the edge of the brain.

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