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## Many Practices in Soil Conservation

What is soil conservation? Soil conservation means different things on different farms.

Since 1933, through the efforts of Dr. H. H. Bennett, retired chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Dr. R. M. Salter, present SCS chief and other forward thinking people like them, the United States has become awakened to the need for a national soil conservation program.

The term soil conservation is heard and read frequently and has achieved a virtue of its own in everyday thinking.

Yet, conceptions of what soil conservation really signifies vary widely. To one man it may mean terraces and contour strip cropping. Such an observer might drive mile after mile through flat lands where neither terracing nor contour strip cropping were needed and report he had seen no evidence whatever of soil conservation even though every acre was being farmed properly with the soil conservation practices adapted to that kind of country.

To the trained conservationist, however, soil conservation means farming the land according to its natural capabilities.

Modern soil conservation is sound land use and treatment of land with all the proven measures that are needed to keep it permanently productive while in use. It means terracing land that needs terracing; it means contouring, strip cropping, and stubble mulching the land as needed, along with crop rotations, cover crops, lime fertilizer and manure. It means gully control, stabilizing water outlets, building farm ponds, locating farm roads and fences on the contour, planting steep, erodible land to grass or trees, development of good pastures and devoting good management to them after they have been developed.

Modern conservation, moreover, consists of doing these and still other necessary things. Where land is too wet, modern soil conservation calls for drainage; if it is too dry, it calls for irrigation; if it is subject to wind erosion, it calls for strip cropping, tree planting, and stubble mulch farming. If plant nutrients have been depleted, it calls for fertilization. And modern soil conservation calls also for the use of the best of the most adaptable varieties of crops as well as the most efficient tools available to farmers.

And an indispensable part of modern soil conservation is a supporting program of research, such as will provide at all times the advantages that progressive science can contribute. Also, a continuing, vigorous program of education, which must be made part of our teaching from kindergarten through college.

Moreover, modern soil conservation calls for the continuing maintenance of all effective work which is put on the land. These scientifically planned conservation measures are not just for a single year or cropping season. Like savings bonds or savings deposits in the bank, they increase in value

## President Eisenhower Says . . .

"I'm a zealous believer in conservation, both as a national policy and as a personal creed. I have seen first hand in many parts of the world what soil and fertility losses can do to civilizations. I have crossed great deserts that once were fertile granaries, now laid waste because man wasn't intelligent enough, or didn't care enough, to preserve his soil.

"To build a strong, secure United States we must save our soil—and improve our soil. We aren't now doing the job fast enough or well enough . . .

"The Soil Conservation Service is a competent technical agency that makes its know-how available to farmers in locally-organized, farmer-run Soil Conservation Districts. It comes into the districts to help farmers only at their invitation . . .

"I strongly favor farmer-managed Soil Conservation Districts, with the Soil Conservation Service and other public agencies giving such help as farmers request."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Today's Meditation

There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12. R.S.V. Read Acts 4:5-12.

Christ has many names, each one of them very meaningful. Among them are Jesus, Immanuel, Messiah and Son of man.

The name of Christ commonly used is Jesus. It means Saviour. He saves you and me. He delivers and inspires.

The name Immanuel means "God with us." The unseen, afar off, and unknown became fully revealed and made near and known to us in Christ. In Him, God becomes our Companion who walks with us, and our Partner who helps us.

The name Messiah means the "Anointed." As the Messiah, sent from God, He takes the supreme place in the great purpose that God is working out in the world among men. Christ is the King who has come in the name of the Lord. He has come to establish the Kingdom of God.

The name, "Son of man," indicates that in Christ we can come into vital personal contact with the living God. We can see God in the "Son of man." He has power to make us what we can become in Him.

### PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Jesus Christ. He is our Saviour, our Companion, our King, and our Redeemer. Help us to believe and follow Him. In His name we pray. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"God . . . hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Rev. W. Klattenhoff, Pastor  
Sunday Services:  
Divine Worship 8:15 A. M.  
Sunday School 9:15 A. M.

and return on the original investment as the years go on.

## Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

I am not going to try to be funny this week. I am going to tell you just what I think. But that don't change things any. I could be and I hope I am wrong. But I think we are heading into a nice little depression. Not as bad as some I have seen but it will hurt a lot worse. For this reason, we have been living a champagne life on a beer salary. In short, living on the installment plan. And we have got to come down. The old cow man is taking it on the chin. And beef is the foundation of our living. And when you kick the foundation from under a house the house has got to fall. And will some of the younger generation scream. On this administration. But this administration is doing all right. It is the American public. Things has been give away, throwed and strowed till the time to stop has come. We have been buying what we wanted not what we needed. Never mind the price. The old installment plan has got us and we just as well admit it. No use kidding ourselves. The price that the farmer is getting for stuff. And the price the housewife has to pay for stuff has got to wide a space somewhere there is a leak. And a big one that has got to be plugged some way. We have just got to come down before somebody knocks us down. And we had just as well get used to the idea now and it wont hurt so bad later on. Dont scream about taxes as long as you have the groceries.

Herald of Truth  
Sunday 1:30-2:00 P. M.  
KPBM - 740 K. C.

Sermon: "The Father & His Sons"

Heavy rains in the mountain section brought a large flow of muddy water down the canal Tuesday night and Wednesday. What crops that are up are looking pretty good.

Mrs. Dave Bunting and granddaughter Glenda Jo Farmer were here Sunday afternoon visiting Ada Belle Trimble and Mrs. Ethel Altman.

## Hope News

has been employed as cook at the Altman Cafe.

Edith Hardin of Artesia is visiting at Hope this week. All her sisters went to school so she thought she might as well go to Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Rip Parnell are here this week visiting Henry Crockett.

Alfred Dee Wilburn and family are moving in the old Wilburn residence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kimmons have been visiting here this week. They have bought a place near La Luz, N. M. and will move there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carson from Pecos, Texas, were here over the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carson.

Four Mile creek overflowed so badly Monday night that the school bus driven by Nelson Jones could not make it across Tuesday morning.

The series of meetings which were held at the Church of Christ last week came to a close Sunday night. A good attendance is reported at the meetings. Allan Johnson of Roswell delivered the sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Trimble of Ruidoso were here last week visiting Ada Belle Trimble. They brought their daughter Martha with them to visit a few days before school started.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe of Yuma are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andy Teel.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Smith and baby were guests in the Elmer Madron home Friday and Saturday. Mr. Smith will be employed by W. M. Tulk beginning Sept. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Dockray of Mayhill visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Buckner were here last week. Mr. Buckner is caretaken at the Methodist Assembly grounds.

Willis Allen who is employed at Cahp Mary White was here last Friday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Harris are proud parents of a seven pound boy, Michael O'Neil. He arrived on the 27th.

"Grandma Moses' Secret" . . . Looking ahead to her 93rd birthday, this extraordinary woman and famous artist laughs at old age and virtually bubbles over with youthful vitality. Behind her inspiring life is a simple formula that you, too, can follow to attain a richer life, free from needless worry. Look for it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Maniatis enroute from Los Angeles to Philadelphia stopped last Thursday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. LL. Anderson. Mrs. Maniatis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. They were pulling a 30-foot trailer and were having trouble in climbing some of the grades. The trailer weighed over 8 tons.

An electric storm cut off our electricity last Sunday. It is rather inconvenient to have to dig up the old coal oil lamps.

A meeting of the Penasco Valley Telephone Co-op was held Thursday at the REA office in Artesia.



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SUN. - MON. - TUES.

**"Dangerous When Wet"**

Esther Williams  
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Jack Carson

WEDNESDAY  
Check Night

**"The 49th Man"**

John Ireland  
Richard Denning  
Suzanne Dalbert

**OCOTILLO**

FRI-SAT

Double Feature Program

Tim Holt  
Richard Martin

**"Road Agent"**

and

Gene Autry in

**"Wagon Train"**

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

Mickey Rooney  
Eddie Bracken  
Elaine Stewart

**"A Slight Case of Larceny"**

WEDNESDAY

Spanish Picture

**Circle B Drive-In**

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Double Feature Program

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Joseph Cotton

**"2 Flags West"**

and  
Roy Rogers  
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**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

BY **GEORGE S. BENSON**  
President—Harding College  
Scary, Arkansas

### Sociology's New Religion?

Sociology textbooks widely used for the past 25 years in high schools and colleges throughout America are fostering a new kind of "religion" which, if accepted by a generation of youth, could destroy the church as the well-spring of our spiritual life and supersede the Bible with a social worker's handbook. This, in effect, is the stunning conclusion drawn by DDr. A. H. Hobbs, professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, in a comprehensive analysis of 33 widely used sociology textbooks.

His analysis of sociology's teachings on the subject of religion is so shocking and so vitally important I'm going to quote at length from his book, "The Claims of Sociology: A Critique of Textbooks" (The Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pa.).

### Astonishing Texts

"Fifty-four texts contain statements which evaluate religion," Dr. Hobbs reports. "Thirty-three texts contend that religious organizations should reorient themselves in the direction of secularization . . .

"Religious organizations (the 33 textbooks contend) should decrease or eliminate the supernatural appeals, their abstract moral doctrines, their ritual, mysticism, and allegiance to traditional codes. Eight additional texts emphasize that these factors hinder 'social progress,' and nine other statements claim that religious organizations perpetuate themselves primarily because of pressures which are exerted on them by 'economic interests.'"

"Fifty statements in 41 texts, contain these critical emphases in relation to traditional forms of religion. The 33 which suggest alternatives recommend secularization of religion.

According to this standpoint the primary interests of religious groups should be focused on educational crusades to eliminate poverty, ill-health, war, racial problems, inadequate education and crime, in a program of social action. They should 'use modern methods of social research to demonstrate a practical relationship between scientific analysis and religious objectives.'

### Toward Secularizing

"Religious organizations (the 33 books contend) should help in shaping a new moral code since the old one involves 'cultural lag' in a society which has undergone extensive technological changes. Recommendations that religious organizations should secularize are representative of the 'positive' approach. In the 'positive' approach the textbook author offers 'constructive' suggestions for improvement of the institution after demonstrating to his own satisfaction what is wrong with it from a 'sociological' point of view. The fact that the author cannot prove his statements, nor demonstrate that the 'remedy' will not destroy the essence of the institution, appears to be a secondary consideration.

"Two additional texts are content to label religion simply as a combination of mysticism and cultural conditioning, without offering any 'positive' suggestions. Only 11 texts emphasize the universality of need for spiritual guidance (which formed the basis of most religious organizations) and accept the view that this is still the primary function of religion.

### Superseding the Bible

"Authors generally claim that they (scientists) support rather than oppose religion, but their support of 'religion' is similar to their defense of 'democracy' and 'education' in that it involves a redefinition in 'sociological' terms. Religion is redefined in terms which make it practically synonymous with social work. In the 'sociological' religion a social problems textbook would be a more important reference than the Bible."

Our nation was founded by men and

women with profound faith in God. As they built their first communities in the wilderness of America the first building to go up was the church. God's moral laws written into the Bible shaped the American way of life and have been the great disciplining force within the hearts and minds of our people and within all our American institutions, including our government and our schools. An organized force is fighting God's moral laws in America—Communism, aided by its twin, Socialism. Textbooks which slyly persuade the youth of America that faith in God should be soft-pedaled or superseded are assisting these enemies to undermine the foundation of our strength.

### A Soldier's

*'arewell*

In its issue of Aug. 22, the Saturday Evening Post publishes the first of two articles by General of the Army Amar Bradley, who recently retired as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and was the first man to hold that lofty position. Written in cooperation with the Post's Washington editor, Beverly Smith, the articles carry the title "A Soldier's Farewell."

General Bradley deals with controversial matters, and there will be many who disagree with his views. But the fact remains that he has had an extraordinarily distinguished career. He was the victorious field commander, under Eisenhower, of the greatest military force the world has ever known. He made a widely praised record as head of one of the most ticklish bureaus in the government—the Veterans' Administration. And he was chief of staff of the Army in an extremely difficult period.

General Bradley says that our military objectives must correspond with four national objectives which may be briefed as follows: 1. America and its freedoms will be defended at any cost. 2. We will use every means to prevent another world war—which means that we will not provoke war or wage preventive war. 3. We will build and maintain military forces, with the necessary equipment and bases, sufficient to deter any aggressor, or, if that fails, to win a world war if it comes. 4. We do not consider another world war to be inevitable, for the reason that if we and our allies are strong enough no enemy will dare to start one.

Hethen makes his case against the "Fortress America" idea—the idea of concentrating on making this continent an invulnerable redoubt. In his view, this could lead only, in time, to communist organization of the rest of the world's human and material resources to tie point where successful defense of America would be impossible. He says, "There is no safety for America, in today's world, without allies." He quotes with full approval President Eisenhower's recent statement: "All free nations must stand together, or they shall fall separately."

Going on, General Bradley deals with what has and is being done to create military security. He clearly believes that we are not moving as rapidly as we should, and that, among other things, Defense Secretary Wilson's present policies concerning reductions in military spending are unwise. Our goal, to his mind, is to achieve "such a combination of forces and alliances that no communist leader in his right mind would dare risk another world war." This means, he

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continues, that we must have sufficient force and alliances to avert sudden disaster, such as an atomic attack; to avert disaster on the installment plan, as would occur if our allies were overrun or absorbed; to retaliate instantly and terribly with atomic weapons against an aggressor; to furnish a base for production and mobilization which can be quickly expanded if need to to give us the resources to win.

Despite the faults General Bradley finds in what we have done, he is not a pessimist. He closes his first article with these words: "I believe we are building, and can maintain indefinitely, a position of reasonable security. The most vital thing here, of course, is the spirit of our people . . . I believe we can do this within our means, without bankrupting ourselves, by holding and increasing our technological lead and by selecting wisely the new weapons which are being developed."

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Do you wonder what happens to all that money the government takes from you and other taxpayers?

Much of it is spent usefully. But a lot is wasted. For instance, a State department employe recently told a House committee that in more than a year of being on the payroll at \$9600 per annum, he'd never been given any specific job to do. He didn't even know what the branch of the department he was working for was supposed to accomplish.

What excuse can be offered for this kind of waste?

Eula Marie Cox who has been working at the Lodge in Cloudcroft has returned home. She will leave soon for Silver City where she will go to school this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Wingfield and son of Camp Verde, Ariz., left Wednesday afternoon for their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cox.

Bob James from the Scharbauer ranch was in Hope Tuesday.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

My joy in the faith increases as I share it.—Muriel C. Pilley.