

A Great Team

"This afternoon there will be baptisms in both the south and north ends of the church. Babies will be baptized at both ends." (Message from a church bulletin).

There are two sides to every issue. Agriculture is at the crossroads. On one side are those who see hunger as the world's greatest problem. Congressman Tony Hall says, "Twenty-seven million Americans are hungry right now, and 35,000 people around the world will die today." He assigns top priority to food production and distribution.

On the other side are those concerned about the environment and the ecosystem. Congressman Gaylord Nelson, a founder of Earth Day, sees dramatic change in concern about the environment and estimates that 20 million people participate nationwide in environmental causes. He says, "The environment has moved into the establishment."

Can we feed the hungry without depleting our soil resources and devastating the environment? Very fortunately for the world, high production agriculture and *sound* environmental practices go hand in hand and are completely compatible. Our task in agriculture is to communicate these facts to the environmentalists.

The former College of Agriculture at the University of Georgia is now the college of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. A new option, "Environmental Soil Science", has 27 students enrolled. A few years ago, the option "Soil Science" had dropped to zero!

What marvelous opportunities await us in teaching and research in Agricultural Environmental Science. I only wish I were 20 years old instead of 80. ■

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