

FROM WHERE WE STAND

Each Must Win A Personal War

Each American must win a personal war inside himself—a war between his conscience and the human instinct of greediness—if our country is to win the cold war with Russia, Ed Lipscomb of the National Cotton Council recently told a meeting of the American Association of Nurserymen.

Mr. Lipscomb observed that in our national preoccupation with military strength we are losing a war within our own boundaries. "We tend to become so afraid of Moscow that we are not sufficiently afraid of Washington," he declared.

"Arrayed on one front in this personal war," he said, "is the tremendous force of animal inclinations and natural desires—the appeal of immediate benefits, business advantages, or personal profits from political programs. Here also is the power of inertia. Our reluctance to get involved."

"On the other side are our conscience, our judgment and our knowledge that throughout all history no nation has survived which continued much farther than we have already come down the road we are now traveling," Mr. Lipscomb said.

One reason we in America are losing this war, he said, is the extent of our vested interest in a high level of international tension, and in the waste and extravagance accompanying it.

Largest of these vested interests, he explained is our bureaucracy — the hundreds of thousands of officials and clerks required to give away billions of dollars, prepare multitudinous programs, and operate all manner of red tape in the much maligned name of defense.

He also cited the vested interest of industry with its contracts for arms, military construction, housing units, and thousands of other items included under the classification of defense.

Mr. Lipscomb concluded by saying he could cite illustration after illustration of the howls that go up when a man faces the specific application, to his own pocketbook, of the very principles of national strength to which he claims allegiance.

As long as there are man-made laws

there will be those men who will find loopholes in those laws through which they can gain personal benefits.

It has been said that no farm law has ever been passed that was not put through under the guise of aiding the inefficient farmer, but there have been very few farm laws passed that have not helped the efficient farmer more. It is paradoxical that too often help from government sources goes to those who do not need it.

There is a story of a father who sat reading his newspaper while his little son tried very hard to distract him. In desperation the father tore a map of the world from the paper he was reading, tore it to pieces and gave it to the son. "See if you can put the puzzle together," he said thinking that the son would be occupied for a long while.

In an amazingly short time the son was back with the map, and every piece was in its proper place. "How did you do that so quickly?" the father wanted to know.

"Well Dad," the son said, "When I started to put the map together, I saw that there was a picture of a man on the other side, so I just turned it over and put the man together. When I had the man together just right, the world was O.K."

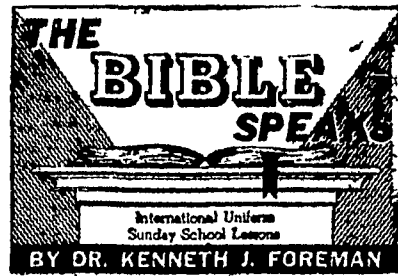
We have lived with the attitude of "Let George do it" in this country for a long time. George can no longer do it. Every Tom, Dick, and Harry—and all the rest of us too — are going to have to win this personal war Mr. Lipscomb speaks of.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

"As far as we have been able to observe, there are two kinds of taxes; good ones and bad ones. Good taxes are levied upon other people, and bad taxes are those that we must pay.

"Likewise, there are wise and foolish expenditures of public funds, the former promotes our ideas of public necessity, and the latter does not put cash into our pockets."

—McClure, Pa., Plain Dealer



Bible Material: Hosea 11.
Devotional Reading: Hosea 1 1-7.

God's Children

Lesson for August 7, 1960

MANY ECHOES of the tragedy through which the prophet Hosea passed, are to be read in his pages. He uses figures of speech which suggest sad chapters in his life-history. When his wife Gomer left him and all three children behind her, he had to be a father and mother to the little ones. This may be a memory underlying the opening words of the 11th chapter. The "I" in verses 1 through 9 refer to God. He is presented as a loving father, taking his child (Ephraim, one of the names for the nation of Israel) in his arms and teaching him to walk. It is a heart-stirring picture, the mighty God picking up baby Ephraim and holding him in His "everlasting arms" and teaching him to walk.



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Perhaps Hosea had had trouble with his motherless children. Surely God had untold trouble with Israel. God and Israel are elsewhere called husband and wife; here they are father and son. But the picture is not of harmony and happiness; it is a picture of a broken home, broken because the son will not stay at his father's house, he disrespects his father's orders and wishes. Yet God's love continues. Even when Israel acts more like brutes than men, Hosea says God feeds them, and makes their yokes and bridles as easy as possible. Yet Israel has never appreciated what God has done. Israel has never appreciated what God would do if they would let him. They worship little gods, "Baals," instead of the true God. They owe their whole existence as a nation to his mighty help in bringing them out of a hopeless slavery in Egypt to a land of hope and freedom.

"Sharper Than A Serpent's Tooth"

At several points Hosea of Israel not as a wife, son, but as an animal, man, an ox, a beast of burden, the glory and the privilege children to honor and see. But there is a great deal of love between serving God out of love for him and to please him, and serving because he puts a bride your mouth and drives a farmer drives a mule. We upset God's plan for the by being balky. We grieve we do not defeat him, multishness. No man really successful rebellion against God is all-powerful and all well as all-patient and all He desires the free devotion; but if this is refusal and the tragedy comes on man's head, not on God.

Why Be A Beast?

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THIS WEEK —In Washington With Clinton Davidson Return to Congress

The next three or four weeks in Washington will separate the politicians from the statesmen.

Congressmen will be put to the acid test of their stature during the extra session that starts next Monday for Senators and the following Monday for Members of the House of Representatives.

The temptation to make campaign speeches on the floors of the Senate and House during consideration of important legislation will be too much for all but the most stout-hearted. Many will

Washington weather in yield to that temptation. August, at best, is not conducive to calm deliberation and unhurried action. Congressmen, already weary and worn from six months of sessions and one of political conventions, will be impatient to get back home for the campaigning.

The legislation to be considered, and the issues to be debated, will be supercharged with temptations for demagoguery. Some are sure to succumb. Others, by their words and votes, will rise above political considerations. Votes in "Them Thar Bills"

Of the half dozen or so important legislative measures to be considered, all are loaded with potential votes for those who are tempted to place political advantages above the national interest.

Democrats in charge of both houses hope to give their presidential candidates a boost, and also to enhance their re-election prospects by passing at least four major pieces of legislation.

Medical care for the aged is No 1 on the list of bills which the Democratic leadership wants as a "show piece" for the election campaigning. This would be financed through an increase in Social Security

taxes.

The expectation is that President Eisenhower will veto such a bill, but to do so would put many Republican candidates in the position of seeming to be unsympathetic with the problems of the aged and ill.

A vast program of Federal aid for increased housing has tremendous vote-appeal and congressional leaders hope to cash in whether, as expected it is vetoed, or not.

More Inflation
Adding to a 7½% wage increase for federal workers voted during the regular session, the Democratic leadership plans to push through a higher minimum wage for some 40 million factory (Turn to Page 5)

Rural Rhythms

I REMEMBER

By: Carol Dean Huber
I remember my Dad used to say with a sigh,
"The wheat must be cut by early July"
With horses and binder he'd cut the wheat;
Oh how the stubble hurt bare feet!
He'd shock the sheaves in the field to dry
Until the threshing machine came by.

And then the meals my mother would make—
Home made biscuits, pies and cake,
Platters piled up high with meat.
And all things working men like to eat
I'd look at my brother and say, "Don't you wish we could be on the threshing crew?"

Now Is The Time . . .

BY MAX SMITH



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TO MOW LAWNS HIGHER—One of the best practices to maintain a good turf is to cut the grass at least 1½ inches high at all times during the season, in addition during the hot summer months advisable to cut still higher in order to hold maximum amount of moisture and prevent weak growth; a lawn that is short each week will have less weed tolerance. During August and September grass is a problem in most lawns, but cutting the grass each week will make it more difficult for the crabgrass to grow.

TO RENOVATE OLD PASTURE—Late August or September are very good times to seed a new pasture. Fall rains and cooler weather will provide for even root systems of the new plants. In order to do this on an old pasture it is necessary to destroy all of the grass and weeds. The month of August is the time to or-disc this area. A complete soil test should be taken the required lime, phosphorus, and potash worked into soil before the new seeding is made. Old bluegrass may be reseeded to more productive grasses with good production of forage.

TO ORDER SEED FOR WINTER GRAIN—Supplies of winter oats, wheat, and barley should be ordered in order to get the variety and quality of seed needed. In most cases it pays to sow top quality seed in order to get the greatest return for materials and labor. Home-grown seed in many cases will carry disease that will reduce the yield and quality of next year's crop.

TO VENTILATE TOBACCO SHEDS—The 1960 tobacco crop is developing rapidly; early tobacco appears to be a heavy crop and may face a curing problem in the during hot, humid weather. Growers are urged to plan to do some forced ventilation by use of fans or fans in order to prevent this-shed burning.

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