

From Where We Stand . . .

Motorists Want Money's Worth

An old thing the taxpayer gets awfully tired of hearing is the one that goes: "If you want good roads, you have to pay for them."

This is no news to the motorists of America. They have paid for just about every foot of highway in existence, and for a lot more that never will be built because the money has been spent on other things.

In the past eight years the Federal government has collected \$34 billion in special highway user taxes, but only \$20.6 billion of that went into the Highway Trust Fund. The other \$13.4 billion was spent on projects having no connection with roads.

During the next eight years, motorists will pay \$52.4 billion more in Federal highway user taxes, but only \$32.7 billion will go to build highways. The other \$19.7 billion will go into the general fund and from there — who knows?

Some States also use large amounts of highway user taxes for non-highway purposes, the total State diversion amounting to around \$400 million every year.

It would be extremely difficult to convince most motorists that they should pay more gasoline taxes — or any other highway user taxes — until all the money they now pay at both the State and Federal levels is put to work building highways.

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



Drugs And Risks

The safety of prescription drugs has become a subject of controversy and of regulatory action. Like all matters which are beyond the comprehension of the layman, a result may be widely held and unfounded fears in some instances may reach a degree of hysteria.

The fact is that every possible step is taken by the pharmaceutical industry and other interested organizations to assure any drug's safety. The techniques for detecting possible toxicity in every known body system have been tremendously improved in late years. Testing is far more thorough than is generally realized. For instance, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association estimates that, in a recent typical year, its member firms made use of nearly 9 million animals in order to determine whether or not various new drugs were suitable for trial in man.

But the animal tests are not enough. At a certain stage testing on

humans must be carried out under the direction of responsible physicians. The number of humans thus involved must be steadily increased until a large enough sample is obtained to determine the safety and utility of the drug in actual clinical practice. During these tests, great numbers of compounds are eliminated. Actually, only one out of an estimated 3,000 compounds originally synthesized by the pharmaceutical manufacturers survives as a drug.

Even so, all risk cannot be eliminated — a truism which applies to all ventures into the unknown. But, measured against the benefits, the risk in drugs produced by reputable manufacturers and prescribed by physicians is seen for the minuscule thing it is. And legislative or regulatory efforts to eliminate all risk, no matter how sincerely meant, can only act as a brake on progress in this most vital of fields.

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Guarantor Of A Free Press

Something recently said by the Boonville, Indiana, Standard should be remembered.

"One of the most important by-products of advertising is the American concept of freedom of the press.

"Freedom of the press as it is conceived in the English-speaking world derives financial support from advertising . . .

"From the time of the American revolution until approximately 1830 American journalism was represented by a profusion of small highly biased political sheets . . . However, when expanding business firms recognized the need for reaching a new public through advertising, publishers found a neutral and variegated source of support which made them independent.

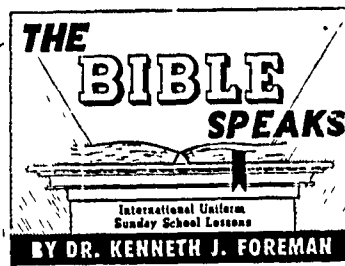
"Indeed, advertising made it imperative that the newspapers should think in terms of serving the whole public . . .

"As government has become more complex, as law and rule by bureaus and agencies have burgeoned, there is more than ever a need for a press free from control of political interests.

"Such a press exists only where advertising support has made it possible for a publication to serve the whole public without fear or favor."

Whatever shortcomings advertising may occasionally be guilty of, its virtues as a supporter of a free press overwhelmingly outweigh them.

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Dependable

Lesson for August 23, 1964

Background Scripture: Deuteronomy 1: 6 through 19
Devotional Reading: Psalm 75:1-7.

A STUDENT waiter in the school dining hall was complaining about another waiter. "He just took off without saying anything about it, and the rest of us had to carry his job. There wasn't time to get a substitute." Now



the student who walked off the job leaving the others with extra work, and all without letting any one know he was leaving, may have been a very good waiter. But he won't stand a

Dr. Foreman good chance of being recommended for the job next year, if he keeps up this sort of thing. No matter how good he is at waiting on table, if he can't be depended on, he's not a good prospect. Dependability is what makes all good qualities strong.

God at the center

The heart of the matter, as usual, is to be found in the Bible. Deuteronomy 6:4-17 is as good a place as any to find dependability — not the word but the thing itself — described plainly. What are the qualities of a dependable life? First of all, it is one that has God, the true God, at the center. It is life oriented to God, taking orders from him. Centrally it is a life filled with love for God. This means devotion, admiration and not mere adoration, it means loyalty through thick and thin. Now there were few if any atheists in those days. Belief in God, some kind of God, was to be found everywhere. Constantly, through all their prophets, the Hebrews were reminded of what kind of God the true and only God is.

Inside and out

The heart—to modern ears—means the emotions. But when the prophet said love God with

all your heart, he did not mean love him with all your emotions. Loving God with emotions only turns worship into a kind of binge. The Hebrew word could almost be translated "Stand By," —stand by your God with all your loyalty and all your dedication. The "heart" meant the springs of life, the motives at the very center of a man's life. The point is that in the character of a good man or woman there is an inner and outer side. The outer side is his actions, habits, what we see of him. The inside is what he really is; and if what he is, is not right, then what he does will be all wrong. Nobody likes to be called a hollow person, yet that's just what any of us is if the strength is not there, the God-created strength, on the inside.

Weekdays and Sundays

We don't know whether Moses meant to be taken literally or not when he ordered the Israelites to write the laws on their heads and hands and on the doorposts of their houses. They took it literally, anyway, and tied on their foreheads and on their wrists tiny boxes containing quotations from the Law. Jesus rather made fun of this practice, because it had become a substitute for actually keeping the Law. Anyway, one point is clear. The conduct, the habit-patterns, the ambitions, the purposeful actions of a man belong in his head and hands and home. What he thinks, what he does, where he goes,—his home life and his work life,—should be all of one piece. You can't live selfishly six days in every week and then break out into unselfishness on Sundays. You can't be dependable as a man and a Christian on one day devoted to goodness. The six bad days will vote the one good day down. People have often tried to divide their lives into compartments, in some of which they could do as they pleased and in others they would conform to what they took to be the will of God. Isn't that in fact what most of us do? How often in the course of an ordinary weekday do we ask ourselves, "What will people think?" and how often do we ask, "What does God think?" What society expects of me may be good; what God expects and demands is good. And he expects it seven days a week.

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● Relation Of Milk

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acids present. Exploratory experiments have indicated that the composition of milk fat can be significantly changed by variations in the cow's feed.

These earlier studies showed that unrestricted feeding of corn silage resulted in milk extraordinarily high in saturated fatty acids and correspondingly low in unsaturated acids.

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They also showed that unrestricted feeding of grain with only a small amount of forage made the milk considerably richer in unsaturated acids, lower in total fat content, and moderately higher in protein content.

The Maryland scientists will determine whether the results of these exploratory experiments are borne out in long-term feeding studies.

The research is under the supervision of Professor J. H. Vandersall of the University of Maryland's Department of Dairy Science USDA's technical representative is Dr. George C. Nutting, who heads milk property investigations at the Eastern utilization research laboratory, Philadelphia.

● Vintage

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At the August 15 hog sale, 206 hogs were on offer. Hogs weighing 160-180 lb brought 16 60-17 25; 180-200 lb. were 17 60-18 50; 200-220 lb. 17 85-18 50, 220-240 lb. 17 75-18 50; and 240 lb and up 13 25. One lot of feeder pigs weighing 28 lb. brought 30.00

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loads High Choice and Prime 1550 lbs. 24 50, Choice 1100-1450 lbs 24 75-25 75, scattered loads 1200-1350 lbs. 26.00, few loads Choice 1600-1650 lbs. 23-75, load 1825 lbs. 22 50. Choice 900-1150 lbs. 24 00-25 25, Mixed Good and Choice 22.50-23.75, Good 22.00-23 25, Standard and Low Good 19 50-22 00.

Slaughter heifers: High Choice and Prime 900-1050 lbs 24 50-24 75, load High Choice, mostly Prime 1025 lbs. 24.85, load Prime 1025 lbs. 24.75, Choice 900-1075 lbs 23 00-24 00, few loads at 24 25 carried end of Prime, Choice 800-900 lbs. 22 75-23 50, Good and Choice all weights 22 00-22 75, Good 20 00-22.00.

Cows. Utility and Commercial closed at 12 00-14 00, Canner and Cutter 11 25-12.75, Shelly canner 10.50-11 00.

Bulls: Cutter to Commercial 16 00-17 00, Fat Commercial 14-00-15 00.

Feeders: Good and Choice 650-900 lb. steers 20 25-21 75, two loads Choice 550 lbs. 22-75, load Good, 550 lbs. 21 00, few Good 400 450 lb. heifers 18 75-19 50.



MAX SMITH

Now Is The Time . . .

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To Clip Sudan and Sorghum Hybrids

After livestock have grazed down the growth of sudan grass or the sorghum hybrids, the old growth should be clipped a 3" to 4" height; this will eliminate the old stalks and will encourage new, uniform growth. After clipping, the new growth should be allowed to reach the recommended growth of the first crop before being grazed again (18" for sudan grass and 24" for the sorghum hybrids).

To Kill Old Sod

Old lawns or old pastures that are to be renovated and re-seeded this fall should have the old growth of grass and weeds thoroughly killed; this may be done by re-

peated cultivations. When preparing the seedbed the lime and fertilizer should be applied as recommended by a complete soil test. Repeated working and rolling of the area will eliminate low places and get a firm seedbed.

To Use MH-30 Cautiously

Growers who are using the chemical method of preventing suckers on tobacco should be careful that it is used properly. The plants should be allowed to reach 75% bloom before topping and then the proper amount of material should be applied (4 to 6 pints per acre). If an overdose is applied, or if the plant is immature, the quality of the leaf will be lowered.

To Secure Needed Bedding

Many livestock producers need to buy additional bedding material each year, the many kinds of bedding give a wide range for the steers feeder or the dairyman. Since many farmers have a good crop of straw in the barn this fall, it might be in order for those in the market to make their purchases before next spring or summer. Wheat and barley straw rate very high on the bedding list and could be supplemented with sawdust or wood shavings in dairy barns or box stalls.