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## For Women Only

BY RUTH TAYLOR

One day out in the Middle West I was scheduled to speak to a womens club on "fighting ideals." But unfortunately at the luncheon before the meeting I happened to tell a few incidents dating from my days as an editor of a fashion magazine. Immediately I was asked to change my topic to "How to become a fashion expert."

It was rather a bad break for any speaker. I didn't know how to say no - and yet I did feel that the question of democratic ideals was more important than fashions. So I compromised.

I talked first about fashions and then I said, "Now if I had told you of some new styles, you could have made it the vogue here in your town - because you set the fashions. Therefore I say to you - if there is hatred, prejudice, ill will among the youth of this town it is your fault - because you could make it the fashion to be kind."

be kind!

Maybe that was preachy, which is something I try to avoid doing, (I don't like women preachers either), but it is a subject that is so close to my heart that I'll have to ask to bear with me.

It is because the women of the community, the mothers, have this tremendous power of leadership that their responsibility is so great. Training in friendliness must begin at home. Training in fair play must begin at home. But all that any woman has to do is to train one family for life - train one family in understanding. And the first thing to do is to begin at home - with ourselves.

Let no child hear you speak unfairly, show hatred or prejudice for any group. Let no child see you act unfairly or with discrimination. This does not mean a wholesale opening of the doors of your home. It does mean demonstrating that you can respect people and be fair to them, without living with them or making them your personal friends.

Don't be patronizing - don't teach a child to be kind to "poor" people. Teach him to be kind - period. Half the class consciousness of this country would vanish if we would stop being charitable to the poor, truculent and "stand-offish" to the rich.

You must make your children thoroughly aware of the fact that hates and prejudices are things not tolerated by anyone of good breeding, any more than eating peas with a knife, that that sort of thing just isn't done by ladies or gentlemen in America.

It can't be done? Nonsense! There isn't a woman among you who doesn't know that you can make anything the fashion, any-

thing the habit.

A child who hears no swearing, does not swear. A child who is taught politeness by example and precept is polite in times of strain. You do not allow your children to play with those children who habitually lie, or steal or use bad language. Why let your children be exposed to contact with the diseased minds of those who are intolerant or who hate?

There is a way that you and I can help to wipe out prejudice. We can control hatred at its very source, and substitute good filling and understanding. We can do more to influence our children than any other group. We must teach them the fallacy of hatred, the peril of prejudice, the deadly evil of generalization. Only in this way can we conquer the virus of group thinking, which has been the source of wars since the beginning of time.

## The Ninth Commandment

BY RUTH TAYLOR

"In vain we call old notions fudge. And bend our conscience to our dealing. The Ten Commandments will not budge. And stealing will continue stealing."

James Russell Lowell.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against Thy neighbor" is still one of the Ten Commandments.

No doubt nine out of ten people questioned would say that that is one sin they never commit. But, try listening to any conversation, even your own - and see how carelessly, how habitually the Ninth Commandment is broken.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you judge him not as an individual upon his own merits, but as a part of a group - whether that judgment be praise or censure.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you impute to him motives for action about which you can know nothing.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you accuse him of acting only in his own self interest.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you pass on unconfirmed rumors about him or the group from which he comes, or when you shade the truth or supply details from your own

imagination to make a good story.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you pre-judge him, when you assume the worst and determine what he will do before he has done it.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you attribute to him lower aims than your aims, lower ideals than your ideals.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you think of him as un-American just because his background is different than yours, his family has come from a different nation or because he goes to a different church.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you refuse to grant him the same privileges you reserve to yourself.

You bear false witness against your neighbor when you bar the gates to understanding for so doing you deny the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all men.

Do you keep the Ninth Commandment?

## Control Diseases In Home Gardens

The use of disease resistant varieties of vegetables, seed treatment and garden sanitation are three practical methods of controlling diseases in the home garden, say Howard I. Garris, Extension plant pathologist, and D. E. Ellis, assistant plant pathologist of the Experiment Station, both at State College.

In treating small quantities of seed they recommend that a corner of the packet be torn off and a "pinch" of dust be added to the seed, shaking them so as to give a thin coating of dust. Care should be exercised in handling the materials because some of them are poisonous.

The chief materials recommended for the simple dust treatments are Arasan, Captodol, Nemesan, Spergon, and zinc oxide. Growers should write the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for a free copy of Extension Circular No. 272 which contains a vegetable seed treatment chart.

Do not set weak plants or those that show any signs of disease in a warning from the pathologists. They also suggest a rotation of the garden site, if possible, as a means of reducing the chances of getting diseases that may live over in the soil or come from old diseased plants.

They also warn against the use of contaminated manures, fertilizers, or parts from infested seed beds or fields.

By following certain simple and inexpensive practices, as out-

lined in Circular No. 272, a large percentage of the trouble and losses from vegetable diseases may be reduced," the pathologists say.

## The COMMON DEFENSE

A DOUBLE TASK

By Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Ph.D. Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

In his striking historical survey Man and Society, Professor Sorokin piles up the evidence that, in any time of crisis or catastrophe, both individuals and groups either rise to unprecedented heights of character and heroism or sink to heretofore untouched depths.

Just that is happening all over the world today.

There is no more vivid illustration than in the relations of diverse racial and religious groups. At the very moment when the most barbarous program in history attempts to exterminate an entire people throughout a continent, and its vicious virus threatens to spread in virulent contagion to this hemisphere, the leaders of previously antagonistic religious communions are drawing into closer fellowship for common action than at any date in Western history. This is happening in Holland and Germany and France and other Continental countries where Catholics and Protestants increasingly think and speak and act together, and where a principal united concern is protection of Jewish citizens. The first boligation upon champions of freedom from every faith is to stand shoulder to shoulder to scotch the demons of intolerance, prejudice and persecution wherever they raise their ugly heads.

But that is not enough. Behind every major type of racial or religious conflict, there lie genuine grounds of distrust. There must be faced, and talked and thought through, by those resolved to work together against intolerance. There will be no whole-hearted cooperation between Protestants and Catholics so long as authoritative spokesmen of one Church seek to deny to a minority of the other faith in some lands the equalities which they demand for themselves in lands where they themselves are the minority. There will be no secure foundation for inter-faith comity until these profound issues are met and mastered.

Thus a two fold task is proposed to us - to struggle unitedly a-

gainst the fanatic expression of bigotry and to wrestle with each other over the underlying sources of conflict.

## Top-Dress Small Grain For More Feed Supplies

Now is the time for farmers to top dress their wheat, oats, rye, and barley planted alone or in combination with Austrain winter peas and clover, suggests W. C. Boyce, farm agent in Franklin County for the State College Extension Service.

"Franklin County has a large acreage seeded to small grain with fair stands," Boyce said. "Small grain crops are somewhat late, and as a result, maximum yields cannot be produced unless abundant fertilizer is available to the plants as early as possible. Sufficient available fertilizer will stimulate larger yields of grain, hay and grazing. With the present shortages of grain, hay and grazing for feeding purposes, it is more necessary than normally to increase home production of these valuable feed crops in order to discontinue heavy purchases of grain and hay from outside the State."

O. F. McCrary, District Farm Agent, has advised that a report made at a meeting of county agents at Oxford indicated that an application of top dressing materials February 15 had greater benefit toward increasing yields than application on March 15; also, March 15 proved a better date of application than April 15. These results have been demonstrated

and observed in field tests conducted in Franklin County, Va.

"There is the question as to the highest amount of top - dressing which may be applied with profitable returns. With small grain and hay at peak prices, large amounts of top-dresser can be justified when prices were high."

Some growers of small grain prefer to use only nitrogen top dresser. Other farmers prefer to apply a complete fertilizer a grain drill at the rate of 200 to 400 pounds of 3-12-6 fertilizer acre at the time lespedeza is sown with drill and also top dress with 200 pounds of Nitrate Soda. The fertilizer helps both small grain and lespedeza to follow.

The cash income from beef animals last year was more than from all of our cotton and wheat combined, and it is usually more than the cash income from the statisticians report.

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF HOUSE

NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court, in a civil action entitled, W. J. Pierce et al., Commissioners of the Town of Weldon vs. N. J. Kyser et al. and signed by Honor, W. J. Bone, Judge of said Court, the undersigned who was by said judgment appointed a Commissioner to sell the house described in the complete will on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1944, at twelve o'clock noon, (EWT), at the Post Office door in the Town of Weldon, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, but subject to confirmation by the Court the following described house that certain two story frame house situate on the West side of Washington Avenue in said Town of Weldon, N. C., between the buildings of N. J. Shepherd and E. Clark and known as the residence of the late Dr. D. B. Zollhoff. The purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of the purchase price with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and will be required to pay down said house and remove the timbers from said lot within thirty days after confirmation of sale.

This the 10th day of February, 1944.

J. T. MADDREY, Commissioner

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