

# 60-SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE

Tact arrives at conclusions without expressing them. —Rodman.

On the conclusion of a lecture, a famous speaker was met by a little white-haired lady who expressed her enjoyment over his speech. Shyly, she confessed,

"I'm taking the liberty of speaking to you because you said that you loved old ladies." "Oh, I do, I do," replied the lecturer gallantly. "And I also like them your age."

Carl Zuckmayer, the German poet, says, "Tact is the great ability of seeing other people as they think you see them." The use of tact is a neglected virtue. In the hurry of modern

living we don't have time to be tactful. At least, that is one excuse. We also excuse our boorishness by saying that tact is deceitful, while we are frank and straight-forward. That is childish poppy-cock. We are simply too lazy and self-centered to learn and practice the skill of being tactful.

How quickly we blame national leaders who fail to use tact. Yet we scorn the use of tact in our personal relations. Why?

Your tact can come only from your thoughtful graciousness. Tact reveals your mental discipline in consideration for others; patience and understanding. Wouldn't it be well to be known as tactful?

## Frankly Speaking

By Frank A. Burns

I received the first edition of a magazine called the Nafbrat Quarterly. The title may be considered as appropriate as it concerns itself with the National Association for Better Radio and Television. Amongst other items in this magazine was a rundown on tee-vee shows aimed at children. This was done by a group of educators, psychologists and the like. The surprising thing about their listings was that only five programs were regarded as excellent for children; a handful were given a good rating; quite a few wound up as fair; the majority of television programs, supposedly aimed at children, were regarded as objectionable, and quite often the reasons were quite interesting. For example, "Broken Arrow" was rated as objectionable, since it tends to show that violence is unavoidable. Even more surprising was the appearance of Disneyland on the objectionable list. "Swamp Fox" was objected to on grounds of too much violence.

Also listed as objectionable were the Our Gang or Little Rascals comedies. Reasons: the children seem deliberately deceitful and disregard parental authority. Also listed as objectionable was the Lone Ranger. Reason: too much bullets, brutality, body blows. Even Hoppy wound up on the objectionable list. Seems he sets a bad example by eating spinach for the sole purpose of beating up his arch-rival Bluto and winning the lady — or whatever Olive Oyl is. Ramar of the single got on the list, too. Again too much violence. Also, it didn't help the children in their spelling. Since Ramar is spelled the same frontwards and backwards, it lessens the challenge. Bin Tin Tin was listed as objectionable, too. Seems the committee doesn't go for the idea of a super-animal. (This reasoning seems odd, considering it is funny doing all his tricks). Lassie, by the way, was regarded as excellent. He's not as "super" as ole Yo Renny, I suppose. Also on the objectionable list was Robin Hood. Seems he shoots arrows at the slightest earned provocation. He fights too much, too. The biggest sur-

prise was their objection to the Roy Rogers show. Roy Rogers is one of the best friends the children have in show business. He, himself, has often deplored the violence so prevalent in the adult westerns. Now, however, the committee gets on him for what they refer to as implied threats of violence. They're also on that super dog kick again. Seems Bullet has taken over where Trigger left off. The committee doesn't say how it feels about super-horses. Next on the objectionable list was Sgt. Preston of the Yukon. Seems they object to Sgt. Preston taking all the criminals in and not leaving any to any of the other mounties. They also object to the fact that the criminals on this show are crueler than those on most other television shows. There have even been several women who've been marked as villains. This the committee couldn't see at all. Finally, they object to all the blood, mopping up the pretty Yukon snow.

Sky King came out as objectionable, too. Too much violence again. The Three Stooges were blasted for obvious reasons — laughter at the expense of others; unfeeling and unthinking behavior resulting in its imitation by children in the mistaken belief that they're being funny, too. By the way, one show had a category all its own. Under the objectionable came Superman. Well, you know how they feel about super-dogs. How do you expect them to feel about Clark Kent's alter ego? That's a part of the list. You may or may not agree with the findings of the board, but I think you will agree that the listings are fairly interesting. Once again, the findings are a result of study by the National Association for Better Radio and Television — NAFBRAT.

Closing Thought: The homes of a nation are the bulwarks of personal and national safety and

## Plowed-Under Plant Material May Hinder Drainage On Farms

Plowed-under cover crops or crop residues sometimes hinder soil drainage in the spring or cause drought damage to crops in the summer. Studies by scientists of USDA and the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station show that when crops are plowed under they may create a vegetative mat that blocks the capillary flow of water between surface soil and subsoil. Dr. Vernon C. Jamison of



**ASKS DISARMAMENT** — Comedian Steve Allen asks Republicans in Chicago to endorse total disarmament. He is head of Hollywood chapter of the National Committee on Sane Nuclear Policy.

USDA's Agricultural Research Service says this restriction of water movement may cause some plants to "drown" in the spring from too much water and too little air in the soil. In the summer the same condition may cause trouble from drought, if the lack of capillary contact prevents an adequate amount of water from passing back from the subsoil to the root zone in the upper layer of soil, says Dr. Jamison.

Further research is needed, the scientist says, to determine how a farmer can eliminate or reduce the effect of the mat of plant material. Present findings indicate that harmful effects may be reduced by turning the furrow slice on edge to achieve partial contact between the plow layer and subsoil, without any intervening vegetative layer.

The research, conducted in a laboratory, made use of silt loam to simulate the plow layer and a loessal silt for the subsoil material. Shredded cornstalks were used as the vegetative "mat" material between the two soil layers.

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# Let's go to Church Sunday

## Sunday School Lesson

### THE DANGER OF MILITARY ALLIANCES

International Sunday School Lesson for August 28, 1960.

Memory Selection: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15).

Lesson Text: Isaiah 30:31; 20.

The purpose of our study today is to evaluate the effectiveness of military alliances and to discover the true basis for security.

Groups of people as well as individuals have always shown hesitancy to go it alone when facing the crucial issues of life. This was true with Israel at the time which is the subject of our study today. Being weary of Assyrian domination, Israel sent an ambassador to Egypt to ask help from Pharaoh for their proposed revolt.

Because the government of Egypt was a corrupt and weak one, Isaiah cried out in protest against an alliance with it. He felt that such a false military alliance was immoral, was not a good political move, and was an offense against God.

Israel, however, sent this mission of secret diplomacy, which ended in death. Egypt was easily defeated by the cruel Assyrians, and Israel remained in bondage. Isaiah, for his part, insisted that the basis of national integrity is ultimately spiritual. One must trust in God, surrender to him, and have a quiet, reasoning mind. This was the only way to lasting deliverance.

The problem of trusting too fully in alliances was not peculiar to Isaiah's time. Christians today are confronted by the same problem. Nations are forming all kinds of alliances in an effort to find security in this troubled world in which we live. We ourselves have made agreements with many countries which will enable us to establish a ring of missile bases from which nuclear bombs may be shot into any part of Russia. We have armed nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to increase our strength. We have poured food and military supplies into many countries of the world with a view to making them our friends during times of both peace and war. We have not always been particularly con-

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Mid-week Prayer Service—Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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Wednesday night prayer service, 7:30 P. M.

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Thursday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.  
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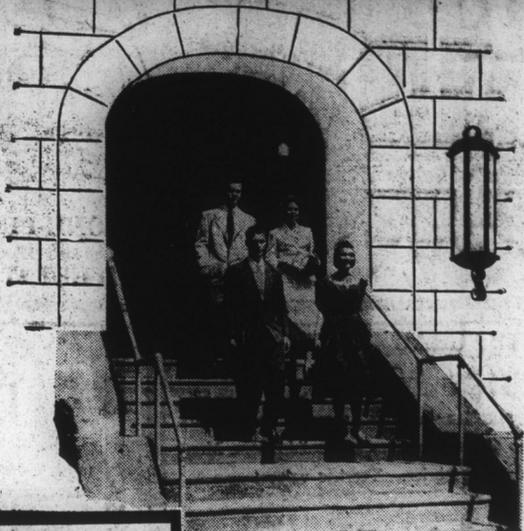
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## The TREMENDOUS Teens



### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake, (2) For his children's sake, (3) For the sake of his community and nation, (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Ezekiel	46	2-3
Monday	Romans	14	22-23
Tuesday	Galatians	10	25-28
Wednesday	Johanna	1	17
Thursday	Colossians	12	6-9
Friday	Romans	12	6-9
Saturday	Romans	12	10-18

Hardest fact for the adult mind to comprehend is that a teen-ager stands at the threshold of life.

When you enter a strange door you are uncertain. You don't know what's in store for you. You aren't sure which way to turn.

There may be familiar, welcoming voices — but even these now have the ring of uncertainty. For when your whole world is changing, can you be sure that the people around you are not changing also?

For boys and girls in this time of uncertainty the Church is the fulcrum of strength. Its truth is unchanging. Its teaching is clear. Its promises are worthy of hope, trust, endeavor, sacrifice.

The problems of the teen-ager are tremendous... but so is the might of his God. The character, the certainty, the charity of the Church inspires his ideals... challenges his courage.

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