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MEANS TO AN END

(By Lion Jas. Stewart)

We refuse to be pinned down to a "yes" or "no" answer to the question, "Does the end justify the Means?" We have as much right to refuse as had the witness to refuse to answer "yes" or "no" to the cross-examiner's question "Have you stopped beating your wife yet?"

An act removed from its context of motives and effects is as unintelligible, misleading, or even vicious as a text of scripture picked here and there, at random, from the Bible. On a certain page you may read "And Judas went out and hanged himself." Elsewhere, "Go and do thou likewise." And again "And do it quickly." No one would imagine that these texts were in the meaning or spirit of the Book.

The ethics of a deed depend upon circumstances and occasion. For instance, one may cut across a field, saving a few steps, without lit or hindrance, and his act is colourless, morally. But if, some day, he finds signs posted reading "No trespassing," it then becomes his duty to take the longer way around. If, at another time, in passing by, one should find the owner cruelly abusing his horse in the self-same field, it then becomes his duty, despite the prohibition posted up, to cross the field again to put a stop to it. (Men who are fond of "No trespassing" signs are capable of anything). Same owner, same field, same passer-by; but circumstances and motives make crossing the field ethically insignificant, a "must-not", or a "must" on different occasions.

If any of our readers feel that some of the methods or activities of Lions Clubs do not merit entire approval, they should not fail to consider the purposes to which the proceeds are wholly devoted. The "context" is irreproachable.

1440 1940 THE FIVE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINTING

(By Lion J. E. Smith)

"In the beginning was the Word....." The spoken word—or penned by scribes for the few—often varied in its transmission or translation. Then dawned the advent of Printing....the Word became released to humanity...

Nineteen Hundred and Forty ushered in the five hundredth anniversary of the invention of the art of printing from movable types. The anniversary is worthy of observance and we have chosen this issue of The Lions' Liberal to pay a brief word of tribute to this art which has contributed so much to the development of culture and the progress of mankind. From the author who creates books or any kind of copy, to the reader who accepts them as a commonplace utility, humanity should pause in thoughtful gratitude at this great milestone of human progress and achievement.

It was in Germany during the fifteenth century that Johaan Gutenburg of the City of Mainz invented a new method of copying books. He discovered that individual letters of soft lead could be so placed that they formed words. Gutenburg died in poverty but the result of his genius spread like wildfire throughout the countries of Europe and thence to all parts of the world. Deep religeous favor inspired Gutenburg in his experiments and his guiding star was a great desire to spread the Word

of God to a more vast number of souls. The motivating influence which impelled this great man to press forward in his endeavours may be summed up in his own words, "I wish to break the seal which seals up holy things; and give wings to truth, in order that truth may go out to minds and win every soul that comes into this world — truth that can be multiplied like wind, by an untiring machine."

The mechanism of modern day printing equipment is a far cry from the invention of Gutenburg but this pioneer in printing produced a copy of the Holy Bible which was finished in 1455.

Robert Ingersoll writes, "In 1440 Printing was discovered." At that time the past was a vast cemetery with hardly an epitaph. The ideas of men had mostly perished in the brain that produced them. The lips of the human race had been sealed. Printing gave opinions to thought, it preserved ideas. It made it possible for man to bequeath to the future the riches of his brain and the wealth of his soul. When people read they begin to reason, and when they reason they progress.

Trade Circular gives this tribute to Gutenburg the printer, "The day when, for the first time, Johann Gutenberg printed on paper, using moveable type, was freighted with greater consequences for the destiny of men and nations than any single act in history, and looking back through the arches of the years surrounded by all the miraculous evidence of the power of the printing press, we salute that pioneer of progress with his superb gift of craftsmanship, which stands as an immortal monument to his name."

The world owes a debt of gratitude to the art of printing, and as the centuries pass this debt grows in intensity. To us engaged in the industry has been flung this torch which has been carried high and shed its rays of hope and enlightenment in every corner of the civilized world. The foundation for the important place which the press has played in the history of mankind was laid by the zealous efforts of Gutenberg away back five hundred years ago, and today we pay tribute to his memory and salute his contribution to world progress.

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NEWTONBROOK

The Young People's Union of Newa play entitled "Look Who's Here" on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 2nd and 3rd commencing at 8.30 evening.

last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. Program Committee, Mrs. L. Miller, T. Wells.

Toronto were guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert last Monday.

on Thursday at 1 p.m. for a sewing mittee, Mrs. E. Miller, Miss M. Hammeeting in the S.S. Hall.

Mrs. Alfred Brown is in Midland, Mrs. J. Coward, Mrs. L. Card. convalescing after a major operation. We hope she will soon be able to return to her home.

were shocked to hear the sad news has moved to Todmorden. A writlast week of the death of Mr. Bert Schmidt, eldest son of the late Mr. sented by Mrs. Agar. The meeting and Mrs. H. B. Schmidt who sudden- was addressed briefly by the district ly passed away at his home at Claresholm, Alberta, last Wednesday after a heart attack. His sister, Mrs. J. C. Bales, left on Friday at 10 a.m. by aeroplane from Malton Airport and arrived in Alberta Friday evening in time for the funeral on Saturday. We extend to Mrs. B. up farming near Uxbridge, were re-Schmidt and daughter Doris and the cipients of a handsome mantel clock immediate relatives our sincere sym- as a farewell gift from the Pine pathy in their hour of sorrow. his younger years Mr. Bert Schmidt sented on behalf of the club, by Mr. attended Newtonbrook Methodist W. Blanchard, at whose home the Church and Sunday School and was

family have moved back to their Wakelyn; consolation, Mrs. C. Longhome on Yonge St. after spending 2nd, R. Wakelyn; consolation, R. the winter in Toronto.

Among those who attended the Spring Rally of the Toronto Centre | FARMERS PLAN NEW Presbyterial W.M.S. at King City last Tuesday were Miss Jean Douglas, Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, Mrs. A. H. Halbert, Miss Marion Case and Miss Lever.

The North York Red Cross Society will hold their regular meeting next Friday, May 3rd in St. John's Parish Hall at York Mills.

The Golden Rule Mission Band will meet next Saturday, May 4th at 2.30 age of them, a large group of Watp.m. in the S.S. hall of the United erloo County farmers were told here Church. The boys will be in charge Saturday by H. H. Hannam, Toronof the program. All the members | ber of Agriculture. are asked to be present. Lantern slides will be shown.

erous in the community and the fire reels have had a number of hurried chairman. calls to put out fires. Through their efforts Dempsey Bros. storehouse business for the depression, but also was saved last week.

ronto and is in training. We wish for the money they spend unless her every success in her new ven-

fred R. Scott, Mrs. Leo Watson, Mrs. lege, Mr. Hannam believed. H. N. Smith and Mrs. G. W. Bagg, There are 2,850 farms in Waterwere awarded as follows: Ladies, loo County and Mr. Hannam sug-1st, Mrs. William Clark; 2nd. Mrs. gested selection of a dozen or so Ted Leece; consolation. Mrs. Thomas able and experienced farmers to McLean. Gents, 1st, Mrs. Margaret form an executive, which will ac-Glass (playing as a substitute); 2nd, quaint the others with the aims and Les. Livingston; consolation, Tom workings of an agricultural cham-

KLEINBURG

When the Kleinburg and Nashville tonbrook United Church will present Women's Institute held their annual meeting in the Institute Hall last in the S.S. Hall of the United Church week the following officers were elected for the year 1940-41: Honorary president, Mrs. D. MacDonald; president, Mrs. G. Taylor; vice-presi-D.S.T. Come and enjoy a happy dent, Miss Merle Hambly; Secretarytreasurer, Mrs. R. Card; Directors, Miss R. Stevenson of Toronto spent Mrs. L. Miller, Miss Margaret Watson; District Director, Mrs. R. Card; Mrs. E. Foster, Mrs. O. Devins, Mrs. Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Torrance of Benstead, Mrs. MacDonald; Auditors, Mrs. A. Agar, Mrs. H. Wardlaw; pianist, Miss M. Watson; assistant pianist, Miss O. Devins; press The Woman's Association will meet reporter, Mrs. R. Card; flower combly; hall renting, Mrs. J. Kellam; convenors of standing committees.

Recognizing past services of a former executive member, the group presented a beautiful covered pyrex casserole in a silver stand to Mrs. The people in this community D. Jeffrey, a former resident who ten presentation address was read by Mrs. R. Card and the gift was preofficials, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Agnew who were visiting the branch. Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

PINE GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hendry, who will shortly leave the community to take Grove Euchre Club and friends last Saturday night. The gift was preparty was held, Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Warrick being host and hostess for highly respected by all who knew the evening. Euchre was played and winners were as follows: Ladies, 1st, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moore and Mrs. H. Robinson; 2nd, Mrs. R. more. Gents, 1st, B. Wakelyn Sr.; Hendry.

CHAMBER IN WATERLOO

Provisional Board of Directors Elected at Kitchener-Eldon Hallman is Chairman

Kitchener, April 29th-Unless the farmers of Canada become well enough organized to have a voice in policies of governments, they will continue to be an "easy mark" for any one who wishes to take advant-

By a vote close to unanimous the gathering favored establishment of Grass fires have been very num- a Waterloo County chamber, and elected a board of provisional directors, headed by Eldon Hallman as

Mr. Hannam said he blamed big blamed the farmers because they have failed to stand together. He Miss Dorothy Hurd has entered warned them that they have not the Sick Children's Hospital in To- much chance of getting fair value

they organize. The task of the Chamber of Agriculture is not to dictate to the farmer, but to represent him in matters Approximately seventy- five per- of policy, the speaker explained. sons attended another in a series of When trade agreements are being Woodbridge Red Cross Euchre Part- formulated, tariffs and quotas set, ies, held at the home of Mrs. Lulu the manufacturers are always repre-Willis last Friday evening. Prizes, sented as consultants, and the fardonated by Mrs. G. D. McLean, Wil- mers should have that same privi-

ber.—Telegram.

THE BALLAD OF STINKING STILL

In Richmond Hill, once on a time, There flowed a stream all full of slime. A slimier stream you ne'er did spy. (It's a wonder the residents didn't die). The stench was wafted up and around, And they smelled it as far as Parry Sound. But those were the days before we had A garbage collection. (Bless'd be the lad Who wrote the letter that got one started, And made the villagers so light-hearted.) And so the residents didn't note a Smell they could smell in Minnesota. But when the garbage was taken away Some said the smell was as plain as day, Especially one who said that he Wouldn't have such a stream on his property. He'd sue the village, he'd raise such hell That they'd have to get rid of that awful smell. So he took the case to a court of law And he buttonholed everyone he saw To come and swear that the terrible stream Could be smelled from here to Aberdeen. The judge he sat upon the bench And said there certainly was a stench; And the smell, he ruled, would have to go For the sake of the people in Idaho. "Dig the ditch deeper. Put in tile. "Somehow get rid of that odour vile." So the village dug till it hit bed rock, And expenses came as an awful shock To a village already sorely hit By legal expenses, bit by bit. So they kicked out Greene and put in Trench To see if he could quench the stench. The new reeve and his councillors too Have been doing all that men could do To placate one man who says it's so bad That the natives can smell it in Hyderabad. The case may last a hundred years And cause all manner of groans and tears; And all to convince a single man That it can't be smelled in Afghanistan.

CHANGE OF TIME TABLES Effective Sunday, April 28th

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