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#### COMPLETE INVESTIGATION WILL BE WELCOMED

The suggestion that there should be a complete investigation into the whole question of the police system in suburban districts following the raid on the big gambling establishment on the Lakeshore Road this week will be welcomed by the people of York County. The hope is that such investigation will be thorough and far reaching and that the white-wash will not be called into use. The existence of a gambling establishment of such proportions is significant following a report not so long ago by York County Police Chief that "no gambling existed in York County". It also is significant that press reports stated "no County or Township Police participated in the raid". Commenting on the affair Attorney-General Conant charged lack of action on the part of local authorities against suspected gambling places and said "it appears there is a substantial breakdown in law enforcement". If there is such a breakdown in law enforcement, the people of York County want to know who is responsible. The proposal some time ago for provincial supervision of County Police was turned down by County Council with the cry that it interfered with local autonomy. This sounded like so much "eyewash" at the time and in the light of the Combine raid "eyewash" doesn't adequately describe it. We would like to know the truthful answer to the question why "County or Township Police did not participate in the raid". We trust members of County Council will ask some pointed questions of the Police Commission and insist on a thorough and complete investigation.

#### KEEPING HIGHWAYS OPEN

In the not far distant past with the coming of winter motor cars in the country were jacked up for the cold season and horses and sleighs used for transportation. In recent years the trend has been towards year-around use of motor cars and trucks-which has placed on municipal councils the added responsibility and expense of keeping the roads open. For a few years tremendous snow shovelling accounts were presented, but gradually municipal councils have faced the situation and snow fence and snow fighting equipment has been purchased. Last council meeting Markham Council purchased almost nine miles of snow fence and last winter Vaughan Township purchased a powerful snow plow which proved very successful in combatting the snow drifts. This is as it should be because the day is here when township roads must be kept open for motor traffic. The cheapest way of doing this is by means of the right kind of equipment.

#### A SHIELD OF FAITH

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The Canadian Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, speaking in the House of Commons recently, delivered this thought inspiring message: "What is necessary then to win the present conflict? It is to put on the whole armor of God, not the outward material trappings only, the helmet, the sword and the shield, necessary as they may be for the purpose of defence and of attack. Let it never be forgotten that 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places'. Let us make sure that the helmet is also one of salvation; the sword, one of the spirit; and the shield, one of faith; that our loins are girt about with truth and that our breastplate is one of righteousness, and that our feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. If these things are ours, and I believe they are the weapons with which Britain and the dominions seek to slay the dragon of Nazi Germany today, we shall find little difficulty in reconciling our war aims and our peace aims.

"To slay the dragon which has been rascinating its victims by fear, poisoning the springs of their moral and intellectual being at the source, and which would prey upon their vitals for years to come is clearly the first task of a civilization which would save itself. In equal measure, however, we must strive throughout the struggle itself, and more than ever when the evil dragon of Nazism is slain to see that never again, in our own or in any other land, shall the gods of material power, of worldly possessions and of special privilege be permitted to exercise their sway. Never again must we allow any man or any group of men to subjugate by fear and to crush by the power of might the spirit and the lives of honest and humble men.'

#### OUR DEBT TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN

The death of former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain recalls the great debt which the British people owe to him for his services prior to the outbreak of war.

Much as we all dislike what happened at Munich we must remember that we can now see things in the light of later events. At that time we were all, more or less, inclined to share the optimism of the great British statesman who swallowed his personal pride and flew to Berchtesgaden to plead with Hitler to hold back his dogs of war.

That he succeeded for the time being was a great boon to the British people. It enabled preparations to be made for a conflict which even then Mr. Chamberlain must have perceived was inevitable, though he prayerfully announced that he had secured "peace for our time". Had Hitler launched war in 1938 instead of 1939 it is doubtful whether Britain would have been able to stand up against his air legions. We have reason to thank God for Mr. Chamberlain.

Those who heard the brave words in which he announced to the British people that the dread hour had finally come will never forget that fateful moment, when in words spoken with great emotion, he declared: "We are fighting brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and persecution." Surely the most righteous war in which the British people have ever been engaged.

### Thornhill United Church News

The Parsonage, Thornhill, Ont.,

Monday, November 18, 1940. Good alternoon, friends! Did you enjoy the services last Sunday? We did, and especially the music. It was most appropriate, both morning and evening; the duet, 'Higher Ground', sung by our organist and Mrs. Hicks, was really an inspiration and a challenge, wasn't it? Come back and hear some more, for we are going to have plenty of it, and we are justifiably proud of our choir, and think it is well worth hearing. This is not because of the fact that the anthems and other selections are particularly difficult compositions, and as such, well mastered, but primarily because of the fact that all the members sing, not with their voices only, but in the spirit and with understanding and are most loyal to their church, their minister and their organist. All are most willing to do anything they are called upon to do, according to their abilities, and whenever any special music or particular number is requested, it is necessary only to mention the fact to the organist, and Floyd does the rest; for this loyalty and full cooperation on the part of both organist and choirmaster and of the members of his choir, we are extremely grateful, and appreciative, and are not at all unmindful of all that is involved. Our choir approximates twenty-five in number, and is limited in size only by virtue of the fact that the choir loft will not seat any more. But how about coming out to hear the choir 'as is'? A good occasion for you and your friends to come would be on Sunday, December 1st, in the evening, at which time we are going to have some more special music, and a hymn-sing and fellowship period, afterwards, in the S.S. room, with lantern slides, refreshments, and other interesting, entertaining and inspirational features. And by the way, perhaps it would be interesting to know that seventytwo were present at church last Sunday night. Yes, we have finally overcome our previous high of sixty-two, but we certainly do not intend to stop there. Will you come, if you were not among those present last night, and bring someone with you? And if it be true that, in the words of NOTES FROM Pope, "Some to church repair, not | for the doctrine, but the music there," and you are one of same, then come and enjoy the music, and

may God bless you in the hearing. There is an English church where is the figure given in the Annual a box hangs in the porch. It is used for communications for the minister. Cranks put their notes in it, but oc- taken at the end of the preceding casionally it does fulfill its purpose. | year. Recently the minister preached, by request, a sermon on 'Recognition of Friends in Heaven', and during the toba and Saskatchewan, 1,394; in week the following note was found in Alberta and British Columbia, 1,446. the box: "Dear Sir-I should be much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congrega- no means the only interesting figtion on 'The Recognition of Friends ures. During the year there were on Earth', as I have been coming to 654 blind men and women regularly your church for nearly six months, business opportunities operated by and nobody has taken any notice of the Institute. me yet." We certainly do hope that there is nothing of this nature as far as Thornhill United Church is concerned; we call our church a warm lem of assisting a large group of church and we tell you that it is a friendly place in which to worship; have you found it to be otherwise? of The Canadian National Institute If so, please tell us so, for anything for the Blind are illuminating. otherwise is certainly unintentional, and we DO want you to feel at home here, and to enjoy our fellowship and which the Institute makes a half a be happy in our midst.

On Sunday evening at the Fellow- from the Institute libraries including ship Service, the BOYS are going to the process of making the embossed bring the refreshments, and each will bring a goodly portion of that which of books ready for the mails; a copy suits his fancy (dear-knows-what-it- of the Braille Bible which stands may-be!) so come prepared to enjoy higher than a man and a couple of yourselves, and to share in the variety of good things which shall be Braille Courier, the only Canadian supplied, from apples to-well, what? Braille magazine. We don't know; we'll wait and see. The girls, beg pardon, the young ladies, will provide the tea and assist lumbia; a street display in Winniin the serving, and again the dishes peg and numbers of photographs of will be attended to and the place tidied up by the young people themselves. We, as young people, want teresting report shows that the welyou to enjoy yourselves, so come and fare of the blind in Canada is in give us the opportunity of making this possible, and, as they say, let us all be "happy in the Lord". COME AND JOIN US!

Did you ever experience in your neighbors. own life the thoughts expressed in the following poem?

come to me miles away,

In swift insistence on the memory-Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare a thought,

For days together, of some friend away,

ought

To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight, Some overwhelming sorrow or de-

of right;

And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me if I unsought Intrude upon you on some crowded

Give me a moment's prayer, in pass-

ing thought; Be very sure I need it; therefore,

And our customary smile: It seemed that when Rastus and Sam died they took different routes, so when the latter got up to Heaven he called mon determination to help Great Rastus on the telephone.

"Rastus," he said, "How yo' all like it down thar?"

"Oh, boy, dis here am some place," replied Rastus. "All we have to do is to wear a red suit wid horns an' ebery now an' den shovel some more coal on de fire. We don't work no more dan two hours out ob de 24 down here. But tell me Sam, how is it with you up dere yonder?"

at fo' o'clock in de mawnin' and gathah in de stahs; den we has to haul in de moon an' hangs out de up the final victory. sun. Den we has ter roll de clouds

aroun' all de day long." "But, Sam, how comes it yo' all has to work so hard?"

"Well, to tell de truf, Rastus, we's kin' o' short o' help up here."

And a parable:

"Are you there, daddy?" asked the border does not exist." little girl in the small hours of the night, or rather, the morning. "Yes, my dear." "Is your face turned towards me?" "Why, of course, dear." "That's all right. Goodnight daddy." And so till next week, goodbye.

Sincerely, Your Minister.

ANNUAL REPORT

BLIND INSTITUTE

There are 11,992 blind people in Canada and Newfoundland. This Report of The Canadian National Institute for the Brind and is 940 higher than when the count was

In Ontario there are 3,559 blind people; in Quebec 3,389; in the Maritime Provinces, 1,980; in Mani-

These are some of the figures taken from the 58 page Annual Report of the Institute. They are by employed by the Institute or in

From the Institute libraries, 32,-122 embossed books were loaned to

.164 patrons. As is usually the case, the prob-

handicapped people is little understood by the general public. The illustrations in the Annual Report There is a whole series of pictures showing the different processes used in the manufacture of brooms, of million or so every year. Another group of photographs shows scenes metal plates; the Braille press; the printed sheets of paper; the stack

charming graduates of the Ontario School for the Blind reading the

Another picture shows a sightless golfer ploughing his way out of a sand trap; a gardener in British Coblind men and women preminent in the life of the Canadian blind.

An examination of this very inefficient hands. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is an organization of which Canadians may feel proud: one which deserves the support of everyone interested in and desiring to assist our sightless!

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SEE U.S. 'ALL OUT' TO HELP BRITAIN WIN

Perhaps God does it for us, and we Isolationism Becoming Thing of the Past, Arthur B. Wood Says

WAR ISSUES CLEAR

United States citizens are confirmed in the belief that their own future depends on the fate of Great Britain, Arthur B. Wood, president tion of arrears of taxes, together of the Sun Life of Canada, said.

Of courage; darkness, some lost sense a business trip which took him through the eastern United States. Thing of the Past "Isolationism in the United States

is rapidly becoming a thing of the past," Mr. Wood declared. He was impressed by the change in the war attitude of the American people, he said, adding it was evident every- day of December, 1940, proceed to

On previous visits to the United States, they had given the impression that although their sympathy was with Great Britain, that country should fight its own battles.

Today, however, citizens every-(Marianne Farningham.) where know that the issue of the great struggle for freedom has reached their own doorstep, he declared. The issues involved are understood clearly, and there is a com-Britain at all costs and to the utmost limits of the resources of the United States.

The people of the U.S. have a far greater confidence in the outcome of the war, Mr. Wood continued. "The superb defence of de- Dated at Unionville, mocracy by Great Britain and the growing power and resources of the l British empire have created a feeling of optimism which has been considerably augmented by the recent defence pacts," he said.

Americans have no doubt about "Mah goodness! We has to git up the ultimate overthrow of Hitlerism, but they know that it will be a long job unless the free peoples of the earth go at all out to speed Border Is Gone

"We have all witnessed the tragic fate of the smaller nations in Europe who failed to pull together when the great emergency came,' Mr. Wood declared. "Happily the two North American peoples have never made a fetish of their border and today it can be said that the

Canada and the United States enjoy a common heritage of freedom, Mr. Wood concluded. It is natural for them to work together in close co-operation for their mutual interests, he added.

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TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM

TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Markham dated the 19th day of August, 1940, and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collecwith the fees and expenses, I hereby Mr. Wood has just returned from give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 7th, 1940, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 11th sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Township Hall, Unionville.

The adjourned sale, if one is necessary, will be held on Thursday, 26th day of December, 1940, at the same hour and the same place. Copies of said list may be had at

CHARLES HOOVER, Township Treasurer.

August 19th, 1940.

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