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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1940.

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.

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.

A SHIELD OF FAITH

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."

"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."

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".

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 afternoon, 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.

There is an English church where a box hangs in the porch. It is used for communications for the minister. Cranks put their notes in it, but occasionally it does fulfill its purpose. Recently the minister preached, by request, a sermon on 'Recognition of Friends in Heaven', and during the week the following note was found in the box: "Dear Sir—I should be much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on 'The Recognition of Friends on Earth', as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."

On Sunday evening at the Fellowship Service, the BOYS are going to bring the refreshments, and each will bring a goodly portion of that which suits his fancy (dear-knows-what-it-may-be!) so come prepared to enjoy yourselves, and to share in the variety of good things which shall be supplied, from apples to—well, what? We don't know; we'll wait and see.

Did you ever experience in your own life the thoughts expressed in the following poem? I cannot tell you why there should come to me A thought of someone miles and miles away, In swift insistence on the memory— Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight, Some overwhelming sorrow or decay Of courage; darkness, some lost sense 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 day, Give me a moment's prayer, in passing thought; Be very sure I need it; therefore, pray.

(Marianne Farningham.) 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 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?"

"Mah goodness! We has to git up at fo' o'clock in de mawnin' and gathah in de stahs; den we has to haul in de moon an' rhangs out de 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 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.

NOTES FROM BLIND INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT

There are 11,992 blind people in Canada and Newfoundland. This is the figure given in the Annual Report of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and is 940 higher than when the count was taken at the end of the preceding year.

In Ontario there are 3,559 blind people; in Quebec 3,389; in the Maritime Provinces, 1,980; in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 1,394; in Alberta and British Columbia, 1,446. These are some of the figures taken from the 58 page Annual Report of the Institute. They are by no means the only interesting figures. During the year there were 654 blind men and women regularly employed by the Institute or in business opportunities operated by the Institute.

From the Institute libraries, 32,122 embossed books were loaned to 1,164 patrons.

As is usually the case, the problem of assisting a large group of handicapped people is little understood by the general public. The illustrations in the Annual Report of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind are illuminating. There is a whole series of pictures showing the different processes used in the manufacture of brooms, of which the Institute makes a half a million or so every year. Another group of photographs shows scenes from the Institute libraries including the process of making the embossed metal plates; the Braille press; the printed sheets of paper; the stack of books ready for the mails; a copy of the Braille Bible which stands higher than a man and a couple of charming graduates of the Ontario School for the Blind reading the Braille Courier, the only Canadian Braille magazine.

Another picture shows a sightless golfer ploughing his way out of a sand trap; a gardener in British Columbia; a street display in Winnipeg and numbers of photographs of blind men and women prominent in the life of the Canadian blind.

An examination of this very interesting report shows that the welfare of the blind in Canada is in efficient 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 neighbors.

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

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 of the Sun Life of Canada, said.

Mr. Wood has just returned from a business trip which took him through the eastern United States. "Isolationism in the United States is rapidly becoming a thing of the past," Mr. Wood declared.

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 everywhere 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 common determination to help Great 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 democracy by Great Britain and the growing power and resources of the 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 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 up the final victory.

"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 border does not exist."

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 collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby 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 day of December, 1940, proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

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 my office.

CHARLES HOOVER, Township Treasurer. Dated at Unionville, August 19th, 1940.

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