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PUNISHMENT FOR CRIMINALS—

IT CAN BE GATHERED from current com ment that the sentences imposed by the Norfolk County Judge on four Windsor Bank Robbers last week were popular with the people. So far as Mr. John Public is concerned, his first reaction in such cases is that sentences cannot be too stiff. The fact that one of these men discharged his revolver dangerously close to the head of a customer in the Langton Bank at the time the robbery took place was enough to remove all feeling of compassion.

A Toronto writer however, in commenting on the sentence points out that "there is no humane person who, after reflection, will believe that lashes in addition to a long term of imprisonment have anything to recommend them but the satisfaction of somebody's sadistic impulses. We should not be cruel to prisoners anymore than we should be cruel to each other. To do o is to injure ourselves and destroy what is left in the victims that can be destroyed.'

The Editor of the Simcoe Reformer is glad o note that the County Judge intends to make Norfolk County an unhealthy spot for would-be criminals of every kind and says that "stern justice such as featured the Norfolk Trial should be the portion of these thugs."

The Toronto writer apparently has no quarrel with the severity of punishment but differs as to the method employed. A local man suggests that the only possible way of dealing with nen whose minds direct them to such misdoings s upon conviction to take them out and shoot them. If it became known to would-be bank obbers and others who prey upon the decencies of society that upon conviction of their crimes the death sentence would be their lot, he contends that crime would be eliminated. Support of this arguement is given in the statement Edgar Hoover, Chief of the U.S. F.B.I., in an address this week, when he stated that the upsweep in crime in that country is largely due to offenders who have been parolled for reason of good conduct, only to prey again upon soc-

When a desperado carries a gun it means that innocent peoples' lives are at stake. Why then should these men not be made to pay a penalty at least equal to the consequences they would readily mete out to anyone with sufficient courage to stand in their way

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REFLECTION ON THE WINDSOR STRIKE

- By Lewis Milligan -

DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS the people of Canada and the United States have enjoyed a full measure of peace and prosperity, while the people in the war zones have lived in a perpetual state of fear, have been blasted out of their homes and have suffered privations v cases to the point of starvation and death. Now that the world war is over and peace has returned to those war-smitten countries, a reaction seems to have set in on this continent, and we have changed from a state of wartime peace to one of peacetime labor war.

These were my first reflections on entering the strike-smitten City of Windsor. There were, of course, no signs of physical warfare, for the residential and business sections of the city were quite peaceful and things seemed to be going on as usual. But as I came into contact with people in various walks of life I felt that they were living in a state of extreme tension. The strike had been on for nearly three months. It had been entered into by the men with enthusiasm and confidence in a quick victory for their union. But as the weeks and months passed by and one conference after another had failed to bring about a peaceful settlement, a tense feeling of hope-deferred and of the futility of the strike prevailed.

I took the bus to No. 1 Ford plant where there had been riotous scenes some weeks before, but I found the streets around deserted except for about twenty-five pickets milling two abreast in a close circle at the main entrance. A larger group was circling about the entrance of the Power House. A bleak wind was blowing from the river and the men were hunched up with the cold. I felt sorry for them, and 1 was reminded of much larger groups of unemployed men gathered day after day outside of plants and employment offices in Toronto during the depression years. But here the situation was reversed, for instead of seeking jobs these men were there to prevent the work of

a great industry from being carried on.
A strike is thus a self-imposed period of unemployment. It is a planned and organized local depression. Windsor was hit hard during the Great Depression. A reminder of that miserable period of unemployment appeared in a daily feature column of the Windsor Star, entitled "Bygone Days," in which were quoted excerpts from the news columns of that paper in former years. This was from the Star of

November 30, 1930: "Plans were being made for the estab-lishment of an old clothes bureau in east Windsor for the relief of the needy and

no strikes in those days; there was no work or wages to strike over. Today there is more work at higher wages than ever. The people do not need as old clother have to the people of the o not need an old clothes bureau, but thousands of men are jobless and families have been impoverished by the strike. Hard-earned savings have been spent, grocery bills have been run up, and business is said to have fallen off 50 per cent in many instances. During the "hungry 'thirties" it was said that we had "scarcity amid plenty," and as a result of the strike there was abundance of work and wages amid an organized scarcity of labor. It has been well

said that "the people have short memories." Union leaders can surely think out some other way of improving the working conditions and raising the wages of their members without putting them out of work and rendering them wageless - to say nothing of the injury to local business and the disrupting of industry in Strikes may have been necessary in the early days of the struggle for the rights of labor and union recognition, but there is little in the present day demands of labor immediateaffecting the interests of the workers that could not be settled by negotiation. A strike is usually settled by that means eventually, so why should the workers and their families and the community be made to suffer in the mean-

FIRST SNOW-

WITH WINTER officially a few days off a snowy blanket has fallen upon the countryside in many communities. Its whiteness seems to mute nature's voices as it covers the earth, painting everything with reflected light. Peace reigns among the trees, the bushes, the fields; and all - even man's own handicraft -reshaped by snow's frolic designs in architec

For those of us who look forward to the nostril-tickling tang of first snow -- scarcely equalled by the fragrance of spring — there comes a thrill that does not grow old despite the untiring regularity of winter's appearance.
In childhood the coming of snow means getting toboggans and sleds out of storage, ing skates, waxing skis and taping hockey sticks. As we have grown older, we have learned to enjoy a host of new experiences at winter's first snowfall.

We have learned to thrill to the fresh, deep snowdrifts - an entrancing fascination in the realm of inorganic nature. We have learned to love snow's perfect curves, their surface and translucency alike exquisite. We thrill to the light and the shade of in

exhaustible variety and inimitable finish. We look for the shadows, sharp, pale, and eagerly watch for refracted lights, intense and multitudinous, that come with each fresh snowfall. Plowed fields and boulder-studded pastures, oft-used roads and seldom-walked paths, houses and sky-scrapers - all melt into the clean

landscape until, in the words of the English poet, Elizabeth Chase, there is: "No cloud above, no earth below-A universe of sky and snow." And when we look away, turning back to our everyday tasks and putting behind us the soft conversations in the bear hes overhead as the trees whisper about winter. Mother Ear-

unsullied snow for us to admire again in some füture peaceful moment. This year many new Canadians - brides of servicemen - will share our experiences of winter and first snow. To many of them winter will not be new. But they will find new enjoyment in a Canadian winter and for those who seldom saw snow there awaits new pleasures we ourselves have experienced.

th will still proudly bear her wintry garment of

THE RISK-FREE LIFE-

ONE THING WAS COMMON to the programmes of all parties contesting the general election. That was the appeal to the voters' fears. There is the fear of unemployment still present in the minds of all who remember the depression of the thirties. There is the fear of becoming destitute in old age, a fear that was well-publicized by advertisements of insurance companies long before the politicians attempted to use it. There are fears of heavy medical expenses, fears of low prices for farm products, fears of the cost of bringing up a family, fears of inflation, deflation and confis-

It would be an academic and time-consuming exercise to compare the merits of the plans advanced in response to these fears. Added together, the fears represent the economic hazards normal to the average man's existence Some can be met, some avoided, some exchanged for other hazards. If a man fears too strongly the expenses involved in marrying and bringing up a family, he is free to remain single. Fortunately for the future of the race, most

men forget their arithmetic until it is too late. No one is compelled to make farming his life work, and no one who has talked with farmers can have any illusions about the economic security of agriculture. Yet those to whom farming appeals continue to take their chances, deliberately choosing the attendant risks instead of those associated with employment in shop or factory.

The politicians may be practical in appealing to the fears, rather than the hopes of the electorate, but when everybody is promising social security, the value of all promises tends to fall. If we really wanted social security, most of us could have made our plans accordingly years ago. There is no reluctance on the insurance agents to show us how we can build up an estate, provide for our old age, meet the cost of unforeseen accidents or illness. It is true that to pay the premiums for a riskfree existence entails for most of us the renunciation of some immediate pleasures. In time the voters may realize that there are premiums to be paid on state plans of social security, and that they entail the same renunciations. -The Printed Word

And then sat down to rest Here I stay.

dy to go to a dance at eight o clock.

7,000 unemployed persons in Windsor are receiving unemployment Insurance benefits and another 4,800 there are for seats in the beverage rooms there would be no telling what progress we would have in this troubled world.

Judging by the attendance at the merchants meeting last week the future holds promise for the Village. One observer said that at the momment Jarvis reminded him of the following verse:

Atri in Abbuzzo, a small town of ancient Roaman date and scan renown;

A place that ran half up the bill And then sat down to rest

A place that ran half up the bill And then sat down to rest

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News of the Countryside From The Record's Correspondents

people of the Church the Milk Producers' meeting and dance held in the Jarvis Town Hall on Friday n/ght.

ROCKFORD

an Ralph Biggar, who most three years in the gending a twenty-one day Friday evening, December 21st.

Misses Fay Caswell and Martha he has maintained ever since his move east to Toronto as CBC anmove east to Toronto as CBC anmove fixed the control of the contro Misses Fay Caswell and Martina he has maintained ever since his move east to Toronto as CBC anouncer in 1943. Now free lancing, he has starred in many of rather by the suffers in charge for the next President Mrs. L. Keen; 1st Mrs. West Discharge for the next President Mrs. L. Keen; 1st Mrs. West Discharge for Linday Mrs. West Discharge for the Mrs. West Discharge for Linday Lind resident, Mrs. W. J. McBur-Mrs. Wray Duckworth and Linda, of the CBC Dominion network. Waterford, spent Saturday with Mr. Mrs. Sanford Flem- Mrs. B. Lundy and Raymond of evening with Mr. Committee, Mrs. Jam- Port Dover, spent Sunday with Mr. Phibbs and family.

hower was held at the home of model of Mrs. H. O'Mahony on Thurs with in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cronin and Mischael of Woodstock, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Christie on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Belbeck spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. McBurney.

Mrs. Sid Graham spent Sunday in ome over the week end. Mr. Ernest Craddock recently re-

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Superintendent Raiph Gowan, Vice President Donald Duxbury and Mrs. Amy Bartlett, Teacher, represented Wesley Church at the County Sun day School Institute held in Simco during the past week.

MORNING SERMON The "World Into Which Jesus Was Born" will be the theme of the morn ing sermon at Wesley Church o

NTELLIGENCE"

than by the weakness of his body FIRESIDE CLUB Christmas meeting at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Atkinson, of Toronto, are visiting with her mother Mrs. Winkworth.

The regular meeting of the W.M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Roulston on Thursday P.M. with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Atkinson, of Toronto, are visiting with her mother will be held in the Sunday School room at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday. December 18th. All members are asked to attend as it will be the election of officers for the coming vear

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bright, brings the colour to children's cheeks, And smiles to all who are on the -Lenore Duqu

to begin at the Rural Youth and Agricultural Centre on Tuesday, January 8th. Rooms are being made ary 8th. Rooms are being have ready in the residence and it is hoped that all will be completed in time for the opening at that time. A well balanced program is being planned, the work to include lectures, ned, the work to include lectures, practical work, discussion groups, and recreation. If it is possible for you to attend this course, you should give it all possible consideration.

Miss Helen McKercher will be i charge of the girls classes this win-ter and direct the work in Foods and Cookery. Those who know Miss Mc Kercher are already looking forward to this course and those who do not know her have a real treat in store for them. Miss McKercher has arranged a very interesting course, to include clothing, crafts, needle-work No rural girl and health nursing. an afford to miss this opportun at is being offered to her through

The three month School in Agri-culture and Household Science is the next event of interest to Haldimand

xxx The Jurior Homemaking Clubs of Haldimand County under the direc-tion of Miss Marion E. Humphrey, Coach, have had a very succ , Dunnville, was awarded the Chicaed the most progress in Club work and who has made the largest contri-bution to homemaking clubs in her bution to homemaking cluos in her community. Three girls have been awarded Provincial Honour pins for completing twelve units in Homemaking clubs. They are Miss Helen Bayes, R.R. No. 1, Dunnville, Miss Jean Munroe, R.R. No. 1, Dunnville and Miss Marie Neville, R.R. No. 1, Dunnville County Honour Pins for Dunnville. County Honour Pins for the completion of six units were presented to Dorothy Holstein, Caledoi ia, Mrs. Earl Makey, Hagersville, Muriel Winger, Hagersville and Mir-ium Piekar, Dunnyille

ium Ricker, Dunnville. Forty-nine War Savings Stamps Forty-nine War Savings Stamps
were presented for each one unit com
pleted and twenty-four War Saving
Stamps were presented to leaders.
Barbara Jean Swartz Dunnville, was
awarded a \$4.00 War Saving Certificate for the best record book and
Rita Egger, Canboro, received a \$4.00
War Saving Certificate for the highnet garden score. est garden score.

This has been a very successful ear for Homemaking Clubs and no mall part of the success is due to ne interest and ability of the coach, Miss Marion Humphrey. XXX

About 200 young people attended the Conference on Youth in Co-oper-atives held at the King Edward Hotel Toronto, on Wednesday, December 5th. Mr. Died Reimer of the Man-

5th. Mr. Died Reimer of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture gave the address on "Young People in the Manitoba Co-operative Movement." The address was followed by an open discussion on Co-operatives.

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Because many Co-operators are poor business men, and many good business men are poor co-operators, a school has been established in Toronto for instruction in co-operative principles and business methods. This course is three months in length. The tuition fee is \$1.00 and is coverised by the Department of Veterans The tuition fee is \$1.00 and is covered by the Department of Veterans
Affairs in the case of returned men
under the scheme for Vocational
training. The course is under the
direction of Mr. Musgrove, an able
leader in co-operative Education. Any
young men who desire to enter the
business end of a co-operative enterbusiness end of a co-operative enter-prise would be well advised to avail hemselves of this course.

Church Notes

Sunday next. "THE CRIPPLING OF

"The Crippling of Intelligence by the Bandages of Belief" as discussed by Brigadier Brock Chisholm in his recent speeches. was the subject of the evening sermon, on Sunday last Each week the minister hopes to dis-

evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mrs. Chas. Butts to-night. Decer

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