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Editorials

Heavy Sentences?

Two young bandits who held up a Farmington citizen and robbed him of his car were a few days ago given jail terms which were described as "heavy sentences." One term was for from 25 to 50 years and the other from 5 to 10 years.

A long time to spend in jail surely, but in reality, were these "long terms"—can there, in fact, be any term long enough for perpetrators of such vicious acts? Probably no one who has not been held up can put himself into the state of mind of the captive during the time he is held a bandit's prisoner. But imagining this as best we can, no one would deny that this is among the most trying, the most cruel ordeals that can be experienced. The victim is virtually kidnapped. And then he is thrown out of his car along a lonely road on a bitterly cold night. In this instance he might have frozen to death.

No, even the 25 to 50-year term is not "long," viewed in this light. Probably the victim will not forget it, even in that length of time, nor should the bandit be allowed to forget it.

It is hoped that some other way will be found to cope with the desperate crime that is on the increase every day. Certainly imprisonment is not a solution of the problem. But until a better way is found, there is but one thing that society can do to protect its law-abiding members, and that is to work toward more success in swift capture, followed by putting the criminals in prison—and keeping them there.

New World Wonders

What new wonders are to come? Certainly those who attended the lecture and demonstration given by Sergius P. Grace at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, last Friday, witnessed enough to last them for many a day.

Not only awe and astonishment, but actually a sort of fear were inspired in the audience. What might science do next? Undoubtedly it is possible that in a few years it might alter the entire manner of human existence. It might even bring, too, some discoveries that man would hesitate to face, some things the average man is not ready for.

If, as Mr. Grace says, these wonders that he performed were made possible merely by knowledge of "a few laboratory facts," what may we expect as time goes on? Each discovery is important, not only in itself, but in the wider horizon it opens up and the light it throws on other problems.

The layman is able to grasp only the simpler developments of modern science. Yet even these, coming faster and faster, may some day alter his entire life so quickly that he will be completely swept away by the swift transformation. The most that he can do is to cultivate more and more, the habit of mind which leads him to look upon change, not as an event, but as an essential condition of existence.

Courage

Courage is not the particular possession of any race, country or creed. It bobs up everywhere—in the jungles, on the high seas, in crowded city streets, and always it inspires admiration.

This week the Farmington Baptist Church members are dedicating their new educational unit. Everything about the building, its plan, size, equipment and other details have been praised. And yet the thing which stands out most is not the building itself, or anything in it, but the courage which the members have shown in undertaking and completing this building.

Not a large congregation, as churches go in this thickly-populated metropolitan section of the State, the members have made up in energy what they lacked in numbers. And, as Mayor Lamb said Tuesday evening, they have erected a building which does credit, not only to the Church, but to the community as a whole. They have dared to aim high, and everyone cannot but praise them for it.

The entire community will wish them success in completing their undertaking. Their success, too, will reflect favorably upon the community.

Curing Headaches

No one likes headaches. When they come, as they have a habit of doing for most of us, one's first impulse quite naturally is to get rid of the ailment in the easiest manner possible, which usually means taking a headache powder of some variety or other.

This method of treating headaches is questioned by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, which states that an ache in the head, cannot, like a cut finger, be treated as a separate ailment. A headache is not a disease itself, but rather is a sign of something wrong inside. It may be temporarily stopped by a headache powder, but this relief does not touch the real cause of the trouble. Use of "headache cures," in fact, often adds to the body's troubles by giving it the additional task of combating a poisonous preparation of drugs.

A far better method for treating the ordinary headache is suggested by the Association. In the case of a mild attack, it is often possible for the sufferer to trace the source of his ailment and to remove the trouble at its root. For instance, a walk in the open air may relieve a headache caused by confinement in a stuffy room. Regular exercise for those with sedentary occupations will often put an end to habitual headaches. The headache that is due to too much smoking, too much tea or coffee or other over-indulgence, violent exercise, lack of sleep and the like indicates its own treatment.

The important point to be remembered about a headache concludes the Association, is that it is a sign of another, deeper, ailment that will not be helped by merely drinking a glass of water in which has been dissolved a powder. If corrective measures, such as those noted above are not

helpful, or if headaches are frequent or unusually severe, a serious condition, such as defective eyesight, a contagious disease, or infected teeth may be at fault. In that case, advice is given to secure prompt medical treatment. —Michigan Bulletin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Chase S. Osborn

Poulan, Worth Co., Ga.
Dear Mr. Levinson:

I have enjoyed reading your analysis of and criticism of my utterances and attitude as to Senator Couzens. It is in the best style of criticism. In this country, in politics at least we, as a whole, have not learned to consider and appreciate the value of those who honestly disagree with us. It is too often thought of as personal and even malicious. This need not be true, most often it is not and never should be. Personally I welcome honest criticism and I almost always interpret it as honest. Then when it is as intelligent as yours and as well-phrased it has memorable value. So I THANK YOU.

I saw your article in our friend Senator DeFoe's paper. Yours cordially,

Chase S. Osborn.

(Note—The Enterprise is happy to agree with Mr. Osborn that honest disagreement and criticism is among the most valuable assets our country could possess—and at present, one of the most rare. And whether or not the compliments he so lavishly bestows are well deserved, we cannot but find it pleasant even to disagree with one, who so pleasantly disagrees with us.—The Editor).

SLAT'S DIARY By ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—Are Vachashun issent dissided yet. Pa says if munney keeps on being so close and tite or even if it aint so close, he says he will let I and ma go sum wares and he will stay at home for us to send a Postle to.

Saturday—I rote note to Jane all ritten in french this p. m. Pa sed to me What did you do that fer you dont no enny thing about writting french.

Sunday—Ma sed she didnt see why we cudent take a nice trip to the Mts. this summer becuz she new very well that are hous hold Xpenses was not as big as they was a yr. ago. Pa sed That was true but the onley reason they was not as big was becuz he wasnt making kwite as much munney as he was a yr. ago.

Munday—They was a new Guy at skool today and all the kids likes him swell but when I was e telling ma about him she sed I shuddent assosiate with him becuz sh herd at the card party that him ma smokes and has a Ruslin wolf hound and has ben single three or 4 times a ready.

Tuesday—I gess they wont be much fun here at are house for a wile. Pa got a letter from a cuzzen of hissen and she is coming here to spend a few weeks wile she is recovering from a Devorce Case. It woud be much plessanter if it was sum of ma's fokes I Xpect.

Wednesday—This was a misable day in skool for me. I got a cold but cudent stay at home on acct. of ma woddent agree to it. and they is nothing more discomfable than a bad cold when you aint got no hankercheef.

Thursday—Jane told me today she had a ideel for a man when she was groon up. I sed what is it and she replied and sed He must be brave like Lindburg and good looking like Roddy Vally and smart and Brave like Cumber Bird. I gess she was hinting at me but I remained silent and didnt encourage her none.

HOSTESS AT PARTY

Miss Darlene Beckman entertained at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Carnes on Main street, Walled Lake, on Saturday evening. Games were played followed by a luncheon. Those present were Misses Pauline and Maxine Jenkins, Letty Welch, Vera Ede, and Etienneel Richardson, Billie Mercer, Donald Post, Darrell Johnson, Ralph Richardson, Ralph Buffmeyer and Wendell Carter.

SUFFERS BROKEN LEG WHEN MACHINE STARTS

Caught between the wall and his car when it started forward as he was cranking it Saturday night at Walled Lake, James W. Smith suffered a broken leg. The bone had two major fractures

and several lesser ones. Dr. E. J. Lindsay was called and set the broken bones and an X-ray was taken on Monday.

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