## Lenten Meditations

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The London Times)

There can be little doubt which is the most familiar passage in the Bible; it is the Lord's Prayer. Every repetition of this to-day links up the worshipper with the first generation of disciples as they received it from their Master.

"Our Father, which art in heaven." The God to whom the prayer is addressed is at once so near that the most intimate of human relationships mirrors him, and so transcendent in majesty that the world and all that it contains are drawfed before him. Over against this holy God the one appropriate attitude on man's part is that of reverence, gratitude, and awe. His truest freedom lies in the glad acceptance of God's sovereignty. Yet, while God is above the world, he is not remote from it; he has a purpose which comes to expression in it; and though that purpose may be frustrated for the time being, its victory is sure in the end.

Moreover, God takes thought for human frailty and need; the necessities of daily life for his children are equally his concern with the high end towards which his wisdom leads all history.

What of the human situation out of which the Lord's Prayer springs? It is the prayer, be it noted, not of an individual but of a group. That group is composed of persons closely knit together by a common dependence upon God and a common commitment to his service.

They feel themselves insecure, confronted both by material needs and by spirituaul perils. Yet tney are not obsessed with these. Quietly and in confidence, they bring them to God and leave all to his wisdom. Even while they pray to be spared the trial which would overtax their strength, they are heroic enough in spirit to forgive.

In the presence of God they put from themselves all resentment for injuries received, for they know that there cannot be room in the heart at the same time for its own bitterness and for the mercy of God.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the members of such a group are merely passive. They do not simply wait for the coming of God's kingdom, they are themselves intensely active in its service. That God's will may be done on earth as in heaven, done therefore in free and glad obedience—that is not only their prayer, it is also the rule of their lives.

In the hope that all men will one day take upon themselves the yoke of the kingdom of heaven, they take that yoke here and now upon themselves. Having received from God the wonder of his forgiveness, they now seek, by their forgiveness of others, to extend as far as possible the circle within which his mercy works and heals.

Yet, while they are faithful servants of God in the world, once they have entered the inner shrine where he is to be found, they forget their own service and think only of him, whose are the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

## IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM GRAHAM

There passed away to his eternal home after a brief illness, on Monday, Jan. 8, in Deer Lodge Memorial Hospital, Winnipeg, Man., William Graham of 423 William Ave., son of the late Murdock and Mary MacPherson Graham, Breadalbane, P. E. I.

Mr. Graham first came to Winnipeg forty years ago. After serving overseas during the First World War with the 16th Battalion, he returned to his Island home and later to the west.

The funeral services held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, in Kerr's Funeral Chapel were in charge of officials of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Rev. G. M. Davidson of St. James Anglican Church officiated, the soloist singing "Abide With Me." The flag-draped casket covered with flowers was borne to its final resting place in the military plot, Brookside Cemetery, by four nephews, Bruce MacLeod, Frank Hughes, Albert Todd, Arnold Graham, and T. Nichols, H. Peck, relatives of his wife.

He is survived by his widow, Pauline, a daughter Alice, a son William Jr., and two grand-children, a brother Angus, Furby St. (Two brothers, Kenneth and Alexander, Boston, Mass., predeceased him, and Lauchlin, missing in World War I).

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. James A. Todd, Munroe St., Winnipeg; Mrs. Flora MacLeod, Hartsville; Miss Marie Graham, Breadalbane, and Mrs. William W. MacInnis, School St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 12 —(Reuters)—Gizi Bajor, 55, Hungary's greatest dramatic actress, committed suicide today. Her doctor husband also tried to kill himself. It was established they took an overdose of morphine. The husband, Dr. Tibor German, was in critical condition. Friends said they were unaware of the reasons for the suicide.

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SPECIAL GOSPEL SERVICES continuing in the Gospel Hall, Upper Prince Street, nightly at 8 P. M. The old fashioned Gospel is being preached by R. MacCracken and A. Ramsay. All are welcome. There is no collections.

RETURNING FROM KOREA —C. W. O. Cecil L. Wood, U. S. M. C., who has been with the 1st Marine Division in Korea has arrived in San Francisco en route to Prince Edward Island to join his wife and son. Mrs. Wood has been visiting her mother. Mrs. Wesley MacKenzie, Bay Fortune.

IN A LAVISH NOVEL of Louisiana, beginning tomorrow in The Guardian, Frances Parkinson Keyes has surpassed herself. The telling is swift, vivid; the characters natural. A brilliant and exciting romance of New Orleans, with the recurring pattern of Mardi Gras as a background. Watch for this fascinating serial—a long continued best seller.

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VETERANS' POLICIES — It has been announced that after February 20, 1951, veterans will lose the right to apply for veterans insurance, except those veterans who were discharged after February 20, 1945, who are entitled to apply for insurance up to six years after their discharge date. As of December 31, 1950, a total of 27,908 veterans in Canada received policies from the Department of Veterans Affairs with a face value of $82,541,500. In Prince Edward Island, 91 policies have been issued with a face value of $216,500.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE AND GROOM—On Jan. 25 a large number of friends, relatives and neighbors gathered at the home of Austin Sentner to tender a miscellaneous shower to Henry Sentner and his bride. After the guests had all gathered, "Here Comes the Bride" was played by Mrs. Houston while the bride and groom were escorted to a prettily decorated seat by Miss Hazel Waite and Lloyd Kent. A heavily laden basket was carried in by Wendell Sentner and Barbara Ann Crabbe. The gifts were opened by Mrs. Ian and Mrs. Austin Sentner, the verses were read by Mrs. Herbie Dollar and Mrs. Omer Neil. Miss Hazel Waite arranged them on the table. The groom then thanked them all on behalf of his bride for all the grand gifts which included blankets, linen, glassware, etc., and a large amount of money. The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse, cards and dancing. Music was furnished by the Doiron brothers. After a delicious lunch was served by the ladies, at a late hour they all departed to their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Sentner many years of happy wedded life.

## Personals

Mr. Alfred Yeo, North River, is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital.

Miss Christine Coulson, Beaton's Mills, returned home from the P. E. I. Hospital where she has been a patient for over two months.

## Card Of Thanks

In appreciation to all the boxholders on Kensington R.R. 2 for their many acts of kindness shown me during past year; also for various gifts and purse of money.

HARRIS BLAKENEY
Mail Courier,
Kensington, R.R. 2

## Beautification

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for the interest shown in it as is apparent by your various reports — nevertheless we believe that greater effort might be made by all citizens to keep it cleaner.

"Realizing that beauty demands cleanliness, we feel that if additional waste containers were placed in many strategic points around the City, and everyone encouraged to use them rather than throw litter on the streets, this, in itself, would greatly improve its appearance.

**Educational Programme**

"Could not an educational programme be uundertaken by our City Council, or whomsoever you should delegate to the task, working through the city schools as well as the general public, to encourage pride in City cleanliness? This might, it is true, be a slow process, but we have faith in our citizens and believe in due course the results would be most gratifying.

"Instead of only one 'Clean-up Week' a year, we should like to see it stressed that all citizens participate in making every week a 'Clean-up Week'.

**Street Cleaning**

"If streets could be swept more frequently, or flushed daily, much of the dust and debris would be eliminated.

"For many years the late Mr Frank Duffy did a most important job — that of removing loose paper lodging between curb and buildings which was not taken care of by a street cleaner or flusher. We do consider it most essential that this important phase of street cleaning should be continued by the appointment of a successor to carry on this necessary work.

**Trees**

"Where feasible, could not trees which have blown or been cut down because they were dead — be replaced? Charlottetown in the past was always spoken of as a city of many trees. Do not let us do less for future generations in the beautifying of it than our forefathers did for us! We understand some trees were planted in one of the City squares and that there were maliciously destroyed. We wish to commend you for having planted them, and hope you will not be discouraged by such acts of vandalism but will endeavour to arouse public sentiment sufficient to offset a repeat performance, and thus encourage you to continue replacing trees.

**Street Lighting**

"One of the traits of womanhood is timidity. We ask you gallant gentlemen to condone us for this weakness and indulge us by having better street lighting as we are of the opinion there are several places in the City that should have more light. Even if this would involve additional cost, we feel it is most necessary.

**Garbage**

"It has been brought to our attention that garbage, ashes, refuse, etc., is allowed to accumulate in yards. This is a hazard to health as flies breed in such neglected places. Flies are great carriers of disease, and a menace to the health of our citizens — particularly children. Conceivably, if garbage was to be removed regularly from all premises, it might lessen the possibility of dysentery, epidemics of polio, etc.

"We were pleased to note in the annual reports of the City that all trucks carrying refuse and paper for dispcsal at the incinerator are obliged to have same covered with a tarpaulin to prevent litter from escaping and lodging on the streets.

"While we appreciate the splendid work you have accomplished during the past year, nevertheless we feel that as women are natural housekeepers they may be expected to see some things in a different light than you busy and efficient business and professional men. We deeply appreciate your indulgence, and offer our services if at any time we can be of assistance to you in carrying out any projects for the improvement and beautification of our City."

In their brief the delegates explained that their Club, which was organized in the fall of 1949, is a member of the International Federation of B. & P. Clubs. In Canada over 6,000 women belong to this outstanding organization, while the Charlottetown Club is proud to have a membership of 77 at the present time. "All of our members", the brief stated, "are keenly interested in seeing that this City, which we know to be second to none in this great Dominion, is kept as attractive and clean as is possible."

**Congratulated By Mayor**

Mayor MacDonald congratulated the ladies on their splendid brief and stated "if nothing more ever comes of it then you can feel very happy that you have done a good job." It would certainly make this City a better place to live, he continued and he added that the best thing some of the ladies could do was run for the Council in the next civic election.

"I will pass on your request to the different committees concerned. They will do their best to carry it out to please the women as that is what they have been doing and that is what has put a big debt on our City of $156,000 last year," he added jokingly.

Councillor Beaton, after congratulating the ladies, stated that "many of their proposals run through the councillors minds every day and we do nothing about it. We need a brief like this to refresh our minds on these points," he added.

Councillor Stewart thanked the ladies for their brief and stated that it was wonderful to see they were interested in civic affairs. He thought the Street Department was still ahead of the ladies as they now had more containers and more modern methods of cleaning the streets. He felt sure that the Women's Club could assist his department in carrying out their program.

Councillor Cox extended his congratulations and noted that it was the first intimation of public interest in affairs of the City for some time. He promised the aid of the Police Committee in every way possible.

Councillor Johnstone added his thanks to those of the others, and pointed out that it was very encouraging to receive a brief from the Ladies Association. He thought the suggestion that some one be appointed to pick up large pieces of waste paper was an excellent one.

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## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

At 25, Raymond Cobb becomes first to win all three Merit badges given by the Boy Scouts. Cobb, a resident of West Palm Beach, Fla., is proud of his achievement but a little wistful. "Now that I've done it," he says, "there's no place to go. I wish there were 200 badges."

The only club of its kind anywhere in the world is the mystic and Auroral Order of Alaska Cheechakos. To become a member, one must have visited Alaska, tracked a salmon to its den, eaten a totem alive, dug ice worms and salted the tail of a Kodish bear. It is not likely that any of my readers will ever become members of this curious order, but should you at some time qualify, you'll be presented with a certificate measuring 7 by 9 inches, printed in gold and black on exclusive woodfinish paper.

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Cotton yarn has 840 yards to the hank ,worsted yarn has 560 and woolen yarn, 1,600. . . . According to an old English measurement the term nail is used to indicate a wire nail 2 1-2 inches long. Sometimes we see these measures on the reverse side of yardsticks .They are not used nowadays. . . . From Egyptian measuring sticks found in their tombs, the cubit is given at 20.64 English inches. The Roman cubit 1 1-4 Roman feet, or 17.4 English inches. Two cubits are mentioned in the Bible which puzzles many scholars. . . . In olden days a furlong — 220 yards — was supposed to be the distance a pair of oxen could plow a furrow without stopping to rest. . . . The English stone is the same weight as 14 pounds avoirdupois. . . Here's a tip for housewives: one cup of stale bread crumbs is equal to two ounces.

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Some of the world's most famous men remained bachelors; here are a few: Isaac Newton, Henry James, Lewis Carroll, Chopin, Lamb, Lord Kitchener, Walt Whitman, Voltaire. . . . Strange as it may seem, the Who's Who in Canada and the U. S. A. came from rural districts or small centers of not more than 8,000 inhabitants. . . . Honolulu covers more territory than either New York or London. I see you raising your eyebrow at this statement, but wait a minute. The most northern ward of Honolulu is Midway Island, 1,200 miles from City Hall, its most southern ward is located on Palmyar Island, some 1,000 miles apart. . . . If you want your wristwatch to keep good time, don't wear it while using a typewriter. Why? Well, many jewelers will tell you that the typewriter injures the works of a wristwatch, causing it to gain or lose time. Taking 'em by and large pocket watches are more accurate than wrist watches. . . . Is there such a thing as white coal. No, Queen Victoria had the coal painted white though for what reason we do not know. The term white coal is a figurative expression used for water power. But there is brown coal.

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Like our Island Province, the home of the U. S. Presidents had a number of names. First known as The Palace, it became The President's House. After it was burned by the British in 1812 it was rebuilt and named The Executive Mansion. It got the name or title The White House at the time it was occupied by Teddy Roosevelt. . . . is now its official name. . . . If you are dreaming of becoming a movie star, the chances are that your dream will never end, because only one in every 25,000 actors ever rise to stardom. . . . Electro culture is a term concocted by the Department of Agriculture and is nothing but an electric charged wire which sends the current through the soil in which the plants are growing. Lightning has much the same effect on plants. . . . Next to the deluge mentioned in the scriptures, the worst flood in the history of the world was the overflowing of the Hoang-Ho River in China in 1887, in which the loss of life was estimated at from 1,500,000 to 7,000,000.

## Thanks

Mrs. William Green and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Proud wish to express their thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy, or helped in any way in their sudden bereavement.

# Activities Of Red Cross Reviewed By Commissioner

The following report of Miss Iphigenie Arsenault, Provincial Commissioner of the P.E.I. Division, Canadian Red Cross Society, was read at the annual meeting of the Divisicn last evening:

"It is an extremely difficult task to attempt to highlight in a short summary the many accomplishments of the Canadian Red Cross Society in this small province of ours, and give each one its proper due.

"We feel justified in saying that it was a year during which the different services were well maintained or expanded as the annual reports of the Standing Committees, which you have before you and which are worthy of study, will testify.

"Our new annex and the redecorated old headquarters building have been a source of pride and joy to all, and have made it very much easier and more convenient for many of our activities, which now can be held under one roof. Our House Committee, under whose direction all of this building and remodelling scheme was carried out, deserves great credit. Not only did they do a grand job, but they were successful in getting it all done for the amount allotted, $25,000. which is really an unusual accomplishment in these days of "high costs". Many complimentary remarks have been made by all who have visited the annex, and the building, since it was renovated. It is now much more in keeping with the dignity of Red Crcss.

**Campaign and Budget**

"Unfortunately, we were not successful in raising anything like our quota in 1950, although a good many of the western provinces went "over the top". We feel short of about $8,000. on our $33,000. objective. This we attributed to several factors — the lateness in getting the organization underway due partly to disruptions in office routine when our headquarters was being remodelled, the weather at the time when the canvassers were contacted and had to make their calls as well as the fact that there are now more appeals for money than ever. However, we hope to overcome most of these difficulties for the 1951 Campaign as already the organizational machinery has been set in motion.

"Hearty congratulations are due the Campaign Chairmen and all those associated with them, as well as the many contributors, for the measure of success which attended their efforts.

"A study of our financial statements will show that while we raised only $24,467. in the 1950 Campaign we spent over $39,000. in carrying out the work of the Division (not including costs of repairs, national apportionment) which was really $5,000. less than the approved budget. It will be seen by the figures in the statement that we had to have some $18,000. given us by our National Headquarters to carry out our projects for the year.

"The people of our province contributed more on a per capita basis to the Red Cross during the war years than any other province in Canada. Surely Red Cross deserves an equal amount of support for carrying on the peacetime activities which are all aimed at bettering conditions for our own people!

**Junior Red Cross**

"Our Junior Red Cross Report shows that we maintained 85 per cent enrolment during the past school year. This large membership of children presents a fertile field for health and citizenship education. This then is a challenge to us — we must captivate the interest and enthusiasm of the pupils in all grades, as well as the teachers, if we are to have a really virile organization which will mean what it should in our schools.

"We regretted the resignation of Mrs. Robert MacCallum as Director of Junior Red Cross after six years during which she served the Society well in this capacity. We are glad, however, to welcome Miss Marie Bowness as our new Director and feel sure she will be successful in this field of endeavour.

"Our thanks are due all the teachers in the province who carry on the work of the Junior Red Cross in their schools. Without their co-operation and inspiration Junior Red Cross cannot survive.

**Crippled Children's Work**

"This has been a banner year in the treatment provided for handicapped children, 387 of whom were helped to better health. Several children had to be sent to Montreal, Toronto and Halifax for plastic surgery, skin grafts, treatment for hare lip and cleft palates. For the first time two blue babies were taken on for treatment, — one was operated on in Toronto and the other in Montreal and both have made excellent recoveries. 502 children were examined at the seven regular and two special clinics. The two special clinics were for cerebral palsy and polio children, when 30 of the former and 42 of the latter reported for examination. All of this treatment was carried out at a total cost of $12,228.00 which was provided by generous contributions from the Charlottetown Rotary Club and Montague Masons, members of the Junior Red Cross and the Federal Health Grant for Crippled Children.

"We were all saddened by the death of Miss Price early in May. Miss Price was in charge of our Physiotherapy Department for many years and endeared herself to all with whom she was associated. This department was closed following Miss Price's death and was not reopened until December when Miss Kathleen Jackson arrived from England. We were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jackson who has already proved that she is a specialist in her particular field.

"To the doctors, nurses, optometrists, hospitals and all who have made this humanitarian work possible our grateful thanks are extended.

**Women's Work**

"During the year 15 cases containing clothing for children, about 5,000 pieces, were shipped overseas. Three of these cases went to Lebanon and twelve to Greece for distribution through the Red Cross Societies of these countries. In addition to this, supplies were sent to Winnipeg for the people in the flooded areas and some infants clothing to the Port Nursery at Halifax.

"It is the busy farm women of our province, mostly Women's Institute members, who take the most active part in the making of this clothing for overseas. A great many of our Women's Institutes now have Red Cross Conveners who champion the cause of Red Cross in their own communities. To these women, and to the many others who belong to various organizations and church groups, we are deeply indebted for their continued interest and active co-operation.

"We note with satisfaction that steps have been taken through our National Co-ordinating Committee to work out with the Department of National Defence the type and quantity of articles which would be required from our organization in the event of another war. The idea is that all organizations doing this type of work will co-ordinate under the direction of the Department of National Defence so that there will not be any overlapping, wasted effort or materials.

**First Aid, Swimming & Water Safety**

"In its short lifetime of just over five years, First Aid, Swimming and Water Safety has made rapid strides in its growth. As the Chairman, Mrs. Bagnall, says in her report, "The need for education in First Aid, Accident Prevention and Water Safety was apparent from the beginning and now, in view of the impending dangers of further wars, is of the utmost importance. That this need is being recognized is shown by the increasing number of requests coming from both rural and urban centres. To meet these requests many First Aid instructors are required and the Red Cross hopes eventually to have a qualified instructor in every community in Prinhe Edward Island."

"This report reveals that 205 injuries were treated at the 35 First Aid posts. We would like to take this opportunity of extending thanks and appreciation to the volunteers who so capably man these posts which are a great asset to the communities in which they are established as well as to the travelling public. Of the 65 people who enrolled in our Instructors' Classes 38 qualified. There were 262 adults enrolled in Standard Classes and 222 in Junior Classes. These figures show an increase of 88 over the numbers registered in 1949 and there is an appreciable gain in the numbers who took and passed the required tests at the conclusion of the courses.

"Swimming and Water Safety Classes were conducted in 32 centres throughout the province with a total of 2,426 pupils in attendance, 842 of whom passed the requirements for the different levels of proficiency. These figures also show a considerable gain over those of the previous year. Much credit is due to those who made these Swimming and Water Safety Classes possible.

**Nursing Service**

"The arrival of the new Home Nursing Manual and the completion of our new annex, with its convenient demonstration room, were an incentive for the organization of Home Nursing Classes. Seven of these classes are now in progress with 105 individuals enrolled. These are carried out under the supervision of volunteer nurses to whom we are most grateful.

"Two new sickroom supply loan cupboards at Kensington and St. Peter's brought the number of these to 16 from which 526 articles were loaned during the year. Those who have made use of these supplies have been most appreciative of them, and a number have expressed their thanks by making money donations varying from one to twenty dollars.

"There is no doubt but that this is a very useful and beneficial service, also made possible by volunteers who so capably look after this equipment in the 16 centres.

**Canadian Red Cross Corps**

"Members of the Canadian Red Cross Corps in Charlottetown continue to be responsible for visiting our veterans in hospital every two weeks when they take them treats of cigarettes, magazines and games. The veterans look forward to these visits, and are most grateful for the interest displayed in them by the Red Cross and by the Corps members in particular.

"This Corps also helps materially with the Blood Transfusion Service, by assisting in calling up donors previous to the clinics, by helping at the clinics, by working on the record cards after the clinics and by making up dressings for use at these clinics.

"The division is justly proud of these corps members and feel deeply indebted to each and everyone of them for their continued interest and assistance.

**Blood Donor Services**

"The response to the appeal for donors in this province has been quite gratifying in the past year. There were 291 more donors during the three visits of the Mobile team than there were during the four visits in 1949. 14 clinics were held in ten centres when 2,551 donors reported. But, even with this, we barely managed to keep out of debt in meeting the demands of our hospitals. Now that the Department of National Defence has made the Red Cross responsible for the supplying of blood and plasma for use of the armed forces and for civilian defence there will have to be a great many more donors secured. This will also involve increased costs and is all the more reason why our Campaign objective should be considerably exceeded.

"To all who have made this free transfusion service possible by being donors, or by working in the interests of it, the Red Cross is most grateful.

**Nutrition and Homemakers**

"A general Nutrition Programme was successfully carried out under the direction of Miss Marjorie Hill until the end of August, 1950, when she was taken over by the Department of Education to replace Miss Doris Anderson who was given a year's leave of absence. The closing of our Nutrition Department was done with the full consent of the Executive and the Nutrition Committee who saw that the budget had to be curtailed, and thought that since there was no longer a National Nutrition Department, this work could not be carried on by other agencies active in this field in our province.

"The Homemaker Service, however, continues to render valuable assistance in Summerside, under the capable voluntary supervision of Miss Millicent Strong, and also in Charlottetown. The records show that a total of 18 homemakers gave 1,072 days' service to 106 families (including 183 children) during the year.

"The words of one lady who wrote to thank us for sending her a homemaker prove that this is a very worthwhile project. She said in part — "Your homemaker was a great help to me in every way, and tided me over what would have been a most difficult time if she had not been available to come on the spur of the moment. I would like you to know how very much we appreciated this service."

**General**

"Regular monthly meetings of the Executive, two meetings of the Divisional Council and several meetings of each of the Provincial Standing Committees were held during the year with good attendances. The fall meeting of the Divisional Council was held in Summerside and was a most successful affair.

"I cannot close this report without paying tribute to our retiring President, Mr. R. H. Rogers, who has been a tower of strength during his term of office. Mr. Rogers has served faithfully as a member of the executive of the Prince Edward Island Red Cross since 1921 and has a very thorough knowledge of the workings of Red Cross, internationally, nationally and provincially. His opinions are very highly valued by all who have come in contact with him in Red Cross circles, and I am sure that his successor will depend on him for advice in connection with all the aspects of the Red Cross programme.

"It is then the combined efforts of all that have produced this record of work accomplished. Let us hope for even greater success in 1951."

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 12 — (AP)—Three armed men robbed the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Granite Quarry, 45 miles northeast of here, of between $35,000 and $40,000 today.

## Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA — There doesn't seem to be much reason to believe rumors that war criminal Kurt Meyer, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Canadian soldiers, will walk out of the Maritime penitentiary a free man.

What may happen, however, is his transfer to a prison in the British Zone of Germany. He is the only German war criminal imprisoned outside Germany, and has an argument in favor of moving him back to his homeland, where he would be among his own countrymen and could be visited by his wife and family.

But as for forgiving him, and sending him home a free man — that's out. Meyer admittedly has some admirable qualities. He's intelligent, cooperative, and has been a model prisoner. This last no doubt due to the fact that he's an excellent soldier.

But he is still an unrepentant Nazi. And as one Cabinet Minister commented dryly:

"If we set him free, I'll bet you in four years he'd be leading the German contribution to the European army for the defence of freedom and democracy!"

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However, there's been no action taken yet on the Meyer petition. The Government is awaiting a recommendation from Defence Minister Claxton on Meyer' plea that the Governor-General-in-Council exercise the Royal perogative of mercy and grant him his freedom.

In turn, Claxton is awaiting a report from the judge advocate general's branch of the Defence Department on the Meyer case.

Briefly, the facts of the Meyer case are these:

1. Meyer, who joined the Nazi party in 1934 and rose to the rank of SS Major General in 10 years, was convicted by a Canadian military court in Germany in December, 1945, and sentenced to death by shooting. He was found guilty of having been responsible for the execution of 18 captured Canadian soldiers at his headquarters in Normandy in June, 1944, and of having incited and counseled his troops to deny quarter to allied troops.

2. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Maj. Gen. Chris Vokes, then Commander of the Canadian Occupational Forces in Germany.

3. Meyer was brought to the Maritime penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B. to begin his sentence, of which he has served slightly less than five years. He is now 38 years old.

4. Late in 1948, certain Canadian Army and Air Force officers who were sympathetic to Meyer started the ball rolling for his release.

5. A year later two Halifax lawyers, H. P. MacKeen and R. A. Ritchie, were retained by "a group of private citizens" to work for Meyer's release.

6. Recently they petitioned the Government to exercise the perogative of mercy and release Meyer, arguing that the erstwhile blackshirt general was wrongfully imprisoned.

However, certain officers do have sympathy for him — like one who remarked with great frankness that "had Germany won the war, I might well be in Meyer's shoes today."

But there is also strong feeling against Meyer — notably by the Canadian Legion, which vigorously condemned Vokes' commutation of Meyer's death sentence, and which can be counted on to oppose equally vigorously any move to shorten or wipe out the life sentence.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL

## ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom, new nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 22, 1951, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

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