

COURT LENIENT IN HUNTING DEATH

**Rutland Boy Gets Suspended Term
for Fatal Shooting of Man in
Mendon Last Fall.**

RUTLAND, Jan. 29.—Frank Hodor, 16-year-old son of Alexander Hodor, who accidentally shot and killed Town Representative Carlos R. Morse of Mendon on Nov. 29, 1935, while hunting deer in Mendon, received mercy when he appeared in municipal court yesterday to plead guilty to a charge of careless and negligent use of firearms, resulting in death.

Subject to a severe prison sentence for the crime, young Hodor was placed on probation, after receiving a suspended sentence of from eight to 18 months at the Vermont Industrial school, Vergennes.

Judge William H. Botsford, who imposed sentence, took into consideration the boy's youth, the lack of criminal intent and circumstances surrounding the case in suspending sentence.

Recommendation for mercy was made by State's Attorney Asa S. Bloomer, who prosecuted.

Hodor was hunting in Mendon about a quarter of a mile from Representative Morse's home in that town, when the tragedy occurred.

Morse was walking along the edge of a clearing in a hardwood growth when Hodor emerged from the woods on the opposite side.

The boy told Mrs. Thad Maxham, a neighbor of the Morse family, that he "saw something move in the woods and fired."

Morse dropped to the ground, the boy said, and he fled the scene in terror. The fatally wounded man's body was found by his daughter, Marguerite Morse. His wife arrived at the scene a few minutes before Morse died.

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