EASTON HOLDS MOCK RAID

Staged To Test Efficiency Of Civilian Defense

(Taken from the Easton Star Democrat)

The fact that this country is at war was forcibly brought home yesterday at 11 A. M. when things began to happen to give the residents what a real air raid will look like. The test was purely theoretical with just enough realities in it to furnish the thrill and excitement sure to follow a genuine raid.

At 10.40 A. M. the yellow signal was received at the Easton control center. At 10.50 the blue signal flashed. At 11 o'clock the red signal indicated that the bombers were here. Report was received from the interceptor command that the flight of fifteen or twenty bombers were approaching from the Atlantic coast, headed toward Washington. The air raid siren was sounded and called into action all the units of the civilian defense. The coordinators rushed to the control center in Easton.

Two minutes later one of the watchers outside of Easton reported that bombers were heading for Easton. At 11.05 the bombers passed over Easton. At 11.07 a boy is struck in the neck by a falling fragment at the corner of Dover and Aurora Streets. He was reported bleeding badly.

At 11.10 a shell fell through the roof of the Oak Hill Diner. One man reported a broken leg. Another was cut by broken glass. Another badly burned. Shell didn't explode, but overturned stove started fire, and found unexploded outside the building in a parking lot. Here it was guarded by those whose duty it is to perform such services in a real raid.

At 11.15 an enemy bomber was shot down by a United States plane. It crahsed with a bomb which exploded in the street at the corner of Dover and Washington Streets. Fire broke out on both sides of Dover Street. Two men were killed, four seriously injured, and four injured in a minor way, requiring first aid. The shell crater blocked Dover Street and the nearest water main was put out of commission. Telephone wires were partially disrupted.

At 11.20 the enemy bombers were seen to fly away to the east, pursued by the United States planes .

At 11.30 the white signal was flashed at the control center, indicating that the entire test was over.

The planes were manned by Talbot county pilots, all members of the Civil Air Patrol and were credited with doing a fine job.

Ambulances, fire trucks, hearse, and messengers were seen hurrying here and there. All traffic was stopped. Cars were compelled to pull to the right of the road until the all clear signal was given. Pedestrians were ordered off the streets, and those people who were found on the streets with cards pinned to them announcing their death or injuries were cared for by the twenty or more medical men assigned to this duty.

The police call boxes were used by the policemen in transmitting their problems and needs to the police center. From here the problem was dispatched to the control center ,from which the actual orders were issued.

After the all clear siren sounded those who were engaged in the rescue work reported to the control center where a check up was had. One officer stationed near a catastrophe reported the promptness which the men and women responded. One boy supposed to be dead was placed in the hearse and carried away theoretically. Another boy with a leg off was rushed to the elementary school and there treated.

Another boy supposed to be dead from a heart attack was worked on by the first aid squad in trying to resuscitable him, and was finally carried to the elementary school. Another boy badly wounded was cared for by the first aid squad and they reported the young man played his part to perfection. His face was painted with a red substance and he carried on as though he was suffering terribly.

Those in charge were asked to write down every mistake they saw made so that any faults, could be corrected the next time.

CECIL GROUP REJECT FARM UNION

Kent County Also Has Large Dairy Industry

A vote taken by the Susquehanna Planning Group this week showed unanimous opposition by farmers to efforts now going on in Cecil County to organize dairymen into a union under the leadership of John L. Lewis' Mine Workers' Union. John Biggs of the Colora section, president of the group said that the scheme is an effort of John L .Lewis to gain political control of the country, and he warned farmers against lining up with the movement. "We want no dictators here," he said.

OWNERS ORDERED TO VACATE PROPERTY

Navy Starts Work On Large Navy Training Station Which Will Include Tome School

The owners of a dozen different farms, and several home properties located near what was the Tome school property, have had condemnation notice served on them by the U. S. Marshall, issued out of the U. S. District Court, Baltimore, by Judge W. Calvin Chestnut, for immediate possession of the properties.

The Tome school was recently taken over by the Federal Givernment for use as a Naval Training Center.

Several thousand men are now at land was deemed necessary by the Navy, hence the condemnation proceedings to obtain same.

Several thuosand men are now at work getting the grounds in shape, besides erecting a large number of new buildings.

It is estimated that 15,000 trainees will be at the center.

Several of the farm owners whose properties will be taken over, have already planned public sales of their personal property.

The name selected for new station will be "Roosevelt", and it is understood a postoffice will be established on the property.

A railroad from Liberty Grove, about 3½ miles from the Tome property, will be built and many thousands of feet of lumber will be used in the erection of barracks to house the bluejackets to be trained.

By September 1st, 2,500 petty officers and 250 officers will be on the grounds and it is said new groups will be arriving almost daily.

The Norfolk preparatory school for entrance to the Naval Academy will be moved to the Tome property and each day for more than a week, Harty H. Hipkins, Deputy United States Marshal hsa been sent to this county to lay claim to properties which the Government will acquire.

About 1,000 additional houses will also be built. The present buildings, it is understood, will remain intact, except the interiors will be altered to accommodate the officers who will live at the station.

FOREST FIRE TOWERS CLOSE

ABERDEEN—The 1.80 inches of rainfall that was recorded in the Forest and Parks rain gauge at Stepney on last Saturday brought to a close the serious part of the Spring forest fire season in this locality. The fire towers were closed until fall unless an especially dry season occurs.

The fire towers in Harford County reported a total of 520 smokes which were investigated by the Forest Wardens and Forest Guards and out of this number 157 were found to be forest fires burning out of control. The largest fire burned a total of about 800 acres.

The causes of these 157 fires were varied with careless debris burners, careless smokers and railroads heading the list. While some of them were of incendiary origin, most of the incendiary fires were started with the intention of sabotaging war industry or interfering with defense work. District Forest Warden Paul H. Seward stated that all persons who are responsible for causing fires during the past season will be brought to justice during the summer months.

Resolutions Of Respect

At a meeting of the Official Board of Betterton Methodist Church held Monday, June 1st, 1942, the following resolutions were passed in expression of the deep sense of loss in the death of Mr. Joseph Archie Crew, for many years a member of this Board.

Whereas, in His wise providence it pleased our Heavenly Father to take to Himself the soul of our friend and brother Trustee, we desire to place on record our profound sense of loss at his removal from our Board and the Community.

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of Archie Crew ,the Church has lost a Trustee whose judgment and advice we valued highly. He was conscientious in his attendance and in all the details of his position, and we shall miss greatly both his presence and counsel,

And be it Resolved, That his devotion to his family was most beautiful, and to them we extend our sympathy in their irreparable loss; and

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his widow and the immediate family; be published in the County Papers; and spread upon the minutes of the Official Board of Betterton Methodist Church.

HARVEY B. MOORE, Trustee,
MRS. M. V. TURNER, Steward,
MRS. EVA W. CREW, Sec.

WEATHER REPORT JOHN R. WEEKS

Synopsis Of Weather And Crop Conditions In Maryland and Delaware For The Week Ending Tuesday, June 2, 1942

This week was warm, with two hot days, abundant sunshine, and two days with light to moderate scattered showers. It was fovaroble for plant growth and for field operations.

Wheat and rye are headed well and are in bloom or have bloomed, except are heading in the Allegheny Mountain region; the heads are ripening in the southern and central counties. Barley is ripening or has ripened; harvesting will begin soon at Queen Anne. Oats are good color and are good to excellent; they are 5 inches at Bel Air, 6 to 8 inches at Laurel, 8 inches at Joppa, and 12 inches at Rock Hall. Timothy is heading at Joppa.

Pastures are good in the northern-border counties and fair to good southward thereof, except poor in some localities.

Harvesting peas, a poor crop, began in the southern half of the section. Pea plants are in bloom and are podding and pods are filling out and are maturing in the northern half of the section; some early peas are being picked at Chewsville.

The early potato plants are good to excellent and are being cultivated. They are 6 to 8 inches high at Laurel and 15 inches at Joppa. The first plants are beginning to bloom.

Corn plants are mostly good to excellent. The early ones are being cultivated. Plants are 5 inches high at Queen Anne and 12 inches at Bel Air. Planting corn continues.

Tomato plants already in the fields are good stands and are being cultivated. The earliest ones are blooming and fruiting at Joppa. Setting out tomato and sweet potato plants continues. Setting out tobacco plants began at Ellicott City and La Plata.

Tree fruits are developing and sizing. Peaches are being thinned out at Bel Air and Joppa.

The strawberry harvest is over in the southern counties and is ending in the central and northern counties, except in Allegany and Garrett Counties, where strawberries are ripening

String bean plants are blooming and insects are damaging tomato plants at Hurlock. Planting soy beans continues at Rock Hall.

The growing season is ahead of normal.

WARNS AGAINST STORING GASOLINE

John B .Gontrum, State Insurance Commissioner, today called attention to the fact that most fire insurance policies prohibit, or restrict under rigid regulation,s the keeping of gasoline, benzine or neptha in residences or other buildings, or their vicinity.

All persons are warned that not onl ydo they endanger their property but their lives by failing to observe prceautions in handling gasoline and other inflammable and explosive products.

Oxford Boat Races Started Last Week

These Boats And Skippers Are Known To Our Local Sailors

EASTON—An enthusiastic crowd of skippers and spectators gathered at the Tred Avon Yacht Club at Oxford last Sunday to start the summer series of sailing races that are held every summer. The races were started early this year because of the change in schedules at most of the boys' colleges.

The assorted fleet consisting of four star boats, one comet, and one penquin competed in the three lap race, racing under a handicap system devised by the racing committee which was based on the first lap performance. The fifteen mile an hour northeast wind brought Sig Hersloff in his star "Merry Widow" in first to finish, but when the results of the race were tabulated, the first position was found to be held by Pete Hersloff in his penquin "Pinguin." Second to finish was Barclay Trippe in his star "Purple Cow," while third place was held by Bus Wilford in his star "Windrush II". Mrs. Elliot Wheeler in "Undine" and John Swain in his comet "Tart" did not finish.

HALTS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RACKET

Easton Rotary Club Get Investigation In Talbot County

Since the meeting in Easton of the Unemployment Commission officials, at the request of the Rotary Club, 74 claimants have been cut off the benefit roll and there are 24 more claimants filing for partial benefits, that are under investigation and probably will be cut off in a few days.

There are 208 claimants now drawing compensation in Talbot County of whom 150 are filing for partial benefits and only 58, all women, are filing for total unemployment.

The Commission paid out through the Easton office last week $1,368 or an average payment of $6.58 per claimant. There were a total of 448 original claims filed for new benefit year beginning April 1st.

The Rotary Club intends to continue its agitation which twice has resulted in bringing here members of the Commission. This last meeting has resulted most advantageously, it is believed.

Commodore F. A. Hoffman Named C. G. Commander

Frequent Chestertown Visitor

Commodore Frederick A. Hoffman of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, formerly of Havre de Grace, has been appointed a lieutenant commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserve by President Roosevelt.

Commodore Hoffman is a native of New Jersey and received his degrees from Rutgers College.

He moved to Havre de Grace in 1928 as secretary of the Maryland-Delaware Federation of Mutual Insurance Companies. In this position he was a frequent visitor to Kent County as well as being a regular attendant at regattas.

He organized the Havre de Grace Yacht Club and was its first commodore. Several regattas were held under his direction and he always took an active interest in civic affairs and is an enthusiastic yachtsman.

RAMMED STATE POLICE BOAT

Boat Seriously Damaged In Dorchester County Waters

Charged with malicious destruction of property, Lawrence Flowers of Hooper's Island was held for the action of the Grand Jury at a hearing this morning before Trial Magistrate William T. Nabb. He was released in $1,000 bond.

Captain Swears Warrant

The warrant for Flowers' arrest was sworn out by Wm. J. Simmons, captain of the state boat, "Miles River."

At the hearing before Trial Magistrate Nabb this morning, Mr. Simmons testified that he and his mate, Sylvanus Phillips, both members of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, were taking up crab pots at the mouth of Tar Bay on Chesapeake Bay, and that Flowers came up and deliberately rammed the starboard side of the state boat. After ramming the boat, Flowers is alleged to have told the officers that they were trying to starve him and that he intended to sink the boat and drown both men.

Claims Collision Accidental

The officers further testified that Flowers apparently intended to attempt to ram them again, but was unsuccessful.

Flowers claimed the collision was accidental.

The state boat, the "Miles River," was damaged on the starboard side near the pilot house, and although leaking resulted the officers succeeded in reaching port successfully.

U-BOAT SCARES FISHERMEN OFF EASTERN SHORE

(Taken From Snow Hill Messenger)

Crew members of eight mackerel fishing boats from Chincoteague, Va., engaged in using their gill nets in the ship channel ten miles off Assateague Island, Va., landed in port this week with the story of how an Axis submarine bobbed up out of the ocean in their midst last Friday night around 10.30 o'clock.

The macherel fishing crew of Capt. Aaron Russell and his crew, of Chincoteague, Va., was less than fifty feet distant when the undersea boat came to the surface, its long, black, shiny 300-foot-long hull being plainly visible in the moonlight.

Capt. Russell immediately ordered his crew members to cut loose the gill nets for a quick escape, however, before the order could be carried out, the submarine began to move away on the surface and finally disappeared.

Crew members in the fishing fleet said they were "scared stiff" when the submarine appeared. All expected to be machine-gunned by the enemy craft, easily identified by its superstructure. No further sign of the submarine was seen during the next few hours and the macherel fishermen continued their work.

NOTICE

Application has been made to the undersigned by

JAMES H. GARLAND

For a Beer License, Class D, on sale, generally, at the premises known as Turner's Wharf, Betterton, Maryland which shall authorize the holder thereof to keep for sale and to sell beer at retail, at the place therein described, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

The application is made in accordance with chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland at the Special Session of 1933, and is on file in this office. Any exceptions to the issuance of the license must be filed with the undersigned within a period of one week from the publication of this advertisement, otherwise the license applied for will be issued. The manner of filing exceptions is described in the Act, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's office.

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Clerk Circuit Court for Kent County

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Card of Thanks–

We wish to thank all our friends who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement.

John Newnam and family.

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