NEWS GATHERED ON PENINSULA

Youngsters In Daring Theft In The Daytime

Easton—At a special session of the Juvenile Court, held in the main court room last Monday, August 9, six boys ranging from eleven to seventeen were implicated in the robbery of a safe in Easton and carrying away a little over a thousand dollars. The Economy Furniture Store on Dover St. borders on an alley, and a boy said to be thirteen years old saw the window was up, with nothing standing in the way of entering, but a screen.

This screen was easilly pried open and the boy entered. As he did so he saw two boys walking down the alley and he says he ducked below the window. As he did so he spied the safe door open in front of him. After ransacking the desk drawers and finding nothing of value to him, he directed his efforts to the safe. He found one of the compartments locked. With the aid of a screw driver this was pried open and to his amazement he found $1,000. Another drawer in the safe was also pried open and several dollars and some change was found.

The boy then went upstairs, found a window open, and made his exit this way. He carried the money and hid it in a basement on Harrison Street, according to the testmony. Several other boys heard about the theft and demanded some of the loot. It was divided up between five other boys, and these for the most part hid it in chicken houses, outbuildings, and various other places.

When the proprietor entered the store Monday morning he didin't notice anything wrong until late in the morning. Then the safe attracted his attention. On examination he found that the two compartments had been broken into and the money which he counted Sunday morning disappeared. The sheriff, the town police and the state police were called in. They soon found a clue and finally some of the boys admitted the theft of the money.

The polilce followed up the hiding places, getting in the neighborhood of $800. The boys spent some of the money, but about $300 remains unaccounted for.

At the court hearing the boy who entered the building and another boy were each held in $100 bail for their appearance before the Circuit Court. One boy was charged with larceny and the other five with receiving stolen goods.

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Blackout Case Dismissed Auxiliary Police Resigns

Salisbury—Because the local Civilian Defense Committee allegedly failed to uphold his complaint about a violation during a blackout test, Ralph Messick, an auxiliary policeman, turned in his badge.

The aftermath of the one alleged violation was a charge of assault and battery preferred against Marion Meelheim by Joshua Morris. The hearing was held before Magistrate Thomas W. Records in Laurel, Tuesday night and Meelheim was dismissed.

Violations of Civilian Defense rules in Delmar have been in the minority until recent blackout tests.

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Tournament To Be Held On September 1st

Ridgely—The tournament held annually, at Old St. Joseph's Catholic Church near Cordova, will take place this year on Wednesday, September 1st, according to an announcement by Harry D. Slaughter, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

A horse show in the morning, riding and jousting events in the afternoon, ending in the crowning of the Queen of Love and Beauty by the winner of the most points in the different contests will feature the tournament as in past years. Another feature will be the country style dinners and suppers served by the ladies of the parish.

The coronation address will be delivered by Senator Wilmer Fell Davis, of Caroline County.

The Charge to the Knights will be given by the well known and able WCAO, Sports Commentator, Don Riley.

The Slaughter Trophy will be presented by Mayor Joe Barnes, of Easton.

Tournaments have been held at Old St. Joseph's for more than three-fourths of a century and have always attracted thousands from far and near. The committee this year is doing everything possible to have this affair run along the same lines as usual.

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Lack Of Shoe Coupons Confuses Bahamians

Bel Air—Many of the Bahamian colored farm workers stationed at Black Horse drew considerable attention when they visited Bel Air to do their shopping last Saturday night.

Well-behaved and courteous, the coal-black visitors, who spoke only with a slight accent, confined their buying mostly to practical work clothes, overalls and shoes.

The only confusion was experienced when sales people in local stores found the men did not possess any ration tickets for shoes. With some difficulty they explained the ration system to the puzzled islanders and advised them to contact authorities to procure the necessary stamps.

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Looters Enter Stepney Filling Station For Seventeenth Time

Bel Air—For those statistically minded—chalk up No. 17 entries into the Holmes Esso Station at Stepney.

The seventeenth breaking-in within the last two years occured last Saturday night when burglars gained access to the Route 40 garage by forcing a window and stole $61 worth of merchandise and cash.

Puzzled police officers attribute the "too often to be funny" robberies either to passing truck drivers, who are difficult to trace, or to youths in the vicinity. The case is under investigation.

Meanwhile Mr. Holmes has offered a reward of $100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

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COUNTY AGENT HAS TO RESIGN KENT WAR JOBS

After conducting all the various agricultural activities that have come about by virtue of the war, the time has arrived when County Agent McVean is compelled to release many activities thrust upon him by the War Board in carrying out instructions from Washington. Hereafter, it is expected that the County War Board Chairman will take care of matters, such as the issuing of slaughter permits, transportation Committee (handling applications for certificates of war necessity for farm trucks and appeals for gasoline for trucks), priorities of all kinds, machinery rationing, RACC loans, certifications for electricity etc, so as to release Mr. McVean for the more important duties of Extension in the field of aiding farmers in securing the greatest war production in crops.

In addition, Congress saw fit this summer to place the responsibility of farm labor in the hands of the state and county Extension services. This has been a tremendous burden which the Service is handling as far as practicable. There are many details in connection with the placement of farm labor that require a tremendous amount of time.

County Agent McVean has been devoting himself night and day to carrying the combined load. He advises the people of Kent that his services are still available for all phases of agriculture, but will not be concerned with the so called regulatory duties of the War Board. He will continue to serve as a member of the War Board and guide and assist wherever he can in aiding the programs and functions that vitally concern the farmers of the county.

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Skyscraper Warden

The world's only air raid warden who inspects his territory by elevator is John J. Hennessy, ex-chief of staff for the New York police department and now an official of the Schenley company, who was placed in charge of civilian precautions by tenants of the 102-story Empire State building in New York.



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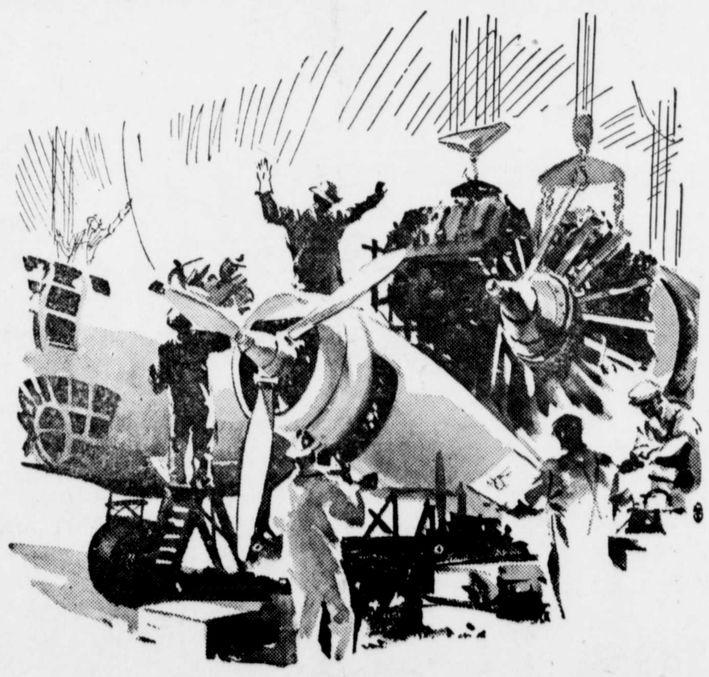
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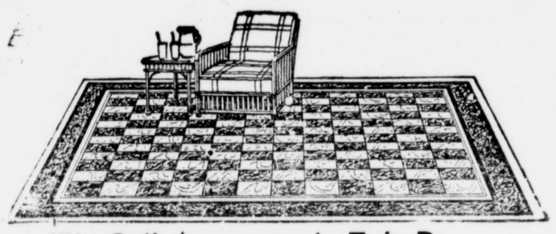


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