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THE PROPOSAL to the Legislative Council that the counties of Maryland be given home rule so as to relieve the Legislature of much of the work of passing legislation of minor importance and which is purely local to the counties, is an about face of the present tendency of government. More and more has government drifted toward centralization until it has reached a point where it is practically centered in the State capitals and in Washington. The above proposal, if adopted by the Legislature would be submitted to the voters of the State before becoming a law and there is a question as to the attitude of the intelligent voter. Many people favor centralized government as an economical measure because it saves the cost of much of the overhead and eliminates petty local politics. Others favor local government because it gives more opportunity for the individual to have intimate contact with the governing bodies, and gives all an opportunity to air their views. It will be remembered that the late Governor Albert C. Ritchie was a strong advocate for States Rights and his idea was that county governments should be centered in a State unit. During his long administration he probably did more than anyone else to centralize the government of the State of Maryland. In recent years the only Legislative act of importance that tended to revert the government back to the counties was the emergency act of 1933 which empowered the County Commissioners to borrow money for construction purposes without Legislature action. This act was designed so as to take advantage of W P A and P W A project allowances during the period of great unemployment. On the other hand, State control of county affairs is reflected in the fact that any change in county laws must be passed by the Legislature; the Clerk's office and that of the Register of Wills are State offices; the attempts to regulate method of collecting and handling of taxes in the Treasurer's office and is a controlling factor in the assessment office. However, if a town wants to rule out hog pens or other minor regulations it seems to be a great waste of effort to have to get it passed by the Legislature. It is our observation that legislation of this type is not the cause of the terrible congestion in Legislatures as they generally pass through smoothly and without objection. It is the State issues of major importance that cause most of the trouble due to being held up in committee rooms until the last minute when they are rushed through at a pace so fast that many members are unaware of what is going on until the bill is passed. This was evidenced by a striking example during the 1938-1939 session.

ALTHOUGH ONE has to determine for himself what part of the war news he is to believe there is apparently little question but that the beautiful and historic city of Warsaw has been the victim of the wrath of the head of the Nazis government. It is apparently true that it has been bombed from the air and land to the point of almost total destruction but that destruction of buildings may be excusable under the guise of war but there can be no possible excuse for the killing of hundreds of defenseless women and children. It is apparently true that these defenseless people were given an opportunity to leave the city but then what? It may be that they preferred death to leaving their homes for concentration camps, starvation or who knows what? There can be no excuse for this act. It was not a fortress standing in the way of conquest but a city which was practically surrounded by the enemy that could have been easily conquered in time without the barbarous tactics which were adopted. But no, the people of that city dared to defend themselves and for their act they must die as well as those non-combatents who were so unfortunate as to have made thei rhomes there. Students of ancient medieval and modern history shudder at the atrocities that have been committed and it is hard to understand how the German soldiers, many of whom have come recently from an intelligent peaceful life, can be made to carry out such as the uncivilized act. Whatever may be the outcome of the present conflict, the Nazi government should be forever condemned for this barbarous act even though it was done under the name of war.

CONGRESS IS still debating the Neutrality Act and present indications are that it will be modified. There, however, seems to be a nationwide determination to keep America out of war and as long as that determination is maintained there is little likelihood of our becoming involved. It will be remembered that during the period of 1914-1917 everybody had the same determination. It is our opinion that our entry into the war is determined by its duration and not by any particular legislation that might be passed and also upon which side appears to be the ultimate winner. The United States can no more afford to see the Democracies lose than they could in 1917. It is then to our interests to assist these Democracies in every way that will not be in violation of the code of International Law. The modification of the neutrality law is certainly a step in that direction.

THE TIME is rapidly approaching for the starting of fires in the homes for heating purposes which means the time of chimney fires unless the property owner takes the precaution to clean and inspect his chimneys. While most chimney fires prove to be minor conflagrations they can be very disasterous. A large proportion of the disasterous fires in Kent County originate from chimney fires due to defective flues, broken bricks and the accumulation of soot. A little precautionary efforts at this season of the year is time and effort well spent.

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JAMES A. CURRY

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All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 19th day of September, 1939.

Violet M. Curry, Executrx
Edna Elliott, Register of Wills.

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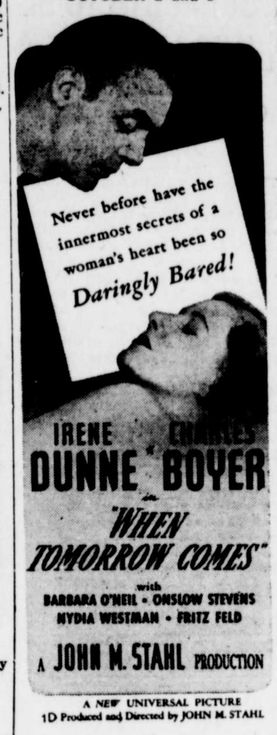

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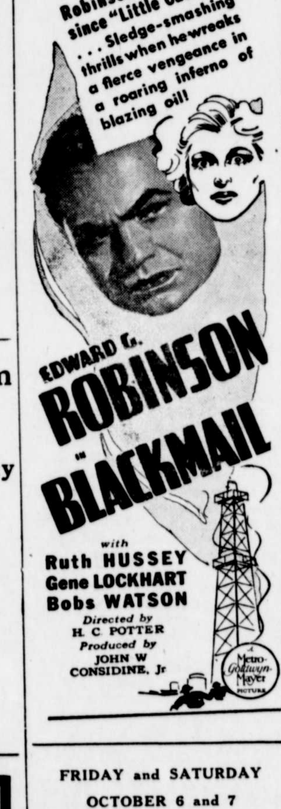

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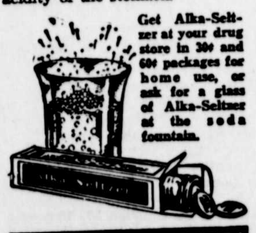

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