PRISON TERM FOR FALSIFYING TO GET STATE INS.

By imposing a sentence of a year in prison on a lumber yard employee who had defrauded the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board by filing false claims for unemploymen benefits and collecting money several weeks, Chief Judge Samuel K. Dennis, sitting in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City the other day, gave a real warning to those who may think it an easy thing to rob the State of Maryland.

There have been other cases of this sort, the most conspicuous having been that of a group of stevedores—fifty-eight in all—who, in the rush, early days of unemployment compensation, made a raid on the State fund by filing claims for benefits while they were still at work. They collected considerable money but finally were taken into the Baltimore City Criminal Court and given opportunity to inspect the city jail from the inside.

Not long ago something less than a dozen employees who had been collecting unemployment benefits through the Board's Cambridge office were found to be chiselers and they, too, were taken into court and given a severe educational course, not easy to forget.

A queer case came about in Allegany County some time back. It was that of a father and his two sons employed in a firebrick plant. They worked, got well paid and filed unemployment benefit claims at the same time. When their fraud was discovered the State's Attorney took a hand. Then the court imposed prison sentences—teaching them a lesson.

The Unemployment Compensation Board is making a drive to round up all thieves who have been trying to make the unemployment compensation system more than a good thing.

DR. DOLE'S BOOK IS FAVORABLY RECEIVED HERE

Shows Maryland's Part In Revolution

Thirteen separate and distinct toasts, accompanied by the firing of guns and pealing of bells, marked the reception in Chestertown of the news of Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. Such lively information is only incidental in Dr. Esther M. Dole's capable study, Maryland During the American Revolution, which has been recently published. Years of research have enabled Dr. Dole to write a readable, well-detailed account of the most critical period in the history of the state. The book is attractively bound in blue, illustrated with drawings by George B. Keester, Jr., Dr. Dole's son-in-law, and supplied with a bibilography and accurate index.

Only two chapters are devoted to actual warfare, which seems a fitting proportion, and adequate attention is given to the events leading up to the fighting and the trials of the people of the state during the eight years of the war. We learn of the steps by which civil government was maintained, of the share which Maryland played in the early history of our navy and in which citizens of Chestertown were among the leaders, of the fate of men who like Robert Alexander of Cecil County were brought to ruin in their conflicting loyalties. Throughout her account Dr. Dole sees history as a living thing, and causes her reader to realize a few of the striking parallels between the events of more than a century and a half ago and those of today.

As head of the History Department at Washington College, Dr. Dole was especially well equipped for undertaking this work. She has inspired her students with a love of their subject, and we hope that further results of her research into the history of Maryland and of the Eastern Shore will be given to the public.

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ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Presenting a new romantic team which is scheduled to be one of the most popular in screen history, "Come Live with Me," co-starring James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr, under the direction of Clarence Brown, comes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 24, 25, and 26, to the New Lyceum Theatre.

Based on a story tailor-made for the pair, the plot deals with a beautiful Austrian refugee who is given the alternative of marrying an American citizen and thus obtaining a quota number, or being deported to her native Austria. Preferring the former she proposes marriage to Stewart, a penniless young author. Through a purely business arrangement, the marriage is to give Miss Lamarr her number and, in return, Stewart is to have his living expenses paid until he can sell one of his novels. The complications of this strange deal, made more puzzling when the two actually fall in love, supplies the screen with one of its amusing stories.

Stewart as Author

Stewart, who stepped directly into this role from the lead opposite Katharine Hepburn in "The Philadelphia Story," is ideally suited for the characterization of the ambitious author who finally decides to write from experience rather than imagination. Miss Lamarr comes to the role fresh from her highly applauded appearance with Clark Gable in "Comrade X."

The supporting cast is headed by Ian Hunter, as the publisher. As his wife is Verree Teasdale, remembered for her work in "I Take This Woman," featuring Spencer Tracy and Miss Lamarr. Others in the cast are Donald Meek, Barton MacLane, Edward Ashley, Ann Codee, King Baggot, and Mrs. Adeline de Walt Reynolds, eighty years old, who makes her screen debut in the role of Stewart's grandmother.

One of the year's most outstanding productions, "High Sierra," co-starring Humphrey Bogart and Ida Lupino will be at the New Lyceum Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27, 28, March 1st.

Written by W. R. Burnett who authored "Little Caesar," "High Sierra" was produced by Warner Bros., the same company which presented the earlier film.

Roaul Walsh, the picture's director, is noted for the deft balance between romance and hard, blunt "punch" that he hsa delivered in many hit pictures, since his initial success with "What Price Glory." Another guarantee of "High Sierra" being top-drawer entertainment is the fact that Mark Hellinger acted as associate producer of the film.

Headed by Bogart and Miss Lupino the cast of "High Sierra" also includes such notable names as Alan Curtis, Henry Hull, Henry Travers, Barton MacLane, Arthur Kennedy (remember him as Cagney's brother in "City For Conquest"?) and Joan Leslie, 16-year-old making her film debut, and hailed by preview audiences as a sensational discovery. A small wirehaired terrier called "Pard" is also said to walk off with more than his share of the picture's honors.

"High Sierra" tells the story of Roy Earl, termed by the authors as "the last of the Dillinger gang." It is the sensational tale of a man who is overtaken by his inexorable doom just as he finds happiness for the first time in his sordid life. When Roy Earl is released from prison on a pardon, he dreams of going to live on a farm. But first he must repay his gangster boss for winning him the pardon. This job takes him to California, and a mountain camp in the High Sierras, where he is to hide out until the time is ripe for him to pull the "caper" that will pay for his freedom. There is a desert resort at the foot of the mountains, and a hotel safe, laden with the jewels of wealthy patrons. It's just the sort of job that Roy Earl is best at and all he has to do is lay low until he gets the o.k. from the hotel clerk, who is also "in" on the job.

There's a girl at the mountain camp, a girl to whom life has shown only the seamy side. And there's a dog, a little mutt of uncertain ancestry. Both immediately attach themselves to Earl, and against his better judgement he takes them both along when he goes after the jewels. Although he makes a clean getaway, the clerk is caught, and squeals. It's pretty easy for the police to get on the trail of a man who's travelling with a girl and a dog. But before they catch him, Earl barricades himself in the rocky heights of High Sierra, thereby providing one of the most thrilling film climaxes of all time.

STILL POND

The Epworth League was led Sunday evening by Mrs. C. E. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley spent last week at their home here, after spending several weeks in Baltimore.

Bobby Fogwell, of Galena, visited friends here Sunday.

Little John Davis celebrated his 3rd birthday Friday the 14. Others on our birthday list are:

Mrs. N. V. Walters, and Mrs. Edward Schofield on Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Jones entertained several members of the Woman's Philathea Sunday School Class and their husbands to a dinner in honor of Mr. Jones' birthday. The evening was spent in playing games.

Group No. 8 are planning a movie picture entertainment, and Group No. 6 are having a bake this Saturday.

Mrs. E. T. Atwell and mother, Mrs. Cornelius, had as their guests Sunday, her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cornelius and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cornelius, of Church Hill.

Mrs. Robert E. Hopkins and little son spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Mr. Walter Davis, and Walter Harris, Jr., spent the week end with relatives in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harris returned home with them after spending the week in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lester Coleman and mother, Mrs. W. K. Hackett, Hope Marie Jones and girl friend, all of Baltimore, were visitors with relatives here Thursdya.

Those from here who have visited with Mrs. John Jarvis in Dover, this week were Mr. John Jarvis, Mrs. Earl Thompson, Miss Louisa Travers, Mrs. Edward Schofield, Miss Edna Wroth, Miss Edith Hepburn, Mrs. Warren Paynter, and others.

Miss Alberta Cornelius, of Felton, Delaware, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. F. H. Cornelius.

Mr. Charles Bedwell is able to be out and around again, Mr. Bedwell has been quite sick with pneumonia, for several weeks. Sorry to hear Mrs. Bedwell and the boys are housed this week with grippe. Mrs. Bedwell's mother and Miss Loraine Woddall, are in attendance. We hope they will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cooper, of Massey were Sunday visitors with friends here.

Mrs. C. E. Bedwell and little daughter spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malhon Taylor near Locust Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. LeSage spent last Friday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Percy LeSage, near Melitota, Md., and on Sunday had as their guests Mrs. LeSage's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Lea, of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Bostic, of Chester, Pa.

Mr. Franklyn Hogans has been quite sick at his home here this week.

Mrs. J. Leonard Price was hostess to the W. C. T. U. Tuesday evening at her home "Prices Cottage", Betterton, Md. A covered dish luncheon was served after which the regular business meeting was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks, visited at Rock Hall, Sunday.

The Washington Social is in session at the Church this Friday evening and was quite a success.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper and daughter, Miss Audrey May Harper, Mrs. L. B. Harper, and Mrs. Bidwell, attended the wedding of their son. Franklyn Baynard Harper, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Hill at the Methodist Church, Clayton Delaware at 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning. Miss Hill was attended by her sister, and Charles Harper brother of the groom was best man, "I Love You Truly" was sung during the ceremony. The marriage was performed by Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins. The young couple spent their honeymoon in New York City, after which they will make their home in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cassey, of Philadelphia, were week end guests of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

The Still Pond home-makers club held their second all-day meeting Friday, Feb. 21, at the home of Mrs. F. B. Harper. The business meeting was preceded by a covered dish luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pennington and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pennington, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Klienfelder and sons, and daughter, of Ambler, Pa., were visitors with their father, Mr. William Pennington on Sunday.

The talk of the town is the minstrel show. Group No. 7 is having February 26.

The "Womans Society of Christian Service" will hold their business and social meeting in the Sunday School room, Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th. Co-hostesses Mrs. Carroll Hadaway, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Dittman, and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

FERRY PURCHASE BY STATE ALMOST ASSURED

Purchase by the State of the Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry, discussed over a period of years, is now on the way to effectuation, with the Bill providing the necessary legislative machinery now before the Finance Committee of the Senate.

If the Bill, which has the complete support of the O'Conor Administration, receives the expected prompt approval by both Houses, the ferry will become an integral part of the highway system of the State, with improved service and lower rates as chief objectives of the Administration.

Of particular interest to the residents of the State generally, is that section of the Bill which provides that "The Commission is hereby authorized to fix and revise from time to time tolls for the use of said ferry to be acquired by it, and to charge and collect the same. Such tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the ferry project and to meet the principal and interest requirements of the revenue bonds as the same shall become due. Such tolls shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any other State commission, board, bureau, officer or agency.

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