NEWS GATHERED ON PENINSULA

Surplus upland game on four State Game refuges in Worcester County is being trapped and liberated on private lands where sportsmen have reported game shortage to Ernest A. Vaughn, State Game Technician, in charge of the trapping.

Twenty-six rabbits, 1 raccoon, 4 skunks and 3 gray foxes have been caught on the "Old Furnace Tract" by Joseph Harper, deputy warden living on the Pocomoke River Refuge. Assisting Harper in the work are two NYA boys.

A raid of such proportions as to rate it the biggest in the history of Cambridge, was effected by the City Police on Saturday afternoon.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the night patrolmen, at the request of Chief Grason Price, reported in plain clothes at the police department. Also present, and in civilian clothes, wsa the only colored "cop" in the city, "Polk" Jews, who cooperated with the Chief.

Colored citizens, especially the wives of the men who spent their time and money in the pool-room, had complained to Chief Price about the nuisance that was being operated by Abraham Spruell.

When the Chief had assembled his men, Patrolmen Barnes, Leonard and Hurley, covered the front door, while Jews went in from the rear.

Seventy "customers" were given a free ride to the City Jail, in two school busses, whcih had been commandeered for the occassion. They were placed under arrest and charged with gambling. Spruell was also arrested and charged with operating a gambling house.

Several of the Negroes appeared before Judge Jones this morning and paid their fine of $7.50.

Taken in the raid, which was effected in less than an hour, were four packages of cards, 4 pair dice, 2 oyster knives, and one number 38 pistol, loaded.

Thirty men, employees of the meat packing company of Webb Packing Co., at Salisbury, walked out on a strike today after demanding a thirty-three and one-third per cent increase in pay and that the plant be made a closed shop.

These men have been organized by the A. F. L. Union and the first knowledge of it was when the men made their demand. Mr. Webb asked for time to think the matter over and consult with his advisers and was given until Wednesday to answer. As the wage roll at the plant is about $75,000 the increase demanded would be $25,00 annually.

The Department of Justice has announced that its Bureau of Prisons has removed the Wicomico County jail at Salisbury from its list of approved county jails.

James V. Bennett, director of the bureau, has notified the U. S. Marshall at Baltimore to discontinue using the jail for federal prisoners.

The department said the action was based upon facts obtained in an investigation conducted by the bureau into circumstances surrounding the deaths of two imates, one of whom was a federal prisoner, on December 14th, and the other being Victor Mumford, formerly of Princess Anne.

This nivestigation, the department stated, "indicatde that certain laxities existed in the administration of the Wicomico jail and in the supervsion of the prisoners."

It has been reported by Wicomico County authorities that Mr. Mumford and his cell mate died from the effects of drinking a disinfecting solution which contained methyl alcohol.

Baltimore City officials and the Commissioners of Harford county on Monday reached a tentative agreement on Baltimore's proposal to tap Deer Creek watershed to augment the water supply of Maryland's metropolis.

The main points at issue centered on payment by Baltimore city to the county of funds sufficient to cover the loss in taxable basis of Harford county which would result from the flooding of Deer Creek Valley and the right of the county to obtain water for its various small towns.

A bill to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in Worcester County was introduced Thursday in the Legislature by Delegates Shockley, Robertson and Pruitt.

The possibility that Dover and Pocomoke City might withdraw from the Eastern Shore baseball league this year, prompted officials to decide Monday, at a meeting held in Milford, Del., to operate the league as a six-team circuit in the event those teams drop out.

It was voted to begin the league playing season on May 8th, playing a 112-game schedule to conclude on September 8th.

The Pocomoke City club franchise is still for sale by its owner, J. R. Eddington, of Federalsburg, Md.

The plant of the Excelsior Pearl Works, Federalsburg, shut down last Wednesday when its 550 employees walked out in sympathy with 25 fraziers who struck for an increase of six cents in hourly wage.

Officials of the plant, which manufactures pearl buttons, declined to discuss the matter further than to express confidence that the plant would again be in operation within a few days.

When the fraziers demanded the increase in wage, they were told by the management that a new system of rates would soon be installed which would more than meet their demands.

This company has a branch plant in Ridgely, which in no way has been effected by the strike.

Commercial telephone service to Smiths Island, Maryland and Tangier Island, Virginia was officially opened for use last week end when Governor Herbert O'Connor of Maryland and Governor James H. Price of Virginia extended greetings to the island ers over the new radio-telephone system.

The many months of work required to develop and install the necessary equipment was climaxed by a meeting on Smiths Island, Friday night February 14, followed by a similar ceremony on Tangier, Saturday evening, February 15. Mrs. W. H. Kohl, wife of Smiths Island's minister, inaugurated that island's new system by calling Governor O'Connor at the executive mansion in Annapolis. At Tangier, Rev. J. H. Billingsley exchanged greetings with Governor Price in Richmond.

CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Jean Truslow

On February 14, Andrew Maisano of Wilmington Delaware, gave a stirring speech about his trip around the World to the High School students. Andrew is a sea scout and he wouldn't have been able to make the trip without the aid of his scout training.

Andrew was employed on a Norweigan merchant vessel, which was lying in the harbor, when Narvik was captured by the Germans this past fall. When the British came and fought the Germans his ship was sunk and he had to swim ashore. Since he was an American the Germans could not imprison him but they did force him to leave Norway. From there he went to Sweden where he acquired some money. With this he traveled across Russia and got into Japan. Upon arriving in Japan, Andrew secured a job on a ship bound for America. His pay was one cent a month, but he only thought of geting home.

Mr. Ott of Beacom College in Wilmington, Delaware, spoke to the Press Club on February 13 about the annual Middle State Press Conference. The members of the club decided to take part in this interesting affair. Mary Lou Lumpkin was appointed chairman of the Luncheon committee and Martha Lumpkin one of the presiding officers. This conference will be held on March 8 and many Press Club members plan to go.

A Valentine Party was held at the High School by the Junior Class on the evening of February 14. This proved to be a very gay affair and was especially enjoyed by Bettie King who won the door prize.

The High School, which was built to accommodate about 150 students is more crowded than ever this year with it's enrollment of 326. This is placing a severe handicap on the students in all the classes. Everything is being done to meet this situation. For example, the Freshmen Home Class is so large that it couldn't possibly get into the kitchen, consequently it had to be divided. This means that the class can only obtain part of the training which they would ordinarily get.

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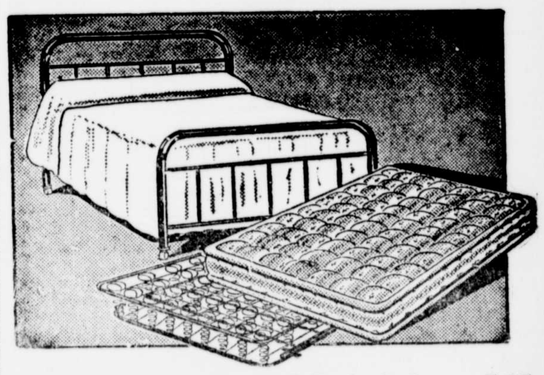

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