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Lock Box Thief Committed To State Hospital

Mail Of County Treasurer, Others Rifled. $2,000 In Checks Torn

Elmer Dill, 23-year-old Borwnsville negro who was arrested on a charge of County Treasurer J. William Keith of pilfering from postoffice mail boxes and others during the past two months, was committeed to Crownsville State Hospital for Negroes following an examination of his mental health by Dr. H. F. McPherson and Health Physician Dr. James A. McCallum on Tuesday morning. The committment was authorized by the County Commissioners.

Dill's pilfering from the Centreville postoffice was beginning to stir up confusion among taxpayers who wondered why their checks for taxes failed to reach the County Treasurer's office. The negro is said to have taken at least $8 in cash and an undeteremined number of checks and money orders from various lock boxes.

At least eighteen checks or money orders totalling well above $2,000 are known to have been destroyed by Dill. Except for the cash taken and the inconvenience of duplicating the checks and money orders no losses are expected to accrue.

The negro was arrested by Sheriff T. Herbert Everett, Deputy Sheriff Louis Perkins and Constable Bordley Seward. According to his statement to the authorities Dill had been sleeping in box cars at the railroad station at night. He visited the postoffice in the morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, opened lock boxes containing mail, took whatever cash he found and tore up the checks and money orders. In three cases however, checks were said to have been returned to owners.

Suspicion was directed to Dill about three weeks ago and another sleeping place found for him. During this time pilfering apparently stopped.

Postal Inspector W. B. Francisco of Wilmington investigated the thefts Saturday night but Federal action may be postponed because of the commitment.

Because of the nature of its mail the County Treasurer's office was the chief victim. Mr. Keith first had his suspicions raised that something was wrong when check for $600 known to be on its way failed to arrive. Other complaints came from people who thought their checks for taxes had been delivered and the investigation by Postmaster Francis E. Thomas and the Sheriff's office followed.

Mrs. Pitkin Will Direct Scouts

Centreville Troop Organized. Other Scout News

With the organization of the Centreville Girl Scout Troop, of which Mrs. David Pitkin is leader, and the organization of the Betterton troop under Mrs. Newsome, there are now twelve troops on the Easern Shore.

The troops are looking forward to a visit from Miss Jeanne Christy, Regional Camp Director the later part of March. The troops are now working for a group camp where all the troops on the Shore may camp together under ideal Girl Scout Standards, and their leaders may receive training also.

The Sudlersville Girl Scouts will celebrate International Month on February 12th, when the Pansy Patrol with Harriet Walls, leader and the Pine Cone Patrol, Marjorie Higman, leader, will entertain the Holly Patrol under Ann Austin Roberts and The Cardinals under Ellen Ross Johnson.

There will be songs and dance in costumes of other countries, and the scouts will join hands in hopes and thoughts with other girl scouts throughout the world.

Miss Charlotte Everett, of Sudlersville, delightfully entertained the Senior Girl Scouts at her home Friday evening of last week. Ellen Ross Johnson, leader of the Cardinal Patrol who has been quite sick, is being greatly missed by the scouts.

Failure To Renew License Brings Fine

Failure to renew his driver's license under the 1937 $1 re-registration act proved expensive for Stanros Kanakous, Elkton motorist, when he was fined $10 and costs for operating a car without a license by Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court Monday night.

Kanakous was the first person summoned in Queen Anne's county as the result of using a license voided by the 1937 act. He is said to have made application for a new license Monday morning following the summons.

MR. WRIGHT IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Spencer Wright, of Centreville who has been quite sick at his home in Centreville for the past several weeks Ewas taken to Emergency Hospital, Easton, where he will remain for several days under observation. Mr. Wright has many friends throughout the county.

No One Escapes

An Editorial

"While the man of the street may not realize it, he is the one ultimately affected by the high cost of government with its increasing burden of taxation. . . .

"The cost of all government agencies has multiplied almost five times since 1915. . . .

"Persons pay an average of 6 cents tax on each package of cigarettes . . . 35% of your rent bill is for taxes . . . automobile taxes in 1937 totaled 53 million dollars more than the total wholesale cost of the cars produced.—Herbert R. O'Conor.

It seems significant to have a candidate running for Governor of the State of Maryland state so clearly and courageously the great problem facing our state and nation.

But Mr. O'Conor didn't tell how he could and would decrease the costs of government if elected. He didn't make any such typical political promises but he wisely painted out the necessity and the only way of accomplishing it. He said, "The people who foot the bill must make apparent their determination to have the cost of government decreased. Is can be decreased if there is the will to reduce it. That will must be voiced by the people in terms so loud that public officials will hear it and will give heed."

We assume that every intelligent citizen wants the heavy load of taxes decreased. We will it all right but how are we to make our wishes and wills known. Certainly our votes alone cannot work the miracle for after our representatives are elected they seldom hear again from any large group on this all important question or any other for that matter.

The answer has been found in many places and in several counties of Maryland citizens are organizing Taxpayers Associations. These are independent, non-political organizations whose sole objective is to study taxation and government expenses. This information carefully and accurately gathered is sent frequently to all the members. These citizens become informed on how and why money is taken from them (taxes) and how and why it is spent (government).

If you think this is necessary ask your neighbor if he is acquainted with all the various taxes levied by the State of Maryland on him, or how much is taken annually from his pockets, or, equally important, for what it is spent. We wager there is not a score of men in the State who can tell you.

At recent sessions of our legislature the greatest confusion has reigned concerning matters of taxation and the budget. Apparently without any previous study by men experienced in state economics, huge budgets and suggestions for taxation were htrown into the laps of the committees, many of whose members knew little more about it than the voters who elected them.

At these times a thick fog has been seen to come in from the Chesapeake and settle over the State House. No one could speak with knowledge and authority. The marble halls at Annapolis became jammed with lobbyists trying to win favors for themselves. Everybody is there or represented except the average citizen who must pay the tax and for whom, presumably the money is to be spent.

This is a serious situation. The business of government is the biggest business in the land. It it our business. It should be carefully planned and studied before action is taken and the citizen as a stockholder should know what it is all about.

Through an organization of Taxpayers in Maryland full time experts in taxation and government finance can keep us posted. With the right information we can instruct our representatives intelligently. We can lobby in the interest of the public. We can reduce the cost of government.

The same set-up can work effectively in a town, county or nation and we believe that only in this way can the alarming increase of taxes be stopped and the machine thrown in reverse.

We urge the citizens of Queen Anne's county to join this growing movement in Maryland and the rest of our country.

Mrs. Roberts Hostess To DAR Last Thursday

Delegates And Alternates Named For State And National Meetings

Mrs. Austin F. Roberts of Sudlersville, was hostess for the Samuel Turbutt Wright Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Thursday afternoon of last week. Following the reading of the reports, delegates and alternates were elected for the Annual State Conference of the Maryland State Society which will be held on March 16th and 17th at the Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, and also for the Forty-Seventh Continental Congress to be held in Continental Hall, Washington, April 18th to 22nd.

The delegates to the State Convention are Miss Ella Roberts, Regent; Mrs. Horace Morgan and Mrs. Austin F. Roberts; Alternates, Mrs. Charles Jarrell, Mrs. Mary Emma Rolph and Mrs. C. H. Metcalfe.

Those who will attend the Continental Congress are Miss Ella Roberts, Delegate; Mrs. Charles Jarrell. Mrs. J. Lemuel Roberts, Miss Adelaide C. Clough and Mrs. Horace Morgan.

The D. A. R. has offered a prize of $100 to high school students for an essay on "The Flag of the United States, its origin, use and tradition." The essay will be submitted to the principal of the high school for forwarding to the Chairman of the organization for Correct Use of the Flag.

The Maryland State National Defense Committee of the D. A. R. held a Field Day on February 3rd, when Mrs. S. E. Sisson, National Chairman met the entire state wide personnel in the Red room of the Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, and explained the aims and purposes of the organization in regard to National Defense.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

Miss Peggy Willson, of Centreville, left yesterday afternoon for Baltimore from where she will start today by train for California. She will spend several months on the West coast with her sister, Mrs. Leslie Wright and Lieutenant Wright. Mrs. .Wright was the former Miss Nancy Willson, of Centreville.

Public Invited To Hear F.B.I. Agent Tonight

Talk To Feature Rotary Club Dinner Honoring Scout Week

Members of the general public interested in getting a first hand slant at some of the workings of J. Edgar Hoover's famous Federal Bureau of Investigation, once featured as the department of the G-Men, are invited to attend the speaking portion of the Rotary Club meeting to be held at St. Paul's Parish House in Centreville this evening, Thursday, at 7 o'clock, when F. T. McIntyre, Jr., a representative of the F. B. I., wiil discuss some phases of the Bureau's activities. There is no charge for this portion of the session.

Mr. McIntyre's talk will climax the Rotary's dinner meeting honoring Boy Scout week. Each Rotarian will have a Boy Scout as his guest. It is expected that eighteen Scouts, Scoutmasters T. Rigby Valliant and Dr. James W. Crowl, Troop Committeeman Letha E. Taylor, Finance Officer Charles E. Anthony and assistant Scoutmaster Thomas Hayden will be in attendance. The dinner meeting will commence at 6 o'clock and will be served by the Ladies' Church Aid of St.. Paul's.

The Centreville Boy Scout Troop opened their week's celebration in honor of the twenty-eighth anniversary of Scouting in America by attending services at St. Luke's Church at Church Hill on Sunday. On Monday evening a group of eight headed by District Chairman Dr. Norman P. Chanaud and Troop Committeeman Letha E. Taylor participleted in a rally and Court of Honor held at the Easton Armory.

Plans are being made for a Boy Scout demonstration to be held at Centreville high school on Friday. The Centreville Troop will stage a "Live Expose" to focus public attention upon carelessness, thoughtlessness and ignorance which cause accidents in the homes and elsewhere.

CARD PARTY

A card party for the benefit of the Ridgely Fire Company will be held at the Fire House in Ridgely next Monday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. All varieties of card games will be played and suitable prizes hung up.

Fund For Park Lights Grows As Women Help

Interest Spreading Throughout County. League Directors Convene

Contributions continued to flow in this week toward the installation of lights in the ball park and interest in putting night ball in Queen Anne's county is steadily increasing in the sections away from the county seat.

Considerable support is yet wanted to nail down the assurance of lights, however. The Women's Committee is doing the heaviest work at present both through obtaining direct contributions and pushing the sale of tickets from the small books. In this last task Beverley Goldsborough is pitching in to show how the job can really be done.

Centreville—A. T. Blackwood, Howard W. Ryland, Joseph Boyles, B. Harper Pesmyer, William McKenney, John C. Gates, Dr. D. C. Blevins, J. Harman Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Nides, Mrs. Sterling G. Harris, Mrs. Clayton Wright, Judge Thomas J. Keating, J. Fletcher Ralph, Pere Forman, Mrs. Purnell Brown, J. C. Creighton, Mrs. H. F. McPherson, Mrs. W. Cook Orrell, Mrs. Grace Brown, Marion B. Wilson, R. Carroll Wilson, Mrs. L. T. Boyce, Tilghman, A. Rhodes, Harry B. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole, Miss Mary Cole, Dr. W. H. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kenworthy, William P Turpin, A. Sydney Gadd and John M. Ashley, Mrs. Milton Harrington, Farnk L. Willis, Earle Benton, Clifton Burke, Perkins Department Store, Dr. Norman S. Dudley, Miss Marie Shortall, W. Marion Councill, Mrs. Anna Skinner, L. Herman Meredith, Mrs. Percy Tucker, Charles E. Anthony, Catherine Seymour, Samuel G. Benton, Joseph Richardson, Wright Smith, Miss Grace Kennard Brown, Barton Brothers, H. K. Lane, Mrs. Robert W. Brown, Dr. J. W. Crowl, Mrs. Mordecai Gibson, Mrs. Charles Denney, Mrs Carlton Sheubrooks, Norman Cahall and A. Sydney Gadd, Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bohland, C. A. Busteed, Frances E. Thomas, Fred P. Jump, Mrs. Anna Faulkner, Miss Katie Everett, Holland & Thompson, J. West Thompson, Mrs. James P. Keating, Eastern Shore Estates.

Crumpton—Fred W. Stevens, Maurice Walls, Jesse Ryland, A Friend, Mrs. Esta McGinnis, C. W. Nickerson, Miss Edith Harrison, Miss Anna Harrison, Poe Hartley, Mary Fennimore Sheppard, Carl Rubsamen, H. N. Moore, W. L. Bedwell.

Sudlersville—Arthur Coleman, Miss Pauline Coleman, Miss Bertha Truitt, Frank N. Tarbutton, Edward Everett, A Friend, Senator Dudley G. Roe, W. Edward Butler, Paul W. Phillips, J. Wilbur Stafford, Joseph M. George, Jr., Herbert Willis, Jr.

Queenstown—John C. Bishop, Joseph C. Bishop, Frank Delahay, Mrs. Alvin Bailey, Clyde Embert, W. I. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Carter, William T. Bishop.

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The coming baseball season moved closer into range with the meeting of directors of the Eastern Shore League

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Hospital Club Now Organized

Members Solicited For Membership on Birthday

Easton Hospital bids fair to secure a considerable amount of money to help with the upkeep of the hospital, before the end of the year through the efforts of the group of Queen Anne's county women interested in the organization of the Easton Hospital Birthday Club.

The money will be raised by an easy method, if the public will cooperate and will not place a heavy strain on any particular person or group of persons.

Within the next few weeks, the committees for the several sections of the county hope to contact every resident, and secure their name and birthday date, to be entered in the Hospital Birthday Club Register. Then each year they will receive a greeting card just prior to their birthday, and on the birthday they are invited to send $1.00 to the hospital.

Due to the fact that many of the workers have been ill with colds, many have not been able to begin the work of checking their neighborhoods. The contacts, however, will be made within the next few days.

MRS. VALLIANT ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Edwin S. Valliant entertained last Friday at a two table bridge luncheon at her home on Chesterfield Avenue. Mrs. Robert R. Price won the prize for high score, and Mrs. Frank Brower, of Price won second prize.

TALK ELECTRICITY

A discussion of Rural Electricity was held a meeting of farmers from the Ruthsburg, Hope and Bridgetown neighborhoods in the Courthouse Wednesday afternoon under the leadership of Albert Krewatch, specialist in engineering of the Extension Service.

Ailing

SENATOR JAMES E. KIRWAN

Kent Island's "Grand Old Man," former Senator James E. Kirwan, is confined to his home at Chester by a serious atack of throat trouble. Known as the only State Senator Kent Island ever had, Senator Kirwan has a warm place in the affection of the Islanders. He will be 90 years old in June.

Woman's Club Presents Play At Feb. Meeting

Committee Reports Read. Welfare Group Distributes Clothing

The regular meeting of the Centreville Woman's Club was held Monday afternoon at the Little Theatre with Mrs. A. A. M. Dewing, president in charge.

The meeting opened with reading of the collect followed by reports from several committees on the work accomplished since the January session.

Among the important business affairs was the report of the Welfare Committee on clothing distributed. Twenty-seven new garments and fifty used pieces of wearing apparel were distributed to the needy, also shoes and other artciles purchased by the Red Cross were distributed through the club. The club also made a plea for more clothing, particularly for children.

Plans were completed for a bake to be held on Saturday, February 13th, in the Bartlett Hardware store. Mrs. F. Asbury Bartlett is chairman.

Other business included the club going on record in protest against the changing of the Queen Anne's County Court House.

Following completion of the business, an entertaining program including a one-act play "Overtone," directed by Mrs. E. Sterling Harris was staged by Mrs. J. Elmer Anthony, Mrs. Frank Elzey, Mrs. Elmer Kessler and Mrs. Charles Barney.

Plans are being made to have several students of Washington College take part in the program for March.

Valentine Party At Little Theatre

Buffet Supper, Floor Show Due Tuesday

A buffet supper, floor show, skits and dancing are being lined up as features for the annual Valentine's Party of the Little Theatre Group and their friends and well wishers at the Little Theatre next Tuesday evening beginning at 7 o'clock.

Much of the entertainment to accompany the supper is being kept a deep, dark secret by Dr. Norman P. Chanaud and A. Temple Blackwood, the committee in charge of swinging a hilarious evening. Levity comparable to last year's gaiety is anticipated.

The sale of tickets is being conducted by Mrs. Frank A. Willis and an assisting committee. It will end today, Thursday. Decorations in keeping with Valentine's Day will be arranged by Mrs. Edna M. Harris. The supper will be planned and served by a committee headed by Mrs. J. Hall Braton.

Following the supper and entertainment will come a period of dancing to taper off the evening.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Buck Barnes and Carroll Cain, Sandy Bottom negroes, alleged to have stolen brass and copper fittings from the Scaramelli Cannery were held for the Grand Jury under $1,500 each at a hearing before Magistrate J. West Thompson in Police Court Monday evening. Nelson Scott was acquitted on a similar charge.

STEVENSVILLE BANK PAYS 10%

The Stevensville Bank of Maryland, on February 5th, declared a payment of 10 per cent, available to holders of certificates of beneficial interest. The bank now has paid 60% of the 25% of frozen funds, at the time the banks were closed in 1933.

O'Conor Calls For Study Of Government Costs

Attorney General Discusses Taxation At Rotary Meeting. Says People Must Give Attention To Problem To Obtain Satisfactory Solution

Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor addressed a large gathering of Rotarians and their guests last Thursdy evening at the Blue Lntern Inn and later went to the Centreville Hotel where many friends and politicians stopped in to shake hands and size up the situation.

On two counts O'Conor, who has tossed his hat into the swirling gubernatorial election, spent a profitable evening. Those who saw and heard him were impressed with the personality and sincerity of the man. And furthermore his speech on the increasing costs of national state and local government registered high with his audience.

"We are struck with the realization that the cost of government has become one of the most perplexing problems of the day," said Mr. O'Conor. And is one, in my opinion, which the people themselves must give attention to, and must solve to their own satisfaction, if improvement is to be made.

"A few years ago, the National annual income was approximately 48 billions of dollars. At the same time the taxation cost of our different Governmental agencies, National, State and Local, was no less than 15½ billions of dollars. In other words, one-third of the total amount represented in the income of all businessess and lines of endeavor was the cost of operating the different branches of the Government.

Taxes Take 25% of Income

"It is true that all of this is not reflected in taxation. However, authoritative estimates reveal that between 20% and 25% of all income of the people of this Country is taken up through taxation by local, state and national government. While this is a staggering tax bill, the remaining amount represents the increased public debt which will eventually lead to greater taxation because we must recognize the fact that some day the amounts represented by the public debt must be paid off by the general public.

"In considering the great amount of taxes levied in different forms, I observed that during last year automobile taxes in the form of license fees, gasoline taxes and taxes levied upon the automobile as personal property, in the aggregate total one billion, two hundred million dollars. At the same time, according to official reports, the automatic manufacturers of the country received for the cars they sold to automobile dealers, a total of one billion one hundred and forty-seven million dollars or fifty-three million less than the total tax bill.

"All too frequently, people do not seem to realize that taxes are being exacted of them, some times through hidden levies, oftimes by indirect taxation. Every time a person buys a package of cigarettes he pays on the average of six cents in taxes alone. .Frequently people who pay rent do not realize that they are at the same time paying taxes, but labor under the misapprehension that their landlord is burdened with that responsibility and charge. Recently, however, a survey by competent tax

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60 Honoraries Open Good Will Company Drive

Firemen Put Goal At 500. New Coats, Hose Among Needed Items

With three score or more responses already in the annual February campaign of the Good Will Fire Company for honorary members got off to a flying start during the week toward the goal of 500 members desired.

Proceeds from the drive are needed for the maintenance and repair of equipment and other expenses which the Company faces each year. According to W. L. Clough, president of the Fire Company, new coats for the men are among the items just ahead and hose damaged in use must be replaced to keep a sufficient amount on hand for emergencies. The honorary membership campaign is the only service used for raising money through the help of the public and sums realized in February help to tide the Company over each year.

Membership dues at $2 each may be paid through any active member of the company or mailed or delivered to F. Asbury Bartlett, chairman of the campaign, at the Bartlett Hardware Store.

Honoraries listed this week were:

Dr. P. S. Wharton, Rev. H. L. Branford, W. H. Blakeslee, E Beverley Goldsborough, Mrs. Maud Hardesty, Harry W. Chambers, Mrs. Dora Chambers, Mrs. R. E. C. Lowe, R. E. C. Lowe, Mrs. J. M Corkran, A E. Strickland, Mrs. Etta M. .Orrell, George H. Ryland, William Potts, Grant Emory, Frank Benton.

John Cannon, Robinson Brothers, William H. Carter, T. Herbert Everett, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trundle, Frank Emory, colored; Paul B. Smith, Norman P. Walters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bohland, J. Elmer Anthony, Miss Nellie Rothwell, Mrs. Anna Q. Skinner, J. W. Baxter, Miss Gertrude Morgan, Mrs. Edith L. Boyles, Charles M. Jump, Miss Bessie Chambers, Mrs. Clayton Wright, Clayton Wright, Mrs. P. W. Reeves, Capt. P. W. Reeves, Mrs. William F. Anthony.

Mrs Pharis Morris, I. E. Dolby, Mrs. C. E. Tucker, Kenneth W. Baker, William Freestate, Miss Nannie T. Wright, Miss Nannie P. Keating, Mrs. F. D. Day, Paul R. Weldie, Mrs. Paul R. Weldie, James H. Carter, Mrs. Ellis B. Long, L. Tilghman Hayden, Mrs. James P. Keating, E. M. Forman, Miss Alice Emory, Philadelphia.

Garden Club To Meet On Monday

Will Lay Plans For Spring Flower Show

The Queen Anne's Garden Club will hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. Sterling Harris, in Centreville, when plans for the Spring Flower Show will be discussed.

Mrs. Walter C. Lee and Mrs. Thomas Marsalis, of "My Lord's Gift," who have been instrumental in the development of the club, have recently completed a "Judges' Course," staged by the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland in Baltimore. Their information will be helpful to the members of the club in making their show bigger and better than ever.

Announcement has also been made that the annual Garden tour of the Federated Clubs will visit Queen Anne's county on May 6th and 7th. Many new estates have been listed for the tour this year in addition to those that were available last spring.

Joe Evans To Give Oyster Feast Saturday

Representative Joseph W. A. Evans is to be host to his friends at an oyster feast at his packing house at Kent Narrows Saturday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. The invitation is wide open without the formality of personal invitation, and the more the merrier.

Wye River oysters are to be on tap, stewed, fried or raw with what is neccessary to round out the dish. Joe says he is planning a good time and get-together in appreciation for what his friends and supporters have done for him.

FIREMEN TO MEET

The monthy meeting of the Kent-Queen Anne's Firemen's Association will be held at the quarters of the Church Hill Fire Company tomorrow, Friday evening.

Urges National Defense As Bar To War Threats

T. J. Keating, Jr., Tells Legion Auxiliary Pacifism No Help

Advocating wise preparation for war as a safer insurance of peace than pacifism Thomas J. Keating, Jr., told the American Legion Auxiliary of Jeff Davis Post that national defense is the subject uppermost in every one's mind at the present time.

Mr. Keating was the chief speaker at the regular meeting of the Auxiliary in the Armory Tuesday evening. He disapproved of the pacifist theory of peace at any price and said that the only way to avert war is to be prepared for it. Othewise the nation, he said, would always face the danger of being attacked and drawn into war against its desires.

Previous to the speaking program the Auxiliary held its business meeting. At this a report was given of the recent convention at which the Queen Anne's Auxiliary was represented by Mrs. Clifton Harbidge, Mrs. George Aldrich and Mrs. E. Hall Covell.

Announcement was made of a contest for senior and junior high school pupils to be sponsored by the National Auxilary. The subject will be National Defense with awards up to $200 for the prize winning esssay in the country. Information about the rules may be obtained from Mrs. Earl Coursey of Grasonville.

A report on the safety drive by Miss Carolyn Coursey was deferred until all safe driving seals have been sold.