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HERE AND NOW

by Ted Shea

The evil of a fight whether between men or nations is that the innocent bystander may get in the middle and have his feelings hurt. America usually gets the reception of innocent bystander in major European wars.

In 1812 and prior to that year our ships, commercial and fighting, felt the hand of both the warring French and English. The English who obtained the upper hand in the war became the chief offenders, halting and searching vessels and impressing seamen whom they considered of British extraction. Between impressment on the one hand and our own embargo and non-inter-course acts on the other American commerce was driven from the high seas. The War of 1812 was the result. Prior to American entrance into the World War Britain gave more trouble to our ships than did Germany. Considerable anger was vented against England at one stage. German ruthlessness and arrogance eventually drove the United States to Britain's side and there we were when we finally got in.

This time our ships are not causing the chief dispute. They are being kept out of the war zone. The cause of contention is our mails on vessels and in airplanes. Britain has seized some $15,000,000 consigned by the United States Mail to Germany. Most of this was taken on shipboard. What nettles the United States particularly is the seizure by British marines of a ton and a quarter of air mail from a Pan-American clipper at Bermuda. Americans know how preciously the dignity and record of service of the United States mail is guarded by this nation. Seizing mail by foreign marines comes close to touching the national honor. Bermuda seizures, and this was one of many, will be obviated after March 15 when the trans-Atlantic clippers eliminate the Bermuda stop. What will happen if the United States insists on seeing its mail through after it reaches the Azores is something else to consider. In any case it will be unfortunate if Britain jeopardizes her present favorable opinion in America by strong-armed interference with the United States Mail. There is no need of doing so.

Astronomical figures in our national expenditures have ceased to appal the plain citizens. He has become inured to outlays running from four to nine billion dollars a year. Just the high cost of government, the man in the street figures, knowing that he can do little about it. But the Federal government is not alone in high cost of government. The individual States add their load. For 1939 the States together collected some $3,832,000,000 through tax collections, according to figures of the Department of Commerce. Income taxes and sales taxes represent half the total. Add to this local taxes and it is easy to understand why the more money a man or woman earns, the greater portion of his work is for the governments of Nation and State. That is the other side of "working for the government."

Failure is by nature a death of intention. It can also be a prelude to death of the individual, as leaders of the early Russian campaign against Finland have learned. General N. H. Meritskov, the first Soviet commander in the Finnish War, and his entire staff has said to have paid with their lives for what was termed incompetence in handling the war. Executing people for failure is a recognized Soviet gesture. It has been done in peace times to engineers of wrecked trains or workmen who built faulty machinery. If this practice were carried out universally the best brains and courage would eventually be eliminated. However in the case of General Meritskov there may be another angle. Americans recall in the early phases of the Finnish War that Russia consistently claimed successes which the Finns as consistently denied. When time proved the Finnish version correct Moscow awoke to the fact that its generals were guilty of false reports, evidently to save their hides which they lost eventually. Stalin was forced to learn what his generals were doing by reading a Swedish newspaper instead of his trusted generals' reports.

In connection with Russia's failure it is interesting to note that the view expressed in Here and Now a month ago that the Soviet air weakness but corroborated Lindbergh's secret report, is now being discovered and stated by several experienced feature writers.

AGAINST ISMS

Topics on Americanism versus Fascism, Nazism and Communism will be prepared and discussed by Queenstown Scouts for coming two weeks as their co-operation with Governor O'Conor's recent call for observance of Americanism Week.

Senate Race Lags; Johnson Enters Shore Scramble

Interest in the Congressional race on the Eastern Shore swelled somewhat in Queen Anne's county this week and took precedence over the Senatorial contest about which many persons are beginning to yawn. For one thing the rival Democratic factions in the county are unable to make up their minds.

The Roe organization is straddling the issue by supporting both Senator George L. Radcliffe and National Committeeman Howard Bruce. That precludes any warmth from that side.

The New Deal organization is at the dead center of the neutral stage and at present is apparently indifferent which candidate wins the $100,000 job as United States Senator from Maryland.

That adds up to many things, including the fact that some one is fooling Senator Radcliffe if he believes, as he stated, that he will carry all nine Eastern Shore counties. He may be short by at least three.

The Congressional fight is showing some angles which are making seasoned observers wonder what is going on beneath the surface. Remember the Congressional fight will be decided by plurality ovte, not convention.

For one thing State Senator Thos. L. Johnson of Worcester county, who has blown hot and cold on running is now blowing hot again. He announces that he is in the race and will file.

Johnson is likeable but is rated as having no chance of winning at this reading. His county, Worcester, is divided from north to south into three somewhat factional groups. Johnson has been labeled as friendly to Congressman David J. Ward. Whether he is or not, he is from Pocomoke, the southern end of the county where Ward's following is least. The northern end is Ward's best bet. All dissenting voters from the present Congressman are expected to go to Johnson and no one else. And the bulk of the rest will support Mr. Ward, the story runs.

Former State Senator Olin R. Higgins of Hurlock in Dorchester has taken on renewed vigor. He stands a chance only if he can get some of his rivals in the field out of it, and then perhaps only an outside chance. His activity together with Johnson's indicate some dissatisfaction with the status quo ante, as they say, or the situation as it was before they disturbed it. Either of these may be groomed as the favorite of the field runners to oppose Congressman Ward. Both have clean records and are well-liked personally in their own bailiwicks and either can be built.

Senator Roe has been campaigning actively up and down the Shore. An exact line on his chances will not be available for a few weeks.

Herbert H. Balch of Talbot has faded considerably in recent weeks and rather noticeably since he made a short swing around the circuit. Whether he was not encouraged by what he found or whether he decided to wait until Congressman Ward opens the proceedings is hard to say.

Congressman Ward is still busy in Washington letting the race drift on while he gets his National chores attended to. Until he makes his start there can be no true line on him. This will develop rather shortly it is believed and things will open up in a few weeks to shapen the contest. In spite of the avowed candidates and the possibility of one from Cecil it still looks like a two-man race on the ballot, Congressman Ward and one other.

Old Suffrage Battle Now Amusing Tale

Crumpton Poet Revives Memory Of Former Bitterness

Only the older generations remember the days before Woman's Suffrage and the struggle by women to obtain it. Erstwhile Suffragists of Maryland, 500 strong, gathered at the Hotel Belvedere on the evening of February 15 to honor the 120th anniversary of the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, mother of the Nineteenth Amendment, the only amendment to the Federal Constitution written by a woman and the one which gave nation-wide suffrage to women.

In reminiscence of the Suffrage days Mary Fennimore Sheppard, Crumpton poet, presented some "Hot Shots" written in the days when "votes for women" were not particularly popular and it took courage to be a picket in the line that patrolled the White House.

One of the amusing "Hot Shots" which had a point since Mrs. Sheppard was in the picket line was the following editorial printed in Life magazine December 13, 1917, and which today is as humorous and inept as bloomer swim suits for women. It was titled "Censor the Picketers."

"Why should not the censor bestow some of his beneficent attention on the Washington picketers . . .

"These women who have besieged the White House and crowded the District jail are dangerous fanatics, defying law and overriding order for ends not at all necessary to the success of their professed purpose.

"Their wish is to picket the White House so that the President can neither come nor go except under their supervision. A good many of them are close to the line where reason fails to control action and some of them have probably passed it. That the President should be daily exposed to the danger of being shot by one of these persons is a very grave matter. The District police has tried to guard him from this risk.

"The District jail is crowded with women who complain of unpalatable food, bad accommodations and uncivil treatment, but they are all well-to-do women and can walk out of jail any day they please by paying, each of them, what remains due of a fine of $25. They can raise more hob by staying in jail, so they stay in jail.

"A good many of these woman are pupils of Mrs. Pankhurst. Alice Paul who at this writing is doing a hunger strike in jail is the person whom Mrs. Blatch denounced last year for having sent out Inez Milholland on the exhausting electioneering journey, the fatigue of which killed her.

"These women are without compassion and without scruple. They are the enemies of their country. Their controlling desire is to force their will upon other people. It is the same desire that has actuated the Prussian war-lords and brought on the war. Our government is fighting the Prussian war-lords and one thing it does is to shut out of all our newspapers all information that would be valuable to the enemy and dangerous to us."

From this point the writer foamed in demanding that the censor eliminate all reference to the "reprobate women" from the press in war time.

He concludes, "They should be absolutely and permanently suppressed so that nothing more shall be heard of them until the war is over. If we are to have government by tantrums it must not be until after the war. If a lot of malefactory Vixens are to get legislation by mob methods let us put it off at least until we have settled accounts with Germany and are ready to give a new enemy attention."

So that's what brought votes to women.

Meetings Set For Signing Farm Plans

Meetings of farmers to sign farm plans under the 1940 agricultural program will be held beginning tomorrow as follows:

Fifth District—Saturday, Queenstown School.

Third District—Monday, County Agent's Office.

Sixth District—Wednesday, Ruthsburg Community Hall.

First and Seventh Districts—Thursday, Cox Hall, Sudlersville.

Second and Seventh Districts—Friday, March 8, Church Hill Community Hall.

Fourth District—Saturday, March 9, Stevensville high school.

All sessions will be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

WILLIAM E. ROWENS

Funeral services for William E. Rowens of Daytona Beach, Fla., and former resident of Queen Anne's county, were held on Monday afternoon of last week at 4 o'clock with interment in Chesterfield cemetery in Centreville. The Rev. Harry V. Granford, pastor of Centreville Methodist Church, officiated.

Mr. Rowens died at Halifax Hospital at Daytona Beach from a heart attack on February 17th. He was 68 years old. He was a native of Talbot county.

His wife, who survives, is the former Miss Rose L. Mullikin, of Queen Anne's county. Also remaining are a son, William E. Rowens, jr., and a grandson, Billy Rowens.

The bearers were Edwin P. Meredith, Charles W. Mullikin, John T. Meredith, Stewart Meredith, W. Edward Barton and Leonard Binebrink.

WANT LEADER

The Queenstown-Grasonville Girl Scout Troop has organized with about thirty girls under the leadership of temporary captains. They are still seeking full time leadership so that they may meet weekly.

Good Will Extends Campaign To March

Honoraries Pass Hundred Mark In Steady Stream

A good start on the second century of honorary members was made by the Good Will Fire Company in their annual drive for community support when twenty-one additional membership tickets were secured up to last Tuesday.

The campaign has been moving steadily throughout February with no indication of a peak. Since a number of expected members have not yet enrolled and the drive is moving smoothly Chairman John Hall Price has extended the period for memberships through March as has been done in recent years.

Mr. Price is desirous of as large enrollment as should be secured since the campaign is the only device used for public contributions to the company treasury and the amount added in the drive will have to do until next year.

Recent additions to the honorary roster are Vivian L. Lake, Mrs. A. Sydney Gadd, jr., A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Mrs. A. Temple Blackwood, A. Temple Blackwood, William H. Green, D. O. Clark, Frank W. Benton, Mrs. Howard Ryland, Mrs. J. R. E. Turpin, J. R. E. Turpin, William M. Skinner, Norman P. Walters, Miss Nannie T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers, Harry B. Towers, H. B. W. Mitchell—all of Centreville.

Wye Mills—William H. Blakeslee. Queenstown-Wye Plantation. Queen Anne—Charles I. Boyle.

Scouts Win Approval From Review Board

Achievements of five Boy Scouts of the Centreville Troop were approved at a meeting of the Troop Committee sitting as a Board of Review at the Centreville Armory Tuesday night.

Merit badges were approved for Dicky Day in metal work, scholarship and pathfinding; Edward Voshell for carpentry; and Robert Perry for conservation. Robert Price and John Warfield Emory were advanced to second-class Scouts.

The Board of Review consisted of Charles E. Anthony, chairman; Francis E. Thomas, A. Sydney Gadd, jr., Dr. J. W. Crowl, Letha E. Taylor and T. Rigby Valliant.

Counselors who passed on the Scouts' work were John W. Perry, conservation; Charles E. Anthony, pathfinding; Nicholas Nides, metal work; Anthony Moore, carpentry; and Superintendent of Schools Franklin D. Day, scholarship.

Services For Wye, Christ Church

Services for Wye and Christ Parishes for Sunday have been announced by the Rev. Matthew S. Higgins, rector, as follows:

At Christ Church, Stevensville—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., Church School; 8 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

St. Luke's Church at Queenstown, 9:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10:30 a. m., Church School.

Old Wye Church at Wye Mills—11 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

The Woman's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Hiram Dudley on Wednesday. The Young People's Fellowship will meet next Friday evening, March 8th, at a place to be announced.

Cambridge Rector To Preach At St. Paul's

The Rev. Frank Lambert, rector of Christ Church at Cambridge, will deliver the sermon at the Special Lenten Service to be held at St. Paul's Church next Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the service.

Other services for the week beginning Sunday as announced by the Rev. Thomas Donaldson, rector, will be as follows: Sunday—8 a. m. Holy Communion; 9:45 a. m. Church School; 11 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon, the topic to be "Consecrated Elements;" 4:30 p. m. Choral Vespers. Wednesday—10:30 a. m. Penitential Office and Holy Communion. Thursday—7:45 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. Friday—4:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Litany.

SNOW—THEN RAIN

February did its best to leave Queen Anne's county with a white blanket for parting gift when a storm moved in Tuesday afternoon with steadily increasing strength to leave four or five inches of dry snow. Toward dark warmer winds moved up from the South and changed the precipitation to rain. This lasted until well into the night and removed most of the traces of the earlier fall. By the calendar, however, only three weeks remain of winter and Spring and Easter Sunday are on their way.

County Youths Fare Well At Lamb Show

Marion Golt Places Third, Takes Medal, Prize Money

Marion Golt and Maurice Walbert, Queen Anne's representatives in the 4-H lamb feeding program, fared well at the second annual Fat Western Lamb Show and Sale held at the Union Stockyards in Baltimore Tuesday. Golt placed third among the twenty-two 4-H Club youths from Maryland and Virginia and Walbert ranked eleventh.

The event was sponsored jointly by the Maryland 4-H Clubs, the Union Stock Yard and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and was the final step in a project designed to train youths in feeding, caring for and showing lambs. Each of the twenty-two youths in the program purchased a pen of Western feeding lambs in November, was advised how to care for the animals, completed his task Tuesday by selling his lambs and pocketing his profit.

Each Queen Anne's youth had fifteen lambs. Golt's animals graded 12 choice and 3 good. The choice sold for 11c per pound and brought 60c apiece prize money. The good grade sold for 10.5c per pound and brought 40c a head prize money. In all Golt received $8.40 in prizes.

Walbert's lambs graded 9 choice and 6 graded. In addition to his selling price Walbert received $7.80 in prizes. The money for grade prizes was put up by the Maryland State Fair Board.

Golt also won a medal for third high presented by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Records kept by Golt and Walbert showed that each pen of fifteen lambs ate about thirty-two bushels of shelled corn and 1½ tons of hay since their arrival in February. The pen weight then was about 870 pounds. At the show Walbert's pen weighed 1285 and Golt's 1335. The gain in weight was profit for each youth.

One of the first things Golt and Walbert did upon their return from Baltimore was to pay back money borrowed to buy the lambs and square all accounts.

Accompanying the youths to the Show were Chester M. Cissel, assistant County Agent, and their advisor, and Royden M. Powell. Ernest W. Grubb, of Pioneer Point Farms, and Guy E. Harmon, of Blakeford Farms, co-operated in transporting the lambs to and from Baltimore.

P-T A To Elect New Officer Tonight

The Centreville Parent-Teacher Association will elect new officers at the March meeting to be held at the Centreville Elementary School this evening, Friday, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. John Palmer Smith, club president, will conduct the session. The new staff will take office for the coming school year.

The nominating committee includes Mrs. Smith, Miss Dorothy Fleetwood and Mrs. M. Wilson Harris.

The evening's program will be arranged in honor of the silver anniversary of the founding of the State P-T A.

A new stove and other equipment have been added to the school lunchroom while screens are to be made for the lunchroom and lavatories within the next ten days.

Percy Pusey In Triple Birthday Party

Percy Pusey, manager of the Centreville A & P Store, was one of the participants in a triple birthday celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Pusey in Laurel Sunday. Mr. Pusey's birthday fell on Monday, his sister, Mrs. John Wootten, of the vicinity of Laurel, had her birthday Sunday, while Mrs. John Pusey's father, Jacob Owens, was a Leap Year Day celebrant.

All three occasions were included in the family dinner party. Mrs. Percy Pusey accompanied her husband to Laurel for the day.

TONGING DULL

The oyster season has about flattened out. Demand has dropped off and between a thin market and bad weather several packers have bare shelves. Strong winds over the latter part of last week kicked up water too rough for tonging and the weather this week was also unfavorable. Prices were quoted at 35c per bushel with better oysters bringing 45c. Little buying was done.

GAME GROUP ELECT

William J. Kimbles, of Price, was elected president of the Queen Anne's County Game Association at a meeting in the home of Harry Jewell last Friday evening. Other officers chosen were Casper D. Clough, vice-president; Ray Jarrell, secretary; Ralph E. Swan, treasurer; John W. Moore, Fred Hall and Samuel C. Kimbles, executive committee. The Spring field trials were set for April 21 with the place to be chosen later.

Negro Woman Is Brutally Murdered

Discovery of the body of Katherine Wilson, 21-year-old colored woman and an expectant mother behind the Little Theatre building in Centreville Sunday morning about 10 o'clock ended an all-night search for the woman and disclosed what law officers described as one of the most brutal murders in Queen Anne's county for many years.

The body was found in the ell behind the kitchen on the south side of the Theatre by Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey and State Police Officer John C. Peroutka. The woman had been shot in the neck and stomach.

Thomas Woodlyn, or Woodland, 28-year-old negro and alleged father of the unborn child, was under surveillance by Constable Louis B. Perkins during the search, was arrested immediately upon the finding of the body and was placed in the county jail on a charge of murder.

The murder was the second homicide in Queen Anne's on successive Saturday nights. The week previous Thomas Fenwick, 17-year-old negro, was fatally stabbed at Newtown in Church Hill.

According to Sheriff Coursey, Woodlyn admitted killing Katherine Wilson although he refused to sign a confession. The young woman was the mother of an eighteen-month-old child of which Woodlyn admitted paternity and was to have become a mother again this month, March.

Woodlyn was contributing about a dollar a week to the support of the child, according to the Sheriff, and Woodlyn said he shot the young woman because she kept urging him to marry her.

It was believed the killing occurred about 9 o'clock Saturday evening. About that time a resident of Belvedere Avenue heard a disturbance from the area between Liberty street and Belvedere avenue.

The first hint of what proved to be a tragedy came about 10 o'clock Saturday evening when Thomas Wilson, brother of the victim, reported to the Sheriff that Katherine was missing and asked the Sheriff to look for her in Ruthsburg. On his part Thomas Wilson and a companion then started an all-night search in Centreville and as far as Centreville Wharf.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning he reported that he was still unsuccessful. Katherine, who worked for Mrs. Dorothy Ogburn, executive secretary of the Queen Anne's County Welfare Board, lived with her mother in Johnstown, colored settlement on North Liberty street. She did the family shopping on Saturday evenings and usually came home directly.

Woodlyn is employed by Dr. H. F. McPherson and has a room in the physician's home on South Liberty street. About 9:30 Saturday evening he approached Thomas Wilson, who is employed by Alfred M. Green, and asked where Katherine was. Thos. asked Woodlyn why he was excited and all out of breath and Woodlyn said he had run all the way up town.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning the Sheriff called Dr. McPherson, found that Woodlyn was in his room and would be up at 7. As the house clock struck seven the Sheriff arrived and called Woodlyn down from his room. Woodlyn was in pajamas. The Sheriff noted a three-inch spot of blood and a smaller spot on the left pajama leg. Woodlyn noted them at the same time and stood so as to hide them. The Sheriff turned him around and Woodlyn said the blood was his own from an old wound.

Woodlyn said he had gone down to Sandy Bottom and was in his room by 10:30. He was seen going to Sandy Bottom by Charles E. Anthony for whom he sometimes worked Saturday nights. Mr. Anthony asked him why he was not working that night and the negro gave no direct answer.

Woodlyn gave a full account of his whereabouts from 9:30 the previous night which the Sheriff checked and found correct.

Sheriff Coursey went home to breakfast and while he was talking with Office Peroutka and Constable Perkins, Woodlyn came to the Sheriff's office of his own accord to submit to further questioning. When the Sheriff asked to search Woodlyn's room the negro said the house was locked. A call to Dr. McPherson brought word the house was open and the key to Woodlyn's room in the latter's pocket.

In Woodlyn's room the Sheriff found the pajamas and a handkerchief wet from recent washing and a tan shirt and denim overalls with spots of blood. Woodlyn said he had killed a chicken the day before. Investigation by Constable Perkins showed no dressed chicken in the house and Woodlyn was put in a car with the Constable while the other officers started a search of the outbuildings in Dr. McPherson's rear yard.

Sheriff Coursey found footprints in the yard leading to an opening in the fence. Once across the fence he found double footprints going and coming and signs that something had been dragged. The officers headed toward Daniel Connolly's blacksmith shop suspecting the body might have been hidden there, when the Sheriff spied it near the Theatre face upwards and feet toward the building. The dragging marks indicated the woman had been carried head first.

She apparently had been shot first through the left side of the throat by a 32-calibre pistol, the bullet coming out behind, and then shot through the left side about the waist. A purse containing about $3 and some handkerchiefs lay beside her. Further search indicated that she had been shot behind Dr. McPherson's barn.

Meanwhile Woodlyn had confessed the murder to Constable Perkins, according to the latter. The Constable was trying to ascertain where the body was when the Sheriff said he had discovered it. Constable Perkins quoted Woodlyn as saying he intended to kill himself but had no more shells.

Woodlyn weighs about 150 pounds. Katherine Wilson, a small-boned woman, weighed about 120 pounds. She was the mother of two children, the younger one being Woodlyn's child. Woodlyn was said to be also interested in another colored woman.

Dr. Samuel J. Price, Deputy Medical Examiner, viewed the body and reserved decision pending an autopsy.

Funeral services for the dead woman were held Tuesday afternoon with burial in Chesterfield cemetery in Centreville.

At a hearing before Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony in Police Court on Thursday afternoon Woodlyn was held without bail for the May Term of Circuit Court.

Leap Year Day Brings Birthdays To Three

Lemuel Kirwan, prominent Chester merchant, celebrated his seventeenth birthday yesterday although Mr. Kirwan was seventeen years old before the first airplane flew. Birthday are few and far between for Mr. Kirwan and others who drew February 29th for their birthday. Four years is a long wait. And birthdays when they come are appreciated.

No formal observance was made of the occasion yesterday. On Sunday Mr. Kirwan will be guest of honor at a family dinner.

In all years but Leap Years Mr. Kirwan waits until February is past and March 1 arrives when ne chalks himself up as one year older. But in Leap Year Mr. Kirwan can do like the rest of us: arise on his birthday and tell himself, "I am—years old today."

Two other Kent Island residents also had their first birthday in four years, Mrs. J. Fred Stevens and Mary Lee, a colored woman. Mary Lee as it happens was also marking her seventeenth birthday, the same age to the day as Mr. Kirwan.

Homemakers Name Panel For Discussion

Selection of the panel to represent Queen Anne's County Homemakers' Clubs in a discussion group at the Kent-Queen Anne's bi-county session of Homemakers Clubs to be held at Chestertown Tuesday afternoon was announced by Miss Helen M. Harner, Home Demonstration Agent, last Tuesday. Speakers from each county will express themselves on a half dozen topics bearing upon the question, "Are our Schools Educating For Democracy?"

The discussion will be conducted by Dr. Fred Livingood of Washington College. Representing Queen Anne's will be Mrs. Marshall Pratt, Carmichael; Mrs. Medford Golt, Stevensville; Mrs. Elwood Coleman, Crumpton; Mrs. Clifford B. Harbidge, Ingleside; Mrs. J. L. Walls, Barclay, and Mrs. Ralph E. Swan, Price.

Already more than a hundred Queen Anne's Homemakers have indicated they will attend the session. The county quota of 125 is expected to be reached.

Denies Clemency Pleas For Kenton, Sanchez

Mrs. Alice Alkins, Victim of Attack, To Make No Move

Three Mexican officials made a vain plea to Mrs. Alice Alkins, of Templeville, that she write a letter to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor asking that the death sentence imposed upon Thomas C. Sanchez for attacking her be commuted to life imprisonment, when Mrs. Alkins, after consideration of the request Saturday afternoon, refused it.

The officials were Salvador Duhart, second secretary of the Mexican embassy at Washington, and Eugenio Aza and Emilio Calderon Puig, each a Mexican consul.

The visitors first called upon State's Attorney B. Hackett Turner, jr., who prosecuted Sanchez and Alvin Kenton, sentenced to hang March 15 for the crime. They made it clear that they were not acting in an official capacity since Sanchez, a native of El Paso, is an American citizen. Because he is by descent a Mexican, however, they were doing what they could for him. While they were in Centreville they examined the Court records in the case.

Mr. Turner accompanied the visitors to the Aikins' home both as a courtesy to them and to be available to Mrs. Aikins if she wished legal advice. Because of muddy roads the last mile of the journey was made by horse and buggy. Mrs. Aikins, who is 81 years old, weighed the request a moderate length of time and declined to intercede.

According to the State's Attorney Mrs. Aikins also received a letter from Mrs. Eli Kenton, mother of Alvin Kenton, asking that she write the Governor to extend clemency to Kenton. This request was likewise refused.

Unless there be official intervention Sanchez and Kenton will be hanged Friday, March 15, for criminal assault upon Mrs. Aikins last September. The men were accused of forcing their way into the Aikins' home, robbing Peter Aikins, 84, half smothering him with a feather bed and then attacking Mrs. Aikins.

Barclay Youth Held On Cigaret Charge

Charged with the theft of fourteen cases of cigarettes valued at $791 Francis Coursey, Barclay youth, was held under $1500 for the May Term of Court by Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony in Police Court Monday afternoon. He had been arrested in Marydel by Sheriff Edward Earl Coursey, Constable Louis Perkins and State Officer John C. Peroutka on Saturday.

According to the officers the A & C Candy Company at Barclay had been entered Friday night by some one who opened one lock on the door with a key and cracked out a small piece of window pane to enable him to unfasten the night latch. Fourteen cases, four of Camels, five of Chesterfields and four of Luckies, were taken. Each case contains fifty cartons and is valued at $56.50.

The officers found the goods in the closet of an abandoned house covered with boards and refuse. Young Coursey had worked for the A & C Candy Company for a short time.

Swingin' Lines

(By Ed Nichols)

HANS HORSEY—DICTATOR

Behind the plate as Shore fans root and hoot he stands there grim in a blue serge suit. With dour mien and knock-kneed grace and a wire cage upon his face O' Hans dictates balls and strikes, and banishes whom he dislikes. His word is law; he's at the helm: the Dictator of the ballyard realm. At bossing guys who pitch and sock he toils from two 'til five o'clock. His job's secure. His hours are swell. He gets his pay—and a lotta of h—ll.

BE GRATEFUL

If Europe one and all instead of War Games had played baseball I'm sure today we should not see this mad World War catastrophe. If people there had cheered their team and booed the Ump of low esteem they might not want to go to war—these things would seem important more. How fortunate for us it's so that we can let our feelings go and blow off steam in healthy way by merely watching our own team play. In this dark time when shot and shell are turning green fields into hell while all these frightful things appal—Let's be grateful our boys play Ball!

NEED CASH

Faced with a moderate deficit at the end of the 1939 softball season Grasonville Athletic Club plans an oyster supper in the next few weeks to get out of the red. The club intends to field a team again this year and is already seeking bookings with Baltimore and Eastern Shore teams. Officers of the club are Anthony Jewell, president; Raymond Risley, secretary-treasurer; Walter Clough, field captain.