

THE EASTERN SHORE

The Wilmington Every Evening, one of the best daily newspapers published in the Eastern Section of the United States, published the following editorial last Wednesday:

We know of no more substantial section of country anywhere than the Eastern Shore of Maryland, notwithstanding the writings and reports of two or three non-residents to the contrary. The people who live on the Shore, and who make it what it is, have no superiors in intelligence, civic pride, business ability or ethical make-up. Nor is there any place where the Golden Rule, and consideration for the well being of humanity, is observed to a greater degree.

Our observations are not the result of a three or four-day visit, nor are they based on hearsay. We have had intimate knowledge of the Shore and its people as far back as memory goes. We know that some of the most brilliant men and women in American history have come from that section; that their people now live there; that most of the residents there today are identified with families that have played a part in making America the great nation that it is.

The Shore, like Delaware, enjoys more freedom, perhaps because of its geographical advantage, from the contaminating influences of the large cities than most other seaboard sections.

It is true that several crimes have been committed on the Eastern Shore during the past few months. Crime is unavoidable anywhere. So far as our Peninsula is concerned, however, there is very little evidence of the presence of a really criminal element, although there is evidence of what appears to have been an attempt on the part of the "Red" element elsewhere to stir up trouble—and, it is believed, obtain recruits—on the Shore.

This fact, naturally, is resented, yet the great majority of the Eastern Shore residents look to the law as their means of coping with such menaces. They cannot, therefore, as a group, be held accountable for the recent reprehensible act of a mob in Salisbury. This incident has not shaken our faith in the people of the Eastern Shore.