

Eastern Shore newspapers, which reflects the high opinion that the Shore has for them:

The Easton Journal:—

"We are not savages. We are not "poor white" renegades. The Eastern Shore is not peopled by brutes flaming with primitive blood-lust fanned by race prejudice.

"On the contrary the, civilization of the Eastern Shore is distinctly superior to that of the isolated regions of Southern Maryland or the inaccessible hills and valleys of Western Maryland. This is not meant to be a reflection upon the citizens of these portions of the state. But is a fact that education, culture, and finer things of life, are just as apparent on the Peninsula as they are in any other portion of the state—the imperial city of Baltimore included.

"We know this but the world at large does not know it."

(The writer of the above article was until recently a city editor of The Baltimore Post, which has been so less critical than The Sun.)

The Centreville Record:—

"All we ask of the Baltimore press is to give us proper publicity and not exploit unduly the crimes on the Eastern Shore any more than they do the banking and financial happenings in Baltimore city, and we will see that justice is meted out properly to those accused of crimes and without mob violence."

The Chestertown Enterprise:—

"The Eastern Shore wants nothing more at this time than to be left alone in the settling of its problems. Outside interference which caused the delay in the case of the Worcester murderer of four was directly responsible for the deplorable lynching in Salisbury.

"Lee, the Worcester murderer, and Davis, the Kent ravager of motherhood, were spirited here and there by the Shore police authorities that justice might be done. And all to what end? The chance for a Baltimore communistic lawyer, interested in the Negro law trade because of his connection with a firm dealing in financial loans to Negroes, to gain columns of personal publicity at the expense of hampered and delayed justice.

"The Baltimore writers certainly do not believe that the Eastern Shore is a place where a group of bloodthirsty savages live in a barbaric state. And yet what is the picture they would spread at large?"

The Centreville Observer:—

"Law-abiding, law-respecting citizens of Queen Anne's county resent the Sunpapers vicious and unfair indictment in exactly the same way that they resent the mob spirit that had prevailed in certain Shore sections. Hastily written editorials like that in last Saturday's Sun paper which would wreck character and blast reputation, are very closely akin to the thoughtless, inconsiderate brutal spirit which actuates and guides the hand of the mob in its mission of death or pillage."

The Somerset News, Princess Anne:—

Realizing our inability to handle the English language with the capacity of that fluent and gifted though scurilous writer, H. L. Mencken, we have no desire to get in a controversy with him. Yet we do most emphatically take exception to his tirade against the Eastern Shore which appeared in the Monday Evening Sun.

"In the copywrited article he speaks of the whole area as a "lush stamping ground" for knavish politicians, prehensile professional patriots and whooping soul savers." . . . At least, since the World War the lower Shore has been going down hill, mentally and morally. It has been gliding