FURROWS



BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

Tom Barclay don't sell much like he used to but he still keeps his store open late Saturday nights, and most always there's several of the neighbors settin round a talkin. Last Saturday night we wuz talkin as usual about first one thing and another when Lem spoke up and said he'd like to know about this inflation business that's goin on down at Washington and what good is it any way. Lem says he can't see no sense to it no way and the more he hears about it the less he understands about it. Tom lowed he'd like fer somebody to start some way to inflate his business so as he could think he wuz makin some money. As it is he says he knows he ain't makin no money, and he reckons if the truth wuz told he is losin money. Tom says he understands inflation means to swell up something, and he'd like to have his business swelled up, and he'd feel like good times wuz back once more.

Zeke lowed that swellin the business up wouldn't do no good unless there wuz some profit in it, and he reckoned if inflation hit the crops this year it would do nothin but run the prices of wheat and corn down, and he didn't see no good in that. He said he'd like to see the price of hogs swell up some. Zack lowed he had a cow that swelled up from eatin too much clover, and that didn't do him no good fer the cow died. He couldn't see no good in inflation.

Just then Jed come in and we asked him to explain inflation to us. "Well," says he, "it's this way. Your money gits cheaper and your goods gits dearer. To inflate means to put more money in circulation and that makes more money to spend and that makes people buy more goods and that makes prices go higher, and then most people thinks that prosperity is back." "In fact," says he, "inflation helps some people and hurts others. It helps them that has goods to sell but hurts them that has to buy. If you start at a time when you say a dollar will buy a dollar's worth of goods, and then inflate, your dollar won't buy the same amount of goods. So inflation hurts the buyer."

"'Well," says Tom, "if you got more money to spend you ain't no worse off. Inflation puts more money into circulation and so there is more to spend."

"Right fer some and wrong fer others," says Jed. "People that gits just so much wages and salaries is paid the same number of dollars, and them dollars don't buy as much goods as before inflation started. So, no matter how much money is in circulation, unless wages and salaries is increased it hurts them people. They actually git a cut in pay whether they want to or not. Inflation ain't fair to people with fixed incomes. It cheapens their incomes and gives them less fer their money."

"Well then, Jed," says Hiram, "how about us farmers that ain't got no incomes at all?" "Well," says Jed, "inflation will help farmers in general, if they don't have to spend too much buyin store goods. To be helped, a farmer has to sell a lot of stuff and not buy much. Producers as a class will be helped because prices go up. Consumers ain't helped because they have to pay more of the same kind of dollars fer what they buy."

"Then," says Jed, "inflation works another way. It helps them that owes debts and hurts them that has debts owed to 'em. When money that is dear is loaned and is paid back with cheap money it hurts the lenders nad helps the debtors. It works the other way when we have inflation. It hurts the debtors and helps the creditors. So no matter whether you have inflation or deflation somebody gits hurt."

"Well," says Tom, "it can't be much worse than it has been fr about two worse than it hsa been fer about two fer some inflation. The trouble about borrowin dear money is that pore people can't git none of it. The banks won't let 'em have none. And when prices git so high that I ain't got enough to meet my bills I have to borrow and it's always the cheap money that I git. I reckon I better stick to cash and git along the best I can." "That's a good rule fer farmers, too," says Jed. "And another good rule fer farmers is to git their livin off the farm and buy little."

A GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

IMPRESSIONS OF A PILGRIM

A colorful spectacle and an interesting afternoon was the happy lot of many ladies when a pilgrimage of gardens was made this week by the Garden club. The ladies assembled in the old manor house on Col. Staunton Brown's place occupied by Mr. and Miss Loud. These two lovers of flowers led their guests to the formal gardens outside where a wealth of color and variety of blooms greeted their eyes. A more charming setting was hard to be found. High on the banks of the Chester, winding in the distance, these ladies revealed in the joy of unusual and beautiful flowers.

From there, the pilgrimage continued to the delightful old Emory home, where the Misses Emory welcomed us. Quite a contrast in setting, yet equally lovely, for here we were carried into days of long ago, with the big old house, and its tall pillars smiling down on those who were admiring the roses, the fox gloves, the box and other beauties, surrounding its towering presence. Through the old trees the same winding Chester seemed to look up and smile. Hence, to the home of Mrs. Price Ewing, where the effect of a mountain home afforded another contrast. Mrs. Ewing's garden in long terraced paths was most unique, and the fusion of color forming just another desire to have the ability to paint and "hold it" always. But on, we traveled to the gardens of Mrs. Howard Strong. In and out the paths, of a colorful array these "'ladies of the garden" admired and examined the specimens all of which, in every home, had been planted and attended with loving care. Little bunny rabbits in the background seemed to be amused that one could be so interested in other than carrots or lettuce. Nearing the end ,the pilgrimage travelled to the home of Mrs. Thomas Eliason. Beside the exquisite formal garden, the descending winding paths into little realms of ecstasy where romance breathed, made one forget that not three feet away, above, was a prosaic town street. Such a place to trod old gray stone steps that were once those of a church, since remodeled, seemed to take one into the quiet still beauty of reverence and awe. Before leaving, the pilgrims were invited to see Miss Glascock's gardens (across the way) where roses, and rows of young box emitted the happiness and joy of a day in June. But all joys must end, and so at last to the home of Mrs. Satterfield where the loveliness of flowers, the meeting of the club, a cool, refreshing drink marked the "finis" of an afternoon long to be remembered.

Weary Willie (reading): "Man wanted to chop wood, bring up coal, tend furnace, take care of garden, mind chickens and the children."

Hobo Henry (groaning): "Gee! Dese here matrimonial ads make me tired!" —Transmitter (Washington, D. C.).

DID YOU KNOW ?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

In the year 1735, George Roberts, of Talbot County obtained peach stones from England to be planted in the section of the county now called Peach Blossom, one of the most beautiful sections of Talbot county.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

In 1850, according to a statement of Frederick Emory, an historian of Queen Anne's county the county had 23 churches, and church accommodation for 4900 people, and that of these 5 were Episcopalians, 16 Methodist, 1 Presbyterian (at Church Hill) and 1 Roman Catholic at Queenstown.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

In 1831, Sept. 21 (Quoting the parish records of Dorchester county near Fredericksburg in Dorchester county, by Rev. William Davis, were married Mr. William Walls, a Revolutionary soldier, aged 106 years to Mrs. Mary Catherine Wright aged 74 years.

FISH BITING

The Queenstown News in its issue of Saturday last, June 3, says, "White perch, the largest ever seen in our rivers are being caught near Carpenters Island. Some of them will weigh a pound each. Hard heads are biting freely. Capt. Charles Schriner caught about 30 pound of perch and hardheads Wednesday morning in about an hour."

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WILLIAM S. COLLINS

Baltimore, Md.
May 24, 1930

To the Citizen of Chestertown, Md.

Most of us in the world are so busy making a livilihood that we have little or no time to look around and see just what is happening right in our midst.

You have a lovely town, a wonderful river, a fine college, and best of all a charming group of people, but you have no sewage disposal plant and dump your sewerage directly into your best asset, your river.

How do you think a yachtman, who anchors in your river is impressed? Sometimes he sees raw sewerage emptied into the river near the main dock, and also coming out under the main bridge, and observes fuel masses lazily floating on the river, or clinging to the shore in front of pretty lawns. Next morning he lifts his anchor rope and finds that fouled with sewerage, and, worst of all, he sees small boys catching crabs and fish near the sewer.

This condition is bound to make a bad impression on the many desirable people coming from the North and West, and if not corrected, public opinion will soon force the State Board of Health to take action as the law requires.

Everytime the Chestertown sewerage situation is spoken of I think of the small boy dressed up in his best clothes and on the way to Sunday School. He has forgotten his handkerchief and uses his coat sleeve as a substitute.

I esteem it a great privilege to number among my friends numerous residents in Chestertown, and no one has a higher regard for you tha I have.

This letter is sent you solely because of my deep interest in the good people of Chestertown, and no other member of the State Board of Health has the slightest idea that I have written it.

I beg of you to at once take action towards the establishment of an adequate sewerage disposal plant. You will then have a safe place for your children to swim in, and the river will be a joy instead of a menace.

With warm personal regard,
Faithfully yours,
Thomas S. Cullen
25 E. Eager St.,
Baltimore, Md.

The above letter appeared in the form of a quarter page advertisement in the Transcript in June, 1930, and was paid for by Dr. Cullen personally

Those interested in the river appreciate Dr. Cullen's efforts in trying to remedy our sad situation. One point though in the letter reads, "Public opinion will soon force the State Board of Health to take action as the law requires." The letter was written three years ago and still the State Board of Health has taken no forceful action in spite of public opinion.

The great big chief engineer of State Dept. of Health, thinks the present condition is safe. That is, he does not think the people living near the river can get any ill effects from it unless they swim in it. According to him, the water is deep enough to carry the sewerage away. The big engineer probably is a fair weather sailor and has never visited us on a low tide, when part of the system resembles a "Chic Sales" rig. However, his story that the river is O. K., no doubt has played a large part in Kent winning their honors in the health contests. Of co urse Dr. Cullin and a good part of the State Board of Health and Health officers do not agree with the engineer on the Chstertown sewerage question.

But, even the engineer does not think it safe to swim in the river, because there is danger of the swimmer absorbing some of the water. (Who can swim in water without taking a little accidental drink.) And. the law has been laid down about catching oysters in this district. The water is so polluted, that it is unlawful to catch oysters in Chester River within seven miles of Chestertown.

Some mothers will not allow their children to swim on this side of the river and send them over on Queen Annes side. Some make them go as far down as the country club. The tests of the water made by the Health Dept. showed a terrible condition on both the Kent and Queen Annes side near Chestertown and also showed the water in bad condition at the country club. A health warning. "Don't swim in this Area."

Many say the health people don't know much, but you must remember, typhoid fever is getting scarce, smallpox has been wiped out, yellow fever is unheard of now and tuberculosis cases are being helped. These diseases were plentiful here at one time, but medical science has done wonders and the health depts. will make conditions still better.

The people of Chestertown need all the business we can get and the second largest industry in the county is threatened. The waterman now have forbidden areas on which they are not allowed to catch oysters. There is a danger in Chester River that this restricted area might be extended still farther down. No more can be published about this and is explained why in "Our Broadcast" on page 1.

Some people have an idea that remedying the sewerage condition would benefit just a few people, but it would benefit the whole town and the watermen in part of the county. If the river is cleaned up the children from all over town and older people too can enjoy safe swimming right in front of the town. That is safe as far as disease is concerned. Some towns like Havre de Grace have a little pier from which the children can swim and they take advantage of it. In Chestertown with a wide river right at our door, we are forced to go way down the river to enjoy a safe swim.

BETTERTON

The services at the Methodist will begin their summer schedule tomorrow with Sunday School at ten a. m. and the preaching service at seven forty-five. Rev. E. C. Hallman, the District Superintendent will preach tomorrow evening and a cordial invitation is extended to every one to be present.

The Chamber of Commerce held an open meeting at the Hotel Rigbie on Wednsday vening. After a musical entertainment, Mr. Taylor, a member of the Baltimore Association of Commerce spoke. Ways and means of bringing guests to Betterton were discussed and a drive was made for new members. Ice cream and cake were served at the close of the meeting.

Twenty-six members of the Junior League and their superintendent Mrs. Harvey Moore enjoyed a picnic last Friday afternoon from four-thirty until seven thirty on Crownharts shore. The destination was found by way of a treasure hunt. Supper was served on the shore, being cooked over a fire made by the Boy Scout members, after super games were enjoyer for a while and the picnic closed with a Friendship circle, singing, prayer and the Junior League Taps.

A large crowd of people, almost equaling the mid summer crowd, were here for the Saturday evening dance and also coming in on Sunday.

Mr. James Brice was elected Town Commissioner at the town election last Saturday.

The graduation exercises for the seventh grade pupils will be held at the school auditorium next Thursday morning at ten o'clock and to which every one is invited.

Mrs. Thomas Silcox gave a musical at her home on Thursday evening for the parents and friends of her music pupils.

Mr. Clarence Smith has returned to his former work in Philadelphia in the Westinghouse shops.

Mrs. Susie McDonald, of Connecticut is spending some time in Betterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaps and children, of Harford County, and Dr. and Mrs. Talbott Brice, of Frederick County were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brice.

Miss Evelyn Crew and Miss Helen Harris, who have been attending the Teachers Training College in Virginia are at home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emerson attended the funeral on Monday of their nephew, Mr. James Warren, of Washington.

Mrs. Clarence Crew is spending the week with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Lemuel Hickman and his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Transeau will open the Belmont the hotel formerly owned by Mr. Hickman for the summer.

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