The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Invitations were issued this week by Mrs. William Winder Handy, of Baltimore, to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Marian Poultney Handy and Mr. Eliot Provoost Hurd, son of Capt. Edward A. Hurd, U. S. Army and Mrs. Hurd, of "The Reward Farm," Chestertown. The ceremony will take place at 3:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 17, in Old St. Paul's P. E. Church, Baltimore, and will be followed by a reception at 505 Park Ave., the home of the bride's cousins, Mrs. James W. Wilson and her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. William D. Poultney and Miss Elinor F. Poultney. Miss Poultney will be Maid of Honor and the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry Duggan DeBuys, will be Matron of Honor.

Mr. George N. Hurd, a cousin of the groom, will serve as best man for Mr. Hurd.

On Sunday, Mrs. Browne Metcalfe and her daughter, Miss Fredrica Nan Metcalfe will leave for Miami Beach Florida. Miss Metcalfe will be given in marriage by her mother, on Wednesday, April 14, when she will become the bride of Ensign Robert Donald McDorman, U. S. N. R. The ceremony will be performed at 6 o'clock in the evening by the Rev. Mitchell Taylor at All Souls' P. E. Church.

Miss Metcalfe will wear a dress of "old blue" and small hat to match, while her mother will be attired in navy blue, with matching hat.

Mrs. James Anthony, will be the bride's only attendant, while Lieut. Beverly Rhett, U. S. N. R., will serve as the groom's best man.

Miss Elizabeth White Dixon, daughter of Mrs. William T. Dixon, has selected Saturday, May 15 as the date for her wedding. The marriage of Miss Dixon and Mr. John Hurst Purnell, Jr., son of Mrs. John Hurst Purnell, of Catonsville, will take place at the Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, followed by a reception at the Elkridge Kennels.

Mrs. Dixon, who has been spending several weeks with her mother, in Savannah, Ga., returned to the county on Monday and will reopen Green Point Farm this week. Over the week-end, her daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Josephine Dixon, her son, Mr. Wm. T. Dixon, and Mr. Purnell, will be her guests.

Miss Huldah Louise Wright, daughter of Mrs. Howard B. Wright and the late Mr. Wright, has announced the date of her marriage to Pfc. Carl F. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Orr of Rock Hall.

The wedding will take place on Thursday, April 22, at the Rock Hall Methodist Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with the Rev. Charles Louhoff officiating. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

The bride, who will be given away by her uncle, Mr. H. Clinton Wright, of Denton, will wear a gown of white satin, with a veille of tulle.

Mrs. Frank Machin, of Baltimore, gowned in blue, will be Matron of Honor.

Two bridesmaids, Mrs. William Orr and Miss Christine Clark, both of Chestertown, will be attired in pink.

Miss Wright, a graduate of the Maryland General Hospital, has been a nurse at the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital for the past four years, and will continue there after her marriage.

Private Orr, who is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., is a member of the U. S. Air Corps, and will have a ten day furlough. He will have as his best man, his brother, Private William Orr, stationed at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, orders permitting.

The April meeting of "Our Garden Club" will be entertained on Tuesday afternoon, April 13, by Mrs. Morris K. Barroll, at her home, Byford Court.

Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler, returned to her home here on Friday, from the base hospital at Camp Pickett, Va., following her accident. when en route to visit Major Kibler, three weeks ago. She was accompanied by Major Kibler, who remained here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. M. Osborne, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead. Mrs. Osborne is a neice of Dr. Mead.

Miss Nancy Geddes, has resumed her studies at Swarthmore College, following the Spring vacation, which she spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bramwell Geddes, at Manor Shores.

A surprise bridge party was tendered Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown on Monday evening, in celebration of her birthday.

Mrs. Philip Hickman will be hostess at a tea and shower on Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Margaret Eliason whose marriage to Lieut. Robert Hoopes, U. S. N. R. will take place this month.

Mrs. James Chapman will join her husband, Lieut. James Chapman in New York for the week-end, where they, with seven other Navy men and their wives will be registered at the same hotel, and party together over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moorshead, Jr., of Philadelphia, were guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. C. R. Humphreys last week-end at her new home "Point Of Release" in Quaker Neck.

Calling all news,—go, going, gone!

Yours on the wing,

The Wanderer

College Corner

"Doc" Slade

Miss Naomi Russell of Chestertown was one of the March graduates from the college. Naomi majored in biology and minored in mathematics, besides being president of the Society of Sciences this year. Naomi was active in all sports and received honors in athletics all four years. Among her other activities was that of the presidency of the Women's Athletic Association. Naomi was president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and made Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dr. David Libby, former cataloger at the College, is stationed at Atlantic City, N. J., in the Army Air Corps.

The baseball players are still continuing their daily drills with the hope that some independent games will be booked in the near future.

The regular weekly assembly program yesterday was in the hands of the Historical Society. The members of the society took part in a talk about "Post War Plans."

"The college will go back to the old 18 weeks semester plan next September," Dean Livingood announced this week. The Dean said that the 9 weeks semester experiment didn't prove to be of any greater benefit because it did not help the men it was designed for—those about to enter the armed forces. Also the class-everyday plan made sports difficult, and illness or absence caused students to miss too much time. The change back to the old system will inconvenience a few students who hoped to finish in November, but it is the faculty's belief that the old system will be more satisfactory for the majority of students.

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ROCK HALL

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had a good attendance on Sunday morning The pastor gave a short talk and Holy Communion was served. At night Mr. Jesse Downey lead the evening service. The Minute Men were present in a body. Rev. O. G. Brewer delivered the sermon and other features that followed were, A solo by Miss Louise Thompson. An Accordian Solo by Jesse Downey entitled "Sunrise." A Duet by Miss Charmayne Shriver and Frank Dierker. Mr. Shuman offered the closing prayer.

The Ladies of Wesley Circle of the W. S. of C. S. met in the Church hall on Monday evening.

Mrs. Josephine Diehl returned to her home here this wee kafter spending the winter at Parsonsburg, Va., with Rev. Ira Diehl and wife.

Mrs. Walter Cole of Bridgetown, Mrs. Melvin Chance and Mrs. Joshua Chance of Price were guests on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagner and family.

Mrs. Medford Jones of Betterton was a guest one day this week of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chaires.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simms of Lynch were visitors here on Sunday of relatives.

Mrs. Carter Bryden and son spent this week here with her parents and other relatives.

Miss Mary Hill employed in Baltimore spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hill and family.

News was received here on Wednesday, March 31st of the death of Mrs. Emma Stevens the widow of the late George Stevens. She had made her home in Glendale, California for a number of years, where she died. She was a former resident of Rock Hall. She leaves one son, Allan Stevens of Glendale, California; also a sister, Mrs. Alfred Bramble of Harvede Grace. She leaves two cousins in Rock Hall. Mrs. Harry Wagner and Mrs. Grace Scott. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Annie Reynolds. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 2nd from "The Little Church of The Flowers", Forest Lawn, California.

Washington Digest

Little Evidence Seen of Farm Land Speculation

Rural America Seen as Bulwark Against Post-War Depression; 'Nervous Gentlemen' Admit Possibilities of Speculative Wave.

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If you see a cheerful glow along the horizon of rural America these evenings, you'll know what it is—not a prairie fire or the neighbor's barn, but the happy light of burning mortgages.

The farmers of America have had their lesson. They aren't throwing their money around this time. They are paying their debts. They are becoming the solid citizens of the nation. They are building a bulwark against a post-war depression that can save the nation financially unless.....

Right now, the financial health of rural America is better than it has been in many a long decade. But certain nervous gentlemen are beginning to worry. Will the farmer keep to the straight and narrow or will he be tempted to put down an option on distant hills which are beginning to turn an alluring green?

Listen to what one of those cautious gentlemen in Washington Frank Wilson of the department of commerce, has to say. Why, you may ask, does the department of commerce, whose job it is to look after the welfare of the city man, worry about the farmer? Well, when the farmer goes broke, the city man closes up shop. But, a word from Mr. Wilson:

"While the level of farm values throughout most parts of the Middle West has increased 10 to 15 per cent in the last year, and the transfer of farm properties has been greatly accelerated, there is, as yet, no evidence of the recurrence of the destructive speculation in farm lands which followed the First World war."

So far so good. But here is Mr. Wilson's postscript:

"Farm lending authorities throughout that area, however, admit that conditions are in the making from which a speculative wave might result unless price control measures can be effective in holding farm prices at or only moderately above present levels."

Mortgage Survey

The department of commerce made a survey of the farm mortgage situation in 19 states where the bulk of the food production for war is being made.

The federal land banks and the Farm Credit administration which has been watching this situation like a hawk has plenty of data. One out of every ten—or more than 100,000—farm-borrowers from the 12 federal land banks and land bank commissioner repaid his loan in full in 1942.

In the 19 states the department of commerce studied, according to the 1940 census, there were more than three million farms, more than half of all the farms in th ecountry. Their total value is well over half the total value of farm lands in the country.

The survey of this territory, just made public, shows that in 1940, '41 and '42, indebtedness of farmers to the Farm Credit Administration dropped a quarter of a billion dollars. This includes the drouth area in Kansas, one of the states hit hardest by the drouth, 10,000 farmers got out of debt and Kansas borrowers kept right on paying until they had deposited a million dollars in the "future payment fund" to anticipate labor installments. Similar statistics could be reeled off for other areas.

One thing that has helped the debt payment is the inability to get into further debt—for automobiles and other commodities which just aren't for sale.

Will that memory fade? Will the farmer's money begin to burn a hole in his pocket? Will those green pastures just over the hill begin to lure him beyond his means?

As I said, the cautious folk in Washington are a little worried. These are some of the danger signals they see:

A possible rise in values which cannot be exactly predicted or explained. But which is always a possibility, if not now, after the war. Then there will be an accumulation of cash; there will be a lot of war bonds in the safe deposit box or in the old sock. There will be a lot of husky young sons returning from the war for whom fathers will want to buy farms, there will be perhaps an increased demand for farm products as new foreign markets are opened or the United Statesc begins to help feed a starving world.

In some places, there is evidence of the tendency toward speculation now. Lenders in Iowa are offering money against Iowa farm land as low as 2½ per cent. Speculation in livestock is going on in some places. But there is no trend now toward the wild buying of World War I.

"And," says Mr. Wilson, "if the tremendous gains in the farm indebtedness situation can be held, the capacity of the great agricultural areas of the nation to absorb the flood of products that will come to all markets after the war will be tremendous."

The financial fate of post-war America is pretty much in the hands of the farmers. Let's hope he won't let it (and his spare cash) slip through his fingers.

Two-Way Attack On 'Beveridge Plan'

When the administration's "Beveridge Plan" for increased social security and post-war adjustment was made public, congress proceeded to make it plain that they intended to pigeon-hole it. The general impression was that it was laid away because it was too "socialistic" to suit the right wingers or even some of the middle-of-the-roaders.

But do not think that all the opposition came from one direction. The first adventure of the new social security program was, in reality, very much like the "Charge of the Light Brigade" for there were "cannons to right of them" and also "cannons to left of them" which volleyed and thundered. As I said, the offensive from the right was taken for granted. But the attack of the left wing, while not as vocal, seems to be just as vehement. There is proof in a press release which probably was released by very few papers. It comes from the "People's Lobby" in Washington, an institution which believes in "public ownership of natural resources, basic industries and essential processing and distributive agencies."

But the "People's Lobby" thinks the President's plan is nowhere near socialistic enough. In fact, it is just "another trick.....to try to lull the people into a sense of false security while economic royalists continue, through ownership, to dictate the standards of living of the American people."

Washington—Geometric City

The other day, I heard on a radio broadcast the statement that Washington was a geometric city. We have so many squares and circles and other geometric figures—Dupont circle that I pass every day, Lafayette square with its historic memories (not to mention its squirrels) where I spend my extra seconds; the Octagon house, built by a wealthy friend of George Washington, where society was lavishly entertained in the early 1800s, now preserved by the American Institute of Architects which bought it to preserve its stately beauty as well as to house their offices; the sprawling Pentagon building of the army, "a city with a roof over it."

With this in mind, I was suddenly impressed with the new patterns imposed on Washington since the war, the human figures, two of which I watched over my lunch in a restaurant the other day. At the next table were, not circles nor squares but human loops and bulges.

One was a slim man in eyeglasses. His nose was a loop, his smooth hair was looped back over his forehead. His gestures were looped, the back of the wrist bent and higher than his fingertips as he dangled his cigarette—I could only think of the paws of a lackadaisical pup begging for a sweet.

His partner was Mr. Bulge. The bulge began below the wrinkle in his vest and it was the only thing that kept him far enough away from the table to save his bulging nose from reaching the soup I could hear him inhaling. His hands bulged like the padded arms of an overstuffed chair in a hotel lobby. His cheeks were pink and bulging hams.

Washington is learning new lessons in human geometry.

Briefs

The personnel section of the Japanese ministry of commerce has prepared a set of "laws of etiquette" which is to be distributed to Japanese officialdom throughout occupied Manchuria. The "laws" cover such details, as "posture, attitude, salute, honorific address and address to subordinates." The manner of one's demeanor at meals and the manner of telephoning are detailed.

By removing unnecessary frills from scores of articles, ranging from hairpins to industrial power trucks, WPB last year saved 600,000 tons of steel, 17,000 tons of copper, 180,000,000 yards of cloth, 30,000 tons of leather, 450,000,000 feet of lumber, 227,000 tons of pulp, 35,000 tons of solder, 8,000 pounds of tungsten and enough man hours to build 23 Liberty ships.

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First Civil War Monument

The first monument ever erected for Civil war heroes is said to be the one at Everett, Mass.

Maryland Musings

Contouring is productive. Just as it is a form of insurance against drought so it is a form of insurance for greater wartime production of crops. It holds the soil in place and in so doing holds soil fertility, fertilizer and seed, all the time building up soil moisture reserves.

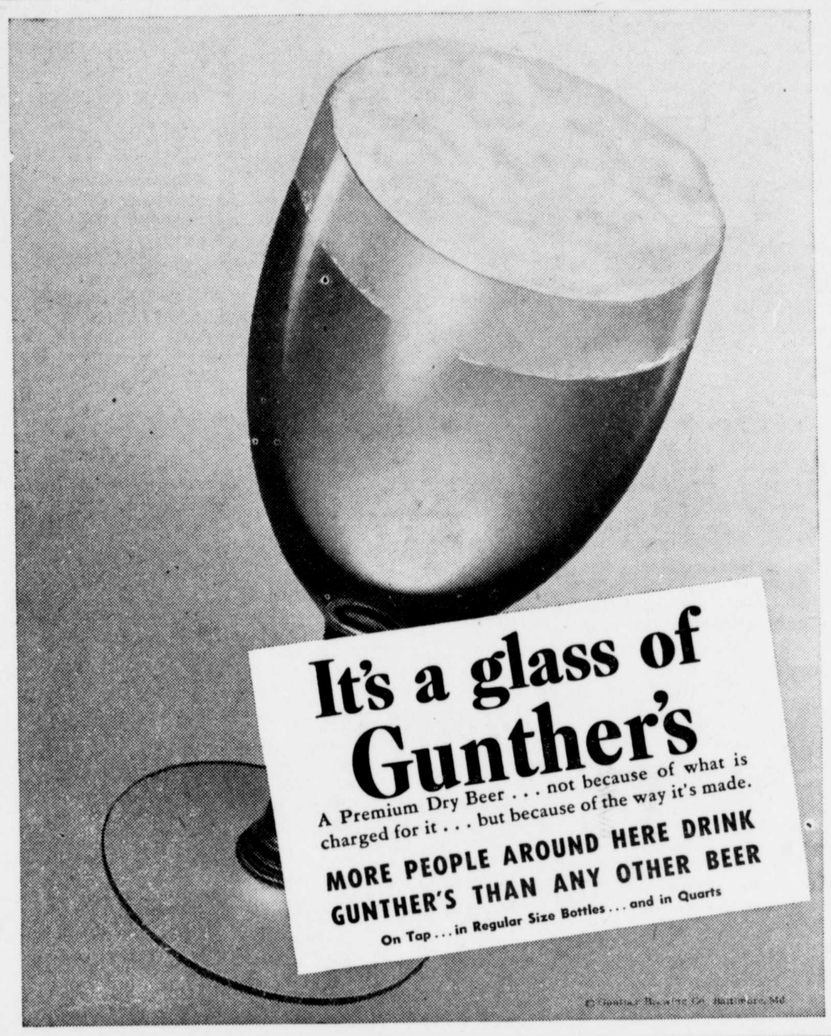
Some of the energy food eaten each day should be cereal or bread made of the whole wheat. Whole-grain cereal and flour contain the bran layers and the heart of the kernel, which have been lost from refined cereals and plain white flour.

Some ways to reduce the peak needs for labor in growing truck crops are: Planting crops that do not mature together; planting early and late varieties of the same crop; spreading planting dates. Any of these devices extends the harvest period.

Warmth for comfort, feed for good growth, and sanitary surroundings to prevent disease are three essentials of a successful backyard poultry enterprise.

Dehydrated vegetables not only provide substantial savings in shipping space, enabling one ship to do the work of five or more, but they also are relatively non-perishable and are well suited for military use. About 8 pounds of dehydrated Irish potatoes, for example is the equivalent of a bushel of raw potatoes weighing 60 pounds.

Maryland farmers, gambling with manpower, machinery shortages, and weather, are planning to increase the number of acres planted for harvest this year about one percent over those of last year, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. Turkey growers intend to raise 11 percent more turkeys than in 1942.



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