The Social Wanderer

DEAR ROAMER

Scarcely a week passes without an announcement of a wedding and certainly an engagement. But this week almost surpasses any, with four prominent weddings of interest to the County taking place, and further still an announcement of an engagement to boot.

Let's start with those coming first. We had two on Wednesday. One that you've read about already, namely, the Metcalfe—McDorman wedding which took place at Miami Beach at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The other one comes as a surprise to most of us and here 'tis:

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Henry Granville Fisher announce the marriage of their daughter, Eleanore Carol to John Charles Fisher, Lieutenant, United States Navy, on April 14th, at Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. Fisher is a graduate of Notre Dame of Maryland High School and attended Ohio State University and the University of Maryland.

Lieutenant Fisher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fisher of Duluth, Minn., and is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1939.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for the West Coast.

This wedding is a culmination of a long standing romance. Miss Fisher met Lieut. Fisher back in the year 1936, when with her mother and father she was in Sweden and Lieut. Fisher, then a young mid shipman student at the Naval Academy was on his first midshipman's cruise. Meeting at a tea dance aboard ship, the old story of boy meets girl took effect. Through out the years, meetings, when ship was in port, and letters continued. But the last time they met was in 1939 when he was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy. Still, Uncle Sam carried mail. However, early in the present year of 1943, Miss Fisher went to California to visit some relatives. Ship was in port, and on Wednesday the 14th day of April, Miss Fisher became the bride of Lieut. John Charles Fisher, U.S.N.

The other two will be on Saturday, April 17th. One is the Handy-Hurd nuptials of which I've written before. Among those from here attending the wedding at Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore and the reception following at the home of the bride's cousins on Park Avenue, include, Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Barroll, Mrs. Wm. T. Dixon, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and Mr. Wilbur Ross Hubbard.

At one o'clock on Saturday, Miss Mary Margaret Eliason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason will become the bride of Lieut. Robert D. Hooper, Jr., U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hoopes. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds at the First Methodist Church.

The bride who will be given in marriage by her father will have as her Matron of Honor, Mrs. John D. Helm, Jr., of Boston. Mrs. Helm was formerly Miss Grace Higgins of Snow Hill and before her marriage was a frequent guest of Miss Eliason's at her home here.

The two sisters of the groom, Miss Virginia S. Hoopes and Miss Patricia Hoopes will act as bridesmaids. Because of military conditions the actual list of ushers is uncertain, and so with the detailed account of the wedding, I will save it for next week.

A reception for the two families and out-of-town guests will follow immediately after the ceremony at the home of the bride.

After a wedding trip, the bride and groom-elect will make their home in New London, Conn.

Miss Eliason before leaving Philadelphia, where she has been living was entertained in that city by Miss Mary Cary Metcalfe and Mrs. W. H. Steele with a surprise kitchen shower.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Philip A. Hickman was hostess in honor of Miss Eliason at a tea and shower, while on Tuesday, April 13, Miss Mildred Power and Miss Elizabeth Dorsey entertained at a dessert-bridge for the bride-to-be at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Jesse Coop, on Mt. Vernon Ave.

And now for another surprise. The engagement of Miss Mildred Peabody of Pelham, New York, and Ensign William P. Atwater, U. S. N. R. was announced in New York this week.

Miss Peabody was a guest last week-end, with Ensign Atwater, at the home of his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater. The wedding is planned to take place in early May.

Ensign Atwater is now at Lehigh University taking further Naval Training.

Lieut. Harry B. Cannon, who has been stationed at New River, N. C. returned to his new base at Cherry Point, N. C. on Wednesday, following a five day visit with his family here. Lieut. and Mrs. Cannon entertained at dinner on Saturday evening, last, the day of his arrival home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heberling, who have been spending the winter months at their home in Fort Landerdale, Fla., were visitors at their home, Cacaway Point, last week-end and will continue their residence here for the remainder of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jarman of Baltimore, were guests last week-end of Miss Elizabeth Trew Russell.

Miss Virginia Johnson and Miss Helen Westcott, were week-end guests of Mrs. Fred Westcott at her home on Philosopher's Terrace.

Mrs. Wm. A. McGregor, Mrs. Fred M. Magruder and Mrs. Harding of Silver Springs, Md., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGregor at Worton Point, last week-end.

As Palm Sunday draws near and Easter just beyond, we naturally think of Spring, flowers, warm sunshine and pretty clothes. But the elements are in keeping, by being out of tune, with the rest of the world's affairs. Nothing is like it used to be. Fur Coats and chilly blasts seem the order of the day in Mid-April. But the winds change over night, so let us in our prayers for Peace and Victory, hope too, that normalcy will be a hand maiden.

Yours for Harmony,

The Wanderer

Washington Digest

Army Clarifies Policies Regarding Farm Labor

Military Units May Be Employed on Crops During 'Emergency Situations'; Individual Furloughs Not Contemplated.

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"Home on a furlough."

I wonder how many of my readers remember that very popular print of two (or maybe more) generations ago. Well, never mind if you don't (though I would appreciate a letter from any who do); "home on a furlough" is going to mean something quite different now.

I remember the original picture only vaguely. I didn't know what the word "furlough" meant. But I know there was a tousle-headed blond boy in the middle of an admiring farm family, telling his adventures.

Today, the farm boy with a conscience, and the farm family with a farm, are looking forward to the "furlough" that will bring the boy home for work, not the telling of his tales of adventure.

It isn't going to be quite that way.

The President, when the farm bloc was riding the administration its hardest last month, went into considerable detail as to what was to be done to solve the farm labor question. Since then some concrete steps have been taken but not the ones the farmers, or some of them, would have liked. They would have liked their own sons, or their own hands, who enlisted because they simply couldn't stay "out of the show," back doing the old chores they used to do. But this is what the army said:

"The army does not contemplate furloughing individual soldiers to work on farms," the war department announced in a statement clarifying policies and procedures by which soldiers may be used to alleviate the farm labor shortage.

"World War I experience demonstrated that such temporary releases of individual soldiers were of little assistance to the agriculture industry and disrupted the organization and training of the army. If furloughs were granted for this purpose, neither agriculture nor the army could be assured that the soldiers thus furloughed actually would be engaged in agricultural activties.

"Certain emergency situations may develop in which vital crops may be endangered because of critical shortages in local agricultural labor. In such cases, military units may be employed under command of their own officers to supplement the local farm labor until the crisis is over.

"Troops so employed will be housed and fed by the army and will be subject to military control at all times.

"Requests for use of military units for emergency farm duty must be transmitted to the war department by the chairman of the War Manpower commission."

Another Loophole

However, there is another loophole which all of the farmers or the farm men in service may not know about. A soldier over 38 years of age who is on active duty in the continental United States can get his discharge right now if he can get a statement from his local farm agent to the effect that he is needed.

But the application has to get in by May 1. The same thing applies to men overseas and they have until June. (Better tell them by V-Mail.)

The President explained to us twice, why a batch of young men couldn't be pulled out of a division and sent home.

You can take 10 to 20 soldiers out of an outfit that has just started training and it doesn't make much difference. But you can't take that many men out of an outfit already trained and booked for overseas. Not without crippling the outfit so badly that it really interferes with battle plans.

That's his explanation and he made it to us the other day, leaning back in his chair and obviously trying hard to get over an idea that he believes is right.

There is going to be a "land army." He said he didn't like the term because it made the farmers think they were going to have a lot of green city folks descend on them. He knows what the farmers think about folks who will scare the horses, sprain their ankles, try to milk a cow and when she doesn't give, say: "The valves are stuck." One farmer wrote me he'd rather have grasshoppers than city folks on his place.

England's Method

The President said to us that in England they have increased food production 60 per cent. And they did it with the help of a land army, mostly women with no previous training. They got the training. A lot depends on the training.

I talked with a farmer near here who took on a city boy. green as grass. The boy probably thought shoats were something you wore and probably would have looked in the toolbox for a boar.

Maybe you heard him talk on the Farm and Home Hour. Well, I met him and the farmer, too. The kid is crazy to get back this summer and the farmer told me he was sick when he had to let him go back to school. City folks are dumb in a lot of ways. But so are farmers. It's true you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. Also, a lot of horses have got the sense to drink if you've got sense to lead them to the water.

In spite of dumb help or none at all, in spite of lack of machines and a lot of red tape, the farmers of the country have signed up to raise a bigger crop than they've ever raised. I believe with a little horse sense and patience, they are going to pull through.

No team pulled together until they were in harness.

If they don't, God help us and the army at meal time.

The Weather—A Dead Topic

As you know, mention of the weather on the radio these days is forbidden. The newspapers can describe a snow storm or a hot spell but the radio commentators cannot.

There is a good reason for this.

A lurking submarine could pick up a newscast, and if enough facts concerning the weather were revealed by stations in enough widely separated localities, even an amateur meteorologist—and the Germans are no amateurs—could make a pretty good weather forecast by putting two and two together.

But being unable to describe the manifestitations of nature that I see on my way to work in the morning is a terrible handicap to me. Recently I've gotten around the difficulty by talking about last week's weather, and before going on the air, reading what I was going to say to the censorship officials and getting their O. K. In no case did they restrict me. The other day, however, I forgot to call up the Censorship office but the Blue Network didn't forget. I got this message:

"Censorship says you have to cut out all references to weather from now on. They say that there was nothing actually censorable in what you have said or what you have written today but so many complaints have come in from other stations that you were violating the regulations and so many other stations have been using your comments on the weather as an excuse for violating the rule, that we will have to ask you to stop discussing the subject entirely."

The following is what censorship didn't let me say but what it has no objection to my printing:

"It was pretty hard the past week not to mention the swiftly changing scene which nature provided Washingtonians—one day, not so long ago a top coat was far too heavy for comfort and in the park, the dark patches were beginning to be studded with jeweled buds and the sunlight seemed to turn into solid gold on the bursting forsythia. On that balmy day I remarked—'Well, we must be due for a blizzard.'

"Twenty-four hours later the fine snow began to fall and late that afternoon and the following morning, the tree limbs and trunks were wrapped in great soft blankets of down—even the high branches were wide bands of white—but when we went home from work in the evening, the streets were dry and clean again and only here and there in the shadow of a hedge or in the sheltering cups of the brown ivy leaves was a dust of snow—like a meager sprinkling of precious sugar on the rim of a doughnut."

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia has joined the ranks of Victory Gardeners, planning an extensive garden on the grounds of the executive mansion. An old barn, once used to house cows, will be razed to provide additional garden space. The governor indicated that his wife and son would be the "boss gardeners" and predicted a bumper crop of vegetables.

Cotton fabrics for women's work clothing have been cut from 14 types to five.

Government purchase orders, specifying that canners pack fruits vegetables and juices in large No. 10 size cans, instead of smaller ones, may save as much as 57,000 tons of steel, 1,000 tons of tin, 43 tons of rubber and 5,500,000 man-hours of cannery labor in 1943.

College Corner

"Doc" Slade

The local chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity sponsored the weekly assembly program yesterday in William Smith Hall.

Gladys S. Foster, a professional hat box sketch artist was the guest at the regular weekly assembly yesterday.

The Dramatic Club is extremely busy practicing for its coming production, "Susan and God."

The baseball players are still continuing their daily drills. Their play has been rather encouraging even if baseball has been cut out of the college scedule. The story on Wednesday's game with Navy at Annapolis appears in the bottom of this column.

Many tennis participants are now playing on the courts which are in very good condition for this time of the year. Archery practice is supposed to begin soon for the girls if warm weather permits.

On Wednesday, the baseball team travelled to Annapolis and were defeated by Navy 7-1, The locals put up a pretty fair battle considering their lack of practice, the first time they had faced fast balls and it was also their first game. Dick Lynch pitched seven innings and then was relieved by Bob Thawley for the locals.

Easter holidays at the college have been curtailed this year to three days, beginning at 4:15 on Thursday and continuing through Sunday.

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First Civil War Monument

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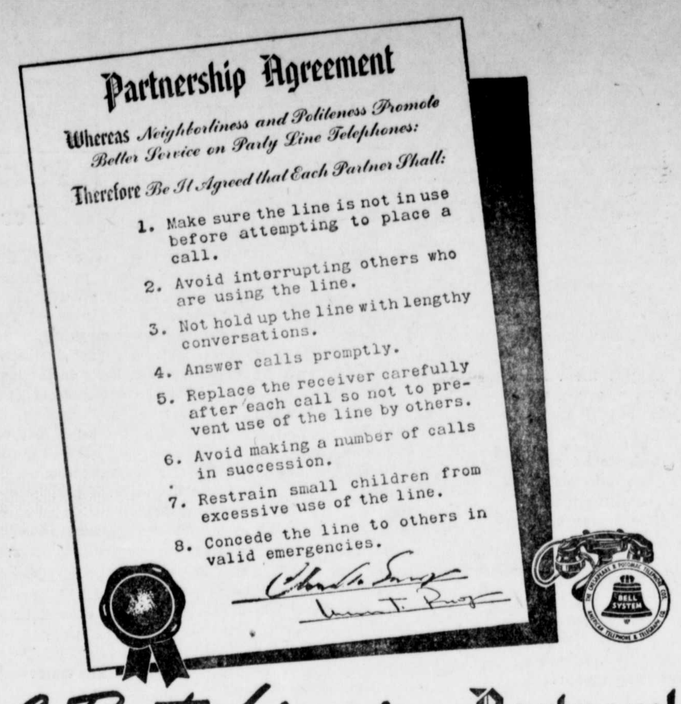

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