The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Probably the largest party of the Spring season was given on Thursday evening, last, when the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater, entertained about 200 guests at a reception, held at the Rectory to meet Ensign and Mrs. William Paret Atwater, whose marriage took place early in May in Pelham, N. Y.

Miss Marian Ann Thomas,daughter Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Thomas, is announcing to-day, the date of her wedding to private Frank Vannort Simpers, Jr. son of Mrs. Frank V. Simpers and the late Mr. Simpers.

The ceremony will be performed on Saturday, May 29, at 4 o'clock in the after-noon, at the home of the bride, by Father Charles J. Conway.

Miss Thomas will wear a gown of white satin trimmed in lace, with a tulle veil over the face and carry a shower bouquet of lillies of the valley and bride's roses.

Mrs. James W.Chapman, III, sister of the groom, and Mrs. William A. McGregor, Jr., of Silver Springs, Md., will be Matrons of Honor and the bride's only attendants. They will wear gowns of pale yellow marquisette, with Juliet caps to match and carry bouquets of spring flowers.

Mr. Simpers, stationed at New River, N. C., will arrive home Tuesday on a seven day furlough, and will have as his best man, Mr. Elmer C. Thomas, Jr., brother of the bride.

Miss Thomas is one of the most popular young girls in Chestertown. No doubt, next week, you'll hear of a raft of parties in her honor. Already Miss Helen Strong has issued invitations for a dessert-bridge and miscellaneous shower next Wednesday evening, and you may be sure of more to follow.

Blue and yellow will be the color scheme of the bridal attendants, when Miss Frances Elizabeth Kreeger becomes the bride, on Saturady of Dr. Basil Tully, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tully of Maplewood, N. J. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds at the First Methodist Church at five o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride wearing a gown of white faille with a train, and a finger tip veil over the face, will be given away by her father, Mr. James S. Kreeger.

Mrs. Porter Matthews of Easton, sister of the bride, wearing a gown of blue chiffon and taffeta, will be the Matron of Honor.

Attired in yellow chiffon and taffeta, Miss Kreeger's four bridesmaids will be Mrs. R. Albert Dudderar, Mrs. William A. Buckingham, Mrs. James Kreeger, Jr., and Miss Ellen Bordley.

Little Nancy Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Russell, in a yellow frock will be the flower girl.

Serving as best man will be the groom's brother, Dr. John Tully, of Maplewood, N. J.

Dr. Tully's ushers include: Mr. Donald Harper of Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. Robert Higgs, Mr. Thomas Kashata, of Philadelphia, and Mr. James Kreeger, Jr., brother of the bride of Easton, Md.

Following the wedding, a small reception for the families and intimate friends will be held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Kreeger. After a wedding trip, Dr. Tully and his bride will reside in Philadelphia.

Any number of parties have been given for Miss Kreeger, there having been three since writing you last. On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. William Buckingham entertained at a "sweet smelling shower", followed on Monday night by a dessert bridge and miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Laurence P. Strong. Tuesday evening Mrs. Albert R. Dudderar was hostess at a lingerie shower, given at the home of Mrs. James Criss, on Queen St. Many are the novel ways in which showers are presented these days, but the latter was quite successful in the guise of "a shadow operation" from which the gifts were drawn from the patient on the table behind the screen.

Following the rehearsal on Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kreeger will entertain the bridal party at their home on Water St.

The engagement of Miss Mary Landon Russell, daughter of Mrs. John Waters Russell has been announced to Corporal Marcus Scott Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ingram, of Berkley, Calif.

Miss Russell, a graduate of Washington College, is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, and at present has a position with the Western Electric Co. in Baltimore.

Corporal Ingram attended the U. of California and is now stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Another wedding of interest to Kent County occurred on Saturday May 15, 1943 when Miss Helen M. T. Waltz, daughter of Mrs. Cora M. Waltz and the late James S. Waltz, of Carroll County, Maryland and Samuel F. Joiner, son of Mrs. Catherine M. Joiner and the late James R. Joiner, of Kent County were married at the Lutheran Church of The Holy Comforter, Baltimore, by the Pastor, the Rev. J. Frank Fife. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a short trip to New York. Upon their return they will reside at 712 Gorsuch Ave, Baltimore Both the bride and groom are employed in Baltimore, the groom having just recently been released from active duty with the United States Army.

Among those from here who attended the Dixon-Purnell wedding in Baltimore last Saturday included: Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Barroll, Mrs. Frank B. Hines, Judge Stephen R. Collins, Mrs. Edward A. Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Maxwell, Mrs. Jonathan Maxwell and Mrs. P. M. Brooks.

Mrs. William T. Dixon returned to her home at Green Point Farm here on Monday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Pearce Crisfield, who came from Savanah, Ga., to be present at her granddaughter's wedding. Mrs. Crisfield will remain as her daughter's guest for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Massey are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son born last Saturday at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital.

On Tuesday evening next, Mrs. Frank Connely will entertain at a dessert bridge at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Julian S. Power.

Mrs. Rogers Wilson, of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Wm. W. Beck of New York came to Chestertown on Tuesday and have taken an apartment at the Sophie Fisher Inn for some weeks.

Mrs. Claude Truslow spent several days in New York this week shopping and while there was a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jackson R. Collins at their home in Montclair, N. J.

Mrs. Dorsey Hines entertained at luncheon on Thursday at her home, Riverside in honor of her house guest, Mrs. William Kegan of Baltimore.

Mrs. S. Scott Beck and Mrs. Philip G. Wilmer left on Wednesday for New York, where they will be joined by Miss Betty Beck, for a few days shopping.

Miss Elizabeth G. Brown arrived to-day from the Garrison Forest School, where she is a member of the faculty, to spend the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. H. Clay Brown.

Mrs. J. G. Pinder has returned to her home on High St., after spending some time with her son an ddaughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Pinder at Claymont, Del.

And here we meet at the Cross Roads. You've been your way, I've been mine—perhaps our paths have met, and for the coming week-end, may they meet again.

Yours in hopes,

The Wanderer

Boy Scout Gives One Bus Driver Food for Thought

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.—A local Boy Scout, one of 65 who collected nearly 100 tons of scrap metal, was engaged in loading some of the collection onto a truck, which was parked in such a way that it blocked passage of a local bus.

The bus driver shouted: "Hey, move that truck! I've got people here who want to get home."

The scout answered: "Listen, mister, I've got two brothers fighting overseas. They want to get home, too."

BETTERTON PLEASURE PIER
..DANCING..
Saturday, May 29
The First Dance of the Season
Also Bingo and Bowling

Washington Digest

Air Corps Cuts Red Tape With Absorption of CAP

Student Pilots of Civil Air Patrol Are Vital Link In Nation's Defense Chain; Valued Services Now Recognized.

By BAUKHAGE
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WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

As the tempo of American activity on the foreign fronts moves with an accelerated beat, it is pleasing to note that a lot of red tape in Washington is being rolled up and chucked into official wastebaskets. One example is what the air corps is trying to do to utilize every ounce of human and material resource that is available.

When war comes, there is always a sharp cross current of human emotions—the good old one of self-preservation, and the equally old and much better one, from the standpoint of the nation, of patriotism. And, for opposite reasons but with the same result, both meet with obstacles. Many injustices occur in the selection of men for military service. Many ardent and valubale men are stopped from rendering the service of which they are capable and which they are anxious to furnish.

Red tape is the answer. But red tape is bound to tangle any herculean effort when a peaceful nation turns into a belligerent.

Drab Duties

The latest step in removing the red tape that was holding back a lot of valuable human power was the absorption of the Civil Air Patrol by the air corps. As this is written, the decision is being made as to which administrative group will take over this body of patriotic fliers who have been furnishing their own planes and their own services, unsung and unhonored. Most of their duties have been drab, and in many cases, stultifying because of their indefinite, quasi-military status. They are not a part of the air corps.

Another important step forward is also under way which will bring that group of unselfish young men into active service after months of morale-breaking waiting—I refer to the Civilian Pilot trainees, most of whom are now sure of active duty as instructors or flying cadets. They, too, have worked without compensation other than subsistence, and have sacrificed time, earning capacity and opportunity to continue their normal civilian careers. They are now being gradually absorbed into the air corps, too.

Few people in the country outside of the families of the members are familiar with either the Civil Air Patrol, the student pilots of the War Training program or even that other group of a million and a half volunteers who make up the aircraft warning service.

The Civil Air Patrol received some publicity for its important part in offshore duty in the campaign which stopped the submarine activities off the eastern coast of the United States. These men were pilots who owned their own planes, took their special training and received only gasoline and a small fee for depreciation while on active duty.

Spotters for 'Tough Guys'

They are a vital link in that chain of air and surface guardians who watched our waters from Maine to Florida. They could spot a sub immediately report it to the nearest bomber or a fast coast guard or naval vessel. Some of the civilian planes were equipped with light bombs but they were not able to make much use of them because their planes were slow and a sub on the surface could spot them as quickly as they could spot the sub and crash dive. That can be done in seven or eight minutes and since visibility may extend 15 miles, the sub could hit bottom before the pilot could get over his target. Their chief function was to play bird-dog for the "tough guys" carrying heavier depth bombs.

Civil Air Patrol did invaluable but less romantic service in carrying vital machine parts between factories. It is now possible that some of these men and women in the interior of the country who have been making uninteresting overland flights from here to there may get a whiff of sea air, too. In any case, the red tape between them and the air command has been severed.

If not technically, at least practically, "they're in the army now."

As to the boys in the CPT war training program, who have been warming benches and waiting at nothing per diem, a bill in congress is about to give them pay as active reservists and as soon as there is equipment enough to accommodate all of them, those unqualified for cadet combat training will probably have jobs as instructors or transport pilots soon.

Status Unchanged

The last named group, the airplane spotters, operate under the Fighter Command, and their functions are such that their status will not be changed, they are a part of the Office of Civilian Defense.

This group is made up of volunteer workers working with armed force experts, in connection with a vast network of telephone and radio connections which lace our entire coastline, east, south and west.

They total a million and a half people and the OCD calls this work done by the volunteers, the most arduous and technical job trusted to civilians. It consists in spotting, reporting and recording all activity. Not a plane appears in the skies that is not checked and accounted for. If it can't be identified, blackouts are ordered until it is.

Most of the volunteers are women and many more are needed. The job is declared as being both exciting and tough. The anti-aircraft centers where these people work are guarded by soldiers and no one gets in who doesn't work there or is on official business.

Here dozens of girls work on a gigantic table map of the area. They wear telephone headsets and mouthpieces like a regular telephone operator, litening to the information and moving little markers called "pips," representing planes, about the map with long wands.

These girls are the end of a series of operations which go like this:

The spotter out on top of some building or hilltop sees a plane. The message comes in in semi-code, "Bomber on bi high west 39 Posy." The girl puts the pip on the spot on the map corresponding to the spotter's report. The details of the size and description of plane are recorded on a marker on the pip. As the plane moves, it is reported by each spotter in succession and pushed along on the map. But until three spotters have made the same report, it is not considered correct—because geese look like planes sometimes.

Method Of Operation

After the third report, a teller watching the board from a balcony above, reports it to the operations room which may be in another city. This point is the nerve center and here again the planes are plotted. Army men and Civil Aeronautics, administration officials who are continuously receiving information as to every plane leaving the ground, check this information with the map below them. Every plane has to be accounted for. If not—they, you and I, if we live in that vicinity, know about it—the air raid warning is flashed. If the flier has left the ground without clearance or through some mistake hasn't identified himself, he is likely to see a big bomber after him or he might even have to duck anti-aircraft fire. This is how careful our anti-aircraft defense has to be.

About Nutrition

I received the following card from a listener in Miami, Fla.:

"Those who know will tell you that the introduction of synthetic vitamins into white bread is all the bunk or sales talk. Canada and Great Britian will not allow it. The Pure Food Act boys know it too. But just look it up and laugh. 'Suckers' are not born today, they are made by propaganda and high-powered advertising."

I called up the Food and Drug administration ("Pure Food Boys"). Commissioner Campbell said to me:

"So far as the nutritionists know, synthetic vitamins are just as effective as natural vitamins. This has been shown by extensive experimentation."

Before the order was given to enrich white flour with synthetic vitamins, lengthy testimony was taken by leading nutritionists—scientific men with no axes to grind.

My listener was undoubtedly sincere. He was sincerely undoubting of his misinformation.

I wonder who started it?

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

"What is the shortest joke?" one Berliner asks. "We will win," is the reply.

War Ration Book No. 3 which provides new stamps to replace those running out in existing books will be distributed through the mails to more than 120,000,000 individuals beginning late in June and ending July 21.

A man said to a waitress in a restaurant: "I'm going to have another cup of coffee." "Not here," said the girl. "We'll see," said the man, "bring me a cup of hot water." The waitress did, he opened a cigarette case, took out a little envelope, dumped its contents into the cup There was his coffee, sugar and all .....perfectly legal. But it does seem like a lot of trouble.

Duplicate Bridge

The third in the present series of duplicate bridge was played on Tuesday evening at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club with 6 tables contesting for honors.

Results of the evening are as follows:

North and South

Tie for

Couple 1—Mrs. Perry Metcalfe and Mrs. Hugh Sease.

and

Mr. Phil Kratzer and Mr. Richard Carvell.

Couple 2—Mrs. S. Scott Beck and Miss Martha Speicher.

Couple 3—Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown.

East and West

Couple 1—Mrs. Rudulph Tull and Mrs. S. Holt Wright.

Couple 2—Mrs. Ernest Strong and Miss Helen Simpers.

Couple 3—Mrs. Geraldine Williams and Mrs. Richard H. Collins.

Next week, will be "draw night." Everybody come!

WITH U. S. FORCES

Captain Lawrence A. Blackhurst, Jr., of King's Grant, was one of nine Marylanders honored with the Air Medal for anti-submarine patrol flights over the Atlantic. Captain Blackhurst has served for more than 200 hours as an observer in flights over the Atlantic Ocean.

His doctoral thesis, subject, "The Eastern Shore", approved by the Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, Lieutenant,j.g. Frank Goodwin, U.S.N.R. will be awarded the doctor's degree at the commencement exercises at Washington College, from which Lieut. Goodwin is on leave of absence as professor of economics.

Ensign A. E. Dryden, stationed at Pensacola, Florida, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, J.G. Lieutenant Dryden is the husband of the former Miss Margaret Ann Dukes of Chestertown.

By way of the grape-vine system and from many sources, we learn that our own former professor Winton A. Tolles at Washington College, and now Lieutenant Tolles of the U. S. Naval Reserve, stationed at Quonset, R. I., is holding the same strong popularity with his students of the Navy that he did over those here at College. In fact, he's just about tops with B'boys, and upon completion of one course, he was tendered a testimonial dinner by his graduating class.

Among the men in the services,who were home last week-end include: Lt. Com. Carlton Kelsey, who is remaining here for a week; Phil Brooks U. S.N. from Little Creek, Va., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Brooks; Private Lawrence Brice U.S.M.C. who made his first visit with his family in Betterton since entering the service.

Private Wm. B. Usilton, stationed at Fort Meade, joined his wife Sunday in Baltimore where Mrs. Usilton spent the week-end.

Betterton Pier To Open Season, May 29th

Announcement was made this week that the first dance of the season at the Betterton Pleasure pier will be held Saturday evening, May 29th.

In addition to dancing the other pier amusements will also open that evening. Efforts are being made to secure daily excursion service to this Kent County resort which would afford a recreation outlet for the crowded defense areas.

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