The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Miss Ann Geddes will be the Maid of Honor to-day for Miss Jean Corbett McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner McCullough, of Kittanning, Pa., when she becomes the bride of Lieut. (j. g.) William Worth Geddes, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bramwell Geddes of Manor Shores, Chestertown Mr. Bramwell Geddes, Jr., will serve as his brother's best man. The ceremony will be performed at 5.30 in the afternoon in the gardon of Old Timberss' the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Geddes and Miss Geddes left here on Wednesday for Kittanning to be among the out-of-town guests present.

The Stevens—Ingersoll wedding has been moved up to Saturday, June 19 because of family absences. On account of the restrictions in transportation only members of the immediate families will be present.

Mrs. Eben C. Jenkins and her two young daughters, of Hyattsville have been guests here this week and will attend the wedding on Saturday..

Miss Jane Welton, of Portsmouth, Va., has been chosen by Miss Betty Beck to serve as Maid of Honor, in her wedding on Saturday, June 26. Four cousins of the bride, Miss Frances Perry, Miss Anne Wilmer, Miss Jane Kibler and Miss Frances Mackey Metcalfe will act as bridesmaids.

Miss Beck was honored at a beautiful luncheon given on Wednesday at the Sophie Fisher Inn by Miss Mary Louise Truslow and on Friday evening, Mrs. Richard Carvell will entertain at a dessert-bridge in honor of the bride-to-be.

Others parties of the week have included a dinner given on Monday evening by Mrs. Rogers Wilson at the Sophie Fisher Inn, followed by an "ice-cream" party given later by Mr. and Mrs. Edward McC. Fisher in honor of Mrs. William W. Beck who returned to her home in New York on Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wroth Stavely, entertained at dinner at their home "Hanson Hall' in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Robert E. Jones. Colonel Jones, who is stationed at Charlottesville, Va., is a former resident of Kent County and is a brother of Mrs. Roger Harris. Mrs. Harry Williams, and Mrs. DeWitt. The dinner consisted of food raised on the farm and resulted in a "pointless" repast.

Last Saturday afternoon, Miss Eleanor White entertained at a dessert bridge followed by a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. John Eliason, the former Miss Mildred Powers. This Saturday, Miss White will entertain at a dessert-bridge in honor of Miss Betty Beck.

One of the most unusual by way of of transportation, but truly war-time in nature, was the surprise birthday party given last Saturday evening by Mr. J. B. Whitworth in honor of Mrs. Whitworth. The invited guests were met at a point in town, where a hay wagon became the means of conveyance to the Whitworth home. There a deliciuos supper was served followed by music and bridge. At mid-night the team drew up once more, and the thirty some guests joggling, singing along returned in the moonlight.

Tuesday evening of this week was a large night for about twenty members of the younger set, when Ann Wilmer, Jane Kibler and Peggy Truslow entertained at a swimming party, picnic supper in the yard,, scavenger hunt and a wind-up dance in the garage. Fun? Why it was quintessence of joy!

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Geraitis and their young daughter, of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive on Saturday to spend two weeks at the home of Mrs. Etta Fountain and Mrs. Herbert Skipper. Miss Harriette Welch, will arrive on Tuesday, to remain here, having resigned her position as teacher in Sag Harbor, L. I. Miss Welch plans to open a kindergarten here in the Fall.

The Misses Grace and Ruth McVean are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McVean. Next week they will leave for Findlay, Ill., where they will be guests of their brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard D. Baker.

Mrs. Harry B. Cannon and her two sons, Harry and Hugh, will leave in the near future for Cherry Point, N. C., where they have taken a cottage near where Lieut. Cannon is stationed.

Miss Cornelia Walker of St. Louis, Mo., came last Saturday, to spend the summer in Chestertown at the home of the Misses Welch on Maple Ave.

Among the out-of-town guests last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. J. Philip Skipp and their young son Stefan, of Baltimore, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hynson Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. Philip DeWitt, of Germantown, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitworth; Miss Virginia Jones, of Baltimore, who visited Dr. and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones; Dr. and Mrs. Basil Tulley, of Philadelphia, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kreeger; Miss Dora McIntire, of East Orange, N. J., who visited Mrs. Margaret McIntire; and Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, of Philadelphia, who were guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Simmons.

Mrs. Ben Hyman and little daughter, of Chicago, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mrs. Hyman was formerly Miss Rose Gordon.

Mrs. Allan A. Harris has returned to Chestertown, from Baltimore, where she was a guest of Miss Isabelle Beck for a week.

Mrs. D. B. Ford is a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Whiting at their home in Baltimore for several days.

Miss Martha Bowling, of Hughsville, Md., is a guest of Miss Carrie Schreiber.

Mrs. Charles Comegys, formerly of "The Cliffs" has been visiting in Chestertown, for the past week as a guest of Mrs. Ralph Kellar and Mrs. Frank B. Hines.

At this point, the thermometer soars, disposition is not sweet, and the brain practically ceases to function. By the time this bit of news reaches you, all may have changed, and if wishful thinking will bring such to pass, I remain

Yours "The Thinker" and

The Wanderer

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WITH U. S. FORCES

No longer Private, but Sergeant, (if you please) William B. Usilton, III, spent the week-end here, from Fort Meade.

During this war, the worn but true saying—"The world is small" becomes more realistic daily. Africa, China in the Pacific, and in England, boys are meeting up with pals, or acquaintances of friends, they never dreamed were near. The latest is when Captain Frank B. Hines, Jr., and Captain Edward A. Hurd met last Friday, "somewhere in England." Never having met each other in Chestertown, two, from our own little town, meet in England.

Pfc. William Baldwin, U. S. M. C., who has been stationed in Rhode Island, is on a nine day leave, and is visiting his parents here, before reporting to Quantico, Va.

Miss Betty Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle A. Barnes, has been appointed to the nursing staff of the U. S. Treasury Dept., Foreign Funds Control Division, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. James A. Criss, left on Tuesday to join her husband, Serg. James A. Criss, U. S. M. C. at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Cal.

Lt. Brewster Phillips arrived here Saturday, and will remain until July 15th when he will leave for Texas for a month's training, before becoming stationed at Pensacola, Fla. Lt. Phillips has been transferred to the Naval Air Corps.

2nd Class Petty Officer Raymond Sutton, U. S. N. R., stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is spending a nine day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Sutton. His brother, Joe Sutton, left on Thursday for Fort Meade, for duty in the U. S. Army.

Lieut. (j. g.) Frank Goodwin, U. S. N. R., who has been training at Columbia University, has received orders to report to Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, a Naval Training Unit, where he will receive further training.

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Elkton Sign Law To Go Before High Court

At the recent session of the General Assembly of Maryland, among the many laws enacted was one making it illegal to maintain any kind of a sign to induce couples to go to any certain place to get married. It, in reality, was done to put to an end the display of many signs in and near Elkton, reading: "Marriage license Information." June 1st the law became effective, but many of the signs here were not removed. As a result on complaint, Sheriff Robinson served warrants on Rev. W. F. Hopkins and Rev. P. K. Lambert, charging them with violating the new law, above referred to.

The ministers, it is understood desired to have the constitutionality of the law tested. They have engaged, it is understood, E. D. E. Rollins and William J. Bratton, Esqs., as counsels who will carry the case to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

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Earliest tomatoes are sizing while later tomato plants are blooming and are fruiting, except earliest tomato plants are blooming and are fruiting in the Allegheny Mountain region.

Washington Digest

Victory Inevitable Despite Deadly, Undefeated Foe

Optimistic Americans Fail to Realize Enemy's Strength in Experienced Men, Naval Forces and Air Power.

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"But, General....."

The other day I said that after a long and enlightening talk by a high army officer who was patiently and painfully trying to show us why, despite the recent victories of the Allies, we still had a formidable enemy to meet, a dangerous, deadly and undefeated enemy. Victory, of course, is certain (eventually) but serious reverses, setbacks and sacrifices are still before use, he had said.

I believe my own exclamation, "but, general" is typical of some of those "buts" which have arisen in your minds.

America is the super-duper land of inventive genius, business genius, organizing genius, mass production, high standard of living, assembly line, giant industry, efficiency, wealth, central heating, apple pie and unlimited opportunity. True, we got our first real drubbing at Pearl Harbor but we came back; the British were licked at Singapore, too, but they won the battle of Britian. Latterly, we collaborated in the smashing victory of Tunisia..... the Russians beat 'em at Stalingrad, the Chinese have held 'em off for what seems a lifetime. Why, then.....?

The general looked a little weary but he went on politely—I can't quote all he said but will give you the parts the OWI says is "okeh."

"The enemy has the biggest, most effective fighting force in history."

Biggest? But America and Russia.....and Australia?

Armed Strength

Figures (U. S. Army official): The enemy still has 17 million men under arms. The German soldiers and their satellites, some a little ragged, still total 17 million trained men. The Japs have at least three million in uniform. These (the good and the bad) combine to make "the biggest most effective fighting mass ever assembled in history." Remember the enemy has been years building this force, and the civilians in these militaristic countries have sacrificed all the things necessary—things we wouldn't even think of rationing, including liberty and decency.

In cold numbers, the enemy still outnumbers us in land forces.

And even today, after Midway, Guadalcanal, Attu, Tunisia, Stalingrad, and the bombings, the enemy is still well equipped, well trained, well co-ordinated, can operate under adverse conditions and in the face of terrific hardships which our troops are just now beginning to master.

That is a brief sum up of the enemy land forces from a military man's point of view.

As to the enemy naval forces.

The Germans have, though you may not have realized from recent news, a small but highly specialized navy still afloat, plus the sub!

The submarine is still the biggest Allied problem. Submarines are tough animals now. Our own are tough enough and these animals are the German specialty. Depth bombs have to go deep to do any more than break the glass in the shaving mirrors and instrument faces. Even in the last war, it took a lot of depth bombs to get one sub. Now the subs can crash dive, shiver and rise to fight back.....and fight back they can! They are mounted with guns, they can stand up to an escort ship, at least a corvette, and it takes a destroyer or a fast cruiser to catch them even when they stay on the surface where they can return fire. The small stuff (30 caliber) bounces off their scales.

Japan's Navy

The surface ships which Germany has are not so much of a factor. But Japan's navy is still to be reckoned with. It is not destroyed but it has to be before we can achieve victory in the Pacific. Just taking islands won't do the job—and see how long it took to take an island, first Guadalcanal; now (almost at this writing) Attu.

Airforce: America now leads the world. But remember Germany was the first to build a supreme "luftwaffe" and that luftwaffe and the men who made it are not all dead yet. Japan's vaunted Zeros which could outmaneuver us because of their lightness, it is true, exploded at one shot. They have been improved. Germany has improved a number of her models, too. She is holding back many for defense.

The enemy army, as a whole, is better trained by experience than our men. But those of our men who have had equal training and experience are as good or better, man for man, although not yet perhaps, officer for officer. Remember, Germany and Japan bred an officer class. We trained a few professional officers, limited their prestige, resources and opportunity. The majority of our officers in wartime come from civilian life. They are good, when they get the training and the experience.

As to the fighting man. Well, we've stood up to Hitler's finest in Africa at bayonet's length—we've beaten the crawling Jap at his own game, jungle fighting.

Long Range View

But still we have those odds which I (or rather the general) mentioned when we look at the long range vista. They are the things which the general brought up in answer to the "buts"—I'll name the "buts" in a second. The point is he showed me why it can't be done tomorrow—why we civilians have to be patient. He showed me what we have to do before we get over that "ridge."

After tomorrow, we can consider:

The enemy hasn't the initiative the Americans and British have. When things don't go according to plan, they are likely to "bust." We won't

The enemy has had its best men in the army a long time—its replacements are not as good as ours will be.

Much of the enemy-held territory has a hostile population which will work with the Allies against the enemy when we move in.

Japan and Germany will fail on critical materials before we will—we can beat them at their own game of "ersatz," too; witness synthetic rubber.

We can manufacture and build faster because we have more to do it with than they have. Our home front is farther away from the battle front—and it is more in sympathy with the government, despite political difficulties.

But remember the "buts."

War Simulates Changes In Education

One of the many changes which the war has stimulated is the change in education. Education is going to count more after the war. Many boys will come back partially trained in trades and professions which they can follow if they have the additional theoretical and practical instruction necessary to arm them for the stiff competition which is expected.

As a result,, college entrance examination requirements will be greatly altered for many of these men will lack the traditional prerequisites. Reform in this field is one of the 11 major objectives, discussed in a report of the commission on liberal education of the Association of American Colleges.

"If an educational program is to be of genuine service to the men and women of the post-war worud," the report of the college committee says, "it must preform two functions simultaneously. It must take them as they are and appeal to their immediate desires and special needs, and it must provide for their common and enduring needs in a post-war society."

It will be recalled that the boom after the last war created the coonskin collegian and the flapper coed. The word "collegiate" had a meaning then which took it far afield from the cloister of learning. The crop of students—veterans—will be more serious. They must be taken more seriously. They must have aptitude and achievement tests rather than book-learning examinations; there must be more individualized instruction, more tutorial and seminar methods, special attention must be given to co-ordinated instruction that will aid in the transition from army or industrial life to peacetime community and family relations and the responsibilities of citizenship.

Foods are "home canned" says OPA if: (1) they have been canned in a kitchen primarily used for the preparation of meals or to demonstrate the preparation of meals (2) they have been canned in a separate building or shed which a farm house has equipped for canning purposes, if the owner has obtained permission from his local ration board to use such facilities.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Swedish Foreign Minister Christian E. Guenther, declaring that "no neutral power can maintain an absolute balance between warring camps" told an audience at Eskilstuna that Sweden was making "concessions" to Germany "in a higher degree than to the western powers," the Swedish Hoerby radio said in a domestic broadcast reported to the Office of War Information.

WEDDINGS

Glanding—Jump

The wedding of Miss Kathryne Lois Jump of Prices' Station, Md., daughter of Mrs. Florence Jump and the late William B. Jump and Mr. Earle Glanding of Millington, Md., son of Mrs. Eva Glanding and the late Edward Glanding took place at the parsonage of Rev. Daniel Pritchard on Wednesday evening, May 26, 1943 at 4 o'clock. Miss Catherine Weller of Sudlersville was Maid of Honor and Mr. Charles Glanding of Millington, a cousin of the groom was the best man.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spry Ford, of Galana, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ellen Bishop to Lt. William Page Carter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Page Carter, of Nutley, New Jersey.

Miss Ford is a graduate of the University of Maryland, and is a member of Kappa Detta Sorority. She is at the present time employed in Baltimore.

Lt. Carter attended the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. He was recently graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, after which he was commissioned 1st Lt. in the Dental Corp of the Army of the United States. He graduates this week from the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and reports to Drew Air Field in Tampa, Florida.

Lt. Carter is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Social Fratrenity and Psi Omega Dental Fraternity.

The wedding will take place in the early Fall.

The Trouble

A public servant seldom senses the immediate presence of his boss; and that's the trouble.

New Chemistry Head At Washington College

The Chemistry Department of Washington College will be under the direction of Dr. Clarence J. Black for the summer session of 1943 and for the academic year of 1943-44. Dr. Black comes to Washington College from Upper Iowa University, where he headed the Department of Chemistry and Physics. He is a graduate of Kenyon College, from which institution he received the A. B. and M. A. degrees. He received his Master of Science degree from the Missouri School of Mines and the Ph.D. in Chemistry from Ohio State University.

During the summer session Dr. Black is giving the first year course in Inorganic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry.

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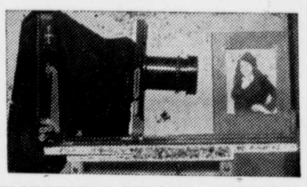
Anybody who has good rope will do well to take care of it. It's bad for rope to leave it lying on the floor, or in the sun, or in a damp place. The best place for it is hanging in loose coils on wooden pegs, or stored on a raised slatted platform. And, there are other points about taking care of rope, such as loosening up a taut rope in wet weather, avoid pulling out kinks and breaking fibers, and unwinding rope properly. There is also quite an art to splicing broken rope.



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