The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Hail September! Slowly the days nudged one another into the month when the Pleasure Ban's lifted, and we feel partially free again. Perhaps now we shall see some familiar faces anon, shed the hermits robes and remove ourselves from the homing hearth. (I should say electric fan.)

And while in this jubilant mood, two interesting engagements lie here before me.

Mrs. Edward Browning of Devon, Pennsylvania, announces the engagemet of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth P. Browning, and Mr. Henry Gilbert Ingersoll, of Wilmington, Delaware, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Ingersoll, of Chestertown.

Miss Browning is a graduate of the Baldwin School and of Vassar College. Mr. Ingersoll was graduated from Washington College and received his Doctor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The marriage will take place this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Walls, of near Easton, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Estelle, and Ensign Joseph Wilbur Strong, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Strong, of Fairlee, Md.

Miss Walls is a graduate of Chestertown High School and Goldey Business College, Wilmington, Delaware. For the past three years, she has been employed by the State Department of Health, acting as secretary for the Kent County Health Department.

Mr. Strong graduated from Rock Hall High School and was employed in Washington until his enlistment in the Navy last year. After graduating from the Pensacola Air Base he was assigned to the Cape May Naval Air Station, Cape May, N. J., where he is now on duty.

The wedding wil take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Springer, of Baltimore, who spent last week at Brampton, as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hines, returned to their home on Monday. They were accompanied to Chestertown by Mrs. Ralph Keller, who returned to her home here in the Wickes Apts., after spending the summer in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Skinner, of Bronxville, N. Y., are spending the week here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott Beck and Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler.

Miss Polly Chapman, of Detroit, Michigan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heberling at their home Cacaway Farm in Broad Neck.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Giraitis and their young daughter, who have been making their home in Atlanta, Ga., arrived in Chestertown. Mrs. Giraitis and her daughter will remain here indefinitely with Mrs. Etta Fountain and Mrs. Herbert Skipper. Mr. Giraitis has been promoted to manager of the Eastern Division of the Schenley Company and will be in charge of sales from Maine to Florida. In the later Fall, they expect to make their home in New York.

Mrs. Elizabeth Trew Russell and her son, "Rus" left last Saturday to visit relatives and friends in Westminster, Baltimore and New York.

Mrs. Lula Pennington is spending this week visiting in Wilmington, Del., New Jersey, and Pennsylvania with relatives.

School time draws near, and each year with the flight of time we find, some of those we used to think of as little tots, now having reached the boarding school age. Anne Wilmer is leaving the middle of the month to enter St. Katherine's in Richmond, Va., while Jane Kibler will leave at the same time for St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Va., and Betty Truslow for Averett College in Danville, Va.

On Tuesday, Miss Marian Grieb went to Hannah Moore Academy, outside of Baltimore, where she will be the riding instructor for the coming year.

Mrs. Beverly Hazel, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., is spending the week here as a guest of her mother, Mrs. J. Kennard Aldridge.

Sergeant Judson T. Williams, U. S. Army Air Force, stationed in Way Cross, Ga., came last Saturday and is spending his ten day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Jerry Williams.

Thursday, Miss Mackey Metcalfe will entertain at a Scavengar Hunt, followed by games at the home of her mother, Mrs. Perry Metcalfe. The younger set have had a merry summer, and now as the School season is at hand, probably a last mad round will bring to a close this gaiety, before the seriousness of study begins.

Monday evening last Mrs. Porter Matthews entertained at bridge at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kreeger. Mr. and Mrs. Kreeger will have as their guests over Labor Day, Dr. and Mrs. Basil Tulley, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Harry Paff and her young son, Leslie, of Solomon's Island, Md., are guests of Mrs. Paff's parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater, at the Rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Ries and family, of Philadelphia, are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Brown accompanied by her mother, returned to Chestertown on Wednesday, from Baltimore, where Miss Brown underwent an operation at the Union Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. J. S. W. Jones has returned to her home on Washington Ave. after spending the summer in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudulph Tull are spending this week at Sherwood Forest as guests of friends, and renewing old acqquaintances. Before moving to Chestertown, Mr. and Mrs. Tull spent their summers at Sherwood for many years.

Mr. John H. Collins and his young son, John, arrived in Chestertown, Thursday. Miss Elizabeth Collins returned with her uncles, Judge Stephen R. Collins and Mr. Richard H. Collins on Monday, from Beckley, West Va. She will be among the young girls entering Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va., later in the month.

The approaching week-end brings Labor Day, and usually we sign off and sigh "'tis the death knell of summer and its fun." Not so, this year of 1943. From what I hear, maybe the round is just starting. Who can tell?

Yours on the alert,

The Wanderer

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Maryland Musings

During the first two weeks of the turkey embargo, the armed forces acquired 1,750,000 pounds of turkey meat. For an early season showing, that amount represents at least as many birds as were marketed in the same period last year. If marketings continue at this rate, and with a normal seasonal increase later on, officials believe that the ban on civilian use of turkey may not last beyond October 1.

When hitching the tractor to a heavy load by means of chain or cable, apply the pull slowly and without jerks; keep out of the line of pull. Broken chains, and especially cables, have a way of wrapping themselves around the neck, legs and arms of those nearby.

Farmers who are planning to build a laying house to help out in the food production program should write to the University of Maryland poultry department for a photo-plan of a straw-loft laying house by Professor George D. Quigley. Dimensions are given on inside and outside of the house. The straw-loft house is ideal for most parts of Maryland.

Over 300 women and girls have contributed their services in picking beans and stripping tobacco on farms near Camp Mil-Bur in Anne Arundel Couty. Farmers for whom they worked estimate that they saved $10,000 worth of beans from being plowed under. They have stripped 15,000 pounds of tobacco.

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Washington Digest

Peace Planners Emphasize Need for Orderly 'D' Day

Planning Board Report Envisions Reintegration Of Men Into Services Where Skill, Ability Are Recognized.

By BAUKHAGE
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Next week's release of "Washington Digest" will be written from Quebec, where H. R. Baukhage covered the history-making Roosevelt-Churchill conference for Western Newspaper Union and its affiliated newspapers.

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As the plans which received their final approval at the Quebec conference start turning from ink and paper to moving men and machines, the thoughts of other planners turn toward another zero hour—"D" day.

The war is not over by any means but hard-headed people who realize that you can't wait until it rains to prepare for a rainy day know that you can't wait until the sun comes out to buy your summer clothes.

"D" day is as important as "M" day. Demobilization is as big a problem as mobilization. Various plans have been worked on, none has been perfected. The President has offered one. The Republican party will offer another. Industry will present its program. The administration, whoever is at the helm when peace comes, will have a heavy responsibility. The National Resources Planning board has already made a report expressing its opinions on a plan drawn up by a special committee on post-war readjustment which, at least, gives us a point of departure.

Plan Needed Now

The board points out that victims of the war are already coming back and the time is ripe. Only the other day, I went through Walter Reed hospital here and saw some of those victims. Saw photographs of the conditions in which they come back and others showing what medical skill has done for them. I also saw the workshops where wounded men are being rehabilitated, fitted to take up work which, in spite of their handicaps, they could learn to do.

This plan emphasizes the need for an orderly demobilization. It is important to get every man who can be spared from the armed forces, the moment he can be spared without threatening the nation's security, back into civilian life. I know how glad I was when I got out of uniform into civvies after the last war.

But the report emphasizes that still more important than speed is order in demobilization. "We not only want the men out of the armed services; we want to get them into peace services where skills and abilities can be fully recognized, utilized and rewarded." That is the thesis of the planning board.

Responsibility for the placement of veterans in industry is acknowledged by the re-employment division of the selective service system under the selective service act. The selective service system is not perfect but considering the job it had to do, it has worked out in a manner that is a triumph of the democratic method. Draft boards are groups of "neighbors" who pass upon each registrant, and on that basis, select or reject him. The same system will put the soldier back into his old job—if his old job is there, and if he can fill it. But many had no jobs. Others for one reason or another will be unable to fill the ones they had before the war. These cases must be taken care of.

Board's Principles

Business has been shuffled and shifted about just as the men themselves have. It may be difficult to get man and job together. The problem is intricate but the committee has tried to lay down certain principles. Here they are:

1. Three months' furlough at the end of the war at regular base pay not to exceed $100 a month, plus family allowances.
2. Beyond that time, if necessary, unemployment insurance for 26 weeks for those who register with the government employment service.
3. Special aid and counsel regarding readjustment and compensation.
4. Special provision, including tuition and allowance, for the continuation of education interrupted by the war or to follow a special course of training.
5. Veterans credit for old age and survivors' insurance on the basis of service in the armed forces.
6. Opportunities for agricultural employment and settlement for a limited number of well-qualified men. But no dumping of men on farms simply because industrial employment is not immediately available.

Re-Training Program

Similar provisions must be made for war workers as war industries close or change over. Meanwhile, the government will maintain centers where assistance and re-training for civilian jobs can be arranged. In order to prevent a too rapid attempt at change-over of industry, a moderate policy of continuation of war contracts some of which can be continued in the national good.

Of course, nothing can be done permanently to stabilize the labor situation without a rapid expansion of peace-time industry toward a goal of full employment. It is well understood even by the most fervent of government planners that private industry and not the government must eventualy furnish the employment.

Already industry is offering plans of its own but it cannot be expected to do the whole job. One suggestion is that government loans be made to industries turning to peace-time production in proportion to the number of men such industries employ.

Business cannot take over the burden alone. In 1939, we were at peace although we were making a lot of war supplies for the Allies. Then 4.1 million workers were employed in munitions making. Eight and six-tenths millions were working on farms or agricultural pursuits. At the end of last year, the workers in war plants had more than doubled. They were 10.5 millions. In agriculture, unemployment has not greatly changed, comparatively speaking; farm workers amount to 8.9 millions. But the men in the armed forces more than doubled. In the same period the unemployed had decreased from 8.7 millions to 1 million. (Some of these we shall always have with us—the lame, the halt and, of course, the lazy.) But it is estimated there were 900,000 persons jobless and deserving work in July of this year.

There may be points to the committee's plan to which objections will be raised. It is not offered as a working drawing, merely as a basis of discussion, but how much better such a procedure is than the policy after the last war when the soldier was a football and where each congress tried to vote more dollars out of the treasury without rhyme or reason; money which didn't provide jobs, which in many cases, pitifully failed of its purpose, and in others simply filled the coffers of the bootlegger and the shark and left the recipient nothing.

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Diary of a Broadcaster

Over the land, the Victory gardens are bringing in their rich yields to many a person who probably never worked as hard—physically—for his supper before. And probably never had more fresh, sweet and luscious vegetables.

But I wandered over a farm recently that was crying for rain. I couldn't help thinking, as I pushed through a wood lot beside a shrunken stream, stained brown from the yellow leaves that carpeted it, how all the living things were anguishing with thirst. Twigs snapped under one's feet like dry bones, there was an ugly growl instead of a happy hum from the insects—it seemed that only the tough blue-bottles could survive. Not far from the stream where the earth in the bed of a spring was still damp, one cricket was singing gratefully but there were few of his fellows about. Leaves on tall weeds hung to the stem like a flag at half-staff on a day when no breeze stirs, one yellow-headed flower stood out in a spot of color, it looked like a very sleepy little girl, her damp locks glued to her face almost concealing her tired smile.

I thought: "I wish I could stay here until the rain comes singing through the leaves, wetting cracked lips of the peeling furrows—I believe I would hear a real hymn of rejoicing go up."

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

In Britain, about 150,000 tons of timber, salvaged from bombed buildings, have been refinished and made into crates and boxes for important war uses.

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With German war nerves somewhat frayed at the edges, the Nazis are conducting a politeness campaign to ease the irritation and get Germans to be nicer to each other.

The French Academy of Arts and Sciences has decided not to nominate any new members for membership until the war is over.

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A private citizen recently was paid $400 when she brought a triple damage suit against a retailer for overcharging her two cents on each of four dozen eggs. The settlement was made out of court.

5,000 Shad Liberated In Maryland Streams

The pond at old Fairlee flour mills, near Fairlee, has become one of the most important fish propagating streams on the Eastern Shore in the past several years.

Recently 5,000 young shad two inches long were liberated in the stream, according to George A. Gorsuch superintendent of the pond, for aiding in restocking streams in the state, and the supply will be increased from time to time.

Salisbury—Men armed with rifles pistols, shotguns and baseball bats and carrying flashlights have joined police in patrolling the Pinehurst section of Salisbury where three homes have been robbed during the past 10 days.

Police Chief William Chatham said that three cars were stolen, a refrigerator looted, two turkeys stolen from a garage and several cars robbed.

Said the intruder or intruders apparently were amateurs and that total loot amounted to approximately $50.

INTEREST AT AND AROUND STILL POND

Mrs. Carson Greenwood, accompanied her Aunt, Miss Hannah Scotten, of Kennedyville to a Baltimore Hospital on Tuesday. Where Miss Scotten was under special treatment

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nicholson and father, Mr. LeSage of Worton moved from Worton Thursday to their recently acquired home here. We are glad they are with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kephart, with friends made a business trip to Philadelphia last Monday.

Little Theresa Mann, returned home Tuesday after spending the Summer at the "Mirical House" in Claibourne. Theresa looks fine and has gained a number of pounds while there.

Rev. Harvey B. and Mrs. Flater with their little son, Gary are enjoying two weeks vacation and enjoyed last week with Mrs. Edward McAllister in Vienna, Md., this week with friends in Westminister, Md.

Last weeks blanket winner from the County wide Club was Mrs. Wilbur H. Morris of Chestertown and for this week, Mrs. Harry Hill of Kennedyville, Md.

Pfc. Allan Joiner, U. S. M. C. from Norfolk enpoyed a 72 hour leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Joiner the past week-end.

Mrs. Wm. Medders left Thursday to be the guest of relatives and friends in New York and elsewhere.

Mr. John Harper, visited with friends in Baltimore over the week-end.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Nicholson were Mr. James Gravinstine, Mr. Clarence R. Nicholson of Cumberland, Md.; Charles Clough of Middletown, Del.; and George Nicholson of Galean.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann visited in Easton and Claibourne on Tuesday.

Mrs. Stanley Matthews was called to her brothers home in Delaware for illness on Saturday.

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Higher wheat goals are set for 1944. The increased wheat can be secured and farmers can still follow good conservation practices—contour farming, strip cropping, etc.

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Overlooks Seven Cities

The new Mt. St. Mary's college, near Los Angeles, overlooks seven cities and includes a marine view.

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