The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Each week brings another engagement of much interest and to-day the prospective groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bramwell Geddes, who attended the tea on Sunday, in Baltimore when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gresham Machen announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Cornelia Burton Machen, and Mr. Frank Bramwell Geddes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bramwell Geddes of Manor Shores, Chestertown, formerly of Scarsdale, N. Y.

Miss Machen attended Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore, Holmquist School in New Hope, Pa., and studied art in New York. She made her debut at the Bachelors' Cotillon several years ago, and is a provisional member of the Junior League. Mr. Geddes attended Tome School and Swarthmore College. The wedding will take place February 19.

Lt. (j. g.) and Mrs. William Worth Geddes and Miss Ann T. Geddes were among the out-of-town guests attending the tea, having spent the week-end at Manor Shores, with Mr. and Mrs. Geddes.

With the holidays practically upon us, everywhere I hear of quantities of guests arriving next week to spend the Yuletide season and cry the Noel. I'll try and have a list of them for you next week, but in the meantime members of faculties, and students at boarding schools and colleges return to the homing hearth. Among these are Miss Elizabeth Brown of the faculty of Garrison Forest School; Miss Marian Grieb of the faculty of Hannah Moore Academy, outside of Baltimore; Mary Lou Truslow from Chapel Hill, N. C. student at the University of North Carolina; Jean Truslow from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa.; Betty Truslow from Averett College, Danville, Va.; Anne Wilmer from St. Katherine's School, Richmond, Va.; Ann T. Geddes, from the Katherine Gibbs School, New York, while the boys homeward bound include Samuel Massey from Charlotte Hall Military Academy; Albert (Happy) Lieber from McDonough; 'Tech' Sease from Sewanee Military Academy; Allan Reynolds from Pennington School for Boys and Waldo Barroll from Gilman's School Baltimore.

The number of Christmas parties will be somewhat lessened probably and perhaps not as elaborate as in former years. However, for Christmas Day, Dr. and Mrs. G. Howard Dana have issued very clever invitations to say hello and Merry Christmas at their home on Washington Ave. (Secret and don't tell them I told you, but incidentally, it is their 15th wedding anniversary.)

The day after Christmas, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Philip V. Kratzer are having friends "drop in" for egg nogg so all in all the first two days of the holidays, at least hold a bright spot.

Mrs. Dorsey Hines entertained at a dessert-bridge on Thursday afternoon of this week and will be hostess again on Tuesday of next week at dessert bridge. Last week-end Lt. Edward Hines, U. S. N. R. was the guest of his brother and Mrs. Hines.

The Senior Dance, of the Chestertown High School, which will be held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club this Friday evening, holds the spot-light for the younger set this week. Before the dance, Mrs. Harold S. Gould, of Holly Hollow, will entertain at a buffet supper for Miss Anne Buriss and Mr. Robert Bernizer.

Mr. E. S. Westcott, of Artisia, New Mexico came this week to spend several weeks as a guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hynson Rogers.

Mrs. Donald McDorman spent a few days this week as a guest of Lieut McDorman's mother, Mrs. Estelle Groves, at her home in Baltimore.

Mrs. Thruston Branham, of Front Royal, Va., who has been a patient at the local hospital, following an automobile accident last week, which occurred when she and Mr. Branham were on their way to Chestertown, is now a guest of Mrs. Simon Westcott at Scotch Folly. Mr. Branham later returned to Front Royal.

Guests last week of Mrs. E. A. Hurd at "The Reward" included Mr. and Mrs. G. Newell Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Pierce of Milton, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Crawford, of Devon, Pa.

Mrs. Rhoderick Blackhurst and her infant daughter will leave Kent Co., on December 28, for Long Island where they have taken a house which is located near Mitchell Field where Major Blackhurst is stationed.

Mrs. Hugh Sease spent a few days in Philadelphia this week, where she attended the christening of a ship, and was a guest of the Captain and his wife, who are friends of Commander and Mrs. Sease's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Watson, of Comegys Bight, will spend Christmas in Chicago, the home of both Mr. and Mrs. Watson's parents.

Miss Rosalie Bonnett had as her guest last week, Dr. Martin Rosenbloom, of Petersburg, Va.

Now comes that final week of rush—gifts, cards, cookies, and last of all—the halls, we deck with boughs of holly. Ready for your guests?

Yours to greet,

The Wanderer

Mrs. Eben Perkins Wins Bridge Tournament Series

The series of duplicate bridge tournaments which has been running since early October closed on Tuesday evening, with a new series commencing after the holidays. Announcement was made that Mrs. Eben Perkins was the winner of the entire series.

This past Tuesday evening was not included in the regular series although duplicate was played. Prizes for various contracts were given throughout the evening followed by refreshments at the close of the play.

Results of Tuesday night are as follows:

North and South	East and West
Couple 1 and 2—Tie—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitworth and Mr. and Mrs. Philip V. Kratzer.	Couple 1—Mrs. Eben Perkins and Mrs. Holt Wright.
	Couple 2—Mrs. Rudulph Tull and Mrs. Harry Deringer.
Coulpe 3—Mrs. Norman Cooper and Mrs. Ernest Strong.	Couple 3——Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gordon announce the engagement of their daughter, Yetta of 1401 Park Ave., Baltimore to Mr. Barry Hoffman, son o Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Hoffman is a graduate of Massachusettes Institute of Technology Boston, Mass. He is now employed a Glenn Martins plant near Baltimore.

Miss Gordon is a graduate of Chestertown High School and is a present employed at Edgewood Arsenal.

The couple will be married sometime in April and will make Baltimore their home.

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'Coals of Fire'

The expression, "To heap coals of fire on his head," is used twice in the Bible, in chapter 26 of Proverbs and in chapter 12 of Romans. It has the meaning of "to melt down an enemy's animosity by deeds of kindness," or "to produce remorse by requiting evil with good." The Oxford Dictionary gives it in a quotation from Langland's "Vision of Pier's Ploughman" as early as 1377.

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Metal-Capped Flues

Fireplaces in unused rooms should have flues metal-capped to prevent seepage of moisture.

Mental Weight

One way to develop the memory is not to load it with things not necessary to remember. We once knew a man who was proud because he knew how many feet high the Washington monument is.

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SOCIAL LIFE IN AND AROUND KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. William Crew spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Tarbutton and family in Wilmington

Mrs. Earl Nickerson returned home on Monday from a weeks visit with her uncle, Mr. Carrol Nickerson at Locust Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinder entertained friends from Newark on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pennington and baby visited their parents part of last week.

Mrs. Catherine Hurlock has accepted a position in Mr. Kelly's store.

Mr. John Spencer has been on the sick list.

The Home Makers Club held their Christmas Party on Thursday evening in the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roe of Philadelphia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Groves.

Mrs. William Anthony is housed with a bad cold.

Mrs. Henry Boggs has returned from a visit with her son, Mr. Paul Boggs and wife of Wyoming.

Miss Marie Miller spent the week-end with her parents.

SOCIAL INTEREST IN AROUND WORTON

Pvt. Wm. Crouch and wife of Fort Devons, Mass. spent last week with his Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick.

Miss Betty Fowler of Kennedyville spent the week-end with her Grand-

Washington Digest

Dark Spectre of Inflation Rises to Haunt Congress



Strenuous Nail-Biting Marks Senators, Representatives Worried Over Much Debated Subsidy Question.

By BAUKHAGE
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Unless I miss my guess badly, as these lines appear in print, a number of senators and representatives will be going through one of the most nervous nail-biting periods they have ever experienced.

When the antisubsidy bill passed the house with such an overwhelming majority—enough, if the vote held, to pass it over the President's veto—a lot of congressmen were beginning to worry. They were wondering: If the measure really does become law, will the ghost which the President has conjured up really walk?

Inflation is that ghost. Nobody wants inflation.

Memories are long enough to remember how short the long green shrank after the last war. Suppose there came to pass what all the high-brows and the low-brows were predicting would, that if you lifted the lid just a l-e-e-t-l-e, it might blow off, members of congress had begun to ask themselves.

The memory of the boys selling apples, the memory of mortgages foreclosing, the memory of "Mister, have-you-got-a-dime?" began to stir in many a dormant corner.

Strange Phenomenon

It was a strange but not an unaccustomed phenomenon. The phenomenon of the congressman torn between what the particular group which dominated his constituency wanted and what he felt honestly and sincerely was the best thing for them in the long run. That doubt began to stir. It was an interesting thing to pass through the halls of the Capitol and of the House and Senate Office buildings and talk to these men. You could almost see the spectre rising behind them. The spectre of inflation pointing its finger at them.

Whenever you run into someone whose business it is to feel the pulse of congress, you get the same reaction I have just pictured. Members of congress are worried. They don't want to be blamed for inflation.

And that is why now, at this moment, when the fate of the Commodity Credit corporation (which nearly everybody wants) would seem to be sealed by the triumph of the anti-subsidy provision, such fate may not be so certain.

When this subsidy fight started, I wrote in this column that the administration realized it had one of the hardest fights it ever had ahead. That there seemed to be absolutely no compromise in sight.

The other day, a man, wise in the ways of congress and beholden to no party and, so far as I know in the years I have known him, never a proponent of any measure (his business is to be neutral), said to me: "Wait and see, somebody like Senator Taft will come out with a compromise."

Well, I have waited and perhaps by the time you read this you will also have read that somebody "like Senator Taft" has produced the compromise.

If not, the administration's so-called "hold the line" policy will bite the dust.

See how the congress has struck at almost every brick in that wall.

Treasury Department

The treasury said: you must tax the spending money out of the pockets or you'll have inflation. The congress passed a tax bill that would raise about a fifth of what the administration said was necessary. This disregard of treasury's advice was due only in part to a lack of respect for Secretary Morgenthau's tax theories. And everybody blames the President for that. He doesn't have to keep Morgenthau in his cabinet, even if he was a good neighbor up there on the Hudson. But congress wouldn't have taken anyone's advice on that subject.

The congress threatened to stop the appropriation and authorization for the Office of Price Administration. It managed to consider bills to take away OPA's powers, bit by bit, to maintain the ceiling on coal and on oil.

These are just a few of the many efforts to shake loose the war restraints. Congress has reflected, honestly enough, the feeling of the people. As the Allies march nearer to victory, the restraints of regulation and regimentation chafe more and more.

But down deep in the hearts of many a lawmaker today is the realization that whether the administration has been right or wrong in the way it has done things, it was right when it said that inflation had to be avoided.

And that is why today, unless I miss my guess, or unless some Daniel comes to judgment who can discover a better salve than subsidies, the administration will win, at least a partial victory, in the battle which will be staged in the days just ahead.

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Railroads Plan For Future Traffic

There is one thing we are all interested in. Getting from where we are to somewhere else and getting back again.

Naturally, we want to do it as cheaply as possible. Today in Washington there is going on the preparation for one of the greatest transportation battles in history. The airlines believe that the war has virtually made the skies their garden. All they have to do is to spade it. When peace comes, and the various restrictions are lifted, the people will spread their wings and fly.

The other day, the executives of the leading railways got together. They thought and thought. And this is what came out of the hopper:

(1) Reductions in passenger fares, both coach and Pullman, immediately following the war.

"We shall have to reduce rates after the war and do it quickly and thoroughly," one executive said. "Any dawdling and hemming and hawing will only result in our emptying our trains again and in the loss of the highly desirable public relations and advertising value that an immediate and voluntary slash would bring."

(2) Widespread introduction of lightweight, streamlined coaches and Pullmans, with old cars being scrapped forever.

(3) Greater use of modern merchandising techniques, including larger appropriations for institutional and product advertising.

(4) Greater consideration to the comfort and convenience of the passengers, described frankly as a radical departure by one executive.

Passenger's Interest

"The railways have been too prone to subject the passenger's interest to the whims of mechanical and operating offices and to the requirements of mail and express schedules," he commented.

(5) Simplification of rate structures by establishing a common base rate for the whole country, and simplification of accounting methods.

(6) Restrictive union rules which will nullify, as airlines grow larger, much of their prewar personalized service sales appeal.

"So long as there were only about 350 passenger-carrying planes in the country, carrying about 20 passengers each, the personalized service created a tremendous sales appeal. When the airways go after mass passenger traffic, they will find this type of selling impossible," said another executive.

(7) Restoration of passenger service at many points.

"We have denuded our railway of passenger service at many points and we are thoroughly ashamed of having done so," one official said.

(8) Greater comfort and better service on all carriers from local all-coach trains to the extra fare trains.

(9) Speeding up of passenger schedules by such means as continuing to take out curves, reducing stops, and improving "head-end operations" (mail and express loading and unloading).

After that pronouncement, the railway executives stepped forth and announced in stentorian tones that they were not afraid of competition from the skyways.

"Fine," says the humble traveler, "we don't care whether it's airways or railways, so long as we get where we want to go and get back, economically and comfortably."

We will.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

The Fourth War Loan drive will start January 18 and run until February 15, 1944.

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Frau Gertrud Scholtz-Klink, Nazi women's leader, has been making a morale-building tour of Germany and Austria addressing women's groups on the glory of German motherhood and the need for matching the production of men.

The torpedo plane was first conceived by the late Rear Admiral Bradley Allen Fiske in 1911. He got the idea for the new weapon when stationed in the Philippines, as a defense against a Japanese attack.

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So the Japanese "have never been beaten"? Don't tell that to a Korean. Korea has defeated the Japs in war not once, but three times,

...s. Charles Joiner and ...ed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ca... Connoley of Millington on Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Harris spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rodney of Rock Hall.

Mrs. Harry Williams and Mrs. Albert Williams spent Thursday in Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lee and daughter, Thelma Anne of Wilmington visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell on Thursday.

Mrs. Reginold Cooper, Mrs. Robert Loud and Mrs. Edmon Deringer spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. J. A. Mason and family have moved to their recently purchased home from Mr. Ronnie Fogwell, the latter having moved with his son, Milton Fogwell near Chestertown.

Franklin Dill, G. M. 3-C of Norfolk, Va. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Dill.

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MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND ROCK HALL

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had a good attendance on Sunday. Sermon followed by the pastor. Rev. S. T. Hamblin. The Junior Church had a good attendance also. At night the W. S. of C. S. had charge of the program. Song service followed by solo Miss Marie Hadaway, talk by Rev. S. T. Hamblin piano solo by Anna Ruth Wagner, and readings by Mrs. S. Elwood Burgess and Mrs. Thomas Tucker.

The annual Christmas treat for the primary department will be held on Monday evening after Christmas, December 27th.

The Candle Light service will be held on Sunday evening, December 19th. We have arranged a nice program and would like to see a full house.

The Daughter's of Wesley held their annual Christmas party and delicious supper on Monday evening in the Church Hall after which gifts were exchanged and new club members chosen. Rev. O. G. Brewer and family were guests for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheatley moved this week from Fairlee to their new home which they have recently purchased in Rock Hall. We are glad to welcome these folks with us.

Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Brewer and daughter, Charlotte, of Clayton, Del., were visitors here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and family left this week to spend the winter months in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman and family spent the week-end in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Alma Carroll was over night guest in Baltimore last week of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter and the latter's sister, Miss Anna Wachowiz were visitors in Baltimore over the week-end.

Roy Porter U. S. Marines spent a few days furlough home this week.

Miss May Statts spent the week-end in Baltimore, with her aunt, Mrs. Alfred Dierenger.

William Orr, U. S. Army, is spending a few days here with his parents and wife.

IN A... AROU...

Mr. Howard Price of Philadelphia, was the Sunday guest of Mrs. S. S. Price.

Mrs. Frank Jones, Mrs. Allan Jewell, and Mrs. Marion Councell visited Dover on Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Lynch and Mr. Wilbur Haddaway have both been victims of the epidemic of flu. Little Hanson Meikle has chicken pox. We wish all three a quick recovery.

A Minute Men dance will be held on Christmas Eve at the Chestertown Armory, music by the Blue Hen Ramblers. See adv. on page 4.

FRID... ...st 31st, 1943
9:00 'til 1.00

1,000 Novelties To Be Given Away. Fun and favors for all who attend this dance —Horns—Whistles—Hats —Ballons— Rainbow Confetti—Serpenties. For an evening of fun attend this dance.

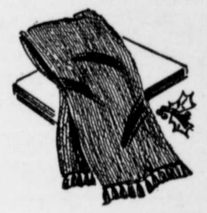
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