# The Social Wanderer

DEAR ROAMER

Time Marches On! And we utter greetings to March!

And starting off the month according to habit we have a wedding announcement. Mr. and Mrs. J. Earle Smith, of Chestertown have announced the marriage of their daughter, Doris Evelyn to Mr. Ralph Plummer son of Mr. and Mrs. George Plummer on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the parsonage of the Union M. E. Church, Crumpton, Md. by the Rev. Donald Hornung.

The bride was attired in a dress of light blue wool with black accessories and wore a black hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Plummer were the couple's only attendants.

A reception, held at the home of the bride's parents, immediately followed the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Plummer left on a wedding trip. They will reside on High St. upon their return.

Another wedding to-be of much interest here, is in the offing. Eager as I am to tell you of it, forbidden measures make me wait a short while longer. Most of you can guess, but then there may be some who haven't heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crosby of Providence, R. I. came on Wednesday to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown until next Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Ramsay of Washington, D. C. was a guest last week-end of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Sease, at her home in Quaker Neck.

Mrs. Browne Metcalfe is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. Jefferds at her home in Charleston, W. Va. for a fortnight.

Miss Frances B. Denton who is visiting relatives in Houston and Austin, Texas, will return to Chestertown about April 1.

Mrs. Nora Maxwell accompanied Mrs. J. Kennard Aldridge to Owings Mills, Md., last week-end where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley. Mrs. Maxwell remained in Baltimore where she is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hall at their home there, before returning to Chestertown.

Mrs. Plum Potter of New York, will come to-day, Friday, to visit Mrs. E. A Hurd, Sr., for several days.

Mrs. E. A. Hurd, Jr., and her young daughter left to-day for New York, where they have taken an apartment for a month.

Mrs. Leonard DeMerritt of Baltimore will come to-day, Friday, to spend a week as a guest of Mrs. H. Clay Brown.

Mrs. Philip Vander Goes and Mrs. Charles Chester Atwater will entertain at dessert-bridge on Wednesday, March 8th at Sunnybrook Farm, the home of the former, near Chestertown.

Miss Naomi Russell entertained last Saturday evening at bridge in honor of Mrs. William Miller.

Miss Harriet S. Welch was a guest last week-end of Mrs. Roger Wilson at her home in Wilmington Del.

And now time again—to say farewell—perhaps in time—for I wish to remain—

Yours at all times,

The Wanderer

# SOCIAL NEWS OF INTEREST IN ROCK HALL

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had a good attendance on Sunday morning. Charles Downey sang a solo also a chorus by the Primary Department. Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. Earle Cummings, District Superintendent. The Ladies Bible Class had charge of the evening service with Mrs. Florence Parsons as leader The program consisted of talk and solo by Rev. S. T. Hamblin, piano solo by Anna Ruth Wagner. A talk by Mrs. George Smith and a duet by Jesse Downey and Mrs. Helen Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hadaway and son, Eastport is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hadaway.

Mrs. Thomas Legg was a visitor in Wilmington on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Long were visitors on Sunday at Price with the latters parents.

Word was received this week from Mrs. Lillian Leppo that she expects to be home soon from Baltimore where she has been for sometime at the hospital for treatment. She is improving nicely.

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# VISITORS TO AND NEAR LYNCH

Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brice spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Porter near Queenstown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moffett visited Mrs. Bessie Newcome last Monday.

Corporal Marion Councell was the guest of his family over the week-end.

Mr. Frank Hepbron visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dwyer at Edgewood during the beginning of this week.

Mr. John Magrogan and Miss Marie Schuessler, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mr. Magrogan's family last week-end.

# MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Markland and family spent the week-end with relatives in Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett entertained, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffett and son Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Moffett, Mrs. Augustine Weist and son Stephen of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crew and family of Kennedyville at dinner on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edgar Clark and Mrs. Frank Mulligan visited their sister, Miss Willie Edwards on Saturday.

Miss Betty Fowler of Kennedyville spent last week with her grandmother Mrs. Frank Hadaway.

James Donavan of Harrington is spending sometime with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jackson.

Mrs. Paul Joiner and Miss Gladys Crowding of Chestertown spent Friday in Wilmington.

The PTA will hold a card party at the school on Friday evening, March the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Crew and family spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crew of Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith and son Billy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Quinn last Sunday.

Mr. George Carroll visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadaway last week.

Mrs. Florence Dewberry spent Monday with friends in Sudlersville.

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**Million Woodworkers Trained**

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**He Wanted to Eat, Too**

Soldiers at Camp Edwards, Mass., were lined up and ready to march to the mess hall for breakfast. Suddenly Private Thomas F. Miller broke ranks and dashed for the barracks. When he returned the sergeant wanted an explanation, for good soldiers just don't do those things. The explanation was accepted—Private Miller had forgotten his teeth!

## From where I sit . . .

*by* Joe Marsh

Lem Martin's dog went on a rampage last week...killed four of Ed Carey's best hens.

Naturally, Ed was pretty mad. Went around vowing he was going to get his shotgun and blow the blazes out of Lem's dog when he saw him. And Lem says, "Let him try it and I'll blow the blazes out of *him*. Ought to keep his chickens locked up, anyhow."

**But Ed and Lem are really mighty sensible fellows. And the whole thing was settled when Lem invited Ed over for a glass of beer, and they sat around chatting over the quarrel as if it were a kind of joke.**

"Shucks," says Ed, "them hens didn't amount to much nohow." And Lem says: "Just the same I'm bringin' you a barrel o' apples to pay for 'em."

**From where I sit, it would be a lot better for the world if folks would settle their arguments peaceful-like—sitting around over a friendly glass of beer—instead of going off half-cocked, and making mountains out of molehills.**

Joe Marsh

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# Washington Digest

## Demobilization Committee Completes Initial Report

**Congressional Group Provides for Action by Legislation Rather Than Executive Decree; Small Business Gets Break.**

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At a recent White House press and radio conference, the President, in talking of certain measures he had recommended to benefit men and women leaving the armed service, explained that long before the demobilization of the fighting forces actually begins, many veterans are "demobilized" who, for military or other reasons, are returned to civil life. One million have already been discharged and the process continues, while others are being taken into the service.

To some degree this process is paralleled by other forms of demobilization and congress has realized that the machinery for reconverting the American economy to peacetime operation must be set up immediately. One group, a special committee on postwar economic policy and planning of which Senator George is the chairman, has finished its first report which deals with "cancellation of war contracts, disposition and sale of surplus property and industrial demobilization and conversion."

Quite aside from the content of the report, the document is important for three reasons:

First, it provides for action by legislation rather than by executive decree, and envisions a board whose first responsibility is to congress rather than to the Chief Executive. (An important step in returning to the natural processes of democracy interrupted by the war.)

Second, it has been written with a realization that in the re-shuffling of industry, small business must get a break. It is quite probable that Senator Murray, who has taken the troubles of small business under his wings, will contribute considerably to the bill which will be introduced to implement the purpose of the report.

***Non-Political Expert***

Third, and very important, is the fact that the report was coordinated and probably largely written by a paid, non-political expert, hired out of the committee funds as its counsel. Similar assistance is always utilized by the tax committee where highly technical knowledge is essential, and it has long been the feeling of Senator George and others that one of the great weaknesses of congressional procedure is the lack of expert staff assistance for this type of work: the coordinating and correlating of the information brought out in the hearings and the contributions of the various committees, and the facts and opinions resulting from the investigations and the special knowledge of the individual members.

As a small group of us newsmen and women sat in the committee-room and questioned Scott Russell, the counsel, we were impressed with his grasp of the subject and the way he separated political opinion from the factual content and the interpretation of the various paragraphs as he read them over to us or we questioned him concerning them. Russell was a former district attorney in Georgia and he was also president of one of the largest businesses in the South, the Bibbs Manufacturing company. Gray-haired, but young looking, and vigorous with an easy common-sense approach, Russell gave you the feeling he knew what he was talking about.

***Business and Government***

But regardless of the merits of this particular case, it seems to me rather significant that the thinking leaders in congress, of whom there are always many, realize the importance of getting (to use a somewhat shopworn expression in its best sense) "more business into government"—business in the sense of businesslike and efficient procedure, not the bias of any particular business.

I have gone into some detail in previous columns in regard to the importance of small business in the American economy. I will only say here that Senator Murray, although not a member of this committee, was called in for consultation, and undoubtedly a part of his legislative thinking will be incorporated into the bill which I imagine will be introduced before this is printed.

Already the giants are battling. Efforts are being made by the big manufacturers to assure themselves that when converted war industries resume their peacetime work, they will not be thrust into competition with prewar industries which can make the same product.

The report of this committee recognizes this danger and also the need of handling the sale of surpluses in such a manner that they will not flood the market so that the regular producer will have to meet an unnatural competition.

The report of the committee visualizes the need of regulating such conditions and there are many which must be foreseen and met.

I will not go into the details of the report which is a straightforward statement—he who runs may read it without encountering the usual "whereases" and the other impedimenta which many legal documents contain and which makes them quite safe from the danger of perusal by the layman.

***Board Recommended***

Briefly, a board is recommended. The President would appoint the administrator, subject to confirmation by the senate. The administrator would pick his own staff, not representatives of any group but men of special ability, fit to represent the United States as a whole, men chosen for their outstanding qualifications. This board would report to congress, a congressional committee would keep its eye on the reports and its members would sit in at the board meetings.

The board would not be an operating agency. It would be purely administrative, making use of the existing government agencies.

It would be called the Office of Demobilization. For the duration, it would be a subsidiary of the WPB; afterward, it would be supreme in its field.

The importance of this action, as far as the general public is concerned, is this: it represents one of the first steps of congress looking toward taking back its policy-making powers which, of necessity, have been delegated to the administrative branch and does so in a most vital field of endeavor. It is pointed out that these policy-making powers as applied to conversion may affect the economy of the nation for many years to come. For instance, as Russell put it in the interview—congress doesn't want any one man, or any one agency, to decide such vital issues as to whether the government remains in the rubber making business, whether we shall have a large merchant marine or a small one.

***Important Points***

Briefly here are some of the points which the committee recommends:

1. That demobilization should be so handled as to preserve free enterprise.

2. That full employment be assured.

3. That government-owned or controlled plants be disposed of in a way as not to affect the national economy adversely.

4. That disposal of government-owned plants should be in line with American foreign policy, with the prevention of monopoly, with the encouragement of full competition and small business.

5. No plants or surpluses disposed of where their existence is vital to the national economy or such disposal affects it adversely or under conditions which would make it impossible for the small business to acquire them.

And this word of wisdom is added: "The shutting down of factories, the stoppages of work, and the unemployment of workers, through delays in contract settlements, will cause far greater loss of revenue to the government—to say nothing of general economy—than could possibly be saved through conventional pre-audit of contractors claims."

In other words, "the law's delay" will be expensive.

It will be interesting to see if the lawmakers themselves cause unnecessary delay in this undertaking. Intelligent and unselfish consideration and action is the keyword to a just realization of this practical example of planning.

## BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

Today an apple a day keeps the doctor away, but in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, cocoa was considered the proper tonic.

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"Dress fashions for girls—Japanese style, 1944—are to be streamlined in a new styling of graceful, wartime uniform, according to the Jap education ministry." What? No pin-ups?

Although 1944 food production in the United States is expected to be greater than in 1943, military and lend-lease requirements in 1944 also will be greater so that the total food supply for civilians may even be smaller in 1944 than last year, according to the department of agriculture. However, civilian stocks may be upped if conditions permit tapping the government reserve.

**Take Care of Rubber**

Milking machine parts made of rubber should receive the best of care. Keep the rubber parts clean, and do not bend, hammer, or pull the rubber. Keep them out of the sunlight and do not sterilize with steam or boiling water.

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**Versatile Radio Waves**

Aside from commercial broadcasting and communications, radio waves are used for such unusual purposes as guiding ships to port, danger signals for navigators, airplane control and—in medicine—for exterminating parasites.

**'Tree Farms' for Conservation**

Another example of the conservation program sponsored by the timber industry is the system of "tree farms" recently established in Alabama, where certificates were given individuals and companies employing approved forestry principles.

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**Contour Yields More**

Studies of wheat yields show that the grain drilled on the contour produces about three to five bushels more per acre than wheat planted in the ordinary way.

# NEWS GATHERED IN AND AROUND MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls and family were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reinhold of Chestertown.

Mrs. Raymond Edwards and Mrs. Ella Gale were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knox of Clayton.

Mrs. Arthur Anthony, Mrs. Roland Price, Mrs. Louis Hollett, Mrs. Paul Wallace, Miss Marie McMullen and Mrs. Charles Anthony spent last Tuesday in Wilmington.

Candidate James Higman of Edgewood Arsenal was a Sunday visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higman.

Miss Jean Wyatt spent the week-end with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds of Cambridge.

Mrs. James Urie of Wilmington spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin.

Mrs. Arthur Anthony and son, Wayne were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cole of Lynch.

The regular monthly meeting of the Kent and Queen Anne's Firemens Association was held in the Community Hall Thursday evening with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manning are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born Saturday, Feb. 26.

Mrs. James Urie, Mr. Harry Rasin and daughters were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rasin of Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Clayton were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Edna Jones.

Mrs. Harvey Poore has returned to her home near Smyrna after spending ten days with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Stevens.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Stevens of Wilmington were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. Ethel Stevens.

Miss Carolyn Massey of Wilmington was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheston Knotts and family of Wilmington were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls.

Mrs. Kenneth Walraven, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walraven spent several days this week with the formers husband at Norfolk Vaa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walls and family of Elkton were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls.

Miss Lucille Massey and Miss Anna Stevens spent last week in Philadelphia as the guest of Miss Elizabeth Stevens.

Mrs. Helen Hickman and Mrs. Thomas Hickman of Chestertown were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Edna Jones.

Mr Charles Parvis of Middletown spent the week-end here with his wife

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Slaughter and Mrs. Kate Garton of Elkton were Sunday visitors of relatives in town.

Mr. Claude Shivery has succeeded Mr. Charles Parvis as manager of the American Store and Mr. Parvis has been transferred to Middletown.

Mrs. Eva Jones spent the week-end in Philadelphia and while there attended a refresher Course for the Ground Observation Corp held at the Hotel Philadelphian.

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**Turkeys Increase**

About 1 per cent more turkeys than in 1941 is estimated for this year. In February, turkey producers intended to increase their flocks 3 per cent but weather conditions and labor shortages cut down the crop.


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The Committee would appreciate a letter setting forth the reasons for nomination. It is not necessary that nomination or letter be signed.

(Mail to Preston P. Heck, Secretary)

—All nominations must be made before March 6th—


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