The Social Wanderer

DEAR ROAMER

At long last, lend me your ear, and you shall hear of the wedding, I promised, not far back this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cregar of Trenton, N. J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Claire to Mr. Robert Townsend Fleetwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Robert Fleetwood of Denton, Md.

Miss Cregar was graduated from Washington College, at the mid-year graduation of this year and is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Mr. Fleetwood, also a graduate of Washington College is a member of the faculty of the Chestertown High School.

The wedding will take place on Saturday April 8th.

And following in its wake is another interesting wedding to take place April 30.

This is the marriage of Miss Florence Elizabeth Schiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leonard Schiller of Stamford, Conn., to John Clark Mead, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead of Chestertown.

The wedding will take place at four o'clock in the afternoon, in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, the Rev. Stanley F. Hemsley officiating, with a reception following at the Hotel Davenport.

Miss Schiller is a graduate of Barrnard College, and Mr. Mead of Washington College of which his father is president. He is now in business in New England

Another Alpha Chi Omega girl is also altar-bound, who is none other than Ann Jewell Rouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewell Rouse, of Aberdeen. The bride-groom to-be is Corporal Walter Clark Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Brandt, of Baltimore. Both Miss Rouse and Corporal Brandt are recent graduates of Washington College. Mr. and Mrs. Rouse are former residents of Kent County.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hebden, Jr., with their daughter and son will move into the Elliott house in Fairlee about April 1. Mr. Hebden who has been appointed Area Manager of the Chestertown Area of the C & P Telephone Co. of Baltimore City, we hear is a yachtsman and will add his sloop to the Chester River fleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kingsley are spending two weeks in New York where they are guests of reatives.

Miss Marian Grieb of the faculty of Hannah Moore Academy, will arrive to-day to spend the Spring vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Grieb at Deep Point.

Mrs. J. Kellogg Smith and Mrs. Comegys Brown have been visiting in Washington during the past week.

Mrs. J. B. Whitworth who has been spending the past week in Philadelphia will return to her home, Radcliffe Hall, to-day.

Miss Emily Atwater of Baltimore, is a guest this week of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Atwater.

Mrs. Thomas Massey is spending a vacation in Tampa, Florida, where she is visiting friends.

Mr. Russell Wheatley of Toronto, Canada has returned to his home there after a visit with his mother and brother here.

Hail St. Patrick, to-day, the patron Saint of Ireland. Don your green and honor him thus.

Yours for Erin,

The Wanderer

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST AT LYNCH

Mr. Stanley Baker, formerly of Wilmington, Del., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewell for a few days this week. Before Mr. Baker's recent discharge from the army due to his being above the age limit, he was stationed at Greenland with the army of occupation there, and his descriptions of that far northern island are extremely interesting. Mr. Baker saw only two women during his twelve month stay in Greenland, and they were Eskimoes. He said that the cities have only three or four thousand inhabitants, and there is very little vegetation, as the soil depth is just a little more than a foot deep above solid rock. Mr. Baker was mustered out of the army with the rank of sergeant and now holds a position with the DuPont Chemical Works near Pennsville, N. J.

Mrs. Ida Schofield, of Chestertown, visited Mr. Frank Hepbron on Sunday.

Corporal and Mrs. Marion Councell and small son and Mrs. Robert L. Usilton and grandson spent last Saturday with Mrs. P. P. Councell at Cordova.

Mr. Frank Dwyer, of Edgewood, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer Sunday night and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch, of Chestertown, and Mrs. George Carmen and children of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynch on Sunday. We are sorry to hear that Mr. George Carmen has been in the hospital and we wish him a quick recovery.

Mr. and Mrs Nowland Nickerson and family of Locust Grove visited Mr. Nickerson's mother, Mrs. Mabel Nickerson on Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Cornelius is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Wolverton in Camden, N. J.

Mr. Lee Joiner is at this time ill in bed. We hope that he will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rust and son of Cillingdale, Pennsylvania visited Mrs. Rust's father, Mr. Emmanual Fredericks who is a patient at the Chestertown Hospital, and also spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Joiner here on Tuesday.

We wish a speedy recovery for Mrs. William T. S. Rasin, who is at present on the sick list.

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From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh

You hear a lot of talk about morale these days . . . but have you found many people who knew exactly what "morale" was?

Well, I was thumbing through my scrap book the other day, and I came on this verse I'd like to pass on to you . . .

It's the lift you get from a friendly smile . . .
A brand new hat in a jaunty style . . .
A letter from home that the postman brings . . .
Morale is a lot of little things.

Isn't it so? Morale *is* just a lot of little things. A flower in your button hole, a word of greeting, an occasional refreshing glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, if we take care to preserve these little friendly things that boost morale, we'll be doing a lot to help our country in its time of crisis.

And we'll boost morale among our soldiers at the front, too. Because it's these "important little things" that they look forward to returning to.

Joe Marsh

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Washington Digest

Agricultural Readjustment Seen as Postwar 'Must'

Farmer-Educator Stresses Need for More Efficient Farming, More Attractive Life In Order to Maintain Production.

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News Analyst and Commentator.

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Ever since the beginning of the year, Washington has realized that one of the most important problems before it is demobilization.

It isn't a future problem. It's here.

Nearly a million and a quarter men have already been discharged from the army and navy since Pearl Harbor. More than 50,000 were physically "disabled," but excepting the severely wounded, most of these can be absorbed into civilian activities.

Reconversion of our economic and social structure is beginning.

Two weeks ago, I discussed at some length in this column, the George report on reconversion. Since then has come the Baruch report on the same subject, which was rapidly followed by executive action. It looked as if congress and the White House were in a race to see who would be first to start the colossal job.

While attention is being centered on readjustment of industry, less attention has been paid publicly to the necessary readjustments in agriculture which must come. Because many starving peoples will have to be fed for some two years after the war is over, the demand on the farmers for production of food and textiles should continue on somewhat the same basis as at present. But adjustments will have to be made whether or not this high rate of production is maintained because any changes in our economic life are bound to affect the farmers.

One of the most important recent contributions to this planning for the adjustment of agriculture has been made by Dr. Murray R. Benedict, a Wisconsin farm boy who is now a professor of agriculture in the University of California. He points out in a very thorough study of "Farm People and the Land After the War," released by the National Planning association, that if we want our people to be adequately and suitably fed, and if we want our farmers and farm workers to be satisfied, farming will have to be made more efficient and farm life more attractive both as a business and as a way of life.

Political Reaction

Unfortunately, there is a great danger that such efforts will be frustrated owing to the very natural political reaction of a democratic country, long under federal regulation which is necessary in wartime. Once peace returns, a free people is anxious to throw out its chest and start off lustily, paddling its own canoe again.

It must be remembered that up until 1870, the condition of agriculture shaped the entire anatomy of the American body—economic—political—social. After 1870, industry developed to the point where it became the tail that wagged the agricultural dog.

Since 1870, the percentage of the population engaged in nonagricultural activities has remained either about stable or has shown a slight increase. The farm population showed a decrease until now when it has become fairly stabilized at about 30 million.

It would be possible, provided certain definite steps were taken, either to increase the number of paying farm jobs or to achieve greater production with a fewer number of workers, so that we could have more or less farmers, according to production needs and still make it remunerative to all.

According to Dr. Benedict, the normal birth rate keeps the farm population just about stable unless sharp shifts to and from the farm are made. The shifts do come and they throw the whole farm picture out of kilter. This is where the tail wagging the dog comes in, for in time of depression, of course, industrial workers seek livelihood on the farm and, therefore, have a tendency to glut the market—in time of boom, the farm boy deserts the fields for the cities and the better-paying jobs.

Four Major Factors

There are four factors which can take up or let out the slack:

(1) A larger demand for farm products at home or abroad.

(2) Decreasing the output per man in agriculture operations—cutting down its hours or doing away with some of the mechanization.

(3) Development of greater self-sufficiency on the part of the farmers themselves.

(4) (Something we would hardly want to see) Immigration to less developed countries, except, of course, in the case of places like Alaska, where there is a need of settlers.

Another danger which besets the farmer and which regional planning would avert is the sense of insecurity on the part of the farm people, due to the tendency toward tenant operation of farms under short-time tenures, which naturally leads to inefficient farming, bad living conditions, lack of continuity.

Then, of course, there is the ancient bugbear of one-crop farming, partly inherited from slavery days and particularly noticeable in cotton agriculture. Another factor is the wage labor situation in particular localities (also a heritage of another day) which results in poor living conditions and unproductive and unsatisfactory work. Other disturbing factors are the use of submarginal lands or unsuitably located farms and then, of course, the problem of the exhaustion of resources with the counter-measure of conservation.

It is pointed out that the situation which met the pioneer in America resulted in certain definite tendencies and traditions affecting the American attitude toward agriculture. These pioneer conditions, of course, ceased when there were no more good, new lands which could be opened up. But their effect lives on and has affected land policies ever since.

Dr. Benedict lays great stress on the fact that land policies which were well suited to the pioneer do not fit in at all with our modern economy and he emphasizes heavily the need of altering the tenant-farmer situation. In the old days a man, if conditions were unsatisfactory, could pack his family and belongings in a covered wagon, cross the range and stake out a fresh claim for himself. Now, if he has no place of his own, he has to work on someone else's terms and like it.

"The past two decades have brought clearly into view," says Dr. Benedict, ". . . the insecurity and destructiveness of the American system of tenancy, the rapid deterioration of soils, and the increasing difficulty with which able young farmers can become established on the land."

Three Improvements

He believes that wise legislation could be put into action and three important improvements could be brought about:

(1) Powerful incentive for the tenant to conserve the soil since he would reap the benefits.

(2) Much more careful selection of tenants, since removal of poor tenants would be more difficult.

(3) Improved community status of those tenants who become established under arrangements of this kind.

Such is a brief summary of the goals studied in typical research now being done for the benefit of the farmer.

Unfortunately, however, as I said earlier, politics is bound to play a powerful role in the effort to secure any "wise legislation" and, with selfish interests, will make up the chief obstacle.

Circumstances will force action in regard to the reconversion and adjustment of industry in the present session of congress but it would be an optimist indeed who would predict that constructive farm legislation could be carried out in an election year. The farm lobby is one of the most powerful in congress but unfortunately pressure exerted by it frequently fails to have for its objective the general good of the country. Proponents of certain measures may be really honest in expressing the wish of their particular constituents but the farm problem in America is so closely interwoven with every phase of our life, social as well as economic, that to envision it properly one must consider the welfare of the entire nation, not the special interests of any one particular locality.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

Men representing the War Manpower commission and the war department have been surveying areas of labor shortage where prisoners of war may be used effectively in farming and industry.

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About one million men have been made dentally fit for duty by U. S. army dentists, according to the war department.

Increased imports of coffee and cocoa from Brazil and other American republics now assure a larger quota of these products for U. S. civilians in 1944.

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About 118 cups of tea per person—more than in 1943—will be available for U. S. civilians this year if shipping conditions permit, according to the War Food administration.

Breaking In Paint Brushes

To insure their longer life, new paint brushes should be broken in carefully before they are used. One of the best ways is to soak the brush in raw linseed oil for several days. Then dip it into the painting material you intend to use and draw it across a rough, unplaned board several times. This will remove any loose bristles that were not securely fastened during the manufacturing process. If the brush is put in paint before being soaked in oil, the porous bristles will absorb pigment, causing them to stiffen and lose their flexibility.

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.

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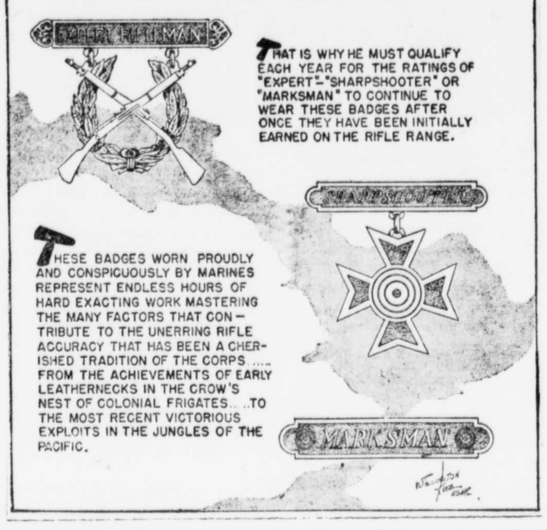
Turkeys Increase

About 1 per cent more turkeys than in 1941 is estimated for this year. In February, turkey producers intended to increase their flocks 8 per cent but weather conditions and labor shortages cut down the crop.

U.S. Marines — by Kref

The Inseparable Pair A Marine And His Rifle

THE FIRST THING A MARINE CORPS RECRUIT LEARNS IS THAT "HIS RIFLE IS TO BE A PART OF HIM AND THAT HE AND HIS RIFLE ARE THE BASIC UNIT ON WHICH THE MARINE CORPS MAINTAINS ITS REPUTATION FOR HANDLING EVERY EMERGENCY."



THAT IS WHY HE MUST QUALIFY EACH YEAR FOR THE RATINGS OF "EXPERT"-"SHARPSHOOTER" OR "MARKSMAN" TO CONTINUE TO WEAR THESE BADGES AFTER ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN INITIALLY EARNED ON THE RIFLE RANGE.

THESE BADGES WORN PROUDLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY BY MARINES REPRESENT ENDLESS HOURS OF HARD EXACTING WORK MASTERING THE MANY FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNERRING RIFLE ACCURACY THAT HAS BEEN A CHERISHED TRADITION OF THE CORPS ..... FROM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EARLY LEATHERNECKS IN THE CROW'S NEST OF COLONIAL FRIGATES....TO THE MOST REGENT VICTORIOUS EXPLOITS IN THE JUNGLES OF THE PACIFIC.

VISITORS TO AND NEAR ROCK HALL

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had 124 present on Sunday morning. Followed by sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. T. Hamblin.

The Youth Fellowship Group was in charge of the evening service with Miss Betty Jones as leader. Joe Ashley was the speaker and Mr. Julian Coleman of Chestertown was a guest and sang several selections.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held on Tuesday evening at the church.

Miss Carolyn Russell of Baltimore was a guest at Wesley Chapel church on Sunday morning.

The WS of C Service held a covered dish supper in the church hall on Thursday evening.

Miss Jeanette Shallcross of Elkton spent the week-end at her home here.

Richard Carter, U. S. Navy is spending sometime here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hynson Carter. He has been overseas for a year.

Mr. Edward Stevens, Jr. of Baltimore was over night guest this week of his parents at Hawthorne Road.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woolford of Baltimore were guests on Sunday of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Blackiston.

Mrs. Harry Wagner is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Chance at Price Md.

Mrs. Max Benson and daughter of Wilmington were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reihl and son of Baltimore were week-end guests of their respective parents.

Mrs. Benjamin Long spent several days this week with relatives in Claymont, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strong Downey and son of Baltimore were week-end visitors here of their parents.

Buster Hill, U. S. Navy stationed at Bainbridge spent the week-end with his family here.

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MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Crew and daughter Lillian spent the week-end with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Roy King and children of Queenstown spent Wednesday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginold Cooper entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loud to dinner on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dill of Baltimore spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mrs. Frank Clark of Chestertown visited her son Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clark on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fletcher of Broadneck spent Sunday with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lusby.

Mrs. Harry Rouse of Aberdeen spent several days last week with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Lee entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of Chestertown, Mrs. Harry Rouse of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin and Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer to dinner on Tuesday evening.

Miss Hazel Mason of Baltimore spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Crew of Philadelphia visited Mrs. Rachel Carter on Saturday.

Mrs William Faulkner of Pomona spent last week with her sister Miss Willie Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dukes, Mr. Romie Fogwell, Mrs. Samuel Cox, Mrs. Ralph Cox and sons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Rash an family of Chestertown spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash

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Country Club Committees Named

Mr. J. B. Whitworth, President of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club has named the following committees for the ensuing year.

Executive Committee, R. Hynson Rogers, Charles Eshman, Claude E. Truslow, Judge S. R. Collins.

Entertainment Committee, Dr. G. H. Dana Chairman; Gilpin Brown, Mrs. Richard Carvell, Mrs. Frances Metcalfe, Mrs. Fredrica McDorman, Mrs. Margaret Hickman, R. A. Kenworthy, Dr. W. H. Moyer, Allan Lane, Martha Speicher.

Golf Committee, J. B. Metcalfe, E. Clark Fontaine, R. A. Kenworthy, Mrs. J. B. Whitworth, Mrs. McDorman, Mrs. Richard Carvell.

House Committee, Dr. H. C. Hughes Chairman; Dr. M. H. Jacobs, Charles Eshman.

Greens Committee, Howard Strong, Chairman; Claude E. Truslow, J. B. Metcalfe, Rolph Townshend.

Pier and Dam Committee, Rolph Townshend, Mrs. R. F. Tull, Mrs. A. C. Dick, Mrs. Harry Deringer, Dr. S. H. Wright.

Skin Cream for Workers

A Brooklyn firm has come up with a skin cream which it claims will protect the hands and arms of war workers. According to the company, the lotion acts as an "invisible glove" against the effects of grease, paint, dust, printer's ink, furniture and metal polish, etc. According to the company, it is non-sticky and non-staining and washes off in soap and water.

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Contraction of Blue Eyes

Pupils of blue eyes contract more in bright light than do pupils of dark eyes, which is one of the reasons why blue eyes commonly are regarded as cold and calculating.

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