The Social Wanderer

DEAR ROAMER

This is stay-at-home week, as far as the weather would bid us do, but that can't go on forever, and after all, these are days, when one seeks companionship — whether it be to weep with those who mourn, or laugh with those who rejoice.

To the latter, then let us turn, for we are always pleased to extend congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jervis, of Still Pond have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sarah Eloise Jervis and Corporal Hartley Bonwill Weer, U.S.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley C. Weer, of 3315 Walbrook Avenue, Baltimore. Corporal Weer is home on furlough after 41 months service in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wallen of Eldred, McKean County, Penn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jane Wallen, to Mr. Iven E. Culver of Chestertown, Md. Miss Wallen is a graduate of Dickinson Junior College and of Indiana State Teachers' College. Mr. Culver is a graduate of Washington College and received his masters degree at the University of Pennsylvania. The wedding will take place in the St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Eldred, Pa., on March 26th. Mr. A. E. Culver, the grooms father, will be best man.

Lieut. and Mrs. Richard F. Welton III and their infant daughter, of New London, Conn., came on Thursday to remain over night as guests of Mrs. S. Scott Beck.

To-day, they, accompanied by Mrs. Beck, will leave for Portsmouth, Va., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Welton. On Sunday the baptism of the little girl, who will receive the name of Elizabeth Mackey, will take place.

Miss Betty White spent the early part of the week as a guest of Miss Elizabeth Brown. On Wednesday they returned to Garrison Forest School, where they are members of the faculty.

Mr. Henry Beck, of Dallas, Texas, will come to-day to spend the week-end as a guest of his sister, Mrs. Allan A. Harris.

Lieut. and Mrs. James Stewart, of Evanston, Ill., are guests of Mrs. Don Falls, Jr., Lieut. Stewart, U. S. Army, will be sent to Texas, at the completion of his furlough, which he is spending here.

Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr., and her sister, Miss Marian Peterson, left on Tuesday for New London, Conn., where they have joined, Mrs. Smith's husband, Quartermaster 1-c, of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Miss Harriette Welch will be hostess at a dessert-bridge party on Monday evening at her home on Queen St.

Quite a few parties have been given this week in honor of Lieut. James Chapman, U. S. Navy and Mrs. Chapman. Among those who are entertaining include Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin Brown, Miss Helen Simpers and Mrs. Gerry Williams.

Lieut. and Mrs. Stanley Schotland, whose marriage took place recently, will be week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Bordley.

Mrs. Donald McDorman will spend this week-end in Baltimore as a guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Estelle Groves.

This is all, for the moment—I'll be back in a flash—(or so it seems to me) with more news—

Yours with hope,

The Wanderer

ROCK HALL

Laurel Blackiston entered the U. S. Navy on Tuesday, He moved his wife and family here with his mother, Mrs. Sadie Blackiston for the duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Layton and children spent several days recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Williams and other friends in Lansdowne, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and children of McGinnis Corner, were visitors on Saturday of their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Rodney and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Baltimore spent the week-end here with their respective parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman of Baltimore spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Heniefield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bries entertained over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Ward Messick and daughter of Claymont, Del.

Cpl. and Mrs. William Purington spent several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rodney.

Thomas Parsons spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dowling entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary. Only the immediate family were present.

Wesley Chapel Sunday School had 89 present on Sunday morning. Sermong by the pastor, Rev. S. T.; Hamblin. The Ladies of Wesley Circle held a supper in the church hall on Thursday evening. About 200 people were served.

The County Wide 4-H Club held a party in the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall on Thursday evening.

Rev. S. T. Hamblin, Mrs. George Grice, Mrs. Frank Parsons and Mrs. James Dowling attended the Fifth Annual meeting of Peninsula Conference of the W. S. C. S. held at Wesley Methodist Church, Dover, Del., on Thursday.

Mrs. Melvin Rodney and grandson Vernon Jr., are visiting in Baltimore this week.

SALISBURY "OIL" WELL ABANDONED

Salisbury—The exploratory well of the Ohio Oil Company here was abandoned at 5,568 feet after striking bed rock, Stanley B. White, geologist of the company, announced this week.

The igneous rock was hit at 5,529 feet, he said, and the hole was driven the remainder of the distance to make sure that the drill bit had not encountered a boulder or a thin streak of granite.

"We have completed the well and had had absolutely no showing of oil," White said, "Our plans for the future have not been made. They will be announced as soon as possible."

He said that the exploratory well, described at its outset as a wildcat venture by the Ohio company, cost approximately $250,000.

FOREST FIRES SHOW DECREASE IN PAST YEAR

As compared with any other twelve month period of which there is record, the calendar year 1944 has established an all-time low for the number of forest fires to occur in Northern Maryland, the acreage burned over, and the property damage sustained, District Forester A. R. Bond, announces.

In contrast with the average for the three preceding years, 1941 to 1943, inclusive, the year 1944 shows a decrease in the number of fires of approximately 43 per cent; in area burned over, of 20 per cent; and in property damage sustained, of 10 per cent.

This record is attributed by Mr. Bond to the recent establishment by the Department of State Forests and Parks with the aid of Federal funds, of an intensively trained forest fire control organization, supplied with modern equipment, and maintained on a twenty-four hour duty basis throughout the spring and fall fire season. The field personnel assigned to Northern Maryland have responded in a marked degree to the training received in the last several years, and, aside from actual fire fighting, have done effective work in fire prevention.

"Ordinarily", Mr. Bond goes on to say, "we can expect something like 475 forest fire in Northern Maryland in the course of a year. In 1944, only 206 fires occurred. As to property damage, past figures place this at about $21,000 annually. For 1944, however, the figure is $3,700. This means a saving to landowners, in the space of twelve months of some $17,-300, a figure which proves that the Department's fire control organization more than pays its way. I might say besides that the sharp drop in the number of fires indicates that our people are awakening to their responsibilities in fire prevention, as preached by the Department of State Forests and Parks. This is most gratifying to all of us engaged in this work."

FISH SCALES COLLECTIONS AIDS STUDY

The collection of scales from fish in Maryland's commercial catches has been carried on for ten years, in which between five to ten thousand samples have been taken annually. This big program has been helped greatly by interested fishermen and, in a very tangible way, by certain offices of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. The value of scale collecting to State and Federal agencies has been and continues to be a question mark to those not familiar with the story told by fish scales.

The scales of rock and shad, important commercial species in Maryland, are particularly interesting. Scales from the rock show annual or "winter rings" very much like the rings in a tree. These rings, formed by retarded growth in the winter, tell very accurately the age of the fish. Large numbers of samples, taken at random from catches made with all types of commercial gear, make it possible to tell just what broods or ages of fish are in the water, and just how fast each brood is being caught. Like the rings in a tree, the "winter rings" on rock scales vary in their distance apart, being widely spaced in years of fast growth, and close together in years when growth was slow. Microscopic measurement of the spacing makes it possible to compute accurately the rate of growth throughout the fish's life. Yellow perch, white perch, gray and spotted trout, carp and croakers are other Maryland fish having scales showing annual rings.

Shad scales, on the other hand, do not have yearly rings, but have other markings of equal importance and interest. Shad spawn in fresh water, and the central portion of the scale, formed during the young shad's stay on or near the spawning ground, is quite different from the outer portion formed when the fish goes out to sea. These "fresh-water zones" of the scale are typical for each river in the Bay in which shad spawn, and make it possible to tell just where any shad was hatched. Examination of thousands of scales indicates that with very few exceptions, shad return to spawn in the stream where they were hatched. In other words, they obey the so-called "parent stream theory" and return to the place of their origin.

When an a dult shad enters freshwater to spawn, the outer edge of the scale becomes rough and uneven. If the fish escapes the nets, spawns, and returns to sea, normal smooth scale is formed around the ragged edge, leaving a conspicious scar or ring. The presence of such a scar indicates that the fish has spawned the previous year. A fish showing two scars on its scales has spawned twice, and one bearing three scale marks has made three trips to the breedin g grounds and has escaped the catching devices that many times. The percentage of scales in the collections bearing spawning marks presents an accurate picture of the number of fish that escape to spawn in a given area and, in turn, shows just how much "brood stock" is being spared for future runs of shad in the Bay.

Fish, like all other animals, require a brood stock level commensurate with yields and with desired population abundance. When such brood levels are not maintained, obviously the yields go down. In the case of the greatly depleted shad, Maryland's catches currently show about a 20% escapement or brood level, having risen to this point during the past five or six years from 8%, while it is well known that a minimum of 40% escapement is essential to effect broad restoration of the fishery. Controlling the fishing intensity as the Maryland Management Plan now does, it will be possible from the results of scale studies and from annual catch records for the Department of Tidewater Fisheries to determine when to permit more fishing through issuing additional licenses to watermen without retarding the restoration of the fishery to the greater yields of years ago.

Engagement

Miss Catherine Elizabeth Lusby

The engagement of Miss Lusby, daughter of Mr. Arthur M. Lusby of Kennedyville, to Corp. Lowell E. Weston, U. S. Army was announced last week in the Transcript.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wyatt of Millington announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Edith Louise Wyatt to Clarence G. Blair, S2-c, son of Mrs. James Everett of Sudlersville. Clarence G. Blair, S2-c is stationed at San Francisco, Cal.

LYNCH

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nickerson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Scott.

Corp. Marion Councell is spending a two-week furlough with his family here.

Mrs. Lois Stokes has returned from a two-week stay with Mrs. Allan Jewell.

F1-c Ray Scott of the Navy visited his sister, Mrs. Leroy Nickerson on Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Stavely and sons were the guests of Mrs. Pauline Stavely at Worton on Sunday.

NOTICE

In sending changes of address for The Chestertown Transcript please give the old address as well as the new. This will facilitate the necessity of searching through our mailing lists to find the old address. Your cooperation will speed the delivery of your papers and will also aid our office.

THE EDITORS

Plastic Uses

Eighty per cent of all plastics produced today go in planes that have hundreds of plastic parts and must withstand temperature changes from 130 degrees on the ground to 30 below in a matter of moments; in battleships which use thousands of plastic items; and in projectiles engineered to precision dimensions.

Rubber Used in Ship Paint

The navy estimates that 90,000 pounds of chlorinated crude rubber annually is used in bottom paint for ships of combat type.

Marriage to Uncle

All States have laws prohibiting marriges between uncles and nieces and aunts and nephews.

Card Party

January 24, 1945

Benefit card party at the American Legion Memorial Home next Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 8 o'clock, benefit of Infantile Paralysis Campaign. Price 50 cents a person. Make up a table and call Mrs. Perry Metcalfe, Phone 172. Help sponsor a worthy cause.

BINGO PARTY

BENEFIT INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN

Friday, Jan. 26, 1945

8:00 P. M. AT THE

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Admission . . . 35 cents

Sponsored By The Daughters Of America

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Wednesday, January 31, 1945

CHESTERTOWN ARMORY

Music By LEW STARTTS Orchestra

For Table Reservation Call H. Kaufman, Chestertown 49

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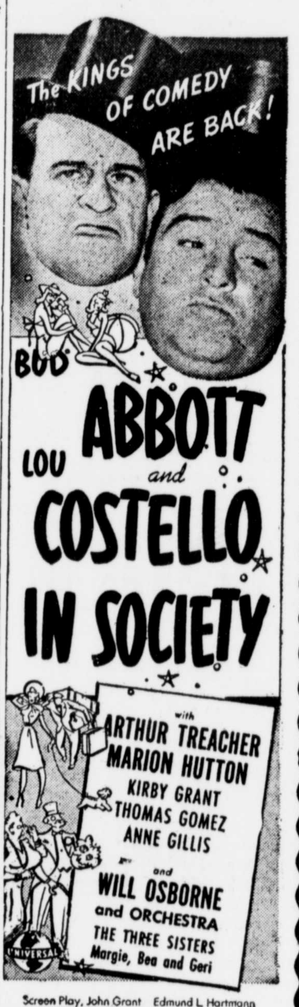

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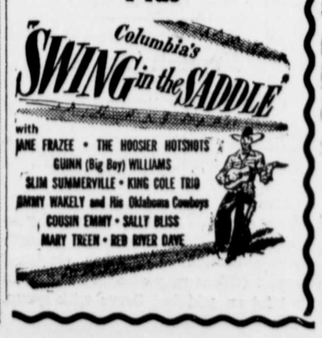

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Rob-Ford Brand **Blue Rose Rice** 2 lb pkg **23c**

Pillsbury's Best **FLOUR** 10 lb bag **59c**

Gold Seal Enriched **FLOUR** 10 lb bag **47c** 5 lbs 25c

CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP 3 cans **25c**

Meaty Cal. **PRUNES** lb **13c** 60-70 size

ASCO Self-Rising Pancake Flour 20-oz pkg **8c**

FARMDALE PEAS	20 p.	20-oz can	14c
PEAS	Standard Early June 20 p.	No 2 can	11c
TOMATOES	Farmdale Brand 20 p.	No 2 can	11c
TOMATOES	Asco Fancy 20 p.	No 2 can	14c
GREEN BEANS	Cut 10 p.	19-oz can	10c
CRUSHED CORN	Asco Golden 20 p.	20-oz can	13c
SLICED BEETS	Rob-Ford (no points)	16-oz jar	13c
JULIENNE BEETS	Wegner's (no points)	20-oz can	11c

Fresh FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Cal. Iceberg **LETTUCE** head **9c**

Tree-Ripened Fla. **ORANGES** 216 size doz **29c**

JUICY FLORIDA **GRAPEFRUIT** 64-70 size **4 for 25c**

Apples	U. S. 1 Winesap or Black Twig	5 lb bag 45c
Fancy Tomatoes	Repacked	lb ctn 25c
Crisp White Celery		2 stalks 19c

BLACK VALENTINE **GREEN BEANS** lb **21c**

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Big 2-lb jar Citrus **Marmalade** AND Large Loaf Supreme **Enriched Bread** Both For **25c**

Enriched **Victor Bread** 16-oz loaf **6c**

Va.-Lee Sugared **DO'NUTS** doz **16c**

JELLIES	Glenwood Raspberry, Currant, Grape, Strawberry or Elderberry	12-oz glass	15c
PRESERVES	Rob-Roy Pineapple	16-oz jar	21c
PRESERVES	Blackberry or Apricot	16-oz jar	25c
APPLE BUTTER	Glenwood	28-oz jar	17c
TOMATO SOUP	Asco or Ideal	3 cans	22c
HEINZ TOMATO SOUP		can	11c
APRICOTS	Whole or Halves 40 p.	No 2½ can	25c
SPLIT GREEN PEAS	Puritan	lb pkg	14c

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Farmdale Milk 4 tall cans 6 p. **35c**

Sterling Salt		24-oz	4c
Morton Salt		26-oz	7c
White Vinegar	Asco	qt	13c
Cider Vinegar	Asco	qt	15c
Hamburger Spread		8-oz	9c
Heinz Bean or Pea Soup		can	13c
ASCO Plain or Hot Catsup	30 p.	14-oz bot	16c
Nabisco Premium Crackers		lb pkg	19c
Grapefruit Juice	Sweet or Natural	18-oz can	13c
Gold Seal Oats	Quick or Regular	20-oz pkg	11c
Hom-de-Lite Salad Dressing		pt jar	22c

Swan Soap med cke **6c** - lge cke **10c**

LUX TOILET SOAP cake **7c**

LIFEBUOY SOAP cake **7c**

LUX FLAKES 5-oz pkg **10c** - 12½-oz pkg **23c**

RINSO reg pkg **10c** - large pkg **23c**

GOLD DUST 36-oz pkg **18c**

SOME LEVER BROS. PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN SOME STORES

Weedbury's Soap		cake	8c
Penn.-Rad Pa. Motor Oil	10 qt can		$1.95
Zero Cleaner		qt	17c
Bulbs	7½ to 60w (+ tax)	ea	10c
Speed-Up Ammonia		qt	13c
Speed-Up Cleaner		qt	15c
Floor Wax		½ gal bot	79c

Sweetheart Soap 4 cakes **25c**

Old Dutch CLEANSER 2 cans **15c**

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