A Letter to the Editor

The primary function of both West Point and Annapolis is to turn out men who are efficient in waging war. This means that the various subjects studied have for their ultimate aim the successful practice of mass murder. After all, that is what war is for. The greater the number of the enemy who are killed, the more likely the winning of victory.

In most wars, lives are lost unnecessarily. Often the public knows nothing about it because of war time censorship which uses, as its plea, the proposition of military security. However, the brass hats in the higher ranks do not object to news favorable to themselves. This and the censorship of all mistakes, can convey to the public back home the impression that our armed forces are led by supermen.

On the home front, also, the generals were somewhat less than perfect. According to recent reports, President Roosevelt had a tough job in forcing some of the army officers to accept the idea of experimenting with a new form of warfare, namely the atomic bomb. It is a good thing Roosevelt was President, otherwise the atomic bomb might have been invented in some other country.

Judging from the tragic mistakes made by some of our generals, it is apparent that even in preparing high ranking officers for carrying on a war there is something wrong about their training. In peace time their qualifications appear in a still more unfavorable light.

The dullness of our higher officers in the army has been pathetic. Remember what happened to General Billy Mitchell when he wanted to improve the airforce? Furthermore, some of our generals were very slow to see the necessity for tanks and other mechanization.

Some of our admirals are still clinging to battleships with which they are acquainted, instead of putting the O. K. on airplane carriers. See the recommendations for the proportion of battleships to airplane carriers in a recent post-war plan report. The old boys probably prefer traveling on battleships to riding in airplanes.

In the higher realm of statesmanship, our officers are even less competent. Some of the senior ones seem to want war when it is unnecessary. Looking around for a possible enemy in another conflict, they can see only one which is our size at present, and that is Russia. So they start to make their plans for war between the two countries. That this war may probably be the end of all civilization is something beyond their imagination or interest. To make it worse, this anti-Russian attitude is certain to increase the possibility of war by building up an anti-American feeling in Russia.

General Patton made history when he played with the Nazis in Bavaria. While this was unfortunate, nevertheless all the blame should not be placed on him. He was just constitutionally unfit for an administrative post in peace time, and he should not have been placed there. In other parts of Germany, some American officers were just as bad; they played with the Nazis and worked against the liberal and democratic elements in the districts under their commands.

The desire to retain power and rank and the apparent hope for another war are possibly the reasons why the army and navy are so slow in demobilizing. The army claims they do not have enough separation centers. It is not likely that even those repeating such a fool argument actually believe it themselves. Any division should have the records and and the personnel available to discharge all the men in it with the required number of points or years of service.

Sending men overseas with more than two years service, now that the war is over, is breaking down respect for the government. Holding men in camps when they should be discharged is arousing furious resentment. It is a disgrace to the United States, and a reflection on every member of Congress, that a small number of brass hats should deliberately oppose the will of the people and keep millions of men in the service unnecessarily.

All this is bad for the morale of the men and their families, and a strain on the economic life of the nation. Another point, not to be overlooked, is that the resentment of the public may create an unreasonable demand for demobilization. This in turn might reduce the size of our armed forces to a size that would be too small for safety.

Congress can correct this condition overnight by passing a law retiring instantly on half pay any general or admiral who has, under his command, drafted men of two years service or more.

Most of the Ameican public feel greatful to the leaders of our armed forces for what they have accomplished. However, the war is over and we do have the probability of a few years of peace before another can start. If there should be another war, we'll need new commanding officers who can visualize the weapons of the future and will not try to fight it with weapons of the past. If we don't have another war, we won't need the old brass hats anyway.

So for the good of the country it is advisable to retire a big majority of senior officers in both services. They have served their country but are poorly fitted for peace time duties.

Now if Congress would pass a law retiring most of these officers in the near future, it is a safe bet that all the drafted men with two years service would be speedily returned to civilian life.

L. Lee Layton,
Dover, Delaware.

MILLINGTON

Mr. Lester Woodall and son, Sergt. Lester R. Woodall of Philadelphai. spent several days last week with the former's mother, Mrs. Georgia A. Woodall.

Pfc. Charles Peloquin, U. S. Air Corps, of California, was the guest over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian E. Massey.

Mrs. Helen Moriarity of Silview, Del., spent the week-end with Mrs. Ella Gale.

Mrs. Edith Porter and Mrs. Ethel Powell entertained at a miscellanous shower in honor of Miss Peggy Pritchard at the former's home on last Friday evening. Those who attended the shower were Mrs. Edward Fellows, Miss Marie MacMullen, Miss Ethel Jones, Mrs. Claude Shivery, Mrs. Harry Rasin, Mrs. Louis Hollett, Miss Lucille Massey, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Mrs. Arthur Anthony, Mrs. Roland Price, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. Eva Jones, Miss Mary Stevens, Mrs. Joseph Tubbs, Mrs. Warner Porter, Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Pritchard, Miss Louise Wyatt.

Mis Betty Stevens, Mr. George Saunders of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Stevens and daughter, Elaine of Wilmington, were the guests over the week-end of their mother, Mrs. Charles Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale, Mrs. Emma Skinner, and Mrs. Joseph Tubbs and daughter were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Jerome Tubbs of Salisbury.

Mrs. Ethel Powell, Mrs. Warner Porter and Mrs. Charles Anthony were the week-end guests of Mrs. Emma Airey of Catonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mayer of Baltimore were the week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mallalieu.

Mrs. Georgia Hake of Wilmington was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higman.

Mrs. George Duling of Wilmington spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. C. M. Melvin and Mr.Edward Vansant attended a meeting of the Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Association which was held at Federalsburg last Friday evening.

The monthly meetings of the Adult Bible Class and the W.C.T.U. were held last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Mattie Neal. The Womens Christian Temperance Union is planning to have a chicken and waffle supper next week.

Last Monday evening a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Church to organize a Methodist Youth Fellowship. Around sixteen young people attended the meeting and organized a M.Y.F. and elected the following officers: President, Robt. Poore; Vice-presidents, Worship Glem Davidson; Mission, Dorothy Davidson; Community Service, Virginia Moore; Recreation, Shirlee Caillavet, Clarence Melvin; Secretary and Treasurer, Virginia Wallace; Membership, Allen Robinson and Mary Wentworth; Pianist, Peggy Pritchard; Assistant Pianist, Ethel Hollett; Song leader, Mr. Edward Walraven; Counselors, Mrs. C. S. Church, Mrs. H. R. Rasin, Mr. Edward Fellows and Mr. Edward Walraven. The monthly meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Taylor of Spring Lake, N. J., spent Thursday and Friday of last week with Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

MARYLAND'S FARM FRONT WEEKLY REPORT

Farmers in 1946 will pay the balance of the cost of lime and fertilizer materials furnished under the AAA program direct to dealers and contractors who supply them, instead of paying this 20 percent of the cost to the county AAA office, according to Joseph H. Blandford, State AAA Chairman.

As in the 1945 program, the AAA will pay for 80 per cent of the cost of approved materials, direct to dealers or contractors who supply each farmer under the program.

The AAA is now accepting bids on furnishing liming materials in 13 counties of the state, Mr. Blandford adds. In the other 10 counties local dealers who set a satisfactory price will be depended on to furnish the lime for the AAA program. Bids now open, to close on November 1, will be for burned and hydrated lime at the plant, for bagged lime delivered at the farmyard, and for bulk lime spread on the farmer's fields.

Bids cover the lime program for Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Cecil, Charlels Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince Georges, St. Mary's, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

Double Wheat Insurance

The great increase in wheat crop insurance over the 1943 program assures a favorable quality of insurance risks, as every county in the state is now represented, with a much larger share of the total acreage. The 4,402 applications covering about 5,100 farms is more than twice the 2,050 applications covering 2,329 farms insured against wheat crop loss in 1943. Maryland is close to the top in percentage of insurance increase among the wheat growing states. In the 1943 program wheat insurance was carried in only 14 of the 23 counties now included. This wide base makes it far less likely that any local catastrophe to the wheat crop could set up all the funds provided through the insurance program.

Carroll County leads in number of applications with 698, followed by Frederick, 622; Talbot, 439; Kent, 347; Dorchester, 337; Baltimore, 259; Harford, 203; Montgomery, 199; Queen Annes, 192; Howard, 189; Washington, 150; Caroline, 127; Cecil, 120; Anne Arundel, 105; Barrett, 81; Prince Georges, 76; St. Mary's and Charles, both 53; Worcester, 36; Somerset and Wicomico, each 29; Allegany, 24; and Calvert, 23.

Largest sign-up in the 1943 insurance program was in Frederick County, with 451 applications.

Plan Trial Tobacco Insurance

A trial tobacco crop insurance program will be set up in one county of Southern Maryland in 1946. As yet the particular county has not been picked. Tobacco growers in each of the five tobacco growing counties will be asked to provide figures on acreage, yield, and price of their crop for the past five years. The county assembling the best data on past crop experience, which is important in setting up a sound crop insurance program, will get the trial insurance on tobacco in 1946.

GALENA HI-LIGHTS

The regular monthly meeting of the P. T. A. of Galena school was held in the Elementary School on Thursday, November 1st. The very interesting program, presented by Miss Leager's fourth and fifth grades, consisting of a meeting by their Penny Book Club. Twenty six old members and one new member were present for the business meeting. A motion was made and carried to extend the hot lunch program so as to serve the high school students. As before, each week 2 parents will serve the elementary pupils; during the month of January, Miss Hadaway will be in charge of serving the high school students. Committees were appointed and final plans made for the Card Party to be held at the Firehouse on Nov. 15.

On November 1, the students of Galena School were given free the pneumonia serum. Also several small children who are too young to attend school and adults from the school community took the serum.

Our students enjoyed the movie, "The Prisoner of Zenda," on Thursday, November 1st.

Galena school was closed last Friday, October 26, in order that all the teachers might attend a State Teacher's meeting in Baltimore.

Those who have made perfect attendance in the month of October are:

Freshman—James Atwell, Eugene Haley, Anthony Johnson, William Sproates, Donald Turner, Joan Woodall, Betty Shorts, Patsy Moffett, Jane Johnston, Betty Jarvis, Dorothy Churay, Rebecca Boyd, Elizabeth Atwell, and Joyce Arrington.

Sophomores — Billy Davidson, Lowell Husfelt, Kent Wharton, George Wood, Alene Woodall, Jean Wallace, Agnes Hadley, Audrey Fogwell, Louise Dwyer, Frances Cole, Rose Marie Behringer and Marie Alexander.

Juniors — Margaret Bingnear, Frances Churay, Clara Virginia Jarvis, Hester Miller, Louise Rausch and Helen Sutton.

Seniors — Francis Lamb, Ann Cockran, Rebecca Miller, and Julia Wharton.

We were glad to have Ensign Amy Lee DeShane visit our school while she was on a month's leave at her parents home near Galena. Because of a rheumatic heart condition, Ensign DeShane has for several months been convalescing at Palm Springs, Florida. She has now returned at Palm Springs for the winter months.

The following are some questions addressed to the Juniors:

"Why did Margaret have a smile on her face Monday morning?"

Frances, how's your soldiers?

Mildred, doesn't Charles know where your neck is?

Is Guy beating Sammy's time with Becky?

Donald, is it a freshman or a sophomore?

Who is Rita's flame? The world is wondering!

Who is it who lives near Millington and catches Mildred Ann's eye?

Why was Clara Virginia so anxious to go to College Park?

What does Hester see in chemistry class that the rest of us fail to see?

Why is Dolores so quiet?

Why does Charles like to visit the Boyds?

Louise, has Carpenter built your bungalow yet?

Helen is it still Terry?

Who is the one person Carlton looks at while making speeches in English?

Who is Billy's flame?

4-H CLUB NEWS

Each club planned its own service for 4-H Sunday, November 4. Most of these services were held in the evening, with the exception of the St. James Boys' and St. James Girls' Clubs. These two clubs had complete charge of the morning service of St. James Church. The Rock Hall Girls will hold their service next Sunday.

The Senior 4-H Club is planning a hike to be held next Sunday, Nov. 11, weather permitting. Outdoor supper will be furnished. All 4-H'ers are invited to meet at Stanley Sutton's farm at 2 o'clock.

Chesterville

The Chesterville Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club met at the Jarvis home on Thursday evening, November 1. The members decided to have a recreation party to make some money for the club. This party will be held on Friday, November 30 in the Galena Fire Hall. There will be a small admission and refreshments will be served. The committee for recreation includes Margaret Skinner, Betty Jarvis, Billy Davidson and Stanley Sutton.

Margaret Skinner gave a report on Club Day at College Park.

Since there are only twelve members in our club, the secretary succeeded in finding four new members. They are June Everett, Louise Dwyer Lewis Everett, and Jack Dwyer.

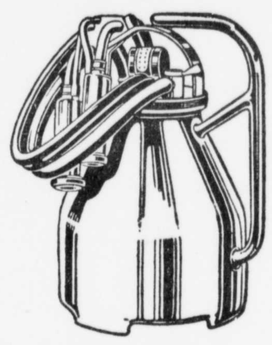
The final practice for the 4-H Sunday program was practiced after the meeting was adjourned. The ushers for this service are June Everett, Jane Jarvis, Billy Davidson, and Lewis Everett.

Clara Virginia Jarvis, reporter.

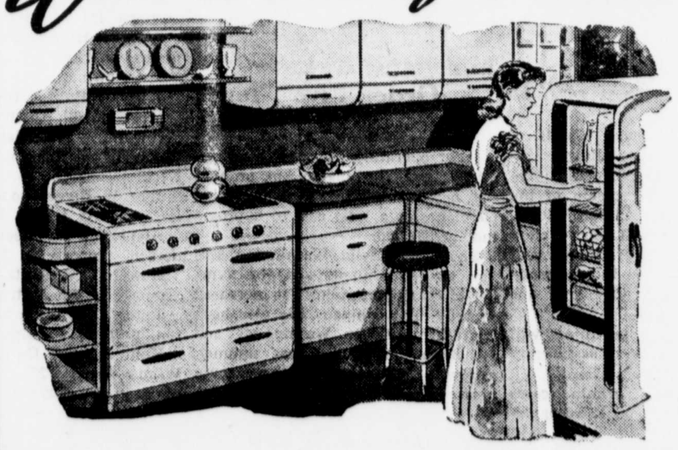
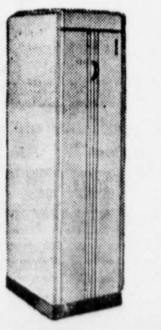
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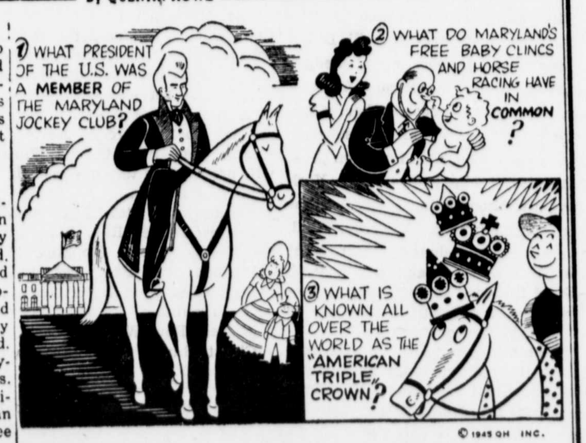
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Quiz For Marylanders

THINGS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN TILL NOW

By QUENTIN HOWE



Answer to Question 1:

Andrew Jackson. His letter to "the Gentlemen of the Maryland Jockey Club" is one of their treasured mementos. The letter hangs in the office at Pimlico, Maryland's most famous racing association. It was written in 1831.

Answer to Question 2:

Maryland's favorite sport contributes over one million a year in taxes, more than enough to pay for every Baby Clinic in Maryland. If this money were not contributed by Maryland's four Racing Associations, it would have to be raised by increasing your taxes. Baby Clinics are important to Maryland. They protect the health of Maryland mothers and Maryland babies. Fortunately, Maryland's traditional sport provides more than enough to pay for these Free Baby Clinics.

Answer to Question 3:

"The Triple Crown" is The Kentucky Derby (Kentucky), The Preakness (Maryland) and The Belmont Stakes (New York). A horse that wins these three is said to have won "The Triple Crown." In all history only six horses have done it. The Preakness was first run in 1873, two years before the first Kentucky Derby. The Preakness is Maryland's most famous race, is run each spring at Pimlico (Maryland Jockey Club). People come from all over the world to see Maryland's Preakness. Marylanders are proud of their Preakness. (2)

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