THE SOCIAL WANDERER

Dear Roamer:

Now that Christmas is over, and we've all agreed with one accord that it was the best in a long time, our minds turn naturally to the advent of the New Year, seeing that it is welcomed in properly and with a secret hope that its days will unfold pages of great happiness for our friends and dear ones, as well as ourselves.

But while we are still in the waning twilight of 1936, lets gather up all loose ends and events before I start on the New Year. Last Saturday was just about the fullest day since last Re gatta time, and when I say full, I mean full. I told you of most of the parties, but then later, I heard of still another dinner party before the dance, one given by Mr. and Mrs. Bonwill Dukes in honor of their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Zeigler. A later party developed, before the dance, another egg nogg party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Massey Hines, so that a great many people after their dinner engagement, went to Bus Humphrey's party, thence across the river to the Hines party and on to the dance. The dance was largely attended, the music was splendid, and everyone was in the spirit of the season.

Additional guests than those I mentioned last week, included some of the regular home-comers, Mr. James Bacchus, of New York, Miss Harriette Welch, of Long Island, Miss Nancy Jean Usilton and her friend, Miss Betty Peach, of Washington, Miss Alice Dole, of Laurel, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, of Lansdowne, Miss Helen Simpers, of Washington, Miss Cynthia Clendaniel, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carvel, of Media, Pa., and Miss Margaret Atkinson and Mr. Robert Atkinson, of New York, Miss Charlotte Jane Curry, of New York, Miss Mary Jo Wheatley, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, of Radnor, Pa., (son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bloecher) Misses Miriam and Virginia, Jones, of Baltimore, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Whiting and 2 children, New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Ford; Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Cooch, of Newark, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Eshman; Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Harris, of Gloucester Point, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheatley; Mr. and Mrs. Denver Benton and daughter and Miss Edna Kirby, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirby; Mrs. W. D. Hines, of Baltimore, and Mrs. T. Blackiston Perkins, guests of their sisters, Misses Grace and Jennie Wilkins; Mrs. Walter Pippin, of Annapolis, and sons, Mr. Robert C. Pippin of Severn School and Paul W. Pippin of Norfolk Academy, guests of Miss Anna Pippin. Miss Pippin and Mrs. Louise B. Dutcher left on Thursday to spend the holidays in Poughkeepsie, but will spend New Year's Eve in New York City.

But continuing with our out-of-town guests Mr. Phil Brooks, of Towson, visited his aunt, Mrs. T. Hynson Beck ast wek end, Mr. Earle Willis, of Oakland, Md., guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Willis, Miss Mildred Tryzno, of Baltimore, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Cooper; Mr. James W. Johns, Jr., of New York, guest of his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rouse, of Aberdeen, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cooper; Messrs. Rchards Rchards and Beverly Hazel, who are attending an engineering school in Indiana, guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Frances Young; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Seigenfuse, of Dumont, N. J., guests of Mrs. Edw. Robinson, Miss Fances Nolting, of Baltimore, guest of Mrs. C. Beck Jones, and Miss Margaret Smith, of Baltimore guest of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beck.

Miss Mary Jean Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence P. Strong left on Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week in Washington, D. C., with relatives.

Mrs. J. K. Aldridge moved to-day from her home on Queen St. to take up residence in Baltimore at 3 East Preston St. She will be joined there at the end of the holidays by her daughters who at present are remaining here with friends.

Miss Ruth Rogers, who recently arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thos. Massey here, from Porto Rico, where she had been teaching, was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital yesterday for treatment and observation.

On Sunday, at noon, Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead, who will spend New Years in Baltimore, entertained a few friends informally, and in the late afternoon, a great number from here journeyed up to Georgetown to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, who entertained at an egg nogg party. This somewhat of an annual affair is always most pleasant and one time when Chestertown and Middletown seem to meet.

On Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Fisher, of Lotus Inn, entertained at a terrapin dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Severn Miller.

Christmas Eve marked the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Cooper. Miss Dorothy Woodall entertained a number of friends in honor of the occasion.

The younger set continue with their gaiety, and on Wednesday night, two parties were at their command, the one I mentioned last week, at the Quaker Neck Community House, and the other, up at Woodlawn Hall at the Hurtt home, when the young Schaeffers and the Misses Westcotts entertained at a dance.

And now we are ready for New Year's Eve and the big dance at the Chester River Country Club. Of course, this, of all nights, is the one to be with friends in your gayest mood. I understand many surprises are in store to make the evening a most enjoyable one and to help usher that tiny lad, 1937, into our lives in great ceremony. So be on hand. Before the dance, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Dick will be guests of honor at a dinner party to be given by Mr. and Mrs. James G. Metcalfe. Dr. and Mrs. Dick will be the honored guests again on New Year's Day at a large tea which Mr. and Mrs. J. Thos. Kibler, will give at their home from 5 until 7.

Also on Thursday, New Year's Eve, Mss Fredrica Metcalfe will have one of the dinner parties before the dance, while the younger Griebs will hold the other, for the younger set.

Mrs. Woolford Payne entertained a number of friends at a bridge luncheon at her home on Queen St., Tuesday afternoon.

At noon, on New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kenly will entertain at an egg-nogg party, in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merrick Kenly, of Altoona, Pa., who will be their house guests over the holiday week-end.

A number of friends of the Rev. and Mrs. John White will go to Denton on New Year's afternoon to their annual open house. These occasions are always so delightful and eagerly anticipated.

So now in this last letter to you of the Old Year, I want to thank those who have cheered me along the way. The little words of encouragement, here and there, have meant more than you know. To those I've bored, I still thank for their patience, in never letting me know it. If I've helped make your reading of the paper a bit more interesting, then at least something has been done. With hopes of having you with me, and some new friends as well, throughout the New Year, and all the best wishes one writer can send.

Faithfully Yours,

The Wanderer.

Clinic Scheduled For Jan. 18

The Maryland Tuberculosis Association have announced a clinic will be held at the Health Center, Chestertown, on Monday, January 18th. The clinic will start at 10 a. m.

Baltimore Road Open

The road from Elkton to Baltimore was opened for the Christmas and New Year's holidays but will close again on Monday for three days during which time the bridge over the railroad near Elkton is being replanked. The road has been widened and resurfaced.

Box Keys Present Problem

The keys to the boxes at the postoffice have presented quite a problem to boxholders and consderable activity for the postoffice staff. Almost at any time one can see a number of keys in the box locks left there unconsciously by their owners. Various suggestions have been made such as checking them at the office, leavng the boxes open or nearby merchants establishing a key checking system.

Nationality and Race

The word "nationality" is of somewhat indefinite use. Sometimes it is used as synonymous with race, sometimes with origin and sometimes with citizenship. The usual legal meaning is that of citizenship, but in popular usage it connotes race. A person born in Germany and naturalized here is spoken of as being of American nationality if some question arises as to his status, though he may be racially a Caucasic or Ethiopic.

The Sense of Ignorance

Man's sense of ignorance is one of the greatest of his gifts, for it is the secret of his wish to know. The whole structure and the whole furniture of his mind are adapted to this condition. The highest law of his being is to advance in wisdom and knowledge, and his sense of the presence and the power of things which he can only partially understand is an abiding witness of this law, and an abiding incentive to its fulfilment.

VISITORS IN ROCK HALL AND VICINITY

Miss Evelyn Herman returned to her duties at St. Agnes Hospital on Monday.

Mr. George DeFord and son, Billy were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rodney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wheat, Jr., and Yarnell Wheat were visitors last week of their mother, Mrs. Wallace Wheat, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seward, of Cambridge, Md., spent several days last week with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Collison.

Miss Helen Strong was a guest of her parents over the Christmas holidays.

Gordon Cornelius spent the week end from Aberdeen with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chairs and family.

Miss Helen Ayers spent the holidays from the State Normal School, Towson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ayers.

Miss Deloris and Helen Gagalski visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gagalski, from Baltimore for several days.

Lloyd Rodney and Fred Scoone, of Baltimore, spent the week end here with the former's parents.

Mrs. Solomon Loewner is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Max Alexander from Baltimore.

Norval Rodney, of Chesapeake City spent Sunday with relatives here.

George Foos, of Baltimore, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Samuel Whaland and family.

Mrs. Walter Muth and son, of Baltimore, were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brier's at their Grey's Inn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Davis spent sometime in Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hutchins and son, Larry spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Frances and family.

Mrs. Leslie Downey spent several days in Reading, Pa., last week with relatives.

Miss Susie Leary, of Baltimore, was a guest last week end of Mrs. Charles Wood and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wood at their Piney Neck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cornelius, of Newark, Del., were guesst of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wagner on Christmas Day.

George Coleman, Jr., spent the holidays wih his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman, Sr.

Mrs. Willard Dodson, of Worton, was a visitor this week of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis.

Raum Chapel Church held their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday night.

Wesley Chapel numbered one hundred and sixty-seven on Sunday. Preaching by our pastor, Rev. C. K. McCaslin. At night the young people had charge with a Christmas Program. The Christmas entertainment was held on Monday night.

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