THE SOCIAL WANDERER

Dear Roamer:

With the early approach of Lent, entertaining has had no let-down since the gala holiday season just past. Soon enough we will crawl into our shells, attend Bible classes, church more often, and practice the seldom used art of self-denial, as the solemn day of Ash Wednesday on February 10th draws nigh. But in the meantime, one has to think hard and fast, if desiring to entertain, to get a day not already taken.

Last Saturday evening, besides the local dinner parties, I mentioned before, several from here attended the dinner given by Congressman and Mrs. T. Allan Goldborough in Denton for the Democratic newspapermen and their wives. It was a very delightful affair and all who attended, came away with a feeling of having enjoyed the greatest hopitality.

On Tuesday "Our Garden Club" was entertained by Mrs. R. H. Collins, Sr., and her sister, Mrs. Joseph Archbell. The business meeting consisted in the election of a new treasurer for the coming year, due to the resignation from the club of Mrs. Harold Baker, recently elected for the post. Mrs. G. Howard Dana was unananimously elected. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Henry Kratzer, Sr., read several chapters on table setting and showed old pieces of Chinaware. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James G. Metcalfe.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Wilmer entertained at dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Dick. On Wednesday, Mrs. James G. Beck entertained her bridge club at luncheon with a few additional guests. Mrs. R. H. Jefferds, of Charlestown, West Va., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Browne Metcalfe. On Thursday, Mrs. S. Scott Beck had a few friends for luncheon in honor of Mrs. Jefferds. Friday followed with another luncheon, given by Mrs. Karl Melamet, and so it goes.

The Silver Pentagon Society will give the first of two formals to be held at Washington College on Jan. 22d, and the second one will be, the Junior Prom, will be held on Friday, February 19. Of course, these are two of the social highlights of the college year and are always grand parties.

Now let us glance at our visitors and travellers to and fro.

Mrs. Hal Curry, and her daughter, Miss Charlotte Jane Curry, of New York, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hines, Miss Charlotte Jane Curry, expects to remain with her aunt and uncle until June, attending school at the Chestertown High.

Mrs. Harrison W. Vickers is visiting her brothers in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Grieb are spending, this week-end in New York.

Mrs. Charles D. Drayton, of Washington, D. C., has been the guest this week of Miss Adelaide Glascock.

Miss Gertrude Goss, a teacher at Smith College, was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Brown. On Saturday, Miss Brown and Miss Goss motored to Philadelphia where Miss Brown remained until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Hines left on Friday for New York. Mrs. Hines will visit friends, while Mr. Hines will go to Providence, R. I., to be a guest of his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines, until Monday. Joining Mrs. Hines then, in New York, they will return to Chestertown, Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Woodall gave a delightful surprise party for her father and mother, Capt. and Mrs. W. I. Woodall, in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Jarrell and son, Frank, Jr., attended a family reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hurlock at Cambridge.

Mrs. Vernon Kirby was the guest of her mother last week-end, in Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead spent a few days in Washington this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mead. Dr. Mead attended the conference of College presidents held there on Thursday.

Miss Margaret Spry was the week-end guest of Miss Ann Kreeger, at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kreeger. Both Miss Spry and Miss Kreeger are teachers at the Georgetown, Del., school.

Mr. W. Frank Jarrell, Jr., has resigned his position in New York and has returned to Chestertown to be associated with his father in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Edwards, of Rock Hall, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a ten-pound son. Mrs. Edwards was formerly Miss Elizabeth Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Ford.

Mr. Herbert Lusby celebrated his 75th birthday on Wednesday of last week, at his home, near town.

Mrs. E. Massey Hines has been confined to her home with an attack of grippe, but is much improved.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. Biltz entertained several friends from Baltimore over the week-end at their home on Campus Ave.

Little Jane Kibler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler, is recovering from a fall from an automobile Sunday evening. With little Anne Wilmer, she was riding in the back of the car, driven by her uncle Mr. Philip G. Wilmer. In playing, the handle of the door was pushed, and as the door opened, Jane fell out, badly bruising and cutting herself, as well as breaking two of her front teeth.

Little Leonard Needles, is ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Needles.

So now with the hopes that all who are sick or ill may be much improved ere I write again,

Yours for better health,
The Wanderer

First Matches Poisoned Workers and the Users

The match industry began in 1830, Springfield, Mass., was the first city in this country to boast a factory.

The white or yellow phosphorus used at first was such a dangerous poison that many governments looked with disfavor upon the distribution of matches, asserts a writer in the Washington Post. Many of the factory workers were poisoned, as were hundreds of careless citizens who handled the matches. It was not until the discovery of red phosphorus which is harmless, that matches came into general use.

Safety matches, which strike "only on the box," were first invented in Sweden. They are like other matches, except that the phosphorus is spread on the side of the box instead of the head of the match.

In match manufacture, clear, white pine, free of knots, is cut into blocks as thick as the match is long. These are sliced as they move forward in a great automatic machine, the slices then being cut into splints.

The splints are fed on to a belt, which carries them to the dipping tank, where they are dipped and dried, first in paraffin, then in the paste which makes them ignite.

Early Astrology

The Babylonians, who believed that the sun, moon and planets were gods, developed astrology, before written history, and from them it spread to many other countries. The ancient astrologers thought the movements of their gods in the heavens, if interpreted correctly (and for a fee) foretold what was going to happen to man. And man, anxious to know what the gods had in store for him, flocked to the astrologers. For thousands of years their business flourished. Then came the great discovery that the heavenly bodies were not gods, but merely other worlds and great flaming suns around which the worlds revolved. Intelligent men at once perceived that astrology was a false science, but so great is man's desire to know the future that millions of people put blind faith in it.

Welding of Iron Old

The welding of iron in the forge is an ancient art. Historians tell us that the process of welding was developed by the Greeks about 600 B. C. At the beginning of the present century forge welding was the only process known and it was possible to weld only relatively small pieces of wrought iron and steel. However, within its obvious limitations forge welding was developed to the point where a weld could be produced which was as strong and as good as the original piece. It is not possible to weld cast iron by the forge method.

Indian Kidnapers' Trick

One of the first procedures of the Ohio Indians in transforming a white youngster into a full-fledged member of their tribe was to change his haircut. They would do this by pulling out his hair, one at a time, until only a small patch remained on the top of his head. This would then be interwoven with colored strings or other fastenings.

"King Arthur's Table," Famous Wheel of Fortune

King Arthur's Round Table is one of the attractions claimed by Winchester, England. The fact that Winchester is more truthfully the city of Alfred the Great, or that it has one of the finest cathedrals of England, seems to mean less than the fact that in the old castle hangs a "wheel of fortune" known as King Arthur's Round Table, according to a writer in the Chicago Daily News.

The table was first mentioned by the poet Hardyng in 1378, and Henry VIII brought the Emperor Charles V to see it when Charles visited England in 1522, proudly displaying it as one of the most interesting sights in England. Guides who do not reside in Winchester, however, are likely to say that it is a "fascinating piece of carpentry"!

The table, painted in Tudor days, shows Arthur sitting crowned, but in robes which were worn much later than in his legendary time. Perhaps the chief thing in favor of its claim to authenticity is the fact that it is large enough to seat the king and all his knights.

Winchester, however, feels that those who seek the prison of Tess of the D'Urbervilles here, or scenes in Trollope's "Barchester Towers," are seeking something more authentic than the table, and it is as proud of its Nineteenth century literary landmarks as it is of the older relic.

Good in Volcanoes

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BETTERTON

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Adelia Kiker, who passed way at her home here after a long illess. The funeral service was held at Sacred Heart R. C. Church in Chestertown and the interment in Still Pond Cemetery.

The members of the Parent Teachers Association are serving hot lunches to the school children. Two members go to prepare the hot food each day.

The men who have been working on the canal have gone to their various homes for the winter months. The work is expected to begin again in the early spring.

The Womens Home Economic Club held a benefit card party at Newsome Garage on Tuesday evening.

Miss Elva Friel, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with Mr. and

Paul, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stokes was taken to the Children's Hospital in Washington on Monday for a threatened mastoid operation. Fortunately, this operation was not necessary and he is now at home. Miss Elizabeth Stokes, a nurse is with him.

The Ladies Aid Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Edward Smith on Friday afternoon. The annual election of officers was held and Mrs. M. V. Turner was re-elected president, Mrs. Edward Smith, secretary and Mrs. Arthur Newsome, the treasurer. This society has had all of the floors of the church re-varnished and waxed.

Because of the warm weather, the fishermen have not caught any fish Mrs. Paul Stokes.
since Christmas week.

Mrs. Kirker Dies At Betterton

Mrs. Adelia Kiker, widow of the late Edward Kiker, passed away at her late home in Betterton Sunday afternoon in her 62nd year following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Kiker, came to Kent County more than 30 years ago opening a live stock and butcher business at Worton which was conducted for a number of years. She later moved to Betterton, and continued the butcher business until her husband's death. Mrs. Kiker then entered the hotel business at Betterton, and operated a very successful business till her death.

She is survived by four daughters, Catharine E. Cave and Anna McHenry, of Philadelphia, Pa., Abbie Kiker, of Betterton, Viola Aro, of Chesapeake City, also two sons, Joseph Kiker, of Baltimore, and Dr. Russell Kiker, of Ppper Marlboro.

Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, Wednesday morning 10 a. m. Interment Still Pond cemetery.

The bearers were: Messrs. George Helms, A. Stuber, Clarence Luke, C. Franklin Storke, Stewart Shinn and Foster Smith. B. R. Fellows, undertaker.

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