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HERE IT COMES

Another year has rolled by, a year full of turmoil and disaster in all parts of the world—but here. We, of the United States of America have been able to keep out of foreign troubles and have so far escaped the devastation and the major griefs so prevalent in most of the other parts of the world.

We can look backward with thanks. America has had a good year. Perhaps 1939 brought us no great prosperity, no sure cures to our depression. But the year has brought us less of the important troubles and more of the important gains than many before it. And so we may look back with feelings of encouragement. We know that progress has been made in things economic, in problems of government, and in the formation of a foreign policy. Almost alone among the great powers, the United States seems to have remembered the horrors and the futility of war. We have not succumbed to the stupidity of external conflict. And so, in contemplating the year which is ending, we may pat ourselves on the back—a little.

Enough for looking back. The past is dead. Now we must look ahead!

What will 1940 bring us? Will we go forward with the year, or will we smugly stand still being content with just "good enough"?

In another three days a New Year will have begun—a year full of promise and hope. As a nation, the United States seems to maintain its resolve to avoid war. If it does that, the year 1940 cannot help but be a good one for all of us.

As individuals you and I can make the New Year a happy one by supporting our Government, both Federal and State and by taking an active interest and participation in the affairs of our own community. After all, our nation is but a congregation of individuals. Each of us can do his or her part, have his or her voice in what is to be.

No New Year's Day is truly the beginning of a new year without its resolutions. We all make resolutions. Some times they are kept for a week and then discarded through laziness or lack of fortitude. Sometimes these resolutions are strictly adhered to by the stronger characters. But we all try to pave the road of the year to come with good intentions. The spirit is with us, though the flesh may be weak.

Let us hope that we may stick to this one great resolution: We shall not permit anything to involve us in war. If we steadfastly determine to keep peace, we shall have peace. And that will mean a Happy New Year for all of us.

Happy New Year To You All!

Montivedeo, Haven Of The Graf Spee Is Capital

"Montevideo, haven of the crippled German pocket battleship Graf Spee, is the capital and chief distribution center of Uruguay," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. Situated on the inner side of the great land bulge of Uruguay, 130 miles across the Rio de la Plata estuary from busy Buenos Aires, it handles more than three-fourths of the nation's foreign trade.

The city is a winter port for whaling expeditions to the far south and summer resort for luxury visitors. A shipping point for vast quantities of chilled and canned meats, it serves the year around as butcher shop for meat-consuming Europeans.

Among Uruguay's leading imports are machinery, foodstuffs and fuels, largely supplied, before the outbreak of the European war, by Great Britain, the United States and Germany.

Montevideo has more than 600,000 inhabitants, roughly one-quarter of the population of the country. Yet it is one of the youngest cities on the continent, founded in 1726, just half a century before the American Declaration of Independence. Nine-tenths of its present population has been acquired in the past 60 years.

To handle the rapidly increasing shipping activities of recent decades, the Uruguayan government has spent more than $15,000,000 dredging and improving the harbor of Montevideo. Between four and five thousand vessels annually make use of the port's modern dock machinery, large warehouses, drydocks, and wharves.

In addition to having excellent port facilities, Montevideo is the hub of an extensive rail transport system which links it with rich pasture and agricultural regions of the interior. Air services, continental and transoceanic, put this eastern seaport in touch with cities of the west coast of South America, as well as with the leading centers of North America and Europe.

Rising back of Montevideo's great packing houses, which rival those of meat-producing Argentina, is the little hill credited with having played a part in the naming of this city. According to one account, the Portuguese lookout on the ship of an early exploration party caught a glimpse of the hill and cried, "Monte vide eu!"—"I see a mountain." Another story has it that the name as eventually given the city had its origin in a combination of abbreviations used in old manuscripts dealing with the region."

PRICE

Your correspondent takes this opportunity to extend Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Editor and his new wife. Also to wish them and all the staff a Bright and Prospercus New Year.

A fine Christmas entertainment was held in Bethany Church Wednesday evening. Much credit should go to Mrs. Hastings and her helpers for the nice program they put on at such short notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cahall at Pioneer Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Price and son were dinner guests Christmas Day wit hther son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Price at the Copeland Apartments in Chestertown.

QUEEN ANNE

Rev. Charles Jarvis spent Christmas with his parents in Washington, D. C.

Miss Dorothy Jump, of Hyattsville, is spending the holidays with her mother and sister, Mrs. E. G. Jump and Miss Madge Jump.

The Christmas program of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Queen Anne, was held on Friday evening.

Mrs. Bernard Sparks and son Bernard, Jr., were visitors of relatives in Ridgely on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Boyle, of Baltimore spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Jump, of Baltimore, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Jump's mother and sisters, here.

RADIANT LIVING

MASTER CONVICTIONS

By Rev. C. M. Griffeth
Pastor Ridgely M .E. Church
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What a hurried age is ours! Multiplicity of duties keeps us rushing from morning until night. Who has time to climb the mountain of meditation? Is it not this very hurriedness that rushes us past the vision-giving mountains and on down into the lowlands, swamps and quicksands of sin and disaster?

Did not the old Prophet speak the truth when he declared: "Where there is no vision the people perish?" As his word "perish" implies, the rushing age of today is letting down the bars of restraint. Where we once had black and white, purity and impurity, honesty and dishonesty, we are now coming to have gray, gray in various shades, but—gray!

If there is anything that is needed today it is to have these great master-convictions that are born, nourished and matured by a prolonged study in the Word of God. These convictions are the foundation stones for both men and nations.

Why did Moses dare to forsake the wealth of Egypt and accept the afflictions of Israel? Why did Daniel dare to descend calmly into the dark cave of roaring lions? Was it not because they were moved by great master-convictions which were of greater value than life itself?

Men live radiantly when they are established upon and protected by great master-convictions that have been quarreled out of the Word of God.

Boys Town

Boys' Town, Nebraska.—Self government is one of the outstanding activities at Boys Town. Father Flanagan is a firm believer that self government gives the boys responsility and helps develop them into good future citizens.

Since 1936 Boys Town, where Father Flanagan's Boys' Home is located, has been an incorporated village. Often called, "The City of Little Men," the boys have their own governmental set-up. Twice each year the citizens go to the polls and elect their city officials.

Elections at Boys Town are just as serious to the citizens here as is a presidential election to the citizens of New York, Chicago or Seattle. Every boy knows it is his duty to vote when election time arrives. It is good citizenship to vote. Father Flanagan has taught the boys. And you can believe me every boy casts his vote with all of the sincerity of an adult.

During the last two weeks at Boys Town a hot political campaign has been waged. The election is over now and the new officials will be installed into office January 1. Those seeking office all but snowed the Boys Town dining hall in with their numerous campaign signs which were hand-made. A political rally the night before the election was a powerful affair.

One boy who was campaigning for office himself stood before the 200 Boys Town citizens and pleaded with the boys to vote not for their friends but for the boys whom they believed would represent Boys Town in an outstanding manner. This boy cried as he concluded his remarks.

The morning after the rally there was a sign on the Boys Town barber shop which read: "Closed today Election Polling Place." Father Flanagan was one of the first to visit the barber shop to cast his vote. Before you received a ballot the election board made sure you were eligible to vote. Only persons living at Boys Town were permitted to vote.

Throughout the day the "little citizens went to cast their votes. There was no urging the boys to vote. That was not necessary. At 6 p. m., the polls closed and the election board started counting the ballots. At 7 p. m., the "little citizens" assembled at the gym and returns were flashed to them every 15 minutes until the final tabulations were announced.

Jack Farrald, 17, Dallas, Texas, honor student and president of the senior high school class here, was elected mayor. He previously had served as a city commissioner. He defeated Ray Adams of Davenport, Iowa.

The following boys were elected city commissioners: Warren Anderson, Dardanelle, Arkansas; John Lechner, Kansas City, Kansas; Nick Lonearic, Kansas City, Kansas; Emery Kennedy, Riverside, Calif.; Charles Gardner, Kansas City, Missouri; Francis Fline, Dubuque, Iowa; and Sam Breci, Omaha.

Retiring Mayor Jesse Ruiz from Omaha, was elected municipal judge. Edwin Hill, Bangor, Maine, was named public defender while Keith Copeland, Omaha, was selected as city attorney.

YOU CAN'T NEGLECT HOUSE PLANTS IF YOU WANT A BEAUTIFUL WINDOW GARDEN

By The Master Gardner

I hope you are giving every single plant in your window garden regular and painstaking care . . .

That you are keeping the foliage clean and free from dust, which means wiping glossy, thick leaves with a damp cloth or spraying with water; and brushing wth a soft brush the leaves of plants that have hairy, rough foliage.

That you are watering properly and when needed—not flooding the soil in one instance, then neglecting watering so that the soil dries out too much. Your aim should be to keep a constant steady supply of moisture in the soil, so that the earth ball in the pot does not reach either extreme of excessive moisture or dryness.

That you are providing ample nourishment for your growing plants—feeding them with a complete, balanced plant food that supplies every element needed for steady, vigorous growth. This is the simple, the modern, the efficient way of feeding plants. For plants in active growth, feed every four to five weeks. For small pots, apply a pinch of complete plant food around each plant and scratch lightly into the soil. For plants in 6 inch to 10 inch pots, use an application of one level teaspoonful. Water well after application. If you prefer a liquid application, add one level teaspoonful of plant food to one quart of water, stir well, and apply to the soil around plants. Be careful to keep the solution off of the foliage and stems.

That you are allowing your plants plenty of fresh air, by airing out the room daily, although not allowing a draft to blow directly on the plants.

That you are pinching plants such as coleus, wandering Jew, and geraniums, to make them bushy and compact.

That you are keeping a wary eye out for insects and disease and taking prompt measures to combat any pest that appears. Ask your florist for suggestions for control. There are many good sprays and dusts on the market today.

THE BLACKSMITH

By Dick Hill

Altho his hands have long lost their broad and sinewy appearance, and his once strong frame is now a little bent, Richard James Brown, 82-year-old blacksmith of Chester, Md., still lights the fire each day in his forge and dreams of the time when the Government will give him that long sought after pension.

He admits the horeshoeing business is a little slow, but hastens to explain: "why not, what with all these fast automobiles and even tractors now-a-days, there isn't much work for an old timer like me any more."

All his life Richard has been a blacksmith—his father before him, and his grandfather, too, so I guess he says, "It's like the man who wrote that song, it was the "natural thing to do."

Back in 1919 Richard tried running a shop in Baltimore somewhere in Creek Alley, but soon after starting up discovered his fellow workers were trying to have his shop closed because he didn't belong to either their Race or Union. Undaunted, however, Richard appeared before the State Examiners in Baltimore and obtained a "Master Horseshoers' Certificate," which to this day adorns the wall in his tumbled-down shop.

Despite his age and the decrease in horses, Richard still manages to earn a living making and repairing oyster tongs for the many oystermen in his community. Making tongs isn't an easy job he points out, "there was a time I could make a pair or more every day—now all I can possibly turn out is a pair every two days."

Richard's wife passed away six years ago, leaving him alone with his shop, little white house, and a small plot of ground where he has hogs, chickens, and a small garden.

A few years ago Richard traveled some 15 miles to the town of Centreville to find out about a Government pension, hoping he could retire to his small cottage, passing the remaining few years of his life in rest and meditation. His hopes, however, were quickly darkened when he was told to obtain such a pension he would in turn have to sign over his house and property to the Government—this he has been reluctant to do.

He still hopes, however, to be able to some day go to Baltimore and take the matter of the pension up with the "big man", as he puts it.

"I have worked hard all my life," he relates, quietly pulling on a battered old pipe, "and I go to church every Sunday—don't mess with any ol' whiskey and beer. I sure would be tickled if the Government seed fit'in to give an old darky like me about $8.00 or $10.00 per month—gosh that would be great!—do you suppose mister, you could help me get that pension?"

HOLD FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cole of Bridgetown vicinity were hosts at a family gathering on Sunday. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond and son Dersey, of Felton, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marvil and children, Mrs. Clayton D. Cole and son and daughter, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Medford and daughter, of Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Davis of Ingleside; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chance and son, of Price; Mr. and Mrs. George Marvil and Mr. Frank Cole of Bridgetown, Miss Georgia Marvil, of Denton, and Miss Eloise Cole of Swartmore, Pa.

HOLLYWOOD STAR-LITES

By Chuck Cochard

Along about this time of the year that old "Ten-best" fever hits your Hollwood correspondent. We have picked the following ten as the best of the year of 1939.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" walks away with first place honors—a picture that was both financially and artificially a hit.

In second place is Greta Garbo's "Ninotchka"—a grand film and a grand performance by Garbo. A new role for the Swedish star—that of a comedienne. Plnety of laughs and fine acting.

"Goodbye Mr. Chips" has no difficulty of taking third spot because of the fine acting by Robert Donat and the brilliant performance of newcomer Greer Garson. It was made in England.

"Young Mr. Lincoln" was one of the finest films we have ever seen and the performance by Henry Fonda was an outstanding one. This picture was the fourth best film of the year.

"Bachelor Mother" starring Ginger Rogers took the fifth position because it was one of the best comedies of the year. A pair of fine performances by Miss Rogers and David Niven.

The sixth film on the list is "Intermezzo" because here was a film that was good entertainment plus beautiful acting and marvelous photography. In addition, it introduced Ingrid Bergman.

"Babes in Arms" co-starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland won the seventh position without any difficulty. One of the best pictures of the year plus plenty of fine music. And Master Rooney proves why he is America's biggest star today in this feature.

"Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" featuring Bette Davis, our first lady of the screen, and that super person Errol Flynn was a beautiful picture from beginning and all in color. It had no trouble in winning the eighth spot. Grand acting.

"Wizard of Oz" with a cast of many big names took the ninth spot. All in color and the fact that a fairy tale could be made int an entertainment pictureo were the main reasons for it being placed in this position. The make-up was wonderful as were the songs. Judy Garland at her very best.

"Gunga Din" an action thriller from the beginning. Although there are others which might have won this spot we cannot see how anyone could overlook this wonderful peture with such a grand group of performances by its cast. It wins the tenth place.

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Here are Some Guesses:

Best picture of the year—"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

Best performance by an actress—Greta Garbo in "Ninotchka"; Bette Davis in "Elizabeth and Essex."

Best performance by an actor—James Stewart in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"; Robert Donat in "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

Best direction—Frank Capra in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

Best photography of the year—"Intermezzo."

Best Cartoon Feature—"Gulliver's Travels."

Greatest technical triumph—The earthquake and floods in "The Rains Came."

Discovery of the year — Gloria Jean.

Best musical—"Babes in Arms."

"Think It Over"

by
F. R. STEVENS

Many words and well known expressions of American thought have lost the meaning with which our founders clothed them and the landmarks of our progress are lost in the fog. The terms Liberty and Americanism have been definitely wound around the most vicious Old World Propaganda that this land of the FREE has ever known.

For that reason in discussing Communism I quote its definition from a standard dictionary—"Common ownership of property and state control of labor, religion and social relations."

Compare this with Article One of our Bill of Rights, the anniverary of whose birth we celebrated last week. —"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The whole spirit of the Declaration of Independence breathes of our inalienable right to worship God as we choose. We are entitled to the dollar we have earned by the "sweat of our brow" and enjoy our social relations with our neighbor.

Communism is a direct antithesis of Freedom. It denies every individual Right which we Americans claim as alienable. As a government it has been a failure throughout all history. It brought colonial Virginia to the starvation period where 88% of the people perished by hunger. In smaller units, such as Oneida Community of New York State, it found itself in conflict with American thought and disappeared.

The Russian government used it as a spring board to place in power dictators who ignored human rights as completely as did the Czars whom they displaced. Yet the Communists of this country are brazen enough to call Communism "20th Century Americanism", when it is not Americanish of any time or place. It wars against every principle which we consider sacred.

To promote its vicious doctrine in this country the Russian group has purchased outright those of feeble American thought, has engineered fake passports in violation of our laws and agreements, and has supplied those dupes of foreign ideals with money to overturn our American Liberty and involve us in the unholy conflict of the Old World.

They are orking not only as a Communistic party here but are boring into our established institutions ith the hope of wrecking them.

Communism is a representative, together with Nazism, of a collectivistic government of Dictatorship The Nazi-Soviet pact is evidence of this similarity.

It is not sufficient to say that this potential party must be thrown out of our country if Freedom is to continue, but the communistic line of thought that is showing itself in much of our legislation must be absolutely eradicated by education or otherwise. Our greatest danger lies there.

Outstanding make-up of the year —"The Wizard of Oz."

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It's preview week in this old burg . . . Tonight we have the press preview of the latest Hardy family "Judge Hardy and Son" . . . Tomorrow afternoon the biggest film in many a year "Gone With the Wind" —a four-hour picture . . . Wednesday evenig "Balalaika" Nelson Eddy's latest musical and a hit, according to all the predictions . . . On the following night is Charles Laughton's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and the night following that the carteon feature "Gulliver's Travels." Next week we will review them all for you.

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So until next week this is your Hollywood correspondent who is taking this opportunity of wishing each one of yu a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years . . . Cut.

HOMEMAKERS MEET

The Ingleside Homemakers Club held their Christmas party on Monday, December 18. The room was beautiufully decorated with pine and colored lights. Mrs. William Thawley and Mrs. Barnard Thompson were in charge of games and all did enjoy them very much. Our president, Mrs. William Spencer called the officers for the coming year. They were as follows, Mrs. Elwood Morris, president; Mrs. Harvey Tribbitt, vice-president; Mrs. Stanley Morris, secretary; Mrs. Henry Emery, song leader; Mrs. William Spencer and Mrs. Arthur Cannon, project demonstrators and Mrs. J. P. Bittle, treasurer.

Many beautiful gifts were exchanged by capsule sisters and new capsule sisters were drawn.

Our party was closed by a candle light service whom our pastor, Rev. Mr. Krams was in charge of.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake was served. All departed wishing each one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Finland A Beacon In Struggle Of Nations

An informal group weighs today's news and its meaning. Chairman of the discussion is Volney D. Hurd, special writer and Director of Broadcasting for The Christian Science Monitor.

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Your Chairman speaks:

"Today is our day for Finland. We want to discuss this last week but were awaiting to get in touch with two eyewitnesses in order to give you the very last minute angle. Today we have them with us. Before introducing them let's clear the air a bit.

"The world stands in admiration and awe today, before Finand's heroic defense of its homeland. We mentioned Finland in our discussion on the Baltic states October 18. We extolled its honesty, integrity and Democracy. Today we see the purest fruits of that kind of thinking and living—a calm courage and trust which makes this little nation of 3,835,000 people hold nobly against the assaults of Russia, with 18,000,000. Whatever the final result of this challenge in the face of a great aggressive power, at a period when aggressors have seemed to be winning all along the line, it will become a great saga of courage in history—and possibly a historic turning point."

Question: "How might this epic stand become an historic turning point?"

Answer: "The aggressors have been sweeping all before them. Japan took Manchuria and swept over much of China Italy took Ethiopia and Albania. Germany took Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Memel. Those who stood up to them were badly hammered. Many just ran before the threat, sure any battle was hopeless. Humanely speaking, battles against such odds were hopeess. France and Britain moved in to stem the tide, but n a position where little action could be taken for some time while these giants girded up their loins.

"The world was despondent. You heard 'what's the use? I guess the time has come for a change. Let's submit to the dictators, for the world has gone their way!' Next Russia invited Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania in for a visit that meant surrender No one condemned these little countries for giving in. Wasn't the world being swept on by an irresistible destiny?"

Question: "And then came Finland?"

Answer: Exactly! It was next in line to be swept in by the paw of the Russian bear! Pood Finland! Yes, it might as well give in too, said the world. But the Finns, with a spiritual strength based on a national life aimed at developing the finest qualities of man, just refused to be influenced by this wave of hypnotic aggressivism. They stood. Their independence was mental in quality Whether they lost all materially did not count as long as they didn't lose their belief in the right."

Question: "So you think this was a turning point?"

Answer:" Certainly the news from all sides would indicate it. The Finns hold! Italy sends plans and pilots! Engand sends planes! America wants to turn back the post-war debt payment Finland has so faithfully continued sending! A world afraid of the size of the Russian war mcahine sees it stopped—hears of heavy losses while the Finns stand firm and lose little.

"Rumania, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia have been fearful lest the bear sweep them in too. Suddenly they tage new heart. 'If the Finns can hold them why can't we,' they say. Experts see Russia, pressing on a new front in the Balkans while the Finns hold, gambling and possibly losing everything its desperate diplomacy has gained.

"I don't have tell you all these points. You can read them in between the lines in every despatch from Europe."

Question: "I note that Finland has appealed to the League of Nations. Can the League possibly do anything?"

Answer: "The League can't help Finland much. But the action does help clear the air, for Soviet Russia for years has pretended it was a great friend and supporter of the League Yet, at the first sign of the League interfering with its imperial ambitions, as a present, Moscow indignantly refuses to attend the League meetings. We may expect it to with draw as did Japan, Germany and Italy before it."

Question: "I note in the papers today that even Gemany is ready to send help to the Fins. Wouldn't that be an incongrous picture—Finnish army being supported by British, German and Italian arms while 1,500 miles away the British and German armies opposed each other on the Fanco-German border?"

Answer: "Not so incongruous as would first appear. Whatever may be the issue between Germany, Britain and France, all those countries have a great common dislike Communism, despite the present marriage of convenience between Moscow and Berlin. This dislike is greater than any other issue, I believe, deep down in the hearts of most of the people of those countries. And everyone knows the army and navy men feel strong that way.

"In fact, it would not surprise many people to see the present Western front impasse turn into so situation where the Britsh French armies might combine with the Germans, to move east sweep Russia out of all Europe. It sounds strange—but strange things happen in a strange war with the mixed issues featured in this c

CHESTER

Miss Myrtle Coleman and sister, Lydia, and Mr. Clifton Coleman, of Baltimore, spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Joseph Coleman.

Miss Roxy Joy, of Baltimore spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. William R. Brown.

Miss Mary Coleman of Baltimore spent the week-nd with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Coleman.

Miss Mattie Winfrey of Lynchburg, Va., is spending the holidays with Miss Eva Chance.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Martin of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Harris and Mr. and Mrs. John Price of Stevensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jones had as their Christmas dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins Norris and son Tommy and Mr. Marion Brown and Miss Roxy Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Collier of Salisbury, were dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. S. G. Jones on Sunday.

Miss Loretta Fox has returned to her home in Denton after a visit with Mrs. William Brown.

Mr. Emery Wyatt and Mr. Howard Chance, Mr. Glin Wyatt and son Sanford, Mr. Marion Brown, Mr. William Wyatt were Baltimore visitors last week.

Mrs. John Walters has returned home from Easton Hospital, where she was a patient for a few days.

Mrs. Estella Thompson and son Adrian were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Tull on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary E. Benton had as her dinner guests Christmas Day, her daughters, Mrs. Louis E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elda Gardner and daughter Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Jones and daughter Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Gardner and daughters Betty and Bernice and Miss Anna Benton.

Mr. Albert Gardner of Baltimore spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elda Gardner.

Miss Mae Kelley was a visitor in Wilmington, Del., on Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Chance and Miss Mattie Winfrey spent Friday in Baltimore, shopping.

The many friends of Mr. Gardner Eaton are glad to know he is home from the hospital and wish him a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

THE POET'S CORNER

A LITTLE EVERGREEN

By E. O. Willis

I am just a little evergreen,
With round berries bright and red,
Sending forth a cheerful message,
When most other things are dead.

Evergreen with glowing lanterns,
Hanging on with pure delight,
Just to bring you happy moments,
If you pass within my sight.

'Tis my life to scatter sunshine,
While my friends are all asleep,
But sometimes it seems so hopeless,
When you pass without a peep.

Evergreen with lasting spirit,
That within my life doth burn,
Just to live through the winter,
Then my frinds will all return.

SO TRUE

By Casper L. Newcomb

We often feel as if we're lost
For friends to cheer us on our way;
Cause as we count among a host,
Not one of them did with us stay.

Yee man forsakes; Oh! many do
Throughout the years; as rules on time,
There's one who stays always with you,
Never forsakes; He's God Divine.

'Uncle Jim' Says:

It's a wise man that plans cover and winter feed for birds on his farm because with all our science we still can't beat the bird as a means of insect control.