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BEWARE OF THIS GROWING FORCE

The power of a political machine, particularly within its own party, was once again clearly demonstrated last week when Senator David G. McIntosh withdrew as a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. His withdrawal was sweet music to the ears of Governor Ritchie and his followers for it not only leaves the way clear for the Governor to get the Democratic nomination to succeed himself but it shows that the ten years spent by Governor Ritchie as the Governor of Maryland have not been in vain. The machine built up by his power of appointment and budget-making has not failed him when it was most needed.

The fact that the power of the Governor's machine has been able to force so strong a candidate as Senator McIntosh out of the race should cause no little thought among the clear-thinking people, Democrats and Republicans, in the State of Maryland. A power that can stifle the candidacy of a man of the calibre of Senator McIntosh can do pretty much as it chooses with the government of Maryland as long as it is in control. The people of the State are at the mercy of this power and good government will only be forthcoming as long as the power wants good government and can make good government serve its ends.

It has been clearly demonstrated in Pennsylvania and New York that the most powerful machines are the most corrupt. Marylanders should beware of this growing force lest it sweep them into an undesirable spot in history beside the machine-flattened bodies of Pennsylvanians and New Yorkers.

Many people's idea of living in the future is to buy something on the installment plan.

Most of us have as much trouble getting rich as the average fat woman getting thin.

In this day and age of sanitation, it remains for someone to invent a sanitary chewing tobacco.

ATTENDANCE NECESSARY

A mere glance at figures recently released by the Maryland State Department of Education might cause a little pride in the hearts of Kent countians. The report shows that Kent high schools have a percentage of ninety for attendance. Ninety per cent of anything is a right high percentage.

BUT—Kent county is at the bottom of the list of 23 Maryland counties in high school attendance percentages. And Kent is below the average for the whole State by several points. A second glance reveals nothing of which to be proud and plenty of which to be ashamed. If 22 other Maryland counties do better than 90 per cent so should Kent.

It is not enough that we should be ashamed of the cellar position in attendance ranks but we should realize that in falling short in attendance that Kent pupils are not deriving the benefit that they should from the public schools. A pupil to learn and benefit from our educational system must do more than attend but his attendance is NECESSARY FIRST.

They say that the next war will be fought in the air and that is where the settlement of the last one happens to be now.

America has reason to be proud of its leadership in many lines, but one of these is not in the number of accidents.

One of the greatest needs in this country is a week end that is not so destructive of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"SPONTANEOUS"—AND HOW!

Not a few miles and some laughs were forthcoming when Governor Ritchie announced his candidacy for a fourth term and stated that one of his reasons for deciding to enter the race was the "spontaneous" petition signed by some 1500 men, which was published last Sunday, urging him to run.

There is no doubt but that the petition was "spontaneous" but the source of this "spontaneous" idea was with the Governor and his political allies, and not with the signers. In fact some of the "spontaneous" signers, it is said, had to be solicited several times before putting their names on the dotted line.

The government is trying to find a way to make money last longer, but not in the same way that we are.

How lucky it is for the human race that Moses only gave ten commandments.

You have to be out in front to be behind the home community.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE LAWS

There are times and occasions when honest people can honestly disagree about the policies of the President of the United States. They may disagree on personal or political grounds, and express their opinions freely without being subject to criticism therefor.

On one point, at least, of President Hoover's policies, it is difficult to see how honest people can disagree. On the question of law enforcement the only possible disagreement is between honest folk and criminals.

Honest men may dislike any particular law, for any number of honest reasons. It is not only their right in such a case to agitate for its amendment or repeal, it is their duty. There is nothing inconsistent with honesty and good citizenship in taking part in any lawful effort to change the laws, even the Constitution itself.

But so long as any law is a law, the effort of the Executive to enforce it to the utmost of human and administrative efficiency calls for the support of everyone who regards himself as a good citizen, or who wishes to be so regarded by his neighbors and his community. If each of us is to select which laws he will obey and which he will violate, the foundations of our democratic system of government begin at once to crumble.

President Hoover has asked Congress to put better tools into his hands for the enforcement of the Federal laws. The procedure in the Federal Courts today necessitates long delays and inadequate attention to the majority of criminal cases. The Commission of Law Enforcement, composed of many of the ablest men in the Nation, has recommended many changes in the laws governing the Federal courts. The legislation necessary to effect those changes should not be made the basis of a partisan quarrel in Congress. The issue in this instance is not between political points of view but between honest citizens and criminals.

The Lancer

Harry S. Russell

VERSE OR WORSE

FORTY'S PRAYER

Now I lay me
Down to sleep
My witer wave
May angels keep.

Please guide me through
Another day
In which those wrinkles
Stay away.

A DUFFER'S PLAINT

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life is a round of sweet
kisses,
But the guy worthwhile is the guy
who will smile
When he swings at his ball and
misses.

SPRING SONG

The trees are budding fresh and
green
And sprouting flowers have been
seen
By many who have luck enough
To see the springtime do its stuff.

For me, the only signs of spring
Are in the dollar's growing wing
As Easter clothes I have to buy;
And Easter clothes are coming
high!

FACT

I cannot promise you to be
Faithful to eternity.

I cannot promise you my heart
Till lurking death takes us apart.

But this I say, with holy vow,
I'm very fond of you right now.

IF WE BELIEVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Cigarettes have many feats.
One's is killing a taste for sweets.

To cure a cough another's the
thing.
One, they say, will make you bluff.

And when it comes to making bling
One's nonchalant with every puff.

So I'd surmise, and minus joking,
A cigar's the thing if you go in for
smoking.

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE ESPECIALLY IF IT'S SOMETHING FREE

National pride has its place
In the hearts of every race.

In time of war and other strife
A Scotchman oft will "give" his
life.

But when it comes to treats and
such
The cry of every Scot is "Dutch."

MY APOLOGIES, MR. WORDSWORTH

A perfect woman, nobly planned
To be a loving spouse
Has ash trays close at hand
And lemons in the house.

AGREEMENT

Never let your spirit be
Saddened on account of me.

Never let me think that I
Make you even want to cry.

Always laugh at me and make
Me the one whose heart shall ache.

If to me these things you'll do
I'll try to do the same for you.

SONG FOR THE JILTED

I am not shedding many tears
Nor heaving many sighs on you.

And when I die in future years
There'll be no blame that lies on
you.

My attitude, my love, appears
To be a swell surprise to you!

I practised it on other dears
Before I set my eyes on you.

EXPLANATION

When I consider, con and pro,
There're several things I want to
know—

Is it true your dimpled chin
Means a devil lurks within?

Is it true your slanted eyes
Oft open wide in faked surprise?

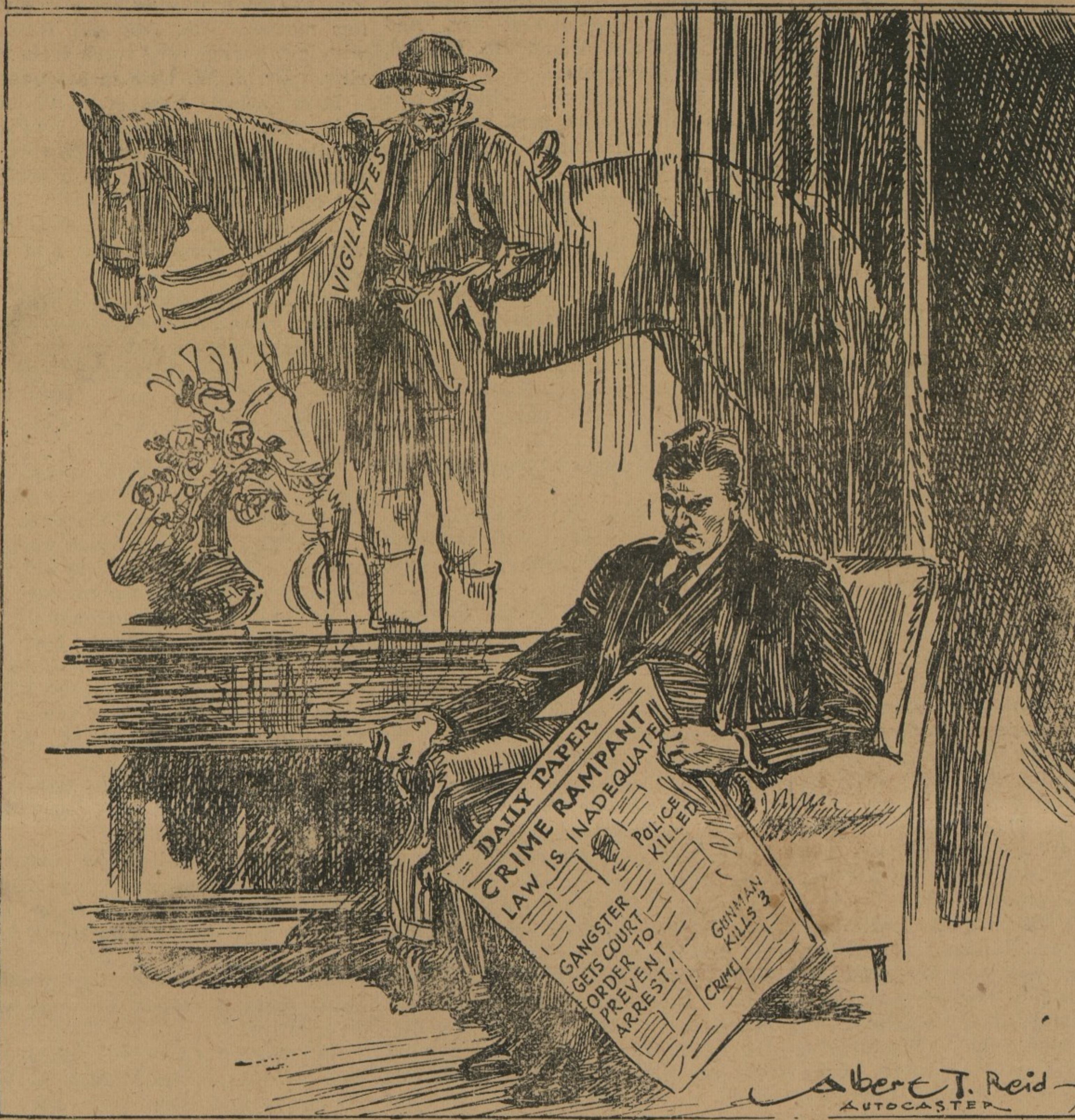
Is it true your smile demure
Is but a mask for thoughts not
pure?

Is it true your golden tresses
Are put on like other's dresses?

When pro and con I scan the ques-
tion
I find the cause for my indigestion.

Where Ideas are Born

By Albert T. Reid



TODAY and TOMORROW

By Frank P. Stockbridge

FLASHES

How to produce a light which air-
men could see through fog has puzzled
electrical experts ever since the
problem of lighting flying fields at
night became important. "Lindy"
flying across country, noticed that the
flashes of the electric arc produced
when a trolley pole slips off the wire
could be seen from the air when no
other light was visible. He reported
that to the General Electric Com-
pany and the result is a new flashing
arc beacon, the safest guide to night
flyers yet evolved.

Great invention come often from
close observation of little things. Col.
Lindbergh is what he is because he
noticed little things.

PROMISES

Politicians deal in promises. Econ-
omists deal in facts. Nobody loves
facts. Everybody loves promises.
That is why we listen to the politi-
cians and turn a deaf ear to the
economists. And because the politi-
cians seldom are able to make good
on their promises, we throw them out
and elect another set who make ev-
en more attractive promises.

EUROPE

The fastest passenger ship in the
world is the new German Europa,
which crossed from Cherbourg to
New York in four days, 17 hours
and six minutes. The next fastest is
the Bremen, also a German ship,
which did the trip in only 17 minutes
slower time. There are only three
ships in the world larger than the
Europa and the Bremen. They also
were built in Germany. They are the
Majestic, originally the Bismarck,
seized during the war by Great
Britain, the Leviathan, originally the

\$33,000,000,000. Now the economists
have got the war debts finally settled.
The most that Germany can pay is
\$9,000,000,000. Her creditors have
agreed to accept that sum. Now the
same politicians are making other
promises and their peoples are be-
lieving them, in the same old way.

ZEPPELINS

The airship is coming into its own.
Half a dozen great American manu-
facturing industries, backed by the
National City Bank, have arranged
to manufacture commercial dirigibles
of huge size, on the successful Zep-
pelin design, in both Germany and
the United States. It will be a year
or more before the first of these is
ready for service, but within five
years we may look to see an immense
volume of freight and passenger traf-
fic carried by air in these huge ships.
Meantime, other Americans are ex-
perimenting with all-metal dirigibles
on a smaller scale, and those look
promising.

DRUDGERY

The world is full of people, espe-
cially young folk, who think there is
some short cut to fame and fortune.
They try to write stories and poems,
paint pictures, carve statues, act
leading roles on the stage or make
their fortunes in business, without
serving the long and painful appren-
ticeship which always precedes real
success. It can't be done.
Just now two young men who
broadcast a Negro comedy feature
every night are attracting world-wide
attention. "Amos 'n Andy" are re-
ported to be drawing a salary of
\$100,000 a year, so thousands of
young men who think that it is easy
money are trying to break into the
same game.
The young man who is earning a
fortune for their ability as entertain-
ers went through years of ill-paid,
long-hour drudgery before they be-
came masters of their art. So did ev-
ery other great artist in any line. So
did every man or woman who has
made a success in business or indus-
try. Young people don't believe
that. It was true when the pyramids
were built; it will still be true when
they have crumbled into dust.

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

FIGHTERS

The officers of a great chain of
stores were sitting at lunch, and mak-
ing good progress with their business
discussion when somebody mentioned
a forthcoming prize fight.

Instantly all business conversa-
tion ceased; every man leaned for-
ward eagerly to present his view on
the more engrossing subject.

On another occasion I stopped at
the offices of J. P. Morgan and Com-
pany to see one of the partners. His
secretary apologized. "You will
have to wait a few minutes," he said.
"They will be down from lunch a lit-
tle late today. They are entertain-
ing Gene Tunney."

One could write several different
kinds of comments on these incidents.

One might, if piously inclined, view
with alarm the absorption of the best
business minds in a low and brutal
form of sport.

One might point out the interest-
ing fact that at the top all winners

meet. Be the best in your line,
whether your line be prize-fighting
or banking, motion picture acting or
preaching, and you may lunch with
Mr. Morgan. "Seest thou a man dil-
igent" (a top-notch) "in his busi-
ness? He shall stand before kings."

I prefer, however, to point a dif-
ferent moral. Men attend prize-
fights and entertain champions be-
cause all the world loves a fighter.

People ask sometimes: "Why do
the richest men in the country keep
on working? Why don't they take
their millions and retire?"

Because the decision to keep on
working is not a decision of the in-
tellect. It lies much deeper than
that. Man was made for struggle.
He was cast by Providence into a
hard, unfriendly universe. Climate
was his enemy. Wild animals were
his enemies. The earth was his en-
emy, and would give him no food un-
til he had scathed its face with the
undercuts of the plow, and beaten it

to helpfulness with the barrage of the
harrow. "Fight, and you shall live,"
says Nature. "Quit, and no matter
how well you have surrounded your-
self with comfort, you will soften and
die."

I once made a visit with the late
George W. Perkins to a certain for-
eign city. Nature has so favored it
that people can live with very little
effort and be in the sunshine all the
year round.

"How do you like this city?" I
asked him.

He answered: "It's full of men who
have run away from the game."
"When death comes to me," said
old Stephen Girard, who was more
than eighty, "It will find me busy,
unless I am asleep. If I thought I was
going to die tomorrow, I should nev-
ertheless plant a tree today."

Planting a tree on the very last
day—launching a new bit of life—a
splendid last punch at the old enemy,
Death.

TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE ENTERPRISE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1910

The Road Commission has award-
ed contracts as follows: Kent coun-
ty, Chestertown-Kennedyville road,
4.55 miles to Junanilla Paving Com-
pany for \$43,916.79. Of this sum
\$4,982.75 is for grading, \$54,274.34
for stone macadam and \$4,959.80 for
bridging and draining.

There were 49 deaths in Kent
county during the months of Janu-
ary and February of this year. In
January and February 1909 there
were 49 deaths. The total number
of deaths for 1909 was 329. These
are the official figures as kept by
Health Officer Dr. H. G. Simpser,
Chestertown.

Fairlee Grange is making great
preparation to entertain the Kent
County Pomona Grange on Thurs-

day, April 7. The morning session
will commence promptly at 10 a. m.,
and will include initiation on the fifth
degree, installation of officers and re-
ports of the subordinate granges.

Professor William J. Boyer, prin-
cipal of Millington High School, and
an educator well known throughout
Kent and adjoining counties, died
last Saturday at his home in Milling-
ton. Funeral services were held on
Tuesday with interment in the Sud-
lersville cemetery.

The streets of Chestertown are be-
ing scraped and cleaned under the
careful supervision of Officer Samuel
Cooper.

Mr. George M. DeMoss has sold the
Hickey farm in Quaker Neck to Mr.
Thomas Toulson.

Mr. Albert W. Sheckells has re-
signed his position as assistant su-
perintendent of the Metropolitan Life
Insurance Company here to accept a
position as special agent for the
same company in Baltimore. He is
being succeeded here by Mr. George
Wissig, of Baltimore.

Dr. Frank E. Hines has received
a new Buick automobile.

Mr. J. P. Cochran, of near Lamb-
son's Station, shipped acre of As-
paragus, last Friday, April 1.

The Washington College baseball
team played four games last week
and won one. They defeated Swarth-
more and bowed to Trinity and Villa
Nova. Two games were played with
the Villa Nova boys one on Friday

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Nell C. Westcott

Inquiries have been made at the
Chamber of Commerce office for the
Chestertown Art Colony. Does any-
one know of its whereabouts? And
if there is none why couldn't Chest-
ertown have an Art Colony? Many
less picturesque places than this sec-
tion have thriving colonies. We have
everything to offer in river and bay
scenery, colonial doorways, local col-
or of all sorts and other interesting
bits that might appeal to real or
would-be art students.

Last Sunday I was called by phone
and asked what time Will Rogers
would be on the air—as secretary of
the august body, the Chamber of
Commerce, I am supposed to know a
lot weekdays and Sundays as well. I
hunted up the news in the SUN in
order to give it correctly and the fol-
lowing day I met the inquirer. As
a matter of fact I was feeling pretty
guilty about having given the good
gentleman the time of Rogers broad-
casting after sitting up to hear him
myself. With me, at least, last Sun-
day night, Will just didn't click—not
one little bit. Not that the fact
would worry Rogers although after
all I am the public as much as the
next fellow. So I timidly asked the
gentleman to whom I had given the
information and he said "You must
have been mistaken." Evidently he
did not pick up the Western coast at
the ten o'clock hour. He seemed dis-
appointed in that fact and disap-
pointed in what he still thinks was
my failure to give him the proper in-
formation whereas he should be over-
elating grateful to me that he
didn't hear the fifteen minute speech
for which is paid \$12,500. It hap-
pened to be Squibbs hour. Squibbs
is a name to conjure by in the world
of drugs. Rogers didn't mention
Squibbs though Squibbs mentioned
Rogers but I can't believe they will
sell a fluid ounce more of their fast-
est Castor Oil or other superior prod-
ucts as a result of that \$12,500
spent on last Sunday's fifteen minute
la Rogers. And what couldn't I do
with that amount of good cold cash
myself? However I expect to sit up
next Sunday night and get on the
Columbia broadcasting system for
the next release and the next and the
next. One just can't help listening
to such high-priced speech whether
they feel it is worth it or not. But
what fools these mortals be.

Speaking of radio—if psycho-
analysis interests you there is an in-
teresting program from WOR at 5:00
p. m., Sundays. The inferiority
complex was discussed this last week
and the speaker reassured his listen-
ers who are so afflicted that it is only
the intelligent people who have an in-
feriority complex. The real dumb
ones don't know that they don't
know and don't realize their limita-
tions. And speaking of that sort of
thing and mind over matter or what
have you a physician said recently
that some people should not read med-
ical books because of the way they
react to symptoms and that some med-
ical students have had to give up their
chosen profession because they get
(imagine they have) every disease
they study. Some folks want to
know if they read up a lot on finance
if they will then become impressed
with the idea that they really have
money and that such a good limita-
tion of the real thing will come to
pass that it would affect them just
as much as an imaginary disease
might. That would be all right if
you could make the general public
recognize the color of such money but
that is doubtful in this practical and
humdrum world. However I did
once hear a very modern woman say
that she needed money badly and she
thought money and imagined it pour-
ing in all around her and in time
money did come from unexpected
sources. Sounds like black magic
but I'd love to work some of that my-
self.

And since this seems to be a sort
of radio review there happens to be
a mother in this county whose seven
children are named Amos, Andy,
Kingfish, Madame Queen, Ruby Tay-
lor, Lightin' and Flossie. That's a
hot dog story and the children are all
real pups.

And the reason some sufferers with
an inferiority complex like to have
canaries is because to the small bird
in the gilded cage they are god—so
says the good Dr. Payne. Well, that
let's me out on that score. I don't
believe I desire to play god to a can-
ary or anything else. Certainly the
good Lord gets credit for so much
misery and all that that even His job
doesn't look like an enviable one to
me. And that isn't meant as psy-
chephany in the least but is only a re-
flection on how little we can possibly
understand the things that are.

and one on Saturday.

On Thursday, April 14, the Still
Pond Public School will hold an en-
tertainment in Harper's Hall. The
program will consist of two twenty-
minute plays a minstrel and a cantata.

The old board of town commis-
sioners for Sudlersville was re-elected
last week without opposition. The
board is composed of Messrs. William
Anderson, Spencer Walls and Dr.
Foster Sudler.