

Suburban Baltimore

West Arlington, Its Progressive People And Attractive Residences—A Place Where Women Vote.

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One only realizes the extent to which the city of Baltimore has recently grown when suddenly confronted with the fact that the highest point of land within the city limits lies in West Arlington, at the intersection of Oakford and Garrison avenues, which is 462 feet above tidewater and about six miles from the City Hall.
The trolley car and telephone have not only knit together hundreds of towns and villages, but within a very recent period have furthered the expansion of cities themselves in a manner hitherto undreamed of. The improved conditions of suburban life are not only drawing men away from cities who have lived there all their lives, but tending to make the lad, village born and bred, proud of his own community and more content to remain there.
West Arlington is unique in that it is a

spring blossoms forth into a veritable bridal bouquet of pink and white loveliness.
The social atmosphere of West Arlington is distinguished by a neighborly spirit that is one of the most enjoyable features of living there. In addition to the friendly feeling engendered by the erection of several churches and the united efforts of the residents for their advancement, the ladies and gentlemen have formed a little neighborhood club organization. The membership fee paid by the head of the house includes all members of the household to club rights and privileges, and once a month some pleasant social function, with refreshments, is held, to which all residents of the suburb are welcomed, whether members of the club organization or not. It was this neighborhood circle that evolved the unique idea of electing a mayor and city council of West Arlington to oversee its

entertainments for which their own homes are not adapted.
No stores can be erected within the limits of West Arlington nor any liquors sold there, thus insuring the strictly residential nature of the place. The educational needs of the children have been met by the erection by the city of a portable schoolhouse—one constructed and put together without the use of nails, so that it can be removed at any time to a different location without damage to the timbers. For the children attending city schools the trolley lines afford direct transit, and within the next few days a deed will be filed at Towson conveying about 10 acres to the Western Maryland Railroad Company from the West Arlington Improvement Company for the purpose of double tracking the railroad at that point. This will tend to still further facilitate communication between town and country along railway lines. One feature of the improvement will be elimination of all grade crossings within the confines of the suburb.
Among the residents of West Arlington are Messrs. Henry F. New, Charles H. Ashbourne, P. Flanigan, James E. Tippet, William Tippet, J. R. Smith, Henry A. Ulrich, James E. Plummer, A. B. Hoge, R. J. A. Dair, William L. Stansbury, James King, Rev. James R. Cadden, F. D. Carver, J. Glenn Cook, W. P. Oakford, Isaac L. Newman, John S. Stansbury, I. M. Dammann, Henry W. Straus, W. L. Just, Geo. L. White, Paul Johnson, H. C. Fox, Frederick Bernheimer, Charles France, William H. Alger, F. L. Mortimer, John F. Clark, Robert W. Tate, Frank W. Weaver, C. S. Wachter, Dr. H. R. Polk, Dr. Henry Russell, Howard Bryant, William H. Ensor, Edward Buchelmer, T. A. Lee, J. Grumvill, A. J. Forrest, W. E. Dyott, W. E. Stewart, C. E. Keedy, H. F. McCauley, formerly of Union Bridge; E. H. Widerholdt, William R. Tall, Andrew Kelter, Henry O. Reese, Mr. Billmyer, Paul Johannsen, Oscar Martenett, Mr. Mullikan, Capt. F. I. Mosher, Joseph Howard, Winfield A. McClintock, Charles H. Habinghurst, J. F. Hardy, John E. Bucky, W. E. Thomas, George W. Squiggins, Dr. Walter T. Schelle, John Hartnett, Jr., Charles F. Pardee, E. M. Wright and J. A. Bates.
We regret that owing to accident the architects of the Country Club of Roland Park and of the residences of Messrs. Meyer and Ellicott were mistakenly given in connection with illustrations used in the suburban sketch of last week. Messrs. Wyatt & Nolting designed the Country Club and Messrs. Ellicott & Emmart the residences mentioned.



HOME OF MR. JAMES E. TIPPETT

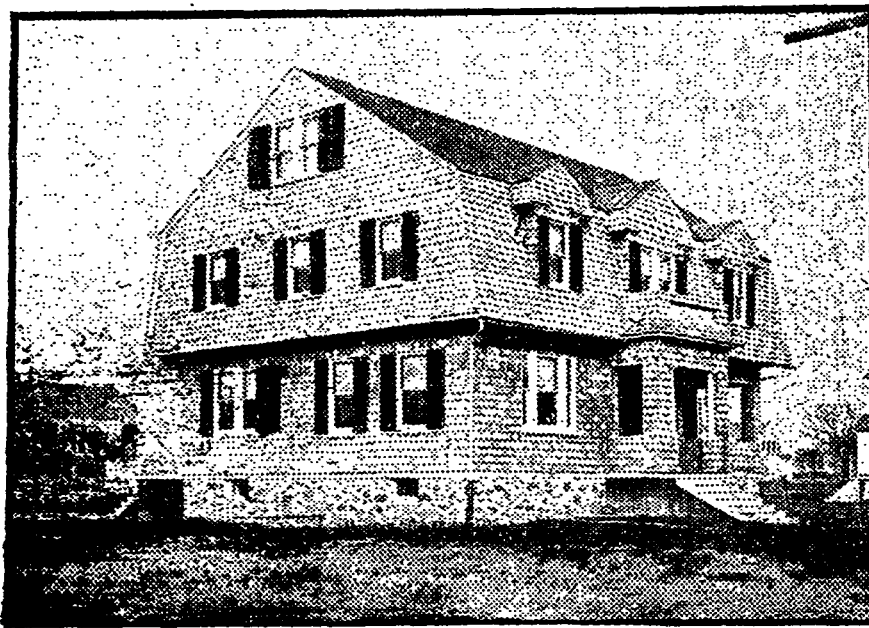
neighborhood group, half of whom are citizens of the sixth largest city of the United States, while the other half are county folk.
Just about the center of the suburb, corner of Groveland and Eldorado avenues, Col. H. T. Douglas, of the Topographical Survey, placed a large stone to indicate the extreme boundary of the city, and this property very properly belongs to the gentleman who has the honor of being the Mayor of West Arlington, Mr. P. Flanigan. The boundary stone exactly divides the grounds surrounding his country home, and, like Janus, the special patron of the beginning and ending of all undertakings, who always faced two ways. Mr. Flanigan's double property interests are indicative of his impartial attitude in reference to the twofold interests of the suburb that regards him in the light of chief advisor.
West Arlington comprises about 250 acres of land, bounded by Garrison avenue, the Reisterstown turnpike and Duck's avenue. The Liberty turnpike and Park Heights avenue almost touch the property and it is accessible to the city by way of the Western Maryland railroad or by trolley through Mount Washington out the Pikesville line, or by way of Garrison avenue through Forest Park and Walbrook. Any of these three approaches are attractive, but the last is across the wide and beautiful plateau of which West Arlington is a part, and gives an idea of altitude and free expanse of country that is peculiarly attractive. One of the noticeable features of the suburb is the abundance of woodland thereabouts. Oak and hickory trees hedge it in in very sheltering fashion, and there are beautiful lines of evergreen trees, with here and there the spires of tall poplar trees against a background of silver and sugar maple trees.
The tract before being purchased by the West Arlington Improvement Company was known as Pelvicu Farm and belonged to the Wilhelm estate, and somehow the grouping of trees still suggests the picturesqueness and pastoral peacefulness of a scene associated with farm life.
The avenues are chiefly laid out at right angles, but development since 1895, the date when the property was purchased by the improvement company, has been gradual, and there is a cozy "country-home" air to many places that bespeak long residence there.
It was Mr. George R. Webb who headed a syndicate for the improving of West Arlington, and the company then, as now, has been managed by a board of directors that includes Messrs. George E. P. Wiedner, of New York, Frank S. Hambleton, James Clark, Paul A. Seegar, Charles E. Savage, Henry F. New and P. Flanigan. Mr. William B. Ehlen is the present manager of the company.
In its early days West Arlington suffered to some degree from lack of rapid transit, which need was met by the building of a trolley loop that connected it, until greater facilities were afforded with the Pikesville electric line. Finally a continuous electric route and a single car fare gave West Ar-

local interests. It proved to be a happy inspiration and a still happier thought was to give the ladies of the suburb the right of voting on suburban matters along with the gentlemen. No disturbing element was introduced by this local amendment to the constitution. There was only one choice for this important, if, alas, unremunerative, office and Mr. P. Flanigan was unanimously elected Mayor of West Arlington and has fulfilled the duties of his office with so much ability and such hearty good will toward all that it is doubtful if any other candidate will have the ghost of a show even for nomination at the primary to be held the middle of the present month. The election itself will take place the first of the year. The office has no political significance, but is wholly for the social and municipal interests of the place. The suburb is divided into boroughs as represented by the squares, two representatives to each square, so that both sides of the avenue have



THE "CHERRY TREE HOUSE"
The residence of Mr. J. Reese Pitcher.

voice in the local council, and gentlemen are chosen who by ability and prominence worthily represent their borough interests. Although controlled by a corporation those most interested in the success of West Arlington hold to the opinion that a place is made by the civic interest of its population. The Mayor and City Council at a recent meeting decreed that November 15, 1905, will be observed as a legal holiday, when business cares shall be laid aside and all the citizens will gather at the temporary clubhouse to do honor to the new families who have become residents



HOME OF MR. JOSEPH HOWARD

West Arlington all the advantages enjoyed by other out-of-town residence sections, with some additional ones peculiarly its own.
For the last 18 months the erstwhile somewhat sleepy little town has awakened to a bustling activity suggestive of the sleeping palace after the coming and magic kiss of the fairy prince.
In every direction there are signs of progress. Road engines are puffing over the task of rolling macadam on avenues; workmen are engaged laying sidewalks of re-enforced concrete, each flag being separate and braced with steel, avenue grading is in progress and gas and water pipes are being extended. Fully 35 new residences have been built in the last two years and the property owners are animated by an unusual degree of progressive community spirit.
Persons owning homes on Groveland avenue have, at their own expense, macadamized that avenue and laid the re-enforced concrete sidewalks before mentioned. The Improvement Association contributed the material for fine roadmaking on Ridgewood and Penhurst avenues, while the city fell in line and provided the work of grading and the spreading and rolling the macadam. The gas company has extended mains, in almost all the avenues leading east and west, and the water department has also made recent extensions. The city has installed 12 additional arc lights and the county commissioners have granted some 20 further lights on improved avenues. The West Arlington Company has established the septic tank system for the disposal of sewage.
About 15,000 feet of California privet hedge has also been set out so that each home stands in a frame of well-trimmed lawn and the hedges, like interlacing ribbons, bind all together.
The water tower erected by the city upon Ridgewood avenue is one of the most beautiful in Maryland and commands a view for miles over the surrounding country. It has a handsome tower house nearby and both are set in an acre of velvet lawn, beautified by a fountain that gives to the place a bit of attractive landscape gardening.
Among the homes of West Arlington that of Mr. J. Reese Pitcher is known for miles around as the Cherry Tree House, on account of the enormous and magnificent cherry tree upon the lawn that in early

there. A dinner will be served in the evening, which will precede a social gathering of young and old.
The property owners of West Arlington are now making arrangements to build a permanent clubhouse upon land to be donated by the improvement company. The clubhouse will be owned and controlled by the residents and will be equipped with bowling alleys and gymnasium, and will have facilities for outdoor sports. There will also be an assembly room and smaller reception rooms for the use of the ladies belonging to the club who desire to give



RESIDENCE OF MR. ANDREW J. REITER