The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

Valentine week does not pass us by, without Cupid adding his bit to the column. So therefore, let us learn about a most interesting engagement and also an announcement of a wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson, of 35 East 76th Street, New York and Drayton Manor, Worton, Maryland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Royer Johnson, to Mr. Francis Ellingwood Storer, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Storer of 270 Park Avenue and Ridgewood, Conn.

Miss Johnson was graduated from Foxcroft School, in Middleburg, Va., in 1942 and is now attending Barnard College. Because of the war Miss Johnson did not make a formal debut, but was honored at a small dinner dance given by her parents in December. She is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Royer of Baltimore, Md. On her paternal side she is a direct descendant of Thomas Johnson, the first Governor of Maryland. Miss Johnson is the sister of Mr. Wayne Johnson, Jr., a student at Harvard University and a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, and Hamilton S. Johnson.

Mr. Storer was graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and attended Yale University where he was a member of the Fence Club. He is a grandson of Mrs. George R. Read, and a brother of Mrs. William B. Lusk, Jr., both of New York. Mr. Storer will be inducted into the army this month.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Johnson is a popular member of the younger set in Kent Co. and Drayton Manor, in summer months, has been the scene of frequent gatherings of the young crowd, where swimming in the mirrored pool and tennis on the well groomed courts have been among the leading sports. Miss Johnson is an excellent rider and has been among the prominent riders in the various horse-shows of the county

And now, we have a wedding of interest. Captain and Mrs. Alfred Noroton Phillips, junior announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Haskins to Second Lieutenant LeRoy Smith junior, U. S. M. C. R., which took place on Monday, January 25, at Miami, Fla. Captain and Mrs. Phillips whose residence is near Cecilton, have many friends in this community, where (B. R.—before rationing) they were frequently seen at the Country Club with their two attractive daughters, and among the parties around the country side and town.

All of a sudden, the party-ball has started rolling again. Never, is there any rhyme or reason, why the lulls, or why the spurts, but nevertheless, that's the way it goes. Of course bride's showers and visiting guests are not in this category, for they are always a reason for a party.

The weeks's calendar, therefore, may read as follows:

Tuesday—an afternoon dessert bridge, with the Valentine motif, given by Mrs. Bonwill Dukes at her home on Washington Ave.

Wednesday—a miscellaneous shower and bridge, given in the evening, by Miss Marian Thomas, and Miss Ellen Bordley at the home of Miss Thomas, in honor of Miss Mary Jeanne Strong.

Thursday—an evening dessert-bridge given by Mrs. Rudulph Tull, with the Victory motif, at the Sophie Fisher Inn.

Friday—(1) an evening dessert bridge given by Miss Harriett Welch.
(2) an evening dessert bridge given by Mrs. Frank Taylor in honor of Mrs. A. E. Dryden a house guest of her mother, Mrs. Bonwill Dukes.
(3) a dinner party by Mrs. Ralph Usilton.

Saturday—(1) a luncheon by Mrs. Lawrence P. Strong in honor of her daughter Miss Mary Jeanne Strong.
(2) a dinner and shower by Mrs. William Buckingham, in honor of Miss Mary Jeanne Strong.

Sunday—a buffett supper, given by Dr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Moyer in celebration of Dr. Moyer's birthday.
(2) a Buffet Luncheon by Mrs. Thos. Massey for Miss Mary Jeanne Strong.

Monday, Feb. 22—a dessert-bridge by Mrs. Frank Connely. and Mrs. Emerson Russell, at the home of the latter.

Thursday, Feb. 25—a dessert-bridge by Mrs. James Hadaway.

All of which, brings us down near the end. However, before signing off mention must be made of a couple of out-of-town guests. For these days, such items are a rarity.

Mrs. Adair McKoy, of Wilmington, N. C., with her young son, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Brice, at Arcadia Farm.

Mrs. Winton Tolles, now living in Clinton, N. Y. was a guest this week of Mrs. Harry H. Derringer. Lt. Tolles is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I.

Miss Elizabeth Brown and Miss Betty White will visit Mrs. H. Clay Brown over the week-end.

Mrs. Harry B. Cannon, visited her husband, Lt. Cannon, at Wilson, N. C. over last week-end. Wilson is situated near New River, where Lt. Cannon is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson J. Forney, Jr., are guests in New York, staying at the New Weston Hotel.

Miss Evelyn Brown, of Washington D. C. was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown at their home in Quaker Neck.

Miss Mary Betty Sweetman, who is employed by the F.B.I. in Washington, D. C. was a guest last week-end of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweetman.

But more anon. Take note of how much I have written you this week—seems like B. W. (before war) and B. R.

Yours delighted,

The Wanderer

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College Corner

"Doc" Slade

The assembly commemorating the birth of George Washington for whom the college was founded was held yesterday at the regular assembly period. Dr. Mead was the speaker.

Over two hundred dollars worth of defense stamps were bought by Washington College students last semester in the drive sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. These stamps are on sale in William Smith Hall every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 under the direction of Harry Roe.

Twenty-five freshman and nine upper classmen accepted bids from the three national fraternities on Wednesday of last week. Four of these were Chestertown boys. James C. Jones, Harry Walsh, and Joseph Sutton were pledged to Kappa Alpha, while John Russel accepted a bid from Theta Chi.

The Washington College cagers extended their winning streak to eight straight games as a result of two victories last week. On Thursday evening a highly touted Camp Pickett five which was fresh from a triumph over the Aberdeen Proving Ground five the night before was defeated in a very fast game 57 to 53. The soldier team was made up of many seasoned veterans with past collegiate experience and it was evident fro mthe start that they had a tricky and deceptive attack with good passing. The locals led at half time 26 to 23. The college boys kept moving at an extremely fast pace most of the entire game in order to tire out the much older opponents. Ed Athey was high scorer of the game with 16 points.

Saturday night saw the tentative game with Fort Cumberland cancelled and in its place was inserted the Bethlehem Steel team of the Baltimore City Industrial League. One of the highlights of the game was the return of Goop Zebrowski along with Joe Uvanni, former Western Maryland star. But despite these and other former stars the Washington five was too formidable and defeated them 69 to 52.

The Shoremen's leading scorer is little Frank Samele, set shot specialist who after Saturday night's game had a total of 148 points. This placed him four points behind Ernie Travis of Maryland U. who leads the individual scorers in the state. Three out of the first six high scorers of the state are Shoremen.

The other two are Paul Blawie and Ed. Athey, both of whom have over a hundred points to their credit.

According to Coach Dumschott, plans are being formulated on the assumption that a track team from Washington College will participate in various college meets, the Mason-Dixon Conference meet, and the Penn Relays. Predicting an excellent season, Coach Dumschott also announced that track meets to be held here have been scheduled with the U. of Delaware, and Catholic U. After considering that most of last year's team is still in school, "Dutch" made the modest statement "that it should be a good track year for us."

The score of the Washington-Western Maryland game has just come as we go to press. The Flying Pentagon defeated the Green Terrors of Western Maryland 48-37 with Samele and Athey as high scorers. This makes the ninth straight win for the locals. On Saturday night the U. of Delaware will furnish the opposition at the Armory.

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Good Fresh Firewood

Some kinds of trees make good fuelwood even when freshly cut, because they contain little water. Among these are black locust, shagbark hickory, white ash, American beech, and red pine.

Washington Digest

Changes Scheduled for Manpower Commission

English System Seen as Successful Model; McNutt Unable to Obtain Efficient and Experienced Force of Experts.

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Two days before the Office of War Information announced the now famous "work-or-fight order" I wrote:

Strange sounds are coming through the keyhole of the wide door of the office of the federal security administrator, Paul McNutt. They have nothing to do with federal security but they have a lot to do with that other function of the administrator on whose broad shoulders rests heavily the chairmanship of the manpower commission.

The noises I refer to are the preliminaries to a bigger noise.

"The manpower commission is just about to blow up," said a certain official to me, one who has followed its operations very closely but because of some strange premonition refused to get entangled with them. He is entirely sympathetic with the effort but like others whose duties are affected by the ramifications of the manpower situation, he is chagrined and confused by what is happening and still more by what hasn't happened.

When the manpower situation was first turned over to McNutt, who is known as a good administrator, there was a long and patient wait for something to happen. Nothing did. "No wonder," said neutral observers, "he has no authority."

Then he got the authority by presidential ukase. Earlier, it is true, he had made it plain that he felt that there should be passed by congress, a national service act which would lay upon all civilians the similar obligations placed upon the young men of military age. So many people, who thoroughly disliked the idea of a draft of labor of any kind nevertheless declared such a step was inevitable that I was positive that it was coming and so reported. Now it seems far away.

The substitute was supposed to be the setup under McNutt which would work through the United States Employment service. Selective service was even made a part of McNutt's organization and General Hershey, who had seen that institution through from its inception, with better grace than many would have shown, accepted the subordination of his functions like the good soldier that he is.

More Authority

But many a week has passed since that step was taken, various directives have been sent to the draft boards, enlarging the scope of deferment for essential farm and industrial occupations. But still the system doesn't click. It is now reported that McNutt feels that he needs still more presidential authority conferred upon him.

It was thought when the last reorganization of the manpower agency was made that the United States Employment service would work side by side with the Selective service, the one recruiting labor, the other recruiting fighters and the question would be settled between them under a single head. Then, according to one of the members of the commission, without informing anyone in advance, he did what many feel was a direct violation of the key policy—turned over the question of deferment to the department of agriculture.

This is the step which those who opposed it feel is going to force a change in the setup once more. Administration of manpower recruitment was supposed to be centered in the commission.

Naturally members of the department of labor who felt that recruitment of workers should be handled by that agency, consider that no successful solution will be reached until the entire manpower question is put under a single person of cabinet rank and administered by that head right down to the local setups. They point to what has been done in England where the system seems to be working successfully under the British labor minister. A system has been worked out there where the local administration has wide authority under a firm general policy.

The reason why a similar plan was not followed here is possibly because of the feeling against Secretary of Labor Perkins. Too many people would object if the work were turned over to her and it was about to cut the Gordian knot when the plan was announced whereby Miss Perkins was to be transferred to the head of the Federal Security administration; McNutt would go to interior and Secretary of Interior Ickes would head the labor department.

Ickes' Refusal

That scheme fell through because Ickes didn't want to make the shift.

The result is that McNutt has been left to struggle with a problem for which some of his most sympathetic critics say he is not fitted. He has been unable to obtain an efficient and experienced staff—some posts are still vacant—others are said to lack the technical knowledge necessary to McNutt or anyone in his position. Such expert assistance would be available in the labor department for even those who speak least respectfully of "Madame Secretary" admit that she has built up an excellent force of experts in her department.

As one veteran of the labor front said to me. "If the war lasts long enough, we may establish a workable and efficient system like the British. Look for at least one more makeshift experiment. Meanwhile, let's hope we can muddle through."

That was the state of things up until February ,1943. Then came the announcement of the list of "nondeferrablejobs. " The cynical may still look upon it as a "make-shift experiment"—by April 1 we'll know whether McNutt has cracked the hardest nut in Washington or whether we still have to muddle through.

Nazi Communiques Indicate New Status

When Hitler failed to appear or even to speak to his unseen audience on the tenth anniversary of his accession to power, it was only natural that many people felt that this was part of the peace offensive which it was known the Reich was preparing. The "unconditional surrender conference" at Casablanca was supposed to have pretty well quashed the Nazi peace drive but apparently the Reich still hopes.

When I learned that Foering and not Hitler was delivering the oration of the day, two pictures flashed vividly into my mind—one I witnessed personally in September, 1939, from the Press Gallery of Reichstag and the other was described to me. The latter is said to have taken place in the famous hunting lodge of Goering, outside of Berlin. A millionaire American manufacturer sat with him. It was not long before Pearl Harbor. The American had a peace drive of his own. He outlined it to Goering .It was this: Get rid of Hitler, set up a more liberal government, agree to get out of France if England will make peace.

The man to do the job, Goering. The fee, one million dollars.

According to my informant, Goering was willing but the scheme was never put through.

Names Goering, Hess

The other scene was the occasion of Hitler's announcement that he had invaded Poland. It was then that he declared that he was going to the front and that if anything happened to him, he had decided that his successor would b ehis airmarshal, who sat at the Reichstag president's desk, resplendent in one of his musical comedy uniforms. And, said the fuehrer, if anything happened to Goering, Hess would be the second choice. The solemn and lanky Hess, dressed in the brown uniform of the party, rose and saluted as had the grinning Goering.

Hess, when things didn't go according to his wishes, painted his toenails, and took wings for England.

There has been comment in Washington lately over the different tone in the official communiques issued by the German high command. Experts say they seem to indicate that the generals have taken over.

Recently it was rumored that Titler had fired his "intuition" which he said directed his military strategy and he was letting the professionals run the army. It is just possible that Hitler will some daw meet the same fate of the intuition which he so unkindly purged. Even the most thickheaded Nazi could hardly believe that the Allies would ever make peace with a government with Hitler at the head.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

For every egg laid last year we need 13 eggs this year to feed ourselves and our allies.

Many Americans in the Pacific-coast states were as disappointed as the Chinese in the failure to announce an offensive in the Far East in 1943. They say they feel as if Washington was a lot further from San Francisco than Australia.

There is talk again of an overall agency having the last word on all the problems affecting the civilian population under war conditions. James Byrnes, stabilization administrator, would head it.

The war has shrunk the comics, Syndicates are studying means of compressing their humor and drama into four instead of five columns.

WORTON

Mrs. Harry Tucker and daughter spent several days last week with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Howard Carter of Chestertown visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash on Wednesday,

Mrs. Earle Jewell, Mrs. Wm. Spry and son of Kennedyville visited the formers mother, Mrs. Wm. Joiner on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Rash and family of Havre de Grace spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett entertained, Mrs. George Cooper of Chestertown, Mrs. Rachel Carter, Mrs. Henry Rasin, Mrs. John Dwyer to dinner on Thursday.

Mrs. Oliver Nicholson visited her sons in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mrs. Sophia Gears and daughter, Miss Alethia are spending sometime with her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Gears in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harry Hill of Kennedyville, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Wiltbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joiner entertained Mrs. Oliver Wright of Chestertown on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash on Sunday.

Little Helen Knight of Chestertown is spending sometime with her Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer.

Mrs. Robert Loud and Grandson Dick Cooper spent Tuesday with her father, Mr. B. F. Rash.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rodney and son Nelson and Miss Shallcross of Rock Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raisin on Sunday.

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Denial Must Come Second

Once upon a time there was a Ministry of Information carrier pigeon. And as it was flying leisurely to its destination it was jostled by a second pigeon, which bawled: "Get a move on. I've got

They Laughed Late

American (attending movie show in England)—Why don't they show a comedy during the performance?

Englishman—Oh, they never show comedies in England on Saturday night. They're afraid the people will laugh in church the next day.

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Refining Company's Junking Job

A Philadelphia refining company recently junked old and idle equipment and obsolete plants, netting about 1,000 tons of steel for the scrap metal campaign—or enough to provide all the steel needed in manufacture of 50 Flying Fortresses.

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