The Social Wanderer

Dear Roamer

To-day we have news of an interesting engagement, which was announced this week.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Byam K. Stevens, of North West Point Farm, Centreville, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Clare Reynders Stevens to Mr. Daniel Winthrop Ingersoll of Chestertown, Maryland. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Ingersoll.

Miss Stevens graduated from Green Vale School on Long Island, and from St. Timothy's School, Catonsville, Md. She is now a student at Bryn Mawr College.

Mr. Ingersoll graduated from Washington College in 1933.

The wedding will take place in Centreville, Md. in mid-July.

Coming a little too late for last week's issue was the arrival of a second son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Townshend, last Thursday, March 11, at the Women's Hospital, Baltimore.

And on St. Patrick's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meek, of Alexandria, Va., became the proud parents of a little girl, born at the Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Meek was the former Miss Lucille Rasin, of Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Mead, Jr., of Halethorpe, Md., were guests last week-end of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Mead at their home on Washington, Ave. Dr. Mead who has been ill is improving and expects to be out within a shart time.

Miss Betty Beck arrived in Chestertown on Wednesday to spend her spring vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott Beck.

Captain and Mrs. Edward A. Hurd spent last week-end at their home, "The Reward Farm" here, following a week in Washington. They returned to that city on Monday, and this week, Captain Hurd will leave on a special mission to a foreign country.

Mr. Basil Tully, of Philadelphia, was a guest last week-end of Miss Frances Kreeger at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kreeger.

Mrs. Harry Anderson and Miss Edwina Senior, of Baltimore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitworth at Radcliffe Hall, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Deringer and their young daughter, Sally of Monaca, Pa., were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Deringer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson of Georgetown, Del., were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Cooper, last week-end.

Miss Ada Schreiber has returned from a visit to Columbus, Ohio, where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schreiber.

Mrs. Beverley Hazel, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., came on Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Kennard Aldridge, who has been confined to her home for the last two weeks with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilpin Brown will entertain informally Sunday afternoon at a farewell party for Mr. William B. Usilton, III, who will leave on Monday with the Selectees for Camp Meade. And that's the way it goes, farewells, and then home-comings and farewells anew. Each day let us pray that soon there will be Home Comings to stay for always.

Yours in earnest,

The Wanderer

College Corner

The establishment of a new class, the V-12 open to all qualifying high school students and college students and civilians has been announced by the United States Navy through Dean Livingood, Armed Services Representative for the college. The qualifying test for civilians for the V-12 program, known as the Navy College Training Program, will be given at College between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 A. M. on Friday, April 2, 1943. The Bureau of Naval Personnel of the Navy has arranged with civilian agencies to administer these qualifying tests for this program. "High School seniors, high school graduates and college students who appear to have ultimate potentialities for selection of officers will be chosen for college training. The plan contemplates that this college training will be carried on while the men are on active duty, in uniform, receiving pay, and under general military discipline." This is from a Navy release of March 2. Further generla qualifications are: a male citizen of the United States; morally and physically qualified for the program, including a minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 18-20 for each eye; unmarried, and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned, unless sooner released by the Navy Department; evidence of potential officer qualifications, including appearance and scholarship records. Students and civilians interested in taking this test should immediately notify the high school principals in their community or communicate their intentions direct to Dean Livingood at the College.

Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary society on the campus plans to set aside a special fund to purchase a permanent plaque with the names of all Washington College men who served in the armed services engraved on it. It will be placed in William Smith Hall. This will not be purchased until after the war is over, so that no one will be slighted.

At a joint meeting of Administration officials and the Athletic Council of Washington College it was voted that intercollegiate competition in athletics will be suspended for the Spring of 1943. This is necessary due to the difficulty of securing transportation for athletic teams and the emphasis on the war time curriculum. Another and a very important factor that enters into the setup is the war time curriculum program. Under the old setup, it was possible to go on a two-day trip and only miss one class in each subject but now one would be forced to be absent from two classes of the same subject. Plans are being made for continued emphasis on an intra-mural program which will make provision for some spring sports. Softball leagues are expected to be started very soon.

A Washington's ALL OPPONENT basketball team was picked last week by the ELM reporter. It may be of interest.

Forward—Senesky, St. Josephs
Forward—Scanlon, Catholic U.
Center—Ballard, Coast Guard
Guard—Auerbach, Camp Pickett
Guard—Pasaglia, Aberdeen

George Senesky, St. Joseph's College's ace basketball player broke the world's scoring record for one season. The old record was 509 and Senesky came up with 515. Besides achieving this he smashed the all Philadelphia district scoring records for one single game by getting 44 points against Newark U. Pasaglia was a former All-American at Santa Clara; Auerbach was former captain of N. Y. U.; Scanlon was an outstanding performer for Catholic U. and Ballard was a great player for the Coast Guard inBaltimore.

Paul Blawie led the local cagers with 202 points for the season, followed by Frank Samele with 201. Both of these boys are now in the service.

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Pays Bill After 30 Years

Elkton—After thirty years a resident of Elkton who owed a bill of $2 to the now non existent firm of Witworth Brothers, mailed the money to Mrs. Carrie Davis of Elkton with the instructions to give the money to the Church. Unable to make payment before was given for the long delay.

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Washington Digest

Hitler in Mental Decline? Close Observers Say Yes

Reliable Reports Indicate Fuehrer Subject to Uncontrolled Emotions; German Physician Believes He Will Have Mental 'Explosion.'

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Where is Hitler?

That question can't be answered with any certainty at this writing and nobody seems to care. For more than a month, the communications from the German High Command have not borne the Fuehrer's signature. The anniversaries of two of the great events in Nazi History have come and gone, the celebrations were held with very little display in comparison with other years and entirely without appearance of the No. 1 Nazi himself. Hitler has made no public appearance for months.

It is true that communications supposedly from the Fuehrer have been made public but always through a second party, notably the speech on the anniversary of the founding of the National Socialist party. The set excuse is that Hitler is with his troops in the Russian front. But at the rate that front is moving these days, it is doubtful if he is very near it. It is quite possible that he is elsewhere or even nowhere but the interesting thing is that this man, who has managed to turn the world upside down, does not seem at all essential to the great political and military machine he has built up. It may be functioning without him and this would seem to indicate that if he is not dead, but should suddenly die, it wouldn't make much difference.

Some time ago, a report received from underground sources was received in London. It said that "Hitler either has been given an ultimatum by his generals, who pointed out his military blunders, or he is suffering from one of his hysterical fits and is in ill health as a result of his Russian reverses."

Recent Developments

What about these fits? They are no fiction but well-authenticated events. Before several witnesses he has frequently burst into tears, and in other ways given vent to utterly uncontrolled emotions. But these fits are of less importance than certain other likewise well-substantiated but not widely known developments which have taken place within the last year or two.

There are several stories which I heard from the lips of a man who has closely watched Hitler's career from its earliest beginning. The man is Fred Oechsner, a former colleague of mine. In fact, I was instrumental in having him sent to Berlin as correspondent for the Consolidated Press just about the time Hitler was beginning his political career.

Long before anybody else took Hitler seriously, Oechsner wrote to me: "This man is some day going to be the bull in Europe's china shop." Oechsner, who is now in Washington, told me the following story which he also repeats in his excellent book, "This is the Enemy."

As you know, Hitler was always a teetotaler. He never drank anything but some very weak beer especially brewed for him and he only took sips of this pale beverage.

Recently his habits changed.

"Persons who visite dhim at his headquarters early in the winter told me," Oechsner says, "that he was becoming grave and irritable and that it was not uncommon for him on a cold night to drink three or four glasses of grog. He also took occasional drinks of a Bavarian liquor called Enzian which is not unlike gin."

Now Oechsner is an exceedingly reliable reporter and when he says the Fuehrer finished three grogs in an evening, I believe it—also I believe that a man unused to taking alcohol must have been higher than Berchtesgaden when he went to bed.

Oechsner also said: "There is a German physician of international repute who believes that some day Hitler will have a brain disturbance of a serious nature. This physician has treated Hitler since 1921 and knows his physical condition as well as his personal life. It is his opinion that Hitler is an outstanding example of a half-trained, half-educated person with a phenomenal talent for absorbing and co-ordinating information and detail gleaned from other sources. This attention to detail and pattern, he says, is obvious in Hitler's drawings, in his speeches, his military campaigns. It is a phenomenal mental power but some day it is going to explode."

Suicide The End?

Without revealing the source, I have heard the opinion expressed by a man who has seen and met with Hitler many times and is exceedingly familiar with his life, that it is quite possible that a mental decline has started which, he believes, may end in suicide.

On my own score, I may say that when I heard Hitler deliver his famous speech at the start of the war in 1939 in which he said that he was going to the front and would lead Germany to victory, that he would not take off his uniform until this had been achieved, and in the next breath named his successors, I thought he was preparing for suicide.

I doubt if he is now dead. He may not even be ill but the thing is, there has been no report of any public appearance for a long time.

That, of course, is hearsay evidence—or long-distance diagnosis but what Oechsner reports comes from first-hand authority.

So Hitler may already be in a padded cell—and nobody seems to care!

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Fourth Term—
Does FDR Want It?

Will the President run for a Fourth Term?

A number of cross currents are definitely in motion, some directly moving toward an attempt to draft Mr Roosevelt as candidate in '44; some which are present seem to be carrying him in the opposite direction.

One thing that many people fail to realize is the fact that when the precedent against a man serving in the White House for more than two terms was broken, the first olive was out of the bottle and the chief obstacle to a fourth term was removed. As has been pointed out, the American people never before wanted a man for a third term candidate, although twice before candidates would have made the attempt —Grant and Theodore Roosevelt.

When the first whispers for a possible third term for Franklin Roosevelt were heard, I talked to a seasoned political observer. He said: the President doesn't want to run again but he will be persuaded to by his friends.

I make bold to state at this juncture that exactly the same statement can be made today with one modification: The President doesn't want to run for a fourth term but his friends are trying to persuade him to.

I feel sure that the President does not want to run again. I do believe he passionately desires to preside at the peace table. But some of his friends have a different view. As Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, once remarked about the White House: "It's a nice boarding house, you hate like the dickens to move out."

Friends' Demands

Two things are acting in favor of persuading the President: One, this earnest and insistent demand of his "friends" who don't want "to move out" and some of whom honestly believe that it would be for the general good if the President stayed on. Their arguments are many.

The second factor and the one which could elect Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth term, if he does run again, can be expressed in the well-known slogan, "Don't swap horses while crossing a stream." It is the reasoning behind this homely expression which, of course, provides the most persuasive argument to any President.

On the other hand, if by 1944 Hitler has been defeated, the President might feel that he could serve even better at the peace table if he were not the head of a political party, if he were not bound by certain domestic policies which the head of an administration must administer with one eye on the votes in the next election.

I believe that if the President felt postively that he would be allowed to play the principal role in the peace-making, even though someone else were in the White House (perhaps a Republican), or if he felt that as President, he would be less effective as a peacemaker, he would not consider a fourth term.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

All rural women are being asked to enroll in the national Victory Home Food Supply program.

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The brother of the king of Sweden, Prince Oscar Bernadotte, has resigned the chairmanship of the Swedish Young Men's Christian association. Reason—advancing age. He has held the post for more than 50 years!

One reason Russia is not so anxious to make peace with Finland is because 100,000 German soldiers would be released for duty elsewhere.

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Twenty-two states have entered into co-operative arrangements with the Forest Service to develop a forest products marketing service for farmers.

KENNEDYVILLE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grantlin on their 60th wedding anniversary. In a short time Mr. Grantlin will be 85 years of age.

Miss Ruth Fogwell spent Tuesday night with her grand-mother, Mrs. Toulson.

Mrs. Mattie McKnett of Philadelphia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. William Anthony and Miss Betty Scotten spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Redmile, Mrs. Harry Redmile and Mrs. Lula Hill spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Oliffe visited relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia a part of this week.

The Rainbow Circle of the Womans Society will serve pie and coffee on Tuesdays and Friday nights at the garage for the next three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lipscomb and son Robert Lewis of Rock Hall were Sunday dinner guests of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Lipscomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pennington visited Mrs. Hanna Toulson on Sunday.

Mrs. Norman Hopkins and Mrs. Judson White are on the sick list.

Mrs. Othoson and Mrs. Rodger Kennedy spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mr. Joseph Weer and friend Mr. Arthur Revell of the U. S. Navy are spending the week-end at his home.

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