

LETTERS FROM

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appear below. The first letter is from Mr. Straus and the second from Mrs. Straus:

Paris, March 13, 1947

"I received this morning the air-mail package which contained the photographs which were taken prior to our sailing.

"We are all very much pleased with these pictures and I want you to tell Mr. Bennett and all the others about it and express to them our thanks.

"The group picture shows me the faces of some of our friends in Pisgah Forest and was very welcome, but I must be entirely honest and admit it makes me a little homesick for all of you.

"I have not as yet started to worry about anything, but I say a little prayer every night expressing my gratitude for living in God's own country, because conditions here are so much more difficult than at home, and the poor French people at least certainly deserve our sympathy and help.

"One of these days I am going to sit down and write a little story which can be printed in The Echo."

MRS. STRAUS' LETTER

Paris, France
March 10, 1947

"As you see, we are again in Paris after ten years' absence.

"It is always a delight to be in this beautiful city which, while somewhat destroyed here and there, is on the whole untouched. One sees smart people on the streets but is struck by the poor shoes being worn—made of wood and cloth—on the dressiest women. The prices are prohibitive, all black market, and evening gowns are from \$500 up, per gown, others accordingly.

"Our rooms were so lovely, filled with flowers, and we felt just like in fairyland.

"However, the lovelies we received when we sailed still stay in our memory, and all the attentions from friends in New York, Baltimore and last, but not least, Ecusta. It was quite a send-off, wasn't it?

"I know Mr. Straus can depend upon his people to carry on for him. He joins me in fond regards to you all."

Myrtle Bradley Becomes Bride Of Grover Smith, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bradley of Edneyville announce the marriage of their daughter, Myrtle, to Grover Lee Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smith of Mills River.

The wedding took place on Saturday, March 15, in Greenville, S. C., with Judge Guy A. Gullick performing the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Edneyville High School and is employed in the Finishing department. Mr. Smith served with the U. S. Army Air Corps in the China-Burma-India theater for 39 months and at present is employed at Davis Motor Company in Hendersonville. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are making their home in Hendersonville.

ALIMONY

Alimony is a system by which when two people make a mistake one continues to pay for it.—Armadillo (Wis) News-Leader.

Group On Hand In N. Y. To Bid Mr. And Mrs. Straus "Bon Voyage"



While attending a paper meeting in New York, a group from our companies had the opportunity to be down at the pier to see President and Mrs. Straus off to Europe on their vacation. This picture was taken just prior to the final "Bon Voyage" given Mr. and Mrs. Straus.

Standing left to right, Dr. R. M. Levy, Bertram Schur, M. O. Schur, E. L. Happ, Dr. Ward Harrison, Miss Isabella Palais, Mrs. M. O. Schur, A. M. Ream, T. N. Word, Leonard Bauer, Mrs. Roger King, Roger King, Mrs. T. N. Word, C. J. Grant and R. F. Bennett.

Betsy Jane Allison Takes Vows With Roy Beddingfield

Miss Betsy Jane Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Allison, of the Rosman highway, and connected with Champagne until February 28, became the bride of Roy Beddingfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Beddingfield, of the Boheny section, in a ceremony at the Brevard Methodist church, March 3. Rev. W. G. McFarland, pastor of the church, officiated.

They will make their home in Brevard.

Engagements WHITMIRE-HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitmire of Rosman announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Lamar Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hamilton of Penrose. The wedding will take place in April.

Miss Whitmire is employed in the Finishing Department. She is a graduate of Salem, S. C., high school and has been connected with our company since November 16, 1944. Mr. Hamilton is in the Refining Department and has been employed here since May 4, 1943. He was in service three years.

Virginia Hall Is Married To William Morris Of Research

Miss Emma Virginia Hall, daughter of Mrs. Addison Hall and the late Mr. Hall of Savannah, Ga., and Brevard, became the bride of William C. Morris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Morris, in a ceremony Saturday afternoon, March 1, at 4 o'clock at St. Philip's Episcopal church. The Rev. Harry Perry officiated.

The groom is employed in the Research department.

Last Minute Chat



Mrs. Harry Straus and Mrs. T. N. Word get together for a last minute chat, prior to Mr. and Mrs. Straus' sailing for Europe February 26. This photograph was taken aboard the U. S. S. America just before the liner sailed for Europe.

Autobound News

Bells, bells. The wedding bells have been ringing for Betsy Allison. Betsy left us the last week in February and became the bride of Roy Beddingfield. We all will miss Betsy and wish her a long and happy married life.

Flash! From the looks of Helen Nicholson's left hand, third finger, there will be another bride in our department. We all see now why Helen has been so anxious to operate a left hand machine.

Johnnie Dermid has been absent for sometime due to illness. Johnnie is improving fast and hopes to be back to work with us soon.

We all missed Marie when she spent the week as a patient of Transylvania Community hospital. Glad you are back on the going list again, Marie.

We were sorry to hear of the girls losing in the finals of the Asheville Tournament. Girls, you did some swell playing. Don't give up hopes for, who knows, you can be a winner yet.

John Smith reported a swell time on his vacation. He spent a couple of weeks in Florida.

Jeannie is on a two weeks' vacation now. Jean is hoping to join her husband, Lieutenant Fowler, in New Jersey sometime in the near future.