

Capital Society In A Dither Over Coming Garden Party For Royalty

Budding Hopes Crushed They Fail To Get Invitations To Affair

WASHINGTON.—Not since they shed the White House in 1814 have British caused such a stir in the nation's capital as they are causing now with the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

It is strictly accurate, it isn't so the British that are causing the stir it is the rather large group of Washingtonians who are all pop-eyed about the affair. The point is that the stir is taking its center around the big garden party which is to be thrown for the British Majesties at the White House. This thing is being handled with enough formality to fit a nation, and the acute grief nourished in the bosoms of people who thought they ought to get invitations, isn't a pitiful and saddening thing to behold.

Stiff Shirt Affair

It is this would be a formal affair in mid-March, when four or five highly selected newspaper women invited to the British embassy were given an advance fill-in on the program would probably be being told all of this, the paper women were informed that, in circumstance were they to print it, unless and until the embassy had sanctioned it.

Sanction never came through. About a week before their due to arrive, the paper women—plus about a more—were called back to the embassy and given all the dope at all time. This dope included details about the way a royal

garden party is run. There'll be some 1,400 guests. Top-notch officialdom will be there, of course, Chief Justice and Mrs. Hughes, Admiral and Mrs. Stark and General and Mrs. Craig representing navy and army), Speaker and Mrs. Bankhead, Secretary of State and Mrs. Hull, Vice President and Mrs. Garner, chiefs of foreign missions, and so on.

In addition, some 400 "outstanding Americans" from other parts of the country will be present; they're people in whom their majesties have shown some interest, or else they happen to be folks whom Ambassador and Mrs. Lindsay think their majesties would enjoy meeting.

Late Comers Out of Luck

Anyhow, all the guests are told what time to show up, the idea being to get them draped around the grounds before the king and queen put in an appearance. Once Their Majesties appear, the gates of the embassy will be shut, and latecomers will be turned away.

Arriving at the embassy from the White House, the king and queen will go first to a portico overlooking the garden, while a band plays "God Save the King." Then they will come downstairs and stroll about the garden briefly.

Here and there someone will be pulled out of the crowd to come over and be introduced. There'll be no clustering around; the guests are instructed to form a wide lane for their majesties to pass through to the balcony to have tea, their majesties will receive certain guests at the tea table, such guests being summoned by members of the embassy staff.

If a rain comes up, the guests will just have to take it, unless they choose to spend their time huddled under a refreshment tent.

Curtsey Courtesy Not Necessary

Somehow the idea of this formality got all over town, and impressed various folk with the idea that the divinity which doth hedge a king hedges him even when he's visiting the capital of a democracy.

Someone circulated a report that the State Department protocol section had drawn up elaborate rules on behavior in the presence of royalty—bowing from the waist, backing out of the room, and that sort of thing. The protocol section has been denying it ever since, and is pretty sore about it.

At the White House, people will be expected to behave in the presence of the king and queen just about as they would in the presence of the President and his wife. The British embassy is authority for the statement that it's okay to shake hands with royalty instead of bowing and curtseying.

For weeks the special waiting room into which the king and queen will pass when their train reaches Union

Latest Hollywood Newlyweds



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor

Here are Robert Taylor, screen player, and his bride, Barbara Stanwyck, back in Hollywood following their surprise marriage at San Diego, Cal. The two have been married romantically for many months.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of this Week)

Beaverdam Township

M. E. Church by Tr. to R. J. Owen.
Dr. W. C. Johnson, et ux, to P. F. Campbell, et ux.

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R. P. Russell to Edith Russell.

C. C. Medford, et ux, to H. A. Osborne.

S. R. Felmet, et ux, to Will Oates, et ux.

G. W. White, et ux, to Sallie Crawford.

Alma E. Harbin to Elmer Kuykendall.

Mamie Duckett, et al, to Ida Pressley.

Estella Stamey to J. E. Hardin.

Estella Stamey to J. E. Hardin (second tract.)

Dewey Lankford, et ux, to G. C. Harbin, et ux.

Clyde Township

W. C. Medford, et ux, to F. D. Bolden.

T. Jarvis Chambers, et ux, to C. C. Conley, et ux.

Della Robinson to C. C. Conley, et ux.

C. P. Clark to L. C. Clark.

W. Manson Chambers, et ux, to T. J. Chambers.

East Fork Township

W. I. Cogburn, et ux, to Alice Henson.

Jonathan Creek Township

J. T. Harrell, et ux, to Medford Burgess, et ux.

ted soon to President Roosevelt.

Brig.-Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans' Administrator, said recently that the President would determine whether the program would go to Congress this year or next. Hines believes it will be too late for action at this session.

Plan To Build Hospitals With 100,000 Beds For Vets

WASHINGTON.—A new construction program for veterans' hospitals to provide an estimated peak of 100,000 beds by 1949 will be submitted soon to President Roosevelt.

Lovers Reunited And Wed After 52 Years

GREENSBORO.—A romance blighted by a lover's quarrel 52 years ago reached the happy-ever-after stage this month when Mrs. Cornelia Horison Rogers, 71, became the bride of Thomas Reed, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., who is 77. Not since she was a beautiful belle of 17 in Morristown, Tenn., had the lovers seen one another until recently.

When she was 17 and he was 24 they were engaged to be married. They disagreed, and he went off to Oregon. They both married. Their respective consorts died. Recently they both made long-delayed visits to their home town in Tennessee. There they met again after 52 years. Mr. Reed followed Mrs. Rogers back to her home in Greensboro. They drove over to Danville, and were married.

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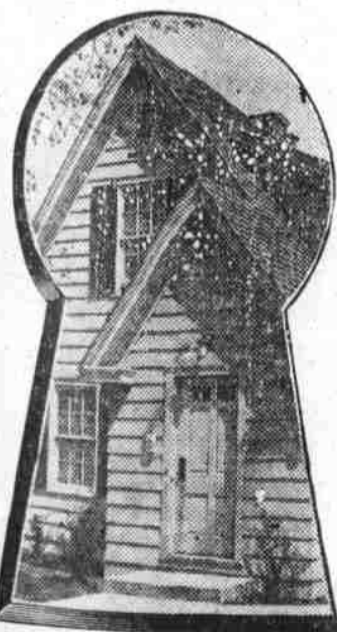
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