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## THE BRIDGE OF YEARS

Gigantic arch of everlasting stone,  
Cut by the hand of God while ancient time  
Looked down in wonder on a new-made world,  
How many centuries through thy portals vast  
Since that far hour have joined eternity?  
What was the might of Caesar, hedged with steel  
And robed in royal purple, unto thine?  
He came, he saw, he conquered and--he passed.  
Beneath a wreck of years imperial Rome  
Lies buried. And behold, where sleeps the Nile,  
How Egypt mourns her crumbling pyramids.  
In antique days, while shepherds watched at night,  
In Syrian skies was lit the Star of Life;  
Yet even then thy towering bulk was old  
And stained with passage of the centuries.  
Man, the proud pygmy, master of an hour,  
Vain shadow on the shifting sands of time,  
In supercilious impotence surveys  
Thy majesty eternal. As he stares,  
The phantom of dead ages rises up  
And strikes his soul to silence. Structure vast,  
Long, immemorial, massive monument,  
Lifted in triumph to the march of years,  
At thy fixed base, as at the foot of God,  
We kneel in reverence and humility.

--Carter W. Wormeley.



## THE KEY NOTE'S NEW FORMAT

With this issue of the KEY NOTE, we present a new format which we hope will be pleasing to the Keepers of the Keys. All have been delighted with the two-column page of former issues; it was pleasing in appearance and ideal in style; but only those who have worked in producing the paper in the past know the long hours and the tedious work necessary to keep up such a style.

We feel sure every reader deeply appreciates the painstaking effort that has been made to bring out a beautiful KEY NOTE, one that is truly representative of the high class of work of our office workers. The new format, however, requires much less work on the part of the Production Staff, who are already crowded with many outside duties, and the material in each issue we trust will be as greatly appreciated.

We are indebted to an unknown author among us for the following lines, expressive of our desire to make each girl in the office feel that the KEY NOTE belongs to her. We thank you, dear Lady, whoever you may be, for this contribution:

"If you have a bit of news,  
Send it in!  
A story that is true,  
Or an incident that's new,  
Send it in!

"Never mind if it is short,  
As for us, we like that sort,  
Send it in!

"If some good your work can teach,  
If some interested reader reach,  
If you have a glorious speech,  
Send it in!"

Yes, you who have and have not contributed to the KEY NOTE, please remember that this is your paper, and whenever anything comes to your attention that you think should appear, "send it in!" Help us to "carry on." -- M. W.



INTRODUCING -- June Bender, who comes to us from North Carolina to join the Medical Department staff. June's home is near Asheville. For the past two years she has attended school at Madison Collogo, working for six doctors at the Madison Sanitarium. Before going to Madison, Miss Bender went to business college at Raleigh, N. C. Ten years of her earlier life were spent in Africa, at Spion Kop and Solusi Mission. It might be of interest to know that Marian MacNeil and June played together at Solusi Mission when they were about six years old. We are glad to welcome June.

51 VARIETIES -- In response to the challenge by Dr. George Brown as to the number of spoken languages that a person might be able to name, Thelma Wellman sent him 51. He had stated that anyone naming more than 30, would do well. For her effort she received the book "The Shrine of a People's Soul." Dr. Brown spoke in the Takoma Park Church recently on the work of the American Bible Society.

HISTORIC WILLIAMSBURG -- Interested in colonial history? Then visit Williamsburg, Va., restored to its original quaintness through the generosity of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Cobban, June Bender, Evelyn Wells, and I had this pleasure on July 4.

Among the historic buildings stands Bruton Parish church, the oldest Episcopal church in continuous use in North America. The parish was founded in 1632 and the present church erected in 1715. Its bell was the first to ring out the news of the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and the first to announce the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, 15 miles away. The Governor's palace, the Colonial Capital, the home of George Wythe, signer of the Declaration of Independence, William and Mary College, opened in 1693 and the second of age in America, are some of the other points of interest.

From Williamsburg our party motored to old Jamestown, first permanent English settlement in America. A few monuments and ruins are all that mark this historic spot. Ferrying across the James River we went on to Virginia Beach. A night there, a dip in the ocean, and a leisurely journey home completed a well-filled two-day vacation.

--Alice La Bonte.





# THE SPONS

## LITERATURE

Is there some subject you did not get to study in school? Or perhaps you took a certain course and always wanted to pursue it further, but never had the chance. If so, you may be interested in The Popular Educator magazine containing 57 educational features. These serialized features are arranged for easy self-instruction, virtually furnishing a "university in your home." A recent number contained articles under the following general subjects: Accountancy, American History, Anthropology, Archeology, Art and Architecture, Astronomy, Bible History, Biology, Botany, Business English, Chemistry, Classical Literature, Economics, English Language, French, Geography, Greek, Italian, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physiology and Anatomy, Politics, Psychology, Radio, Social History, Spanish, Writing and Re-writing, Zoology and Shorthand. It is planned to have alternate articles each month on the Gregg and Pitman systems of shorthand.

The magazine is a weekly, and sells for 25¢ a copy with annual subscription rate at 25¢ weekly. Office of publication, Washington and South Avenues, Dunellen, New Jersey.--Mable A. Hinkhouse, (Literature).

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Ruth Conard and Marie Mooney spent July 4 and 5, in the historic town of Charlottesville, Virginia, visiting Rachel Christman, the University of Virginia, and "Monticello." Miss Ginther celebrated the fourth by a motor trip with friends to Gettysburg, where were gathered in reunion the Blue and Gray veterans of this famous battle seventy-five years ago.

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# WOMEN SPEAK



## A--WONDERIN'

I been thinkin' about lightnin' bugs--fireflys some folks call 'em. Do you s'pose them wee critters know they're makin' the meadows prettylike flittin' around at twilight, a-shinin' their tiny lanterns for us to see as we sit a-restin' on our doorstep? They just brighten up all of a sudden without even knowin' they're goin' to aforehand. Why--I don't believe they even know what makes their little bodies light up and go dark again.

I wisht more folks was like them little bugs! An' I guess the good Lord would be gladder too!

Some folks don't believe in puttin' their light under a barrel all right--they turn it on like a flashlight when they think it's about time to be good again. They press a little button and think they're lettin' their "light shine."

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If they would just be themselves and let Him turn their light on natural-like and pretty--without all the fuss and just-see-me now stuff--don't you s'pose they'd be happier and we'd like 'em better?

--Marguerite Perkins, (Religion).

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## POLO GAMES

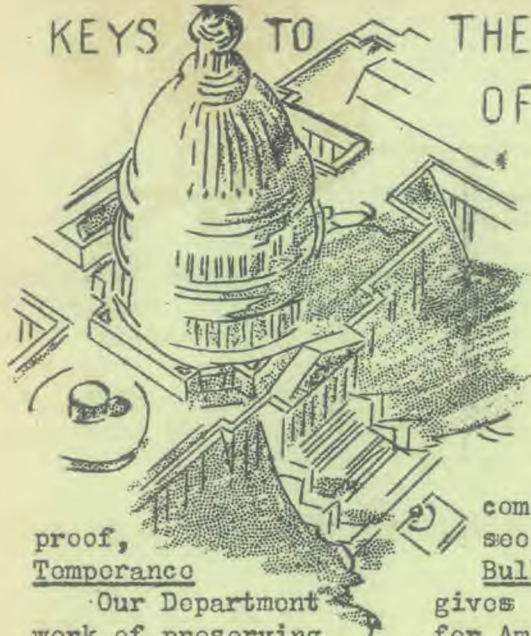
Do you enjoy watching Polo Games? Those on the Polo grounds between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River will give you many a thrill. A convenient time for most Keepers of the Keys is Friday at 4:30 p.m. You may watch it from your car, or sit on the grass, if you can keep seated after the game starts!



# KEYS TO THE

# OFFICE

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT



What does our Department do? To be exact, we have the interests of two departments to foster,--the Religious Liberty and the American Temperance Society; and our chief does not hesitate to boast himself of being a very "littery" man. If you do not believe he's justified, come in and look at his desk! But out of that which seems to be confusion comes many able documents. For see the Liberty Magazine and our Bulletin.

### proof, Temperance

Our Department gives its time and attention to the work of preserving for Americans their inalienable rights guaranteed under our Constitution. Before Congress and before state legislatures and municipal councils, our representatives appear in opposition to anything that might deny the principles of free speech, free press, and the right of assembly, or that might in the slightest degree seek to unite church and state. Our mail contains calls for help from our people who are in difficulty because of the Sabbath, and for other reasons. In fact, some might think our Department has a panacea for all ills. Perhaps they are justified, for surely our secretaries have been successful in straightening out many tangles.

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As a sample of how our efforts are received by those "outside," I quote from two letters recently received. One says: "You are putting out a creditable publication, also a very much needed publication. All kinds of good wishes for an extended service and prosperity." The other says: "It strikes me, in view of your general outlook on life, that it was a pity, while you were on the Pacific Coast that you didn't keep on going, and forget to come back!" We must take the "bitter with the better." Anyway, it is a joy to be working in the cause of liberty and temperance, with "eternal vigilance" as our watchword.--Irone Stuart Walters.



## SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS

June 29--On the summons of Mario Mooney as Vice-President, the Keepers of the Keys gathered in the chapel at the close of work. Mrs. Fern Green of the Medical Department had also received an invitation to attend this important meeting.

A special song had been written for the occasion by T. Rose Curtis. The song? "Fern's New Kentucky Home," -- a parody to "My Old Kentucky Home," and the chorus was:

"So farewell, dear lady,  
Farewell, dear Fern, today!  
We will sing one song for your new  
Kentucky home, --  
And we're glad Kentucky's not far away!"

The occasion? It was Fern's last day in the office. With little Dickie and Dr. Green, Fern will establish her "new Kentucky home" at Calvert City, in that southern state. Dr. Green will be the one physician in the town, and for many miles around. Mrs. Green will find her time occupied as office nurse and home-keeper.

As a token of our friendship, and to remind her of our pleasant times together, Fern was given a pretty handkerchief and a set of gold and tan, single scroll book-ends. In turn, she expressed her thanks for the gifts, and her pleasure in having been associated with the girls in this office.

Katie Farney.

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Irona Walters and family spent three days visiting relatives in Clear Springs, Md., Harpers Ferry and Charles Town, West Va.

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# THIS ^N THAT

Nineteen members, mostly G.C.-ites, are taking a six weeks' course in Voice and Diction under Prof. C. E. Weniger.

Mable Hinkhouse spent several days in New York recently, seeing the Gardners off for India.

Washington's hot July days lured folk away to cooler climes. Dorothy Steinman and her husband are in Newport, R. I., for several weeks; Grace Thrall is making a swift trip to southern California. Mary Scott is with relatives in Cambridge, Md.; Elsie Winders spent a week in Indiana and Kentucky; Mayme and Cecil Higgins were in Michigan a week; Marguerite Perkins motored with friends to Missouri; Dolly Long and Ruth Conard spent a week at Beverly Beach; Edna Holms enjoyed her vacation with home folks in Allentown, Pa., and by a visit to a beach resort. Frances Nowlin spent a few days in the country in Maryland.

Friends of auld lang syne were given a thrill when Rilla Elliott-Gentes, of Joplin, Mo., walked into chapel the other morning and sat in one of the seats as if she had been accustomed to doing it these last several years. Rilla was formerly one of the mainstays in the Department of Education. One afternoon she was carried off to the beach by a few friends, and the hours after that were full to the brim. We're mighty glad to see you again, Rill!

A holiday week-end, an open road, a willing car, four town-weary girls, a "Mocen" of surpassing grandeur and ageless strength! Emma, T. Rose, Mrs. Forshee, and Printha Stilwell visited Natural Bridge, Virginia, the week-end of the Fourth. Spent happy, satisfying hours exploring the length and depth of the gorge; listened and watched, enthralled by the nightly pageant of creation week; slept two nights in Jefferson cottage, on the site of the first two-room cabin built by Thomas Jefferson; and returned by scenic Skyline Drive. They unanimously recommend the trip--and its objective point--to all who have not been there--and hope sometime to go back themselves.