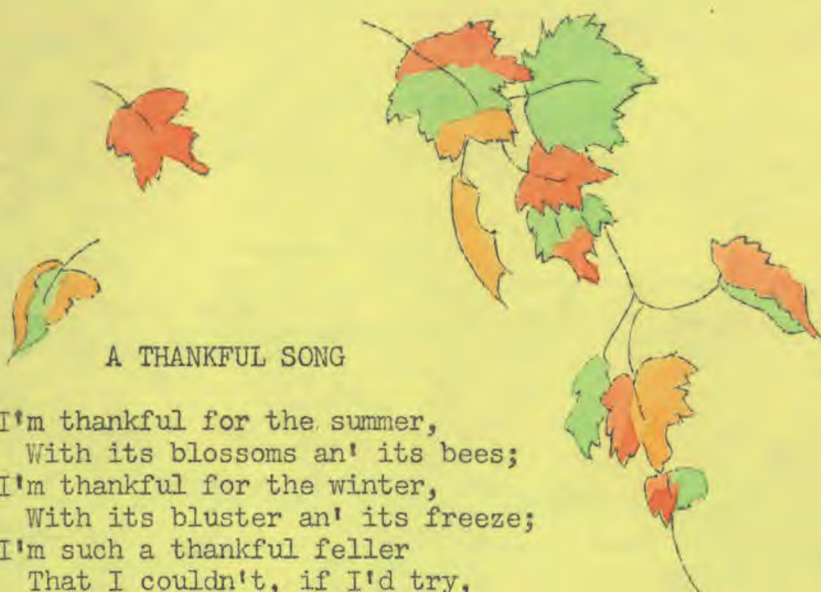



A THANKFUL SONG




I'm thankful for the summer,
With its blossoms an' its bees;
I'm thankful for the winter,
With its bluster an' its freeze;
I'm such a thankful feller
That I couldn't, if I'd try,
Say whether I'm more thankful
For December or July.



Of course there's disappointments,
An' there's trouble, more or less;
But I'm so brimmin' over
With the sweets o' happiness
I don't have time to worry
O'er the bitter things, you see,
For the Lord jes' keeps me busy
Bein' thankful's I can be.

--Author Unknown.



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this month!

Dear Keepers of the Keys:

The name, KEEPERS OF THE KEYS, is now a very familiar term around the General Conference office and in the thinking of many who have departed from Takoma Park. But, the writer can well remember when there was no such organization in our office and little or nothing was done to interest the women of our staff in each other or bind them together as a fine working unit.

Though I have never been a member of this organization, I have always considered myself an honorary member and have greatly appreciated the issues of the KEYNOTE as they come from the hands of the editors from month to month.

I doubt whether there would ever have been an organization such as the Keepers of the Keys had it not been for your humble servant. Sensing the need of such an organization back in 1936 and 1937, I did a good bit of talking with a number of the women in the office and finally, with their encouragement, called the entire group of women together one evening at the close of the work day and placed before them the burden that was upon my heart that something be done to effect an organization for them. As a result committees were appointed and on June 2, 1937, officers were elected. The name Keepers of the Keys was chosen on September 26, 1937. Action was also taken calling for the issuing of an organization bulletin to be called the KEYNOTE which began in November of that same year. From that day to this I have watched with keen interest the progress of the organization and its activities.

As we move to another part of the country we shall continue to follow with keen interest the activities of the Keepers of the Keys. We wish for every member the best of success in her work and sincerely crave an interest in your prayers. We would esteem it a real pleasure to hear from any one of you personally at any time.

Very cordially your friend,

C. Lester Bond

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! The Keepers of the Keys will miss you, Elder Bond. We !
* hope that you and Mrs. Bond will enjoy your new home in *
! the West--and most of all--don't forget to come back and !
* visit us ! *
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GREETINGS TO T. ROSE:

We are glad to report that T. Rose is feeling quite gay in spite of her cast. We waited until time for the KEYNOTE to go to press to get the latest figures on her "remembrances"--and here they are:

- 290 cards
- 70 letters
- 237 different people have visited her
- 60 bouquets

Not to mention candy and such. Why, the Crabtrees sent her a box of Michigan apples and did they smell good! Her brother in Washington State sent apple and apricot candy and that was delicious--we know! Mrs. Rebok faithfully tends to the flowers each day and under her loving care they just last and last and LAST. And we saw T. Rose making the cutest "Colored baby" from carmels and a paper napkin for her nurse's birthday--and it had a real weave-it bonnet!

October meant Fall Council and for a number of Keepers it meant pack the old bags and go to Grand Rapids. Some of the innocent bystanders who enjoyed watching the crowd depart from Silver Springs report that the engineer was anxious to get going, and moved off with one Keeper not quite on board. Fortunately, however, he was halted, and all those who really were expected to attend the meeting clambered aboard. Those enjoying a plane ride either going or coming back from Grand Rapids were Eva Linscott, Marjorie Marsh, Frances Sampson, and Grace Johnson.

A few former Keepers were seen at Autumn Council. They were Jewel Hatcher, Bethel Rice, and Carol Crabtree.

Marion Nyman, Mintie and Minnie, and Elsie Argent spent some vacation time visiting Williamsburg. They loved the colonial setting and think all those interested in history should by all means visit Williamsburg.

Thelma Wellman has just returned from her vacation which she divided between New York and Miami, Florida. She enjoyed visiting Alice Olsen-Roth and Dorothy Greeley in Miami. She is enthusiastic about the Inter-American Division's rooms they provide for their girls. (Now, don't any of you that are looking for a room cast longing glances that way--we need you here!)

Mrs. Mace has just returned from an extended trip to Canada, Montana, and the Dakotas in the interests of the Dorcas Society work.

Wonder what makes Mary Sachs so happy these days? She is positively delighted with the lovely apartment she has been so fortunate to find at the Reboks.

Shirley Swinyar was called home in Detroit to help care for her mother who had surgery. We are glad that her mother is doing nicely and hope she will soon be well.

Elsie Argent, Edith Geymet, with Frances Maiden at the wheel, spent an enjoyable week-end visiting Shenandoah. It was Elsie's first trip to the much talked of "Skyline," and she said it really stood up to its reputation. Even the East has its pretty spots, Elsie!

Verna Slate is going to spend the week-end visiting a girl friend in Norfolk, Virginia. She hopes the weather stays nice so they can go to Virginia Beach and jump into the ocean.

Speaking of the Atlantic Ocean reminds us of something we can't refrain from quoting from a letter received from a certain former Keeper who recently left our office to work in Miami:

"When we were swimming yesterday, I about swallowed the ocean. You see we went out on a sandbar and it was quite deep between there and the water's edge. When we were going to go back, the tide had come in. I'm telling you I couldn't swim and Elder C. came back after me. The waves would come in and I'd have to jump and then couldn't find the bottom with my feet. Boy! did I feel funny. I just giggled and giggled and every time I opened my mouth the water flowed in, but I couldn't keep it closed. I must have looked funny. I couldn't keep my feet on the ground and was scared to take them off where they wouldn't stay. Well, Elder C. got me in to shore anyway, so, I ain't a dead duck!"

Helen Smith and Grace Fields (her roommate) are riding on air these days--a really-truly new Nash has come to be their proud possession. They are delighted (who wouldn't be) and to initiate it they went to Gettysburg for a week-end.

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SEMINARY NEWS

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September news that didn't get into the KEYNOTE and yet is important enough to be preserved for posterity:

Mrs. Yost and her husband made a trip to Berrien just before the opening of school to leave Don there for the school year. The Yosts stayed at the home of a former Keeper, Barbara Phipps, while there. The "dorm-ing" situation is acute there as at all the schools, but after hearing that Don has been "settled" in a series of three different rooms, Mrs. Yost can rest assured that her son has a place to live for the school year.

Dorothy Ferren's vacation shouldn't have been overlooked, but it was, and here's about it now! She, her parents, and a childhood friend, Frances Jenks of Bakersfield, California, took an exciting trip through New England, stopping for a while in New York City on the way. She says now she'd like to take the trip all over again and spend about twice as much time at each place.

October news--Some good, some bad:

The bad, first. Edith Seek was returning from her vacation through New England in company with Mary Clark. As the result of a collision, both girls were injured. Edith has spent some time at the Sanitarium, but is home again, now, and will be back to work in another week. It certainly is too bad to spoil a vacation in such a fashion, but we're happy Edith wasn't hurt more seriously. (Editor's note: We've heard that when the State trooper arrived on the scene he said, "No one came out of that car alive!" The girls' guardian angels certainly protected them.)

Shrieks of laughter issued forth from the apartment of Mary Jane and Bob Mitchell on the night of October 19. Carefully, oh, over so carefully, blindfolded Mrs. Burns balanced an empty soup spoon in the air--of course, she thought it was filled with cotton! But then you had to be there to appreciate the humor of it all. The grand occasion was the birthday of Dorothy Ferren and Lydia Watt. Naturally the party was slightly late--but then, it still was greatly enjoyed by the group comprised of Elder and Mrs. Burns, Ameora Burns, Mrs. Ferren, Leta Burgess, Frances Penn, Mrs. Yost, Lois Scott, and of course, the birthday children.

Mrs. Nelson Burns is the lady who cares for the book needs of the Seminary students during the evenings this year. She and her husband are from our school at Avondale, Australia. They and their daughter, Ameora, who is a student at Takoma Academy, are pleasant additions to the library group.

The most popular lady of the month, is, without a doubt, Dorothy Ferren. She has been getting notes from all over the world. Simply amazing! They even come via Diplomatic Post. Such cute little pictures on them, too. Ask her to show them off to you. She does so with vim and vigor.

NEW FACES ABOUT THE OFFICE:

We are glad to welcome MYRTLE McGEE back again. She is working in the Purchasing Department.

MRS. BETTY HROKO is working in the Home Missionary Dept. while her husband is attending Washington Missionary College.

JANET KERR from Colorado is working in the Missionary Volunteer Department.

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* AN INVITATION: *
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* A small prayer band has been meeting at 7:30 each *
! Friday morning in the library. We would be happy to have !
* any of the Keepers who care to join us. *
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* Helen Smith. *
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NEWS OF FORMER KEEPERS:

Your editor received letters from several former Keepers this month; namely

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| Mabel Bartlett | South Lancaster, Massachusetts |
| Jewel Hatcher | Detroit, Michigan |
| Juanita Moffitt-Kerr | Keene, New Hampshire |
| Dorothy Greeley | Miami, Florida |
| Fern Snider-Woodruff | Wilmington, Delaware |

We were glad to see in person Mayme and Cecil Higgins from Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Mayme told us that they had built a new house and it was ready for them to move in when they returned from their vacation. Anybody envy them?

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