



Our Wish for You

Wishing you this Christmas time
The special kind of cheer
That creeps down deep into your heart
And stays there all the year;
The cheer that's wrought of kindly thoughts,
Warm friendships, old and new,
And realization of the hopes
That mean the most to you.

--Author Unknown.

KEYNOTE

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ARE YOU WILLING to forget what you have done for people, and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness,--are you willing to try these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

ARE YOU WILLING to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children, to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to give a thought to the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really long for, without waiting for them to tell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open,--are you willing to do these things even for a day?

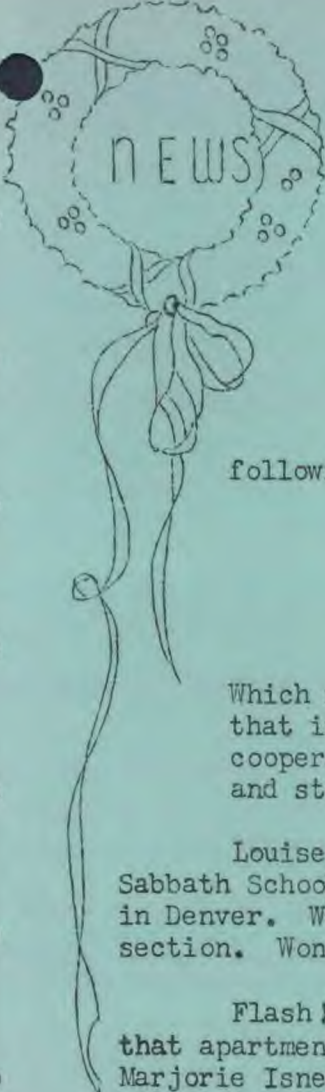
Then you can keep Christmas.

ARE YOU WILLING to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world,--stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death,--and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem's manger over nineteen hundred years ago is the personification of Eternal Love which saves to the uttermost?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it--really keep it--alone!

--Author Unknown.



Erna Borm is very happy over the letters she is receiving these days. Since the middle of July she has spent all of her spare time making up packages to send to her relatives and friends in Europe and has mailed over 150 packages. Now, she is receiving "thank you" letters--not mere formal notes--but real Thanksgiving letters.

The Treasury Department has a new worker. She is Minnie Lou Campbell from Louisville, Kentucky.

Recently the Keepers of the Keys elected the following new officers for 1947:

President:	Mary Ogle
Vice-president:	Thelma Wellman
Secretary:	Frances Sampson
Treasurer:	Pauline Klady

Which reminds the present officers and Keynote staff that it is time for them to say "Thank You" for your cooperation this year, and to wish the new officers and staff the best of success in their work.

Louise Meyer spent a week in Chicago attending a Sabbath School officer's institute and is now attending one in Denver. We've read in the paper about the snow in that section. Wonder if she will be snowbound?

Flash!--here is some special news. Did you know that apartments still can be found? Villa Staley and Marjorie Isner found one at 119 Carroll Avenue.

We are sorry to report that Grace Mace has a sprained ankle and has been having quite a difficult time with it.

Dorothy Ninaj spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home in New Jersey.

Her home in Waynesboro is Bette Woods destination for the holidays.

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Valeda Johnson spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her parents' home in Iowa.

Edith Geymet spent Thanksgiving in Connecticut with her cousin who recently married an American soldier in Italy. She has not seen her for over twelve years. Edith is teaching French at Washington Missionary College this year and is enjoying it immensely.

Emma Howell is vacationing in Florida. She is going to accompany her brother to Cuba where he is going on business. We are sure she won't have to stand in line down there for bananas!

Lena Whetmore was happily surprised by a birthday party recently. Two other Keepers were among those present--Myrtle Magee and Jean Chappell.

Mrs. Halswick received a letter recently from her married daughter saying that she had just arrived in Linz, Austria. She is the wife of a lieutenant in the Air Corps and went over on a boat which took wives over. A brass band was there to meet them and, of course, her husband. She says they have no trouble getting spry, sugar, and can purchase one pair of nylons a month in the P.X. (What would it feel like if we saw spry and sugar on a grocery shelf?)

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Elsie Minesinger. She went to South Carolina to attend her father's funeral.

Jewel Hatcher. She has been in Detroit for over a year caring for her mother. She passed away on the 22nd of November.

Verna Slate. She went to Salisbury, North Carolina, to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Special classes in "Library Science" were offered by "Dr. Percival Plunk Perpufnik" on the evening of November 23 at 510 Greenwood Avenue. Miss Dorothy Ferren, close friend of Dr. Perpufnik, supervised each class. Shrieks of laughter greeted the ears of any passer-by. The graduate with honors was Mary Jane Mitchell, who received many lovely birthday gifts. Other Keepers who were students of this eminent school were Esther Yost, Leta Burgess, Mrs. Burns and Lydia Watt. Everyone present partook gaily of the delicious refreshments served after the graduation exercises.

Mary Jane and Bob Mitchell headed Connecticut-way during Thanksgiving to visit Bob's parents.

Lydia and James Watt chose Lydia's home in New Jersey as their destination for Thanksgiving.

Leta Burgess fulfilled her heart's desire during the holidays--to eat and to sleep. She did both with vim, vigor, and vitality.

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Miss Fleisher shares this letter with us:

"Shanghai, Oct. 22, 1946

"Dear Miss Fleisher:

"It does not seem so long since I was in Takoma Park, and still I have done a lot of traveling since then. You can imagine that I had a wonderful time home in Denmark, it was just too short. I came out again on a Danish ship, and we surely had a fine trip, though it was long, it took two months from Copenhagen to Shanghai. I am very glad to be back in China again, and soon I shall start my new work in Lanchow. I am flying up there this coming Friday. It will take about seven hours by air, which is very fast, when one considers the distance, just look at the map. Some years ago, it took months to get there.

"May the Lord bless you in your work over there. My best wishes to you and others, who might remember me.

"Your friend,

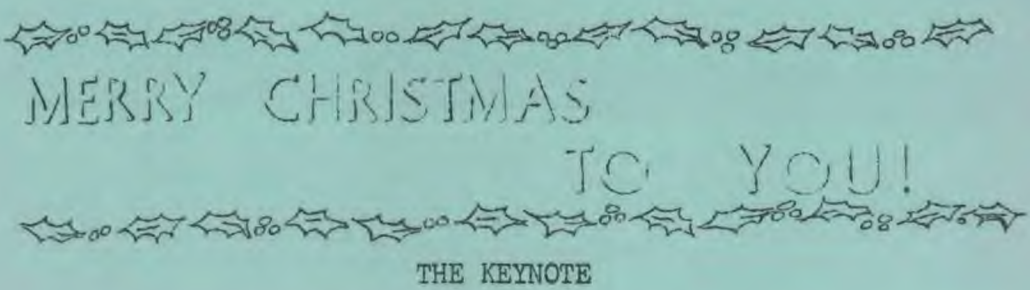
"Thora Thomsen"

Dear Girls!

We hope you are keeping the Christmas party in mind. The other day we got a letter from the Park and Planning Commission acknowledging our payment of the fee for use of the cabin in Rock Creek Park, and saying that they will be glad to have our group meet there for the Christmas party. Fire-place wood is provided, so expect huge roaring fires in the grand, big fireplaces at either end of the cabin! What would be more Christmas-y than a fireplace with stockings hanging from the mantle, the glow of the embers, and a Santa Claus with a rich fund of stories at the tip of his tongue? Plus refreshments (they're a secret, but we know you'll be pleased with what is being planned), plus Christmas songs, PLUS presents. And of course, there'll be the Christmas songs, and games.

It has been suggested that we make it a skirt and sweater party, such as we used to have, but we'll let you decide whether you'd like that sort of party when the questionnaires come around. And, we're going to exchange names, too, for our presents. It's going to be a real "fun" sort of Christmas party, and we need everybody there to help us make it so!

KEEP DECEMBER 17 OPEN. We're planning on your being there.
Mary Jane Mitchell.



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