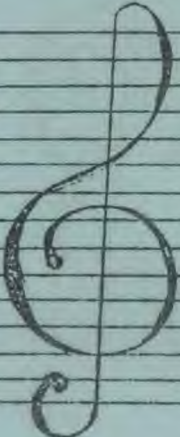


# THE KEYNOTE

--- SONG AT THE YEAR'S BEGINNING ---



I CANNOT CLIMB A HILL ON NEW YEAR'S DAY  
AND, LOOKING DOWN THE COMING YEAR, BEHOLD  
THE GOOD THAT SHALL BEFALL ME ON THE WAY,  
THE ILL AND HEARTBREAK THAT THE DAYS ENFOLD.  
BUT I AM SURE OF THIS; THE UNKNOWN YEAR  
WILL BRING ME VARIOUS HOURS WHEN I SHALL NEED  
PATIENCE FOR WAITING, COURAGE FOR MY FEAR,  
AND RESOLUTENESS IF I WOULD SUCCEED.  
THERE WILL BE HOURS DEMANDING FAITH, WHEN I  
CAN SEE NO FURTHER—AND BRIGHT HOPE, AND PRAYER.  
AND, AH, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN EARTH AND SKY  
WILL BE SO LOVELY, AND ALL LIFE SO FAIR,  
AND LOVE SO VERY SWEET, I SHALL STAND DUMB.  
GOD, HELP ME JOURNEY THROUGH THIS YEAR TO COME.

--ELAINE V. EMANS

-- PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR --

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SECURE THE STAFF FOR THE "KEY NOTE" AND SPONSORS FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB FOR THE COMING YEAR PUT IN A VERY BUSY 10 DAYS MAKING TELEPHONE CALLS AND HAVING PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.

WE FEEL REAL PROUD OF OURSELVES FOR THE EDITORIAL AND PRODUCTION STAFF WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE FOR THE "KEY NOTE". WE TRUST THAT EVERYONE WILL GIVE THEM FULL COOPERATION IN MAKING THE "KEY NOTE" A LIVE AND INTERESTING ORGAN.

WHEN IT CAME TO SECURING SPONSORS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, IT WAS NOT AN EASY MATTER. IT IS TRUE THAT ALL THE GIRLS IN OUR ORGANIZATION ARE EXCEEDINGLY BUSY PEOPLE, WHAT WITH A FULL-TIME OFFICE PROGRAM, AND MANY OF THEM CARRYING CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES, TAKING SCHOOL WORK OR DOING EXTRA WORK ON THE SIDE. FOR THIS REASON THERE WAS A MANIFEST RELUCTANCE TO ASSUME DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE "KEEPERS OF THE KEYS".

MARY NEWFELT HAS AGREED TO ACT AS RELIGION AND WELFARE SPONSOR. WE HOPE TO FIND A PROJECT THAT WILL CHALLENGE OUR INTEREST AND STIMULATE OUR ACTIVITY IN DOING OUR GOOD DEED FOR THE YEAR.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS OF DOROTHY FORD TO ACT AS OUR RECREATIONAL SPONSOR. I AM SURE THAT SHE WILL HAVE SOME FINE IDEAS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN OUT-DOOR ACTIVITIES. I HOPE THAT ALL THESE SPORTS-MINDED GIRLS WILL WORK WITH DOROTHY TO THE END OF HAVING SOME REALLY GOOD TIMES.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB TOGETHER WITH THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS--EVELYN WELLS, ESTHER YOST, AND ALICE FAGERSTROM--WILL CONSTITUTE A SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR OUR MAJOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE YEAR. WE HOPE TO HAVE FOUR.

BUT THE COMMITTEE CAN'T DO IT ALL ALONE, YOU KNOW, FOR EVERY SUCH AFFAIR MEANS MUCH WORK FOR MANY PEOPLE. SO WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE, PLEASE DO IT WILLINGLY AND CHEERFULLY. REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL BUSY PEOPLE, AND IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO DO IT SOME OTHER BUSY PERSON WILL HAVE TO DO IT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THESE GET-TOGETHERS DO MAKE FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP. I THINK THIS OLD COMRADESHIP SONG SHOULD MEAN AS MUCH TO US AS IT DOES TO THE Y. W. C. A. GIRLS OR THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS:

"THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER, TOGETHER, TOGETHER,  
THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER, THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE.  
FOR YOUR FRIENDS ARE MY FRIENDS, AND MY FRIENDS ARE YOUR FRIENDS,  
SO, THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER, THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE."

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT,  
MARY OGLE



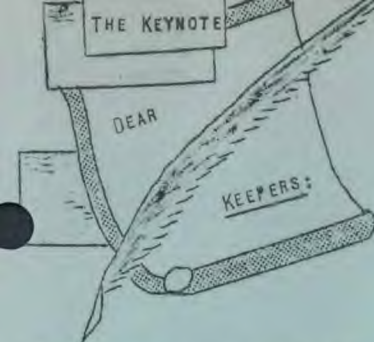
## THE KEEPERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

'Twas a week before Christmas, and in Meadowbrook Cabin  
You never did hear such a giggle and gabble!!!  
'Twas the Keepers' big night, and with greatest of care  
Socks hung by the fireplace--all empty and bare.  
The tree was trimmed gaily, and 'round underneath  
Were heaped all the presents--a bright-colored wreath.  
We sang Christmas carols, in impromptu groups--  
And some of them ended in impromptu whoops!  
Frances Penn told a story, so old yet so new,  
Of Snata 'n the Critters; and who ever knew  
How squirrel got his tail and rabbit his ears,  
And why they still wear them after these many years!  
Eyes flew open wide, mouths dropped in surprise--  
And the whiter the hair, the wider the eyes!  
Ted Lucas, he sang, and so did we all--  
In unison, harmony, Mary Sachs' solo-- on call,  
Until--"You'd better watch out, You'd better not cry,  
Santa Claus is coming to town". And in he did dance,  
Coming via England instead of through France,  
His accent should have been well Oxfordized,  
But admittedly "misused", quite demoralized.  
Still, he set to work with a right merry will,  
Passing out gifts, and "epitaphs" too--well, until  
"The girl any man would like to have for a sister;" then on,  
He stammered, "Beyond this I do not dare go"--  
What with girls to the left of him, girls to the right,  
And only a few of them married firmly and tight.  
Santa's work was soon done, and out to his "plane,"  
With a gay "Tally-ho", he was gone--till Christmas again.  
The postum was hot, Elsie's wee English mince pies were too,  
And the pumpkin pies vanished, with nothing to rue.  
The plates, cups, and napkins made the fires burn up bright--  
Then, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

-- T. ROSE CURTIS

(WITH ADJECT APOLOGIES TO CLEMENT C. MOORE.)





Here we are in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo! We had a very nice trip--only a little bumpy riding. Hope you got our card from Newfoundland. We found it 15° F. there and windy. Stayed about an hour. Then on to the Azores where temperature was about 55°. Got there shortly after dark. Sorry we couldn't have seen the Azores by day. Took our passports away from us as we left the

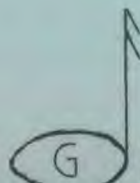
plane and wouldn't let us step outside the airport building. We couldn't imagine what they thought we would want to run away there on that island for, but they weren't taking any chances with us foreigners. Stayed there about 45 minutes, then on to Lisbon, arriving about 3:30 A.M. There we had to wait 2½ hours for maintenance work on the ship. Finally we were off for Dakar.

We slept most of the way. All was ocean so it didn't make much difference. We woke up as we were coming near Dakar, so saw some of the desert--a barren looking place and really hot. Only stayed about 45 minutes. . . then on our merry way to Liberia, where we were to stay for a rest of 12 hours in barracks at Roberts' Field, a U. S. Army flying field. . . .

We had breakfast and got in the plane to bid Roberts' Field goodbye. The dear old clipper began to warm up her engines and we taxied out--but no take-off. We headed back to port again. They told us we might as well get off as they had to do some work on the plane. . . . They say those planes can fly safely with only one of the four engines running but they didn't want to take chances on the longest run of all (8½ hours) practically all over ocean.

At 9:00 P.M. we really left and came over Leopoldville shortly after daylight. A cable was here for us from the union president, saying we were to wire the date of our arrival at Usumbura. So maybe we are to go to Ndora instead of Gitwe. We find it will be cheaper to fly than go by boat. . . . Phil is doing pretty well getting around with his French. . . . Pan American surely treated us royally. They fed us every time we stopped or turned around. . . . Will have to write more in a later installment.

Elizabeth and Phil Lemon



generosity is giving more than you can,  
and pride is taking less than you need.



Jewell Hatcher has returned to work in the M. V. Department. The Keepers welcome you back again, Jewell.

## NEWS NOTES

Have you noticed Marilyn Knecht seems to be keeping the home fires burning for the Educational Department? Catherine Buxbaum flew to Memphis, Tenn., to spend the holidays with her mother. Elaine Shull

is vacationing in Virginia.

Others who went home for Christmas were Dorothy Ford, to Hamilton, Ontario; and Marion Nyman, to Los Angeles, California, for a month with her folks. Dorothy Dixon went home to Kansas, and Mrs. Esther Rentfro helped out in the front office during her absence. Tampa, Florida was Frances Maiden's goal when she headed for home for the holidays. Bette Woods varied the home-for-Christmas idea by spending the pre-holiday week to enjoy Christmas at the home of her brother here. Vera Wilkins flew to Ohio to visit her parents. Pauline Klady went home to Ohio too. Dorothy Ninaj spent Christmas in New Jersey and Marjorie Isnor with relatives in Boston. Villa Staley's family in Pittsburgh welcomed her.

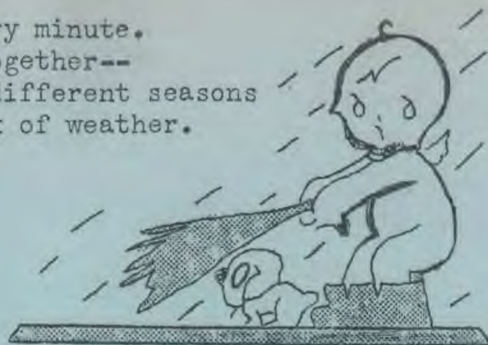
On Christmas Day Mrs. Rebok had the honor of entertaining General Feng Yu Hsiang. He recently spent a few days visiting in Washington, D. C. as a guest of the China Division. Accompanying the general were two of his Chinese secretaries, Y. H. Djang and H. C. Lai. S. J. Lee, assistant treasurer of the China Division, also accompanied them.

Mary Sachs, on a visit to New York, Thanksgiving, was invited to lecture before the Estonian Society--she showed slides, demonstrated witchcraft, native handicraft, idols, etc. She has been invited to return to give another lecture to the German Pentacostal Church, New York. Mary, before joining the Statistical staff, was secretary-treasurer of the Uganda Mission Field.

Verna Slate spent her vacation in Miami and Orlando--touring Florida--returning in time for the Christmas party. She took some beautiful colored pictures and entertained several of the girls Christmas night, showing the pictures, etc.

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

Time goes faster every minute.  
 Days all telescope together--  
 Years that once had different seasons  
 Now are just a streak of weather.



Many Keepers have responsibilities in local churches this coming year. For instance in the Takoma Park church Minnie Truitt and Evelyn Wells are leading in the Kindergarten Division of the Sabbath School; Marion Nyman, Louise Surface, Mary Scott and Marjorie Isner are treasurers while Jane Kerr is one of the secretaries; Dorothy Ford is an associate superintendent in the Senior Division, and Grace Coyl is leader of the Youths' Division. Thelma Wellman is pianist and Pauline Klady, organist for the church; Hazel Shadel is church clerk; Nell Hunter is associate leader and Katie Farney, secretary of the missionary society.

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Mary Paul found it necessary to replace her rainy-day footgear. When the charge came through from the store it read, "1 pr. boots."

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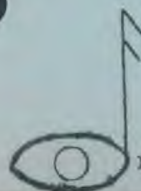
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ne may not reach the dawn save by the path of night.