



"May is so lovely that I often think  
If I but could I would make fast forever  
The perfume clouds of white and fairy pink  
Upon the hidden branches, turning never  
Toward the autumn, toward the fruit-hung tree.  
But even as these blossom-years I cherish  
Will shortly make way for maturity,  
So May must bloom her little hour, and perish.  
And it will be for God and trees to grow  
Fruit ripening to excellence and beauty,  
Just as, when my beloved Spring shall go,  
This will become my privilege and duty:  
To fashion carefully, surely, in its place  
A generous spirit, and deep inward grace."

--Elaine V. Emans



# SPRING PAGEANT IN WASHINGTON

Now is the time when the call of the outdoors is well-nigh irresistible to all office-bound toilers. And fortunately, Washington abounds in beautiful attractions, quite easy of access, to lure the nature lover. Right now is the time to use all of your spare time wisely in enjoying the profusion of color, scent, and bird song that abound in the public parks. If you enjoy hiking, Rock Creek Park can be reached by going through Walter Reed Hospital grounds, across 16th Street, and down into the Park. Or else you can take the J-2 bus to the terminal, and transfer to the little bus marked M-2, which follows Military Road, and descend at the bottom of the hill, following the course of Rock Creek in whatever direction you desire.

Do not dare to miss the gorgeous display of pansies and roses in the Potomac Park Gardens back of the Tidal Basin. The Park service outdoes itself in the varieties that are skilfully tended. Take the J-2 bus to the terminal, transfer to the 14th and Decatur streetcar, go to the end of the line, then walk for three blocks past the Bureau of Printing and Engraving until you can see the Jefferson Memorial and proceed from there. This could be nicely combined on a Tuesday afternoon with a bicycle ride around Hains Point--a five-mile jaunt if you don't skimp anything--going by the same route and obtaining your bicycles at a concession beyond the railway bridge. You can take sport clothes with you and change in the dressing room at the concession. (Rates inexpensive). If there is any breath and endurance left after this, it is fun to walk across the bridge over into Virginia and quell those pangs of hunger with a pleasant snack at the Hot Shoppe there.

One of the choice spots for observation is the Washington Cathedral grounds, where the Bishop's Garden is a rare and precious place. There is a fine view of the city from this eminence as well as of a noble edifice in the making as yet. When completed it should be one of the chief attractions of the nation's capital. Do not neglect to take a tour of the Cathedral while in the grounds. You will enjoy learning the symbolism of various forms of architecture, and seeing the graves of Woodrow Wilson and Admiral Dewey.

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At the Georgetown House, 3224 N Street, you may buy tickets for the privilege of exploring the recesses of a number of charming gardens and reveling in the symmetry and fragrance of the flowers displayed. The rose gardens are to be especially featured on May 17 and 18. This is an unusual opportunity to enjoy private gardens--given but once a year for charitable purposes.

The government greenhouses just below the capitol should not be neglected, for they are worth a close check each week. Take a J-6 bus to the end of the line, and then catch either a 17th and Pennsylvania or a Navy Yard car on Pennsylvania Avenue. There is an outdoor garden near the greenhouse which has all the flowers in season. Because of its comfortable benches placed at strategic spots for enjoying the flowers, it is one of the most serene places I know of to do your dreaming, writing, or just plain sitting on a balmy spring day.

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## ANNOUNCING!

Grace Coyl exploded a "block-buster" on April 22 with the announcement that she is quitting work May 15, to be married a few days later. The lucky man is Robert Sanborn, of Rock Creek, Ohio. Grace and Bob have been doing a lot of sight-seeing of late; but we wonder how much of the "sights" they really saw.



Last of all, right here in Takoma Park, is one of the show places in the city, much photographed by visitors from downtown, the exquisite azalea gardens belonging to Mrs. F. L. Pratt at 7324 Piney Branch Road. These are to be at their height of loveliness the last week in April, and will reward the visitor with a natural vista of beauty long to be remembered. For residents of Takoma Park, this is a must.

--Thelma Wellman

## NEWS NOTES

MAY 29 is Miss Ginther's first birthday away from Takoma Park. How about sending her greetings? Box 427, Gladstone, Oregon.

### WE WISH TO WELCOME:

Beulah Jean Glover, from New Harmony, Indiana, working in the Insurance Department.

Norma Tron, also from New Harmony, Indiana, working in the Religious Liberty Department.

Clara Mae Hardin, from Takoma Park, working in the Purchasing Department.

Mrs. Mary Eroh-Rawson, from Takoma Park, working in the Purchasing Department.

Mrs. Grace Clifford Howard, from Evanston, Illinois working in the Temperance Department.

Mrs. Barbra Coffey, working part time in the Ministerial Association.

Helen Smith is visiting our eastern colleges in the interest of church publicity, and has talked to ministerial and journalism students at several of our colleges.

At long last the Home Missionary folk have moved into the six rooms where the chapel used to be.



April 13, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyd and Catherine Buxbaum gave a musical program at the Ephesus (colored) Seventh-day Adventist Church for the benefit of Washington Union Academy. A highlight of the occasion was the presentation to the building fund chairman of a check for \$525, which included \$72 contributed by the audience of the evening.

In cards and letters from our Keeper sojourners--Evelyn, Hazel, Katie and Mary--at the Spring Council come favorable reports as to accommodations, eating places, weather, etc.

The Reboks' drove to Philadelphia on April 1 for a surprise birthday celebration for Elder Rebok's sister, Mary Rebok.

Mary Ogle and two friends visited the House and Senate last Tuesday afternoon to hear the discussion on the labor bill. Mary thought it more interesting to return to work in the office.

We are glad to welcome back Vera Wilkins, Hazel Broome, and Marjorie Isner who have recently been ill in the Sanitarium.

Have you noticed the unusual beam on Mrs. Moffitt's face of late? Before this goes to press, she will be with Juanita in New Hampshire.

Villa Staley and Pauline Klady drove to Galion, Ohio. Villa went on by train to her sister's home at Cincinnati, where her mother joined her.

Frances Maiden and her roommate had a pleasant jaunt to Collegedale recently, on the occasion of Dorothy Evans' master concert, bringing Helen Smith, there on an official assignment, back with them. While there, Helen reports having seen ex-Keeper Nora Atkins. Nora sent her greetings to all her old friends at the General Conference.

All of us have been cheered with the heart-warming news of our Relief projects. From the Thompsons in Germany comes the word of the great need the articles are filling, and Elder Strahle has brought back snapshots of the refugee children of Vienna, Austria, to which the Keepers had sent twenty eleven pound packages. The little faces would make a strong pull on anyone's heart strings.

Louise and Irene Caslow have returned from sister Vera's wedding in Indiana, reporting the lucky bride's name was drawn by a florist who provided some beautiful free flowers.

Edith Geymet and Jewell Hatcher joined the Washington Missionary College Sinfonietta in a concert at Shenandoah Valley Academy the evening of April 19, taking in the Endless Caverns in the wee small hours of Sunday morning, with little enthusiasm from the guide!

The Statistical Department celebrated the finishing of the Year Book by having cake, ice cream, and punch.

Minnie and Mintie Truitt, returning from their home in New Mexico, were passengers on the first train that came through the "hurricane section" of Texas and Oklahoma after the recent twister had done its deadly work.

Alice and Milton Fagerstrom, accompanied by Alice's mother and sister, went to Williamsburg, Virginia last weekend.

Dorothy Ferren experienced her first overnight train ride last weekend when she traveled all the way to Berrien Springs, Michigan, to observe the Emmanuel Missionary College library as a project for one of her library science classes at the Catholic University. Combining pleasure and business, she spent a pleasant and profitable four days with a former Keeper, Barbara Phipps, assistant librarian at Emmanuel Missionary College.

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