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## HAPPENINGS:

In connection with the transfer of church membership to Portland, Maine, Villa Houghton says: "They must have ordered a mild winter for us this year. . . . I thought we would be completely snowed in and isolated from the rest of the world by now. We have only been ice skating once but would go more if we had the time. Say hello to the girls for me. Wish you were all up here."

Marie Brizzee is one in scores, so says the surgeon who discovered that the persistent pain in her shoulder was caused by an extra tendon. Marie spent nearly two weeks in the Sanitarium, and is gradually recovering the use of her arm with prospects of being better than new when she is well again. She's now on the job again as of Sunday, February 26.

The Sanitarium has a new employee in the person of Grace Evans, who has transferred from our Publishing Department to the Admissions Desk. Mrs. Loewen is her successor in the Publishing Department. The Keepers' parting gift to Grace was a set of Voice of Prophecy records.

Jonna Hughes, who achieved that clever art work on the KEYNOTE while also serving as Editor, has a new interest,-- a baby daughter born January 26 in California.

Lydia Schander is one in a million, she hopes in the interests of humanity. She is making some progress toward recovery, being of good courage every other day.

Mrs. Frances Plata is the new billing clerk in the Purchasing Department. She has lived some years in Colombia, South America.

A ladies' trio in which Gladys Dunn is second soprano appears regularly with Elder Libby's TV program out of Baltimore.

Audra Ching chose early February to make a visit to her home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Minnie and Mintie Truitt are much interested in home furnishings and interior decorating these days.

Mrs. Betty Gray was away from her duties at the Home Study Institute for several days. Her co-workers are all glad to have her back again and feeling fine after minor surgery.

Mrs. Evelyn Rush, who left her work at the Home Study and her friends in Takoma Park a few months ago to make her home in Kenton, Delaware, paid the Home Study a visit the other day. It was good to see Evelyn again. She is now working with a wholesale firm in Dover.

T. Rose and Mary Paul have been walking the streets of Takoma Park lately, having sold their trusty Ford. T. Rose says they are wearing out shoe leather and saving on gas while waiting for their 1950 Ford. FLASH!! The new one is in - Monday, February 27. WATCH OUT!

Ella Mae Robertson and her family have recently returned to their home state of Texas. "Robbie" was editor of the KEYNOTE last year and worked in the Temperance Department. We wonder what Texas has that Washington doesn't have. Could it be space?

Dr. and Mrs. Beltz were privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pierce as their guests for the week end of the 16th to the 19th. Mr. Pierce presented a piano recital at Columbia Hall on February 19 and has since played in Town Hall in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce expect to return to the Beltz's home soon for a week's visit.

Georgene Krenrich has given up her work in the Purchasing Department to be a home keeper.

Kathryn Scharffenberg has another granddaughter.

Mrs. W. H. Williams returned from Europe the evening of the 20th with her husband after a three months' stay there. The coldest weather they had on the whole trip, including a blizzard they passed through on the Mediterranean when returning from Jerusalem to Beirut, was when they arrived in New York. Of the whole trip the Bible lands were the most interesting to Mrs. Williams, especially Egypt because that is the place she heard of in her childhood days, her mother having lived there. She said it was grand seeing the many things her mother described to her children. They climbed up to the king's chamber which is situated half way up the Great Pyramid. While overseas, Mrs. Williams said she made good use of the foreign languages she knows. She had a "delightful trip."

Ruth Lehman, formerly of the China Division office in Shanghai and more recently the Southeastern California Conference office, is visiting in Takoma Park as a guest of Hazel Shadel and other friends. Hazel has recently been hostess to Mrs. R. H. Hartwell whose husband is now president of the Middle East Union.

Eva Linscott and Frances Maiden are taking woodworking instruction at Montgomery-Blair High School. Eva has made a book case and bird feeder, which, on the basis of time and material, Frances estimates are worth \$60.70.

A baby shower was held for Ingrid Beaulieu recently at the home of June Vogt, where a number of friends presented her with a lot of nice gifts, mostly for a baby girl.

Ora Williams is moving to 501 Greenwood where she plans to camp in the middle of everything until her sister arrives a little later to keep the home fires burning.

Ena Manuel's parents have returned to their home in Virginia after visiting here for two months. Mr. Manuel was recuperating from an operation.

The flu forced Hazel Olson and La Verno Case, among others, to take some time off from work at the office.

Marilyn Froelich has had on display the beautiful afghan that she has been weaving.

Joyce Wood looks forward to receiving her M.Ed. degree from the University of Maryland in June.

Would you believe that there is at least one ton of paper handled each month by the Printing Department?

Wedding bells will ring in August for Jewel Hatcher who is doing secretarial work at Walla Walla College.

Mrs. Arason's brother who is manager for the Shenandoah Valley Academy farm, stopped in to see her for a few minutes on February 20.

Mrs. Ellen Haugen, whose husband is attending the Seminary, is working part time for three of the Seminary teachers and sharing Office #26 with Mrs. Joyce Wood.

To celebrate St. Valentine's Day Theodora Wirak invited all the Seminary girls to her apartment for a noon luncheon. The noon luncheon turned out to be a bounteous meal with attractive Valentine decorations.

Mrs. Anita Kohler is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her sister, brother-in-law, and nephew from Denmark. They are Elder and Mrs. Mogens Bakke and Ole. Elder Bakke will be a student at the Seminary.

The Insurance Department invites all cautious souls who travel, to investigate their insurance policy which covers all articles usually carried on a trip, such as luggage, clothing, umbrellas, watches, even toys and games.

When Margie Osborne and her husband visited their home in Pennsylvania recently, everything on top of the mountain at Ebensburg was coated with one to two inches of ice. It was a clear, sunny day and the scene was beautiful. Fortunately, the roads were clear.

## "THE STATE WHERE I WAS BORN"

This is Census Year, but since it may be some time before the Government's report will be published, we have taken a small census of our own. The results are interesting, especially the startling report that Minnie Truitt was born in Texas and Mintie in New Mexico. Now Mintie, you know Texas is big enough for both of you! Numbers may prove nothing - or do they? - but Pennsylvania leads the list with thirteen, and Ohio follows with ten native daughters.

Alabama: Genevieve Melendy  
Arkansas: Vera Baker  
Colorado: Rachel Anderson, Virginia Kennedy, Verlene Wall  
Connecticut: Arabella Williams  
Florida: Helen Soule  
Georgia: Lillian Dickerson, Frances Maiden  
Illinois: Elsie Barr, Dorothy Beltz, Helen Miller, Mabel Mulholland, Frances Sampson, Lelia Sanders, Helen Smith, June Vogt  
Indiana: Irene Caslow, Louise Caslow, Alice Fagerstrom, Marilyn Froelich, Ivy Lucas, Mary Ogle, Louise Surface, Ruth Williams  
Iowa: Emma Howell, Mary Scott  
Kansas: D. Lois Burnett, Ruth McAdams, Mable Towery  
Kentucky: Elsie Minesinger, Ora Williams  
Maine: Eva Linscott  
Maryland: Edith Seek  
Massachusetts: Eleanor Libby  
Michigan: Marion Nyman, Mary Paul  
Minnesota: T. Rose Curtis, Claire Lien, Theodora Wirak  
Mississippi: Dorothy Morgan, Bertha Terry  
Missouri: Gladys Westberg  
Nebraska: Ellen Haugen, Hazel Shadel  
New Jersey: Barbara Britton  
New York: Iva Brando, Gladys Dunn, Muriel Fogg, Vivienne Nye, Margaret Weir, Joyce Wood  
North Carolina: Aline Mangum, Myrtle McGee, Lois Mullinax, Frances Slate, Verna Slate, Corrine Wilkinson  
Ohio: Naomi Dart, Katie Farney, Esther Fenn, Mildred Hover, Pauline Klady, Dolly Long, Audrey Messenger, Margaret Nettleton, Frances Plata, Wanda Tate  
Oklahoma: Guida Jo Mathews  
Oregon: Ellen Buckwalter, Grace Fields

Pennsylvania: Geraldine Banfield, Christine Baus, Marie Brizzee, Harriett Cooney, Stella Fleisher, Betty Grider, Mary Klesa, Margie Osborne, Kathryn Scharffenberg, Kay Thomas, Lena Wetmore, Esther Yost, Elizabeth Zeidler

Rhode Island: Mildred Hill

South Carolina: Alice Koger, Louise Meyer

Tennessee: La Verne Case, Frances Nowlin, Stella Thompson, Cora Thurber, Evelyn Wells

Texas: Minnie Truitt, Mintie Truitt, Mary D. Patterson

Virginia: Maxine Dudley, Evelyn Perdue, Vivian Ross

West Virginia: La Verne Cunningham, Irene Walters

Wisconsin: Olive Arason, Marjorie Marsh

Brazil: Helen Hambleton

Burma: Verna Hare

Canada: Evelyn Beavon (Ontario), Margie Hild (Nova Scotia), Ena Manuel (Newfoundland)

Costa Rica: Betty Gray

Cuba: Pat Bunch, Marjorie Bell

Czechoslovakia: Dorothy Ninaj

Denmark: Anita Kohler

England: Elsie Argent, Ethel Howard

Estonia: Mary Reinhard

France: Denise Girard

Germany: Louise Kleuser

Korea: Gertrude Loewen

New Zealand: Eileen Robson

Russia: Erna Borm

Saxony: Gertrude Von Tenspolde

South Africa: Ruth Helmerston

Trinidad, B.W.I.: Thelma Wellman

If anyone has been omitted from this list and would like to lay claim to a birth place, please give us the proper information. And right here we must confess that Mary D. Patterson's name did not appear in the list of those serving the churches of the vicinity. Mrs. Patterson is treasurer and clerk of the Sligo church.

## "LIBERATION"

Miss Gertrude Green, a missionary nurse who went to China fourteen years ago and just recently returned on furlough, told her thrilling story of escape from the Chinese Communists in Central China during the General Conference worship period. It was an inspiring story of God's protection over His workers and how He brought them through hardship and danger once again to safety.

After World War II, Miss Green returned to her mission station at Yencheng, Honan and was able to get the hospital going again. She was the only American missionary on the compound, and the Chinese looked to her for guidance not only in the medical field but in other departments of our work. Because she felt the Lord had been especially close to her in her evacuation from the Communists, she volunteered to remain in Shanghai during the turnover, and was a great help to the Chinese at the clinic during that time.

Before Miss Green was converted, she had trained for the stage and had chosen the field of ballet dancing as her life's career. When she became a Christian this was all given up. It is in the nursing profession that she has found her life's work which has given her much more satisfaction than her former career ever would have given.

Gertrude Loewen

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