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SPRING

Woodchuck coming from his mound,
Crocus breaking through the ground,
Blossoms falling gently down,
Shaking perfume all around.
See what Spring has found!

Rivers flowing with such ease,
Kites a-flying where they please,
Branches bowing in the breeze,
Bees a-buzzing just to tease.
Spring has brought all these!

Prisoners gazing out the bars,
Heaven's full of twinkling stars,
Highways swarm with speeding cars,
April bathes old Winter's scars.
Spring holds naught that mars!

Unborn longings in the heart
Wanting now to make a start,
Seeming anxious to depart,
Yearning knowledge to impart.
Spring is on our chart!

Edna Edeburn

-- WORDS TO THE WISE --
Gleaned by Margaret Weir



MISPRONOUNCE?

booi' lon,
da'ta,
hys-te'ri-a,
of'fice,
pre-ce'dence,
te'di-ous,

booi' yon, not bui' yon.
day'ta, not dah'ta.
his-tee'ri-a, not his'ter-i-a.
o as in odd, not aw'fis.
not prec'e-dence.
tee'di-us, not tee' jus

MISUSE?

enthuse: Do not use this word for to be or to make enthusiastic. One dictionary classes it as slang. The audience "became enthusiastic" at what he said, not "were enthused" at what he said.

farther, further: Farther should be used to designate longitudinal distance; further to signify quantity or degree. Thus, How much farther have we to go? He says nothing further in his letter.

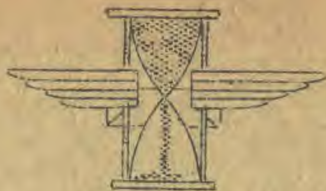


WELCOME, KEEPER!

The young woman who has recently joined the office staff of the Young People's Department needs no introduction to most of the Keepers, having grown up with us here in Takoma Park.

We heartily welcome Nora Machlan Buckman, and are pleased to share with her the responsibilities and the privileges accorded Keepers of the Keys. Be at home with us, Nora!

Timely



Tips

A WHIFF OF PEP

In his book, "Keep Fit and Like It," Dr. Dudley Reed says, "Hiking is good exercise in the open air, and it is the most readily available exercise that we know."

These warmer days we're turning our thoughts frequently toward the beautiful out-of-doors. Let's "pep up" by walking very often for a half hour or more in the fresh air. Walking "permits time to glance at the scarlet tanager on the treetop, to inhale the surpassing fragrance of the field of clover, to watch the fleecy clouds go sailing by. In short, it is not bad for the soul." Plan to come with us when we go **WALKING** in April. --Katie Farney

"Without a knowledge of health principles,
no one is fitted for life's responsibilities."

"Our bodies are Christ's purchased possession, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. All who understand the laws of health should realize their obligation to obey these laws, which God has established in their being. Obedience to the laws of health is to be made a matter of personal duty. We ourselves must suffer the results of violated law. We must individually answer to God for our habits and practises. Therefore the question with us is not, 'What is the world's practise?' but, 'How shall I as an individual treat the habitation that God has given me?'"--The Ministry of Healing, p. 310.

"Those who understand the laws of health and who are governed by principle, will shun the extremes, both of indulgence and of restriction."--Id., p. 319. --Kathryn Haynal

R A M B L E S F O R A P R I L

April 19 - 23: Lyrid Meteors, from constellation Lyra.

April 18: Alexandria, Va., Narcissus Show. Armory.

April 25: Wesley Heights Circle, Florence Crittenton Garden Tour.

April 28 - May 3: Garden Week in Virginia.

April 1 - 30: Displays varying from azaleas to Easter lilies may be seen in the Botanic Garden, 1st and Canal, S.W., from 9 to 4 each week day and Sunday during April.

Watch for the weather-man's release of dates for the cherry blossoms!

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Have you, in your nature rambles, discovered, not more than 15 miles from this city, St. John's ancient church built (of bricks brought from England) in 1720, before there ever was a Washington? Besides its massive key, this church boasts a unique bell tower, a slave gallery, and proximity to haunts of birds too numerous to mention.

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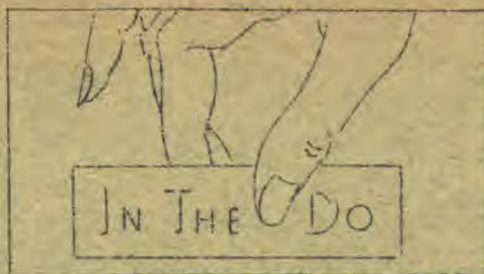
A bank swallow, banded by one of our young men in Illinois, flew 3,300 miles to Iquitos, Peru, breaking all known records for banded bank swallows. Migratory birds by the hundreds will be here every day now.

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A naturalist walking with a friend through busy city streets, stopped suddenly, and asked, "Do you hear a cricket?" "Of course not in all this roar of traffic," laughed the friend. But the naturalist persisted, and, turning over a stone, he uncovered the insect. "Did you actually hear that cricket chirping above the noise of the street?" asked the friend in astonishment. "Certainly, I spend my time listening to nature--no matter where. Everyone hears that for which he is listening." Taking a coin from his pocket, he dropped it on the pavement, and each passer-by put his hand in his pocket to see if he were the one who had dropped it. What are you listening for?

-- Marjorie Marsh

The Insurance Department claims a new member, Thelma Durrell. She is enjoying her new work.



Mary Scott celebrated the arrival of Spring by going to Baltimore for the week-end.

The Curtis-Paul menage is emerging from the throes of spring housecleaning, which included de-papering and re-papering two rooms. From practical experience they now qualify as efficient and rapid furniture movers.

More Keepers voted to go to the General Conference session: Grace D. Mace, Rosamond D. Ginther, Mable Hinkhouse, Erna Borm. D. Lois Burnett goes as a General Conference Committee member, and rumor says that Virginia Butler is going with her family.

Helen Porter and her husband are enjoying their new apartment at 816 Garland Avenue.

Alice Love entertained Helen Smith from the Southern Publishing Association last week. Alice's cousin, Emma Adams, from Bloomington, Indiana, has accepted a position in the Civil Service Department, and will live in Washington.

We are glad to see Ruth Edwards in the Home Study office. We also welcome Mrs. Freda Lobdell in the M.V. Department.

Erna Borm thinks her outlook on third floor is "the very best possible." She is anxious for spring to dress the trees.

As a hobbyist, T. Rose is a good rider! She likes birthdays, her own as well as her friends'. Why shouldn't she when she has three birthday suppers! First, at the home of her niece, where she shared honors with Ruth's husband. Second, Emma Howell entertained a group on Sunday evening, the 23rd, which was Mable Hinkhouse's birthday. Then on Tuesday, the day of days, T. Rose and Mary were guests of Katie Farney and Edna Edeburn. She received almost as many greeting cards as she is years old. Ride on, joyous hobbyist, ride on!

"PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW"

And so, with music, games in the Irish mood, a telegram from our Minneapolis absentees, and dainty Irish-y refreshments, we Keepers had a jolly time, Monday evening, March 10, bidding adieu to Lizzie Gregg and Irma Lee Hewett.

Lizzie has been with us fifteen years as registrar of the Home Study Institute, with a considerable record of previous service, and surely she well deserves the retirement she's now taking. In slight token of our high regard for her and for her faithful, efficient, and always gracious service, she was given a Wahl Eversharp pen and pencil set. We are glad that Lizzie is not leaving Takoma Park.

We suspect that Penny had something to do with Irma Lee's decision to return to the Illinois Conference. The A Cappella Choir will miss her voice, "the family" will miss her turn at the chapel organ, the D. V. Department will miss her service, but most of all we'll miss her sunny self. Even the capacious suitcase presented to her in farewell couldn't begin to hold our love for her or our regrets at her leaving. Her position will be filled; her place, never!

"We meet to part; yet asks my sprite, Part we to meet?
Ah, is it so?" —We hope! So, Adieu! Adios! Aloha! Auf
wiedersehen! Au revoir! Cheerio! Farewell! Good-bye!
And if we knew any more languages, we'd use 'em!

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