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HERE WILL COME SOFT RAINS

War Time

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum-trees in tremulous white.

Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree,
If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,
Would scarcely know that we were gone.

---Sara Teasdale

P E R S O N A L I T Y
Thoughts from the book, "Exploring Life."

A recent newspaper story told of a lumber company in Pittsburgh that paid its telephone switchboard operator the same salary it paid its top salesman--\$300 a month.

Whenever a customer called to complain about something, the operator talked to him first; and such was her tact and diplomacy that by the time he was connected with the person he had called all rancor was out of his system.

"Wonderful salary!" you say. Yes, and wonderful service was rendered for it.

What was the secret of the operator's ability to give this valuable service? She was well trained; but the foundation and support of her success was personality.

"What is personality?" you ask. It is the living human being in his entirety.

Personality has been called "the great mystery," though it is also said to be "best known of all subjects of knowledge and experience, nearest to us in all kinships and relationships, our very foundation and constitution, self of our very selves."

Personality is the key to understanding others, and its knowledge is of utmost value. Plutarch said: "The finest culture comes from the study of men in their best moods."

When one is advised to make the most of himself, improvement of personality is usually meant; and such improvement can be made. Some factor or group of factors may be selected for development. It may be dress, vitality, voice, health, charm, emotional control.

The appearance of the face is another factor in personality...Those who rely upon (great beauty) to advance their purposes may become vain, and may neglect more solid and enduring qualities. This was the view expressed by John Kendrick Bangs:

Some folks in looks take so much pride,
They don't think much of what's inside.
Well, as for me, I know my face
Can ne'er be made a thing of grace,
And so I rather think I'll see
How I can fix the inside of me;
So folks'll say, "He looks like sin,
But ain't he beautiful within?"

N E W S

Our A Cappella Choir members spent a busy week-end recently. On Sabbath, February 21, after singing at two churches in Baltimore they hurried back to Washington for their first Sabbath afternoon broadcast of the season. Hear them Sabbath afternoons at 4:45 over WRC.

Violet Numbers Wilcox announces the arrival of Robert John on January 22. Violet, now a missionary with her husband in Brazil, worked for a number of years in the Statistical Department.

And speaking of statistics--there are seven E.M.C. alumnae among us who attended their school reunion the evening of February 17: Jewel Hatcher, T. Rose Curtis, Alice Fagerstrom, Elsie Minesinger, Marjorie Marsh, Eunice Rozema, and Louise Surface.

Mildred Davis (it won't be Davis much longer) had the pleasure of having her mother and sister and brother-in-law spend several days with her recently.

Esther Benton buried whatever hatchets may have been lying around loose February 15 when her colleagues in the Educational Department and the Library celebrated her birthday in said library with ice cream cherry pie and presented her with a book.

Ruby Ramsay and her husband celebrated their second anniversary last Wednesday, February 18.

Signe Nelson is another one of the celebrities who have birthdays in February--the tenth. Feel older, Signe?

Mayme Higgins gave a birthday surprise party in honor of Evelyn Wells on Saturday night, February 7. Evelyn vows she was completely surprised. She received many nice gifts.

Edna Helms gave a Valentine Party on Saturday night, the 14th.



FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S
DEFENSE!

Did you know? Have you heard?
Rubber is at a premium. Cars
are out. Walking is to be the
vogue. How about it, girls?
Are you preparing to cooperate
with Uncle Sam? Yes, sir, you
can do your bit by making walk-
ing a joy. Here's how it's done:

K E E P F I T!

And by the way, don't let these dark mornings deceive you. Nor should you be led astray by the touch of winter still felt in the breezy breezes. Actually spring will soon be here. Then will come the urge to take long hikes in the woods. But who can enjoy the wonders of spring while weighted down with those extra pounds that come as a result of having yielded to winter's temptations? Sitting before a cozy fireplace, reading a book, and eating chocolates is a most pleasant way to spend an evening just now, but this form of recreation does have its effect. With the coming of spring, we must be up and doing. So chase away those extra pounds the enjoyable way by joining the gymnasium class on Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 at the Calvin Coolidge High School.

Also remember that now spring suit! The size 16 you admired so much last Tuesday afternoon just won't fit unless you

K E E P

T R I M!



MORE NEWS

Nora Buckman's uncle, who is a Major in the Medical Corps, made her a flying visit recently. And while we're on the subject of service men, Bethel Rice discovered a cousin at Bolling Field.

Arthelia Watlington reports pleasant leisure time spent attending concerts at Howard University; the most recent being an organ recital by Arthur Poister.

Dolly Long gave a Washington's Birthday Party, Saturday night, the 21st.

Grace Evans entertained friends from Nashville during the past week end.

Laugh of the Month: Myrtle Chrisman, on inquiring after her Persian tabby cat in the animal hospital was asked to "wait a moment and I'll look at the patient's chart." The attendant returned shortly saying, "His chart says he can go home." Who said anything about dumb animals?

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Wee Thoughts and Observations

On the tiny green leaves. Someone called the first cast of green among the trees chartreuse. Isn't that expressive? Carroll Avenue just over night it seems is all of a sudden dressed with just tiny leaves. But what a difference from the stark bareness of the last few months! Once again the miracle of spring has surprised us. Once again we know that the promise of ever recurring seed-times as long as earth stands has been fulfilled.

On the little red-breasted birds. The other day my mother sent me a poem about their faithfulness. This poem suggested that during their flight from the south the robins must have seen lots of places which would have been lovely for a home--places unmolested by the raucous blare of automobile horns, places much safer to teach the fledglings the art of propelling their tiny wings. But the robins turned their backs on all this bird-heaven and stopped not until a city was found where the hurrying folk needed the "cheer-ing up" of a robin song! So when you see a robin trying to pull a worm from between the bricks on the street, just remember that is part of his hardship as a missionary to the city.

On the small unselfishnesses of a mother. My friend is a "new" one. Before this tiny combination of hair and eyes and pink and white flesh and bewitching smile came that made this friend a mother I wondered what change it would make. The change is not obvious to the casual observer, but it's there. A gentleness not necessary before, a deftness also acquired by necessity, a glow of pride (justified) and of strong loyalty--and this isn't being sentimental--that are most becoming. And don't you suppose that our own mothers were the same however long ago we want to make it? And the day we have set aside for mother is only ten days away!

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If so, one of these might satisfy the "inner man." The name "vegetable hamburger" is a bit of a misnomer for it contains neither vegetables nor hamburger. However, you may be slightly surprised at the flavor assumed by the lowly breakfast cereal.

Vegetable Hamburger

3 eggs
2 cups uncooked rolled oats
1 chopped onion
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sage
Salt to taste
Vegex the size of a walnut
1 cup hot water

Beat the eggs. Add the rolled oats, onion, salt, and sage. Form into patties and fry very brown. Add vegex which has been dissolved in the hot water. Simmer for one hour.

Special Pecan Pie

3 whole eggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
1 cup dark Karo syrup	1 cup cream or evaporated milk
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	
Salt	1 cup pecans

Mix ingredients and place in unbaked pie shell. Bake in moderate oven until set,--about 45 minutes.

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Do you have a favorite recipe? Hand it to the Household Sponsor to be shared with your fellow gourmets.

--Margaret Lay.



HAVE

Several of the Keepers have yielded to the call of Spring and are taking vacations; namely, T. Rose, Curtis, Mary Paul, Alice LaBonte, Helen Miller and Hazel Peter.

Miss Marion Nyman spent the week-end of April 24 with friends in Richmond, Virginia.

LaVerne Caso

treated her first-aid victim recently. A woman had fallen in the street and had an abrasive wound on the nose and chin. We are glad to report that LaVerne was able to handle the situation.

Miss Lavinia Dalrymple of Salisbury, North Carolina, spent a week recently visiting her sister, Mrs. Naomi Wilson of the Home Study.

Mayme Higgins was called home last Thursday by the serious illness of her mother. Alice and Wilton Fagerstrom chose Easter week-end for a visit to New York City.

Rubye Ramsay and her husband traveled to Newport News, Virginia, the week-end of April 18 with Robert Eldridge to assist in presenting the program, "A Wonderful Plan." This same week-end Frances Penn and Mrs. Morla Mills from Ohio were guests of Mary Jane Dybdahl.

As usual, the cherry blossoms drew some of the Keepers to the Basin, to Yenwood and to Hains Point -- and of course there are pictures by which to remember the blossoms of 1942.

Mrs. Margaret Elliott, formerly of the Home Study Institute greeted friends in the office recently.

Pauline Klady enjoyed a visit from her sister family last week-end.

and

MORE NEWS

The spring concerts of the A Cappella Choir have taken several of our members to other regions over week ends. During April they have visited New Jersey; the student effort in Germantown, Maryland; and several churches in Philadelphia.

Newport News and Norfolk were the objectives of Nora Buckman who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beddoe over the week-end of April 25. Nora had the pleasure of visiting her father and her brother and sister-in-law.

Mrs. Robert Hall of Boston spent the week of the Spring Council visiting her friend Lillian Bragan. Mrs. Hall has charge of the large church school in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Nora Buckman, assisted by her mother and Mary Scott, entertained Elder and Mrs. Dallas Kime and Sonny Jim Tuesday evening, April 21. After the waffle supper, Mrs. Kime generously played the piano for the group.

Louise Surface has finished knitting a navy blue sweater, size 38, for the Red Cross. We hope that no one less than a colonel will be the recipient of this arduous handwork.

The lawn and grounds of the General Conference and Review and Herald buildings are to be landscaped very soon now. Will that be a sight for sore eyes? We all miss our trees and shrubbery and will be glad to see things in order once more. But that is a nice wall, isn't it?

Invitation to the Cook Stove: Would you like to be a fugitive from the cafeteria? Hazel Shadel extends a general invitation to you and you and you to come out and try her new electric oven. You must bring your own vegetables, etc., do your own cooking, and of course wash your own dishes. But, girls, this is a wonderful chance to try out that new recipe. She also has an electric ice box, so is prepared to extend to your concoctions either hot or cold treatment!

THANKS!

Easter bunnies or no Easter bunnies, we stay-at-home Keepers are sure there's "something about Easter" that is "fine, fine, FINE." We didn't have to have an Easter egg hunt, either--they were brought to us in a gay Easter basket, carried by our smiling president herself, "With Easter greetings from Dorothy Steinman to each and every Keeper." There were Easter eggs, yes, all colors and flavors of our favorite jelly beans--I mean eggs! But that was just the trimming! Underneath, and on top, and all through, were individually wrapped squares of the most delicious nut fudge and caramel nut candy, all made by our own Dorothy, just to remind us that though she's no longer regularly with us, she's still very much one of us. (If you've seen her lovely Sylvia, you'll agree no one ever had better reason for deserting an office desk!) Anyway,

Thanks a million, thanks a lot,
For this Easter greeting
(This oh, so good eating)
Sent to us with love from Dot.

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