

THE KEY NOTE



I THANK THEE



For just my tiny little home,
And that big, cozy chair;
For cheery lamp, and friendly clock,
A gay rug here and there!
For bookish nooks, and pictures quaint,
My little desk's full mood,--
Dear Lord, I thank Thee for it all!
To me Thou art so good!



For cupboards small, yet bins that hold
Enough to share a bit;
The table large enough to serve
A guest or two; for wit
That spices grim monotony;
For true friends and kind kin,--
And yes, Lord, just enough of care
To burn out dross and sin!



For tasks that suit my taste and powers,
For hobbies with sweet joy;
And for the serious toil and drudge,
That rust at times annoy!
For blessed faith that soars ahead
In spite of loss, defeat,--
Dear Lord, I thank Thee for it all;
Thy mercies are so sweet!



--Louise C. Kleuser

Volume 6
Number 11

November
1943



AUTUMN LEAVES

Red, green, yellow, brown,
See the leaves come tumbling down;
Soon the trees will all be bare,
Wintry days instead of fair.

Green, brown, yellow, red,
Surely they are not all dead;
Lovely things of brightest hue,
Carpeting old earth anew.

Brown, green, red yellow,
Each one hard upon his fellow,
Quivering pulses urge them on,
Rushing, tumbling, swirling down.

Yellow, brown, red, green,
Is it not a lovely scene?
Colors blending perfectly,
Nature's silent symphony.

Mrs. Lottie Quinn, Nature Sponsor

BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS

BURMA SURGEON, by Dr. Gordon Seagrave. When only five years old, Dr. Seagrave said one day, "When I grow up I'm going to be a medical missionary in the Shan States." His relatives back to his great-grandfather had been evangelistic missionaries to the Karens of Lower Burma. His medical education was received at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. In 1922, he sailed for Burma with a wastebasketful of discarded surgical instruments from a Baltimore hospital. In Burma, he became a pioneer surgeon, and his dream came true to do a great work for the aborigines of the Shan States of Burma. At present he is serving in the United States Army Forces. This is a Takoma Park, Maryland, Public Library 7-day book.

Margaret Weir, Literary Sponsor

WE HAVE HEARD THAT

Thursday was moving day at the office, with Esther, Nora, Lynelle, and Mintie moving to quarters on the first floor and Mary taking her office necessities to Room 21, at the Seminary for the duration of the Autumn Council. Meanwhile Mrs. Thompson sat placidly in her office with no last-minute rush for tickets or baggage checks, dreaming of the good old days when approaching Autumn Council time meant a Herculean task in securing suitable--and satisfactory--travel accommodations for those attending from here.

Her face wreathed in smiles Irene Walters was happy as she told of a visit with her son, Capt. Nelson Curtis, who has been here on furlough. On the night of his departure, a phone message was received from Louis Walters, her younger son, who said he was back in the States and would be home on the week-end.

Mrs. Halswick isn't planning to have OPA put things out of her reach. Hurriedly filling in the blanks on the front cover of Ration Book #3, she transposed the figures and described Elder Halswick as being 10'5" and herself as 9'5" tall!

Hazel Peters divided the time of her two weeks' vacation between her sister's home in Niles, Mich., and that of her parents at Eaton Rapids--doing nothing more strenuous than sleeping, eating, and resting.

Bethel has accepted a call to stenographic work in the Educational Department of the Michigan Conference, and is leaving soon for Lansing where she will make her "home away from home."

Elsie has a bicycle recently obtained, having come by it very legitimately as a gift from Sgt. Minesinger. P.S. She knows how to ride it.

We are happy to learn that Mr. Cobban is making progress toward recovery. He is now able to sit up in a chair for an hour each day.

Flying high seems to be the most popular way of traveling these days, in some ways more economical. Those, like Verna Slate, who travel by air show a little more than the usual enthusiasm when asked where and how they spent their vacation. Verna went to New York for a few days and had a very good time.

Keepers, did you notice the man playing the big drum at the Temperance Rally in Constitution Hall the other night? If you did, you were sure to have recognized him--none other than our amiable coworker, Chester Rogers.

Signe Nelson is going intellectual on us. She is taking a class in Library Science at Washington Missionary College. Edith Geymet also is attending W. M. C. three nights a week.

Alice Fagerstrom's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Banks, have been visiting her. Mr. Banks was on his way to North Carolina for induction into Uncle Sam's service.

Dorothy Ford and Marjorie Hight performed their good deed for the month when they solicited funds for the Community War Fund. They didn't do too bad.

It is reported that Mayme Higgins is now working in the Southern Publishing Association but has not found an apartment as yet.

Marjorie Benjamin is helping out in the Publishing Department at the desk left vacant by Esther Nivison.

Jewel and Dorothy Greeley, undaunted by inclement weather, sally forth on sightseeing tours of our fair city.

Thelma Wellman's brother Sterrie from Camp Hingley was a recent visitor at the family home.

Katie Farney entertained a friend --Mrs. Guy Ellifritz-- from Ohio over a recent week-end.

Mrs. Lena Day spent a few days recently visiting in Takoma Park.

Mable Hinkhouse has developed an interest in auction sales.

It seems that Pauline Klady isn't as wise as she used to be, having lost two wisdom teeth all at one time.

There's more to Alice La Bonte than we think! We hear that she now weighs 140 pounds, and that's a gain of ten or twelve pounds.

Keepers having business with the cashier's office have noted the extra-special smile Brother McNeill is wearing since the arrival of his granddaughter, Judith Estelle.

Evelyn Wells has been entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Donald Johnson of Ohio, for the past few days. In spite of the heavy downpour of rain Elder Wells, the Thurbers, and Evelyn entertained Mrs. Johnson at lunch at Mrs. K's Toll House Tavern one day.

There appears to be a "Back to the Farm" movement in our midst. Ethel Freeman and her husband celebrated their second wedding anniversary on a little farm in Pennsylvania, and recently Matilda Wyatt and her husband visited their Tuckaway Farm in Virginia. The autumnal scenery is especially beautiful in that vicinity, Matilda says.

Mary Hindmarsh was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday dinner given by Jeanne Griffin the evening of October 19. Jeanne advises everyone never to give a surprise party for anyone as elusive as Mary. The party was scheduled for eight o'clock, but Mary didn't show up until nine o'clock.

From the Review and Herald Book Department, on payment of the sum of sixty cents, you may secure a copy of "Most-Used Civil Service Terms," compiled by B. P. Foote and Earl P. Strong and published by the Gregg Publishing Company. A glance through the booklet reveals the fact that many of the shorthand forms would be useful to Gregg-writing denominational stenographers also.

WE HAVE MET

Althea Lightner, who has come from Birmingham, Ala., to take Mrs. Alexander's place in Elder Peters' office. She is a graduate of Oakwood Junior College and is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Charles Lightner of Omaha, Neb. She has had two years' experience in stenographic and bookkeeping lines in a private business in Birmingham. We welcome her to her new duties and responsibilities in the General Conference office.

Dorothy Greeley, who comes to the office of the Young People's Department from Ellsworth, Wisconsin, via a B. A. degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, three months in the Wisconsin Conference office, and one year in the business office of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Dorothy rides three hobbies--hiking, books, and birds, and she likes traveling, humorous poems, and new peas and potatoes creamed! We are mighty glad you are here, "Dot," and we hope your traveling urge will not come upon you for some time in the future.

THE KEY NOTE

Issued Monthly by the Keepers of the Keys
General Conference Office, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C.

Editor:	Mary Paul	Typists:	Lynelle Draughon
Associate:	Jeanne Griffin		Kathryn Kavanaugh
Artist:	Alice Fagerstrom	Printers:	Ethel Freeman Verna Slate

OFFICERS OF THE KEEPERS OF THE KEYS

President:	Dorothy Ford	Sponsors:	Music	Jewel Hatcher
Vice-Pres:	Mary Jane Dybdahl		Health	Alice Fagerstrom
Secretary:	Carol Crabtree		Literary	Margaret Weir
Treasurer:	Pearl Perez		Nature	Lottie Quinn
			Spiritual	Katie Farney
Social			Household Arts	Mrs. L. Halswick
Committee:	Laverne Case		Sports	Edna Helms
	Evelyn Wells			Verna Slate
	Marjorie Marsh			Jeanne Griffin