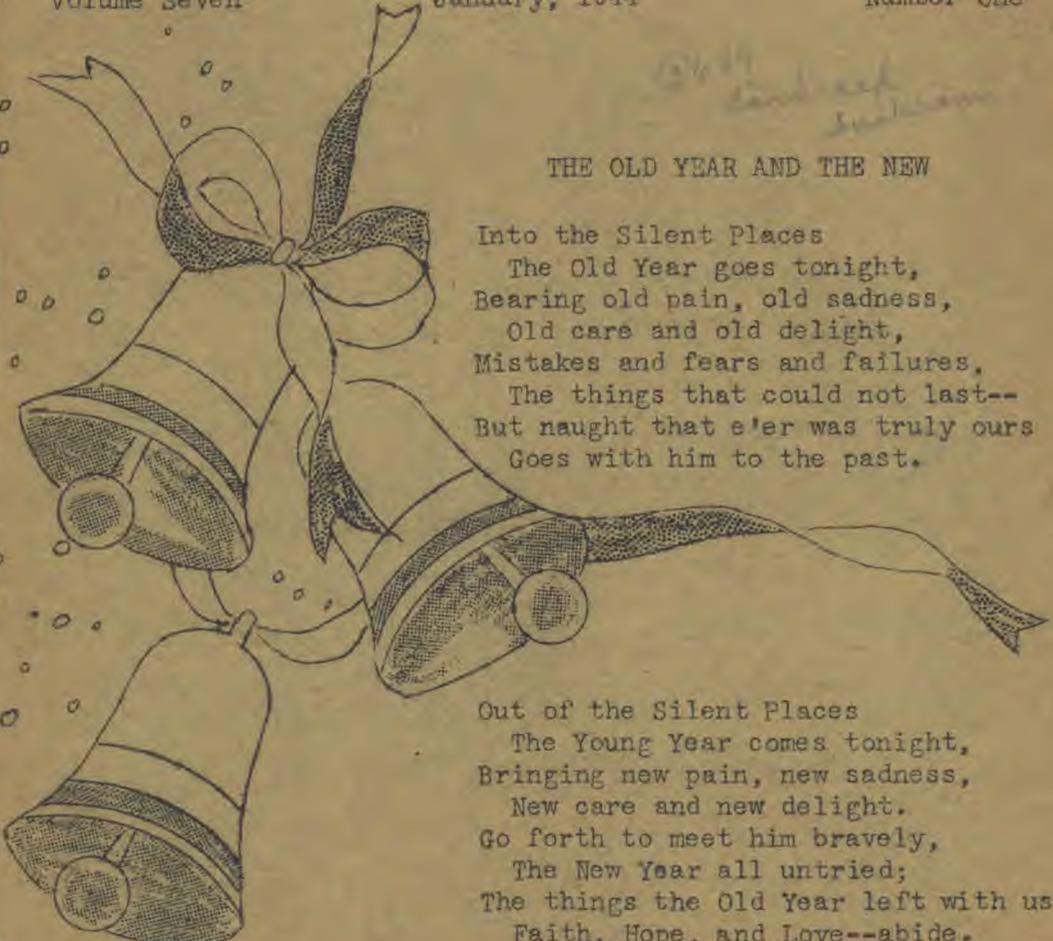


The Key Note

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

Into the Silent Places

The Old Year goes tonight,
Bearing old pain, old sadness,
Old care and old delight,
Mistakes and fears and failures,
The things that could not last--
But naught that e'er was truly ours
Goes with him to the past.

Out of the Silent Places

The Young Year comes tonight,
Bringing new pain, new sadness,
New care and new delight.
Go forth to meet him bravely,
The New Year all untried;
The things the Old Year left with us--
Faith, Hope, and Love--abide.

--Annie Johnson Flint

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On this first day of 1944, we, your newly elected officers, wish for each and every one of you 366 days of happiness in association, and joy in service.

It is our desire to make the Keepers-of-the-Keys Club beneficial to each one of you. We want it to be an organization in which you can relax, become better acquainted with one another, share one another's joys and sorrows, and be a spiritual help to one another. We desire to maintain the highest possible standards in all the activities of our club.

Since this is an organization of the General Conference girls, we want every one of you to feel free at all times to offer suggestions and ideas you may have. We promise to give them our careful attention. Girls, this is your club, and we can make it what you desire only if you make your desires known to us.

So, for this New Year, with the help of each one of you, our aim is bigger and better things for the Keepers of the Keys. May your smallest hope be fulfilled in the largest and fullest measure possible.

Hazel I. Shadel
Pearl D. Perez
Betty L. Canon
Dorothy Greeley

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Is he the only true American
Whom chance so favored that his cradle stood
Beneath the flag, that others, not so blessed,
Yearned for in distant lands, and made their own
Through ruthless sundering of every tie
That bound them to the land that gave them birth?
He's not the truer son who lightly says,
"I am thy child, begotten of thy flesh,
And 'tis my duty that I honor thee,"
Than he who came, craved nurture at thy breast,
Saying: "I am aweary and athirst;
I will requite thee later with my strength,
My manhood give to make thy days secure.
I will cleave unto thee as flesh to flesh,
Receive upon my breast blows aimed at thine."
Nor is he the better citizen who says:
"I'm an American; my fathers won
This title for me," which he lightly holds--
Many there are such--than the foreign born,
Who sought the citizenship as the Grail,
Who feels it as one feels the holy chrism,
Who counts it as a buckler and a shield.

--Mrs. Julia Glasgow, in Adamic's
"My America"

Something Worth-while

There's no skill in easy sailing when the skies are
clear and blue;
There's no joy in merely doing things which anyone
can do.
But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet
to take
When you reach a destination that you thought you'd
never make!

--The Family Circle

YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD

The SUEO (Society of Unwilling Elevator Occupiers) is adding to its membership. Elder Altman holds the distinction of being a "founding father." Dorothy Ford and Marion Nyman have joined more recently. Some day--may it be far hence--the Society may reach such proportions as to demand an election of officers!

At least five Keepers--and maybe more of whom Ye Editor has not heard--have answered the plea of the Red Cross for donations to the blood bank: Esther Benton, La Verne Case, Marjorie Hight, Marie Mooney, Thelma Wellman. When the fight with the flu grem-lins is finally won, doubtless others will be wearing the little bronze button of honor.

Marjory Benjamin "doesn't live here any more." Tuesday afternoon, December 21, she became Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth Drew. After a brief honeymoon, the newlyweds will be at home at Atlanta, Georgia, where Mr. Drew is studying at the Atlanta Dental College. All joy!

Edna Edeburn is--we hope--basking in Florida sunshine, preparatory to turning over her work in the War Service Commission to Elsie Argent (soon to arrive from the Pacific Union Conference office) and moving across the lawn to work with Elder Nichol. Could the prospect of a private office with velvet carpet, lovely pictures, and handsome new built-in cupboards and files have had anything to do with luring Edna away from us?

By "accident of birth" Betty Canon hails from Rhoda, Italy--a tiny town near Genoa. By her own choice and the cooperation of Uncle Sam's naturalization authorities, she is now an American citizen.

Esther Benton spent the week end of December 17-19 at Tappahannock-on-the-Rappahannock. She picked holly with berries on it, but ignored the mistletoe--in the treetops!

Mary Jane, Barbara, and Signe are proud of the latest additions to the Seminary Library equipment--two new cabinets to house the growing pamphlet and quotation files.

Alice and Milton Fagerstrom entertained Billy and Donnie Habenicht, aged six and seven, over the Christmas holiday.

WE HAD A CHRISTMAS PARTY

That Santa Claus has acquired a British accent since his last visit was apparent as he greeted each arrival at the Review and Herald Chapel on Monday evening, December 20. -- Following a "mixer" in which each one tried to find a partner, T. Rose Curtis welcomed all to our annual Christmas party, with special greeting to the sixteen new girls of 1943, and to Mrs. Ethel Edwards Anderson, a former General Conference girl who has since served for a number of years in China and just returned home on the Gripsholm. -- After "progressive group" games, the Keepers and their guests gathered about the imaginary fireside and were entertained with accordion music by Mr. Brendle, a song by Nora Buckman, a story by Zippie Franklin, and carol singing led by Nora. -- Refreshments are always in order, and real culinary art and skill were evidenced by the luscious three-layer cocoanut cakes served with combination ice cream, Christmas candies, and fruit punch. -- Announced by Jewell and Nora's singing, Santa and his "little Timmie" returned and worked valiantly to distribute the gaily wrapped gifts to all the good girls and boys. And so, until next December, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night!" --Marjorie Hight.

Matilda and Paul Wyatt were "home" for the holidays and were joyfully welcomed at the Christmas party.

Mrs. H. K. Halladay has returned to Indianapolis after spending several weeks with her sisters, Evelyn Wells and Josephine Thurber, and her father, Elder G. W. Wells.

Elsie Minesinger, Dorothy Ford, et al, report that they did not get enough sleep over the holidays. And Sunday was such a good day to sleep!

Mrs. Mace writes to her sister, Mrs. Quinn, that she saw Alice LaBonte in Portland--looking very well and happy! She also visited Miss Ginther at the Portland Sanitarium. -- Later word has it that Miss Ginther has improved enough to go from the Sanitarium to her sister's home, and is hoping to return to the office here by the middle of January.

Hazel Shadel journeyed to New Jersey for the holidays.

AND DID YOU KNOW? --

He must went home for Christmas--to Lakeland, Florida; Lynne Draughton likewise--to Jackson, Mississippi; and Pauline Klady--to Galion, Ohio,

When Zippie Franklin heard that her hubby was to have a three-day holiday, she did a quick bit of packing and hastened off to spend Christmas with him, at Camp Siebert, Alabama.

A small group of the "old guard" honored Ruth Conard at a farewell supper in the Ivory Room of the R&H Cafeteria, Wednesday evening, December 22. Ruth worked four years in our Secretarial Department before going across the lawn to be _____'s secretary. Now she is American Division & _____'s substitution to the National Geographic will _____ Ruth month by month by her friends here--several of whom declared their intent to spend an early vacation in Cuba.

Old Man Flu has been on the warpath of late and has "downed" a lot of us. We're not at all sure that we even know who all succumbed, but among the unfortunate were Alice Fagerstrom, Dorothy Greeley, Mrs. Rebok, Carol Crabtree, Pauline Klady, Margaret Weir, LaVerne Case, Thelma Wellman, Mary Paul, Ora Williams, Marian MacNeil, Evelyn Wells, Genevieve Melendy, Viola Walker, Kitty Kavanaugh, Signe Nelson, Theodora Wirak. Since this isn't exactly a "roll of honor," we hope any others whom we've not mentioned will not feel slighted!

Our "largest school," the Home Study Institute, on third floor of the Seminary building, is one of the busiest corners of our domain. Besides Mrs. Foreman and Louise Ekstrom, who are full-time, full-fledged Keepers, Nora Atwell, Ellen Lee, and Mable Whately work from twenty-five to thirty hours a week while attending Washington Missionary College. Esther Petty, of the New Jersey Conference office, is coming soon--also for part-time work at the H.S.I.

Josephine Thurber helped out on our telephone switchboard last week while Genevieve was ill.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET --

Theodora Wirak, who has recently joined the Theological Seminary faculty as registrar, claims as her home state "The Land of 10,000 Lakes." For five years following her graduation from Maplewood Academy she worked as accountant in the Academy office. Then Union College beckoned, and four years later, degree in hand, Miss Wirak was ready to face the future. She went first to Southern Junior College, where for six years she served as registrar. A few months ago she was called to Pacific Union College as accountant, but remained only a short time before accepting an invitation to come to the Seminary. We hope you'll be as glad as we are that you came our way, Miss Wirak.

Louise Ekstrom, the home town girl, though born at Princess Anne, Maryland, came to Takoma Park with her parents "at a tender age." She attended Takoma Park church school, Shenandoah Valley Academy, and Washington Missionary College part time while she was in charge of her father's office at Ekstrom's Garage. During 1942 she took training at Strayer Business College, in the city, and during the summer of 1943 she came to work in the Home Study Institute. Louise's hobby is taking snapshots, especially of her small nephew. Her ambition for the future is to be a homemaker--as whose isn't! We're glad you're one of us, Louise, and we do apologize for this tardy introduction.

Mary D. Patterson, bookkeeper in the Insurance Service office, has had wide experience in denominational work, beginning as church school teacher at the age of sixteen. She subsequently worked at the Southern Publishing Association, Oakwood Manual Training School, and Washington Sanitarium. For two years she has been treasurer and clerk of the Sligo church. Filling out income tax returns netted Mrs. Patterson \$67.00 for Sabbath-school Investment this year. Her hobbies are sewing and crocheting; she also enjoys planning and building houses--kitchens a specialty. -- Welcome!

William Edward Bricker.

His "poppa" likes him, willy nilly,

His "momma," too, for blood is thicker

than water. He weighed six and three-fourths pounds, and arrived at the Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, at 5:30 A.M., Dec. 4)

And what's a nicer name than Billy,

'Specially when his last name's Bricker!

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1943

CLUB ACCOUNT:

KEY NOTE ACCOUNT:

Receipts:

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On hand 1-1-43 \$ 1.65
 One-half dues 16.75
 Miscellaneous 2.71 \$21.11

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 One-half dues 16.75
 Subscriptions 5.50 \$24.84

Disbursements:

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Mirrors 3.00
 Christmas party 18.11 \$21.11

Supplies 14.07
 Christmas party 7.18 21.25
 On hand 12-31-43 \$ 3.59

GIFT FUND

Receipts:

On hand 1-1-43 \$12.76
 Assessments 24.60 \$37.36
 Disbursements 19.80
 On hand 12-31-43 \$17.56

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