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YOUR MOTHER



Above your bed when evening shades
were deep,
And you were wrapped in childhood's
perfect sleep,
Keeping her watch while only starlight
gleamed,
She sat and dreamed.

She dreamed of paths your feet would bravely go,
Of wisdom into which your mind would grow,
Of pride her heart would feel the long years through,
Because of you.

She dreamed of days made better by your life,
Of blessings scattered in a world of strife,
Of hope and gladness planted in the land
By your strong hand.

She dreamed of realms beyond the narrow sea,
The great reunion of eternity.
Who else could hold a light to pierce the gloam
And guide you home?

Have you remembered? Do the flowers today
Carry your thoughts along the old home way?
What will your answer be when all is through--
Her dream come true?

--Clarence Edwin Flynn



AN OFFICE

An office is a funny thing: each morning certain men
And certain girls and certain boys come into it again,
And hang their coats on certain pegs, their hats on certain hooks,
And sit them down at certain desks in front of certain books.
They all have certain work to do in just a certain time,
Concerning certain matters for a certain fixed per diem;
And then at just a certain hour, in sunshine or in rain,
They close their desks and hurry out to catch a certain train.

An office is a tragic thing when that is all there is,
When each one has his certain work and certain way of his,
And wallows in a certain rut and never seems to see
That there are certain other ones in life as well as he.
For we would find a certain fun in certain other ways,
If we would give a word of cheer on certain busy days--
When problems vex, when certain things require a helping hand,
Would give a certain sympathy that mortals understand.

An office is a pleasant place--at least a certain kind
That has a certain brotherhood, where day by day you find
Some neighbor with a new idea he's glad to pass along,
A certain sort of friendliness, a certain kind of song.
There is a certain duty that we owe to other men--
To help them when they need a lift, to steady them again.
An office can become in time, to man and girl and boy,
A certain kind of fellowship, and work a certain joy.

--Author unknown.

THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN'S BUSY DAY

(As outlined by his secretary over the telephone)

- A.M. "He hasn't come in yet."
"I expect him any minute."
"He just called in that he'd be a little late."
"He's been in, but he went out again."
"He's gone to lunch."
P.M. "I expect him any minute."
"He hasn't come back yet. Any message?"
"He's somewhere in the building. His hat's here."
"I don't know whether he'll be back or not."
"He's gone for the day."

--The C. & P. Call.

DOINGS OF THE KEEPERS

Marjorie Hight was given a real send-off at Union Station on April 2--proof that one doesn't have to stay a long time to make good friends. --But don't anyone else get notions about leaving, just to find out. There are other methods.

Marion Nyman and Alice Fagerstrom shared birthday honors at luncheon at the Silver Spring Hot Shoppe as guests of Tillie Foust and the Twins. Then at dinner at the Statler Hotel in the evening Marion's hostesses were Marie Mooney, Dolly Long, and Thelma Wellman. Taxi service, too, we hear. What a whirl!

Verna Slate and her sisters "domiciled" in the homey brick house on Greenwood Avenue are entertaining another sister, Myrtle, from California.

Margaret Weir has as her guest a sister from New York.

And not to be outdone, Ethel Freeman entertained two of her sisters from New York and a sister-in-law from Florida.

In contrast, Mrs. Rebok's house is big and empty since son Edward went to Loma Linda, sister-in-law Mary returned to Pennsylvania, and mother Kneeland to North Carolina. And even her husband is on tour in Canada following Spring Council.

Carol Crabtree is "off again, on again, and soon will be gone again" to her new work in the Lake Union Conference office. All on account of Hubby Jimmy's decision to be a student at E.M.C. beginning with the summer quarter. The Department of Education group enjoyed a buffet supper at the Morrisons' home the evening of April 12, with Carol and Jimmy as honor guests.

The Sew and So Circle was entertained by Verna Slate and her sisters Lenore and Frances on Thursday evening, April 27. There was a full house and a full line of activities and interests, including a couple chapters from "The Collected Works of Mrs. Peter Willoughby." Sounds "dry," but is not!

Just off the wires! Mrs. Halswick announces a new granddaughter, born April 30 to Lt. and Mrs. Donald Blumenshein. Both parents reported to be "doing as well as could be expected."

UP AND DOWN OUR CORRIDORS

Spring is here, judging from the flowers gracing so many desks. On a recent morning Mrs. Thompson had a lovely vase of lilacs from her home tree; and Genevieve's bowl of homegrown pansies was something to behold.

Besides, spring housecleaning was in evidence in a number of offices during the bosses' absence in Chicago.

Mary Scott says she is glad to have the women workers home again after the trek to Chicago. And said returning workers seem just as glad to be home.

Viola Walker "doesn't live here any more." She has deserted our halls for the joys of homekeeping.

Part-time or temporary workers in our office whom we all ought to know are: Dorothy Vollmer, at the Home Study Institute; Freda Lobdell, in the Publishing Department; Eleanor Baer doing a "special assignment" in the Medical Department; and Anita Britton, who is working part-time in the Department of Education until the close of school, then she'll be full-time we hope!

Verna has a brand new green "motorless vehicle" and is happily pedaling her way about, accompanied by one or another of her sisters on another bicycle. --Know of another bike available? Seems Thelma has a yen also!

It sounds a bit un-springlike or illogical, or something, but they do say that Louise Ekstrom, Mabel Whatley, and Dorothy Vollmer are doing their "daily dozen" on ice skates. We-e-ll, they do add bicycling, too, which is more like it!

Many Keepers enjoyed the cherry-blossom-and-pansy display in Potomac Park during April. And it seems Esther Benton sort of toured the Takoma Park Azalea Gardens, Rock Creek Park (featuring dogwood and redbud), and Dumbarton Oaks--where she saw forgetmenots, trilliums, dogwood, and whatnot.

ON THE GO

Louise Surface visited her brothers in Indianapolis and Lafayette between the close of Spring Council and May 1.

Eva Linscott vacationed at home. Not a bad idea.

Zippie Franklin is on vacation while her husband is on furlough--such a coincidence!--and they have been visiting friends in New Jersey and New York.

Jean Freeman visited friends in New Jersey also recently, and spent some time sightseeing in New York City.

Pauline Klady went Easter shopping in Philadelphia.

Thelma Wellman was also attracted by the City of Brotherly Love, where she visited a former schoolmate and did some sight-seeing. Incidentally, she recommends Pennsylvania Dutch Food!

Edna Helms went home the week end of April 21 to help her grandfather celebrate his 80th birthday.

Hazel Peter was called to Michigan April 7 to attend the funeral of her nephew, Richard Ford, who was killed in a plane crash. She brought her sister, Mrs. Violette Ford, home with her for a couple weeks. Our sympathy to both in this sorrow.

Mabel Hinkhouse spent a few days visiting friends in Michigan last month.

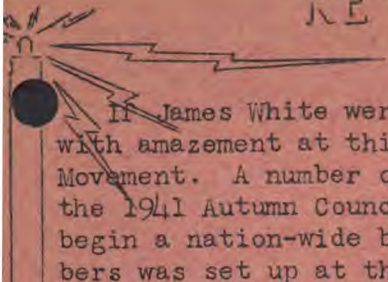
Jewel Hatcher went to New York City last week end; and Barbara Phipps, Dorothy Greeley, and Myrtle McGee, going in the opposite direction, spent the week end in Shenandoah Valley.

A number of Keepers braved the un-springlike weather to enjoy the W.M.C. Alumni picnic at Meadowbrook Cabin, in Rock Creek Park, the evening of April 24.

Oh yes, and speaking of spring again--Emma Howell and Edna Edeburn report two nature walks, with the identification of several trees and birds.

KEYS TO THE OFFICE

THE RADIO COMMISSION



If James White were to awaken today, his eyes would be wide with amazement at this newest development of the Great Advent Movement. A number of our evangelists had used radio prior to the 1941 Autumn Council, when the General Conference voted to begin a nation-wide broadcast. A Commission of eighteen members was set up at that time (which has since been enlarged).

This Commission contracted to use 87 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System, beginning with the first Sunday in 1942. The program has grown until now it is on 309 stations weekly.


The broadcasting group in Glendale is: H.M.S. Richards, Broadcast Director; F.W. Detamore, Announcer and Publicity Director; the King's Heralds Quartet, and the organist. They broadcast twice each Sunday. Radio mail and follow-up work are cared for by some ninety workers in the Glendale office, under the general management of H.H. Hicks. Contracts for station time and general business arrangements are made in Washington by the North American Radio Commission--W.G. Turner, chairman; W.H. Williams, treasurer; the writer, secretary.

The Latin American Radio Commission, of which J.F. Wright is chairman, is responsible for producing the Spanish and Portuguese programs in Glendale. The lectures are recorded by two experienced ordained ministers--Braulio Perez, Spanish, and Roberto Rabello, Portuguese. These records are then sent to approximately eighty stations in Central and South America where the programs are released each Sunday.

Thousands are enjoying their studies in the Radio Bible Correspondence School, and seem to be so happy for the privilege of learning of God's Word. One lady wrote: "I received your Bible. Thanks a lot. I have read the chapter named Genesis and am on the second chapter, named Exodus. I am going to try to read it through; but what is the name of the author? It is interesting. It tells about different people and the creation, etc. ... I am going to keep on studying and learning all I can."

The possibilities of this work are unlimited!

--W. P. Bradley.



INTRODUCING --

Marilynn Byrd Oates is a native of North Carolina, and an alumna of Southern Junior College. She attended W. M. C. the first semester, but left school to "join the Navy" as the bride of Radioman 2nd Class Howard Oates. While we all hope the war will soon be over, we also hope that Marilynn will stay with us a long time as a "Secretary 1st Class" in the Sabbath School Department.

Lena Stauffer Wetmore isn't really a stranger to us, as she has lived in Takoma Park since 1938, and attended W. M. C. She comes to the Insurance Department from Southern Dairies, where she has worked for three years. Her main hobby is taking care of her husband. Welcome, Lena, and "stick by!"

Thelma Collins comes to the Home Study Institute from Ohio via a year at W.M.C. She lives with her sister in Oakwood Cottage, and her hobbies are music and reading.

Along with H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary and a certain Nazi Führer, April birthdays were celebrated by Thelma Wellman, Genevieve Melendy, Hazel Peter, Mary Paul, Marion Nyman, Alice Fagerstrom, and Margaret Weir.

Be sure to hold Tuesday evening, May 2, for the "Third Floor Party" at the R&H Chapel. If you miss it "you'll be sorry!"

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