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## OUR WISH FOR YOU

Health enough to make your work  
a pleasure.

Wealth enough to support your needs.

Strength to battle with difficulties  
and overcome them.

Grace enough to confess your sins  
and forsake them.

Patience enough to toil until some  
good is accomplished.

Charity enough to see some good in  
your neighbors.

Love enough to move you to be useful  
and helpful to others.

Faith enough to make real the things  
of God.

Hope enough to remove all anxious fears  
concerning the future.

--Goethe.



## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



We may as well be frank about it to begin with--if you didn't go to the Christmas party there isn't any way to tell you about it, and if you did, it isn't necessary--about the hats, we mean. And really the hats started the whole affair.

When our hostesses handed us each a strip of green or red crepe paper, pointed to pins, pine cones, sprigs of cedar, and said, "Make yourself a hat," some of us felt pretty desperate, not realizing the rare talents that lay hidden within us. But the results were something beyond a Parisian designer's wildest dreams. No one envied the judges the task of choosing the prettiest hat and the most original one. After careful deliberation the prizes went to Hazel Peter's frilly bonnet and to a little creation by Dorothy Ferren that someone named "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

The hats began the whole affair, but they by no means ended it. A talent for impromptu entertainment also came to light when the party, divided into four groups by their birthday months, produced amusing skits on the situations assigned them.

And then there was the Christmas tree, with Santa Claus, alias Mr. Paul Wickman, distributing gifts and good cheer. Within the radius of your reporter's roving eye, the insides of the packages lived up to the promise of their gay wrappings.

But we still haven't told you the best thing about the party. Grace Coyl's date-and-nut-bread sandwiches and the fruit salad Minnie and Mintie Truitt and Alice Fagerstrom helped to prepare will linger in our memories after all the rest is a blurred memory. They were such a delightful change from the usual party refreshments that at least one Keeper gave them a reception that was more enthusiastic than ladylike.

There you have it--at least the high spots of another Christmas party. According to old-timers, it continued the honorable tradition of Christmas parties.

--Helen Smith.

## HERE, THERE, AND YONDER

Have you asked Louise Meyer about the surprise birthday party that she walked into in her own home? She had gone to dinner at a friend's home, and following this, she returned home, supposedly to spend a quiet evening attending to last-minute Christmas details. Imagine her chagrin and great astonishment when she walked into her living room to find many of her friends gathered there to greet her! She reports that she received many lovely gifts. So you see, it is not always a disadvantage to have a birthday near Christmas, is it, Louise?

Sarah Williams was among the travelers during the Christmas holidays. She visited her son and his wife at Auburn, Alabama. He is stationed at Tuskegee air field.

Hazel Shadel, always a good entertainer, is taking advantage of her spacious apartment at the Plummer house to give her friends a good time. For Christmas dinner she entertained Edith Geymet, Dorothy Ford, and Elsie Argent. She invited others in for the evening, but because of bad weather nobody came. So she tried again New Year's Eve, and sixteen girls had a grand time sitting by the fireplace, visiting, and eating popcorn balls and peanut brittle until the old year was gone and everybody said, "Happy New Year."

Pauline Klady went home to Galion, Ohio, for the holidays, but reports her visit spoiled because she was sick part of the time.

Velada Johnson reports having a good visit at home with her parents in Sidney, Iowa. After sitting up on the train for two nights on the way back, her apartment looked unusually good to her. And it really does look good! Ask to see the pictures she has of it and its charming occupant.

Louise Surface has had a REAL vacation. From Fall Council, she went to Minneapolis for Thanksgiving, then to California for the rest of the time to visit friends and relatives. Be sure to ask Louise about New Year's Eve on the train.

Grace Coyl and Laverne Case were the joyous recipients of new Royal typewriters just recently. Said Grace, "I was happy because I thought I would be getting one soon, and before I could turn around, there it was."

Mary Patterson traveled 150 miles to be with her sisters in Virginia.

T. Rose Curtis took off for California for the holidays. One of the editors received a card from her enroute, and she says, "I'm hoping to spend the holidays-plus 'in the bosom of my family'--some 33 or 34 of 'em--most of whom I've not seen since June, 1936, and several of whom I've never seen. And meantime Elder and Mrs. Rebok and I are thoroughly enjoying our trip southward and westward."

Florence Rebok and Elder Rebok went to California to attend their son Eddie's wedding, which took place on New Year's Eve.

Louise Meyer was "all in a dither" the other day because she received an air mail letter from France, thanking her for the box of clothes that she and Marion Nyman sent the early part of November. With her permission we quote from the letter: "We have received that which you said you sent, and I must say that it gives us much pleasure. I wish only that you be rewarded for your great generosity of what the Lord will bless you abundantly. . . . We received it in perfect condition, and it was complete." The girls are busily preparing another box to send.

Kitty Hamm went to her home for the holidays, and had a good rest from her school program.

You can't see Esther Benton these days and not be aware that something extra-special has come into her life. And indeed it has. Her brother Robert and his wife drove over for Christmas and brought with them the long-lost brother, Willis, during most of the war a prisoner of the Japanese. The family was complete, except for Elvin, who has been working for Uncle Sam in foreign parts; but since then word has come that he has landed on the shores of his native land.

Stella Fleisher is having a wonderful rest at the sanitarium. She suffered slight coronary thrombosis on December 7, but is making good progress toward recovery, and expects to be back in the office before the end of January. She is enjoying the flowers, cards, and other attentions of her friends.

One of Hazel Peter's most cherished Christmas gifts is a soil tester. We shall probably have to wait until spring to see the results from her using it.

Gladys Griffin definitely was not one of those waiting in the crowd at Union Station at Christmas time. She knows her way around, and had plane reservations. She left Portland, Maine, at 9:30 in the morning and arrived at the Washington airport at 1:30. Since she told us not to mention it, we will keep it secret that she got airsick on account of the bumpy ride!

Emma Howell is fortunate to have a visit from her brother John once in a while. She was glad he came in December.

The Fagerstroms are entertaining David Turner, who has recently been discharged from the Army.

Ingrid was rudely awakened by the telephone on Friday morning, but all was forgiven when she found that Western Union had a cable for her announcing her husband's departure that day for the United States. Even the operator was happy!

Fern Woodruff's husband is home from overseas and is enjoying life as a civilian. We miss you, Fern. Come back and see us sometime.

Kitty Sawyer's husband is around here these days as a civilian. No wonder Kitty looks so radiantly happy.

Thelma Collins visited for about a week at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Roanoke, Virginia was the destination of Carole King over the holidays.

## BOXES TO EUROPE

Since mid-November the Keepers of the Keys have been sending packages to our believers in war-torn European countries. As best we can find out, the following have been sent:

Medical . . . . .	2	Home Missionary . . . . .	3
Ministerial . . . . .	2	Missionary Volunteer . . . . .	3
Statistical . . . . .	2	Stella Fleisher . . . . .	2
Educational . . . . .	3	Helen Smith . . . . .	1
Sabbath School and Marion . . . . .	13	Esther Yost . . . . .	1
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Others contributed to some of the packages. Louise Surface, Dorothy Ford, Evelyn Wells, and perhaps others contributed generously. Several more packages are almost ready to mail.

Grace Mace has been sending packages to Italy. Much credit goes to Esther Halswick, Edith Geymet, and Elsie Argent, who have been sending generous boxes to relatives and friends.

--Grace Coyl.

## COMMENTS ON A SHOWER

"Do you mean to say that the girls actually made these invitations?" "Yes, but they're pretty enough to have been printed by the most exclusive printing establishment in town." "What invitations are you talking about?" "Why, the ones to Jean Freeman's shower."

"What a beautiful white Christmas tree, and look at all the gifts. The girls surely do wrap them up to look intriguing."

"You didn't go to Jean's shower? You mean you missed seeing that quaint little wedding as performed in Pastrytown. And learning of a white wedding instead of a white Christmas. And listening to Mrs. Howard play. And exclaiming 'oh' and 'ah' as the wrappings were removed and the lovely gifts revealed. And joining with everyone as she said, 'yum, yum, what delicious punch and cake.' And seeing Jean model her wedding gown. Too bad, too bad."

"Wish I could tell you about the wedding, but I'm afraid all we know is that there was one. More about that later."

WE WELCOME

Mrs. Esther Nivison back to the Publishing Department. She last worked there in 1940-41, and we are glad to have her back among us again. Hope you enjoy our company enough to stay awhile, Esther.

Katherine Buxbaum into our midst. Although she has been working here for a time, we do not believe she has been welcomed in the columns of the KEY NOTE before.

Mrs. Eva McIvor into the Executive offices. She is secretary to Elder Branson while Ora Williams is working for Elder Nelson during Miss Fleisher's illness. We hope she will enjoy her stay with us.

Rachel Landrum from an internment camp to the Statistical office. Perhaps her stay will not be permanent, but we are glad to have her here.

Mary Ogle, also from an internment camp, to the Sabbath School Department. We hear she is returning to China, the land of her adoption, but we are glad to see her around.

Edith Seek from Laytonsville, Maryland, to the Seminary. She is doing secretarial work for members of the faculty.

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If you had been in the Seminary at 12 o'clock Friday, December 21, you might have questioned the sanity of ten of the Keepers, who were racing here and there carrying small bits of paper. But if you had stayed long enough, you would have discovered the purpose of such actions, for each, after having followed the clues planted by another, found hidden treasures. The "orders" ranged from singing "Silent Night" on the second floor to searching for definitions in the Encyclopedia Britannica. All this was the annual treasure hunt of the Seminary Keepers.

Juanita Jones spent a few days at her home in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

