

THE KEY NOTE

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O God! Give us real "Peace on Earth" once more,
Let frosty stillness fill the fragrant air,
While ivory clouds go scudding in the sky,
To make a lovely picture everywhere.

Let streets be covered deep with sparkling stars,
And all the winter roses bloom again,
While Christmas angels fill the velvet night
With madrigals of holiest refrain.

But most of all, swing wide my portaled heart,
Remove the rancor and corroding sin,
And help me keep one holy candle bright
With fervent prayer, that Christ may enter in.

--Karen Elba



WE SYMPATHIZE--

Hazel Peter was called very suddenly to her parents' home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., on receiving word that her mother had been severely burned in the explosion of an oil stove. Mrs. Royston passed away before Hazel reached home. We deeply sympathize with Hazel in this time of sorrow.

Zippie Franklin was disappointed that Clell was unable to get leave to spend Thanksgiving at home, but thankful that he did have a brief leave last week-end before taking up his knife, fork, and spoon and boarding a troop train for--but that's a military secret.

Miss Ginther had to spend a week at the Sanitarium. We are glad to report, however, that she is better and is leaving Wednesday evening for a month's stay at home--Portland, Oreg.--in an effort to regain her health completely.

Katie didn't do so well with the holidays. She was too ill with a cold to enjoy them as she ought.

WE TRAVEL--

Lynelle is going home for Christmas. She says she can hardly wait to get started.

Barbara Phipps visited her aunt at Indiana, Pa., over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Marjorie Hight visited a former schoolmate over the Thanksgiving holiday, in Beacon, N.Y.

Theodora Wirak has arrived from California to take up her work as registrar at the Seminary.

Nora Buckman took a boat trip to Norfolk and back recently--reporting good beds, good food, and a good time.

Kitty Kavanaugh and her mother spent Thanksgiving in Annapolis with Kitty's brother who is a member of the faculty of the Naval Academy.

Mrs. Mace left Saturday night for Omaha, Nebr., for the Home Missionary Secretaries' Council. From there she plans to go to Walla Walla, Wash., and then on to southern California. She will be back in the office the middle of January.

Pauline and Janice Klady visited New York City last week-end. They stayed at the Victoria Hotel and learned that it was much noisier than apartment houses. They visited Times Square, Radio City, and the shopping centers. Pauline brought back a new suit.

Dear Master, as the old year dieth soon,
Take Thou my harp;
And prove if any string be out of tune,
Or flat or sharp.
And correct Thou, Lord, for me,
What ringeth harsh to Thee,
That heart and life may sing, the new year long,
Thy perfect song.

--Author Unknown.

WE ENTERTAIN--

Jewel Hatcher played one evening recently in the orchestra of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Genevieve and her sisters were fortunate to have a visit from their mother over the holidays.

Edna Edeburn's sister, Mrs. Ruth Bowen, visited her for a week recently during Cpl. Gilbert Bowen's furlough.

Elder and Mrs. Rebok entertained the Seminary group at a Thanksgiving party on Tuesday evening, the 23rd.

Bethel Rice entertained her co-workers and bosses with badminton, moving pictures, and ice cream Sunday evening, November 7. After an appropriate, if interrupted, speech by Doctor Weaver, she was presented with a farewell gift.

WE HAVE BIRTHDAYS--

The two November birthdays in the Department of Education--Mrs. Rebok's and Carol Crabtree's--were celebrated with the ice-cream-and-pie-in-the-library which is becoming a time-honored tradition of the Department.

Mary Jane Dybdahl was happily surprised to receive a long distance call from "the folks back home"--Richmond, California --last Friday. The occasion was Mary Jane's birthday.

WE DO HOMEWORK--

The Editor knows of at least five Keepers who didn't spend Friday in the downtown shopping district.

We have WACs and WAVES, SPARs and MARINES in the service of our country. Now we have WAHCs among the Keepers of the Keys. And these WAHCs have little need for the assistance of any of the male sex, for they are themselves expert in doing special jobs in the home. That is what WAHCs stands for--Women's Auxiliary Home Corps! Two of our Keepers are charter members of this Corps, for they have just recently been busily filling their attic with batts. No, not bats, batts--of insulating material.

For a pleasant winter evening, try--

WE TOOK TO THE WOODS, by Louise Dickinson Rich. A true story of a Maine Family Robinson. The author, formerly an English teacher, and her family have a cabin in the heart of the Rangeley Lake region. There is nothing at all on the hills but forest, and nobody lives there but deer and bear and wildcats. It is more than an adventure story, and more than a nature study; "it is a shining, refreshing picture of an entirely new way of life." In the spring of 1942, Mrs. Rich left the woods for the first time in five years, and then only temporarily. The book is written with warmth and enthusiasm and great charm; it will stir the imagination of every reader and kindle his heart with envy."

Margaret Weir, Literary Sponsor

WE MIGRATE--

We can scarcely compare the migration of Keepers this year to the migration of the birds in the spring and autumn, since, for instance, the four who left us in November scattered in four different directions--Matilda to Eastern Shore, Bethel to Lansing, Michigan, Jeanne to downtown Washington, and Nora to the Review and Herald. Matilda, who has been one of us for sixteen years, was honored at a farewell gathering in the Review and Herald Chapel on the evening of November 11. Mr. Jenkins of the Esso Company was present to show the movies brought back by the Thaw tour of India, and we gazed with wonderment upon the portrayal of life among the ruling princes of that land. Music and refreshments mingled with a minimum of speech making rounded out a pleasant evening. Matilda left November 16 for her new home on Eastern Shore, Bethel started the 30th to drive to Michigan, Jeanne began her work in a downtown law office November 8, and the first of December Nora takes up her new duties as secretary to Elder F. M. Wilcox.

COMING: THE KEEPERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 20.

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