

THE KEY NOTE



A HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

For the first time in her five years, my niece was helping with the Christmas baking. Her chubby hands were covered with flour up to her elbows, and she smiled at me across the kitchen. Her cookies would be a surprise for her younger sister and parents.

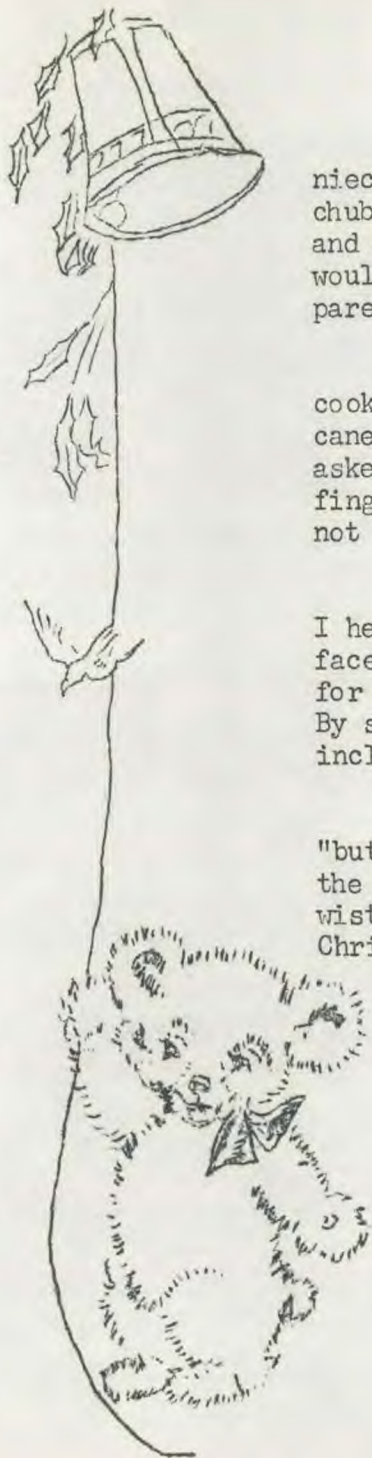
She was excited to see the assortment of cookie cutters: a Christmas tree, star, bell, candy cane, Santa Claus, gingerbread man. But when I asked her which she wanted to use, she put her finger to her lips. So I turned my back and did not intrude.

I proceeded to mix my own fruitcakes until I heard the happy humming of Jingle Bells. Her face flushed, Bobbi then sang out happily, "Hearts for Christmas!" and held out the pan of cookies. By some "error," the Valentine cutter had been included in the Christmas assortment.

"I tried the others," she said earnestly, "but the cookies broke. When I tried the heart, the cookies stayed together." Then she added wistfully, "Isn't it all right to use a heart for Christmas?"

I put down the mixing spoon and placed my arm around her. "Of course it's all right to use a heart for Christmas," I told her. "That's exactly what I need to remember to do this year."

In our home the tray of holiday cookies will have at the very center a heart for Christmas. For if the heart is gone out of our planning, haven't we missed the message of the great gift of Christmas itself?



"AU REVOIR BUT NOT GOODBYE," MARILYN

At least, we like to think that Marilyn will one day be back with us somewhere in our office, but at the present time such a notion is not in her thinking.

The Secretarial girls succeeded in surprising Marilyn on November 30, her last day of work at the office, with a "noon-time" shower for that long-planned-for new member of the Froelich family.

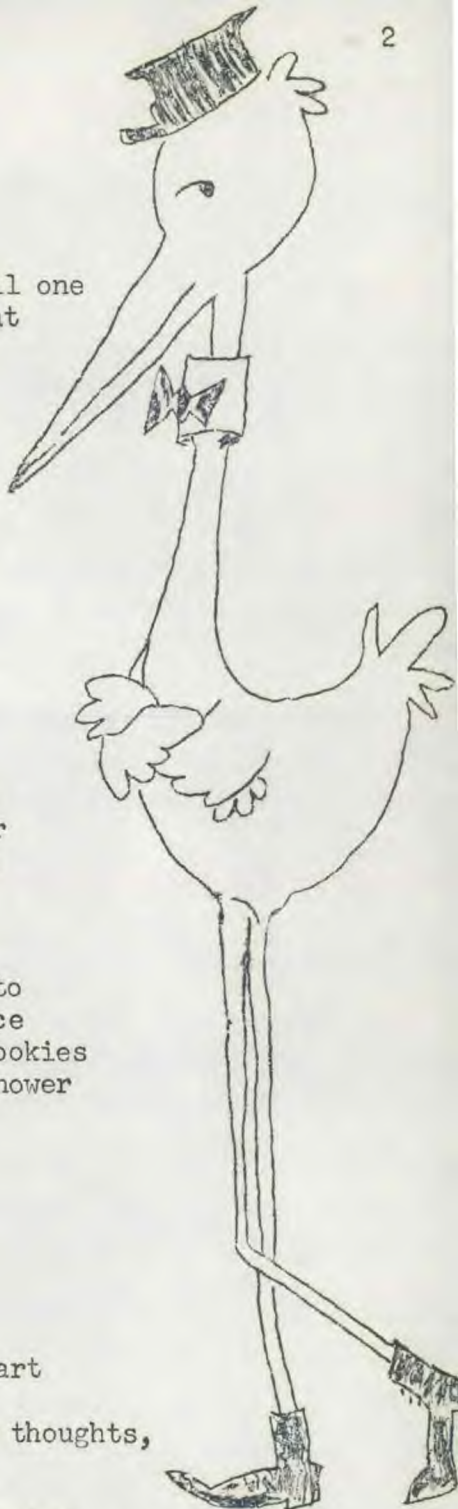
Knowing yellow to be a favorite color, many of the gifts were in this popular bright tone. For some time a corner of baby's room has been ready and waiting for the bathinette (received at the shower) which Marilyn intended to buy just as soon as she had stopped work. The many very lovely things given her will make Junior a well-dressed and equipped little baby. He even has a car-bed all ready for those trips to Front Royal.

The "baby" hidden in the bathinette, added to the fun, and Mr. Stork himself was much in evidence in the decoration of the Lounge. The delicious cookies and punch were an added touch that finished the shower (as well as our lunches) in the right way!

--Marion Nyman

OUR WISH FOR YOU

Wishing you this Christmas time
 The special kind of cheer
 That creeps down deep into your heart
 And stays there all the year;
 The cheer that's wrought of kindly thoughts,
 Warm friendships, old and new,
 And realization of the hopes
 That mean the most to you.--Selected



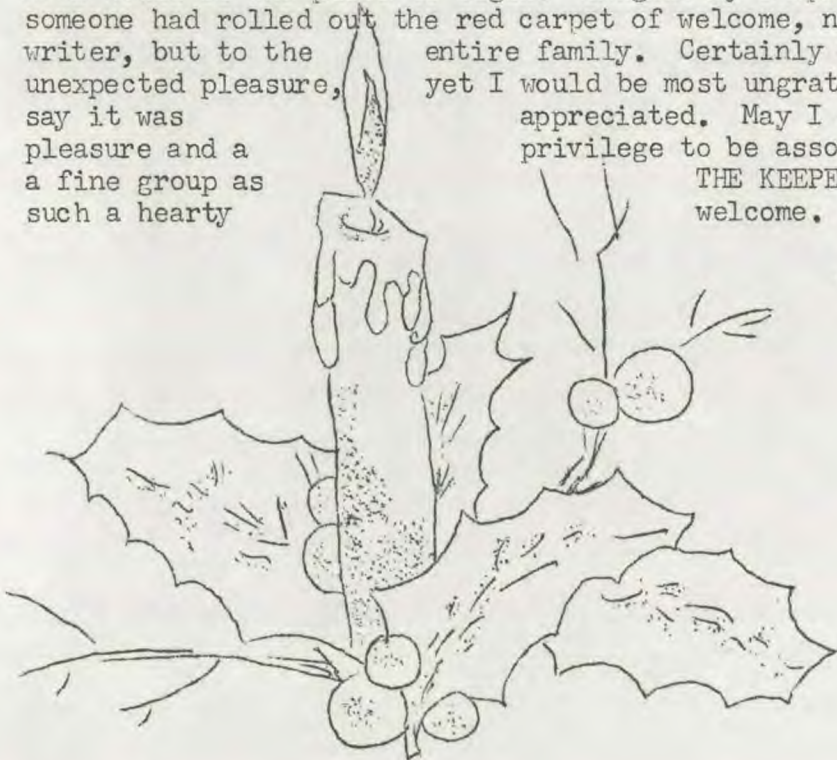
GREETINGS

Early in November the editor handed me advanced copies of the November issue of THE KEYNOTE. At that time I was in the process of acquainting myself with the work and duties of the Personnel Department.

Not having been advised as to any responsibility in connection with this publication, I was somewhat puzzled as to why the gift. Not wishing to expose my ignorance more than necessary I thanked the editor and continued with the work at hand.

Later in the day it seemed a good idea to learn more about the ladies of the office with whom I was to work. Surely THE KEYNOTE would be the place to begin. Imagine my surprise to find that someone had rolled out the red carpet of welcome, not only to the writer, but to the entire family. Certainly this was an unexpected pleasure, yet I would be most ungrateful did I not say it was appreciated. May I say it is a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with such a fine group as THE KEEPERS. Thanks for such a hearty welcome.

--Clayton D. Forshee



WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS

At Thanksgiving time we gave food to five Adventist families. About fifty items were turned in and \$40.00 in cash. These families were glad for our help and mentioned the selection of specialities which were a real treat for them. Also many staple foods were included and fresh fruit.

For the baby-to-be of a former employee who was financially embarrassed because of illness in the family, we gave essentials and a few extras. Twenty dollars from our funds and ten dollars from profits of the card sales paid for these baby things. We have a note of appreciation from the mother. Her frustration because of unpreparedness is over.

For Christmas we are giving toys to six families and some food and clothing. We have two bicycles and a number of toys. We would be glad for mittens, rainwear, night clothes. We also want to include fresh fruit.

--Genevieve Melendy

TO AND FRO AT THANKSGIVING

TRUITT TWINS to Staunton, Virginia, with sister Edith (Mrs. Roger Burchfield).

JOAN ACHENBACH at home in Pennsylvania.

INGRID BEAULIEU and family visited relatives in Norfolk, Va.

GRACE SAMPSON and Fred went to Wise, Virginia, to visit her sister.

ELSIE KUEHNERT and husband visited his mother in Ohio.

ESTHER TRIGGER AND GLORIA EAKER both visited relatives in Falls Church, Virginia--say they plan the same thing for Christmas.

ANNA BELCHER and family visited Huntington, West Virginia, and then traveled on to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in order to celebrate the holiday with both sets of parents and in-laws.

More To and Fro at Thanksgiving

MARJORIE MARSH entertained Frank's nephew who will soon be on his way to Italy with the Air Force.

LAURA BELLE RIEGEL and husband visited new converts in Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to whom they have been sending literature.

AVA WALL entertained daughter, Verdell, and her roommate from Loma Linda, California, on their two-week Thanksgiving holiday to the East.

CAROL HETZELL visited mother, brother, and other relatives in Plainfield, New Jersey. They treated her so well she's going back for Christmas!

NEWS NOTES

MARVELLA ANDERSON had a stupendous thrill when she, along with other travel agents, was invited by United Airlines on the maiden voyage of their new DC-8 jet plane. Twenty-five minutes later they were in Pittsburgh. On the plane also were the president of the airline and other VIPs.

LIL JARHY recently had two misfortunes: She traveled down to Greenville, South Carolina, to attend her father's funeral. Then while shopping for groceries her handbag was cut from her arm and she lost nearly \$100 in cash.

KAY ZWEIGLE flew down to Orlando, Florida, for a week and drove back. There were stars in her eyes when she returned. Is it a secret, Kaye?

CAROL HETZELL was invited to attend a meeting of the ZONTA (Professional Business Women's Club) and was given the honor of drawing two names for prizes. Clever girl! One of the two names was her own. The prize?--a Japanese saki set, which plays music while you drink. Then at her plate she found another gift. The package proved to contain a lovely pair of dangling ear rings. Ah, ah, Carol!

DENA HANMILL's daughter, Marsha, appeared on Pick Temple's TV program on December 16.

MAYBELLE VANDERMARK is busy working on the make-up of the 1961-62 Ingathering Magazine and says she can't even think of Christmas now.

ELIZABETH BACON had a card shower from the Temperance Department girls on her birthday (December 15).

OILENE LIU took off for Connecticut for vacation and to help take care of her second grand-daughter, just arrived.

LOUISE MEYER did her Christmas shopping in Philadelphia and New York and got some very special gifts.

Recently, MARY OGLE underwent surgery at the San on her left shoulder. She is still carrying her arm in a sling, but says she is making a good recovery.

RUBY JONES made a trip to New York where she served as a bridesmaid to one of her friends.

LOIS BURNETT sailed on the S.S. "C. E. Dant" for Manila on the 15th of December. All our wishes for a blessed experience in the Philippines go with you, Lois.

MILDRED LEE JOHNSON is full of retrospective thrills as she reminisces about a recent trip to Bermuda. The pink sands, the blue, blue ocean, the full moon every night shining down on the lovely pink-roofed cottages, the sunshine, yes, and even the tree frogs which sing at night, sounding more like birds than frogs, says Mildred, gave her a most inspiring and long-to-be-remembered visit, even though she went on a business bent.

While in California this fall GLADYS CLARKE saw 98 different birds. 34 of these birds were new to her--those she had never had a glimpse of before.

CHANGES

DOLLY LONG is now secretary to F. R. Millard in the Secretarial Department.

AVA WALL has gone to the Temperance Department to work for Elder Scharffenberg.

MABLE TOWERY is working on the index for The Ministry magazine.

CHRISTMAS IN ANTICIPATION

JEAN THARP plans to visit sunny Miami to spend Christmas with her husband's family.

IRENE DENNY is going all the way to California to spend Christmas with a "friend."

EVA LINSOTT is planning to spend her vacation, including the Christmas holiday, in Florida.

MABEL MULHOLLAND is looking forward to a visit from her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Cone. A family get together is planned in which three grandchildren will also participate.

MARCEDENE and AUDRA WOOD will spend the holiday with their parents in Hutchinson, Kansas.

SARAH WILLIAMS is flying down to Birmingham, Alabama, to be with her son and his family.

MARIE MOONEY plans to be in New York for shopping and visiting with her family.

EDNA EDEBURN is flying to Arizona to be with her aged father and sister. Says she may return via California.

BETTY PARRETT will spend the holidays in New Hampshire.

Two months in Florida when its climate is at its best is what lucky MILDRED MARTIN is planning. She and her husband leave the Sunday after Christmas and will be returning late in February.

HERE'S NEWS! JOYCE HOPP is staying home for Christmas!



THE "HALO" ON THE KEYNOTE

As each KEYNOTE is issued, I never cease to marvel. In its childhood and youth some wondered if the KEYNOTE would ever survive. Nominating committees found it so hard to get KEEPERS to serve on the staff. Over the years, with ever-enlarging personnel, however, someone has always been found to carry on this extra-curricular activity. Each new issue keeps alive that little spark kindled in the distant past. The KEYNOTE is the medium of exchange for the KEEPERS OF THE KEYS, the influence of which extends much farther than many think. Let's keep on keeping the "halo" on the KEYNOTE.

--Edna Edeburn

NEW OFFICERS

A hearty welcome to the new officers for the KEEPERS for the year 1960. We know they will bring many new ideas to their jobs as they plan for KEEPER activities during 1960

President	Kay Zweigle
Vice President	Gladys Purdie
Secretary	Marion Magnuson
Treasurer	Louise Smith
Ass't. Treasurer	Nellie Roser

OUR LEGACY

To the incoming KEYNOTE staff we bid welcome and bequeath to you the joys and pleasures, headaches and deadlines, news scoops and re-writes, for forthcoming issues of the KEYNOTE.

**It has been a most enjoyable experience being your editors. We have learned a lot and hope to profit from it in future days. We most deeply appreciate the sincere and willing efforts of those who helped to make the KEYNOTE possible month by month--contributors, reporters, art editor, production and circulation staff. A heart-felt Thank You one and all!

**To you who take over, we know you will find that the more we work together, the better acquainted we all become, and the more enjoyable we find our association in this office with "others of like precious faith."

--Gertrude Loewen

--Marie Mooney