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THE STORK HAS VISITED MARILYN FROELICH

MARILYN FROELICH, formerly of the Secretarial Department, has her long-looked-for baby--a lovely, big boy of 8 pounds, 8 ounces, 22 inches in length. He was born on February 23. The new daddy was so happy when he learned that he had a son that he almost hugged Dr. Emma Hughes! Marilyn's only difficulty at the hospital was in getting her young son awake enough to feed him. Wonder if he sleeps that well at night now he's home? Congratulations to Mom and Daddy Froelich, and a great big welcome to Baby Richard Paul!



STORK TO VISIT JOYCE HOPP

The many friends of JOYCE HOPP (Med. Dept.) entered into the excitement of planning for a baby by surprising her with a shower in the lounge at noon on March 7. For it seems that Joyce is soon to add to her list of degrees the one known as M.A. (lovingly known as Ma.) This is conditional, of course, on her completing the final project in a few weeks! Among the many gifts to help make life pleasant for little "Hippity Hopp" were two fuzzy hoppers to share his (?) playtime. Many happy wishes go with Joyce as she takes a short leave of absence from the office for this blessed event. Best of luck to the prospective daddy, too!

One of our newest workers is EDMA FRANCO, a student from W.M.C., who is working part-time for W. J. Hubert in the Church Development Service, which has headquarters at 7111 Maple Ave., next to the post office. This converted dwelling is sometimes known as the "annex" and sometimes as the "little white house." We trust Edma's friends realize which "white house" it is she's working at--not 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue!

FIRST FLOOR NEWS

EVA LINSKOTT (Treas.) reports visiting new birding grounds at the new Dulles International Airport at Chantilly, Virginia. Her reward for braving the cold weather was the adding of two more birds to her life list--red polls and lapland longspurs. Sounds intriguing!

EVELYN WELLS (Treas.) recently became the proud owner of a 1956 Ford Victoria hardtop. She reports she is having to learn to drive all over again since she hasn't been driving recently. But this ten-inch snow has stopped driving practice temporarily. We know she will receive lots of pleasure from her car.

Mrs. JUNE KNIGHT (Treas.) has also procured a new car--always a big event in anyone's life. By the way, she recently caught her finger in the door and had to have two stitches taken. Careful, there!

Mrs. EVELYN KEADLE (Ins.) has turned in her '50 Chevy for a 1956 model and is pleased with the deal.

Mrs. ANNA BELCHER (Ins.) is getting plenty of experience in dealing with the measles. Her children are taking turns with it.

Mrs. BEATRICE PIERCE (Ins.) says her children are also having measles. Sounds like the Pierces have been visiting the Belchers. Makes you wonder--does it pay to be friendly?

Mrs. ALBERTA VITELLO-MOPTON, former Keeper (Ins.) passed away on March 10 at Paradise Valley Sanitarium, California. This comes as a shock to her former friends here. It seems she left Washington in August to join the La Sierra branch of the Insurance Department, and was married in December. Sudden death seems all the more tragic when it's a young person. Our heart-felt sympathy goes to her husband and other members of the family. See Vivienne Nye for more details.

Plant census: 40 African violets, 25 philodendrons, 3 snake plants, 4 ferns, 3 dwarf palms, 2 large palms, 2 coleuses, 2 begonias, 1 corn plant, 1 cactus, and 1 wandering Jew, making a total of 97 for the first floor offices and reception room. Plants not only make an office more attractive, but help to give off oxygen and add moisture to the air--especially in the heat of winter. We thought it might be interesting to note what kinds of plants are growing in our office, and how many of each. The tabulation is by each floor--not complete, of course; but one can gain some idea of the greenery preferred by our Keepers.

SECOND FLOOR NEWS

Mrs. DOROTHY EMMERSON is now working in the Ministerial Department. She and her husband, K. H. Emmerson, now in the Transportation Department, recently came up from the South American Division headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay. (It is hard to realize they are just getting over a hot summer down there!) Right now DOROTHY is "riding high." She passed her driving test with flying colors, had a visit from her son who is attending Mount Vernon Academy, and is busy planning on moving into her newly-acquired home.

INA WHITE (Ministerial) is now working half time. We are glad she can be in the office again, even if she has to begin slowly following her bout with stomach ulcers. Her diet has made her gain weight, but not too much!

Mrs. GERTRUDE LOEWEN has recently changed departments and is working but half time. Her bosses now include R. S. Watts, F. A. Mote, on the second floor, and Archa Dart on the third floor. Hope she keeps them all straight and happy!

Mrs. LOUISE ELLIOTT (Personnel) and her husband are enjoying their blue Rambler which they recently acquired.

AUDRA and MARCEDENE WOOD (S.S. & Ed.) are talking fast these days--making up for lost time. Their friend Kathryn Kavanaugh, whom they have not seen in almost four years, has just returned from the Far Eastern Division office in Singapore. Kathryn is a former Keeper and is enjoying visiting with her many friends here before going on to the West Coast.

One of our Keepers is definitely "in the pink." She went shopping the other day and bought a pink dinette set, a pink bed-spread with three different shades of pink ruffles, a pink bath mat, a pink-handled hairbrush, and a pink sheet set. Guess who!

The Keepers will be interested in news of former Keeper Marvelyn Loewen. She is very happy at E.M.C., in Berrien Springs, taking organ and piano and one university subject, plus working. Busy?

THIRD FLOOR NEWS

Welcome home to MURIEL CHRISTENSEN, who has rejoined the Temperance Department. Shortly after school closed she and her husband and two small children journeyed to her former home in England to visit, and then settled down in his former home in Denmark, where he is teaching in a private school. We had thought they were becoming dyed-in-the-wool Europeans, but it seems America called them back, and here is Muriel ready to take up her old job! Her husband will join her shortly.

Another new worker is DOLLY KRUSE, who is working for W. M. Adams in the Public Affairs Department, coming from the Central California Conference. We wonder if this weather seems a bit cold to her! She is looking for an apartment.

IVA CARPENTER is now working for E. W. Pedersen in the Home Missionary Department, coming from Billings, Montana. Now she probably knows what real snow is like and wonders at all the fuss we make over a mere 10-inch snowfall! She lives at 7057 Carroll Ave.

Mrs. ELAINE ELLIS (H.M.) happily journeyed home this past week end, March 11-13, to Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. RUTH CARTER (H.M.) recently grew impatient waiting for her tulip to bloom, so she forced it open and it fell apart! She will have to learn "paciencia," as the Spanish say.

Friends of Mrs. RUTH KLASER, formerly of the Temperance Department, have been sorry to note her three weeks' stay in the Sanitarium, where the doctors are trying to find the cause of the pain in her leg. For the last several days being in traction has helped, she says, and she hopes soon to be home, perhaps in time for her wedding anniversary--on the 17th. (Begorrah, if that isn't St. Patrick's Day!)

Mrs. HILDA ROCCO, whose home is in Brazil, has been added to the workers in the Temperance Department. Too much snow, she says!

Plant census: The girls have many pots of philodendrons, wandering jews, tulips, and African violets, also other varieties unnamed. MARCEDENE WOOD (Ed.) has a fern that came from Elder A. G. Daniell's home through YVONNE OLSON, former Keeper. She also has a Ten Commandments plant. The leaves fold in two at night. And if it is a perfect leaf, it will have five brown spots on each side.

POTOMAC UNIVERSITY NEWS

While THELMA WELLMAN's brother was taking a vacation, she consented to kitty-sit with his black Persian cat. She compares the experience to the care of a rambunctious and lively small boy! All figurines and knickknacks had to be hidden, and special meals had to be prepared--of horsemeat, fish, and plenty of cooked green vegetables. And then there was the almost daily brushing of his silky coat. Rewards: One affectionate companion (with topaz eyes), and the gifts of a bottle of Lanvin perfume and an exquisite Dutch tile picture to adorn the office wall.

The warm Florida sunshine and cool evening breezes seemed to beckon to Mrs. MILDRED MARTIN in a strong way, for she recently spent seven weeks down there visiting friends and doing a little surveying of the land. Could it be she is thinking of the future? But we are glad to have you back in the University library, Mildred.

Did you smell the fresh aroma of homemade bread on Tuesday evening, March 8? This was the project for that evening of the class directed by the Home Economics Department at W.M.C. which is attended by several Seminarianes (wives of Seminary students). Among them are the following Keepers: BILLIE BLUMENSHIEN, PEARL WESTERBERG, MARYBEL HINES and BEVERLY WIEDEMANN. Good luck to them in learning more about this very useful art--which they can eventually share with their families.

Plant census: 22 African violets, 8 philodendrons, 4 maiden-hair ferns, 2 cacti, 1 sansevieria, 1 pussy willow (and 1 dead ivy!) A total of 39 plants in the University offices.

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The cold and snowy weather has been shared by all the girls, though with mixed reactions. Several snowfalls have brought a late winter to Washington--slowing up traffic, closing schools, and causing some workers who live the farthest away to miss a few hours of work. One cannot deny the beauty of the falling snow and the lovely blanket of white as it covers up the drab spots and provides lovely sledding for the children. And somehow one learns to walk and drive on ice or slush--and not gripe too much. We are much more fortunate here than those in the West, the North, or the South. So cheer up--it could have been lots worse!

E-S-D-A N-E-W-S

Mrs. ILA RUDISAILLE recently spent ten days in Florida visiting her husband's family. All at Esda have enjoyed the oranges and grapefruit she brought back to us as "souvenirs."

Plant census: 4 philodendrons, 3 coleuses, 1 African violet, 1 shamrock ivy, 1 snake plant (of the cactus family) and others with names unknown. Many girls have a larger variety also at home.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE NEWS

Mrs. EVELYN HEINRICH has recently joined our group, her husband being a Seminary student. After his graduation in June, they plan to return to South Dakota. Now that's a state that knows its snows also!

LAURELL PETERSON, on February 21, accompanied a Pathfinder group on their bus trip to Philadelphia and Valley Forge. That day they ate a quick lunch outside. The following Sunday she supervised a group of boys "tracking and trailing"--through the mud. Then on March 5 she went with the band in the snow to S.V. Academy. All this activity surely keeps her busy, but her cheerful spirit and good health convince us that what she says is true--she is enjoying it.

Plant census: 2 coleuses, 1 each of philodendron, spider plant, and an avocado pear tree, which Mrs. Teesdale started from a seed a few years ago and which now reaches the ceiling.

GROUND FLOOR NEWS

A robin--maybe the first robin of spring--was seen recently by CLEO EDEBURN. Where did he come from in all this snow?

GRACE JOHNSON'S sister and family recently visited her, as did also a cousin from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Mrs. FRANCES SMITH (White) is busy tracing her husband's progress on the map as he travels around--right now he's in Turkey.

Mrs. LOIS SHARPE (White) and her husband have a nice new red Rambler station wagon which they are enjoying using. (Needless comment!)

Ground Floor News--Continued

LEONA CARSCALLEN (White) and GLADYS CLARKE (A.S.I.) were among those attending the recent Flower Show. This was such a wonderful display that it is too bad it came amid our heaviest snowfall. Some were able to make it to the Armory to see the beauties of the flowers shown there and to buy plants with which to start a garden at home. Leona reports that it is nice to go sledding in this snow!

Several Keepers were guests of the ladies of the Columbia Union recently when an interior decorator from the P. J. Nee Furniture Company spoke. Former Keeper EDNA HELMS won the door prize, and all profited by the hints about home decoration.

HELEN MILLER recently traveled to Oklahoma to attend the funeral of her doctor brother. We extend to her our deepest sympathy.

Plant Census: 8 African violets, 5 ferns, 5 philodendrons, 3 palms, 3 rubber plants, 2 wax begonias, 2 poinsettias, 2 avocados, 1 sweet potato vine, 1 night blooming cereus, 1 snake plant. Total: 32 pots of plants on the ground floor.

Early Sunday morning, March 13, there was a total eclipse of the moon, clearly visible from this area, especially from 2:40 to 4:15 a.m. Some of the Keepers wakened to see it and described it as a never-to-be-forgotten sight, surpassed only by remembrance of the total eclipse of the sun seen years ago! Such displays of nature always make one mindful of the master hand of the Creator and draw us closer to Him.

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