

Keys for Locked Doors By LELA BARROW

Little but mighty—Size is not always an indication of importance. Goliath was no doubt a splendid figure on the field of battle; much taller and bigger than any of the men who were supporting him. Yet the ruddy stripling David with his sling-shot was the mighty man in the battle.

When a carpenter is planning to build a fine home for a person, are his thoughts on the big things to use, or on the little essentials needed? His first thoughts are for lumber, nails, brick, ladders, windows, and doors. Has he thought of a key to lock that open door for safety? It is right to study the big problems, but don't forget the keys. Duties may hold the key to the biggest problem, but think what a door would mean without the key.

Rev. 3:7-8 "These things sayeth He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; I know thy works; behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it. I will make them to know that I have loved thee."

I have difficulty in finding subjects to write for Highlights. In reading one of Charles L. Allen's books I found this topic "Keys for Locked Doors". The Bible refers you to Revelation - that the key to open and lock doors is held by responsible, loving faithful people like David. Of course, the keys that the Bible refers to are Master Keys - not made at any key-shop that may be held by any shop-lifter.

"Keys for Locked Doors" reminds me of an experience I had 72 years ago. Ed and I were locked in a room without a key - we were at L.E. Smith's. I was teaching and boarding there. Ed came from Reelsboro on Saturday. This happened on Sunday night. A couple came by from a party and couldn't open the door to the

living room where Ed and I were. I went to open the door to let them in, and I couldn't open it. I said "Ed, did you lock this door?"—"No" he answered. Embarrassed? Yes.

My sister, Lydia, heard the noise outside her room and came with a key to let the couple in. She explained all of it. She was the one who closed the door when she left Ed and me. The lock was old and she had been locked in there before this and had to call for a key to get out. Ed and I were engaged, but not married till August 1913. Maybe that was my worst experience in life for a little while. Lydia and the keys saved the day.

I like this story from Charles L. Allen's book:

I know a man who puts his keys into one of his shoes each night when he goes to bed. The next morning when he dresses to begin a new day, that shoe is the last thing he puts on. He takes out those keys, holds them in his hand and says: "Lord, this day I will come to certain doors that are locked, but I shall use these keys to open those doors. And may I remember that there is a key to every situation, a solution to every problem. May I never surrender to one of life's locked doors. Instead, may I use the keys on the key-ring of prayer until I find the right key and the door be opened.

Charles believes that with God nothing is hopeless—that all things are possible through prayer. This story of the keys, he points out, some of the locked doors of life may be opened by using the prayer-keys. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

This lesson of keys should help many people to have a place to put their keys—instead of spending minutes looking through pocket books for them.

I keep my keys where I never have to look for them.

Weyerhaeuser News

20 Years Service

Clifford E. Ellis of Ernul and Kenneth Berquist of New Bern in Timberlands Group are recognized for 20 years of service to the Weyerhaeuser Company.

15 Years Service

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10 Years Service

Hubert Gullede, Sr. of New Bern at the New Bern Sawmill is recognized for 10 years of service to the Weyerhaeuser Company.

Reuben Witherington Family

By JANIS CANNON

Reuben Witherington born Apr. 18, 1795, died Nov. 30, 1858 married Penelope Harrington Moore, born Nov. 30, 1795, died Oct. 1876. She was the widow of Asa Moore with two small children. They lived in Southern Pitt Co. near the Craven Co. line. Reuben and Penelope had 5 children; 1. Ivan Kinsey Witherington who married Susan Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Oliver Smith and had 10 children.

2. James G. Witherington (1829-1916) who married Henrietta Gwaltney and had 6 children.

3. Surfronia Penelope

Witherington (1832-1861) married Franklin Moore, brother of Asa Moore and had 5 children.

4. Lamuel K. Witherington (1834-1910) married Lucretia Stokes and had 6 children.

5. Margaret Ann Witherington (1837-1885) married Calvin Stokes and had 3 children. To be continued.

The information on the John O. Wetherington family used in the past weeks came from a book prepared by Mrs. Henry Wetherington of Grifton, from the Whitford family book and from personal interview.

New Directory

Delivery of Carolina Telephone's new telephone directory for the New Bern area, effective November 15, 1984, is scheduled to begin soon, according to W.C. Thomas, Jr., district commercial manager for the company.

The directory includes listings for customers in the New Bern, Bayboro, Oriental, Pollocksville, Trenton, Vanceboro, Maysville, and Havelock telephone exchanges. Customers who do not receive their new directory by November 15, 1984 should call the telephone company business office.

The cover of the new directory salutes North Carolina's military personnel.

"Upon receipt of the new directories, customers should discard their old directories to eliminate the possibility of using numbers that have been changed," Thomas said.

On the inside of the back cover, space is provided for customers to list new numbers

that are called frequently. Space for emergency listings is provided inside the front cover. Customers are encouraged to become familiar with the emergency agencies in their area and to note the telephone numbers for those agencies in the space provided.

The directory also includes new customer guides, which can be found in the front of every phone book. Customers should refer to these guides for dialing instructions, directory assistance numbers, and other useful information about their telephone service.

"One thing that should interest telephone users are the charts on page seven showing discount rate periods," said Thomas. "Discounts ranging from 25 percent to 60 percent are available during certain periods and result in significant savings. We want our customers to know about them," Thomas said.

"Make Your Holidays Easy" Learn 'n Lunch

On Thursday, November 29, 1984, the Craven County Agricultural Extension Service will feature "Make Your Holidays Easy" as a Learn 'n Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. It

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