



## Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE . . . With LIB

by Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waldro of Springfield, Ohio, spent a few days with Mrs. Waldro's brother, A. G. Callison and Mrs. Callison. They were en route to Florida for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Longcoy and daughters, Barbara Ann and Pat, and Mrs. C. R. Longcoy, Sr., of Charlotte spent the week-end with the C. E. Keiths at "Brierbrook." Walter Ransome III observed his first birthday anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 25 at his home on Cherokee ave.

Miss Mary Walters has returned from a three weeks' visit in Sebring, Fla. Miss Lea Tiller of Woman's college, Greensboro, will spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hicks spent the week-end with Mrs. Hicks' mother in Crossnore. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Maney spent the week-end with his father in Yancey county.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smyre spent two days last week in Newton visiting his mother and his brother who was home on leave from the navy.

John C. Tipton of Hiawassee, Ga., who has been spending the winter with his sister Miss Jessie Tipton on Monday.

## Dr. Ross Dies In Charlotte

Dr. William A. Ross of Montreat, for 25 years president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico City, died Sunday.

Dr. Ross, 87, died in a Charlotte hospital. He was in Charlotte visiting his stepson, Dr. William C. Matthews. Funeral services were conducted at Myers Park Presbyterian church Monday at 4 p.m. by Dr. Clark Dean of Charlotte. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

Dr. Ross was born in Tusculum, Tenn., and educated at the University of Arkansas and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He was a Presbyterian missionary to Mexico from 1906 to 1946.

Survivors include his wife; two stepsons, Dr. Matthews of Charlotte and Dr. John C. Matthews of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Ben F. Jarvis of Plainview, Tex., and two brothers, Dr. J. C. Ross of Albuquerque, New Mex., and Dr. Hervey A. Ross of Zipcaro, Mexico.

## Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman Creative Writing Group

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Inscription at Mt. Vernon Washington, the brave, the wise, the good, Supreme in war, in council, and in peace.

Valiant without ambition, discreet without fear, confident without assumption. In disaster calm, in success moderate; in all, himself. The hero, the patriot, the Christian. The father of nations, the friend of mankind, Who, when he had won all, renounced all, and sought in the bosom of his family and of nature, retirement, and in the hope of religion, immortality.

### WASHINGTON

Long are the years since he fell asleep Where the Potomac flows gently by. There where Mt. Vernon's green stretches sweep Under the blue Virginia sky. Warrior and statesman and patriot true, Well had he wielded both sword and pen. Truly, they said as they laid him to rest, "First in the hearts of his countrymen."

### BRIDGE PARTY AT MONTE VISTA

Miss Sally Field and Mrs. James Buckner were guests of honor at a pretty bridge party given Saturday afternoon at the Monte Vista by Mrs. W. C. Field, Mrs. H. C. Standbridge, and Mrs. Don Livingston. Appropriate decorations of hatched and cherry branches, plus refreshments of cherry pie ala mode and coffee carried out the Washington's birthday theme. Prizes were awarded to Miss Field, Mrs. Buckner, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Mrs. James Bartholemew, Mrs. Madelon Parks, Mrs. R. T. Greene and Mrs. W. W. White.

Other guests included Mrs. Herbert Daugherty, Mrs. Hugh Stevens, Mrs. Albert Jern, Miss Mazie Baie, Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, Mrs. Sam Young, Mrs. Albert Garland, Misses Caroline and Ruby Hall, Miss Beth Livingston, Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Kenneth Donald, Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, and Mrs. George Pritchard.

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## RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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It is amazing the things one has time to think about and to notice when one is shut off from the usual crowds of people. In the winters here I always felt as I imagine the Indians felt. Every sound, every new track, every car going down the hill has an interest for me. These have really been shut-in days. After the seven and one-half inches of snow on Saturday of the previous week we were just digging out. The snow pile came on Wednesday and cleared our road, leaving the snow piled on each side about two feet high. It was soft though and I shoveled a little opening so I could get out to the Brown's car when they stopped to get me for prayer meeting. It was so good to be with our lovely group again. Then to our surprise when we got up Thursday morning we had four more inches. It was that fluffy kind that covered everything. I think I never saw our mountains as pretty. We began to realize the danger though as the wires began to sag with the weight of it. Here in front of my window as I watched, two light wires touched each other as the snow fell from the upper one and fire flew everywhere. In just a little our power was off. Now that makes us do a lot of thinking, doesn't it? Here I was with all these expensive gadgets that we sacrificed through the years to get—now no heat, no way to cook and if it stayed off long enough—spoiled food in the deep freezer, no lights, no radio, no TV. To say the least it makes us wonder.

Billy came and brought in some wood. I had kindling in the basement. I made a fire and tried to make myself believe I could get along for I have all the iron utensils for cooking on the fireplace—the spider, the oven, the skillet, the trivet for the coffee pot and several others. But MY! what a sigh of relief I drew when I heard the soft purr of the motor as my furnace came back on after about an hour and a half!!! I decided that maybe "the good old days" were not so good after all. We have really gotten too soft to endure hardship. Last winter as I talked often to a lovely girl from Switzerland, she expressed amazement at what we have in this country. She said in her country only the very rich had the things that about all of us consider necessities. I remember so well when we moved to Rocky Mount from Harrellsville. We had not had a bathroom; but we did have one at Rocky Mount. Some of you are old enough to remember just how I felt. I never went in it but what I said a heart felt "thank You" I have never ceased to have that feeling for I remember. We did have who have the elements on Sunday morning. We felt well rewarded for being there. Mr. Larsen's subject was "Who Lives On Straight Street?" After giving some of the famous streets of the world which may be exclusive, he discussed this one called Straight. It is not exclusive except that one must go by the way of the cross to get on it. All kinds of wonderful people are found on it—the rich, the poor, the small, the great, those of every nation, every color. It begins at the Cross—it stretches on up beyond the sunset—it ends inside the gates of heaven. After all, those who are walking that street are in the select company of all the ages.

Only 14 got out on Sunday night, for while we were in church that morning it snowed steadily and all through the afternoon. We have learned that here we do not judge things by quantity or number, but by quality. While we are few in number, our church is seventh in the association in per capita giving. There are about 90 churches in the association.

The junior G.A.'s met Monday after school at the parsonage. On Monday night the Associational meeting was held at Calvary church in West Asheville. Mr. Larsen was speaker for the Sunday school group.

Ted Jolley from South Carolina visited his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Jolley last week. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Earl Gray, whose father was buried near Asheville last week. On Sunday Coach Norman Harris from Gardner-Webb surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris, as he came by with his assistant Coach, Bob Blackburn, to attend a meeting in Asheville. He left the two little granddaughters, Anne and Debby, with grandma and grandpa for the afternoon which was a lovely happening to brighten a snowy day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Miller near Asheville on the Charlotte highway were visitors in the Pate home Saturday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Lee from Asheville, Mrs. Howell and Miss Lizzie Waite from Black Mountain visited the Pates. One of the familiar sights during these snowy days has been Mr. Brown going up and down this road on his little tractor. He tracks up in Minnesota where snows are measured in feet instead of inches and our small(?) snows don't curb his dauntless spirit. He is really a remarkable man.

Several of our boys have brought their sleds up to try my hill. Billy and Pat Wells came in yesterday p.m. to get my boys' sled and try their skill. People are so wonderfully helpful here. So many have called to see if I needed anything. Billy brings me mail as he comes from work. He has chains on his car and has been able to make this hill even in the worst of this. On Saturday p.m. I was honored with a call from little Billy III. He is growing like a little weed and just talks right back when you talk to him. Herbert Johnson, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, has been appointed assistant manager at the Veterans' Administration Office in Winston-Salem. He has been a specialist in vocational rehabilitation and educational service in the central office in Washington, D. C.

## We Salute --

We Salute YOU on Your Birthday!

Feb. 26—Mark Shuford, Mary Nell Moretz, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Ted Berry, George Lemieux, Janette Hutchins, Myrna Lipe, Judy Crawford, John Wells, Joseph Robinson, David Parris.

Feb. 27—Dorothy Thomas, Jack McElheny, Jimmy Cunningham, John Cooley, H. C. Austin, Mrs. J. W. Gibbs, J. G. Northcott, Sr., Sintha Buckner, Mae Allen, Myra Chandler, Dr. W. K. Chapman, Grayson Hollifield, Edith Hunter, Nannie Hudgins. Feb. 28—H. B. Craven, Belle Hamilton, Rascal Herlee, Ann McAllister, Hester S. Ware, Carolyn Calloway, Juanita Harlin, Patricia Ann Goss, E. F. Crook, Bob Kennedy, Leon Rice, A. J. Hemphill, Mrs. Donald Montgomery.

Feb. 29—Mrs. J. W. McMahon, Juanita Harbin. March 1—Jeanette S. Treadway, Roy Kuykendall, Minnie Logan, Agnes Robinson, Tommy Thompson, Monroe C. Miller, Mary Jane Guthrie, Ada Dellinger, Jack D. Grant, Ruth Anderson, Samuel Blacklock, Helen Laws, Mary Louise Parks, Eddie Candler.

March 2—H. A. (Doss) Kerlee, E. F. Hardin, Clay Jones, Elsie Smathers, Everett Dixon, Mrs. Pearl Bartlett, Blanche Henderson, Mrs. C. R. Justice, Graham Buckner, H. B. Sales, John Hunter, Ben Wilson.

March 3—Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Jimmy M. Reese, John Thomas, Mrs. Charles Stepp, Mrs. Paul Patton, Mrs. James Hyatt, Bettye S. Roberts, Ricky Mundy, Raymond Da-

## CIVIL SERVICE

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that applications are now being accepted for Health Physicist positions to be filled at the U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, San Francisco, Calif., Mare Island Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif., Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C., the Naval Shipyard at Portsmouth, N.

H., and at many other Federal activities throughout the United States. The salaries range from \$5,430 to \$8,810 a year.

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