

# THE KEYNOTE

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## AMERICA FOR ME

'Tis fine to see the Old World, and travel up and down  
Among the famous palaces and cities of renown,  
To admire the crumbly castles and the statues of the kings,--  
But now I think I've had enough of antiquated things.

So it's home again, and home again, America for me!  
My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be;  
In the land of youth and freedom beyond the ocean bars,  
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

Oh, London is a man's town, there's power in the air;  
And Paris is a woman's town, with flowers in her hair;  
And it's sweet to dream in Venice, and it's great to study Rome;  
But when it comes to living there is no place like home.

I like the German fir-woods, in green battallions drilled;  
I like the gardens of Versailles with flashing fountains filled;  
But, oh, to take your hand, my dear, and ramble for a day  
In the friendly western woodland where Nature has her way!

I know that Europe's wonderful, yet something seems to lack:  
The Past is too much with her, and the people looking back,  
But the glory of the Present is to make the Future free,--  
We love our land for what she is and what she is to be.

Oh, it's home again, and home again, America for me!  
I want a ship that's westward bound to plough the rolling sea,  
To the blessed Land of Room Enough beyond the ocean bars,  
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

--Henry van Dyke.

## T R A V E L

Edith Geymet sailed on the Marine Tiger, June 23, for Switzerland. Edith's friendliness and enthusiasm will be missed by the General Conference staff.

Marjorie Isner left for Nova Scotia, June 19, on an extended vacation. Address: Arndale, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The night before she went away friends, including Keepers of the Keys, surprised her in her apartment with a going away party. They and the Keepers who were not present wish Marjorie a cool, restful summer.

Friends from Vancouver, British Columbia, have been visiting Genevieve Melendy.

Ruth Williams has enjoyed a week's vacation at Ocean City and Atlantic City, New Jersey, followed by a sight-seeing tour of historic Philadelphia and a night spent there in the Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Hughes visited New York City, June 6-10.

Lois Tull has spent a few days in Pennsylvania, enjoying a family reunion. For the first time in four years her brother who is a doctor, was at home from California.

Margaret Wier's sister from Albany, New York, is visiting her. June 17, our all day holiday, they, John and Helen Moorehead drove to see the Longwood Gardens near Wilmington, Delaware. "The gardens were beautiful and the trip delightful." On that same day Jane Kerr, Esther Stoeher, Marjorie Isner, and Pauline Klady basked in the sunlight at Beverley Beach.

Eva Linscott spent her vacation visiting Elder and Mrs. F. D. Wells at Little Rock, Arkansas. It was very hot there, she said, but nevertheless she enjoyed traveling through the Ozark Mountains and visiting the birthplace of General McArthur.



On Memorial Day, Thelma Wellman, who loves to travel, made an all-day excursion to Charlottesville, Virginia. She is searching for reasonably cheap one-day trips that can be made easily by bus, and heartily recommends this trip to Charlottesville. Round-trip fare is only \$2.62, a tour of Monroe's home and Jefferson's Monticello is \$2.00, and you can see the University of Virginia without charge. Nosegays to Thelma for this interesting information!

Villa Staley and Bob Houghton went to Pittsburgh June 13 to spend the week end with Villa's family, and Bob's mother visited Villa the last week in June, giving her some beautiful presents for the mahogany hope chest she has received from Bob.

#### A N D   W O R K

Ann Padgett has joined the Sabbath School Department to work until school starts in September. Then perhaps she will continue working part time. Doris Wazdatskey has joined the Medical Department as secretary to Miss Lois Burnett. Jo Anne Wetherell, from Dayton, Ohio, who has been attending Washington Missionary College, is helping to operate the switchboard of the General Conference. Grace Fields has joined the Home Missionary Department as assistant to Mrs. Thurber. To all of these newcomers a very cordial welcome!

Now Mary Sachs and Barbara Britton are vacationing from school work. Mary is working full time in the Statistical Department, and Barbara is helping Elder John Oss from China.

Louise Meyer is continuing child evangelism work. Recently she attended institutes at the colored church in Chicago, and in Syracuse, New York.

The Keepers of the Keys are glad that Mrs. Grace Mace is able to resume working. She is assisting Elder Kern.

The second floor girls regret having lost Myrtle McGee from their midst. With the Purchasing Department she has moved from 6840 Eastern Avenue to the Northwestern Building across the street. A short time ago Myrtle spent ten days at home in Hickory, North Carolina, and returned to Washington to get cooled off!

### ESPECIALLY FOR SECRETARIES

Eldon Roark, strolling newspaper reporter in Memphis, Tennessee, has reported a visit from the inventor of natural shorthand.

"Charles A. Thomas, inventor of Thomas Natural Shorthand, was in town visiting Draughon's Business College the other day, and we had a chat. He told me about his system, but I kept quiet about mine. Mr. Thomas' shorthand system is one of the newest that has come into national use. It is about ten years old. The book is published by Prentice-Hall. He doesn't claim that his system is faster than other systems, but he does claim it is much easier to learn.

"The strokes in my system are based on longhand letters," he said, "on writing habits that have already been formed."

Mr. Thomas worked on it two years before he perfected it.

The average stenographer in a business office should be able to take dictation at the rate of 100 to 120 words a minute, he said. If she can do that she'll get by. Many business men, he confided, like to think of themselves as machine-gun dictators--fast boys. But not many are. They have a few pet phrases they rattle off with speed, and then they come to one of those er-rer-er-rer pauses when they really have to think. That gives the stenographer a chance to catch up.

The big problem for stenographers, Mr. Thomas added, is not to be able to take fast dictation, but to be able to transcribe their notes with speed when they sit down to type the letters. Too many of them are like me. They sit and stare at their own hieroglyphics and wonder what in the world they mean."



The Seminary Library Staff is happy to introduce a new Keeper, Evelyn Perdue, who began working June 8. Born in Virginia, Evelyn has claimed Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland as home, having lived here for the past six years. She was a 1946 graduate of Washington Missionary College.

Miss Theodora Wirak left June 25 for a vacation in her home state of Minnesota. She planned stops at the campmeeting in Anoka, and at Lancaster and Minneapolis.

Mrs. Esther Yost spent the week end of June 1 at Emmanuel Missionary College, where her husband, Dr. Frank H. Yost, delivered the Commencement address. Their son, Don, returned home with them for the summer vacation.

Jowell Hatcher and Minnie Lou Campbell have moved into an apartment at 15 Lee Avenue. It is open for guests, they say, at any time.


June 19-29 Vera Wilkins spent her free half days and her Sabbaths helping to manage the kindergarten at the Potomac Campmeeting.

Belated birthday party for Mrs. Peter--only about two months late! It was given in the Medical Department, and the delicious refreshments, Devil's food cake and vanilla ice cream, helped to atone for the tardiness. Ceramic rosebud salt shakers were given to Mrs. Peter.

The 17 packages that we sent on March 28 have arrived in Vienna, Austria, and leaders from 3 Dorcas Societies with representatives from 3 churches immediately contacted the refugee home and distributed the goods among the children. A letter states, "The joy this surprise created, can only be imagined!"

Our second effort for our relief project brought in the encouraging and helpful amount of \$114.50. June 20 Miss Edith Geymet took along an authorized credit memorandum for this amount to Berne, Switzerland. She will hand this to Brother Rose, our relief secretary, who is buying powdered or canned milk, or anything else he may think advisable. He will send this to the refugee home we are helping. I wish to thank each of you for your fine response to this call. The Lord is not unmindful of our work of love. -- Mary Neufeld.

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