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THE KEYNOTE



IT'S SEPTEMBER

When the days are getting colder
And the chilly nights grow bolder:
When corn is shocked and crows are in,
And oats now threshed just fill the bin:
Then you know--it's September

When the swimming hole gets lonely,
And the naked trees stand only
Where the boys had plunged and dived
Ever since the spring arrived:
Then you know--it's September.

When the school bell sounds good morning,
And rings out a friendly warning:
When fields have grown for after-feed,
And by the fire you sit to read:
Then you know--it's September.

--Wayne Ricker

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VACATIONS DE LUXE

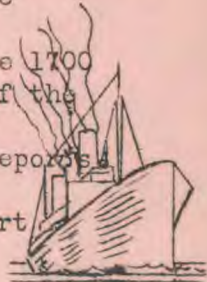


Katie Farney had an enjoyable vacation trip from August 18 to 27, to Miami; Santa Clara, Cuba; and Atlanta, Ga. She visited the Inter-American Division office at Coconut Grove, Fla., a friend at the Santa Clara school in Cuba, and Nora Atkins, in Atlanta. She had the thrill of her first plane trip, by Pan American clipper from Miami to Havana. One of the high points of her visit to Cuba was the 150-mile bus ride out to Santa Clara, through the countryside, with royal palms, sugar cane fields and banana groves. In Atlanta she visited the union and local conference offices, and met several of our workers there. Miss Atkins, who worked some years ago in our Insurance Department, is now assisting Mr. H. E. Schneider, the Treasurer of the Southern Union. Though the weather was warm "down South," yet Katie reports the hottest temperature was experienced upon her return home to Washington.

Margaret Weir on vacation enjoyed a 5-day boat cruise from Montreal, Canada, to the lower St. Lawrence and up beautiful Saguenay River. After a day's sightseeing in Montreal, covering ancient and modern parts of the city, she left in the evening on a river liner for Quebec, and the famous summer resorts of Murray Bay, and Tadoussac at the mouth of the Saguenay. Going up the river, cliffs of the Laurentien Mountains rise 1800 feet at the water's edge. The river abounds in salmon weighing 30 to 40 pounds. This section of Canada is noted for its wood pulp industry. On the return trip, a 2-day stopover at Quebec with a room at the magnificent Chateau Frontenac, included a trip to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre (comparable for healing to Lourdes, France), Montmorency Falls, higher than Niagara, and a sightseeing trip throughout Quebec. The Plains of Abraham where Wolfe defeated Montcalm in taking Quebec, was a high point in the city trip. A calèche ride was a must. Margaret recommends this unforgettable cruise, providing scenic wonders, fun, luxurious comfort and rest, and many interesting people

Dorothy Ferren, accompanied by her "whole family," rode 1700 miles in ten days, visiting Niagara Falls (including Cave of the Winds and Maid of the Mist), Toronto, Lake Ontario, Oshawa, Thousand Islands, and Montreal. Never a dull moment, she reports.

A most enjoyable vacation was spent by Myrtle and Robert Burdette at Colonial Beach, Va., with Art and Pat Corder.





A vacation at home, spent in sightseeing and entertaining friends and a sister from Minneapolis, Minn. was enjoyed by Theodora Wirak in August. (It is feared that some of us live on the doorstep of our Nation's Capital, as it were, and see very little of it.)

Mary Rawson and her husband made a quick trip to Atlantic Union College recently, bringing Archie's sister back with them to attend W. M. C.

During the first part of August Mary Paul and T. Rose Curtis drove to Battle Creek, Michigan, where T. Rose saw three of her brothers. After returning home it was her privilege to entertain two of her nieces from California: Ruth Wakeham and Barbara Curtis. It's a "dead secret" -- but T. Rose is learning to drive!

Frances Sampson returned on August 22 to relax from a strenuous itinerary of sightseeing, which included Boston, the White Mountains, Quebec, and Niagara Falls.

We fear that Marjorie Isner jumped from the proverbial frying pan into the fire when she left Takoma Park the evening of August 26 for a vacation in Texas.

The report has been received in the office that Mary Sachs-Reinhard is enjoying her vacation in New England. (Who wouldn't! Editor's Note.)

Another Keeper who is spending her vacation in the East is Esther Yost -- prefaced by attendance at the Youth's Congress.

Hazel Shadel and sister took an air-conditioned trip by bus to New York, Boston, Lebanon, N. H., the Old Man of the Mountains, Burlington, Vt., Albany, N. Y., and back to Washington.

The twins spent a week end at Rehoboth Beach in August.

Edith Seek was privileged to attend the nurses' graduation at the Mountain Sanitarium, Fletcher, N.C., where her sister was one of the graduates.

Alberta Jacobs is visiting her husband's parents in Graysville, Tennessee.

WEDDING BELLS



White gladioli and lighted tapers, with ferns and palms, decorated the Shenandoah Valley Academy chapel, Sunday evening, August 22, when Phyllis Abernathy, of the Purchasing Department, and James Lanning repeated their marriage vows. Elder F. D. Horton officiated.

The bride's gown was of white slipper satin, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, long sleeves coming to points over the wrists, and full skirt ending in a long train. Her fingertip veil fell from a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

Virginia Bowen was maid of honor; Elsie Lanning, sister of the bridegroom, served as bridesmaid. Eileen Abernathy was junior bridesmaid; Dolores Foll was flower girl. Robert Bryne was best man; Eugene Smith and Neil Abernathy acted as ushers.

The newlyweds will be at home at 26 Boyd Avenue after the first of September.
--Virginia Bowen.

WE WISH TO EXTEND A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME TO NEW WORKERS IN --

Educational Department: Mrs. Lillian Dickerson comes to us from S.M.C., where she was secretary to the president for four years. Previous to this she had worked in the registrar's office at Forest Lake Academy.

Medical Department: Alice Koger, from the Southland, where she was secretary to J. M. Hoffman, Southern Union Conference evangelist. Ruby Koger accompanied her sister to Takoma Park, and is now employed at the Home Study.

Purchasing Department: Vivienne Nye, of Batavia, New York -- a recent graduate of the high school there. Also Mrs. Vivian Godwin Ross, of Takoma Park, who has worked at the R & H, is helping temporarily.

Treasury Department: We were all glad to welcome Pauline Klady back to the Treasury Department, after a year at Union College and a nice long vacation at her home in Ohio. Also, Mrs. Vera Baker, of Arkansas, where for the two years previous she acted as secretary to Elder F. D. Wells, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.



On the evening of August 18, Stella Fleisher, Myrtle McGee, Mary Neufeld, and Mary Paul "embarked" on an excursion, encouraging one another meanwhile that the downpour of rain must surely soon be over. In due time they docked at Myrtle Chrisman's home, where they were made welcome for an evening of reminiscences--Mrs. Chrisman and Miss Fleisher were General Conference stenographers in the early days of the office at Takoma Park--punctuated by refreshments and the presentation of the Keepers' parting gift to Mrs. Chrisman, who discontinued her work in the White Publications office in May in order to give her full attention to her home and family.

After a maximum of mosquito bites and hard work, Mable Towery's garden is responding with an A-1 crop of tomatoes.

A wide variety of cousins--all ages, sizes, and genders-- came from Chicago and California recently to visit Hazel Olson.

Irene Walters spent the last week end of August attending the funeral of her brother-in-law.

Genevieve Melendy and her sisters have had as their guest recently, Mrs. C. L. Kilgore, head of the English Department at A.U.C.

The girls in the mailing room gave Helen Miller a surprise on her birthday. An icecream cake from Giffords was the concluding number on the "eats" program. Elizabeth Zeidler was allowed to share in this festive occasion.



The Educational Department had a farewell party for Catherine Buxbaum at the home of Virginia Moyer, the evening of August 30. After supper, games, and piano solos by the guest of honor, the Keepers' gift, a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms, which Catherine wanted very much, was presented to her. Catherine is to be secretary to Elder W. E. Murray, secretary of the Inter-American Division.

Another change in our group occurred when Mrs. N. W. Dunn recently left the Medical Department to take up work in the Home Study.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF COLUMBIA UNION YOUTH'S CONGRESS

In reminiscing on the week end in Philadelphia, August 26-29, we are reminded first of the unbearable heat; then we remember its historic shrines; we try not to remember--but how can we forget?--the stuffy almost breathless hotel rooms (we won't mention the grime and dirt of this old city); but not least, we recall with great satisfaction the really inspirational meetings. Even though the mercury soared higher and higher, until it broke an all-high record, the services in famous Convention Hall held the rapt attention of over 5,000 young people from all sections of the Columbia Union.

Prominent speakers, including Elder E. W. Dunbar, stressed first, last and always, the important place young people must fill in the advent movement. From the reports given at the "share your faith" meeting, it is evident that everywhere in this great union Missionary Volunteers are sharing their faith with friends, schoolmates, and neighbors. And how thrilling to see some of these youth bring with them their trophies, the first fruits of their labors!

Among the many who contributed to the good music were Charles Keymer, of Denver, Colo., recognized by the denomination as the song director, and Beverly Babcock, who at two and a half years is an accomplished accordionist.

Participating in the colorful Pageant of Missions on Sabbath afternoon were Verna Mae Hare, Hazel Shadel, and Mary Ogle.

Friday afternoon and between meetings many took in the sights of this old historic city: Liberty Hall, Christ Church, Valley Forge, the planetarium; some even found time to hear the great organ at Wanemaker's, see Franklin Institute, etc.

The Youth's Congress in Philadelphia will long be remembered as a time when decisions were made to work more diligently in "sharing our faith."

--Lydia Schander.

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Marjorie Osborne has had the pleasure of entertaining two of her sisters: one from Huntington, W. Va., the other from Princetown, W. Va.

Bethel Rice, a former Keeper, called at the office the latter part of August, while on vacation from her work in the Michigan Conference office.

SECRETARIES

"Good morning! This is the Clinical Laboratory of Doctors White, Black, Green, Brown and Speckley. Yes, we got the specimen. Yes, it's almost done. Yes, I'll tell him. Yes, he'll call you. Goodbye."

Let's see now! O, yes the cholesterol report on Finklebottom" Rattley-clack-clack Br-r-r-ing!

"Good morning! This is the Clin... Yes! No-o-. Yes, I told him. Yes, I'll ask him. No, he hasn't come in yet. No. Goodbye."

Rattley-clack-clack . . . "O, Miss Thistlesifter will you get me out the folder on Postlethwaite and Gilhooley? And say, Miss Thistlesifter, do you remember the old lady we had in here who was both Rh negative and positive? About four years ago? Wore a funny hat I can't find her record!"

(Rustle, rustle in the file cabinet.)

"Here it is, Dr. Green. You told me to file it under 'paradoxes, serological.'"

Rattley-clack-clack Buz-z-z! (Interoffice phone.)

"Yes, Dr. Brown, the complement fixations on Finklestein, Flannagan, Swensen and Maldemer? I'll get them for you right away."

"O, good morning, Dr. Speckley! Yes, that inspection report is about ready. I'll phone the Federal Building about it."

"And remember, Miss Thistlesifter, nine carbons, and don't bother about an original!"

Rattley-clack-clack . . . Br-r-ing! On and On. The morning begins with a raft of letters, dictated in a hurry and full of exotic terms. Miss Thistlesifter is supposed to get these out while the phone and sundry requests, like Tennyson's brook, go on forever. Nor is the Boss exactly in a coma. He wants this and

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that report or carbon copy seven years back, under layers of dust in the attic.

Then comes Mr. Irate, who knows he was mistreated and mulcted, etc., The loyal secretary also is the buffer who absorbs such "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

At 5 p.m., just as Miss T. locks her desk, in comes His Nibs. "O, here is a very urgent letter I forgot to dictate . . . just a short note to Messrs. Batton, Barton, Burton, and Button Dear Sirs: - Referring to your esteemed favor . . ." only three pages! "And could you get that in tonight's mail? I know it's late!"

Secretaries. Some are tall, some short, some concise, some verbose, some younger, some older, some good-looking, some--well, come to think of it, they're all good-looking to us! Do we respect them, we who depend upon them? We expect them to keep the office running smoothly, laugh at our stale jokes, repair anything that thread and scotch tape will mend, remember where everything is, and forget nothing. Do they ever make a mistake, and do you, the BOSS, ever descend like a line squall: "What could you have been thinking of . . .?" What indeed! A hundred undone things a man is too busy or too forgetful to keep track of.

And when Miss Thistlesifter's second cousin is to be married and she wants off at 4 p.m., do you look annoyed and remind her that after all she gets \$20 a week and three week-ends off every year, and what more does she want?

HATS OFF to our secretaries! In courtesy, kindness, unselfishness, efficiency their average is plenty high. Let's give them the consideration they deserve!

--By Dr. C. S. Small

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