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S P E C I A L

The rain is raining all around;
It rains on all the nations;
It rains a lot on many things--
But mostly on vacations.

R. C. O'Brien

SUMMER DIVERSION IN WASHINGTON

by Thelma Wellman
Ministerial Association

Consider the Lilies

If you have a sneaking fondness for the lilting music of the "Kashmiri Love Song," with its comparison of the beloved hands as being like the lotus "pink-tipped," you will enjoy an excursion to the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. The Park officials recommend that you visit between 8:00 a.m. and noon, as then these aquatic blooms are wide open and perfect. There are all colors--ravishing blue, yellow, red, and white, and even one variety with the tint of a Talisman rose. There are Egyptian, Chinese, Indian, and American lotus. The Park Service has made this into a most attractive spot with grassy paths between the pools of lilies and lotus, benches at various strategic spots for the utmost in coolness, and tables under the trees where one may lunch in peace and quiet. This is just a bit off the beaten track, and consequently is a perfect Sabbath afternoon rendezvous for kindred spirits. In addition to the flowers themselves, there are many different kinds of birds to enjoy. Take the Kenilworth bus from downtown, or if you are lucky enough to have friends with a car, have them drive through Hyattsville and Bladensburg to the Peace Cross, turn left, and then right at the first traffic light beyond Peace Cross continuing to Kenilworth. You will come to Douglas Street, N. E. where the gardens are located. Give yourself a treat.

Sample the Campfire Programs

On Saturday nights there are stimulating pictures of varied interest shown in Rock Creek Park near 16th Street and Colorado Avenue, where the Keepers from second floor and the Seminary entertained the rest of our group. These begin at 8:15, and from now on are available to us, as the sun is setting earlier these August nights. All

you have to do is to take the J-2 to the end of the line, and then walk up Colorado Avenue to 16th, following the crowd. Your reward will be great. Last summer I saw some fine pictures of various caves and the life to be found in them, and some of the unreasoning fear of bats has departed from me, not to return. The gentle art of "spelology" (bats and other cave life to you) has far more excitement than you would imagine. Some other subjects for the rest of the summer are "Appalachian Adventure," "Carribean Frontiers--Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico," and a survey of the beauty of the Zion, Bryce, and Grand Canyons, entitled "Bright Canyons and Deep." If none of these picture titles intrigue you, you are indeed sunk deep in the caverns of summer melancholy.

Do Not Neglect Music Under the Stars and Inside

If psychology has anything to do with it, there is much "coolth" in the East Court of the National Art Gallery with its green palms, white marble columns, and the splashing fountain, to say nothing of the bubbling notes of various artists, vocal and instrumental. Further, the service bands give us much stimulation with their light, tuneful music. The Air Force Band, the Marine, the Army, and the Navy perform at the Capitol on practically every night in the week. Here one does not have to be quite so formal as at the Watergate. The connoisseurs say the Marine is tops, Navy next, Army good, and Air Force inclined to put on the loud pedal all the time.

Barge Along on the Canal

Lasting from May 28 to October 9, there is the opportunity to travel leisurely on a horse-drawn barge up the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. This is not for the speed-demon, but if you would enjoy the lecture of the naturalist re the history of the canal and various features of interest, and would like to have a chance to absorb the summer air, watch the dappled patterns made by the sun shining through the gold-green leaves, and take in information at the same time, this is your chance. The barge leaves from Lock 3 one block south of 30th and M Streets in Georgetown at 2 p. m. ending at Lock 5. You may return on the Glen Echo streetcar. The catch is that this comes on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons, tickets costing 75¢ one way and \$1.00 round trip. But if you can get off work any Sunday, and have company that would like to have a flavorful trip, this is tops.

THE SOUTHLAND

by Ruby Parsons
Home Study Institute

There is romance, beauty, splendor, and mystery in the Southland. Through the dim centuries of the past one hears the footsteps of Spanish Conquistadores, as they land from their strange Old-World ships on the shores of the New World. Depending upon the power of fear and superstition in the minds of the simple natives, who regarded them as gods, they founded our oldest town, St. Augustine, which stands today as a memorial of the white man's first visit. Here are our oldest house, our oldest school house, and myriads of mementos of the past.

Woven into the fabric of legend, far older than any history, is the human desire for immortality. And so we see the Spaniards, led by unwilling slaves, and headed by such men as Ponce de Leon and Menendez, searching, searching, endlessly searching for the Fountain of Youth, immortalized today by the Fountain of Youth Park, located where Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded St. Augustine in 1565.

Space forbids details, but we visit with increasing interest and joy the Marine Studios, where all forms of sea life are found in their natural habitats, the Old Slave Market in the Plaza, the old Spanish Treasury, the Bridge of Lions.

Going down to Kissimmee, we see the world's most unique monument, the Monument of States, composed of more than 1500 stones from all the states in the Union, and from twenty-one foreign countries.

We see the Rare Bird Farm at Kendall, with the monkey jungles and the strange sausage trees, and pass through mysterious trails heavy with Spanish moss. There are strange sights on every side, such as the Aztec Indian Wishing Well, the Flighting Rock, the Shrine of the Water Gods at Silver River, and many other interesting points, till we come to Key West, where the sun rises and sets in the sea, quaint Key West, which lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

But we must not leave Florida until we visit the exotic Oriental Gardens of Jacksonville, Orlando, the "city beautiful",

the Cypress Gardens at Winter Haven, the Mountain Lake Sanctuary, and the wonderful Singing Tower, near Lake Wales, on the highest point in Florida. Here, it may well be said, as was said by John Burroughs, "I come here to find myself; it is so easy to get lost in the world." This famous sanctuary and Singing Tower were given to the public by Edward Bok, who stated that his purpose was simply to create symbols of pure beauty, so as to spread the influence and power of beauty, and to express his appreciation and gratitude to the American people.

Regretfully leaving the far Southland, with its mystic beauty, let us swing up through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, with their picturesque communities and short mountain torrents cascading down the summits of the southern highlands. Let us pause for a moment on the banks of the "Swanee" River (to give it its old-time spelling), and many other streams, swinging around to visit the famous Magnolia Gardens of Charleston, South Carolina, where with the poet we say:

You are nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

Then, coming up through Old Virginia, with its numberless historical associations, its Sky Line Drive, its caverns of endless beauty, we arrive home again, breathless but happy, almost convinced that the Southland is the keynote of the nation.



THE MIDDLE WEST

By Audra Ching
Temperance Department

It's the day you've looked forward to--that day when your vacation begins and you're off for a marvelous adventure through the Middle West.

You may wish to take an inspiring trip into the once-cherished hunting grounds of the Sioux Indians, the famous Black Hills of South Dakota, where you will see Mt. Rushmore. Hotel accommodations may be secured in Rapid City.

Or you may choose to take in the "Cowboy Country"--wonderful Wyoming. Here are historic old Fort Bridger, Medicine Bow, Laramie, and Sherman Hill.

Your choice to spend a week of sightseeing and recreation in the cool, picturesque "Land of 10,000 Lakes," (Minnesota) will be unforgettable. Take a thrilling boat cruise on Lake Bemidji, a sightseeing tour of Hibbing and beautiful Itasca State Park, where in one step you can cross the Mississippi River, and by all means see Paul Bunyan.

Traveling south from the northern states you may take a circle tour through the heart of the Ozarks and the Ouachita National Forest--scenic wonderlands of Missouri and Arkansas. Visit the Hot Springs Recreational Area, and plan to spend a couple of nights in the comfortable hotel in Hot Springs National Park.

And now for a thrill you'll not forget--that perfect mountain vacation you've always promised yourself--a tour of Pike's Peak. Heading toward the Rockies, you rise higher and higher as you approach Denver, the "Queen City of the Rockies." Then, on to the foot of Pike's Peak. Your climb by automobile to the 14,110-foot summit is a thrill beyond words! The Garden of the Gods you'll find well named with its host of strange rock formations. The tour into the Cave of the Winds is a trail of weirdly beautiful underground formations, a geological wonder. Lovely Seven Falls, with its waters roaring and splashing between massive, richly-colored granite walls, is a sight alone worthy of the entire trip.

You'll want to see Estes Park, which is situated in a lovely alpine-like valley ringed by carved and tinted peaks. Accommodations may be secured at the spacious Chalet-Ranch.

For an unexcelled panorama of fascinating lakes, streams, forested slopes, and mountain peaks, ride the highest continuous highway in America--Trail Ridge Road. Continuing by Fall River Pass, cross the Continental Divide at Milner Pass, and wind down to Grand Lake. There you have your choice of varied recreation: a saddle or hiking trip along safe, well-marked mountain trails leading to scenes of indescribable beauty, or swimming and boating on crystal-clear Grand Lake. Relax for another night at Grand Lake Lodge.

Returning to "Mile-High" Denver, travel through Clear Creek Canyon to Lookout Mountain for a visit to the Buffalo Bill Museum.

There are many delightful trips that may be taken in the mountain parks. Out of Idaho Springs, a splendid highway travels up historic Virginia Canyon to Black Hawk and Central City, both famous early gold camps.

You'll enjoy the natural beauty spots in Colorado--a vivid picture of America at its best.

Have a wonderful trip and a perfect vacation in a truly perfect setting. The Middle West Has Everything!

Next Month:

CALIFORNIA,

by Lydia Schander,
Bureau of Press Relations

PACIFIC NORTHWEST,

by Alvina Roberts,
Ministerial Association

K E E P E R K A P E R S

FOURTH OF JULY

Over the Fourth of July holiday the Slate sisters motored down the peninsula to Cape Charles, ferried across Old Point Comfort, and took in the historical scenes around that part of Virginia. They spent the night at Williamsburg, where they saw the pageant "The Common Glory."

Pauline Klady, her sister, and brother-in-law also visited Williamsburg over the Fourth.

Wanda and Walter Tate spent the Fourth of July at Wanda's home in Ohio.

Evelyn Perdue and Bertha Terry found needed respite from library cares over the "4th" at Maybelle Vandermark's cottage near Indian Head, Virginia..

Merry shouts re-echoed from the veranda of Hazel Shadel's home July 4: Ruth Williams, Mary Ogle, Marion Nyman, Minnie and Mintie Truitt, a friend, and Hazel Shadel and her mother were celebrating the Fourth with a buffet supper. The food was contributed by the participants.

The picturesque "Smoky Mountains," Knoxville, and Asheville were the high points of Frances Sampson's tour with some friends through North Carolina and Tennessee over the Fourth of July.

Did you see the Keepers who came to work after the Fourth of July vacation with red faces, burnt backs, and arms greasy with sultan oil? They may well have been Alice Fagerstrom, who with her husband took the cruiser down the Potomac, and Mary Klesa, who with her roommates and Anne Thomas spent the day on the Chesapeake Bay in a yacht.

Emma Howell spent the week end of the Fourth with former Keeper Marguerite Perkins-Smith and her family at Falls Church, Virginia. Marguerite has two charming and very beautifully trained young sons. On Sunday the Smith family and Emma drove to Camp Roosevelt, where

Mr. Smith is one of the directors, and where three hundred Boy Scouts were enjoying camp.

Ena Manuel went, over the Fourth, to the Canadian Youth's Congress held at Oshawa, Ontario. Ena went up by Niagara Falls, and came back by the Thousand Islands. "Superb scenery, wonderful weather, and a perfect trip, going, coming, and there," Ena reports.

Marjorie Bell and her sister spent their Fourth of July week end at their home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lena Wetmore went to Pennsylvania for the Fourth to visit her husband's parents and sister.

Two nurses in the family! The week end of July 2 (including the 4th) saw Helen Jones at Fletcher, North Carolina attending the graduation of her two sisters from nurses' course.

VACATIONISTS AND WEEK-ENDERS

Beginning July 15, Wanda and Walter Tate are going to spend their vacation at a cottage in Virginia.

Quickly recovering from their disappointment over the news that the C. & O. Canal barge had met with an accident and would therefore not make the trip on July 3 as planned, Keepers Fleisher, Linscott, Curtis, Wellman, Zeidler, and Paul substituted lily ponds for canal locks, and went somewhere anyway -- to view the beauties of water lilies and lotus at the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. They also visited the Barn Studio, and admired -- but dared not price -- the truly beautiful pastels done by Mrs. Fowler.

A special attraction in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Audra Ching is visiting her mother and sisters, is a brand new nephew.

Ella Mae Robertson is vacationing in Texas with her family.

Hazel Broome took off to Connecticut the first of July for three weeks. Destination: There's No Place Like Home.

Dorothy Beltz is due for a very interesting time as she travels with her husband to the Northwest where Doctor Beltz hopes to get recordings of Hutterite music, dating back to Reformation times. The Library of Congress has kindly loaned Doctor Beltz recording equip-

ment for this unusual quest. The Beltzes will also attend several denominational music institutes, and spend a vacation period in California before returning to Takoma Park.

Norma and Bill Ashlin had a delightful vacation trip to Kansas City, Missouri, where they visited Bill's brother. From there they motored through the beautiful country of Indiana to visit Norma's parents. "What a brisk breeze and refreshing cool nights we had there in Indiana!" exclaims Norma.

Marjorie Isner is on leave of absence for the summer while recuperating from surgery. (And, who knows, perhaps she is preparing for something else too!) She says it is very cool in Canada, and she thinks of us here suffering in the heat; nevertheless, she is looking forward to being back with us soon. She sends greetings to the Keepers.

Margaret Nettleton chose "the old home town," Columbus, Ohio, in which to spend her two weeks' leave from the office.

Mary and Rudolph Reinhard visited the Allegheny and East Pennsylvania camp meetings. In Wescosville, where the beautiful camp grounds of the East Pennsylvania Conference are located, over two thousand were present over the week end, and on the Sabbath Mary and Rudolph had to deliver six mission talks on Africa.

"I had a most wonderful vacation from July 1-15 in Birmingham, Alabama, swimming, sight-seeing, and visiting other deaf people with my girl friend, Betty Mayfield, with whom I spent my vacation," reports Verna May Hare.

Villa Houghton, vacationing in Pittsburgh with her family July 14-24, reports a busy calendar. Principle attraction: getting acquainted with new nieces, nephews, and the like.

As of July 24, Marjorie Marsh begins vacationing. With a far-away look in her eye, she murmurs happily of Canada, and points north.

The third-floor version of the Truitt vacation in Mexico includes exuberant descriptions of travels along the Pan American highway from Lorado to Mexico City, from whence were seen mountains covered with bananas, maidens carrying water on their heads, burroughs and men with packs on their respective backs, and all the glories that make Mexico a perfect spot to vacation. The law of the road in Mexico City, Minnie

right of way. Once one has picked up this bit of Mexican sophistication, he is gallantly accorded his due rights on the road, but until then he's just a naive foreigner who doesn't know his way around, and should only be permitted to find it in the midst of blood-curdling noises and cars careening everywhere without apparent regard for life or fenders.

Lydia Schander, back from Lincoln, Chicago, Minneapolis, North Dakota, and intermediate points, drove a tractor on her vacation. Also she brought her brother, Lavern, back with her (not on the tractor) for a short look-see at Washington.

The latest news from the Religious Liberty Department reveals that Mrs. Case and her husband have recently been "honeymooning" at Niagara Falls, and touring through Canada accompanied by Mrs. Case's sister. No doubt they had a refreshing time up there, while we were groaning in the intense heat.

Lillian Dickerson and her husband left July 15 for Colorado via Tennessee and Texas. She plans to be back at work within two weeks.

Rounding out five weeks of reporting of youth's congresses and camp meetings in Canada, Helen Smith is now vacation-bound to Colorado to have fun with her family in general and with her young niece and nephew in particular.

GUESTS

The Melendy girls had a visit from their aunt and uncle July 16 to 13. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Melendy are from Melrose, Massachusetts.

During the last week of June, Katie Farney had the pleasure of having as a visitor Ruby Williams, a missionary on furlough from Trans-Jordan.

Ella Mae Robertson was made happy during the early part of July by a visit from her stepmother, whose home is in Dallas, Texas.

The week of July 10 Frances Slate entertained Henrietta Morse, from Erie, Pennsylvania.

Taking a vacation from her duties as nurse at the Mountain Sanitarium, Fletcher, North Carolina, Jane Holland journeyed to Washington, D. C. to visit Edith Seek and her sister Hattie.

THIS AND THAT

Marion Nyman, with the help of T. Rose Curtis and Mary Paul, is making two afghans. They think they have also just about persuaded Louise Surface and Elsie Argent to try their hands at this practical art. "Get your yarn, and prepare for the cold weather," urges Marion.

Speaking of BIRDS, you should see the seven that live at Mrs. Thompson's house! Let's introduce them: the singer with the beautifully striped back is Pete; the pretty yellow singer is Joey Read, a boarder; the golden-yellow with a black spot on its wing is Pete's son; the mother, Judy, has recently gone to live at Mildred Hover's. The twins, in adjoining cages, are affectionate Mikie and Mo. Then there are the babies, the gold dust twins, who haven't begun to warble yet. New motto: a bird in every room! (Do you want a canary?)

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Dougherty, brother-in-law and sister of Evelyn Perdue, have just returned from mission service in China. Evelyn met them at Franklin, Virginia, for a happy reunion.

Betty Grey is walking to work these days. Someone "borrowed" her car over a week ago, and the police are unable to find it. We sympathize with Betty in this misfortune, and hope the misappropriated car will soon be "back home."

Seen recently on the high seas near Annapolis: Dorothy Ninaj and Grace Fields, at a rendezvous of seamen, would-be seamen, and their friends.

Eleanor Lost-and-Found-Her-Chair Libby has a date to lose her wisdom teeth. Expressions of sympathy will be in order on and after July 28.

Did you know that one can contract malaria years after one is out of the tropics? This was the case with Mary Reinhard. After being away from Africa for three years, she had an attack of malaria this month, and spent some days in the Washington Sanitarium. Mary says she was deeply impressed when at night the young student nurse in charge of her would come to her bedside and offer a sincere prayer in her behalf. What a difference, Mary says, from government hospitals, where she has often been while sick with malaria.

HAVE COME -- HAVE GONE

Temporary workers at the Home Study Institute are Lorraine Tarr, daughter of Professor W. F. Tarr, of Washington Missionary College, and Mable Whatley, from New Jersey, who is preparing to enter W. M. C. this fall.

Mrs. Thomas Mulky is temporarily taking Marjorie Isner's place in the Ministerial Association.

Caroline Gaither has gone to Fletcher, North Carolina, to take the nurses' course.

Emmy Steinmetz is not off on a vacation. She and her husband, George, are living in Baltimore, where he is working with the gas company since finishing his course in mechanical engineering at the Maryland University.

BIRTHS

Myrtle Burdette, a former Keeper, has an eight-pound baby girl, born July 5. The child's name is Judith Kay.

The Ministerial Association was eating candy bars on the morning of July 20 to celebrate the arrival, at midnight, July 19, of Elder and Mrs. G. E. Vandeman's baby. The girls of the department had "ordered" a baby girl, but were surprised by a third baby boy, Robert Malcolm..

NUPTIALS

The big event of the summer for Esther Yost was the marriage of her son, Donald, to Lois Scott on July 10. Mrs. Yost says she was always outnumbered at home, and that she welcomes the moral support of a daughter.

SPECIAL BULLETIN FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, by Esther Fenn.

North, East, West, and South are the four directions from which information can be gathered. Put together the initial letters spell NEWS, and that is the way the word "news" came into existence, so the story goes.

As a very amateurish reporter, I have perhaps missed the "scoops." But from the northern point of the compass in our Purchasing Department, where it should be cool but isn't, Mrs. Cooney and Mrs. Beavon are remembering their vacations spent in Pennsylvania and Canada, respectively. Mrs. Beavon sighed wistfully as she recounted the delightful days she and her husband spent in Canada.

From the east comes word that Clara Mae Hardin is making joyful preparations for her role as counselor in the Potomac Conference Junior Girls' Camp, that Vivienne Nye is back at work again after a visit in New York, and that Vivian Ross was one of the attractive bridesmaids in the lovely Scott-Yost wedding.

Gladys Dunn, located on the west side of our department, also had a share in the afore-mentioned wedding ceremony. She sang most touchingly the prayer song, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Me." Aline Mangum, another westerner, is spending her vacation in California.

In the Southern section, Laura Mae Ford is counting the remaining days of July until she resigns to take up the duties of a full-time homemaker.

From all points of the compass we hear moans and groans. "Oh, this heat!" But it's really not the heat! It's the humidity!

THANK YOU from Cuba!!!

Those who had a part in the four boxes of clothing sent to Cuba this summer will be glad to know that these have been joyfully received in that land. True to his word, the boat captain delivered the goods without charge, Philadelphia to Havana. Mrs. Wild's mother, Mrs. Crager, has just come from Havana, where she says she had the pleasure of helping to distribute the clothing. Five students of the Antillian Junior College at Santa Clara, Cuba, were outfitted with clothing, and many in the Havana church are smilingly wearing Takoma Park clothing. One navy blue and white voile dress is being worn proudly by the first woman to accept the Truth in Cuba. Mrs. Crager says too many thank yous cannot be said--everything is appreciated so much!



"All men are born equal," observes the Keyman, "but it is what they are equal to that counts."

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