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We doff our hats and make a deep bow in the direction of the retiring KEYNOTE staff for the most excellent product of their time and effort. We doubt if we shall be able to keep up the pace they have set, but we shall do our best.

#### THEN

We explain that we are your editors for the first six months of 1950 because we did not say No. We didn't even ask how many stronger-willed and discerning persons had already said No. We stood

meekly by and watched our defenses crumple under the first onslaught of the warm smile, melting persuasive powers, and glowing promises of unflinching cooperation and sincere appreciation for our sought-for services. We are counting heavily on the cooperation. M.P. and E.M.

#### KEEPERS' PLANS FOR 1950

Your officers have tried to lay some plans for the new year that would harmonize to some extent at least with the suggestions we have received from various ones. Five major gatherings are planned for the year, tentatively outlined as follows:

- March - A party sponsored by the officers (with the co-operation of many others, of course)
- May - A get-together sponsored by the third floor and Purchasing Department girls, Minnie Truitt in charge
- August - A picnic sponsored by the first floor and ground floor girls, Evelyn Wells in charge
- October - An autumn social or outing sponsored by the second floor and Seminary, Temperance, and Home Study girls, Thelma Wellman in charge
- December - The Christmas party

We could not, of course, consult everybody and make sure that this arrangement was agreeable to every one, but we felt sufficiently assured of your cooperation to go ahead and lay plans. The above-mentioned groupings were arranged with a view to



numerical equalization, though it is impossible to arrange them on an absolutely equal scale. It was interesting to learn, however, in checking over the list of girls in the office, that the number of girls on each of the three main floors is almost identical. With a view to equalizing the expense of our gatherings, we shall follow the plan this year of collecting from each one who attends, a proportionate amount for refreshments, rather than having each group stand the expense for the refreshments it serves.

Ruth Williams has been asked to act as our welfare sponsor and to keep her ear to the ground for any worthy cause toward which the Keepers would be glad to lend a helping hand. She will welcome any suggestions along this line.

Remember, Keepers, your yearly dues are one dollar, fifty per cent of which goes to the KEYNOTE Publication Fund and fifty per cent to the Miscellaneous Club Expense Fund. Last year another dollar was collected to establish a Farewell Gift Fund. Inasmuch as not many girls left our ranks last year, we begin this year with a credit balance in that account; and therefore we are going to collect only fifty cents for the Farewell Gift Fund at the beginning of 1950. If too many girls get married and quit work or retire during the latter part of the year, we may find it necessary to make a further collection for this fund, but we do not expect that that will be necessary. We hope not, anyway. Please study carefully the treasurer's report in this issue. The treasurer will be around to collect from you soon after the middle of January. Please have your \$1.50 ready for her.

Every girl in the General Conference office, the Seminary, the Department of Purchase and Supply, the Temperance Department, and the Home Study Institute is cordially invited to belong to the Keepers of the Keys, and the way to belong is to pay your dues and take an active part in the activities of the club. "Come with us and we will do you good."

Mary Ogle, President.

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1949

## Miscellaneous Expense Fund

Jan. 1, 1949 - Cash on hand		.10
Dues Collected		61.37
Flowers and cards for sick	35.59	
Day Book	.30	
Pie for Keepers' Luncheon at R. & H.	12.75	
Xmas Party Refreshments	27.65	
Xmas Party Decorations and misc.	8.65	
Scissors (lost at 1948 Xmas party and replaced to owner)	2.00	
Collected for Xmas Party		19.50
Misc. Printing (for invitations, etc.)	4.25	
Transfer from Farewell Gift Fund		10.22
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## Keynote Publication Fund

Jan. 1, 1949 - Cash on hand		.36
Dues Collected		50.38
Subscriptions paid		18.00
Printing, stock and postage	88.84	
Transfer from Farewell Gift Fund		20.10
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## Farewell Gift Fund

Jan. 1, 1949 - Cash on hand		13.90
Amounts collected		107.75
Gifts purchased:		
J. Chappell	8.00	
M. Rawson	5.08	
V. Houghton	5.00	
M. Neufeld	5.00	
E. Shull	8.13	
N. Ashlin	5.00	
Transferred to Publication Fund	20.10	
Transferred to Misc. Fund	10.22	
Cash on hand Dec. 15, 1949	<hr/>	55.12

The above statement is only to December 15, 1949. We will, of course, have the December printing charge for the KEYNOTE and other items which may come up.

Wanda Tate, Treasurer



## HOLIDAYS

### THESE WENT

Canada: Evelyn Beavon  
Carolinas: Grace Evans (Asheville), Alice Koger, Corrine Wilkinson  
(Wilmington), Aline Mangum  
Georgia: Lillian Dickerson  
Indiana: Lelia Sanders, Mrs. Ivy Lucas (to meet husband Ted who has  
been in South America for four months)  
Maryland: Eleanor Libby (Baltimore), Edith Seek (Gaithersburg)  
Michigan: Esther Yost (Battle Creek)  
Mississippi: Bertha Terry (Meridian)  
New York: Muriel Fogg (Montrose), Georgene Krenrich, Virginia  
Kennedy, Eileen Robson  
Ohio: Margaret Nettleton (Columbus), Wanda Tate, Pauline Klady  
Pennsylvania: Margie Osborn, Betty Grider (Allentown), Dorothy  
Morgan (Philadelphia), Christine Baus (Lebanon), Audrey  
Messenger, Evelyn Perdue, Mary Klesa (Coudersport), Nell  
Hunter (near Pittsburgh), Marie Brizzee  
Rhode Island: Mildred Hill  
Virginia: June Vogt (Davy), Helen Hambleton and Denise Girard  
(Alexandria)  
West Virginia: La Verne Cunningham (Princeton), Maxine Dudley

### THESE CAME

Elaine (Shull) and Tom Larkin, Friday, December 23 to spend  
Christmas with Elaine's relatives and Kay Thomas and friends.

Joyce Wood's mother from Miami, Florida, for her first visit  
to Washington and a round of sightseeing.

The parents of Pat Bunch and Marjorie Bell, from Carolina; also  
from Carolina, the parents of Lois Mullinax; and from Batavia, N.Y.  
Vivienne Nye's parents.

### THESE DINED OUT

Irene Walters, Ethel Howard, Louise Kleuser, Louise Surface

### THESE DINED OTHERS

Marjorie Hild (first entertaining as "Mrs."), Elsie Argent,  
Ora Williams and Mable Towery (each other), and others.

## OTHER EVENTS

Mary Scott has a grandson, Loren Ernest Poole, Jr., weight 6 lb. 6 oz., born at 7:35 P.M., December 18.

Katie Farney moved early in December from 240 Park Avenue (where she had resided for sixteen years) to 102 Park Avenue, and is now comfortably settled.

Hazel Shadel has been busy with the many tasks that go to make up preparations for a wedding--for her sister on the evening of New Year's Day.

Make your own Christmas candies--so recommend the Truitt Twins, Mary Ogle and Ruth Williams, and they speak from experience.

The House of Arason is intrigued by the antics of two white Persian kittens. Frances Nowlin's Kitty Blue should be jealous!

Anybody seen or heard of a new gas stove, kitchen cupboards, etc., etc.? Must have been Marion Nyman's.

Emma Howell is rejoicing in the good Christmas news that a little family dear to her have come "home" and are joining the SDA Church where they live, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The Purchasing Department mourns the loss of two workers--Alice Shobe to be a housewife and John Moorhead to connect with the Review and Herald.

Mrs. Iva Brando is also a grandma. Verlen Adair Penninger was born December 21, and weighed in at seven pounds.

The tenants on first floor of the General Conference building have had their turn at the game of Pussy-wants-a-corner while the offices were being redecorated. Had to hang a bell on Louise Surface to know where to find her.

Verna and Frances Slate--and other Slates--made a pre-Christmas trip to visit their father in North Carolina. On the way back they had a pre-view of holiday auto accidents.

Mrs. Mulholland became so absorbed in writing Christmas cards one evening that she forgot bedtime until it was 3 A.M.



Claire Lien from the Minneapolis Conference office is secretary to Elder Dunbar while her husband is attending the Seminary.

Geraldine Poole will be at home in Washington, D.C., after January 8 as Mrs. Warren Banfield. Warren's father officiated at the wedding January 1 in Uniontown, Pa., and Geraldine's seven attendants were dressed in pastels for the occasion.

Among party hostesses during the Christmas season were Evelyn Wells and Harriett Cooney who entertained delightfully at Evelyn's home; Genevieve Melendy who invited the children of the Primary Division of the Sanitarium church for an evening of fun complete with Santa Claus (Elder E.B. Hare); Bertha Terry, the Seminary Keepers; Mrs. Guida Mathews, pot-luck supper for the Home Study Institute office workers.

Cora Thurber is back in the office after an absence of almost three months, touring the Northwest and the Pacific Union area. She spoke only 62 times, showing several Church World Service sound films dealing with conditions in Europe 30 times, had 15 Sabbath appointments and 4 Friday night speaking engagements.

#### VACATIONS

Thelma Wellman journeyed to Florida in time to spend Christmas with her parents in Winter Park. Three weeks in the sunny land will include a visit to friends in Miami.

Helen Miller is spending her vacation and Christmas holidays in the "Land of Sunshine" also (Florida--where else?).

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"Lack of initiative is due either to unwillingness to investigate and improve, for fear of giving more than one is paid for, or it is due to the 'settling down' habit. Neither makes for advancement or permanent employment."

--Dr. Thos. Tapper

## THE KEEPERS KEEP CHRISTMAS

Bingo! and we were off to a happy start on another "Christmas Party" in the Review chapel. Marjorie Bell and Edna Helms tied for the "Bingo" prize, and we settled down to the next feature of entertainment, which was Dr. Presto (alias Mr. Hackett) with a bagful of patent medicine and pills. And these were wonderful cures, too! The Houdinis were also on the program (again alias Mr. and Mrs. Hackett) with their marvelous tricks of magic. Now, how did that dollar bill get into the lemon?



Professor Tippet, with the help of many fine actors and actresses and excellent costumes and stage-settings (by Julia Neuffer) and sound effects (well, weren't they?), reminded us of a few of our fond historical traditions.

Two Christmas numbers were sung by Mrs. Kathleen Nelson, from the College. We were glad she could be with us, and enjoyed her very lovely solos.

Not only Santa himself, but Mrs. Santa (Hans Kohler and Elsie Argent) arrived on schedule, with a pack full of gifts. These merry souls tossed out presents for everyone with great hilarity, and almost too quickly Verna Slate announced that it was time for a "drink." Cake and nuts and candies, with frosty glasses of Christmas punch, were a very nice climax to an evening of fun. Little Grace Slate, ready for bed, blew out the candle, and we said "Goodnight."



## GREETINGS FROM AFAR

Season's greetings addressed to the Keepers have been received from former members, as follows:

Catherine M. Buxbaum, who wishes us "God's gifts of peace and happiness throughout the coming year."

Villa (and Bob) Houghton, who address their card "To those wonderful Keepers."

Kathryn Haynal-McReynolds, who adds this note to her card: "Enjoy the KEYNOTE very much each month even though many of you girls are strangers to me. You are putting out a nice little publication. Keep up the good work. May 1950 be good to you all. God's blessings on your organization. I am night nurse at Loma Linda Sanitarium, caring for newborn babies. The stork is busy out here everywhere."

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