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## FIRST FLOOR

Frances Maiden has had a wonderful time entertaining her sister and three children, as well as her mother, from Florida.

Verna and Frances Slate with their sisters are on their way to California to attend the CME graduation where their sister-in-law is to be one of the graduates.

T. Rose Curtis and Mary Paul have made their annual spring check on matters in east Tennessee. They report the country beautiful as ever, but strawberries weren't ripe in mid-May. Mary's family there greeted them warmly.

Ora Williams hustled off to Union Station the morning of May 25 and triumphantly brought her sister Bertie home to live with her. This is the realization of their carefully laid but somewhat delayed plan. (The train from Louisville was late too, but that gave Ora opportunity to see Toscanini's orchestra arrive and to have a good look at the maestro himself.)

## GROUND FLOOR

On May 9, Marjorie Bell was happily surprised and honored with a bridal shower by about forty of her friends. She received many beautiful gifts, among which was a Mixmaster presented by the hostesses, Lena Wetmore, Helen Hambleton, Eleanor Libby, Denise Girard, Carol Carson, Rhea Jean Beckwith, and other Insurance girls - Mrs. Patterson and La Verne Cunningham. Marjorie was also surprised on May 17 by a birthday party given by Lena, Helen, and Denise, at which time she received another gift to add to her future home-making comfort. Marjorie was married June 1 in the Takoma Park church to Hans Varmer.

Genevieve Melendy is worrying about her lily. It's growing so fast she may have to pierce a hole in the ceiling to make room for it.



Kay Thomas deserved our sympathy in her recent appointments at the dentist's office. But Kay has come up smiling, as usual!

#### HOME STUDY

The Home Study Institute "family" had the spring picnic at the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Beltz on the afternoon of May 18. They had planned to enjoy the woods, but since it rained, plans were changed slightly. They report all the "musts" for a wonderful picnic, however, including a jolly crowd, and symptuous feast of good things. During the evening a gift was presented to Christine Baus, a June bride-to-be.

Corrine Wilkinson is leaving the Home Study Institute, planning on visiting her home in Wilmington, N. Car., for a few weeks, and then is to join her family for a trip to San Francisco for the General Conference Session.

The Misses Verline and Verdell Wall are looking forward to a trip to Lincoln, Nebr., the first part of June.

Dorothy Morgan left May 26 for a few days' visit in New York City.

#### PURCHASING

Maxine Dudley's sister, who could almost pass as Maxine's twin, has been visiting here recently.

The Department - and aren't we all? - is happy to have Myrtle McGee back from the hospital. She says she misses her appendix!

Dorothy Dickey who has been attending College here the past two years, has been called to the Purchasing Department to do stenographic work.

Lois Mullinax informs us that she is mad at the KEY NOTE because it didn't mention her new Chevrolet in the May number. The car is a four-door deluxe with radio and heater, the color a beautiful eggshell blue! Also, Lois's husband is among the graduates at WMC this year.

## SECOND FLOOR

June 4 Barbara Britton, a senior at Washington Missionary College, will receive her bachelor of arts degree with a music major. This summer she will work full time at the General Conference.

A few weeks ago Ruth Williams had a nice surprise visit from her aunt, Mrs. Oliver Husten, of Logansport, Indiana, and her aunt's son James (an officer in the Marine Corps), his wife and their little son.

Marjorie Hild is not going to San Francisco. She and her husband are to have a three-week vacation trip to Nova Scotia, via Portland, Maine, where they will visit Villa and Bob Houghton. They plan to be away "right until the very last minute" of their vacation time, says Marjorie.

Alvina and Bruce Roberts were really surprised the other evening (May 24) when a number of friends met at Marjorie Hild's to wish them a happy fourth anniversary and her a happy birthday. A delicious snack outdoors and a few active games were enjoyed. Alvina had been secretly guarding the date - but to no avail!

Hazel Olson and her parents have entertained recently Hazel's cousin, Dr. Albert Olson and his wife from California, for a day. At that time a Swiss family from New York spent a few days with them. Now Hazel's uncle Herman Olson of Emmanuel Missionary College has arrived to spend a week in research work at Takoma Park.



A special "feed" was given for La Verne Case in the home of Marjorie Marsh. The buffet-supper specialties were supplied by the participants: Mrs. Marsh, Louise Surface, the Truitt twins, Elsie Argent, Marion Nyman, Stella Fleisher, and Thelma Wellman. Thelma says Louise's chocolate pie was a "gourmet's delight." The group presented a set of door chimes to La Verne.

The recently elected editors of the KEY NOTE are both second-floor girls, and both have lived in Canada. Ethel Howard, editor, has just moved into the apartment Elsie Argent left at the Ferren's home to make her "nest" in part of the big new house on Garland Avenue. Marjorie Hild, associate editor, has one other associate-editorship: that of the Crusader, small weekly paper of the young people's society of the Takoma Park church.

Are Norma Ashlin and June Frame at the beginning end of a long off-and-on career at the General Conference office such as Irene Walters is just bringing to an end? May 28 Norma returned to the Religious Liberty Department to help for a month. June is working two weeks for Dr. Sutherland, and then will visit her parents in Collegedale, Tenn., where her father, K. A. Wright, is president of Southern Missionary College.

Winifred Crager Wild (Mrs. Werner A.) has been working for a time in the second-floor hallway of the office, helping with the preparation of a revision of the Church Manual, but now she and Evelyn Ruch are continuing their typing of the Manual in the office left vacant by Mr. Conard's departure. Mrs. Wild is to attend the General Conference Session with her husband, then return with him and their family to Cuba where they are missionaries.

#### SEMINARY

Evelyn Perdue enjoyed a visit from her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Dougherty and their two children Steven and Suzann, from Hopewell, Va., over the week-end of May 20.

Bertha Terry's sick leave on May 21 proved less disastrous for her than for her husband. He had an emergency appendectomy the same day.

Esther Yost celebrated her birthday in May. She received many cards and congratulations from her friends, even had a group of students singing "Happy Birthday" outside her office. In the evening her husband had planned a surprise party for her. He took her out to dinner, and when they returned to their apartment the guests were there with a huge cake, ice cream and punch, and many gifts. She was absolutely overcome with surprise - and joy, we hope. Esther says it is not so bad to get a year older when such pleasant happenings mark the event.

#### TEMPERANCE

The Temperance folk arranged a farewell dinner for Ruth Helmerson, who has left for California with her husband to visit her home. Then on August 1 they sail for Norway, Mr. Helmerson's home, where he is to do evangelistic work. We wish them God's blessing in their work.

Dorothy Richardson from the College is joining the Temperance Department for the summer.

Anita Olsen chose Chicago for a pleasant vacation spot.

#### THIRD FLOOR

College days are ahead for Donna Rae Skinner, who was secretary of the 1950 senior class of Takoma Academy.

The Wendth family and the Sweeney family are planning a week-end trip to Atlantic Union College where Arlene's husband will be in the graduation exercises. He completed his work there in January.



We welcome back Miss Eleanor Baer, RN, who has a standing invitation from the Medical Department. She will be with them about six weeks preparing a teaching syllabus for the book Health and Home Nursing.

One born every minute - but not in the Halswick family. However, they did receive some exciting news recently from their daughter in Minnesota announcing the arrival of a brand new grandson weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

The Missionary Volunteer Department had a little appreciation party for Mrs. Marsh May 30. It was to have been a picnic in the park, but due to the miniature flood the party was held at the Dunbar home. Marjorie was presented with a beautiful table lamp.

Mrs. Williams spent the week-end of May 27 at EMC, where she attended the graduation exercises in the new gymnasium which has a seating capacity of 3,000. This is the first time in recent years that there has been plenty of room for everyone to attend the exercises. Professor Rasmussen of the Department of Education gave the Sabbath sermon. Mrs. Williams also had the pleasure of seeing one of our former Keepers, Dorothy Ferren, who sent her regards to everyone

#### ANNOUNCING

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It is with much, much pleasure that we wish them well in ~~this~~ venture!

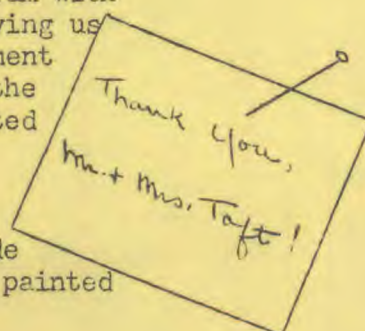
## MEMORIES OF THE MAY FROLIC

May 23--the day had come! Late afternoon found cars wending their way to Woodside Pkwy and the 1212 driveway, home of Mr. and Mrs. Taft who had graciously invited Keepers to hold their next gala occasion on the spacious lawn of their Silver Spring home.

We shall not soon forget: The front lawn with its wonderful old towering tulip tree, the home through which we roamed at will, each girl discovering something that delighted her fancy, from the Chinese furnishings of the recreation room to the not-often-seen-these-days family Bible on the hall table of second floor--all mingled with and surrounded by the New England atmosphere. And Mrs. Taft, our gracious hostess, everywhere.

Keepers of first and ground floors were the co-hostesses for the occasion. They were there ahead of the group spreading tables under the trees. Soon we were in line for the buffet dinner. Mr. Taft asked the blessing of our Great Host upon the food. And the place was a-buzz with happy and hungry girls selecting trays of food from the tempting tables. Seated in a semi-circle on the back lawn, we ate--to the strains of Tschaikowsky's "Romeo and Juliet" and the "Swan Lake Ballet." But not even Tschaikowsky could outrival the melodious trills of the little song sparrow atilt in the tree top above our heads.

Mary Ogle, our president, introduced the evening's program with presentation of gifts to two of our number who will be leaving us soon. It is an event when two secretaries from one department decide to retire. Both Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Case are in the Religious Liberty Department, and both on occasion have acted as secretary to Mr. Taft--though he protests that he was never the boss! La Verne, we shall be wending our way to Memphis to smell your garden flowers in the Royal Haeger Pottery guarded by the bird of paradise, and to eat homemade candy perchance from the ceramic candy dish with its china painted



Thank You,  
Mr. + Mrs. Taft!



flowers. And, Irene, be sure to have the waffles crisp and plentiful--we warn you there will be others than grandchildren to eat them at 244 Willow Avenue.

These are the memories! Of the musical games, the indoor baseball, movies of Sherwood Gardens, and group singing, planned by the program committee, we may never know. Because the weatherman had blessed us with rain instead of sunshine that afternoon, the chill atmosphere drove Keepers to their cars and home--in spite of the protests of our hostess that all sixty of us could be entertained in the recreation room. The program we may not remember, but the occasion--always!

Emma Howell

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