



# Key Note

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## FRIENDLINESS

By Marie Mooney, Vice-President

"To foster a spirit of friendliness," according to our constitution, is one of the purposes of our organization. Friendliness--a gracious word, a warm word, a word that touches the heart--for what can make life sweeter, richer, more worth the living than friendliness.

To this building come girls from the North, the South, the East, the West. Some come from great cities, others from small villages. All have one thing in common--a sincere desire to do their part in helping the leaders of this advent movement to carry forward the work of the different departments.

The type of work may sometimes seem mechanical, as we go about our duties each day,



and we may appear to be mere automatens, yet the gift of seeing beyond the mechanics of the job in hand, having a vision of its ultimate results, will bring to each of us a satisfaction and a joy that could not possibly come to those in worldly lines of work.

We have infinitely more reason than they to be friendly, and, as Webster puts it, "ready to become acquainted," for our companions here are those with whom we expect to spend eternity. Wouldn't it be too bad if we waited until then to get really acquainted with our associate workers? The wise man once said, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

## Key Thoughts

### RED AND GREEN

No high school student ever flashes his school colors with half the enthusiasm with which everyone flaunts the Christmas colors--red and green.

If chosen by a graduating class, these colors might be called crimson and emerald; ladies of a literary guild might grace them with the appellations, rouge and mignonne; a Parisian designer, describing the winter shades, might glorify them with such terms as mulberry and aquamarine. But Santa Claus has held firmly to the good old Anglo-Saxon descriptives, red and green, and his devotees have found no reason to change.

Red--its ruddy glow in the open grate denotes warmth; its rosy flush on the cheek indicates health; its crimson brightness in the form of a Greek cross symbolizes aid from the Red Cross Society.

And green--its verdant hue signifies things growing; its cooling shade beckons refreshingly; its dash of color is associated with the sparkle, the wit which is Irish.

Red and green. 'Tis good at Christmas time to see their cheery brilliance. 'Tis good all the year to keep in our

hearts the warmth, the charity the glowing health that is represented by red; and the verve, the refreshment, the spirit of growth which is typified by green. R. C.

### A CLEAN SWEEP

We never know how much rubbish we have accumulated until it becomes necessary to sort over our possessions. We find letters, trinkets, souvenirs--a few treasures, but mostly trash. We burn barrels of rubbish, give other barrels away, and still have barrels left. It is a good plan to sort over our possessions occasionally.

And, by the way, what do we find in our mental attics--rubbish, cobwebs, and dust--the memories of prejudice, hard feelings, chronic complaints? If so, it is high time we cast them out, for they will destroy our mental happiness and our spiritual well-being.

To that excellent list given by Solomon, who tells us there is a time for this and a time for that, I would add: "There is a time to remember and a time to forget." The end of the year is a good time to forget the faults of others and all our old grievances. The past is dead. Let's throw its rubbish into the flames of forgetfulness. Then we can go cheerily on, leaving the shadows of regret behind us. M. H.

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Takoma Park is soon to have a Woolworth store, to be opened sometime early in 1938. It is being erected on the corner of Laurel and Eastern Avenues--diagonally across the street from our office. This store is the fourteenth Woolworth establishment in the vicinity of Washington and is listed as No. 2028 in the United States.

Lorna De Ginder is well and happy, reports T. Rose Curtis, who visited her recently in Detroit. Her son, Billie Junior, is a freshman in high school and taller than his father. Mr. De Ginder is acting as associate in the physiotherapy department of the Marine Hospital.

A certain registrar in a certain Theological Seminary has purchased a certain Plymouth car. Take us out for a ride, Emma.

Mary Beth Shall sends greetings from Loma Linda by Harriet Richardson, and we are glad to pass the word on in THE KEY NOTE.

Florida lured Peg and Gwyn to go South with Elder and Mrs. Bond.

Our president, Miss Jensen, had her vacation at Washington San-

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itarium caring for her mother, who has been ill for several months.

## LET'S EAT

Sh-h-h! girls, don't look now, but our cafeteria is really going to open soon, under the joint auspices of the General Conference and Review and Herald. Remodeling and redecorating have been going on for weeks, and it is hoped that it will be open for business not later than the middle of December. Terrazzo floors are being laid; new silverware, Hamilton pattern China, and rose-colored glassware have been purchased; and the most modern electric dishwashing and refrigeration equipment is being installed. Plans are being laid to serve three meals a day, seven days a week.

The main dining room will accommodate a hundred people. There will also be a private dining room where meals will be served on the American plan to special groups.

Clyde Bailey, formerly chef at the Washington Sanitarium, and more recently of China, has been called to take charge of the cafeteria. He is spending a little time at Battle Creek with E. G. Fulton, an authority on vegetarian cookery, before taking up his work.



# THE SPONSOR

## NATURE STUDY -- T. Rose Curtis

Nature study in midwinter? Br-r-r! Oh, but the stars are never so bright as in winter; and the winter constellations are the most outstanding and interesting of the year. Stripped of their summer foliage, the trees and shrubs may now be studied for their distinctive form, bark, branching, and habitat. There are fewer birds now than in the warmer months, to be sure; but those which do stay by can be won to delightful friendliness by a little care and thought in feeding them on snowy and icy days when it is hard for them to find their customary fare.

And speaking of ice and snow, what is more fascinating than to study the myriad forms of flake and crystal, and the infinite artistry of Jack Frost? Ah yes, even in winter, "To him who in the love of Nature holds communion with her visible forms, she speaks a various language."

## SOCIAL -- Edna Helms

All work and no play makes Jane a dull stenographer, to paraphrase a very old and wise saying--and that's why we have a social sponsor.

Our Christmas social comes December 22. It's a children's party. "Backward, turn backward--"

## LIBERAL ARTS -- Thelma Wellman

If you would like to keep up with the latest thought on current events, literature, and music, then the lecture courses offered by the Washington Forum and the Town Hall are designed for your pleasure and stimulation. The Forum lecture course is presented in Constitution Hall, and the Town Hall course in the Rialto Theater. For a remarkably low sum you can garner the choice ideas of great men by listening to such speakers as Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dale Carnegie, Dr. Herman Keyserling, Thomas Mann, Sinclair Lewis, Reinald Werrenrath, Louis Untermeyer, and many others. These courses offer you possibilities that will enlarge your mental horizon, and make you a more tolerant as well as a better-informed person.



"The rushing car for him who may,  
The horse for him who wills,  
But let me walk this autumn day  
Across the wind-swept hills,  
And feel the crisp turf underfoot,  
And kick through drifted leaves,  
And fill my mind with golden loot,  
My hands with golden sheaves,  
And pause in every lovely spot  
Which else were hasted by,  
To learn what they discover not  
Who down the highroad fly.

(Submitted by Irna Le

# SPEAK

HEALTH EDUCATION -- Dorothy Steinman

If you would live a healthier--  
and thus a happier--life, you should  
have a humidifier in your room this  
winter. One of these containers,  
attached to the radiator and filled  
with water, helps to keep the air  
moist. A room so equipped is  
obviously much more healthful.

A humidifier may be purchased  
at our local hardware stores  
here in the Park for a small sum--  
forty to sixty cents. Besides hav-  
ing one in your room at home, you  
should also make arrangements to have  
one installed in your room at the  
office. Then, don't forget to keep  
it filled with water. You will not  
have so much trouble with your throat  
and nose thereafter, and this is one  
way of building up immunity against  
taking colds.



HOUSEHOLD ARTS -- Mayme Higgins

We take pleasure in announcing  
the opening of a testing kitchen.  
Recipes submitted by members of  
the club will be proved and the  
most successful will be printed  
in THE KEY NOTE. This month's sub-  
ject is Christmas Candies, and one  
of the recipes appears below. Try  
this Key Tasty and see if it works  
as well for you as it did for the  
girls who had the fun of testing  
and tasting.

Other recipes are on file in  
the Household Arts Department, and  
are yours for the copying. If you  
have a favorite recipe that you  
would like to share with the  
Keepers of the Keys, please copy  
it on a 3 X 5 inch card and pass  
it in to your Household Arts  
Sponsor.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

2 cups sugar; 2 cups raw peanuts  
(small Spanish preferred);  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup  
white corn syrup; 2 t. soda; 1 t.  
vanilla; butter, size of walnut;  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water.

Boil sugar, syrup, and water  
without much stirring until brittle  
or until it makes a hard ball in  
cold water. Put in peanuts and  
butter and cook until slight caramel  
color, stirring constantly. Quickly  
add flavoring and soda. Turn on  
oiled zinc and stretch as much as  
possible. (Submitted by Evelyn Collins)

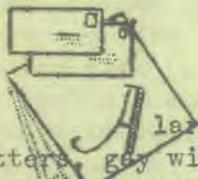
Will catch the vigor from the wind  
Which only walkers may.  
I find the haunts which none may find  
Save those who idly stray.  
I shall breathe deep from exercise  
And bring home goodly gains,  
The wood spring's sparkle in my eyes  
The fall glow in my veins!  
The vision of the master art,  
In memory enshrined,  
The creek's singing in my heart  
And God's peace in my mind."

(Hiking Sponsor)





## Keys to the Office



### ALL IN: A DAY'S MAIL

A large packet of letters, gay with stamps from faraway countries--stenographically speaking, that is the way the Secretarial Office opens its day. Eight hours filled to the brim, compiling committee agenda and minutes; replying to a barrage of inquiries concerning actions in the records; looking up facts about past, present, and future missionaries; taking and transcribing well-nigh countless pages of dictation--it's all in the day's duties. A pile of letters to be signed on each Secretary's desk--thus the routine of the day ends. A humdrum existence? Well, let's see.

A letter on top of one incoming mail describes a wonderful opening in Northwest India and places a call for a doctor. "Please send this worker very soon," the letter pleads, "for even a short delay may close the doors to this opportunity."

Next, via air mail, comes a word we have been anxiously awaiting. "My wife and I have prayed earnestly since we re-

ceived the call to the Brazilian Training School," writes a brilliant young science teacher. "I have been granted a year's leave to secure my Ph.D. if I remain here. But the Lord is calling us, and we are happy to accept." How this message will rejoice the hearts of overburdened workers in needy Brazil!

Here is a note postmarked from an Oregon town. "Can you give us any information," it asks, "about our daughter--a missionary in East China? It has been two months since we heard from her. My wife and I believe that the Lord will keep His workers safe through the perils of war. But we would appreciate some definite word."

As if in answer to this inquiry, comes a letter from Professor Griggs, in Shanghai, via the China Clipper. It is seven pages long, and tells of carnage in the city streets, of our buildings abandoned, of a hurried exit. But, "We are of good courage," the letter closes "and all our missionaries in the war area are safe." Cheering words, are they not, to send back to those brave parents?

"Our boat is just pulling of the Golden Gate," writes a courageous missionary returning from furlough for his third term in Korea. "We are leaving our two children in the States, and it has been hard for my wife and me to say good-bye to them. But we would not do otherwise than return to our field. That is our home, and we are glad to go back."

So we might go on through the day's mail, finding in each missive a live, human-interest link in the mission story this denomination is writing. These letters, brought by train, boat and airplane, carry the throb of a world movement--a movement hurrying to completion, a movement with which it is a joy to be connected. R. C.

Don't forget to look at the space reserved for us on the bulletin board. Important items often appear there between issues of THE KEY NOTE.

### TIPS TO TYPISTS

If the effects of confusing AFFECT and EFFECT, affect your disposition, see if these definitions will effect a cure:

Affect (always a verb) means to influence.

Effect (verb) means to accomplish; (noun) means result.



## Introducing —

Hazel Shade, who comes to the Secretarial Office from China Division headquarters, where she spent nine and a half years. She has visited many interesting places in the Orient. At one time she made a trip to Hanking in General Chang Hsueh Liang's private airplane. For a number of years, Hazel lived in Rock Hall, Hagerstown, and Frederick, Md., and later worked at the Washington Sanitarium. Just prior to going to the mission field, she was employed at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

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# This 'n' That

## HAIL, AND FAREWELL

It's the year's end--almost; time to take inventory and strike a balance. What have we gained? Where have we lost? What's new in and about our office and family?

Latest, and most obvious, exteriorly speaking, are the two new rooms made possible by enclosing our first-floor front porch; the new fireproof, asbestos shingle siding on third and fourth stories of the "old building"; the taxi stand and bus stop at our very door.

Coming inside, we hear musical chimes calling the Committee together, and see shining new French phones everywhere. In the basement we find our two printers feeling proud over the addition of a new press and a new folder. On third floor, the librarian looks worried. Some eight hundred books have arrived from the late Elder Crisler's library in Shanghai--and where to put them!

When will John Thompson's office be occupied again, we wonder. It already is--by W.K. Ising who comes from Europe to act as an Associate Secretary in the Sabbath School Department. And where can we find Professor Kern?--Enseoned in the building at the rear of the Review and Herald, as President of the Theological Seminary, which opened its winter quarter December 7.

The Old Year is passing; a New Year is coming. Do we individually and collectively close the old and face the new with a sense of personal defeat and loss, or of victory and gain? Let us be happy, confident, and courageous in the consciousness of work well done and in the assurance of divine help "awaiting our demand and reception" for our efforts and our lives in the New Year.

Farewell, Old Year! Hail, New Year!  
T. Rose Curtis

We do not expect that all our new items will be news to all of you each month, but we do hope that some of them will be. And here's a thought--after you are through with your KEY/ why not pass it on to someone else who might get some news from it?

## SECRETARIAL SNLPSHOTS

November 24: An enthusiastic club meeting in the General Conference chapel took actions as follows:

(1) Constitution adopted.

(2) Nominating Committee appointed  
Emma Howell, Chairman, Edna Edeburn, Harriet Richardson, Dolly Long, Mary Paul.

(3) Social Sponsor elected--Edna Helms.

(4) Arrangements made to give two Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Takoma Park.