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VACATION MUSINGS



It seems to me I'd like to go
Where bells don't ring nor whistles blow,
Nor clocks don't strike, nor gongs don't sound
And I'd have stillness all around--

Not real stillness, but just the trees'
Low whispering, or the hum of bees,
Or brooks faint babbling over stones
In strangely, softly tangled tones,

Or maybe the cricket or katydid,
Or the songs of birds in hedges hid,
Or just some such sweet sounds as these
To fill a tired heart with ease.

Sometimes it seems to me I must
Just quit the city's din and dust
And get out where the sky is blue--
And, say, how does it seem to you?

--Eugene Field.





WANTED - A RIDER

Here is your hobby horse, stamping his feet and champing the bit--impatient to be off on THE KEY NOTE Hobby Hunt. Do not delay another minute to enter him in the race.

Line him up with the other prancing steeds at the starting post. Do not loosen your grip on the reins as he stretches out over the smooth turf, giving you keen enjoyment as he dashes toward the finish

line, in an effort to win an award.

You say your hobby horse is just a common dappled pony--not at all unusual, and everybody has seen you riding him many times? That makes him the more interesting, and we who know about him would be disappointed indeed if he were not among the contestants.

You think he is rather slow? Remember the tortoise and the hare.

Is he getting old? That is no deterrent. Hobby horses--unlike the flesh and blood kind--increase their worth with the years.

You owe it to yourself and to your friends to give that hobby horse of yours an opportunity to stretch his legs, and show just what he can do.

On the mark. . . . Get set. . . . Go--The race is on!

Contest Rules

1. Write a sketch about your hobby--150 words or less.

2. Type sketch, double space, on 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ X 11 sheet. Submit to editor, unsigned but with slip of paper attached bearing your name.

3. All Keepers of the Keys, except editors of THE KEY NOTE, are eligible to enter the contest.

4. Papers will be judged anonymously, and the decision of the judges will be final.

5. First and second prizes will be awarded, and prizes will be appropriate to the hobbies of the winning contestants.

6. The contest closes Sunday, May 15, at 5 P. M.

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On April 13 just as the first bell in the office was announcing two minutes of eight, Mrs. Merwin Thurber, her sister Mrs. Howard Halladay, Mrs. Verne Engberg, Evelyn Wells, and yours truly were tucking themselves into the Thurber car for a trip to the beautiful town of Hershey, Pennsylvania, the home of the famous Hershey chocolate plant. The day was a glorious one, and fleecy clouds that threatened the brightness of the sun soon faded.

Our road lay up and down the hills of Pennsylvania, over the famous Susquehanna River, and through the historical Gettysburg battlefields. Before inspecting the Hershey chocolate plant, we had lunch in one of their attractive cafeterias; visited the most magnificent hotel any of us had ever seen, located on a scenic hill just west of the town; and went through the Hershey Industrial School for orphan boys, an outstanding philanthropic institution, founded by Mr. Hershey. The visit to the Hershey chocolate plant took us through huge rooms filled with machinery and workers putting the candy through the various processes--first mixing, then molding, wrapping, boxing and packing. At the end of the trip we were served Hershey chocolate milk and given a choco-

late bar, which refreshed us.

It's impossible to crowd the many interesting things we saw into a paragraph or two, so those desiring more detailed information may feel free to make inquiry of any of the party. We all recommend this as a very interesting and educational trip.
--Matilda Wyatt.

Any one interested in the folk lore of his or her home environment will enjoy hearing it in person, during the Fifth National Folk Festival to be held here May 6 to 8. From Maine to Utah and from North Dakota to Mexico the delegates are coming, in their traditional costumes, with their handmade musical instruments, bringing with them the picturesque local color of the America that used to be. Twenty-one states are sending over 500 participants.

To make one speech before a large group of people is something to worry about, but how would you like to make two speeches in one evening? Mrs. Hunter will soon be an expert in the art of speech-making for every Monday night she must give two speeches,--one of the requirements in the Dale Carnegie course she is taking.



THE SPONSOR

FUN AWHEEL

Now that spring seems to be here at last and we are being lured to the out-of-doors, what more enjoyable way to spend an hour or two than to spin over the road on two wheels. A bicycle ride along the Sligo Parkway on a recent warm spring day gave your sponsor and another enthusiastic devotee of the sport a real thrill and a feeling of great satisfaction. Bicycles can be rented at Fred Hanna's shop on Carroll Avenue at 25 cents per hour, 50 cents for three hours. At the present time he has only three bicycles to rent, so I would advise you to call in advance and reserve one when you wish to ride.

We hope that soon a number of the girls will be ready to take a two-wheeled spin around the Tidal Basin. Bicycles can be rented there at 25 cents per hour and there are always plenty on hand. I would be glad to have information from the girls so as to know whether they would prefer to go riding on Tuesday afternoons or during the evenings.--Dolly Long (Bicycling).

Helen Miller had the good fortune of hearing Nelson Eddy in Constitution Hall recently. The house was crowded and the program, she reports, was very enjoyable.

THE LURE OF NATURE

"Breathes there the man with soul
so dead,
Who never to himself hath said"--
When birds return and flowers ap-
pear,

"This is the loveliest time of year"
The gushing, rushing trills of
happy birds; the hushed whisper
of soft spring breeze or warm rain
through new leaves; the rippling,
rollicking song of every tiny rivu-
let hurrying over its rocky bed to
join some larger stream--all these
and a thousand other voices call,
"Come out in the sunshine and let
your soul bloom!"

If you would really enjoy nature
however, enjoy it intelligently in
even its more obvious forms, go to
the "Red and Gold Emporium" and
possess yourself of the very good
pocket guides on birds, flowers,
trees, and butterflies. Then when
you walk by the way, carry one or
more of these booklets with you.
When you meet a tree or flower you
do not know as a personal friend
look it up! When you see or hear
a bird with which you do not have
a speaking acquaintance, look it
up!

A "Nature Sponsor" seems a non-
essential at this time of year,
when Nature herself is speaking in
superlatives of color, song, f

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rance, and "feel" of beauty all about. However, if I can in any way help any of my fellow Keepers to understand and appreciate Nature a little better, I shall be very glad to do it.--T. Rose Curtis --
(Nature).

FOOD FASHIONS

As warm weather approaches we begin to think of lightweight foods as well as summer-weight clothing--foods that have less heating quantities.

Eggs--one of the "protective foods"--come in the summer-weight class. They are abundant at this season and there are many ways of serving them. Here is one:

Egg Casserole Entree

One-half lb. sliced mushrooms, 2 tbls. butter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups thin white sauce, 1 c. toasted bread crumbs, 6 sliced, hard-cooked eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped ripe olives or tomatoes, pimento strips. Saute mushrooms in butter 10 minutes. Place layer of white sauce in greased casserole. Add layer of crumbs then fill dish with alternate layers of sliced eggs, sauce, mushrooms, olives or tomatoes and finish top layer with crumbs. Garnish with pimento strips. Bake 20 minutes in moderate oven. Serves 6.--La Verne B. Case (Household Arts).

THE BLIND MAN AND THE LANTERN



I remember reading of a blind man who was found sitting at the corner of a street in a great city with a lantern beside him.

Some one went up to him and asked what he had the lantern there for, seeing that he was blind, and the light was the same to him as the darkness. The blind man replied: "I have it so that no one may stumble over me."

Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me. That is what Paul meant when he said we were to be "living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men."

I would not give much for all that can be done by sermons, if we do not preach Christ by our lives. If we do not commend the gospel to people by our holy walk and conversation, we shall not win them to Christ.--D. L. Moody.

Submitted by M. Perkins --
(Religion)

By the way, we are informed that Lela Wilcox is now home from the hospital and will be very glad to have the girls call to see her.

Marie Mooney's new telephone number is Sh. 1930-W.



KEYS TO THE OFFICE

THE SABBATH SCHOOL KEYS

The Keepers of the Keys of the world's largest and most extensive university--the Sabbath school--have a task almost endless in detail in the management of this institution, with its half million pupils in all the world.

The College of Theology requires that each quarter lessons be furnished on the Word of God for kindergarten, primary, junior, youth, and senior pupils, besides a special set for mission fields. These lessons are supplied in manuscript form, dittoed or mimeographed, to sixty publishers and translators, through whom eventually they reach the pupils. Each manuscript ranges from forty-five to seventy-five pages in length--altogether nearly 400 pages quarterly. A teachers' periodical--the Worker--is published. This requires endless research for helpful notes on the lessons. These notes, covering fifty typewritten pages each month, are duplicated and mailed to the world divisions. Fifty pages of general articles for the Worker, necessitating days of

editing, are also needed monthly.

Twelve articles for the Missions Quarterly, supplied by some mission field, but needing careful editing, furnish material for the weekly ten-minute study on missions and geography. These articles make a manuscript of nearly forty-five pages, which is mimeographed and sent to forty translators hither and yon.

The university's four-page statistical summary, compiled from over 130 reports, must be absolutely accurate. The figures, covering over half the mission funds of the denomination, make one Keeper's head almost swim with percentages, per capita, and totals. These reports, together with other activities of the university, involve much dictation.

Correspondence regarding hundreds of used Picture Rolls, which are sent to overseas missionaries, is carried on independently by another faithful Keeper. Each school must be kept posted as to whom to send its Rolls. Then there are orders for precious bookmarks, treasured penants, leaflets on all features of the university's work, free supplies without end, and other things ad infinitum, which must be filled.

The Keepers of the Keys have no mean task in assisting in the operation of this unique university; they are indefatigable workers, and they are proud to be connected with this soul-saving institution.--Margaret Weir.

SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS

April 5. A business meeting in the chapel, called to order by Marie Mooney, at 5 P.M. Thirty members in attendance.

The report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws was revised and adopted, making the following provisions: The staff of THE KEY NOTE shall be elected for a term of six months, beginning January 1 and July 1 of each year. The club officers shall be elected by ballot, while the sponsors for the year and THE KEY NOTE staff for the first six months shall be chosen by the officers and three members appointed from the floor. A committee comprised of the officers and three newly appointed members, shall elect THE KEY NOTE staff for the second six months.

The resignation of Mrs. Jennie Flaiz as Hiking Sponsor was accepted and Irma Lee Hewett elected to fill the vacancy. Action was taken dropping the Riding Sponsorship. Evelyn Wells reported on the cost of printing stationery, and was authorized to have this printed.

Adjournment at 5:30 P. M.

April 14. Scene I. Keepers of the Keys again hastening to the chapel, but this time as Friendship Friends. Excited questioning, smiles, and an air of mystery. Names called by Edna Helms, and Friendship Friends leaving the room to follow the trails leading to the final

gifts and names of the givers.

Scene II. Girls rushing hither and yon, from attic to basement. Cards, bunnies, chewing gum, as guides. Mysterious hiding places, corners, shelves, window sills, and door knobs, all in use. Finally the end of the trail.

Scene III. The Treasurer's office crowded and overflowing with Friendship Friends, each carrying a trophy. Sandwiches, chocolate milk, and ice cream to buoy up fainting spirits. Lovely gifts admired and appreciated. Yes-- we're going to play the game again.

TIPS TO TYPISTS

"My apple is as large as yours, but (when following a negative) it is not so large as Mary's."

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THIS 'N THAT

If you want to hear how paper sings, let Mr. Finch demonstrate the different tones to you, and explain it by the law of physics.

A motor trip to South Lancaster, Melrose, Boston and New York City was enjoyed by Grace Evans over a recent week-end. She visited two of her nieces at South Lancaster, and while in New York, Radio City and other points of interest were in her itinerary.

Several Keepers of the Keys have been taking last-minute vacations. Mrs. Thompson says hers was uneventful except for the acquisition of new glasses. Miss Zeidler took hers a day at a time, and found plenty to do at home. Mabel Smith made a trip to New York. And Matilda Wyatt visited in Philadelphia.

Marguerite, Edna, and Marian were happily surprised when the Morrisons, who have just returned from India, brought them three Burmese umbrellas, a red, a green and a yellow one, to be distributed according to choice. After much deliberation and hesitancy (for each wanted the other to select first), each girl finally received her favorite color--Marian the red, Edna the green, and Marguerite the yellow.

The Easter week-end gave opportunity for a number of out-of-town trips. Hazel Shadel visited friends in New Jersey. Mary Paul motored to Tennessee, with her brother, Dr. Roger Paul, to inspect a brand new niece, Clarice Yvonne, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher. Grace Thrall turned air-minded and made a flying trip--literally speaking--to New York City.

Everything goes in threes, they say, and this seems to be true right now as far as operations are concerned. First Lela Wilcox, then Virginia Butler, and now Minnie Truitt have had to submit to the surgeon's knife. Minnie is getting along nicely, and we are all wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss Kathryn L. Jensen celebrated a birthday on April 17, the day she departed for the West, to be gone until the middle of July. The Keepers of the Keys gave her a three-pound box of chocolates when she left.

Gwynne is now an authority on whether parting with a wisdom tooth affects one's wisdom. She has vivid memories of an operation recently when she had one removed.