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MY HOBBY

By Marie Mooney
(First Prize Sketch)



I've sailed the seven seas. I've lived through some of the tensest moments in history, as the drama of politics, intrigue, of nation against nation, was revealed to me.

I've been inside a Tibetan monastery, high on a mountain, inaccessible, forbidden territory to alien eyes. I've flown over the Sahara desert, been whipped by a sand storm, and landed in a Persian garden.

I've been inspired by the noble lives of men and women who have given the world its best in science, art, music, literature, medicine, research, history self-sacrifice. I've been thrilled as I set sail from ports in the old world with such men as Columbus, LaSalle,

Balboa, on voyages of discovery.

I've been saddened by the terrible ravages of disease and plague, preventable, but unchecked, because of ignorance. I've been heartbroken by the pitiful waste of lives in the senseless wars of the centuries. I've praised God in language so beautiful that my whole being was stirred as I uttered the words. In fact, I've tasted life to the full, vicariously, perhaps, but each emotion so real that it was actually mine.

Yes! my hobby is books. What better pursuit to transport one from this mundane sphere to the realms of delight in travel, biography, history, the arts, inspiration!

ANNOUNCING --

THE HOBBY HUNT WINNERS

First Prize --- **MARIE MOONEY**

Second Prize -- **MARY PAUL**

"You are the nicest folks in all the world," writes Minnie Truitt to the Keepers of the Keys. "You make Santa Claus look like a piker. I just loved all the nice things you did for me,--the Easter lily, the basket of beautiful red roses, the May basket, and the cards."

Grace Thrall was happily surprised recently to have her mother arrive from Columbus for a short visit.



"Home sweet home" for Elsie and Hazel has taken the form of a charming apartment at 807 Flower Avenue. After strenuous hours cleaning and putting things in order, they have now settled down to the joy of living, and are "at home" to their friends. Their chief pride seems to be their electric refrigerator.



KEEP STEPPING

There are three simple words that begin with an "s." They are wise with a wisdom the world cannot guess. But those who employ them their beauty confess---
Keep silent, keep sweet, and keep stepping.

Keep silent when rumor against you is stirred;
When friendship is hurt like a broken-winged bird;
When clamors the heart for a right to be heard---
Keep silent, keep sweet, and keep stepping.

A bicycling party, including Alice, Gwyn, Irma Lee, Peg, Dorothy, Edna Helms, Dolly Ruth Edwards, and Cassie Eldridge, were highly elated over their two-wheeled trip around the Tidal Basin and Hains Point the other evening. In fact, when the allotted hour was up, they found it hard to call a halt.

If typewriters only had a sense of propriety! Then maybe such startling statements as the following--recently discovered by a General Conference stenographer in a letter she had just typed--would not make their appearance: "We are glad to have this notice of our expiration next month."

T A P S

Alice LaBonte is motoring West with the Bonds. They left Washington May 29. Alice went only as far as her home in Boulder, Colorado, where she is spending her vacation in the Rockies. The Bonds traveled on to the Coast to attend camp meetings and junior camps.

Irma Lee Hewett, Harriet Richardson, Elsie Winders, and Dolly Long enjoyed an evening of games with Alice LaBonte at her home recently.

The Department of Education is happy to announce that the Blue Ridge Educational Convention report, together with educational actions, plans, and policies formulated through the years, is now in the field. It is a 379-page book, and sells for \$1.00 in the paper binding and \$1.35 in cloth.

Styluses! ! If each stenographer will remember to replace the styluses in the proper container after she uses them, there won't be any stray articles in her pencil drawer, and, best of all, other stenographers will be able to find them.

Keep sweet when provoked by some petty affair;
When those whom you love on your loyalty wear;
When the milk of your spirit is curdled with care---
Keep silent, keep sweet, and keep stepping.

Keep stepping when other folks hinder your way;
When weary and worried you finish the day;
Too footsore to walk, and too breathless to pray---
Keep silent, keep sweet, and keep stepping.

Keep silent, and spare yourself needless regret;
Keep sweet, and the whole world will be in your debt.
Keep stepping with Christ, the truest friend yet---
Keep silent, keep sweet, and keep stepping.

--Author Unknown.



Betty Yearsley-Murray was in Takoma Park for several days recently, and when she returned home, Matilda Wyatt went with her to spend the week-end.

Ora Williams has had concrete evidence that her birthday came May 14. She received thirty messages of congratulation from friends in Louisville.



THE SPONSOR

SUMMER MUSIC

Though the concert season is ended officially, there are still concerts for eager music lovers. Begin with the early morning bird chorus chanting its joyful matins. It sounds like a large symphony tuning up, with each instrument trying to outdo the other in a glad tumult of praise.

Then later wander down to the verdant Walter Reed Gardens and dream among the willows, while the Army Band entertains patients and guests with an hour's concert on a Tuesday afternoon at 6:30. (This day may be changed.) After a sizzling day over the typewriter, this is a restful and soothing pastime.

Or as an alternative, take the express bus to Pennsylvania Avenue, walk to the Washington Monument, and enjoy the outdoor concerts which attract many hundreds to cool off and relax.

At the Capitol, likewise, tune in on the three service bands which play alternately three nights a week. The charm of distant music heard outdoors is everywhere in the summer.

"There is sweet music here that softer falls

Than petals from blown roses
on the grass."

--Thelma Wellman (Liberal Arts).

"PEANUTS!"

"POP CORN"

"COLD DRINKS HERE!"

There are only two places where you would expect to hear the above explosions--a circus and a ball game. The circus has left town, so it must be a ball game.

That's it, girls, a big ball game--called for the afternoon of June 14. We'll need batters, pitchers, and catchers, but most of all we'll need "rooters." You can't afford to miss this huge sensation.

Gates open at 2:30 P.M., at the Kensington Cabin field. Get your tickets early, and plan to stay until dark.

--Edna Helm

(Social).

OUT IN THE

Louise

The little cares that fretted
me

I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the
birds,

The humming of the bees.

Submitted by Peg

S SPEAK



LITERATURE

A new magazine with the interesting title, Your Life, has come to my attention. I have read several different issues and have found them worthwhile, easily readable, enjoyable and informational.

This popular guide to desirable living contains articles under the following general topics each month: Your Life, Health, Love, Fortune, Charm, Children, Conversation, Words. The price is 25¢ per copy--and it may be secured now at newsstands--or \$3.00 for a yearly subscription. Publishers, The Kingsway Press, Inc., Concord, N.H.--Mable A. Hinkhouse (Literature).

S WITH GOD

Guiney

The foolish fears of what might
happen,

I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay,

Among the husking of the corn,

Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good
are born--

at in the fields with God.

ins (Religious).

WALKING --

A SAFETY VALVE

"Every one [especially stenographers who lead more or less sedentary lives] should have certain activities and interests that act as safety valves.

"First on the list should be physical exercise, of which walking is the best for this purpose. I have never known an inveterate walker who was not somewhat well-balanced and poised. There is something about the rhythm of walking that invites a quiet engagement of the emotions.

"One can walk off a rage, a hurt or even a love affair. The amount of physical energy consumed seems to bring about a fine coordination between body and mind in which neither is above the other. They must work together in walking, thus taking the pressure off of either. The result is a healthful normalcy out of which we act as we should act, whether that means a peaceful sleep or a concentrated activity.

"Walking is a wonderful doctor, a superb adviser, a sermon, a lecture, a great equalizer."--by Margery Wilson in "Your Life."

--Submitted by Irma Lee Hewett

(Hiking).

KEYS TO THE OFFICE



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

He who studies the stars never writes what he feels is a complete summary, for always there is more beyond. The longer one spends in the work of educating youth, the more novae he finds springing into visibility at every twist of the lens. Training and educating the youth is a never-ending work, instilling in them the love of God and the vision of the great work which He has committed to this generation.

The scope of the General Conference Department of Education covers three main divisions: college, secondary, and elementary. Yet the work overlaps, and each man carries a burden for the whole, spanning the world by plans laid in counsel.

"What are some of these plans?" you ask. You wish to know of the many institutes and conventions, where teachers and workers bring problems held for weeks pending the visit of the General Secretary; inspections to de-

termine whether a school shall remain on the approved list of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Colleges and Secondary Schools; committees working on curricula of the schools, on syllabi, on standards to raise the quality of the teaching, on teachers' wages, on the hoped-for educational journal?

Or would you know of the office side--the final examinations, with painstaking editing, mailing, and compiling of results; mission-geography letters to be edited and sent out by the thousands to our church schools; the teachers' registry, which receives all applications for employment and provides teachers when an emergency arises; teachers' applications for certification, calling for accurate checking of transcript and other data before presentation to committee and sending out of certificates; reports, which must be checked to find whether the school is maintaining the standards in teacher certification, finance, and physical equipment, and which later find their way to the scrutinizing eyes of the Board of Regents, as it checks for approval of the Association; the blanks, leaflets, minutes, and statistics; the dental record and correspondence entailed by our affiliation with the Atlanta-Southern Dental College, which gives spe-

cial concession to our Adventist young men--all these would you know?

But I would not burden you further--you who have much on your own shoulders to bear. We have enjoyed our short visit with you and shall read with eager interest the account of your part in the great work which God has given us in these last days.--
Marguerite Perkins.

INTRODUCING —

Erna Borm, whose varied experience in denominational work in Europe and knowledge of many of the European languages will prove of great value to the office of the Central European Division, Section II, with which she has recently connected. Miss Borm was born in Russia, and lived there for a number of years, but now holds German citizenship. She began her labors in connection with our work in Russia, with Elder J.T. Boettcher, father of Mrs. Olivia Lockwood, and has since worked in our offices in Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. Miss Borm has travelled in most of the countries of Europe. She writes three systems of shorthand. Address in Takoma Park: 6912 Willow Avenue.

Helen Stolz, who comes to us from Jersey City, to connect with the Statistical Department. She

was formerly employed by the Recording and Statistical Corporation in New York. She reports having taken an active part in her church, and hopes she will have the same opportunity here. So far she says she likes Washington, and we hope she will continue to be of the same opinion.

SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS

May 18. Twenty girls met in the chapel at 5 P. M., and appointed three members to act with the officers in electing THE KEY NOTE staff for the remainder of the year, as follows: Genevieve Melendy, T. Rose Curtis, and Elsie Winders.

There was a short discussion regarding procedure in welcoming new members to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

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THIS 'N THAT

As a high point of an already adventure-filled life, Jennie Flaiz was honored by an interview with the First Lady at an afternoon tea, May 3 at 4:30 P.M. Through a kindly ex-senator's wife at the Sanitarium she had a letter of introduction, which was handed to the head-usher upon her arrival. Filled with anticipation, Jennie followed the usher outdoors to the spot where Mrs. Roosevelt, tastefully garbed in a blue chiffon tea gown and large hat, was dispensing tea and conversation with her usual aplomb. Very soon our lucky comrade was chatting with Mrs. Roosevelt, who is famous for her ability to make people feel at ease and show up their good points. Jennie climaxed the conversation by a vivid account of a leopard hunt, in which she and the good doctor finished off the ten-foot beast from their hunting perch in a ~~tree~~ twelve feet from the ground. Looks as if Jennie had good hunting here in the U. S. as well as in India.

Irma Lee Hewett and Peg Perkins are learning more and more about swimming at their bi-weekly visits to the "Y." Latest information is to the effect that they are improving.

Of the three efficiency magazines coming to the library, T. Rose says Better English is the most in demand by the office girls. Correct English and The Gregg Writer take second and third places respectively.

Marie Mooney drove to New York recently with Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, and saw Dr. Weaver off on the "Bremen" for a trip to Europe. On the boat she was pleasantly surprised to run across Ilse Kotz, who was also "bon voyaging" some one. Marie had the opportunity of saying "hello" to the members of her family.

Two Keepers of the Keys were privileged recently to take lunch in the Senators' private dining room located in the Capitol building. Miss Stella Fleisher and Edna Edoburn had gone down to the Capitol to see Miss Earlene White, postmistress of the Senate, and a friend of Miss Fleisher's. After a short visit Miss White suggested that as it was about dinner time, they might like to accompany her to the Senators' dining room. And of course they did. Across the room they were able to recognize such notable characters as Senators Johnson, Borah and Norris.