

# The Key Note



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SEASON'S



GREETINGS



# KEY TAPS

Marie Mooney entertained at the home of Mrs. Ralph Case the evening of November 20 in honor of her guest, Mrs. Ruby Tyrrell-Steadman of Battle Creek, Michigan. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cobban, Mr. and Mrs. Case, Evelyn Wells, Thelma Wellman, Hazel Shadel, Marion Nyman, and the Twins. Mrs. Steadman's friends enjoyed her brief visit and hope she will come again soon.

Alice La Bonte, La Verne Case, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh joined other M. V. officers the evening of November 22 in packing Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. The Takoma Park M. V. Society gave 23 baskets in all, which included 8 smaller ones for the shut-ins. Those who delivered the baskets say that the recipients were greatly cheered by them.

Thelma Durrall says that New York's skyscrapers were just as tall as ever when she left there at 3:15 A. M. November 26. Thelma spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Josephine DiBenodetto, at her home in New York City. Miss DiBenodetto spent nearly three weeks with Thelma here last summer. She is now doing stenographic work at Union Springs, N. Y.

Miss Grace Amadon, who has been doing research work at the General Conference for some months, is the daughter of George Amadon, pioneer printer of the advent movement. She is also the granddaughter of John Byington, first president of the General Conference.

Kathryn Haynal's brother, Elder A. D. Haynal of Johnstown, Pa., visited her recently. He came really to visit a son and daughter here, but Kathryn welcomed him also, since she had not seen him for thirteen years.

Early on Wednesday morning, November 22, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Higgins left Takoma Park for an automobile trip to Michigan. They visited at the home of Mayme's parents in Edmore, returning on Sunday the 26th.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Higgins to Michigan over Thanksgiving holidays were T. Rose Curtis, who went to visit her brother and family at Bellevue; and Alice Love, who went home to St. Joseph.



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## OUR IDEALS

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Do you remember the first issue of the KEY NOTE? I can imagine how excited you were as you eagerly read each page. I have just been glancing through a few of the early copies and can picture the girls as they read Miss Jensen's welcome to become active participants in making the name "Keepers of the Keys" synonymous with the highest ideals of Seventh-day Adventist womanhood. Weren't you determined always to be worthy Keepers of the keys of confidence, influence, loyalty, industry, friendly helpfulness and sociability?

Then the second copy appeared with Marie Mooney's warm appeal for a true spirit of friendliness, pointing out that our companions here are those with whom we expect to spend eternity. And "wouldn't it be too bad if we waited until then to get really acquainted with our associate workers?" Another issue suggested the worthwhileness of just a friendly "hello" as we pass one another in the halls.

Thus the ideals of our club were brought to our attention month by month. Worthwhile ideals, are they not? How do we measure up to them? Do we have the same strong confidence in this message that we had when we first accepted the truth? Or have we in the hustle and bustle of life been neglecting the Word, thus giving Satan a few vulnerable points of attack? And our influence! Is it always on the side of right? Are we loyal in our support of the third angel's message? Industry in our work is important if we are to give of our best in service; but we must not be so industrious that we neglect that little friendly greeting that may cheer another along the way.

The New Year is fast approaching. But why wait until then to make resolutions? May we not each one profitably study anew the ideals of our club, and determine to live up to them more fully right now.

Dorothy M. Ford.

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# SPONSORS



HOW DO YOU READ?



We have come to the publication of the last copy of the KEY NOTE for 1939, and we rather naturally cast a retrospective glance over the year's accomplishments in the matter of reading as well as along other lines. Have we read what we intended to read at the outset of the year, and if so, have we derived the benefit that we expected? If not, why? Let us think meditatively of that as we enter upon a new year.

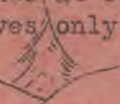
I like so much what our Spiritual Sponsor wrote in our September number. Let us consider this also, and apply it to our program of reading during the coming year.

The following has been brought to my attention, and I pass it on to you:

"Readers have been divided into four classes. The first may be compared to an hourglass, their reading being as the sand--it runs in and runs out, and leaves not a vestige behind. A second class resembles a sponge, which imbibes everything, and returns it nearly in the same state, only a little dirtier. A third class may be likened to a jelly-bag, which allows all that is pure to pass away, and retains only the refuse and the dregs. The fourth class is like the slave in the diamond mines at Golconda, who, casting aside all that is worthless, preserves only the pure gem."

--Selected.

Stella Fleisher (Literary).



# SPREAD!

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"A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN YOU"

"Our professor in the university told us that it took many thousands of years for this earth to come into existence. He says you can't take the Bible literally when it says that in six days the Lord created the heavens and the earth. Even the Bible says, 'These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created.'"

How would you meet this issue if it were presented to you? Those who were present at the Bible class on a recent Sabbath afternoon learned that the Bible recognizes no long ages in which the earth was slowly evolved from chaos. The Sacred Record declares of each successive day of creation that it consisted of the evening and the morning, like all other days that have followed. The statement made at the close of the first week's record, "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created," does not convey the idea that the days of creation were other than literal days. Each day was called a generation because that in it God generated, or produced, some new portion of His work. "He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." The genealogy of our race, as given by inspiration, traces back its origin, not to a line of developing germs, molusks, and quadrupeds, but to the great Creator. Though formed from the dust, Adam was "the son of God." As regards this world, God's work of creation is completed. For "the works were finished from the foundation of the world."

There are 18 regular members in our Bible class which meets every Sabbath afternoon. We feel very fortunate indeed to have Elder Frederick Lee as our teacher. Aside from the knowledge of our fundamental truths which he so ably imparts, we gain a great inspiration and blessing for our own souls from these studies.

Alice La Bonte (Spiritual).

# HEALTH SERVICE



Upon inquiry at the Sanitarium we are authorized to give to the Keepers of the Keys the following information regarding the charges for a routine examination such as a worker should have each year to know something of his physical status. Quoting from a letter from the Medical Superintendent, Robert A. Hare, M.D., dated October 29:

"We . . . have wondered whether the present minimum charge which would come to the workers of the General Conference would be excessive. We would estimate such an examination would require about one hour to one hour and a half of the doctor's time. Then there would be a check examination in the Nose and Throat Department, and a fluoroscopic examination of the chest. These items ordinarily would be charged at \$7.50. Then a complete blood count \$4.00, and a single urinalysis \$2.00, making a total of \$13.50. To General Conference workers the rate would be \$5.50. . . . Actually for this service the sanitarium would get \$4.95 if it were paid through the General Conference.

"We would be very pleased indeed to cooperate with you in this matter."

I am sure that this service at such a low rate will be of real practical value to the Keepers of the Keys and we trust that this little notice in the KEY NOTE will cause all those who believe that they are in good health, as well as those who have some ailments, to take advantage of this available service.

"It is far better to prevent disease than to know how to treat it when contracted."--"Ministry of Healing," p. 128.

Kathryn L. Jensen (Health).



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## SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS--

The November agenda was full of items that always come toward the close of the year. Evelyn Wells, La Verne Case, and Mayme Higgins were appointed as the Thanksgiving-Christmas Basket Committee. Mrs. Mace told of the excellent needlework Ethel Boyd is doing as occupational-therapy and urged us to buy material for her, with purchase of the finished product in mind. Mable Hinkhouse, on behalf of Mrs. Froom, appealed for clothing to meet the constant calls coming to the Park Dorcas Society.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Marguerite Perkins, chairman, Mintie Truitt, Katie Farney, Hazel Peter, and Matilda

Wyatt, brought in a good ballot resulting in the line-up of officers for 1940 as follows: Evelyn Wells, President; Mary Paul, Vice President; Esther Benton, Secretary; June Bender, Treasurer.

Thelma Wellman, Mable Hinkhouse, and T. Rose Curtis were appointed from the floor to assist the new officers in selecting the editorial staff and sponsors for the new year.

Ora Williams.

## INTRODUCING--

Bethel Rico, recently connected with the Statistical Department. Bethel came to us from Washington Missionary College where for several years she has been an instructor in the science laboratory and a teacher of science in the Takoma Academy. She is a graduate of W.M.C., enjoys roller skating, and music is one of her varied activities. A native of Michigan, she accompanied her parents to Takoma Park when still very young, and has spent most of her life here. A hearty welcome to you, Bethel!

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Our Christmas party is now scheduled for the evening of December 17, says our Social Sponsor. Let us plan to enjoy a happy evening together.



# This 'n That

Mrs. Nell Hunter and her mother spent the Thanksgiving holiday with friends in Philadelphia.

The Northwest and California were the objectives of Mabel and Dale Smith, who left Takoma Park November 7 on a vacation trip by car. They planned to return on November 24.

The Thanksgiving holiday and week end were spent by Hazel Shadel on a motor trip of three hundred miles, and visiting a friend in Bridgeton, N. J. During Hazel's absence, Wrangle was well cared for and enjoyed by Margaret Weir.

Ora Williams says there is no monotony in raking and burning leaves when one has to call the Fire Department to the rescue. Now she is wondering if the F. D. will forgive her for not having hot coffee and doughnuts ready for them Friday.

All the Keepers are glad to have Edna Helms able to be at her desk again following her convalescence from that appendectomy. We are sorry that Dolly Long is still confined to her bed, and hope the doctor may soon be successful in destroying the germ that has been causing her so much distress.

Evelyn Wells, with her sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Merwin Thurber, spent November 12 to 17 visiting relatives in Ohio. They first called at the home of her father's sister at Bedford. Later they drove to Mansfield and Huntsville, where they visited her mother's relatives, among whom is an aunt eighty-three years old, who resides on the old home farm.

Eleven enthusiastic members of the Park Nature Club, including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh and Genevieve Melendy, went fossil hunting at Plum Point on November 24. While there they met two prominent geologists who had also come for a like purpose. Plum Point is distinguished for its numerous imbedded shells. Marjorie says they saw sharks' teeth ranging in length from  $1/8$ " to 4".

Esther Benton is looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays with her folks in Keene, Texas.