



THE KEY NOTE



THE MAP OF DAYS

Upon my wall I hang this map of days:

Each day within its own small separate square,
They lie before me, strange uncharted ways,
And I must travel there.

God, go with me. I dare not go alone.

Too many devious paths lead me down the land,
And I shall need, in that strange, vast unknown,
Thy hand upon my hand.

Day by day walk with me - help me find
The high footpaths of peace, the ways of light;
And in my climbing, let me leave behind
No bruised hurt thing at night.

For every day's equipment let me take
The Staff of Faith; Hope's lamp to guide my feet,
A cup of water, and a loaf to break
With others that I meet.

--Grace Noll Crowell.

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AN INVENTORY for the NEW YEAR

Physical

Do I get enough sleep really to keep fit? Is my diet balanced?
Is my posture good? Do I walk as if I have a zest for living?
Do I get a reasonable amount of exercise every day?

Mental

Is my mind alert, active, or is it lazy, indolent?
Is my mind open or closed to suggestions and opinions?
Have I a program for mental growth--study, good reading?

Social

Am I well-mannered--courteous, tolerant, impartial?
Do I have personal habits that are objectionable to my associates?
Am I a good citizen? a good neighbor? a good friend?

Spiritual

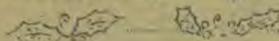
Do I exercise the golden rule in my dealings with others?
Am I absolutely dependable, truthful, honest?
Do I have some form of spiritual worship that really helps me?

Financial

Do I buy intelligently, and get real value for my money?
Am I inclined to spend beyond my income? or do I SAVE some?
Do I have a regular plan or budget to guide my spending?

Business

Based on my daily performances, would I hire myself?
Do I seek responsibilities or run away from them?
Do I make suggestions of value to my company and department?



HAPPY NEW YEAR



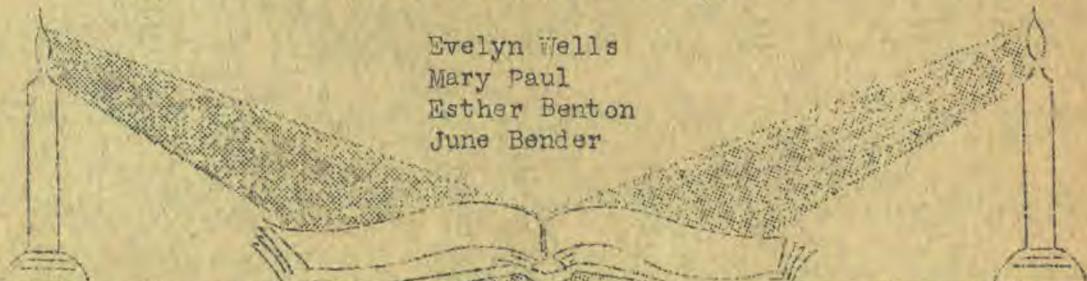
As officers for the Keepers of the Keys for 1940 we wish to greet you on this first day of the year. We solicit your suggestions and your cooperation to make it the best year of our organization.

It is our ambition always to maintain the highest ideals and standards in the activities of the club, and to make them so pleasant and helpful that all members will be proud of our organization and consider it worthwhile. With the cooperation of all, this goal may be achieved.

Whenever you have a suggestion or a constructive criticism, please write it out and give it to one of us. We promise to consider it carefully and use it if it seems at all practicable.

May the year 1940 be a good one for all the General Conference girls. As workers together may we ever be loyal to God, to His work, and to each other. Why not make this our motto for the year?

Evelyn Wells
Mary Paul
Esther Benton
June Bender



VOICE of the SPONSORS

Spiritually speaking--

Another Week of Prayer with its attendant blessings has passed and from the testimonies that were given in chapel, it is evident that the girls all found a share, particularly in the meetings held by the different prayer bands. Elder Michael, who led out in service each morning, impressed upon our minds the urgent need for that heart preparation we must have if we are to triumph with the glorious truth that has been given to us. May we enter the new year with a greater determination to live closer to our Saviour who loves us so much.

LaVerne E. Cas



Those who enjoy book reviews, of the up-to-date, better book should keep in mind the Book Chats sponsored by the Takoma Park Maryland Library (Sherman Avenue) on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month, at eight o'clock. Well-known book critics and authors are included among the guest speakers. In January, M. Edith Stearns, who has the distinction of having articles direct from her pen appear in the headers' Digest, is scheduled to discuss a recent book. She is a professional book reviewer, as well as writer of note. Her home is in Takoma Park.

The latest book lists will be available to you from time to time in the General Conference Library and in the Ladies' Lounge, as well as in Room 122. If there is some particular book you are finding it difficult to secure, let us know, and we'll try our luck.

L.S.

UP
^{and}

DOWN

THE CORRIDORS

Santa Claus had no trouble in finding the Misses Nyman, Perkins, Thompson, and Wicker in their new home. He filled their stockings, also those of their guests, the Misses Hewett and Truitt, who arrived early Christmas morning. Highlights of the day: Reading aloud of "Home for Christmas" (Lloyd Douglas) by Gwyn, delving into Christmas stockings, and a delicious dinner.

Friends of Mildred Davis have received Christmas cards which have caused them anxiety for her disposition --they were postmarked Defiance, Ohio. A week is a long time to spend in that atmosphere and they hope Millie will still be her own sweet self when she returns to the office.

Frances Nowlin's latest place of business will be found at the other end of third floor. At present she is occupying Miss Jensen's office. No space is ever wasted in this building.

The girls of the Educational Department entertained their employers and families at Peggy Perkins' home on the evening of December 19.

Mrs. Ira Hover (Mildred Numbers) helped at the switchboard when Genevieve Melandy was ill for a few days, then went on a trip to Orlando, Florida, to visit her sister, Ethel Numbers-Coon.

Our "Flower Lady" (Mrs. Flora Williams) is spending a much-needed vacation in sunny Florida.

The College A Cappella Choir (of which several of our girls are members) joined the choir of the Congregational Church in broadcasting a program of appropriate music from the steps of the Capitol on New Year's Eve over the National Broadcasting System.

Virginia Butler entertained two of her sisters over the holidays --Irene from New Jersey and Alberta from North Carolina.

Note: Anyone finding difficulty in getting to worship on time due to the lack of an alarm clock will please see Peggy or Irma Lee. (They each received two as gifts.)

THE KEEPERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Was a grand success, from the arrival of the first guests. In and out and 'round about, the maze of identification and autograph hunting brought many a laugh and some surprises. The delicious and daintily served refreshments satisfied the "inner man," so that it was no great temptation to eat the popcorn provided for the threading race. Christmas carols floated in through the open window, while "snow" floated down upon the singers, rather concentrating on Alice LaBonte. We're still wondering--was it Lux or Ivory Flakes?

Mrs. Graham carried us back to the days of our childhood as she read from "The Birds' Christmas Carol" of Mrs. Ruggles' preparation of her nine young hopefules for the big event of their lives. The playlet arranged by Thelma Wellman and most ably acted by Mrs. Rudy, Mrs. Counsell, Mrs. Strahle, Roland Semmens, and Thelma herself, brought many a laugh and a final sigh of relief from the appreciative audience as we were assured of a "happily ever" sequel.

Santa Claus made a spectacular entrance through that same open window, very carefully and thoughtfully snuffing out the candles burning on the sill to guide his reindeer to the proper place. He most ably took charge of the situation from the moment of his entrance, and was certainly in a right merry mood, as evidenced by his lively quips and cackling laughter, at the expense of timid girls who hesitate to do their "stunts" or to open their gifts on the stage. The singing of "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night" by the entire group happily closed a delightful evening. Three cheers and the heartiest thanks to Elsie and her able assistants--and a Happy New Year to all! (Santa Claus?--Dale Smith.)

T.R.C.



Sarah Williams is rejoicing that her medical report is O. K. and that in February she will be sailing for Singapore to work in the Far Eastern Division office. Her friends don't want to think of her going, but who would wish it otherwise when that is her desire? The Key Note will be a long time in transit, but we believe she'll enjoy the news even though it's a month behind the times.

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	\$17.97

Disbursements

Flowers and cards	\$16.71
On Hand --	\$1.26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1939

Club Account

Receipts	
One-half duos	\$14.00
Miscellaneous	.30
	\$14.30

Disbursements

Gift	\$4.00
Xmas Party	4.74
Xmas baskets	5.00
On Hand	\$.56
	\$13.74

Key Note Account

Receipts	
On hand 1/1/39	\$1.63
One-half dues	14.00
Subscriptions, single copies	4.05
	\$19.68

Disbursements

Paper, stencils, postage	13.84
On Hand	\$ 5.84

REMINDING YOU that the 25¢ semi-annual club dues are now due. Yours for a painless extraction of said dues,--Juno Bender.

Total Funds on hand -- \$ 7.66

Dolly Long, Treasurer

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Helen Porter and her husband spent the holidays (the first since their marriage) with their families in New Jersey. Helen says it is fun to have two families and two Christmas dinners.

Mable Hinkhouse spent Christmas day on her old stamping ground-Nashville.

Katie Farney's Christmas day was made pleasant by a visit with friends in Capitol Heights.

Mary Scott and Doris spent Christmas with relatives in Baltimore and had such a good time that they stayed over Tuesday as well.

Edna Helms says she is just one of those folks who "want home for Christmas." Her husband drove her to that certain place in Allentown Pennsylvania, that we have heard about in times past.

Helen Miller turned toward Miami, Florida, as a likely place to forget the pre-Christmas rush in the Mailing Department.

The holiday mileage record was made by Esther Benton who visited her home in Keene, Texas.

Marie Mooney's Christmas holiday was spent around the family hearthstone in Astoria, Long Island.

Genevieve Melendy and her sisters were made happy by a visit from their mother during the holidays.

Louise Surface enjoyed the Southern hospitality of friends at Harrisonburg, Virginia, over Christmas.

Friends from Michigan were entertained by Bethel Rice last week.

Nell Hunter and her mother spent the holidays with relatives in Pittsburgh.

Thelma Durrell spent a pleasant holiday with her parents at Lowell, Massachusetts. A brand new nephew was seen for the first time on a flying trip to Maine. She informs us that she ate three Christmas dinners, and yet lost weight.

Esther Kuckenmeister spent Xmas with her family in Cleveland.