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TIME MARCHES ON!

But time did not march in 1939. It would seem that the venerable old Father must have taken to the air where he maneuvered about so rapidly above the clouds that we were aware only of sudden changes in the course of history.

The year started with a quake, when severe earth tremors were felt in South America, and it ended with an earthquake in Turkey. The Nazis and Communists, who began the year as enemies, ended 1939 by uniting their interests. Little powers, such as Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Memel, Danzig, Albania, and Poland have in one brief year been absorbed by neighboring nations.

At the beginning of 1939 there was much talk of world amnesty-peace and the reduction of armaments. But nations armed feverishly nevertheless, and the year ended with this poor old earth in the throes of three major wars.

In the Orient, Japan and China continue their struggles. Germany, France, and England have again come to blows on land and sea. A third conflict rages between Finland and Russia.

Even in the United States there have been startling changes, not the least of which has been the President's recent appointment of a representative to the Vatican to cooperate with the Pope in working for World Peace. This seems a radical departure from the principles of complete separation of church and state advocated by our founding Fathers. All true Americans should work and pray for peace. Nevertheless, in this step toward union with Rome lies a danger. Tremendous possibilities lurk in such a move. Today is a crisis hour, and Seventh-day Adventists, with their God-given task of giving the gospel of the kingdom to all the world, should pray for more than human wisdom to meet new and startling eventualities as time marches on in 1940.

Ruth Williams, Guest Writer.

RESPONSIBILITY

The work that you perform so faithfully is greatly appreciated by the men who bear the responsibilities of leadership in this cause. . . . You are here because of a sincere regard you have for the useful, active part in the service of God. . . .

The Keepers of the Keys. There is something in this name that has a spiritual significance. . . . You have a greater responsibility than do the keepers of the crown jewels of England. . . . The very work that Jesus started when He was upon earth, we today have been commissioned to finish. . . . We have something in this building more precious than the crown jewels of England. It is something intangible, but nonetheless real. That intangible thing we might call the influence, the heart, the spirit of this work. It has been given to us to guard that. . . . Our guardianship is what we might call a moral trust, a sacred trust,--a trust of the highest responsibility. What we are, what we do, the company we keep, the places we go--all these enter into that guardianship. . . .

There is one danger that some of us who are older have to guard against--lack of sympathy with and understanding of those who are tempted. . . . I wish many times that something might be done to create a better atmosphere, more congenial surroundings here.

It has seemed to me that in this society known as the Keepers of the Keys you have gone a long way toward providing this. . . . If there is anything that we feel jealous for here, it is the good name and reputation of the General Conference. . . . We believe that this work will prosper here at headquarters just to the extent that each one in his own, personal life prospers spiritually. . . . Every person who works in this building is expected to be a representative Seventh-day Adventist church member. . . . Whether in the office or out of it, the Christian can never take leave of his principles. We are never off duty when it comes to living out the Christ life. . . . May the Lord help you all as
Keepers of the Keys to fulfil your high trust.

High points from Elder McElhany's talk
to the Keepers of the Keys
on January 1

VOICE of the SPONSORS

 Dates for You



This alluring food, called the bread of the desert, holds out many possibilities for use to even one-room hostesses. Dates contain iron and vitamins A and B.

In its natural state the date either dried or fresh makes a delightful ending to a meal. For diversity remove stone and stuff with nuts, peanut butter, or a cream cheese filling, and roll in powdered sugar or shredded coconut. Nut-filled dates are as delicious as any candy, and more in accord with streamlined figures! They are good rolled in melted, sweet chocolate.

Aspiring to further possibilities, add chopped dates to muffins, dry or cooked breakfast cereal, and puddings, and they give the final touch to fruit salad.

Delight your family or next guest with this recipe:

DATE DREAMS

1 cup shortening	3 1/2 cups flour
2 cups brown sugar	2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 eggs	1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup rolled oats	4 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 cups dates	2/3 cup milk

Cream shortening and add sugar slowly. Add well beaten eggs, rolled oats, and dates. Sift other dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Drop on greased baking sheet and bake fifteen minutes at 400° F.

Mary Scott.



The high lights at Constitution Hall for Washingtonians during February are: Mischa Levitzki, "that giant of the keyboard," on Sunday afternoon, the 11th, at 4 P. M. On Sunday afternoon, the 25th, at the same hour, Robert Viroval, the seventeen-year-old violinist will be presented.

The evening series brings us Lily Pons on Tuesday, the 6th, at 8:30 P. M.

Bethel Rice.

UP
and
DOWN

THE CORRIDORS

As Christians, we must be tolerant of our fellowmen; but let us be guilty of as few as possible of those little habits so seldom noticed in ourselves, but which do annoy others.

I WISH PEOPLE WOULDN'T --

Say, "Who is this?" over the telephone instead of asking for the party they desire.

Talk or rattle paper during worship, in church, Sabbath school and concerts.

Say, in response to my statement, "Huh?" and then proceed to answer before I can repeat my sentence, indicating a lack of attention.

Forget to say "Please" and "Thank you" for favors requested or granted.

Talk to me while I am reading.

Chew with their mouths open.

Pity girls because they are single.

Ask personal questions, such as, What is your salary? How much did you pay for your coat? Are you and Mr. Blank going together?

Be so curious about the goings and comings of other people.

Barge in on a tête-à-tête and then insist on knowing the gist of the conversation.

Borrow my belongings and then forget to return them.

Refuse to do things unless they get full credit for their efforts.

Think you are very queer because you like stamp collecting, symphonic music, nature study, etc., when they themselves don't happen to be interested in such things.

Consider their way the only way of doing things.

Anne Inquiring Reporter.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

THE CHATTER BOX



Any of our girls contemplating matrimony should take care in selecting the pastor to tie the knot. For your amusement we pass on one of the "slips that pass in the type" (from a union paper): "Friends will be interested to know that Lawrence Johnson and Tressa Clouse were untied in marriage by me in my home."

It isn't likely that Dolly will be wishing for the opportunity to "sleep in" on these cold mornings -- at least for a while-- after six weeks of doing so at doctor's orders.

We're still wondering about the sylph-like girl at the cafeteria (not a Keeper) who began her meal with a large apple sauce sundae and then consumed with evident relish, soup, spaghetti, salad, and rolls.

Did you know that Kathryn Haynal suffered a relapse the other day from her attack of the flu? P. S. She received her bill from the Sanitarium.

Among the notables of our land who have birthdays in February are the following:

Mrs. Flora Williams

Esther Benton

Marjorie Marsh

Marguerite Perkins

Irma Lee Hewett

Myrtle L. Chrisman

Evelyn Wells

Minnie and Mintie Truitt

Dorothy Ford

Thelma Durrell

There are more birthdays in February than in any other month among the Keepers.

"Now that real winter weather has come," writes Harriett Richardson from Minnesota, "I appreciate the lovely wool robe more and more. Until you come and try a winter in the North you won't understand possibly just how much I mean the word appreciate to represent. There are words such as thankful, grateful, and others that make the foundation for the use of the word appreciate. As I look back upon it now, it seems that I should have waited until now to write the note to thank you girls, for I think I would be able to help you realize more just how much that lovely gift means to me."

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DON'T FORGET -- to notify the GIFT COMMITTEE when a member of your department is sick for several days. Call either Marie Mooney or June Bender.

The officers and sponsors of the Keepers of the Keys were entertained at the home of our president, Evelyn Wells, on Sunday evening, January 21. Our reporter was of the opinion that Evelyn was very wise in her reversal of the old adage "business before pleasure," and that much was accomplished.

FINAL DATE FOR THEME SONG CONTEST -- February 15. Turn over to Bethel Rice.

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WOULD YOU LIKE--

To suggest ways in which we may improve the service offered by the Keepers' staff, or means of accomplishing better results in our teamwork? Your officers would welcome helpful ideas, and are not averse to receiving criticisms if in your judgment we merit them. Look for the Suggestion Box in the Ladies' Lounge, and place therein your written suggestions. Won't you?

(Suggestions for the Key Note will also be appreciated by the Editors!)

FROM HERE AND THERE

An old classmate spent a couple of weeks with Thelma Durrell recently. She is Ruth Williams from Malden, Massachusetts, who was graduated with Thelma from Atlantic Union College last spring. (An article by Ruth will be found in this issue of the Key Note.Ed.)

Esther Benton's beaming face alone would have told us that it was her father, Elder R. L. Benton, president of the Southwestern Union who spent a few days with her recently while attending a convention.

Roll call of "flu" victims: Mrs. Flora Williams, Edna Edeburn, Pe Perkins, Marjorie Marsh, Mrs. Grace Mace, Marian MacNeil, Alice Love, Mayme Higgins, Sarah Williams, ad infinitum.

Keepers are glad to see the cheerful countenance of Kathryn Jensen once again. Her itinerary included many of our training schools, sanitariums, and colleges in the interest of nursing education.

June Bender, Yvonne Olson, and Alice Love have joined the swimming club at the "Y". We have a suspicion that others will join them ere long.

Hazel Shadel is enjoying a six-weeks' visit from her sister Lida Mae, of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

A vacation should certainly hold something pleasanter than waking up 17 miles from Savannah to find yourself partly emerged in water with a heavy individual on top holding you there, as was Helen Miller's experience. We are glad that Helen had a good time in Florida before her bus accident on the trip home, and that she was seriously hurt, as could easily have happened.

Believe it or not, Mable Hinkhouse was seen riding a bus last week!

Perhaps Singapore won't look quite so strange to Sarah Williams when she arrives there, for on the evening of January 30 in the I & H chapel she had the opportunity of a glimpse of this interesting city through moving pictures. The occasion was a farewell party given in her honor and attended by a large group of friends from the General Conference, Washington San., and vicinity. As a parting gift she received a sum of money with which to buy a camphor chest. We bid her sad adieu, but hope she will enjoy her new work, and that we shall hear from her often.