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UNRATIONED VACATIONS

Since we're deprived a holiday
In that fine, used-to style,
When we would jump into our cars,
And never mind the mile,--
We'll plan a wartime holiday,
Though quite unique it be,
We'll simply have that lark near home,
With patriot's ecstasy!

Who said there are no holidays
Except by country tour?
Or tossing on the foamy brine,
Bent on some foreign lure?
Let's find our albums, show the films,
Re-live the peaceful past,
Then join the thrill of heart content,
For all the war must last!

We each shall have our holiday,
Despite war-rationed miles,
We'll seek Dame Nature's nearby nooks,
There glorify our smiles!
No rationing of holidays
Where hearts true duty store,
Chat gayly o'er vacations past,
Re-live their joys once more!

--Louise C. Kleuser.



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Thinking that those girls who are comparatively new in Washington would be interested in some of the books which so aptly describe the life and thought of the national capital, I am presenting a list replete with fascinating information. The best, most balanced volume is the one by W. M. Kiplinger, entitled Washington Is Like That. Businessmen all over the United States take his newsletter analyzing various trends in Washington practically as their infallible guide. You will find this book a compact and thrilling description, packed with human interest and facts and figures. You will particularly enjoy the chapters entitled "Woman Influence" and "G-Men, T-Men, Sleuths."

Other volumes I can commend for human interest and some genuine information are:

Robert S. Allen, Washington Merry-Go-Round
" " " More Washington Merry-Go-Round
Frances Parkinson Keys, Capital Kaleidoscope
Helen Cassin Lombard, Washington Waltz

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- Thelma Wellman,

Literary and Music Sponsor.

Conurbation is a new word recently officially added to the English language. Invented by the late Sir Patrick Geddes, famous British town-planning expert, it denotes the crowding of people into industrial areas. According to a recently published report of a Royal Commission on the distribution of industrial populations, more than seventy-five per cent of the population of Great Britain live in seven "conurbations." -- Pathfinder.

The Keepers awoke on Tuesday morning, August 22, just a bit disappointed. A boat trip to Mount Vernon was planned for that afternoon--and it was raining! But by noon it had cleared somewhat, and many of us set out. The boat ride was delightful and we pushed aside the toils of the day to the splashing tune of the "briny deep."

Of course, most of us had been to Mount Vernon a number of times but there were new things to fascinate that we had not remembered seeing before.

On the way up the steep climb from the boat to the mansion, we paused reverently at the tomb of George and Martha Washington, thankful for the part such noble leaders played in the founding of our beloved nation.

In the mansion we noticed in the music room a pair of the most lovely candlesticks, the prisms showing all the rainbow colors. In a bedroom there was the dearest baby bed with a ruffled canopy ovetop just like the big beds! General Washington's room is always interesting--one pictures the weary, careworn General coming home to rest in this very room.

But the kitchen must have been the sigh of the housekeeper--those copper kettles certainly had to be polished often after being enveloped in the flames of the open, wood fireplace.

Both flower and vegetable gardens were laid out in trim beds, with the most wonderful boxwoods between and around them. And the vegetables! One eggplant would have supplied all the Keepers. It was as large as a watermelon! The beets were about six inches in diameter and the sweet peppers as large as a quart measure.

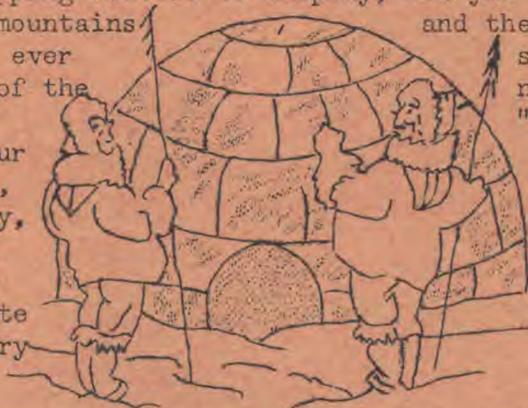
We had lunch on the boat returning home. Except for an annoying yellow jacket, which we finally caught in a sandwich bag, everything was grand.

All in all we had a fine visit to this historic American shrine. --Grace Coyl

FROM AN "ALUMNI" KEEPER

Dear Keepers.--"Long time no see" so I'm inviting you to spend your vacations at the House of Payne in Alaska. You'll be disappointed in our Igloo though. All we can offer you is a four-room bungalow, complete with guest room containing twin beds--and you'll need the wool blankets every night! Also, we have a tub and shower, gas, electric refrigeration--all the comforts of Takoma Park--without the heat! For two months it hasn't been dark, but now the days are getting shorter (July). If you arrive this weekend, I can feed you strawberries from our own garden, plus radishes, lettuce, broccoli and beet greens. In August you can have wild raspberry or blueberry shortcake, peas, potatoes, celery, head lettuce, carrots and greenhouse tomatoes.

For entertainment, we have no watergate concerts, art institutes, buildings or shopping centers to display, but you can feast your eyes on our gorgeous mountains and the greatest variety of flowers you have ever seen. You can swim and boat at any of the numerous lakes, or go biking on our "nice" roads. Or you might like our medical staff cabin where you can bunk, on Lazy Mountain, except for cutting cook, and be lazy, wood or carrying water from a mountain stream. The view is really something to write home about-- mountains in every direction!



Bring your sport togs, cameras, binoculars, and we'll keep you as busy or as lazy as you want to be. Take the train to Seattle, Alaska Steamship to Seward, and the train to Anchorage and Palmer. The hospital staff will give you a royal welcome. And if you get too enamored with our country and lose all desire to return "outside," we'll even find a job for you.

Matanuska Valley boasts 1500 people, mostly farmers and a few miners. Ours is a thirty-bed hospital, and we have white, Indian, and Eskimo patients. We'll be seein' ya!

Irma Lee Hewett-Payne

See complete letter on
Bulletin Board.)

FROM HERE AND THERE

Katie Farney knew where to go to have a good rest--on a friend's farm near Federalsburg, Md. She also enjoyed her week end at Rehoboth Beach where she had some fine swims.

Elsie Minesinger spent Aug. 21-23 with her sister who is at Rockaway Beach, L. I., for the summer.

Edith Geymet had a great disappointment recently when she discovered her precious plants, which she had nurtured so carefully, to be bearing yellow tomatoes instead of red ones. Her degree of disappointment seems measured by her words--"I feel like painting them".

Mrs. Yost is needing a vacation. In the past month she has entertained 40 guests--too numerous to mention by name.

Barbara Phipps has recently entertained--with a 24 hour breathing spell between--Betty Mohrmann-Brewer of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Mercedes Habenicht, dean of girls at Shenandoah Academy.

Miss Burnett has just returned to Washington after spending June and July teaching nursing education in the summer session at Pacific Union College.

T. Rose Curtis and Mary Paul had as house guest, Miss Minnie Brown from Nashville, Tenn., while she was attending the Bible curriculum and revision committee of the Educational Department.

Mrs. Halswick and her husband have moved into the apartment formerly occupied by Elder and Mrs. Wright. The Halswick daughter and granddaughter are expected in a few days. The daughter is coming east to meet her husband who was wounded in Italy.

Mrs. Rebok accompanied her husband to Norfolk and Newport News last week-end, and will spend next week-end with him in Richmond and Fredericksburg.

Ingrid Beaulieu is very happy over her birthday gift--a fine, large, tinted picture of her handsome husband who is serving overseas.

Mrs. Marsh has been ill and was in the hospital for about a week, but much improved.

Jewell Hatcher spent two weeks visiting her parents in Detroit, Mich. She attended the Michigan campmeeting over the week end, and saw Bethel Rice.

Margaret Weir is taking her vacation relatives in New York State.

Marion Nyman has a new apartment in the Longacre home and an elegant new desk at the General Conference.

Betty Canon has had her physical examination prior to going to South America as secretary to Elder Fighur, the division president and has had one of the three "shots" required. Betty is also taking Spanish lessons.

Hazel Peter returned from her vacation in Michigan traveling by automobile, with her sister.

Mary Staalman went to the Watergate last Sunday night to hear the Army Air Corps Band and duo-pianists. Louise Meyer and her sister also enjoyed this treat.

Mrs. Walters has vacationed visiting friends and relatives in Maryland and West Virginia for about ten days. She reports an enjoyable--but hot--time.

Christine Rutledge says that after two months of loneliness in the crowded city of Washington, the spell is finally broken--her sister has returned--and to quote her own words, she hasn't "had time to sit down and think about being lonesome."

The Truitt Twins enjoyed (?) the August-15 vacation painting the walls of their sleeping porch!

Genevieve Melendy took a number of friends with her on the excursion up the Potomac.

Esther Benton attended all the meetings of the Bible curriculum and revision committee, acting as secretary.

Edith Geymet, Elsie Argent, Mrs. Mace and Mrs. Quinn all spent their Tuesday vacation day, Aug. 15, on a boat trip to Mr. Vernon. They discovered each other on the return trip.

Ora Williams has returned from her vacation trip to Kentucky and treated her friends with delicious Kentucky candy.

Emma Howell is back at her desk after three days' of happy "vacation" papering her apartment.

The only French-speaking girl in our building--our Edith--rejoiced beyond words on hearing the war news last week.

Those who attended the August 26 concert given at Columbia Hall by the Sinfonietta, conducted by Professor George Wargo, enjoyed a real musical feast. The numbers played by the noted guest violin soloist, Jans Tomasow, furnished those present a rare treat.

SHORTER SHORTHAND

The man who made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before called a "plant wizard." Stenographers make five or six words grow where only one grew before; therefore, they may well be called "word wizards." Shorthand is good; why shouldn't shorter shorthand be better? Why rush and scribble through long, awkward outlines when there are more streamlined ones that can be written much quicker and better? The stenographer who learns to make two or three shorthand words grow where only one grew before is able to "labor less and accomplish more." Just for comparison, write the following, first in longhand, then in ordinary shorthand, and then in the shorter shorthand, writing each for half a minute:

War Service Commission

If you write the brief form only 30 times in the half minute (which is not fast writing), you will have written at the rate of 180 words a minute.

Someone may ask, Isn't it a good idea to write the longhand abbreviations for names? To such a question I would like to say, NO! So loud that it would be heard by every stenographer in the world! Shifting the gears from shorthand to longhand and back again is not good for the writing machine.

Here is another reasonable comparison: Longhand is horse-and-jockey-age writing, shorthand is automobile-age writing, while shorter shorthand is airplane-age writing. Those who are afraid to try the airplane-age style of writing may have to stay down on the ground level with the majority of stenographers; but they should remember that it may be the safer form of writing after all, because one has time to make better outlines.

If the idea of shortening your shorthand appeals to you, make up a list of words and phrases which occur often in your work, with your suggested outlines, and give it to your editor who will pass it on to me. I shall be glad to study your list of outlines with the idea of preparing briefer ones, if possible, for future publication in these columns.

--B. P. Foote.

"The less you know how to do your work
the harder it is to do."

KEYS TO THE OFFICE

TRANSPORTATION



"A. Swedberg, Review Office, Battle Creek, is agent for the Monarch line of steamers mentioned by Brother Haskell last week. Any of our brethren wishing to go to Europe, can procure tickets from him." --Editorial Note in Review & Herald, June 27, 1882.

This editorial note was probably the first transportation announcement made by Seventh-day Adventists. It is a far cry from the days of limited steamer travel on the oceans to the modes of travel and the number of workers and missionaries who travel in the Adventist denomination today. Seventh-day Adventist missionaries have sailed the high seas on various and sundry steamship lines that are far more luxurious than the Monarch line of 1882--and doubtless they have reached their destinations in much less time.

The present day of war emergencies has brought the air transport mode of travel into use much more generally than would have been the case in peacetime. But who can say that this is not being used in God's providence in speeding the good news of Jesus' soon return to the remotest corners of the earth. Thus far in 1944 we have sent 59 missionaries to various mission fields, traveling by steamship and by air. We have a waiting list of almost two hundred appointees--waiting--for available transportation facilities, and until the lands of their adoption are at peace enough so they can enter.

The Transportation Bureau is a busy place. Every reservation, by whatever mode of travel, is curtailed by some problem or limitation, especially in these days of war, and often hours of time are consumed--letters written--telephone calls made--telegrams sent--before final arrangements are completed. But we who serve in this department of the Lord's work are repaid if our humble efforts enable our workers to reach their destinations safely.

--Stella M. Thompson

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