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"KEEPERS OF THE KEYS"

By Kathryn L. Jensen, President

What's in a name? The answer is, "Just what we make it." And the girls of the General Conference office are not unaware of the significance of the newly-chosen name for their young and growing organization.

"Keepers of the Keys!" And what are the keys of which we are keepers?

There is the Key of Confidence. Truly, this is a responsibility not to be lightly shared by the young women who accept work at General Conference headquarters.

The Key of Influence. How far-reaching is that influence! Every Keeper is pledged to do her part to keep that key untarnished.

Then there is the Key of

Loyalty--loyalty to the purposes and objectives for which this building was dedicated.

At mention of the Key of Industry, we hear the typewriters clicking and busy Departmental Secretaries giving rapid-fire dictation to alert shorthand writers.

While we are talking about these keys, we must not forget the Key of Friendly Helpfulness and Sociability, which has

already made our society so vital a factor in the lives of the office girls.

Yes, we welcome you all as active participants in making our new name synonymous with the highest ideals of Seventh-day Adventist womanhood.



« Key Thoughts »

STRIKING THE KEYNOTE

As a composer chooses carefully the key—in sharps or in flats, major or minor -- best fitted to convey to others the melody singing through his mind, so we of the editorial staff of THE KEY NOTE have considered with much care how best to present this official voice of our club.

There are so many ways we might strike the initial tone -- so many notes -- and noises -- which might ring in this opening chord. Just think of the sounds which come to your ear every day--the sweet melody of the morning hymn at worship; the insistent jingle of the telephone; the cheerful whistled tunes of the mimeograph room workers; the raucous honk of automobile horns; the soft patter of rain against the window pane.

With such a variety of sounds ever in our ears, how necessary that we tune out all that is harsh and unpleasant, listening for the tone which is in tune with life's symphony.

It is our hope that we may not merely find a note which will please the ear for a moment, but that we may strike a note which will ring true to the

noblest in life, and echo and re-echo through the corridors of our office building, bringing to every heart a song of joy in earnest service and lasting friendship. R. C.

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WON'T YOU HELP?

According to the powers that be, Ye Assistant Editor is responsible for gathering material to insert in our monthly publication. This will be no easy task to accomplish alone, but if all the girls will help, it will be much more enjoyable.

First, you can render valuable assistance by giving us news items. The contents of this first issue will give you an idea of what we want. When you learn of an item of interest, will you please either give the details to one of the editors, or write it up and send it to us via the mail chute?

Second, we want miscellaneous material and write-ups that will be of interest and value to the girls. This may be in the form of clippings gleaned from various sources or original write-ups.

Our President has mentioned several times that she is impressed by the fact that there is much talent going to waste among our girls. Let us use some of your writing talent. We gladly welcome your contributions. We are all ears. M. H.

KEY

Yvonne Olson has returned to Union College where she is a Junior this year and acting as President Andreason's secretary.

Thelma Wellman is taking a class in Shorthand and Typing Methods at the University of Maryland, also a class in History of American Education.

Irma Lee Howett, Gwyneth Thompson, and Edna Edoburn are taking a class in Feature Writing at the Y.W.C.A. Perhaps THE KEY NOTE will benefit by volunteer feature articles from them.

Marjorie Marsh is conducting a Master Comrade class at the Park Church each Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Peg Perkins, Gwyn Thompson, Ruth Edwards and Irma Lee Howett have enrolled, and there is still time for others to join.

Not all vacations are taken in "the good old summertime." The following people chose October's bright blue weather to hie away from office cares to distant states: The Truitt Twins went to Atlanta; Harriet Richardson visited friends in California; Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Grace Thrall, and Elsie Winders "did" Florida; and T. Rose Curtis went to Detroit.

TAPS

Nine of our number went to Fall Council to help keep things running smoothly stonographically. Marie Mooney, Mary Paul, Dorothy Steinman, Mrs. Maco, and Miss Zoidler went by train. Katie Farney and Louise Surface motored with Elder and Mrs. Dick, and Nell Hunter rode in the Franklin car (not referring to the make). Emma Howell, who had been spending some time at E. M. C., joined the group at Battle Creek.

Mrs. Nelson Murray, better known as Betty Yearsley, visited our office October 10, and introduced her seven-month-old son, Allen Tiffany. Dr. and Mrs. Murray live at Westmont, New Jersey.

Mary Beth Huff-Shull is now in Los Angeles acting as secretary to Dr. Magan. Mr. Shull is taking the first year of the medical course.

Anna Johnson, R. N., who formerly worked in the Radio Dept., is now nursing at the New England Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass.

Mary Ogle arrived safely in Hong Kong Sept. 10, and is now busily occupied at the temporary China Division headquarters.



THE SPONSORS

HORSEBACK RIDING -- Mabel Smith
Equistriennes Wanted. We have an opening in our Equestrienne Division for six young ladies. Must be neat in appearance, between the ages of 15 and 50. Breakfast off the mantel possible for those who qualify. Experience not necessary. If interested, write THE KEY NOTE, X37.

TENNIS -- Mable Hinkhouse

This year's tennis season is almost over, and yet there will be some bonny days even during the winter when we can get in a few backhand strokes on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon.

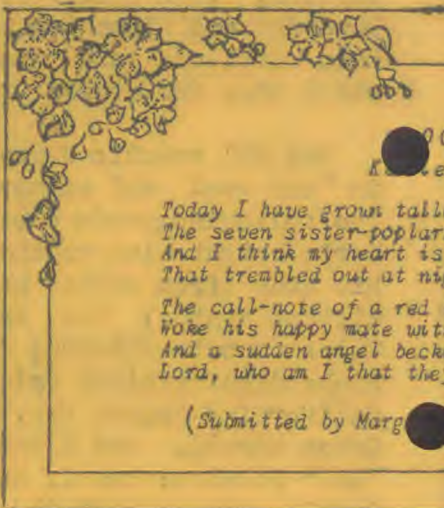
A new rule has been made in regard to getting permits on the courts at Takoma Recreation Center, 3rd and Van Buren Streets. Mr. Kriemelmeyer, Manager of Takoma Playgrounds, says that permits are issued mainly to people who live in the District. However, special permits will be granted where three names and addresses from the District are given, and only one name from Maryland. He also says, though, that there is not much demand for permits in the winter-time, and more people residing in Maryland can find courts available during that time.

There are also two good clay courts down by the Sligo. For further information on any of these points, see your Tennis Sponsor.

HIKING -- Irma Lee Hewett

For radiantly glowing cheeks and a sparkle in your eyes, go hiking. These are the days when the trees flaunt their gaily colored dresses before the eyes of the passers-by, and toss vividly painted leaves at their feet. There is something about a brisk walk through the crisp autumn that gives you a zest for life and all that it holds. The off-duty girl will find walking most conducive to clear and inspiring thoughts, and if she is an observant hiker, she will soon become an authority on trees.

If hiking isn't up your alley, why not get initiated now? The things it does to your figure and well-being will amaze you!



Today I have grown tall
 The seven sister-poplars
 And I think my heart is
 That trembled out at night
 The call-note of a red
 Woke his happy mate with
 And a sudden angel beckoned
 Lord, who am I that the

(Submitted by Marg)

LIBERAL ARTS SPEAK



LIBERAL ARTS -- Thelma Wellman

With winter's icy blasts just around the corner, tennis, swimming, and other enticing sports use much of their lure. Now is the season for the liberal arts. Warmer and more comfortable than cold winds and red noses is the cozy affair in Constitution Hall, where one may listen to a rich variety of music. The National Symphony offers a most attractive series of Sunday and mid-week programs. Mrs. Dorsey presents a slightly more expensive series of concerts. Watch the bulletin board for announcements of free concerts and art exhibits. A flat pocket-book need deter no one who really wants to become acquainted with the best in art, music, and literature.

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walking with the trees,
 softly in a line;
 for its parley with a star
 and hung above the pine.
 from the cedars in the dusk
 to an answer free and fine;
 from a column of blue smoke—
 stoop—these holy folk of thine?

Religious Sponsor

HOW SMART ARE YOU?

Haven't you always wanted to know definitely? Then test yourself by answering the mental stimulators below.

Clip, and send to appropriate Sponsor for your final score. Begin!

ANSWER IN ONE WORD

What is the name of the sport derived from operating a light vehicle which is propelled by the feet acting upon treadles connected with cranks or levers? (If you answer this correctly, you have 98% already toward a perfect score. Think hard now!)

(_____)

UNDERSCORE

A sprocket is (something you screw a light-bulb into, a bicycle part, a kind of fireworks).

A pedal is (a flower leaf, a bicycle part).

A bike is (a kind of fish, a perambulator, a necessity).

TRUE OR FALSE

I would like to go bicycling.
 (_____).

COMPLETION

My best day is _____.
 My name is _____

(Advertisement by G. Thompson)



Introducing —

Mildred Davis, whose home address is Liberty Center, Ohio, but who for the past two school years has been attending W.M.C. Mildred is working in the Home Study Institute office Sundays and week-day afternoons, and continuing her school work in the mornings. She plans to complete the Commercial Course this year. She occupies her spare time—at least part of it—filling scrapbooks with interesting things from here, there, and everywhere.

Jenny Smithwick-Flaiz. She attended school at Walla Walla some years ago, and there met Theodore R. Flaiz. The romance which soon began had a happy ending, and after they left school, Mr. and Mrs. Flaiz spent eleven years as missionaries in India. Their two children, Theodore, who is now a junior in Takama Academy, and Betty June, who is a sophomore, were both born in India. After the family returned to America a few years ago, Mr. Flaiz took the medical course at Loma Linda. He is now interning at the Washington Sani-

tarium. Mrs. Flaiz, ever alert to new opportunities, also went to school after locating again in the States. She took the short-hand course, and served as Elder Woodman's secretary for several years. She is now giving able assistance in the Sabbath School Department.

Fern Robertson-Green, who joined the Medical Department office force on October 10. Her husband, Dr. N. E. Green, completed the medical course last summer, and is now interning at the Washington Sanitarium. They live in a cottage on the Sanitarium grounds. Mrs. Green's home state is Indiana, but for the past four years she has been in California. During the first two years of her husband's medical course, she worked in the Registrar's Office at Loma Linda, and then was transferred to the White Memorial Hospital, where she was Dr. Cyril B. Courville's secretary. As to hobbies—well, Mrs. Green tells us that her twenty-two-month-old daughter, Norvella Fair, keeps her spare time well occupied.

Myrtle Judd-Christman, whom we see around the office occasionally, when she is called in to work for some department which needs help. Mrs. Christman is Mrs. Foreman's sister-in-law, and worked in the Missionary Volunteer Department a num-

ber of years ago. Her husband is accountant for the Curtis Quackenbush Plumbing Company in Silver Springs. Their home is at 811 Carroll Avenue.

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SECRETARIAL SNAPSHOTS

June 2, 1937: General Conference girls organize; elect Kathryn L. Jensen, President, Marie Mooney, Vice-President, Elsie Winders, Secretary, Evelyn Wells, Treasurer; and choose eleven sponsors and an Advisory Council.

July 18: A balmy mid-summer evening. The General Conference girls and a large number of their friends are gathered on the lawn--for what? Well, for one thing, to see the wonders of Washington presented by means of charades in "Kapital Kaleidoscope." Then, to refresh themselves with ice cream, cookies, and punch. Also to imagine vacations--even though no one present could take them--to lands of lure like England and Haiti, portrayed in moving pictures shown by H.H. Cobban. And all in all, to have the fun of visiting with fellow-stenographers without the deterring influence of thirty pages of dictation which must be transcribed before time for the closing bell.

September 26: Two important milestones passed all at one meeting: A name chosen for the

organization, Keepers of the Keys; and plans made for publishing a club paper.

September 30: Colorful fall weather. That's why our Hiking Sponsor takes the lead in a hike to Sligo Park Cabin. Supper by open fire and candle light, followed by games and songs, fill a happy evening. Charlotte Greiner, who is soon to leave the General Conference office to become surgical supervisor at the Melrose Sanitarium, is surprised to find, before the evening is over, that she is the guest of honor, and receives a kodak as a farewell gift.

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REMODELING REMARKS

Do you ask -- Why all the pounding and why are we having to eat more than the stipulated amount of dust? Even the substantial Old Building at times feels the need of a new dress.

This fall the style is gray shingles and sun tan brick. The color of the accessories is undecided, but it is to be hoped that the completed ensemble will be altogether pleasing.

Conservatism is also giving place to modernism and some facial surgery is necessary. No more will our building look hollow-cheeked. Who would have believed the porch could be made into two rooms and there still be left standing space for twenty-five people? The cashier, Mr. McNeill, will be the moving figure in the room with the arches. There are rumors as to who will be the fortunate occupant of the other room, but the question is not settled.

This first issue of THE KEY NOTE is sent out with the sincere wish that our readers may find it that which is interesting, instructive, and uplifting. We thank those who have assisted in its preparation, and ask-- Won't you help us again? And, one and all, please give us any suggestions you may have as to how to improve this little paper, widen its scope, and make it of definite value to every reader.

THANK YOU!

Evelyn Wells

Two committees have been named, one to frame a constitution and the other to fill the sponsorship vacancies which have recently occurred. But inasmuch as so many of the officers of our club are away, a meeting has not been called to consider reports from these committees.

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It was thought best by THE KEY NOTE staff to charge subscribers five cents for the two issues of the paper which will be published during these closing months of 1937. At the beginning of the new calendar year, a subscription price can be set for the ensuing twelve months.

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TIPS TO TYPISTS

A convenient rule for the correct use of "shall" and "will":

FIRST person--shall predicts, will determines.

SECOND AND THIRD--will predicts, shall determines.