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## The Pioneer Influence Still Lives

By Albert Dittes

LOUISVILLE, Ky.-The great Madison story dominated the annual convention of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) this year. With 2007 being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASI, the leadership stressed its roots, with the organization of ASI being in 1947 and E.A. Sutherland serving as first president.

That meant telling the Madison story in several different ways; especially from the main platform during the morning church service. The auditorium was packed with 2,000 or so people. The Madison story comprised the entire sermon of Chester Clark III of Ouachita Hills Academy in Arkansas. "In less than 50 years, this small school achieved international renown," Brother Clark said. "Dr. P.P. Claxton, a former U.S. Commissioner of Education, said that 'nowhere have I seen so much accomplished with so little money.'"

Clark also pointed out how Madison had been featured in such national publications as the Reader's Digest, The New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He mentioned that the Peewee Valley unit, founded in 1924, served as home base for the Youth for Jesus young people who had participated in evangelistic meetings in the greater Louisville area for a month prior to the ASI convention.

Brother Clark brought out five principles in the lives of the Madison faculty.

\*They trained few pastors but went to work for God anyway, not being satisfied to just earn a living.

\*The Madison emphasis was mission first and institution second, meaning they shared \$50,000 with Loma Linda at a crucial time. "It was not all about Madison," he said.

\*Clark pointed out their faithfulness in the face of opposition, such as when Sutherland introduced vegetarianism to Battle Creek College.

\*They believed God's prophet by buying the Madison farm when their own idea was to go elsewhere and committed themselves to self-sacrifice.

The Madison story certainly could not have had greater exposure.

But that was not all. Debbie Young, president, and Ron Christman, secretary-treasurer, interviewed Edwin Martin about E.A. Sutherland. Martin described Dr. Sutherland as "a strong minded thinker and a master psychologist. He knew how to work with people." He added that the Martin family started El Reposo Sanitarium in Florence, Ala., and he would do self-supporting work again if he could.

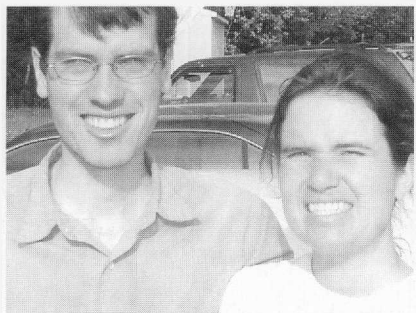
Chuck Cleveland presented a masterful historical sketch of Adventist medical missionary work, including a detailed account of Madison and its units-all complete with pictures.

Then Don Mackintosh, director of the Amazing Facts School of Evangelism, compared Sutherland and Magan to John the Baptist with his message of repentance and reform in his Friday morning pre-breakfast devotional. He told about how they turned a playing field into a garden at Battle Creek College and proposed a radical educational idea of no diplomas or degrees. "What I learned at Adelpian Academy got its theme from Sutherland," he said.

Several people stopped by the Madison booth saying Madison was inspiring them to continue on the great self-supporting work. John and Sandra Leonce, literature evangelists with medical missionary training, hope to start a similar training school on their native St. Lucia Island. They already have the property and a building. "The members there attend church on Sabbath but need more than that," said the Leonces. "We would like to start a Madison-style school, farm and sanitarium to help them grow in their faith."

Kerry Kvanli, having read the book, *God's Beautiful Farm*, is drawing up blueprints for such an enterprise in The Philippine Islands.

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Berrien Springs Michigan



Rodney Bowes &amp; Julie Bowes

Rodney and Julie Bowes work at the Wildwood Health Retreat in Iron City, Tenn., a center designed to help people break free from all types of addictions. They also travel world-wide, training Adventists to be medical missionaries. Their most recent trip took them to Kenya.

In three weeks, they taught 55 students the Sanctuary, Daniel and Revelation, and the Spirit of Prophecy as well as health classes, in Hydrotherapy, Massage, God's Healing Program, Basic Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology and Health Evangelism.

The students shared what they had learned at a Health Expo on the last Sunday of class, attracting over 80 people from the community to eight booths, featuring good nutrition, sunlight, exercise, fresh air, rest, temperance, water, and most importantly, trust in God.

Please pray for their upcoming trip to India to train about 25 global workers in medical missionary work. Rodney Bowes is the grandson of Glenn G., N'43 and Dorothy Wayne Bowes, N'41 both alumni of Madison College.



## Lida Scott Becomes an Adventist

By Albert Dittes

When I first started researching the life of Lida Funk Scott, that great benefactor of Madison College & Sanitarium and Loma Linda University, I found out that she became an Adventist through the influence of being a patient at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan. Dr. Lillian Magan said in an interview that two prominent women, Lida Funk Scott and Mrs. S.M.I. Henry, went to the Battle Creek Sanitarium as patients during the 1890s and wanted to learn more about Adventism. Professor Percy Magan studied with them, and they both accepted the Adventist message.

Four of her letters on file at the Little Creek Sanitarium near Knoxville, Tennessee, saved by the late Roger

Goodge, and two more in her files at The Layman Foundation in Collegedale, Tennessee, provide a fascinating insight into what brought her into the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a 33-year-old young woman, as well as, a glimpse into Battle Creek Adventism in the 1890s. These were written to her husband, Robert, back home caring for their baby daughter, born the year before in 1897. The Sanitarium stationary lists J.H. Kellogg, M.D. as superintendent and advertises itself as "A Well-equipped and Scientific Medical Establishment."

Lida Scott wrote her first letter from Battle Creek on October 19, 1898, while preparing for major surgery the next day. She expected to be in the "big institution three or four weeks, with eight days of complete rest."

She apparently wrote the next letter, dated November 12, 1898, after recovery and described Dr. Kellogg as being "so very kind." "And night before last after his lecture in a room filled with eager listeners, he made a B- line for me, and said he saw me in the audience, she wrote. He asked cordially about you all, and although people were tugging at him and pulling him aside to ask him some questions, he shook them off and caught up with me and walked the whole length of the long hall with me and stood with me at the elevator talking."

The treatments were somewhat of an ordeal. "The doctor gives me a sort of massage, both inside and out, and I rather dread going to her, but the muscles and the tissues must be strengthened. I dread the electrical treatments too. While they don't hurt especially, I have not quite overcome my horror of them. But I certainly am getting along well in every way."

The religious services made a deep impression on her. "Last evening I attended a praise service in the chapel, which was filled. I never saw the equal how the Spirit was manifested and the people rose to testify during the hour, a dozen or more being on their feet at one time. . . At the college opposite the sanitarium, where there are perhaps 200 or 300 pupils, they have held wonderful meetings. They were obliged to abandon the class recitations for several days and held revival services instead. I understand that every student, except one, has been converted. And the nurses have been holding remarkable prayer meetings, as well, lasting two or three hours."

She enclosed a leaflet on the Sabbath question, "a

subject worth careful investigation.”

In the next letter, she felt "obliged to take so much electrical treatment, special treatment, today and hereafter, three times a week. I have to take local, internal electrical treatment, and I do dread these disagreeable things." She would wear an "abdominal support" for five or six months.

She dreaded the treatments but loved the food. "I am more than ever convinced that the Sanitarium diet is correct," she writes. "If you could see the helpers here, how beautiful their complexions and healthy they look to be. They are very strong too and work very hard often. I gain strength rapidly on the food, eating plenty of nut food, nuttolene and buy the nuts raw and chew them well."

She believed in the work of Dr. Kellogg, and attended all his lectures to learn all she could. "I really think that this work he is doing is very significant just now in these Latter Days," she wrote. "I think we will be put above disease while those who are given up to surfeiting, which the Bible speaks about, will fall a prey to pestilence, etc." The Genesis 1:29 diet made perfect sense to her.

She wanted to go home, but Dr. Kellogg recommended her staying longer. "People take years running down but expect to run up in a few weeks," she said. "It isn't reasonable."

Robert Scott's first letter regarding her "change in beliefs" arrived on November 21, and he apparently wasn't too hostile. "I was pleased that you took it in such a lovely way and that you show yourself to be willing to accept any truth that is truth."

"I say that if my position cannot bear the light of investigation, I certainly will not hold to it."

Then she makes an astute observation on why truth eludes many smart people. "However it is a blessed fact that while truth will bear any amount of investigation that these things are hidden from the wise and revealed unto babes, else what would be the change for the ignorant man. Unfortunately, the majority in this world have never been right at the beginning of reforms. . . The trouble with the wise of this world is that they lose their childlike simplicity and humility, and before they know it they are no longer being guided but are running ahead."

She then gives a reliable test of an unpopular religion: judge its fruits.

"How do the Adventist compare as a whole with any other denomination? Are they doing in proportion to their numbers more good or less good? You have only to come here and study into their methods of work at home and abroad to answer that question."

She described the private lives of the Battle Creek Adventist as "more Christ like than any class of people I have yet met." She was impressed with the Adventist ministers being satisfied with regular salaries and not asking for more. "They speak the plain message with no effort at embellishment, and yet these are no dry, unenthusiastic meetings."

"I cannot believe the Lord has raised up such a people to spread error. They have a message for the world, and the world will soon hear it. However, we cannot search the Scriptures too carefully. These people hold Bible classes daily, take their Bibles with them to their work and study them in spare moments. Daniel and Revelation they read side by side as being the key to each other. I was never in a place where there was such evidence of the Spirit of God being present. We must not pass them over lightly but must do them the justice to look into this matter."

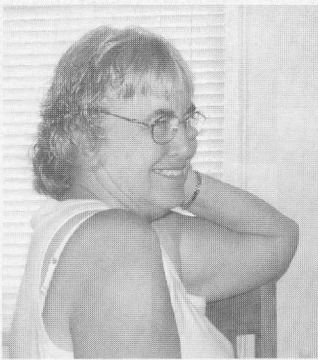
She mentions an impressive meeting with an attendance of 3,000 in the tabernacle, laced with inspiring testimonies of students.

"I have not told anybody outside of Battle Creek that I am keeping the seventh day," she writes in her last letter, "but they will certainly know it as soon as I get home, because there is no doubt in my mind at all which is the right way. I have studied into the subject a good deal. We shall have some interesting Bible readings when I return. There is no doubt of the source of such truths as I have learned. I have had sufficient evidence of that."

Robert Scott never became an Adventist. In a letter to Ellen White written in 1905, Lida Scott described him as "bitterly opposed" to Adventism. She made contact with the work of Madison in 1914, and died at her Madison home in 1945. Her husband passed away a year later.



THESE PAGES CONTAIN CANDID PICTURES OF HOMECOMING 2007



Mary Walls Zeigler, S '61



Howard "Buddy" Zeigler



Doris Iles Lee, N '51



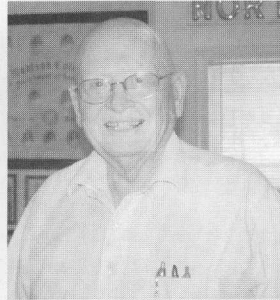
Virginia Alexander Gustin, S '48-'49,  
Teresa Peters Lynd, N '51, BS '58



Orrean "Pat" Gill, BSN '58



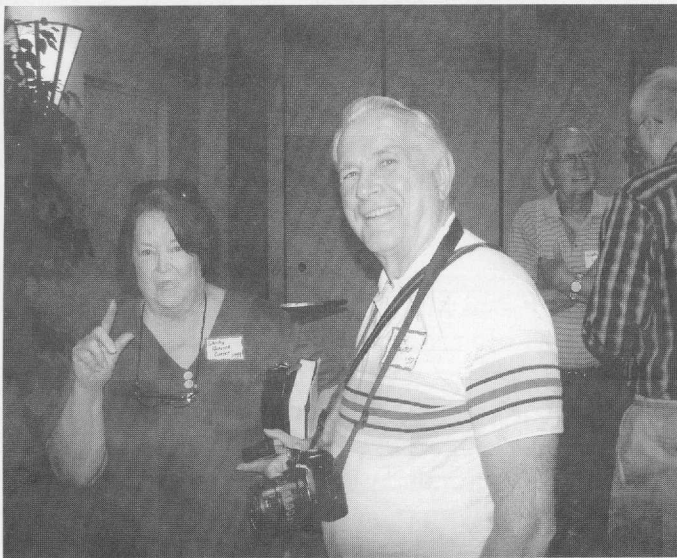
Mrs. Verla Marie Gill



Roland Parker, N '51



The Roland Parkers, Doris Iles Lee, Mickey  
Rabuka, MCA '51, X-ray '54, Lab '56, BS  
'59



Shirley Hancock Carter, N '59, Harry Mayden, BS '57



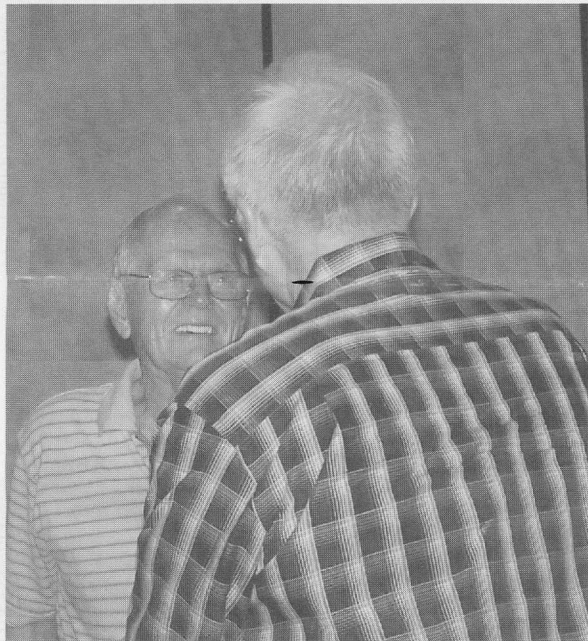
Ada Brown, President, Madison Academy Alumni  
Assoc., Renee Crowell, past vice-president, Madison  
Academy Alumni Assoc. These ladies graciously took  
care of registration for us at home coming.



Stella McMasters Sutherland, S '42, '45, Viola Salsgiver Knight, BS '45



Retta Wiles Robinson, N '52, Luz Journet, S '50 -'53



Wallace "Wally" Welch, MCA '48, Facing, Mickey Rabuka, MCA '51, X-ray '54, Lab '56, BS '59

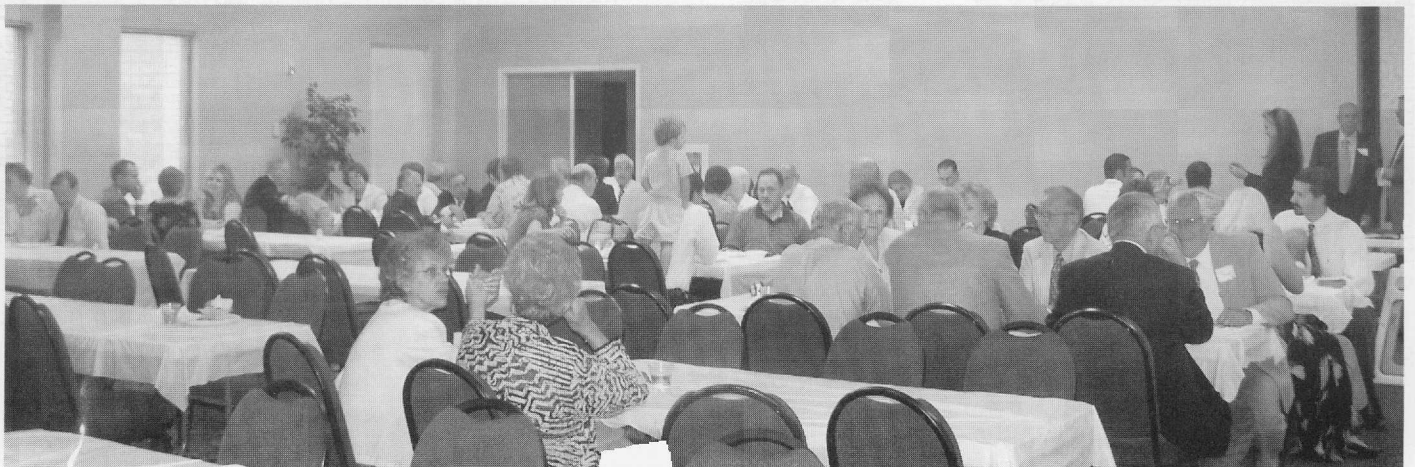


Loretta Billings Sharritts N'64



James Wiles, Viola Knight's head, Mrs. Wiles

Watch for more pictures in the next issue







The above picture of E. A. Sutherland recently surfaced in the files of the Layman Foundation in Collegedale, Tennessee. The file of Chestnut Hill and Hurlbutt Farm pictures suggests that it was made between 1914 and 1920. All the caption says is “looking for a cafeteria and rural base site in Tulsa, Oklahoma.” Can any of our readers identify the other people in this picture? Does anyone know if a cafeteria was ever started in Tulsa?



#### FROM HERE AND THERE



**Alabama:** Robert (Bob) Santini, N '42, BS '54, sent dues and extra help with these words, “I certainly missed being with all my friends. Dottie has developed problems that make it very difficult for us to travel. She just had her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and I’m a year behind.

I am still very active and busy with yard, garden, church and jail; so I have very much for which to be thankful.

I was just counting; our family connection with Madison goes back 82 years

**Alabama:** Gilbert, Anes. '69 and Mary Faye Draughon Qualls, BSN '58, sent dues and extra with these words, “Time surely seems to move faster all the time. I honestly can’t remember when I sent dues or when they might be due, but I certainly do not want to miss receiving the *Madison Survey*. We look forward to it each time it comes. We will always have fond

memories and be forever grateful for our years at Madison.”

**Florida:** Patricia Sheffield Nicholas, N '63 sent address change. Thanks Patricia.

**Texas:** Pat Schwarz Grismor, BSN '59, sent an appreciated change of address with these words, “I sure do enjoy reading the Survey. Thank you so much.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Madison College Alumni homecoming**  
will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June 2008

#### RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION

**Houston, Patricia A.** Johnson, BS '43, expired in Overland Park, Kansas, September 20, 2006. No other information available to us on this or the next.

**Houston, Sr., Jack D.**, S '42-'43, expired November 8, 2006 in Overland Park, Kansas.

**Mowry, Marinell Burill**, Lab/Xray, Bsc. '55, passed to her rest April 27, 2007 at the home of her daughter in Eustis, Florida. She was born February 7, 1931 in Raymondville, Texas. She had deteriorating health for the past several years and since the death of her husband two years ago was lovingly cared for in the home of her daughter, Seree Peterson. In the final months she had assistance with her care from the local hospice program. Marinell is survived by her only child, Seree, son in-law Larry, two grandchildren, and her sister Ginger Robles of Weslaco, Texas.

**Secrist, Drawin R.** 68, Lab, '62, expired August 1, 2007, surviving are his wife, Velma Robinson Secrist, N '61, two daughters, Nancy (Duane) Chesney and Cindy (Don) Rima; a sister, Darlene Houser, one grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

His obituary was the feature obituary in the *August 9, 2007 Oldham Era* and from it we learn, in part, something of his life. Darwin and Velma met at Madison

College, they married in 1962. . They spent 3 years as medical missionaries in Honduras. Darwin worked as a lab tech. Until his death, most recently for Glaxco Smith Kline It is said that he was a plain, simple, quiet, man who enjoyed helping others.

Two weeks prior to his demise, Darwin and Velma, helped an 82 year old widow power wash and resurface her driveway. He sent personalized cards to shut-ins every week, he mowed lawns and he delivered food to the funeral home for grieving families. He enjoyed woodworking, and donated woodwork to his church. He was a member of the Pewee Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church. Memorial contributions may go to the Pewee Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

**Ward, Delores Imogene.** 75, BSN '57, expired May 7, 2007. Preceded in death by her son, Richard Ward and sisters, Ouita Marie Meeks and Amy Mazelma Meeks Foreman, survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Homer Ward of Odessa; sons; Jeffrey (Janice) Ward of Riverview and Michael (Delane) Ward of Seminole; stepdaughter, Patricia (Ralph) Doney of Tennessee; grandchildren, Joshua Ward, Tyler Ward, and Bryanna Ward; and sisters, Carolyn Annette Plowden, Juanelle Vivian Hurt, and Sabra Meeks Wise. A member of the First Seventh Day Adventist Church of Tampa, she was the president of her nursing class (56) and alumni member of Madison College in Tennessee. In 1967, Imogene and Homer opened and operated University Park Nursing Home and Convalescent Center which is now known as Delta Healthcare.



## HOME – COMING 2007

As always it was rewarding to see each one that came back this year to attend Madison's annual reunion or home coming. It began Thursday afternoon when the early birds begin arriving at the Heritage House and the excitement and enjoyment builds from that point.

Friday evening we enjoyed the film *Pilgrim's Progress* Sabbath morning Elder Jack Clarke, former pastor of the Madison Campus Church, spoke at both the early and regular services. Under his leadership, the church built the present sanctuary, occupying it in 1971. Later he worked at the Ky-Tenn. conference office until



Elder Jack Clarke

1988. The next 13 years he spent fund raising for *Faith For Today*. He and his wife, Jane, currently live in Orlando and he does development work for the *Voice of Prophecy*.

At lunch 250 partook of the excellent meal catered by Linda Walters and her crew of family members. Supper was good also as was the Sunday morning pancake breakfast, hosted by Howard Sutton, Mike Clarke and their wives with assistance from Judy Culpepper, which 50 plus enjoyed.



We have more to share in the next issue and we look forward to seeing many of you at our next homecoming. The 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June 2008.



**W**innie Peek, now 92 years old and a lifetime self-supporting worker, attended ASI this year with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Bob Kurzynske,



Mary Kurzynske, BSN '59, Bob Kurzynske, S'58-'59  
Mrs. Winnie Peek

seen with her in this picture. She and her husband, Eugene Peek, joined the SDA Church in 1938 and moved to Wildwood, Georgia in 1946. After working at Stone Cave School, the Peeks went to Little Creek Academy in 1951 and stayed there until the school closed. She still serves its successor, Heritage Academy in Monterey, Tennessee.

