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MOORES CELEBRATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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Arlene van Rooyen (daughter)
Earline & Ralph Moore, and John
Moore (son)

Dr. Ralph (class of '37) and Earline Moore (class of '38) celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28, 2010, in the Lebanon, Tenn., SDA Church.

They met while students at Madison College in the 1930's and were married on Aug. 29, 1940.

The parents of Dr. Ralph Moore, Everett and Edith Moore, moved to Madison in 1924 and worked as nurses in the hospital for many years. Ralph Moore earned a Masters degree in physics from Vanderbilt University and taught math and physics there and at Madison. Earline Moore taught school for several years after graduating from Madison College.

Ralph Moore designed and built all the broadcasting equipment at WSIX radio station in Nashville from 1940 to 1944 and graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1952. He then practiced medicine in McMinnville and Woodbury, Tenn., for eight years and then served as a missionary in Botswana, Africa, for four years. He completed his medical career back in Woodbury.

The Moores retired to Texas and North Carolina, then moved to Lebanon, Tenn., in 2006 to be near their son John, a nurse anesthetist. Their daughter, Arlene Moore van Rooyen, lives in Duarte, Calif. They have five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MTSA FOUNDER DIES AT 93

Bernard Victor Bowen, founder of the nationally recognized Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA) and the only school on campus rooted to old Madison College, died of natural causes on Dec. 11, 2010.



Mr. Bowen with nieces; Dr. Elizabeth Bradshaw, Mr. Bowen, Paula Susat and Vicki Nenner.

"His legacy was truly worldwide," said Fred Fuller, pastor of the Madison Campus SDA Church at his memorial service there.

The elder son of Lee V. and Elizabeth Harp Bowen, he was the first baby born at the Madison Sanitarium on Jan. 16, 1917. His parents had moved to Madison in 1916 to finish the nursing course and left for Texas in 1924. Bowen finished elementary and high school there.

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**** Alumni Homecoming, June 24-26, 2011 ****

Homecoming Honor Classes
1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961

HONOR CLASSES: Would you like to be in the program this year? We will be putting the program together soon. If you wish to participate let us know.

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I recently received a letter in behalf of someone in Romania wanting to know more about our Madison heritage.

This person had found two Ellen White quotes commending the Madison work and having great relevance to our Adventist work of today.

Both statements come from a compilation of Ellen White writings called *Manuscript Releases*, volume 11.

"The work that the laborers have accomplished at Madison has done more to give a correct knowledge of what an all-round education means than any other school that has been established by Seventh-day Adventists in America. The Lord has given these teachers in the South an education that is of highest value, and it is a training that God would be pleased to have all our youth receive." (11 *Manuscript Releases* 182:2)

Interpretation

I personally think that making the farm and sanitarium (or hospital) part of the Madison program had a lot to do with this "all-round" education the students received. More than classroom instruction took place. The agricultural and medical phases added some kind of atmosphere to the overall campus as well as gave valuable work experience to the students employed in these areas. The same can probably be said about the industries such as the food factory.

E.A. Sutherland had wanted to reproduce the Battle Creek model by making the sanitarium part of the Emmanuel Missionary College campus in Berrien Springs, Mich., but his denominational superiors blocked the plan. His idea was to follow through on Ellen White's recommendation of starting a smaller medical institution in a nearby town after fire destroyed the Battle Creek Sanitarium in 1901. He got the farm in Berrien Springs but not the sanitarium. Nobody could stop him from adding the medical wing at Madison.

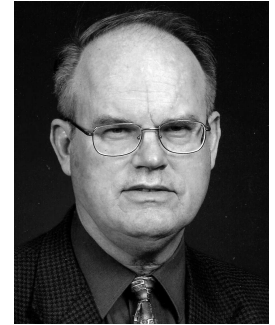
The second quote our Romanian friend shares, applies to the larger Adventist mission.

"The class of education given at the Madison School is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. My brethren, let no hindrance be placed in the way of men and women who are seeking to gain such an education as those at the Madison School are receiving. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would quickly be carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light." (11 MR 193:1)

Now, this quote applies to the United States as well as overseas. The Madison model is instructive not only for education but for reaching the public with the gospel. The medical arm of the program meant not only sanitariums as part of the Madison extended units but also vegetarian restaurants in the major cities, the way Ellen White has told us to work these metropolitan areas. The Madison staff also made creative use of the news media, extending their influence far beyond the young people on campus.

Ministers have a hard time connecting with people who don't go to church. The Madison model presents the divine plan for laity and clergy working together to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ.

Becoming "a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men" will ultimately result in high visibility for Adventism.



MTSA FOUNDER DIES

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"Texas was very dear to Mr. Bowen," said Ikey Devasher, dean of MTSA in presenting a life sketch of him at the memorial service in the Madison Campus Church on Dec. 20. "One of his favorite songs was 'The Yellow Rose of Texas.'"

He studied pre-nursing at Keene, Texas, and graduated from the Paradise Valley School of Nursing in National City, Calif., in 1945.

Being the only man in the nursing school, he was drafted as an assistant to an anesthetist.

"After graduating from the nursing program in 1945, and before he was formally educated to be an anesthetist, he spent a year in the Adventist Alaska Mission Hospital in Soldovia, Alaska, providing anesthesia," said Ikey Devasher at the memorial service. "He was fearless. Ether, a flammable anesthetic agent, could hardly vaporize in the cold climate of Alaska, and in order to make it warm enough to vaporize, he used to tell the anesthesia students he would set a can of ether on the radiator in the operating room."

He then went on to graduate from the anesthesia course at the Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago.

"The problem was he had to attend classes on Sabbath and saw the need of a school of anesthesia giving students the Sabbaths off," said Ikey Devasher. "He asked the church leaders about it, and they told him to go ahead and start such a training program."

Madison Hospital invited him to start a school of anesthesia in 1950. He organized a program of academic training through the college and clinical through the hospital without Sabbath classes but did not limit the enrollment exclusively to Seventh-day Adventists. Two students comprised his opening class in October, 1950.

Later that same year he married Dollie Sykes, a Madison woman 10 years older than he. "Some of us in the family thought it would not be a good idea since she was 10 years

older than he, but we were wrong," said his brother-in-law, Dr. James Ray McKinney from Greenville, Tenn., at the memorial service. He adopted her two daughters. She preceded him in death.

The success of his anesthesia course grew. Many small towns in Middle Tennessee did not have anesthetists, so he provided the anesthesia for many of their local hospital surgeries and later many of his students took over for him. Mr. Bowen also wanted to train anesthetists for overseas Adventist hospitals, so he and his wife "traveled to almost every SDA hospital in the world," said Ikey Devasher, completing a three-month trip around the world just before retiring.

Professionally, he went as far as he could go, serving as president of the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists and received their Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a lifetime member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists but did not hold any offices in that organization since many of their business meetings were on the Sabbath.

He retired as director of MTSA in 1980. The school awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Science degree in October, 1994.

"He was a great leader, and we his students knew he followed the Lord," said Ikey Devasher. "He opened every day with worship before starting to go over the cases."

She added that he died within a few hundred yards from where he took his first breath in the hospice unit of what was Tennessee Christian Medical Center.

Surviving him are two daughters, Rita (Jerry) Walker of Alexander City, Ala., and Mary (David) Sampley of Monterey, Tenn; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; three nieces and one nephew.

Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.

Those wishing to honor Mr. Bowen can mail memorial gifts to MTSA at P.O. Box 417, Madison, Tenn., 37116.

SURVEY DUES 2011

2010 is behind and a new year has started. It is hard to believe that it is time to plan for Madison College Alumni Homecoming 2011. (We actually started in July of 2010.) The last two years have been the best attendance in many years, with great speakers and wonderful music, and this year looks like it will be too.

In this issue you will find an envelope for your Alumni dues. This is an important time for the Alumni Association. With your help we are able to have homecoming each year, maintain the Heritage House, and publish the *Survey*, at an annual cost of \$2,500 for four issues.

Last year we received \$3,175 in dues, but when we sent out 600 *Surveys* only 127 people paid at \$25 each. More of our readers should therefore start paying dues.

We thank you for sending in extra money for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Heritage House. No amount is too small. We have painted the house and replaced our heating/air conditioning with a more efficient unit and will need to replace the roof in the near future.

This winter has been colder than usual, raising the heating costs.

You may also use the return envelope to send reader comments to the *Survey*. The staff always wants to hear from its readers, and we need your comments and stories.

REUNION OF RETIRED HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

The reunion was held January 28-30, 2011 at Avon Park, FL S.D.A. church. A number of Madisonites or those connected with Madison in years past attended. Included were Bill and Beverly Wilson, Jan and Pat Rushing, Tom and Phyllis Amos, Henry and Marge Scoggins, John and Sheryl McClellan. All enjoyed visiting and also the presentation from the Voice of Prophecy team. We were so thankful for the good weather that was with us for the weekend. (Picture listed at top of page)



Retired Hospital Administrators (listed left-to-right)
Top: Henry Scoggins, Patsy Rushing, Jan Rushing
Bottom: John McClellan, Beverly Wilson, Bill Wilson

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM HAROLD KEPLINGER

(The *Survey* staff is soliciting remembrances of favorite teachers or staff at Madison. Jim Culpepper submits this example of what we are looking for in writing some cherished memories he and some of his friends have of Harold Keplinger.)

Harold Keplinger came to Madison College the summer of 1950. In 1951, when I was an academy junior, I bought a 1938 Pontiac for \$35 from Bill "Mac" McKinney. Since it had a bad motor problem I pulled the motor out of the car with a winch attached to a limb on a Hackberry tree behind our house down by the farm. It goes without saying that at age 17, I needed some help. Harold came down to our place more than once to help me get the car put back together and running.

Another time, when I worked in the college garage, I was having trouble putting a set of rod bearings in a Kaiser, and he again came to my rescue, always helpful and pleasant.

Deryl Christensen remembers Harold as his major professor when he took industrial arts. Deryl said the automatic transmission went out of his Ford car, and Harold encouraged him to take the transmission out and rebuild it, with Harold's help. The transmission was good for another 50,000 miles, until Deryl sold the car.

Paul Blankenship remembers Harold as always helping someone out. He recalls Harold and George Schwarz coming to the food factory more than once to help Mr. Brownlee get a piece of equipment going again.

I was a volunteer on the college fire truck along with many others, including Harold.

His daughter, Sheila, also reminded me of one of his many sayings:

"Why are fire engines red?

Because books are read and magazines are read too

Two and two are four and three times four is twelve

Twelve inches is a ruler

Queen Mary was a ruler

Queen Mary was a ship too

Ships sail the sea

Fish sail in the sea too

Fish have fins

The Fins fought the Russians

The Russians won

So when a fire engine goes racing to a fire, it is red too?"

READER COMMENTS

Robert and Ruby Eaton (Gentry, AR): How glad we were to receive the *Madison Survey!* The articles and news were so interesting. It was good to read all about our pioneers, too.

Robert and I are retired and living here in Gentry, Ark. We spent 30 years teaching in Colorado and some in Minnesota before settling in Gentry. Three of our four daughters live here, along with five of our seven grandchildren. We keep busy doing part-time in the Ozark Adventist School, along with several outreach projects.

We have such fond memories of years spent at Madison, (1957-1960). Thank you, alumni staff, for your dedication to keeping the news alive for our beloved Madison.

Toni Walden Leake (Richmond, VA): Thanks for contacting me regarding the next *Madison Survey*. I graduated from Madison in 1964 from the Accredited Record Technician course. I have such fond memories of my time at Madison - all my friends, the fun times, etc. I now live in Richmond, Va. My mother lives with me. She's 90 years old and recently had a

bad fall, so she's currently in a rehabilitation center and hopefully they can help her get her strength back. I have been working part-time as a medical transcriptionist until recently, but hope that I can resume work while Mom is recuperating. I would love to hear from my old friends who were at Madison with me. Thanks for staying in touch. God bless!

George Ellis Burcaw (Tucson, AZ): I thought the latest *Survey* (July-September 2010) was well put together, of good appearance, and interesting. I have a suggestion for the next issue:

One of the photographs in the center of the current issue is of David Read autographing his book "Dinosaurs, An Adventist View." That is really intriguing. One might think that a particular Protestant denomination has its own understanding of the world (The Presbyterian view of global warming). Not meaning to be facetious, but is there a particular understanding of the age of the Earth, extinct animal life, etc. held, officially, by the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Is the issue whether or not to accept the accounts in the book of Genesis to be literally true?

David Read's title suggests the view he writes about is his own, but why does that require a book the size of the Oxford Dictionary of the English Language? I do not recall from my school days at Madison College (1939-1941) that unusual scientific attitudes were promoted, except, I think, that biology was taught without accepting Darwinism/evolution. I understand that liberal, main-line Protestant congregations and colleges now accept evolution as being the method God used in creation. However, I suspect that it is a divisive topic that most churches and their members prefer not to deal with.

My point, I think, is only that it would be interesting to all of your readers, Adventists as well as non-Adventists, to learn what David Read's "view" is, without having to buy or find his huge book. I believe he offered to explain it for the *Survey*. Perhaps you or someone else on the editorial staff could just interpret it to your readers in half a column, including, of

course, any other points of view held by other educated Adventists.

As an aside, one of my Adventist friends and roommates at Madison was Paul Saxon. I was close to him and his girlfriend and later wife Kay Perkins. He was at Loma Linda later in his life. I played the trombone in the little orchestra he directed. Paul came to mind because he was interested in biology and would be able to respond well on the subject of what and when the dinosaurs were...if he is, or were still alive.

A SUMMARY OF THE DAVID READ BOOK, DINOSAURS, AN ADVENTIST VIEW

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In answer to the question why such a large book, Mr. Read says if he were writing only for Adventists he would have produced a much shorter version "because Seventh-day Adventists already understand and take for granted the 'young-earth creationist' world view." He devotes nine chapters to explaining this to his audience.

He estimates that 75 percent of Adventists agree with his central theses regarding the origin and nature of dinosaurs. "The possible connection between Ellen White's references to antediluvian 'amalgamation' and modern genetic engineering has been obvious to many Adventists for more than 30 years," he states in the introduction. "But this thesis has never been explored at book length, and the time is ripe for such an exploration."

He thus sketches a history of the discovery of dinosaurs, reasons scientists thought they represented long periods of time as well as why Adventists reject these views.

Several chapters cover the Ellen White statements on the advanced state of man before the flood and how present genetic modification and cloning could be equivalent to the amalgamation of beasts God did not create. Ellen White speaks of these as having been destroyed by the flood. Amalgamation here does not mean the mating of man and beast or bestiality, but the alteration of the beasts themselves. Perhaps biology is as advanced now as it was before the flood.

He cites instances of attempts to breed man with beast and quotes Adventist scientists on both sides of whether or not Ellen White meant the antediluvians mixing of man with beast as their "worst sin" precipitating destruction of the world by the Great Flood.

His alternative theory of the dinosaurs: "that the dinosaurs were the product of genetic engineering. The people who lived before the flood created them by mixing the genetic elements of reptiles, birds, mammals, and probably a little of everything else, as well."

He also quotes criticisms of this theory.

If scientists can do genetic engineering now, they could have done it also before the flood. Just whether or not they could do it between man and beast is hard to prove.

RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION



Neal Wilson, Former General Conference President, died Dec. 14, 2010, in Dayton, Md. He lived on the Madison campus as a child. Though he was born in Lodi, Calif., on July 5, 1920, his parents joined the Madison rural movement in the South soon afterwards through the Hurlbutt family and their unit in Reeves, Ga., now the site of Georgia Cumberland Academy.

The young Wilson family then moved to Madison. His father, Nathaniel Carter Wilson, served as pastor of the campus church until accepting a call to serve overseas in Africa. Several other Wilson family members lived on the Madison campus for many years.

The new General Conference president, Ted N.C. Wilson, son of Neal Wilson, is thus a third-generation Adventist minister and the second General Conference president with Madison roots.



Luther May, 94, a former pastor of SDA Churches in Iowa, Tennessee and Kentucky, passed away on Dec. 31, 2010, in Madison, Tenn, after suffering a massive stroke.

He was born May 11, 1916, in Guilford County, N.C., and became an Adventist at the age of 20 through a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder J.L. Schuler in Greensboro, N.C.

He married Eunice Magoon in 1943 and served in England as an assistant to the chaplain during World War II. Following his discharge from military service in 1945, he went to Southern Missionary College in Collegedale to finish his education but found no provision for married students. He then enrolled at Madison College, graduating in 1950. He worked in plant services at Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) for several years and began his pastoral ministry in the Iowa Conference in 1965.

The Mays moved to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in 1973, and he became known for directing traffic at camp meeting and greeting people as they arrived.

Surviving him are his wife Eunice, who served as president of the conference Community Services Federation for many years; three daughters: Sharrie May of Perry, Ga., Bonnie (Lanny) Phillips of Madison, Tenn., and Judy (Bruce) Trigg of Powell, Tenn; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ann Mae Schwarz, 95, died on Nov. 21, 2010. She was preceded in death by husband, George, and son, Kenneth.



She was in charge of patient accounts at Madison Hospital (TCMC) for many years. Her husband was a master plumber and in charge of plumbing for the hospital and college. They came to Madison about 1945 with their five children who finished grade school, academy, and most finished college. She is survived by son, Fred (Dee); daughters, Elaine Mears, Juanita (Bill) Norman, and Carolyn Jenks; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Charles (Chuck) Ray Lucas, 70, a longtime director of plant services at Southern Adventist University, died on Nov. 19, 2010.



In 1952, at age 12, his parents along with him and his brother Ed, moved to Madison so his mother could earn a degree in nursing. He worked in the greenhouse and milk plant. After his mother finished school, the family moved to Andrews University.

"Chuck was good with his hands and his head," says his friend Jim Culpepper.

He worked for 22 years in the engineering department at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla., becoming director, and retired after serving 21 years as director of plant services at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.

Surviving him are his wife Marilyn, daughter Bonnie Freeland and brother Edwin Lucas, all of Collegedale and son, David Lucas, of Apison, Tenn. and sister Lee Weaver of Kennesaw, Ga, and one granddaughter.



Jean Welch, widow of a prominent former Adventist healthcare executive and graduate of Madison College, died on Nov. 18, 2010, at Cleveland, Tenn. Her late husband, Don Welch, died in 1997.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1934, in Albemarle, N.C., to Sadie and Colon Pennington, and graduated from academy and the three-year nursing course at Fletcher, N.C.

She married Don Welch in 1961 when he was administrator of Hialeah Hospital in Miami, Fla., and worked as a nurse for several years. Don became administrator of Florida Hospital in Orlando, and founder of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt and head of Adventist Health System/US.

They later served at Huguley Memorial Hospital near Fort Worth, Texas and Tacoma Hospital, Greenville, Tenn. She moved to be near family in Cleveland, Tenn., in 2001.

Survivors are a son, Don Welch, of Zephyrhills, Fla., and daughter, Lisa Welch Gano, of Cleveland, Tenn; four grandchildren and two sisters.

Lois Neil, 91, passed away on Nov. 10, 2010, at her home in Forestville, Md., where she lived for 59 years, following a brief illness.



She was born Lois Mansfield Irwin in East Greenwich, R.I., on March 13, 1919. Lois outlived her siblings, a brother and two sisters.

At age one the family traveled to the newly-formed country of Yugoslavia where her mother operated a nursing school for girls. At age five the family moved to Rome, Italy, where her father was the principal of a Methodist school for boys. In 1929, when she was 10-years-old, the family returned to the United States and settled in Leesville, La. Her mother died in a tragic accident when she was 14.

She graduated from high school in Louisiana (there were only 11 grades) at age 16, and joined her brother at Madison College in the fall of 1935, attending 1935-38. Her younger sister would eventually attend Madison also.

She married a Madison classmate, Sidney Lowry, (a pre-med student) in late 1937. He

finished his medical school at CME (now Loma Linda University) in California, they settled in Maryland. Dr. Lowry was killed in an airplane accident in 1963.

In 1992 she married J. Lee Neil, a widower and retired SDA pastor, who died in 2000.

Her oldest son, Malcolm Lowry, preceded her in death in 1992. Malcolm attended Madison College in 1960-61 and studied to be an X-ray technician. Also, one grandchild preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Warren Lowry of Forestville, Md.; four daughters: Barbara Willey of Loma Linda, Calif., Beverly Ludders of Boise, Idaho, Susan Byrd of Charlottesville, Va., and Shelley Pollock of Rockville, Md.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The deadline for articles to be put into the next issue of the *Survey* is April 15th, 2011. Please email any articles you wish to be in the *Survey* to:

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