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Henry Scoggins



The Layman Foundation was a very active part of the Madison College program when we were students. It was begun in 1924 with a founding grant from Lida Funk Scott, a generous benefactor. The Foundation

provided assistance to the new self-supporting organizations that were developed as an outgrowth of Madison. They own the land on which most of the existing self-supporting academies and grade schools are located.

In the 1970's, after the college closed in 1964, they relocated to the Collegedale area near Southern Adventist University where they have purchased a 19 acre property. They have built a 14,000 sq. ft. building which is fully leased and provides income to cover the cost of the building.

Ten years ago the Layman Foundation set up the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA), a not for profit 501 (c) (3) Tennessee Corporation. EASEA is a Tennessee approved private school accrediting agency. It serves as the accrediting agency for all self-supporting academies and grade schools in Tennessee as the SDA Church does not accredit conference affiliated schools.

The Layman Foundation is currently experiencing a severe cash flow problem and funding EASEA for the current year is seemingly impossible. They will be selling 15 of the 19 acre property which is quite valuable and will alleviate the problem for future years.

A plan to meet the current year's cash flow needs has been approved by the Layman Foundation Board and the Madison College Alumni Association has been invited to help. The plan is to seek 100 donors who will each donate \$500 this year. This \$50,000 will fund the EASEA. The donation may be made as a one-time payment or as quarterly payments. Obviously, smaller donations will be welcomed.

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HOMEcomings 2012

June 22nd, 23rd & 24th

SPEAKERS:

- Vespers – Harry Mayden, class '57
- Sabbath – Ed Reid, Madison Academy class of '62

HONOR CLASSES:

College: nursing, all one/two-year programs:
1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962.
Anesthesia: 1952, 1957, 1962.

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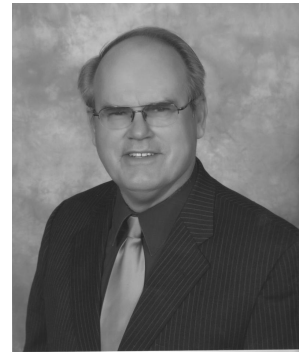
The Layman Foundation, the financial arm of old Madison College, has been active in supporting several institutions since 1924 but has reached a turning point in its history.

The Foundation operated out of the home of its founder, Lida Funk Scott, on the Madison campus for many years. After her house went down, it went into makeshift quarters at Little Creek Academy near Knoxville, Tenn., and then to Collegedale, Tenn. The need for permanent quarters and the coming of a Volkswagen auto assembly plant near Collegedale seemed to open up an opportunity to give it permanent financial stability.

The Foundation board purchased some commercially-zoned property near Collegedale in 2002 and built a headquarters building. It has housed the Foundation and served as a home office for the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA), an accrediting body for self-supporting institutions funded by the Foundation, since 2008.

The plan was to rent most of the building and sell the land in lots to businesses moving into the area to serve Volkswagen. Then the economy went down, and the land has not sold. Sky Angel, a Christian media ministry, leases much of the office space now, but the Foundation is currently operating at a monthly loss of \$179,300.

The Volkswagen plant is just a few miles away, and an interchange to I-75 directly linking it to Collegedale will open soon, so Treasurer Herbert Coolidge is hopeful this prime location will result in development activity.



In the meantime, the Foundation is considering several options to enable it to stay current with its obligations, including a \$1.3 million note.

The Southern Union and Loma Linda University are the most visible monuments of Foundation, which not only helped develop several unit schools of Madison but also included the College of Medical Evangelists among its family of institutions. When it started, Adventists had only a token presence in the South and a weak financial base.

So pray for the Foundation as it seeks to find a role for itself in the continual finishing of God's work.

Thank you to all who sent your dues and money to support the alumni house. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

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madisoncollegesurvey@gmail.com.

MADISON CAMPUS NOW

David Denton



Too Small a Dream: The educational mission of the Adventist Church began in Madison over a hundred years ago with a dream. That mission is still alive today, and the people involved in our educational efforts are dreamers, as well. In the intervening years, the compelling vision that launched schools and churches and medical work in this area slowly lost its power and the scope of our dreams narrowed until we were content to merely maintain a program slowly losing ground and influence inch by inch and year by year. Today, after a century of work, too few people in the Madison area know of the Seventh-day Adventist presence in their community, and even fewer are aware of the two fine schools for grades K-12, as well as a graduate-level anesthesia program we operate on the remaining remnants of the property that was bought to launch what was once a grand vision.

We believe it is time to return to big dreams and powerful visions. To that end, we have established a comprehensive plan for the growth of Madison Academy and the development of its impact on our students, our church and our community. That plan can be reviewed in its entirety on our website (www.madisonacademy.com), but it can also be summarized in a few short statements.

First and foremost, we will pursue excellence in all we do (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Academically, we will provide the very best education possible to students at all levels of learning. From remedial classes to Advanced Placement courses, we will meet the needs of every student.

Spiritually, we will make our highest priority the relationship of our students with their Savior, Jesus Christ. We will provide an abundance of opportunities for our students

and staff to serve the needs of others, beginning at home in the Madison community. Through multiple community service days, local mission projects, and other activities, we will become known in our community as the school that shares the love of Christ through service.

We cannot accomplish these goals, or any of the goals of our strategic plan, alone. If you read our vision online and find yourself excited by or drawn to any of the goals listed there, we would love to partner with you in those areas to make our dream a reality. Gifts of time, energy, expertise, money, or other resources, will be used to promote the goals of our comprehensive vision for our school.

By God's grace, we are going to make a huge impact in our areas of influence. We'd love to share our dream with you.

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Your MCAA Board has agreed to participate in this worthy project and we will be making our personal contributions to the E.A. Sutherland Education Association. To help them process your gift, please inform them of what you plan to contribute and when they may expect your gift.

Your prayers and interest are appreciated as The Layman Foundation continues its efforts to preserve and help grow the educational philosophy promulgated at Madison College.

Send your tax deductible contribution to:

E.A. Sutherland Education Association
PO Box 495
Collegedale, TN 37315

T. Henry Scoggins, President
Madison College Alumni Association

SUNDIAL HAS A NEW LOCATION

Jim Culpepper

Many will remember the sundial on a concrete pedestal on the lawn in front of the Assembly Hall. It has sat in the Heritage House for many years, but recently was relocated outside.

Paul Blankenship, George Stilwell and Jim Culpepper poured the concrete pad and put the pedestal in it with sundial on top. We feel we may have it pointed in the right direction – visitors may want to check our work.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE WILSONS

Jim Culpepper



Joe and Carol Hite Wilson were honored at a birthday party for both of them on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, 2011.

The party and dinner was hosted by their friends, David and Geri Yates, in their Ridgetop home. Present were the Yates, Pearl Taylor, friend Jerry, and Jim and Judy Culpepper.

Joe received his training as a Laboratory Technician at Madison College and Sanitarium and Carol graduated from Nursing at Madison College and Sanitarium. They reside at 708 Dupont Ave., Madison, TN 37115.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

In the October-December, 2011 issue of the *Survey*, the state abbreviation for Stella Sutherland should have been AR instead of AK. Her address is: 206 Battle St., Marshall, AR 72650.

FROM OUR READERS

John and Elenia Portalatin Lancaster, Dunnellon, FL: We were very sorry that we could not attend this year's homecoming. It was my 50th anniversary (RN class of '61).

It just happened it was also our 50th wedding anniversary and our daughter in Chicago had planned a surprise for us, a trip to London, Madrid, and Paris. We had a great time and while we were gone, our other daughter and our two grandchildren painted our house inside what a gift!

We retired near Ocala, Fla., to be near our daughter and our two grandchildren.

I think I told you before I had a kidney transplant over three years ago, after being on dialysis for over three years. It is functioning great! For that I thank God every day and pray for the family of the donor - a very young man gave it anonymously.

My husband, John, always remembers working with Ms. Towery printing the *Survey*. He was a good friend of hers.

Don and Martha Rebman, Nashville, TN: We met at LaSierra College in 1949 and were married in June 1950. That fall we migrated to Madison College 1950-51. We left and lived many other places. We had one child and finished our education (Don chemistry teacher and Martha CRNA). We returned to Nashville in 1969 and have lived here ever since. Our wonderful daughter, Renee, is a dental hygienist and married to Durrad Wagner, a CRNA, and a wonderful son. God is so good all the time.

We traveled to all the seven continents and Antarctica, was an adventure. Our last trip out of the country was a South Africa tour including Indian Ocean and from there we joined Maranatha in Zambia and this was our best trip ever, 2010 our 60th anniversary trip. This was our one and only mission trip, but the best ever and we highly recommend it.

The Lord blessed us with a nice comfortable and convenient home all those years, but the city has moved out to us and we have built a home in Alabama in a quiet subdivision with a beautiful SDA church right on the corner of the entrance of the subdivision.

Address: 86 Golden Crest Dr., Sylacauga, AL 35151.

Thank you for the Madison Alumni news. We enjoy reading it so much. God Bless!

Kenneth and Agida Henderson, Kerens, TX: Kenneth graduated from Madison Academy in 1958. His wife, Agida, graduated from Madison College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1962. We not only received an education at Madison, but also met each other there. We were married in the Helen Funk Assembly Hall on June 18, 1961.

Madison was a wonderful school that prepared us for work in God's vineyard. We stayed at Madison until 1964. Ken transferred to Southern and received his bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1966. We both taught church school in the Carolina and Texas Conferences for 40 years. We are now retired on our small farm in Kerens, Texas.

Martha Sue Townsend Potts, Silver Spring, MD: The *Survey* still brings special memories of my time as a student at Madison College, having taken the two-year secretarial course and graduated in December, 1951. I am grateful for the education received there and for the many friends I made while a student; some of them I still am in touch with after all these years.

I was employed by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in the MV/Education Department for Elder Teddric Mohr a little over three years. Then I accepted a call to the White Memorial Hospital as secretary to the director of nursing service. I met my future husband there.

My husband, Dr. Douglas Potts, passed away March 26, 2011. He was a graduate of La Sierra College and then from Loma Linda Medical School, class of 1955. We had been married 53 years and I am thankful for the many blessings and comforting memories from those years.

Thank you for continuing the *Survey*.

Raymond Campbell, Columbus, OH: Sure wish we could have been there in June for Homecoming, could not make it. We have been sending a little extra over dues but not much. I was shocked by July-September, 2011 paper when you said only 125-130 members send in \$25 with some sending in \$50. Everyone, or most of us, will realize \$25 is not enough to keep up old building. It was well built at one time but many years old now. Come on people, we must do more. We know roofs and air conditioners are not cheap, plumbing, etc. We today will be about the last generation of alumni.

There was mention recently, October-December 2010, of sharing remembrances of Dr. Sandborn. I was an agriculture student and during spring, summer and fall we had many bales of hay to bale and haul in, several thousand bales over the season. Dr. Sandborn would come down and give us a hand. He was strong and could really pitch those bales. I remember several times him helping.

In regards to discussion of the alumni association leadership, I am all in favor of amending or revising bylaws of leadership to keep association going as long as we can. Use this check where it is needed.

Elden R. Wilson, Cleveland, TN: I certainly appreciate the legacy that Madison College

gave me and started me on the right course in my life.

I taught for four years at the Fountain Head Rural School (now Highland Academy) until I was drafted into the US Army. Later I worked for 32 years as a pastor and teacher.

Laura Mae Slattery Zollinger, Dayton, TN: Hello all you fine alumni. When we arrived at Madison in 1958, we had just 50 cents in our pocket – and a baby girl, Melody. Believe it or not I graduated from nursing with my RN and BS in 1960 with \$35 credit.

Yes, we got around on a motorcycle, lived in a 27-foot trailer and managed fairly well.

Thanks to Alice Surdahl, she tipped me off to take two “by mail” correspondence courses that I finished in time to earn my bachelor’s degree.

Later I became a Zollinger, where I met Glenn at Laurelbrook. No more motorcycles; finally had a car and a pickup truck.

For the past 11 years, we have been at Laurelbrook after being on the island of Kauai for 26 years; building and nursing.

Special note to you Albert D., you and your crew do a “bang up job” with quarterly *Survey* – Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Bob and Dottie Santini, Birmingham, AL: First let me say, “Thank You, Lord. You have been so very good to Dottie and me all of our lives, and especially this past year.”

While Dottie is, physically, in very good health for a woman of 94 years, she has lost her gait and has to use a walker. At times she is quite confused as to who is who, and where the various rooms in the house are, but we manage.

So I stay busy with the house work, cooking and a little gardening. Tomatoes did poorly this year. We got about 22 gallons of blueberries, most of which we sold for Sabbath School

Investment. Dottie loves to wash dishes and I love for her to wash them. I serve as Elder once a quarter and as chorister once a month.

Judy has retired from Blue Cross after 30+ years. The church treasurer’s work takes a good bit of her time. Her daughter, Stephanie, is teaching at Southern Adventist University. Jerre is in Austin, Texas, and continues to build BIG houses. There seems to be enough people with that kind of money to keep him busy.

Because of age and other factors, we don’t do the traveling that we used to do, but we would welcome you “young guys” to drop by and see us.

Eufemio Eugene Cabalo, Chino, CA: I attended Madison College from 1959-1961. After a brief stop at Columbia Union College, I graduated from Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts in 1964. Be well and prosper!

Ellen Ann Low Hammond, Chehalis, WA:



N '35 - Thank you for such an interesting Alumni Newsletter. It makes me feel almost young again and back at Madison. Those are good memories at 97 years.

Velma L. Stewart Smith, Rogersville, TN: N '52 – What a year! Busy and stressful with my brother Ervin passing and also a dear friend of 40 years, Bob Horton, two months before. We were taking care of both of them for seven years, which was our privilege but also a big responsibility.



Anyway, Robert (my husband) and I are healthy for which we count our blessings every day. I am still working part time ... teaching for the State of Tennessee (Medication Administration to the CARE GIVERS of the intellectually disabled clients of the state.) We are both busy with activities in the church; Robert is head deacon

and I am director of the Community Service Center, and we both have various other duties. Our home is in the middle of 30 acres, a lot of it mowed, four houses to keep up (two we acquired with the deaths I mentioned) and this all keeps us "off the streets."

RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION



Elinor Steen Dittes, 95, wife of former longtime physician Dr. Albert Dittes and graduate of the Madison College School of Nursing, died peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Bridge at

Highland.

Her late husband passed away in 2007 at the age of 94.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1916, in Chicago to Norwegian immigrants Thorwald and Iris Steen. She grew up in Chicago and met her husband while studying nursing at Glendale Adventist Hospital, Glendale, Calif. He was a medical student at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles at the time.

They married in 1940 after both had finished their medical courses. When World War II broke out, young Dr. Dittes spent two years in the U.S. Army as a medical officer in the South Pacific. During this time, she went to Madison College, Madison, Tenn., and completed a bachelors degree in nursing.

After the war ended, the young couple moved to Madison, where he had attended college, and made friends with Dr. David Johnson, whose brother, Dr. Reuben Johnson, needed a partner for his medical practice in Portland, Tenn. She and her husband moved to Portland in 1946 and lived there the rest of their lives.

She became one of the founding members of the Portland Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1961 and later operated a blood pressure clinic there for several years after completing a masters degree in Public Health from Loma Linda University.

Surviving her are two sons, Albert and David Dittes of Portland, Tenn.; two daughters, Frances McNulty of Portland, Tenn., and Elizabeth (Chris) Hankins of Ooltewah, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

C. Edwin Everett, 82, of Riddle, Ore., died on Feb. 17, 2011. He was born on Nov. 25, 1928, in Braxton, Miss., to Joseph and Berta Everett. He married Lorraine in 1951. They lived in Kansas City, Mo., where he graduated from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1958. They moved to Merrill, Ore., in 1960 and then Riddle, Ore., in 1962. Dr. Everett practiced medicine in Riddle from 1962 until he retired in 2002. During this time, he was a quiet, behind-the-scenes, supporter of Lorraine in all her civic activities in Riddle, which included Riddle Lions Club, the high school concession stand, the bike path, Boy Scouts, and raising money to build the Riddle Community Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, in 1999 and his sister, Louise, in 2008. Surviving are his children, Roslein Everett and Larry Everett; son-in-law, James Pinger; grandson, Eric Pinger; older brothers, Blanton, Joel, and Burton; younger sister, Joan.

Ervin Benjiman Stewart, 90, of Rogersville, Tenn. died on Oct. 21, 2011.

He was born on March 12, 1921, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was the third child of Robert and Lottie Stewart who were missionaries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Philippines, South America, Cuba, Mexico and Central American countries. He had an older sister (Evelyn, deceased) and brother (Alvin, deceased) born in the Philippines, and a younger sister (Violet) born in Cuba and a sister (Velma) born in Florida. For the past seven years he has lived by his sister Velma and brother-in-law Robert Smith in Rogersville, Tenn. (All of the Stewart children attended Southern Junior College and Madison College through the years.)

Ervin was a biochemist (masters from Vanderbilt) and was director of the laboratories for the Veterans Hospitals in Lake City, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., Salisbury, N.C., and Johnson City, Tenn., where he retired. He was married to Eleanor Jean Spencer in 1942 in Chattanooga, Tenn. They had three children, Richard Ervin, Janet Kay, and Myrtle Elaine.

After retiring they moved to Fletcher, N.C. His wife became ill while there and preceded him in death in 2004. Soon after he moved to Rogersville, Tenn. to live near his sister Velma. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving many times as treasurer and elder. He enjoyed walking, good music, reading, and especially the sunsets from his front porch in Rogersville.

Ervin was always the perfect gentleman, respectful, courteous and kind. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Toshiyuki Hirabayashi, 96, of Burlingame, Calif. died peacefully on Jan. 1, 2012.

He was born in Irvington (now Fremont), Calif. on Feb. 9, 1915. He resided on Kaua'i from 1954 through 2004, when he and his wife moved to Burlingame. He was principal at Ko'olau Elementary, Kaumakani Elementary, Kekaha Elementary, and Waimea High and Elementary School. He was a curriculum specialist in the district office prior to his retirement in 1977. Toshi graduated from Madison College in 1939.

He is survived by his wife of 66-years, Midori; son, Glen (Donna) and their daughters, Ashley and Amy; son, Dean (Debby) and their children, Kristin and Michael; daughter, Joan (Richard) Reichard and their daughters, Midori (Jason) Sliger and Aiko; son, Mark; great-granddaughter, Evangeline Sliger; and sister, Mary.

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