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Henry Scoggins



The Alumni Association together with the Layman Foundation applied to Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) for a grant to allow the conversion of the organization's historical documents into digital format and placed on the internet where they would be available for research of the history of the organizations. The request has been approved and we will receive the funds the first quarter of 2013.

This will be a multi-year process. Several of the alumni have written stories of their experiences at Madison. These would be interesting additions to the material available on the internet. The Alumni Board is inviting all alumni to submit their stories for publication on the internet. I invite all of you to share your story. There will be no cost to include your story and it can be as detailed as you wish. Photos may also be included. It will be helpful if your story can be written on a word processor and e-mailed to us but should you not be able to prepare it that way, typed or hand written stories will also be welcomed. You may like to include how/why you came to Madison, your experiences while there and what effect your time at Madison had on your life over the years.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the homecoming, June 22-24.

(Madison College Alumni Association will operate a booth at the ASI convention in Cincinnati on August 8-11.)

HOMECOMING 2012 - SPEAKERS

Ed Reid (Sabbath): Speaking for the church service at alumni weekend will be Ed Reid, a 1962 graduate of Madison College Academy. His class will celebrate its 50th year reunion that weekend.

He studied for the Adventist ministry at Southern Adventist University and the SDA Theological Seminary and went on to a distinguished career as pastor, author and conference departmental director. He also earned a law degree and served as a conference attorney. He retired from the General Conference department of Stewardship.

Harry Mayden (Friday evening): Speaking for the Friday night service will be Harry Mayden, a graduate of Madison College with a degree in biology. He spent his working life in Adventist education, teaching at schools in Florida and serving as principal of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. He and his wife Joyce (Christensen) also spent seven years in Russia instructing school's officials in effective management as well as being acting president of a theological seminary there for 14 months.

Alumni Homecoming, June 22-24, 2012

Homecoming Honor Classes
1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962

Anesthesia Honor Classes
1952, 1957, 1962

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SELF SUPPORTING MOVEMENT AT A CROSSROADS*Albert Dittes (Editor)*

The Layman Foundation, founded by Lida Scott at Madison in 1924, is going through a financial meltdown and the reverberations are affecting all schools affiliated with it.



With Mrs. Scott's fortune mostly tied up in the properties of various schools, the foundation needed a source of funding and a permanent headquarters. Collegedale, Tennessee, proved a good location for conducting business and the board tried to capitalize on the coming of a new Volkswagen assembly plant to Chattanooga by investing in business property and erecting a headquarters building on it. The idea was to sell the property and rent office space to Volkswagen support businesses for a plant located just a few miles away.

This investment has not worked out, and now the foundation is struggling to find ways to refinance a \$2.5 million debt.

That means cutting an \$80,000/year subsidy to the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA), the accrediting body for self-supporting schools.

Blondel Senior, chairman of the board for EASEA, says they are assessing their eight schools for \$30,000 a year and have applied to ASI for a \$30,000 grant.

"Another \$20,000 a year could keep us healthy but not rich," Senior says.

The EASEA offices will vacate the Collegedale Layman Foundation building the end of June and operate out of Laurelbrook Academy in Dayton, Tenn. under a new director, Wanda Saar, formerly of Quachita Hills Academy in Arkansas.

Several of you have donated to EASEA in response to an appeal in the last Survey. We will keep you updated on EASEA and the Layman Foundation and the future of the self-supporting work.

"EASEA is essential for self-supporting schools," says Blondel Senior, also director of Advent Home Learning Center in Calhoun, Tenn. "The state won't accept schools without self-evaluation. We must have EASEA to survive."

Send donations to:

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

In my editorial on The Layman Foundation, I misstated a monthly loss in operating expenses of \$179,300. The correct figure is \$17,930. I apologize for putting the decimal in the wrong place.

MADISON STILL INSPIRES



Brenda Bell and Therling Kwok, alumni of Weimar College, Weimar, Calif., included the Madison College campus as part of their cross-country tour to get acquainted with the history of self-supporting work. They had read an E.A. Sutherland book and heard a lot about Madison. “Self-supporting work has blossomed in Asia by taking the blueprint and working by faith,” said Miss Kwok. “It is also active in Eastern Europe.”

CURRENT ADDRESSES WANTED

Amanda Bruce	Herb Butterfield
Willis G. Dick	Peter Funk
Harold and Ethel Jones	Brenda Patterson
Wesley G. and Ruth Plinke	

Thanks for sending us this information if you have it.

The Survey Staff

PICTURE FROM 1940

Taken by Jim Herman

Picture Sent by Charmain Manzano Herman

In her letter Charmain said, “Jim had a discussion with Bessie DeGraw about the new barn. He was supposed to be disciplined for sitting with me in the library studying??”



WHIDDEN AND THE HERITAGE HOUSE



Dr. Woodrow Whidden, a retired Adventist theologian from Andrews University, found a picture of his Aunt Lorena Whidden in the Heritage House. She graduated in 1939. His father attended Madison also in the 1930s.

THANK YOU FOR DUES AND DONATIONS

Many Thanks for those of you who have mailed in your dues and for many who provided additional support to the Heritage House.

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The Staff

Note: Dues of \$25.00 is for each alumni, attendees, friends, etc. receiving our quarterly mailing of the Survey and Alumni News.

FROM OUR READERS

Gary Cantrell, Cleveland, TN: I was at Madison in 1963. I lived with my grandparents, the Cantrells, on the farm, and went to the academy. Mr. and Mrs. Workman were the teachers. I loved Madison. What a wonderful Adventist school. Please submit my subscription to the Survey.

Alvin A. Wilson, Graysville, TN: I heard of Madison College through a relative, H. R. Veach, who became a public evangelist for the SDA church in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. There I met my first and only girlfriend. We were married by the newly assigned pastor, Elder G. A. Coon, on June 20, 1948. We left on our honeymoon by Greyhound Bus to McConnellsburg, Penn. We

experienced 56½ years together and became parents to three sons and a daughter.

Viola S. Knight, Collegedale, TN: God gave me my good husband at Madison. Good memories of times there and made my lifelong friends there.

Blair & Verona Seifert, Avon Park, FL: My wife, Verona, worked in the cafeteria, walked from Dr. Schuler's at 5:30 a.m., so I could take anesthesia. Thanks for the good course of anesthesia with Bernard Bowen.

Bobby Jean Harrison, Dalton, GA: I remember working very hard at Madison my senior academy year. I was up at 5 to bakery to wrap bread, classes 8 a.m. through noon, carry trays at sanitarium kitchen, back to dorm, shower, study, and dress in white, and to General 3-11 p.m. as nurses aide. Both in academy and college I had a wonderful supervisor who knew my work load and let me study when we weren't busy. I'll never forget them.

The ladies I owe so much are Mavis Sutherland, RN, supervisor on General floor 3-11, and Betty Thorgeson, RRA, in Medical Records.

Billy Wilson who was academy principal my senior year helped me get all of my credits in so I could graduate. My parents moved from Madison when I was ready to start academy. In the Texas town where we moved, the church school only went to 8th grade, so I had to take 9th grade by correspondence.

Malcolm & Sandy McCrillis, Roan Mt., TN: I attended Madison College Academy and graduated in 1961. I was so busy with my class work that year that I had very little time for extracurricular activities. I do remember being involved in the music programs and I enjoyed that very much. The last interesting memory I had was the receiving line after commencement. I didn't know the ladies were so friendly. I suppose if I had known the distraction would have been too much for me and my class work would have suffered. I look back and wish I had been more involved in the spiritual program more.

Margaret Tate, Hendersonville, NC: Herbert and I got married there my senior year and moved into the apartment house and finished our education.

Orrean "Pat" Gill, Jemison, AL: I really miss those wonderful days at Madison. I have macular degeneration and it is difficult for me to see and write.

Mildred Mills, Dayton, OH: Thank you for keeping the updates of familiar people coming in the *Madison Survey* and *Alumni News*. My heart holds precious memories of the years my husband, O.J. Mills, and I ministered at the college church. I read the *Madison Survey* and *Alumni news* with joy at the celebrations and some sadness with the good-byes. I live in Dayton, Ohio with my daughter, Linda Farley. My 95 years of life have been good to me and I look forward to Jesus return. The love of evangelism burns brightly in my heart and I know that it's never too late for us to tell others of Jesus love. Next month, my beautician, who I have been studying with, will be joining our Kettering church. Walking keeps me active and interactive with our neighbors.

My son, Dr. Phil Mills and his wife, Sherry, live in Blue Ridge, Ga., where he practices dermatology and Sherry manages the Bible Firsts, children's literature publishing business. My daughter Linda is a chaplain for the Kettering Health Network and ministers at the new hospital, Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek, Ohio. I have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Last Sunday I attended the memorial service for my nephew, Winston Ferris, a former teacher and principal of the Madison College grade school. He and Doris lived in Berrien Springs, Mich. Winston is survived by his wife, Doris (Ray) Ferris, and three children Rick, Barbara, and Bruce. Laurie, their youngest daughter died last year.

Sue Devan Owsley, Mulberry, AR: Madison College became my home - I was on my own. The dedication of the teachers, concern for their students was unbelievable. The

friendships formed have been lasting. Truly, the four years had grounded me in my faith.

Edna Earle Lee Myers, Smithsburg, MD:

Some of the “most” memorable days of our lives – Charles and I met in 1956 – married in 1957 and we will celebrate (oh well!!) 55 years July 7th, 2012. Special friends we met there are still near and dear to our hearts.

RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION

Joyce Bates VanMeter, the youngest student to ever enroll in and finish the Madison School of Nursing, died in 2010 from interstitial lung disease, a rare occurrence with no known cause or cure.

She was born in Panther, Ky., Nov 25, 1931, to Frances and Hillary Bates. Joyce was baptized at age 16 and taken that same year to Madison by her pastor who helped her enroll in the nursing course. She completed her bachelor's degree in 1952 at the age of 20. She had been double promoted twice in public school in Western Kentucky and so finished the twelfth grade two years younger than usual.

She nursed at Hialeah Hospital in Florida after leaving Madison and later took the Anesthesia Course at Charity Hospital in New Orleans then worked in various places in Georgia and Alabama. She lived in Stanley, Va., near the Shenandoah Valley Academy at the time of her death.

Surviving her are a son and daughter, Hale Burnside, M.D., an Internist in the Atlanta area and Janis White, a psychology teacher at James Madison University in Virginia; and a brother, Tom Bates, a graduate of the Madison College School of Anesthesia, of Clanton, Al.



Ellen Strom Crowder, 95, died on Jan. 31, 2012, while living with her daughter in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

She was born to Swedish immigrant parents on April 16, 1914, in Gardner, Mass. Her family moved to New York City when she was a teenager, and she joined

the U.S. Army as a WAC in 1942. While stationed in California, she met and married Henderson Crowder, a native of East Tennessee.

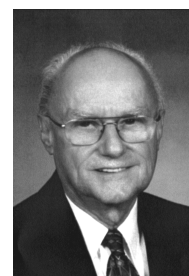
They moved to Madison in 1951 to continue their education. She earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition while caring for three children, worked in the dietetic office at Madison Sanitarium and taught nutrition at the college.

She earned a master's degree in education from George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University, in 1964 and then moved to Loma Linda University to be near her son John, a medical student there. She worked as a clinical dietitian at St. Bernardine's Medical Center in San Bernardino, Calif., specializing in teaching patients newly diagnosed with cardiac disease and diabetes for 23 years, retiring at age 76.

In her 70s, she ran three marathons and took her first snow skiing lesson. Her neighbors remember her as the little lady they saw out walking every day until three weeks before she died.

She lived with two of her daughters in retirement. Her son, Dr. John Crowder, died in 1998.

Surviving her are three daughters, Karen (Darrell) Baker of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Barbara (Dick) Doolittle of the San Francisco Bay area, Calif.; Linda Crawford of Colton, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Paul Burdick, 80, passed away March 6, 2012, after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 29, 1931, at the New England Sanitarium & Hospital in Stoneham, Mass., the first of four sons to join the family of Burnell and Mary Burdick.

When Paul was six months old, the young family moved to Madison, Tenn. Both of his parents worked for Julius Gilbert White, a wellness educator and book author at Madison

College. His mother did secretarial work. His father helped develop the stereopticon slides that White projected on the screen when giving health lectures. When that project was finished, Paul's father found work in Essex Junction, Vt.

The growing family later moved back to Madison, Tenn. Paul's father managed the college print shop, and his mother continued to work as a stenographer. As a child Paul rode a horse to bring in the cows on the large Madison College farm.

Paul started school when he was eight years old and went through the first seven grades in five years. Due to dire financial circumstances (resulting from his dad's ill health and then their house burning down), Paul quit school at age 13 and worked full time in his dad's print shop for the next two years.

When he was 14, he and his dad moved the business and the family to the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. The next year, Paul enrolled at Little Creek School in Concord, Tenn. He finished high school there in three years. After graduation, he stayed on at Little Creek as a junior faculty member for two years, teaching a few classes, assisting in the accounting, and driving the supply truck for the school.

When he was 20, due to his dad's ill health, he went home to work with him in his print shop. Later that year, Dec. 4, 1951, he was drafted into the army. After basic training in Camp Pickett, Va. and X-ray training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he was sent to Korea for about a year and was discharged from the army in November 1953.

He then attended Washington Missionary College for a year and married Bille Kelly on June 12, 1955. They taught school for a year in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1956, he went back to Washington Missionary College and graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and completed a master's degree in educational administration from Potomac University a year later.

Beginning in 1959, he and Bille taught school in Springfield, Ohio, and then in 1960 moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., where her folks lived. Paul worked in printing for two years and joined IBM in 1962, working for the next 21 years in their systems engineering, sales, and management facilities in South Bend, Ind., Chicago, Ill., White Plains, N.Y., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

He then joined Wang Laboratories and worked there as a senior account executive and in management for 10 years.

The family moved to the Chattanooga-Collegedale area in 1975, and remained there even after he joined the Information Management Forum in Atlanta In 1993 as vice president.

He initially retired in 2001, then joined the Vikus Corporation in Chattanooga as chief operating officer In 2003. He resigned six years later due to declining health.

For more than 35 years, Paul was a member of the Collegedale SDA Church and served as a deacon for most of that time.

Surviving him are his wife, Bille; two sons; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers.

Wallace (Scotty) Slater, 80, died on March 13, 2012, from congestive heart failure in Kindred Hospital in Houston, Texas.

He was born at Madison Hospital in 1932, delivered by Dr. Wallace. He lived and went to school at Madison through academy. He earned a pharmacy degree at Howard College in Birmingham, Ala., and worked in that profession for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma (nursing '53); daughter, Linda Cole, three stepchildren, and eight grandchildren.

Irma Fay Jackson Trivett, 95, wife of longtime Madison dentist Dr. James C. Trivett, died on March 22, 2012 at her home in Collegedale, Tenn.



She had been getting progressively weaker during the past few years.

She was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Hinsdale, Ill., to Florence and Albert Jackson and attended school through the 12th grade there.

The Jackson family moved to Madison when she was 16 years old, and she finished college at the age of 20 with a bachelor's degree in dietetics.

She completed her clinical obligations at a hospital in Murray, Ky., and returned to Madison to marry young Dr. Trivett on Oct. 12, 1939. He would serve as dentist at Madison College for 40 years.

The Trivett family moved to a 100-acre farm near Highland Academy, Portland, Tenn., in the summer of 1948 to raise three boys and two girls. The Trivetts later transferred to Wildwood, Ga., in 1969 and lived there for 35 years on seven acres of land.

Old age issues brought them to a home near their daughter Beverly in the Collegedale area in 2004.

Surviving her are two sons, Terry Trivett of Angwin, Calif., and Jim (Teresa) Trivett of Sanford, Fla.; two daughters, Carol (Robert) Williams of Angwin, Calif., and Beverly (Richard) Rawson of Ooltewah, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She outlived her husband, son Donald and daughter-in-law Karen as well as her older sister, Violet Jackson Goodge, of Little Creek Academy.



Dorothy Case Lowder, 98, a Madison College nursing school graduate, died on March 23, 2012, at a hospital in Gallatin, Tenn.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1913, in Spartanburg, S.C., the second of 10. Her father had five other children by his first wife, totaling 15 children.

She went to Fletcher Academy in North Carolina at the age of 16. There she met and later married Adam Clay Lowder.

She started her married life in Albemarle, N.C., then moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., to start her nurses training and later finished it at Madison College in 1950.

After finishing school, she started a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) class at the Fountain Head Sanitarium, (later Highland Hospital) in Portland, Tenn. She later worked for 30 years in the office of Dr. Albert Dittes in Portland.

Surviving her are a daughter, Judith Marie Lowder, of Portland, Tenn.; one sister, Betty Crutcher, of Portland, Tenn.; two brothers, Bill Case of Portland, Tenn., and Gerald Case of Yakima, Wash. Three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.



Vergie Reed Simmons, 91, passed away on March 28, 2012 to await the Great Resurrection when Christ returns for His people. She was born in Indiana and graduated with a nursing degree from Madison College in the class of 1943.

Vergie was a retired registered nurse, having worked at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital for about 30 years and had served as house supervisor. She also taught for the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital's School of Nursing until it closed. She was selected by the hospital as nurse of the year in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1984.

Vergie was a member of the Owensboro Seventh-day Adventist Church and loved playing the organ, oil painting, cooking for family and friends as well as being an excellent seamstress.

Her husband, Lester Simmons, granddaughter, Kimberly Walls and brother, Paul Reed preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, James L. Simmons of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two daughters: Kathryn (Terry) Walls-Chaffin of Rocklin, Calif., and

Elaine (Bill) Fulton of Owensboro, Ky.; five grandchildren—Tyler Fulton, Torrey Fulton, Jennifer Simmons, Raymond Simmons, and Warren Simmons; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, James Reed of Colo.



Donald Hubert Bee, Sr., 76, passed away at his residence in Ooltewah, Tenn., on April 16, 2012, surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 16, 1935, in Chattanooga, Tenn., a son of the late Harold and Bonita Bee. He finished the 11th grade at Madison College Academy. He then moved to Harbert Hills Academy, Savannah, Tenn., and met his wife, Peggy there.

He became a lifelong resident of this area and was an avid woodcrafter. However, his true love was spending time with his grandchildren.

He has lived near Benton, Tenn. with his son, Ron, daughter-in-law Christine and five grandchildren for three years. Then liver problems resulted in hospitalization and Hospice care at home. He died of a stroke on April 16.

He was not rich, not famous, not handsome, no letters after his name, but he was always friendly and courteous, a hard worker. He was never upset or angry.

Neither Don's mother nor Peggy's parents could come to their wedding in Lawrenceburg, so I (David Patterson) marched the bride in and gave her away.

His wife, Peggy, died before him on Dec. 10, 2008.

He is survived by two sons, Donald Bee, Jr. of Whiteville, Tenn., and Ronald (Christine) Bee of Ooltewah, Tenn.; one brother, Raymond (Polly) Bee of Colo.; five grandchildren.

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