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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry Hayden



We have just completed another successful Alumni Homecoming. It was a good time to be together and meet friends whom we knew back when we were all in college. This year those who came numbered well over 150. It is

the best turnout we have had in recent years. Many seemed to think that the reason for this was because it was rumored that this might be our last reunion. I know that all of us were happy to see one another and to enjoy another reunion where we could renew friendships made during those happy days of schooling at Madison College.

At our Board Meeting on June 23 we discussed the possibility of bringing in speakers for our reunion next June. Our first choice was to ask Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference president, to speak at our Sabbath worship service. We realized that we might be somewhat late in asking him and that he may have his calendar all booked up for several years ahead and we found that to be so. However, he will send a five-to-ten minute DVD to us instead. I know we will all look forward to his greeting to us by this method of communication.

There are fewer of us each year as time passes and takes its toll upon our numbers. However, it was very refreshing to see so many former graduates still grateful and faithful to Madison and what it had done for each of us. Next year may be our last. That will depend upon those of us who attend next year.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Newly-elected officers and board members:

Standing, left to right: Dr. Harry Hayden, president; Deryl Christensen; Henry Scoggins; George Stilwell, executive assistant secretary/treasurer; Charles Harris; Dr. Wilfred Stuyvesant; Jim Culpepper, executive secretary/treasurer; David Patterson.

Seated, left to right: Bob Silver, vice president; Pat Silver; Ruth Harris; Marguerite Roberts.

This was the first meeting with the new board. Those unable to attend were: Albert Dittes, Bill Wilson, and George Carpenter, Ex-Officio, Madison Academy.

HOMECOMING DVD'S AVAILABLE

(Send requests to the alumni office)

Friday vespers (Jim Herman)	\$5
Sabbath School (Magda Rodriguez)	\$5
Church (John Read)	\$5
Sabbath vespers (tribute to Billy Burks and Mavis Sutherland)	\$5

Make check payable to Deryl Christensen, and he will send it to you.

A CD of pictures taken by Ed Lucas is also available for \$5. Write this check out to Jim Culpepper, and he will mail it to you.

WANTED

We still need annuals for 1951 and 1963. Mail to the alumni office.

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN*Albert Dittes (Editor)*

One evening at a meeting of the local historical society in which I am active, the president said he had recently visited Chestnut Hill, a now defunct unit of Madison here in the upper end of Sumner County, Tennessee, and liked what he found the schoolroom.

An old map on the wall especially captured his attention.

I suggested that we meet at Chestnut Hill, and he immediately endorsed the idea. I made the arrangements, and we met there in July.

One of those attending had grown up in the local Oak Grove and Bethpage neighborhood. She said her father enjoyed doing business with the Chestnut Hill families at his grocery store and had always found the place "fascinating."

Meeting in the old schoolroom did feel historical, with no electric ceiling light. (We met at twilight, and a flashlight helped me see my notes.) Many old books on the shelves captivated some. Even the handmade chairs we sat on drew comments. One person remembered taking piano lessons somewhere on campus. Where was the instrument?

I shared with them excerpts from a diary, rich in human interest, written by Lida Scott as she visited there when she came south in the summer of 1914 after the death of her daughter. Being good friends with founders Herman and Harriet Walen, she visited to help recover from her great personal loss.

It provides a fascinating glimpse into the local, underprivileged culture of that time. The Chestnut Hill work so impressed Mrs. Scott that she went on to Madison and ultimately became an important part of it and the emerging medical school at Loma Linda, Calif. Chestnut Hill started out as an extension of Madison in 1908 operated by the Walen and Wallace families.

They later retooled themselves as nurses and started a sanitarium as well as ran a farm there. They worked hard to make themselves part of the community and became prominent during most of the 20th century. Herman and Harriet Walen were the leading spirits for many years, succeeded in turn by their daughter, Susan Ard and her husband Herschel.

The Ards had no children to succeed them, so the school and sanitarium had to eventually close. The farm became a garden, and many maple trees there are a source of maple syrup. The current leadership, based at Wildwood, Ga., maintains the property with some residents but has yet to find a role for the institution. The buildings are older and probably beyond bringing up to state codes.

But people here still talk about the Walens and the Ards.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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We have thrown out some ideas which we have not yet set into concrete. One of those is to have as many of us as want to and can do so, to take some time during the weekend to get up and tell how they happened to come to Madison for their college experience and what it has done for them. I think it would be fascinating to hear so many testimonies. I know how and why I happened to come to Madison. I would like to hear other people's experiences. I think it would be great to hear how Madison has been such a great help to so many people and what those people have done for the cause of mankind.

We had some problems this past time. On Friday night the person who catered the meal ran out of food. The reason for this can be remedied very easily. We all need to send in our registration and meal requirements a couple of weeks ahead so that those planning the meals can do so with more accuracy. Several, obviously, thought it would not be a problem to register for the meal as they came in on Friday. But so many more came than were expected that we ran short of food. We apologize for that and hope that by urging each of those coming to register and send in their money for meals ahead of time will take care of this problem. We also want to thank those who live in the area who came out and helped serve the meals. There are also those who give a lot of their time to plan and arrange for these meetings. To them we owe a great gift of gratitude.

We really appreciate the Academy allowing us to use their facilities. They set up the tables and chairs in the gym and took them down again after we were gone. We could have done that and saved a little money but their charge was minimal and we appreciate their sharing their facilities with us. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Bryan Guevara, a senior at Madison Academy, helps keep up the grounds as part of a campus sharing agreement.

GLIMPSES OF 2013 HOMECOMING

- ❖ Attendance improved this year. The caterer charged for 65 meals for Friday night supper. She had plenty to serve 140 meals for Sabbath Lunch, 95 meals for Sabbath supper and 89 meals for the Sunday breakfast.
- ❖ Those attending gave enough money to cover all expenses and help keep up the Heritage House. Registration income amounted to \$3,558. Weekend expenses totaled \$3,388 with a \$220 profit. A \$1,026 church offering will be a big help defraying the everyday costs during the year.
- ❖ MCAA donated \$500 to Madison Academy for the use of their facilities and \$100 to pay school personnel to set up and take down tables and chairs, a big help to aging volunteers.
- ❖ MCAA operated a booth at the ASI annual convention in Orlando, Fla., on Aug. 7-10 since we will receive the second half of a \$16,000 grant this year to digitize the history of Madison. A letter of work in process has been submitted to ASI, and that money should arrive soon. The Center for Adventist Research (CAR) at Andrews University is doing the work.
- ❖ The 2014 Homecoming will be a special commemoration of the 110 years since the college opened in 1904 and 50 years after the last class graduated in 1964. After considerable discussion those attending the business meeting voted to decide on conducting the homecoming events one year at a time.

TO PRESERVE THE MADISON HERITAGE



Dr. Merlin Burt, director of the Center for Adventist Research (CAR) at Andrews University, holds a USB drive containing the entire *Madison Survey* from 1919 through October, 1963. He put this onto the computer in the Heritage House and it will be put online at CAR and made available to anyone in the world. CAR is now digitizing the rest of the *Surveys* as well as all Madison College yearbooks from 1948 to 1964.

Next alumni weekend, Dr. Burt says he will bring CDs for sale of the Madison heritage.



George Stilwell (left) and Merlin Burt stand behind boxes of the Madison heritage on its way to Andrews. It will eventually all be put on the Internet and made available for research by Adventist scholars from around the world.

DONATE YOUR ANNUALS

We need 1958, 1959, and 1963.

*** SAVE THE DATES ***

*Madison College Alumni Homecoming
June 27, 28, 29, 2014*



The remaining few of the Nursing Class of 1951 did not make it to Homecoming, but three of us did have a brief reunion in North Carolina.

From left to right: Doris Lee, Bettie Donesky who was recuperating from a fall with fractured hip, and Bernhard Jensen. Would love to have been there, but our thoughts were.

MISSING SURVEYS

Dr. Burt is still looking for back issues of the *Survey*, below are volumes & numbers of the missing issues:

- V1 N10 – April 30, 1919
- V3 N32-33 – August 10 & 17, 1921
- V4 N43, N46 – November 8 & December 13, 1922
- V5 N8, N36 – February 21 & September 12, 1923
- V7 N4 – January 21, 1925
- V9 N31-32 – August 1927
- V10 N20, N25 – May 16 & 23, 1928

READER'S COMMENTS

Martha Ann Norris Boskind, Melbourne, FL: Appreciate the opportunity to have my nursing degree. Thanks to Madison.

Dr. John and Aquila Patterson Read, Keene, TX: The greatest years of my life!

Robert (Bob) W. Williams, Portland, TN: Great memories!



Jim Herman, Friday vespers,
"Madison Heroes"



Magda Rodriguez, President
Ouachita Hills "Madison College
simply moved to Amity,
Arkansas"



Dr. Harry Mayden, incoming
President, presents Henry
Scoggins with plaque of
appreciation



Crowd showed strong support for alumni weekend



John Read, Sabbath speaker,
"The Madison Legacy"



Henry Scoggins outgoing
President MCAA



Jim Culpepper presents honor
classes



Dr. Harry Mayden leads opening
song "Holy Ground"



Class of 1953 (Left to Right): David Patterson, Martha Fast, John Read, Jewell Cheevers, Warren Cheevers, Don Owsley, Carlos Quevedo

Class of 1958 (Left to Right): George Roach, Joan Roach, Edna Lee Myers, Marilyn Gunderson, Paul Blankenship, Charles Culbertson, Pat Gill, Robert Lowry, Sallie Hoover Sullivan



Class of 1963 (Left to Right): Marjorie Hancock Scoggins, Betty Brooks Powell, Peggy Capps Bellamy, Kay Forrester Collins Mayes, Carol Taylor Wilson



Anesthesia graduates (Left to Right): Betty Perales, Pat Perales, Warren Cheevers, Larry Cheevers, Jack Northcutt, Charles Culbertson, Bob Williams, Henry Bedford, Albert Isom, Tom Bates



Pat Mitzelfelt Silver, '60, Stewart Crook



Left to Right: Pat Mitzelfelt Silver, '60', Charles Wang '52, David Patterson, '53, Archie Weemes '52



Kay Forrester Collins Mayes, '63, Mary Gill



Stella Sutherland, Claudia Sutherland Woolsey



Albert Isom, Ivan Peacock (long time director physical therapy, possibly oldest attendee this year)



Madison College Elementary School classmates (Mrs. Evelyn Moore's class). **Left to Right:** Bobbie Jean Moore Harrison, Evelyn Moore Meyer, Madeline Rabuka McCrary, Mickey Rabuka, Jim Culpepper



John Read, '55, Aquila Patterson Read, '50-51



Dr. Shaen Sutherland, '48, visits with Velma Stewart Smith, '52, Velma's father, R. E. Stewart married Dr. Shaen Sutherland and his late wife, Mavis



Albert Dittes, Viola Knight, Karen Caldwell



Bill Gregg, Mary Lou Ward Gregg, Pat Batchelor Bullock



Joyce Christensen Mayden, Denise Read Anderson



Helen Binkley Johnson, Myrna Moore Ferguson, Juanita Schwarz Norman Classmates 1958 Madison Academy

Pictures by Bob Silver and Ed Lucas. Additional pictures on Madison College Alumni Facebook.



Gene Domke, Elmer Fast, Charles Culbertson



Caterer, Linda McWilliams, assisted by daughter, Casandra with assistance of many volunteers

Leon Gray, Mountain Grove, MO: Have to admit I haven't been a very faithful alumni through the years. At age 84, I don't travel very far from home. I was wondering if the academy alumni would adopt us and we could meet at the same time they do. We might have a few seats together up front and could have own Sabbath School class and at meal time we might have a meal together and visit.

Many college alumni are academy alumni also. I graduated three times, academy, college, and nursing school.

Now I am afflicted with many infirmities associated with my age; idiopathic neuropathy, worn out knees, chronic back problems, and prostate cancer for 13 years. Don't ask me why I have survived so long. I use a wheelchair inside and a walker outside. I am not depressed. I tell friends I will be graduating soon and go to a better land where I can see many of my friends and loved ones again.

I am sorry to learn about Billy Burks and his wife. He and I were about the same age and finished the academy about the same time. I will be there this year, if possible.

Marlice Griffin Cooper (Mary Alice Nickless), Tampa, FL: Originally, I was enrolled into the School of Nursing – my lifelong ambition; but while working at Madison Hospital on the General Floor, I lifted an old man and ruined my back for life. So I had to change my major to Medical Records so that I could sit while I worked. And it was still related to medicine. I enjoyed our Professors, especially Prof. Ziegler teaching Physiology and Anatomy. Betty Thorgeson was an excellent and demanding teacher of Medical Record technology. I have been better equipped for real-life in the real-world because of my education and experiences at Madison.

Erma Jean Griffin Schultz, Leesburg, FL: I attended Madison College after getting my LPN because I thought I wanted to be a laboratory technician. The chemistry class was very hard for me. I couldn't seem to grasp it. I worked half a day to pay my tuition, as a nurse. I enjoyed my stay there very much.

Pauline Lopez, Laurel, MD: It's important that our churches have a diversity of programs, etc. but the needs are so great here and abroad.

I can't help think of the cost of travel, motels, etc. How far that money could go – the needs of ADRA, families in financial crisis – some because of the Sabbath issue. All of our children should be in church schools but so many cannot afford it – things like that.

I like Woman's Ministry for example – but again going to those retreats – so we can be sung to and hear more wonderful sermons, etc. Ministry – (to others – to make a difference is where my heart is.) and it seems right to discontinue the anniversary date.

Glenn & Laura Mae Zollinger, Dayton, TN: Oh thank you for our *Madison Survey*. I am sending them on to Beecher Zollinger, O.D. He was once our student body president at Madison.

Madison with its nursing course steered me into many places of service. Laurelbrook School started me off and that's where I met and married Glenn Zollinger. My daughter, Melody Slattery, was eight or nine years-old.

As a building contractor we moved west; later spent 25 years on Kauai, Hawaii building and nursing. Eventually, we settled at Laurelbrook the past 12-13 years. God has been good to us. Now we're retired and in our 80's.

Marguerite S. Roberts, Hartsville, TN: While I can walk, talk and see, I want to see people I went to school with to remember the sad, glad and precious memories we had. I loved Madison then and much more since I graduated and thank the power to be for my education.

Bobby Jean Moore Harrison, Dalton, GA: Madison seems like my home, place I was in school off and on 5th or 6th grade through college. Some of my best friends still live near there.

Charolette Moore Clegg, Siloam Springs, AR: Madison prepared me with the education to help make a living for my family.

Ramona Seath-Lubke, Big Rapids, MI: So sorry that I will not be attending Homecoming this year, I so enjoyed my visit last June. It was so good seeing classmates and friends of so many years ago! As mentioned many times...I am so blessed to have Madison as my alma mater...which has inspired me sweetly through all these years! I have a sister-in-law that is very ill with cancer, but I am hoping there will be another year. I will send my dues shortly. I have attended so many loved ones these past few years as they slipped away...yes, it does take its toll, but happy that God can use me in so many ways!

I was shocked to learn of Billy Burks death...life is so uncertain, but with God in our lives we have a beautiful hope!

God be with all that attend this year...I will anxiously await the news of all the happenings.

Crystal Morgan, Eagleville, TN: Madison College has had a great influence on my life due to the training I received and the spiritual influence of teachers and friends.

Pat Bullock, Apopka, FL: Met my spouse then when arrived in 1958, when a junior and he a senior. After our courtship three years, got married on campus June 5, 1961. Just celebrated our 52nd anniversary.

Ardith Anderson Schneider, Twin Falls, Idaho: Wishing I could be there with you all this weekend. But you know how distance is. Hoping you have a blessed time together.



Ardith Anderson Schneider and Marie Williamson

This is my latest picture of me on my 73rd birthday. That is Marie Williamson, my Idaho friend for almost 50 years. She had the Red Hat cake made for my birthday. She had just turned 86 on May 19.

Tell everyone Hello. I was very interested to hear about Kaye Forrester in the last *Madison Survey*.

RESTING TIL THE RESURRECTION



Carolyn M. Combs Grosswiler, 70, died at her home in Marion Ind., June 21, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn and Ishmael Combs.

She graduated from Madison Academy in 1960 and attended college on campus from 1961 to 1963.

Survivors include her husband Larry Grosswiler; three daughters, Eva Burchard, Anna Stephens and Lisa Grosswiler; a son, Larry J. Grosswiler; her brother, James (Linda) Combs and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Aug. 9 in Marion Ind.

Lela Gill Stinnett, 92, died on April, 2013, in Portland, Ore.

She studied nursing at Madison College in 1939-40.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1920, near Laramie Wyo., to homesteader parents Loyle and Mary Gill and grew up in Wyoming, Colorado, Arkansas and Oklahoma. After spending a year at Madison, she moved to Indiana and married Francis Edward (Pete) Triplet.

She worked as a surgical assistant in South Bend, Ind., for many years and later retired from the operating room at Highland Hospital, Portland, Tenn.

After her second husband, Richard Stinnett, died, she lived with her daughter in Oregon.

Surviving her are two sons, Ed Triplet of Lakeland, Fla., and Paul Triplet of Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Carol Villemure of Zephyr Hills, Fla., and Dorothy Triplet of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Orrean (Pat) Gill of Jemison, Ala., and nine grandchildren.



Venessa Standish Ford, 92, died on April 19, 2013 in Loma Linda, Calif., where she had been a resident for the last 21 years. Prior to that, she and her husband Pastor R. Elden Ford (who preceded her in death) had

been missionaries for the Seventh-day Adventist church for 48 years in Central America.

The Standish family, H. E., his wife, Edith, and their first daughter, Venessa, came to Madison in 1921. Their second daughter, Juanita, was born at Madison in 1923. The family moved to California in 1937. Her father, H. E. Standish, designed the covered archways between the sanitarium cottages.

Survivors include her four children: Robert, Kathleen, Patricia, and Dan; four grandsons; one great-granddaughter, and Venessa's sister, Juanita Standish Gosse-McGann, a resident of Loma Linda, Calif.

Alice L. Brewer, 98, of Lake Mary, Fla. (formerly of Montverde, Fla.) passed away on June 18, 2013 in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

She was born on August 27, 1914, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Lewis H. and Margaret F. "Hamilton" Lindsey. Alice was a retired bookkeeper for Advanced Distributors. She enjoyed cooking, needlework and was known for her carrot cake. Alice was a member of Springs Meadow Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sanford, Florida.

She had lived with her daughter Frances "Jane" Brewer. She was always proud of the year she spent at Madison Academy (N.A.N.I.)

and attended her 75th class reunion a few years back.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Brewer.

Survivors include daughter, Frances "Jane" Brewer; sister, Myrtle Lee Childers; and numerous nieces and nephews.



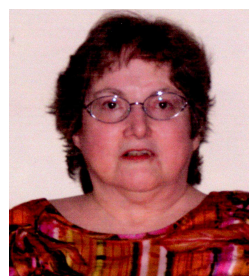
Velma Evelyn Thompson, 91, of Madison, Tenn., passed away on July 24, 2013.

She was born in Joelton, Tenn., on May 30, 1922, as the youngest of six daughters to Joseph and Mary Ann Ingram. She graduated from Joelton High School, where she played on the all-girls basketball team, and studied nursing for two years at Madison College.

She married fellow nursing student Orvan Thompson in January, 1943, during his service as a medic in the U.S. Army during World War II. She spent the war years working at Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Calif, and later at a PX in El Paso, Texas.

After the war, she and her husband made their home in Madison, Tenn., becoming charter members of the Boulevard SDA Church. She worked for 20 years as a Nurse's Aide at Nashville Memorial Hospital and also with her husband at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Orvan Thompson of Madison; two sons, Barry "Tammy" Thompson of Greenbrier, Tenn., and Steve "Kristin" Thompson of Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia; two daughters, Janet "Paul" Holley of Gainesville, Fla., and Gayle "Tommy" Pauley of Mt. Gilead, N.C.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Norma Jean Gant Cruzen, 68, passed away on July 22, 2013, at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital in Bolingbrook, Ill.

She was born to Julian and Anita Gant in Massachusetts. Her family moved to Madison, Tenn. when she was an infant. Dr. Gant was the head physician at Madison Hospital for many years. She continued her education through academy at Madison and graduated with a bachelor's degree at Southwestern Union College. She married Gerald Cruzen on March 11, 1975.

Her parents, sisters Florine and Ivanette and daughter Julie Ann preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband Gerald and sister, Lois Gretchen Gant Moreno.

Betty Williams Allen, 72, died on July 17, 2013, following a battle with cancer.

She was a member of the last graduating nursing class at Madison College in 1964.

She was born on April 15, 1941, in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area to Harvey and Lona Williams, both of whom were nurses. Her family later moved to the suburban

Washington, D.C. area where her father worked in a government mental hospital.

After finishing her nurses training, Betty worked briefly at the SDA hospital in Oneida, Ky., Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla., and Glendale Hospital, Glendale, Calif. She then returned to Kentucky and married Homer Allen, a postmaster in Oneida and spent the rest of her life working there and at the hospital relocation in Manchester, Ky.

Survivors are her son, Ethan Allen of Oneida, Ky.; two step daughters, Marty and Davies; and three sisters, Flo Parkhurst of Springfield, Tenn., Carolyn (Bert) Coolidge of Collegedale, Tenn., and Ellen Spencer of Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Deryl and Violet Christensen donated a dual wireless microphone set for use not only this year but at all future homecomings.

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