



*Beacon*  
**Season's Greetings**



## Our President's Message

WESLEY AMUNDSEN

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." —*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 55. How often I have thought of these words. How often I have wished that our youth might indeed be "rightly trained," in order to do their part to herald the coming of Jesus. There is no other work of such great importance.

Youth of Madison College, how about this challenge to you? Will you accept it? Will you take your training here seriously and endeavor to prepare yourselves for the part that you are to play in the closing scenes of this world's history? We really have no time to be occupied with the trivial things of life. "It is one minute to twelve." That means that the zero hour is just upon us and we still have a great work to do for God and for humanity.

Perhaps I should not write in such a serious vein in this first issue, but it would be difficult for me to do otherwise. It is possible that some of you may not understand fully the purpose of this institution; you may think that it is just another college among the many colleges of our land. But it is different. At this college, with its related Sanitarium-Hospital, food factory, farm, and other industries, young men and women are to be so trained that when they leave here they will be able to go into the various places of the world field as self-supporting missionary workers for Christ. Is that the vision you have of your work here?

One thing we are greatly in need of today is whole-hearted cooperation on the part of every student and teacher in this place. Sometimes we are constrained to grumble and complain about conditions, but really, it may be quite possible that you are helping to create your own atmosphere, or conditions. This place can be for you the most wonderful place in the world. It depends a great deal upon your outlook and your personal relationship to those with whom you associate from day to day. Work we must, and here at Madison there is no lack of that commodity.

In fact work is one of our biggest assets.

I would like to make an appeal to you as I close this brief message, and that is for your whole-hearted cooperation with us in our endeavor to make Madison one of the best and most beautiful places in the world. It can be so if we all join hands and hearts to make it so. Do you believe this? If you do, then I know we need have no fear of the future, for God will go before us to prepare the way, and glorious will be the results. I am counting on your loyal support and it goes without saying that you will most certainly have mine.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." —*Education*, p. 57.

### Sunset Schedule

DECEMBER—	
22 4:37	23 4:37
29 4:41	30 4:42
JANUARY—	
5 4:47	6 4:48
12 4:53	13 4:54
19 5:00	20 5:01
26 5:07	27 5:08

## Student Talent On Parade

After some postponement, the Student Talent Program finally made its appearance on Saturday night, December 2.

Mr. Oakes, as master of ceremonies, did a magnificent job in introducing the various participants at the beginning of the program. The Male Chorus stole several minutes with the selection, "Steal Away." The stolen time was most enjoyable.

As the last strains of Joyce Christensen's organ solo, "Fanfare," died, Ruth Van Unen introduced the audience to the "Painless Dentist" in her reading. Hopes vanished when she left with the parting words, "There ain't no such animal." Too bad, he'd surely have a thriving business. Aline Wallis, all in blue, appropriately voiced "Alice Blue Gown," accompanied at the piano by Mary Lou Julian. The applause that followed Pat Mitzelfelt's solo, "Little Colonel," needs no comment. That applause called for more, Pat.

While Ramona Seath was "A Wearyin' for You," Mr. Peck and Mr. Siemsen were pacing the floor from nervous exhaustion before making their first Madison-wide appearance as "the only duet that out-sings the 'boidies' without carrying a tune." "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" rang out loud and clear. The audience sat spellbound. Those voices belong to Siemsen and Peck? Mrs. O. and Mrs. M., you need to contact Mr. Ripley—he'd need something like that for his column. Amidst the prolonged applause—oh what a disappointment! Two guilty culprits, Elmo Lundy and Elgin Frye, took the bows with the two master teachers. What next?

Accompanied by Lonnie Lorenz's solo, "Red Sails in the Sunset," Velma Midghall cast a quiet spell over

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## You Name It

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## Zeigler's Zoo Is Zooming

What do you know about the Biology Department? It is the most interesting department of the college. Here are a few things that maybe you haven't noticed about this department.

Have you noticed lately that the P. and A. students are using words that even they can scarcely pronounce? They are just naming the bones and muscles of the body. "What! I couldn't possibly have those things!" you say. Well, you have! P. and A. is a lot of fun after you get started.

Have you seen the nine baby white rats in the lab? Although their eyes just opened a few days ago, they'll soon be full-sized rats. You are always welcome to come to see them. A starling with an injured wing may soon be a pet if it doesn't die.

## EENT Specialist Welcomed In Hospital Expansion

Dr. G. E. Horsley, who has recently completed his residency at the White Memorial Hospital and post graduate work at Boston City Hospital, is now with Madison Sanitarium and Hospital, heading the Ear, Eye, Nose, and Throat Department.

On the north wing of the Administration Building have been added six new rooms, which will be his offices, and these are gradually being equipped for all services in this line. The Eye Division is being properly equipped through the generosity of Dr. Dallas Kittle of Napa, California, who is making available equipment, saving the institution several thousand dollars.

Dr. and Mrs. Horsley are living in the new apartment building and have one small son, Wilson. Dr. Horsley is an asset to the increasing needs at Madison, and the institution is glad to have him here. Mrs. Horsley, also an M.D., will continue her internship at Nashville General Hospital beginning 1951.

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Dr. J. C. Gant recently spent three days with Mr. Wm. Patterson, public relations manager, visiting the cities of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Wichita, Kansas; and Chicago, Illinois.

## Your Responsibility

The "peace on earth, good will toward men" of which the angels sang is not present this Christmas. Instead, "all over the world, men and women are looking wistfully to heaven," looking for the peace and joy that Christ came to bring to the hearts of men. But how few have found it! More than anything else this Christmas, they desire a peace of mind which Missionary Volunteers have, and can give them. The world longs for relief from the gloomy world tumult and confusion.

If each Missionary Volunteer would so carry the happiness of a Christian with him that some worried, troubled seatmate on the train or bus found relief and relaxation in a look at Christ, how happy that Missionary Volunteer would be, and that seatmate might consider this contact the best Christmas gift of the year.

Last Christmas a student felt rewarded for his small efforts to speak of Christ to his seat partner when the partner said, "I have talked to ministers and priests, but none have helped me as much as you have."

"Oh, I just can't talk," is one's usual sincere reply. If that is the case, why not carry along a few pieces of missionary literature that will speak for themselves?

And then, when the Missionary Volunteers all come back to school, how welcome will be their personal missionary experiences and ideas from home for a better M. V. Society at Madison College!

## Atomic Preparedness Stressed in Film

The Medical Cadet Corps of the College and the Local Disaster Relief group combined forces Saturday evening, December 9, to present a solemn yet impressive ceremony aimed at unification of the community on a program of local relief in event of the atomic or other disaster.

After a parade of Cadets, Nurses, and Firemen, President Amundsen made a few remarks concerning the seriousness of the situation and the responsibility of the local community. The rally came to a close with the showing of the outstanding color film "The Medical Effects of the Atomic Bomb." Music was provided by the College Band under the direction of Professor Mitzelfelt.



## Wasioto News

The men's club of Madison College, after careful deliberation, has selected as the name for its club, Wasioto, a word that dates back to about the middle of the eighteenth century, when the Cherokee Indians inhabited the region around Nashville. Wasioto was their name for the Cumberland River, which they used as a means of travel in their trading with the French.

The men of Wasioto were almost unanimous in their desire to have a name that represents the "close-to-nature" spirit that characterizes Madison college, rather than a Greek name, typical of many clubs and fraternities.

The present officers of the Wasioto Club are Ronald Sackett, president; Bill Grover, vice-president; Jesus Vega, chaplain; Leon Smith, parliamentarian; Billy Campbell, secretary-treasurer. These men are responsible for several good programs presented already this quarter. With the approach of the new year, a spirit of renewed cooperation is anticipated among the club members, who look forward to a year of association that will prove beneficial spiritually, mentally, and physically.

## Council Selects Officers

The Student Teacher Council recently recommended, with the approval of the student body, the following to positions of leadership in campus activities.

Annual: Lewis Dickman, editor; Helen Klaren, associate editor; Larry Hawkins, circulation manager; Duane Higgins, business manager; Betty Clark, art editor.

School Paper: Archie Weemes, editor; Violet Stewart, associate editor; Billy Mack Read, art editor.

Government Committee: Martha Higgins, Lewis Dickman, Sue Devan, Versal Post, Joyce Bates, Glen Shaffer.

Social Committee: Aline Wallis, Larry Hawkins, Maurice Prusia.

Religious Life Committee: Clifford Tonsberg, Howard Davis, Mary Jane Suarks; Glenn Coon, Anna Yun, Kenneth Trussell.

## STUDENT TALENT

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the audience with her chalk drawing depicting that song. Elgin Frye's "Hot Griddle Quartet" saddled their pintos and took us "Riding Down the Canyon," where we were serenaded by Ben Greening and Lonnie Lorenz with "Serenade From the Student Prince." Beryl Boggs' reading, "Bill's Little Girl," appealed to us all.

The scene was changed somewhat when Vincent Mitselfelt produced some rippling "Sounds from the Hudson" on his trombone. From the Hudson, we were immediately transferred to the Land of Enchantment by the Hawaiian quartet. Their final selection, "Aloha," made us aware that the evening was at an end. Those who were absent missed a wonderful program. With such talent present on this campus, the coming school year should prove to be most interesting.

## Exploring the Universe

It was the privilege of the community and student body to see and hear the illustrated lecture, "The Universe of Palomar," on Sunday evening, December 10. Dr. Ruroy Sibley, noted film lecturer of some forty years' experience, gave the audience thrilling glimpses through the telescopes of Lowell, Mount Wilson, Yerkes, and Mount Palomar Observatories.

The tremendous undertaking in making this film is reflected in the fact that Dr. Sibley, for one particular sequence, had to check over 40,000 slides made by scientists across twenty-two years. It took him five months of research to piece together, in this instance, just a few minutes of film, in order that it would be absolutely perfect from the presentation standpoint.

This film lecture has been acclaimed throughout the United States as the greatest of its kind ever made.

## Future Events

DECEMBER	
16	Christmas Carol program
17	Delta Nu Zeta Christmas party
19	Christmas vacation begins
23	Magazine-screen World News for November and December

## Down on the Farm

Along with the routine work of milking cows, feeding and caring for livestock and poultry, and gathering corn when the weather permits, the agricultural division, in cooperation with the food factory, featured a display at the recent Annual State Horticultural Meeting, held at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville. What made the exhibit unique was that it portrayed the balanced program that the leaders of Madison College and Sanitarium have been endeavoring to carry out.

In the foreground on one side was the dairy display, featuring the contrast of the new Fescue and Ledina pastures with the old Bermuda pastures. On the other side were displayed the products of farm, orchard, and garden, including garden soils. Essential to the two features of the agricultural program for pollination, were a glass hive full of bees and some honey they had produced.

From all these various sources of supply, trucks were loaded ready to haul the products to the institution pictured in the background by an aerial view, "The most interesting and educational booth on display" according to Mr. G. M. Bentley, who had charge of the displays.

## Dr. White Speaks

It was the privilege and pleasure of the student body of Madison College to hear one of the outstanding lecturers on temperance on December 11. Dr. Vernon C. White, representing the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Incorporated, whose headquarters are in Nashville, Tennessee, filled a chapel engagement that will be long remembered by the students and faculty of the college. The hearty applause that terminated the speaker's remarks gave evidence of interest in the work of temperance in Tennessee as well as in all the world.

We were going to put in something about the snow, but it had all melted by the time we went to press!

## New Library Acquisitions

A number of new books will soon be placed on the display shelves in the library. The staff hopes that you will take advantage of this very excellent reading material and broaden your educational views.

To you science students the book, *The Effects of Atomic Weapons*, will prove very intriguing. Here are plain facts concerning the extent of damage done by atomic warfare defenses. A book typical of the South is *The Hermitage, Home of Old Hickory*, by Stanley F. Horn. It is a comprehensive, detailed, and authoritative book about the home and home-life of Andrew Jackson.

## On the Industrial Front

The Industrial Arts Department is one of the largest and most diversified departments at Madison. As a reporter assigned to cover this department, I was unable to reach every phase of industrial arts. The plumbers, for instance, were asleep after working all night at the laundry, and the electrical shop was floating away toward Old Hickory.

At the machine shop I was ushered through what seemed to be the ruins of Pompeii, but what were actually fireplaces built by the brick-laying class. The machinists' latest acquisition is a genuine long-horned lathe from Texas.

After being properly identified as a reporter I was allowed to make a brief visit in the woodworking shop. A Mr. Louie Dickman is hard at work on a top-secret project and is taking every precaution to see that no valuable information gets to the wrong ears. Carlos Quevedo is doing some advanced work in anatomy, trying to make all his fingers the same length.

## Hot News

Down at Central Heat, Mr. Crowder said that the night after Thanksgiving they didn't send the steam out in the usual way; they merely cut it up into blocks and delivered it via wheelbarrow. Bill Grover has a new development to save coal—he plans to run a drain from his shower

## Music, Music, Music

Since the beginning of school in September, the Music Department has made rapid advances under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mitzelfelt, Mrs. R. C. Ostrander, and Mr. J. G. Rimmer. With the arrival of Mrs. Ostrander, instructor in voice and choral work, in June, 1949, spirit was gradually injected into the comparatively inactive state of the department; and finally completeness was attained this past summer when Mr. and Mrs. Mitzelfelt came. Mr. Mitzelfelt now heads the department and is the instructor of band, orchestra, and instruments; Mrs. Mitzelfelt is the instructor in piano.

The band's season was climaxed with its concert November 25. While the many marches, overtures, and ensemble numbers were rendered, the audience was thrilled and amazed at the astounding progress that has been made by this new organization. The proceeds of the concert, which amounted to \$130.00, are to be used for uniforms for the band.

Probably the most enjoyable event of the quarter for the A Cappella Choir was its trip to Altamont, Tennessee. Programs were given at McMinnville, Altamont, and Monteagle, and the churches seemed to receive the spiritual uplifting that the choir desired to give them. If you would like to know how the students enjoyed the trip, just ask them about the beds and food provided by the kind people of that community.

The crowning event was the beautiful Christmas program presented this past Saturday night in the Assembly Hall. As the 100-voice chorus told in song the story of the first Noel, one was made to feel as if he were back in the natural surroundings of Nazareth. This was probably due to the excellent job of decorating done by Billy Mack Read and his assistants. Altogether it may be said that this was an excellent program and surely the "Hallelujah Chorus" is still ringing in many ears.

to the coal pile. Vern Ahlberg, going after a load of coal, tried to save wear and tear on his tires by driving upside down. He would have made it, but the top of the truck wore out too soon.

## Delta Nu Zeta

Williams Hall opened its doors this year to 96 girls representing various areas of North America and several foreign countries.

Miss Marjorie Cates, Dean of Women, breathed a sigh of relief as the girls were settled at last for the school year. While they visited and made one another's acquaintance, plans were being formulated for the 1950-51 Delta Nu Zeta Club.

The officers chosen were: Sue Devan, president; Jane Blackwood, vice-president; Nell Arashiro, secretary; Ruth Pitts, treasurer; Jean Winslow, chaplain; Mary West, sergeant-at-arms.

The first club meeting was held at the Assembly Hall, where, with an impressive candle-light ceremony, Friendship Sisters were introduced to each of the club members. The club entertained the Wasioto Club at a semi-formal banquet on Sunday, November 19. After a varied program, Mr. Siemsen, as guest speaker told us "Much Ado About Nothing." The student cast, in "The Courtship of Miles Standish," made their appearance and brought us several scenes of that poem.

Williams Hall is very fortunate and thankful to have a new washing machine for the girls' use. That is one of the new additions to the girls' dormitory.

## Oh Promise Me

Jennie Mae Hodgin, junior nurse, will become the bride of Mr. Dean Edwards, a student in the X-ray Department, on December 21, at Greenville, S. C. Miss Hopper has her fingers crossed for fear a few more junior nurses may follow in Jennie Mae's footsteps.

Haven't heard much about the feud between Miss Wetmore and Dr. Schuler here lately. Dr. Schuler got after Tillie for walking across the San lawn, and now every time he goes to visit one of his patients he has to keep on the sidewalk, so that he will be a good example for Miss Wetmore to follow.

Nothing is too small to be thoroughly done. A small thing is a pin, for example; yet it takes seven men to make a perfect pin.—Edward Bok