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## Dormitory Campaign Launched

Considerable interest is being aroused, both on and off the campus, in the plans for a dormitory. The Public Relations Department, under the direction of Wm. E. Patterson, director, has already started raising funds for this much-needed dormitory. Part of the plans consist of giving programs before various Civic organizations in Nashville and surrounding cities.

On November 27 and 28, programs were given before the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Clarksville. These organizations, along with others, are very much interested in the work being done at Madison College and Madison Sanitarium, and it is hoped that the program being given by the young people of the college will greatly aid in the raising of funds for the dormitory.

Following the program before the Rotary Club at Clarksville, quite a number of young people and several of the faculty visited business men and establishments at Clarksville. Many friendly contacts were made and it is believed that when final computation will be made, the results of the afternoon's work will amount to several hundred dollars for the dormitory fund.

In a chapel talk, Director Wm. E. Patterson stated that he was going to urge starting the dormitory when some \$15,000 or \$20,000 had been raised and that he is planning to ask students, teachers, and others associated with the college, sanitarium, and hospital to undertake the raising of money or securing donations of nails, blocks, windows, lumber, etc., so as to begin the much-needed dormitory housing.

He further stated that the donations already secured amounted to over \$800 and that he believed that the fund would grow to several thousands of dollars within the next two or three months.

If all—students, teachers, nurses, doctors, and workers—help with their small donations—or large ones if they choose—and will aid in the solicitation of funds, the dormitory campaign should be a big success in a short time.

The Music Department sponsored the programs given by the following group: Charles and Duane Wang, Richard Ackerman, Stewart Vreeland, Ben Greening, Jose Morales, Pat Mitzelfelt, Vincent Mitzelfelt, Dalline Colvin, Mary Ellen Eaves, Aquila Patterson, Johnny Read, and Clayton Spady.

Those who solicited were Ramona Seath, Velma Stewart, Mrs. Bowen, and Messrs. Saphiloff, White, Whited, Lorenz, Tucker, and Mitzelfelt.

Elder Lorenz's talk on Tuesday and Dean Tucker's on Wednesday held the attention of the club members and did much in acquainting these business men with Madison's educational program.

## Bloodbank Visits Campus

The annual visit to Madison College of the Nashville and Davidson County Chapter of the American Red Cross Bloodbank took place November 19. The following statement of appreciation was made to a reporter by a nurse in charge of the activities of the day, which took place in the chapel of the Demonstration Building:

"Madison College has done a great deal in helping the American Red Cross in their endeavor to bring life blood to those overseas. We certainly appreciate all that you folks are doing. Today you have contributed 55 pints of blood. Sixty-six people went through line, a fair representation. Eleven of them were rejected. One of our graduates of this year, Earl Barham, was the first to go through, and Mr. H. E. Clough from the sanitarium was the last recruit. We again say that we appreciate your help."

Dr. W. F. Sheridan, assisted by Mrs. Jane Griffin, six other graduate nurses, and six volunteer workers from the local chapter, spent the entire day at Madison. Along with these were nine of the Madison student nurses who are members of the Home and School and Community Nursing Class. In helping with the bloodbank, they came in contact with another phase of the nursing profession.

Madison's own school nurse, Mrs. Lucille Jennings, promoted this program here on the campus, and thanks are due her for her faithful help.

The secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Men are like steel—of little value when they lose their temper.

## Two Boards Merge For Greater Efficiency

For many years there have been two organizations responsible for the operation of Madison College and Madison Sanitarium and Hospital. More recently it has been the attitude of quite a number of responsible persons connected with the General, Union, and Local Conferences, and the self-supporting workers, that the time had come for unification of these two agencies.

At a recent meeting of the two constituencies and their respective Boards, it was voted that this unification take place and that the Rural Educational Association be dissolved and the administration of the work be carried on under the charter granted to the original Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute.

The present trustees now number sixty persons; the operating board is composed of nineteen of the trustees; and the executive committee is composed of seventeen.

It is hoped that the work of the institution may move forward in a more efficient way in order to reach its divine objectives.

WESLEY AMUNDSEN, *President*

## Student Poems Chosen For National Publication

Mrs. Edna Atkin Pepper and Mrs. Myrle Tabler have received letters from the National Poetry Association notifying them that poems they recently submitted have been accepted for publication in the *Annual Anthology of College Poetry*.

This Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

Mrs. Pepper's poem was entitled "Consider the Lilies," and Mrs. Tabler's, "I Thank Thee."

Nearly fifty of Mrs. Pepper's poems have appeared in fifteen different periodicals, including the leading Seventh-day Adventist journals and a number of inter-denominational publications. In addition to these, her book, *The Poet's*

## Builders!

Criticism can gnaw its way through the very roots of an institution, causing, if not severe wreckage, at least many hindrances to its progress.

Our institution was founded under the direction of our Lord Himself, to train youth to carry forward the "Light of the World" to those in darkness. To this end our leaders are ever striving; we recognize and appreciate their efforts, but do we sometimes unduly criticize?

m.j.j.

I watched them tearing a building down—  
A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a "Ho, heave, ho!" and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
And the kind you would hire if you were to build?"  
He laughed and said: "Why, no, indeed.  
Just common laborers are all I need;  
They can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken years to do."

So I said to myself as I went on my way,  
What part in the game of life do I play?  
Am I a builder who builds with care,  
Thoughtfully measuring with rule and square?

Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker—who walks the town—  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

—John H. Spelts

## Faculty Doings

President Wesley Amundsen was elected secretary-treasurer of the Association of Self-supporting Institutions at the Fall Council of Seventh-day Adventists, recently held in Cleveland, Ohio.

C. O. Franz was in Huntsville, Alabama, November 14-15 helping the conference auditors.

Staff members who attended the Fall Council were Brethren Amundsen, Franz, Gant, and Tucker.

Dean Oakes attended the annual meeting of the Southern College Personnel Association at Lexington on November 12 and 13.

Dean Tucker drove to Miami for the Thanksgiving week end, where he talked with the immigration officers concerning Madison's foreign students. He reports that he made favorable contacts with these officers, who outlined a very definite program for Madison College and gave this school a high rating as a college open to accepting foreign students.

Mr. Floyd Byers and family spent their belated vacation with relatives in Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, and with Mr. Byers' parents in Nebraska.

The Madison family extends sympathy to Dr. Frances Dittes in the death of

her sister, Mrs. Catherine Scott, who has made her home with Dr. Dittes during the past year. A memorial service was held at the Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, after which Dr. Dittes accompanied the body to Monticello, Minnesota, where interment was made.

Because of the heavy strain of the last few months spent at her sister's bedside, Dr. Dittes has been in bed several weeks with a severe cold, an unusual experience for her. "During my forty years on this campus, I have spent only four days in the hospital, following a tonsillectomy. That is my health record up to this fall," Dr. Dittes said. At this time she has completely recovered from her siege with the cold.

## Delta Nu Zeta

Now that the fragrance of fresh cor-sages has left the air, we may drop in on Williams Hall unmolested.

It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world. The hands that wielded the needle in the making of the attractive new curtains in first floor lobby, belong to Williams Hall's reigning dean, Mrs. Rowland. The girls are very grateful for her constant interest in their comfort and well being.

Mrs. Amundsen had a stirring tale to tell her cafeteria staff on her return from the Cleveland Fall Council. Elder and Mrs. Amundsen left Madison October 16, planning to visit relatives in Minnesota, but were stopped abruptly by the blizzard which passed through the North-Central states. They spent some time with Mrs. Amundsen's sister in Wisconsin and then turned south, where they viewed a second disaster, the flood which had ravaged the Central States in the Mississippi area. The Amundsens returned November 12, where nothing more outstanding than an early snow had occurred.

Opal Lowry may be interned in the sanitarium later this year for correction surgery on her back, which is believed to have been injured in a fall in childhood.

Marilyn Jensen, the BEACON editor, who is not a dormitory resident, but is an adopted sister of Williams Hall girls, has another editor in her family. Her younger sister, Anne, has been elected to the editorship of the Academy section of the 1952 annual.

Seems Jerry Robinson, one of the dormitory's fall recruits, is allergic to Williams Hall. After spending most of the fall quarter in the hospital, she left Madison for Florida, November 20, shortly after her dismissal from the Sanitarium. Williams Hall's best wishes go with her.

Another much missed little miss is Barbara Bailey, Mrs. Rowland's little grand-daughter. She and her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, a pre-nursing student and Gotzian Home resident, have gone for a short trip to North Carolina, where they will make arrangements to sell their home.

Maricaibo, Venezuela, is the new home of Aline Wallis's sister and her husband, who has just accepted a drilling supervisor's position in South America. Aline spent a short time of farewell with her sister in El Dorado, Arkansas, and returned to Madison, November 11, to resume her school work.

Despite the rustling of formals and the snapping of suitcase catches during Thanksgiving vacation, the BEACON thinks that Williams Hall will be in business at the time of its next edition. Meanwhile hearts are light and smiles are frequent, for it's only nineteen more days till Christmas.

## BEACON STAFF

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#### WORKSHOP DELEGATES IN GENERAL SESSION

Left to right: Southwestern Junior College: Bob Hamilton, Lynell King, Jerry Meier, Fred Speyer, Bob Jacobs, Gayle Rhoads; Emmanuel Missionary College: Dr. Augsburger, Carol Lafferty, Sarah Ann Gwodge, Ed Kopp, Floyd Costerison, Jim Brown; Union College: President Hartman, Dr. Ogden, Mareta Jensen, Clarice Anderson, Palmer Wick, Dick Hunt, Bill Courtney; Madison College: Donald Welch, Pat Mitzelfelt, Archie Weemes, Marilyn Jensen, Aline Wallis, Sue Townsend, Oakwood College: Frank Hale, Marcheta Valentine, James Meloncon, Winnie Jackson, Willie Conway; Atlantic Union College: B. H. VanHorne, President L. N. Holm, Jerome Lastine, Doris Doelner, Marilyn Kueffner, Malcolm Ryder; Oshawa Missionary College: Barbara Turpin, Pat Okimi, Connie Lebedoff, Mr. Radcliffe; Washington Missionary College: Stanley Stiener, J. W. Peake, Dr. C. N. Rees, Walter Herrell, Clarence Gruesbeck, Russell Argent; Southern Missionary College: Chet Jordan, Floyd Greenleaf, Dr. Richard L. Hammill, Jack Martz, Dewey Urick, James Joiner.

## Students Attend Workshop

Madison College was represented at the second Inter-Collegiate Workshop of the Seventh-day Adventist Colleges of North America and Canada by a delegation of five students, Archie Weemes, Pat Mitzelfelt, Marilyn Jensen, Sue Townsend, and Aline Wallis, along with their acting sponsor, Donald Welch. This workshop was held at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 26-29.

Fifty representatives from the nine colleges were in attendance at the workshop. The colleges represented were Oshawa Missionary College in Canada, Southern Missionary College, Atlantic Union College, Emmanuel Missionary College, Oakwood College, Southwestern Junior College, Union College, and Washington Missionary College.

The workshop was divided into general sessions, an administrators' committee, and the publishing committee, which gave opportunity for the representatives of the nine colleges to discuss their problems and accept recom-

mendations from one another. There was opportunity for an exchange of problems and ideas among these youth of the Advent Movement, who have common interests in schools that prepare for both the here and the hereafter.

The workshop was not completely taken up with work, for the generous and hospitable hosts provided the delegations with interesting entertainment, enjoyable food, and lovely rooms during their four days' stay at the College of the Golden Cords.

In the closing hours of the workshop, plans were made for another Inter-Collegiate Workshop to be held next year at Union College with the hope that at that time the West Coast colleges would also send delegates.

Criticism is something one can avoid by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.

## Wasiota Highlights

The Wasiota Club has elected the following officers for this quarter: President, William Campbell; vice-president, Paul Coe; secretary, Charles Bessire; treasurer, Larry Kelly; parliamentarian, Howard Huenergardt, and sergeant-at-arms, Joe Adams.

At a recent club program, Mr. Siemsen talked on the topic, "The Rise and Fall of the British Empire." There has also been a program consisting of piano solos, vocal solos, and quartette by Jo Ann Gibbons, Johnny Read, Jose Morales, Mario Lopez, Pedro Ramos, and Ruben Perales.

Plans are being laid by the club for a reception and also for a benefit program to raise funds for a needy project, neither date having been set as yet.

Paint has been ordered to paint the outside of Men's Court.

The Club had a surprise birthday party for Dean Oakes on November 4. Refreshments of cookies and ice cream were served.

#### STUDENT POEMS

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Corner, which appeared last year, contained fifty poems, making a total of about 100 of Mrs. Pepper's poems which have been published.

Mrs. Tabler, who is a great lover of the poetry of the masters, admits that she did not expect her poem, "I Thank Thee," to be accepted, as she has written less than a dozen poems in her lifetime. However, of these, two have been printed before.

#### CONSIDER THE LILIES

By EDNA ATKIN PEPPER

Beyond the path of stones before the door,

The lily pool with lily-padded floor,

And pure and spotless in the rising sun  
The lovely lilies open, one by one.

So beautiful their waxen, rosy tint,  
Without a whisper or the faintest hint

Of their dark origin, below the flow  
Of sun and shadow where the ripples  
blow.

Their feet were planted in the oozing mire,  
But this could not drown out the soul's desire,

And in exalted loveliness they bloom  
Upon the purling waters of the flume.

#### I THANK THEE

By MYRLE TABLER

I thank Thee, Lord,  
For sun, and air, and food, and dress,  
For beauty on a thousand hills,  
For home, and friends, and happiness.

I thank Thee, Lord,  
For storm, and pain, and poverty;  
Thy chastening is precious sweet—  
By it Thou showest love to me.

## What The Bees Are Doing

December has come and one might suppose all to be quiet on the bee-front; but is it?

With the lower entrance to the hive reduced so that the mice cannot bother, and the brood-nest packed with that most delicious of sweets—honey, what more would anyone want?

However, this is not enough for the little bees that inhabit the hive. They must work all winter to keep the home fire burning, so to speak. How? do you ask? They do this by eating honey and then clustering together—a teeming, moving, working mass of life—for within that cluster a summer temperature must be maintained.

As one considers the bee that feasts upon honey to keep itself and others warm, he may well wonder whether he is keeping his spiritual life burning as brightly as he should by feasting upon the statutes and judgments of the Lord.

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Ps. 19:10.

## Girls Entertain at Banquet

Delta Nu Zeta club members were hostesses at a banquet honoring Wasiota club members and other invited guests Sunday night, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. The evening's entertainment consisted of musical selections, skits, and readings depicting life in various sections of the country, a three-course dinner, and the showing of two films in the Helen Funk Assembly Hall.

The first section of the country represented was the West. Dr. Schuler, who is from Oregon, sang "The Hills of Home." The Southwest was represented by Chips Blankenship, who sang of a cowboy auctioneer, Bully Campbell, who soloed on "Tumbling Tumble Weeds," Messrs. Campbell and Colvin, who presented the old Western folk song, "Snow Dear," and Bully Campbell and Alice Sabo, who engaged in a bit of conversation on the ranch house porch.

The North was next heard from. Susie Townsend sang "The Beautiful Ohio," and Jo Ann Gibbons and Mary Ellen Eaves sang a catchy little arrangement of "Winter Wonderland."

Leah Sepulveda and Nayade Cabrera, representing Cuba and Puerto Rico, sang "Adios Muchachos" and "La Paloma."

Following this was a reading given by Hazel Wade, who impersonated a little mountain boy.

The next section had a Southern setting. The Southern Belles, a girls' quartette, sang "Pale Moon" and "Listen to the Mockingbird." Then the Kentucky Colonels, male quartette, sang "Kentucky Babe" and "When You Wore

a Tulip." The Southern Belles then closed this part of the program as they gave a beautiful rendition of "I'll See You in My Dreams."

The three-course dinner consisted of a cocktail, a plate containing sweet potato, mock turkey, corn, and broccoli, and the seasonal dessert of pumpkin pie served with ice cream and punch.

The program committee consisted of Jessie Mae Gray, Doris Taylor, Elsie Barba, Bettye Nelson, and Jo Garrard. Doris Taylor, as Mistress of Ceremonies, very ably and appropriately introduced the numbers.

## Campus Resident Marks 3,000th Sabbath School

Down in the Cradle Roll Department last Sabbath little Carey Riley proudly dropped in her birthday offering—she was two years old.

Over in the Senior Division Brother Verney proudly dropped in his birthday offering—he was ninety years old.

Each one of these members has a record to be proud of. Carey attended her first Sabbath school when she was one month old. She has a thirty-year start on Brother Verney, who has been attending Sabbath school for sixty years.

Little Carey is early learning the daily study habit and joins the other tiny tots in repeating the memory verse each Sabbath. Brother Verney, who learned the daily study habit long ago, still studies his lesson every morning after breakfast. Nor does he slight the memory verses, for he can say all the memory verses for this quarter.

Brother Verney has attended more than 3000 Sabbath schools in his sixty years as a Sabbath-keeper. If time should last and Carey should live to be ninety years old, she will have attended more than 4600 Sabbath schools. Even now, she is determined to be there every Sabbath. Not long ago, when her daddy was not feeling well, her mother suggested that Carey stay at home with him. But very emphatically Carey insisted, "Go to Sabbath school." What an inspiration the records of both these members furnish!

Brother Verney is a familiar figure on the Madison campus. Not only does he attend all the religious services, including midweek prayer meeting, even in zero weather, but he is usually present at the musical programs, lectures, and other student activities. He is ninety years young.

Born in Michigan on December 1, 1861, he was baptized sixty years ago by Elder Luther Warren. Sister White was present at his baptism. He has lived in Michigan most of his life. The campus family wish for him many more years of health and happiness that he may continue to inspire others by his faithfulness.

## Heard Around the Hospital

Madison is happy to welcome Miss Joyce Penner to the Sanitarium family. She comes from the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, and is taking up her duties as head nurse on West Hall.

Mrs. Jean Lowder is the new clinical instructor for the School of Nursing.

Mrs. Colvin has joined the Sanitarium staff and is working in Central Supply.

The Sanitarium is sorry to lose Miss Katina Poulos. She has returned to her home in St. Louis, Missouri.

Need your home insulated? Dr. Gilbert Johnson and four of his X-ray students are experts. A few weeks ago Ray Kadnatz, David Jarmillia, Roy Wilkins, and Edgar Byrd insulated Dr. Naomi Pitman's new home. Roy, do you know whose big foot went through the living room ceiling?

Tuesday, October 30, and Friday, November 17, found the stork busy on the campus. Dr. and Mrs. James Schuler, Dr. and Mrs. John Wesley Osborne, and Mr. and Mrs. William Fred Schwab all welcome baby boys to their families. Congratulations!

The Mobile Chest X-ray Truck was on the campus November 20, taking x-rays of all chests. The student health service reports that 388 had their chests x-rayed.

The last issue of THE BEACON stated that Charles Wang and Mervin Riggenbach were the "chief dish-washers" in the Clinical Laboratory. Thinking there might have been some inaccuracy in the statement, the reporter questioned Mr. Donald Welch about their position. He informs readers that these boys weren't the chief, but only the chief's assistants. The question now is, Who is the chief?

## Did You Know?

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnside spent two weeks at the home of their son, Eddie Burnside.

Several of Madison's number have greeting cards from Uncle Sam and have left to answer his call. Those who have recently left are James B. Collins, stationed at Paris Island, North Carolina, and Wilbur Field, located at Fort Mead, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cline, former students, visited the William Brandemihls recently.

Richard Ackerman has been hospitalized with an eye injury and is still suffering some inconvenience from the afflicted member.

June, the traditional month for brides, is still the best time to join the family of married students. "Thirteen minutes" is hardly enough time for a marriage ceremony and all its trimmings.