



Elder N. C. Wilson Accepts Position Here

Elder N. C. Wilson, recently returned from the mission field, has accepted the call of the Board to become controller of the institution and will assume his position the latter part of January.

Elder Wilson's wide experience in administrative and executive positions makes him a valuable man for this office and the Board feels that his coming will greatly strengthen the administration here.

During the years 1921 and 1922 Elder Wilson was Bible instructor at Madison. Since then he has been a Union Conference president, vice-president of the North American Division of the General Conference, president of the Australasian Division, and most recently president of the Indonesian Division.

Elder and Mrs. Wilson will have with them their youngest son Donald, who is a senior in the academy. Their other children are married and engaged in various positions in the denomination.

Pierson Speaks at Student Seminar

In his fourteen-minute sermonette at the Seminar, Bob Pierson drew illustrations from his recent trip through Bible lands to develop his topic, "Is the Bible Really God's Book?"

He described the ruins of old Babylon and Tyre, showing how they vindicate God's prophetic Scriptures.

The speaker took this trip earlier this year, as the family were returning to this country from India, where his father, Elder Robert H. Pierson, now president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, was president of the Southern Asia Division.

Others who had part in this Seminar program were Mr. Kunau and James Wright.

Boulevard Church Presents Program

The Madison Boulevard Church Choir presented a program entitled "Christmas Fantasies" Saturday, December 18, 1954, at 8:00 p.m. in the Helen Funk Assembly Hall.

Associated Students Sponsor Second Annual Christmas Party for Community Children



The children were so happy to receive their gifts of clothing, toys and stocking of candy, nuts and fruit at the ASMC Christmas party.

The varied parts on the program held the audience interest completely. A piano solo entitled "Silver Bells" was played by Carol Hilgers.

The girls' chorus sang "Winter Wonderland." Three readings in keeping with the season were given by Mrs. F. Waagen, Mrs. Henry Jensen, and Jackie Cothren.

The choir sang outstandingly famous Christmas carols. Also a community sing was led by Elder Teddric Mohr, acting pastor of the church. The highlight of the evening, of course, was the coming of Santa Claus. Santa thought he had his identity hidden until a small feminine voice spoke out, "Daddy, see what me got!"

Mitzelfelt Elected To Who's Who

Harold Vincent Mitzelfelt, 20, son of Mr. Harold E. Mitzelfelt of Madison College, Tennessee, was recently chosen by his college faculty and fellow students to be a *Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities* candidate for 1954-55. He is now attending Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mitzelfelt, whose father is head of the music department at Madison College, is director of the College View Seventh-day Adventist church choir in Lincoln, one of the largest churches of the

denomination in the United States, with a membership of approximately 1600.

Mitzelfelt is also interested in instrumental and string music. He frequently performs solo with the trombone and is director of the college orchestra. He is a senior expecting to graduate in May, majoring in pre-medical courses.

Before entering Union College last year, Mitzelfelt attended Madison College where he was graduated from the academy in 1951. He was elected president of the band there in 1951 and was chosen president of his senior class.

Madisonite Accepts Call to Africa

Miss Marilyn Jensen, B.S., '52, sailed last month for South Africa, where she will be connected with the Inyazura Mission in South Rhodesia, teaching in the school for training native workers.

The call to Africa came to Miss Jensen from the General Conference while she was teaching at Oak Park, where she had been for the two years following her graduation.

While a student at Madison she held various positions of responsibility, among which were editor of the school paper, assistant dean of women, and secretary to the head of the Department of Religion.

Thirty-one Children Guests of A.S.M.C.

The Associated Students of Madison College sponsored a Christmas party for thirty-one children from the area of Madison, Old Hickory, and Donelson on Tuesday evening, December 21.

Several faculty members used their cars to bring the children to the campus.

As each child arrived on the campus, a college student took that child to supper with him. After supper the children played games and sang carols in the parlor of Williams Hall.

At seven o'clock they were taken to the chapel, where many people of the community had gathered.

The group sang Christmas carols while waiting for the main portion of the program.

The most important part of the program was the arrival of Santa Claus, who was quietly filling a sock at the fireplace when the curtains were drawn. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and then began to distribute the many packages to the children. Each child received clothing and a toy and a sock containing candy, nuts, and fruit.

The program was over at nine o'clock. The children were happy and so were the students, who felt that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.

Music Dept. Presents Annual Musicales

The Madison College Music Department presented its annual Christmas musicale on Saturday evening, December 11. The program, "Christmas Tidings in Song," featured the college a cappella choir, the academy choir, and the junior and cherub choirs of the demonstration school.

Following the impressive candle-lighted procession of the robed college choir and the academy choir singing the traditional "Adeste Fideles," the combined

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Christmas Every Day

"Christmas comes but once a year"
Is an old familiar phrase,
But what do you do with Christmas
Through all the other days?

With Christmas tree and Santa Claus and all the shining tinsel, man often fails to see the star that shone so brightly in Bethlehem so many years ago.

Truly Christmas is a time for joy and good cheer, and much that goes with Christmas should come but once a year.

But the true meaning of Christmas is the love of God, who sent His Son to this earth. This should not come just once a year, but all the days of every month.

If we but carry through the year the truths that Christ came to give, we'll find that within our hearts it's Christmas every day.

JG

Vacation Diary

Dec. 15

Tonight all the students gathered in the gymnasium to play games—basketball, ping pong, and such. Later on Mr. Morris led the students in a few marches.

Dec. 18

The Boulevard church put on a program tonight, entitled "Christmas Fantasies."

Dec. 19

The faculty members took the students to see the Nativity Scene at the Parthenon in Nashville. On the return trip we drove through a residential section of Nashville which was decorated to fit the season.

Dec. 21

Tonight the A.S.M.C. sponsored the annual Christmas party for the needy children of the community. It was a great success.

Dec. 23

Tonight all the students joined the choir in singing carols at the Sanitarium. All seemed to enjoy themselves. The Christmas spirit seems to be at an all-time high.

Dec. 25

A film "Room for One More" was shown tonight. The students enjoyed it very much.

Dec. 26

Two more days of vacation left. A bunch of "guys and gals" watched TV in the men's parlor.

For Better or Worse

TOMMY MINO

This Christmas season brings a variety of activities and mixed emotions of sorrow, joy, and thanksgiving to the student body of Madison College. While many are happy during the Yule season because it is the one best time during the year to go home and enjoy the pleasantness of home and friends, for others it may be the first Christmas away from home; others are busy getting their affairs adjusted for the next quarter of school to begin.

There are others who are giving Cupid a chance to accomplish some of his work during the short period of time between quarters. You will be hearing more about these later, no doubt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Aldridge spent a good share of their holiday taking a house trailer to Florida for Mrs. Collard, from Michigan, who has been living in Trailer Court the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hiscock and family spent some time visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Tommy Mino, on their way to and from Mississippi, where they went to see their new grandson of December 11.

Rex Leatherwood had to go to Texas for the holidays by himself because of the work schedule of his wife Betty, who is very busy

working in surgery these days.

Dale Kendall, student anesthetist, and his wife enjoyed a few days at Christmas time visiting with relatives in Florida.

Mr. Boyer, who was injured some time ago and has been unable to get out to do any kind of work for some time, has been spending quite a bit of his time building a Heath radio receiving kit. We will be glad to see him back in active circulation as soon as he can make it.

Dr. Ramsey is looking over the field of tape recorders trying to decide what will be the most practical, economical, and satisfying one to buy; if anyone has any suggestions he might appreciate them.

Delta News Eta

LILLIAN AZEVEDO

The first quarter is over, Christmas vacation brought trips home for some and Christmas away from home for others, and a new quarter is about to begin.

Just before vacation began, the Williams Hall girls had a Christmas party. Christmas trees and gifts from friendship sisters were the main attraction until at midnight the girls serenaded the men of the campus.

The girls are still cherishing pleasant memories of the beautiful banquet given them by the Wasiota Club shortly before Christmas. The food was delicious and the entertainment tops.

We were all made sad as our dean, Miss Ilka Reis, bade us a pleasant good-by and departed for a leave of absence to Brazil. Here is wishing her the best of health and happiness and also hoping for her soon return. We miss her very much.

Maellene Haviland "celebrated" the holidays by having her tonsils out.

And now a happy and successful New Year to all of you!



HENRY BURCHARD

From Wasiota Hall comes this bit of news: Dean Williams has borrowed a T.V. set for the Christmas vacation. The set is in the parlor and is being used every night by the Wasiotans, who bring their dates and girl friends over to watch it.

Most of the fellows from the men's dormitories are on vacation, but those who decided to "stay by the ship" are enjoying themselves, although each one wishes he could be at home for Christmas.

Bill Graves and Harry Mayden supplied the Christmas tree for the

annual Christmas party for the children of the community and were in charge of the decorating of the same. To have heard them talk, one would have thought they were the only ones who knew anything about Christmas trees. On second thought, maybe they were. Mrs. Tina Sanders thought so after she saw the tree they brought her.

Louis Meyers had a hard time getting away for vacation. It seems as though the mail was awfully slow in getting here, but finally it came through with enough money for Louis to go home on.

Henry Burchard is a new resident at the Assembly Hall Upstairs. One morning about five o'clock the phone rang and someone wanted Bill Grover. Henry then asked the party if it was important, giving this explanation: "We can't wake an upperclassman at this hour of the night unless it's very important." It seems that Bill Grover has finally got it across that he is an upperclassman.

Two of the fellows who have lived in the Assembly Hall Upstairs will be living in Trailer Court next quarter. You see Stanley Rudisale and Robert Lawry have decided that a bachelor's life is for the birds. We wish them every happiness.

Gotzian Gossip

BESSIE BURNETT

'Twas two weeks before Christmas
And all through the dorm
Excitement was rampant
As if brewing a storm.
Our club had been organized,
Every plan had been laid;
Now was the time
For our Christmas parade.
Names had been drawn
From the jar in the hall,
And each one expected
Old Santa to call.

Then the bell, it rang loudly,
The call was to "come,"
And down to the parlor
Girls trooped every one.
There was the Christmas tree
So beautifully dressed,
And each girl was wearing
Her holiday best.
Each gift was examined
And "Thank You" expressed
Midst mouthfuls of popcorn
Candy, nuts, and the rest.

Flashes were taken
Of the group as a whole
Also the club officers stood
By the tree tall and bold,
Then when lights were turned out
"Danny Boy" flashed on the screen.
Everyone enjoyed this—
'Twas a most touching scene.
The devotion of a dog
To his master so true
Was enough to bring tears
To each eye, gray or blue.

Thus the evening was ended
Behind windows so white,
And each girl settled down
For a long winter night.

Let's Get Acquainted



Carlous
Mason

If West Virginia has ever produced another man like Carlous Mason, we have not heard of him, at least not on the Madison campus.

He can do anything from making delicious bread of almost any kind of grain or bean to tackling baffling Greek infinitives.

He has endured the rugged ramparts of war-torn Korea, Manchuria, and Japan for four and one-half years, has spent one year in Italy, and for two more years floated around to various parts of the United States. On top of these years in the service, he spent eighteen months in a hospital in New Mexico.

Although not an Adventist at the time, he enlisted in the Medical Department, gaining experience in almost all lines of army medical procedures. "I even performed minor surgery, if you want to call it that," he says.

Being in the continual presence of death and suffering brought to Carlous' mind the definite need of a Saviour. It was while he was on the Korean battlefield that he came in contact with a Seventh-day Adventist boy, and together they studied the Bible truths near the muddy battlefield. In July, 1951, he was baptized in the Hong Chong river.

Because of the winter exposure to which he was submitted in Korea, exposure that cost many of his buddies fingers and toes, his hospital stay in New Mexico was necessary. During this time many of the Adventist church members visited him. Among these was a family who had formerly been at Madison, through whom he learned of Madison College.

As soon as he was able, he left for Madison, where he has been now for about a year. A religion major, he dreams of someday going back overseas, this time to take the story of the gospel to those oriental lands.

Blue Notes

EDNA THORNTON

We believe that the Music Department has done its part in fostering the Christmas spirit, for ever since the choir program on December 11, Christmas music in one form or another has been provided at almost every service.

Friday night vespers on December 17 was an all-musical Christmas program including carols from Sweden, France, England, Germany, and America. Highlighting the program were several German folk songs sung by Petra Sukau and Barbara Meinardus in their native language. Readings appropriate to the occasion were given by Miss Mary Gafford and Mrs. Althea Turnbull.

And now on the lighter side—the a cappella and academy choirs had a little party after their program the other night.

As everyone gathered 'round the lighted tree, the sound of crunching apples and squeals of delight from the girls—the boys took it more calmly—almost drowned out Santa's helpers as they called out names to receive packages. Helping Santa were Elder Ackerman, Professor Mitzelfelt, Harry Mayden, and Aubrey Thompson. As would be expected, the rehearsal room was a sight after everyone had gone, but next day the janitor crew under Mrs. Kunau's direction straightened it up as good as new.

Joyce Christensen, our faithful choir accompanist, has gone home to Colorado for the holidays, and we, along with her roommate JoAnn Gibbons, are missing her. We wish her a happy holiday and hope she comes back refreshed to complete her senior year and graduate next August.

Just in case you are wondering what has given Professor and Mrs. Mitzelfelt that "new look," we'll let you in on a little secret. They are now proud grandparents! Ramona Lynn Mitzelfelt was born on December 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mitzelfelt, who are now at Union College, where Vincent is completing his pre-medical course.

The Vincent Mitzelfelts spent their vacation on the Madison campus.

Well, it looks as though we have more than reached that 300-word limit, so we'll wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and say "so long" until next year.

Music Program

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choirs sang "The First Noel" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Two groups of carols and Christmas anthems were sung by the a cappella choir, under the direction of Professor Harold Mitzelfelt. Then the junior and cherub choirs sang the well-loved children's hymns "Away in a Manger," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night." Joyce Christensen, senior music major, assisted in directing the children's choirs.

Dorothy Evans-Ackerman presented the academy choir singing "O Come, O Come, Immanuel," "Beautiful Saviour," and "Go, Tell It on the Mountains."

Secular numbers by the a cappella choir included two mountain carols—"Johnny Bring the Pine Tree In," and "Susan Belle"—as well as the old traditional "Deck the Halls."

In a special arrangement of "Silent Night," with the three-part descant sung by Mrs. Ackerman, Leah Rodriguez, Patricia Silver, and Eulene Borton, the a cappella choir presented this well-beloved

Christmas hymn in a new and effective setting.

In closing, the combined choirs joined heartily in singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." It was a sincere wish to students soon off to their homes for the holidays as well as to the community folk and visitors assembled to hear the program.

Herbert Slater, Harry Mayden, Jan Rushing, Alfred Durham, and Bob Silver were responsible for the scenery, lighting, and other background incidentals. Accompanists were Joyce Christensen and Carol Hilgers.

What Now?

If anyone enjoys Christmas vacation more than anyone else, it's likely a freshman girl. This year may be her first experience away from home. At least it's her first year at college.

Although plans and dreams do not always materialize, here are some of them as expressed just the day before vacation began.

Shirley Hancock: "I am going to leave this cold North and migrate to warm, sunny southern Florida for two weeks. While there I'll probably catch up on my lost sleep, work some, and eat as many of those "lush" Florida oranges as I can make room for. Then I'll come back up here again."

Christine Perkins: "I plan to go to Booneville, Arkansas. For two wonderful, blissful weeks I'm

going to do nothing but have fun, sleep, and eat my mother's cooking."

Gail and Faye Luck: "We are going to Detroit, Michigan, to see our folks. We plan to enjoy ice skating while we have the chance and also to visit with our old classmates of Adelphian Academy."

How are these for a real Harvest Ingathering spirit?

Ramona Scott: "I am heading for Mobile, Alabama, where I plan to sew and get plenty of rest. I also plan to get my Ingathering goal for there, too."

Velma Van Sandt: "While at home in Cassville, Missouri, I plan to work in the hospital where I learned the Adventist truth and use the money that I earn to help Elder Lorenz's Ingathering band reach its second minute-man goal."

Alumni Alohas

Merle Tabler, R.N. and B.S., Class of '54, is now with the Cumberland Mountain Clinic at Altamont, Tennessee. Later she plans to connect with the Dunlap, Tennessee, clinic. Mrs. Tabler's poems have appeared frequently in the MADISONIAN during the years she has been here, and the staff hopes to hear from her occasionally even though she is no longer a student.

Studying the Bible may not end warfare, but it will improve human beings.

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At Christmas

As the Christmas season is here, we see the evidence of Christmas spirit, and we feel it within ourselves. Christmas is a wonderful season, when love and kindness reign supreme in our hearts.

As we exchange gifts with friends and those we love, let us not forget how, in His great love for us, God made the great sacrifice and gave us the wonderful gift of salvation. We can repay him by giving ourselves wholly to Him and doing His will. And as the Christmas season passes, let us keep the feeling of good toward others and be better friends and neighbors to those around us. 1m

Town Talk

The Christmas tree shone brightly through the window as a group of girls came up the walk to the Moore home on the night of December 19. This was the night of the much anticipated Christmas party of the Village Girls' Club.

The popular game of "Prince of Paris" got us off to a rousing start. Then we were seated and given slips of paper and asked to write as many things pertaining to Christmas as we could think of within three minutes. Sue Holliman, our president, won with the naming of twenty items. Santa Claus was drawn without looking at our work; some of the drawings proved to be quite comical. Elaine and Sally drew what most resembled Santa.

Refreshments of burgers and punch were served, with Santa making his appearance just as we began eating. He proved to be a "jolly ole fella" as he handed to each girl her gift.

One lesson was learned by all during the evening. Sue taught us never to make a skirt out of only one yard of material. Why? Just ask Sue.

It was a grand evening, all agreed, as they joined in thanking Myrna for the use of her home.

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Vacation Scatters Students

Most of our fellow-academy students went home for the Christmas vacation. After they had all gone, the dormitory and the whole campus seemed a pretty quiet, empty place. For an idea of where home is to those who went home, here are some notes of where some went.

First of all, a whole delegation went the Texas way, including Lutherene Barnes, Mildred Brooks, Eugene Henderson, Martha Jones, Connie Martin, Cecilia Ann Hood, and Ceylon Wright.

Alvin Barham visited with his family in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Esau and Mene Cabrera went to Chicago to visit relatives. Elsie Gibbons went home to Birmingham, Alabama; Annetta Moore went to Madisonville, Kentucky, for the vacation. Dorothy McCarter went to Missouri to be with her family. Rodman Morris visited in Indiana for one week end, and Donald Cantrell went to Florida for four days.

Floris Schoonard didn't have to go home to be with her mother; instead her mother came down here, from Ohio. We hope that Mrs. Schoonard enjoyed her stay with us at Williams Hall.

Added to our academy group during vacation was Kathy Vess, from Little Creek School. Kathy is a junior. We all welcomed Kathy, and hoped that she learned to love Madison as have the rest of us.

Boy of the Month

For our boy of the month we have chosen another sophomore, who, as our girl of the month, in the last issue, has dark hair and dark eyes.

He lives on the campus, having been here for ten years and having taken all his schooling here.

His father is a department head, his mother works at being a good housewife and mother, and our boy of the month works for the electrical department.



Tommie
Arellano

Tommie Arellano comes to us from Espanola, New Mexico, where she was born. In her junior year, she attended McCurdy Missionary School, but we are glad that she decided to change to schools and come to Madison for her senior year.

The thing that Tommie likes to do most is to meet people. Her ambition is to become an elementary school teacher, and we think that she will make a very good one. The one thing that she dislikes is shots, but here's hoping that she will get over that!

Tommie, we wish you all the luck in the world as you graduate from Madison.



Eugene
Henderson

Eugene Henderson was welcomed into this world at Keene, Texas, on September 5, 1938.

Gene spent his freshman and sophomore years at Southwestern Junior College Academy, at Keene, and Pine Forest Academy, in Chunky, Mississippi. He is taking his high school in three years, a fact which explains why he is our youngest senior. Gene is the pastor of the class, or as he introduced himself, "the pastor from Texas."

Gene has proved himself a credit to our class, and with his spunk and courage, we know he will succeed in his life work.

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The Associated Students of Madison College wish to thank all those who donated money, food, time and suggestions toward the Annual Christmas Party for needy children of Madison-Old Hickory-Donelson areas. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

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