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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Thirty-one Attend Florida Bible Conference

Thirty-one college and academy students were delegates to the Second Southern Union Bible Conference held at High Springs, Florida, November 29 to December 3. (Picture on page 3)

The motto of the conference, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known," carried out the aim and purpose of this gathering of young people, to deepen the personal experience of each and to stimulate interest in successful soul-winning procedures.

Twelve colleges and academies were represented at the conference. Madison was represented by the following college students:

Clyde Ball, Judy Ball, Roger Bradley, Bob Brand, Marlowe Coppage, Kay Forrester, Ruth Gill, Danny Hoskinson, Lynda Laffin, Duane McConnell, Verne Miller, Esther Minesinger, Pat Ricks, Pauline Romo, Eugene Slaughter, Don Sullivan, Lolita Townsend, Jim Wagner, Jane Weaver, Connie Zanes.

The following ten academy students were delegates to the conference:

Robert Bowes, Linda Brashears, James Combs, Joel Craw, James Herman, Bunny Knight, Sandra Lee, Ed Reid, Loretta Sullivan, Janice Thomson.

Adult members who attended were Mr. Harold Keplinger, Mr. Elmer Fast, Mr. Norman Gulley, Mr. L. A. Watson, President Ralph Davidson, and Miss Maxine Page.

The conference was under the direction of Elder Desmond Cummings, Southern Union MV secretary, the local conference presidents, Elders Rees, Beem, and Becker from the Southern Union, Elder W. M. Adams from the General Conference, and Elder Bruce Johnson from Andrews University.

A typical day's program at the conference began with worship at 6:45 and breakfast at 7:30. After breakfast the delegates attended discussion groups of their choice, where such topics as "How to Pray," "How to Have Faith," "How to Study the Bible," "How to Lead a Friend to Christ," and "What the Spirit of Prophecy Can Do for You" were discussed.

After the discussion groups there was opportunity for recreation, canoeing perhaps being the favorite. Other recreation included volley ball, horseback riding, ping pong, softball, and even swimming.

At the evening meetings on Thursday and Friday Elder Bruce Johnson used the conference motto, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known," as the theme of his sermons.

Other inspirational features were the afternoon singspiration, Elder Cummings' interview with Don Sullivan, the prayer bands by the lake following the Sabbath evening meeting, and the many personal victories gained.

All left the conference eager to take back to their schools the blessings of the meetings.



Dorothy Graham, senior nursing student from Angwin, California, decorates the Christmas tree in the parlor of Williams Hall. In keeping with the Yuletide spirit, the girls are busily preparing for the Christmas season. Highlighting the activities was a Christmas party for the girls' club, which was on Sunday evening, December 17, in the Nutrition Laboratory. The girls sang carols, played games, and then opened their gifts they had received from their secret pals. A committee is laying plans for pleasant activities during the vacation for all the students who must remain here to work. Mr. John Rya's is Chairman of this committee.

Christmas Around the World

By JERRY BROWN

"Merry Christmas!" "Aid Norooz Mobarack!" "Shnoravor Zroond!" "Feliz Navidad!" "Maligayang pas-ko!" "Sing dan fi Rock!"

No matter how you say it—in English, Persian, Armenian, Spanish, Filipino, or Chinese, the same feelings of good will and peace are there.

As each language is different, so is the way the Christmas holiday is spent different. And so it is that a Christmas eve in Russia is celebrated by children caroling through the village streets, receiving food at each house. In France the children put their shoes on the doorstep to be filled with sugar plums. A Christmas eve in France also includes the burning of the yule log, a festive supper, and a candle light procession to the church at midnight.

Norway, Sweden, and Denmark celebrate Christmas in a similar way to that of Germany. These Scandinavians serve a rich rice pudding containing one almond. They believe that the person who gets the almond will be married before the next Christmas. In Holland the young men, in fantastic costumes, meet in the village square and choose a star bearer to carry a large lantern in the shape of a star and containing many lighted candles. He leads the procession through the streets singing "Gloria in Excelsis." Processions, often religious, also form part of the festivities in Belgium, Italy, Spain, Poland, Rumania, the Ukraine, Mexico, and South America.

Christmas Eve is a strict fast for the Poles, but as the first star appears, the feasting begins. Siberians keep open house for three days after Christmas, and everyone, friend or foe, is welcome. In England the gladness season has long been expressed by feasting and merriment. Henry VII in the 1400's introduced the wassail bowl from Scandinavian countries.

Canadian Christmases are celebrated in much the same way as they are in the United States. People in the French sections of Canada make it a point to feed

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And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:10, 14

EDITORIALS

The Sweetest Story

The story of our Saviour's birth is perhaps the most influential force for good in the Christian world today. Probably no other single idea can draw all men together in a common bond of love as does the Christmas message. This is a time when religious, social, and racial differences are laid aside to behold the wonder of unselfish love which Heaven gave to a selfish world. In the manger of Bethlehem was wrapped up all the love which God could give. He emptied all Heaven in this gift.

Today the story is just as fresh as it was 2000 years ago. The same Jesus that was born in a manger is born in men's hearts today. It is this spiritual birth which gives the true meaning to Christmas. If we will let Jesus be born anew in our hearts, we can make this Christmas a blessing, not only to ourselves, but to our school, our homes, and to all mankind.

R.B.

Giving from the Heart

What do you think of when your thoughts turn to Christmas and the holiday season? Do you think of home, friends, parties, and the exchanging of gifts?

True Christmas joy does not always come from the giving or receiving of expensive gifts. More often the seemingly little things that we do for people, or that others do for us, bring more joy than a gift that has cost much.

During this holiday season why not try to do something for someone in the true spirit of Christmas? Give from the heart, and not just from the pocketbook. Give to all large packages of helpfulness tied with bright bows of friendliness and delivered with the year-round gift of cheerfulness.

R. Bell Chapman has expressed my thought when he wrote:

*"The purest joys that Christmas brings
Are found in just the little things."*

R.C.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I know from experience the talk about cutting out the MADISONIAN because of the labor that it takes to put one out. We look forward to receiving our MADISONIAN. My wife and I read every article. We look through it to see what our old students are accomplishing. Even my children look at the pictures of familiar faces they know. The last issue had a picture of Richard Kunau in it. They keep looking at it and saying, "That's Richard Kunau."

You may feel that the paper is not appreciated, but it is. I am sure there are many more subscribers that feel as we do about the paper. Keep up the good work.

Your brother in Jesus,
Vito Fragola

Delta Nu Zeta

By ESTHER MINESINGER

On December 5 the girls' club presented the chapel program, which was a skit portraying a country girl Minerva Ladd (Betty Miller) coming to college for the first time. Her roommates were Sara (Pat Ricks) and Willie Mae (Barbara Graham). Sara was a sweet, loving, helpful type of roommate and Willie Mae was bitter and sarcastic. Sara did all in her power to help poor backward Minerva. Willie Mae, on the other hand, did all in her power to make things hard for Minerva.

Lovable, helpful Sara advised Minerva concerning the arrangements of the room, choosing the right clothes, and adjusting in general to school life. She arranged for a date between Minerva and the most popular boy on the campus, Charles Morgan (Lena Holder). The date was a complete success. That evening after the happy Minerva returned, the girls had worship together, and as Willie Mae listened to Minerva's sincere prayer and realized what Sara had really done for her, her heart of stone was touched and she wept as she realized her unkindness. You may be sure that thereafter Willie was thoughtful and kind.

This skit preceded the announcement of Courtesy Week, December 7-14. How many ways have you found during the week to be kind and thoughtful to your roommate, classmate, or even a stranger on the campus?

Soon the dorms will be quiet. Vacation time is here again. Miss Ellquist will be reciting that poem—"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." Sigh!

Close your eyes and dream a little. There'll be Mom, Dad, Brother Bob, Grandma, and Grandpa, Uncle John, Aunt Helen, Cousin Bill, and all the rest—a real family reunion at Christmas time. On Christmas Eve you'll all gather around the piano, and with Mom playing the piano, you'll sing familiar Christmas carols. Doesn't it make you a little homesick now?

May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Phi Mu Sigma

By HERSHEL MERCER

Many of the fellows are about ready to set out for Christmas vacation. While some live only a few miles from school, a few people will be going long distances. Verne Miller and Ron and Dan Dorchuck will be going to California, and Dean Don Martin, his wife, and Dan Johnson are going to Oregon, nearly 3,000 miles away. Merry Christmas to all.

Saturday night, November 18, was an unusual night, and, according to those who participated, one of the most enjoyable of the year. On this night the two clubs went out to gather articles of food for Thanksgiving baskets. Twenty-five carloads of students gathered more than 1000 items and \$50 in cash, which was spent to buy more food for the baskets.

The following Wednesday night the same group distributed the baskets. Some students would set the baskets on the porch, knock on the door, and then run a safe distance to watch the results. It was a thrill to watch the surprised and happy faces. We received five warm letters of thanks from those who were given baskets.

While our dorm is under repair we sometimes have to use the back door to keep out of the way of the workmen. The other day after Doug Hayes used the back door, he picked himself up from a four-foot drop (because the porch was missing), and continued on his way to work.

Those nice racing bikes are having to find a new race track since Dean Lynd's announcement in chapel, "No more riding on the walks." Duane McConnell, Jim Merklin, and Richard Kunau, owners of some light racing models, as well as Edward Graham and Hershel Mercer, who have just plain old bikes, felt that Mr. Lynd was directing his statements to them.

Let's Get Acquainted

Born in the mountains of Idaho
"Spud"-iest state in the land,
I know.

Back in the spring of thirty-nine
She discovered this world near
an old coal mine,

Maggie, Maggie Harms, queen of
the Great Northwest!



Thus began
the life of
Margaret
Harms, better
known as
"Maggie" to
her friends.
Born in the
coal-mining
town of Wal-
lace, Idaho, on
June 2, 1939,

Maggie was the second child in
her family. Later additions brought
the total to three girls and one
boy.

The Harms family moved several times during Maggie's childhood, most of which was spent in Oregon, a state which Maggie describes as "beautiful." She attended academy at Laurelwood Academy, in Gaston, Oregon, graduating in 1957. From there she journeyed south to sunny California, where she later worked in the Voice of Prophecy office. After working a year there, Maggie resumed her education, spending two years at Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee.

Since coming to Madison in the summer of 1960, she has been active in many school functions. Her "candlelight" services on Sabbath evenings, where her readings are alternated with special music arrangements, have become an inseparable part of Sabbath worship. Her former training in speech, combined with her dynamic personality and intense desire to succeed, has made her one of the most able speakers on the campus.

Although she finds time for many worthwhile projects, Maggie's first goal is to become a registered nurse. At present she is a sophomore student nurse. She also holds the office of assistant leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society.

Date-line Madison

Jan. 3, Classes begin

Jan. 4, Chapel—President Davidson

Jan. 5, Vespers—Elder Glenn Coon and Norman Jones

Jan. 9, Chapel—Phi Mu Sigma, Men's Club

Jan. 11, Chapel—Miles Roy Coon

Jan. 12, Vespers—Elder Wittenberg

Youth Respond to Altar Call at Florida Bible Conference



A scene at the Sabbath afternoon meeting of the Bible Conference, when Elder Adams made the call for reconsecration. When the weather permitted, the meetings were held in the Bowl. The Bible Conference was held at Camp Kulagua, the Florida MV camp, near High Springs, Florida. Story on page 1.

Teachers of Tomorrow Officers Are Elected

Danny Hoskinson was elected president of the Teachers of Tomorrow Club at the club meeting held November 27.

Other officers elected were Aida Henderson, vice-president; Pat Bullock, secretary; Kenny Moore, treasurer; Bob Hansen, pastor; Rebecca Culpepper, publicity secretary; Eddie Barton, social secretary.

The club has a membership of about 50, but because of conflicts, only about half came to the first meeting. It is hoped that there will be a 100 percent attendance at the next meeting, January 7, when Elder Foster, conference educational superintendent, will be the guest speaker. The occasion will also feature a pot-luck supper.

It was voted to have the club meetings on the first Sunday of each month.

New Arrivals

To Clarence and Sylvia Kaldahl, a girl, Lana Lorryne, weight 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born November 11.

To Bill and Evelyn (Marshall) Hoover, a boy, William Robert Jr., weight 7 pounds, born November 11.

To James and Dorothy Covrig, a girl, Ruth Ann, weight 7 pounds, 11½ ounces, born November 12.

To Dr. and Mrs. F. Fernando, a boy, Felicitio Emil, Jr., weight 7 pounds, born November 14.

To Kenneth and Elaine (Culpepper) Cantrell, a boy, David Lester, weight 8 pounds, 14½ ounces, born November 15.

Church Works Toward Ingathering Goal

In spite of a late start in this year's Ingathering campaign, the Madison College church is on the way to reaching its goal—\$17,000.

Field Day, held on November 21, was a great success, and about \$1150 and much canned goods and clothing were received by the 90 students who covered a radius of 110 miles in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Since Field Day, students, faculty members, and also community church members have been soliciting regularly, so that at present \$5,700 has been received.

Caroling has begun in earnest, and every night between now and Christmas Eve cars will leave from the cafeteria loaded with students and other church members.

It has been pointed out that every member could reach his individual goal of \$25.00 if he went out caroling from three to five times.

Notice — Pathfinders Spelunkers, Hikers

The library has just received the 1961 edition of the book *Caves of Tennessee* from the State of Tennessee, Division of Geology.

The book has 150 beautiful full-page plates of the interiors of many of the caves in Tennessee, excellent maps of the caves, and illustrations of animal life found in them.

This informative 567-page volume gives complete descriptions of the 700 known caves in this state, besides much instruction and advice to those interested in cave exploring—in other words, speleologists and spelunkers.

SS Classes to Be Reorganized in Jan.

"Sabbath school classes for the new quarter will be small, and there will be more of them," announces Mrs. L. A. Watson, new general Sabbath school superintendent for 1962.

She states that each class will be headed by an adult teacher, with at least one, and possibly two, student assistant teachers.

Students will have opportunity to choose which classes they wish to join. These student classes will be held in the following places: two classes for married couples in the Nutrition Laboratory, four classes in the library, two in the cafeteria, one in the ASMC office, one in the library classroom, one in the choir room, and one for Spanish students in the Demonstration Building.

The next MADISONIAN will list the Sabbath school teachers.

Seminar Announces Election of Officers

Harold Gentry was elected president of the Bible Department Seminar on Friday evening, November 10, at the usual meeting of this organization. Other officers elected were Eugene Slaughter, vice-president; Walter Hileman, pastor; and Herbert Schmale, secretary-treasurer.

Those eligible for nomination were the Bible majors of the college and the Medical Evangelism students.

This organization wishes to congratulate Wayne Hayes and Richard Kunau—fellow Bible majors—for being elected respectively to the presidency of the senior and junior classes.

The seminar welcomes all students to join them in the chapel at 6:30 on Friday evenings for the interesting meetings that have been planned.

Hobby Shop To Open

Have you seen the craft and hobby display in the library? The Craft and Hobby Shop, which has been opened in the gymnasium, is providing opportunity for recreation during the week.

Do you ever have time when you just don't know what to do? Or maybe you need to get away from studying for a while. If so, take notice. Leisure time is fully as important as any other kind of time. Wasting it involves serious consequences—not all visible at once. Paul H. Landis says, "Leisure can be a great curse or a great blessing to the individual and to mankind, depending upon the use that is made of it." (*Social Living*, p. 348)

The Social and Recreation Committee is developing the gymnasium into a physical fitness program. It has already opened a craft and hobby shop there. The hours are each Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 and each Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30. If you are seeking an outlet for your time and talents, here is a place to enjoy real creative recreation. While only leather

work is offered at present, woodwork will begin when there is enough demand for it. The actual cost of materials is the only charge made. Tools will be checked in and out as needed. Mr. John Ryals is in charge of the hobby shop.

Christmas—from p. 1

the cat well during the Christmas season, for it is supposed to be bad luck if a cat meows on Christmas Eve.

American customs include almost all or any of the European customs, depending on the descent or interest of each particular community. A century ago Christmas on the large plantations in the South was especially gay. Long tables creaked under the weight of the finest food the cooks could prepare. Mistletoe hung from the chandeliers and the yule log crackled on the hearth. Christmas down South is still a joyous day.

Many from Madison will be going home for Christmas. Some of us will be staying on the campus during the holidays. No matter where you eat your Christmas pudding, may each of you have a very merry Christmas day.

Starch and Stripes

Miss Edith Munn, nursing instructor, and six girls spent the weekend of November 25 at Pewee Valley, Kentucky. No one complained of being overcrowded in Miss Munn's little Corvair, even though there were three girls in the front seat and four in the back, plus two suitcases, one trombone, and sufficient sack lunches for all. Everyone enjoyed Miss Rachele Wheeler's hospitality and home-cooked meals during the time of the visit.

On Sabbath the girls furnished special music in both Sabbath school and church, at a little country church near there in the afternoon, and at evening worship for the patients. Later they visited patients' rooms and wards and sang for them.

The girls who with Miss Munn enjoyed the trip were Norma Umali, Correne Bunch, Minda De Jesus, Darlene Syvertson, Awana Hirschhorn, Nita Lanham.

Patsy Adkins, Miss Student Nurse of Madison College, represented our school of nursing in the annual Christmas parade in Nashville. She and the student nurses chosen as Miss Student Nurse of their respective schools rode on a float.

The Medical and Surgical Nursing class of eleven junior nurses visited two interesting organizations in Nashville on December 13—the Junior League Home for Crippled Children and the Family and Children's Service Center.

Hi-School Hi-Lites

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Juniors Have Hayride

Juniors and Seniors Plan Christmas Party

The juniors and seniors are planning a Christmas party to be held in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference building on December 17. They have drawn names for presents already and are making preparations for the function.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 2 Larry Bowes
Dec. 9 Elizabeth Larson
Dec. 21 Ken Reid
Dec. 23 Johnny Sellars
Dec. 25 Melvin Christian
Dec. 28 Joel Craw
Dec. 31 Lenetta Paddock
Dec. 31 Ronnie Herman
Jan. 15 David Reid
Jan. 15 David Kelley

Snoop

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you a new campus friend. Although you may not meet him, you will become acquainted through this column. His name is Stephen Peeper, but we will call him "Snoop" for short. O.K.? He has already been on the job, and this is what he has come back and told us:

David Kelley had an unexpected bath the other day. Someone very cleverly placed a glass of water above the door of a classroom and then cordially invited him in. Can't you imagine the rest?

Oh, yes, I must tell you about Jim Brasher. The other day in Bible Docs Jim was truly concentrating (on what?) when Mr. Watson asked him to begin reading. Jim read (after he had hunted for his book, hunted for the page and the place). That'll teach you, Jim!

I musn't forget Jim Herman! In English III class the topic being studied was Thoreau and his life of solitude near Walden Pond. As the picture of the pond and nearby cabin was being passed around, Jim wanted to know whether there were any mermaids in the pond. He was assured that there weren't, because if there were nature-lover Thoreau would not have spent two years there.

You'll never guess who wore mismatched shoes to school one day. Ronnie Hirsch! Better luck next time, Ron.

Well, I really must say "So long," but must mention your mug shots. How did they turn out?

Snoop

The juniors have found that one way to raise money for class activities is to require of every class member one item of baked goods for a bake sale. This they did, and on November 22 held the sale in front of the hospital from one to two-thirty in the afternoon. Jean Lindley, Juanita Kunau, and Sandra Lee supervised the sale.

Guess where the money went? For a hayride. Thanksgiving Day dawned cloudy, but although it rained a bit, this didn't dampen the spirits of the juniors. They were planning a hayride that evening and hoped the raindrops would stop just long enough for the trip. Well, they did.

Jerry Lea and David Titworth were the drivers, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Cross were the chaperones.

After riding around the block a dozen or so times, the evening came to a climax as they halted in the Hermans' front yard and were cordially invited in for refreshments. The juniors want to thank everyone for helping to make this pleasant occasion possible.

SANDRA LEE

Merry Christmas

Do You Talk Too Much?

Delegates Report on Bible Conference

The academy students selected to go to the Bible Conference can truly say they received a wonderful spiritual blessing. Not only did they receive a blessing from the meetings, but a physical blessing from the good exercise in the fresh Florida air.

The recreation came in the afternoon and consisted of canoe-riding, horseback riding, and volley ball on the lawn. Also there was swimming in that nice "bathtub of warm water," as Bunny Knight says.

Then, too, everyone enjoyed the opportunity of making acquaintances with students from other schools.

We have come to realize more fully the nearness of Christ's second coming. We are all looking forward to going home with Him. But first we must be ready for all the trials that are going to come our way at the end of time.

Let us pray for one another that we will be prepared for His coming and have the faith to carry us through all the hardships that will befall us. LORETTA SULLIVAN

P.S. One young "deep thinker" has brought back this illustration: "The Spanish moss that hangs low from the cypress trees, beautiful though it may be, reminds us of sin. Sin, like the moss, kills. The moss kills living plants. Sin kills life—eternal life."

Second Semester

Begins January 29

"When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something new." Does this apply to you? Do you often "rattle" unnecessarily? Many times we say something that could have been held back. In fact, it may even do harm. As is stated, "Talk is cheap, but we often pay dearly for it."

Then there is the talk that might display your character at the most unexpected time. . . . "At times it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

Calvin Coolidge, a man of few words, once stated, "I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say," and "If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it."

Here's the consequence to one who does not heed this advice: A loose tongue often gets its owner into a tight place." W. R. McHeary has well summed up a person such as this: . . . "The more noise a man or a motor makes, the less power there is available." But here is a tip for those unfortunate souls: "The art of conversation consists as much in listening as being able to talk agreeably."

Even the Scriptures (Ecclesiastes, to be exact) speaks of the use of the tongue: "A fool's voice is known by a multitude of words."

In order to save face, it is best to "keep the lower end of it closed." Yes, young people, all too often we let our conversations ramble through muck and mud, anywhere the mind happens to lead.

Let me, in closing, ask you to keep our feathered friend in mind: "The wise old owl sat in an oak. The more he saw, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard. Why can't we be like that wise old bird?"

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