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Homecoming, 1970, at Madison

Over 200 registered for Homecoming April 17-19 at Madison. Gene Sellars '61, M.C.A.A. president, gave a warm welcome to those assembled at the first meeting Friday evening, and said, "The spirit of Madison lives on."

Consecration Service — At the consecration service Friday night, Elder Jerry Gladson, pastor of the Boulevard church, was the speaker. He said he was glad the spirit of Madison continues, and hoped it would continue until the Lord comes. We have been preaching the coming of Christ for 126 years. Why hasn't He come? Close association with sin has caused it to lose its sinfulness

Go back to that dream in 1904. It began with Dr. David Paulson. He and Professors Sutherland and Magan wanted a school started which would be open to anyone who wanted to come and work his way through. Both are gone now. Still no coming of Christ. We are not to try to figure out when He will come. The emphasis should be not on time but on preparation. Are we losing our faith in a soon-coming Saviour? It is time for a revival and recommitment.

There is a possibility that this generation may destroy itself. We are heading down the road to oblivion. Because of unbelief, worldliness, and lack of consecration we are not ready for Him to come. But "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Let us renew the same spirit that founded this institution.

Sabbath School at Homecoming

E. E. Schlenker '42 was superintendent of the day at Homecoming. Jim Merklin (Anes. '70) conducted the song service. Viola Knight '45 gave the visitors' welcome and read many names of out-of-town alumni who had registered. We wish we had room to list them all. Mrs. Ralph Davidson was present from as far as Redlands, Calif. Carol Cruzen Schaber and family registered from Ontario, Canada. We were glad to note that people were present from the following self-supporting institutions: Cave Springs, Fletcher, Harbert Hills, Laurelbrook, Little Creek, and Wildwood. Elder V. Lindsay, '60, pastor of the Bethel Church in Kansas City, Kansas, taught the general Sabbath School lesson.

Music and Meals at Homecoming

The music at Homecoming was outstanding, as arranged by Edythe S. Cothren '47 and William Mills, voice teacher, Madison Academy. Among the musical numbers were vocal solos by Dr. Bayard Goodge, '33 and Laura Mae Slattery '60 at Sabbath School. The Madison Academy choir and the SMC nurses sextet, Madison Campus, sang several numbers. Dr. Billy Burks, former Grand Ole Opera star, performed on his accordion Saturday night.

Surely the alumni and friends who attended Homecoming would agree that they were bountifully fed Sabbath noon at the potluck dinner and for supper Saturday evening. Local alumni brought food in abundance, and under the skillful management of Dorothy Mathews '37 and her helpers, it was a great success.

J. R. Mittleider, Guest Speaker

The program committee was fortunate in being able to arrange for Jacob R. Mittleider, Adventist soil wizard, as our guest speaker. Those who attended the Madison College Homecoming were thrilled and happy to hear a man of his stature so enthusiastic about agriculture, as agriculture has been a "must" at Madison since its beginning; and Mr. Mittleider was happy to be at Madison, for he said this was the first time he had been where there were so many people in one place so interested in agriculture.

Mr. Mittleider is an international agriculture consultant of the Extension Division of Loma Linda University. In 1963 he was asked to make an international agricultural survey, and visited the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the South Pacific. His picture and story appeared in the Review of Jan. 15, 1970, under title, "Magician with the Soil."

He conducted successful farm demonstrations in Fiji and New Guinea as agricultural training institutes for nationals, where the soil was so poor that very little could be grown. By using scientific methods the "magic mitts" of Jacob Mittleider produced amazing yields

NEW LOOK. Readers may have noticed the new masthead for THE SURVEY, appearing with the first number in 1970. The unique pattern of fieldstones used in construction of the school buildings is maintained, but the lettering is more bold and modern.

on soil so depleted it was called "devil's" land. Presently he is in Okinawa doing similar work, successfully growing plants in long flats filled with sawdust and sand in the main, with minerals added.

Formerly successful in baking and later in wholesale nursery business, Mittleider went out as a self-supporting missionary to show that improved methods of agriculture could more than care for the world's needs. This is the theme of his new book, *Food for Everyone*, to be available June 1 from the Walla Walla College Press, College Place, Washington 99324 (Price \$16.70). The book will be on sale at the General Conference Session in Atlantic City, N.J., June 11.

Mr. Mittleider spoke at the Sabbath morning preaching service, Sabbath afternoon, and at the workshop on Sunday. Sabbath morning he said his discourse would be more of a Bible study than a sermon. He said he was a farmer, not a preacher, and not to confuse him with his brother, Elder K. J. Mittleider, president of the Wisconsin Conference.

Sabbath Morning Worship Service

"Working with God"

(Following are extracts from Mr. Mittleider's Sabbath morning discourse. He frequently quoted from *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, designated by F.E.)

I assure you it is a real privilege to be here today. I have never been here before, but I want to tell you that it has been the inspiration of this campus that has caused my wife and me to engage in the work in agriculture that we are doing. I have in my files correspondence between E. A. Sutherland and Sister White, away back in 1905 and 1906 I have been exercised over this particular subject very much during the past 23 years. It has caused many questions in my thinking through the years

Food production is a science. It is not a result of chance. I am often called in to lecture in scientific circles.

Our subject today is "Working with God." He is our Partner, remember that. "God has given to every man his work and no one else can do that work for him." 4T 615. So today we have many occupations — doctors, nurses, farmers, mechanics, etc. Every one of these is necessary. Some of them may be a bit

more glamorous than farming, which is not so popular today.

God's blueprint for man's creation required physical daily work. Not once a week, not four times a week, but six days of the week. To provide this God planted a garden and made it the home for Adam and Eve. He didn't ask Adam to plant that first garden. He planted it Himself. "The religion you profess makes it as much your duty to employ your time during the six working days, as to attend church on the Sabbath." 5T 179. The Lord never did believe in idleness. Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden to care for the things which the Lord planted, and Adam learned to till. That was part of Adam's work. You may say that Adam never did that before the fall, but before sin ever entered it was the Lord's plan that the land be stirred, be tilled, and Adam learned that. "Adam was a master worker." FE 314. He wasn't a slave to his work.

God never meant that man should have nothing to do, but the deeper the curse of sin, the more the order of God has changed. So today, half or two thirds of our trouble with the younger generation is that they don't have any work to do. The youth are doing things they don't know why they are doing. It is because they are not part of something. If you took all their luxuries away and got these youngsters out on the pioneering front, they would grow to be men and women, too. They have to have a challenge.

Today millions of people crowd the cities, living and dying with hardly experiencing the thrill of seeing a meadow, a brook, a waving field, fragrant flowers, green grass. They haven't known the heavenly flavor of fresh crops from the fields, tree and vine-ripened fruit which satisfy the human taste buds. So they take dope instead. Almost everything is artificial today. Why?

"Men take you to their orchards and tell you that the produce does not pay for the work done in them. It is next to impossible to make ends meet, and parents decide that the children shall not be farmers; they have not the courage and hope to educate them to till the soil." FE 318. Quoting again: "But the earth has blessings hidden in her depths for those who have courage and will and perseverance to gather her treasures." Wonderful, isn't it? "Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens." FE 326-7. Note the sentence that says, "The earth has blessings hidden in her depths." How deep? Twenty feet deep, four feet deep? We don't have to dig too deep, perhaps only eight inches.

Man says the earth is old and worn out. Have you ever heard that? "False witness has been born in condemning land which, if properly worked, would yield rich returns." FE 323. And in Christ's Object Lessons: "Through disobedience to God, Adam and Eve had lost Eden, and because of sin the whole earth was cursed." But if God's people followed His instructions, their land would be restored to fertility and beauty. Don't forget that word beauty. This, then has to go along with it. "Even the heathen would be attracted to the living

God, and would confess the superiority of those who worshipped and loved Him." C.O.L. 289. Yes, if we were actually doing as we could do with the resources that we have at our fingertips, we would be a superior group of people in the world today. Absolutely so. The Lord says the Christian should always have better intelligence than the worldling, and that he should be more prosperous. "The earth has its concealed treasures and the Lord would have thousands and tens of thousands working upon the soil who are now crowded into the cities." FE 326.

Twenty years ago 80% of the people were on the farms. Today 80% of the people are in the cities. My heart bleeds as I drive up and down the streets of cities, and see youngsters jam-packed into one house right after another. The only place they have to play is on a cement street. This will be our voting population in ten or twenty years. How in the wide world can we expect a betterment of the situation when these youth are abnormally brought up in such an environment? . . .

Earth Cursed Three Times

Now let's see what is in the Old Testament. To start with, Adam and Eve were completely satisfied with their life in their garden home. Their life, their home was sure on the conditions of obedience, Gen. 3:17; 4-11, 12; and Gen. 7. Because of disobedience the earth was cursed three times in the first two thousand years of its history — Adam's sin, Cain's murder, and the andiluvian people. Realizing the earth had been cursed three times, we could expect worldlings to say, "The soil today is worn out. It is sick." But, what about Christians? We shouldn't say that.

Immediately after the flood, before the earth was hardly dry, God said to Noah in Genesis 8:21, 22: "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Now if we didn't have any other assurance than this, we could take this text and say, "Now, Lord, I'm going to hold You to it." God does not talk in vain. "I will not again curse the ground." For several thousand years this promise has stood fast and it has performed perfectly.

Today worldly-wise men are concerned and anxious about overpopulation and food supply. Almost weekly some proclaim that a worldwide famine is a real possibility for 1980, and they even speak of annihilation. That's the only way the world figures this thing is going to end up. Somebody's going to blow the top off and the bottom's going to go with it.

Have you ever wondered about how much bigger and better crops were harvested shortly after the Flood than presently? I wondered about the yields back there, and it took me three times going through the Old Testament before this thing made sense to me. I've been lecturing and demonstrating for six years, and had the General Conference and everybody else watching this program. . . . Genesis 26:12, 13. "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed

great." This is the first recorded yield in the Bible after the Flood that I have been able to find. If we put in one pound of seed and we get a hundredfold back, how many pounds can we expect to harvest? One hundred pounds.

This hundredfold is a reasonable crop, and any farmer can wax great, if he consistently harvests a hundredfold. The problem is that we're not doing it, but we can do it. Over in Fiji in November, 1968, we planted seven different varieties of rice. This was typically wornout soil that had been condemned by the government, and they were making sport of us to think that we were trying to do something with that land. The government decided that one of the varieties of rice should not be grown in Fiji. But I insisted I wanted some of that seed. They let me have sixty pounds, and we carefully prepared the soil and sowed the sixty pounds. Four months later when we harvested, we sold 6,000 pounds. What kind of a yield was that? A hundredfold. Four thousand years ago that was a good yield, and today it's a good yield. The government couldn't believe it. They sent out men and checked the fields and the invoices, but today that is the official record in the city of Suva, Fiji. So apparently the soil has not weakened in four thousand years.

The second account of a big crop yield is found in Genesis 41:17-31. Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt, had a dream which troubled him. God had a man who could interpret the dream, and that was Joseph. There were to be seven prosperous years in Egypt, when the soil would produce plentifully. They were to have the biggest crop they had ever gotten before. Then there would be seven years of nothing. The Lord had a work for Joseph to do and Joseph did it. He built storehouses and gathered corn until he couldn't put it anywhere. It was brought forth by handfuls. (Gen. 41:47) After the plenteous years came the famine. Gen. 41:56. "And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt." Gen. 41:56. How extensive was the famine? The Bible says over all the earth. It included Jacob and his family in the land of Canaan.

Now this poses some interesting questions. What accounted for the unusually fruitful seven years? What factors changed and resulted in the famine years? Was it farming methods? Was it poor seed? Was it rain? No, because they irrigated from the Nile. Was it disease? The answer is No to all of these.

The famine did affect Jacob, remember that. Jacob was faithful and loyal. The Lord called him a prince. He was a good tithe payer. Was God failing Jacob in this experience? He cut off his crops too. God needed Jacob for a special work. He had to get him into Egypt before He could get that work done. Has the Lord ever moved you around mysteriously? In moving Jacob to Egypt, He had more than kept His promise to him, because when the rest of the world was concerned about food, Jacob and his family were provided for through Joseph.

When the time came for Israel to move out of Egypt, the Lord, through

Moses, almost literally had to throw them out. Egypt had the opportunity two times of knowing that God ruled—through the famine and the plagues. . . .

God made the conditional promise in Exodus 19:5: "If ye will obey My voice indeed, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." It doesn't say obnoxious, remember. It says peculiar. We don't like to be peculiar because we relate that with obnoxiousness. We'd like to be "above all people," but we're not willing to pay the price yet. That's the problem. That's point 1.

God Wants A Clean, Peculiar People

Now, for point 2: The Lord told Moses to go down to the children of Israel and tell them to line up their tents in straight rows, to get all the garbage and trash out between the tents. They were to wash themselves, and wash their clothes. They were to do all this because he wanted to meet with them. This brings in an interesting thought. When the Lord is involved, personal hygiene, clean surroundings, and pure air are requirements. Whenever you see deterioration of matted hair, unbathed flower youth, such is not where God dwells. This is the work of the devil because whenever God is involved, people clean up. . . . Yes, we learn by studying the Old Testament that God wants a clean, peculiar people. Read Lev. 20:22-26. . . .

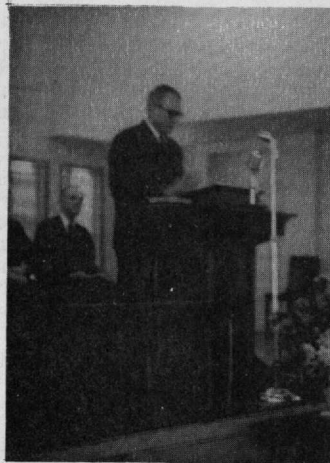
In Leviticus 26 God gives us the law of the land — the conditions of blessings, on the one hand; and on the other hand warnings of punishment. "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." Verses 3, 4, ". . . And ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely." Verse 5. All the blessings of life, health, security were promised, but if they despised God's statutes, and did not do His commandments, all the blessings would be withheld. "Ye shall sow your seed in vain." Vs. 16, "Your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits." Vs. 20. Fair deal, wasn't it?

Question: In order for Israel to reach the highest goal possible from their land, and to make the highest contribution to the world, what was the most important factor? Farming methods? Expensive equipment? Or partnership with God? "The earth is to be made . . . (we have to force it a little bit) to give forth her strength," but without the blessing of God it could do nothing.

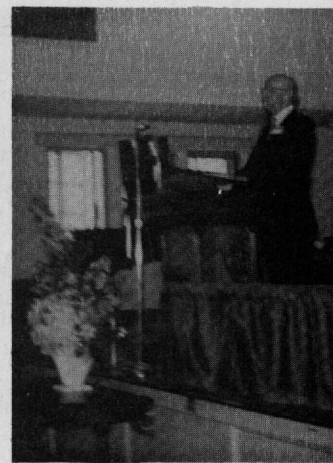
To be God's special representatives to the world, revealing the love and care of the true God, flourishing crops would teach continuous spiritual lessons and attract heathen to the living God. This was God's method to win one nation after another until Israel would encompass the whole world. This was God's method back there before Christ's time, but Israel failed, so God decided to try something else, and we had the church organized as it was during His time. But His first plan was that the Levites were to care for the spiritual needs of the people. . . .

The land was to rest the seventh year. We don't do that today, do we? There

Jacob Mittleider, guest speaker at Sabbath morning worship service Homecoming. (Left)



Elder V. Lindsay, pastor of Bethel Church, Kansas City, teaching Sabbath School lesson.



were two reasons for doing it back there. It was to maintain higher natural fertility, and to develop faith for accepting God's promises to provide. He promised if they would take the seventh year off, he would make the sixth year produce so much they would still be eating at the ninth year. This was to give them confidence in God's leadership.

The crops were to be rotated. Why? To maintain healthier crops. The Lord promised they would not have disease in their crops. Rotation would help. They were not to sow their fields with mingled seed. We don't pay any attention to that today. Why were they not permitted to do it? It was to remind them yearly that they were not to mingle with heathen nations, or compromise with them on any point. They were a separated people. God said, in effect, "I have separated you. You have a pure religion and you can't mingle with these people." They were forbidden to yoke an ox with a donkey. This is what He was teaching.

God had big plans for Israel. They were each given land and were not permitted to sell their inheritance. They were all farmers. They should have been. Yes, God planned to convert the world with farmers. Through disobedience their land failed, and they thought for other ways to provide their living. They built cities, rather than confess their errors, and qualify for God's blessing. This is what happened back there. Today, millions crowd the cities for the same reason the Hebrews gave up the land, but they are unhappy, and their work is a drudgery.

Now, let's turn to spiritual Israel. That's us today. Let's forget ancient Israel, and come down to our time. How can we complete the work of ancient Israel? You ask, "Do you mean to say that we can change this situation, and that the Lord has told us to carry on where they failed?" The conditions for success are the same. The Lord never changes natural law or any other law for man. He will overrule sometimes, but He changes no law for mankind. The Lord promises that if we fulfill our obligations of certain conditions with the soil, and make God our Partner, He will give us all good things. But, if we choose not to, He will withhold them.

Changed Conception of Farming Today

"There is a great want of intelligent men to till the soil who will be thorough." This is a vital point. "To develop the capacity of the soil requires thought and intelligence." Does that sound like the

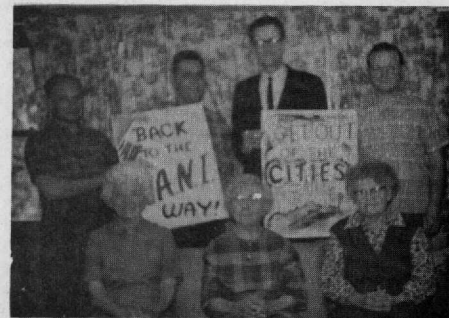
conception of a farmer that is held today? No.

When I was in the academy a certain minister came along and talked to us boys at worship one evening. He said, "I want every one of you boys to tell me what you plan to be when you grow up." I was one of those dumbbells who didn't know what I wanted to do. We all knew what the fellow sitting next to me was going to be. He was going to be a minister. . . .

The finger went around and it finally got to me. "What are you going to be when you grow up?"

I said, "I'm going to be a farmer," and the top of the sky caved in. I feared I had three broken ribs, as I got such a jolt. The next thing I heard was, "Why don't you try to be something? You can always go in to farming when you can't do anything else."

"God would be glorified if men from other countries (she's talking about Americans) who have acquired an intelligent knowledge of agriculture would come to this land and by precept and example teach the people how to cultivate the soil, that it may yield rich treasures." Mrs. White was speaking of Australia, but 240 other names could be added. By lecturing, does it say? No, you get a piece of land and you show them how to cultivate the soil, so it may yield



Informal pose of a few alumni officers holding two posters used at the Saturday night supper: "Back to the N.A.N.I. Way" and "Get Out of the Cities." Left to right: Walter Kohler, treasurer; Dorothy Mathews, assistant secretary; Otis Defamore, vice-president; Florence F. Jasperson, board member; Gene Sellars, president; Mable H. Tower, executive secretary; and Dr. Billy Burks, D.D.S., board member.

rich treasures. FE 324. That's what she says. "Farmers need more intelligence in their work." FE 335, 336.

Changes in Attitude, Biggest Obstacle

"In most cases it is their own fault if they do not see the land yielding its harvest." FE 325. The Lord is really speaking to us personally here. "There are men who work hard and obtain very little for their labor. There is need of much more extensive knowledge in regard to the preparation of the soil. There is not sufficient breadth of view as to what can be realized from the earth. A narrow and unvarying routine is followed with discouraging results." FE 317. Ancient methods are not modern methods and these things must be obliterated somewhere along the way. Changes in attitudes are troublesome often preventing the biggest obstacle to success. This is our agricultural program today. . . .

Now for some promises. "God, who has made the world for the benefit of man, will provide means from the earth, to sustain the diligent worker." FE 319. You can't plant your seed, then go away for a three-month vacation. Another promise: "The seed placed in thoroughly prepared soil will produce its harvest." FE 319. No, there's no question about it. It doesn't make any difference if you are a Jew or a Gentile. He promised it to everybody.

Another promise: God can bless 20 acres and make them as productive as 100. Why do we talk about farming 100 acres, 500 acres, 600 acres, 25,000 acres? Why don't we talk of harvesting a half acre, one acre, five acres? Don't you think it would be more sensible?

God's way is much more than plowing. It's much more than planting seeds. It is a complete, successful way of life. He wants to take us into partnership. Farming is only part of it. We can study the stars, the animals, and everything else. It is the result of the laws of nature. It is an accurate science. Let's not disregard this. It is a positive, accurate, reasonable, understandable science. Saints and sinners reap alike according to how they learn to farm accurately within these laws.

So, when the Philistine properly farms a piece of land, the Lord will give him a harvest. If there's a Jew beside him, the Lord will give him a harvest. The difference in those yields will determine in one respect who has the best information relative to the subject. This is only part of it. Beyond this, the Christian farmer has God as his partner.

I challenge our churches today. Why don't we do it? To lead and to bless, this is what He says He's going to do all along. With this blessing the Christian farmer's crops will be bigger and better than any Philistine's next to him or anywhere around him. I can prove this. We have no business settling for 100 bushels to the acre if that's all the Philistine is getting. The Lord says this is not necessary. Our crops are to attract the heathen, and they will admit the superiority of Him because of our crops. It's all through the Old Testament and Spirit of Prophecy.

Today, everything seems to be falling apart in this world, because man is in

rebellion. The world is filled with men out of place, and yet there are vacancies that cannot be filled. A man can't produce or be happy if he isn't where the Lord wants him. . . . My last quotation is in Ministry of Healing, page 193: "The narrow plans, the little strength put forth, the little study as to the best methods, call loudly for reform. . . . If any do not wish you to speak to them of advanced ideas, let the lessons be given silently. Keep up the culture of your own land. . . . Let the harvest be eloquent." Eloquent means super. Let the harvest be superabundant in favor of right methods. Demonstrate what can be done with the land when properly worked, and with God as your Partner.

Sabbath Afternoon at Homecoming

On Sabbath afternoon at Homecoming there were two features. First was Madison Academy Hour. Ernest L. Pearson, piano and organ teacher, presented organ melodies, and the academy choir sang. Nordon Winger repeated his prize-winning temperance oration. Alfred Morford, assistant principal of Madison Academy, acted as chairman.

Alumni in Action

Before calling on the Honor Classes to report at the "Alumni in Action" program Sabbath afternoon, Gene Sellars, chairman, called on J. P. Johnson, one of the earliest students at Madison, to speak. Brother Johnson has recently moved to Hendersonville, Tenn., and is still active and alert at 88. He said he came to Madison in 1905. There were twelve students here at the time. He was able to recall most of the names. Charley Ashton and he cleared the land. There were Bessie Kinsman, Mike Christy, Rose Sharkey, Mary Cooper, a Wright, a Coffman, and a Cook (could not recall first names), and a Miss Helen, whose last name he could not recall. Brother Brink, a bachelor, was the farm manager. We invite readers to write in if they can supply further information.

Silver Anniversary Honor Class

College Class—1945

Professor James Zeigler '35 was sponsor of the college class of 1945, and had been asked to be one of the speakers at Homecoming, but was unable to come. He and his wife, Freda, were an integral and vital part of Madison as students and faculty members until 1964, when he was called to SMC teaching staff. He wrote recently: "Our love for the self-supporting work is as strong as it ever was, and it is our desire to do all we can to foster it."

● Herbert Hopps was president of the college class of '45. He is presently assistant administrator of Hialeah Hospital, near Miami, Fla.

● Viola Knight, vice-president of the college class of '45, wrote all her classmates, urging them to attend Homecoming. In fact, she wrote twice before she received answers. Altogether, the response by letter from the college class recently and in the past few years has been almost one hundred percent, but alas! five members have never written the alumni office or sent any dues in the past ten years. We hope they will become active members.

Viola Salsgiver Knight (B.S. '45), Ridgetop, Tenn. Viola is executive secretary of the AACPA (Association of Adventist Certified Public Accountants), and helps part time in one of the several offices of Knight and Davidson CPA offices. Knight and Davidson is one of the largest Adventist CPA firms, employing all SDA's. It was started by Kenneth Knight, one of the original partners.

The AACPA is planning a meeting with Adventist lawyers at General Conference in Atlantic City, June 12.

Of the three Knight children, Eddie is married and studying for his B.D. at AU. He has one more year, but already has a call to the Florida Conference. Karen is enrolled in the School of Cosmetology at Benton Harbor, Mich., and Jim is a freshman at SMC.

● Evelyn Medlin (BS '45), Madison, Tenn. Present and speaking at "Alumni in Action" Sabbath afternoon at Homecoming was Evelyn Medlin (Diet '45). Evelyn said her sister Dorothy (Mrs. Robert Kellogg) came to Madison first and became a nurse. She came later and took Dietetics. At the time there were 500 students. Dr. Sutherland stressed that they not only study prescribed subjects, but learn the dignity of labor, how to keep house and care for their rooms, how to get along with one's roommate, etc. "We all knew hard work. It brings out the best in us."

After working in the diet department at PFA, at Chunky, Miss., four years, and at St. Helena S-H for a time, Evelyn is now back at Madison, where she is working in special diets at the hospital.

● Mary Lillie Everett (BS '45), Jackson, Miss. "I would certainly love to be at the Madison Homecoming. But we have spent several weeks away from the office and our Sabbath School and church responsibilities lately, so I don't see how we can make it. We have already arranged to be at a dental-medical retreat at our youth camp here in this conference May 8-10; and one weekend I must make a trip to see my sister, Elfa (Edmister) and our other sister, who will be there on her annual visit.

"Joel is very busy at the dental office. He built a new office building last fall. Our three older girls are at Stonecave Institute, Daus, Tenn. They love it there. . . . we should have planned on this Homecoming earlier. . . . Please greet everyone for us."

● John and Esther Carlock, '45, Canyonville, Ore. "We appreciated your invitation to Madison Homecoming. We both wish we could attend. It would be so much fun to see old friends again, but at present it doesn't seem possible to do so. At the present time John is working in Physical Therapy at Portland Adventist Hospital. He comes home every chance he gets. Our daughter May Beth will be a senior in Nursing at Walla Walla College this June. As for myself I have been here at this hospital over 14 years in charge of surgery. Have an enjoyable homecoming and give all our greetings from the Carlocks in the great Northwest."

● Carrie Vanderbilt Nix '45, Hinsdale, Ill. "My husband, Howard, works here at Hinsdale S-H. Our daughter Mary is an R.N. now in Glendale, Calif. (She finished her A.D. course on Madison Campus of SMC last year.) We would love to see you at Homecoming. We won't be able to attend this time, but we wish we could. We worked in Ireland at the Ranelagh Health Institute a little over 16 years, and planned to stay for more years, but I had to have surgery, so we returned to America."

● Eleanor R. Speaker '45, Pell City, Ala. (Director of Nurses, Martin Hospital and Clinic.) "We

are in the process of closing the old 42-bed hospital, as the county has built a new three-story building of 68 beds. We have 55 employees and I am most thankful that everyone has been employed by the new hospital. So perhaps you can imagine how busy I have been."

● Elizabeth Steen (B.S. '45), Blythe, Calif. In her Christmas letter, Mrs. Steen said she was now acting as school nurse for the Palo Verde Unified District at Blythe, Calif., serving three elementary schools, a junior high, a high school, and a junior college, after being at Ojai, Calif., for two years and teaching kindergarten at Newbury Park in 1968. She is taking a class in audiology in Redlands one night a week.

Her mother, Dr. Ada Crawford, celebrated her ninetieth birthday in October, 1969, and is making her home with her. She has been active in the Ingathering campaign, going from door to door in the apartment complex of 140 units.

Elizabeth highly recommends a book she had been reading, "How to Avoid Probate," by Dacey. It is for those who are concerned or should be concerned about the distribution of their property after death, and avoiding the problems and cost of probate. The publisher is National Estate Planning Council, 49 Plaza, Bridgeport Ct. 06603. (Price \$4.95)

"I'll be glad to get the news after the reunion. Best of all will be that grand reunion in the earth made new."

Nursing Class of 1945

Tessie Durichek wrote a note to each of her classmates in the nursing class of 1945, to accompany the letter sent out to the Honor Classes by the alumni office. At Homecoming she gave a summary of the answers received and called on those present to report.

● Tessie leads a busy life. She is director of nursing service at East Villa Nursing Home in Nashville, and is teaching nurse aide classes, sponsored by State rehabilitation special education. Her husband, Joe, is a piano technician. Of their children, David is married and in the Army in Okinawa; Mary is taking practical nursing at Hinsdale; and the two younger children are in church school at home.

● A telegram had been received from Audrey King (N'37) in Meridian, Miss., sponsor of the nursing class of '45, sending her regrets at missing Homecoming, and asking that her regards be given to friends and members of the class of '45. Audrey is on the nursing staff of the State Hospital in Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. Everett Moore, former director of nursing education, was honored by having a corsage pinned on her by Betty Ramsey, of Portland, Tenn., a gift of those present from the nursing class.

● "Ettie" Jacobson Reddig '45, Sylmar, Calif. "How much I wish I could be at the Homecoming. Linda, our 13-year-old daughter will still be in school; Randy, our 18-year-old son is away at La Sierra; but my husband, Bob, can't get away at that time. As I practically grew up at Madison and it comes nearest to what I can call my 'childhood' home, I'm so very sorry I cannot be there. . . .

"I must add that it saddens me greatly to hear of what has been done to Madison, destroying the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. E. A. Sutherland and his dedicated life. But that's another story.

"I still do private duty for C.N.A.—21 years on the 11-7 shift, part time."

● Jean Sharpe Lowder (N '45), Cedar Lake, Mich. Jean Lowder wrote that it would be impossible for her to get away. She and husband, Worth, are on the staff of Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan. "I am teaching a health class, am school nurse, and am needed at home also," she wrote.

● Margaret Pride (N '45) and husband Forrest (Anes. '47) came from Greenville, Tenn., where she is a supervisor on the nursing staff at Takoma Hospital, and Forrest is in a group doing anesthesia in the area. Son Steve is in Michigan taking computer programming, and Shelly is away at a boarding academy.

● Ruth Ella (Burton) McKey, Stillwater, Okla. "It has been a long time since you have heard from me. I had big plans to attend the Homecoming this year, but at the last minute plans were changed. I would love to be there to see and visit with everyone.

"To fill you in on a little of my life since leaving Madison, I married Irven McKey in 1945. We have three children; Danny, married and teaching in our academy in Shelton, Neb.; Charlotte, home at present waiting for a job with Public Social Welfare to come through. Meanwhile she is working as a nurse's aid in a nursing home. (Both children graduated from P.U.C. in 1968.) Irven Lee is home and a sophomore in Perkins High School.

"My husband works as maintenance man in the hospital and has for 12 years. I have been working as head nurse on O.B. floor for the past 7 years, and as nursing supervisor for 7 years. I have a total of 18 years here at Stillwater Hospital. It's a small hospital, 84 beds, but due to the State University located here our O.B. department does very well. We have averaged from 480 to 715 babies a year.

"Many times I have been thankful for the good nurses' training I received at Madison. I believe Madison nurses are the best. It is really a privilege to be trained in a Christian school.

"We live on an 80-acre farm, raise a big garden, can and freeze food each year. We also have 15 to 25 head of Angus cattle, so you can see we keep busy."

● Vivian Eithum Littell, Dayton, Tenn. "I was quite pleased to learn that my class (Nursing 1945) would be one of the honor classes. Even though I never finished my training with my classmates, I feel very much a part of that class. Some of the happiest days of my life were spent on the Madison College campus with the greatest group of young people I had ever known in my life. . . .

"I dropped out of training in order to help my husband, Lester Fay Littell (Nursing class of 1941), through Loma Linda School of Medicine. Enclosed is a picture of our five wonderful children. I could have gone back into training but I felt my duties as a wife and mother came first.

"This past summer, Dr. Littell encouraged me to get my R.N. at the Erlanger School of Nursing in Chattanooga because our children were out of college, in college, and in the academy. I started as a Freshman in September and drove back and forth five days a week to get my classwork at U.T. in Chattanooga and Erlanger. It meant nearly 100 miles of driving each day. I have enjoyed being a freshman nurse all over again. I am off every week-end and all this summer. I have taken summer college work at Chattanooga Tech. Institute and am a Junior at U.T."

[At the "Alumni in Action" program Sabbath afternoon, Vivian appeared in her student uniform, and told her story.] The family Christmas letter told where the five children were—Margie, teaching in Richmond Junior Academy; Lester at SMC; David and Dana at Georgia-Cumberland Academy; Bennie, the youngest, in church school at Graysville. A family picture in color accompanied the Christmas letter.

● Evelyn Thompson Aeh (N '45), Anchorage, Ky. "My husband, Warren, continues to be very busy with lab and X-ray at two small hospitals. Son Larry is in the Air Force in Japan after two years in Saigon. Daughter Becky, 15, is a freshman at Pewee Valley Junior Academy this

year. We have a small but very good lovely school here at Pewee Valley. The new nursing home is a beauty.

"I appreciated getting the addresses of my classmates from the alumni office. I seldom get at letter writing, but I always hope to soon. Sorry I can't be at the Homecoming. Would love to see all. It will be a wonderful 'Homecoming' in heaven, won't it? Tommie."

● Betty Van Eman Ramsey (N '45), Portland, Tenn. Betty Van Eman Ramsey (N '45) is doing part time relief nursing at Highland hospital, Portland, Tenn. She and her daughter Kay attended Homecoming. Also Dr. Wayne Ramsey of Cross Plains, Tenn., twin brother of her late husband James, was registered among the guests.

Honor Class of 1960

The class of 1960, ten years ago, was honored this year, and there was good response in attendance and letters. Ron Schmale, president of the college class, had written notes to his classmates saying Homecoming was getting better every year, and urging them to come, "and make it the best." Ron is presently chief medical technologist at Madison Hospital. His wife (June Davidson) works part time on the cardiac floor as charge nurse. They have four lively little lassies.

Present from the college class besides Ron were Lila Ring Adams and family from Kettering Hospital in Ohio; Laura Mae Slattery and Eddy Zollinger of Laurelbrook, where they are on the staff of the school and sanitarium.

Elder V. Lindsay and wife came from Kansas City, Kansas, where he is pastor of the Bethel Church in the Central States Conference. In writing to accept the invitation to teach the Sabbath School lesson at Homecoming, he wrote of his regard for "dear old Madison." Introducing Elder Lindsay, Ron said: "He was our class pastor. I feel he's a man I'd like to live next door to, here and in heaven."

June Davidson Schmale and Pat Sutton, of the nursing class of '60, attended; also Carol Schaber of South River, Ontario, Canada who started Medical Records in 1959-60. Carolyn Hill, who completed Anesthesia in 1960 had planned to come from Crossville, Tenn., but she did not register. Ruby Post, wife of the late Eugene Post (X-ray '60) came from Harbert Hills where she is teaching in the church school. She was accompanied by her son, James, born here on campus.

Letters from Class of '60

Patricia Ann Rosenthal (N'60), Anchorage, Ky. (We had not heard from Pat Rosenthal for some time, but recently she wrote that she had been ill and had surgery. She also gave us news of classmate Maureen Drake, who is now Mrs. Watson, and lives at Andrews, Texas.)

● Pat Mitzelfelt Silver '60, Maitland, Fla. "It is with a great deal of regret that Bob and I are unable to make it up to Tennessee for Homecoming. We would love to come. However, activities here at Forest Lake Academy keep us so busy this time of year that we find it impossible to get away at this time.

"We are both on the F.L.A. staff and are finishing our sixth year of teaching in the sunny land of Florida. Bob '55 is busy teaching Industrial Arts subjects and Driver's Education. I am busy with the Music Department activities as well as directing the 85-member concert band and the brass ensemble which recently finished a six-day tour of Jamaica, West Indies. On this tour we played for around twelve thousand S.D.A.'s and their friends. Out of eight concerts, three were given as benefit concerts for the Andrews Memorial Hospital located in Kingston, Jamaica. . . .

"Instrumental in our going to Jamaica were the Robert Dykes. Bob Dykes took his lab training at Madison (1962). They are in a second

term at Andrews Memorial Hospital. . . . Do extend to all Madison College alumni and former classmates our heartiest greeting."

● Hilda Byassee Thurmond (Anes. '60) of Martin, Tenn., does some relief work for Barbara Schwartz (Anes. '66) in Union City. Barbara and Fred's little Tammy now has twin brothers, Keith and Kevin.

● Alice Surdahl Anderson '60, Albion, Neb. "I wish I could be there for Homecoming this year, but it doesn't look as though I can. I'll surely be thinking about you all, and I hope the others make it. . . . If most of our nursing class can't be together that weekend, perhaps we can plan for a weekend during the summer. I can have our junior campsite here near us free of charge, which is about center for all. Will have to see how many are able to be there."

(We are grateful to Alice for sending two wanted addresses of classmates, and giving us the married name of Del Ladner, who is now Mrs. Myron Baybarz, and lives in Lodi, Calif. For the benefit of those interested in Alice's idea for the nursing class of 1960 getting together this summer in Nebraska, her address is Mrs. Norman Anderson, Rt. 3, Box 44, Albion, Nebr. 68620.)

● Joanne Foster Love, Greenville, S.C. "Sorry, I received the notice too late to make arrangements to come. My husband, David, has one more year of OB-Gyn residency, then we don't know where we will go. We have two children—Rebecca, 7 years old; Ramona, three years old. We are thankful David returned from Vietnam safely in 1969. I'll send my dues in a few days."

● Lois Walper, Avon Park, Fla. "Sorry we cannot get to Homecoming. It would be most enjoyable to see everyone again. We keep very busy. I am head nurse in OB here at Walker Memorial Hospital, trying to do that and be mother, wife, gardener, etc. It's a full-time job. Have a good time in April."

● Rachel Yatani '60, Downey, Calif. Rachel Yatani specialized in Occupational Therapy after getting her B.S. in Nursing at Madison. She returned to Japan and worked at Tokyo S-H, and also taught in the university in Tokyo. She is now in Downey, Calif, where she is taking a refresher course in O.T., and working on her M.S. degree at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. She invites friends to come and see her while she is in California, and hopes to see Madison friends before she returns to Japan.

● Esther Edmonson Scott (N '60), College Heights, Alberta, Canada. "Since we left Madison in 1961 we have worked at our hospitals in Avon Park, Florida, and Boulder, Colorado. Then we moved to Kelowna, B.C., Canada where we worked in a non-Adventist hospital. We were then called to Ardmore S.D.A. Hospital in Oklahoma where we worked with two other Madison nurses—Jean Hassenpflug and Louise Strickland—and also Dr. James Schuler. . . . We went back to Kelowna for a year, then to a small hospital in northern B.C.

"My husband decided to go back to school last fall, so at present we are at Canadian Union College. We enjoy being at C.U.C. Pat has been chosen to go to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories this summer as a student missionary. Pat is taking theology and will graduate in two years. We hope to go overseas then. C.U.C. is just a small college with about a hundred college students and a large academy. . . . We have three children.

"We hope to get back to homecoming some time, but it probably won't be until Pat finishes. Until then we will be thinking of all of our friends."

● Marguerite S. Roberts (N '60), Nashville. (Due to the fact that we did not have the address of Marguerite Roberts in time, she did not know about Homecoming and that her class was one of the Honor Classes. She wrote her regrets and the following letter.)

"My daughters (Pat, Dot, and Jan) and I just returned to Tennessee in January from New Orleans, where we had resided for about a year and a half. I was working in the Recovery Room at Charity Hospital in New Orleans as assistant supervisor, and my husband (Dorris) was chief of the Pulmonary Function Department at Charity. Since I have returned to Nashville, I am now working again in the SICU at the V.A. Hospital. The girls all attend Greater Nashville Junior Academy.

"I'm sending in my dues and a small donation for the SURVEY, which I missed while in New Orleans. I really enjoy reading it and keeping up with everyone."

ALUMNI NEWS

1930

Dr. Paul L. Fisher '30 is administrator of the 50-bed Tidewater Memorial Hospital in Tappahannock, Va., one of the three hospitals founded by the Malin brothers of the Medical Group Foundation. According to the ASI NEWS of May, 1970, SDA's and their work were formerly unknown in the area of this hospital, but today there is a church of 67 members, and a two-teacher school. A new wing of 50 more beds is being added, and there is need for all types of hospital workers.

1938

Frank Judson (Agr. '38) wrote that he had officially joined Monterey Bay Academy in Watsonville, Calif., on Jan. 7, 1970. Previously he was connected with MBA on a part-time basis for a year and a half, in charge of the agriculture program. Frank writes: "The progress to date has been real and gratifying. The farm has 200 acres of irrigated land, but we have leased out nearly half of it until we can work out a utilization schedule. We can grow alfalfa, corn, oats to feed 150 cows, and are starting some blackberries and squash on a commercial basis. Former Madison students also on the staff are the Ahlbergs and the Andersons. We seem to be everywhere!"

1939

Doctors Hans and Beverly June Gregorius ('39 & '34) of North Hollywood, Calif., are both medical doctors from Loma Linda, and both life members of M.C.A.A. Dr. Beverly writes that daughter Joan Marie graduated from Pomona College in 1969, and has been teaching elementary school and attending Claremont Graduate School. She said her brother-in-law, Fred Gregorius '28, formerly of Detroit, is now retired in Los Angeles. Fred's son, Karl, graduated from Loma Linda S.M. in 1967. Dr. Karl's wife is the daughter of Marie Duge, daughter of the late Charles Franz, former business manager of the Madison institution.

1942

We read in "Todays Food," Loma Linda, that Dr. U. D. Register '41, chairman of LLU Department of Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was among 400 leaders who were invited to attend the White House Conference on Foods, Nutrition, and Health.

1943

Through a classmate, we learned that Corrine Friend (N'43) is now Mrs. George Maxwell. They live in Dayton, Ohio.

1944

June Hunt Kirkwood (N'44): "At present I am employed at Madison Hospital as charge nurse on Pediatrics afternoons at Madison Hospital, and really enjoy being back. My husband, Merle, is distributor for McKee Baking Company out of Collededale for the Nashville area. We have five children. Two are married—Merlene and Melvin, and each has a baby, so we are proud grandparents."

(June would like to hear from her classmates. Her address is 621 Menees Lane, Madison, Tenn. 37115.)

● Zoe Cruzen Nelson (Med. Rec. '60), Clearlake, Wis. "Sorry I can't be at Madison for the Homecoming weekend. I no longer work as a medical secretary. We have a fairly large dairy farm, so I have plenty to keep me busy at home. I also have been teaching a kindergarten Sabbath School class.

"Our oldest boy, Tony, is eight and in second grade. Todd is six and will start school this fall. We have 29 students in the church school in grades 1-10 and two teachers. I also help with the school paper. I hope we can plan our vacation next year so we can be at Madison for Homecoming."

● Faye Champion Theobald (N '60). Altamonte Springs, Fla. Faye Theobald wrote that she could not come. Her husband, Harold, is a designer at the Martin Company. They have three children: Sharon, Diane, and Russell. Faye is always faithful in keeping up her alumni dues.

1948

"Since Forsythe Hospital closed, I spent three and a half years at Tallahassee Convalescent Home and one year and a half at Sunland Hospital for Retarded Children. I'm keeping house, garden, and yard, and doing church work. I really look forward to the MADISON SURVEY, and can't put it down until all is read. It always brings back such happy memories." Ruby Hilborn James, Tallahassee, Fla.

1950

Ralph P. Bailey '50 is chairman of the Department of Education at Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas.

In the "Review" of 3-12-70 we noticed that Gilbert Johnson, M.D., went to Japan for three months to serve as relief radiologist for Tokyo S-H. Dr. Johnson was formerly head of the X-ray Department at Madison. His wife, Agnes, is a Madison College graduate, Class of 1950. They live in Loma Linda.

1953

Betty Peters Steinmuss (N'53) is head nurse on the women's side at Parkview, Madison Hospital.

Winafred Kelley '53, on the O.B. nursing staff of Madison Hospital, accompanied country music star, Johnny Cash, and his troupe to Washington, D.C., April 17. The Cashes were featured in the fourth "Evening at the White House" series. Winafred cared for John Carter Cash, the 45-day-old son of Johnny and June Carter Cash, born at Madison Hospital. Dr. Fred Cothren was the attending physician.

1957

Mrs. Doris Thomson '57 visited Madison in May and paid her life dues. She said it was difficult to remember the annual dues, so wanted to take care of it now. (A good hint for others.) Mrs. Thomson was joined by daughter Janice and son-in-law Eugene Wedel, visiting from California. Mrs. Thomson was enthusiastic about her work as director of nurses at Geer Memorial Convalescent Hospital at Canaan, Conn. The 90-bed extended care facility was opened recently, and drew large crowds. Other Madisonites at Geer are Harry Clough, administrator, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Peacock '53, and Sylvia Maltby '51.

1961

Herbert Slater has been teaching biology for two years at a high school near New England Memorial Hospital. He and his wife, the former Dana Dale, have two daughters, Shana and Rina, and they live in Wakefield, Mass.

Charles Pires (Anes. '61) of Columbia, Ky., has been appointed a member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference executive committee.

1962

A picture story of three ministers ordained in Puerto Rico and their wives appeared in the "Review" of April 9, 1970. Of the three, two were Madisonites—Juan Anglada and Elias Lopez. Juan graduated from Madison in 1962.

Business Meeting at Homecoming

Right after vespers, when Elder Jack Clarke, pastor of the Campus Church, presented the meditation, Gene Sellars, M.C.A.A. president, called the business meeting to order. He spoke of the difficulty of getting enough people "to run" for office, and presented names to vote on by acclamation. This list is little different from last year. The leading officers and the other board members consented to serve another year. Katherine Marshall '37 was appointed assistant treasurer. Later at a meeting of the executive committee, Billy Burks, D.D.S. '56, who has recently returned to Madison, was appointed as an additional board member. The complete list will be given in the next issue.

Miss Vera Jensen '46, past president, reported that the alumni request to Metro Historical Commission for a historical marker to be erected had been granted. (Later, on May 14, the marker, giving a brief history of the Madison institution, was placed by the pond and picnic area on Hospital Drive.)

Mrs. Florence Jaspersen '47 showed a sketch of the proposed Founders' Memorial to be erected this fall, listing the names of the founders. Those who would like to contribute to this project are invited to send donations to the M.C.A.A.

Treasurer's Report for Year 1969

Walter Kohler '51 M.C.A.A. treasurer, gave an encouraging report on finances for the calendar year 1969. At the beginning of the year we had only \$163 in our checking account; and \$808 at the end of the year. This increase is due in part to the fact that more people are sending life dues; also the postage free, self-addressed envelopes brought in good returns. (We hope to print names of life members later.)

Altogether, nearly \$3,000 came in during 1970 (\$2,941). Of this \$2,118 was for dues and Survey; \$500 for Harbert Hills boys' dorm; and \$129 for the scholarship fund. The \$500 was paid out to Harbert Hills, and more has been collected since. A scholarship of \$100 has been sent to SMC for a Madison Academy graduate.

Printing THE MADISON SURVEY takes the biggest chunk of our money—\$890 last year. The telephone bill is \$15 a month (\$180 for the year.)

For clerical help in 1969, \$330 was expended. If it were not for the loving service of several people our expenses would be much greater. Many hours of labor were cheerfully donated by the executive secretary, who takes no salary, and by assistant secretaries Dorothy Mathews '37, Edith Johnson '58, and Mary Scott Jones '50.

Mary Kate Gafford, long-time librarian, now semi-retired has been working on an index to the SURVEY, and also helps in other ways as needed. She takes a low "missionary" wage for her services. Walter Kohler '51 has spared time out of his busy schedule to come in and do the treasurer's work.

MADISON ACADEMY. John Wagner of Pioneer Valley Academy in Massachusetts is the new principal of M.A. A list of other changes in the faculty will appear in the September SURVEY. The academy held its second Homecoming May 1, 2. John Nickless was elected president, Mary Montgomery, secretary-treasurer.

God's Plan of Education vs Satan's Counterfeit

By Leland Straw, Principal, Little Creek School

I've always thought of the beginning of the Adventist educational work from the standpoint of Dr. Goodloe Harper Bell, early educator and author, who opened the school which later became Battle Creek College. And then a little later there was the work of Professors Sutherland and Magan. These two educators first moved the college from Battle Creek to Berrien Springs, then they came on South, and we've heard the story over and over again. We know about the "Morning Star" boat, and the difficulty Mrs. White had with these brethren in getting them to see that they ought to buy the old farm and establish a work there at Madison, Tenn. . . .

In preparation for my topic I read three books. One was "Golden Anniversary Album," and another was the history of Madison College by William C. Sandborn. When Dr. Sandborn was working on his doctorate in education, he did research on the history of Madison. Then I got out a little book I've had for a long time—"Studies in Christian Education" by E. A. Sutherland. I was interested in the extent to which Dr. Sutherland had done research in the history of education. I recommend its reading and study. (The book may be bought from the MADISON SURVEY office for 50¢, also Dr. Sandborn's history, \$2.00.)

This book, in case you are not familiar with it, was a series of studies given for the students and faculty at Madison, to try to bring them up to date on what was going on at Madison, and to help them understand a little bit of God's mission for them. The subtitle of the book "Studies in Christian Education" reads: "Educational Experiences Before the Midnight Cry Compared with Educational Experiences Before the Loud Cry."

Dr. Sutherland traces the history of education in the world. He wrote another book, "Living Fountains and Broken Cisterns," which was also a history of education. In fact, we used that as a textbook when I was a student at Madison.

Ideal Setting of First Parents

We have read in the book, "Education," by Ellen G. White how the Lord instituted a plan of education—the divine plan—but there were those who went aside from His plan. God's plan was set up in a garden. The first parents were very active in the program. They lived in an ideal setting among the fields and hills. . . . Men who departed from this plan built cities for themselves. They gloried in those cities, and thought them very wonderful. The cities of the world became their pride and at the same time their curse.

Dr. Sutherland's book traces education through the history of the Bible and then up to the time of the Papacy. There were two camps—two systems of education. We as Adventists teach very strongly that the Papacy is the great counterfeit of God's plan, God's law. The papal system of education was very effective. As we study the history of the Reformation, we see that the Papacy set up a counter reformation, then the Jesuits came along, established schools, and fairly well made the Reformation of no effect.

The papal system of education was introduced in the great universities of England and Europe, and then copied in America. But Dr. Sutherland pointed out something that is documented but certainly not very widely taught. The early universities of this country were primarily seminaries or places for the training of ministers. He traces a whole host of institutions that started out on a new plan, a new system, including an industrial

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plan of farms and many reforms. Along with educational reforms, health reforms and dress reforms were brought into many of these institutions before 1844.

Oberlin College One of the Reform Schools

Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, was one of the colleges which maintained these standards of reform for a long period of time. The history of educational reform was that certain men had the right vision. Thomas Jefferson, founder of the University of Virginia, was one of them. Dr. Sutherland attributes this inspiration to the Lord. The Holy Spirit, through the Protestant churches, was endeavoring to get the world into position to accept the light that was going to come with the 1844 movement.

Dozens of these institutions were started. George Peabody College was one of them. I graduated from George Peabody College, but I didn't realize when I was there that it was one of the institutions that grew out of this educational reform.

At Oberlin, they did away with tea, coffee, meat, and tobacco. But their problem was that there was so much dragging of the feet. There was criticism not only by the brethren of the church but by many of the teachers in the school as well.

By placing the Spirit of Prophecy counsels in relation to the affairs going on in the educational institutions of that day, it becomes clear that the Holy Spirit was preparing the way for the 1844 movement. One by one all these institutions gave up the struggle for reform. . . .

I'll have to say this very carefully, for I fear we are just about as bad as anyone else. We have nothing to brag about. Dr. Sutherland tied in all this formal curriculum and the cramming of degrees as a part of the papal system. This is something a lot of people would probably argue about, but it's very interesting to me. Whenever you hear someone present a new idea or a criticism of our existing situations, you find that people bristle up and try to defend themselves.

I was at a principal's counsel one time, and they had a distinguished teacher from one of our colleges who presented a paper on how poorly we were actually doing, as Adventist educators, in teaching young people the principles of religion—that is, the principles of an active religion. He brought some rather severe accusations against us. One of them was that we teach them all about the commandments, and then teach them how to break them all. It sounded pretty wild. Afterwards, I sat with a group at a table in the dining room, and not a soul there accepted a bit of that criticism as far as I could tell. They defended everything they were doing.

We can't defend everything we are doing. I think we have a number of mistakes in our educational system. We like to think we are doing a pretty good job, but actually there is much room for improvement. We are losing more young people than we keep in the church. We might as well face that fact. As I see it, we are just not doing a very good job. I don't know exactly why, but there may be a number of reasons. Whenever anyone presents a new idea, we are inclined to say, "Well now, that can't be good, because we're not doing it. We've always done it this way."

Giving Grades and Awarding Degrees

Grading and the awarding of degrees is pretty much accepted by now, but Mrs. White has a great deal to say about all our grading systems and about the way we teach. I wish we didn't have to give grades, but we do. Everyone else does. But I'm sure that's not part of the Lord's plan at all. "In God's plan there is no place for selfish rivalry. Those who measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves, are not wise. . . . Thus is created strife

for supremacy; and there is encouraged the system of 'cramming,' which in so many cases destroys health and unfits for usefulness. In many others, emulation leads to dishonesty; and by fostering ambition and discontent, it embitters the life and helps to fill the world with those restless, turbulent spirits that are a continual menace to society." Ed. 226.

"The system of grading is sometimes a hindrance to the pupil's real progress. Some pupils are slow at first, and the teacher of these youth needs to exercise great patience. But these pupils may after a short time learn so rapidly as to astonish him. Others may appear to be very brilliant, but time may show that they have blossomed too suddenly. The system of confining children rigidly to grades is not wise." CT 177.

If you go to school now, and you don't take what they tell you to, you can't get a degree. And if you don't get a degree, why go to school? That's about what it amounts to. To me that sounds rather ridiculous.

"Missionary work becomes less and less desirable, while the passion to excel in book-knowledge increases abnormally. In pursuing their studies, they separate from the God of wisdom. Some congratulate them on their advance, and encourage them to take degree after degree, even though they are less qualified to do the work of God after Christ's manner of instruction than they were before they entered the school at Battle Creek." FE 356.

When I went to Peabody, they didn't give grades, or restrict students to take certain courses. I don't know if they give grades now or not. They probably do, but they didn't then. I haven't the faintest idea of what grade I got in any subject that I took at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville for two years. (Peabody is one of the leading educational institutions in the country.) And they apparently were successful.

According to Dr. Sutherland, this was all a part of that program that grew up as the Protestant revolt by many educators in America against the established system—"the Establishment," if you want to think of it that way today. Dr. Sutherland said it was all a part of an imitation stamp out individual thinking.

Train to Be Thinkers, Not Reflectors

In the book "Education," page 17, Mrs. White says: "It is the work of true education. . . . to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thoughts." I'm afraid we don't do very well at that. It is probably because we don't go at it right. We don't let our students have much choice in what they study.

One thing that did comfort me some years ago when I found it was that in speaking about the shortness of time and the limiting of subject matter, the Lord wasn't talking about the teaching of children. Boys and girls do need to have a very thorough grounding in fundamentals. That's

essential. It makes little difference what else a person can do; if he can't read or write or spell or make a decent sentence, or do ordinary mathematics, he is not educated.

"Before attempting to study the higher branches of literary knowledge, be sure that you thoroughly understand the simple rules of English grammar, and have learned to read and write and spell correctly. . . . Do not spend time in learning that which will be of little use to you in your after-life. Instead of reaching out for a knowledge of the classics, learn first to speak the English language correctly. Learn how to keep accounts. Gain a knowledge of those lines of study that will help you to be useful wherever you are. The instruction which the Lord has sent us, warning students and teachers against spending years of study in school, does not apply to young boys and girls. These need to go through the proper period of thorough discipline and study of the common branches and the Bible, until they have reached an age of more mature and reliable judgment." CT 219.

Give Room for Individuality

Students are restricted and put through a mill today. That's what many of the young people are protesting, as we hear through the public press. Everyone is made to fit into the same mold. There's no room for individuality. Dr. Sutherland said that's part of the papal plan, part of the devil's plan to counteract God's plan. God's plan is to give people opportunity to think for themselves.

Just try to do something in any school that you ever heard of, even in our schools. You can't do it, because you would be told, "We don't do it that way. This is the way we do it." There's no liberty. . . . The Lord tells us how to do it. Good people come along and try to do it the way God says. Then the battle starts. People start criticizing and tell you that you can't do it, or that you mustn't do it this way.

Or, you are ostracized just as were the teachers at Oberlin. You ought to read what they said about some of those teachers at Oberlin, where they had as many as 1200 students a year. It was a Congregational institution, and yet the Congregational Church took such a stand against Oberlin that when the students wanted to go out as missionaries, they wouldn't send them. The church wouldn't accept them because they were trained in individual thinking. They didn't fit into the mold. They would ask them such questions as, "If you were put in charge of a church, would you let teachers from Oberlin preach in your pulpit?" If the students said, "Yes," they turned him down.

Isn't the history of God's people a history of starting out on a course and then gradually, step by step, coming into conformity with the world? It's the history of Seventh-day Adventist educa-

tion, and of the other Protestant denominations. Where is it going to end? What should we do? To me the history is perfectly clear. The future is not always so clear.

Dr. James Van Blaricum (Premed. '37) of Winchester, Tenn., accepted a call to East Pakistan for a term of mission service as director of the Gopalganj Hospital. He and his family left New York City March 10, 1970. Mrs. Van Blaricum, nee Simone Hadad, is a former student of Madison.

Madisonites At Ardmore, Okla.

An article in the March, 1970, "Alumni Journal" of LLU School of Medicine, titled "Oklahoma's Opportunities," featured Ardmore Adventist Hospital. Several Madisonites were mentioned, and two were pictured: Dr. James D. Schuler, medical director and chief surgeon; William Allen, inhalation therapist; and Rachel Piper, assistant in X-ray. Mrs. Nora Jones (N'27) was mentioned as the first registered nurse. She and her husband volunteered to move to Enid to take duties in the hospital. She continued to work there until 1954.

● MADISON MEETING AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. The editor plans to attend General Conference Session in Atlantic City June 11-20, and hopes to arrange a Madison reunion, meeting many Madisonites there. Watch for announcement.

● The annual Southern Self-Supporting Convention will be held at Wildwood Sanitarium, Wildwood, Georgia, near Chattanooga, this year, on the last weekend in October.

● Groundbreaking ceremonies were held May 31, 1970 for the new 975-seat Campus Church to be built on a high point back of the nursing students' dormitory, and up the hill from the shopping center.

● COMING LATER. More on Mittleider in next SURVEY, also a report on the Workshop and Out-of-the Cities on Sunday after Homecoming. Richard Rimmer taped the music and talks, and is working to make these available. If interested, write THE SURVEY office.

At the workshop, Doctors Elwin Lanz, Helen Burks, Alan Harmer, and J. C. Gant spoke on the Physical Fitness panel; also Lorraine Fields, Susan Ard, and Marvin Troutman. Leon Smith spoke on Wilderness Survival. In the main the chairman of the Education panel and the Rural Living panel gave their time to Mr. Mittleider, who told more about his work in agriculture overseas by showing slides of his work in Okinawa. On Saturday night he had told of his work in Fiji and New Guinea where he had successful demonstrations and dramatic results, as shown in "before and after" colored slides.

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