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In This Issue

In the September SURVEY we began a series on the idea of a rebirth of the Madison type of education above high school level. This idea was sparked by Major Ray Sanders just before he went back to Vietnam to finish his time of service in the Army. The most enthusiastic proponent of the idea was Bernie Sheffield, principal of Groveland Academy in Florida, who promoted vigorously in his Poinsettia.

The March SURVEY contained some of the letters received regarding a resurrection of Madison, and the space in this June number will largely be taken up with replies from others. Close observers who read the SURVEY may have noticed that this editor does not write editorials, but rather acts as a reporter, reporting alumni news and self-supporting conventions, and letting the readers speak out on the issues in letters.

Hundreds of replies were received, and various ideas were propounded as to location, name, curriculum, accreditation. Many pledged prayers and influence; some indicated they would be willing to give financial support; and a few checked the item "personnel," perhaps the most essential ingredient of all.

From some of the replies received we can see there is misunderstanding and lack of information as to the status of the Madison school. Perhaps some do not even know that the college and hospital were taken over by the Southern Union in 1963 and are no longer "self-supporting." Then in 1964 the college was closed. Madison Hospital continued under the Southern Union, and Madison Academy under the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Paramedical courses on college level in Anesthesia, X-ray, Medical Technology, have not closed at the hospital. Medical Records courses have been given part of the time, and the L.P.N. course was started in 1967, with Mrs. Thelma Pitt as teacher. Madison was used as an extension campus for S.M.C. in the A.D. nursing course from 1966 to 1970.

Now and then the question comes up as to why the college was closed. On one opinion poll that came in recently, a woman in Tennessee wrote the question, "Just who killed Madison College?" Perhaps the question should be stated this way—"Who or what killed Madison

College?" If the question were asked to the people close to Madison through the years before 1964, various answers would be given, such as a large indebtedness due to mismanagement, several factions wanting to gain control, original spirit of sacrifice gone on the part of many workers, seeking status as a senior college, trying to be like the world, institution too big, separation of college and hospital, and lack of vision on the part of conference officials.

In answer to who or what killed Madison, a former faculty member made this somewhat startling remark: "The 'Brethren' did not kill Madison, really. They think they did. But really, it was suicide,

MADISON COLLEGE HOMECOMING

Madison, Tenn., June 23-25, 1972

Don't forget Homecoming at Madison June 23-25. Registration and Friday evening meeting will be in the old chapel, Helen Funk Assembly Hall. Sabbath morning meetings will be in the new Madison Campus Church on the hill opposite Madison Hospital. Sabbath afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday morning meetings will be in the chapel again, or as announced.

Honor Classes are 1922, 1932, 1947, and 1962. All others are welcome. A potluck dinner and supper will be provided by local alumni on Sabbath for out-of-town guests.

As to housing, a few free rooms are available in the community. A few furnished rooms are for rent in Williams Hall dormitory, and empty rooms may be used on third floor if you bring sleeping bags or cots and bedding, but the furniture has been removed. There will be a small charge for Williams Hall rooms, and advance notice must be given.

There are two motels in Madison—the Madison Motel at 625 Gallatin Road, Telephone 615-865-2323; and the Madison Square Motel across from Madison Shopping Center at 18 Emmitt Ave., Telephone 615-865-4203. You may wish to stay there. (Please make your own reservation.)

This will be an important meeting, as some time will be given to discussion of the possibility of a rebirth of Madison or the N.A.N.I. in some form.

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not murder. The 'Brethren' only performed the funeral. Madison started to die when the sacrificial spirit began to wane in the late thirties, and the big incomes began. And that spirit pyramided until death was inevitable."

LOCATION. As to location, many replied, "In the South," and all wanted it in an agricultural area. There was an occasional other choice such as Midwest, New York, D.C. area, and Mexico. A few were for Arkansas. Several mentioned one of the self-supporting academies. Some wondered why the question of location was brought up at all, asking why not at same place at Madison. Perhaps the foregoing will partly explain. Much of the land has been sold, and what was once rural is becoming less and less so. Madison is now part of "Metro" Nashville. As with nearly all our institutions, the city has grown closer and closer, crowding out the country atmosphere. Several offers of land elsewhere with more acreage have been made.

What About the Curriculum?

Almost all feel that Madison College was designated to fulfill a unique role in Adventist education, and that it should be reestablished. There is a difference of opinion on the question of accreditation and degrees. A number of people asked why we couldn't have both accredited and non-accredited courses. Several pointed out it might be necessary to have accredited courses to qualify teachers and nurses to serve in self-supporting institutions.

Those who have given it study feel that it would be best to start out in a simple way with a spirit of devotion and sacrifice similar to the founders of Madison, offer short practical courses preparing for rural living, having a laymen's preparatory school which would not be in competition with other SDA colleges, but would give supplemental courses to individuals and families who chose to come.

This would be a work-and-study program, as formerly at Madison. Many expressions of gratitude have been uttered by Madison students for the opportunity to work one's way through school. "I would never have had a chance to get an education if it hadn't been for Madison," is heard over and over. And many sons and daughters of Madison who now have sons and daughters and grandchildren are wishing for a similar school today.

If the new self-supporting school above high school level comes to pass, it will not be anti-conference or offshoot, or for "hippies" or incorrigibles.

Is it too late? Some say it is, as the world teeters on the brink of disaster. Perhaps it is too late for a million dollar building program. That is why it seems best to start out with a simple program, emphasizing rural living, lay evangelism, medical missionary work, healthful living, and the like. Perhaps there should be several second Madisons. If in the providence of God time lasts, and the school grows and expands, we could widen our horizons and branch out into other areas.

This important matter will be discussed at Madison College Homecoming June 23-25 here at Madison, near Nashville, Tenn. It is hoped we can get a committee together before Homecoming to give study to the idea. We hope you will plan to come. Don't wait for a personal invitation. We don't have time to write everyone. If you believe it should come true, pray about it, and talk it with fellow-Madisonites and friends and conference officials. (You might ask them if they are receiving THE SURVEY, so as to keep up to date.)

Names Suggested for "New Madison"

Many names have been suggested for "Madison II". Some have favored the word "Institute," rather than "College." Here are a few names that came in: Madison Career College, Sutherland Memorial College (or Institute), Laymen's Training Center, Blue Print College, School of Practical Arts, Rural Education School, Good Samaritan College, Madison Training School, Natural Living Institute. Perhaps the most intriguing name was "Phoenix," a name in Egyptian mythology referring to a bird which consumed itself by fire and arose renewed from its ashes.

Have You Replied?

Have you sent in your opinion poll about the rebirth of Madison? Hundreds of polls and letters have been received as a result of the poll placed in the February POINSETTIA and March SURVEY. There are many alumni and friends yet to hear from. We hope you have kept the postage paid, addressed envelope and will yet use it to send in your opinion poll, your alumni dues (\$5 annual, \$50 life); and for SURVEY subscribers \$1 or more.

When you send your opinion poll, or write THE SURVEY office, please place your name on the envelope or inside. Several polls came in with no name on outside or inside, and a few had no postmark. We can't win at these guessing games. If a check is inside that gives the name, but one envelope contained cash, and there was no clue whatever as to the name, so we can't send receipt. One envelope with no name had an opinion poll inside, and not one word was written on it. We had to pay 10¢ to get this one, as we do all of them unless you kindly place a stamp in the corner, and of course, we were a bit perturbed to pay for nothing.

Envelopes with only a postmark or a zip, without name, came from Arlington, Wash.; Evansville, Indiana; two from Loma Linda; one from Meridian, Miss.; one from Roseburg, Ore.; and one from

Collegedale. Several envelopes were without postmark on outside, and no name inside. If any of our readers can help on this, please write. One of these "unknowns" checked being willing to help as personnel, and of course we want to know what that is.

Some who sent dues and SURVEY subs may wonder why they haven't received receipts and answers to letters, but we are far behind in our work, and have too little help. We will get to it as soon as possible.

The Sheffields Visit Madison

Bernie and Amy Sheffield attended a meeting of the M.C.A.A. committee on April 2, where he reported on visiting several possible locations for a "new Madison" on his way here from Groveland, Fla. Bernie has pioneered two self-supporting academies (Laurelbrook and Groveland), and has spent 21 years in this work. He is editor of THE POINSETTIA, which has the largest circulation of any periodical promoting self-supporting work. If you are not receiving THE POINSETTIA, and desire it, write Groveland Academy, Groveland, Fla. 32736. It is free.

Possibilities in Arkansas

Among the places where the Sheffields visited was a tract of 664 acres of land in the Ozark Mountains of northwest Arkansas. This property is owned by three SDA families who are related. They are interested and willing to have a school started there. They wrote, "We have all the lumber we need to build with, also lovely building stones are on it . . . We are putting in 500 fruit trees from Stark Brothers. There is an abundance of ground for organic gardening . . . Whatever the Lord sees fit to use it for is all right with us, as we want it to be used in His work some way."

One of the men in the family is a builder, and his father-in-law has been gathering surplus materials such as aluminum windows and bath tubs, and bringing them to the place.

● The Sheffields also took a look at the Gant property near Pikeville, Tenn.

● Paul Felt, district pastor, Wildwood, Ga., in answer to the question, Is any Adventist institution on the college level presently carrying out Madison's divinely appointed mission; "Not fully, but very much, Wildwood Medical Missionary Institute." As to location, "Not at Madison . . . Why not in an area remote from any other Adventist college, where self-supporting work is unknown? Perhaps it should be fairly near a large city where our progress has been slow. Possibilities: Northern Arkansas or Southern Missouri; Dr. James Wang's property in Knoxville, Illinois; or the Catskill Mountains of New York."

Reflections by N.C. Wilson, Colton, Calif.

Madison has always been much in my thoughts and still is, because it was one of God's chosen places . . . It's very difficult to know fully the will of God for the particular hour to which we have come. The original purpose of God in Madison was clear and indeed relevant. It was a clear call to a training and preparatory program for a great laymen's movement in which many—maybe even most—S.D.A.'s, whether skilled or unskilled, would be giving full-time service to God in some capacity—not as things have now developed, where God's people work for G.M., Ford, or other good firms for five days each week, attend church, pay tithes and offerings, make a few missionary or friendly calls, and in addition may teach a S.S. class. We missed that

goal long ago. In fact, Madison herself got sidetracked, but that is a long and a very sad story.

But to the larger aspect—the many small sanitariums, the many smaller schools, the health centers, the community uplift centers never really came into existence—rather there were large centers of education and health in a few places.

Thank God, there are still a few of the self-supporting institutions that are true to the call of God. I knew very personally the Madison founders and loved every one of them. Dr. E. A. Sutherland and I were as close as a father and son. I hold in very sacred memory the founders, each one, and I'm sure they did their best, which was indeed remarkably good. They were people of most unusual ability and dedication, but little by little the original path was lost until Madison came to the place where she was not carrying out her original mandate, nor was she able to compete with the modern-day institutions . . . Madison made its major mistake when it tried to be like and just as "good" as other institutions, and that was never God's plan for Madison. The original assignment is just as needed today as it was 60 years ago. Even the very name "Madison" means much today.

It could be that God is calling the brethren in the self-supporting centers and others to do a work in training lay workers in these several places, rather than at one central place like Madison. We don't seem to be able to keep humble when we grow to be very large. To me, this is the lesson our history has taught me over the past sixty or so years . . .

The Madison plan of every member involvement was God's plan, and still is, so I think some rebirth is called for in a wise and careful way.

"Universities Without Walls"

W. H. Beaven, Ph.D., Kettering, Ohio

Dr. Winton H. Beaven, former M.C. faculty member, and now dean of the Education Division of Kettering Medical Center in Ohio, wrote: "I feel that Madison contributed a great deal to me in both tangible and intangible ways, and that the founders of Madison were giants in the field of education. In our faculty meeting here on one occasion I made our devotional exercises around Dr. Sutherland and his principles of education. Several members of the faculty have been in, as a result, to read some of his writings which I possess in my office.

"Although Kettering College is not like Madison in the sense that it has been built on the soil, it is like Madison in that it is geared directly to applied education . . .

"I do not think that it is justified to attempt to build another Madison. The outlay in funds today would be gigantic. Nor do I think that we need this sort of thing. I do feel that there is need for the kind of education which Madison provided, but that this could be done on a decentralized basis if there were only a center which would direct this. I think the development of 'universities without walls' and the development of 'external degrees' which have been in Britain for many years, and are now coming to America, show the way that this could be done. With proper personnel at some of the institutions already operating, I think the program that Madison has pioneered and has stood for all these years could be reconstituted in a way that would fit most easily the needs of today."

To Be or Not to Be Accredited

In regard to accreditation or non-accredited courses, a number of people indicated they would like to see a combination of both.

● Dr. E. M. Chalmers, of the C.U.C. faculty, answered that the two ideas had been compatible for the past ten years, and wrote on his opinion poll: "Accreditation today simply means we can demonstrate that we carry the program we say we do. We can decide on any program we feel constitutes true education as far as accrediting bodies are concerned."

● Felix Lorenz, Sr., wrote from Fair Oaks, Calif.: "You have two questions here. Accredited—No; Degreed—Yes. Farmer Jones, aged 50, would take non-degreed work, but his young son and daughter would take degreed work. In answer to No. 4, "Would you favor a non-accredited curriculum, emphasizing rural living, organic farming, healthful cookery, natural remedies, preventive medicine, training for self-supporting missionary evangelism," Elder Lorenz wrote: "Yes, but this could be degreed."

L. J. Larson, '38, Academic Dean,
S.U.C., Keene, Texas

"I feel the need for establishing a training center such as Dr. Paulson and Ed Sutherland envisioned when they said we should have a school where any young person might get an education if he was willing to work for it. This was fundamentally the Madison idea. However, I do not go along with the ideas that some are advocating relative to non-recognition and non-accreditation. . . .

"One of Madison's great emphases was in the area of what is now called the Allied Health Professions. This area is receiving even more attention now than it did 70 years ago. Unless one has received training in an approved, recognized school the whole professional field is closed to him.

"I cite this as but one example of the problems we face relative to recognition. . . .

"E. A. Sutherland took medicine at the age of 45 in order to personally meet accreditation and certification standards. I don't know how old Bessie DeGraw was when she began work on her doctorate at Peabody, nor do I know the age of Floyd Bralliar when he obtained his doctorate in order that Madison College might be recognized.

"Many of Madison's friends do not seem to recall that Madison was one of the first Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning to receive accreditation in the United States. That accreditation covered the junior college level of work and was dropped voluntarily by the College when they applied for senior college recognition. I do not believe that Madison ever was able to qualify for its senior standing with the Southern Association.

"Madison was established for a specific work. I am not convinced that work has been completed. I was Dean of Academic Affairs at Madison when the institution was closed. I doubt that I shall ever completely recover from that very traumatic experience. However, in all fairness, I must agree that in the last few years of Madison's existence it was not the Madison that some of us knew in its earlier years and at its zenith. For instance in the thirties when I attended the institution. . . .

"Is it not possible that today God has a plan for the same sort of work to be done but in a little different way from the way Madison did it?"

● Calvin L. Thrash, Jr., M.D., president, Yuchi Pines Institute, Seale, Ala. "Don't waste time and energy on another school to give worldly type instruction. We have plenty of those. Faculty members should be chosen with utmost care."

What Do You Say?—No. 3

● Mr. and Mrs. J. L. CULPEPPER, Campus: "This is the most exciting thing we have heard in a long time." (Lester Culpepper formerly was fruit and garden man for the school and sanitarium and presently is delivery man for the hospital; his wife Linda taught Home Ec and Speech.)

● WALLACE ("Buddy") BLAIR '50, of Ooltewah, Tenn., added to the question regarding establishing more self-supporting institutions and training leadership for them that training should also be given for self-employed workers. He adds: "We need to emphasize moving to dark counties, how to establish study groups, and how to be good neighbors."

Charlotte Hunt Alger (N'41),
Grants Pass, Ore.

"I am very much interested in seeing a new Madison give birth. You see, had it not been for the first Madison, I might not have received a nurse's training. Today I'm in God's work because of my four years of school at Madison. All of my memories of Madison are loved and cherished. Today there are so many young people with honest hearts, but they have no means to attend school. I believe there is no higher education than the education which trains an individual for eternal life as well as how to live a good, clean, honest, self-supporting life on this earth. . . . Count me in on helping in my small way to build a new Madison."

● Mrs. Calvin Campbell of Detroit, Mich., sent a clipping from the NEW YORK TIMES (4-9-42), titled, "Farming Schools Gain Applicants," which speaks of a sharp increase in the number of students applying for admission at two major agricultural colleges (Cornell and Syracuse). Cornell's director of admissions stated, "We see a strong desire to get back to the earth and to treat Mother Nature with respect, as well as a great interest in organic gardening."

Along with her reply to the opinion poll, Mrs. Campbell sent this comment: "We have quite a few young people—single and college age—joining the church on their own without the encouragement of their non-S.D.A. parents. They do not have the finances or the training to provide an income adequate to save any large amounts for college. It's so expensive now. I wish your planned college could do something for them, even if it's only a technical training course including Bible courses giving the foundations of our faith, in a wholesome, Christian atmosphere."

● WILLIAM M. DRISKELL, Gadsden, Ala.: "I understand a movement is in the making to establish a new Madison school. It was my great privilege to be a student and a worker at Madison. I for one would like to see a new Madison College with some of the old ideas as it was when Dr. E. A. Sutherland was there. There is a great need for some short speedy courses—to give the three angels' messages, to teach health, and prepare our church members to finish the work. This I believe would please our Lord more than complying with worldly standards of going all out for an accredited school. After all, we are to train people how to get out of this world, instead of training them to stay in this world."

Oscar Pembroke, Belmont, Mass.

Oscar Pembroke, former worker at Madison: "I am very much interested in seeing another M.C. type of school. I have no money or property to donate to it, but since my wife, Addie, and I are on Social Security, I would be happy to donate my time and work where needed. . . . I will be glad to help out in training for healthful cooking and baking."

"I am strong for agriculture training, as well as many other industries such as woodworking, welding, electrical work, carpentry, cabinet making, animal husbandry, auto mechanics, sewing, dressmaking, healthful cookery, and baking. I think Wilderness Survival and living should be a short course taught to everyone. I believe along with this training we should teach regular college courses that would enable one after graduation to be as well educated as from an accredited college. However, there may be many who are not college material but who could do well in vocational training. The training should prepare a person to gain a credit from an accredited school by examination, if he so desires."

(Oscar sent an interesting clipping from MIDNIGHT, April 24, 1972, which contains a feature story, "Unique College Makes Students Do Manual Labor to Pay Their Tuition." Of this school, Warren Wilson College, near Swannanoa, N.C., the writer said, "It is the only known program of its kind at any U.S. college," but we think there is a similar program at School of the Ozarks, at Point Lookout, Mo.)

John Donesky (Lab '57)

Putnam Memorial Hospital, Palatka, Fla.

"To whom it may concern: Whoever made the decision for closing Madison College in 1964 made a big mistake. Instead of the Southern Union coming to Madison's aid and help, they did just the opposite. Madison College was thrown out to the wolves, so to speak. . . .

"Those who closed Madison were blind to the fact that hundreds of students year in and year out gave these young people a life's work and kept them in the truth. I say this from my own experience and the experience of my brothers and sisters. Seven Doneskys attended Madison College at one time or another. The reason for this was that one could work so much of his expenses. Most of Madison College students were from families who could not afford the high price of education that we now have.

"What I am trying to say is that I thank God there was a Madison College for me. If it wasn't for Madison I would have had no education and have not been prepared for life's work. My wife also feels the same in this matter."

In answering the opinion poll, John indicated he believed an accredited degreed program should be offered in some areas in a "new Madison." He said an unaccredited curriculum is all right for some, but he feels that "X-ray, lab and nursing are worthless without proper accreditation. Anywhere any more a qualified degreed personnel is a must in order to meet State and government requirements. Our own institutions cannot get along without these degreed workers."

In answer to the question as to where it should be located" he replied: "A place where land for agriculture can be obtained—also a hospital for medical curriculum, such as lab, X-ray, and nursing."

Connell Cross (Lab '62), Killeen, Texas

In answering the opinion poll, Connell Cross wrote that Madison did indeed fill a unique role in Adventist education, as the school "took students who by human judgment were worthless, and made workers for God of them." In answer to whether a new Madison should seek an accredited, degreed program, he said: "If this would in any way impair the program, No! However, it is desirable." As to location, "At a place like Pine Forest Academy in Mississippi, or similar location in the South." And regarding alternate plans, "It will be quicker to expand an already existing program, if possible. . . . I am not prepared at this date to make a commitment, but I would like to be kept informed of the progress of this idea."

Progressive Plans at Laurelbrook

In our March SURVEY we presented several alternate plans for a resurrection of the Madison type of education above high school level. Stephen Marlow (N '64) of Laurelbrook School wrote of a plan to use one or more of the self-supporting academies as extension schools. Steve is especially concerned with the perennial problem of getting suitable personnel to staff the "units." Laurelbrook has been trying to meet this problem by a Junior Worker program, and giving some vocational training subjects to attract and keep academy graduates.

The Laurelbrook School Bulletin for 1972-73 states: "Laurelbrook is now developing a one to two-year trade program beyond the high school level for interested and qualified high school students." Seventeen areas in which diplomas will be offered are listed, including agriculture, auto mechanics, construction, maintenance, nurses aide, printing, welding, and other practical subjects.

"One might have to think in terms of a dean or president of the college whose main spheres of action would be: 1. Act as liaison between various units. 2. Act as curriculum director along with the college board to implement the program. 3. Personnel referral intermediary—help channel prospective personnel to various units needing their services, thereby aiding units to find needed personnel. The prospective person would always be accepted or rejected by the unit concerned. . . .

"I realize I am discussing problems from the standpoint of having various unit extension schools. A central college campus would do away with these problems and would pose others."

Eden Valley Institute, Loveland, Colo.

Sample copies of Eden Valley Institute's Medical nurses journal, "Life at its Best," have been received, also their newsletter. The newsletter lists 15 courses including Field Evangelism and related subjects, and practical courses including first aid, gardening, bookkeeping, nutrition, home maintenance, and printing.

● Wayne Niemeyer has recently joined the Eden Valley staff. His wife is the former Carolyn Cothren (M.R. '63).

Arthur C. Quance '58, Ortonville, Minn.

Arthur Quance, administrator of the hospital in Ortonville, Minn., gave thoughtful answers to the opinion poll. He feels that accreditation may be questionable. "Accreditation with world's standards should not be the goal. . . . One must consider the real fact of having to live and work in today's present world. . . . Follow the outline of E. G. White and the book, EDUCATION. . . . Lead the world by our educational light, rather than vice versa."

In regard to reestablishment of Madison, Quance said, "Yes, with principles of the Spirit of Prophecy," and as to location, "Mid-South, although more rural than at present in Madison, Tenn."

Irene Douglas Nygren (N'37), Broadview, Ill.

I very definitely believe in the rebirth of Madison. I feel Madison's brightest contributions are still in the future. . . . I was permitted to take my four years of high school at Madison. I worked nights on the nurses' switchboard. You will not believe it, but a cot was placed alongside the telephone switchboard. When a patient rang for a nurse, the buzzing awakened me, and I would give the message to the nurse.

After high school I was encouraged to take the nurses' course. The nurses' course there makes me feel life's cycle at Madison is called to do what other medical institutions are not called on to do. I observed the self-sacrificing, dedicated teachers. I was from Nashville and I knew the most influential people came to Madison because it was different.

Mrs. Charles Taylor, Darrington, Wash.

We are not alumni of Madison College, although that was our fondest dream for years after reading a SURVEY in 1919. But after completing our formal education and teaching church school five years here in the West, our dreams partially came true. In the summer of 1927 we joined the self-supporting workers in the great Southland. The Layman Foundation purchased a 200-acre farm for us in the Cumberland Mountains near Banner Elk, N.C. We began a ten-grade boarding church school, which we believe is still operating as a church school after 45 years.

We came back west many years ago, and have spent our years teaching church school here. During these years we have had scores of young people come to us for advice as to the college they should choose. Our answer was always the same, 'Madison' until that fateful day about eight years ago. Since then, we have been at a loss to know what to advise. How happy we would be if once again we could say, 'Madison.'

While there is still land, we would like to see it again at Madison, unless it has grown up too thickly around there, because we believe first and foremost the new Madison College should follow the blueprint, just as old Madison did in its building and operating. Someone as near like Dr. Sutherland in purpose, mind, and dedication should be found. "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget the way the Lord has led us."

We believe it can be done! We believe it should be done! We are hoping and praying it will be done.

(Nellie Taylor has taught school for 37 years. Husband Charles taught ten years and has since been in contracting and building. They wrote that nothing would please them more than to help with a "new Madison," but felt their age was against them. Mrs. Taylor was the first to suggest "Phoenix" as the name (a bird which consumed itself by fire and rose renewed from its ashes).

● O. S. Harrell, Welch, W. Va.: "We took the MADISON SURVEY for years. We would like to receive it again. We were very much in harmony with the work of Madison College."

● Martha M. Benton, Gobles, Mich.: "The opinion poll in the February POINSETTIA was an answer to prayer. For years I have been longing to see an institution of this type established, and lately I have been praying to that end."

George Barnett, Denver, Colo.

George ("Gil") Barnett, a former M.C. student, attended the University of Kentucky and graduated in 1947 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He wrote regarding his early experiences at Madison.

"I attended Madison College 1938-40. It was quite an ordeal for an 18-year-old 300 miles away from home for the first time. A few years later, I found myself in the Army. Army basic training was a snap compared to M.C. training. I never realized it then, but it was a great experience. I stopped at Madison some years after the war, and I cried when I saw the waste and ruins. . . .

"Your questionnaire asked where M.C. should be located. What's wrong with the existing location? Has ownership of the farm and properties passed to someone who does not favor re-establishment of a school? . . . I can only assume that the management was good, and the reason M.C. decayed into ruins was that expenses exceeded income. . . . I have some doubts that the type of school you describe in the opinion poll would have a good chance for survival. Also I wonder if enough people are interested in this type of training to enlist an enrollment. . . . Yet such a school as you describe may be

so unique that it would be flooded with applications. There is one thing for sure—we do NOT need more colleges teaching liberal arts.

"Let's take an honest look at ourselves — concerning self-supporting missionary work. How many of us are really willing to start with nothing and strike out on a self-supporting missionary effort? This takes more than faith—it takes guts, courage, and hard work—this is where most of us fall flat on our face. There are too few (including myself) willing to work for nothing. In short, I fear we don't have what it takes for self-supporting missionary work."

● Frank Lang, former M.C. and Laurelbrook teacher, visited at Madison in April. He is located at Chattanooga where he is director of an institute which includes a remedial reading clinic. Several SDA's are on the staff who are engaged in tutoring and counseling. He feels this is a successful "self-supporting" venture, and a good way of keeping others. He is interested in a "new" Madison.

Jack Williams, President at Fletcher

"I am most definitely interested in our self-supporting institutions, and there is definitely a need for a Junior College level practical, self-supporting institution.

"However, you don't just start an institution in the air. There must be thorough study, planning, and coordination with existing institutions, some of whom or struggling. We must be practical, and we must follow the Spirit of Prophecy counsel. Practical, in the sense that we must consider the laws of the land in which we live today, and the needs of facilities in some given area in which we would begin such an institution. Further, the coordination that could exist between it and not only the existing self-supporting institutions, but also the denominational institutions.

"As I read the Spirit of Prophecy, I find a distinction made between self-supporting and independent. Mrs. White was very careful to guide Brethren Sutherland and Magan to prevent them from starting an independent institution which was not in coordination with the existing work around the Nashville area. She speaks of many small centers where one or two families may go to start a work for the Lord, but as I read the description of these, they are not institutions.

"A junior college would have to be a reasonably sized institution, and should definitely have a medical work connected with it as well as agriculture and other industries. The first need is qualified, practical, personnel — not just theoretical people who may be full of good ideas, but men and women who can put these ideas into effect on a sound, economic basis. These are scarce. Second, you need a group of similarly minded, qualified, dedicated teachers. We would also need the good will and coordinating support of the regular denominational organization. All of this unity is necessary for the Spirit of God to come in and to help make such a place to be a success."

James Tucker, Austin, Texas

"The school or institute or center should be geared to all ages, not just high school graduates and freshman college students. It should take in families, and be family centered to learn practical daily living and family management. Agriculture, nature study, economy, work would be of great importance.

"Make sure that the curriculum is one which meets the needs of people today, instead of a curriculum which only the reactionaries and neurotics will be enticed to. . . . If the whole thing invites nothing but fanatics, then you are dead before you start, and that is the reason I feel that it should begin as a complement to education rather than the whole thing in one package."

ALUMNI NEWS

1937

J. T. Wheeler '37 and Mrs. Mary Greer were married on Feb. 24, 1972. His first wife, Florence Hackworth died in 1970. The Greers were fellow workers with the Wheelers for over four years while at Pewee Valley. The new Mrs. Wheeler is an LPN. She worked 21 years in Mercer County Hospital in Illinois. The Wheelers are living in Balsam, N.C., 40 miles west of Asheville, where they have taken over a hospital named after Albert Schweitzer, and also will operate a nursing home.

Sometime ago we wrote J. T. Wheeler asking about his early experiences at Pewee Valley and Louisville. We learned he was a rice farmer in Texas. He and his wife Florence came to Madison in 1919 to take the nursing course. Soon Dr. Sutherland persuaded them to go to Louisville to help in the work there. Mr. Wheeler wrote:

"My wife Florence and I went to Louisville in 1920, when there was only a treatment room. We started the cafeteria after we went there. We started the Pewee Valley work in 1924 because of calls from treatment room patients asking for a place where they could get care and treatment and diet. We operated both the city work and Pewee Valley for about three years, then the cafeteria was closed and a Dr. Schneider took over the treatment rooms in Louisville. We left Pewee Valley in 1945, and operated treatment rooms and nursing homes in Celina, Tenn., and North Carolina."

More recently J. T. Wheeler wrote this: "I appreciate the good work you are doing there at Madison, especially in keeping the SURVEY going. I am sure it has a binding influence on all Madison graduates, students, and friends. I feel Madison will yet do a greater work for the last days."

1943

Miriam Kerr, former student at Madison, is assistant professor of nursing at S.M.C. on the Orlando campus extension. Previously she taught in the Nursing Division at S.M.C. from 1954-65, then was an instructor in nursing at L.L.U. She has two Masters from Peabody—one in Education, and one in Library Science. She wrote that her mother had had a stroke and was at Florida Living Retirement Home near Forest Lake Academy.

1945

It doesn't pay to give up too soon, as evidenced by the following letter from "Bea" Birch Parfitt (N'45) of Glendale, Ariz., who sent \$100 for life memberships for herself and husband, Dr. Leonard D. Parfitt '41, after several attempts by the alumni office to get a response.

"When you didn't hear from us promptly after that 'last stand' letter you sent us, you probably did give up. But, just to show you you should never 'call quits,' I'm sending you a check for \$100 for life memberships for Len and me.

"We might not enjoy seeing the place again, as many familiar landmarks have given away to progress, or at least should have, as they were almost falling down over 25 years ago. But oh, the fun we had! The physical plant wasn't much, but the students and teachers were the greatest.

"At Christmas time I hear from quite a few ol' Madisonites (not enough), and see some occasionally. It seems that all Madisonites have made good, because none of them were afraid of Work—they had to. We really enjoy getting the MADISON SURVEY, even though we have failed to say so. We both have many fond memories of Madison. Keep the SURVEY coming!"

1950

Joel and Mary Lillie Everett both graduated from M.C. Joel, class of 1950, was a member of the first graduation class of the School of

Dentistry at CME. He has practiced dentistry at Florence, Miss., ever since graduation in 1957, except for one year at Wildwood. Mrs. Everett was a worker at Madison, and registrar from 1947-8. She has been a church school teacher at various times. The Everetts have four daughters.

1954

Herbert Meador (Anes. '54) wrote from St. Helens, Ore. "Presently I am the only nurse anesthetist at Columbia District Hospital in St. Helens, Ore. I have been here almost 12 years. My wife, Ada, does part-time duty at the hospital. Our daughter, Ivey Elaine, is finishing her first year of nursing at W.W.C. Perry graduated from Columbia Academy in May. He plans to take nursing, and then anesthesia. Maxine is a sophomore at Columbia Academy. Steve, age 9, is in the third grade. We are anxious for Jesus to come soon so that we can make our home with Him."

Herbert's sister, Viola Meador Wright, is a graduate nurse from Madison College, class of 1945. She lives in Benton, Ark.

1959

Patricia Payne Lawry (N'59) wrote from Loveland, Colo.: "We were so happy to receive the MADISON SURVEY. As we read it, it brought back many happy memories. I am not doing nursing now, but busy at home. I am taking care of two welfare children. Our son, Richard, is a junior at Campion Academy, and Jeannie an eighth grader at H.M.S. Richards church school. Four-year-old Carolyn is at home. Bob does body and fender work, besides selling used cars. We are both busy with church work. We would love to be there for Homecoming."

Myrna Moore Ferguson (MR '59) wrote that she has three children, and her husband is working for the U.S. Forest Service. They live in Eagle, Ida.

1962

Alice Sheffield (N'62) and Jim Gregory were married April 2 in the Hermitage Church of Christ.

LETTERS

C. R. MacIvor, Hendersonville, N. C.

In answering the questionnaire on a "new Madison," C. R. MacIVOR of Hendersonville, N. C., former sales manager of Battle Creek Food Co., wrote of the urgency of preparing our people to leave the cities. Extracts from his letter follow.

"It is but a matter of time when our people will have to leave the cities or compromise our religious concepts with labor union regulations. A setup as you suggest will enable our people to make a living as well as train many to operate self-supporting places like the present Madison group. I truly believe these small self-supporting institutions will be real lifesavers to many of our people now living in large cities who will soon be leaving for rural areas. . . .

I definitely feel that Madison should be re-established to provide vocational training, rural living, organic farming, healthful cookery, hydrotherapy and preventive medicine to train folks for self-supporting missionary work. Unless this is done it is just a matter of time when self-supporting institutions will be a thing of the past. . . .

Once our school seeks scholastic accreditation the State requires more and more standards and regulations which eventually equalize out the training the Spirit of Prophecy suggests should be the fundamental curriculum of our schools. . . .

If you follow out the suggestion of the questionnaire as to what should be taught, then I would say, go ahead and God will bless your efforts. Only be sure to buy plenty of land far enough in the country so as not to be crowded and hampered like so many of our places are that are located too near the cities."

Harry J. Weber, M.D., Corvallis, Ore.

(Dr. Harry Weber, a physician in Corvallis, Oregon, ordered 50 copies of STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, by E. A. Sutherland, answered the opinion poll, and wrote an interesting letter. Dr. Weber and his wife, Velda, an anesthesiologist, are both graduates of LLU. His father and mother were physicians at Harding Sanitarium from 1925-40. His mother, Dr. Mary Weber, has been on our SURVEY mailing list for years. Following are extracts from Dr. Harry Weber's letter:)

"My purpose is to lend or give these books to anyone who will read them, in order that a better understanding of Christian education may create a demand for it. If read in light of the inspired volumes on Education, Dr. Sutherland's book gives reasons for practical plans for modern educational reform. An out-of-print volume by A. W. Spalding, WHO IS THE GREATEST? is an essential companion to STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Spalding gives reasons for avoiding the competitive sports, oratorical contests and other such evil influences which tempt and confuse our youth. . . .

"These books are urgently needed in order that a brief statement of fundamental principles summarizing the Spirit of Prophecy instruction can be studied and agreed upon. Then like-minded teachers and students can get together knowing what to expect and how to cooperate.

"My interest in Christian education stems from confidence in the Bible and the writings of Mrs. White to which the Scriptures direct our attention in these last days."

Mrs. Luella Doub, Seale, Ala.

(Luella Doub '36 has moved from Fresno, Calif., to Seale, Ala., where she is connected with Yuchi Pines Institute near Columbus, Ga.)

"A new thing is happening! The conference and union around D.C. are putting health minded doctors who think as we do in official conference positions as Health Education Secretaries, to lead young people in establishing health centers. I have seen some of the finest young people yet, striking out bravely to implement their vision. God is really stirring things up.

"I have just returned from a whole month of visits with several groups around Washington, D.C., who are on fire to do just what we should all be doing, putting health evangelism and country living back into our programs. They want to start treatment rooms and health education classes, health cooking classes, etc., along with sermons and Bible studies. But they do not know too much as to the way to go about it. I'll do all in my power to help them.

"I have now moved to Columbus, Georgia, where I join with Doctors Agatha and Calvin Thrash in establishing there a center for training young people to go out to do this work. I stayed there ten days to design a treatment room facility for the builder to go to work on (he had begun before I left), in adding a large annex to their fine office building in Columbus, Ga., to house a treatment room department, and a small auditorium for lectures and teaching. It will provide an excellent place to train the ambitious youth in the lay medical work and nutrition, so they can go out and teach and practice it. More than anything else, I desire in whatever working time remains to me, to pass on to as many people as possible the expertise I have developed in my own independent institutions in hydrotherapy, manipulative therapy, diet therapy, and good general nutritional instruction.

"My first edition of the hydrotherapy manual and nutrition lesson outlines has all been sold out for over a year. The second edition (500 copies) will be ready in a few days more. We must have them for teaching purposes."

● FLORENCE FENTZLING GARDNER was at Madison in the early twenties. Phillip, her only child, was one of the "soybean babies." She had been out of touch with Madison for many years. Recently, when Anna Sorensen '25 sent her a SURVEY, she wrote: "What a wonderful gift you sent me! The SURVEY contained news that I longed for, and even the proposition of restoring Madison as it used to be, and which is needed now in these hectic times more than ever. . . . How about starting a school after the former N.A.N.I.? It took Dr. Sutherland years of Spirit of Prophecy study to get the 'vision,' and once he had it, he acted upon it, and lo, the Madison School!"

"Such a school is needed now, though in a much abbreviated manner because of the shortness of time. But how can it be brought about unless someone who has gone through the experience comes into action—one who has caught the 'vision' of its administration? It must be done quickly. The present location of the one-time Madison School would be ideal on a smaller scale. It will grow. Just how long a time for it to be established and grow is anyone's guess, but the effects of such training is ideal, considering from whence the plan came."

Venessa Standish Ford, Honduras

In her letter, Venessa Standish Ford (M.C.A. '37) tells why Madison holds a special place in her heart: "My father, H. E. Standish, was the construction superintendent and Industrial Arts teacher for several years at Madison. We lived there from the time I was about two years old until I finished academy in 1937. How well I remember the many days and nights he spent in equipping and developing an Industrial Arts laboratory in the basement of the academy building, which he also built. I remember when the stone-veneered buildings went up, and when the old antique sanitarium cottages were remodeled and connected by covered corridors of white stucco. Of course, that is ancient history now, and the new hospital I'm sure is completely different. . . ."

"My husband, Elden Ford, and I are teachers in Centro Educational Adventista in Honduras. Elden is pastor and Bible teacher, which also includes pastoring a district around us. My work is teaching — establishing and organizing a teacher-training course and supervising the elementary school. On the side I'm trying to do what I can to organize the secondary school library."

(Self-supporting medical and educational work were started years ago in Honduras by Dr. and Mrs. Joe Dewitt and their daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Youngberg. Later it became a conference institution. The school has an enrollment of 225.—Editor.)

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Madisonites in Ethiopia

Henry Scoggins (X-ray '61), former assistant administrator at Washington S-H, his wife, Marjorie (N'63), and three children are now in Ethiopia, where he is business manager of Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa. On the way they stopped over in Beirut, Lebanon, and visited with the Aikmans and Bartons.

Two graduates of Anesthesia at Madison are also serving at the same hospital — Morris Bowen '42 and Bereket Michael '71.

Dr. Kenneth Saunders, formerly at the hospital, has returned to the States and is in practice at Hermiston, Ore.

● In a recent letter to Bernard Bowen, Bereket Michael wrote about his work and that of the other nurse-anesthetist, Morris Bowen. They have three surgeons and three operating rooms at the Empress Zauditu Hospital in Ethiopia. Michael said he had never worked with such a nice person as Morris in all his life, and that he was a real missionary. Michael is also in charge of inhalation therapy, and they both teach the nurses one period a day.

Stuyvesant Reunion at Madison

All members of the Stuyvesant family met for a reunion at the home of Dr. Wilfred Stuyvesant in Madison at the end of April. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stuyvesant came from Loma Linda, Elizabeth Heidinger and family came from Prescott, Arizona, and Carolyn Stuyvesant spent part of her furlough from Ethiopia. Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Heidinger formerly also served about seven years in Ethiopia. Carolyn was guest speaker at the Madison Academy Homecoming Friday evening. Soon after her visit at Madison, she returned to Ethiopia to continue her work as a missionary nurse at Haile Selassie I Hospital in Debre Tabor. All three Stuyvesant children graduated from M.C.A. and took some college work here. The parents were teachers and workers.

RECORDS FOR SALE

● "The Valley Love Changed," a long playing album of original compositions, depicting in musical story the vision that started Beautiful Valley Institute near Spencer, W. Va., is now available at \$5 postpaid from Wildwood Sanitarium, Wildwood, Ga. 30757. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Beautiful Valley project.

Appreciation for MADISON SURVEY

"Of even more value to the cause of Madison than the Madison College cognomen is the MADISON SURVEY, which has cherished the spirit of the self-supporting work in the minds and hearts of Madison's friends during these years of eclipse as the prophets of Israel during the Babylonian captivity continued to remind the captives that Babylon was not their home, that they were going back to rebuild, to accomplish the original purpose God had for them. Don't ever change the format of the SURVEY. I'd even consider it advisable to face the new administration building with natural stone, as depicted on the SURVEY masthead. Believe me, you have there a symbol which speaks volumes to SURVEY readers. When they see it, they know it, and it exercises a strong tug on the heartstrings, a status symbol sine qua non.

"Nothing could promote the cause of the new Madison with the effectiveness of the SURVEY. Under your able editorship, with the SURVEY accelerated to a monthly publication schedule, how eagerly all Madisonites would scan the news for items relating to the growth of the new institution! How we thank God that the SURVEY has persisted intact, as the organ

so well known and beloved by all its readers; that Heaven will use it to inspire people everywhere with enthusiasm in the resurgence of the Madison spirit. When we consider the difficulty and expense of instituting a new medium of communication, and then realize that the most suitable one is alive and well, just waiting to be utilized to its fullest potential, we see the hand of Providence in its preservation, and rejoice in its possibilities." Bernie Sheffield

EDITH OVERMAN THOMAS

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Edith Thomas at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Goodlettsville, Tenn., on March 25. She died at age 82 in the Santa Anita Convalescent Hospital in Temple City, Calif. After her husband died, she moved to California to be with her only child, Dr. Allen Gene Thomas.

She was married to Robert B. Thomas in 1915. They came to Madison in 1930, where her husband, a carpenter by trade, helped build many of the houses on the campus, including one wing of the old sanitarium. He preceded her in death in 1967, and she was buried beside him. She worked at Madison S-H for 15 years as a nurse aide, and 14 years as a clinical instructor and supervisor. She then decided to take the nurses' course, and graduated in 1953.

Surviving is her son, Dr. Allen Gene Thomas, an EENT specialist in Arcadia, Calif., who graduated from the premedical course at Madison in 1940. His wife, the former Geraldine Bond, is also a graduate of Madison, class of 1942. They have four children.

ANDREW J. WHEELER

Andrew J. Wheeler died of pneumonia at Pine Forest S-H, Chunky, Miss., May 10, 1972, at the age of 85. He received his B.S. in Agriculture from Kansas State College in 1911, and in 1927 took his Master's degree in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee.

He came to Madison in 1914, and in 1916 was married to Olive Shannon, one of the earliest pioneers of Madison College. He remained at Madison twenty-two years from 1914-1935, serving mainly as teacher in the field of agriculture. He served as principal of the academy for three years. During the early days of the Food Factory, he played a prominent part in its development. Music was of tremendous importance to him. With George McClure he helped to organize an orchestra and band. This interest carried over into the closing years of his life at Pine Forest Academy, where he was head of the Music Department and director of the band.

From 1936-38 he taught Bible, Agriculture, and Biology at Southern Junior College. He was at Fletcher, N. C. for five years. In 1943 the Wheelers went to Pine Forest Academy, Chunky, Miss., and remained there until 1949. From 1949 to 1952 he was in charge of a dairy at Meridian, Miss. He then located at Knoxville, Ala., on the Allen Farm, remaining there for four years.

Returning to Pine Forest Academy in 1956, he took charge of the music department, was director of the band, looked after the fruit trees on the place, and took an active part in temperance work.

The Wheelers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1966. Both had been in ill health for some time. Mrs. Wheeler remains as a patient at the Pine Forest Sanitarium. We do not have an obituary at this writing, so cannot list the survivors, but they had no children. We do know of Andrew's brother, Elder C. E. Wheeler, who with his wife is retired at Apopka, Fla.