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## Homecoming 1995

Here it is two months since the wonderful experience of homecoming! How time does fly!

Almost forgotten is the annual experience of hauling tables from the hospital and chairs from the academy and back again in the humidity and heat of June. It's worth it!

From the first early bird on Thursday to the last goodbye on Sunday it was great. The Heritage House with a new roof, and exterior coat of paint, and new curtains, and new carpet in the parlor is lovely. Thanks to you out there but we aren't done yet.

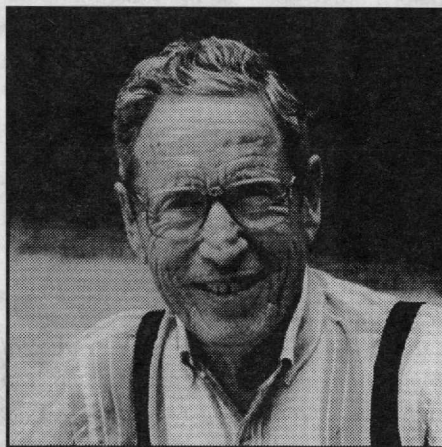
We had good music from the women's trio on Friday night and on Sabbath at Sabbath School and Church services we enjoyed the trumpet duets and the male quartet.

The floral arrangement, sent by Mrs. June Carter Cash, from son John's wedding was gorgeous.

Friday night our speaker was John Jensen, student '35 to '42. His picture and the text of his talk follow. Elder Collin Morris, hospital chaplain, shone in his presentation of the lesson and the mission report, by Louie Dickman '55, of work in Thailand in which he had part was inspiring.

At the church service Elder Stanley Harris took command, as only a Madison trained evangelist could, and preached and end time message. I heard several remark that the two messages were well worth the trip!

We missed you and you missed a lot by not being here. Start planning now to be here for **Homecoming '96** on the weekend of June 14-15, 1996. Classes to be honored are: 1922, 1923, 1926, 1932, 1936, 1942, 1946, 1956, 1962, 1966, 1971 and 1976. (The last three are Anesthesia classes)



### "Round the World"

John Jensen

How many of you feel like you are at home? Let me see your hands.

What would we have done without *Madison College*? To me it's a precious spot because it started me from a farm boy into the Lord's work. Coming from Nebraska, as a boy just graduated from Shelton academy, I arrived here in '35. Instead of going back home I asked my dad if I could come to *Madison*. The reason why I came to *Madison* is—I am a twin—my dad said, "We don't have enough money to send you to Union. Your sister can go but you can't."

I'm sure most of you know Leland Jacobsen. He was here. He was with me in academy and he said, "I know of a little place down in Tennessee where you can go and work your way." I wrote to my dad and said, "If you will sell my little Jersey cow, I raised from a calf, that will give me enough to pay my entrance money so I can go to *Madison*."

He gave me enough money to go on the train and I arrived here at *Madison* 60 years ago in May. I thank God for every moment that I got acquainted with the self-supporting work. I was here from '35 to '42 and I thank God for that.

(I asked whether he graduated)

I'm not going to tell you where I graduated. I'll tell you what happened since Bob brought it up. I was so enthused with the mechanical aspects of this place, with Marvin Meeker and some of the other industrial men that I spent a lot of time in the industrial department. One day M. Bessie DeGraw, I think you know her don't you?, said, "John, you are either going to have to do one of two things. You are going to have to get into the college work or the industrial work." Where do you suppose I told her I wanted to go? I said, "I want to be in the industrial work." I went a couple of years here in school but my mind was in the industrial work.

I have a list of the faculty and my name is on it. Praise the Lord! There are 186 on the list. I wouldn't trade this for anything in the world and I thank God for the great privilege I had at *Madison* because it started me in self-supporting work. You might say I have been in self-supporting work ever since.

During World War II, because my spiritual aspect was not too strong, I slipped out of here and went to work in an aircraft factory as a machinist and I learned to do that work right here in the machine shop. I had the job until after the war. By the way, my two daughters were born here at *Madison* and I thank God for it. One of my daughters still lives in Brentwood, TN.

Before I get into how the Lord has led me down through these years of blessings I would like to open the **Word**. I believe there is nothing better. Let me ask you a question. Why did God lead you and me to *Madison*? When I was a boy I didn't know why He led me, I just wanted to go to school. He had far more in my planning than I knew anything about. I am thankful that God knows how to direct our lives. I want to bring a thought or two as to why God led each one of us to *Madison*. If we

have forgotten why God led us here, let us refresh our memories. Dr. Trivett and I were talking while driving from Wildwood about the conditions in the world and it is obvious that we don't have another 60 years! Why did we come to *Madison*? What are we here for? I would like for you to think about 1 Cor. 1:3-8. Why the self-supporting work? What was it for? "*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterances, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Wonderful grace is given each one of us and I am sure each of one us can look back at how God led us and the circumstances that brought us here. Do you know why *Madison* is here? Because of God's blessing, His gift to His remnant church, the testimony of the Spirit of God, that's why we are here and I would like to have you think about it just a little bit.

Anybody here know this wonderful book *Rural Sociology* written by W. E. Straw? He used to be president here. His son has had years of experience in academy work at *Little Creek*. This book means so much to me. I want to read a couple of thoughts from it as to why *Madison* is here. If we forget why God chose the self-supporting work we may fail because we are coming down to a crisis. In *Rural Sociology* are these words "*Shortly after his graduation from Battle Creek College E. A. Sutherland was elected the first president of Walla Walla College, about 1892. The decade brought many messages urging educational reforms. ( Why are we here?) The college began to study these messages seriously and tried to put them into effect. The college at this time began to put into effect a meatless diet for the students in the dining room. The first school to try it. These same messages were also having an effect on the leaders in Battle Creek. They also desired to do something about the message but they had no one there they felt could carry them through. So in 1897 a call was made for E. A. Sutherland to become president of Bat-*

*tle Creek College and to incorporate the reforms there. He and his faculty tried to accomplish this but it seemed impossible in the city. Study was given to the problem and efforts were made to re-establish the college in a rural location. When the General Conference session was held in 1901 it was voted to move the college into the country. ( I can still remember plowing with Jim Belcher down in the bottoms here on this beautiful farm and the training that I received in the departments here that helped me to continue in the self-supporting work and go around the circle of this world helping start self-supporting institutions. I thank God for this farm.) A farm was purchased near Battle Creek, Michigan and the college was moved there that very year. At the new location with heart in hand efforts were made to carry through the reforms suggested in the messages on education. Reforms were pushed with determination but there was a lack of appreciation on the part of some and real opposition on the part of others. Finally at the Lake Union Conference in 1904, the administration feeling that it did not have the support of the General Conference, the officers resigned. In consulting with Sister White as to what they should do she advised them to go south and put their reform into effect and she would become a member of their board. The only college board she was ever a member of. First it was to put into effect the educational and other reforms urged by the Spirit of Prophecy. All such trained workers should go into rural and isolated places to carry out the principles of the truth."* Thank God that *Madison* was started to carry out these reforms, that were given to the latter day prophet that makes this church what it is today. The Sabbath reform, the educational reform.

Now, Bob, I have another little book *Madison College and the Self-supporting Work* and I have a thought here that I would like to bring out. This is by Elder Straw too. "*Madison College was brought into existence not to compete with any other college but to train workers to go into isolated places and while making their own living be a light to help the people. Before Madison had been in existence more than two years it began to operate a program which was established by sending people out to start new units of labor."* I remember Dr. Sutherland down there in

the assembly hall, ( You remember each of us had assigned seats,) would get up and say, "*There's a little unit out here that needs some help. Are there any of you that would like to lay out a quarter and go out and help them?*" You would see hands go up here and there and different ones would go out to these little schools and help them. I'm going to tell you about some of the blessings that I've received while spending most of my life starting little places. "*In those days Madison ignored every other system of education devised by man and concentrated upon a program of it's own to meet it's own end at the same time. There have been as many as fifty units in different areas of the south.*" Notice what Sister White says, "*It has been presented before me repeatedly that this is the line of work that must be done.*" That this has been shown to her repeatedly would indicate its importance. I wanted to bring in these thoughts to help us to see that we have a heritage. A special heritage to carry out the principles that God wants carried out in these last days.

This is the old original Nashville Agriculture Normal Institute book. I have used this thousands of times in my academy work. I've had two academies. I want to bring a couple of experiences from here. "*The experience gained on the land at the Madison school has done its part in educating and stiffening our young people for the hard things of life.*" Thank God for Jim Belcher the black man that was here when I came. He took me under his arm. I was working on the farm. We had those old mules and I couldn't get the bridle on the mule. I would tie it down to the manger and the mule would lift the manger and all up. I would say, "Uncle Jim, would you help me?" He would come over and talk to that mule a little bit and that mule would let him put the bridle on, no problem at all. But I couldn't do it! Dear old uncle Jim would take me down to the bottom and we would cultivate corn. In the middle of cultivating he would say, "Brother Johnny, we've got to get some water." So he would tie up the mules and take me over to where there was a spring and we would have a drink of water. Sometimes he would say, "John, come down to my house, we are going to have dinner today." On Sabbath he would take me down to his house. He was a blessing to me when I was a boy. I thank God for the hard work.

Notice what Percy Magan said, "*Hard work amid discouraging surroundings is a most valuable part of the curriculum of both home and foreign missions. Many see in a school farm only a place where a student can earn a little money to pay his expenses in part or in whole while attending classes. Never was there a more superficial or a false view of the matter than this. There is a spiritual side to this physical education that is but little appreciated and understood. It is easy for a self-supporting worker to start out and make a failure. In the nature of things he is subjected to many discouragements especially if he has little means and a labor in a difficult field. I do not know of any class of workers among us who need a more through training than a self-supporting worker. That training should largely be along the lines of self denial and sacrifice and the ability to lead when he has no inducement of any name or nature to hold out to the them. The success of our work and workers depends almost all together upon a spirit that by the grace of God they learn to cherish. If a mold is put upon them to lead them to desire comforts for themselves which others do not have they are ruined before they go out. Their spirit, their love for the work, their Christian enthusiasm, are worth more than any creature comforts or any amount of wealth. The more the teachers are with the students and share their lot the more of these desire elements can be installed in them.*" This is what our young people need today.

Now I would like to tell you a little bit of my experience from *Madison*. As I told you I left here with an understanding of self-supporting work in some phases. I went to Omaha during the war and got a job as a machinist in the Martins aircraft factory. I worked there until after the war. During the time I was here Marvin Meeker taught me to weld and to do other practical things. I was there in the shop for awhile and then they needed a man in the heating plant. I worked with Mike Wiley, he was a very intelligent man in mechanical and electrical things. I thank God for the training I got under these men. The training I received brought me to the place that I could hire in as a machinist.

After the war I started my own shop. I was not keeping the Sabbath at that time and my two little daughters were going to public school. During that time my daugh-

ter came home one day and said, "Mama I want to go to Sunday school with my friend." My wife said, "John, if they go to any church it ought to be the Seventh-day Adventist church." I met my wife, Louise, in academy in Nebraska. Her father was a doctor and her mother was a nurse at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. I thank God that I got her. So she took the two girls and went to Sabbath school. I would come home from work and I would be all dirty and here the two little girls are all dressed up and there was a nice dinner fixed. It got under my skin so I started studying with a SDA minister. My wife and I decided to be baptized. Then we decided we must get our children into church school. My father-in-law had a nice farm over in Cortez, Colorado so we went over there. Before we got there I stopped by the minister's house and he told me they had decided not to have a school. So we went to the nearest town that had a church school, Farmington, New Mexico. While there I met a family by the name of Starrette. He had grown up and gone to school with W.D. Frazee. He said, "I know a place where you ought to go and send your girls, down in Tennessee, it's a self-supporting work." When I heard that my heart just jumped. Self-supporting work!! That's what I love and I was out of it.

I wrote to Wildwood and told them I would like to come and learn there. They wrote back, "You have three girls and we don't have room for you." I took a picture of my little family and sent it back and said, "We really want to come." They said, "If you were to come it will cost you forty dollars a month and you can work eight hours a day and in between you can take classes." So we came to Wildwood. They said, "Now we don't have much for you to live in." When we got there they took us up in the hollow and there was an old log cabin. In that log cabin was a potbelly stove and on the back porch there was a white sink with only cold water. There was a little house out behind. Most of you know what that is. There was a little room on the side where they had been keeping chickens.

You know because of my farm life and my primitive life on the farm in Nebraska and the training I got here at *Madison College* those weren't hardships to us, we moved in.

The training and education that W. D. Frazee gave there was the greatest blessing of my life. I spent twelve years at Wildwood under Elder Frazee. He is still living, a mighty man for God, even though he can't talk. I got a birthday card from him May 20. I could hardly read it. He scribbled it out, *John I still love you.*

During our twelve years at Wildwood we ran a training home. We had seven or eight boys in our home. The training that I received from W. D. Frazee in morning worships and working with those boys was a real blessing. Every morning at worship the boys would gather around and we would study together.

One of those boys was Bill Dull. I took Bill with me when I went to Stone Cave. He stayed with me about five years just working his way and learning. Bill Dull is over in India right now. He has done a mighty work. He and his wife are still doing self-supporting work. They started Living Springs in New York and a work up in Canada.

Wildwood, started a little school over in Sequatchie Valley called Stone Cave Academy. They asked me if I would go to Stone Cave and take charge of that academy. My wife and I studied it over and we went to Stone Cave.

You know one of the greatest blessings that I had at Stone Cave was the practical application, while putting together that institution. We tore down old barns, built a beautiful administration building, and a number of houses.

Then Eden Valley out in Colorado started up. Harold Grosboll, and Pete Boris, heard Brother Martin tell about self-supporting work and they went out and bought this place. Then they needed someone to help start it. So Brother Martin said, "I'll send one family from Oak Haven, if Wildwood will send a family." Elder Frazee, asked me to go help start Eden Valley. My wife and I went out and spent a year and a half helping to get Eden Valley established.

I remember helping to get the little sanitarium started and bringing these principles into that work. I came back to Stone Cave and worked for a number of years.

Drs. Charles & Paul Smith from Utah came and talked with Elder Frazee. They said, "The Utah conference doesn't have an academy and we would like to start a self-supporting academy." Elder Frazee

said, "You go over to Stone Cave and see if that is what you want." They came over and said, "That's what we want." My son-in-law took over Stone Cave and I went out and looked until I found a farm in Moab. I called Dr. Charles and told him I had found a place. They came and looked at it. They called me back and said, "We bought it. Come on." They didn't say John, we are going to give you this much money to get started. I had to figure how much money to even move out there.

Dr. Butler had just come from the institution in Yerba Buena, and he helped us pay enough to get out to that place. We got there July third, rested the fourth and by September fifth we had twenty students. We had an old adobe farm house and twenty students. We had them tucked in everywhere. Those students built seats and we had class out in the yard. When it got colder we had class in the dining room and the kitchen.

One day three ladies came out from the educational department of the county and wanted to see what we were doing. I took them around to the dining room and the kitchen where the classes were meeting. They looked things over and when they left one of them said, "You have a different group of students here, they have a different look. Anything we can do to help you we will do."

We progressed there. It wasn't long until Elder Robert Pierson and his wife who were on their way to hold meetings stopped at our little school and stayed there overnight. The next morning when he left he gave us \$100 to help on the ceiling in our little chapel.

After that I got a call from Wildwood about a call they had from Zimbabwe, Africa. They wanted to start a school in Zambia. Dr. Foster was there. He had been there for thirty years and had a farm of 5,000 acres. He was getting old and wanted to start some kind of work. He went to the Conference, they told him they couldn't do it. They called Wildwood and Elder Frazee called me and asked me if I would go to Africa and pioneer the work there. We prayed about it. We got a team together and went out.

Before we left I got a letter from Elder Mills from the African Union. He was a Division leader. He wrote that they had decided that they didn't want us to come. They didn't know who or what we were. I

asked Warren Wilson what we were going to do. He didn't know. I said, "Let's call Robert Pierson at the General Conference and talk to him." We got his secretary. She said, "He's very busy." I told her that we wanted to talk to him about going to Africa. In about an hour his secretary called back and said, "Come on up, he will talk with you."

Brother Wilson and I went up and met with him and told him our problem. I was telling him about the self-supporting work. He called Elder Seton. He was over the African area. He came down and we started telling him what we wanted to do. Elder Pierson said, "Bro. Jensen let me tell it. I was in KY-TENN. Conference, I know all about self-supporting work." So he told him. Elder Pierson said, "We are going to send a telex to Elder Mills and if it comes back green go ahead."

If it comes back red don't go. The next day after we had gotten home Elder Seton called and said, "John, it's green go ahead."

I got a team together. Dr. Butler, two other families and we went over to Zambia. We moved in on that 5,000 acre farm. Twenty-five African families were on the farm. Dr. Ray Foster was with us, and old Dr. J. D. Foster was there. I took over as general manager of that institution and we started a work there. It was a great blessing in my life. The reason that I could do that was, when we were building the heating plant here we had moved in a boiler from Franklin. We started to put it in. We had an engineer in to help supervise. One day he said, "I want you to do it this way." I said, "But the blueprint says do it this way." He said, "But I want you to do it this way anyway." I said, "I can't do it that way." Dr. Sutherland and Bro. Wilson came down and said, "Do you think you can do this without the engineer?" I said, "I'll sure try." They sent the engineer back to Union College and we finished that boiler.

The training and challenges I received right here in *Madison* and a determination to do what God wanted me to do helped me get hold of the challenges of Stone Cave, Castle Valley and now Zambia.

When we went down to see the officials to see about starting a school they said, "What kind of school do you want to start?" We said, "We want to start a practical agricultural training school." They said "Go right ahead."

Dr. Butler's son, that trained with me at Stone Cave and Castle Valley, went with me to Zambia and now he is up in Tanzania and they have a wonderful work going there on a 5,000 acre farm. In all of that area the Lord has blessed the self-supporting work.

After a number of years in Africa my wife and I came back to the states. A call came to go over to Okinawa. They wanted to start a little school over there. So we accepted the call. I took four academy young people with us. It was the greatest blessing in the world.

They had obtained a place near the city but I told them it needed to be further out in the country. We looked and found 100 acres up on a little mountain and that's where we started the school.

I couldn't talk Japanese but the students that had come with us learned it easily. One time I wanted an Allen wrench but couldn't make the storekeeper understand until I drew it out. That's how we started the work in Okinawa. I wouldn't trade the training I have had for anything in the world.

I asked my wife if she wanted to come up here with me but she said, "No. If you move we will go. Other than that I'll stay home."

I thank God for the training and experience that I received in helping get these institutions going.

Just before we went to Castle Valley a young man, with long hair hanging down, came to Wildwood from Southern. They asked me if I wanted to take him with me. I said, "Yes, we'll take him." He trailed me for seven years in the academy and at Eden Valley. That boy right now is with *Amazing Facts*. He is in Russia as an evangelist, winning souls for Christ. We used to get him around the table and I would talk to him about self-supporting work and God's word and that boy is winning souls for Jesus Christ.

You know, Bob, I think I can cash in on a little of what he is doing.

I have come back to Wildwood. In a year and ten months I will be eighty years old. I work eight hours a day at Wildwood. I have a class in industrial education with eight boys every week. I work with them and teach them the very things that I learned in the shop here.

What a blessing it is when they get the word of God and learn the true principles

of educational reform of not being settled down in this world but to go out an work for others.

My wife and I are going through the books of the Spirit of Prophecy. Every morning and every evening we read them. I am getting something from these books that I didn't get when I was giving but now I am getting, taking time to read these books. Dear ones, we are living in a crisis hour and the prophet has given us the minute details. If we don't take time to read these books and the **Word** we are not going to make it.

In closing I would like to read to you from pages 41, 42, and 46 Selected Messages volume I. **Attitude Toward the Testimonies:**

*"The instruction that was given in the early days of the message is to be held as safe instruction to follow in these its closing days. Those who are indifferent to this light and instruction must not expect to escape the snares which we have been plainly told will cause the rejecters of light to stumble, and fall, and be snared, and be taken. If we study carefully the 2nd chapter of Hebrews, we shall learn how important it is that we hold steadfastly to every principle of truth that has been given." "The spirit of the Lord will be in the instruction, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given as the scripture is explained by scripture The testimonies of the Spirit of God are given to direct men to His word which has been neglected."* So study these wonderful messages. Dear ones, let's not neglect the wonderful heritage that God lead each one of us here. I want you to know I am of full courage that Wildwood and the self-supporting work are not dead. We have O.C.I.(Outpost Centers Inc) They have many institutions (78). The restaurants in London and all around are still going. Self-supporting work is not dead. Let's not let the enthusiasm of what we were called to share in die out. I thank God for the self-supporting work.

(Elder Stanley Harris's sermon will be featured in the next issue.)

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

Taken from the Mid-America Union "OUTLOOK"

**Theo and Pauline Williams** (Lab '54), members of the Denver South Church since 1962, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 14, 1995. They were married in Louisville, Kentucky. They spent many years as medical missionaries in the Middle East before moving to Denver.

Mr. Williams joined Porter Memorial Hospital as a laboratory technician and was named manager of the laboratory in 1969. He retired as Administrative Director the laboratory in 1990. Mrs. Williams joined the nursing staff at Porter and served for 12 years before being named Nursing Director of Ashbury Circle Nursing Home, a position she held for 12 years.

The couple's two children, Chris and Larry, along with their families, hosted the anniversary reception.(They stopped by the Alumni office last year while visiting their son here in Nashville. They paid dues and purchased a copy of the *Pictorial Book*, editor.)

**Merle and June Kirkwood** Celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary, on July 23rd, at the Highland SDA Church, Portland, TN. Their children hosted a reception for them.

**Robert (Bob) and Stella M. Sutherland** of Goodlettsville, TN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26, 1995.

They met here at Madison and were married by Elder R. E. Stewart on July 26, 1945. They have two children, Michael and Claudia and two grandsons, Derek and Zachary.

### PRAISE THE LORD!

On, May 15, 1995 I arrived at the Alumni Office to find that the large oak tree on the northeast corner, behind the house, had been uprooted in the storm during the night. The trees on the northwest corner had also been damaged, splitting one and breaking a large limb off the other. The Heritage House was spared any damage. Praise the Lord!

**AND AGAIN PRAISE THE LORD!!** May 18, 1995 at 12:30 p.m., there was another violent storm. Shaen, Mavis, Stella and Bob Sutherland were all gath-

ered in the Heritage House as the workmen were here installing the new carpet (that you bought) in the parlor. The large oak tree in the front of the house on the southwest corner fell. It split in two and fell along the front of the house and down the west side. Again the house was spared!!! We later discovered that a pane in one of the west windows was broken and the very edge of the eave in the front was slightly damaged.

Quite exciting for those here in the house. Praise the Lord!

## From Here & There

**Alabama:** Vero Stacks BSN '58 sent dues.

**California:** Via Fax, Willis Dick sent the following message to Bernard Bowen, "Dear Bernard, Got the June Survey today (6/12/95). Note the Homecoming this coming weekend. Sorry we can't be there. Eleanor was nursing class '36. We married 26, August that year and went the very night by train and then on to Loma Linda as in September I was to start medicine. *Madison* granted me a BS degree in 1938 two years after I had departed *Madison*. I call it a post humus degree !! Greetings to all, Our love and prayers." # 76362,2376

**California:** Howard Hunnergardt MD, called Bernard Bowen and asked to be remembered at homecoming. He was here in the 1950's.

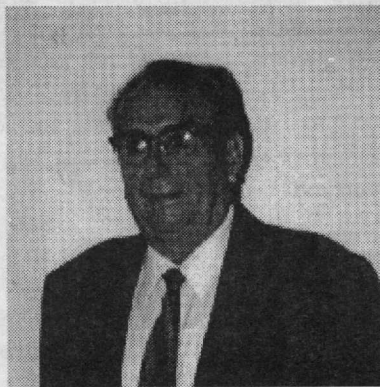
**California:** In response to a letter about Homecoming Orville Thompson wrote, "Dear Bob, I certainly would like to be there, but many circumstances prevent my attendance. However, my best wishes to all. My very best days were at *Madison*."

**California:** Maurice Patton LPN '49 writes, "Please keep the newsletter coming. A little later I will send some money for the newsletter and expenses...Thanks for keeping me on the list.... I go to a small church at Rancho Cordona. They rented a church for 21 years. In January we moved to a church we are buying. We have been having Flea Markets to earn money to pay off our first big loan and then the other loan we can handle."

**Colorado:** Nellie P. Price sent dues and said, "God and time have been very good to me. At 84 I do everything I want and drive etc. I praise Him for good health and many interests and friends. My family is great as we grow older."



Stanley & Marie Harris



Dr. Russell Myers, Class of '40



Maydell Williams Wilcox,  
Class of '41



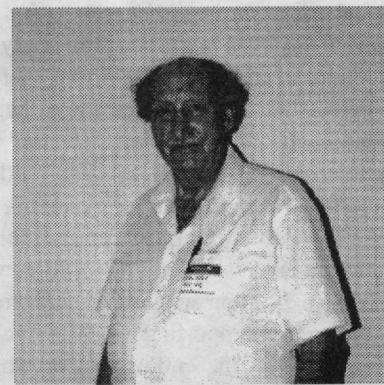
Elsie Brownlee, Mavis Sutherland, Audrey Trevor,  
Carl Eddy Baker, Mary Charles Scott Jones, Joyce  
Jones Merrifield, Violet Stewart Long, & Lloyd (Joe) Wilson  
Class of '50



Louie Dickman, Clara Clark  
Class of '55



Walter Kohler, Larry Cheever, Lois Cheever, Dorothy Fox,  
Bettie Bicknell Donesky, & Doris Iles Lee Class of '51



Calvin Day  
Student '41-'42



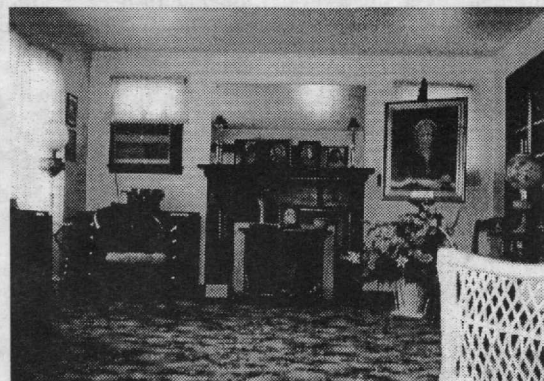
Winifred Rushing Kelley, Violet Stewart Long, Harold Lang



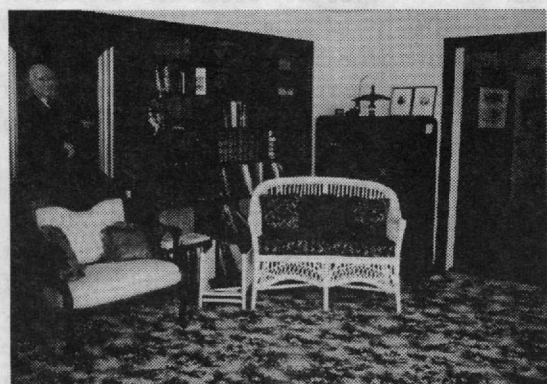
Viola Knight, Judy Leach Turner, & Thelma Pucket Stephens



Bob McBride, Berkley Freeman, Claire Whitford, & Jerry Shoemaker



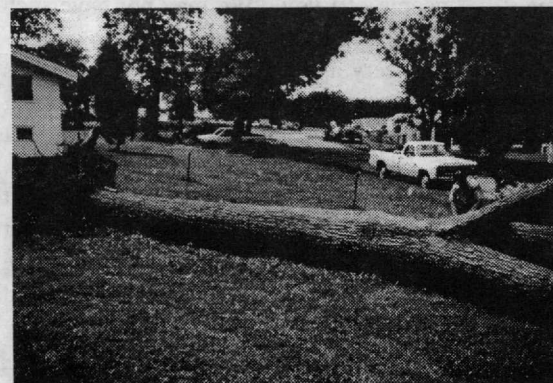
Parlor at Heritage House. See the new chapel carpet!



Heritage House parlor with new carpet.



Storm damage, front.



Storm damage, rear.

**Kentucky:** Velma Robinson Secrist sent dues and a donation for the Heritage House. "Sorry we could not join you in June for homecoming. Darwin, Lab-'62, continues to work for *Smith Kline Beecham* clinical laboratories about 12 miles from home. He is in the chemistry department."

Velma, Nsg. '61, works in Pewee Valley at *Friendship Manor Nursing Home*. It was opened before the *Pewee Valley Hospital* closed.

Our daughter, Nancy, who is an R.N.B.S. works in Chattanooga, TN.

Cindy is in school till May. She will graduate as a Nurse Practitioner with her Masters degree.

**Michigan:** Ramona Seath-Lubke N '52 wrote, "Dear Bob, Perhaps you'll remember me by my photo. I attended college there from 1948-1952. My sis was married to President Straw's son.... Enclosed is some recent news. It's wonderful when Adventists can become recognized for our faith, can be a witness to the world..."

"About my family—I have two daughters: Ramona and Debbie and two sons: Bill and Louis LaMar. The girls had two years of college and plan to go on in the near future.

"Bill graduated from Loma Linda Medical School. He is now a major in the Air Force and just graduated from the Air Force and Army with completion of a Urology residency.

"Louis LaMar graduated in December from Florida State.

"God bless Bob and may you be blessed as you continue serving as Editor for the Survey." Ramona has sung since childhood and has become a professional singer. She sent the following from the Pacific Union Recorder, April 3, 1995. "Southeastern woman wins Angel Award. Ramona Seath-Lubke received an Angel Award for excellence for her album 'Serenity,' at the 18th International Angel Awards on February 9, at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Seath-Lubke, a member of the Loma Linda University church, (At the time. She now resides in Michigan) has been singing since she was a little girl. She has given concerts in Michigan, California, England and Hawaii."

Way to go Ramona!

The International Angel Awards stand for excellence in moral, spiritual or social

impact in all forms of media—motion pictures, television, books, albums stage, video and radio.

**Mississippi:** Ethel Overdorf N '46 sent dues for Josephine Mattson Bengston N '43 and herself

**North Carolina:** Prestley Lowry writes, "Dear Association, I am enclosing a \$\_\_ check to help wherever you see fit. This is 1/7th of my home insurance coverage premium.

Instead of paying home insurance I dedicated the cost of coverage to the Lord's work and trust the Lord to do all the protecting. This is the third year I have done this. I would love to encourage others to do likewise. God can do all things. May you have His richest blessings there as you work for Him.

**Oregon:** Betty, "Dear Madison Survey, I believe fully in what was done at Madison. I think it is regrettable that it is not still functioning as a college. We so desperately need real schools, more so in these times.

*"I am on your mailing list but I never attended school there. I have had several friends who did and I did appreciate their character.*

"I would love to have my grandchildren attend such a school. Please accept my donation but do save the expense of sending *The Survey* any more.

"May God bless and may He come soon. Best regards." (Editor, a generous donation. A letter was sent urging Betty to continue receiving the *Survey*. Emphasis supplied).

**Russia:** Harry Mayden '57 via CompuServe, "I have just returned from an itinerary through western Ukraine. I spent the weekend in Lvov, a city near the Polish border. This city is 700 years old and retains its quaintness and beauty through its cobbled streets and ancient architecture.

"There are two Adventist congregations in Lvov. One has its own church building while the other meets in a rented hall. The city authorities, in spite of this being a strong Greek Orthodox area, have offered a Franciscan church and monastery to this congregation. There are next to no Roman Catholics in this area so it will not be returned to the Roman Catholic church. The Orthodox have also asked for this property but were told that they would not be allowed to have this building. The Pentecostals also asked for this building but

were given something far less suitable than this old Franciscan monastery. There is one fly in the ointment. Presently this monastery is home to children who have speech and learning difficulties. They live there and the church is used as a cafeteria. Our people have been told that as soon as we can build a cafeteria on the grounds for the children's use we can begin to use the church for our services. The long range plan is for the city authorities to move the children out into a new structure on the edge of the city and then turn the entire complex over to us. In the meantime the church, which is in very good repair, can be cleaned and painted and services can begin. The ceiling in this church is high-vaulted and the acoustics are wonderful for singing. This church will seat approximately three hundred people.

"When the children are removed to the new location all the rooms, in which they presently live, will be available for our own use, either as a boarding school or for other purposes. (We desperately need a conference office in this city. Presently the conference office is crowded into an apartment.)

"I ask you to appeal to the Alumni of Madison College for this need.

"If 100 people could give \$60 each, or if 60 people would give \$100, or 1,000 give \$6 each this property would be a reality for these people. As soon as we can get together about \$6,000 we can begin to build the cafeteria. The church members themselves will do the work.

"There is no money at the Division level for projects such as this. You must understand that we could use millions of dollars here for church construction in this Division, but such is unavailable to us. The people themselves can give little for such a large project. Without outside financial assistance this property will be lost to the people of Lvov... We may not have such opportunity again. The Orthodox are getting very agitated over other confessions coming in and evangelizing and are doing all they can to ensure that the government of Ukraine favors the Orthodox church. One person has even made this statement to one of our members, 'wait until we get into power and we will destroy you. There will be only one church in this country and it will be the Orthodox church.'... Money reaches us faster and without bank discountage if checks are made payable to the



Euro-Asia Division and sent to me in care of the Division at the General Conference.

I deposit the check in the division business office and it can be distributed through the regular channel to the conference for the use of this particular congregation.... With sincere thanks and prayer that the Lord will impress the Alumni to be very generous.” (regrettably only \$250 came in, editor) A second fax from Harry states, “Please inform Bob Sutherland that I have received the \$250 which he sent (offering). It is now on deposit with the Division and waiting for \$5,750 more from whomever will contribute to this worthy project. On behalf of the Lvov congregation in western Ukraine I wish to express my thanks.”

**Tennessee:** George Gilliard Barnett S ’38-’39 writes, “I don’t know where I stand on dues. I am sending \$\_ for dues. If there is anything left put it where it is needed most. I was a student the school year 38-39. Of Course I did not realize it at the time, but I have learned to recognize it for what it was, one of the great years of my life. What a shame! The good brothers who decided *Madison* wasn’t worth saving, should be held accountable to the thousands who missed the opportunity of being there after 1964.

“I appreciate the work you are doing to hold together the only remains of one of God’s great institutions.”

**Tennessee:** Violet Jackson Goodge BS ’36, in response to a note that I wrote to her, says, “...Sorry to have lost Kenny Knight but there comes a time when nothing is ‘good’. Roger was so miserable and nothing to do about it. I Wonder if you heard that Dick Garver who was at Heritage Academy is going to the Indian School at Holbrook, Arizona? He was at the Indian School (LaVida Missions) in New Mexico before coming here.(Little Creek)...”

“My boys will be 52 and 54 this fall. I will be 83 in August. It will be 5 years in November since Bayard passed away.... My grandson, Burton’s son is accepted a L.L. this fall. He finished at Southern College.”

**Virginia:** Paul A.Woods, MD ’39 sent his dues and this message, “Retired (?) age 76 still practicing as FAA Flight Surgeon.”

### ATTENTION

**Persons associated with Reeves School, the Hurlbutt School and Sanitarium or Scott Sanitarium.** If you have pictures or information about those who served in Reeves, Georgia please write **Carl Anderson, 397 Academy Dr. SW, Calhoun, GA. 30701.** Pictures of Emeline Hurlbutt, Arthur Spalding, N. C. Wilson, and Dr. Hayward are especially needed.

### Connie Lynn Baker

Daughter of Darrel (Anes. ’79) and Karen Crowder Baker and granddaughter of Henderson Crowder (N ’57) Graduated, Cum Laude, with a BSN from Andrews University June 4, 1995.

Congratulations to her.

At the recent General Conference in Holland Mrs. Virginia L. Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Schuler, was elected to head up Children’s Ministries. (That’s at least three Madisonites up there.)

## HONOR CLASSES

### 1936

#### Louise Hoyt Gish

“I finished the nursing course in 1936. I went on to college, graduating in 1940. I came here from Battle Creek, Michigan. I was glad to have a school where I could earn my way. Some of my family joined me here, I had a sister here. She was here for three years but didn’t graduate here. I had a brother who was here also. I especially liked clinic and surgery while in nurse’s training. Dr. Joe Sutherland, Dr. Cyrus Kendall, Dr. Ronald Nester and Dr. David Johnson came back from medical school in Loma Linda. I was still a student when we started a clinic. In that clinic I had Maydell Williams. I enjoyed her very much and she was a good nurse—a good student. I had Mr. Doyle Martin, he was our call boy then and later became a nurse and anesthetist. He was very good and very efficient.

“Some of the people that are here were my students either here or elsewhere. We came back to *Madison* when my husband was working on the book *Madison College, School of Divine Origin 1904-1964*. He worked on that a couple years or so. That was a big task. I’ve always enjoyed *Madison* and it is a very interesting thing that when we go to other places, maybe as far away as California or further and we meet another *Madisonite* immediately we seem to know them. I think that’s a wonderful thing. There was a nice spirit at *Madison*.

“I worked closely with Dr. E. A. Sutherland and his son, Dr. Joe Sutherland. I really enjoyed *Madison* a lot. We had good teachers. Nearly all of my class stayed to become supervisors in some area that year.”

### 1941

#### Maydell Williams Wilcox

“I finished the nursing program in 1941. When I came here to *Madison* I didn’t have any money, I didn’t even have an entrance fee. I don’t know to whom I spoke but he said, ‘You come on anyway. You can work it out.’ So I came early and worked two or three jobs at one time. Went from cleaning the doctor’s offices, then to the laundry as long as they needed me and then go to another job. I was thrilled to go to those jobs because I knew I was getting somewhere at ten cents an hour. I wasn’t getting anywhere where I was because after I finished high school there was no future for me. So that was my start. I never complained about having to work for ten cents because I felt that I was getting some place. It was the depression back in those days so not many people were getting ahead. As I progressed through the course, I had some interesting experiences. At night the village doctors would come by and pick up a couple of student nurses to help them with deliveries. My sister and I would go together so we would only disturb one room. We had a lot of fun. One time the doctor said, ‘The woman we are going to see tonight is in the graveyard.’ We had not been in a graveyard at night before so that was quite a thrill. We tried to figure out who would be having a baby in the graveyard. As we approached we found out it was the caretaker’s wife. The doctor went in and examined her. He said, ‘Oh, well it will be a long time so you girls stay here and do what you want to.’ He had

been gone about fifteen minutes and the baby was approaching. We delivered that baby. The first one that we delivered alone and in the graveyard!!

The doctor said, 'Well we need to make another trip now. We have a man that I understand is very sick so we have got to go see about him.' As we got near the house the doctor drove the car as far as he could, then we had to get out and walk through the fields to get to this house away back in the woods. We ran ahead of the doctor and knocked on the door. We couldn't get in so we went to the other door and a woman came to the door crying and said, 'It's my husband come on in.' We couldn't get in the first door because this great big man was in a chair leaning up against the door and he was dead! My sister and I were all shook up about it. The doctor said, 'Come on girls, let's go, we can't do anything for him now.' We wanted to do something to help. They didn't have a phone so we made some calls for them when we got back and that made us feel good. During the one year pre-nursing and the three years of nursing I got a lot of experience in the hospital kitchen. I learned a lot there. I made all the salads. I was proud to be the one to make the salads. We had a lot of experiences that you might not have had anywhere else. When I finished the course they asked me to stay and supervise but I was tired of making ten cents an hour. I couldn't even buy hose. I took another job at a county hospital in Michigan to make a little money so I could get some clothes."

## 1945

### Judy Leach Turman

"I graduated in the class of 1945. I came in 1941 for pre-nursing. I had a very good education and got to do things that even an RN doesn't get to do today.

"After I graduated I married and worked for a couple of years then the children came and my husband didn't want me to work. He said, 'If you take care of me and these children, that's all I want you to do.' After he died in 1976 I went back to work. Everything was so different that I took a refresher course. This would allow me to work in nursing homes. Otherwise I would have to take the nursing course over. I found that working in a nursing home is very rewarding and they were near my age. I worked in a nursing home for seventeen

and one half years and retired two and a half years ago. I still live in California and don't plan to go back to work but I might."

### Thelma Pucket Stevens

"I will tell you how Judy and I first met. In those days we had sleeping duty. We had to stay in the room with the patient. She had sleeping duty with a patient in West Hall and I was supposed to get off at ten. Judy said, 'Will you cover for me if I'm a little late?' I said, 'Sure I'll be glad to.' Ten o'clock came and eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock and Judy still wasn't there so I went to bed for the sleeping duty. I found out she had snuck out and gone to the Grand Ole Opry.

"Most of my career I worked in surgery, that's all I know how to do. I didn't work when my children were small. The last job I was on for twenty two years was as head nurse in the operating room.

"Judy talked me into coming back here this year. We both live in California. She lives in northern California and I live in southern California. She flew down to my house and we came here together. We had a great time at *Madison*."

### Viola Salsgiver Knight

"I came to Madison in 1943. I finished at Columbia Union College which was connected with Washington Missionary Hospital. Took pre-dietetics. I came here and finished with a BS in nutrition in 1945. I also married Kenny Knight in 1945. He was a CPA. I never worked as a dietitian, he made an accountant out of me. I worked in his office as long as he operated, from 1950-1981.

"We have three children. My son, Ed, lives in Youngstown, Ohio. He is a counselor. My daughter, Karen, is an LPN. Jim is a layout and design artist and photographer in Florida. I have five grandchildren. I have a stepdaughter, Denise. She has three children and from her I have three grandchildren. Kenny died in April. He had Alzheimer's disease and the Lord put him to rest."

## 1950

### Joyce Jones Merrifield

"I took my last year of high school here in '45. I can't remember all who were in our high school class, I know Shaen was.

(Mavis named a number but not loud enough to get off the tape) I wasn't sure what I wanted to do for a career. Mavis suggested we might like to be school teachers so we tried that for a year. We both decided that was not what we wanted to do. I went to California, where my folks had moved. My mother didn't really want me to be there because there were too many naval bases in our area.

"Mavis and JO Sprague, who is JO Wong now, sent me a telegram saying, 'Come back and we will take nursing together. If the others can make it so can we.' Mother packed me and my sister, Dorothy, and sent us back here. Quite a few of my family were here at *Madison* at the same time I was. My sister, Dorothy, took the business course under Kenny Knight. Buddy Blair and Mary Charles Scott were in her class. Mary Charles married my first cousin, Stanley Jones, so she is a family member now. I had a brother that came here. His name is Gene, we call him Jim. Jim took some pre-med studies and finished at *Vanderbilt-Peabody*. He then took osteopathy at Kansas City. He practiced in Oregon for awhile then moved to California and got an MD license. He is still in practice near San Jose when it doesn't interfere with his golf. He is semi-retired.

"My aunt, Margaret Bull Pride, graduated from nursing here in '45. Her husband, Forrest, took nursing here '46, BS '47 then went to the army, came back and took anesthesia '52. I had an uncle, Lelon Bull, that took pre-med here and took the medical course at the University of Arkansas. He practiced in Arizona, then back to Arkansas and then to Loma Linda area, where he died about three weeks ago. While they were here his wife, Lois, took the nursing course. She graduated in '49.

"When they came here they had three daughters. They each put themselves through school with three children.

"We really had a lot of married students. *Madison* was the only place where they were able to work their way. I am sorry that this school was not able to stay open. It was a plan from God. A place like this was needed. People were able to come here and prepare for a career that might not have otherwise.

"I worked at Hileah Hospital in Florida for about thirty five years. I retired in 1986. I have two children, a daughter and a son. I live in North Carolina and take care

of my older brother who is a complete invalid. My daughter and her husband were nice enough to come care for him while I am here. This is the type of nursing that I have done since retirement.

"I used to be active in our little church in Newburn, NC. It has eight pews. Four on each side! For two or three years we had a church school. I helped as a volunteer. I am very happy to come today and see everybody. I am kind of shocked that as many people don't recognize me as I thought they would. Because I'm old and gray and fat they say I don't look like I used to. I'm the same person, full of mischief."

### Mavis Savage Sutherland

"I received a letter from James and Frieda Zeigler, they send greetings to everyone. James has Parkinson's disease. They wanted to come, but their daughter-in-law who was to drive them had surgery and couldn't bring them.

"I graduated in 1950. That was one of the best nursing classes. We consider the two or three classes before and after ours the best classes, I'm joking of course!

"Shaen had graduated from the Lab course. We went to Woodbury, where we worked with Drs. Myers and Bryant for a year.

"Shaen was accepted for medical school at the University of Tennessee and Loma Linda, of course we chose Loma Linda. When we finished and came back Shaen worked with Dr. Bowes for a year. Then we entered the self-supporting work at Lawrenceburg, TN. I taught the nurse's aides and Shaen doctored. All the children ran free on the property. It was a typical self-supporting situation. My daughters, who grew up in that environment, have written me many times saying how sorry they are that their children did not have that experience of being in the country and being raised in the self-supporting work.

"We had a little sanitarium there and then built a new hospital across the street. Sunbelt got a hold of it and traded us off. We are closed now but cooperate with the hospital that is there. Shaen is still practicing and probably will for five or six more years. His dad retired at eighty three.

"We had five children. We lost a boy in 1979 in an automobile accident. Our daughters are both nurses and I have a son that is a pilot with American and I have a

son that does the CAT scanning at the hospital where Shaen practices. We stay very busy in the community and in the church. I have been Sabbath School Superintendent for thirty years. Can you believe that? I try to get out of it but they come back to me having scraped the bottom of the barrel so I'm it.

"It has been enjoyable, working for the Lord in a small place and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world. It has been a wonderful experience.

"More recently our four year old granddaughter was stricken with cancer. She had papillary carcinoma of the thyroid. They say she is going to be all right. If you have to have cancer, they say that's the one to have because the recovery rate is very high. It has changed her personality a little bit but she is alive by the grace of God and she will start kindergarten. I know it was the prayers of God's good people that brought us through that. We were expecting another crisis, another death in our family and we were just not able to bear it so the Lord protected us.

"Please remember what we are trying to do here in the Alumni Assoc. Bob is working free gratis as executive secretary. We had to buy a computer that we couldn't afford and Bob had to go out and learn how to do computer. So if your Survey is a few days late please understand we are doing the best we can. We have no money but by the grace of God enough has come in to support that little house to help us restore and just enough keeps coming to keep us going and if it doesn't Bob takes it out of his own pocket and gives it.

"Those of us who are here buy everything we can ourselves and don't turn it in for reimbursement because we don't have any money. If we are going to continue as an association you are going to have to help us tell every one everywhere to send money to the Alumni and don't forget this little house which is the last vestige of *Madison College* except that old laundry building."

(To be continued in December)

### Officers and Board '95-'96

At the business meeting on Saturday night an election was held for officers and board members for the next year. The results are: Elsie Brownlee—President; Jim Culpepper—Vice-president; Stella Sutherland—Secretary-Treasurer; Viola

Knight—Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Board members; Dr. Bernard Bowen, William Campbell, Dr. Milton Simper, Mavis Sutherland, and Address Trevor. Our many thanks to those who served last year.

## Resting Until The Resurrection

**Dr. Leon John Bull** (S '46-) died at home May 30, 1995 after a long illness. He was 85. His wife Los survives.

**Mrs. Grace C. Champion** (S '35-'36) Born July 11, 1909, died April 16, 1995.

**Mary Nell Greenhill** (Dietetics '43) succumbed after a lengthy illness on August 4, 1995. She was 75. Her husband, Carl, was assistant administrator of the hospital here for several years. He survives. They left in '76.

**Billy Marvin Howard** (BSN '57, Anes. '58) died at the age of 62 on March 29, 1995. He was well known and loved in his community. Rex Leatherwood (Anes. '64), Emmett Pierce (Anes. '56), Bob Williams (Anes. '67, and Frank Velazquez (Anes. '69) were some of the pallbearers.

**Annie Landreth** (BSN '51) died May 28, 1995 at the age of 74.

**Warren McKinley Watts** (BS '58, Lab '66) Died July 6, 1995. The Watts came to Madison in the early '50s. He worked on the farm and managed the dairy and later managed the dairy of Dr. Cyrus Kendall. Warren took the lab course and worked in the lab at Madison hospital. Wife, Phyllis (Sparkey), sons Roland and Denny, and daughter Dorita survive.

**William Warren Oakes Sr.** Died July 23, 1995 at the age of 77. Mr. Oakes, prior to his retirement in 1980, was Director of Personnel at Florida Hospital. The Oakes were on the staff here at Madison for several years. They saw mission service in Africa. His wife preceded him in death in 1976.

*"We live in deeds, not years,  
In thoughts, not breaths.  
In feelings not in figures on a dial.  
We should count time by heart throbs."*

Ira M. Gish

(The above was discovered inside the cover of a copy of *Madison, God's Beautiful Farm*)



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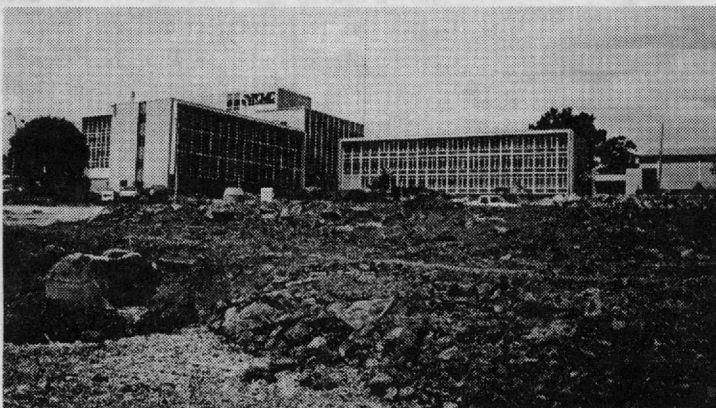
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