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## HOMECOMING 2001

### Impressions At The Registration Desk

Six-thirty found many former students of Madison College arriving back on campus for the annual homecoming.

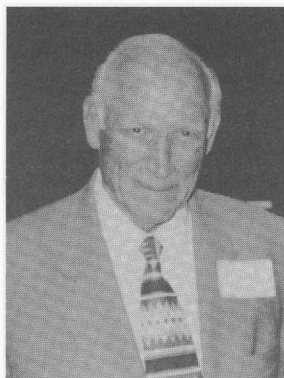
The Cheevers were there with camera and all. They had to make several reststops, but were with us on time as usual. The three Martin sisters, Amelia, Helen and Rachel came this year. Barbara and Joe Schnell joined the group, along with Barbara's mom - Clara Busch who worked at the hospital many years. It was good to see Mrs. Ziegler. She

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### Dues For This Year - 2001

Dues for this year are due now. Actually, they were due the first of this year, however the printer failed to get the envelopes enclosed in the last issue.

Dues are \$25.00, which includes four issues of the Madison Survey and Alumni News and for the maintenance and support of the Heritage House. When you mail your dues, send us a note about what you are doing, something about your memories of Madison and the friends you made while here. Thank You!



### Elder Don Holland

The providential location of Madison College has strengthened his lifelong faith in the Word of God and Spirit of Prophecy, said the alumni weekend speaker.

"The Lord said to Ellen White this is the place I want you to buy, talking about Madison, 400 acres," said Elder Don Holland, Friday night. "I tell you, when the Lord says this is the place, it is kind of exciting, isn't it? This is where I want a school. Hasn't it been a tremendous blessing all around the world?"

Holland added he had grown up a Seventh-day Adventist and felt the self-supporting influence through learning how to work at Pine Forest Academy in Chunky, MS, a unit school of Madison.

"I learned how to saw wood and work in the lumber mill," he said. "I plowed with a mule. Now when

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### Madison Elementary and Academy Celebrate Memories

June 29, 2001, marked the first of what we hope will be many more get-togethers of the elementary and academy alumni of the 40's and '50's.

Sabbath dinner found approximately 35 former students sharing lots of memories. The guys seemed to think the big thing was bicycles. It was during and after WWII and not many kids had

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### Weekend Full Of Activities

We were pleased with the attendance at our Alumni Homecoming this year, especially the Friday night service which is usually light.

Mavis Sutherland, president, welcomed the group and called for the offering. There was generous response which will give financial support for office expenses. Albert Dittes, son of Dr. Albert G. and Elinor Dittes, music director for the weekend, selected hymns for the various services, which would have been favorites at the founding of Madison in 1904. April McNulty,

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won't mind me telling you she is 98 now and doesn't look a day of it or feel it either, she says. Bob and Stella Sutherland were looking young as ever as they welcomed Tracy and Marilyn Cantrell, along with Tracy's younger brother, Donald and his wife. Doyle and Jennie Martin were looking in fine shape. Doyle told us of being in California and visiting with some Madisonites. Dr. Wilfred Stuyvesant and his wife came to join us. And speaking of doctors – Dr. Bowen is getting around great and so is his lovely wife, Dollie. Tina and Ray Sanders came from North Carolina where Ray supervises his wife in sundry things.

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granddaughter of alumni Dr. Albert G. and Elinor Dittes, brought us the Friday night special music, singing an old time favorite of the pioneers. Jim Culpepper introduced Elder Don Holland who delivered an excellent sermon on assurance of salvation. The meeting closed with the benediction by Dr. Shaen Sutherland, grandson of Dr. E. A. Sutherland.

The Sabbath morning service opened with Doris Iles Lee N. '51 giving the scripture and opening prayer. Mickey Rabuka, L '54 and X-ray '56, called for the offering. Highlight of the Sabbath School was a presentation by Albert Dittes and Beatrice Shafer of Chestnut Hill on what attracted Lida Scott, heiress of the Funk & Wagnalls fortune, to the work of Madison. Leslie Louis, principal of Madison Academy, conducted the Sabbath School lesson and

Elinor Steen Dittes BS '43 offered the benediction.

Dennis Stirewalt, associate pastor of the Madison Campus Church, welcomed the Alumni membership to the church service and called for the offering. The Ridgetop Male Chorus, guests of the MCAA, brought the special music. Debbie Candy, daughter of Michael and Zorabelle Prelog, gave a beautiful piano rendition of "The Morning Trumpet" for the offertory.

Bob Sutherland, eldest grandson of Dr. E. A. Sutherland, introduced Elder Don Holland, representative for ADRA International, who continued his presentation on assurance of salvation with the topic, "Who Issued Your Life Insurance Policy?"

After lunch, provided for more than 225 people, a number of Alumni members enjoyed a visit to the Heritage House. A tour of the new historical markers was led by Albert Dittes. Brochures were given each one who took the tour so they could read a history of all the major structures that once graced the Madison College campus.

Honor class reports were given in the afternoon followed by vespers conducted by Billy Burks and his group which included a brief period of reminiscing by Bob, Shaen and Bernard Bowen of their early days at Madison. During the Saturday evening business meeting new officers and board members were elected. More on this in the next Survey.

*Mavis Sutherland, President*

**Elder Don Holland –**

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you learn how to do that, you have made some progress. I also learned how to eat peanuts. They

served peanuts every day – fried peanuts, boiled peanuts, peanut butter, peanut butter cheese, everything. We raised a lot of peanuts, and I still like peanuts. That hasn't changed a bit."

In his Friday night and Sabbath morning sermons, Holland focused on how being a Seventh-day Adventist brings assurance. "What the Lord did to guide and direct the early church, this church and this school in 1904 was tremendous and has been for many, many years," he said. "Let's get back to the book. Wouldn't you like to have it said that you were people of the book, again? Let's also stay connected to Jesus Christ like the branch to the vine."

Holland graduated from Southern Missionary College, and spent six years in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in the early 60s as pastor of the Madison Boulevard Church and youth director. He has retired to Florida and coordinates the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) work in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

Full sermon upon request. Tape or written – copied?

## Homecoming June 21 - 22, 2002

Now is time to begin making plans for Madison College Homecoming next year, for all who graduated or attended Madison College, Madison College Academy, Madison College Elementary and the Anesthesia School.

Honor Classes will be – 1932, 1938, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 (and the last one from Anesthesia).

## Madison Elementary & Academy Celebrate Memories

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bicycles. Elbert Goodner seemed to have had a Schwinn which was envied by many. The Jensen girls had bikes and shared with the guys when they came over.



Front – Iris Savage Keirnes. 2nd Row – Bobbie Moore Harrison, Evelyn Emerson. 3rd Row – Shirley Holliman Pyron, Evelyn Moore Meyer. Back Row – Jim Slater, Bill Hoover, Mickey Rabuka, Jim Culpepper, Lynn Jensen Wetmore.

Lynne (Jensen) Wetmore and Vern Manzano came from California to be with us. We shared happy memories of eating at the Jensen home. Lynne recalled how her mom cooked all day for us. Vern Manzano shared how he missed his old buddy, Kenneth Schwartz, who died in 2000 from a sudden heart attack.



Evelyn Emerson's 7th & 8th grade class 1947-1948. L-R Jim Slater, Bill Hoover, Shirley Holliman Pyron, Evelyn Moore Meyer, Mickey Rabuka, Bobbie Moore Harrison, Evelyn Emerson, Iris Savage Keirnes, Jim Culpepper, Lynn Jensen Wetmore.

Evelyn (Moore) Meyer, Bobby (Moore) Harrison, and Carl Moore were with us. Evelyn, Lou, Bobby and Gene were pulled between the college and the elementary get togethers. Next time we will think of a better way, perhaps.

Mrs. Evelyn Emerson who was the seventh and eighth school teacher for 1947-48 was the special guest. She was accompanied by two of her daughters and a granddaughter. She seemed to have the most fun listening to all of us share our memories. She told us of her beginnings as a teacher, getting an education gradually and finally realizing her dream of going to Peabody to complete her education.

Judy (Sutherland) Moore and her sister, Donna Shell, joined the group along with Iris (Savage) Keirnes, Sally (Hoover) Sullivan, sister Leota (Hoover) Connolly, and brother, Billy Hoover. Billy recalled working up a forty-five dollar surplus. When he went to the business office to draw it out, he discovered the money had been applied to his sister's school bill and his mom's hospital bill.

Terry Brown seemed "hale and hearty" after his close brush with his Maker this past winter. We enjoyed Terry's mom, Wanda, coming in with our group. She looked very chic in her black outfit.

Shirley Holliman Pyron was her same sweet self. She shared a story with me of a couple of guys walking she and Bobby to Shirley's house. The girls went inside to bed. The guys thought they were coming back out. When Shirley's dad continued to hear noise on the porch he went out to find two bewildered guys. He told them he thought they should go home since their dates were in the bed.

The guy with the most stories had to be Jimmy Slater. His memory is amazing, from a skeleton suddenly appearing at a transit window to jumping bikes off coal piles.



Registration Desk – L-R Elaine Culpepper Cantrell, MCA '55, Shirley Holliman Pyron, MCA '55, Rebecca Culpepper Rosenboom, MCA '59, S '59-63

Donald Cantrell with his wife, Sandy, joined in the fun of bygone days as we laughed the afternoon away.

Later in the evening we enjoyed one another's company, again, at Shoney's for a salad supper. There were more pictures to look at, more laughter, and farewells for some.

Everyone agreed we should do it again. We thank James Culpepper for the idea and getting it all together. We plan to meet again in 2004, so any of you who didn't make it this time, come.

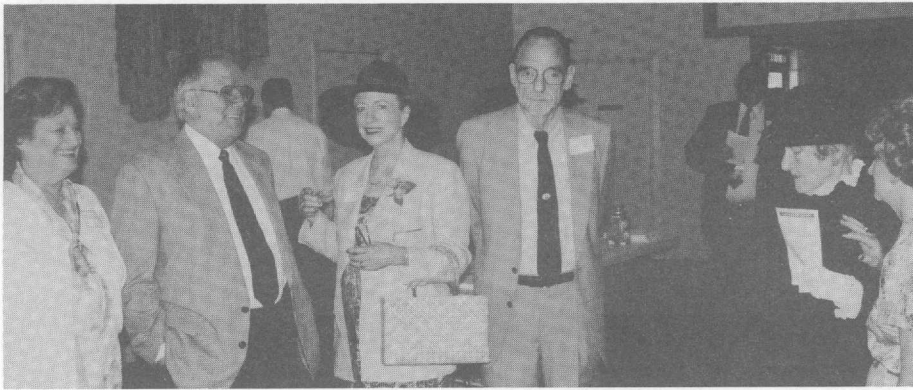
*Elaine Culpepper Cantrell*

## The Madison Survey – Future Issues

Beginning with this issue, July 2001, we will have an issue each quarter. It is sometimes difficult to find adequate material and the time needed to get a issue out each quarter.

Several Board Members are pitching in and we are getting the job done! Thanks for your patience.

*The Editor*



L-R – Rachel Martin Desmond, MCA '54, Rudy Desmond, Lynne Jensen Wetmore, Terry Brown, MCA '54, BSN '58, Mrs. Wanda Brown



L-R – Evelyn Moore Meyer, BSN '57, Carl Moore, Bobbie Moore Harrison, MCA '53, MR '57



RIDGETOP MENS CHORUS: L-R – Troy Hale, Pastor Bob Kozyniowski, Calvin Shaffer, Robert Strickland, Jim Raines, Herbert Hewitt, BS '39, Mike Miller, Beau Parker, Bert Carter. Leader - Mrs. Betty Carter



Evelyn Emerson, Center with her two daughters. They all came from Billings, Montana



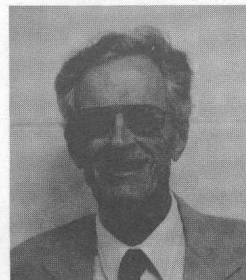
Former 1940's/1950's MCE & MCA students. Front Row - L-R – Leota Hoover Connolly, Rachel Martin Desmond, Shirley Holliman Pyron, Iris Savage Keirnes. Middle Row – L-R – Bobbie Moore Harrison, Sally Hoover Sullivan, Barbara Busch Schnell, Elaine Culpepper Cantrell, Judy Sutherland Moore, Evelyn Moore Meyer, Carl Moore. Back Row – Mickey Rabuka, Bill Hoover.



L-R – Sally Hoover Sullivan, MCA '57, MR '58 Elaine Culpepper Cantrell, MCA '55, S '56 Rachel Martin Desmond, MCA '54



Dr. Charles Wang, BS '52



Gene Sellars, BSN '61



L-R – Mickey Rabuka, MCA '51, X-ray '54, L '54, BS '59, Evelyn Emerson, Jim Culpepper, MCA '52



L-R – Dr. Russell E. Myers, MCA '36, BS '40, CME '47, Evelyn Myers, Ron Bowes



L-R – Helen Martin DeLong, Amelia Martin Isabell, Rachel Martin Desmond



L-R – Lois Clark, LPN '52, Louise Hoyt Gish, N '36, BS '40



L-R – Bob Sutherland, MCA '48, Dr. Lee Kramer, Dr. W. Shaen Sutherland, MCA '45, L '49, CME '57



NURSING CLASS OF '51: L-R – Bettie Bicknell Donesky, N, Doris Iles Lee, N, Dorothy Fox, N, Bernhard Jensen, N, Anes. '52, Lois Bale Cheever, N, Larry Cheever, N, BS '52, Anes. '54



A group of former 1940's / 1950's Madison College Elementary and Madison College Academy students.



L-R – Ben Brost, BS '38, Joseph Schnell, BS '56



ANESTHETISTS: L-R – Larry Cheever, N '51, BS '52, Anes. '54, David Kingry, N '63, Bernhard Jensen, N '51, Anes. '52, Doyle B. Martin, BSN '43, Anes. '52, Otis Detamore, BSN '58, Anes. '68, Newell Brown, N '64, Bernard V. Bowen, BS '56, Tina Benson Sanders, N '55, Anes. '69, Oleta Dodson, Anes. '68, Patricia Gaulding Perales, N '57, Anes. '65, Reuben Perales, BSN '55, Anes. '62, Victoria Hines, Anes. '69



## What does homecoming mean to me and Dollie?

Very much in many ways.

What a privilege to see so many old friends and even a teacher or so. Freda Ziegler and her husband Jim were here in the 1930's when I was here as a student, and she is still going strong. What a Blessing!!

Some years ago I was invited to speak at a Friday night service at Jefferson, Texas, where I attended church school and some academy.

I prepared a talk that I figured to take 30-45 minutes and got off to a good start, but soon noticed that folks were reading their hymnals. So I looked for my closing paragraph and went through it.

The local pastor told me the next day I should have finished what I wanted to say, but I'm sure the folks all went home early and got a good night's sleep.

Needless to day Elder Don Holland kept us from reading our hymnals on this Friday night. He was a pleasure to listen to and he preached the gospel. I heard that comment about one of our pastors some years back, that "he preached the gospel."

I always look forward to seeing my former students and learning where they have been and what they are doing. How many kids they have, how big is their motor-home and where they have been lately.

One student came to me and said "We never said 'Thank You'

often enough." I think that may be true of all of us. It's a good time to thank those who have helped us along the way. I remember meeting a college teacher of mine on a street in a city one time, I stopped him and thanked him and tried to renew our friendship.

Over and over, and again, folks said, "This is a foretaste of what the Heavenly Homecoming will be like." I believe that and look forward to that meeting. I do hope that each of you have that Blessed Hope and will meet us there.

*Bernard & Dollie Bowen*

## Honor Classes

**Dorothy Wayne Bowes:** N '41, sent the following letter: Dear Madison family, Greetings, I will not be attending the homecoming this year for various reasons. I would love to "meet and greet" everyone there. This is my sixtieth year and would have been Glenn's also as we graduated in the same nursing class '41".

I am still alive and well. Glenn and I moved to College Place, Washington seven years ago and so far I am still here.

I do some volunteer work at the Adventist Hospital, the elementary school, and the Walla Walla City Church where my son, Richard, is pastor. I have two poodles and a cat, along with household duties seem to keep busy.

My eldest son, Ronald, is Development Officer and fund-raiser for Christian Record Service for the Blind located in Lincoln, Nebraska. All the families are doing fine. Three of the grandchildren are married and into careers. Ron's son, my youngest grandchild, was in the Philippines for over two years in the undeveloped section on the island of Mindoro. This summer he is with the General Conference visiting camp meetings with the Adventist World Radio and Mission program. He was

there in Portland, Tennessee for the camp meeting in June, as you know. I could talk at length about the family, etc.

I do hope everything goes well at homecoming. Glenn and I really enjoyed and appreciated the time at Madison and reminisced often about our experiences there, and all the friends we made.

Madison truly changed my life in ways you cannot imagine.

My spiritual life and the ramifications from Madison have been far-reaching. Especially through our children and grandchildren.

I wish for you a great experience at this homecoming.

**Ron Bowes:** I have to tell you a little story that my folks told. They met at Oak Park Academy and migrated to Madison. My mom and grandma, who is the widow of Jasper Wayne, came down here ahead of my dad. My grandma Bowes came down and my dad came last. Grandma Bowes said, "You know that Dorothy Wayne is down here and she is nothing but a little flirt and you stay away from her. She works over at the laundry." So as the story goes, my dad made a bee-line for the laundry. He says that when he opened the laundry door a man named Harold Giles was throwing her into one of the clothes hampers. They did have a good time here at Madison and courted. I've seen all the pictures that they'll show me in the album. They went all around the Nashville area, had a lot of fun as much as they could without getting caught. They got married after they graduated from nursing in '41. I came along in '44. They were out on the west coast and my father was a nurse and he was working at a shipyard, a medic position that he thought would keep him deferred from the draft. But his Draft Board in Tennessee drafted him and gave him something like five days to get back here to be inducted. With no

money or anything. They just said, "You get on a troop train and show up back here." So he came back and served his time in the Army during World War II. He took Chiropractic and practiced Chiropractics until about eight years ago. He passed away five years ago.

My uncle Roy whom many of you know passed away about two years ago.

A parting thought – my son who has been a student missionary in the Philippines for a couple of years came back to the states and having read a lot of Ellen G. White while sitting in a little village in the Philippines said, "I'm really interested in healthful living and I am interested in going to school out in the country. Have the people running the Adventist Colleges read any of these books?" He is going to go next year to Weimar. I haven't been on their campus but I think they are kind of a sister institution to Madison College. I think he will have a good experience there. The Madison blood runs deep in our family and as the Bible says, from generation to generation.

**Lois Bale Cheever:** N'51. We are happy to be here. Our class has been wanting to get together and I thought that this would be a real good time. There were only six of us and I see only four now.

Our family lived in Florida a good many years after the children came along. We have six children. Ken is in Minneapolis and five are in Florida; Rick, Randy, Melvin, Betty and Bobby. Each of my boys have two children so I have ten grandchildren. Betty doesn't have children. They have all worked in Florida Hospital at one time or another but Larry and I have never worked at Florida Hospital. We have lived in Florida but Larry took a job in West Virginia so we have been away from there in the summer time and we go back for the winter in Florida. We take care of

the children. We do a little gardening, a little baby sitting and a lot of repairs. Larry has taken our daughter-in-law under his wing. He plants the garden and they take care of it in the summer as long as it lasts. We just have a good time. We have a garden in West Virginia which is Larry's problem. We can and freeze and have a good time enjoying his garden stuff. The next thing on our docket is repairs. Do the rest of you have repairs? Everything from the lawnmower, the tiller, the garden tractor, everything can come up with a repair bill. We get our hands in the grease and work on things.

I suppose the most interesting thing to us is our grandchildren growing up. It's hard to see some of them a year and a half old and some of them eighteen now. They are really wide spread but we enjoy them. I will ask and someone else probably will too, pray for our grandchildren. This is the most important thing that they will be faithful and put God first in their lives, and that we be an unbroken circle.

**Larry Cheever:** N '51, BS '52, Anes. '54, I don't know what to say. Lois has probably said all that's worth saying.

I will say that since I retired in 1990 I have enjoyed my retirement. We have done quite a bit of traveling. Last October we were out to see one of my Army buddies I hadn't seen in fifty years. In July we will be going up to Wisconsin for the 51st reunion of my Army buddies. Then we are going to spend a while with our oldest boy in Minneapolis then back to Wisconsin to a reunion of my grade school. My first and eighth grade teachers are still alive and will be there. My first grade teacher is over 90. She is very active. Drives her own car. We were just out to Yakima, Washington for a family reunion. We had planned it about a year ago and we had gotten our plane tickets and everything. About a week before we were to leave, we got a call that my

oldest sister was in the hospital and that she would have to be on oxygen the rest of her life, she probably wouldn't last more than six months. Lois said, "Well, we'll be lucky if she lasts until we get out there." We prayed about it. We asked the Lord to keep her alive until we got there if it was His will. We left on a Wednesday and planned to be there until the next Wednesday. Warren and we flew out to Seattle, picked up a rental car and drove to Auburn where a niece lived and stayed with her that night. The next day we drove about 140 miles over to Yakima. We went to see my sister in the nursing home. She was on oxygen. My niece spoke to her and said, "Mother, here is Larry, Lois, Warren and Jewel to see you." She opened her eyes and looked up and said, "Where's Cecil?" Cecil is my younger brother. We learned later that he had been in Seattle since Monday but he hadn't gone out to the nursing home. He's not an Adventist. He used to be but he's a backslider. He came in Sabbath morning and when he got there she died an hour and a half after we had arrived. He broke down and cried. Three of my brothers didn't make it to see her alive. In fact they didn't see her at all because she was cremated. They did attend the memorial service. We expected all nine of us children to be there. We figured that would be the last time we would all be together but we didn't quite make it.

I haven't heard anyone say anything about Mrs. McDonald. To me she was one of the greatest teachers. She was my Bible teacher. I don't know what happened to her but she was a wonderful teacher. She was very patient, kind and considerate.

**Bettie Bicknell Donesky:** N '51, I just graduated with Doris and it's always nice to come back to Madison and see friends. I have looked forward to this Survey. I

really appreciate your efforts, Bob, in keeping things going.

We live near Pisgah Academy in Candler, North Carolina. I don't have children myself but I have three step-children and three step-grandchildren and a spoiled husband. He takes as much time as six kids. I'm still doing some nursing. I have a patient that I do interim health care on Sundays. We have to do one shift in three months to stay in their computer and I told them that's all I want to do but I relieved with this patient one Sunday and he said he would like for me to come every week so I have enjoyed doing that. I can't imagine being out of nursing completely. I appreciate Madison and the opportunity that I had to take nurses training. I look forward to coming here every year and seeing all the firends. God bless you, Bob, and all those that are keeping things going here. Keep 'em coming. *(It's a team effort. It's not what Bob has done. You've got a Board and you have people that back me up and I just execute what I'm told to do. Editor)*

**Wilfred Stuyvesant:** MCA '47, S '50. Most of the people I see here were here when I was here. I have lived more than half of my life here. We came here in '71 and are still hanging around.

I have been mentally reviewing a lot of things about Madison for a year and a half when I was asked to be on the Board at Weimar. The insights are different. People who have not had contact with self-supporting work in the South don't see it in the same way we do. I have come to realize that the people who went through those experiences, who developed, who absorbed, those philosophies are disappearing from the scene. There is need for somebody to put together some sort of a treatise on the philosophy of self-supporting work. I don't know who is going to do it or know where one would get the complete picture for doing it. There have been a lot of things written on the self-supporting work but not a good analytical, work on the philosophy of self-supporting work.

I came here when I was sixteen. I went through academy and part of college. Then went on to Washington Missionary College and when Southern got their accreditation, I went there for my last year. Shaen and I commuted back and forth. We were there the same year and both of us would bring our laundry home. Shaen had the car so Delvin Littell and I rode with him and perhaps Howard Huenergardt who had lived with us for some time.

## Tell Us Your Story

We want to provide one or more stories in each future issue by those who graduated or attended Madison.

Your story should be no longer than a double spaced typewritten page. If you write your story by hand, make sure it is either printed or written legibly, so we will print correctly what you write.

*The Editor*

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