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Dear Alumni,

I feel honored to be your president this year. Even though I did not graduate from Madison Academy or College, my parents, Albert and Elinor Dittes, graduated from Madison and my grandfather's cousin, Frances Dittes, taught nutrition here for nearly 50 years.

I, thus, grew up with the Madison tradition and have recently found it to be of tremendous historical interest. Some original research into the life of Lida Funk Scott led the board to invite me to be a member. A clause in the constitution allows for one not a graduate of the college to serve on the board.

The more I learn about the Madison story, the greater it

becomes and the more significance it has.

For example, I have taken two research trips to Andrews University during the past year, and found a tremendous interest in Madison among the historical people there. I uncovered some fascinating correspondence between Lida Scott and Percy Magan starting in 1916, the kind of letters, between famous people, you read in books. I photocopied all of them, and we have them in binders for you to read. It shows the crucially important role Madison had in the founding of Loma Linda and upgrading it into an accredited four-year medical school.

These letters are available at the alumni office, and we encourage you to order yourself a copy. Since producing them did involve some expense, a donation would be appreciated.

I, also, found a chronology of the life of P. T. Magan written by Dr. Sutherland. It actually tells you as much about Dr. Sutherland as Magan, and that has been reproduced and made available to you. We are anxious for these materials to get into the hands of people interested in the Madison story.

I just returned from a research

trip to Loma Linda and found their historical people very interested in Madison. Their researcher, Richard A. Schaefer, told me he was revising their official history book for their centennial in 2005 and needed to document how the school raised money to start the White Memorial Hospital. At that important 1915 Fall Council meeting, a group of women offered to raise the money to build a hospital to honor the memory of Ellen White, but he didn't know any more.

I was so glad to be able to tell him I could document how the money came. Many of you know that Dr. Sutherland encouraged Mrs. Scott to give \$30,000 she had promised to Madison to Loma Linda so his friend Percy Magan would have enough to start construction. He wanted documentation, and we sent it to him.

So we have a tremendous story, and I want to devote this year to telling it to the people interested in hearing it.

I spent three days in the Archives and Special Collections department at Loma Linda University and also found correspondence of

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E.A. Sutherland about the starting of Madison. I read through all the letters he wrote to Ellen White and Willie White.

They reveal that the founders had a sanitarium in mind almost from the start, but the conference people built one south of Nashville. The original Madison Sanitarium opened in 1907. They did a lot of farming then. Dr. Sutherland made many fund raising trips. So we have a great story to tell. Let's keep this Madison tradition alive.

Albert Dittes



## WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT

By Conn Arnold

Indeed! What hath God wrought! Take a verbal walk with me through the ASI National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, August 7 – 10, 2002.

The first ASI Convention, though not officially so called, attracted some fifty delegates. They gathered on the Campus of Madison College; the year was 1909. Coming from various Madison Units scattered throughout the South and some from the East, they assembled for instructions, inspiration and encouragement. But that wasn't the strength of this meeting – that was to be the sharing time when stories of Sharing Christ in their Marketplace ignited a fire in the hearts of the delegates, inspiring them to return home in search of new opportunities to be a witness to God's Everlasting Truth. That is the backbone of ASI's

effectiveness today.

The story of the birth of ASI is long and is not the purpose of this article, incidently not everyone knows that Madison is the Mother of ASI – did you? Rather my assignment is to bring you a report of the convention. The date for the next convention will be listed at the end of this article. Plan to be there.

Members from all over the North American Division and many foreign countries began to descend upon the Greater Columbus Convention center by twelve noon Wednesday (officers had arrived on Sunday to make their final preparations).

Though not the largest attendance many said that in many ways this one was the best.

By the time registration was over approximately one thousand eight hundred, 1,800, ASI members and their families had arrived. The cafeteria served over two thousand for lunch with over three thousand attending church services on Sabbath.

It has become a tradition for ASI to give financial assistance to some member organizations to help them in their respective evangelistic endeavors. This year the goal was to meet applications of \$2,350,000.00. There was great rejoicing when the announcement was made that the offering exceeded the goal by \$150,000.00.

One of the best ways to get

acquainted with the scores of Units who are on the front line of evangelism is to visit them in the exhibit area. There were some three hundred booths where smiling, energetic workers told of their work and handed out reports of how God is blessing their ministry.

Dot and I were excited and happy to represent the Madison College



Alumni Association. It is impossible to express the joy we felt as alumni and/or alumni families stopped by to chat about their experience at Madison. They were eager to receive the materials telling again the story of the place that played such a positive influence in their lives.

Yes, ASI has come a long way from 1909 when delegates gathered under that old tree for a picture. Indeed! What hath God wrought.

The next ASI National Convention will be Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 6-9, 2003.



## **Magan refutes story of Nellie Druillard sending him to Battle Creek**

In a letter written in 1937, Percy T. Magan refuted a statement like that appearing in the last issue of the *Survey*, namely that after he became an Adventist in Nebraska, Miss Nellie Rankin (later Druillard) "advised him to go to the Battle Creek Sanitarium."

"I have just read the sketch of dear old Aunt Nell's life in the *Madison Survey* of July 7, 1937," Magan wrote to his close friend Ed Sutherland. "In it I notice the following wording: 'In her Nebraska days she became interested in a young Irish lad alone in a strange land, disowned by his parents. His name, Percy T. Magan, has become widely known, but only a few know that his education began when Nellie H. Druillard sent him to Battle Creek College.'"

"I do not know who started the story, Ed, or where it came from, but it is very, very far from representing the facts in the case," he continued in his letter. "Mrs. Druillard had little or nothing to do with my going to Battle Creek."

Magan then wrote out a brief sketch of his early experience as a new Adventist convert in Nebraska and the circumstances sending him to continue his education.

"In the summer of 1887 I was 'tent master' of a company which took up work at Cambridge, Nebraska. Elders L.A. Hoopes and J.E. Jayne were the preachers and Eliza Burleigh was the organist. In the end a bad wind storm tore the tent to pieces. Elders Hoopes and Jayne went off to their homes and I remained holding Bible studies and making

an attempt at preaching in sod houses in that part of southern Nebraska and northern Kansas. Then I received orders to pack the remains of the tent and what other equipment we had and send it to Grand Island, Nebraska. This I did. I landed in Grand Island one evening with exactly 10 cents in my pocket. The camp meeting was held there and after the camp meeting I was assigned to work with Elder Daniel Nettleton. He followed the interest which had been generated by the camp meeting and a man by the name of Harr and I were supposed to work in the country around about. He left and went to the General Conference at Oakland and I was left alone. I worked until the following January, traveling about afoot in the snow, sleeping at any farm house where night happened to find me, holding Bible readings and preaching in school houses."

"For several years I had terrible coughs in the winter and it was the consensus of opinion that I had tuberculosis or 'consumption,' as it was called in those days. You will remember that the bacillus of tuberculosis had not been discovered yet and Pasteur's work was in its infancy. At any rate I wasn't in the best of health and at a 'worker's meeting' held in Lincoln, Nebraska it was voted that Elizabeth Yale, Fred Hebbard and Percy Magan should go to Battle Creek. Miss Hale and Miss Hebbard were quitting the work of the conference to get more schooling at the Battle Creek College and I was given a leave of absence because of my health. I had a little pay coming to me which paid my fare to Battle Creek and I went to work in the Battle Creek Sanitarium five hours a day for my board, room and treatment. I began to mend and entered the school of nursing, in the third class, I think, that the denomination ever conducted. I became acquainted with Ida

Rankin (sister of Nellie Rankin Druillard) and she became interested in me and got old Brother Reuben Wright to pay for my schooling. You will remember in those days it cost \$140 for board, room and tuition per annum. I entered the school in April, 1888, which left me only a couple of months of the school session. I worked during the summer nursing in the Battle Creek Sanitarium where I earned \$15 a month and my board and room. In the fall of 1888 I re-entered the school, rooming with you, as you will recall, in the old west hall. I stayed practically to the end of the year, and Reuben Wright paid the bill."

"I am writing you this so you will know the facts in the case and from what I have said you will see that Aunt Nell had nothing to do with it any more than that she was very friendly and kindly but it is not a fact in any way that she ever sent me to college."

This letter is a part of a collection of correspondence between Percy Magan, E. A. Sutherland and Lida Scott regarding Madison and Loma Linda between 1919 -1942. It will be available at alumni homecoming for those who wish to study it further.



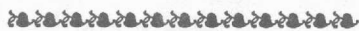
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FROM HERE AND THERE



**Arizona:** George Ellis Burcaw, S '39-'41, wrote, by Email

"Thank you for sending me the Madison Survey Vol. 82 No.4 Sep.-Dec. 2001. Except for the words to a prayer that you sent me a few weeks ago I had heard nothing from you since December 2001 and had to wonder whether the MC Alumni Assn. was defunct.

I was sorry to learn of illness in your family but since you, your wife, and other close relatives must be close to 80 years of age we have to expect it, don't we? I am 81+ and in two months it will be 64 years since I arrived on the MC campus for the first time, in May 1939.

Obviously, the MC Alumni Assn needs revitalizing and the needs and interests of us few survivors would be better served by a more secular approach...something more like that of other schools, with actual news of fellow alumni, not just histories of the founding of the College and of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. A reduced membership rate is called for, especially since publications are infrequent. This is not to criticize you and your years of dedication, but I think you will agree. You indicated, honestly, in your note that you no longer have the interest or energy you once

did. (Who does?)

You might check with other alumni on this, but I think your extreme emphasis on the church connection ignores what many alumni have felt about Madison College; that though church related, it was more. It was a good school and a rare opportunity for poor young people to get a start on a higher education.

I'll cite only one example: One of my best friends, with whom I am still in touch, was a 17 year old from Connecticut, slightly built, away from home for the first time and the next day after his arrival on campus he was assigned to a work detail. The foreman handed him a heavy sledge hammer and said, "Break up this sidewalk." (For ten cents an hour.) He achieved much distinction later in life and became listed in "Who's Who in America." He owed his educational success in large measure to the excellent teaching and nurturing atmosphere of Madison College which gave him a start. Though not an Adventist, I have as warm an affection for Madison College as for any other school I have attended (there have been many) and for any other place of residence.

Prof. George Ellis Burcaw (I may have mentioned in the past that I am related to the Ellises of the Madison area and am descended from the pioneer Hamblens. My maternal grandfather William Henry Hamblen Ellis was a slave owner as a teen-ager before the Federal forces captured the region during the Civil War. His son, my uncle Harrell Craig Ellis, is still alive at 95 or 96 years of age and living near Madison. My first cousin, Victor Ellis, is the town manager of Lakewood, not far from you.)"

**California:** Vanessa Standish Ford, Sent dues and wrote: "I am so glad for another issue of the

*Survey.* Thank you! I grew up in Madison 1921-1937. My dad, H. E. Standish was the early builder and professor of industrial arts. My memory has a very special place for Madison! ...Keep courage!"

**Colorado:** Eaton, Robert & Ruby (Seibert), both BS '59, Sent dues and these words, "Dear Alumni Coordinator, What a great work you all are doing. We appreciate it very much.

Ruby's still teaching here in Greeley and I substitute here and there. We have 2 daughters here with 5 grandchildren nearby.

We plan on going East to see our daughter and family at Southern University during June. Maybe we will make it to the alumni weekend.(1959 graduates). Laura Mae(Slattery) Zollinger is now at Laurelbrook with husband, Glenn. (*Editor: I spoke to her by phone while working on this issue. She has finished chemo. And is currently cancer free, still fighting arthritis but improving.*) Thank you for your faithfulness in sending the newsletter. We always enjoy it very much."

**Kansas:** Ruth Nestell, N '34, sent dues and wrote: "If I live until April 2003 I will be 94 years young. I live with my son and family, Clifford Nestell who is and has been Medical Staff Librarian here at Shawnee Mission Medical Center for 25 years.

My oldest son is a two time PhD. One in geology the other in mathematics and is and has taught at the University of Texas, Arlington Branch for 30 years. My daughter, Ann passed away in 1982. God has been very good to me and mine.

Lewis Nestell, who was my husband, was Principal and teacher at Fletcher Academy for over 50 years. He has been gone since 1985 or 1986.

Time is short and soon will be

meet in the earth made new.”

**Minnesota:** Rea, Juanita N '62  
“June 2002 was my 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion.

I can't tell you what a disappointment the weekend was for me. The 2 fellow classmates that traveled with me also expressed their disappointment. To sit and listen to war stories over and over was a waste. Yes, I appreciate all the military people have done but reunions are to reunite the years at Madison, not one's experience away. Yes, Madison was a wonderful school/place but Madison no longer exists. There is nothing there that even resembles Madison and what it stands/stood for. The Survey has been a total bore for years. I learned about P. T. Magan 40 years ago. Why continue to print the same stuff? The article by Esther M. Sutton was the only thing worth reading. It was good to see the few friends but now I know why so few bother to spend their vacation at reunion time. It's for the locals to host but so much history that we all learned about years ago. I surely hope I'm the only one who feels this disappointed about Madison and the "reunion" time".  
Nita

**Missouri:** Coffee, Amos, N '46, CME '56, Sent dues and help with this note: "I look forward to the alumni letter each issue and appreciate keeping up with the happenings of so many of my old friends and acquaintances.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of James Zeigler. I remember him and Freda fondly. They were both very kind to me in my old nurses training days in the early to mid '40s. They were especially good friends with my sister, Doris Morris.

Keep up the good work. My best to you and all my Madison friends.

**Missouri:** Gertrude Scheible, N

'43, Sent this message with dues and a request for a copy of *God's Beautiful Farm*, "God bless you all for continuing to work for Madison College!

At 94 years old, a 1943 Nurse graduate I am still grateful for my training at Madison Hospital.

I will send another contribution as soon as my finances permit later.

Greetings to all who still are involved with the sacrificial wonderful work of Madison."

**North Carolina:** Everett, BS '42 & Ruth S '40 Marley, sent dues and "Thanks Bob and Mavis for the *Survey*. Keep up the good work. We appreciate it."

**Oregon:** Trussell, Kenneth, MCA '49, BS '51 & Lorene, "Thanks for keeping us informed of the Madison News." They sent dues and some extra.

**South Carolina:** Moore, Shirley(Throckmorton)S '39-'41, Sent dues and generous help with these words, "Enclosed is a check which will permit you to publish another month of the *Survey*. When I visited Madison some years back, we were talked into making a lifetime contribution. It was \$100. I think Elmer and I both were urged to "join". I cannot remember whether we did or not. ... We knew it couldn't last.

I hope you have some more of Dr. Magan's life. Please publish it.

Do you have an address for Dr. John R. Schaefer? Elmer roomed with him at Madison and we were all friends but I have lost track of him. He graduated from Madison and Loma Linda. I would truly love to get a current address for him.

**Tennessee:** Pride, Forrest, N '46, BS '47, Anes. '52, & Margaret (Bull) N '45, wrote and ordered *God's Beautiful Farm*. He wrote on 10/8/02, "Dear Bob, I enjoyed

talking to you a few minutes ago and am glad your wife is doing well after her surgery. I am sorry that she had to have surgery but am looking forward to the coming of the Lord and getting a new body and not being ill any more.

One thing I didn't tell you when I talked to you about my life work as an anesthetist. When I came back from the war, George Cothren took me in and taught me to give anesthetics. I lacked a month of giving anesthetics and I came back to be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of the School of Anesthesia. George was keeping track of all the anesthetics he gave and so I started doing the same thing. In 1979 when I had to retire I had given 25,054 anesthetics and I only lost one! That man had put a pistol to his temple and shot. The family wanted a doctor to operate on him. He told them that he wouldn't live but they said that they preferred he die that way rather than suffer a long time before passing away."

A note in March, "We were glad to get the *Survey* and get the news about everybody. I wish Madison was still in existence but that's not so. We, like everyone else are adding on years. I'm 85. Margaret is 82. So we can't get too far from home. Margaret got



Forrest & Margaret Pride

her RN while I was in the army. We're looking forward to the next issue of the *Madison Survey*."

**Tennessee:** Bill Dysinger, MCA '45, SMC '51, CME '55, has retired from teaching at Loma Linda University and lives with his wife, Yvonne, in Williamsport, Tenn. The latest family newsletter shows that they are still active. "God's protecting hand was certainly felt as we embarked on a previously planned survey trip for the SDA Northern Asia Pacific Division (NAPD) just seven days following Sept. 11, 2001. Bill's expertise had been requested to do a health survey to assess the need and opportunity for new health projects in that Division, the most populous on earth. "Every official in the countries visited (South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and China), willingly shared their statistics, 10-year plans, and current priorities and concerns. We interviewed many government and private health agencies, universities, hospitals, physicians, etc., and collected stacks of information. Bill studiously analyzed the data while Yvonne was his chief assistant. "Returning two more times to the NAPD in the following six months, a 200-page report with analyses and recommendations was completed and then presented to the health directors from throughout the Division in February, 2002 at a Division Health council in South Korea. Our study showed us that there are numerous ways in these "last days" where God's love can be demonstrated in these countries and we found them open to new initiatives in health. We did enjoy the volunteer work, but four round trips across the mighty Pacific Ocean in 10 months was a bit much! "During a visit to Loma Linda University in March 2002, final arrangements were made for Bill to write a 'History of Public Health Education at Loma Linda.' This book will be part of the 2005 Centennial celebrations at the University. Much research, inspiration and writing time is

needed."

**Tennessee:** Kirkwood, Merle, S '40, '41 & June Hunt, N '44 sent dues and, "... As you probably already know, we've stopped traveling and have the motor home up for sale.

We have a parents apartment in Merlene's new home near Collegedale. It seems good to me to be settled but Merle would rather be traveling. He loves that motor home! I don't mind it when it's sitting still.

Will look forward to seeing you the last weekend in June.

**Tennessee:** Velma Stewart Smith, MCA '48, N 52, "Just a note to go with this check. First please change our address to 1175 Old Hwy 66, Rogersville, TN. 37857. O u r E m a i l i s [smithfrm@planet.com](mailto:smithfrm@planet.com) and it is OK to publish it if you like.

My class was 1952 from Nursing. We met with several of our class last year and it was great to see them again, I just wish more could have been there.

We have 26 acres here with 12 steers, 5 ducks, 2 geese (on a big pond) 5 chickens (3-5 eggs a day) 1 rooster and 1 cat. Also a large guest area, with 2 bedrooms, bath and living room on one end of the house so would love to have guests anytime. The church here is very spiritual with a great Pastor.

I still work (20 hours per week) with Adventa Hospice and really enjoy it. Tried to retire but quickly discovered that I don't have any leisure skills, guess we just didn't have that course at dear 'ole Madison! My husband, Robert, is very busy with all the "projects" that this kind of country requires. We are both in very good health (at 72 years) and for that we thank the Lord every day.

Hope this little bit (\$) will help toward expenses. God bless

you all for the work you do.

Hope to see you all at the next reunion!"

**Tennessee:** Straw, Leland, JC '31, Alice (Goodge), BS '36, Sent this note with dues, "We are getting older and I had a little stroke (in April '02). I am better but still have trouble writing.

Thank you for all you have done to keep Madison alive. I'm sure there will be a Little Creek and Madison in heaven forever. I will be thrilled, the choirs traveling every where.

We will have been married 70 years soon.

**Tennessee:** Whitehead, Lois Thompson, S '56, sent dues and help with these words, "Bob, I hope Stella is all well. Give her my love. I broke my ankle a couple of years ago—know it is no fun!

Keep the presses rolling!"

**Texas:** Kretz, Kenneth, Anes. '75 & Elayne (Hauck) S '61-'64, sent dues with this note, "Need to get back on track here for 2003. Somewhere we fell through the crack with the Madison Alumni paper!"

**Virginia:** Paul A. Woods, BS '39, MD Loma Linda '44, Sent dues and help with these words, "The September-December 2001 *Survey* has been received and read from cover to cover. Yes, I had missed the paper, but can understand your personal problems. May God continue to bless both you and Stella as the years begin to tell on our ambitions and performance.

Wife, Elizabeth, and I now reside in a Retirement Home where all 3 meals are provided plus housekeeping service—even to making the beds etc. (maid service). We are independent patrons with an efficiency apartment with kitchen etc. Also keep one automobile here just a

few steps from my door. We were out riding just yesterday.

Re: Stella's abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). I have followed my situation for five years and had a "stent" placed by a vascular surgeon November 2002. My checkups are satisfactory so far. Hospitalization for the procedure was just 2 days. God has been good to me. I quit flying about 5 years ago because of the AAA. I am now 84 and active otherwise.

I did not go to LLU for class reunion this March. First one I have missed in years. Our class of 75 has about 40 still living and generally well. George Lane, Fred & Dorothy Black are retired and still living in Loma Linda.

**Washington:** Ellen A. (Low) Hammond, MCA '32, N '35, Sent dues and wrote: "I am glad to continue the alumni dues. Even tho' I may not attend another homecoming, I do enjoy reading about Madison.

I have fond memories of my nursing training (class of '35), friends and teachers.

Please keep the *Survey* coming."

**Washington:** Kellogg, Dorothy (Medlin), N '43, wrote, "Greetings from Walla Walla, Washington. Thanks so much for sending the *Madison Survey*. I read with interest the story of Percy T. Magan's early life and God's guidance. I made copies for each of my children. Many of us wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for those early "Evangelistic Tents".

Then in the "Resting until the Resurrection" who would have thought that Bob Kellogg's and Mr. Zeigler's obituary would appear in the *Madison Survey* "side by side". That's one item of news I wish hadn't had to print.

I'll always be grateful for God's direction in leading me to Madison College where I met the

most wonderful Christian husband and so many years of happiness including 4 beautiful children.

It is with sorrow that I write, but maybe I should adopt as my motto that which the graduating class of Walla Walla High School chose as their motto. "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."



## Resting until the Resurrection

**Bowman, Geneva,** BS '41, died April 26, 2002. She graduated from the Florida San & Hospital Nursing program in 1933. She came to Madison in 1939-41. In the years following, Geneva founded and was Director of the school of nursing at Branson Hospital in Canada for five years. In later years she was associate professor of nursing at Southern Missionary College (SMC) teaching pediatrics. She was 95.

**Gowan, Naomi May,** died February 24, 2003. She was 93. She was the fourth of seven children born in Alabama to Thomas Richard and Mary Ella Gowan. Following graduation from nursing school she went to work for the Florida Hospital '34-'35 moving on to Washington San & Hospital '35-'40, St. Helena '41-'49, Portland '49-'55. Along the way she earned a Master's degree. In 1962 she became Director of Nurses and head of the school of Nursing at Jenny Edmundson Hospital in Iowa. From there she came to Madison in '66, where she worked until retirement in 1974. In her later years she survived two bouts of cancer. In retirement she gave of herself as a volunteer at the hospital.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas Richard Gowan and a niece, Sherry.

**Phyllis Savage Harris:** LPN, died Oct. 21, 2001 at Tennessee Christian Medical Center.

She was born April 10, 1920, in Richland County, Wis., the second child of Philip and Nona Ewers Savage. She graduated from Highlanddale Academy, excelling in out-of-door sports.

She married Eugene C. Harris July 3, 1940, and later earned a nursing degree at Madison College. She worked as a nurse for 50 years.

She was a member of the Madison Boulevard SDA Church and a Daughter of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Surviving are her husband, E.C. Harris; two sons, Greg and Bradford Harris; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Iris Savage Keairnes of Fayetteville, N.C. and Mavis Savage Sutherland of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

One son, Philip, and one sister, Wanda Savage Talmage preceded her in death.

**Higgins, Duane,** PACE '51, who served as an administrator in the Adventist Health System for many years, died August 8, 2002 in Orlando, Fla.

He was born in Maple Hill, Kansas, December 25, 1946. By the time Duane was six years old, he was routing out of bed long before daybreak to help milk the cows. He and his siblings walked each day to a little one-room, eight-grade school, where they learned the three R's and core values that have stuck with them. He attended the local public school until enrolling in Enterprise Academy as a junior. Duane finished academy in 1944 and then attended Union College until being drafted into the U. S. Army during the closing days of World War II. He worked as an X-ray technician in the Panama

Canal Zone returning to the family farm when discharged. He married June Pickel, then a secretary in the Kansas Conference Office, March 21, 1948. They moved to Madison the following September. Here he completed the three year PACE Accounting course. After graduation, he started his professional career as auditor for the Kansas Conference.

They later returned to Madison College to work in the business office subsequently moving to Watkins Memorial Hospital in Ellijay, Georgia as administrator. "Duane not only administered the hospital, but he hunted down the clients who were delinquent in their payments," according to his family eulogy. "He filled in as an X-ray technician, lab assistant or wherever else was needed. In fact, one night when many nurses were sick, he even worked the floor to see that the patients were cared for."

Higgins next presided over the closing of Dr. Phillips Memorial Hospital in West Orlando, Florida, in 1962. "Getting it closed was fraught with problems, not the least of which was security," states the eulogy. "The empty building was a magnet for vandalism. Not only did he oversee the closing down of the business operation, but he doubled as night watchman to ensure that the facility wasn't damaged. Not until years later did he tell his family just how dangerous the assignment was or that he kept his shotgun with him, just in case."

He next became purchasing director for Florida Hospital and later vice-president for materials management at Adventist Health System/ Sunbelt and worked for the health system or its affiliates until his retirement.

Surviving him are his wife

June Pickel Higgins of Winter Springs, Florida; three children, Duane, Richard and Pam; and five grandchildren.

"The beauty of Duane's religion was that he lived it more than he talked it," states his eulogy. "It was his willingness to do whatever needed to be done, and for whomever, that made his life so impressive. He was a friend of Jesus and looked forward to Christ's coming.

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