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September 3rd of this year will mark the 70th wedding anniversary of Alice and Leland Straw, longtime practitioners of the Madison tradition and operators of one of its most successful units, Little Creek Academy near Knoxville, Tenn.

Little Creek alumni plan to honor the Straws at their annual homecoming set for Oct. 17 and 18.

Both Alice and Leland Straw went to Madison as young people because of their parents. E.A. Sutherland invited the father of Leland Straw, W.E. Straw, to help upgrade the school to senior college status as dean in 1925. S.B. Goodge, father of Alice Straw, started working in the business office in 1929. "Bayard, Roger and I came from Evansville, Iowa, after finishing school that year," she says.

"Alice and I became acquainted through our interest in music," says Leland Straw. "She had played the piano for her mother who was a singer, while I had played in school bands since I was 10 or 11 years of age. Alice and I began taking lessons in Nashville, she in piano and I in violin and piano."

Madison College invited Leland Straw to develop a music program for the school after he finished junior college in 1931, so he went to Peabody College in Nashville and graduated from there with a music degree in 1933. "Madison paid all my school expenses and the standard 10-cents-an-hour wage," he says. "I in turn was to teach for seven years or refund their expenses. Alice and I had worked together with our music for several years, and I decided it would be good to continue the program. She agreed, and we were married Sept. 3, 1933."

The wedding took place on the Madison campus in the home of Lida Scott.

"The event had sadness as well as happiness for Alice's brother, Kenneth, had died about 10 days before. He had married

and joined the Lawrenceburg unit and left a young wife and year-old daughter who were at the wedding," he says.

Leland Straw's father had by now become head of the theology department at Emmanuel Missionary College and returned to perform the ceremony. Leland himself had bought a car for \$75. Getting it ready made him late to the wedding.

"There was no rehearsal. We stood facing the audience which was mainly family," he says. "Alice held a few roses from her uncle's garden, her sister Sarah Ann, age eight, held one rose and Florence Fellemende held a few. Patty Hall played Mrs. Scott's piano as we walked in. Herbert White took our wedding pictures."

Mrs. Scott offered the newlyweds \$50 or a free breakfast. They chose the money and traveled to Washington D.C. and beyond to view the Atlantic Ocean.

Lida Scott drove the Straws to check on some available property for a Madison unit near Knoxville, Tenn. in 1940. They decided to make the purchase, and Leland Straw and (Continued on page 2)

Anniversary

C.R. Frederick moved into tents there in June, 1940 and camped out until the previous owners vacated the house. Alice and two-year-old Stanford and nine-month-old Kenneth came at the end of the summer.

“The farmhouse was full, one room for the Straws, one for the Fredericks, and one for the baby sitter and two girls who came to school, and their brother to sleep under the piano,” he recalls. “Against our better judgment we allowed a gentleman to drop off his two nieces and one nephew who became our first students, and after four years our enrollment was 25.”

The enterprise became a family undertaking, with Roger and Genevieve Goodge joining the group in 1941, S.B. and Clara Goodge, parents of Alice Straw, in 1942 and Dr. Bayard and Violet Goodge coming in 1947.

“Our basic aim was to carry out as far as possible the picture we found in the book *Education*,” he says. “Homecoming is satisfying when we look at our loyal alumni, listening to them sing, play and speak of their experiences. This special time always reminds us of what the Lord was able to do through our school.”



A Family Undertaking

While Leland Straw served as principal and president of Little

Creek Academy, his Goodge in-laws always had a major role on campus.

Roger Goodge, brother of Alice Straw, served as vice-president and administrator of the hospital and nursing home. He also taught algebra and American history. His wife, Genevieve was director of nursing.

S.B. Goodge ran the business office, among other things. His wife, Clara, started the medical work there. “She opened the door by visiting the physicians of Knoxville and telling them what we could do,” says Ann Goodge, present administrator of the nursing home and daughter of Roger Goodge. “She also kept patients in her home.”

Leland Straw also taught world history, English II, biology, physics, construction and Music I and II. Alice Goodge Straw taught English I and II, Bible as well as piano and organ.

The Straws and Goodges also pay tribute to many other teachers who served them well through the years.

By Albert Dittes



From Here And There



Florida: Clyde P. Holland, BSN '59, sent dues and help with these words, “Spent an awesome nostalgic time being caught up to

date with Madison and Madison alumni in the parking lot of the Post Office the other day after years of traveling, Okinawa, Singapore, Japan, Alaska, Hawaii (a year) and a call to you really did, bring me up to date with the last two publications of the *Madison Survey*.

Oh, I met our proud and dedicated Missionary, Laura Mae Slattery Zollinger on one of Hawaii's beautiful islands before returning to Laurelbrook and the latest contact by mail with the Quances, spending the winter in Arizona.

The Dixie Chick who complained the war stories at homecoming failed to realize they represented Madison's Korean vets who fought to keep communism confined to the far east at the time and chose to have Madison benefit from the G.I. Bill and spend their money in those hallowed halls of ivy. Heaven bless them and those whose names are etched in granites memory. Today, they serve a proud and great nation in 2003 conflict and long may our land be bright with also each alumnus memory of Madison Holy Light of her day.”

Tennessee: Ben, BS '38 & Edith Werner, S '35-'39 Brost sent dues and this encouragement: “Dear Bob, You are human. Hang onto your good wife. Life is too short. Madison was good to us. Put us on the right road. So many memories. Have some precious 8mm movies.

Maryland: Martha Sue (Townsend) Potts, Sec. Sci. '51, wrote, “I graduated from Madison College with a two year secretarial

science degree between 1949-1951. It was during my student days at Madison that your grandfather's cousin, Frances Dittes, was a beloved teacher in nutrition. I remember her well though I never had the privilege of taking a class under her.

I notice the obituaries with Naomi May Gowan's name. I visited with Naomi just ten days before she passed away. I had the privilege of serving as her secretary when she was the Director of Nurses at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. It didn't happen to mention that in the obituary but she was there and Naomi and I kept in touch over the years after my marriage. I am thankful that I had the visit with her there at Madison. I do not know any of her family but she became a close friend after I left the "White".

I also noticed the obituary of Duane Higgins. He was a student at Madison taking the PACE course along with Buddy Blair at the same time I was a student. As a part of my training I worked for Mr. Patterson who did fund raising for the school and my office was across the hall of Duane's office. We all remember what a good friend he was to all of us. Duane's sister, Martha Higgins was a good friend of mine.

Thank you for the Madison Survey! I will include some funds for dues and to help with office expenses.



Madison College and Madison College Academy Home-coming June 27- 29, 2003



A Correspondence November 8, 2001



L-Venessa Standish Ford
R-Juanita Standish Gosse McGann

Dear Madison family,

As we send our dues for this year we want to add a note of thanks for the *Survey* and for the "Madison Spirit" which it upholds. Madison was our childhood home from about 1922 to 1937. Venessa was about two years old when our parents arrived and Juanita was born in 1923. When we left in 1937, Juanita had graduated from the 8th grade, and Venessa from the Academy, (Class of 1937). Our father, H. E. Standish, had answered a call from Dr. E. A. Sutherland to unite with the group and fill the place of construction superintendent and teacher of Industrial Arts on both Academy and college levels. Under his direction the early Sanitarium wooden cottages were transformed into the attractive white stucco complex with covered archway corridors connecting each cottage. We

treasure that old photograph. After that came the beautiful stone-veneer buildings—the Demonstration Building (housing the elementary school and the Academy), the Science Building (with the Print Shop on the lower level), and the Library Building.

As we reminisce, there are many names that will forever live in our memories—The Sutherlands, Lida Scott, Bessie DeGraw, Mother "D", the Tolmans, Kings, Goodges, Straws, Mrs. Bertram, Miss Elsie Wrinkle, Andrew Wheeler, George McClure, the N. C. Wilson family, and many more who now are personally remembered by perhaps only a few!

Both of us, with our husbands have served the SDA denomination through all our working years and are now retired in Loma Linda, Calif. Juanita and her late husband, Wm. Harold Gosse, served in hospital administration in various areas. Venessa and her husband, R. Elden Ford, served Inter-America in the educational and administrative work in the Central America Union from 1943 to 1991. Growing up at Madison has given us a foundation mentally, physically, and spiritually for which we are eternally grateful. May God bless you all there at Madison!

In response to the above, Albert Dittes sent Mrs. Ford an E-mail letter. Following is her response

Dear Mr. Dittes,

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A Correspondence

Yes, a pleasant surprise to receive your email letter, but I am afraid I cannot answer your question with very much certainty. I asked my sister, Juanita, if she remembers whether our father, Mr. H.E. Standish, built the original sanitarium in Fountain Head.

We both remember very vividly our frequent trips there, he was often helping them with different problems concerning buildings, or whatever. We were quite young then, and especially remember part of the "highway" before reaching Fountain Head--there was a part like a "roller-coaster"--up and down rolling hills. We would squeal with delight and say, "Daddy, go faster, go faster!" I can picture the place in my memory--the sanitarium seemed like a truly big and beautiful building. Strange, but neither of us remembers the fire of 1935. I would have been 15 then, so I believe at that time we did not have as much to do with Fountain Head as in the early days.

Our father was the builder from the days when the first Sanitarium cottages were connected with covered walkways. One can see this in the lovely large photo that I have as a "keepsake" of Madison. He also was construction superintendent for the building of those old stone veneer buildings I remember so well--the Demonstration School (Academy and Elementary), the Science Building, and the Library. I believe they are not standing anymore. He taught a lot in his later years there, Industrial Ed.,

Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking, and probably much more. He also did all the architectural work for those early buildings--I mean drawing the plans. I remember the little room in the main building up at the Sanitarium where he had his large drawing board--where he worked until late at night drawing plans. During those later years he also studied and received his M.A. from George Peabody College in Nashville, at the same time keeping up so much work, teaching etc. In fact, he broke down in health, which brought about our "Good-bye to Madison" in 1937, just when I finished the Academy. We all came West then, and he spent his last years in Tucson, Arizona.

My sister lives here in Loma Linda near to my husband and I. She was also happy to hear from you. We have a question--We wondered if you are of the same family as the two Dittes sisters we remember so well. I believe they were neither one married. They were special people to us as we grew up. In fact, Madison is a dear memory to us. I was about a year old when we were called there by Dr. E. A. Sutherland, and my sister was born there, so Madison is our complete childhood home. As I said, I am sorry I have not been able to really answer much about Fountain Head. We were happy to hear from you. Hope to hear from you again when you have time.

My husband is Elden Ford, the son of Orley Ford who was a missionary to Peru, working with

Elder Stahl in the pioneer days. He spent all his life in countries of South and Central America. We were called to Central America in 1943. Just out of Walla Walla College. We spent 48 years there, serving in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Belize and El Salvador. We are retired here in Loma Linda. Again, thanks for your letter, and May God bless you.

Sincerely, Venessa Standish Ford

Albert's response to the above.

Mrs. Ford--

Thanks so much for your informative letter about early Madison. I also enjoyed your comments about Fountain Head and want to save them. With your permission, I would like to print your letter in the Madison Survey.

The Dittes sisters you mentioned were first cousins of my grandfather, Gotthold Dittes. They grew up in Minnesota and went to Madison as young women in 1910. Florence, a nurse, died of cancer in 1935. Frances taught nutrition there until the late 1950s. My father went to college there 1933-36 through the influence of Frances. He went on to Loma Linda and became a physician, practicing medicine in the Fountain Head area for 53 years.

I have become somewhat of a historian and found a letter with your father-in-law's name in it. I will forward that to you. This letter is part of a correspondence collection between Percy Magan and
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Lida Scott. You can read the complete collection in the Heritage Room there at the Loma Linda library should you be interested. Through the influence of Dr. Sutherland, Mrs. Scott gave much of the money needed to upgrade the College of Medical Evangelists *(Continued on page 5)* into a four-year medical school.

So here is the letter mentioning your family. Do stay in touch with us. I am now active in the Madison College Alumni Association.

Dictated August 15, 1919
Mrs. Lida F. Scott
Madison, Tenn.

Dear Sister:--

I am enclosing in this copy of a letter which I received from Brother Orley Ford who is now one of our missionaries high up on the Andes Mountains in Peru. This young man is a minister and a teacher and was sent here by the General Conference to get some training in medical work before he went to his field of labor. I think we had him and his young wife here for three months-possibly a little more than that, but no great amount of time anyhow. I have always felt that bright young men of this kind could be taught a whole lot in a short time and we pitched in to do our very best on this lad. We worked him in around in all of the departments of the Dispensary, especially Surgery, Medicine and the Eye Department, and his wife worked in obstetrics and Gynecology. This letter will give you an idea of what he has been able to do. I feel that if this school never did anything more

than this kind of work it would be doing a great deal to bless poor people who are sick and who need help.

We are getting up a subscription amongst us here now to get a leg for his young teacher and hope to send it to him right soon.

Please give my love to all the folks at Madison. We think of you often and pray that God will bless your work. Many, many times I wish I might be there, but I know that God has called me here and I am doing the best I can and the Lord is giving us some good help here who stand by through thick and thin.

As ever,
Your old friend,
Percy T. Magan



Magan House Needs Restoration

By Albert Dittes



One of the next goals of the of Battle Creek, Mich. is to restore the home of Percy T. Magan.

Mrs. Alice Voorheis, vice-

president for Adventist Heritage Ministry, presented this need to the February 23, 2003 meeting of the Madison College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Mrs. Voorheis said this house is adjacent to the section of Battle Creek, Mich., where many Adventist pioneers lived, including James and Ellen White and J.N. Loughborough. Magan lived there during his years as head of the Department of Bible and history at Battle Creek College from 1891-1901.

"Most of the first floor of the house should be returned to its late 19th century appearance," states the restoration proposal. "Since at the time Magan was a professor at the nearby Battle Creek College, the interior decorating of the house should reflect that of an educator. The value of Christian education, as seen by the fact that Magan attended Battle Creek College as a student, and then later served on the faculty of the school, forms the basis for the story to be told in this house."

The City of Battle Creek had voted to demolish the house but granted a reprieve for Adventist Historic Properties, Inc. to restore it. She estimates they will need \$100,000 to do the job. Seniors from Georgia Cumberland

Academy spent their spring vacation tearing off a rear porch from the house. She added an Adventist *(Continued on page 6)*

contractor will evaluate the house and estimate restoration costs.

Mrs. Voorheis, accompanied by her husband, also said the Historic Village attracts about 2,000 visitors a year, many of them non-Adventists. Tour guides present the complete Adventist message in story form at the different houses, such as the White Home, Loughborough home and a renovated school house. The official Battle Creek tourist brochure prominently features the Adventist historic sites.

The most recent addition has been the Parkville, Mich., church where Ellen White had her vision of the Civil War three months before the conflict actually started. She predicted families in that church would lose sons in the war.

Voorheis commended the board for its work in preserving Madison history in the Heritage House. She added she would like to have a copy of E. A. Sutherland's books *Bible Readers* and *Mental Mathematics* for display in the schoolhouse at the village.

The Board encourages alumni to support this Magan house restoration. Send donations to Adventist Historic Properties, Inc. 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600.



Honor Classes are: 1933, 1939, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, Anesthesia 1968.

Word From a Madison Unit

The folks at Harbert Hills Academy, Olive Hill-Savannah, Tenn., are raising money to enlarge the radio tower from 150 to 500 feet at WDNX-FM, 89.1 on the dial.

Their goal is \$125,000, \$81,000 of which is on hand.

Louis Dickman, formerly head of Harbert Hills, says the station has 100,000 watts, the most available for any FM radio station, and broadcasts Christian programming 24 hours a day from the Lifetalk/Voice of Prophecy network. The broadcast area covers West Tennessee, Northwest Alabama and Northeast Mississippi.

"Computer models say we can enlarge our listening audience by 30 percent with a stronger signal in our peripheral areas," Dickman says. "We estimate 500,000 to one million people are in our territory."

Dickman says the Lifetalk radio people in Venore, Tenn., have received calls from places as far away as Arkansas and Kentucky. One lady called from Lebanon, Tenn., 140 miles away from Savannah and supposedly unable to hear the signal because of being on a ridge. They estimate over 200 Protestant ministers listen each week.

Funds raised will also build a transmitter shack and purchase new equipment for the station. He adds they have had to clean up 10 acres of woodland to make

way for the new tower.

The largest contribution of \$50,000 has come from the Southern Union chapter of the ASI. The Layman Foundation also has made a matching gift of \$15,500.

Send contributions to Harbert Hills Academy, 3575 Lonesome Pine RD, Savannah, TN 38372.



Resting Until The Resurrection

Bengston, Josephine Anne Mattson Bengston, N '39, succumbed to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease May 14, 2003. She was 84. Her husband, Arnold preceded her in March 1999.

Keairnes, Iris H. Savage, LPN '53, died at age 72, May 22, 2002. Born in Wisconsin, the fifth child of Phillip M and Nona Ewers Savage. The family moved to Madison and Iris received where she received her elementary high school and nursing education.

Iris married Robert Patrick Keairnes, a Command Sargent Major in the U S Army. They traveled the world in this service. Iris was the mother of three sons, Robert, Bruce, and Kelly of Fayetteville, N.C. a daughter Coleen Belles of PA.

Iris nursed her husband during his illness and death due to ALS. She is survived by her sister, Mavis Savage Sutherland, her children and 11 grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was a charter member of the Daughters

of the Union Veterans of the Civil War TN tent 4 as were her sisters Mavis and Phyllis Savage Harris.

Lane, Fern Pitcher, MCA '36, BS '41, died June 11, 2002. She was 85 years old. She met and married Charles Lane at Madison College. He preceded her in death in 1989. Fern is survived by her son Milton, daughter Linda Lane Self, 3 grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

Michaelis, Myrtrude Pierce, RN. S '40-'42, She received her degree from the White Memorial Hospital. She died November 11, 2002, age 82. While a student here she met and married Byran A. Michaelis, BS '50, CME '51. He died in 1974.

Myrtrude succumbed to the progression of Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her children: Daughter, Terry Michaelis Woodard, sons Patrick A., Myran K. and daughters, Kathe A. and Karla A.

Russell, Nanci J. English, Anes. '74, age 54 died April 29, 2002. Survived by her husband, Dr. Robert V. Russell; children, Wesley English, Jason English, Judd English, Dr. Robert v. Russell Jr., Dr. James Russell and Laura Russell, all of Nashville; brothers, Brian Judd, Gallatin, Tennessee and Clay Farrell, Palmetta, Florida. She was a graduated of Southern College School of Nursing and Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. She was a member of the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She worked for Tennessee

Anesthesia medical group for nearly thirty years.

Simmons, Marion Seitz, S '40, BS '43, died June 11, 2002 at age 96. She had been encouraged and urged to finish her education by Dr. E. A. Sutherland. She served her church many years in the field of education here at home and in the mission field, mostly in the Far East. Her husband, James, preceded her in death in 1963. I have no information regarding survivors. When she moved from Fletcher Retirement Center, where she had been living, in 1999 the following was written of her:

MARION is her name

A friend to all she meets.
Loving kindness is her fame,
Always with a smile she greets.
She's know far and wide,
Taught in many places.
To youth she has been a guide,
She's helped all races.
Will miss her parties,
Her games and poems too,
Her readings and her stories,
From mission lands so true.
For years she lived among us.
We've grown accustomed to her face.
We'll let her go without a fuss,
BUT!!! No one can ever take her place.

By Lois Palmer Tremmier

Thompson, Orville Richard MD, S '39-'41 & '45 , BS '50 , CME '51 suddenly following a severe stroke he expired July 7, 2002. He is survived by his wife Rosemayne Burden Thompson, his children:, James, Patricia Robles, Carol Harder, Robert, Mary Dee Simons, Jerry Lee, his step-children: Judy Folkenberg, Michael Folkenberg, Brenda Aufderhar, Verna Burden and Wes Burden, his foster son, Richard Stimpel, his brothers, Tom and Clifford, his sister Evelyn Aeh, N '45, together with their spouses and his 12 grandchildren.

Stinnett, Raymond B., N '63, Anes. '71, Born July 11, 1938 died July 20, 2002. Cause of death, bladder and colon cancer and other smoking related problems. Ray died in the VA Hospital in Nashville, TN. He was laid to rest at the Old Brush Cemetery, Portland, TN. He was preceded in death by son Michael 38 who died suddenly of a massive heart attack a few months prior to Raymond's demise. Ray is survived by wife, Sue Fuqua Stinnett; mother, Olivia Stinnett Mullins and his step-father Mr. Robert H. Mullins

Warren, Mae Keith N.'33, died December 20, 2002 at age 93. She was a graduate of Madison Hospital School of Nursing class of 1933. After leaving Madison she nursed in California, Kansas and Texas. She remained a good Seventh-day Adventist. She served as a 1st Lt. In W.W. II. Preceded in death by her husband she is survived by two sons. Internment is in Elk City, Oklahoma.

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Zeigler: Freda C. (Davis), N '35, BSN '48, of Collegedale, TN. Passed away December 2, 2002. Freda was 99. She and her husband, James, served Madison for 30 years. She served as head nurse, instructor for 16 years, associated Director of Nursing Education for seven years. Director of Nursing Education for three years and Supervisor of School Health for two years. They moved to Collegedale when Madison College closed and James taught in the Biology Department at Southern Adventist University until his retirement. After James retirement they spent 11 years doing health screening for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, traveling in a 28 foot motor home.

James preceded Freda in death April 6, 2001.

Allen, H. Wayne., Anes. '78, born January 15, 1945 expired March 18, 2003. He was a member of the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist church and served in the audio/visual department for 23 years. A graduate of Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia. He had an earned B S. degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University. He was a "medic" in Vietnam 1971-1972. Surviving are his wife, Barbara Johnson Allen, Anes. '68, son, Michael Allen, Madison Academy '92, parents, Howard and Evala Allen and his brother Jesse Allen of Hartford, Conn.

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