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The Pillow Makers By Juanita Saunders



Around the table left: Loys Hubbard, Nancy Blackman, Ruth Kuna, Sue Mitchell, Verlie Morrow, Myrtle Jordan and Chairwoman Juanita Saunders.

“The Tennessee Christian Medical Center (TCMC) Volunteer Auxiliary Pillow Group has been making small individual comfort pillows at TCMC for 40 years. These are about 12x12 inches and are given to the patients when they are admitted for Day Surgery or for other admissions. They recently had to look for some other place to have their meeting due to the hospital’s need for the space they were using. A request was made to the Heritage House for use of our Board Room on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month in which to do their

sewing. *(We are happy to share with them.)* Usually 10-12 ladies come to the meetings and are averaging 150 pillows at each meeting. Most of the ladies who attend are also working on pillows at home. Additionally there are 5 or 6 ladies that volunteer in other areas of the hospital that work on pillows at home.

We are always trying to expand our program and need more ladies (and men) to help by coming to our meeting or working from home. You may call the Group leader, Juanita Saunders, at 859-1465 with any questions if you would like to gladden someone’s heart.” A grateful recipient had this to say, “Dear Volunteers, Recently I experienced day surgery at your facility. I would like to express my appreciation for your kindness and for the special pillow that you gave me as I went home. Believe me, it was well used. I hugged it each time I coughed or moved for the first few days and it certainly helped. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, T. B.

Since the Heritage House has a functioning kitchen these ladies bring food they have prepared at home and warm it as necessary. Today they had vegetable soup, fruit soup, vegetable lasagna and dinner rolls. Umm good! If you would like to be of service and have an enjoyable social event join these ladies.

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The legacy lives on

By Albert Dittes



In mid-October, I spent an inspiring weekend viewing the present and past work of Little Creek Academy near Knoxville, Tenn., one of Madison's many success stories.

While the academy itself moved to another location in 1994, the campus came alive with alumni this beautiful Sabbath day. A crowd of fine-quality, mature-looking Adventist people serving the Lord in their respective professions filled the chapel and cafeteria.

I recognized the names of several honor class members I either knew (Norman Peek, Ronald Pletcher, Claudia Sutherland Woolsey) or went to school with (Diane Parker Ruckle, Betty Boyle Sinclair, Gwyn VanCleave). Two of my personal friends (Leon Peek, Joann Malmade French) participated in the services and I even spotted the names of children of people from my past (Mark Silverstein, Tracy Glass).

Alumni weekend is now one of the few activities on the Little Creek Academy campus. The alumni want to finish renovating the chapel at an estimated cost of \$10,000. They now have \$3,000 and new curtains will cost \$7,000.

"We want an environment to be proud of and to bring guests to," someone said during the main Sabbath service.

The platform reflects the school's musical heritage with two baby grand pianos, a two-manual organ looking like a pipe organ, a bell table with a sign reading "Little Creek Academy Handbell Choir, Knoxville, Tennessee." The stage even contains three rows of music stands and chairs for a mini-band.

According to a brochure passed out, Leland and Alice Straw moved to a 187-acre farm in 1940 to start the academy and stayed there the next 54 years. They then sold the farmland to a real estate developer, and 350 high-price homes now adorn what was once a farm, dairy and airstrip.

The alumni came up with a creative idea of passing out bread to the people in these homes Sabbath afternoon, reminding them of the hallowed ground their homes now stand on. "Please accept this homemade loaf of bread (one of the many things for which Little Creek Academy was famous) as a token of our thanks for helping keep the legacy of Little Creek alive in our minds," the flyer reads. The alumni would also like to find a way to reach the neighbors in the future by conducting special events in the vacant campus buildings.

In the self-supporting school system, while the founders tend to be so outstanding they are irreplaceable and the schools close after they become too old to carry on, others catch the vision and continue the work in new places. This has apparently happened in the case of Little Creek Academy.

Money from the farmland sale went to buy property and erect buildings an hour and a half away

near Monterey, Tenn. I spoke there Friday night of that same weekend. Heritage Academy is at the end of a gravel road, a long ways from city development, something that overtook Little Creek Academy. The heart of the campus is a large building housing a gymnasium, bakery, kitchen, classrooms and offices. A new girl's dormitory is under construction. The school has 30 students living in various houses on campus.

Debbie Baker of the school administration office invited me to speak about their Madison roots. She and her husband Doug Baker, the principal, found themselves in perfect agreement with the four basic goals E.A. Sutherland stated in a letter he wrote to Willie White in July 11, 1904, the summer before he started his Tennessee school: 1) Self-supporting teachers, 2) evangelists, including Bible workers, 3) colporteurs, including canvassers and 4) missionary workmen, such as experienced farmers.

While the new buildings, houses and fully-equipped science and computer laboratories impressed me, the most striking feature of the school was the student body. I went to the Friday night meeting wondering if what I had to say about Madison would interest teenagers. The answer came in the song service. They chose standard hymns out of the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, including early Advent hymns. I expected to hear light contemporary music.

The students seem to come from poor families, meaning they

must work and probably attend Heritage Academy because they want an Adventist Christian education. The bakery student labor provides tuition cash income, something good for the school budget as well. Hard work and study during the day leaves little time for mischief. On Sabbath morning, they left to sing in a nearby church dressed in classy black choral clothing.

I am sure Heritage Academy will someday be the scene of alumni weekends like Little Creek. So, the influence of Madison is at work in a third-generation school. Like many others, the people in charge there did not attend Madison College or even Little Creek Academy, but they have taken its educational philosophy and made it their own.



100th Birthday Coming Up

Dr. Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University, has agreed to speak for alumni weekend next year, the last weekend in June.

“The early connection between Madison College and Loma Linda was so important in laying a solid foundation for Loma Linda’s growth and development,” writes Dr. Behrens in her acceptance letter. “I appreciate the invitation to speak at the centennial celebration the fourth weekend in June of 2004 and have reserved that time on my calendar. It would be my privilege to speak at the Friday evening service and for church on Sabbath.”

Another famous person planning to attend this centennial homecoming will be Peter Funk, nephew of Lida Funk Scott. He wrote “It Pays to Increase Your Word Power” in the *Reader’s Digest* for 35 years.

We are having trouble locating descendants of Percy Magan, so if you know of any, send us their names and addresses so we can invite them as well as other relatives of early Madison staff.

Other activities planned for next year are a series of Madison historical articles for the local newspaper and Southern Tidings, as well as a re-enactment of a few great Madison personalities during the second Sabbath School of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference camp meeting.

An issue of the *Survey* will tell the story of E.A. Sutherland resigning as president of Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan in 1904.



Layman Foundation Still Supports Percy Magan

I had the privilege of recently volunteering at Adventist Historic Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, and found it significant that a Layman Foundation group had been there a week or two before, helping restore the house Percy Magan and his family lived in between 1895 and 1901.

The Layman Foundation, of course, donated lots of money to the struggling young College of Medical Evangelists during its early days when Dr. Magan was bringing it up to full accreditation and thus had a lot to do in making him prominent. Now the same group is preserving his heritage.

Bob Zollinger of Laurelbrook Academy and Bryan Traxler of Heritage Academy and their students removed the front and back porches and asbestos siding covering the original clapboard.

Stanley Cottrell, Director of Adventist Historic Village, says the next step will be to replace the steep, rotten roof, something requiring professionals. They then want to reproduce the outdoor lattice showing it was a comfortable house when the Magans shared it with another family as renters.

Cottrell says the city of Battle Creek has taken the house off its dangerous building list and granted a permit to restore the exterior. “The city is off our backs as long as we are doing something,” he says. “But we can’t do anything without help. Rebuilding the porch may take four or five weeks depending on the people we have.”

He says the village can house and feed the crews, though they will need to bring along a cook after the summer is over. “We need skilled people to direct the work and also money,” he says.

He says a \$10,000 grant should pay for the roof, but they

still need to buy siding and mill spindles for the porches.

Historical consultant Stan Hickerson envisions restoring the inside of the house to its original Victorian splendor. Ornamental designs line the ceilings, and the floor boards are in geometrical configurations around the edges. The plan is to turn the front sitting room, parlor and dining room into a museum depicting the life and contributions of Percy Magan to Adventist education. The upstairs could possibly be made into one living quarters for visiting dignitaries and another for bed and breakfast use.

“This is a beautiful Victorian home and will be a classy piece of the village when restored,” he says. “Ellen White’s house is simple, but this house shows a high level of living.”

Hickerson describes the home as middle class, with the owners able to afford Victorian ornamentation because of available cheap labor.

This restoration work shows that the place of Percy Magan in Adventist history is rising. Dr. Kellogg lived across the street from there, but his house is now gone. The welcome center at the Adventist Historic Village features Dr. Kellogg and some of his inventions in the Battle Creek Sanitarium but doesn’t say much about the man himself. “Dr. Kellogg is not our real story,” says Cottrell. “We start out with him because of the tourists.” Guides then show visitors to other homes of Adventist pioneers such

as James and Ellen White and John Loughborough, telling inspiring stories.

Dr. Kellogg started out strong but did not fully follow the directions as given through Ellen White in the way Percy Magan and E.A. Sutherland did.

The Layman Foundation therefore preserves their heritage.



Battle Creek Days of The Pioneers

A look through some records in the Battle Creek library reveals some of the great Madison personalities from the past as young professionals starting their careers.

The Battle Creek City directory lists E.A. Sutherland, Percy Magan and Bessie DeGraw.

Sutherland appears there first as a student at Battle Creek College living at 23 Sanitarium Ave. in 1887. He and Percy Magan roomed together during the 1889-90 school year in South Hall, according to the directory for that year.

Percy Magan was an SDA missionary in 1891 with a residence in South Hall, according to the city record. He presumably spent that year traveling around the world evaluating SDA missions with S.N. Haskell. He must have finished school by 1893 because by then he was a professor of Bible and history at the college, living at 33

Sanitarium Ave with his wife, Ida B. Magan, also listed as a teacher at the Battle Creek College. He had moved to 225 Manchester Ave. by 1896 and was listed as professor of history.

Sutherland was at Walla Walla College during these years, and then reappeared in the City Directory as president of the faculty of Battle Creek College in 1897-98. He lived at West College Hall. This same directory lists his wife, Sallie V. Sutherland, as professor of physical culture at Battle Creek College. Magan was then professor of history that year and boarded at 207 Manchester, according to the directory.

The next year, Sutherland was vice president of the Board of Trustees and president of the faculty at Battle Creek College and lived at 625 Maple. Magan had moved up the administrative scale. President Sutherland probably promoted him to secretary of the Board of Trustees and dean of Battle Creek College. He then had moved back to 225 Manchester, and the directory named that house as being his home.

Bessie DeGraw was a “professor” at Battle Creek College in 1899 and boarded at 652 Maple.

The directory says Sutherland removed to Berrien Springs, Mich. in 1901-1902 and Magan did the same in 1903-04. Miss DeGraw also followed them there without public mention.

Jean Davis, the Battle Creek Adventist historian, says the nice house young Professor Sutherland lived in still stands. She has found articles of incorporation for a new school to train students to "become self-sustaining missionaries" filed by himself and Magan along with Will Otis Palmer, H.R. Salisbury and Joseph William Collie in the Calhoun County Courthouse in 1900.

That idea became a reality four years later.

The Schooling of Lida Scott

By Albert Dittes

While searching the Internet one day, I looked for a webpage for the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., a school Lida Scott attended, according to her record. To my delight, I found it and called the alumni office about a 19th century student named Lida Funk. I told them she was the daughter of Isaac Funk, founder of Funk & Wagnall's, and would like any information they would have on her. She, of course, invested most of her personal fortune in the work of Madison and Loma Linda.

Lida Funk Scott entered Packer in 1878 at the age of 10, according to their records. She graduated in 1891 and died in 1945, though they had no date of death.

"We do know she took composition, English literature, geometry and Latin in the 1887-88 year at age 19 as a collegiate junior but have no other specific

information nor photographs," wrote Karen Bishop of the Packer alumni office.

The enclosed information with the letter tells much about Packer and thus Mrs. Scott, who contributed so much to the development of Madison and the Southern Union.

Packer Collegiate Institute originally started in 1845 through the interest in female education of landowners and merchants in Brooklyn Heights. The school was an immediate "financial and educational success," according to the history on the webpage and was "the preeminent school for girls for much of the latter 19th century."

Lida Funk, therefore, did indeed grow up a child of privilege. The expenses show that her family had money in that a term, presumably a semester now, cost from \$16 for the lower grades up to \$35 for the upper high school or junior college grades. With the average salary being \$5 to \$10 a week, if that, tuition there cost a lot.

The Academic Department curriculum showed she studied Latin, French, German and rhetoric each year starting with the third academic grade. Algebra, zoology, English history and geometry varied with the terms. She later promoted the Madison idea of work-study taking priority over the modern languages.

Lida Scott went from there to Vassar College, another natural

step for a child from a prominent family. She thus was well educated and devoted her life to helping other young people have that same advantage.



Clerk's Record shows All Madison Members

In a story like that of Madison, something new will always surface, and the latest thing to come to my attention will shed light on every member who joined the Madison College (now Campus) Church from its start in 1904 to 1965.

The Madison Campus Church office has three clerk's ledgers with complete records of church members and minutes of the board meetings, starting with the official organization of the church June 17, 1906. (The pioneers immediately started conducting worship services when they moved to the campus in 1904, we assume, but the church organization with the conference became official in 1906.)

The record shows 17 charter members, with the founders heading the list. E.A. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. N.H. Druillard, P.T. Magan and M. Bessie DeGraw are the first five. E.E. Brink follows Miss DeGraw in the pecking order. He spent the summer on the farm in 1904 before the students and teachers actually arrived in October. Following him is Braden N. Mulford, a student transferring from Berrien Springs. The next year, he would buy a farm 30

miles north of Madison in Fountain Head, Tenn., and start what has become Highland Academy, Highland Elementary School, Highland Manor Nursing Home, Highland Rim Terrace and Tennessee Christian Medical Center/Portland.

Before that, he would co-found a school near Ridgetop with another charter member, Charles F. Alden, who would also later work for several years in Portland, Tenn., as a high school principal.

Arthur L. Hall, LeRoy Palmer, C.F. and Effie Yale, C.B. Caldwell, Olive Shannon and Ida Rankin, sister of Nellie Druillard, complete the roster.

Among the early members are people transferring into Madison and later leaving to affiliate with units in other places. Wilfred R. and Ethel Tolman joined July 18, 1908 from Elizabeth, N.J. and left the next year for Sand Mountain, Ala. Herman and Harriet Walen joined the church in December, 1908 and later founded Chestnut Hill School near Portland, Tenn. Floyd and Myrtle Bralliar transferred in Oct. 24, 1908 from Stuart, Iowa. Two Martin families moved their membership from Chico, Calif. in 1909 and went on to Bon Aqua, Tenn., in 1912. Engene and Anna Waller joined the Madison congregation in 1911 and moved on to Asheville, N.C. and Mount Pisgah Academy in 1915.

Baptisms among the prominent families included Wellesley Magan, June 22, 1910; Ena Bralliar, Aug. 19, 1916;

Yolanda Sutherland, Oct. 13, 1917 and Joe Sutherland, Oct. 27, 1923.

Lida Scott moved her membership to Madison Sept. 1, 1918 and remained a member of the church until her death in 1945, according to this record.

Somebody has gone through the entire list from 1906 through 1965 and placed a number beside each name. They then compiled the names in alphabetical order in a directory, so one can easily find the church records of anyone belonging to the Madison College Church during this time in a matter of minutes.

All you need to do is go to the Madison Campus Church office.



Resting until the Resurrection

Doris Thomson Clough, 86, died Jan. 19, 2002.

She moved to Madison in 1950 as a new Adventist and World War II widow.

She had graduated from the St. Anthony School of Nursing in Terre Haute, Ind. in 1938. She was the Head Nurse on the Surgical Floor at Madison Hospital for a number of years.

She had graduated from Madison College with a B.S. degree in 1957. Eventually she taught in, and then became director of, the School of Nursing at Madison. After she left Madison she worked at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla., Geer Memorial ECF in Canann, Conn. and retired

from Simi Valley Adventist Hospital in California.

Harry Clough, who was at Madison from 1948-1952, hired for the job in Connecticut. After his wife died and Doris had retired, she and Harry renewed their acquaintance and married in 1981.

Shortly thereafter, they moved from California to Hendersonville, N.C., and became active as volunteers at Park Ridge Hospital and were instrumental in the building of the Mills River SDA church in North Carolina.

Survivors are her husband, Harry E. Clough of Hendersonville, N.C.; her daughter, Janice (Madison Academy 1962), and son-in-law Eugene (Madison Academy 1960) Wedel of Orlando, Fla. and grandson, Gregory Wedel of Ooltewah, Tenn.

Eugene is a vice president of Florida Hospital (Bill Wilson's office is close by) and Janice works part-time as a Diabetes Nurse Educator there. Her grandson, Greg, teaches English and history for the Hamilton County School System in Chattanooga, Tenn.

William (Bill) Wilson, a former principal of Madison Academy, flew to Terre Haute, Ind. to conduct the service, and she was laid to rest there next to her first husband, Richard Worth Thomson. (*Apologies to the family for the delay in publishing this.*)

Clara Busch, 89, died Nov. 29, 2003 in Madison, Tenn.

She was born Aug. 14, 1914 in Fountain Head, Tenn., to Willie and John Brooks. She attended Fountain Head Rural School, a unit of Madison, and married Elmer Busch in 1936.

The young couple built their

own house on the Madison campus in 1939, and she lived in it for the next 64 years. She took LPN nurses training at Madison Hospital and worked there and at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin, Tenn. Her husband Elmer was a painter and carpenter on campus and then operated his own painting contracting business before dying in 1980.

Surviving her are three children, Barbara Snell of Sturgeon, Mo., Ronald Busch of Nashville, Tenn., and Danny Busch of Madison, Tenn. A third son, William Busch, died in 1980. She also had seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



FROM HERE AND THERE



California: Agnes Johnson, BS '50, Sent dues and extra to help with expenses along with this comment, The last Madison Survey showing the latest info on Madison, that the Tenn. Christian Medical Center is now completely SDA owned.

We all think our institutions should not be unequally yoked to have God's fullest blessings.

I am so thankful that Albert Dittes is taking such a strong interest in the Alumni Assoc.

Use the check as you see best.

California: Patricia Liu Lowe, S'41→'42, sent dues and extra

help along with her Christmas letter which I share with you in part. "We have 7 children, one foster child, and many others who have passed through our homes throughout the years....My, dear husband, Edwin, suffered a stroke on December 9, 1984 and passed away on November 16, 1995. I am living alone at Leisure Village in Camarillo. My four sons and their families live nearby. I have wonderful daughters - in - law. I am in good health. Every day I thank God for His blessings. My hobbies include gardening, traveling, church and spending time with family and friends. I love gardening. I am growing flowers and vegetables in my planter boxes in Leisure Village. In addition, I am actively involved in the Pleasant Valley Garden club.

Through the years, I have done a lot of traveling. I have been on several Maranatha trips. The international trips took me to Panama(1996), Argentina (1999), and an Antarctica cruise (2000). The domestic trips took me to Monterey and Milo Academies. I have retired from Maranatha because I am too old to travel and to work hard. Last year I went to China for the fourth time.... This August, I went on an African safari traveling to six different countries in south Africa, on buses, 4 wheel drive and train for 16 days....Between the major vacations, I have taken many mini-vacations to visit family and friends. I had better travel as much as I can before I get too old.

I will turn 84 in December and looking forward to next year. ...

I am so blessed to have 14 grandchildren—6 granddaughters and 8 grandsons.(*In the above numbers there are 5 Mds, a civil engineer with his own construction company, one of the younger sons is in construction also. There is a Physical Therapist, a Nurse, a Lawyer, a Dental Hygienist, one working on doctorate in Psychology, and a Musician. A rich heritage indeed.*)

I appreciate Madison College so very much. There I found Christ. My God which I serve."

California: Ivan Maeda sent a check, for four *God's Beautiful Farm*, with these words, "My father along with a group of other Japanese students attended your college during WW II.

I would like to request that four copies of *God's Beautiful Farm* be sent to the address above so that I can share with their children something of the background of the college they attended

If it is possible to mail these copies out by Xmas, I would very much appreciate this. (*He will have them*)

Tennessee: George G Barnett, S '38 - '39, sent dues and this note, "I was a student at Madison (summer 1938→summer 1939) I roomed with a student from Alabama, Maurice Tipton.

Maurice Tipton passed away October 14, 2003 at age 84. After the last great war Maurice graduated from Auburn University a DVM, practiced his profession in Rogersville, AL.

I can tell you for a fact that both Maurice and I have fond memories of our 13 months spent at Madison—especially working on the beautiful farm under George Juhl, a wonderful man. I also remember with fondness and respect James Blair.

What a terrible shame that our SDA church did not approve of Madison.

Tennessee: Forest L. Pride, BSN '47, Anes. '52 sent this bit of humor about Thanksgiving time.

TURKEY, TURKEY, TURKEY EVERYWHERE

The turkey shot out of the oven and rocketed into the air. It knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair

It ricocheted into a corner, it burst with a deafening boom; then splattered all over the kitchen . It totally covered the floor. There was turkey attached to the ceiling where there had never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance, it smeared every saucer and bowl. There wasn't a way I could stop it that turkey was out of control

I scraped and scrubbed with displeasure and thought with chagrin, as I mopped, that I'd never again stuff a turkey with popcorn that hadn't been popped.

—Unknown—



We here at home are excited about our up coming celebration of the 100th anniversary and

seeing many of you again.

Please help us plan-let us know that you are coming to share in this event with us.

We extend to you our holiday greetings and wish you a healthy and prosperous 2004.

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