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## *Madison and the 2004 ASI National Convention*

By Albert Dittes

CINCINNATI--Through the years, the Madison College Alumni Association has maintained a presence at the annual ADVENTIST-LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES(ASI) national convention. After all, the organization was begun by Dr. Sutherland and self-supporting institutions here 57 years ago. It later broadened its base to include business people wanting to witness in the secular market place.

The annual convention has grown into a mini General Conference session with prominent speakers, wonderful music and scores of exhibits.

At our booth, we tell the ASI portion of the Madison story, as well as feature pictures of the pioneers, and the old Madison College campus. Some Madison alumni always stop by the booth and enjoy seeing pictures of their alma mater. Other serious students of Adventist history recognize the impact Madison has made on the church and look for materials they have not already known about.

Several of our guests agreed to talk about what they knew about Madison and how it has impacted their lives and the denomination. We print these interviews done at the annual meeting Aug. 4-7 as an example of the contribution Madison has made and is making to

finish the work of God on this earth.

Dr. George Harding IV recalled the close ties his family has had to Madison through the years.



He said his grandfather, Dr. George Harding II, attended Battle Creek College with E. A. Sutherland and Percy Magan.

Their work at Madison inspired him to start a hospital and food factory in suburban Columbus, Ohio.

"My grandfather's teachers asked him to go to medical school at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to establish the credibility of Battle Creek College," he said.

There, young George Harding roomed with B.G. Wilkinson, who later served as president of Washington Missionary College.

He stayed friends with Sutherland and Magan, both when they moved their school to Berrien Springs in 1901 and later came to Madison in 1904. "He maintained an interest in the development of self-supporting work," he said. "When Ellen White died, Dr. Sutherland asked my grandfather to join the board at Madison. That gave the final push to him starting a self-supporting hospital in 1916."

Dr. Harding said his grandparents kept patients in their own home for awhile. Then in 1915 his grandfather learned more about Madison, and the fourth child in their family was born.

Using the Madison model of medical care and education, the Hardings treated mentally ill patients and educated psychiatric nurses. Dr. Harding says his father, Dr. George Harding III, started a residential training program for psychiatrists in 1936.

"Some nursing graduates from Madison helped staff the Harding Hospital", he said. "They came there fresh out of school, and we trained them."

Through the years, his grandfather maintained his friendship with Dr. Sutherland. He had rheumatic heart disease and suffered from congestive heart failure from time to time. He died of a stroke in January, 1934.

Dr. George Harding III kept up the close ties to Sutherland and Magan. "One of my father's closest friends was Leonard Brunie, who married Yolanda Sutherland, daughter of E.A. Sutherland," he said. "We have maintained our friendship with their daughter, Barbara Brunie Jones, and her husband, Wayne Jones."

He said Dr. Magan wanted his father, Dr. George III, to be his assistant and offered him this position in 1936. "After my grandfather's death, he felt he couldn't leave Worthington at that time and so declined."

His father later served as president of the College of Medical Evangelists 1948-52.

Madison also inspired the start of Worthington Foods.

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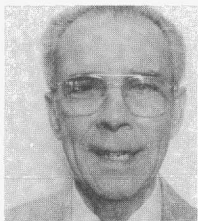
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“We visited there and used the Madison Food products in Harding Hospital,” he said. “The feeling was, if they can do it at Madison, we can do it at Worthington and so started the food company in 1939.”

Dr. George IV grew up at his family institution in Worthington, Ohio, joined the Harding Hospital staff in 1959 and retired from there in 2000 when the program merged with that of Ohio State University. He then became chairman of psychiatry at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and will retire from there the end of September.



Prominent Adventist dietitian, Paul Damazo, praised the Madison legacy as he stopped by the booth at the ASI convention.



“If it weren’t for Madison, there would be no Loma Linda nor White Memorial Hospital,” he said.

The old Madison College campus impressed Damazo.

“It was the most manicured campus of any I have ever been on, and I have visited colleges of every denomination all my life.”

He remembered seeing corn nine feet tall on the Madison farm.

He added, spending one day on campus, taught him how to grow peach trees. When he got home, he planted the Madison way and saw his crop grow from 12 to 700 peaches in 18 months.

He said that Frances Dittes of the Madison College faculty was the first Seventh-day Adventist to serve as president of a state nutrition organization, the Tennessee State Dietetic Association. He later did the same in California, and Dr. Kathleen Zolber had the distinction of being the first Adventist to become president of the American Dietetic Association.

He recalled Madison graduate,

Fred Black, as distinguishing himself as store manager at Loma Linda University. “They had 12 bakers there,” he said. “Wealthy people would stop at the store on their way to Palm Springs for the weekend. It was the largest health food store in Southern California. One family would drive there regularly from Phoenix, Ariz., for a month’s supply.”

The old Madison model of having a school and hospital on campus impressed him as the best method of education.

He said he knew of a state nursing home association director once wanting to have a monthly meeting at an Adventist nursing home in Tennessee that had started on the Madison model; he was not sure of which school it was affiliated with.

“He asked to meet there because their studies showed the patients in that nursing home living longer than those in other such facilities,” he said.

He said the attendees spent the entire morning quizzing the Adventist nursing home director, and then wanted an after-dinner tour.

“They were excited to find that the patients liked to see the young people working there and looked forward to the shift changes each day,” he said. “The directors felt that was what kept them alive.”

“After they finished talking, it was 5 p.m. and time to go home. They didn’t get to the first item on their agenda that day,” he said.



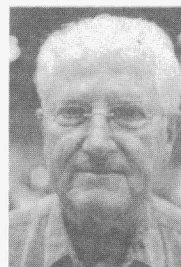
An in-law of the Madison family stopping by the booth was Jean Brunie, wife of Bill Brunie, son of Yolanda Sutherland Brunie.



She said that her mother-in-law worked as an internist with her husband, Leonard,

before dying at the age of 55. Her husband, Bill Brunie, was a psychoanalyst.

“I married into the family in 1952,” she said. “I never saw Madison College but spent much time with Uncle Joe Sutherland. He said that E. A. Sutherland would not allow two-story houses on campus because he thought they were ostentatious.”



Henry Bedford studied lab and X-ray at Madison in the 50s and 60s, went into the army, and then became a

nurse anesthetist.

“I have been at Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas for many years, specializing in pain management for obstetric patients,” he said. “I am still active and looking for help.”

He and his wife, Lynn, have three children and seven grandchildren.



John Stephen Sundaraja is continuing the Madison self-supporting tradition on a 25-acre farm near Bangalore, India.

He has started a one-year medical missionary program his students can pay for while working on the farm. “Most of them are poor, so I let them work,” he says.

He has taken the medical missionary training at Wildwood and found a Madison publication there.

“My ministry is to prepare people to be self supporting,” he said. “I plan to teach them trades like tailoring, auto mechanics and computers. I just want to follow in

the footsteps of our pioneers. We intend to produce our own food and need a tractor.”



### Harding Story

A look at the Madison College board minutes and *Survey* shows a close relationship of the Harding family to the work of Madison, with Dr. George Harding II joining the board in 1924.

Ellen White resigned as a trustee in a letter written July 29, 1914, about a year before her death.

“On account of my advanced age, and feeble health, I desire to retire from the responsibility of membership of your honorable body,” she wrote. “Therefore, I hereby resign as a member of your Board. In this connection I wish to state that it has been a pleasure to do what I could in behalf of the work of the Institute, and that I have requested my sons to do what they could to encourage its work.”

The Board of Trustees retained Ellen White in the constituency but voted in Lida F. Scott, Elder W. C. White, son of Ellen White, and Nis Hansen, Sr as new members to serve with Stephen N. Haskell, president; Edward A. Sutherland, vice president; Nellie H. Drullard, treasurer; George I. Butler, M. Bessie DeGraw; Nettie Haskell; Mrs. E. M. Gray and Percy T. Magan, secretary.

The annual 1924 constituent meeting elected Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., to the Board of Trustees “to take the place made vacant by the death of Elder S. N. Haskell.”

Dr. Harding maintained close ties to Madison College. According to the May 25, 1921, *Survey*, “Dr. Sutherland spent the weekend with Dr. G. T. Harding, Jr. at Columbus Rest Home, Worthington, Ohio, meeting there people who are interested in a special way in the development of

medical and educational work in the Republic of Mexico.”

Then the Dec. 28, 1921 *Madison Survey* reported a visit of Dr. Harding to the campus. Being the younger brother of Warren Harding, then president of the United States, his visit made news. *The Nashville Tennessean* wrote this account:

“Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., brother of President Harding, addressed the 200 students of the Madison School Wednesday morning on the subject of, Physical and Moral Causes of Insanity.

“This was not Dr. Harding’s first visit to Nashville, for he has visited Dr. Sutherland and the institution frequently for a number of years, and Dr. Sutherland has likewise visited Dr. Harding at his Columbus Rural Rest Home. Dr. Harding said that his interest in the Madison institution dated back 25 years, when he first heard Dr. Sutherland emphasize the importance of true education and the value of learning by doing, and practicing how to live while being educated for living.

“Dr. Harding as a physician deals largely with those who break down nervously. While here he addressed the Nashville Academy of Medicine on the subject of feeble-mindedness.”



### A Day with the Medical Missionaries at Wildwood

By Albert Dittes

WILDWOOD, Ga.— If you want to hear about medical missionary work with the same zeal and intensity as personal evangelists would talk about Bible studies and baptisms, go to an annual October medical seminar here.

On the Sabbath I attended, people filled the Wildwood Church sanctuary probably seating 200 or 300 to hear stories from home and abroad as well as fundamental

Adventist Bible truth.

Some of them regard Chattanooga, Tenn., as a great mission field and work it as fervently as do their friends going overseas.

James Hartley and some supporters have organized an official SDA youth group on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Their approach is to sponsor health clinics, testing for weight loss, and stress, as well as offering a cooking school. He reported 90 students expressed interest in attending a Bible study there.

Another Wildwood contingent operates a Country Life restaurant serving all vegan foods, meaning no dairy products. Mike Jackson, who operates the front register, says the restaurant has moved to an excellent location on Market Street in downtown Chattanooga and serves about 100 meals a day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at \$6 or \$7 a meal. Some prominent business people eat there. He adds they receive far more requests for cooking schools than they can fulfill due to the heavy demands on their time of operating the restaurant.

I think the Chattanooga-area churches ought to organize themselves to follow up this interest in a medical missionary kind of way.

We also heard stories of overseas health evangelism. Lou Keith talked of building a new center for a medical missionary training school in Thailand. Carol Bears had given medical missionary training to students from all over Kenya. Dr. Roby Sherman of the Wildwood Medical staff showed pictures of a medical clinic she and her husband, Bill Sherman, have operated in the heart of the Waldensian Valley in Italy since 1996. They also showed an abbreviated version of a historical video about the Waldenses entitled “Royalty without Honor.”

Dr. Virginia Oden, also of the  
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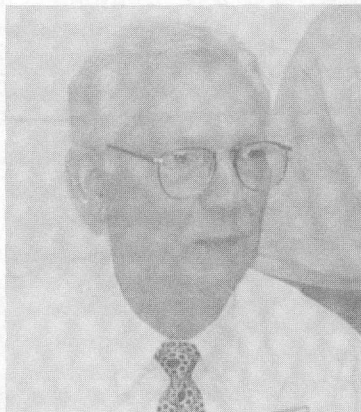
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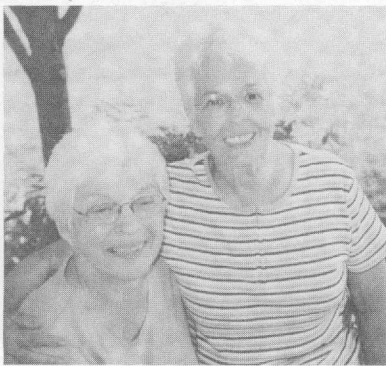
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Gwen and Larry Hawkins



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Virginia Davidson Sellars, Carlos McDonald



Ned Littell

**Medical Missionaries**

Wildwood Lifestyle Center, said the news media of St. Lucia in the Caribbean featured the medical work of her team there.

Elder James Brackett, ministerial secretary of the Nevada-Utah Conference, had preached starting on Wednesday evening using the title "Christ's Method Alone." The meetings during Thursday and Friday featured medical topics such as Alzheimers, Fad Diets, Radiologic Diagnosis, and Glaucoma among other things combined with two sessions of "1844 Revisited."

James Hartley directs the College of Health Evangelism and reports 40 students taking this one year course done in two, six-month segments training them in health education, preventive medicine, natural remedies and also ways to present the gospel.

"We attract students from every continent on the globe," he says.

Wildwood began independently of Madison but was in operation during the days of Madison College. Several staff members have told me they regard Madison as their model. Wildwood never became a college but seems to have evolved into fulfilling the medical goals of the great Madison founders.



**FROM HERE AND THERE**



**Africa:** June 10, 2002

Dear Sir,

I am a Seventh-day Adventist medical missionary/pastor/

evangelist, 25 years of age, serving in self-supporting lines here in the Eastern part of Nigeria.

I am very much interested in doing all that I can in raising the fallen standards of true Christian education, having myself benefitted from the Christian educational efforts of my alma mater — Graceland Missionary Institute, Ghana, West Africa.

I write to request that you send me the sample issue of the *Madison Survey*, published since 1919, containing the work of the school and it's students; *The Madison School* : Series B No. 11 by Ellen White; *Madison College: School of Divine Origin 1904 - 1964*; and *God's Beautiful Farm*. These literary works if sent to me will greatly aid my ministry's effort to propagate a true Christian alternative in education. Your moral and material support is wholeheartedly welcomed. My mailing address is: Ogbonna Chukwudinma C., The Everlasting Ensign Ministries, P. O. Box 5289, Aba 450001, Abia State, Nigeria. My Email is: [teemseal@yahoo.com](mailto:teemseal@yahoo.com)

Your anticipated help will go a long way in the reform work here. Whatever your decision, please let me know through my e-mail address.

Till I hear from you, remain faithful.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Ogbonna Chukwudinma

Bob Sutherland,  
madison2@earthlink.net  
wrote:

Dear Brother Ogbonna:

I just received your letter yesterday. My wife and I had been away from home for 10 days.

Thank you for writing. I am pleased to learn of your self-supporting ministry.

The items that you have

requested are available except the "Madison College: School of Divine Origin 1904-1964" Our supply is exhausted and it is out of print. We do have some copies of the 50th anniversary issue that contains much of the same material and I shall send one of them.

Sincerely,  
Your Brother in Christ

Bob Sutherland  
Executive secretary  
Madison College Alumni  
Association *All requested materials were sent as far as possible.*

**THANK YOU**

Tue Aug 20, 2002

Dear Brother Bob,

Let me begin by saying a big THANK YOU to you for the package of literary items which I received yesterday.

I am very grateful for such a historic guide to the practicability of the principles of Christian Education as it is found in the Spirit of Prophecy writings.

Thank you for your letter dated July 9, 2002 in the which I learnt of the soon arrival of the items I requested. I know that these literatures cost money, likewise mailing them to me. I presently am unable to pay for the cost; but will not fail to pray for your ministry's continual growth in grace. May God continue to uphold and sustain your faithful work is my prayers Amen.

I have the following questions to ask (1) Is the Madison school still in operation? (2) Is it still a self-supporting institution not amenable to the conference? (3) If the school is still in existence, in self-supporting status, what are the courses offered and their duration? (4) Does your admission policy consider taking students from Africa? (5) With a work / study arrangement, can an indigent

African potential student be helped to come to such a school for an all round education?

I'd be glad to be clarified in these areas. Till I hear from you, remain blessed in Christ's service.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Ogbonna C. Chukwudinma.

*Update in next issue*

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**California:** Jane Douthit, BSN '56, sent dues and extra with these words, "Enclosed find my dues & \$ for office help.

I always enjoy the *Madison Survey*. The news warms my heart. I'm so grateful for my education, time and experience at Madison.

God bless you each and every one for keeping the home fires burning.

May we be ready to go home with Jesus soon."

**Florida:** Clyde P. Holland, BSN '59, sent dues and help with these words, "Dear Faithful servants, Thank you for the read now, pay later payment plan. Yep! I am that far behind in everything. So a little extra fee sent should include late payment interest. Ha!

So, so sorry to have missed 100<sup>th</sup> but after its published edition one could almost feel like they were there in a small way. Thanks for the memories.

*O Madison we hail thee here  
for ideals that shall stand  
We hail the school of friendships  
dear,  
beside the Cumberland.*

*O Madison by heaven blessed, lift  
up thy torch, be true  
and shine the light until the night  
conquers the world anew.*

By Edna Pepper '58, tune of O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

I went to Edna, as Student Body President, in that September and told her we need a school song and she brought it to me the next morning to sing for chapel.

**North Carolina:** Lillian Brown

Johnson, Pace '51, wrote this letter, "I read with interest in the recent issue of the *Madison Survey* the story of Percy Magan and his first wife, Ida May Bauer, and their family in the early days. However, I would be very interested to learn of his continued life of service following her death, as well as what became of their sons, Wellsley Percy and Shaen Saurin.

My parents, Thompson Henry and Vesta Wallace Brown, moved from Murfreesboro, Tenn. to Madison in 1911-1912, where I was born at home and delivered by Dr. Lillian Magan (Mrs. Percy Magan) on July 1, 1914. My mother tells of how Dr. Lillian rode up in her horse driven surrey with the fringe on top just in time to assist in my appearance into the world. She was greatly respected and loved and I was named for Dr. Lillian, as well as for my aunts—Lillian Lucy Brown (Father's sister) and Lillian Dale Wallace (Mother's sister).

My parents subsequently moved back to Murfreesboro, but our family kept close ties with Madison through friends and family who attended school there. I returned to Madison College and roomed with Dolly Sykes Russ, later to become Mrs. Bernard Bowen. I took the Pace Accounting Course and completed it in September of 1950 and received my certificate.

The *Madison Survey* is something I look forward to in keeping up with the activities and lives of former schoolmates and friends. I currently live at Fletcher Park Inn, which brings back memories of the years I spent as a bookkeeper and worked with "Polly" Oline Steadham at the old Fletcher Sanitarium from 1940 - 1943.

**Washington:** Esther Edmondson, BS '60 & Pat Scott, S '58-'60, sent dues and wrote, "It seems that with all our moves we lost track of each other and were not getting the *Survey*. Imogene Shepard sent us a copy of hers. We got your address and coupon, and are sending in our

dues. It hadn't occurred to us that this was the Centennial year for *Madison*.

Pat and I are retired in our home in Washington. We attend a small church in Tonasket. We are kept busy in the summer with gardening and yard work etc. In winter we usually make a trip to Texas where Pat is from and are there for his academy homecoming in March. We made a trip to Florida and the Keys last February and met Imogene and Hugh Shepard and their daughter Marcella. We all traveled to the Keys together for a weekend. It was a first for all of us.

We don't know when we will make it to *Madison* for alumni again. In six more years it will be my 50<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosed is a cheque for dues. We are looking forward to receiving the *Survey* again.



### Resting Until The Resurrection

Frederec Barnett Cothren, 62, died Aug. 29, 2004, at his home in Nashville, Tenn., of an apparent suicide. He was born July 29, 1942, to Frederic B. and Edythe Stephenson Cothren and grew up in Madison, Tenn. He attended the Madison Campus Elementary School and graduated from Madison Academy in 1960. He earned a bachelor's degree from Andrews University and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry at Memphis.

He served in the armed forces at Hampton Roads, Va., and on the Rose Bud Sioux Reservation, Rapid City, S.D., then practiced dentistry in Morristown, Tenn. He received a Masters degree in orthodontics from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and worked as an orthodontist in Nashville for many years.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors are his wife, Diane

Weber Cothren, son, Frederec B. Cothren III; stepdaughter, Nicole Murphy; sister, Elisabeth Cothren Morrison and brother, Jackson D. Cothren; all of whom live in the greater Nashville area.

He was laid to rest beside his parents at Spring Hill Cemetery in Madison.



The E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA) has recieved approval from the Tennessee State Board of Education as a private school accrediting agency for grades K-12.

EASEA was formed to accredit self-supporting schools, many of them operating on the Madison model.

"This is a milestone for us," says Brian Traxler, president of EASEA. "I do not know at this time what school will be evaluated first.

Actually all the Tennessee schools will need to begin a self-study beginning this spring and evaluations will follow. A leadership conference is planned for Feb. 10-12, 2005 at Ouachia Hills Academy in Arkansas. At this conference we will be addressing the self-study process and other school improvement issues."



WITH THIS ISSUE, WE HERE AT MADISON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR.

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