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The Madison Influence Still Lives

By Albert Dittes

I am active in local history of my hometown, Portland, Tennessee, and find the Madison influence in two recent discoveries.

The first was the diaries of Lida Scott at *The Layman Foundation* chronicling her first visit to Tennessee in 1914. She went to *Chestnut Hill Farm School*, a Madison unit about 20 miles out in the country from Portland. She was a personal friend of Harriet Walen, one of the founders.

In those days, they called it the greater Fountain Head area. She wrote a fascinating description of the people they visited there, and took many pictures now on file at *The Layman Foundation* office in Collegedale, Tenn. When I saw them, it occurred to me that local historical people would want to see them. So I made a presentation of the diaries and the pictures at a historical society meeting. Then I put up the pictures on a display at an arts and crafts festival, entitling it Fountain Head in 1914. A local picture collector with a booth next to mine asked for a copy of all the pictures. They document the local culture at that time, a nearby road, church, typical house, general store, and a crop of sorghum among other things.

Mrs. Scott went from Chestnut Hill to Madison and eventually became part of its work in a big way.

Portland, Tennessee was a small community when I was growing up but has since become a great industrial center with around 50 industries employing about 4,000 people, quite a change for a rural community.

One day somebody gave me a list of all industries, and I arranged it in chronological order and shared it with various interested people. The first one on the list was Portland Medical Center, which started out as Fountain Head Rural Sanitarium and Hospital in 1913. Braden and Pearl Mulford founded that institution as

part of their school, one of the first units of Madison.

They were many years ahead of the next industry, a gas company formed in 1948. Most of the major industries came after the 1970s. So the Madison folks left something permanent and good in Upper Sumner County, Tennessee.



Layman Foundation Headquarters



The Layman Foundation is building a two-story headquarters building on the west side of Collegedale on Apison Pike. The *Foundation* plans to occupy approximately half of the top floor and rent out the remainder and the first floor. The site has 19 acres along a busy highway entering Collegedale. The *Foundation* hopes to lease the property adjoining Apison Pike for use as retail stores and use the rear portion of it for offices, according to Dr. Herbert Coolidge, vice president of *The Layman Foundation*. They plan on an early summer occupancy and have named the site "La Collina", meaning the hill in Italian. Officers of *The Layman Foundation* are Bob Zollinger, president; Herbert Coolidge, vice president and treasurer and Ann Goodge, secretary. Lida Scott

chartered *The Layman*

Foundation in 1924, and what remains of her personal fortune is still part of its financial base.



The Madison School Units in 1915

In the fall of 1914, the Fall Council of the North American Division Executive Committee formed a committee to study the self-supporting work of Madison and make recommendations concerning its relationship to the organized Seventh-day Adventist work. Tension between the Madison people and General Conference had resulted in the *Review* banning any publicity of Madison in its columns.

A newly-discovered report of this committee gives new insight into the work of Madison during its early days.

The committee members visited many of the "independent" schools in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences. (These two organizations merged into the Southern Union in 1932, with Louisiana joining the Southwestern Union.)

This committee made a very positive report to the council meeting at Loma Linda in the fall of 1915. "We were impressed with the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice by these workers," the report reads. "They are living in the plainest of homes and in some instances their self-denial falls little short of actual suffering, but notwithstanding they seem possessed of a cheerful and uncomplaining spirit."

The committee saw a need for these units comprised of a school, sanitarium and farm in their communities. "It seems to us that if we would develop our work and give stability to it, it is necessary in many sections for gospel workers to live in the community and become leaders in the religious activities," the report said.

They also found that the medical missionary work of these units had earned the confidence and good will of the local populace.

"We discovered two distinct classes of schools; one whose purpose primarily is to work for the people of the vicinity in which the school is located, the other seems to have to a greater or less degree the purpose of educating the children of Seventh-day Adventists

outside the community, even soliciting students from other conferences from that in which the school is located," the report stated. A weakness they noted was a lack of overall supervision, with different schools using different methods.

The committee recommended the enlarging and strengthening of this work, with *The Madison School* and its units becoming "part of the regular work of the denomination, and that we encourage proper persons in all our Conferences to enter *The Madison School* to receive a training for this work."

They also recommended that financial support be given through the proper denominational channels, with conference auditors checking their books annually.

Another recommendation was that the property titles be properly held to safeguard the interests and future welfare of the schools. *The Layman Foundation* would meet this need after it was organized in 1924.

A resolution passed by the General Conference Committee appearing in the August 1, 1918, edition of *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* ratified this decision, recognizing the *Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute* at Madison, Tenn., as the training school for workers in the South and encouraging people to attend it.

This council also voted to recognize *The Pisgah Industrial Institute* near Asheville, North Carolina, "as a training school for rural teachers and workers."



The Rocks of The Madison College Campus

When the missionary boat *Morning Star* broke down at the Edgefield Junction, Ellen White suggested to Edward Sutherland and Percy Magan that they look over the Ferguson-Nelson farm, as a possible site for a school. These two men had looked at this place earlier and could only comment about its rocky, worn-out barren condition. The two Christian Educators followed Ellen White's urging and the rest is history.

Limestone rocks were everywhere, in the fields, in the pastures, in the yards, in the roads, everywhere. As it turned out these rocks became a major building material, just pick them up and load them into a wagon and take them to a building site and build a building, like the Science Building, Demonstration Building, Milk Plant, Druillard Library, Williams Hall, several houses on campus and two columns at the entry to the campus off Larking Springs road. The columns had

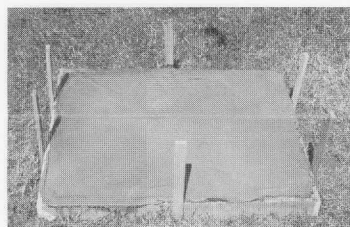


engraved rock panels in them that read Madison College, 1904.

When the college closed in 1964 the rock buildings were torn down, one building at a time, and the two columns at the entry to the campus met the same fate. *Editors note- it is said that when it was announced that they would be torn down the next morning, Mrs. Mabel Towery positioned herself in front of one of the columns to save it. Early the next morning, unannounced it was torn down too.* Lawrence Cantrell, Dairy and Farm manager, noted the fate of the columns and



retrieved one of the engraved stones and moved it to his house down by the farm where it became a stepping stone for his front walk. Tracy, Lloyd and Don Cantrell had told me about this same stone during the past few years, but I never went down to see it. Tracy called one day to say the Cantrell house was vacant, in much need of repair and probably



be torn down by Madison Academy. He suggested we needed to retrieve the stone, which had probably been at the Cantrells house for 35 - 40 years.



l-r Paul Blankenship, Jim Culpepper

I asked my friend, Paul Blankenship, BSN '58, to help me and he agreed. We met at the Cantrell's house with pick, shovel and a large pry bar. We got the stone out, it was already broken into two pieces, probably occurring in the destruction of the column. We loaded it into Paul's truck and took it to the Heritage House. Bob Sutherland, Paul and I selected a location for the stone, poured a cement foundation, and in a week returned and placed the stone on its foundation, near the front entrance of the Heritage House. This could be the final resting place for this piece of Madison history.

Another stone, the shape of the state of Tennessee, that had been located over the south entrance to the

Druillard Library, was also retrieved at the time the library was torn down. This stone is now the stepping stone to the Sisson Memorial gazebo, located in front of the Heritage House.

By Jim Culpepper
Madison Academy 1952
Madison College-attended two years



FROM HERE AND THERE



California: Patricia Liu Lowe, BS '46, sent dues and extra and wrote, "Thank you so much for all the hard work you do. I enjoy the *Survey* very much."

California: Venessa Standish Ford sent a change of address with this message, "Dear *Survey*, I want to be sure you have my new address." Thanks Venessa!

Florida: Ishmael Combs, BS '59, sent this note with dues, "Just a note with dues info and to say thank you for carrying on the spirit of Madison College. I enjoy the *Survey*, it is a joy to read the news of the people that I sat in class with, worked with, rubbed elbows with, either way they made a better person of me. Thank you very much for keeping the spirit alive."

Florida: Lois Sharpe and Jack Northcutt, Sent this message, "Dear Bob, We have not received any mail lately. It may have been my own fault because I am sure we are likely behind on a donation. However, I got word there appeared to be an address problem. We have lived here three years...Hope this can be clarified. A check will follow by snail mail. We hope we can be at the homecoming, but we are scheduled to work at the William Miller Farm in New York State part of June. I don't know the Homecoming dates yet. God bless you fine folks. All us old Madisonites miss that old place. The place has all but disappeared, but the people and memories are still in our hearts."

Jack and I have lived in Florida for 33 years and have retired from hospital work here. We are both strongly involved at our busy and growing Forest Lake Church. The internet address is forestlakechurch.org. We prepare three programs a week for Hope TV. Watch Sabbath School sometime during the week before you go to church at that net address, and if you must be home, you can get our church services there also.

Thanks. Lois

Tennessee: Alvin A. Wilson, S '47 - '48 sent dues with this note, "Dear Madison College Alumni Assn.

The one year I spent at Madison College, '47 - '48, was a definite milestone for me. Further efforts to

continue a college education did not materialize, but the good wife I found at (Continued on page 6)

The Imogene Ward Scholarship

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Florida Association Directors of Nursing Administration/LTC (FADONA), a Florida-based professional membership association representing nursing administrators dedicated to excellence in long-term care (LTC), announced The Imogene Ward Scholarship to honor the memory of a true long-term care leader, Imogene Ward. Imogene's husband, Homer, and two sons, Mike and Jeff, donated nearly \$5,000 to establish the scholarship fund.

Imogene Ward earned her Bachelors degree in nursing from Madison College in 1957.

"We wanted to establish the fund in honor of the many things she has accomplished," said Homer Ward. "Imogene would be greatly honored. She was a compassionate nurse who was proud of her profession and would want to help others in the industry be the best they could be."

The scholarship program has been established to provide financial assistance to individuals in nursing looking to continue their education in the LTC setting. "The recipients should be compassionate advocates for the elderly," Mike said, "and want to spend their careers in LTC devoted to this profession. Lastly, she would want to see candidates who are good communicators, great team players, and believers in pushing the envelope to elevate standards."

Imogene Ward was the president of her graduating class at the Madison College of Nursing in Madison, Tenn. She began as a nurse at a hospital, then a nursing home, and later became a LTC director of nursing, which was her starting place for her years of devotion to geriatrics and the nursing home industry.

Imogene and Homer decided to open their own skilled nursing facility in Tampa, known as University Park Convalescent & Nursing Home, in May, 1967, making her grandfather the first resident at the home. Her sons, both of whom have had long successful careers as nursing home administrators, recall their mother as being a visible and hands-on leader who would go out of her way to take care of the residents' needs, even if it meant working nights and holidays.

"We are exceedingly happy to honor the memory of Imogene Ward and to be the organization awarding scholarships alongside the Ward family," said Bonnie Cruz, president of FADONA. "The Ward family

members are true pioneers in long-term care and this scholarship will be a springboard for future long-term care nurse leaders."

To contribute to The Imogene Ward Scholarship, please contact Ian Cordes, director of business development, at (561)-659-2167 or icordes@bellsouth.net.



Have You ??

Have you been wondering why the last issue of the *Survey* was late and this issue even later? Well, I found out there is life outside the alumni office and Stella and I drove 2000 miles to attend our grandson's graduation from Air Force training in San Antonio, Texas. This was followed up with another 1000 trip to attend the funeral of the last brother-in-law.

The week before Christmas I decided to find out why it felt like my food was hanging up when I swallowed. An esophagoscopy with biopsy revealed Metastatic Adenocarcinoma of the distal esophagus. A P.E.T. scan showed lymph node involvement and another esophagoscopy with ultrasound and biopsy further confirmed the diagnosis. We instantly forgot about the *Survey* and made arrangements to spend two weeks at a Life Style Center in Stanton, Kentucky where we learned to prepare delicious raw food dishes and juicing of vegetables.

I have been following the testimonials of individuals who were following the Hallelujah Acres Diet and being healed of numerous maladies including cancer and have elected to follow a similar program rather than destroy my immune system with "Chemo" and or Radiation. I hope you will forgive the lack of attention to the *Survey* and be supportive of the alumni association and *Survey* as you have in the past.

Because of these life changes it is necessary that Stella and I step aside and hope that one or some of you will step in to fill the needs we have been attending to these past 15-20 years.



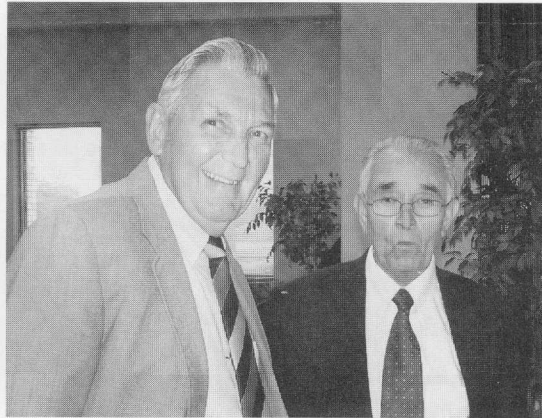
Homecoming will be June 27-29, 2008. The fourth weekend in June Well know missionary David Gates will be the principal speaker.

Hope to see you here.

MORE PICTURES FROM HOMECOMING 2007



Dr. Maria Perales



Albert Isom and Reuben Perales



Pat Gualding Perales



Center-Dr. Pedro Perales



L-Mrs. Mike Clark, Judy Culpepper



Dr. Silva and Mrs. Silva



Esther Minesinger Sutton in background, Judy Culpepper helping at Sunday Morning breakfast

Madison was a lifelong blessing. I have been a widower for almost three years. Alice B. Wheeler and I had 56½ years together. I spent 22 of those years as a Literature Evangelist and another 22 years as a minister of the gospel of Christ in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. My regret is that Madison College did not continue its good Christian purpose.”

Washington: Joe, BSN '61 and Shirley Fields, N '62, sent dues and these words, “It was wonderful getting the *Madison Survey* and seeing pictures of former classmates and friends.

I can't remember when we sent our dues last but don't want to miss a *Survey*.

I noticed Patricia Sheffield Nicholas sent a change of address. I have been trying to locate Pat as we roomed together at Madison. I knew she was in Florida but didn't know her address. I'd be grateful if I could get her address or if not possible you could give her mine....

Thanks for the great job you do in getting the *Madison Survey* to us.

Washington: Esther Edmondson, BS '60 and Pat Scott, sent dues and extra with these words, “We want to thank the Alumni Staff and editors of the *Survey* for keeping us up to date on happenings. Pat and I have been retired since 2002 but are busy in our little church in Oroville, Washington. Pat is Head Elder and I am S.S. Superintendent as well as a Deaconess and pianist. Pat speaks for the service once or twice a month and is sometimes asked to speak in other churches. He teaches the S. S. lesson once or twice a month.

It will be 50 years in 2009 since I graduated from Madison College and we plan to be there for Homecoming that year. It would be so nice for as many as possible who graduated at that time to get together. That's only 1½ years away. Let's plan to get together. If anyone has the latest phone number or address for Rachel Yatani I would like to have it as have lost contact.

Thank you again for all your good work.”



Keeping the Madison Spirit Alive

by Albert Dittes

An amazing thing to many people is how the Madison influence refuses to die despite the school and hospital closing.

Two worthy causes are inheritors of the Madison legacy.

The first is the Madison Campus Church. They have made their facilities available to us through the years for our annual homecoming, and are working hard to pay for a \$4 million new wing to their church. We use their massive dining room for our annual dinner. We also conducted our evening Friday and Sabbath evening vespers program there last year.

They currently owe \$2.19 million, so any donation would be welcome.

If you wish to contribute, send your check to:

Madison Campus SDA Church
P.O. Box 6296
Madison, TN 37116

Attention: Wayne Mosher

You could also put the name of E.A. Sutherland or one of the other great Madison personalities on the check.

The Campus Church also has a complete clerks listing of membership going all the back to its organization in 1906. All names are numbered, meaning you can easily find out when someone was baptized in or transferred out. Just call the church office at (615)865-5822.

Another fund raising campaign you might want to aid for the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles. They are involved in a \$183 million rebuilding effort, some of which will come from government grants but hope to raise \$30 million from supporters.

You could donate to this campaign in honor of Lida Funk Scott and E.A. Sutherland, two people with a big part in their heritage. Send your check to:

White Memorial Medical Center Charitable
Foundation
1720 Cesar A. Chavez AVE
Los Angeles, CA 90033

For more information, call (323)-260-5739 or look up their web site at www.whitememorial.com.

Both these organizations have strong Madison roots.



RESTING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION

Martin, Genevieve (Eaton), S '40-'42, N '49, died January 1, 2008, at Portland Medical Center (formerly Highland Hospital), Portland, Tenn.

She was born in San Antonio, Texas, on March 21, 1922. She started nurses training at Madison in 1940 and married fellow student Doyle Martin in 1943. He finished his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 1943 and graduated from the School of Anesthesia in 1952.

They worked at hospitals in Florida, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Surviving are her husband Doyle Martin of Portland, Tenn.; daughter Carolyn (Carey) Barringham of Riverside, Calif.; son Nick Martin of Cleburne, Texas; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Perales, Ruben Dario, BSN '55, Anes. '62, Age 74 of Dickson. December 30, 2007 at Centennial Medical Center. Retired Nurse anesthetist. Preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Luz Maria Rivera Perales. Survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Perales, N '57, 'Anes. 65 of Dickson; his sons, Kevin R. Perales and Carla J. of Dickson, Keith M. Perales and Becky L. of McEwen, TN, Ken R. Perales and Teresa D. of Dickson, Kerry D. Perales and Debbie S. of Dickson; his brothers, Dr. Angel U. Perales (Mercedes) of Dickson, Dr. Pedro J. Perales, S '54-'57 (Betty) of Madison and Dr. Gamaliel Perales (Estella) of New Mexico; his sisters, Esther J. Cohen and her husband Howard of Harrisonburg, VA and Dr. Maria I. Perales (Hermes Rodriguez) of Nashville; his eleven grandchildren; his five great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.



THE ROY BOWES FAMILY

Elizabeth (Liz) Bowes Dickinson recently sent a picture of the Roy Bowes family taken at her son's wedding and told about her two brothers, Bob and Larry, her sister Karen and herself.

"Bob lives in Santa Ana, Calif. His son Bobby is an engineer at Edwards Medical in Irvine, Calif., and lives in Laguna Niguel. His other son Jonathan, an aerospace engineer, lives just outside of Sacramento. Neither are married, but are both in serious relationships, so we could be attending weddings in 2008.

Larry and Debby live in Laguna Beach, have two grandchildren and have another on the way. Larry works for the Loma Linda University Ophthalmology Group and commutes to Riverside Regional where he heads up their residency program. Since he joined them about three years ago their volume has increased over 50 percent. He is glad not to be in solo practice, and they are glad to have him.

"Karen is temporarily living near Loma Linda in the Physical Rehab center, but her home town is Riverside. Her oldest son, Matthew Getchell, is disabled and lives in Moreno Valley in a group home. Her other son, Edward Livingston, lives with us and attends Crafton College.

"Our son and his bride presently live at Wildwood, Ga. We turned our yard into an outdoor sanctuary with 300 guests for their wedding on a beautiful day.

"Our other son Larry also attends Crafton College and is very interested in computer science.

"My husband Gary is self employed as a healthcare informatics consultant, and I am still working at Loma Linda University Medical Center as Senior Vice President of Patient Care/Chief Nursing Officer of our system. We live in nearby Cherry Valley and have been married for 32 years.

Dena Kay Bowes, mother of Liz, added this note.

"Just a quickie. Our family all remember Madison College. Three of our four were born there and spent much of their early life on campus until our youngest "Lilibit" was in her early teens. They have fond memories of life at Madison and often speak of it. Dr. (Roy) Bowes and I both received our Bachelor of Science degrees amidst all our other responsibilities. Robert, our eldest, graduated from the academy as president of his class so has great memories of Madison days. All our family have many and various memories and are grateful for the opportunities afforded us by Madison College and the good friends we met and enjoyed.

The check enclosed is for the dues and some for alumni expenses. At 91, God has blessed me with good health. We all miss our "dearest Roy" so very much. He was such a great supporter of Madison College and influenced many students to attend. He worked his way

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 James White Library
 Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1400

Students from E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA) Schools have worked on the P. T. Magan house on four separate trips to Battle Creek. The house is located in the Historic Adventist Village just a stones throw from the James and Ellen White house. Over the years students and staff have removed the shingle siding exposing the original wood siding; removed old pipes, wiring, lath and plaster; and painted the exterior. In the future EASEA groups plan to replace many of the windows and restore the interior. The Magan house will be used as one of the village exhibits to tell the story of SDA history.

through his pre-med at Madison.



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1. Survey & Dues 1 yr. (\$25) _____.
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4. Sending \$ _____ for Heritage House Restoration.

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