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The Madison Legacy in Visuals

The Madison pioneers left us a wonderful model for how to finish the mission of the church—from education, to agriculture, medical missionary work, food preparation, vegetarian restaurants in the great cities and effective use of the news media among other things.

We plan to bring out this at our next alumni weekend, June 26 and 27, with Bill Wilson, former principal of Madison Academy, featuring the impact of Madison on individual lives, the Southern Union, Loma Linda and the denomination.

One of their great public relations practitioners was Lida Scott. In addition to donating lots of money to Madison and Loma Linda, not to mention financially supporting the units of Madison, she took her camera with her everywhere she went and recorded pictorially what she saw. We will feature her pictures.

Also The Silvertones, a trio of Pat Mitzelfelt Silver, Eulene Borton Dodson and JoAnn Gibbons Jones, will sing together at alumni reunion this year.

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Many thanks to all who have sent dues and extra support for the alumni association as well as the Bob Sutherland Memorial Fund.

Birthday Notes

*Dr. James C. Trivett, a longtime dentist at Madison as well as alumni of the college, will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 8 hosted by children Terry, Jim, Beverly and Carol. Send congratulations to him at 5638 Landrum Drive, Ooltewah, Tennessee 37363.

*Dr. Billy Burks recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a musical bash at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in Madison. About 60 close personal and musical friends attended, including some who performed with him on WSM-TV in Nashville. "I played the vibraharp," he said, "and we recorded all the music. I feel like I did when I was 35 or 40."

He lives in Hendersonville, Tennessee, and has four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Letters between Floyd Bralliar and Eleanor Roosevelt

Part 2

(Note: Two of the Madison pioneers—Bessie DeGraw and Floyd Bralliar—had the gift of public relations. Both wrote a lot about the school for Adventist publications, and the news media. One of

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Dr. Bralliar's readers, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, put him in contact with Eleanor Roosevelt. Their correspondence is on file at the Franklin Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, N.Y. The following article completes the story of their correspondence. Dr. Bralliar was leading a fund raising campaign to raise money for a new dormitory on campus due to a swelling enrollment.)

"I think you will be interested to know what progress Madison College is making," he wrote to her on Dec. 6, 1939. "By continued effort, little by little, we succeeded in getting together enough money to complete the program I talked with you about when you were in Nashville. We paid for doubling the size of the chapel and refurnishing it. We built and paid for a new men's bathroom with plenty of showers and toilet facilities to take care of all the men who live in cottages where there are no such facilities. We completed the dormitory for 50. As a matter of fact it accommodates only 46 girls.

"However, publicity continues and the pressure of would-be students has also continued. When I talked with you we had over 300 students in the school. I was told, a week ago, by Mr. Welch who is acting Dean while I am engaged in raising funds, that we now have 467 students, all of whom are earning all or the larger part of their school expenses by labor. Our faculty homes are even more crowded than they were a year ago. At present Mrs. Bralliar and I have nine students.

"Because of this pressure, after teaching a quarter, I started a campaign to get money for a new dormitory that will contain not only rooms for 95 girls and an apartment for a hostess, but will also

contain a dining room and kitchen. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am sending out to a number of women with the hope that I can find 48 who will be willing to furnish a room."

Mrs. Roosevelt replied on Dec. 22, 1939, and agreed to furnish a room in the new dormitory under construction, later known as Williams Hall. She also shared the names of some prominent women with him, asking that he not use her name in contacting them: Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Mrs. Frank Vanderlip, Mrs. Edgerton Parsons, Mrs. Eugene Myer, Mrs. Ogden Reid, Mrs. Adolph Miller.

The next year, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote to Dr. Bralliar agreeing to give \$100 to help one of her relatives, Helen Roosevelt, pay off her school expenses. Another letter of the same date, July 31, 1940, orders her financial agent Mr. Clarence Pickett of Philadelphia to send \$100 to Madison. He was head of American Friends Service Committee which handled her funds.

"My dear Mrs. Roosevelt," Dr. Bralliar wrote in the final letter in the set, "I wish to thank you very heartily for your kind response. I just learned this evening that Miss Helen Roosevelt is expecting to go to her father's home in Byron, Washington, as soon as commencement is over. It seems that she has a position offered her there as dietitian in a school where she will only have to supervise one meal a day and will put in not more than half or third time and will have the rest of the time to build up her physical health. I am amazed every time I have anything to do with her at her indomitable will and her courageous spirit combined with her very gentle and lovely disposition, a combination one does not often see."

MADISON COLLEGE ALUMNI HOMECOMING

MOTELS IN AREA

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1-800-821-4148

118 Emmett Ave.

Off Gallatin Rd. across from Madison Square Shopping Center

\$45.00 S/D

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625 North Gallatin Road

1/2 mile north of Old Hickory Blvd.

S \$40.00 D \$45.00

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621 Rivergate Parkway

I-65 North, Exit #96, On the Right

\$99.00

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I-65 North, Exit #96

First Light Go Left

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622 Rivergate Parkway

I-65 North, Exit #96, First Light Go Left

S \$60.00 D \$70.00

Getting out the Survey



George Stilwell, Paul Blankenship and Stella Sutherland prepare Surveys to send out to approximately 600 readers in the living room of the Heritage House on a table once used for faculty meetings of old Madison College. Jim Culpepper also helped and took this picture.

Other Deaths

Fred and Bessie Callahan

Ray and Louise Logan

Ruth Amelia Nestell

From our Readers

“In case you have not been informed by his widow, this is to tell you of the death of Robert L., Shalkop of North Haven, Conn., who died in August, 2008, at the age of 86. He began his higher education at Madison College, doing very well between 1939 and 1941. (Exact dates not known to me.) He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in England during World War II and received a Master’s degree in anthropology at the University of

Chicago afterward. He always spoke fondly of Madison College, of the excellent teaching it offered, and of his enjoyable and memorable days there. While he and I attended other colleges and universities after Madison, we agreed that the quality of the education it offered was remarkable for a school of its size and funding. Shalkop went on to a distinguished career as a director of art museums and a listing in Who’s Who in America, but it all began at Madison College.

“Your emphasis on the religious connection and purpose of Madison College has tended to ignore the fact that in the old days it was quite a good school in secular fields of study; the sciences, mathematics, English, foreign languages, history, music and others.”

--George Ellis Burcaw

“I would like you to add my mother, Dena Kay Bowes, to your list for prayer. This young 93-year-old took a tumble

and fell on her left hip resulting in a subtrochanteric fracture. She is now nine weeks out of surgery at Loma Linda, rehabing in Palm Springs and using only a cane. Please include her in your prayers.

Sincerely,
--Liz Dickinson
Bob and Larry Bowes
Karyn Gethchell

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“Enclosed are our dues and a little extra for the upkeep of the Heritage House. I wish that it was a whole lot more, but you know the old excuse!

“I am still hoping to make it to the next homecoming. If you are going to get a block of rooms reserved at the Madison Motel, save me a room. I will be by myself. If there is someone who would like to split the cost of the room, would be glad for the arrangement. Of course, we would need two beds.

“Dotti and I are doing quite well for our age, 90 and 91. I will be 91 in July. Along with my weekly jail ministry, church work, I have been busy getting the garden ready for spring planting. Dottie has to use a walker most of the time, but when the tomatoes are ready, she will take her walker down to the garden and pick them. Also she loves to pick the blueberries, and I love for her to pick them. Last year she picked 18 gallons.

“I wonder how many of my '42 nursing class will be at the homecoming. I hear from Raymond Harold every several months, and I hear from Mary Belle Martin very occasionally, but that

is all. Do you have record of others still alive?”

--Robert (Bob) Santini
Birmingham, Alabama

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“Enclosed is a check for our dues. We appreciate reading the Madison Survey and hearing about what many of our friends are doing now. It reminds us of our student days at Madison and brings much appreciation for the education which we received there.

“Joyce and I are in retirement. I never thought that time would last long enough for us to go into retirement when we were in college. I wound up my career as an educator (45 years) in the year 2002 at Columbia Union College where I had been the chairman of the department of education for the previous three years. Prior to that time we had been overseas as missionaries in Russia where I served as the Director of Education for the Euro-Asia Division for seven years, and Joyce worked in the office of the Adventist Dental Clinic as the English accountant. Now I wish that I had not retired, as I love to teach and being at home all day long with not much to do is not my idea of a good time.

“However we do keep somewhat busy as Joyce is the organist at our church, and I am the choir director. She also plays organ at a Sunday church each week and relieves at a Catholic Church when the regular organist is not able to be there. We have just organized a Men's Group in our church and

presently have about 20 men singing in it. We will perform for the first time in April of this year as special music for the church service.

“For about nine months beginning in October, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, I was the interim pastor at the Charles Town SDA Church in West Virginia. That was a good experience for me and in some respects I enjoyed it.

“We send greetings to all our friends from our college days. We also are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Homecoming next June.”

--Harry and Joyce Mayden
Hagerstown, Maryland

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“Robert Sutherland was a long time friend and classmate of mine when we “grew up” on the Madison College campus. I have written many accounts of the BUSH family experiences and our individual associations and surrounding adventures.

“My father, Capt. Calvin D. Bush, U.S.Army Ret’d., was in charge of the Food Factory for many years. He was the first one who made Soy Milk in quantities for public consumption. It was “churned out” in my mother’s washing machine! My father also made available “fruit sticks” and whole wheat and raisin bread for working students at an affordable price, 7 cents a package or loaf.

“My mother, Frances Keen Bush, RN, was a graduate of Loma Linda. She was a most supportive missionary who

made many wool quilts for students who lived in unheated huts on the unpaved road leading to the barn. She also supplied clothing, coats and shoes etc., to teachers, students and dour colored helpers who lived on Larkin Springs Road.

“All of us children, Calvin Jr., Frances Austin and I were very active and much involved in all aspects of campus life: music, art, hospital and industrial activities. My older brother Calvin Jr., had the contract to make all the cement blocks for the library.

“Dr. Ira Gish gave me personal Spanish lessons one summer. Elder Harry Christman was the minister who married my sister Frances to Dick Welch, M.D. I still write to Ruthie and Louis Schutter.

“I wish Madison College could have remained to continue its dedication to educate students on all levels (especially enabling college-aged students to complete accredited degrees.) Well, somehow the vision vanished.

“Robert Sutherland always sent me the Survey and once asked Bertil van Boer, my husband who was chairman of the Madison College Music Department, to come and play flute for a reunion. We were then living in Lake Tahoe area and teaching at Sierra Nevada College. Our busy schedules did not permit the travel time although of course, the visit would have given us a chance to meet many old friends.

“We sometimes have a “Madison Reunion” luncheon at Fletcher, N.C.

“Again, thank you for the efforts you are making to keep interested alumni aware of “passing members.” As we get older, we remember and find renewed contacts.

“I am the last remaining child of the BUSH family but my genealogy research reveals many connections on the highest levels of U.S. history!

“Man God bless you as you continue in his service.”

--Helen Bush van Boer
Hendersonville, North Carolina
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“Enclosed you will find my alumni dues and gift for the Bob Sutherland Memorial Fund.

“Madison College Alumni has suffered a great loss and vacancy with the passing of Bob Sutherland. But may we find consolation as we review in our mirror of memory the reflections of treasures which Bob has left for the Madison alumni to enjoy.

“I’ll always be grateful for the education and friendships gained at Madison College. It was there that I met Bob Kellogg, my husband of 56 years, he in attendance from Washington State and I from West Virginia.

“I now live in the Pacific Northwest where our Walla Walla College is now known as Walla Walla University. They didn’t change the name of the town, however, as I still find myself living on the same five acres in the middle of College Place, Washington,

ever since 1954 when Bob first started his dental practice here in Walla Walla.

“Now, however, since he has sailed beyond our sight, two of our sons, Drs. Dona and David Kellogg, and our granddaughter, Dr. Julie Kellogg, have continued their father and grandfather’s dental practice here in Walla Walla.

“We all greatly miss Bob but realize that this is only a bend in the river of life as we await that heavenly reunion with our loved ones including Bob Kellogg and Bob Sutherland.

“Thanks so much for keeping the Madison Alumni home fires burning for in the recesses of my memory there will always be a Madison College.”

--Dorothy Medlin Kellogg
Nurse Class of 1943
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“My memory of Bob Sutherland was of Bob when I was a student of 1946-47. Our college chorus was under the direction of William H. Dittes and we were to sing on NBC. Our lead soprano, Rose Naegler, never “showed up” and our assistant piano teacher, Miss Sadie Patterson, served the best she could.

“After the program was over, Bob treated us each to a service of ice cream.

“It is no longer a treat. In the 70’s I followed healthful living as I learned it. I no longer use dairy products, eggs or products with preservatives or unhealthy elements but cling to Genesis 1:15 and to Counsels on Diet and Foods, Selected Messages II etc. It’s so good to never be

sick or get what goes around. Thanks be to God.

“I will always be thankful to Madison, dedicated teachers, students and friends.”

--Virginia Denier
Clearwater Lake, Wisconsin

“My husband Pat and I are planning to attend the Reunion this year. It will be my 50th so I am looking forward to seeing as many of my class members as possible. I also want to thank you for sending me Rachel Yatini’s address. I wrote to her at Christmastime but have not heard from her yet. If you receive any more information of her whereabouts or a phone number I would appreciate your sending them to me. She was the roommate I had for the longest period of time while at Madison. I am sending my dues as well as the registration fee for both of us.

“I noticed in the last Survey that Clyde Holland submitted the words to the school song that I also remember singing while at Madison. However I remember the words slightly different as well as a second stanza. Is there some way we could get the words from the original copy so that if we wish to sing it at Reunion we will have the correct words? The way I remember it is as follows:

O Madison
(To “My Country Tis of Thee”)

O Madison! We hail thee here
For ideals that will stand

We hail the school of friendship dear
Beside the Cumberland

Chorus
O Madison, by heaven blest
Lift up thy torch be true
And shine thy light until the right
Conquers the world anew.

We’ll shine the light and keep it
bright
As did the pioneers
Their vision we will keep undimmed
Throughout the coming years.

Chorus

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“Because we live so far from Madison we have only been back about three times but we are really looking forward to visiting our school again. Pat didn’t graduate from there but attended there two and a half years. May God bless you as you keep us informed of our former classmates.”

--Esther Scott

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“I recently met Glenn Brown. He and I came to Madison in 1954. Glenn took X-ray and lab at Madison. He met Bernice Gober there and they were married in 1956. She took nursing and graduated with a Bachelor’s. They have lived in Eureka, Kansas, for years.

“I took X-ray at Madison and lab in Marietta, Georgia, where we lived for 49 years. I met my wife (Evelyn Moore) at Madison when she was taking Nursing. We now live near Ellijay, Georgia.”

--Lou Meyer

Madison at ASI



Sam and Jacque Small took the display featuring the Madison roots of ASI to the Southern Union convention in Dalton, Georgia, the first weekend in April and met many friends as well as found a real interest in Madison among some of those attending.

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