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Homecoming a hit this year

By Henry Scoggins

The 2009 Madison College Alumni homecoming was an interesting and fun event, one the most successful in a number of years both in the number attending and the positive comments made by everyone. The major difference this year was meeting separately from the Madison Campus Church. The homecoming was held in the Madison Academy facility which was ideal but nostalgic for most of us because the buildings set on parts of the campus where we once sat in Chapel and went to classes in the Science Building.

Trying to locate the exact sites of the old buildings was difficult as the trees have grown, many sidewalks removed. The only remaining building is the Sutherland home which is now the Heritage House where all the remaining mementos are housed. Some signs mark the location of the original buildings but even standing at the sign it was still hard to remember just how the building was placed. But, many old memories were shared by us and we laughed and had a most enjoyable time remembering so many fond times.

The Friday night presentation in the Academy Chapel included music by the Silvertones of 1955-57, Pat Mitzelfelt

Silver, Eulene Borton Dodson and Jo Ann Gibbons Jones. The main presentation was by Helen Biggs Socol, a delightful discussion of her time as a student in the late 1930's, then her return as girls dean in the 1950's.

At the morning church service the chapel was filled to overflowing and all the extra chairs that could be found were added. Some estimated that more than 250 folk were there.

Sabbath School was in the chapel and included more music by the Silvertones and Pat Silver, Les Andrus and Jim Closser, a trumpet trio. Harry Mayden '57 gave the study entitled "Mission". The morning speaker was William "Billy" Wilson, former student and Academy Principal 1953-58. I am unable to report on his presentation because I was occupied putting up additional tables in the gym to accommodate all the extra folks who would be coming to lunch!

It is planned that the morning presentation, "The influence of the Madison School on the Church" will be made available on a CD for a very nominal charge to cover the cost. If you would like to get one, just respond to this e-mail and I will arrange to get them mailed out.

After vespers a short Alumni Association business meeting was held. Al Dittes was re-elected president, Mickey Rabuka vice president, Jim Culpepper as secretary/treasurer and new board members Glenda Sheffield Clark and Deryl Christensen were elected and past board members George Stilwell, Brian Traxler, Charles and Ruth Harris, Henry Scoggins, Wilfred Stuyvesant and W. Shaen Sutherland were re-elected. Deryl and Violet Clements Christensen along with Howard Sutton have volunteered to maintain the grounds, and George Stilwell will take care of maintenance at Heritage House.

Sunday morning the final event was a pancake breakfast provided by Howard and Esther Minesinger Sutton.

This was the first time the Homecoming has been financially successful. And since the Alumni Association is so short of funds, coming out with a profit was a welcome event. This was the first time the homecoming has charged a registration fee and no doubt some felt it was hard to pay the charge. Next year provisions will be made for registrants to pay for meals individually. A small charge will be made for the cost of materials and to rent the Academy facility.

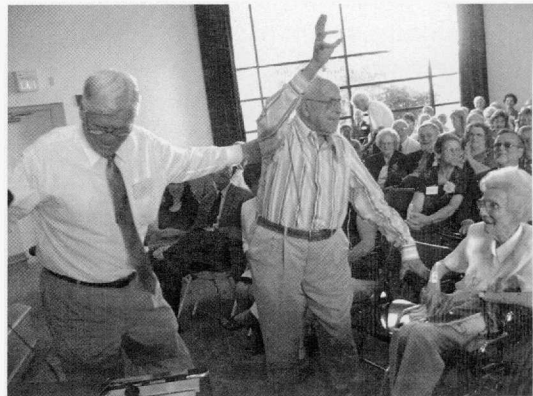
I would be most appreciative of your comments, thoughts and suggestions of how we can improve the event and encourage more to attend. Please feel free to share your comments to: henryscoggins@hotmail.com

Plan now to come the on June 18 and 19, 2010, the weekend prior to the

General Conference of SDA world meeting in Atlanta, Ga.



Harry Mayden taught the Sabbath School lesson to a full academy auditorium.



Jan Rushing (left) honored Dr. James C. Trivett for celebrating his 100th birthday on June 8. Dr. Trivett came to Madison College in 1932 intending to be a physician, but the campus needed a dentist. He practiced dentistry at Madison for 40 years. His wife, Irma Jackson Trivett '37, sits at right at the age of 93.



Mary Kunau Woods (MA '57), left of Bill Wilson, presents him with a quilt she made. Former students look on.

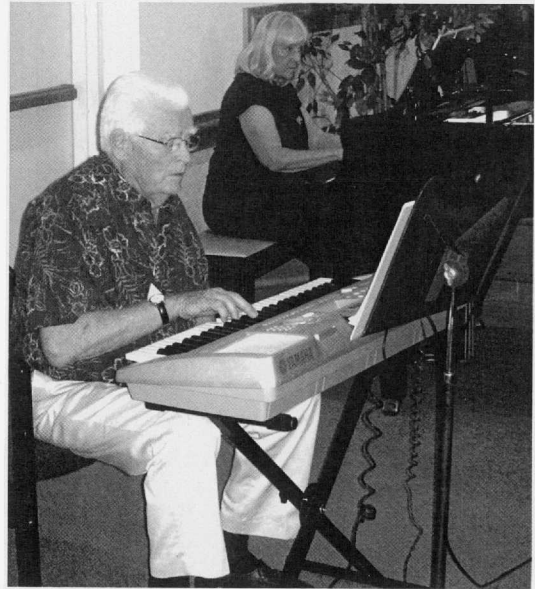


Ralph Peroni and Billy Burks played inspirational hymns for Sabbath evening vespers, including words of a poem by Robert E. Burks set to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross."



Helen Socol (left) spoke the Friday night sermon with energy at the age of

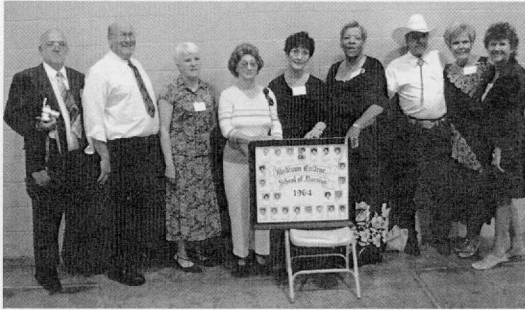
90. She came to Madison in 1938 as a student and served as girls dean to Jo Ann Gibbons Jones (right) in 1954.



Richard and Shirley Burke Guthrie '59 still make music together.



The Honor Class of 1959. Front row L to R: Pat Grismore Schwarz, Patricia Lowry, Louise King, Shirley Hancock Carter. Middle Row L to R: Shirley Burke Guthrie, Esther Edmonson Scott, Mary Peek Kurzynske, Trannie Woodson Ball, Marie Brenchley (Holland) Brodersen. Back row: Deryl Christensen, Mickey M. Rabuka, Albert Isom and Shirley Weisner Tucker.



The Nursing Class of 1964 stands in front of its composite, left to right: Esther Sutton, Edna Atkins, Betty Wicks, Grace Custard Ware, Bob Williams, Phyllis Bergen Frishman, Loretta Billings Sharritts. George Stilwell and Howard Sutton (far left) attended but did not study nursing.

Your questions welcomed

After her Sabbath School presentation on the Madison philosophy of education, Gwen Hawkins said several people wanted to ask her questions but slipped away. If you still want to talk to Gwen, contact her at P.O. Box 6, College Place, WA, 99324 or gwenh1@charter.net. She will be happy to hear from you.

From our Readers

“It seems like only yesterday that we were at Madison ourselves, but as I recall all that has happened since then, I must admit that it has been 31 years since leaving there. (1978)

“A big thank you to Mrs. Frances Bush, who was our neighbor and inspiration, for Lois to get back to school (1957) and complete her RN and BS, and later to go on to Vanderbilt University for the completion of her Masters degree in Medical/Surgical

Nursing. As we talked with her over the hedge between our two houses, she told us that she had seen many arrive at Madison with a desire to complete their nursing degree but put it off until it was too late. When I arrived home after working that day, Lois announced to me that she was starting nurses training that week. It had been a delayed wish for her since, she originally had one year to her credit before we were married in 1949. Mrs. Ziegler required, however, that she start again from the beginning due to that lapse of time.

“It was indeed a busy time for our family living in the old Hilger house where we were able to have Ruby Seibert and Carol Cantrell live with us to give continuing care and housekeeping for our two children, Eileen and Leslie. I started as the Student Finance Officer, and later under Administrator Bob Morris, as a vice president in the hospital and developed personnel and public relations. I felt that Bob Morris was the one big reason that Madison Hospital lasted as long as it did. He did a top notch job of pulling the medical staff together. Lois later was an instructor in the School of Nursing at UTN.

“You will remember the college choir and music department that functioned in the basement of the chapel. I also worked there accompanying the choir under the direction of Francis Cossentine, and always played the Hammond Organ for the church services. Professor Rimmer retired from that when I arrived.

“My brother Bob came to Madison to be the purchasing director and his wife,

Irene, was the head nurse in OB. They later went to Pewee Valley and retired in Atlanta where they could be near their son, Steve. Shortly after they purchased a house there, Bob died in 2006. We also continue to keep in contact with Letha Rayburn who worked as an X-ray technician. Her husband Carroll was the Physical Therapist at Madison prior to their years working in Saudi Arabia.

“We returned to Madison in 1971 for the opening of the new church on the hill. The church choir led the procession from the school chapel to the new church. Bob directed the choir, and I was the organist for the opening service. Our pastor was Jack Clarke. By then our children, Eileen and Leslie were in academy. What fun our two families had as they sang together with the Clarke family and Lou Ann, and Elaine Kunau playing the piano.

“Thanks again for keeping us on your mailing list even though we haven’t been as involved in the Madison activities. Being able to recall so many of the persons listed in the Survey has been a rewarding time. Best of success to you as you continue to maintain communication for all of us.”

--Lois and George Walper
Leesburg, Florida

“Time flies! And not just when you are having fun! I didn’t see any mention of the death of Jack D. Weeks in the Madison Survey. He and his wife both passed away last year. They were members of a church (SDA) near Atlanta—Lawrenceville, I think—and do you have any record of Professor James

Tillman? I have many pictures of some students and buildings at Madison College. Do you want them?

“Enclosed is \$25. Hope you all have a grand June get together!”

Sincerely,
--Eloise Young Jackson
Jacksonville, Florida

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“I really enjoy reading the Madison Survey. I was connected with either the academy (’60) or the college (’63) or working in the hospital until ’68, when my life took a different turn. I plan to attend homecoming NEXT year.”

--Marlice Cooper
a/k/a Mary Alice Griffin-Nickless
Tampa, Florida

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Dear Al,

“We greatly enjoyed the Sabbath program for the Homecoming this year. It is so true as Bill Wilson said, the influence of Madison cannot be packaged and sold.

“I believe having Bill Wilson as featured speaker was a drawing card and the reason for the good attendance.

“I so much appreciate what you have done and are doing in bringing out more history of Madison and its workers. Yet I felt one concern in a word you used Sabbath afternoon. It was the word, “enemy.” I believe if either Dr. E.A. Sutherland or Elder Daniells would have been asked, ‘Have you heard from your

regional correspondents who will be responsible for collecting and reporting about alumni and their activities from different regions of the country. Jo Ann Gibbons Jones is the regional correspondent for the Carolinas, Nellie Campbell Killion for the California/LA area, Beverly Blair Wilson and Patsy Wilson Rushing for the Collegedale area, Richard "Rit" and Carol Hilgers Kuanu for the Northwest and Jack and Nancy Gibbons for the Northeast. Correspondents for some other areas have not been named. If you would like to volunteer, please feel free to do so.

The Survey will continued to be sent out by mail and will also be sent by e-mail to everyone we have an address for. We expect to greatly expand the e-mail list addresses and request each one to send addresses of alumni you may have to: henryscoggins@hotmail.com. Don't be concerned that someone else has already sent it in, duplicates are appreciated! I will gladly sort them out. A new Alumni e-mail address is part of the **MadisonCollegeAlumni.net** website and will be developed in a few weeks.

--Henry Scoggins

Other centenarians

Two other members of the Madison family have lived to be 100 years old.

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Obituaries

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Uriel had attended Madison College for three years (1943-46) when she and Sarah Ann went to Loma Linda with Mamma and Poppa Goodge. Uriel worked in the business office where she met a former Madison student, Maurice Guest, M.D.

They married Nov. 24, 1946. Maurice preceded Uriel in death on Feb. 5, 1990. Uriel graduated from the University of Southern Florida.

She is survived by two daughters, Juanita Wade of North Carolina and Lynne Appleyard of Valrico, Fla.; two sons, Tim Guest of Tampa and Dan Guest of Land O Lakes; a sister, Mary Thompson of Idaho; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Addie Beatrice LeMaster, 98, died on May 28, 2009, in Blairsville, Ga.

She graduated from Madison as a nurse in 1935. She worked in Kern County Health Department 35 years at Bakersfield, Calif., and moved from there to Murphy, N.C., in 1979.

enemy?’ they would have been surprised and dismayed at the question. For either to consider the other an enemy would have been less than Christian. The reality is that Dr. Sutherland had one focus, it was to build up Madison. As you stated, he was supportive of Loma Linda because Madison needed Loma Linda to supply doctors for it.

“On the other hand, Elder Daniells had a responsibility to the expanding work of the church all over the world. He had to, as Ellen White instructed, help to foster the foreign work. He could not be partial to one institution. To present these men as enemies is not accurate and discredits them both. They were both dedicated, hard-working men for the Lord.”

--David Manzano
Harriman, Tennessee

News Notes

*At their June 28 meeting, the board of Laurelbrook Academy, Dayton, Tenn., voted to accept the resignation of Chuck Hess, president, and Paul Frechette, the chief financial officer. Currently the Laurelbrook Board is searching for a new president, principal and accountant. Top board officers are Herbert Coolidge, chairman and Brian Traxler, president of the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA).

*With the selling of Tennessee Christian Medical Center, ownership of the Heritage House passed into the hands of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). The Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference is negotiating a transfer of ownership and expects to be in possession of it by the end of the year.

New alumni developments

The new Madison College Alumni website is on the internet and will be expanded in the coming weeks to include more information about the College. It is anticipated that over the coming years a large amount of historical data, including Madison Surveys and The Madisonian will be added along with many historical documents.

Many alumni have joined the Madison College Alumni Facebook page. Many of us felt that Facebook was something for the “younger” generation and were hesitant to sign up however we have since learned that it is very popular with “old” folks and is a very easy and interesting way to keep in touch and share about ourselves. Perhaps the most popular information on the Alumni Facebook page is Carl Adkins videos of his bear friends in the woods of Northern Wisconsin! If you haven’t signed up on Facebook, I encourage you to do so then join the Madison College Alumni group and share with us!

A major change planned for the future is a redirection of the material presented in the Madison Survey. A plan has been developed to actively seek out information about the alumni and to report about it in the Survey. The editor of the Survey is Al Dittes, assistant editors, Glenda Sheffield Clark, George Stilwell and the proof editor is Elaine Culpepper Cantrell. A new feature is

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Survivors are her husband, Everett LeMaster, of Murphy, N.C.; two daughters: Shirley Ann Boling of Fresno, Calif., and Sandra Sue Curtin of Boulder, Colo. Another daughter, Elta Carver of Greenville, S.C., died in 2008.

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