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## DR. TRIVETT PASSES AWAY, AGE 100

*Albert Dittes*



Dr. James Calvin Trivett, a longtime dentist at Madison Hospital and prominent supporter of the Madison movement, died at his home in Ooltewah, Tenn., on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, after a short illness surrounded by family and friends.

He studied the pre-medical curriculum at Madison College from 1932 to 1934, intending to become a surgeon. Towards the end of his college career, Dr. E. A. Sutherland told him that the hospital needed a dentist with the self-supporting vision and offered to pay his way through dental school if he would return and center his practice at Madison. "Well, to a poor country boy, this was an offer not to be refused," his son Terry said as part of a eulogy given at his funeral.

He graduated from the Atlanta Southern Dental College (later a part of Emory University) in 1938 along with eight other Adventists attracted to this school because of no Saturday classes.

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Thanks to all who have sent their dues of \$25, and have pre-registered for Homecoming June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. We especially thank those who have sent extra money for the support of the Heritage House. We have an old building and expenses for operations and upkeep are quite demanding for our limited funds. However, because of the expense involved, we no longer mail receipts.

*Jim Culpepper*

## Y'ALL COME

*Albert Dittes*

Alumni weekend starts Friday, June 18, at 7:30pm with Carol (Hilgers) Kunau as the speaker. She graduated from the Madison school of nursing in 1961 and retired last year as vice president of nursing services for the Portland Adventist Medical Center in Oregon.

Louis Dickman, president of the 1955 honor class and past president of Harbert Hills Academy near Savannah, Tenn., will speak for the church service.

John and Aquila Read of Keene, Texas, will provide some of the

music for the weekend. Their son, David Read, an attorney in Los Angeles, has written a book entitled *Dinosaurs: An Adventist View* and will make a presentation on the original research he has done on this topic. Copies of it will be for sale during the weekend.

Meals will be served in the academy gymnasium, ending with a Sunday morning pancake breakfast. All coming are encouraged to pre-register and prepay so we will know how many people to accommodate. You are able to pre-register online at our website, <http://www.madisoncollegealumni.com>.

All meetings will be held in the Madison Academy chapel, located in the administration building.

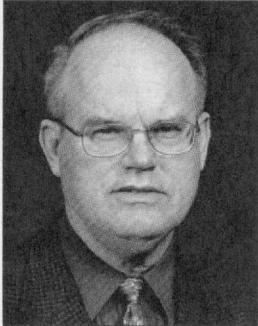
We want to thank those who replied to the Survey Questionnaire. Those who have not mailed their questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible or by E-mail to:

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# THIS YEAR'S ALUMNI WEEKEND

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Alumni weekend this year will feature academics as well as the reunion. Remember that it will be on the third instead of the fourth weekend of June because of the General Conference session in Atlanta.

One of our guests will be attorney David Read, son of alumni John Read. His new book, *Dinosaurs: An Adventist View*, does in-depth research into creationism and shows how dinosaurs could have existed before the flood as well as the gaps in their supposed evolution. These horrific creatures, now objects of fascination, would not necessarily have been combinations of man and beast, according to Read's research.

Thanks to the Internet, we have access to all the *Review and Heralds* that have ever been printed, starting with the *Present Truth* in 1849. I put the name "Magan" in the search engine and uncovered some articles by and about Percy T. Magan, written when he was a young man before the turn of the century. We will discuss them before the activities begin on Sabbath, starting at 8am, only for those interested.

I attended the annual board and constituency meeting of the Layman Foundation at Collegedale, Tenn., this past April for the first time. Lida Funk Scott started this organization in 1924 with her personal fortune as the basis for promoting the work of Madison. It now supports 11 self-supporting schools with a combined enrollment of 417 students during the 2009-2010 school year, according to the reports.

Some of the board members reflect the Madison tradition. Robert Zollinger, president, served as

## HERITAGE HOUSE HOURS

From July 4<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Heritage House will be open every day from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. This is to facilitate visitors from the General Conference session in Atlanta to view this historical site.

Persons wishing to tour at other times may call me to set up an appointment.

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longtime principal of Laurelbrook Academy in Dayton, Tenn. Others are Harry Miller, grandson of the famous China doctor; Chester Clark, founder of a self-supporting academy and college in Arkansas; Herbert Coolidge, vice president and treasurer, a graduate of Little Creek Academy; Ann Goodge, whose family founded and operated Little Creek for many years; and Steve Dickman, current head of Harbert Hills Academy, one of the later spin off schools of Madison.

The Foundation now occupies a new headquarters building and hopes broaden its financial base by renting office space to anticipated new businesses in a fast developing area of Hamilton County, Tennessee.

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"During his dental school summers," Terry added, "he worked as a personal assistant and chauffeur to a wealthy man and yacht owner who had wisely invested in a little upstart company named Coca Cola."

Young Dr. Trivett returned to Madison Hospital and set up a dental practice providing affordable care not only to the staff and students on campus, but also to the workers at a growing number of self-supporting institutions started and/or nurtured by Madison. He practiced dentistry at Madison until 1972 and also devoted himself to supporting many of these Madison-bred "units."

James Calvin Trivett was born on June 8, 1909, near Bristol, Tenn., the oldest of eight children to James and Nora Trivett. He grew up in the Holston Valley country of East Tennessee and in the Southern California town of Chula Vista. His parents became Adventists while living out west, and returned to Tennessee in 1919.

After his baptism into the Bristol SDA Church as a teenager, he caught the attention of a visiting Dr. Sydney Brownsberger from Fletcher Academy in North Carolina. He took advantage of the offer for a poor boy to work his way through school. Dr. Brownsberger transported him to Fletcher in his own car, and young Trivett graduated from there in 1932. "He received an education and much more at Fletcher, for he also caught the high vision of service and sacrifice as modeled by the faculty and staff of the self-supporting schools," related Terry Trivett at his funeral.

After finishing dental school, he married Irma Jackson, a dietetics student at Madison and served two years in the U.S. Army during World War II with the rank of Captain.

He moved his family to a farm near Portland, Tenn., in 1947, and combined farming and dentistry until 1972, when he sold his practice and moved to Wildwood, Ga. He passed the

Georgia state exams at the age of 63 and practiced dentistry there until he turned 85.

Surviving him are his wife Irma, two sons, Terry (Karen) Trivett of Angwin, Calif., Jimmy (Teresa) Trivett of Oviedo, Fla., two daughters, Beverly (Richard) Rawson of Ooltewah, Tenn., Carol (Robert) Williams of Angwin, Calif., one brother, four sisters, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. One son, Donnie, died in 2005.



Left to Right: Jim Trivett, Beverly Trivett Rawson, Carol Trivett Williams, Terry Trivett; (Seated) Irma Jackson Trivett

## MY TIME AT MADISON

*Mary Lillie Everett*

My years at Madison (1940-1945; 1947-1951) were some of the happiest of my life, in spite of a very busy schedule, hard work, and such trifles as having to build fires in a smoky old coal stove in my room in girls' Cabin Court. (However, I also lived in the various dormitories.) I'm one of the "old-timers", arriving at the beginning of a fall quarter of 1940.

I had only \$30 of the required \$50 entrance fee so couldn't register for classes until the beginning of the next quarter. But I was allowed to take voice lessons and sing in the choir, with Mrs. Clara Goodge as my teacher, she was also the director of the choir. What a treat for a little country girl who had never before had the privilege of attending an Adventist school! When I began regular college classes the next January, including English Composition II, Miss Florence Hartsock (English professor, librarian, and registrar at



the time) waived the English Composition I requirement, so all was not lost after all.

My first job was with Dr. Perry Webber. He was head of the chemistry department, also a returned missionary from Japan – a very energetic and colorful personality. He was the sponsor of some 20 Japanese students whose families were temporarily in war-time relocation centers in California. When he would take these young people here and there to give programs, I was sometimes taken along. One of my best friends was Mamie Uchida – I wonder where she is now. Another interesting part of my job was taking care of the experimental white rats, which were under Dr. Webber's management. This was a Madison Foods project in progress at that time. (Do you know the safest way to pick up a large rat?!)

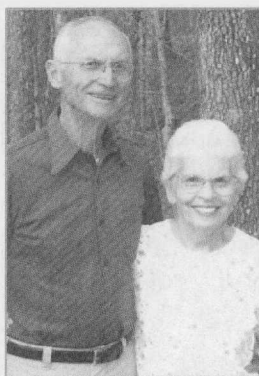
Later, I worked as a student cashier in the college business office, with Miss M. Bessie DeGraw as my "boss". That was a very valuable and treasured part of my education. Graduating in 1945 with a credit balance of \$50 (having worked my entire way through, every penny of it) I thought I was the happiest and "luckiest" girl alive. Then, for two years, I was the principal of the Louisville, Kentucky, S.D.A. Junior Academy and teaching grades 9 and 10.

I returned to Madison College as registrar in 1947. About that time Joel Everett from Florence, Miss., arrived on campus, after putting in his time with Uncle Sam and working a couple of years. Romance was in the air, and we were married in August of 1948, with Elder Howard Welch performing the ceremony. You can image the sensation created when Joel, a freshman, carried off the registrar! (He still brags about it!)

We stayed on at Madison. I taught one year in the church school and academy and later was in charge of the college business office, under CPA Kenneth Knight, along with Jim Wentworth, Buddy Blair, Duane Higgins, and Raymond Norris.

Joel had a year at Peabody College in Nashville – rode back and forth every day with Charles Littell – and then finished his B.S.

requirements and graduated from Madison College in 1950. After teaching in the Industrial Arts Department for a year, he decided it was time to move on. We built a house at Ridgetop, near Kenny and Viola Knight, and Joel worked in Nashville for a while. But going to dental school had always been his dream. He had had dental laboratory technician's training in the Army, and Dr. J. C. Trivett had long been a great inspiration to him – the first dentist who had ever worked on him without hurting him, he said. So we sold out and moved to Loma Linda, California. Joel was in the first graduating class of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in June, 1957.



Joel and Mary Everett

Joel went back to his old "stomping grounds" in Jackson, Miss. to practice dentistry, having taken and passed the National Board examination and State Board examinations in California and Mississippi. We lived and worked in Mississippi until 1991, with the exception of one year (1969-1970) when he took the Tennessee Board examination and worked in Chattanooga. Joel had promised me that someday, after retirement, he would take me back "home" to Tennessee.

He kept his word, and we moved first to the Sequatchie River Valley, not far from the old Stone Cave property, and then (about ten years ago) to the picturesque Cumberland Plateau just near Dunlap and not far from where I had lived as a teenager.

We are blessed with a wonderful family: four daughters, eight granddaughters, one grandson, two great-grandsons and another on the way. They are scattered from coast to coast, with one in Germany, but we keep the phones busy and get together "whenever." At ages 88 and 86 respectively, Joel and I are in very good health. We make our own solar electricity, grow much of what we eat, and enjoy country living at its best!

We are eternally thankful for the principles taught and demonstrated at Madison College and given to us as a people, through the inspired writings of the prophet. May we all be faithful and diligent, looking forward to the glorious appearing of Jesus. May it be soon!

**WHAT MADISON COLLEGE MEANS TO ME**

*Dave Manzano*

Although I only took two quarters of study at Madison, it was there that the direction of my life became clear.

I was in the army when, in August 1945, my parents moved from Battle Creek, Mich., to Madison College. My sister, Charmain, had gone there in the Fall of 1939, and in December 1941, she married James Herman.

I was discharged in December 1946 and took classes for only two quarters at Madison. When I began classes I did not yet have a goal for my life, though mathematics and science interested me more than any other field.

My classes were in the afternoon and I worked mornings for the maintenance department, with a brief worship to starting my day. Bessie DeGraw often led the service, and while I did not understand the various "outposts" of Madison she referred to, I was impressed by the spirit of the service for the Lord, that we were "to be about our Father's business," and it was reinforced by my

friendship with Eileen (Gilgal). She had worked as a Bible worker for Evangelist Knecht in North Carolina the previous summer, working with a magazine group under Mrs. Marple the summer of 1945. I was annoyed, and challenged, that she, a girl, had dedicated her life to the Lord and I, a guy, was holding back.

Never in my life had I entertained the thought of being a minister. My uncle Alfred Meyer had said to me, "Why don't you be a minister?" When he said that my first thought was, "A minister? That's a sissie's job."

There were students at Madison who were planning on the ministry, one of which being John Ford. So the conviction came to me. It was at Madison that the direction for my life was settled.

In the summer of 1947, Wally Welch and I canvassed in Letcher County, Ky. August 25<sup>th</sup>, Eileen and I were married. The wedding was in the yard of Elder Spaulding's home with Elder Welch as the minister. We moved to Takoma Park, Md., where I studied at Washington Missionary College.

My wife, Eileen Manzano, adds, "I loved Madison from the day I first set foot on the campus. I'm so thankful for the time I spent there and for the hope I have of eternal life that I got while at Madison. The years I spent there were such a bright spot in my experience."

The Layman Foundation supports these self-supporting schools, accredited by the E. A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA).

**OPENING ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR EASEA SCHOOLS**

Schools	State	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Advent Home Learning Center	TN	34	27	24	26
Fletcher Academy	NC	148	154	150	135
Harbert Hills Academy	TN	28	29	26	32
Heritage Academy	TN	30	44	45	54
Laurelbrook Academy	TN	44	42	31	21
Laurelbrook Elementary	TN	8	10	21	13
Miracle Meadows School	WV	39	39	45	44
Mountain State Academy	WV	--	--	--	5
Nashville Christian Advancement Academy	TN	34	35	25	41
Ouachita Hills Academy	AR	41	40	38	35
Wildwood Adventist School	GA	11	7	6	11
<b>Total</b>	--	<b>417</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>417</b>

## DEAR FRIENDS

*Juanita Standish (Gosse) McGann*

What an exciting experience it would be for me to be there for the Homecoming in June this year. It would truly be an "Old Home Week" for me, also for my sister, Venessa Ford. I was born there in Madison in the old Gotzian Home building in January of 1923. Our parents, H. E. and Edith Standish, came to Madison from California a year or two earlier when my sister was a little toddler.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland, having made a recruiting trip to California, had invited our parents (who were both New Englanders) to move to Madison. They had gone to California on their honeymoon and spent a couple years there. Our Dad was a builder and working at that trade in California and continued that work in Madison. There he connected and added stucco to the little frame cottages of the Sanitarium and connected them with the arched corridors, adding the main building which housed offices, etc., with a store and post office underneath, as well as accenting the patient's parlor with the jeweled accents of large geodes. I can remember little glimpses of going with him on these trips, and scrambling up and down a steep bank of shale to collect the big round rocks. I was told that Mr. Rimmer furnished the iron railing between the arches.

It was a privilege to be raised at Madison in the country atmosphere, and both my sister and I have very fond memories of that childhood.

We have the pleasure of living rather close together now after so many years of separation. She and her late husband, Elden Ford, were in the mission field in Central America for almost 48 years. My late husband, William H. Gosse, was in hospital administration for the denomination most of his working years, both before and after military duty in WWII. During the war, he was also serving in a military hospital, both in the United States and Europe. He passed away in 1998 in the Loma Linda University Hospital, after a valiant six-year battle with Lymphoma.

In 2002, I married Ralph D. McGann (a beautiful Baritone singer). We had known each other back in South Lancaster, Mass., and met again here in Calimesa, Calif. At an A.U.C. reunion. He had lost his wife and I had been widowed for several years, so a courtship ensued followed by our wedding at the Hemet S.D.A. Church, where Ralph's daughter and son-in-law, Mike and Kathy Wilson, live. Mike is senior pastor there, and Kathy is very active as a pastor's wife, as well as in the music department. Both she and Mike are very good singers. Their daughter, Crissie Engelman, also a singer, is the church choir director. Ralph and I go there for Sabbath services every Sabbath. Ralph teaches one of the S.S. classes each week.



Left to right: Juanita Standish (Gosse) McGann, Venessa Standish Ford

## READER'S COMMENTS

**Lolita Townsend Puterbaugh (Boiling Springs, SC):** I have finally retired and we have moved to South Carolina. This puts us closer to our son, so once we get settled in (just arrived here on December 23<sup>rd</sup>) it will be good. There hasn't been too much time to enjoy retirement – I am sure things will come together soon.

Thanks for all the efforts made to keep us Madisonites connected. I attended Madison from August 1961 through August 1963. I received a two-year certificate at this time. There have been lots of moves and life changes since 1963! I wouldn't trade the years spent at Madison and the friends made for anything! Thanks for all you do!



**Toni Leake (Richmond, VA):** I was at Madison College for about three years, from 1961 to 1964. I worked in the Personnel Office for about two years under George Walper. In 1963-64, I enrolled in the Medical Records Technician course and graduated in June, 1964. I have very fond memories of my years at Madison College. Mable Towery was the alumni president and such a dear friend.

**Judy Ball Pelley (Madison, WI):** We have recently relocated from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin. I do enjoy keeping up with Madison news. I graduated from Madison Academy in 1961 and attended one year of college in 1961-62.

**Martha Sue Townsend Potts (Silver Springs, MD):** I began a two-year secretarial course at Madison College in the summer of 1949 and graduated. In December, 1951, I accepted a call to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office as a secretary for MV/Education until going to work at the White Memorial Hospital as secretary to the director of Nursing Service in 1955. I worked there until 1958, when I married Dr. Douglas Potts, who graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in the class of 1955. We spent our first year of marriage at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and then settled in Silver Spring, Md. My husband practiced urology there until retiring. We have been active in music at the Takoma Park SDA Church. My secretarial training at Madison has been a blessing in so many ways.

**Vero Wright Stacks (Decatur, AL):** Thanks to the Alumni Association for keeping all your graduates informed. I personally, enjoy reading the paper. It keeps me informed about many of the people I know and also the deaths. Keep up the good work.

**Mary Lou Ward Gregg (Lake City, FL):** I attended public high school, so it was good attending school at Madison where everyone believed the way I did and had things in common.

## HERITAGE HOUSE UPKEEP

The latest expenditure on headquarters has been \$4,500 to replace a worn out, 12-year-old air conditioning unit to improve the heating and cooling efficiency. We like to maintain a year-round temperature and humidity of around 72 degrees to preserve the historical materials there.

Upcoming needs on the former home of M. Bessie DeGraw will be a new roof and upgrading the plumbing. Your continual financial support is appreciated.

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## OBITUARIES

**Maybelline Hollow Antonette**, 81, died on March 28, 2010, after a long illness at her home in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was in hospice care after having been hospitalized. She was born in Texas on May 5, 1928, and taught school before studying nursing at Madison, graduating with her degree in 1957. She worked briefly at Madison Hospital, but spent most of her career as an operating room nurse at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Survivors are her husband, Michael Antonette, two nieces and a nephew. A sister, Rachel Hunter, passed away before her.



**Dorothy "Dot" Rhea Davis Arnold** was born on February 13, 1925 in Memphis, Tenn., and passed away March 28, 2010 in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Dot's husband, Conn, served as a member of the Madison College Alumni Board, as well as president of ASI in the

General Conference from 1985 to 1991.

Dot and Conn met and married in Memphis while Conn was stationed there in the Navy. They were married for 63 years. She finished her nursing degree at the University of Tennessee in 1975 and worked as a nurse for Madison Hospital and later with Sunbelt Home Health as a supervisor. Dot was Conn's greatest supporter, in all his different ministries in the Adventist church.

Survivors are daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Elbert Jackson of Goodlettsville, Tenn., son and daughter-in-law, William C. Jr. (Bill) and Pam Arnold; grandchildren, Kelley and Kevin Jackson; Wesley and Parker Arnold to whom she was "Gamie" and "Lamie"; brother Thomas Austin Davis, and 28 nieces and nephews to whom she was "Auntie."

## ANOTHER DEATH

Alice B. Wilson

*(We welcome any biographical information anyone has about her.)*

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