

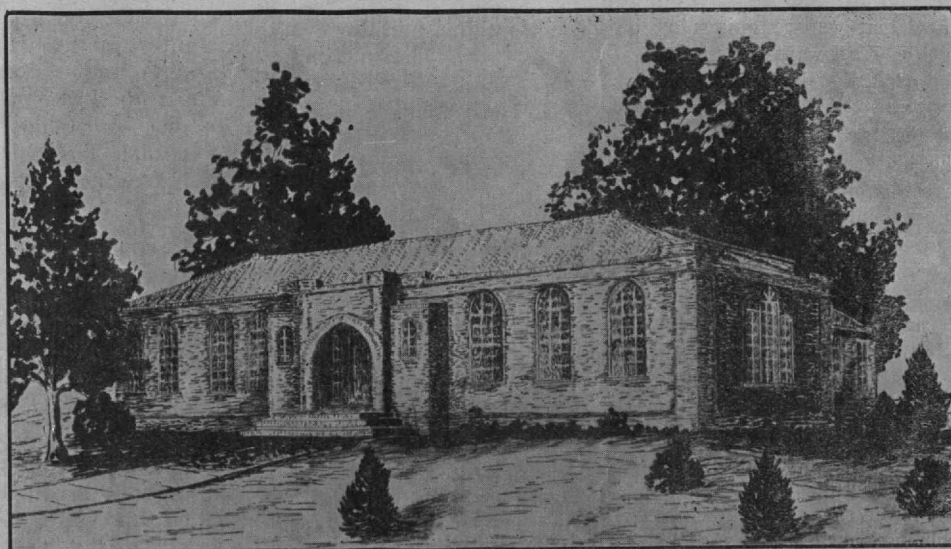
# THE PEPTIMIST CRIER

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Architect's Drawing of Library

## *New Library Progresses*

Last week, two new students started on their maiden tour of our nine hundred acres. Heading northeast from the Administration Building, they cast their observing eyes on a squad of bricklayers and the masonry which was the product of their toil.

"What is that?" they asked in chorus.

"Why, that is our new Library Building," replied the young lady who was taking them up behind-the-scenes to see our laundry.

Those students who spend most of their free time conversing with their fellow classmates have found that subjects under discussion in Kinne Hall and other meeting places are experiencing a change; and one of the most talked-of subjects is our new Library Building.

Students are interested in the building because it will mean higher recognition for our school; teachers are interested in it also because it will add to the beauty of our Campus; visitors are interested in it because on its construction boards they see a group of sturdy young men who are "work-

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## **School Truck Crashes**

It was only a miracle that saved the life of our truck driver, Mr. George Taylor, when the school's Chevrolet truck crashed into the cedar by the entrance to our sixty acres. The truck was fully loaded, carrying heavy shipments of foods to northern camp-meetings and over fifty dozen brooms to local firms in Nashville.

The truck was completely wrecked and was a total loss to the school as no insurance was carried. The cab in which Mr. Taylor was riding was demolished, and bystanders gazed in wonderment at Mr. Taylor who escaped with only a cut on his forehead and a laceration on his arm. Auto men remarked that they had never seen a chassis so bent.

The loss of our city truck necessitated the purchase of a new one. Students no doubt have noticed the new Ford V-8 one-and-one-half-ton truck as it traves the campus. Its newness and the attractive paint job done by the

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## **Benefit March Held June 8**

The Music Department sponsored a Benefit March on Saturday night, June 8, in the Assembly Hall. The School Band, directed by Professor Straw, furnished the march music. Under the able leadership of Walter Hass, the march was a great success. To avoid confusion in the figure marches, several groups were formed and each group marched for twenty minutes. The last number was a tag march for everybody.

Perhaps it was curiosity that prompted so many to come, because it has been a long time since our last march. At any rate, the returns amounted to \$5.00 which will be used for improvements in the new Music Studio.

But that is not all! Earlier the same evening the front porch of Kinne Hall was temporarily transformed into a refreshment stand. Ice cream cones were sold and the proceeds from this enterprise amounted to \$10.00, which also goes to the Music Department.—I.J.

## **Red Cross Awards**

The class received their certificates in chapel May 30. Mr. Butts, president of the local chapter, and Mr. J. L. Dunman, one of the chapter's instructors, gave short lectures on First Aid. Mr. Dunman also awarded the Red Cross certificates. Those who received "Special" and "Teacher's" Certificates are authorized to teach and give examinations in Red Cross First Aid work.

After the certificates were given, Albert Dittes, in behalf of the class, presented Professor J. G. Rimmer with a beautiful gold-stamped Christ in Song.

During the last few years the Red Cross textbooks, because of its superiority, has been adopted as a standard for the College First Aid course which gives two hours credit. Through the efforts and "public-minded" spirit of Mr. Rimmer, contact was made with the American Red Cross Chapter to give their course in connection with the college class. Mr. J. L. Dunman was sent to do this work. The Standard course was given in December and followed by the Advanced course in February. From April 21-25 Dr. W. J. Fenton of the National Red Cross Staff gave the special course and instructors' examination.

First aid prevents accidents and saves lives.

—W.D.

## **A Farewell and A Welcome**

As the school year draws to a close many of our old students are leaving us. We are sorry to lose these students, because they have been a part of our institution and it is like bidding farewell to a member of our family. May success follow you, Old Friends, and when you return a cordial welcome will be awaiting you.

We wish to welcome the new  
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## Decision Versus Indecision

Have you ever met a person who could not make a decision? I'm sure you have, for it's almost impossible to miss this type. They are just like cattle that must be led or else become lost. They are "blind followers of the blind"; they let others think for them, act for them, or influence their actions. Cattle cannot think—they are easily stampeded. Often it is so with human beings; they are easily carried away on a wave of passion or excitement, without ever using the capacity for thought.

God gave each human being a mind, that he might have the power to make decisions; but somehow this power has been sadly neglected. I wonder why this privilege is not accepted and used. Is it because there is lack of stamina or is it just plain lack of self-confidence?

Great leaders of the world were men and women of quick decision.

General Grant had but little to commend him as an able General except the quality of firm decision; but this was sufficient to offset all of his weaknesses. The whole story of his military success may be gathered from his reply to his critics when he said, "We will fight it out along these lines if it takes all summer."

Wouldn't it be a blessing if all our young people would make up their minds, in as brave and strong a manner as General Grant did, to live in an upright Christian way, a way that would please the Lord! If only young men and

women could realize what it means to keep practicing indecision! The suspense of indecision alone drives many to failure.

Billy Sunday once said, "Indecision is the devil's favorite tool." Must we let him use that tool on us? Can't we break his favorite weapon? It really is an easy thing to do, with the Lord ever ready to give us strength. We don't have to let our petty weaknesses continue to keep us from the reward. Let us decide right now that we are going to do what the Lord wants us to do and not what the devil likes us to do.

Demosthenes was a poor Greek lad who had a strong desire to be a great public speaker. Nothing unusual about that; others have "desired" this and similar ability without living to see their desires realized. But: Demosthenes added DECISION to DESIRE, and despite the fact that he was a stammerer he mastered this handicap and made himself one of the great orators of the world.

Martin W. Littleton was a poor lad who never saw the inside of a schoolhouse until he was past twelve years of age. His father took him to hear a great lawyer defend a murderer, in one of the Southern cities. The speech made such a profound impression on the lad's mind that he grabbed his father by the hand and said, "Father, one of these days I am going to become the ablest lawyer in America." That was a DEFINITE DECISION! Today Martin W. Littleton accepts no fee under \$50,000.00, and it is said that he is kept busy all the time. He became an able lawyer because he reached a DECISION to do so.

It is just as possible for all to succeed who really care to, but it is absolutely essential to first rid our being of that time-worn alibi, "I will think it over," which is the least trenchline of defense for those who have not the courage to say either Yes or No.

—S.H.

## A Farewell and Welcome

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students into our midst. We, the old students, are your friends and we want to help you in every way we can. An unwritten law of our Campus is to become acquainted, formal introduction or not; so we invite you, New Students, to join in our activities, sit with us in the dining room,

## Alumni Activities

Mr. and Mrs. MacFarland went to California to see Wayne, but hadn't told him they were coming. When they arrived, they first met Mrs. Fern Robertson-Green. She went to call Wayne out of class, and because he was expecting a visit from some missionaries he didn't suspect anything. Surprised?—Well! Imagine the rest. He couldn't say a word!

Fern Green—working in Registrar's (Mr. C. C. Fink) office. Mrs. Other Speaker—telephone operator at Loma Linda Sanitarium.

Other Speaker—leading his classes.

Marie Collison-Hermann—Matron in patient's dining room, Loma Linda.

Lyle Hermann—in school.

Lee Stagg—working in the Pharmacy.

Mrs. Treece—nurse in the dentist's office.

Mr. Treece—Studying hard.

John Timura—Wayne's roommate. Studying.

Mrs. Dale Putnam—working in dietitian's office at White Memorial.

Dale Putnam—not looking very well!! Only weighs 180.

Lester Ellenberger, Clara Cummings, Harold Graves, David Johnson—3rd year. Studying hard and enjoying it. All well and happy.

Reuben Johnson, Sam Larson, Walter Cummings, Howard Cookson, Marion Dunn, Ferdinand Welleber, P. LaMont Yeager—all send greetings and want to be remembered to the Madisonites. They always welcome Madisonites heartily and are planning to return to the South.

—MRS. T. A. MACFARLAND.

and ask us anything you would like to know about the customs of our school. *Don't feel backward*, for after all you are one of us.

Old Students, let's not give them a chance to feel backward, but remember our first days here and then treat the new students as we would like to have been treated. Let's take a few extra moments to show them around, and be generous with kind words—kindness doesn't cost a thing.

We are here for the same purpose—to get an education—so while we are getting it let's all work together for the betterment of our school. —F. GIBSON.

## The Faculty Speaks

DR. E. A. SUTHERLAND

"Cooperation should be the spirit of the school room, the law of its life."

Nearly forty years ago a college president visiting a camp-meeting was earnestly entreated by scores of young men and women for school entrance. They had no money, but were willing to work their way through school. The vision that came to the president at that time started him to plan for a school where teachers and students cooperating could make it possible for students to earn their school expenses by labor.

This idea was not new. Bible students are acquainted with the schools of the prophets, where students sustained themselves by their own labor and many of the teachers supported themselves also. Glimpses of these schools are seen in a number of places in the Bible. In 2 Kings 4 we are told students carried the responsibility of providing food for the school. Also the faculty and students worked cooperatively in providing extra room for the school. The result of the cooperation of the faculty and the student body in the schools of the prophets was the foundation of the prosperity of the nation during the reigns of David and Solomon. Both of these men were educated in the schools of the prophets.

Daniel and his associates were fine specimens of this cooperative system of education. Their training enabled them to stand for truth during the breaking up of the kingdom of Judah and to stand as the wisest, godliest, most practical missionaries of their time while taking postgraduate work in the university of Babylon and later while holding positions of the greatest responsibility in the kingdom.

These principles of Christian education have made possible the Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute. After thirty years it is interesting to note the results of the effort to build an educational institution on the general plan of the school of the prophets. Today the three hundred students earning their school expenses on the college campus with teachers supporting themselves is a monument to the educational principles upon which the schools of the prophets were based.

## High School Notes

### ENTERTAINMENTS

The High School Juniors entertained the Seniors with a picnic at Shelby Park, May 23. The whole forenoon was spent there and right after a delightful lunch all returned to the Campus. The Seniors wish to express their gratitude to the Juniors for the pleasing entertainment.

### PRIZE AWARDED

Miss Venessa Standish's theme on Fire Prevention was adjudged the best, and a prize of \$5.00 was awarded by an insurance company of Knoxville.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Southern Junior College offered a scholarship for one deserving student graduating this year from Madison High School. Miss Beatrice Kinsman was the student chosen to receive this.

### FIELD TRIPS

Professor Goodge accompanied his Chemistry and Physics Classes to Muscle Shoals on May 27. Professor Wheeler and Professor Mitzelfelt joined the group. The weather was favorable and the trip very pleasant.

### SENIOR PROJECT COMPLETED

The Senior Class sponsored a project to get a basketball and volley ball for the high school and construct a court for each. This was to enable the school to meet the requirement for accredited high schools. We are glad to say that the rest of the high school cooperated readily and we have the courts and balls.

### GRADUATION

The High School Seniors regret that they are unable to graduate in June, but due to the program which the school is following the graduation will not be held until next fall. Seniors are eagerly awaiting that time.

### INFORMATION

Mrs. Wheeler (in Biology Class): "Robert, where do all the bugs go in the winter time?" Robert Jacobson: "Search me!"

—A. McCORKLE.

## Truck Crashes

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Auto Department make it something we can be proud of to represent our school as it performs its many duties in the city.

—W. HILGERS.

## Library Progresses

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ing their way through college": Sanitarium patients are interested in the building because it is a sign of the results that can be achieved when a group of God-fearing Doctors, Teachers and Students band together and pledge themselves to a noble cause.

News of the need of a new Library was brought to the student body one chilly November evening in the year of 1934. The Dean lectured on Madison's endeavors to become an accredited Senior College. He informed us that the only obstacle in the path of such recognition was a suitable library building. Donations such as sand, cement, lumber, tools and money were being solicited; but the materials and money for the roof of this building were totally unprovided. Since the faculty had pledged a large amount for the project, and since the students had already expressed a desire to take part in the program, it was voted that the students' part should take form in a competitive campaign for the obtaining of the necessary money for this roof.

Miss Gafford, as usual, goes quietly about her business. Her plans for transporting and re-stacking her many volumes are already well formulated in her mind. The books which are most used will go over first, and the thousands of others will follow as time, convenience and laborers permit. Our Library boasts over seventeen thousand volumes at present. This number is steadily increasing, which can be seen in the fact that our Library consisted of three thousand books when Miss Gafford came to Madison five years ago. The increase has been tremendous, and books are still coming in. New books are donated by authors and publishers; indeed we have an autographed copy of "Midstream" by Helen Keller, and a set of books on child welfare, "White House Series," which is a gift from the White House. All of our students know about the forty-five volumes, "Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure," which were presented last March by Lawyer W. P. Cooper.

Our present Library consists of nine rooms, including the two reading rooms. The new building will contain twelve rooms, including a much larger reading room and a lecture room. The stacks

will be so arranged as to afford greater opportunity for browsing. The unique part of the building will be in the stack room in the rear of the building, which will appear to be three stories high. If you are interested you will investigate this when the building is completed.

Work on the cement building blocks was begun early last summer by one of Madison's old students, Don VanMeter. Don took the job on contract and finished his work just as excavation for the foundation of the building was begun. This part of the construction—laying the foundation and erecting the building—is being supervised by Mr. Gorich. Mr. Gorich says that work on the building has been progressing on schedule. More time could be saved if his present staff of eight workers could be doubled, thus insuring the completion of the construction early next fall. However, Dr. Bralliar says that a definite time for the completion of the building cannot be set at present. When asked about the cost of the building he showed us figures which almost toppled over the forty-thousand-dollar mark.

Madison needs this new library, and needs it badly. This addition means that our million-dollar institution will be greatly increased in value; that our students will be afforded greater library privileges and services; and that our school will be in a position which will command recognition by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This last is very important. Madison will then be taken into fellowship and brotherhood with other recognized schools of higher learning.

Truly the grain of mustard seed has grown into a mighty tree.

—A. DITTES.

## Let's Go

All living things grow. The PEPTIMIST CRIER is very much alive and growing. Our beginning was small and unpretentious as is the case with most successful enterprises, but we have passed our infant days and stand at the threshold of maturity.

Since the interests and activities of our school are so numerous and varied, the unity of purpose and effort, or school spirit, is difficult to arouse and maintain. Each little group with a common interest tends to separate itself from the rest of the school. Each tries to function more or less independently, and their interests and efforts are circumscribed by their own little sphere. Many valuable undertakings fall short of success because the individual groups who created the ideas failed to enlist the cooperation of the whole school. They fail to see that the school is much larger than their own small group. However, our school paper is binding us in a closer union and helping to give us a real school spirit and a better school. You as a student owe it to yourself to subscribe for the CRIER and boost it.

We students here should write to the alumni who do not know that we have a school paper, and tell them about it. Other friends of the school are deeply interested in Madison's progress. The PEPTIMIST CRIER is the best way of keeping them informed and their interest alive. Write to your friends, send them a sample copy, and urge them to subscribe.

The PEPTIMIST CRIER will be published monthly for only 50c per year and will be mailed anywhere in the U.S. for the same price. You need the paper, we need your subscriptions; and together we will make it a better paper and develop our school spirit. Don't wait, but fill in the blank below and turn it in with your 50c.

W.H.

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## Chatter-Box

A miscellaneous shower was given for Doris Hansen, June 12, at the home of Mrs. Erickson by Ruby Johnson, Anna Pearson, and Elaine Leslie. Doris received lots of nice presents. Light refreshments were served.

-C-

The senior classes have organized with the following officers:

### High School:

President ..... Hans Gregorius  
Vice-President .... Phillip Faudi  
Secretary ..... Marie Duge  
Treasurer ..... Harold Giles

### Nurses:

President ..... Charles Pierce  
Sec'y-Treasurer .. Beatrice Davis

### College:

President ..... Walter Hass  
Sec'y-Treasurer .. Elaine Leslie

Graduation is to be this fall, September 6-8.

-C-

The stork made a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson early Wednesday A.M., June 12. Patricia Ann is to be the new arrival's name.

Lora Mae Nivison is back from Sand Mountain where she taught school for a few months. Lora Mae says teaching school is quite a bit different from going to school.

-C-

Did you think you had a few swallows too much of the pear juice we sometimes get at K.K., when you saw two Mary Pooser's coming down the sidewalk? Well, just rest easy. That was Mary's twin sister Margaret. Margaret and Mrs. Pooser, their mother, have been visiting here the past week.

-C-

If you happened to pass by chapel last Sunday night at 7:45 and saw the students sitting *quietly* and listening intently, you probably wondered who the speaker was. It was Elder Staines from Loma Linda. Elder Staines was the first person to set foot on this place, before the school was ever started.

-C-

No more cold potatoes and gravy! A steam deck has been installed in K.K.

-C-

The school band played for the guests at the Sanitarium last Sunday afternoon.

Alice Staley was called home this week on account of her father's illness. Miss Staley had charge of the Surgery. Miss Martha Rucker is taking her place for the present.

-C-

Stanley Cruickshanks dropped in a few minutes last week to say hello to all his friends. Stanley plans to come back to school a year from this fall to finish his premedical work.

-C-

Art Brown, Hans Gregorius, and William Mizukami are leaving at the close of the quarter for California. They are to be gone all summer. The car they plan to travel in was practically put together by Art—well, good luck, boys—we hope you get there O.K.

-C-

Mildred Davidson and Louise Batten stopped off here for a few days on their way back home from Mississippi, where they have been teaching this past winter.

-C-

Vaughtie Chapman just returned from a visit of nearly a week to her home in Greenville, Tennessee.

—E.L.

## Do You Know

That Mr. Walker received a certificate for honorable mention in the Mt. Rushmore Memorial contest?

-C-

That the class of 1934 has finally mounted their sundial?

-C-

That you must walk on the sidewalks and not on the lawn?

-C-

That Harlan Mutchler, Elmer King, and Kenneth Knight are the "Paul Reveres" of the campus (night watchmen)?

-C-

That Art Brown painted the picture in the chapel?

-C-

That Sam McDaniels will soon be a full-fledged telephone operator?

-C-

That the new Library Building is supposed to be finished by fall?

-C-

That Dr. Sutherland has spent more consecutive years in educational work than anyone else in the denomination.

—T.H.

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