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## SCHOOL GOVERNMENT SHOWS RENEWED ACTION

### Y. T. C. Banquet

Members of the Madison branch of the Youth's Temperance Council attended the evening session of the Tennessee Y. T. C. State Conference, Saturday, January 11, at the West End Methodist Church in Nashville. Representatives from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, and other towns and cities of Tennessee were present. Routine business and plans for the future—both educational and legislative—were discussed.

The program was initiated with a fine spread of table delicacies. During the supper each member present had the opportunity to introduce himself and his home city and state, and to read a statement concerning alcohol and its effects. After a short speech by the State Secretary, the group engaged in several interesting games. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed, and each one expressed a desire for another similar gathering.

A. D.

### Guiomar Novaes

Several of our students attended and were delighted with the concert given in Nashville by Mme. Guiomar Novaes, the Brazilian pianist. "Her playing is characterized by an individual beauty of tone seldom found even among the great pianists, and her technique and musicianship are impeccable. Simplicity is the keynote of her greatness, and her stage presence is absolutely without mannerisms or affectation, a very rare quality even among the leading performers of the concert stage."

### W. L. Davy, Missionary, Philosopher, Humorist

#### "Alabamy Boun"

One of the biggest features of the Agricultural Course at Madison is the field trip taken at the end of each quarter by classes in Agriculture.

On the 19th of December, nine students and two teachers left for Huntsville, Alabama, and other points in the South. By eleven o'clock that morning, the State Experiment Station near Columbia, Tennessee, came into sight. Here the class noted many experiments in feeding stock, growing new things, and methods of farming; but one thing we missed—the soy bean, an industry in the experimentation of which Madison is proud to be pioneering in this country.

Further South, the Milky Way Farms at Mars Hill proved to be a most interesting point—a large estate of 2700 acres and the home of noted Southern breeds and strains of thoroughbred race horses.

Friday morning found the group in the power plant of the Wilson Dam near Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Mammoth generators, each capable of supplying electricity enough for a city of 150,000 people, massive turbines, and the dam itself—nine-tenths of a mile long—were spectacles well worth seeing. The great program of electrifying the Southern home, sponsored by the T. V. A., will mean much in enhancing rural life.

Several hours later, we were welcomed to the heart of Dixie's Cotton Belt in Huntsville, Alabama, where a most enjoyable day was spent in visiting the Oakwood Junior College farm and school. The agricultural students of Madison would have been content to spend many more such days in "Alabamy."

HERBERT HEWITT

Madison was very fortunate to have as its recent guest Elder W. L. Davy, who was on furlough from Nyasaland, Africa. He spent a few days in our midst in order to learn the art of making soy products. Since it is impossible to get dairy products in his mission he felt that the soy bean was the best answer to their urgent need.

Elder Davy's humorous and instructive messages came to us several times and were always received with great delight. He impressed upon our minds the fact that simplicity is a chief essential in teaching the natives, that flowery vocabularies go over their heads like a rifle bullet, just "hooley! hooley! hooley!" I feel sure that none of us will forget his interesting lion story.

Africa still calls, so this faithful messenger and his family have returned to the people they love. So sincere is his devotion that he desires, when his work is finished, to rest among those for whom he has labored. Although we may not go to Africa, yet our prayers go back with this servant of the Master.

ALLAN MUNROE

### Cruickshanks - Blunden

Friends of Alyce Cruickshanks were interested to hear of her marriage to Erle Blunden, a fourth-year medical student of Loma Linda, California. The ceremony was performed at Glendale on December 23, by Mr. Blunden's father. Having known Alyce as a student here, we know she was a most lovely bride. One of the attendants was Elaine Leslie. Wayne McFarland, another Madison student, sang "O Promise Me."

### Recent Progress

A new spirit has been instilled in our Cooperative Honor Assembly. This is due in part to the interesting lectures on cooperation delivered by Dr. Sutherland and George McClure. Mr. McClure showed us how the Bible outlines definite plans for cooperative government. Dr. Sutherland based his lectures on a set of questions presented to him by one of the students.

On December 1, 1935, the Assembly voted to conduct a campaign to raise funds for completion of the New Library. The campaign was instrumental in raising a considerable amount to help finish the building.

Also on December 1, the Assembly voted to ask the Junior League to collect food and clothing to be distributed to the poor on Christmas. This endeavor was a huge success.

On December 15, an Economy Committee of three members was appointed to check up on waste and leaks around the institution. This committee is doing some fine work along the lines of economy and is to be praised for its efforts and results gained.

A committee was appointed on December 15, to investigate the matter of chapel absences. This same committee will delve into other phases of our government and constitution, and recommend any changes that may be conducive to a more efficient and democratic government.

At a meeting of the Assembly on December 22, the plan of handling chapel absences, as submitted by the Faculty, was voted down, and we remain on the old plan, of fines being imposed, until a better plan is submitted.

January 5 was election day for the Cooperative Government. We  
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# 1936 RESOLUTIONS

The new year is already well along in its course. The noises that are usually indulged in by the lovers of hilariousness have faded out. Many resolutions have been made and many broken. In taking an informal census of students' resolutions, it was found that they ran something like this: "Resolved: 1. to sleep eight hours every night. 2. to stop eating candy between meals. 3. to study more than last year. 4. to work more hours to obtain more money than last year." All of these resolutions are good, but there is one that has been left out which ought to be included. That one thing is, **USEFULNESS!**

The man that considers merely how much money he can make by his labor fills his place in the world very poorly. Think how grand and noble a thing all labor would come to be, if each one would perform it with the thought that by it he is doing his part for the well-being of the world. Everyone should make his life larger by the thought of the usefulness and the importance of what he is doing, and the thought that by it he is a living member of the great body.

Look now at the world of men and women, and see how every calling is an opportunity for some form of usefulness by which society is the gainer. The doctor, the lawyer, the minister, the shoemaker, the gardener, the shopkeeper, the dressmaker, and all other workers, are each filling a place in the great social body. Men enter these callings, in most cases perhaps, to get a living. It is, however, an important fact that to get a living one needs, for the most part, to perform some service; just as the flowers earn their right to their place on the plant and to the sap that comes to them, by preparing and protecting the germs that are to become seeds.

We sometimes fancy that we wou'd like to live merely to amuse ourselves, with no cares or duties. But when we think more carefully, we see that this would be a mean sort of life. One would be ashamed to have the whole world working for him and he to be doing nothing for the world.

Let us students make the college our place of business while getting ready to take our place in the work of the world, just as the growing twig is getting ready to bear its part of the weight of leaves and fruit. But while this preparation is going on let us resolve to make use of every opportunity to be helpful. There are found many opportunities among our companions, or those whom we chance to meet; and everyone who has the right spirit will take both pleasure and pride in being helpful. One should be ashamed merely to be taken care of in the world without doing anybody any good, even if the interest that he has for others would let him.

As self-command is the fundamental principle of the ethics of Stoicism, and as the desire for happiness is that of the ethics of Epicureanism, so the principle of love and service is fundamental in the ethics of Jesus.

S. C. H.

## Can You Imagine - -

The Bells ringing exactly on time?

Lorena Whidden "un-baiting" a mousetrap?

Ruby Ferguson with a pompadour?  
G.G.

## Colder — With Snow

One of our recent Sabbaths passed away in a flurry of snow and most of the students seemed to take great joy in it. Some found a thrill in making paths in the drifts.

## The Faculty Speaks

Many are the activities one may observe on the school campus. There are those who propel mules, concoct chocolate puddings, yodel "Number, p'ease," wield hammers, twirl thermometers, bustle brooms, scour bathrooms, and manipulate soy beans in order to obtain funds that are demanded by a school with which to remunerate those worthies in charge (though they may not be sure of actually receiving such) who coax, entice, plead and commend their listeners to peruse the writings of the scholars.

To purchase a new car and then try to get out of having to ride in it, or to spend your well-earned money on a long-looked-for trip and then to be bored while awaiting anxiously the conclusion of the same, would be senseless. To purchase tickets for a series of your favorite entertainments, then to be absent from one because you may without having a penalty resulting, would be ridiculous.

Is it not even more absurd to be so determined to attend school that you are willing to forego the pleasures of home, possibly of a good job, and being anxious to work every spare minute (and some that aren't spare), thereby rejecting the path of least resistance, in order to gain a true education—and then to be absent as many times as you dare from class, or if you aren't absent wishing you were?

Can the young be sufficiently wise to really profit by the experience of those who are older? It seems to be the concensus of opinion that school days are the happiest of one's life. To profit by the experience of others, avoiding their mistakes of neglect, and to extract from each opportunity every iota that is therein, will reveal the intrinsic value of an individual.

Put all of yourself into whatever you are doing; play vigorously, work intensely, and study with a purpose—these will bring the satisfaction of achievement.

RUTH FRYE

We didn't measure the depth, but a few of the girls found more than enough to roll snow balls down the hill and form a snow man to guard their dormitory.

## Musical Program

On January 25, Mrs. Goodge presented an "informal program" of vocal music in which her advanced students took part. It was considered one of the best musical programs we have had recently. The numbers were as follows:

Toyland .....	Chorus
When Your Path Crossed Mine .....	Edith Werner
Courage .....	Hazel Kinsey
Noddin' .....	
Beautiful Dreamer .....	Helen Hoyt
Old Black Joe .....	Gordon Brown, Mrs. Goodge
My Heart Is A Haven .....	Irma Jackson
Spring Song .....	
Come Right In .....	Mary Brown
O'er The Billowy Sea .....	Roger Goodge
O Sole Mio .....	Lily Lane
Desert Song .....	Herbert Hewitt
Slumber Song .....	Sarah Kendall
One Fleeting Hour .....	Bayard Goodge
Because You're You .....	Bayard Goodge, Mrs. Goodge
The Rosary .....	
Little Pink Rose .....	Ruth Province
Song of Songs .....	
I'm Falling In Love With Someone .....	Leland Straw
Last Night .....	Florence Fellemende
Thank God For A Garden .....	E. M. Bisalski
Ci-ri-biri-bin .....	Alice Straw
When I Grow Too Old To Dream .....	Chorus

## Recent Progress . . .

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welcome Miss Lucille Crockett as our new President and Stanley Hall as our Vice-President. These people are active and we look for big things during their administration.

On January 12 Elder Welch, our pastor and Bible teacher, gave an interesting study before the Assembly on recreation and athletics as revealed in the Spirit of Prophecy. The conclusion derived from the study is, that well-regulated recreation is essential to both the physical laborer and the mental worker.

WILLIAM SANDBORN

As the sword of the best-tempered metal is the most flexible; so the truly generous are most pliant and courteous in their behaviour to their inferiors.—Fuller.



## Cooperative Government—How?

During the last few years there has been a growing discontent in educational circles with the old traditional school plan. Many of our schools, even now, operate on the assumption that the student comes to school as an empty vessel to be filled by the teacher. This idea leaves no opportunity for the student to contribute to the educational program in any way.

Edward R. Maguire, Junior High School Principal of New York City, says: "The old school is an autocracy; the new school must be a democracy... working on a basis of pupil self-activity."

Democracy is government by the people, the unit of such government being the individual who governs himself and helps to govern his fellows who prove incapable of self-government. Mr. Maguire says further that student self-government is a natural development of student self-activity in the school. Thus may we conclude that before we can have a successful democratic government in our school we must stimulate our self-activity, i.e., take an active part in studying and solving our daily school problems.

As we become familiar with our governmental problems we will recognize the need for laws and their enforcement. These laws, or rules, for handling the difficulties arising in the student group, are to be formulated and put into effect by the students themselves. Our teachers have plenty of problems to face in their own right, without spending unnecessary time on matters which concern the students only and which the students themselves can successfully deal with. We recognize that we need our teachers to advise us, and that they must constitute the final court of appeal to save us from ourselves, if necessary.

What should cooperative government mean to us? Should it mean that the students are to help the teachers operate the government, or should we as students take the responsibility of operating our government and call on the teachers to help us meet our problems when they become too great for us?

Should we not be capable of handling our own problems arising from trips to Nashville, mis-

## Do Re Mi

The members of the class in Methods For Teaching Elementary School Music last week had their first chance to find out just how much fun it is going to be to teach grade school music. Each member had thirty minutes in some classroom where she did her best to introduce a new song, a new record, or some point of theory to the children, as well as review old songs, records, or previously-learned theory. I don't think I need to tell you that it was very thrilling, but I will say that the experimenting teachers learned as much or more than did their pupils. Those in the class who had this privilege, which they hope to get often are: Esther Hass, Lorena Whidden, Hannah Pomeranz, Mrs. George Taylor, and the writer.

YVONNE RUMLEY

## Guess Who?

A gallant lad from New York way,  
Has brought his talents with him;  
For marching feet his music chords,  
His cartoons realistic, trim.

A friend to all, and real friend, too  
In classwork, play or drill;  
He'll never fail to see you through  
Though icy waters chill.

Last month's: Irene Felice.

ALLAN MUNROE

conduct on the campus, improper deportment in our rooms? Are we not able to govern our own group to the extent of taking upon ourselves the responsibility of seeing that we are in our rooms after nine o'clock at night and in bed by nine-thirty? Could we maintain law and order on our campus if the President of our Assembly, which we elect, were the chief executive and responsible for student deportment? Do you think that our present government constitution which delegates much executive and judicial power to the faculty should be modified to place on the student more responsibility?

Please think through these questions carefully and let us hear your ideas in General Assembly so we may all benefit by them.

S. C. HALL

## Self-Supporting Missionaries

Madison is a training school for practical Christian workers who desire to establish themselves in small towns or in the country near cities, for the purpose of teaching the people how to live more healthfully and happily, and how to do their work, farming, cooking, etc., in a better and more efficient way.

Do Madison students go into this kind of work?...

About three months ago two students responded to the call to fill a vacancy in the managership of the "Pine Hill Rest Cottage" near Birmingham, Ala. Quietly, as our students usually leave, these two young men dropped their studies and arrived at this attractive little sanitarium just as the previous manager was ready to hand over the fifty-four cents cash balance and drive off.

Not so quietly, however, have the reports of progress been coming to us. For instance, recently the Junior Laymen's Extension League read, at one of their Sabbath afternoon meetings, reports of committees and portions of letters—and these boys have written not a few letters to their "home Madison" since suddenly starting on this project.

Then, the sister of one of them spent Christmas vacation at Pine Hill Rest Cottage, and came home with glowing tales for the interested circles gathering closely around.

Again, not so long ago, one of this partnership returned to finish his pre-medical work and to go on to become an M. D., while the other holds the fort. Such a sincere appeal he gave, such a gripping picture, that *two* workers left Madison the next morning to help with the work he had left!

Did you know of these boys? Had you heard of the lovable twins in their small school, of the walnuts on the hill which when gathered turned readily into cash for current expenses, of the inspiration derived from sunrises and retained all through the milking and multi-repeated furnace-pokings?

Some of us here are laying plans of our own for joining this unit, "when..." Let us assure you, it's quite inspiring, quite a practical though as yet intangible dreamcastle, to be planning something definite for the good of our own Southland!

## HOBBIES

Firsthand inquiry and a little further-removed observation yielded the following interesting pointers on individualities:

Ellen Low—Art

Elmer King—Collecting moths and butterflies, Night-watching

Dorothy Canaday—Building fires

Bill Ludwig—Collecting songs

Yvonne Rumley—Relating incidents

Donald Auten—Radio, Lettering, Taxidermy

Dorothy Rice—Poetry

Eugene Wood—Proclaiming "muttony," Rolling Wheel-chairs

Lily Lane—Dressmaking, Hairdressing, Cartoons

Otto Faudi—Athletics (basketball)

Lucille Crockett—Grading high school papers

Robert Dunn—Answering phones

Russell Myers—Meeting Committees

Paul Woods—Soy bean concoctions

Maxine Wheeler—Saying "yes"

## Christmas Day Celebration

Christmas carols, musical programs, a treasure hunt, firecrackers, a cold windy day, the spirit of Christmas and brotherly fellowship—all characterized the Day of days on the campus at Madison.

Christmas Eve found the students in the chapel of the Assembly Hall listening to a musical program. But the patients in the Sanitarium were not left out of the pleasure of listening to the fine old carols. Through a large loudspeaker, which members of our energetic Music Department had set up the day before, the voices of soloists and of the chorus singing Christmas songs were heard.

The afternoon's activities were actively engaged in by a major part of the student body. Under the sponsorship of Elder Welch and Bill Sandborn the students went on a Hike and a Treasure Hunt. The main body divided into three groups, with orders not to

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## Chatter-Box

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meeker are the proud parents of an infant son, Marvin Dale, born at the Sanitarium during the week of January first. Congratulations!

Ethelwyn and Vincent Glatte were called home by the sudden illness of their mother. We hope they found her greatly improved.

Mrs. Sutherland was unable to meet her classes for part of a week because of illness. Even her pupils are glad to have her in class again.

Milton Boskind left Madison Sunday night for Florida, where he will take over Mr. Glatte's floral business. Mr. Boskind was a pre-medical student here.

Whether the few days of spring-like weather were or were not the cause of so many students' having gone to the hospital is a debatable question. At any rate, Evelyn Sperry, Rita Tibbetts and Charlotte Fay Stewart were among those temporarily incapacitated. Helen Peterson was also at the hospital.

Comparable to the Easter season is the time immediately following Christmas—at least in the matter of new clothes. The campus is very gay with new sweaters of every color.

The beginning of the winter quarter saw the opening of two strenuous classes—physics and hydrotherapy. Students are seen perspiring over the one figuratively, and over the other literally. Nobody seems to mind much, though.

There's such an epidemic of whipcords, riding boots, etc., that we're not sure whether we're on a Texas ranch or our own campus.

California is a highly desirable place to be, according to latest reports from Elaine Leslie. It seems that the Californians have ice cream every day!

Elder Neil, of New Orleans, and Elder Lysinger spent a few days at the Sanitarium recently.

There are always compensations! The demands of the sudden cold

weather are too much for the present boilers at Central Heat, and we are allowed a holiday from classes, so that the dormitories at least may be kept warm.

The Sanitarium reports its most crowded January in five years.

A varied program given on a recent Saturday night by the Assembly Hall girls ended with a little scene from real life—that of Evelyn Sperry acting hairdresser for a continuous stream of girls, even though worrying about her unstudied history lesson.

## First March of New Year

The first march of 1936 was held on January 11 in the Helen Funk Assembly Hall at 7:30 P. M.

The School Band furnished the evening's music, opening with the Co-Ed March, followed by popular marches of the day.

There were several leaders during the evening, namely Elder Welch, Mr. William Sandborn, and Mr. Irville Rush. These took charge alternately. Under their able direction the march was well organized and thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators as well as by the marchers.

At 9:30, after two hours of steady tramping, the shrill sound of the leader's whistle told all present "Good Night."

I. J.

## High School Notes

We think our Demonstration Building is very much improved since the floors have been refinished.

A number of our students were delayed in returning from their Christmas vacation because of the severe winter weather.

New students who have recently joined our High School family are: *Lawrence Shultz*, formerly of South Lancaster, Mass., whose father is Editor of *The Watchman*; *Margaret Nickless*, also from South Lancaster, whose father is Field Secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; *Lee Hughs*, who comes to us from Chebeague Island, Maine. We are glad to have these newcomers.

Recently Prof. Goodge mentioned something in Physics class that Wellesley Magan, for the first time, confessed he didn't know anything about.

Under the supervision of Prof.

Standish, Delbert Andrus gave a lesson in woodwork in the rear of the assembly room, repairing a drawer on which he had carved his initials. The Prefect Court is at work!

Fay Johnson, who is a regular tardy member at Bible class every Monday, surprised Prof. Sharpe when she came in last week before the second bell rang.

Prof. Goodge: (in physics) "Now is the matter clear?"

Elwood Sherrard: (under breath) "Clear as mud."

Prof. Goodge: "Good, that covers the ground. . . . Let us proceed."

Mrs. Low: (in English class) "Donald, why don't you get the habit of going to the dictionary when you want to know how to spell a word?"

Donald Hadley: "I do sometimes . . . but somehow the dictionary always has it wrong."

V.H.

## The Dieta Club Meets

Recently the Dieta Club met in the Sanitarium dining room for their regular meeting. There was a good attendance and we were especially favored by having Dr. Dittes meet with us again.

Mrs. Doub had charge of the meeting, and a short interesting program was given. Lillian May gave a talk on Food Combinations, and a general discussion followed on the various points mentioned. Dr. Dittes brought out the thought that we must not follow food fads as they sweep the country, as many people going by the name of dietitians often put on the market many advertisements which, if followed, will result in some nutritional disease. Louise Holst gave a short reading, "Elegia Brown's Fate," which in a humorous manner tells the result of eating fried foods habitually. Avon Underwood gave a poem entitled "Vitamin C."

Special food subjects being given for the Winter Quarter are

Food Economics I, Advanced Nutrition, and Nurses Dietetics

The following poem written and given by Mrs. Doub represents quite individually each worker in the Sanitarium Kitchen.

Commandant and first lieutenant,  
Cashier and tray attendants,  
Valiant washers of the dishes,  
Diet cooks and little fishes,  
Water-drawer, wood-hewer,  
Man of many chores the doer,  
Linen-sorter, salad-makers,  
Serving-girls and zwieback-bakers,  
Dinner cooks, dessert magicians,  
N. A. N. I. Dietitians.  
L.H.

## Christmas Day . . .

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cease their investigation and inspection of the property and grounds until a grey rag (flag) should be found. Then the marshmallows (which were furnished by the losers of the recent Library Campaign, the Boys!) were brought out, and distributed to the smiling onlookers. Three big fires, dozens of games, hundreds of marshmallows, and lots of fun were enjoyed by the participants.

With wishes that our friends who were home on vacation had been with us to enjoy the day, and with a general feeling of thankfulness and joy—and aching muscles—the group broke up at the appointed hour and quietly went home.

A.D.

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