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## The Madison Mark at ASI

By Albert Dittes

I had the honor of representing the Madison College Alumni Association at the 2003 annual ASI (Adventist Layman's Services and Industries) convention in Albuquerque, N.M., this year, and came away with a renewed appreciation of how big a mark the Madison founders left on this denomination.

When, after seeing our banner, people would say that Madison College had closed, I would remind them that Madison started the ASI. We included in our display a picture of the first ASI meeting in 1908 and a history of the founding of ASI, pointing out how the success of the Madison-affiliated units inspired General Conference leaders to see the same thing done worldwide. Those attending the Madison annual convention in 1946 approved the idea, and the first ASI was organized in 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

E.A. Sutherland served as its first president.

Times changed, and the ASI later broadened its mission to include helping Adventist business people

share Christ in the marketplace. That idea has really caught on. The convention center in Albuquerque looked like a mini General Conference session, making one feel the greatness of the Adventist movement.

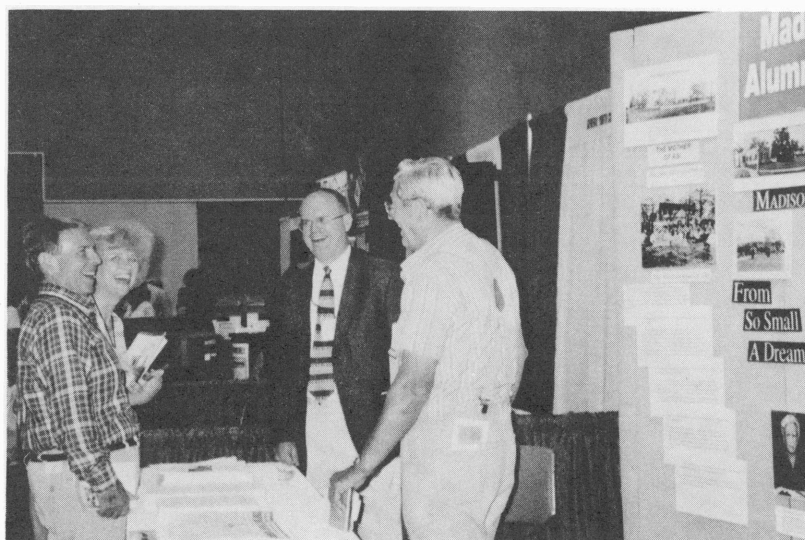
You see well-dressed people from all over the world there, prominent speakers, scores of exhibition booths, people you have known before, a time of real fellowship, inspiration and good music.

We also mounted a list of the 25 charter ASI members. Some of their families recognized these names. Dr. George Harding IV spotted the name of his father there. He said his grandfather, also a physician, was a close friend of E.A. Sutherland and

replaced Ellen White on the Madison Board of Directors after she died in 1915. What he saw at Madison inspired him to start his own sanitarium in Worthington, Ohio, in 1916.

The Madison influence was especially evident in the exhibition center. Madison had a lot to do with the founding of White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, not to mention developing Loma Linda University, both of whom were represented there. At our booth we passed out many copies of the correspondence

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Lin and Sandy Powell at the Madison booth with Albert Dittes and Bob Sutherland

between Lida Scott and Percy Magan chronicling the early years of these institutions.

What really impressed me, though, was how many self-supporting schools advertised themselves there, with several of them mentioning the Madison idea.

For example, Harbert Hills Academy of Savannah, Tenn., is a child of Madison College. Fletcher Academy of Hendersonville, N.C. started on its own but developed a close affiliation with Madison for many years.

Then I brought home brochures from two grandchildren of old Madison: Heritage Academy of Monterey, Tenn., and Laurelbrook School of Dayton, Tenn. Little Creek Academy helped their founders start these campuses.

Others drawing inspirations from Madison were Mountain State Academy and Miracle Meadows School in West Virginia; Oak Haven/Country Life Natural Foods, Pullman, Mich.; Oklahoma Academy, Harrah, Okla. and Ouachita Hills Academy in Amity, Ark., which is starting a self-supporting college.

The Madison ideal is very much alive.



## EASEA

The Madison ideals, once started in 1904, immediately took root in the South and are once again manifesting themselves in the formation of an accrediting body for self-supporting schools.

The ascending and descending liability of insurance policies has led the General Conference to not take responsibility for schools outside of its framework, according to Blondel E. Senior, executive director of Advent Home Youth Services, Inc., Calhoun, Tenn., and head of the new E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA), an accrediting agency now applying for State of Tennessee approval.

The state department of education will process their application in October. Then the state legislature must ratify it after going into session in January.

"Their approval will make us an accrediting agency," says Senior. "We in turn set the standards for 25 or 30 self-supporting schools. The state approves the agency that then approves the schools."

Senior compares EASEA to Outpost Centers International (OCI), an umbrella organization for 80 self-supporting agencies.

He adds EASEA can approve affiliate members such as lifestyle centers.

"We will evaluate the schools using the Madison model of vocation, medical, spiritual, and agricultural education," he says. "We give lots of lip service to Madison. If we can't do it, we can aspire to it. The Madison model came closest to God's approval."

EASEA officers are Blondel Senior, president; Bryan Traxler, director of education; Joy Traxler, administrative support and Wanda Sarr, treasurer. Headquarters for

EASEA is now at Heritage Academy, Monterey, Tenn., but will be at the Layman Foundation, presently developing a home office in Collegedale, Tenn. The board of directors will consist of representation from the various institutions, OCI and ASI as well as from the SDA Church.

"Without EASEA, the state would set the standards instead of us," Senior says. "We are thus self monitoring instead of being other monitored."

They will meet state minimum requirements and set the standards in teaching, safety, budget, buildings and spiritual activity.

Bryan Traxler, director of education for EASEA and president of Heritage Academy, hopes networking with other self-supporting schools will prove mutually beneficial.

"We want to help the schools to have an umbrella to come under as we relate to the state," he says, "and work towards school improvement and putting a team together to evaluate their programs."

Standards will come from the heritage of Madison. Joint activities planned will be Bible conferences, musical, trips and festivals and work bees.

"Sharing the gospel will be our first priority," he says. "The second will be to support ourselves. Excellence in education is important, but must be in context of the kids sharing Christ."



## *New college at Ouachita Hills Academy*

By Albert G. Dittes

AMITY, Ark.— A 21<sup>st</sup> century Madison has manifested itself here deep in the countryside of southwestern Arkansas. The school is near I-30 but remote enough to be beyond paved roads and encroaching development. Its directors have obtained state approval to add a college curriculum to a rural academy in an ideal Seventh-day Adventist setting.

Chester V. Clark, a busy dentist and also mayor of Amity, says reading *God's Beautiful Farm* inspired him to put the Madison type of program into operation.

"This union (The Southwestern Union) did not benefit much from Madison," he says. "When we sent our daughter to Oklahoma Academy (a self-supporting school), we were impressed with the impact on her. We were still paying off a school debt, and a college without substantial SDA ties seemed monumental. An academy seemed more in scope with what we could do with the Lord's help."

His family started Ouachita Hills Academy in 1988, with his wife and a recent graduate of Wiemar College in California doing the teaching. They started with four students, and the enrollment grew to eight the next year, then 17 and 23 by the end of the fourth year.

"The students came from all over the United States with no publicity," he says. "It was all by

word of mouth."

For the first five years, school met in the Clark home in town, with the boys staying there and the girls living in two nearby mobile homes. Then they found property for sale five miles outside the city limits. The Layman Foundation purchased the 381 acres and loaned money for the first building.

"We have a high trust environment, feed a healthy vegan diet and have few rules but enforce them in a pleasant family setting," Clark says.

Parents continued to ask for a college for their kids to continue spiritual growth.

Three years ago, the Ouachita Hills Academy board voted to develop a college, and the Arkansas Department of Education approved an unaccredited program there, the last such one it will ever allow. "Now we know why we took the step three years ago," Clark says.

Ouachita Hills College will start this September with 25 students, about 20 of whom are in a colporteur training program operated by Eugene Prewitt. He will transfer here from Oklahoma Academy.

The students have a built-in way of earning much of their way through school in that their training is selling books. Clark says Prewitt will then bring in other guest lecturers in fields like elementary education and ministerial. Prewitt's program is accredited

through Griggs University, formerly the Home Study Institute.

"They will obtain degrees from Griggs," Clark says.

He adds a retired biology teacher from Union College lives nearby. In the future, he will add teachers for secondary education, math, science and business administration.

A large building under construction on the lush green campus will have space for labs, as well as offices and a worship chapel.

"If a teacher does not have an advanced degree, they can use the Griggs University syllabus," he says. "Two universities in Arkadelphia offer math and science. We recognize the need for flexibility in the early years as we develop the campus."

The college is starting on a campus with the peace of the remote woods but surprisingly well-developed grounds and buildings. The lawns are perfectly manicured, and the buildings look modern and well built. Friends of the school donate the materials, and students and staff have somehow acquired the know-how of putting them up.

Dr. Clark's dental practice is the financial base, and the school is developing a cabinet shop.

"Students start out working on the farm, and then go to the garden and greenhouse. They also do much of the construction work."

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# Home-coming



Elder Herbert Hewitt, BS '39



**Nursing '43**

Virgie Reed Simmons, Doyle Martin, and Anes. '52



L-R: Paul "Bill" Dysinger, MCA '45, SMC '51, CME '55, Chairman Manzano Herman, S '40-'41, James K. Herman, S '39-42', BS '47



**Madison College Academy '45**

L-R: Paul "Bill" Dysinger, SMC '51, CME '55, Carlos McDonald, BS '48, W. Shaen Sutherland, Lab '49, CME '57, Mavis Savage Sutherland, N '50



**Nursing '42**

Mary Belle Ramsey Martin, BSN '42  
Edwin Martin, S '46



**Nursing '50**

L-R: Betty Burk McDonald, Mavis Savage Sutherland



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L-R: Don Owsley, MCA '48, BS '53, Martha Higgins Fast, N '53, Lawrence "Larry" Cheever, N '51, BS '52, Anes. '54



## The Ron Woosley Family

L-R: Natalie, Ron, Zachary, Claudia Sutherland Woolsey. Ron and Claudia provided our vesper program.



## Nursing '58

L-R: Orrean "Pat" Gill, Paul H. Blankenship, Terry H. Brown, Edna Earle Lee Myers, Robert "Bob" Lawry



Allan Moon, Kay Kingry



## Nursing '63

L-R: Clyde Ball, MCA '59, Anes. '67, Esther Perales Cohen, MCA '58, Anes. '67, Carol Taylor Hite, David Kingry



Shaen Sutherland, Robert Lawry

Their latest completion is a home for two single staff members. They have also built a new girls dormitory. Their next major project will be an administration building, then boys' dormitory. Cafeteria and maintenance storage buildings are already complete.

A grape vineyard, peach orchard, garden and greenhouse furnish much of the food for the cafeteria.

The college will have separate mobile home housing, but all students will use the cafeteria and classrooms. Class and work schedules will flip flop. Long-term goals include building a multi-purpose building for college student housing.

Harriet Clark, wife of the dentist, registrar of the school as well as a dietitian with a Master's degree, says the academy students can't work their entire way through yet. They don't have adequate industries to enable them to earn the \$5,900 needed, but they work 20 hours a week as part of their vocational curriculum. She estimates the college students can work off three fourths of the \$9,000 needed for tuition, room and board by selling books.

Though the school faces many challenges, the atmosphere should be strongly spiritual for a long time to come. "There is not much chance of the city growing out to us," says Chester V. Clark, III, development director of the academy and new college.



## West Coast Reunion

October 12, 2003

This is a copy of an Email I received from Henry Scoggins. I hope many of you can attend and make plans to be with us at Madison for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary the fourth weekend in June 2004.

"Please feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested. For any of you who live out of this area, this would be a good time to make a visit to Southern California. We have a ready guest room and I know of a number of others where you would be most welcome. Give it a thought.

From Thomas R Phelps M.D.

Subject: West Coast Reunion  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Henry, the very best date for us turns out to be October 12<sup>th</sup>. I would suggest that we try to assemble about 11:00 am and spend the day together getting reacquainted. We will have a catered lunch about 1:30 pm.

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Directions: Take 101 North out of L.A. towards Santa Barbara about 30 miles. Go through Thousand Oaks then down Conejo Grade into Camarillo. Take the Lewis Road (Somis) exit. At the

bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Daily drive.

Go to the first stoplight, turn right onto Arniell Road. At the third stoplight Arniell Road dead ends into Las Posas Road.

Turn right, on Las Posas Road. (Phelps Medical Center is to your left as you make this turn.) Take Las Posas road past the Hospital to Lewis Road.

Turn left just past LA workout onto lewis road. Lewis road will dead end into route 118 at about 1 mile.

Turn left, go about a mile on 118 and turn right on Bradley road just past Somas Nut House.

Go to the first cross street and turn left on Green Drive West and go to the top of the hill to end of road. Gate will be open. I will make some Madison signs and place them at appropriate intersections along the route

Camarillo Airport-let us know of your arrival time an we will pick you up.

Can't wait to see everyone! It should be fun for all.

Let me know what else I can do to make this a successful event.

Tom



## Resting Until The Resurrection



**Dr. Frederec B. Cothren** was born June 18, 1910, in Florence, Ala. He moved to North Nashville as a child with his mother, two brothers, and a sister when his

17 years older than he, became a Bible worker for the then Tennessee River Conference.

His sister, Josephine, N '25 and brother George, N '25, BS '39, graduated from nursing at Madison. George went to Alabama, took the anesthesia course and came back to be the anesthetist many years for Madison Hospital, now (Tennessee Christian Medical Center).

Young Fred Cothren attended school at the Madison units of Chestnut Hill, near Portland, Tenn., and Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina under Professor E.C. Waller.

He went on to Southern Junior College, Collegedale, Tenn.. He worked there for George Fuller in the Post Office and met his future wife, a young voice teacher and registrar named Edythe Stephenson. He later graduated from Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College), Takoma Park, Md., and the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Calif.

"While visiting his brother George, a nurse anesthetist at Madison Hospital, Dad saw his first surgery and fainted, but from that day on he was determined to go to medical school," says, his daughter Elisabeth.

His wife, Edythe, earned a Bachelor's degree in science from Madison in 1947. They moved to the Chattanooga area after retiring in 1978 and lived there until returning to Nashville in 2002. Mrs. Cothren died later that year.

Surviving him are three children, Elisabeth C. Morrison, Frederec B. Cothren Jr., and Jack D. Cothren, all of the greater Nashville, Tenn., area; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren



**Lester Culpepper**, 91, died of aspiration pneumonia Aug. 19, 2003 at Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Portland, Tenn.

He was born April 28, 1912, in Union Grove Ala., and married Linda Decker in 1933. The couple moved to Madison in 1945 after becoming Seventh-day Adventists so their four children could receive a Christian education.

Each of them attended elementary school, academy and some college at Madison.

He worked for 15 years in fruits and gardens, then transferred to the hospital, starting out in housekeeping and eventually becoming the purchasing department's truck driver to Nashville for hospital supplies each day.

Lester Culpepper retired in 1978 and built his first-ever new home in Portland, Tenn., next door to his daughter, Elaine. His Madison friends Deryl Christensen and Elmer Fast helped with the building. Into the house went cupboards, windows and even doors salvaged from old Madison Hospital. There he enjoyed happy hours with all of his children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. He was happy gardening, traveling and putting

literature in laundromats and truck stops.

"My dad loved the Lord with all his heart," says his daughter Elaine. "He loved Madison and all the wonderful values taught there. In his last days in the nursing home I could hear him praying and talking to the Lord as I came into his room. His favorite expression was, 'Thank you, thank you very much, Amen.'"

Survivors are two sons, James of White House, Tenn., and Maurice of Cumberland, R.I.; and two daughters, Elaine Cantrell of Portland, Tenn., and Rebecca Rosenboom of Cottontown, Tenn.

His wife Linda died in 1998 after a lengthy illness.



**Raymond Leroy Noss** died of kidney failure July 25 at his home in Nashville, Tenn.

A serious automobile accident in November 2001, had adversely affected his health.

He was born in Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 23, 1917, the eldest child of Wilbur Wesley Noss and Bessie May Doty Noss. His parents moved to Nashville, Tenn., when he was a year old. His father worked at Southern Publishing Association most of his life.

Raymond attended the old Nashville Junior Academy through 10 grades and then graduated from Madison College Academy. He worked in the print shop and farm to help pay expenses.

He started working at Southern



Publishing Association in 1940 and remained there until it transferred operations to Hagerstown, Md.

In 1945, he married Cloteen Johnson, who survives him along with a daughter, Linda Faye Zumstein of Dayton, Ohio and two granddaughters. Also mourning his loss are a sister, Vera Hewitt of Ridgeway, Tenn., and a brother, Dr. Glenn Noss of Paducah, Ky.

## The Living Bread Never Gets Stale

The following is taken from the September 4, 2003 issue of the *Latest Lines* Tennessee Christian Medical Center's in house newsletter.

"From the Desk of Jimm Bunch (President):

## Medical Office Building

Earlier this Summer, our CFO, Bob Moon, concluded negotiations with Baptist/St. Thomas and purchased the portion of the medical office building that Tennessee Christian did not own. In 1996, Tennessee Christian and Baptist Hospital formed a partnership that dealt with a number of issues and included a 50/50 ownership of the medical office building. For a variety of reasons, the partnership never worked and came unraveled.

With Tennessee Christian's purchase of the Baptist's portion of the building, the only remaining portion of the partnership, has been undone.

We continue to have a great deal of respect for Baptist/St. Thomas, however there is no longer a formal ongoing relationship with them."

## Coupon

1. Survey & Dues 1 yr. (\$25)\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sending \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Office Help.
3. God's Beautiful Farm (\$10)\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sending \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Heritage House Restoration.

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