

FROM DEEP ROOTS THE FUTURE UNFOLDS

1901 The young administrators of Battle Creek College were restless for educational reform. They were anxious to get their students out of the moral and ecological pollution of the big city of Battle Creek, into a healthier rural environment.

It was probably in May—Percy Magan and E. A. Sutherland took the train to the southwest side of the state to look for an appropriate site for a new campus and begin their dreams for Adventist education. Once they arrived, they hired two old bikes and pedaled all over, looking for who-knows-what but they'd know when they found the right location. So many dreams were hinging on this. So many prayers were ascending on their behalf as they set forth on this venture.

One afternoon they met with a farmer who was interested in selling some of his land in southwestern Michigan (under the shade of a large elm tree, according to oral tradition). Farmer E. A. Garland (ever hear of Garland apartments?) is quoted as saying, "You may look for a place from here to Traverse City, but you'll never find anything as nice as the property out there overlooking the St. Joseph River."

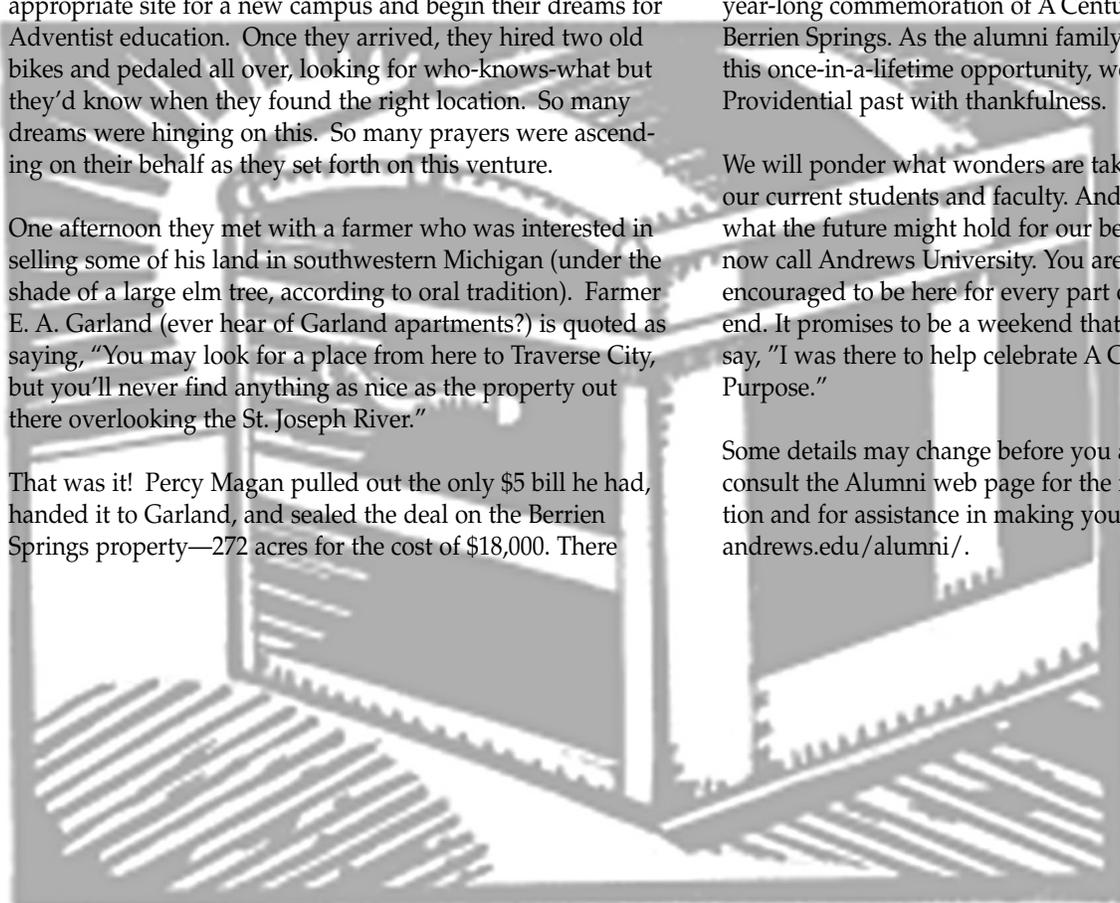
That was it! Percy Magan pulled out the only \$5 bill he had, handed it to Garland, and sealed the deal on the Berrien Springs property—272 acres for the cost of \$18,000. There

ensued a flurry of packing in Battle Creek. The college was loaded into 16 boxcars and moved into temporary quarters in the Berrien Springs Courthouse and other buildings on the courthouse square. ("What better place to begin education reform than in a jail!" the teachers joked with each other.)

From Deep Roots, the Future Unfolds is the theme for this year at Alumni Homecoming Weekend. We are beginning a year-long commemoration of A Century of Place & Purpose in Berrien Springs. As the alumni family returns to campus for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we will remember our Providential past with thankfulness.

We will ponder what wonders are taking place in the lives of our current students and faculty. And we will take a look at what the future might hold for our beloved alma mater we now call Andrews University. You are cordially invited and encouraged to be here for every part of the inspirational weekend. It promises to be a weekend that you will be happy to say, "I was there to help celebrate A Century of Place & Purpose."

Some details may change before you arrive on campus. Please consult the Alumni web page for the most updated information and for assistance in making your travel plans. www.andrews.edu/alumni/.



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emmanuel missionary college 1901 - 1960
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