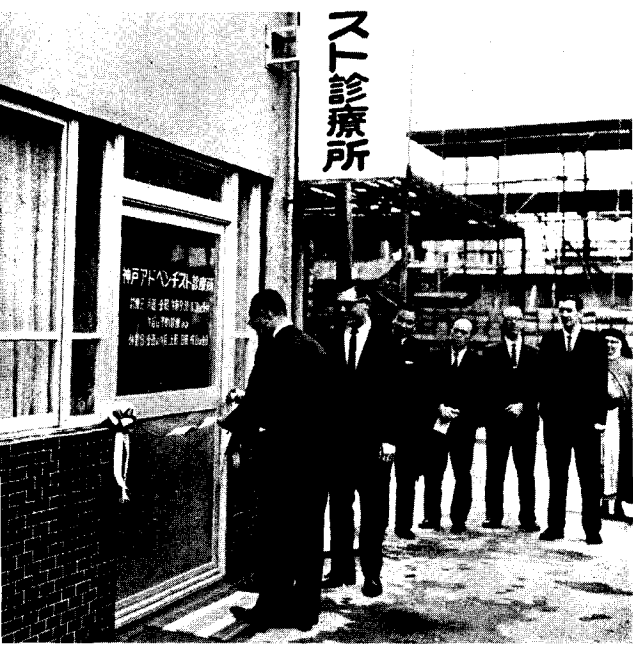


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OPENING. The mayor of Fukiai Ward, Kobe, Masao Matsuyama, cuts the ribbon officially opening the new Kobe Adventist Medical Clinic. Looking on are, left to right, Dr. E. H. Krick, Director; Dr. Atsushi Nakamura, head of the local Public Health Department; Dr. Yahei Koseki, Medical Secretary of the Japan Union; Dr. C. D. Johnson, Medical Director of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital; and R. W. Burchard, Business Manager of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.

The Kobe Adventist Clinic Opens

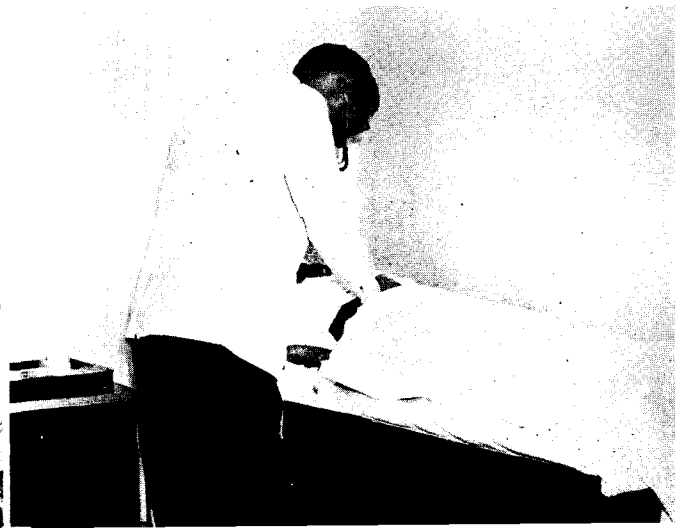
By E. H. Krick, M.D.

THE Kobe Adventist Clinic, newest in the chain of Far Eastern Division medical institutions, officially opened the afternoon of January 29 as Masao Matsuyama, Mayor of Fukiai Ward, Kobe, cut the ribbon of red and white (Japan's national colors) before a large group of assembled dignitaries and friends.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Toshisuke Kaneko, M.D., a long-time friend of Adventist medical work, currently a professor of internal medicine at the Kobe Medical University. It was Dr. Kaneko who assisted in the development of the small Adventist hospital operated for two years in Kobe by Elmer H. Olson,

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FINANCES. R. W. Burchard, Business Manager, works with Miss Tanaka, receptionist, on opening day of the new Kobe Adventist Clinic. **RIGHT.** A patient is being examined by Dr. E. H. Krick on the first day of operation of the new Kobe Adventist Clinic.



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**Mrs. V. T. Armstrong
1892—1967**

Mrs. Lillie Ann McCune Armstrong was born December 6, 1892 in Butte, Mont. and died January 28, 1967 at Portland, Oregon. She attended Walla Walla College and graduated in 1915 from a business course.

She married Pastor V. T. Armstrong on October 7, 1911, in Montana where he had started his work in 1910 as a publishing secretary. She worked first in the conference Book and Bible House. Their next appointment was at Mount Ellis Academy where he served as principal and she was matron, preceptress, and music teacher.



In 1921 they accepted a call to serve in Japan. In 1922 he was elected President of the Japan Union Mission. They remained there until 1936.

In the year 1936 Pastor Armstrong was elected president of the Far Eastern Division with headquarters in Singapore. During this time Mrs. Armstrong was in the Home Commission Work at Division headquarters. For eighteen years Pastor Armstrong served as president of the Far Eastern Division. At the General Conference session of 1954 he was elected Field Secretary of the General Conference, a position he held until 1958 when the Armstrongs retired at Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Armstrong leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Pastor V. T. Armstrong, and three children, Mrs. Mary Stuart, Major Victor A. Armstrong, and Mrs. Beth Coffin.

Mrs. Armstrong was killed instantly in an automobile accident and Pastor Armstrong's hip was broken. The accident was caused by drunken teen-agers who had their lights out while driving.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors W. J. Hackett, C. J. Ritchie, Dallas Kime, H. R. Turner, and H. L. Rudy.

—D. A. Roth

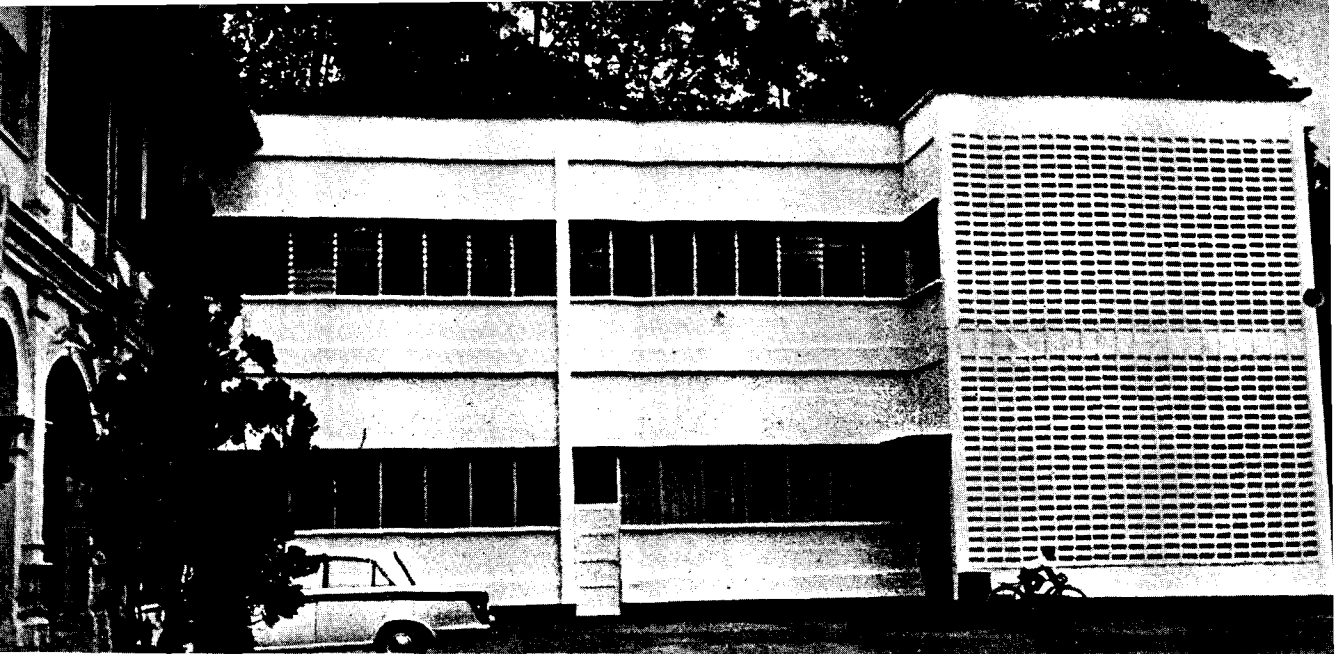
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M.D., before World War II. This project was a renewal of the first Adventist hospital to be opened in the Far East. S. A. Lockwood, a graduate of American Medical Missionary College, (forerunner of Loma Linda University), came to Japan in 1903 and on June 1 established the Kobe Sanitarium which operated until 1909. In his opening remarks, Dr. Kaneko, who has so freely given of his time in preparing the new clinic, described the world medical program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offered the gratitude of the community for this new Christian medical institution.

After the dedication prayer offered by Pastor Akira Yamaji of the Kobe S.D.A. Church, Dr. Yahei Koseki, Medical Secretary of the Japan Union Mission, addressed the group. He told of the long-felt desire to re-establish medical work in South Japan, especially in this Kansai area where Kobe, Kyoto, and Osaka make up the nation's second largest population center.

Further words of greeting were given by Tatsuo Fukui, M.D., vice-president of the local medical association; Atsushi Nakamura, M.D., head of the Fukiai Public Health Department; and Dr. Toshio Watanabe, representative of the Japan Christian Medical Association. Edwin H. Krick, M.D., Director of the Clinic, outlined for the guests the purposes of this new facility:



New Addition Completed to Division Office

ADDED SPACE. The new addition to the Far Eastern Division office in Singapore is now complete. The addition was inaugurated by the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Francis Joseph Galbraith, on February 22. The office addition contains new accommodations for the president, secretary, assistant secretary, and publishing secretary as well as rooms for the office secretaries. The lower floor has the following facilities: canteen, ware house, and elementary school room for grades 5-8.

to provide medical care in the Christian tradition.

A brief tour of the nine-room clinic afforded an opportunity for those in attendance to view the attractively decorated offices. A well-equipped laboratory and X-ray, three examining rooms, a doctor's office, nurses' station and receptionist's area, plus the spacious waiting room are arranged for the convenient use of both patients and the clinic staff of four.

A number of doctors from this strongly Buddhist area attended the ceremonies and commented favorably on the atmosphere they found. The pictures of Christ knocking at the United Nations and two other master-pieces by Harry Anderson, "The Consultation" and "What Happened to Your Hand?" drew special attention. As they left, each of the guests was presented with a small memento consisting of a series of essays on healthful living.

The first patient to visit the new facility the following day brought with him a unique story of contact with Adventist medical work. Dr. Robert Winther, now 92 years of age, came as a Protestant missionary to Japan in 1898 and is currently the oldest missionary in this country. He told of his life being saved in 1931 at our Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital during its early days. Now the hospital's daughter institution, the Kobe Adventist

Clinic, is able to provide much needed medical attention to this aging man of God. The second patient happened to be one of our Kobe church members, Mrs. Seino, wife of a pastor of pioneer days. After his baptism in 1908, young Seino served as a Bible Worker at the Kobe Sanitarium! Later, Pastor Seino was among those imprisoned for his faith during World War II and after his release pastored several churches in South Japan until his retirement in 1955.

The opening of this newest Far East medical facility has been made possible by the faithful work of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital Staff under the direction of R. W. Burchard, Manager, and C. D. Johnson, M.D., Medical Director. Shortly before the opening ceremonies, a special service was held in the clinic waiting room during which the hospital staff members who had come from Tokyo for the occasion, along with the Clinic workers, dedicated themselves anew to follow the example of the Great Physician in relieving suffering and bringing hope to those in need.

The influence of the Kobe Adventist Clinic is already being felt in this bustling cosmopolitan city which is one of the largest ports in the Orient. Living on the upper story of the building where the clinic occupies the ground floor is a young office worker, Harayama

San. About the time construction began on the clinic facilities last November, an evangelistic campaign was being conducted in the Adventist Church just two blocks away. This young man was influenced to attend, and his interest has steadily grown. He has just made his decision to keep the Sabbath and plans to be baptized in March.

To be baptized on the same occasion is the head nurse from nearby Ueda Hospital, Nagata San. Her interest was stimulated by some health talks given in connection with the evangelistic program. When the time came for a decision about the Sabbath, she went with trembling to the hospital medical director, Miura Sensei (Sensei means "honored one"). He had just received a formal invitation to the clinic opening ceremonies and was most cordial. "If this is the church that has such a fine medical program and is sponsoring this new clinic, I'll be happy to grant your request," was his answer to the surprised and grateful nurse.

The scope of potential witness in Kobe extends far beyond the local community. International travelers often stop off in Kobe and seamen from ships of all the major maritime nations come here for medical attention. It is anticipated that the Kobe Adventist Clinic will be a real source of strength to the work in South Japan.

General Conference and Division Presidents Write About the

Famine - Disaster Relief Offering, May 13

"While He Was Yet Speaking . . ."

IN one tragic day Job discovered the awful impact on the human spirit made by sudden disaster. The sickening reports, coming in so fast they seemed to overlap, added up to a picture of almost total destruction. Job found that the loss of everything he owned was not as hard to bear as the aftermath of shaken faith and discouragement. It was a shattering experience.

We can learn much from the story of Job's disaster. For, in a sense, it is typical of all the disasters that plague the human race. God does not send them; they are part of the continuing price we pay for the existence of sin. Innocent people suffer. "Miserable comforters" do more harm than good. Disasters will be with us till the end. In fact, they will increase in both frequency and intensity.

"While he was yet speaking" is a good description of the rapidity with which reports come in of disaster and famine in various parts of the world. In addition to droughts, typhoons, earthquakes, and other great natural catastrophes, fires and accidents must be added to the list of causes for the tragic toll of human lives and material losses.

Most of this avalanche of disaster we are powerless to prevent. But there is much that we can do for those who suffer. Seventh-day Adventists have realized this, and have accepted responsibility for bringing aid to disaster victims. Around the world our church has a reputation of being among the first to help. Clothing and food, medicines and medical aid, emergency shelter and rehabilitation—these are part of the aid offered by our carefully organized Welfare Service.

This year, on Sabbath, May 13, the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will be taken in all of our churches. Although these funds will become part of the world-wide offering, fifty percent of what is

gathered in will revert to the Far Eastern Division. This will be added to funds already held in reserve for use in the event of a major calamity.

When disaster strikes, help is needed at once. There is no time then to call on our people for an offering. Many times in the past we have received substantial aid from these funds. This offering on May 13 will be another opportunity to make wise preparation for the inevitable tragedies of the future.

The goal set for us by the General Conference is \$6,500. This is a much higher figure than we have ever reached. But it is a goal that is well within our possibilities. The gift you make on May 13 will bring not only material relief but also a new assurance to someone, somewhere, when disaster strikes.

—Paul H. Eldridge, President
Far Eastern Division

"Thank God There are People Like You"

ONE morning at 3 o'clock Pastor M. H. Jensen and his helpers in New York City received a call. One hundred and seven fire victims forced out into the cold needed clothing and care. Soon the Seventh-day Adventist welfare team was helping these unfortunate people. As



Pastor Jensen went about his work, a well-dressed man watching the operations carefully, shaking his head with approval, said, "Thank God, there are people in the world like you—people who care enough to help at a time like this!"

"Thank God there are people in the world like you!" What a challenge to every Seventh-day Adventist to maintain the fine tradition of service the Lord has enabled us to build up through the years! During 1967 your Seventh-day Advent-

ist Welfare Service shipped clothing and food to 36 countries, besides providing large supplies of similar help right here in North America—because we love, because we care enough to help in an emergency!

Last year nearly three million dollars worth of medicines, food, and clothing were shipped to the needy around the world. No doubt thousands of unfortunate disaster victims said or thought, "Thank God there are people in the world like you—people who care enough to help in times of need."

And this service pays well in souls and good will. In Iloilo City, Philippines, one of the worst fires since the turn of the century destroyed 15 blocks of the city. Fifty million dollars worth of damage was done in just a few hours' time. Local Seventh-day Adventist welfare leaders were on the job. SAWS in Manila sent relief clothing and foodstuff immediately. Appreciation on the part of the local people was freely expressed.

The response was the same in Colombia when our people went to the aid of flood victims. The mayor and policemen of one community escorted our members from door to door, passing out food, clothing, and words of encouragement. A letter from the city fathers, announcements in the paper and over the radio, all praised the effective help rendered by Seventh-day Adventists in the time of need.

In the Philippines and in Colombia people affirmed, "We thank God there are people like you!"

On May 13 the annual Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will be received in all of the churches. Are you the kind of Seventh-day Adventist people thank God for? Shall not you and I both reveal how much we care for those whom violent misfortune has rendered destitute by giving liberally on this Sabbath? May it be said of each one of us, "Thank God there are people like you—people who care enough to help at a time like this!"

—Robert H. Pierson, President,
General Conference



Farewells Said to McClure Family; Served Division 12½ Years

GOODBYE. Left, Pastor P. H. Eldridge, President, expresses appreciation of the Far Eastern Division to Pastor and Mrs. Howard E. McClure for their 12½ years of faithful service to the field. Pastor McClure is in the center while Pastor E. A. Brodeur, Program Chairman, is at the left. More than 150 overseas workers and students of the Singapore area attended the farewell fete at the Singapore Island Club. Right, Pastor Brodeur makes the opening remarks while Pastor and Mrs. McClure look on. Participants in the program are shown at the right. They were Marion Barlow, Merle Johnson, Retha Eldridge, P. H. Eldridge, and James Dailey.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Five Asian students have been accepted into the new class of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University, according to the "University Scope," weekly newspaper for the school. They are as follows: Lee Sze Ching, son of Pastor S. J. Lee, President of the Malaya Mission, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Constance J. Pender, daughter of E. A. Pender, Business Manager of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; Irene K. Sirikoranun, of Bangkok, Thailand; Stanley Tan, Tseun Wan, Hong Kong; and Elsie Wong, daughter of a pastor in Penang, Malaysia.

● Students missionaries, Ann and Jim Fisher, of Pacific Union College, were featured in a recent issue of the "Pacific Union Recorder," weekly paper published at Angwin, Calif. The Fishers are located at the new Osaka Center in Japan where they are teaching classes in English.

● The February issue of "Go" magazine, monthly publication of the Department of Lay Activities of the General Conference, has a page one cover picture and an inside story from the Sabah Mission. "The God of Ajun" is the title of the article written by Pastor L. A. Shipowick, Lay Activities Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. The cover picture shows Pastor George



LADY TO LADY. A farewell gift was given to Mrs. McClure by Mrs. P. H. Eldridge, wife of the Division president. Others in the picture are, left to right, Pastor E. A. Brodeur and Pastor McClure.

Munson, President of the Sabah Mission, with a layman talking to Pastor Shipowick.

● The March 2 issue of the "Review and Herald" has a cover picture from Mountain View College taken by Pastor A. V. Dick. Two inside pages tell the readers of the general church paper of the needs at this school in the Philippines. The March 15 issue of "Guide" magazine has a total of 13 pages devoted to a feature on Mountain View College, designed to promote a strong 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering on March 25. Stories were written by Mrs. D. K. Brown, Dr. Irene Wakeham, and D. A. Roth. Pictures were by Pastor Dick.

● Eugene Rau and family returned to Singapore early in March. He will be the new dean of the college section of Southeast Asia

Union College. He received his Master's degree while on furlough in the United States.

● The family of Ralph S. Watts, Jr. arrived in Singapore on March 10. He will be the new Sabbath School secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

● The new airplane for the Sarawak Mission arrived in Singapore in mid-March. It will be used by Pastor Richard Hall in his work as president of the Sarawak Mission. It replaces a plane lost several months ago because of an unfortunate accident.

● Pastor Gilbert Bertochini, MV Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, recently conducted six separate weeks of prayer at schools in the West and East Indonesia Unions.

● D. A. Roth, Assistant Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, was the baccalaureate speaker at the commencement program of the Japan Missionary College in mid-March. He also spoke at the commencement exercises for Mountain View College in the Philippines in mid-April.

● Pastor Chester Damron, Chairman of the Bible Department of the Mt. Klabat College in Indonesia, visited Singapore in mid-March while enroute to his new post of duty. He has been at Andrews University working on an advanced degree.

NEWS FROM THE UNIONS

Far Eastern Island Mission

Progress in Ponape

AUGUST of 1966 was a high month in the Far Eastern Island Mission, for it was then that we sent our first missionary from Guam to the Eastern Caroline Islands. The Taitague family had to live in a small rented house for some time but finally they have moved into the mission home which is nearing completion. Let me take you with me on a trip around the island of Ponape which Frank and I made in January.

The sea plane splashed down and we felt a little like some bird after a fish. I had arrived once more at the island of Ponape. The island is not large by some standards but it is the largest island between Hawaii and Guam, about 140 sq. miles. There are approximately 15,000 people living on the island today. There are at present only four churches working on the island, Protestant, Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Sabbath, January 28, was a day we will long remember. The first woman to be baptized as an Adventist was given this rite on this Sabbath together with her husband and daughter. There was also a young man baptized who plans to become a minister. We see some good prospects as the Lord adds to His church such as should be saved.

BAPTIZED. Here are the four persons who were baptized on Sabbath, January 28, in Ponape.



CHURCH. Here is the group attending church services in Holonia, Panape, in front of the new mission home.

Sunday morning we took a boat and made our way around to the other side of the island to a little place called Kiti. Here we met with the elders of the local church. One who is interested and has requested studies told us, "You know the sermons my people like the best are the ones that I preach from the Adventist books that I have in my library." We were speeding over the water on our way home when the guide stood up and called to the translator, who was asleep. I want to tell these missionaries something. I will give them a place to build a church in Kiti as soon as they have ten members. This was good news as land is very hard to come by in Ponape.

The next day we again left in the boat to go around the island the other way. We were on our way to look over a piece of land that Paul said we could have to build a chapel. We were very pleased to find that the land was along the main road and very close to the spot where the government is building a new school. We hope soon to be able to build a small church here.

The next day we were able to locate land in Kolonia on which to build our church. The owner said after a long discussion, "I want you to pray for me because I will be persecuted and lose many friends because I have given you land on which to build." This man was very happy because just the Sunday before Mrs. Taitague had held a "Sunday School" for his grandchildren. I think this is one reason he was willing to give us the land for a church. We could see God opening the way before us.

This report comes from Frank, after my visit to Ponape. "I was invited by Mr. Luden to attend his church. He wanted me to meet the elders of his church, on the island of Sohkes (joined by cause-way with Ponape). We walked 45 minutes to get to the church and on our return got very wet. The chief of the village welcomed me and invited me and the other elders over for dinner. I was the honored guest. The chief said that sometime they might want me to preach for them. Things look good on that side. The deacon of the church seems to be very interested in the message. I have given him three Bible studies since you left. He told me that someday most of his fellow believers would join our church."

We ask that you help us pray as the work begins in the Eastern Caroline Islands, that it will soon be finished there and everywhere.

—Clinton Shankel, President,
Far Eastern Island Mission

Japan

E. L. Minchin Speaks at Japan Missionary College

E. L. Minchin, General Conference Field Secretary, conducted an inspiring "Week of Prayer" for the combined college-academy family on the Japan Missionary College campus. "Christ the Way" was the title of the series and the entire week was a practical study of Christ in the life of youth.

Christ pointing to the way of life with opposite signpost reading "death" was pictured on the souvenir printed program provided for listeners to take notes. This same cover illustration was effectively used in the platform backdrop model. For some time before the meetings, students arose early in the morning to pray. Young men in the Ministerial Fellowship organization prayed together for a blessed week as they met in their post-vesper Friday gathering. The faculty sought the Lord in their early morning worships.

Coming from a heavy program in the States, Pastor Minchin felt very tired but gave himself tirelessly in ministry for our youth as he preached to them communicating the love of God from personal experience. He began each service with a period of singing such numbers as "Isn't Jesus my Lord wonderful," and "Christ is the Answer." Imagine student surprise when during the leading of one song, our visitor left the platform and sat down at the grand piano and let his fingers deftly speed over the keys as he led them from the instrument! Thus it wasn't long before the students warmed up to the speaker who has served our Adventist youth for many years in the Australian and Northern European Divisions, and was for eight years one of the world youth leaders, until in 1962 he was elected to his present position.

The theme song was "I want dear Lord a heart that's pure and clean, a sunlit heart, with not a cloud between, a heart like thine, a heart Divine, a heart that's white

as snow. On me dear Lord a heart like this bestow." After one service two girls approached the speaker, and although limited in English speaking ability, one offered, "I want a clean heart." That was a beautiful message and warmed the speaker's heart.

God answered the prayers of the students and teachers with a blessed week as He met with us and the reality of His presence was felt. Nearly every evening service was followed by a voluntary after-meeting in which those staying behind had opportunity to open up their hearts and express their needs, prayer burdens, and heart longings. This culminated in praying across the chapel in groups of two or three. Many responded to dedication to Christ, some for the first time. The Friday testimony meeting continued till 10:00 o'clock as students and faculty responded. The Sabbath service concluded a memorable spiritual feast.

—Norman Gulley, Chairman,
Theology Department

Central Philippines

Bagtic Mission School Wins Souls



MEDICAL WORK. At the Bagtic Mission school the medical, educational, and cultural challenges are ever present. Three to six goiter cases in one family have been observed.

A BRILLIANT victory of the Advent message over superstition and devilish incantations is being observed at Bagtic Mission School in the hills of Tayasan, Negros Oriental, Central Philippines, as we watch the many souls heeding the gospel of grace.

To guide the poor and weaker members of God's family, to realize the value of money, the value of time, strength and opportunities, leading them to better methods of livelihood and higher aims of life and especially to bring them to Christ, is the objective of our mission school.

As the school develops and the church enlarges, leadership must also be organized and trained. As the group grows they also strive to improve their meeting place. Their old nipa shack chapel has been replaced with a better one with GI roofing, cement foundations, and wooden walls. At the Bagtic Mission School the medical, educational, and cultural challenges are ever present. Three to six goiter cases in one family have been observed.

Like the sunbeam piercing through the darkness of thick forests our mission school at Bagtic is fulfilling her mission of gospel penetration. Already 112 persons in four baptismal services have been added into the fellowship since the entrance of the gospel message in the Bagtic area in 1963.

The brethren in Negros Mission

South China Island

Publishing Secretary Appointed for Hong Kong

RECENTLY John Chan accepted an invitation to be the Publishing Secretary for the Hong Kong-Macao Mission. This Mission has been three years without a leader in this department. Therefore, this brings us great courage. We are looking forward to a successful soul-winning program through the literature ministry in this area with a population of more than 4,000,000 people.

The new leader completed his theology course at Avondale College, Australia, after which he returned to Hong Kong. Previous to accepting this position in the publishing department he was pastor of the English Church and assisted in teaching at South China Union College.

Due to the need for assistance in the Hong Kong-Macao Mission departments, he has also agreed to be the secretary of the MV department. Let us remember this young



John Chan

man in our prayers as he begins to organize an army of full-time and part-time literature evangelists in the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.

—L. R. Colburn

**Don't forget the Famine and
Disaster Relief Offering on
Sabbath, May 13.**



NEW. The new school and chapel building at Bagtic in the Philippines are shown here. As the group grows in number they strive to improve their meeting place. Their old nipa shack chapel at the right has now been replaced with a permanent building with a GI roof, cement foundations, and wooden walls.

and the people in the hilltop mission school area are very grateful to the Far Eastern Division for the

financial help given for the Bagtic Mission School.

—F. M. Arrogante

Tithing — A Test of Loyalty

IT is impossible to meet the requirements of Christian perfection if there is any personal interest that takes precedence over loyalty to Christ and devotion to His service.

God expects loyalty from every one of His children. Divine favor and prosperity of Israel of old was based on condition of loyalty. No less of the same expectation and requirement of us will be crowned with God's approbation in these last days.

Ever since the fall and throughout the ages man is on test on two major points — one-tenth of his possession, and one-seventh of his time for God's service.

The tithe is our just debt to God and should be paid promptly and cheerfully. It is a continuous reminder of man's partnership with the Maker, an antidote against covetousness. The supreme purpose of the tithe is to develop character and test our loyalty to God. Paying the tithe without compulsion nor pressure, giving it willfully will develop in the giver sterling qualities that will fit him for the kingdom.

There is no requirement fee into heaven. Any sacrifice done or penance performed will avail nothing to buy entrance to the heavenly abode or to obtain divine favor or merit. No one should ever think to return the tithe to God in order to be saved. But God is particular with one's loyalty. The paying of tithes and the giving of offerings is

a token of loyalty. On the other hand, unfaithfulness on this matter is a show of disloyalty and a breach of Christian stewardship.

God's claim is, "I am the rightful owner of the whole universe; these are my goods. Consecrate to me the tithes and offerings. As you bring those specified goods as a token of your loyalty and your submission to My sovereignty, My blessing shall increase your substance and you will have abundance." 9T, 245.

When God says "the tithe is the Lord's", He means what He says. Tithe is tithe and cannot be substituted with anything, not even with prayer.

"Prayer offered ever so often and ever so earnestly will never be accepted by God in the place of our tithe. Prayer will not pay our debts to God." —Messages to Young People, p. 248.

"Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work." 9T, 247.

In matters of giving to God motives count. The actuating spirit of the tither should be: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

If a man pays tithes from a

mercenary motive, and because he thinks it will increase his income; if he does it in a self-righteous spirit, that he may have the glory of men; if he does it in a legalistic spirit, grudgingly and of necessity, because he thinks he must, and because he is afraid of the blight that follows disobedience; if he does it out of curiosity, as a novice would play with chemicals; if he does it in a superstitious spirit, as one would pry into the occult; if he does it carelessly or perfunctorily, as one would do it quickly and be done with it, he cannot expect much of any wholesome effect in his spiritual life and character."

—The Christian and His Money, No. 10 of the "Know Your Bible Stories."

If all would be faithful "there should be today in the field one hundred well qualified laborers where now there is but one." —9T, 249.

Like Jacob of old let us each one resolve and say "of all that thou shalt give me I will give the tenth unto thee."

—F. M. Arrogante

South Philippines

Evangelistic Series Conducted at Nasipit

MORE than 500 persons, including the Mayor and other prominent men, attended the first night of the evangelistic effort opened February 5 in Nasipit, one of the most progressive towns in this province of Agusan. Planned by the Mission staff the effort, centered at an ideal location facing the town's public market, was to last for 30 days with M. C. Arranguez, E. L. Demiar, and C. P. Ranario assisted by S. Emverda, a veteran worker.

Considered ripe for the message, Nasipit, only 20 kilometers from the Mission headquarters, had its last evangelistic meeting in 1936 conducted by Hilario Russel, then an Adventist evangelist but now a minister of another denomination.

The town's police force, having earned the distinction of being the second best unit throughout the country, lived up to its reputation by maintaining order in the place where only a few weeks before the effort started two policemen had

died in a gun battle against lawless elements.

Addressing the public at the opening night Mayor Mariano Corvera complimented the team for having chosen Nasipit for these meetings, adding, "We must profit from their lectures which are girded to help curb juvenile delinquency and to awaken in our people man's responsibility to his fellow man and his relationship with God."

The nightly program included well-selected musical recordings and vocal renditions followed by lectures on doctrine and closing with pictures on health projected on the screen.

A two-time councilor and former vice-Mayor is regularly attending the meeting with his wife, a surprise to many considering both are active leaders in various Catholic organizations.

At this writing the team is following up the interest numbering more than 50. A pastor of a Pentecostal church is regularly attending together with some six of his members. He has not missed any meeting so far.

Fearful of what might become of his followers, the priest in an especially-appointed church service warned his parishioners not to listen to the "Sabadista" lectures, placing marks on their foreheads as symbol of their oath never to attend our meetings. But that very night not only a few found their seats at the center with markings still on their foreheads.

Our believers came from neighboring churches, some to help in the auditorium renovations and others to serve as ushers during the nightly meetings.

It is hoped that this effort will result in rich harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

From Wine Vendor to Colporteur



RECRUITS. Carmelita is shown in the center with two of her recent recruits, Pedrita on her right and Josefina on her left.

All through the years God has called men and women from all walks of life to enter into His service.

Leaving her once aimless life vending alcoholic beverages and cigarettes in a little town of Loreto, Dinagat Island, Surigao del Norte, Carmelita Gutilban is now an active colporteur placing an average of Ps.400.00 worth of truth-filled magazines every month in the hands of the people.

Her conversion started when during a Sabbath School Association meeting she was invited by a friend to an evening service. At this time a secret plan was in the making for a trip to Manila to escape from her father's insistence that she marry a young man not of her choice. It was in this meeting where she heard our message for the first time and there removed her earrings. But the removal was more of promptings from her friends rather than voluntary, true conversion. At the close of the meeting someone opened to her the idea of

studying at Mountain View College. This, she thought, was acceptable except for the fact that her parents were not ready to assist her financially. A visiting pastor offered to take her as housegirl until such a time as she would be ready to finance her way through school.

While at the pastor's house a series of Bible studies was given. It was when an arrangement was made for her baptism that she received a telegram asking her to attend the funeral of her grandmother. She left for the island with a group of women colporteurs assigned to canvass there. Later, on this trip, she found herself selling magazines like the rest and she enjoyed it.

Her arrival home contrary to what others had expected proved to be a blessing, as it was at this time that she finally requested baptism a few days after her grandmother was laid to rest. Unknown to her parents, alone with her minister, on February 24, 1965, Carmelita accepted her Lord in baptism.

The days that followed were marked with bitterness and indifference she received from her mother who had once been a "cantora" (choir member) of a local Catholic Society. Both parents started persecuting her as bitterly as to disown her as their daughter. This did not dampen her spirit but instead she joined the canvassing work a few weeks after her baptism and pledged to be a dedicated worker for life.

After having been away for three months she visited her folks again and this time found them very kind. This afforded her a chance to enroll her father together with a few others in the Bible Correspondence Course. She hopes to see them embrace the faith someday.

Her two latest recruits, Pedrita Cuadera and Josefina Alabat, are living proof of Carmelita's desire and burden to lead others to take up this noble work and warn perishing souls through the magazine ministry. Asked how she compared vending alcoholic beverages with magazine work she said, "I feel I have evolved from the work of a charcoal street peddler to that of an ambassador!"

—C. P. Ranario, Treasurer,
Northeastern Mindanao Mission

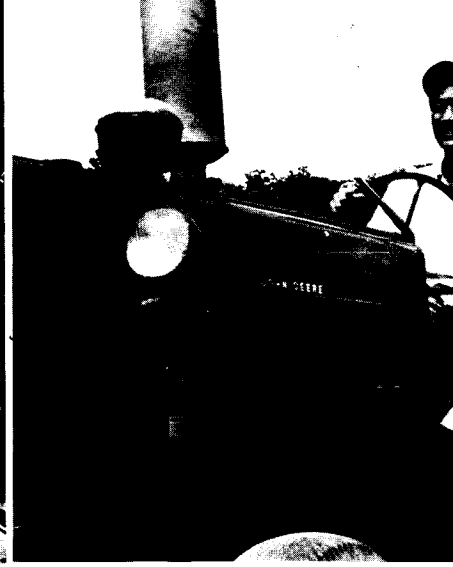
General Conference Vice-President Visits Davao

WELCOME. Pastor R. S. Watts, a Vice-President of the General Conference, visited Davao recently while on a tour of the Philippines. Left to right, P. T. Reyes, Secretary-Treasurer of the South Philippine Union; V. M. Montalhan, President of the Union; Pastor Watts; and Miss Maxima Sacedon, Cashier in the Union office.





PRINCIPAL. Row Kyong Un, a recent Korean Union College graduate with a major in secondary education has served for the past year as principal of the Kwangju Samyuk Elementary School. This school has been upgraded into a middle school and Mr. Row will lead the new institution.



AGRICULTURE. Korean Union College became the Ministry of Education to offer a program in college in recognition of the pioneering work done for its dairy and vegetable products. The agriculture of the laboratory farm. The John Deere tractor, not only the college farm.

KOREAN UNION ACTIVITIES



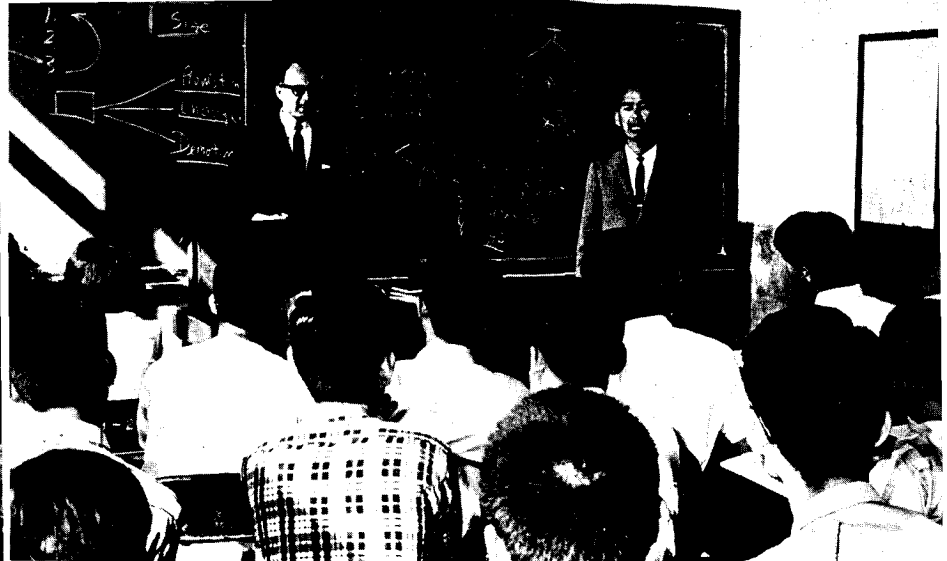
CLASSES. Mrs. Im Chung Hyuk, Chairman of the Korean Union College Home Economics department, is a most active professor. The winter vacation she spends teaching at the college mid-winter session. In the summers she goes out with her students and conducts cooking classes in connection with evangelistic meetings. Mrs. Im's classes have thus served not only as extension teaching laboratories but have attracted many leading ladies to our evangelistic meetings.

COMMENCEMENT. The last graduation of "Samyuk Theological College" and ladies graduated from the theological course, nine from the junior college. The Ministry of Education has granted the college accreditation as a full college and changed to "Sam Yuk College". Thus this was the last graduation for C. A. Williams.





in Korea to receive accreditation from education. This program was granted the honor-trainings. The college is well known and greatly appreciate the modern equipment and friends of the college in California, serves neighboring farms.



CHURCH ADMINISTRATION. Dr. Rudy E. Klimes teaches the class in church administration to the Korean Union College seniors while Pastor Yoo Chung Shik translates. The laboratory for this class is the Student Conference.

N COLLEGE

PICTURES

on December 25, 1966 at the college auditorium. Thirty-one young men in agriculture, and 16 from the junior course in home economics. The Korean Union College is a national, and teacher-training institution and the Korean college name was "Korean Union College". In the center front row, pictured with the faculty, is Pastor Yoo Chung Shik of the Board.



FACULTY TRIP. The college and academy faculty rented two buses and greatly enjoyed the trip and picnic at Kangwhado.

Korea

The Leper Soul-Winner

AT the Biennial Session of the South Kyung Mission in the Korean Union, one of the delegates present was a leper by the name of Pak Sung Soo.

Mr. Pak has been a leper for many years and for a time was stationed in a leper colony operated by an individual who was not of our faith. Bro. Pak along with some of associates, also Seventh-day Adventists, because of their refusal to raise pigs and work on the Sabbath suffered a great deal of persecution. Finally the persecution was so unbearable that they were forced to leave the colony. They left with their meager possessions and traveled by foot across mountains and valleys to find a place to stay where they could worship according to their conscience and keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

A suitable living place is hard to find however and they traveled from one place to the other and as they traveled, they preached the gospel. Bro. Pak, shown in this picture was especially active and during the past 4½ years has been instrumental in raising up companies of believers in ten different places with approximately 100 people keeping the Sabbath. Though crippled and handicapped he trudges through cold and bitter snow in wintertime and through intense heat in summer, and travels from village to village and over mountainous

Pak Sung Soo



areas to keep appointments to preach the gospel to groups of people who would be waiting for him.

It is an inspiration indeed to see a brother in Christ with only stubs for hands, yet willing to dedicate those stubs to the work of preaching the gospel to others. Bro. Pak tells us that he is going to continue this work of soul-winning until Jesus comes. We praise the Lord for such dedication and devotion to service as seen in the life of this humble leper. Certainly this should inspire us to work for Jesus for the finishing of His work on this earth for those of us who have whole hands and feet to dedicate to the cause of Christ.

—C. A. Williams, President,
Korean Union

West Indonesia

First Workers' Retreat

By W. L. Wilcox

ON Sunday evening, February 5, 1967, at Harang Gaol on the shores of beautiful Lake Toba the first workers' retreat ever to be held in Indonesia began. Present were some 35 field workers and mission office staff of the North Sumatra Mission.

Every morning at 6:30 the day began by a worship period. An evening worship from 7:00 to 8:30 bound off the day's activities. Those conducting the meetings were Pastor S. F. Sitompul, Secretary; Pastor G. E. Bullock, Treasurer; and the writer, President of the West Indonesia Union. Others taking part in these meetings were Pastor S. Ritonga, President of the North Sumatra Mission; M. W. Siahaan, district leader; M. O. Tambunan, North Sumatra Mission Evangelist; M. Dj. Tampubolon, Publishing Secretary of the Mission, as well as several others.

Besides the various morning and evening worship periods, discussions on important Bible truths were also held. The spiritual emphasis was greatly appreciated, for as these workers looked forward to baptizing 2,000 souls in this one mission for 1967, each knew that he needed much of the Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday, February 8, a very impressive service was held when

four workers in the North Sumatra Mission were given "Centurian" pins. The following workers had each baptized more than 100 souls during 1966:

M. Hutapea	110 souls
B. G. Siboro	103 souls
M. W. Siahaan	102 souls
B. Sarumpaet	101 souls

One "Centurian" was not able to be present. This was Pastor M. T. A. Siahaan who had won 105 souls during 1966. These five faithful workers, through the grace of God, and with the enthusiastic help of the laymen in their districts, won 521 of the 1,180 souls baptized during the past year. It was indeed gratifying to learn that almost three times as many souls had been baptized in the North Sumatra Mission during 1966 than during any previous year.

This wonderful week of fellowship and spiritual refreshment was brought to a close on Sabbath, February 11. This "high day" had been set aside for a day of fasting and prayer. Especially on the hearts of the workers was the need for the Holy Spirit that each might be used by God in a mighty way for the finishing of the work in the North Sumatra Mission. As each one returned to his post of duty, it was with thanksgiving in his heart that such a program had been started in Indonesia. Also a new determination burned in their hearts that on June 24, the West Indonesia Union "Baptismal Day", we would see at least 1,500 souls baptized in the North Sumatra Mission.

North Sumatra Academy Opens New Boys' Dormitory

By W. L. Wilcox

ON February 5, 1967 the new boys' dormitory at the North Sumatra Academy was formally opened. For many years the young men had stayed in temporary quarters, always hoping that some day a new home could be erected. Now this dream has come true.

The ceremonies began in the chapel of the Academy administration building. After singing the Indonesian National Anthem, prayer was offered by Pastor G. E. Bullock, Treasurer of the West Indonesia Union. This was followed by speeches from the following indi-

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viduals: Kennedy Siahaan, Principal of the Academy; Pastor S. Ritonga, President of the North Sumatra Mission; Pastor W. L. Wilcox, President of the West Indonesia Union; and Pastor S. F. Sitompul, Secretary of the West Indonesia Union. Closing the ceremonies at the chapel was a special number by a mixed chorus made up of young people attending the Academy.

Everyone then went down to the new dormitory, where Mrs. G. Silaen, wife of the secretary to the head of the government in this area of North Sumatra, cut the ribbon at the main entrance to the building.

A tour was then conducted through the building. The government officials were very impressed with the construction and layout of the building. There are 48 rooms 12 x 12 feet. At one end are the ironing rooms, bathrooms, and rest rooms. The worship room is very large and roomy, being 30 x 84 feet. At the end of the worship hall is the dean's apartment, with two bedrooms and bath, a dining and living room, as well as a kitchen. This is only the first stage of this "E" shaped building, and some 192 boys can now be comfortably housed. The overall cost of this stage has been US\$13,400.

Immediately following the tour food was served. Mr. G. Silaen, secretary of the government in this area, then spoke. He said that the government of Indonesia was very happy to see how the Adventist church was helping educate the young people so that they could become useful citizens instead of problem children. He went on to say that though the young people had the best of education, without God it would be meaningless and useless. He further stated that he



SNIP! The wife of the secretary of the highest government official in the area of the Academy, Mrs. G. Silaen, cuts the ribbon at the opening of the new North Sumatra Academy boys' dormitory.



NEW. This is the front view of the new boys' dormitory of the North Sumatra Academy.



STAFF. Here are the teachers of the North Sumatra Academy standing in front of the sign indicating the name of the school.

would pray for the success of this school.

The Chief of Police for the Simalungan area of North Sumatra, G. L. Marpaung, stated that he

hoped the young people in this school would be taught of God.

Among others who spoke was T.B.A. Purba Tambak, Chief of the land office for the Simalungan area of North Sumatra. This man has been a great help to the school in recent weeks.

Following the speeches, a program was given by the students to raise funds for new beds for the dormitory. Some 7,000 Rupiahs were collected. The more than 7,000 baptized members and 12,000 Sabbath School members of this mission are also being contacted to help with this project. Please remember the faculty and the 282 students at the North Sumatra Academy in your prayers.

LEFT. Here is a group walking down from the old chapel to the new boys' dormitory for the official opening of the building. RIGHT. This is a group inspecting the new boys' dormitory.



Thrilling Success among Moslems of Indonesia

By W. L. Wilcox, President, West Indonesia Union

THROUGH God's grace and abundant blessing a total of 1,273 former Moslems were baptized into the remnant church during 1966 in the West Indonesia Union. This was more than double the number baptized during 1965. The largest group taking their stand for Christ was among the Javanese Moslems in the East and West Java Missions. However, we were happy to see Moslems among the Sundanese people of West Java, Moslems of South Sumatra and Padang areas, as well as from Borneo who were baptized.

A great need has arisen for workers who can speak the Javanese language, and so on February 1, 1967 an academy was formally opened in Sukaredjo in East Java for our young people of that mission. This academy is operating in temporary quarters while land is being purchased on which a permanent boarding academy can be established. There are a number of Javanese young people, former Moslems, now taking the ministerial course at Indonesia Union College. In a couple of years these young people should be finishing their training and ready to return to work among their own people.

These 1,273 former Moslems made up about 30% of the total baptisms for the West Indonesia Union during 1966. The 4,289 baptisms for this Union during the past year was more than double any previous record. Of this figure almost 2,500 were baptized on the island of Java. Surely we can be grateful to our Saviour for His wonderful blessings.

In the past three years 2,018 former Moslems have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour in the West Indonesia Union. It is indeed thrilling to talk to these former followers of the "prophet" Mohammad and find them not only sincere Christians but enthusiastic soul-winners for Christ. Some of these laymen former Moslems, have been responsible for leading as many as 400 other Mohammedans to Christ.

No doubt the biggest problem to God's people in Indonesia is

taking the Gospel to the Atjehnese people of North Sumatra. These are the most fanatical Moslems in this country. Some friend in the United States has donated special funds for the opening up of the work in this area of our large Union. Mexico Pardosi is now in this area working for these people. Just last week I had an opportunity to talk to this young courageous worker and he told me that a Moslem family from Ceylon was ready for baptism—father, mother and three children. They are already active in studying the truth with the people of Atjeh. Also I was thrilled to learn that two young men, Atjehnese, were now coming to our Branch Sabbath School at

Banda Atjeh. This area of Indonesia remains a great challenge to God's people. Please pray that many precious souls from this area might yet take their stand for Christ before probation doors shall forever close.

At the West Indonesia Union Annual Committee in January, 1967, a Moslem Department was organized to be known as the Religious Research Department. Pastor P. Sitompul, who only recently received his B. D. degree in Islamics at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, was put in charge of this work. He will be responsible for putting out materials that will help in approaching Moslems with the truth. Also he will be holding workers' meetings throughout the Union instructing our workers how they can best meet the Moslem mind. We do hope and pray that this step will be a great impetus to the work that is now being done among the Moslem people of Indonesia.

Welfare Clothing and the South Kalimantan Chief Public Prosecutor

By Tommy Umboh, Secretary, Public Relations Department, South Kalimantan Mission

ON November 7, 1966 a ceremony was held in the Indonesian Red Cross Headquarters, Djl. Niaga, Bandjarmasin, at which time the Seventh-day Adventist Church presented a gift of welfare clothing to the Indonesian Red Cross in South Kalimantan and to the Kalimantan Orphanage Association.

Some high government officials were present including Sadili Sastrawidjaja, S. H., South Kalimantan Chief Public Prosecutor, the Mayor of Bandjarmasin, the President of the Social Organizations of South Kalimantan, and presidents of the Kalimantan Orphanage Association and the Indonesian Red Cross in South Kalimantan. Also present were reporters from local newspapers.

We regret that the South Kalimantan Mission President, Pastor A. A. Tambingon, was not present but the writer and Djie Joe Siang were sent to present the clothing.

In his speech, the writer stated that this gift was from the Adventist headquarters for needy people. He

requested that the Indonesian Red Cross put it to good use around the area.

Next the Chief Prosecutor gave a short speech. He said, "What the Adventists practice should be followed by other organizations in the area of South Kalimantan. Let this be an example to the other churches." Sadili Sastrawidjaja, S. H., the Chief Public Prosecutor is a great help in our public relations work. He often presented Adventists to the community. He is a man of great influence and we thank him for all his help.

The President of the Social Organization of South Kalimantan commented: "The Adventist church has broken the record of tradition for usually the gifts to the Orphanage Association were given personally but the Adventist Church was the only one that has donated as an organization."

The presidents of the Indonesian Red Cross and Orphanage Association in Kalimantan ended the speeches by expressing their sincere

thanks and appreciation for the gifts. Mr. Sinaga, President of the Indonesian Red Cross in South Kalimantan said, "The people must realize that the Red Cross belongs to them. The Red Cross cannot go on without their help and the Adventist Church was the first to realize this." Later he asked the newspaper reporters to write about this occasion so the people will know and continue this sacred duty pioneered by the Adventist Church.

The letter of presentation was signed at 12 o'clock sharp and the occasion ended in a happy and friendly spirit. Everybody went home with a new and good impression of the Adventist Church.

At 1:30 p.m. the Radio Republic of Indonesia in Bandjarmasin commented on this occasion. Newspaper reporters wrote about it in the papers and this really helps toward the success of our organization.

South Kalimantan MV Camp

By Tommy Umboh, Secretary,
M.V. Department, South
Kalimantan Mission

THE first MV Camp in the South Kalimantan Mission was launched with enthusiasm and untiring effort on the part of the MV Society members in the development of the mission's camping ground and toward the success of the 40th MV Camp Anniversary. The MV Camp was held in Palangka Raja from August 2 - 9, 1966. Huts were made in place of tents for shelter of the participants for the next few days. A large bangsal (thatched-roof meeting hall) was built with a seating capacity of 100 people. A kitchen and well were ready for use.

The delegates arrived on the same day with the local mission officers. Before the opening ceremony that would be held at 4 o'clock the delegates paraded around the city of Palangka Raja. The trumpets and drums of the Army Band accompany the steps of the delegates and the people of Palangkar Raja crowded the streets to have a look at the parade. Words of praise were heard admiring both the flying banners and the Adventists and above all the name of the Lord was glorified.

Some government officials were present at the opening ceremony

including the Regent as the representative of the Governor, the head of the Department of Religion in Central Kalimantan, the Territorial Military Commander, and representatives from the office of the Public Prosecutor, Police, and Scout Movement. Also present were some local church leaders who wanted to find out what the Adventists were going to do again. There are not too many members in our mission yet, but the name "Adventist" is well-known throughout the area with all its activities.

On Sabbath we conducted an Investiture Service.

There were many memories during the camp, such as bathing in tea-color water, sleeping on mats on the sands, campfire almost every-night with interesting and unforgettable programs, classes to increase knowledge, and morning and evening worships.

The closing ceremony was held on the night of August 9, 1966. The speaker was the local mission president.

The farewell evening ended as a sweet memory never to be forgotten by the young people who are looking forward to the next youth camp.

North Philippines

The Ever Ready Rondalla

I HOPE this amount will help you in your trip to Singapore," said Elder H. W. Bedwell, Far Eastern Division Secretary, as he



EVENT. The Rondalla Band assisted in the Parents' Day program held at Philippine Union College auditorium. In the center is Attorney J. P. Ambrosio, President of the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines. She was guest of honor and main speaker at the program.

handed the content of the hat which amounted to Ps. 150.00. The hat was passed around to the delegates to the FED Annual Council assembled in Pines Hotel in Baguio last November, after the Philippine Union College Rondalla rendered an impressive performance.

The PUC Rondalla is composed of 25 boys and 40 girls under the faculty sponsorship of Mrs. Leonore Enriquez-Gensolin, Chairman of the Department of Filipino of PUC. The director is the veteran Maestro Ananias R. Ricafrente.

Through the Rondalla PUC has invited many distinguished Filipino leaders such as former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez, Senator Wenceslao Rancap Lagumbay, Congressman Rogaciano Mercado, Congressman Lorenzo Teves and Atty. Josefina Phodaca-Ambrocio, President of the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines. Through Mrs. Gensolin and the Rondalla, Gemma Cruz, Miss International of 1964, became PUC's guest at one special occasion.

Ground Broken for New Mission Office

SPADE. The ground-breaking ceremony for the new headquarters of the South-Central Luzon Mission was held on the outskirts of San Pablo City. Shown are the men taking part in the program, left to right, E. M. Macalintal, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission; E. J. Tanguanan, Mission President; T. C. Murdoch, Union President; and J. C. Atil, Acting Treasurer of the Union.





LITERATURE WORKERS. Here is the group who attended the annual Literature Evangelist Seminar of the Central Luzon Mission in the Philippines.

The 65-member ever ready Rondalla appeared and performed in many special occasions including two appearances in television, YWCA Ruby (40th) Anniversary Celebration in downtown Manila, inauguration of the Sampaloc Puerculture Center upon special invitation of Manila Mayor Antonio Villegas, rallies, banquets, and programs. Since its organization in 1953, the lively group has gone to several places in Luzon and several academies.

In connection with the Rondalla, Mrs. Narciso Ramos, wife of former Philippine Ambassador to Taiwan commented, "I know the Seventh-day Adventists very well. When my husband and I were in Taipei, we used to visit Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital and they always give the best service." It might be remembered in this connection that Manila Sanitarium and Hospital was pronounced the cleanest private hospital in the Philippines in 1965."

—S. G. Miraflores, PUC

Annual Colporteur Institutes for 1967

CENTRAL Luzon Mission, the biggest mission in the union, is the fourth mission to hold their 1967 annual Colporteur Seminar. The Mission has a membership of 13,520. It has 95 regular colporteurs. This group of workers sold Ps. 388,105.00 last year. This amount is

more by Ps.38,751.59 than the sales in 1965. To God we give the honor, the praise, and the glory for this excellent report of progress made by Central Luzon Mission under the able leadership of Pastor J. P. Acosta and his associates. However, we should never forget that our literature evangelists are not only salesmen but also soulsmen. Out of the above sales, there were 340 souls baptized as a result of the combined efforts of our literature evangelists, laity, and ministers.

On this occasion the writer concluded the seminar with a call to a renewed dedication to the Publishing cause of the NPUM. Our publishing leaders and colporteurs of Central Luzon Mission returned to their respective territories with a determination to reach their 1967 delivery goal which is 15% more than what they sold last year.

The North Philippine Union

Publishing Department sold Ps. 762,977.24 worth of truth-filled literature last year. This is Ps.83,498.12 over that sold in 1965. This is a tremendous task but we will go forward in faith that God will lead us. Please pray for our dear literature evangelists.

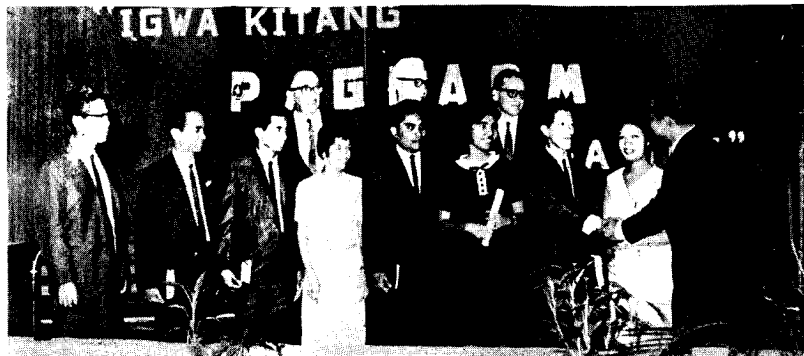
—A. N. Santiago, Secretary, Publishing Department

First NPUM Secretary

M. G. Jereos, until recently Secretary-Treasurer of Central Philippine Union, has arrived to occupy the post of Secretary of the North Philippine Union. The Far Eastern Division committee acted last month in Manila to divide the post of Secretary-Treasurer between two persons in this Union, thus making Pastor Jereos the first Secretary of this Union.

Southern Luzon Mission Ordination

CEREMONY. Southern Luzon Mission president, T. V. Barizo, greets newly-ordained minister Abraham Frias after the solemn rite during the closing meeting of the Mission biennial session. Others ordained with him were Eleizer C. Lagabon (third from left), and Juanito B. Villagomez (center). Standing with them are their wives. Two men at the left are Pastors T. B. Frias and C. A. Galang. Those at the rear are Dean P. G. Miller of PUC, NPUM president T. C. Murdoch, and Dr. G. Oosterwal of PUC.



Volunteers on the March

UNDER the blaring martial music, "Onward Christian Soldiers", played by Jean Jaurigue on the piano, a large number of young people coming from the 11 districts of South-Central Luzon Mission, representing the 2,028 active Missionary Volunteers, marched into the gymnasium of the Luzonian University in Lucena City on December 31, 1966. The group marched by district, under their colorful district flags, studded with a number of silver stars, each star representing the souls they have helped win and guided into baptism. They marched from the door, passing through one of the aisles, then on the platform. The district flag was held by the leader of the district on the platform, while their members marched to their respective seats. What a display of colors! What an attraction to the eye! What a thrilling experience to see that vast army of youth!

It was reported that 433 souls were won into baptism by these young people for the past two years and many more are being prepared when they marched during the General Meeting of the South-Central Luzon Mission. After the colorful ceremonies were over, Pastor N. R. Arit, of the North

Philippine Union Missionary Volunteer Department, stood and spoke to challenge once more the youth of this mission to do more and more for the Master. The mission "MV Target 350" was launched and it is hoped that this will be reached for the period of 12 months.

Then the Investiture began. It was thrilling to see nine candidates for Master Guides standing to receive their awards. What an array of candidates: one mission treasurer, one Sabbath School mission secretary, one Book and Periodical Agency manager, one mission office accountant, three teachers, and two Missionary Volunteer leaders of Lucena City.

When these were invested a long line of Friends, Companions, Explorers, and Guides marched on the platform and were given their awards according to the classes they have completed. What a challenge to leadership to these boys and girls follow up the Master Guides to be workers of Jesus. As they stood that afternoon, they dedicated their lives to be true and loyal youth for Christ.

That same evening, all the Master Guides gathered together and had a business meeting with Jose Castillo, President of the club for

the past biennial, presiding. The business of the day was to have an election. It was unanimously voted that Atty. Godofredo Miranda of Binan, Laguna, be requested to be the president of the club for the next two years, and Miss Angelita Basit of Mabini, Batangas, be the Master Guide Club secretary. Immediately after the elections the newly-elected president called a meeting. They adopted the Constitution of the Master Guide Club as presented by the Union and gave study how to increase the leadership power of the group. Each Master Guide is now requested to conduct a class for himself and on March 5, another club meeting was scheduled to receive reports and hear a lecture on nature study. Gerson Alcantara was elected to be the Press Relations Officer of the club.

—A. J. Abawag

"I Was in Prison"

THESE are the words that Jesus would utter as a commendation for the work that God's people are doing in behalf of the unfortunate people who are living behind prison bars.

In the Philippines this is one very important phase of missionary work that many are doing by way of holding Branch Sabbath Schools and giving Bible studies. It is very encouraging to report here that there are hundreds of precious souls that are baptized as a result of the faithful efforts of our brethren. It is very interesting to note that we are able to make friendly arrangements with these prison authorities for us to baptize the interested ones inside their prison compound and in some cases these prisoners are escorted and guarded by prison security men while they are being baptized outside the prison area, in the river or in the sea.

The accompanying picture is just a small group of prisoners at the National Penitentiary in Muntinlupa, Rizal, which was taken by Pastor D. A. Roth one Sabbath afternoon when he spoke to these prisoners. This special meeting was attended by about 200 inmates.

The nine prisoners in the picture have been baptized in the jail as a result of the joint efforts of Philippine Union College and Pasay City

Literature Leaders Honored in Philippines

TOPS. This group of workers are Central Luzon Mission literature evangelists. Last year these persons sold Ps.153,477.00 worth of literature. They have a total of 193 years of service among them. Front row, left to right, Lucy Tobola, Mrs. Isabel Penalzoza, Mrs. Susana Decena, Mrs. Elda Nonato, Mrs. Luisa Fauni, and Belen Gener. Second row, left to right, Pat Vitoria, Susana del Mundo, Flor Arceño, Lydia Macaraig. Third row, left to right, Moises Caluya, Antonio Tangalin, Adriano Agonias, and Eladio Ramil. Not pictured are Roger Dayrit and Mrs. Florencia Jimenez.





South-Central Luzon Mission Ordination

NEW. Pastor E. J. Tangunan, Mission president, extends the hand of fellowship to Modesto L. Siaga, newly-ordained man of the South-Central Luzon Mission, while Mrs. Siaga looks on. Other ministers (from left) are Pastors T. C. Murdoch, A. S. Santiago, and C. A. Galang.

English Church members. These unfortunate nine prisoners were given the death sentence because of hideous crimes they committed. The two men standing on the left were scheduled to be executed on January 28. Through the representation constantly made by the Religious Liberty Association of the Philippines with the members of the Board of Pardons and Parole and with the President of the Philippines, Luis Guie, the second man standing on the left, should have been executed on December 15 of last year but he was given 45 days of grace by the President of the Philippines which extension ended on January 28.

Our brethren in the Manila area, particularly in Philippine Union College and Pasay City English Church and especially the North Philippine Union office staff, have been praying for Luie Guie. He has been approached by the Catholic chaplain of the prisons trying to persuade him to renounce his Adventist faith but he is determined to die as a member of the remnant church. The first one standing on the left is Vicente Aberas who is one of the four prisoners who was supposed to die last January 10 but in answer to our prayers and as a result of our appeal to the President he has been given a 30-day grace.

The interest in the National Penitentiary among those prisoners is increasing and the transformation seen in the lives and behavior of those attending our meetings is very noticeable. Even the authorities

are very much impressed and are appreciative of what our church is able to accomplish. The Acting Director of the Bureau of Prisons has suggested to us that we build a chapel in the compound so that those who come to our meetings may have a decent place in which to worship.

Yes, Jesus rejoices if He sees that God's people are not neglecting these unfortunate souls behind prison bars as a result of the crime they have committed before the light of the gospel has reached them. "I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

—P. C. Banaag, Executive Secretary, Religious Liberty Association of the Philippines

Southeast Asia

Vietnam Laymen of the Year

By Doyle Barnett

"THIS evening we want to honor 16 active soul-winning laymen," spoke Vietnam Lay Activities Director, Pham Thien at a special ceremony honoring lay workers. "Layman Nguyen Huynh heads the list. Just recently 16 souls were baptized in a Saigon prison. He led out in this prison work that has been carried on for the past year. We praise God for what he with others has done, and now we want

to give recognition to the persevering efforts he has put forth by presenting him with a special certificate as our outstanding layman for 1966."

Fifteen other Vietnam laymen, some in absentia, were presented with certificates giving recognition to the efforts they put forth in each winning two or more souls to Christ during the year. Pastor Thien thus expressed his appreciation and that of the church for the role these laymen played in personal witnessing and actual fruit-bearing. It was a real thrill to see and talk with these 16 active soul-winners who were instrumental in directing fifty-seven blood-bought souls to Christ and church-membership.

One of these laymen, Ha Wol, was employed in a Dalat Area Agriculture Office, working under the direction and supervision of an American, Don Whitley. It was during this time that he began his enterprise for souls. Every Friday afternoon he rode his bicycle 52 kilometers to reach Trai Ham where he conducted a Branch Sabbath School on Sabbath mornings. He continued until he had 72 Sabbath School members, 23 of whom were candidates preparing for baptism. Layman Wol was so energetic and successful in winning souls that he decided to devote all of his time to witness for Christ.

One day Mr. Whitley located Bro. Wol and said to him, "Ha Wol, why did you quit working for me? Didn't I pay you enough?" "Oh yes," answered Ha Wol, "you paid me three times as much wages as I am getting now. You paid me plenty of money, but God is rewarding with souls. I think souls are worth more than money. Mr. Whitley expressed his great surprise that Ha Wol would give up such a remunerative job and also leave his home just to preach the gospel.

Pastor Pham also introduced and told about a young lady government teacher for whom laymen were working. She had been enrolled in

STUDENT. Nguyen Huynh, right, with his new friend, a Viet Cong prisoner of war who recently graduated from the "Voice of Prophecy" Bible course.





LAYMEN. Here is a group of laymen in Vietnam who have won two or more souls each during the year 1966.

laymen in winning many souls to Christ in 1967.

In closing the exercises honoring these lay workers Pastor Thien stated that he was confident that 1967 was an auspicious year for soul-winning endeavors in Vietnam, and that they were looking forward with great anticipation to an unprecedented harvest of souls through increased lay activities.

New Physician at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital



NEW. The newest member of the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital is Dr. Elvin T. Gibson, a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He is shown in this photo with Mrs. Gibson and their two girls.

our Bible school by a literature evangelist. After finishing 14 lessons she had written to the "Voice of Prophecy" office asking for prayer and spiritual guidance. Laymen visited her and now she is attending church every Sabbath. She requested our people to approach government officers and ask for Sabbaths free for her. This was done but no definite answer was given. She has now made her decision to quit her job if she cannot be released from teaching duties on Saturdays. Before enrolling in the Bible school this young lady, Miss Luk, felt the world situation was dark and

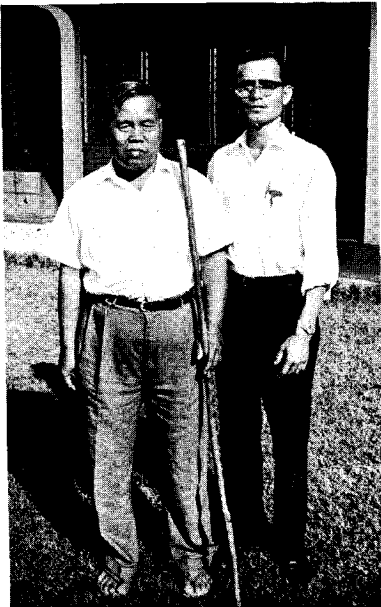


INVESTED. Sixteen youth (two not pictured) were invested at the Penang Malay Church in mid-December, 1966. Two are Master Guides.

gloomy, but now in the midst of it all she is radiant and hopeful. Before long Miss Luk will no doubt be joining a large band of volunteer

Blind Layman Works for God in Thailand

ACTIVE. A blind layman, A. Charuen, of Northern Thailand, stands with Pastor Mun of the Chiengmai Church. The photo was taken at the time of the Biennial Mission Session. The blind worker is very active in sharing his faith despite physical difficulties. —V. L. Bretsch



Vietnam Tribal Work Steps Up

WORKERS. Pastor Thanh, of the Dalat Church in Vietnam, center, back row, stands with the village workers of Central Vietnam. Working in the mountains, these young men are rousing a strong interest among many tribesmen for the Truth. Already this year one baptismal service has been conducted as a result of their work.

—V. L. Bretsch

The Ambassador Visits the Far Eastern Division Office



Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Eldridge greet Ambassador and Mrs. Galbraith as they drive up to the main entrance of the Far Eastern Division office.



The Ambassador inaugurated the use of the new addition to the headquarters office of the Far Eastern Division. President Eldridge shows the visiting couple his new office occupied for the first time that very morning.



The Division President and Pastor H. D. Johnson, Treasurer, then introduces each staff member to the Ambassador and his wife.



The next stop was at the chapel of the Far Eastern Academy. At the close of the Ambassador's talk, Pastor Eldridge gave him a copy of the book, "Seventh-day Adventists Today: A Report in Depth."



The Ambassador and his wife then ate luncheon in the Academy dining room. They were joined by the Eldridges, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Greve, Acting Principal, and two students, Linda Ludden and Jim Webster. Photo in lower left.



The students conducted the guests on a tour of the Academy campus.

Before their departure, pictures were taken in front the Academy building. The Eldridges and Greves join the Ambassador and his wife in a photo.

