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Deskside Chats



A Good Report

STATISTICS are important, sometimes fascinating, often boring—but absolutely necessary. Government, business, and professional sports have made a whole new career possible for those who are adept in compiling accurate records. In what amounts almost to obsession, vast accumulations of this itemized information are stored away in books, filing cases, on microfilm, and in the electronic brains of computers. And most of it will never be referred to again.

Although this massive compiling of statistics is considered to be a modern development, we can hardly claim credit for the idea. Man has been keeping records ever since he discovered how to write. It is significant that most of the clay tablets and other inscriptions found by archeologists are simply business and governmental records of long forgotten eras.

Now statistics have become a way of life. Weighed, measured, described, and registered at birth, we spend our days producing items for the record. Grades in school, graduations, marriage, purchases, employment, census, taxes, death—all will be efficiently noted. And just to make sure that what we want remembered most is not forgotten, we keep our own private record in a diary!

Inevitably the church has found statistics to be essential. God Himself directed that records be kept. Much of the Bible is made up of this information, compiled with dedicated faithfulness by inspired men.

Seventh-day Adventists have recognized the importance of accurate statistics, and have developed a system of reporting that starts with the individual church member, includes every department and church activity, passes through each echelon of organization, and is finally carefully tabulated and analyzed by the Statistical Department of the General Conference. Recorded on microfilm, identical copies of statistics, along with complete microfilm of all General Conference financial records, are stored in vaults in three separate locations. This is to make sure that, even in case of national disaster, our records will be preserved.

It is reassuring that the most accurate and permanent of all records are those kept by God Himself. What kind of celestial computer system He uses makes interesting speculation but is really unimportant. There is plenty of evidence that He has all the necessary information.

Hebrews 11:2 tells us that "the elders obtained a good report." From the illustrations which follow this statement, we see clearly what type of accomplishment God considers important. It is a sobering thought that right now heaven's computers are busy storing away the information we are providing.

Will we be included among the elders who have obtained a good report?

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Student Week of Prayer at F.E.A.

"MORATORIUM" was the word on many American campuses in mid-October. Far Eastern Academy was no exception. Three clarion voices were heard in a mass meeting held that evening in the chapel supported by the majority. These speakers were in earnest as they appealed to fellow students to declare a moratorium on sin in their lives once and for all. In fact, a general meeting was held nightly with 21 students speaking of the joy to be found in Christian living within the Seventh-day Adventist Church today.

What took place was simply a student "Week of Prayer" organized by Kimber Lantry and his Religious Interest Committee of the Student Association. What made it unique is that it was a "first" at F.E.A. Each evening three students presented various aspects of the gospel messages. Other students participated in the music. The weekend climaxed the meetings with testimonies by two students representing the student body and their response was seconded by each student standing in reconsecration to Christ.

Many expressed their interest in making the student week of prayer an annual affair at the Academy.

Another spiritual thrust being made is the "saturation" program. Every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock some 75 students load into two buses armed with enrollment cards and lesson one of the "Way of Life" course and head for the nearby Toa Payoh housing development. Each team of two is challenged there with a concrete monster from ten to 20 stories in height and containing as many as 1,000 residents. Their responsibility is to make sure that every apartment is contacted, no matter how many weeks it takes to do it, and to saturate these buildings with enrollments. They will follow up this course with the "Bible Says Plan." It is hoped that many will be prepared for the evangelistic crusade in Singapore in April, 1970.

Far Eastern Academy students may be busy people, but they are happy and eager to share their faith with others.

—John F. Harris, Bible Instructor, Far Eastern Academy



SPEAKERS. Here are the students who took part in the student Week of Prayer at Far Eastern Academy. Front, left to right, Betty Ekvall, Kathy Johnston, Cindy Novak, Renee Novak, Cherrie Neall, Shirley Schlehner, and Rosanne Guild. Back row, left to right, Bill Easterbrook, Jim VanArsdale, Kimber Lantry, Chris Nelson, Doug Faust, Rob Higgins, Greg Nelson, Lester Matheson, Curtis Genstler, Del Jahnsan, Dave Clark, Rick Olson, Dan Smith, and Rick Harris.

Benghazi Hospital Closes; Far East Workers Come Home

THE Benghazi Hospital in Libya has been nationalized by the local government. A large number of Far East national missionaries have been serving this hospital, including Filipinos, Koreans, and Indonesians.

Some of the workers have had to return to their homeland while others have been reassigned to other available institutions in the Middle East, Southern Asia, and Trans-Africa Divisions.

The new government of Libya is now operating the 65-bed hospital but with an all-national staff, according to Dr. George Benson, former acting medical director. None of the Adventist workers chose to stay and work under the new arrangement.

Relations between the government and the church-owned hospital have been friendly and the

move is interpreted by the hospital officials as a step toward nationalization of the country rather than as anti-church action.

The Benghazi hospital, one of 326 Adventist medical institutions around the world, was first opened in a downtown hotel in 1956. In January, 1968 a new building was completed and the hospital was moved to the present site. Other hospitals in Libya were nationalized at the same time.

—D. A. Roth

Science Teacher Added to FEA Staff



FAMILY. Bruce Kopitzke and his family have been added to the staff of the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore where he is teaching science and math subjects. He and his family, shown above, came from California where he taught in the Southeastern California Conference. He has a brother who is on the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Harry W. Miller, M.D., Medical Secretary of the South China Island Union, is a 90-year-old wonder! He is by far the oldest (and yet very active) overseas missionary in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Despite his busy program of a medical practice in Hong Kong, solicitation for a new hospital on Stubbs Road, and a continuing program of soy bean food experimentations, he still has time to study his Sabbath School lesson. The cover photo by D. A. Roth was snapped in the Mandarin Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, where Dr. Miller was attending the Quadrennial Pre-Council session of the Department of Health, Far Eastern Division. He was unaware that the picture had been taken, so engrossed was he in his study of the Word of God.



COUNCIL. The above picture was taken at the 1953 Division Council in the city of Singapore. Pastor F. A. Pratt, author of the article on this page, is shown second from the right in the front row. To his right is Pastor C. P. Sorensen, former Division Secretary and later President. Behind him is Mrs. Sorensen. In the third row, extreme right, is Ray Turner, known to many in the Far East for his work as a singing evangelist. Immediately behind him is R. F. Waddell, M.D., Secretary of the Department of Health of the General Conference and former Medical Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Photo from the OUTLOOK file.

After Many Days

A Veteran Worker Recalls
Pioneer Work in Thailand

HOW well Mrs. Pratt and I remember when the call came to the E. L. Longways and to us to pioneer the work in that little known country of Siam, now known as Thailand. We arrived in Bangkok on February 28, 1919. The Longways met us at the boat, and took us to their home which we shared with them for many months.

Phang Yin Hee, who later became an ordained minister, was our first Chinese colporteur. He sold thousands of Ticals worth of literature in those early years. Kon Vui Leong, who later became an ordained minister, joined our staff not long after our arrival. We worked together for many years, holding many efforts, street meetings, and visiting the people. So Sui San from Amoy also joined in the work and later Heng Seng Teck, a man from the Swatow area of China, joined our staff, working among people who spoke his own language.

I remember our early struggles with the Siamese language. We spent several hours each day in studying this difficult language. I recall the first sermon I preached in Siamese. Later I learned to preach in Chinese. With the help of a national, we translated several books, among them, "Our Day In The Light Of Prophecy," by Pastor W. A. Spicer; a medical book, "Christ Our Saviour," and a few others.

The Longways were transferred to China, and we were alone for a time. Pastor and Mrs. R. P. Abel and family joined us before we returned home on our first furlough. The Abels remained in Thailand for about 20 years. We published an "Anti-Opium" magazine called, "Chu Chart." This magazine was quite well received.

Our first converts were among the Chinese. How well I remember that first baptism. The work went slowly, and the converts were few in those pioneer years. One of my fondest memories is the conversion of Pleng Vitiamyalaksana. After studying the Bible with him, he requested baptism. The day of his baptism was a high day, for he was the first member of the Thai race to be baptized. His faithfulness through the years has brought great joy to my heart.

Pastor and Mrs. A. P. Ritz joined us before our second furlough, and he took over my work as we were transferred to the Philippines in 1932.

After we left Siam R. F. Waddell, M.D. and family came to Bangkok and started the medical work. Their coming proved a great blessing in forwarding the work. They first opened a small clinic, from which developed one of the finest Sanitarium-Hospitals in the Far East.

Although we left Siam in 1931, our interest in the work there has never slackened. As we read of the progress which is being made, our hearts rejoice.

In 1919 in the territory now known as the Southeast Asia Union plus the territory of the two Indonesian Unions, there were only a few hundred believers. Now, according to the 1969 statistics report there are about 50,000.

We remember those early days of 50 years ago. The work was hard and progressed slowly. As we take a look backward, and read of what is taking place today, we cannot but say, "What Hath God Wrought?"

—F. A. Pratt

Looking Forward To Atlantic City

MORE than three years have slipped by since the last General Conference Session convened in Detroit, Michigan. Within a few months thousands of God's people from most of the lands of earth will be heading toward Atlantic City, New Jersey for the 1970 Session, to be held June 7-20.

Brethren and sisters, this next gathering **must not** be just another General Conference Session. The hour is too late. God's people are too needy. There is too much work yet to be done. The 1970 Session must, under God, be a gathering characterized by its spiritual impact upon our lives individually, and upon the church as a whole. It must be a time of repentance, of revival, and of renewal. Atlantic City must be a place of great power as well as effective planning. May God make Convention Auditorium a place of Pentecost where the last spiritual thrust begins for a finished work!

Prayer—earnest, persevering prayer—is the key to revival and power. We appeal to our people around the world to **commence praying NOW** for a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the Atlantic City meetings. Remember your leaders who are now planning the program. Plead with God to make this Session all that, under His blessing and guidance, He would have it be.

—R. H. Pierson, President,
General Conference

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The Best Medicine

YOU can be a charming, vivacious, vital, young person at 70 or a dull, bloated, worn-out, depleted old person at 30." It all depends on how alert you are to your needs and how well you take care of yourself. Hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, heart failure, diabetes, goiter, fatty liver, injured kidneys, excessive body weight in adults, stomach and duodenal ulcers — these are the 'killers' of the 20th century. The goal of each individual is to baffle these killers, and medical and nutritional experts have informed us that the weapon which can be used most effectively is good nutrition. Not only those listed as 'killers' but also tooth decay, loosening of the teeth, underweight in children, tuberculosis and anemia in children and adults, and many other diseases occur less frequently when food is selected intelligently.

Many years ago Sir William Osler said: "Ninety percent of all conditions outside of acute infections and traumatism are directly traceable to diet." This statement has been proven and is being proved both in the laboratories and in our homes.

For many years Dr. Robert McCarrison, the British nutritionist, worked in India testing the diets of various groups of people on rats, which he could carefully watch and completely control. His experiments gave impressive evidence regarding the importance of the vitamin and mineral elements in natural unrefined foods. The rats which were fed on the simple diet of the peoples of North India lived a long, healthy, peaceful life on a diet of whole grains, legumes, milk, fresh vegetables, a small amount of butter and meat once a week. Other test rats were fed on the diets of other groups of people. The rats fed on the diet of the poorer people of Bengal and Madras — rice, pulses, vegetables, condiments, with perhaps a very little milk, suffered from a Pandora's box of illness with diseases of every organ they possessed. The only difference between the groups of rats was in their diets. All groups were young and healthy at the beginning of the test. All groups were kept clean and

Margaret Butterfield-Lee 1941-1970

Margaret Butterfield-Lee, wife of the former dean of boys of Far Eastern Academy, Singapore, died Friday night, January 16, near her home, Garden Grove, California.



Death came peacefully in her sleep after nearly four months of a crisis illness which began while in service overseas and ended after a valiant fight for life by scores of physicians, nurses, and other medical workers in Singapore, Los Angeles, and Garden Grove.

Mrs. Lee, who would have been 29 years of age on February 1, was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She became a baptized member of the church in 1958. She is a graduate of Pacific Union College and had an R.N. from the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital in California.

While her husband, Fred Lee, son of veteran Far East missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Milton Lee, was working for the "Voice of Prophecy," they received a call to overseas service. He was dean of boys at his alma-mater, Far Eastern Academy. They served in Singapore for the past four and one-half years. She leaves to mourn her husband, Fred; two small children; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Butterfield; and a host of friends in many parts of the world.

—D. A. Roth

cared for in the same fashion. What they ate caused the difference in their health and length of life. The test rats reacted in the same way as the human population. Whereas the life span of the people of Bengal and Madras does not average over 30 years, the Hunza is well known for maintaining health and vigor to old age. They have been called the healthiest people in the world.

Dr. McCarrison described the health of the Hunzas in part as follows:

"Certain of these races are of magnificent physique, preserving until late in life the characters of youth; they are unusually fertile and long lived, and endowed with a nervous system of notable stability . . .

"During the period of my association with these peoples I never saw a case of asthenic dyspepsia, of gastric or duodenal ulcer, of appendicitis, of mucous colitis, of cancer.

"Indeed, their buoyant abdominal health has, since my return to the West, provided a remarkable contrast with . . . our highly civilized communities. Searching for an explanation of this difference in in-

cidence of gastrointestinal disease in the two peoples, I find it, in the main, in four circumstances:

"1. Infants are reared as nature intended them to be reared — at the breast. If this source of nourishment fails, they die; and at least they are spared the future gastrointestinal miseries which so often have their origin in the first bottle.

"2. The people live on the unsophisticated foods of nature, — milk, eggs, grains, fruit, and vegetables. . . .

"3. Their religion prohibits alcohol, and although they do not always lead in this respect a strictly religious life, nevertheless they are eminently a teetotal race.

"4. Their manner of life requires the vigorous exercise of their bodies."

Of all the faulty diets he had tested on his many test animals, Dr. McCarrison states that the diet composed of margarine, tea, sugar, jam, preserved meat, and scanty overcooked vegetables proved to be the worst and the most likely to be associated with the diseases from which his animals suffered.

Sister White passed this information to us during the beginnings of the movement:

"Disease never comes without a cause. The way is prepared, and disease invited, by disregard of the laws of health."

"The disease and suffering that everywhere prevail are largely due to popular errors in regard to diet."

"A large share of the sickness and suffering among us is the result of the transgression of physical law, is brought upon individuals by their own wrong habits."

"The character of the food and the manner in which it is eaten, exert a powerful influence on the health . . . The need of carefulness in habits of diet should be impressed on the minds of all students. I have been instructed that those attending our schools are not to be served with flesh foods or with preparations of food that are known to be unwholesome. Nothing that will encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the table. I appeal to all to refuse to eat those things that will injure the health. Thus they can serve the Lord by sacrifice."

—Mrs. Shirley Johnson

Far East Group Active at Avondale College

THE Southeast Asian Fellowship at Avondale College has been active in missionary work this year.

Our number at Avondale College coincides with the 12 disciples of old, and without exaggeration this group has been participating in more vigorous missionary activities than in the past years. Some of the activities are branch sabbath schools, "Good Cheer" band, Signs campaign, Ingathering, MV meetings, Sabbath School, and Friendship teams.

Every Sabbath morning before church we also have a prayer band. We always welcome others to this fellowship and as a result we usually have quite an interesting mixture in the worship. One of the regular things we always do is to pray for the progress of the work in the Far Eastern Division.

We always look for the opportunity to promote the work in the Far East when we are engaged in any missionary functions.

Those of us who have taken part in the work have done our utmost in missionary endeavors and especially in the promoting of the 13th Sabbath School overflow offering for the Far Eastern Division.

—**B. Sibarani, Avondale College, Australia**

Former Far East Worker Appointed Public Relations Director of Christian Record

THE Christian Record Braille Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert L. Sheldon as director of public relations. He returned recently from ten years of mission service in the Orient. He has served as manager of the publishing houses in Korea and Thailand and has carried the responsibility of public relations in both fields.

While attending school at Berrien Springs, Michigan, Brother Sheldon met his wife, the former Vivian Burnett. They have two sons: Ronald, 15, and David, 13. Before accepting his mission appointment in 1959, he was connected with the Art Department at the Review and



STUDENTS. Here are a few of the students from Southeast Asia countries now attending Avondale College in Australia. They have been active in promoting the interests of the Far East.

Herald and was also at the International Branch of Pacific Press. He served in the United States Army as chaplain's assistant and has authored a book, **Daybreak in Korea**, published by the Southern Publishing Association.

The position of the Christian Record Braille Foundation is unique among Adventist institutions in that all services are free. This includes the braille books and magazines, lending library of tapes and records, large-print books for the visually handicapped, several Bible correspondence courses in both braille and recorded.

The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., is operated by the General Conference. It is located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

—**C. G. Cross, General Manager, Christian Record Braille Foundation**

News of Note

• **D**R. and Mrs. Stephen Smith, of Sydney, Australia, have arrived in Hong Kong to take up his work with the Tsuen Wan Hospital. After a year of service in the Far Eastern Division, they are scheduled to go to New Guinea in the Australasian Division.

• Pastor James Snell is the new chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand. After studying the Thai language he will replace Pastor D. K. Smith who is returning to his homeland in June. Pastor Snell is from the

Robert Sheldon



Wisconsin Conference and was ordained to the gospel ministry before his departure for the Far East.

• Miss Maybelle Vandermark, Assistant Secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, is now itinerating in the Far East. This is her first visit to this part of the world.

• Robert Bird, of Colorado, is the acting dean of boys at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. He replaces Fred Lee who went home in December with his ill wife and two children Mr. and Mrs. Bird will proceed in June to Taiwan where they will study the Chinese language.

• G. H. A. McLaren, M.D., of Australia, has accepted a call to overseas service at the Saigon Adventist Hospital in Vietnam. He served previously in Singapore at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital as a staff physician. He will arrive in Vietnam as soon as he has disposed of his practice near Avondale College in Australia.

• Dr. Johannes, a former worker in the Far East, has returned for a six-month relief stint at the Saigon Adventist Hospital. He served the past six months on the staff of the Benghazi Hospital in Libya which has been nationalized and closed as an Adventist institution.

• Joshua Chong, Pastor of the Singapore Chinese Church, has been appointed a departmental secretary in the Malay Mission. A call has been placed for his successor.

Chinese "Signs" Wanted for Clinic

R. D. Rice, M.D., Medical Director of the new Sandakan, Sabah, Clinic desires good copies of both English and Chinese "Signs of the Times" for his clinic waiting room for missionary purposes. If you have such copies and wish to donate them for this service in Borneo, send to R. D. Rice, M.D., SDA Clinic, Hockien Association Building, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia.

East Indonesia

Mt. Klabat College Youth Hold Crusade

THE words of Jesus Christ provide the mandate for His followers in every age. That directive is found in His own words, "GO YE!" The youth at Mt. Klabat College in the North Celebes recently ventured into the thrills and adventures of public evangelism. They tasted the "new wine" of soul winning and found the joy of a lifetime.

Funds provided by the Far Eastern Division, the Union, and the local mission made it possible to hold a six-week campaign in a village near the college. Seventh-day Adventists had never held a meeting in the village of Paslaten, so the students had a taste of entering a new area.

Plans for the meetings began several weeks before the opening night. Committees were selected from among the student body with plans to involve each student in the college. These committees were involved with advertising, visitation, finance, and sermon preparation. Advisors from the faculty were chosen to provide counsel and guidance for each committee. What a thrill to watch these youth work faithfully in laying plans for winning souls to the church.

An all-night prayer meeting was held prior to the opening night of the crusade. These prayer meetings continued nightly in a special prayer room of the meeting place. While the student was preaching, various groups of students met for prayer.

Six second-year ministerial students were selected as speakers. Having had no instruction in the art of sermon preparation in their college studies, it was necessary to put them through a "crash course" of methods. They applied their hearts diligently and produced excellent sermons under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was good each night. We were all thrilled to see a full house of almost 500 each night with little variation. A special night-



SMOKING. One of the 43 people who successfully completed the "Five-Day Plan" is congratulated by Pastor Chester Damron, Bible teacher at Mount Klabat College and coordinator of the youth meetings.



TALENT. Students use their creative talents in their sermons. Here Bobby Sepang brought a large tree on the platform complete with a rubber snake to illustrate the temptation and fall of man into sin.

ly feature, "You and Your Health," was eagerly anticipated by the audience. Public health education has proven to capture audiences in the North Celebes. A "Five-Day Plan" was also conducted by the writer and 45 completed the Plan and found victory over tobacco and alcohol.

The college youth worked earnestly in visiting the interests and

sharing with them the treasures of the Word of God. Each Sabbath afternoon the entire student body of 68 went from home to home throughout the community in personal evangelism using the "Bible in the Hand" method of sharing their faith and soul winning.

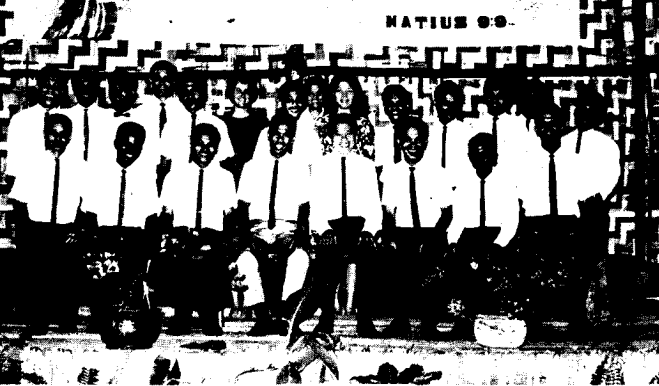
Thirty-four teams of youth in pairs of two enrolled over 200 persons in the "Bible in the Hand" study guide to the Scriptures. After visiting from home to home the students returned to the college and shared with each other their experiences of the afternoon. Interest and enthusiasm was consistently high throughout the meetings among the students as they searched and prayed for souls. This evangelistic thrust by the students of Mt. Klabat College was accomplished in addition to their usual work-study load of college work.

The community interest required that the meetings be extended for three additional weeks. The first baptism from the crusade took place on graduation week-end at the college. Over two-hundred interests completed the Bible lessons and ten persons were baptized into fellowship with God's people. The Lord has rewarded the faithful efforts of the students of Mt. Klabat College.

Follow-up of interests is continuing in the village during this new school year. Surely there will be other harvests of souls in the coming months as the college youth continue to visit and study with the interests. The work of watering and nurturing the seed sown during the crusade is most essential and the students of Mt. Klabat College

CLIMAX. Ten persons were baptized at the conclusion of the evangelistic campaign by the students.





GROUPS. At the left are Mt. Klabat College youth crusade leaders and their faculty advisors. **RIGHT.** Here are the six student evangelists and their advisors. Left to right, Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Kalangi, Pasoloran Ngadjo, Ulrich Mandey, Johnny Kohdong, Bobby Sepang, Benny Mambo, Raffles Watulingkas, and Pastor and Mrs. Chester Damron.

are dedicated to continuing their work of soul-winning and to be collaborators with the Holy Spirit until there is a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God.

—**Chester Damron, Chairman,**
Bible Department,
Mt. Klabat College

Far Eastern Island Mission

Second Baptism Held in the Marshall Islands

THE church company in Majuro, Marshall Islands rejoice in the fact that the Marshallese membership now stands at five.

Ten months have passed since the first baptism in the Marshalls at which time Dr. and Mrs. Henry Samuel were baptized. Now they were made happy as their son, Mudge, followed them in baptism. Mudge first heard of the Bible truth at the time that his parents were receiving studies from Walter Welch. He was interested, and determined in his heart to be baptized someday. Later he took the "Bright Horizon" Bible course from the "Voice of Prophecy."

We continued studies with Mudge when we arrived here one year ago. At that time he was working for the U.S. Weather station on Majuro, and it was difficult to obtain Sabbath privileges. Last September he determined to keep the Sabbath. When he requested this privilege his employer told him he could not work there and also keep Saturday as the Sabbath. Mudge resigned his work and prepared to attend Mountain View College in the Philippines. Two weeks after his baptism he

left Majuro for Mountain View College to prepare to be a worker for God and return to his people. Before he left he introduced two of his friends to Bible study and they are now planning on baptism in the near future.

God has been guiding the lives of Ongra and Hemrina Hanerc. Their home atoll is Jaluit, 150 miles southwest of Majuro. Ongra was working there for the Trust Territory Government Agriculture Department. He received a request to come to Majuro to teach in the Agriculture Department's training program. When they came to Majuro they moved into a house one block from our mission. This was the first time they had heard of Seventh-day Adventists.

A fellow teacher with Ongra was a Peace Corps volunteer. This volunteer was a friend of mine and one day he came to me with a request that I go and answer some Bible questions for Ongra and his family. Bible studies were started. Soon they began to share the blessings they were receiving with other friends. To date they have studied the Bible with seven others. They love the Lord and His truth and they are letting their light shine.

They have only been in Majuro 11 months of the original two years but now the Agriculture Depart-

INITES. Three persons were baptized recently in the Marshall Islands of the Far Eastern Island Mission, now making a total of five for this new area. At the left is Pastor Sidney Nelson, pioneer missionary in this island group.



ment is planning to send them back to Jaluit atoll. It has not been a long stay in Majuro but long enough to learn of the truth of Christ's Second Coming. Soon a third atoll in the Marshalls will be entered.

This is only the beginning of great things in the Marshall Islands. Please remember the work in the many islands of the Marshalls in your prayers.

—**P. Sidney Nelson, District Pastor,** Marshall Islands

West Indonesia

New Island Field Hears the Gospel

THE island of Sumbawa is a large island that is between the island of Lombok and the island of Flores in the Nusa Tenggara chain of islands in the country of Indonesia. Sumbawa is an island almost 300 kilometers long and 50 to 120 kilometers wide. There are approximately half a million people living on the island of Sumbawa. The island is largely a Moslem island and most of the Christian people who live on the island of Sumbawa have come from other islands, such as Flores, Timor, and Sumba. However, there are a few small Christian churches on the island of Sumbawa.

During the year 1969 the Seventh-day Adventist church received tithe percentage funds to open the work on the island of Sumbawa. The Nusa Tenggara Mission sent Pastor Taebeno and his wife from the island of Timor to the island of Sumbawa to begin in an organized way the Seventh-day Ad-

ventist mission work on the island of Sumbawa. Before Pastor Taebeno and his wife arrived there was one family who became Seventh-day Adventists and who have pioneered the work on the island of Sumbawa.

Many years ago in 1951 when Pastor F. Detamore went to the island of Timor to conduct an evangelistic series, little did he know that some day fruitage from the effort would open the work on the island of Sumbawa. Mr. Bunga, a police officer, was assigned the duty of watching the meetings of Pastor Detamore. From night to night Mr. Bunga, the police officer, stood outside of the meeting to make sure that order was controlled around the Seventh-day Adventist meetings being held in Kupang, Timor. As he guarded he listened. He heard words of truth being preached by Pastor Detamore. These words of truth went deep into his heart as he thought about these things, so he took his Bible and for many years he studied the truth. For almost 17 years he thought about the messages that he had heard from Pastor Detamore. Finally he was moved to Sumbawa where he, his wife, and three children became baptized Seventh-day Adventists. It was through this police officer, Mr. Bunga, that our work was begun on the island of Sumbawa. There are a number of people studying at this time with Pastor Taebeno, largely due to the influence of Mr. Bunga.

Here is one interesting story that has happened recently and we do not know the final chapter of the experience yet. While on the island of Sumbawa, it was my privilege to go with the pastor and the Bunga family to hold cottage meetings in the home of a Chinese family. In 1965 at the time of the Communist coup in Indonesia this family lost all of their belongings and they were taken from their home on the southern part of the island to Sumbawa Besar, a different location where they could be protected by the police. Mr. Bunga at this time met this family and helped to relocate them in a new area.

One night at the close of our Bible study the young man of the family began to tell me their strange story. In the early part of 1965, the father called the family together and told them that before the year was over something terrible was going to happen to them and

they would have to flee their home and go with only the clothes that they had on their backs. He told them that before this time he would die and they would have to go alone. It so happened that a few months later he did die and in September/October 1965, came the trouble. They had to flee and lost everything they had except what they were wearing. At this time the young man began to think seriously. "How did my father know this? Did some spirits tell him?" Mr. Bunga came and assisted them in relocating.

A few years later he was with some friends one night out on a small fishing boat. They were quite some distance from shore and a storm came up. The boat was overturned. Soon the young men were able to get on top of the boat and were sitting partly in the water and partly in the boat while the storm continued. He began to pray to his Chinese god, that this god who had revealed things to his father would come and help them at this time. He waited, he prayed earnestly, but nothing took place. Then he decided that the god of his father, the Chinese god, was not a god that could help in time of trouble. And as he sat there he looked up into the darkness of the night. He said, "I saw in the cloud formations the appearance of one like Christ. And at that time I prayed, if this is the true God, then will this God send me help at this time." "Then," he said, "at that time it seemed like a power came and began to push the boat toward shore so that soon we were safely ashore." Before they arrived at shore he asked his friends if they had seen anything strange in the sky. They said that they had seen nothing strange at all. After he safely arrived at shore, one of the first individuals that he

met was Mr. Bunga, who asked him if he would not be interested in studying the Bible. He felt that God had led him to meet Mr. Bunga. So the family consented to study the word of God, and at this point they have decided that they want to become Christians and believe in the true God.

Please pray for this family and many of their friends who are at this time studying on the island of Sumbawa. We have at this time a few members there and we hope that soon, as a result of the leading of God, there will be many more sincere baptized Seventh-day Adventists on the island of Sumbawa. The Lord has led and we have been able to purchase a nice piece of property for US\$1,000 that houses the pastor and the church at the present time. Please pray for Pastor Taebeno and his work there in Sumbawa. The work opens on a new island, and we see how God has gone before to open the way. Truly we can say, "Great and marvelous are Thy ways."

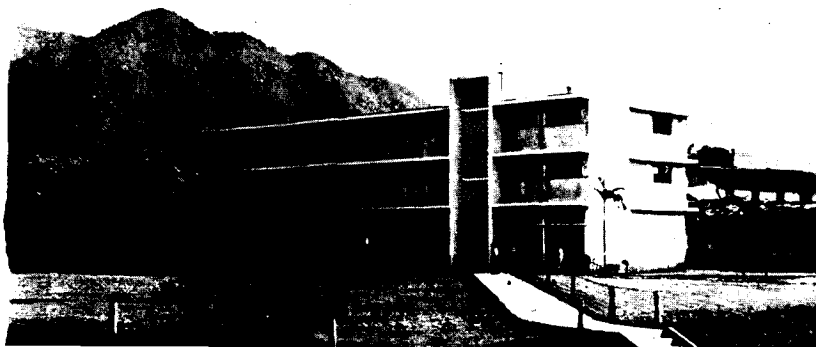
—Clinton L. Shankel, President,
West Indonesia Union

Spot Reports From Indonesia Union College

● R. A. Hutagaol, an instructor in economics and political science, has been granted the degree, *Sardjana Pendidikan*, by the Bandung Teachers' College. This degree is considered the equivalent of a Masters' degree in Indonesia.

● The first stage of a dormitory for college men was completed before the beginning of the 1969 school year. This part of the building contains a first floor chapel with seating capacity of 360, and two

NEW. This is the new men's dormitory of Indonesia Union College, just recently completed. Plans call for an additional wing which will then complete the facility.



dormitory floors with a maximum capacity of 100 men. The construction is of reinforced concrete.

● Dr. R. H. Tauran, head of the teacher training department, presented a program on proper methods of child training over Djakarta television. The 30-minute telecast included an illustrated discussion and a skit by several college students.

● A third floor has been added to the administration-classroom building. This area will be used for a library and one large classroom. Structure is of reinforced concrete with steel trusses and an asbestos cement roof.

● Pastor and Mrs. Ted Jones and their four children were on campus for three months to relieve the Robert Hancock family who where on furlough.

● After three years of dedicated service to the college, Gladys and Sam Robinson and daughter Nanette have returned to the United States. Their new assignment is at Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania.

● A two-year course in commerce was added to the course offerings this year. This curriculum emphasizes bookkeeping and typing classes. There were 21 students in the first class.

● A second power plant has been installed on the campus by Sam Robinson, former head of college maintenance and construction. The power plants were both donated through the efforts of Andrew Dressler who was previously associated with the American Embassy in Djakarta. Together these plants can furnish emergency power for the complete campus.

New Church Dedicated on Sumatra Island

PEKANBARU, the oil capital of Indonesia, now has a beautiful new Seventh-day Adventist church building.

Our work began at Pekanbaru in 1954, when the Ramley family moved from the island of Java to Sumatra and began working for Caltex, an American oil company. By 1960 some others had joined the group and in 1961 a full-time pastor was sent to shepherd the new flock at Pekanbaru. Pastor Sihotang soon built a small temporary church building which was used by



NEW. This is the new Pekanbaru, Sumatra Church in the West Indonesia Union.

the group. A church was soon organized and by 1967 they found their building too small for the membership. Plans were then laid to build a new church.

The church building was built almost entirely from funds solicited from the community and donated by the members. The mission gave only about 3% of the total cost. We are very thankful for the sacrifice made by our members and friends for the construction of this new church.

The ribbon was cut by the wife of the governor of the Riau province of central Sumatra. The governor also gave a speech at the dedication service. Many government officials attended the service which made the event a highlight for our members.

In the morning before the dedication service six persons were baptized into the church, so the members were not only busy building with stones and wood but were busy building their church with new members. We pray that this, the only Seventh-day Adventist church in the province, will be home base for our work in this large area of the island of Sumatra.

—Clinton Shankel, President,
West Indonesia Union

GROUP. Some of the members and newly-baptized believers stand in front of the new Pekanbaru, Sumatra church which was recently dedicated.



Korea

Student Missionaries Make Strong Impact in Korea

“ARE these young people that you mention who are willing to pay their own way to Korea to teach English Seventh-day Adventists?”
“Yes, they are. They’re from our colleges. We call them ‘student missionaries!’”

“Why you’ll conquer the world!” This exchange took place in the office of Dr. Karl Bartz, Cultural Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Korea.

For 15 minutes Dr. Bartz, yellow legal pad in hand, had questioned me about our proposed language center. Thoroughly satisfied that our program was academically sound and capable of meeting a pressing national need, he pledged his support in every way possible as we worked out final legal arrangements with the local government officials.

Dr. Bartz is not alone in his admiration of our program. When the city educational committee, prior to issuing our license, sent the women’s dean of a large university as an inspector to visit our school, she turned in amazement to the government official who was escorting her and said, “There was no reason for me to come here. There’s nothing like this in all of Korea!”

Our school, called the S.D.A. English Language Center, has been selected by the government educational department as a model program and will be featured throughout Korea on educational bulletin boards within the next few weeks.

When classes started on September 29 we hoped to have 300 students. After registering 723 we halted registration and turned away 200 to 300 more hopeful applicants.

Among our students are five non-Seventh-day Adventist ministers, ten doctors, 34 nurses, eight pharmacists, 53 teachers, 291 students, 40 merchants, and 121 office workers of various types. Four hundred ninety-one of our students profess no religious belief. Never before in the history of our work in Korea has our church had the opportunity of influencing such a group of people.

When Bible classes were intro-

duced 122 enrolled within the first three days. One class uses English Bibles and "The Bible Says" lesson guides; another uses a bilingual copy of the book, "Steps to Christ" along with prepared lesson guides; still another, called a translation class, has the students practice translating Adventist evangelistic sermons.

The bulk of our teaching staff is made up of student missionaries, young people willing to take a year out of their college program, usually between the junior and senior year, and devote it to the Lord's work in the mission field. On our staff here in Korea we have a student from Southern Missionary College, Tana Christiansen, and Jacque Zyt-koskee; one from Andrews University, Dennis Belsh (class of '68); four from Pacific Union College, Wesley Follett (M.A. '68), Nancy Follett, Janene Conley, and David Whitaker; and one from City College of Los Angeles, Douglas Havens.

Prior to entering the classroom these teachers are given special training in the science of teaching English as a foreign language. Since English is the medium of instruction, the student missionary, using his native language as his principal tool, becomes effective immediately and very quickly develops into an excellent teacher.

The Seoul English Language Center is located in a recently completed department store-hotel-office building complex on the eastern edge of the city. Included in the 7,200 square feet of space occupied by the Center is an auditorium for evangelistic meetings seating 200, a modern audio-active language laboratory containing 60 stations with facilities where four different grades of students can study simultaneously, a staff room, office, lounge, and seven spacious classrooms.

Tuition fees charged by the school make it possible for the Center to operate completely on a self-supporting basis.

Mrs. E. G. White gives this counsel: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (Education, page 271.)

The day for the realization of that vision has arrived. We have the army of dedicated young people. Could it be that God has placed

this great desire to learn English within the hearts of the peoples of Asia in order to open up another door for the spreading of the gospel? We believe it to be so.

—Dean Hubbard,
Director, English
Language Center

New Plane Brings Medical Aid to Remote Areas

ON a Monday morning in October the clear skies over Seoul, Korea, indicated beautiful fall weather, the kind that pilots like. To Dr. Robert Allen, a dentist of the Seoul Adventist Hospital, it was no exception. His schedule called for flying the "Laura Messenger" to Mangkyong-ni on an errand of mercy that day.

Mine was a rare privilege of accompanying Dr. Allen and his nurse, Miss Naomi Shin, to witness first-hand the Korean Union's new program of airplane medical evangelism. Of particular fascination is the aircraft, a Lake Amphibian, which grants the versatility of either land or water operations.

The plane entered service in the Korean Union as of May 18, 1969, and was made possible through the generous contributions of listeners of Pastor Tucker's "Quiet Hour" radio program and the family of Pastor L. A. Shipowick of the Far Eastern Division. The name "Laura Messenger" was chosen in honor of Pastor Shipowick's late mother.

Enroute to the SuSac Airport near the City of Seoul, Dr. Allen explained that our flight plan called

for a 10:00 o'clock departure, the destination being an out-of-the-way village called Mangkyong-ni, located 110 miles south of Seoul. This was to be the first such clinic in that place where there is no dentist to serve the local people.

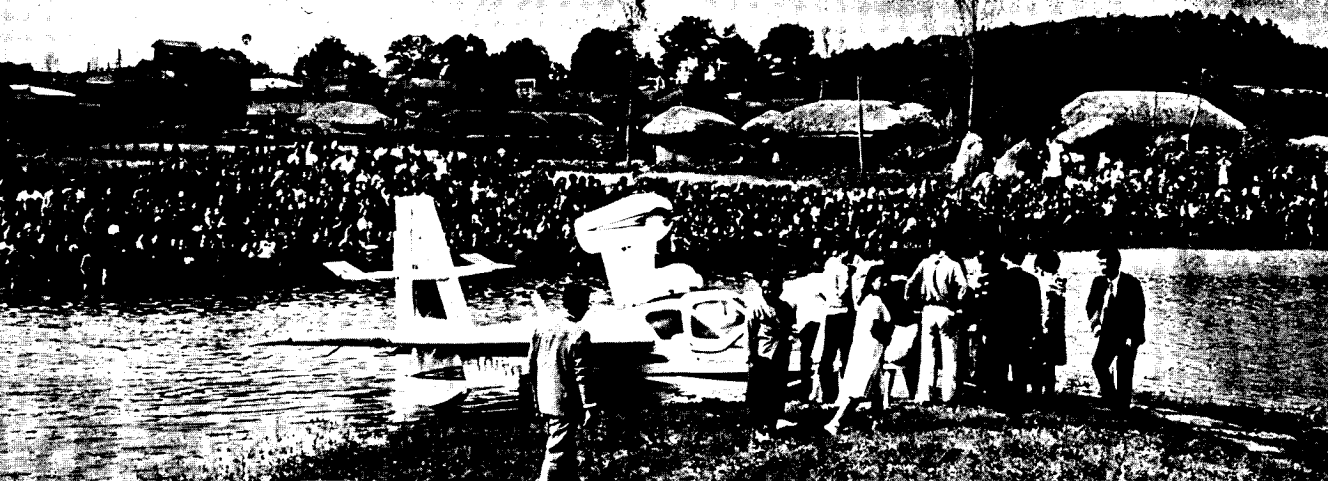
Arriving at the airport we found that immediate takeoff would be impossible. The airstrip was closed to all traffic. On the runway lay a two-engined craft which had belly-landed a bit earlier. As men labored with tall timbers, block and tackle, we wondered if, indeed, we would be permitted to leave at all that day. Two hours later, however, a local pilot came running across the field to Dr. Allen saying, "Doctor, you may leave now! We have secured clearance for your takeoff provided you can use the gravel taxiway alongside of the runway."

Miss Shin quickly swallowed some dramamine. The mechanics pulled the gleaming red and white sky-boat out into the sunshine. Soon we were hurtling down the gravel taxiway as spectators stood peering curiously at the unusual sight of a boat on wheels being powered by its elevated pusher type engine. We were airborne. Below lay the twisting Han river flanked by the jigsaw puzzle shapes of Seoul's housing areas. These, contrasting with the large multi-storied masonry buildings of Seoul's downtown area and the outlying paddy fields, formed a most interesting glimpse of the throbbing metropolitan center of today's Korea. We headed southward.

Because of her rugged, treeless mountains, Korea's terrain gives the

DENTAL CHAIR. Hundreds of curious people look on as treatment is given. Here the nose of the plane is used as the dental "chair." Besides the treatment given literature is distributed and a minister follows up the interests created by the medical team.





ARRIVAL. The scene above shows the huge crowd of islanders who watched the arrival of the aircraft for a dental clinic.

impression of barrenness. However, in the fall of the year it is a pretty land and particularly from around 2,000 feet as one looks down upon ripened fields of golden rice and laborers gathering the harvest. Hundreds of tiny villages dot the valley floors and small plantations nestle among mountain terraces. In Korea's autumn one can also sense that people are busily preparing for the hard winter which they know shall be upon them in a few weeks.

Continuing southward, we skirted the Osan airbase. Dr. Allen checked in with the tower from which we received an immediate crackle of response on "Laura Messenger's" radio. Soon we passed over the city of Chonan and continued on to Kongju where we turned westward to follow the Kum River for a time. Shortly, we began our descent and spotted the village of Mangkyongni, nestled beside a lake. The lake, of course, would be the key to our access for there would be no landing strip here.

Coming low over the thatched roof houses below, it was evident that everybody in town had been alerted to our coming. Apparently, the school teachers had agreed upon the educational values of watching an amphibious landing for hundreds of black-uniformed school children spilled out of the school buildings below and poured into the lanes heading for the lake. Old people and shopkeepers came out into the street and immediately made way for the shore as the drone of our little Lycoming 180 passed over.

At the far end of the lake Dr. Allen executed a beautiful landing (or should that be "water" ing?) and than taxied across the smooth surface of the lake toward the waiting crowd which, by this time, lined the shore some ten deep for

a distance equivalent to more than a city block. Probably there were 1,200 people watching this spectacular arrival of an Adventist medical team at their village.

From the cockpit looking into the faces of the waiting throng, Dr. Allen pondered as to how he could best position the craft in order to carry out this operation. The plane is equipped to taxi right up on to the shore. But this seemed inadvisable with such a huge crowd of youngsters whose exploratory tendencies are usually too strong to resist fondling an airplane. Therefore, it was determined to make use of the tip of a little island which jutted forth to a point within forty feet of the crowd. Dr. Allen taxied up to this point, allowed the nose of the plane to rest on the bank and then we deplaned. The district pastor, Kim Eung Tai, and his welcoming party was the first to row across to us in a little boat. A cordial welcome was administered by placing leis of flowers around each of our necks. Then the clinic began.

Patients were ferried across in a little boat. The nose of the air-

plane became a dental chair. The crowd stood still for the next two hours as Dr. Allen administered help to 26 patients. Some 50 teeth were extracted, a number of scalings were done in addition to numerous consultations. Literature was placed in the hand of each patient about dental hygiene.

Upon departure, one of the old sages on behalf of the village warmly clasped our hands and expressed heartfelt appreciation for what the Adventist medical team had done in selecting this village to be recipient of medical help.

Back inside "Laura Messenger" we could see, as the little plane lifted off the water, hundreds of waving hands and handkerchiefs expressing again their appreciation. One more circle of the town and a friendly dip of the wings and we headed back for Seoul. Another mission of mercy, another outreach by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, had been made possible through willing hands and modern aviation.

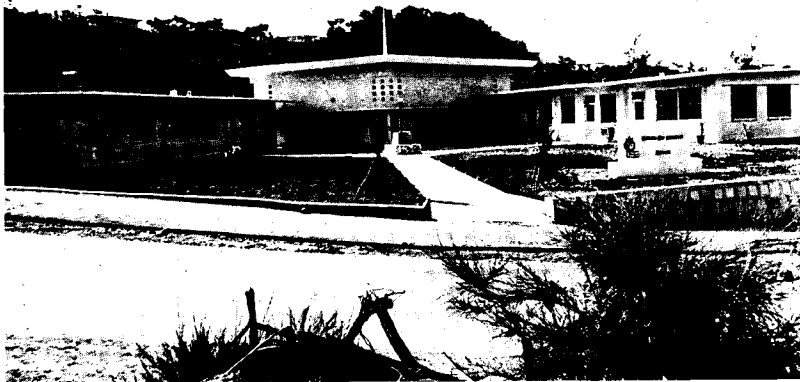
—M. R. Lyon, Associate Secretary,
Publishing Department,
Far Eastern Division

APPOINTMENT. Dr. Robert Allen, dentist at the Seoul Adventist Hospital and chief pilot of the new aircraft, explains to a patient through an interpreter what is wrong with her teeth.



New Servicemen's Center Opens on Okinawa

By Clyde R. Bradley,
Chaplain, Okinawa Servicemen's Center



NEW. This is the recently-opened Okinawa Servicemen's Center. The wings house facilities and the central portion is the auditorium. The unit is located in a choice place on the island of Okinawa.

THE Okinawa Servicemen's Center has opened its doors for the first time. After a series of time settings and much anticipation, it was a happy group who met for the dedication ceremony.

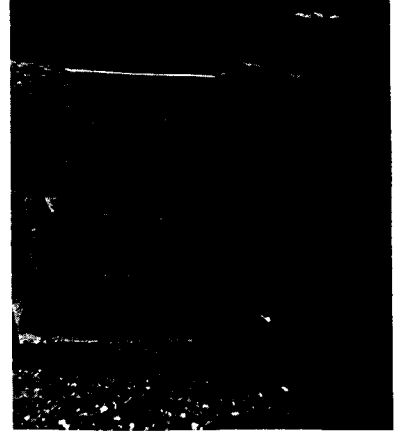
Our invitation list included officials from all segments of the church as well as military officials. When we had gathered to begin the ceremony we were glad to welcome Chaplain (Col) Thomas D. McGrath, senior chaplain on Okinawa, who spoke both for himself and the high commissioner.

The activities opened with a plague-unveiling, dedicating the

Center to the men who had served their God and their country on Okinawa. How glad we were to have Cpl. Desmond T. Doss to perform the act of unveiling. His name is mentioned along with the act for which he received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

After the unveiling of the plaque the congregation entered the chapel where the writer gave the dedicatory

Japan

A black and white photograph showing a man, identified as Desmond Doss, standing next to a sign. The sign is partially visible and appears to be a memorial or informational sign. The background shows a hillside with some trees.

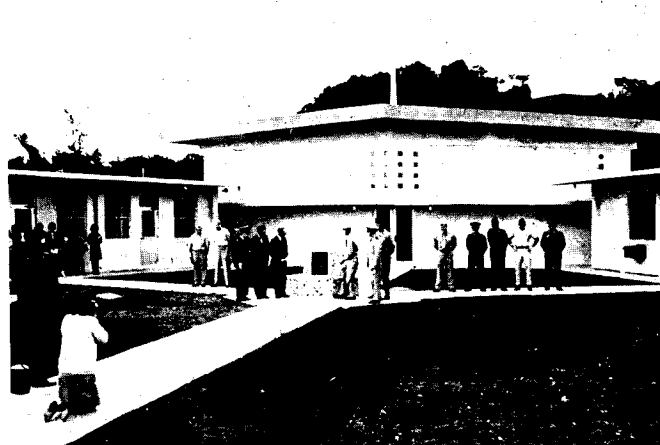
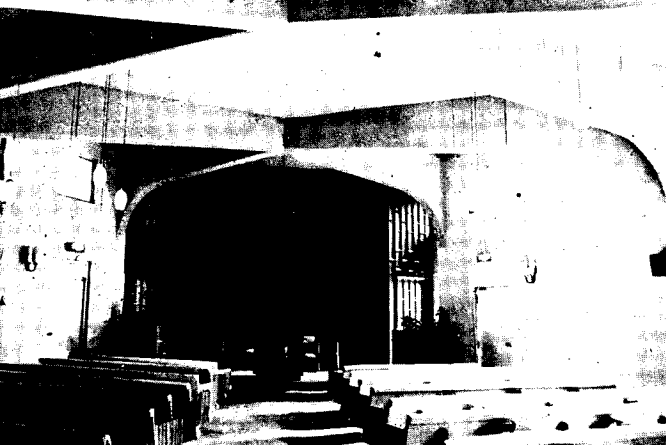
SIGN. Desmond Doss recently made his first visit to Okinawa since World War II. Here he stands by the side of a sign indicating his deeds which won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. The escarpment where he saved his fellow men is shown in the background.

sermon and read the act of dedication. Others on the program included Pastor Cecil A. Williams, Okinawa Mission President; Chaplain McGrath; Chaplain (LTJG) Harold H. Eslinger; Captain Frank Fowler, MD; and Desmond Doss.

Twenty-four hours before the dedication ceremony, the construction superintendent informed us that due to an unforeseen turn in the inspection procedure of a governmental agency, we would not be able to make our permanent move for a short while. Three and one half weeks later we were told that the delay had come to an end and we could use the Center.

We had made ready for just such an eventuality and all was in place for the first service. We had our first worship service in the Okinawa Servicemen's Center the very next day, Sabbath, December 20, 1969. It was a happy congregation that ended sojourning and began to occupy their own facility with genuine heartfelt praise to God for His guidance in making this possible.

LEFT. This is the inside of the main auditorium of the Center where the dedication took place. RIGHT. Officials unveil the plaque in the center of the plaza before the dedication rites.





City of Tokyo Honors Adventist Hospital

LEFT. The Tokyo City Public Health Department has given an award of merit to the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital for having the "Best Food Facility" in the area, one of only 11 who received such an award. Here the hospital kitchen workers pose with the award shown in the center bottom. RIGHT. Miss Makiko Yamamoto, head dietitian, holds the award. The city gave the awards based on environment, sanitation and food hygiene after an extensive survey of the hospitals in Tokyo, Japan.

Southeast Asia

Record Number Receive Degrees at SAUC Graduation

SOUTHEAST Asia Union College held its year-end graduation exercises on December 12 and 13, 1969. It was the largest graduating class in the history of the college. A total of 28 received their Junior College diplomas from President Daniel Tan this year—3 in the July graduation and 25 at the year-end convocation.

The class was particularly honored in having Dr. C. B. Hirsch, Secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, address them on Commencement night. Pastor T. K. Chong, President of the Malaya Mission, and Pastor R. S. Watts, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, presented the Consecration and Baccalaureate messages respectively.

The Far Eastern Academy Wind Ensemble added pomp to the occasion with their rendition of a special number on Commencement night. They also ushered the graduates out with a grand recessional.

Three students graduated from the Commerce course, six from the course in Education, nine from Liberal Arts, six from the Ministerial course, one from Science, and three from Secretarial Science. Seven of these graduates have already been placed in the work. The rest are planning to continue with their third and fourth year of col-

lege education, either abroad or at Southeast Asia Union College which is still waiting for official approval from the General Conference to introduce third and fourth year Ministerial and Teacher Training courses leading to a bachelor's degree. The college has been growing so rapidly that a third and fourth-year program became a much-felt need among both teachers and students. We earnestly hope this will become possible in 1970.

● Wong Yew Chong, Lily Wong, Koh Siew Eng, Melvin Sibarani, Heman Hutapea, and Christina Leong left in December for further studies at Philippine Union College.

● Maureen Ho, of Youngberg Memorial Hospital, married Jeffrey Lim on December 14 at the College Auditorium.

● Kathy Coffin left for Walla Walla College after spending one semester at Southeast Asia Union College. The college students have enjoyed associating with her and will miss her cheery smile and friendly spirit. Kathy has only six more months to complete her nursing course at Walla Walla. She hopes to come back here and serve the people she has grown up with.

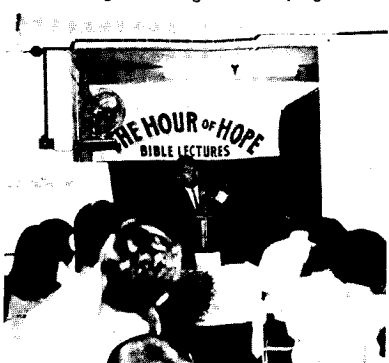
● Enrollment in the SAUC Monsoon Session (summer school) went up to the 80's this year.

—Maggie Tan

First English Crusade Held in Queenstown, Singapore

IT was a "first" in the history of the Queenstown English Branch Church to have a series of crusade meetings conducted by Jonathan Ng, Dean of Men of Southeast Asia Union College.

SPEAKER. Jonathan Ng is shown speaking at the Queenstown Branch Church in Singapore during the evangelistic campaign.



This crusade was conducted with the hope of leading both the "Voice of Prophecy" and "Bible Says" students to take their stands for Christ. With the enthusiasm and zeal of the young people of the church, visitation and prayer bands organized and special invitations were sent out to the students living in the vicinity of the church.

The Lord provided us with good weather throughout the week in spite of the flood that swept many areas of Singapore just four days before the crusade.

An average of 50 persons attended the meetings nightly. During a few nights, some of the people had to be seated outside because the small shop-house church can only hold about 45 persons inside. During the last night when the call was given 23 persons indicated their desire to accept Jesus

—Edmund Ho, Church Elder

South Philippines

Miraculous Acquisition of Generator

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7.

Mountain View College (Philippines) has again experienced a direct answer to the promise of God, and in a very material way.

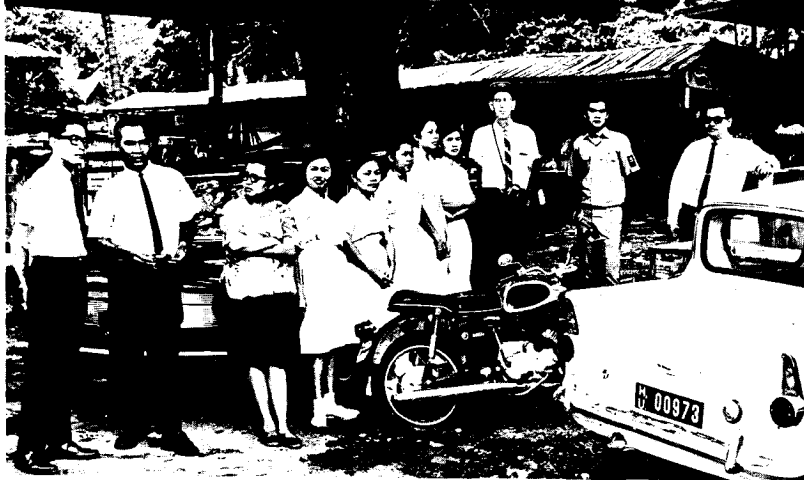
The needs of a growing community, and the development of College industries, called for a large increase in electric power. In 1968 Dr. Douglas Brown, MVC President, requested a survey estimating future requirements be made. The Far Eastern Division arranged for William G. Jensen, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital plant engineer, to make the survey. Brother Jensen, Eugenio M. Porteza, project engineer, and College Staff men spent ten days tramping the College property; and after prayerful consideration, they recommended a new plant be installed on the Manupali River which forms a natural boundary of the campus.

Dr. William C. Richli, Manila, a perennial benefactor of the College, suggested contacting Benguet Consolidated, Inc., Baguio City. The Company had offered for sale a hydro-electric plant from a former goldmine operation. Jensen inspected the plant, and also visited its former location in a mountain tunnel thirty miles from Baguio.

Brother Jensen returned to MVC to find that three days earlier the old hydro had completely broken down. For three and one half months, the campus struggled along with two small diesels. The dry season with steadily diminishing water supply aggravated the situation.

The College Board, encouraged by newly-appointed President Agripino C. Segovia, took action to approach Benguet with a financial offer. The Benguet Company had placed a value of Ps.200,000 on each of the three units. They had refused an offer of Ps.50,000 from another buyer. The College resources permitted an offer of only Ps.20,000.

President Segovia approached his appointment as spokesman with



TEAM. A team of Thailand Adventists recently gave assistance to flood victims at Ampur Tha Yang, Petchburi. The group included ministers, physicians, and nurses.

Thailand Welfare Workers Help Flood Victims

THAILAND welfare workers have aided 120 flood victims in the Petchburi area south of Bangkok. Tinned foods, blankets, towels, and clothing were given to the flood victims in addition to medicine, cash, and other material aid.

A team of 20 physicians, nurses, ministers, and welfare workers went to Ampur Tha Yang, Petchburi to personally assist the victims and to give needed medical aid.

The sponsoring organization was the Adventist Foundation of Thailand. Accompanying the group were Pastor Sunti Soratjakool, President, and Prayoon Maithrai, secretary, of the Foundation. The 12-hour trip included travel, medical clinic, and clothing distribution.

—D. A. Roth

Welfare Aids in Flood Disaster in Singapore

A long-to-be-remembered day is December 10, 1969! Early that morning 14 inches of rain fell in a ten-hour period. In some parts of Singapore and Johore water rose



GIFT. Pastor Joshua Chang, Executive Chairman of the Adventist Welfare Center in Singapore, presents a \$51,000.00 check to the director of the Singapore Social Welfare Services to further aid flood victims.



COOKS. Groups of volunteers set up a feeding station at St. Andrew School in Singapore to provide hot meals for hundreds of men, women, and children who escaped from their flooded homes.

to a depth of over 15 feet in towns and over highways.

Thousands of people in Singapore and over 20,000 people in the state of Johore had to flee their homes for higher ground. In Singapore high army lorries were sent into the flooded areas to pick up stranded victims. They were taken to ten or more campuses where they were fed and housed by government and voluntary services.

On the afternoon of December 10 four Adventist churches in Singapore rallied their resources and feeding centers were set up in St. Andrews School, Balestier Hill Primary School, and Moulmein Community Center. Altogether 1,300 people were fed in these places.

In addition to this voluntary relief work Pastor Joshua Chong, Executive Chairman of Singapore Health and Welfare Services, presented a \$1,000 check to Singapore Social Welfare Director for the further relief of Singapore flood victims.

—Doyle Barnett

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prayerful attitude, strongly conscious of the contrast between the suggested value and his limited resources. A letter of introduction from Mrs. Segovia's cousin, a close friend of A. P. Ploesser, General Superintendent of Benguet, paved the way. For two hours at the Benguet Office, Pastor Segovia conversed with Mr. Ploesser, explaining the Adventist philosophy of Christian education, including Adventist standards and the extent of the College work program. The Superintendent himself at last suggested a tentative offer of Ps.50,000, then, Ps.30,000, and finally Ps.20,000 pesos. At that point, the Pastor disclosed that Ps.20,000 was the sum with which the Board had authorized him to negotiate.

The company manager being absent in the United States, no action could be taken at that time. More months passed while the College community continued to pray. In May 1969, President Segovia made another trip. Contacting Benguet by telephone, he was amazed at the response, "Haven't you received our letter? We have accepted your offer." Mr. Ploesser went on to say he had repeated to the committee all the information about Adventists that he had learned from their former conversation. On the other end of the line, Pastor Segovia stood with his heart uplifted in thanksgiving for answered prayer. When Jensen, with Pedro Protacio, assistant business manager, and Job Tanamal, engineering shop supervisor, prepared the plant for shipment to MVC, the Mining Company not only selected the best of the three units for them, but told them to take parts from the other two for any necessary replacements. They also rented their own trucks to transport the unit to the shipping dock at Manila.

On July 20, 1969, the generator and waterwheel were at Cagayan; and the College truck made five trips to transport the thirty-one metric tons of equipment 96 miles to the campus. The unit has a potential of 500 kilowatts (625 KVA).

The next stage of action will be the erection of a powerhouse at the river; a diversion of water by a canal to be dug approximately one mile along the canyon to the power building where the penstock will drop it 80 feet to the hydro-electric plant; and thirdly, a power transmission line of one and one-half

miles to the campus. These plans will materialize when funds are available.

In a letter to Pastor Segovia, Pastor H. Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, wrote: "Certainly God has worked a miracle in helping us to get this 500 kilowatt generator from Benguet Consolidated. We will need some more miracles before the installation takes place, but God has never disappointed us yet."

—Mrs. Velma O. Watts

A Fortune Teller Baptized in South Philippines

IN a recent group of fourteen who were baptized by this writer were three couples, all Roman Catholics but with different practices. One was a fortune teller. Another was an idol worshipper. The third one was a confirmed drunkard.

Maximino Gresones was not only known for his craft as the "Pulo" (island) fortune teller but also a man most feared by the inhabitants because of his enchantment and mysterious skill in keeping himself unscathed after some seven of his foes attacked him with sharp-bladed weapons.

His practice of divination is known to many especially among those living in nearby municipalities. He would dance barefooted on a lake of fiery charcoal to the amazement of on-lookers. This he did during the time he performed a ceremony in front of a "balite" tree allegedly populated by "encantos" or demons in order to appease their wrath over someone or something in the island.

His interest in our message started from his encounter with the municipal priest in Cateel (his home town), Davao Oriental, southeastern coast of Mindanao. During the seminar conducted exclusively for Catholic chapter presidents, he received confusing answers from the priest.

He soon resigned from his post as chapter president of the Catholic Church while at the same time he continued his systematic Bible study with a lay preacher of the Kinablangan Church. Intensive follow-up was made by our energetic ministerial intern, Jerry Valleramos.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ramos had a superstitious belief that their two-inch long black idol had something to do with the good luck or misfortunes in the family. Before any of them could partake the fruit of their harvest they had to first serve their "mana-og" or black idol with a spoonful of cooked rice. When Mrs. Ramos got sick their plea to the idol for recovery seemed to fall on deaf ears! For three months this mother suffered an intense pain in her stomach. Poor as they were, they could not afford to call for a doctor. An Adventist couple, came into the scene and told the lady, "The reason you don't get cured is because you worship a god other than the God who made the heaven and the earth! If you want to let us help you and pray for you we shall first of all burn this black idol, your 'mana-og'."

And they did. Mrs. Ramos got well in due time. A series of Bible studies followed and then the couple was baptized.

—D. U. Gonzales, District Pastor, Davao Mission

BAPTIZED. In this group of newly-baptized members is a former drunkard, a former fortune teller, and a former idol-worshipper. Fourth from the left is Martin Ramos and the sixth from the left is Maximino Gresones. The ninth is Hermie Gresones. At the extreme left is a lay preacher, Laniza, and at the extreme right is Jerry Volleramos, a ministerial intern.



Central Philippines

CPUM Holds Third Biennial Session

OFFICIAL delegates and guests numbering more than 150 attended the third biennial session of the Central Philippine Union held at the Capitol Center in Cebu City. The majority of the delegates represented the four organized missions of the Visayas, namely, East Visayan Mission, with headquarters in Tacloban City; Central Visayan Mission, with head office in Cebu City; the Negros Mission, whose main office is in Bacolod City; and West Visayan Mission, with headquarters at Iloilo City.

Representatives from the Far Eastern Division headquarters in Singapore were Pastors P. H. Eldridge, President; H. W. Bedwell, Secretary; H. D. Johnson, Treasurer; R. C. Williams, Ministerial, Radio-TV Secretary; and L. A. Shipowick, Lay Activities Secretary. The Department of Health was represented by W. G. Dick, M.D. of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital and F. T. Geslani, M.D. of Miller Sanitarium and Hospital. The other departmental representatives were W. D. Jemson of the Philippine Publishing House, Manila; P. C. Banaag of the Welfare Service, Manila; and A. C. Segovia, of Mountain View College.

The meetings in the morning began with a devotional at 8:00 fol-

lowed by sessions, committees, and conferences. At night special features were presented.

New elections to mission administration included J. R. Obregon, President of Central Visayan Mission, and F. M. Arrogante, President of East Visayan Mission.

Medical Aid Brought to Islands in a Boat

CENTRAL Visayan Mission has launched another pumpboat, "Herald II" to be used for the islands of Bohol. There are over sixty small islands around the province of Bohol which have not yet heard the gospel. Brother Ramon Almocera, Jr. will pilot the "Herald II," while his wife, Mrs. Veronica C. Almocera, who is a nurse, will minister to the sick in these islands. We are glad to have a minister-nurse team in our new project in Bohol. The project will have its headquarters in Ubay, being centrally located in the eastern side of the province of Bohol. Brother Almocera already has definite plans to hold two efforts on the islands of Tugas and Biabas. An interest was created here by the efforts of our laymen in eastern Bohol area.

We are also glad to report that we have a faithful layman, Dr. Dalmacio Javellana, who will accompany our boat to assist in our work in the islands. He will render his services free to the islanders. The Central Visayan Mission territory is composed of large and small islands scattered from Panglao, Bohol to the south, overlooking the

islands of Camiguin in Mindanao and as far north to the islands of Burias close to the towering Mayon Volcano of Bicol. We feel that possessing a fleet of pumpboats such as we have now will expedite our itinerary in reaching these far-flung territories.

Our "Herald I", which was launched several months ago is under the care of Brother Ruben Moralde, our evangelist for the islands of Burias. He has already experienced fighting against big waves in meeting his appointments with the churches. We are convinced that boats such as we have are a must if we are desirous of finishing God's work quickly in this generation. We are anxious to fulfill our plans of having two more "Herald" boats. Please pray for us.

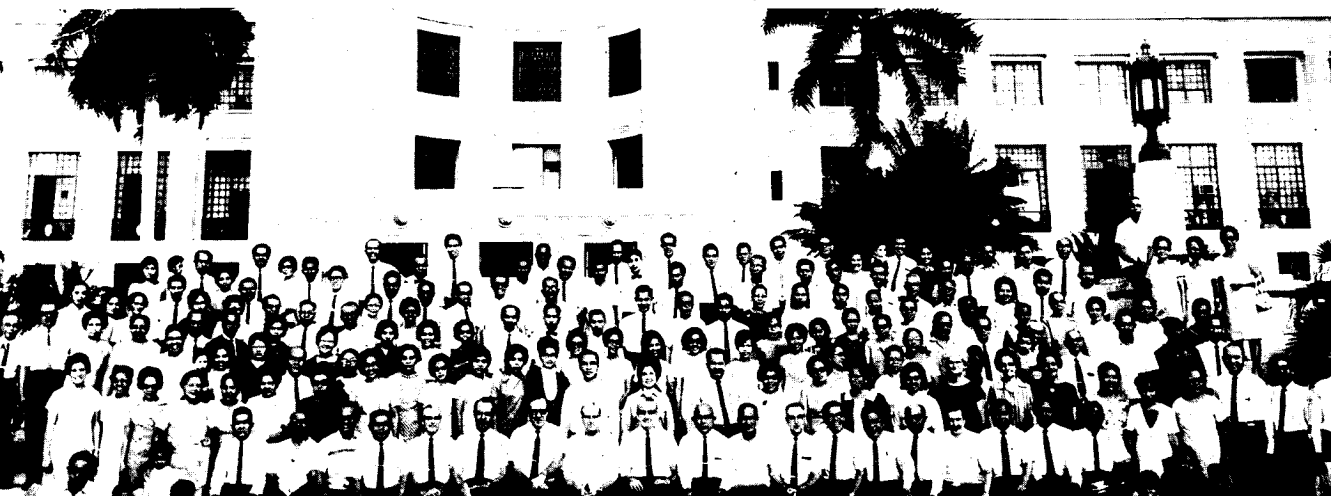
—D. M. Niere, President
Central Visayan Mission

"Happiness for Husbands and Wives" Mends a Broken Home

A newly-married couple in Jaro, Iloilo, had a rough time in their adjustment period. Their misunderstandings led to the flight of the wife back to her parents. Their separation lasted for months until their reconciliation thru the ministry of the good book **Happiness for Husbands and Wives** came to the rescue.

Brother Pedahil Salleva, a faithful colporteur evangelist of West Visayan Mission, was caravassing in

DELEGATION. Here are the delegates who attended the Central Philippine Union session at Cebu City, Philippines.



the area when the young husband ordered the book to be delivered as soon as possible. After receiving the book he read it voraciously with the message piercing his heart. This husband in stealth went to the house of his bride and placed the book on the table. His estranged wife discovered it, but she never knew who sent the book to their home. After reading the book with deep appreciation and full satisfaction she secretly managed to slip the book to her separated husband hoping that it might help him, too.

When Brother Salleva was again in the same area he was jubilantly surprised to hear from the neighbors that his book, **Happiness for Husbands and Wives**, did a mighty and commendable job of mending the broken hearts and home of the couple. He hurried to meet the couple and found them so thankful that he had canvassed in their area.

This couple became interested in the message. Missionary visitations and Bible studies are being carried on with the hope that soon they will be among the thousands gathered in the Far East Harvest.

—F. M. Arrogante

Audio-Meter Donated to Bacolod

BACOLOD Sanitarium and Hospital is adding another service to the list of services being presently offered to patients. Coming as a donation from Mr. Leland House in the United States is an audiometer that would enable the sanitarium to help patients with hearing difficulties.

The machine will give information on the hearing capacity of the patient and from this the doctor could determine the suitable hearing aid the patient needs.

—W. E. Lim

Home-Made Products at Bacolod Sanitarium

THE maintenance department and carpentry shop of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital not only do ordinary maintenance jobs, but also a lot of productive work.

Among the products made by the maintenance department, under the direction of Jethro Tanamal, are

a soy cooker for soyamilk production, a hot sitz bath and a stainless steel full length bathtub for hydrotherapy. The carpentry shop has produced most of the office desks, cabinets, and chairs.

Under the direction of Dr. Richli, the maintenance men were able to repair the 30-horsepower boiler from Clark Air Base supplying steam to the various departments of the hospital.

—W. E. Lim, Business Manager,
Bacolod Sanitarium & Hospital

North Philippines

A Progress Report of NPUM

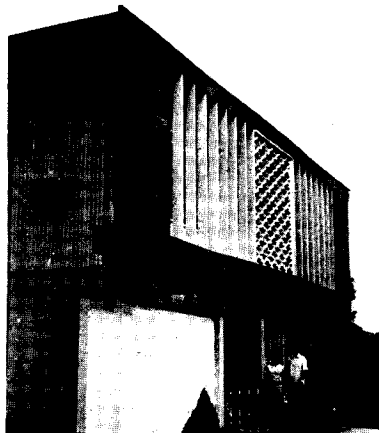
WHEN the great William Carey was facing problems in India, he wrote back home, "There are grave problems on every hand and more are looming ahead, therefore we must go forward." Notice Carey said, "therefore" and not "in spite of". In other words, because of difficulties they had to launch out on the promises of God.

This has been our experience, and the Lord has richly rewarded. In this brief report only a few general facts and figures will be presented; just sufficient for our readers to see God's greatness and His miracle working power on behalf of His people.

Baptisms. For 1968 and 1969 (up to October) it's 6,728. Church mem-

Mission Office Given New Look

NEW LOOK. The Central Luzon Mission office building on Isabel Avenue, Malabon, Rizal recently got a new look. The Ps.20,000 improvement project has resulted in more spacious and modern-looking office rooms.



bership on September 30, 1969 was 43,207.

Treasury. Tithe in 1968 was \$5404,597.32 (18% increase over previous year).

Publishing. Sales as of September 30 were up by Ps.157,006.82 over 1968's good record. One colporteur alone sold Ps.67,967.85 during the past three years. The number of colporteurs has increased from 252 in 1966 to 381 in 1969.

Educational. In 1969 there were 93 elementary schools, 4,568 pupils, 157 teachers, and 838 baptisms. We have nine academies. Total elementary and secondary students at end of September—6,124. Total baptisms for the four years—1,843.

Philippine Union College. PUC enrollment has increased from 650 college students in 1965 to 1,625 in 1969. There are now 2,577 youth and children studying on the campus. Unfortunately, many applicants have been turned away because of lack of classrooms, dormitory rooms, and other facilities. Although we have built a new dormitory for the girls, a new nurses education building, new faculty homes, additional classrooms, and a number of renovations and alterations have taken place, yet we are woefully short of keeping up with the large increase in students.

Parent and Home. Past records have been broken. A total of 3,000 have graduated from the Character Building Course and 1,500 from the Homemaker's Course.

Temperance. Rallies in 1968-1969 — 18. Twenty-eight Temperance societies have been organized with a membership of 1,135.

Missionary Volunteer.

| | 1968-1969 |
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| Number of Societies | 591 |
| Number bapt. with help of the MV | 2,187 |
| Master Guides graduates | 47 |

Three years ago we began community camps for underprivileged children. Some 70 to 100 non-Adventists boys from Manila have been attending each year. These camps have been very well received. Funds from Ingathering have financed this new project.

Philippine Publishing House. This institution which serves three Unions sold Ps.1,923,000 in 1967, Ps. 2,600,000 in 1968, and by Oct. 1969 even though imports have been cut down, the house was Ps.408,000 ahead of its budget.



Ordination Held at Union Session

ORDAINED. Ten men, shown with their wives, were ordained in the North Philippines during the biennial session. Left to right Alberto Regoso, Augusto Reyes, Efinito Macalintal, Timoteo Osorio, Victormio Arsaola, Zinea Manala, Alfredo Corpus, Alejandro Miguel, Nemesio Ico, and Armando Fabella. Towering men behind are Pastors R. R. Frame, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, P. H. Eldridge, Division President, with Pastor W. J. Hackett, General Conference Vice President, between them.

Lay Activities. It is to Far East Harvest and Gift Bible Evangelism that much credit is due for the significant increase in baptisms. Cash and pledges for gift Bibles for 1969 amounted to Ps.68,375.33, and 11,535 gift Bibles have been distributed.

Sabbath School.

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| | (6 quarters) |
| Vacation Bible Schools | 522 |
| Total SS offering | 300,408.46 |
| Investment offering | 57,597.83 |
| SS Teachers Training Graduates | 2,003 |

Ingathering. In 1966—Ps.196,182.11; 1969—Ps.251,473.01. By the third week of 1969, 111 per cent of the goal was reached. Most significant is the fact that goals are now reached in days and not weeks. In 1968 it took 30 days to reach Ps.200,000. This year Ps.210,037 was realized in 14 days.

Child Evangelism. Child evangelism materials have reached 40 countries and islands outside the Philippines in 10 world divisions. Sales up to September of 1969 were Ps.30,393.62. A big step forward has been made — that of bringing the Senior SS lessons up-to-date. Youth quarterlies, and new lesson quarterlies are now printed in the dialect for the children's divisions.

Public Relations. This biennium has seen the beginning of the church identification program. There has been an increase in column inches of press releases. We have now a more attractive Union paper, the Mizpa.

Stewardship. The per capita tithe for four years since 1966 (when this department was created) is Ps. 36.64, against Ps.27.98 during the previous seven years. This means an increase of 30.9 per cent. Per capita offering from 1966 to 1969 was Ps.4.82, against Ps.3.86 during the previous six years. The increase is 25 per cent. The Week of Sac-



STAFF. This is the staff of the health department booth, easily the most popular booth during the biennial session. Every night they served drinks for free. Dr. R. O. Heald (with necktie) is health secretary.

rifice offering for 1968 alone (Ps. 20,504.26) is Ps.503.91 more than the offering for five years (1963 to 1967).

Religious Liberty. Comments from readers indicate an increasing public acceptance of the Freedom

Filipino Student Given US\$1500 Fellowship

AWARD. Andrews University has awarded a Charles E. Weniger Fellowship to Corazon Arevalo. Miss Arevalo, whose home is in Manila, Philippine Islands, was graduated from Philippine Women's University in March, 1967, with a major in music. She is studying for a master of music education degree at Andrews. The \$1500 fellowship is one of eight awarded by the School of Graduate Studies to students with outstanding academic records in college who show promise of achieving excellence in graduate study. The fellowships are named for the late Charles E. Weniger, a former dean of the School of Graduate Studies and distinguished Seventh-day Adventist educator.



magazine. Current trends in the Philippines continue to prove the great value of this department.

SAWS. The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service has received excellent coverage and has done commendable work.

The SDA image has been enhanced by donations to fire and other disaster victims.

Voice of Prophecy. There were 525 baptized in 1969.

Radio — TV. We are now broadcasting over 13 stations and on TV Channel 4 in Davao, Cebu, Manila, and Cagayan de Oro. A new broadcast is planned for Pangasinan and tentative arrangements have been made for one in the Cagayan Valley.

Manila Center. A baptismal service is being held every month. In 1968 and up to September of 1969, 527 people were baptized.

Ministerial. 27 interns were employed in 1968-1969. Evangelistic campaigns conducted in 1968-1969 — 126 plus 51 lay efforts. Year-round evangelistic teams with portable tabernacles have proved a great blessing.

Hospital Worker Finishes Degree in Manila



M.S. Romulo Tabo, former head technologist at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, finished the requirements for the Master of Science (Hygiene) degree at the University of the Philippines. His thesis is entitled, "A Study of the Changes in the Brain of Mice Infected with *Angiastrongylus Cantonensis*."

Medical. The medical secretary has two assistants, five field nurses, and an office helper. There have been 150 graduates from the cooking schools in the Union this year. Lectures in health education, correspondence courses, and medical rallies are already being successfully promoted. We are praying and hoping for a health food production program.

—T. C. Murdoch, President



FIRST. The first capping ceremony of the School of Nursing at Mountain View College was held in the auditorium of the Philippine school.

First Capping and Candlelighting Ceremony at Mountain View College

ANOTHER "first" went into the record of Mountain View College history as 15 students of the MVC School of Nursing, Cebu clinical division, marched to receive their caps and candlelights at the Florence Kern Auditorium.

The first ceremony of its kind ever held in this part of Mindanao drew a crowd that filled the college auditorium to capacity. Included in the guest list were Bukidnon Governor and Mrs. Carlitos Fortich; Valencia Mayor and Mrs. Teodoro Pepito; Miller Sanitarium and Mindanao Sanitarium personnel; and administrators from the Central and South Philippine Unions.

Presenting the beginnings of this project six years ago, its problems

and the Lord's leadings, Dr. Francisco T. Geslani, Medical Director of Miller Sanitarium and the guest speaker, delineated the need for dedicated nurses whose religious principles are compatible to the call of Christlike service.

"I am thankful and proud," Governor Fortich said at the reception, "that we have a nursing school in Bukidnon." Explaining that his wife and he had put off all other appointments in favor of this MVC program, he beamed, "And I'm so happy we can have this record during my administration."

Leading out in the symbolic program for these 15 ladies, who were clad in their light-blue uniforms, a gift from the Loma Linda Sanitarium, were Mrs. Peter Pefanco,

acting dean of the School of Nursing; Miss Ruth Lachica, class adviser; Miss Teresita Taghap, Miller San nurse and Florence Nightingale; and Mrs. Pedro Protacio, MVC nurse. The class was presented by Dr. Allan Magie, Chairman of the MVC Science Department.

In a response aptly expressed in their consecration, "Others," the student nurses who accepted the challenge to a new sphere of ministry were Rebecca Acebedo, Andrea Aguirre, Dorcas Albaladejo, Dorcas Aspra, Emina Dizon, Fe Espiritu, Loida Estabillo, Joy Festejo, Ancheta Galinato, Ellen Montebon, Enriqueta Morales, Rachel Pepito, Redemption Rada, Pelvina Rapacon, and Norma Tipon.

—Mrs. Nick Tumangday

Harvest Time is *NOW!*