

# OUTLOOK

far  
eastern  
division



FAR  
EASTERN  
DIVISION





# OUTLOOK

M.C. (P) 1767 - K D N 4360

- P. H. Eldridge ..... President
- H. W. Bedwell ..... Secretary
- H. D. Johnson ..... Treasurer
- D. A. Roth ..... Assistant Secretary and  
Public Relations
- A. E. Krogstad ..... Assistant Treasurer
- H. M. Baldwin ..... Assistant Treasurer
- H. B. Ludden ..... Auditor
- A. E. Hackett ..... Assistant Auditor
- E. L. Longway ..... Field Secretary

## DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

- B. E. Olson ..... Education
- Jay Lantry ..... Associate Education
- Marion Simmons ..... Associate Education

- and Parent & Home Education Secretary
- L. A. Shipowick ..... Lay Activities  
and Sabbath School
- G. C. Ekvall ..... Medical, Temperance
- C. A. Miller ..... Associate Medical
- Maxine Atteberry ..... Associate Medical
- R. C. Williams ..... Ministerial Association,  
Radio-TV and Religious Liberty
- G. J. Bertochini ..... M.V., National Service  
Organization
- E. A. Brodeur ..... Publishing
- M. E. Lyon ..... Associate Publishing
- Bruce Johnston ..... Division Evangelist

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

Don A. Roth, Editor

Published monthly as the Official Organ of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 800 Thomson Road, Singapore 11, Republic of Singapore.

Postal Address: P. O. Box 226, Singapore, Republic of Singapore.

Price: 50 cents (US) a year

Printed at Malaysian Signs Press, 251 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 13, Republic of Singapore.

## UNION DIRECTORY

East Indonesia—A. M. Bartlett, president; Walter Raranta, secretary; L. R. Templeton, treasurer; Djalan Kamo 191, (P. O. Box-3) Manado, Sulawesi, Indonesia.

West Indonesia—C. L. Shankel, president; P. L. Tambunan, secretary; David Dennis, treasurer; Jalan Thamrin, No. 22, (P. O. Box 221) Djakarta, Java, Indonesia.

Japan—C. B. Watts, president; Kensaku Yasui, secretary; R. Gainer, treasurer; 846 Kami Kawai Machi, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama, Japan (P. O. Box 7) Hodogaya-Nishi, Yokohama, Japan.)

Korea—W. L. Wilcox, president; P. W. Im, secretary; R. H. Roderick, treasurer; (I.P.O. Box 1243) 66 Hoi-ki-dong, Tongdai-moon Ku, Seoul, Korea.

Central Philippine—E. A. Capobres, president; M. U. Donato, secretary-treasurer; (P. O. Box 3) 356 Gorordo Avenue, Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines.

North Philippine—T. C. Murdoch, president; M. G. Jereos, secretary; Gordon Bullock, treasurer; (P. O. Box 401) 2059 Donado St. Pasay City, Philippines.

South Philippine—M. M. Claveria, president; C. P. Legaspi, secretary-treasurer; P. O. Box 132, Davao City, Philippines.

South China Island—W. T. Clark, president; D. F. Gilbert, treasurer; 1000 Chung Cheng Road, Taipei, Taiwan.

Southeast Asia—R. S. Watts, president; K. T. Kong, secretary; G. O. Bruce, treasurer; 251 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 13, Singapore.

## Detached Mission

Far Eastern Island—P. W. Nelson, president; Jerry Wiggle, secretary-treasurer; P. O. Box EA, Agana, Guam.

# Deskside Chats



## "Lift Up Your Eyes . . ."

LEAVING a tired and hungry Jesus sitting on the rough stone curbing of Jacob's Well, the disciples had gone into the little city of Sychar to buy something for lunch. When they returned, Jesus was still sitting by the well. But He didn't look the same. Animated, and appearing completely refreshed, He was engaged in a lively conversation with a Samaritan woman.

Unable to shake the inborn prejudice of centuries, the disciples marveled that their Master would venture to speak to a woman of the hated race. They were even more amazed when Jesus, showing no particular eagerness for the food which He had sent them to buy, said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of."

And Jesus chose that psychological moment to teach an unforgettable lesson—we must be constantly alert to recognize God-given opportunities.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields," He said, "for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35).

The disciples were not lazy. They were not ashamed of the gospel, or indifferent to duty. At Christ's command, and in His name, they were eager to go and proclaim that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But they were still dreaming of a future harvest, while Jesus was "bringing in the sheaves."

Could it be that we, like those disciples, while preaching that "the final movements will be rapid ones," are passing over God-given present possibilities?

"Lift up your eyes, and look!"

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

## No. 11 of a Series

## Oil or Grease?

**SCIENTISTS** and the medical profession started tongues wagging when they found the "men of mystery."

The Bantu natives of South Africa seem to be the healthiest people in the world in spite of meager meals composed solely of cereals (maize, corn, kaffir, millet, and wheat), plus a few pumpkins, sweet potatoes, and greens. Their diet is low in both fat and animal protein, "shockingly insufficient" according to accepted standards. Yet the Bantu people are relatively free from heart disease, hardening of the arteries, diabetes, appendicitis, peptic ulcer, and certain types of cancer.

The death rate from coronary heart disease among adult Bantu hospital patients is about one-tenth that in American institutions. Atherosclerosis, a form of hardening of the arteries, is very rare.

The people also give evidence of excellent general health and endurance. Bantu women have easy delivery at childbirth with few complications and a good supply of breast milk for their babies.

Physical endurance tests with the Bantu boys and girls showed that 50% were in "excellent" or "superior" condition. Only 5% of American children rated as well in similar tests.

About 90% of the children were found to be free of dental caries. They were as tall as European and American children, and their bones as strong and resistant to fractures. Broken bones knit quickly and well.

Atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, is one of the primary causes of heart attacks—the "coronaries" which are taking so many lives each day. In patients suffering from this disease, cholesterol is found in combination with fatty acids and proteins in the walls of the arteries where it acts as a plug, closing them and interfering with the circulation of the blood. Cholesterol is found in solid animal fats. It is also synthesized in the human body.

The most striking discovery is that atherosclerosis is not necessarily associated with old age. Among GIs who died in Korea, autopsies revealed that 70% had beginning stages of atherosclerosis. These young men were from 20-25 years of age, and their army rations contained approximately 40% fat, most of which was butter or hardened fats.

Many researchers have advocated that the total fat content of the diet be reduced to 20% or less of the total calories. Further discoveries show that the hard fats (animal fats and hardened vegetable fats, i.e., solid shortenings, margarine, etc.) are the ones which tend to increase the deposit of cholesterol in the tissues.

Certain of the vegetable oils and fish oils actually seem to counteract the effects of the solid animal fats, tending to dissolve or clear away cholesterol

which has been deposited in the arterial walls.

"The more recent view states that the **kind** of fat and not the **quantity** is the determining factor. While animal fats raise the serum cholesterol level, unhydrogenated vegetable fats lower it. This view is supported by a large number of experiments."—P. S. Chen, **Heart Disease, Cause, Prevention and Recovery**, 1958, p. 84.

Dr. DeWitt Fox, editor of "Life and Health," summed the matter up in the following statement: "The important question is not so much whether the fat is from the animal or a vegetable source, but whether it is solid or liquid. Meat fats, milk fat, butter and margarine—fats that are hard and solid at room temperature—are solid fats. They are the fats of juicy steaks, French fried potatoes, potato chips, thick gravies, rich pastries, pies, cakes, and ice cream. These are the fats the heart patient should avoid.

"All the vegetable oils, such as olive oil, peanut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, sunflower oil, sesame oil, and soybean oil, as well as fish oil, are beneficial, since they lower the blood cholesterol and reduce the incidence of heart disease."

Certain fatty compounds can be produced in our bodies but there are certain types of fatty acids which the body is unable to synthesize. These are called "essential fatty acids," and are found in the unsaturated liquid fats or oils. These apparently act as a solvent for the saturated or solid fats in the body, thus bringing the deposits of cholesterol and other saturated fats which are solid at body temperature into solution where they cannot hinder the flow of blood through the heart and blood vessels.

A number of experiments and observations have shown that the lack of the essential fatty acids may be responsible for leukemia, lung cancer, as well as scaly skin and certain types of stomach ulcers and nerve disorders. Countries using raw or refined oils in place of hydrogenated oil or tallow have a low incidence of cancer.

Many years ago Mrs. White warned against the use of grease—solid fats (in her day lard was

## Secretary in FED Office Returns to Her Homeland



**DEPARTURE.** Miss Shirley Hutchins, secretary to the editor of the **OUTLOOK**, will leave Singapore the latter part of May to return to her homeland after two full terms of service in the Far Eastern Division. During this time she took care of routine **OUTLOOK** matters such as proofreading, keeping up the mailing list, and making sure that the mailing wrappers were provided to the press. She also did the secretarial work for the assistant secretary and the public relations secretary for the Far Eastern Division. At her return she will serve as a secretary in the Pacific Union Conference office in Glendale, Calif.

commonly used)—and advocated the use of olives and olive oil in place of butter.

“Grains and fruits prepared free from grease, and in as natural a condition as possible, should be the food for the tables of all who claim to be preparing for translation to heaven.”—**Testimonies**, Vol. 2, p. 352.

“When properly prepared, olives, like nuts, supply the place of butter and flesh meats. The oil, as eaten in the olive, is far preferable to animal oil or fat. It serves as a laxative. Its use will be found beneficial to consumptives, and it is healing to an inflamed, irritated stomach.”—**Ministry of Healing**, p. 298.

—Mrs. Shirley Johnson

## Far East Delegation To the General Conference Session —1970

### Far Eastern Division

Eldridge, P. H.	Ekvall, G. C., M.D.
Bedwell, H. W.	Johnston, Bruce
Johnson, H. D.	Miller, C. A.
Longway, E. L.	Olson, B. E.
Ludden, H. B.	Roth, D. A.
Baldwin, H. M.	Shipowick, L. A.
Bertochini, G. J.	Simmons, Mrs. Marion
Brodeur, E. A.	Williams, R. C.

### Central Philippine Union

Capobres, E. A.	Digman, Anastacia
Arit, B. R.	Dumdum, Jovito
Donato, M. U.	Geslani, F. T., M.D.
Jucaban, D. G.	Jalandoni, Sylvia
Tornilla, M. J., M.D.	Morada, Minerva L.
Aragon, Sofia	Obregon, Mrs. S. D.
Banaag, Benjamin, M.D.	Roca, J. E., M.D.
Bartolome, Mrs. Monica	Roda, A. Z.
Clava, Juanita	Savilla, Andres B.
Danlag, D. P.	Sumagang, Eleuterio
Dick, W. G., M.D.	Verde, Francisco
	Villalobos, Josephine

### East Indonesia Union

Bartlett, A. M.	Walean, Arend
Raranta, Walter	Bissell, H. L.
Matusea, J. D.	Damron, C. H.

### Japan Union

Watts, C. B.	Imura, H.
Gainer, R. I.	Jensen, P. L.
Okafuji, Y.	Kizziar, J. W., D.D.S.
Shibata, E.	Klimes, R. E.
Bascom, M. T.	Koseki, Y., M.D.
Hatanaka, T.	Williams, C. A.
	Yanami, H.

### Korean Union

Wilcox, W. L.	Kim, P. M.
Kim, T. C.	Kim, S. H.
Lee, Y. H.	Ko, M. K.
Pak, H. C.	Lee, J. H.
Bruce, Mary Jane	No, W. H.
Erich, L. R., M.D.	Oh, J. Y.
Haley, G. S.	Pak, C. H.
Kang, C. H.	Pang, N. T.
Kehney, H. R.	Park, Mrs. K. S.
Kim, C. Y.	Sohn, D. H.
	Yoo, H. S.

### North Philippine Union

Murdoch, T. C.	Emralino, Mrs. R. N.
Alsaybar, B. B.	Heald, R. O., M.D.
Medina, J. C.	Jereos, Mercy L., M.D.
Mary, B. G.	Jereos, Romelda C.
Mathay, Mrs. C. A.	Layson, Mrs. Herminia
Castillo, Urbano	Magsalin, P. S.

Alinsod, R. P.	Miranda, Mrs. Eriberta
Alipio, Melencio	Miranda, P. L., M.D.
Alsaybar, D. B.	Morga, Mrs. M. F.
Atiteo, T.	Nabong, M., M.D.
Barizo, Mrs. Amalia	Regoso Sr., A. F.
Barizo, Dalmacio	Roda, A. P.
Bautista, J. O.	Talangbayan, I. G., D.D.S.
Bautista, Mrs. P. L.	Tamayo, A. G., D.D.S.
Bunag, Esteban	Tumangday, Maria
Camarce, Elvie	Vigilia, E. G.
de Guzman, Gil	Wilson, L. Y.
	Yovan, J. Y.

### South China Island Union

Clark, W. T.	Kao, Dr.
Chu, T. M.	Kettner, Lois
Tseng, Robert	Lee, Milton
Brown, D. K.	Yen, N.
	Young, S.

### South Philippine Union

Claveria, M. M.	Lao, Mrs. F. D.
Diaz, P. M.	Legaspi, C. P.
Gayao, G.	Legaspi, Mrs. C. P.
Lao, F. D.	Magie, A. R.
Villarin, A. A.	Ponce, F. D., M.D.
Alamo, Evelyn	Ponce, Mrs. Luz
Amoguis, P.	Rodrigo, H. L.
Arcilla, J. D., M.D.	Torrevillas, Dr. O.
Claveria, Mrs. M. M.	Villanueva, V. L.
de Asis, Flor	Villanueva, Mrs. V. L.
Diagan, R., M.D.	Villarin, Mrs. A.
Diagan, Mrs. R.	Yutuc, L. A.
Estrada, Mrs. C.	Yutuc, Mrs. L. A.

### Southeast Asia Union

Watts Jr., R. S.	Jacobsen, D. G.
Chong, T. K.	Jennings, R. D., M.D.
Jaiguar, Sopon	Kong, K. T.
Maung, James	Lambeth, H. D., D.D.S.
Mundahoi, Mrs.	Neall, R. E.
Bretsch, V. L.	Ortner, C. A.
Green, Gertrude	Sinaga, Hulman
Hann, R. F., M.D.	Smith, W. E.
Harris, C. P.	Wick, P. G.

### West Indonesia Union

Shankel, C. L.	Lie, S. H., M.D.
Hutauruk, N.	Manuhutu, D.
Lesiasel, J. H.	Messenger, Amy
Malingkas, B.	Senewe, J. W.
Sumarjono, Dr.	Sinulingga, T.
Barends, C. W. A.	Sitompul, P.
Djagia, Theodora	Sumarjono, Mrs.
Hidajat, R.	Thoma, Ahmad
Johnson, Cleo	Waworuntu, Mrs. L.
	Wiyagung, A.

### Far Eastern Island Mission

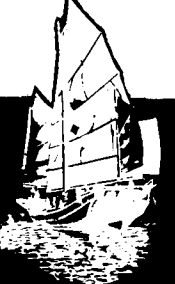
Nelson, P. W.	Taitague, Frank
Scheller, O. K.	

### Special G. C. Delegates

Bradley, C. R.	Miller, H. W., M.D.
----------------	---------------------



# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## EAST INDONESIA

### Bible Speaks Evangelism at Mount Klabat College

**M**OUNT Klabat College students prepared 203 Bible Speaks students for East Indonesia's largest Bible Speaks graduation held on college commencement weekend, Nov. 28, 1969. From Sabbath to Sabbath the entire student body and faculty sponsors had studied with their interests, guiding them through the 24-lesson Bible course. Many of these interests had developed during the student evangelistic meetings held near the college and coordinated with the Bible Speaks program.

Mount Klabat College students were greatly pleased to witness their own students receiving graduation diplomas, a fruitage of their sincere concern for those about them. Some received an added blessing when their candidates were baptized later that afternoon.

James Tielung, religion major, and Danny Tumangkeng, education major, were the student leaders organizing and coordinating the student working force. A large amount of time was given by Mrs. Kalangi who guided her student assistants in tabulating the progress of the Bible Speaks students, also coordinating the tabulation with the interests in the student evangelistic meetings. Often Share Your Experience meetings gave opportunity for all the students to become involved with the other's joys or disappointments, making the entire program everyone's concern.

Beside the friendships formed and the influence exerted in the community is another result of this practical training in evangelism—a number of Bible



**CONGRATULATIONS.** E. W. Higgins congratulates a "Bible Speaks" graduate during a graduation ceremony. At the microphone is Mrs. R. A. Kalangi who read the list of names. To her right is Pastor Kalangi, dean of Mount Klabat College, and to his right is S. Rumajar, college church elder. The student to the left of Pastor Higgins is James Tielung, student director of the program.



**CHOIR.** The Mount Klabat College choir sings at the "Bible Speaks" graduation service. The conductor is E. W. Higgins.

Speaks graduates are now enrolled at Mount Klabat College. A much greater harvest is anticipated from the seed sown by an "army of youth rightly trained."

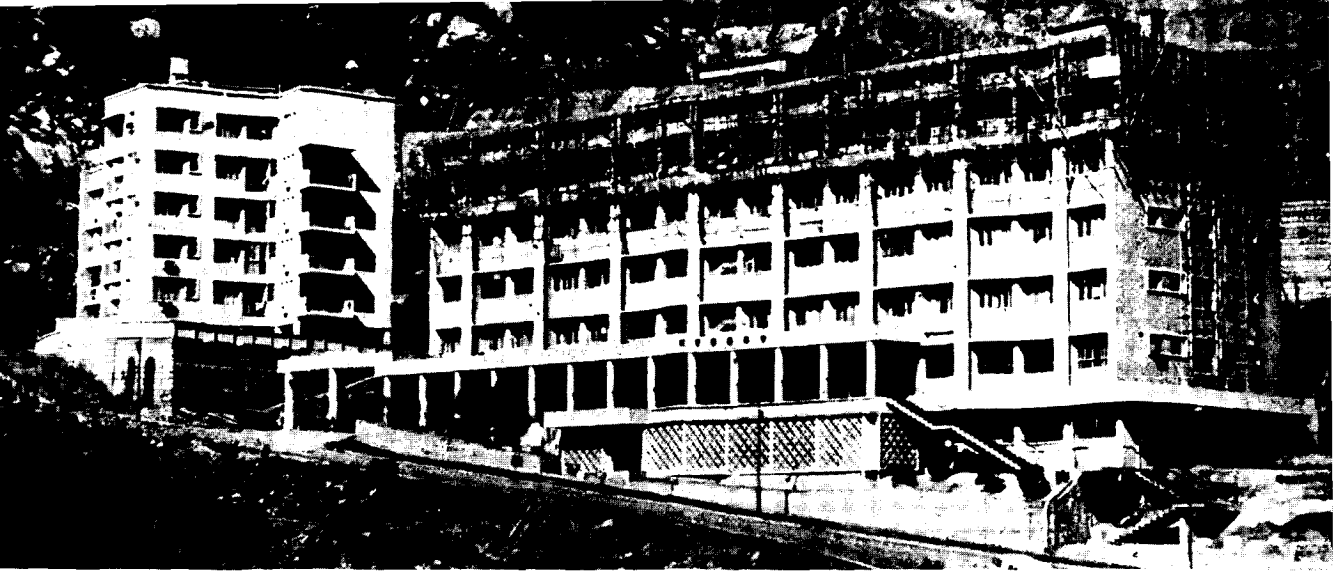
—E. W. Higgins, Jr.,  
President, Mount Klabat College

**GROUP.** The "Bible Speaks" graduates who were present to receive their diplomas are shown here. A total of 203 finished the course.



## THIS MONTH'S COVER

Next month a large delegation from the Far East will attend the General Conference session in the United States. Part of the Division exhibit at the session will be a fleet of typical Far East vehicles, including a miniature rickshaw. The infant-sized vehicle was custom-made under the direction of Andrew Dressler, shop teacher at Far Eastern Academy. He is shown in the cover photo with two students who helped construct the vehicle, Arlen Davis and Lester Mathereson. The other two vehicles include a regular-sized rickshaw and an Indonesian "Betja."  
—Editor



GROWING UP. This is the Tsuen Wan Hospital in the city of Hong Kong showing the fifth floor now under construction.



## SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

### Fifth Floor Added to Tsuen Wan Hospital in Hong Kong

**I**T isn't every institution that can grow ten feet in three months, but that is just what is happening to the Adventist Sanitarium-Hospital, Tsuen Wan Branch, in Hong Kong.

The main building was planned so that eventually a fifth floor could be added, and now, thanks to an appropriation given by the United States Consulate General here in Hong Kong, from Refugee Relief Funds, this last phase of the construction work is about to be completed.

This added floor will provide another 50 beds, raising the in-patient capacity of the institution to 150, and thus meeting one half of the British Government's requirement of 300 beds, to operate a registered and recognized nurses training school.

—E. L. Longway



## SOUTH PHILIPPINES

### The Power of United Prayer

**B**IG round candles were lighted around the bed of a seemingly half-dead young man who had already lost his power of speech. Everyone in the family, particularly his mother, was terribly troubled because no one knew what to do. Grasses of all sorts were brought into the sick room and placed around the body. On Friday morning, February 27, a Catholic priest was summoned and soon arrived in his car. He was preparing his paraphernalia to give a religious rite to the patient when, through some readable scribbles in a notebook, the sick man refused his services. Embarrassed, the priest left at once.

At about 3:00 p.m. that same day, a doctor was called. He examined the patient thoroughly but finally declared, "There is nothing wrong with this man, and there is nothing I can do to help him." Still not satisfied, at about 7:00 p.m. the family sum-

moned another doctor, who, after examining the patient, announced that there was nothing wrong with him.

Perhaps it should be explained at this point that the "very sick" man was Brother Rogelio Golle, who became a member of the Pangi Church, Davao City, after his baptism last April 19, 1969. He had come from Hinundayan, Leyte del Sur, and belonged to a strong Catholic family. His mother came to Davao City this past February to take him home. Before he left we visited him in his house at Talomo Beach and had prayer with him. He confided to us that his elder brother and an uncle had plans to persecute him when he reached his home place.

Brother Golle arrived at his home town Tuesday noon, February 24. He suddenly felt something going wrong in his body. He noticed his voice was slowly disappearing and bought some throat medicine at a drugstore. Soon he also felt pain all over his body and gradually was losing his strength so that he could not move any more. Because he could not speak and move around, he exerted all his strength to write in a notebook.

Two days later, on Thursday night, he dreamed of an open Bible and read the text, Matt. 11:28, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest." This comforted him. His thoughts were focused on our small church at Pangl. Friday morning he requested his mother to send the following telegram to the writer, "PRAY I'M SERIOUS." I received this very short message about three o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday night during the Young People's meeting in the Pangl Church, we had a season of prayer for Brother Golle. Each one present, even the children, prayed. We did not know what was happening to him, but we pled for God's healing power to save. The next morning at divine service his telegram was read again. Another season of prayer was held, and a reply, "EVERYONE PRAYING KEEP UP COURAGE FAITH," was sent.

Meanwhile, at Hinundayan, Leyte del Sur, our brother had not taken any solid food for four days, only water. But on Sabbath, February 28, he felt better and was able to eat some porridge. The following day, Sunday, he decided to leave his home. He walked to the boat with his mother and conversed with her as if nothing had happened.

Brother Golle is back with us, for he arrived on Tuesday, March 3. He is in perfect health. With joy he is witnessing for the Lord and praising Him for the wonders He had shown in saving his life from the power of the enemy.

—Dr. Emiliano Garcia, Jr.

## Parent-Home and Child Evangelism Activities in the Northeastern Mindanao Mission

**T**HE Parent-Home and Child Evangelism work of the Northeastern Mindanao Mission is actively doing its part in the advancement of the gospel. Through systematic and artistic methods of presenting the truth, it has been a real factor in the conversion of both young and old.

Mrs. N. de Erio, Parent-Home leader and teacher-sponsor of the cradle roll department of Butuan City Church, raised 108 pesos for the 13th Sabbath Offering this quarter. Her success was made possible through the attractive devices used in her class.

"If you take the children by their hands, they will take their parents by their hearts." How true this statement is!

Mrs. S. Israel, president of the Parent-Home and Child Evangelism Association of Bayugan district, Bayugan, Agusan, conducted four Vacation Bible Schools in Santa Irene, Bayugan del Sur. There is much antagonism against Seventh-day Adventists in that place. Parents were opposed to their children attending the classes, but in spite of that the children secretly attended the meetings. The different Vacation Bible School materials, songs, stories, finger plays, and beautiful visual aids, drew them.

On graduation day the parents were cordially invited. Because of the insistence of the children

who had parts on the program, the parents attended the closing exercises. To their amazement they saw their children participating and rendering their parts very well. Their prejudices vanished, for they were glad to see the transformation that had taken place in the lives of their children.

But that was not all. After the program, the parents approached the teachers and requested them to continue the classes. A Branch Sabbath School was organized. From an attendance of 60 at the Vacation Bible Schools, the enrollment of the Branch Sabbath School has grown to 80, including youth and parents. An adequate Lamb Shelter was built to keep them comfortable during the session.

One Sabbath morning on my way to Ampayon Church by jeep, I befriended the wife of a Chinese businessman. Mrs. Ty was an active officer of the United Church of Christ. She saw the visual aids that I had with me and was attracted to them. She asked to buy some of them, but since it was Sabbath I told her to see me at the mission office, which she did. Friendship began there. Soon we became close friends, and I regularly visited her and taught her our doctrines. After several visits, I was able to persuade her to attend Sabbath school.

Now she and five of her children are regular members of our Sabbath school. Instead of teaching Sunday School for the children of her church, she now teaches our Sabbath school and Branch Sabbath Schools. Soon she will be baptized. Please include our work here in your prayers.

—Mrs. T. C. Cabaluna,  
Parent-Home and Child Evangelism Secretary

## A Tribute to a Faithful Worker

**P**ASTOR Meliton M. Zamora, who is now in his 40th year of denominational employment, is one of the few Filipinos that have served in the Far Eastern Division that long period of time. Since accepting his call in July, 1930, he has been with the following institutions: Philippine Publishing House, South-Central Luzon Mission, Northern Luzon Mission, West Visayan Mission, Mountain View College, Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital, Northern Mindanao Mission, and East Visayan Mission. He is presently auditor of the Negros Mission.

FAMILY. Pastor M. M. Zamora is flanked by his children in a photo taken during a family reunion after a 12-year separation.



His service was not one of ease. His wife died Feb. 10, 1950, leaving him with the care of their children. There were many trying experiences. The Lord saw his loneliness and provided another companion, the former Miss Pacita Tayanes, after all his children had been called to denominational work.

He is a firm believer in Christian education. None of his children ever studied in outside schools from grade one until they graduated from college. All of them are alumni of Philippine Union College. As a result, all are now in the work—Oseas in the Negros Mission; Nestor at San Gabriel Academy (California) while upgrading; Eduardo and myself here at Mountain View College.

On March 10 he celebrated his 60th birthday, yet he is still strong and has no plan to retire. He hikes long distances as part of his work as auditor.

"That is what I like best about my work," he has remarked.

Though it is customary to write like this for one who has passed away, I thought of writing this for him to read and be happy while he is strong and very much alive. I am very sure that my brothers and their families, as well as relatives and friends, join me in making this simple tribute to a faithful worker, Pastor M. M. Zamora.

—Crescente I. Zamora,  
Mountain View College



"Grandma  
Sabbath School"

Mrs. Rafaela Gono-Somosot

**M**RS. Rafaela Gono-Somosot is concerned with many things. First of all, her family. She is happily married to Valeriano Somosot, one of the church leaders of Miral, Davao del Sur. Four of their children are following the medical profession—George and Nancy are doctors of optometry, Luzelyn is a doctor of medicine, and Lactogen is a medical technologist. Besides, their youngest child, Clement, is a second-year medical student.

Then, there are four grandchildren.

Being involved with her family, however, does not keep her from community service. She is an active social welfare worker for the province of Davao del Sur.

Still looking for additional avenues of activity, Mrs. Somosot is a zealous soul winner. She believes in strengthening the saved and saving the lost. That is why when Pastor R. G. Garcia, former Sabbath School Secretary of the South Philippine Union,

conducted a Teachers' Training Course in Digos last September, she registered as a student. Quick in mind and diligent in study, she very satisfactorily completed the course.

Immediately after the certification ceremony, Pastor Garcia challenged Mrs. Somosot to conduct her own Teachers' Training Course classes among the churches in the vicinity of her home. Having been a successful leader of Sabbath schools and Sabbath School Associations, she accepted the challenge.

How would she do it? Well, first of all she would resign from her social welfare work. Then, she would go to remote churches for days on end conducting classes. For three months she was only an occasional visitor in her own home; and even at home, she was always busy correcting papers. It was her joy to see first the members of her own household and her local church completing the course. Then more and more finished the course through her efforts.

Last December 27, M. R. Cudanin, new Davao Mission Sabbath School Secretary, and I attended one of her certification services, as I was requested to address the graduates.

While having lunch in her home later, I asked, "Sister Somosot, how many persons received certificates from your classes so far?"

With a twinkle in her eyes, she said, "Pastor, I'm sorry. So far I have only 145."

"And what was your goal?"

"One hundred."

Greatly cheered, I continued, "And are you sorry that you have gone beyond your goal already?"

"Well," she answered, "I was hoping to reach two hundred before the end of this year. Anyway, by January 10, I expect to present for certification 29 more, and I will work harder to reach my goal."

I was amazed. Surely, Mrs. Somosot is a "Grandma Sabbath School." She is certainly doing great Sabbath school exploits for the Master. And I saw her in action while starting another Teachers' Training Course in a church where we went the following afternoon. I was inspired as I witnessed her enthusiasm and skill.

Now I pray that more of those who complete the course, not necessarily grandparents, will follow the footsteps of Mrs. Somosot in training other church members to do greater service for the Master.

—B. U. Donato,  
Sabbath School Secretary,  
South Philippine Union

Remember the Worldwide  
DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER  
Sabbath, June 13



## With the Aborigines of Northern Mindanao

**T**IME passed serenely in the mountain village of Talakag, in northern Mindanao, the largest of the Philippine islands. Once a year the aborigines planted maize, sweet potatoes, and tapioca, but it took almost superhuman effort to keep the jungle pushed back. A few banana trees survived the tangle of vines and lush vegetation—but not nearly enough to supply an entire barrio (village).

At harvest time the maize was picked, tied with vines, and hung in long strings across the smoky ceilings of the little huts. The tapioca was left in the ground until needed for food. The sweet potato vines continued to produce all year long. Such was the meagre existence of this aborigine tribe.

The Datu, their young chief, had married a Filipina and later took a second wife. He looked forward to the birth of many sons to help carry on his work as headman and spirit intercessor in the pagan worship rituals of the tribe.

Though usually day-to-day living produced little excitement, at harvest time the tempo changed. The Datu prepared a big feast for the god Kalaga, who, it was thought, controlled mountain life. There was gaiety and music, dancing and feasting. Most important of all, there was plenty of food, plenty of wine, and as time passed, plenty of trouble from excited, intoxicated, and exhausted participants.

After this all-too-brief interlude, the god Kalaga was put back in his hut to await another time of feasting. And the villagers resumed their quiet lives, punctuated only by gossip and the hunt.

Particularly trying were the times when the supply of maize diminished, the tapioca vanished, and the copper sun beat down mercilessly from a cloudless sky. Then it was that the villagers felt a need for appeasing the four fallen angels (fire, water, ground, and sky). It was a hungry time when stomachs ached from the monotonous diet of sweet potatoes, and the Datu, by consulting his charms, was told by the dog spirit just what ritual should be carried out.

As the population in the mountain village of Talakag increased through the years, new barrios had been started, ruled over by lesser chiefs, for the Datu was considered to be over these other chiefs in several surrounding barrios.

During one of these dull seasons when everyone was waiting listlessly for the cooling monsoon rains, a stranger appeared in Talakag. Gernayas Gayao, a travelling salesman, came selling guns. Soon a crowd gathered about him attracted first by his wares, then by the songs that he sang. Mr. Gayao taught the children one of his songs, and they continued singing it until bedtime.

The next day they learned more songs, and this time Mr. Gayao told them stories about Jesus, who was much more powerful than their god Kalaga, or

the dog spirit, or the four fallen angels—or, in fact, any of the other troublesome evil spirits.

Would they like to know more? Would they like to have a school? Would they like to have a teacher?

To all of these questions, their answer was an enthusiastic, "Yes."

That is how it came to be that Elvero Vulalahos, of Mountain View College, was asked if he would go to teach these mountain people where Mr. Gayao had sold guns. First he went to Keibogtong, and then after six months he moved to Talakag. With four picture rolls and a few helps from Sabbath school papers, he began meetings every night in this central barrio. On Sabbath he conducted Sabbath school and church. His preaching was very simple, and to be sure his audience understood him, he used their questions as guides for the outline of his next topic.

Then he began showing the men how to plant corn. When he had time, he taught the children how to write the alphabet. The grandson of the Datu, A-Toy, was very quick to learn. Soon he knew all the songs. He could repeat all the stories. In fact, this 12-year-old boy decided to obey what he had learned and became the first individual in the barrio to request baptism as a Seventh-day Adventist.

The example of A-Toy influenced the Datu to stop asking advice from the spirits. The chief stopped bringing food to the god Kalaga. And one day when a very sick woman was brought to him, the Datu did not go into his spirit house. Instead he walked over to where the preacher lived and asked him to pray to his God Jesus to heal the woman. This was done, and when the sick woman recovered, the Datu was convinced. Never would he use his spirit charms again. From now on he would worship the true God in love and not in fear.

By April of last year, 21 people in the Datu's barrio were ready for baptism. Pastors Balansag and Rutuc, from the mission office in Cagayan de Oro City, walked 18 kilometers through the jungle to the village to baptize these new believers in a little mountain stream.

That very afternoon the chief returned to his wooden idol Kalaga and witching charms. This time it was to dispose of them forever. He brought them out to the center of the barrio where he burned them before all the people. Now, completely free from his old life, the Datu led his fellow believers down into the river to become sons and daughters of the God in heaven.

But this is not the end of the story. A church building has since been erected in the mountain village of Talakag. There are 15 people studying for baptism in another of the Datu's barrios. There are about 60 children hoping for a school.

As we think of these souls anxious for the light of truth, let us pray that they may not be kept waiting long. Surely God has many souls to save among the aborigine tribes of northern Mindanao.

—Elvero Vulalahos, in an interview with Frieda Jensen

# 1970 - Year



**LAYMEN.** Pastor Yonezo Okafuji, left, former lay activities secretary of the Japan Union and now president of the South Japan Mission, discusses plans with Toshihiko Sato, center, and Hisako Kawai, right, two active lay preachers.

**T**HE blessing of God was richly bestowed on a Lay Preachers' Institute sponsored by the South Japan Mission, Sept. 15-20, 1969, at the Teshima camp site on a small island of the Inland Sea. About 40 laymen attended and received the power of the Lord.

Pastor L. A. Shipowick, Division Lay Activities Secretary, gave valuable instruction. A class on "Decisions for Christ" was taught by Pastor E. Shibata, president at that time of the South Japan Mission. Pastor H. Shiraishi, assistant pastor at the Osaka Center, presented "Religions in Japan." Pastor S. Tabuchi, who was then director of the Osaka Center, taught a class entitled, "Christ Centered Messages." The writer was chairman of the question and answer periods.

A fine dedicated group was present. They were inspired and trained for greater service for God. Certainly our most urgent concern should be to organize our members for more effective work in evangelism. Those who attended the Institute were challenged to greater exploits for the Lord.

—Yonezo Okafuji,  
Former Lay Activities Secretary,  
Japan Union Mission

**SEVEN.** Shown on the front row in this picture are seven leading laymen of the Central Philippine Union.



WHEREAS, "God in His providence has opened a new sphere of action to enter upon greater

WHEREAS, All the resources of the church are available in the time that remains, and since there is no time to do lay preaching,

**We Recommend,**

1. That the union lay activities secretary give emphasis and promotion to a better trained lay preaching force by conducting a lay preaching course each mission in 1970.

2. That all lay preachers and potential preachers attend the Preachers' Seminar early in 1970. At the seminar, "God Speaks for God," is to be used.

3. That all lay preachers be encouraged to preach.

4. That in order to add greater emphasis to the mission of April and October 3 be designated as Lay Preachers' Day of the Far Eastern Division.

5. That as far as possible April 3 (Evangelism Day) when all lay preachers are to preach on these dates.

6. That we make a mighty endeavor to reach the world for the Far Eastern Division in 1970, and

CPUM	1,283	JU
EIUM	625	KU
FEIM	25	NPU
		SCIU

**H**UGO Albior is an active layman in the East Visayan Mission. In addition to his work as an elder in the Burawen Church, he is radio speaker of the Waray-Waray broadcast sponsored by the mission. During the last two years, Brother Albior has won more than 20 souls. He brought his parents and brothers to the truth as a result of his faithful ministry.

Another young man in the East Visayan Mission is Marciano Miralles, a former convict, imprisoned because of his part in a stabbing in Mandawe City. When he became a Christian it was the burden of his heart to labor among prisoners. His success in convincing his hearers that there is power in the gospel of Jesus Christ is attributed to the great change in his own life. As a result of his loving ministry, 22 souls have been brought to the truth.

In Negros Oriental, particularly in Dumaguete City, Severino Cuizon is not only preaching for God, but he holds effective revival meetings in the churches. Another outstanding lay preacher in Negros Mission is Rey Fiesta. A young man of great promise, he is on fire for God. In 1969 alone he brought 35

# f the Layman

ing His people out from their limited  
s.” —**Testimonies**, Vol. 3, p. 405, and  
are needed to finish the work of God  
ny eager laymen who have volunteered

working with the local lay activities  
ngthening and developing a greater and  
at least one Lay Preachers' Seminar in

preachers be invited to attend a Lay  
r the new syllabus. "The Lay Preacher

conduct at least two lay efforts in 1970.  
to lay preaching, the dates of April 4  
Emphasis Sabbaths in all churches and

October 4 be designated as "E-Day"  
eak for God by starting their lay efforts

ach our goal of at least 8,315 lay efforts  
the goals be as follows:

275	SPUM	1,590
268	SAUM	488
600	WIUM	853
308		

souls to God. His work is mainly in the Bacolod  
City area.

As a result of the active participation of laymen  
in evangelism, Negros Mission leads the other local  
fields of the Central Philippine Union in baptisms.  
The mission record for 1969 is 799 souls baptized,  
and this year the laymen in this great mission expect  
to reach even higher goals.

Aniceto Suico was Layman of the Year in 1969  
in the Central Philippine Union. During his ministry  
of more than 20 years, he has brought about 500  
souls to Christ. An indefatigable worker for God,  
Brother Suico is greatly respected in his community.  
Currently he is holding two laymen efforts, one in  
the provincial jail and one in Freedom Park. Another  
is planned for Mandawe City. During the past two  
years, he has been instrumental in winning 50 souls  
for God.

Jeremias Reyno of Antique is the youngest of  
our outstanding laymen. He is a church elder of one  
of our biggest churches in Antique. Although he is  
only about 20 years of age, right now he is working  
with scores of interested people. A rich harvest



TEAM. The Shimonakamura sisters attended the  
Lay Preachers' Seminar in Japan. To the left is  
the eldest sister who became an Adventist from  
Tenri-Kyo, one of largest new sects in Japan.  
To the right is her younger sister who plans to be  
baptized with her mother.

of souls is anticipated as a result of his ministry.

Aniano Ehurango is known as a church builder  
in Masbate proper and in the islands, particularly  
Burias, because his knowledge of doctrine is very  
sound, and his converts stay in the message. Although  
he is more than 60 years of age, he still has stamina  
to climb mountains. An agent by profession, selling  
eyeglasses and food products, he always finds op-  
portunities to speak for God. Undaunted by nearly  
drowning when his boat capsized, he is thankful to  
the Lord for deliverance and is now more deter-  
mined than ever to dedicate his life to God. He has  
brought 18 souls to Christ during the last two years.

—D. M. Niere

TEAM. This is the "Paul and Barnabas" team of Japan! They attended  
the Lay Preachers' Seminar in Japan. Mrs. Shimotsumagari, right, and Mrs.  
Yamanaka, left, won the six young ladies between them in the city of  
Nara in South Japan. Although the two workers are ladies, they are called  
the "Paul and Barnabas" team because of their combined efforts to win  
people to Christ.





### School of Nursing Graduation at Seoul Hospital

**GROUP.** The largest class ever to graduate from the Seoul Adventist Hospital School of Nursing was honored by many friends at graduation ceremonies held in the hospital chapel. The 32 members of the graduating class will serve at both the Pusan Hospital and the Seoul Hospital. The group is shown in the photo along with the members of the faculty; the chairman of the hospital board, Pastor Wendell Wilcox; and the medical director, Dr. L. R. Erich.



### Director of Nursing Service Appointed for Seoul Hospital



**NEW.** The director of Nursing Service, Harriet Dinsmore, has returned to the United States. Her replacement is Miss Marietta Deming, a recent graduate of the Loma Linda University. She will be dividing her time between language study and her duties at the hospital. She served for a period of time in Bandung, Indonesia, at the Rumah Sakit Advent.

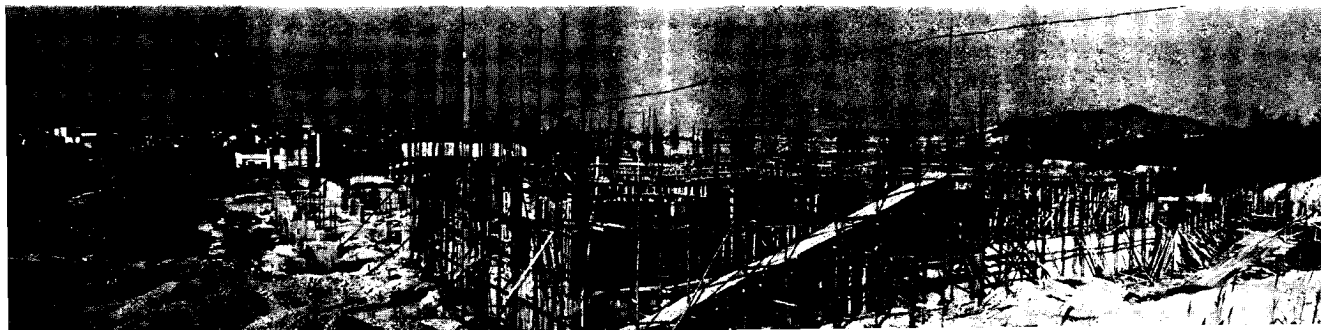
### Week of Prayer at Seoul Hospital



**SPEAKER.** The Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor L. A. Shipowick, assisted by Pastor Harry Yu, right, was a great blessing to the Seoul Adventist Hospital workers. He is being thanked by one of the staff members at the left. The special week was followed by special Bible study for workers and staff.  
—L. R. Erich, M.D.

### New Seoul Adventist Hospital Under Construction

**START.** The winter has been mild in Korea and progress continues to be made on the new plant for the Seoul Adventist Hospital. The workmen were getting ready to pour the massive second floor slab when this picture was taken. The area covers the largest square footage for a single floor of any building in Korea.





## Dr. Mobley Accepts Invitation to Japan College



**TEACHER.** Dr. Lawrence Mobley, of Loma Linda University, has accepted the invitation of the Far Eastern Division to serve as chairman of the English Department of Japan Missionary College. He and his family, shown in the picture, are due to arrive in Japan sometime this summer. He has been serving as chairman of the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English, of Loma Linda University. The addition of Dr. Mobley will bring strength to the college's endeavor to build up the English language area. The children are Lari and James.

## Branch Sabbath Schools Pay

**M**EMBERS of the Tambongon Church, San Remigio, Cebu, in the Central Visayan Mission, have demonstrated once again that time, means, and efforts expended in Branch Sabbath Schools give just rewards. They worked together in conducting five Branch Sabbath Schools in the surrounding areas. They contributed money for materials and for several months gave their time every Sabbath afternoon to teach the children songs and Bible stories.

Some of these schools were conducted in the homes of the people and some under the trees. About 150 children were enrolled in the five Branch Sabbath Schools.

When parents heard their children sing and recite Bible verses, they became curious and attended the meetings. Soon they were interested and Bible studies followed. It was the privilege of the writer to baptize ten precious souls last December 27 in the Tambongon River. These were the rewards of Branch Sabbath School work.

The following Sunday, December 28, all parents and their children were invited to the Tambongon Church to witness the inter-Branch Sabbath School program participated in by the five schools. It was indeed a thrill to hear children of non-Adventists recite, sing, deliver speeches, and even pray. The parents of the children were the most thrilled as they witnessed their children render their parts perfectly.

As a result of the program, two families are now requesting Bible studies. We are certain that more souls will take their stand as a result of this fruitful branch of the church's missionary endeavors.

—**J. R. Obregon, President,**  
**Central Visayan Mission**



## Bacolod Sanitarium Opens Canteen

**T**HE Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital canteen opened on January 2, to meet the need for a snack service for patients and visitors. Previously the service was available at the cafeteria. Since the canteen takes care of this now, the cafeteria will offer only regular meals. Mrs. Welda Tanamal, a recent staff addition, has been asked to work at the canteen. Mrs. Aden Recalde, hospital dietitian, supervises the service.

—**W. E. Lim, PR Officer,**  
**Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital**

## News Notes

**T**HE Board of Directors of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital during its March 1 meeting appointed Dr. Orville B. Varona Assistant Medical Director and Chief of Staff. Dr. Varona has previously served with the East Visayan Mission as missionary sea doctor with the "Kapawa" missionary launch which brought medical aid to the coastal people of Samar and Leyte. The board felt his experience, after one and a half years of intensive medical and surgical training at Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, will qualify him for the new position.

Hermie G. Genizera has been appointed to connect with the Housekeeping Service to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. J. Tamayo's reassignment to the Central Service.

Dr. Teresa L. Aguilar is scheduled to attend a postgraduate course in Obstetrics and Gynecology,

April 6 to 13, at the University of the Philippines in Manila as part of the upgrading program.

The Hospital is acceding to the request of the East Visayan Mission for a medical-dental team during the mission's annual conference in Tacloban City, April 21 to 26. Dr. O. B. Varona, Assistant Medical Director, and Dr. F. V. Tugade, Dentist, have been assigned to this extensive clinic.

—W. E. Lim

## Institute For Literature Evangelists in Negros Mission

**A** BEGINNER'S Institute for Literature Evangelists has been scheduled by the Negros Mission for La Carlota City March 25 to 28. J. Rosendo, Negros Mission Publishing Secretary, reported that Pastor E. N. Dicen, Central Union Publishing Secretary, and S. Paulino, Assistant Secretary for Book and Periodical Agencies, have been invited to provide lectures and expertise for the workshop. The institute is geared towards equipping prospective literature evangelists with the right objectives, methods and techniques involved in the delicate work of the literature ministry.

—W. E. Lim

## New Negros Mission Headquarters To Be Completed in March

**C**ONSTRUCTION began during the latter part of 1969 on the Negros Mission office building. This P. 45,000 project is just across the street from the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital compound. Work is being supervised by Eleazer Roca, an Adventist civil engineer. According to Pastor D. C. Sabrine mission president, it is hoped that the project can be completed by March of this year.

—W. E. Lim



## Vietnamese Youth Respond to Evangelist's Call

**T**HE Holy Spirit is reaching into many hearts in Vietnam, and we see the dawning of that great harvest of which Jesus spoke. Already in 1970, 47 persons have been baptized, and the mission goal for the year is 500 baptisms.



CALL. A call is made at the close of the evangelistic meetings. Vietnam young people crowd to the front.

Recently at the Dat Moi Church, 16 young people responded to Mission Evangelist Pham Truong Thanh's call and accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour from sin. Many others previously converted renewed their vows in resurrender to Christ.

Last year 265 individuals were brought to Christ. With such a wonderful harvest, the mission committee recently was inspired to set a goal of 500 baptisms in 1970.

Today is God's opportunity to demonstrate His power in Vietnam. Today is the church's opportunity to exercise faith and gather in the waiting harvest. Far East Harvest in Vietnam is NOW!

—V. L. Bretsch, President,  
Vietnam Mission

## Vietnam SAWS Helps Poor in Cho Dem Village

**T**HE opportunities for helping poor and needy individuals could not be greater anywhere than they are in Vietnam. The village of Cho Dem is no exception.

Our Adventist believers in this small village near Saigon organized themselves into bands and searched the entire area to find the poorest of the poor. Each time they found a family in need, they gave them a card with a number on it.

On Friday, February 27th, a group of 11 welfare workers, including Miss Maybelle Vandermark, General Conference Lay Activities Associate Secretary in charge of Welfare work, and Pastor Doyle Barnett, Southeast Asia Union Lay Activities Secretary, were on hand to care for the needs of 170 families.

Through careful planning and organization everyone was served in about one hour and 30 minutes. Clothing, food, candy, and toys were given to each family.

As they passed the last serving station, a young ministerial training student handed each person a piece of free literature.

The village chief spoke words of appreciation to the writer and Pastor Phan Thien for this act of Christian kindness.

The welfare service of the mission is extending its services into all our churches and we hope in 1970 to reach thousands of people in this way.

—V. L. Bretsch



## Ekamai Adventist School Holds Temperance Contest

NUMBER ONE. Sirichai Chan was first prize winner in the elementary section of the oratorical contest.

ALMOST 400 people swarmed into the Milne Auditorium at the Adventist Ekamai School, Bangkok, Thursday, January 22, to hear student orators display their talents in the annual Temperance Night.

Nine students from the elementary and secondary sections spoke on the evils of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. All orations were presented in English by students whose native language is Thai. In the poster section of the competition, eighteen students submitted original works on temperance.

Organizing this contest were Mrs. Rebecca Ulangca, Mrs. A. V. Pangan, and Mrs. J. B. Falconbridge, teachers. Prizes were donated by companies in the city, and by the mission and school. During



STUDENTS. Here are the student prize winners in the temperance oratorical contest. Left to right, Orawan Attanuruk, Sirichai Chon, Suree Chooratcharean, Tang Tam, and Romadee Thavisin.

WINNER. Chan Yan Sum is shown with his prize-winning picture in the poster contest.



the interlude for the judges to come to a decision on awards, Pastor A. V. Pangan, Temperance Secretary of the mission, showed the latest film from the General Conference Temperance Department, "WHO, ME?"

Success of the evening indicates that this type of program is an excellent means of evangelism.

—John B. Falconbridge,  
Administrator

## News Notes from Southeast Asia Union College

● **PRESIDENT and Mrs. Daniel Tan** completed a successful promotion tour through Bangkok, Saigon, and Penang in April. President Tan was given the opportunity to speak twice at each place. Excellent contacts were made with prospective students, and home-and-school relationships were further enhanced through personal contacts with students' parents. Several wealthy former students were visited and presented with SAUC's need for a generous donation toward its Library Fund. It is hoped that this promotion trip will bring in many more college students to enjoy a Christian education in the Union's only institution of higher learning.

● **Edward Poey and Y. J. Moses** have returned from Spicer Memorial College where they successfully completed their bachelor's course in Business Administration and Education respectively. Both returned with brides who will help fill positions of need in the Lord's work.

Edward is manager of the purchasing department at the Penang Adventist Hospital while his wife is secretary to the business manager. Moses will resume his teaching duties in the secondary school; his wife will assist in the teaching of secretarial subjects in the college.

● **John Ho and Lucy Tan** were united in marriage on April 12 at the college auditorium. John's twin brother, **Peter**, was to have been married on the same day in Canada, but his future bride, **Khoo See Gee**, is still waiting for her travel papers to be

## National Missionaries in Teaching Service

MISSIONARIES. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pohan are missionaries from Sarawak, East Malaysia to Bangkok, Thailand.



## Teachers' Orientation Course Held



**GROUP.** Pastor L. E. Keizer, Educational Secretary of the Sarawak Mission, directed a Teacher Orientation Week for the benefit of beginning teachers in the Sarawak Mission. A variety of 16 topics were discussed and presented by the speakers to acquaint new teachers with some of the problems and joys of teaching. Assisting were Pastor C. A. Orner, Mrs. G. E. Keizer, Choo Wee Fong, and Herbert Sormin. Pastor Keizer is shown with the group, sixth from the left in the back.

completed, and this has delayed her departure to Canada.

● **Dr. Julian Tsai**, youngest son of Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Tsai, married **Elaine Mitsuko** on April 12 in Los Angeles. Pastor and Mrs. Tsai flew to the States to attend this wedding as well as the graduation of their eldest son, **James**.

—Maggie Tan



## NORTH PHILIPPINES

### Man Escapes Death — Because He's A Good Adventist!

**H**OW would you feel if you were forced to dig the ground, knowing that the hole was to be your grave? A brother in the Bataan district knows exactly how it feels, and he's very happy he can tell the tale.

"You are a thief and a liar!" thundered the commander of an outlaw band.

The object of his wrath was Fidel Santos, a member of the Dinalupihan Church in Bataan, accused of robbery, illegal possession of firearms, and disturbing the community. All the brother could do was to kindly protest that he was innocent.

The decision was final. He must dig his own grave! A shovel was provided.

After a while one of the men approached him, pleading that he tell the truth and be saved from horrible death.

"I have nothing to confess," he replied.

But nobody would believe him.

And so he continued digging. Every stroke of the shovel brought him seconds nearer to his end. That shovel seemed like the heaviest thing he had ever used in all his life.

Then another man came with the same appeal, but again our brother had nothing to confess.

"I am a Seventh-day Adventist," he said. "I always tell the truth and nothing but the truth."

By now the grave was knee deep. Another appeal was made. This time our Seventh-day Adventist brother could not hold his tears. Surely he was breaking down, they thought, and was going to confess. But all he said was, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist. Doing what you have accused me of is against my religion."

Thoughts of his family came before him. His nine children. His wife expecting another. He recalled how a man not very long before in the same place had been forced to dig his own grave and was buried half alive.

With every stroke of the spade he breathed a prayer, "Lord, save me!"

He made one final request.

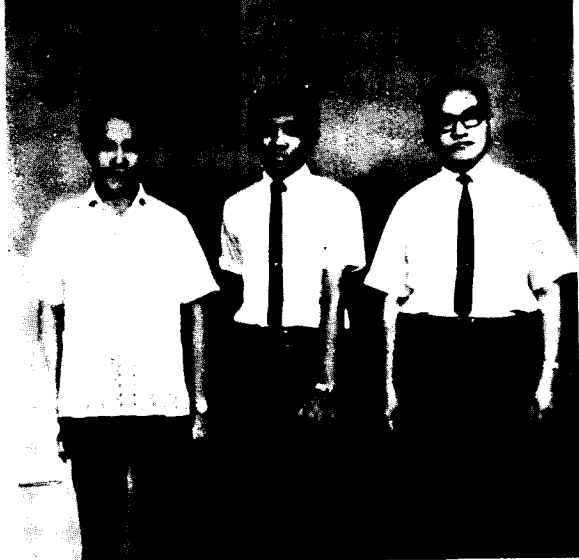
"Would someone please go into town and inquire what kind of a man I am?"

Several went, and the men returned with a good report about him. They described him as a good Seventh-day Adventist, one who surely could not be



**SAVED.** Fidel Santos, left, shows two friends the depth of the hole he had dug before his release.





### Student Winner in National Contest

TOPS. Don Miraflores is holding a new college Physics textbook he received from the National Science Development Board for taking first prize in a recent competitive examination given to students in Calaoacan and Pasay City. At the left is Melchor Dapa, Don's physics teacher. To the right is Pastor S. G. Miraflores, principal of the Pasay City Academy.

guilty of the accusation. The testimonies they had received were all in his favor. The Lord had answered his prayer. He was set free.

It pays to be a good Seventh-day Adventist!

—H. Nicolas,  
District Pastor, Bataan

### Golden Anniversary Held for Calamba Church

A THREE-DAY Golden Jubilee celebration marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Calamba Seventh-day Adventist Church in Laguna. Festivities began on a Thursday, with a camp for Junior Pathfinders. A praise service conducted early Friday morning was followed by a Golden Jubilee palm planting. A vesper service was held at sundown.

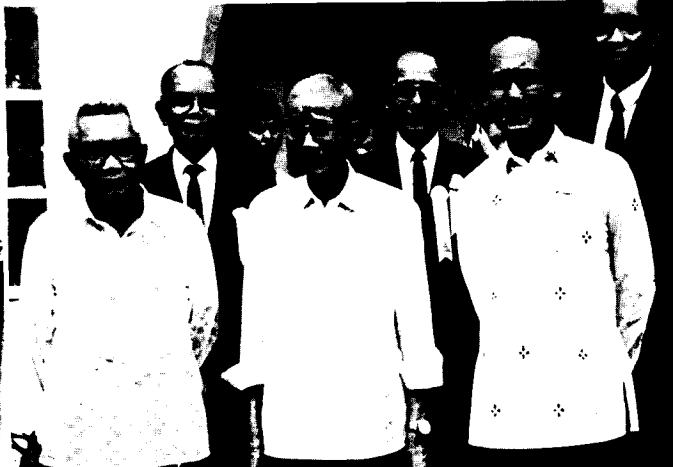
Church Foundation Day, celebrated on Sabbath, occurred exactly 50 years later to the very day after organization of the original church group. A 5:30 A.M. devotional service began the day's activities. Sabbath school promptly convened under the leadership of Severo Lapitan, a former worker. Pastor E. J. Tangunan directed the Lay Activities service. Special commemorative features were included at the regular worship hour. The Ambassador Quartet and the Jubilee Quartet, both from Philippine Union College, contributed special music.

Pomposa M. Ocampo, church clerk, brought the minds of the congregation to the past as she traced the history of the church from the time of the preaching of the message during the early part of the year 1919 by an evangelistic team headed by Victorio T. Arevalo, who also organized the church on June 21 of that same year with a charter membership of 94. Brother Arevalo, brought to Calamba in a wheelchair, reminisced on their early experiences. A ribbon-



PLANT. A "Jubilee Palm" was planted during a tree-planting ceremony led by Annanias Floresta (back row, with tie), Mission educational secretary.

CELEBRATION. This is the Calamba Church which recently celebrated a Golden Jubilee event. RIGHT: Six of the nine former South-Central Luzan Mission residents who attended the jubilee. Left to right, Pastors Gil de Guzman, J. O. Bautista, F. T. Dalisay, F. B. Gonzales, P. C. Banaag, and E. J. Tangunan.



pinning ceremony was led by Pastor M. G. Jereos, in which five surviving charter members, 16 members who have joined the denominational work, and a number of literature evangelists were given due recognition.

The message of the day was delivered by a favorite native son, Pastor P. B. Gonzales, who has rendered almost forty years of continuous service in various capacities in the Lord's cause. He retired three years ago, but he still serves on a part-time basis and is currently church pastor of Philippine Union College. He recollected the marvelous providential leadings in God's work and expressed his abiding faith in the sure triumph of the message. Pastor Flaviano Dalisay, a retiree for twenty years and the first national to become president of the South-Central Luzon Mission of which Calamba is a part, offered a prayer of consecration. Fittingly enough, the Ambassador Quartet sang to close the meeting, "Faith of Our Fathers." The benediction was pronounced by Pastor Gil de Guzman.

Events on Sabbath afternoon included a young people's meeting, at which Pastor N. R. Arit, Union MV secretary, spoke, followed by a communion service. The three-day celebration came to a close that evening with a special program and a social gathering led by the young people.

Among the pioneers of the message here in the Philippines who were present in addition to Pastor and Mrs. Dalisay and Brother Arevalo were the following: Pastor and Mrs. Isaaq Enriquez (she was one of the charter members of Sta. Ana Church in Manila, the first to be organized in this country), Pastor and Mrs. Macario Pascual, and Sister Paciencia Molimbayan. Unable to attend was Pastor Canuto Cara who was the first superintendent of the Calamba Sabbath School.

Six former presidents of the mission were in attendance; Pastors F. T. Dalisay, J. O. Bautista, P. B. Gonzales, P. C. Banaag, Gil de Guzman, and E. J. Tangunan.

Surviving charter members who are called "Survivors of 1919" include Pastors Canuto Cara and

## Pathfinder Fair Held by Pasay City School

**FAIR.** The Pasay City Academy Pathfinders are shown performing in the Fair held at the Philippine Union College campus. There were ten teams who participated in the contests. The winner in the contest was given a special prize.

—S. G. Miraflores



P. B. Gonzales, David L. Hizon, Damasa Esguerra, and Alejandra Alcalá.

A church "tree" which has been realized through the initiative and efforts of the church clerk, indicating all church additions through all the years of its history, provides interesting study. The present membership is 89. Their Jubilee year goal is to reach the original membership of 94.

—J. O. Bautista,  
Field Secretary

## Far East Harvest Attracts Professionals

**R**ECENTLY the gospel seed has fallen on very fertile soil in the North Philippines. Some seed has yielded 30-, some 60-, and some 100-fold.

Atty. Tambaoan, a new convert of six months, began to hold Branch Sabbath School classes and, although crippled from polio as a child, counted it a joy to walk with crutches several miles to conduct these classes. The district pastor revealed that over 30 young people have been guided to the truth as a result of this witness. In this particular district where Atty. Tambaoan and others have been helping the district pastor in the Far East Harvest program, baptisms have risen from just over 40 a year ago to 120.

Our well-known lay preacher, Urbano Castillo, was again able to reach his goal of over 100 souls last year. This year, Brother Castillo's plan is for 100 baptisms, before he leaves in May as an official delegate to the General Conference. At present, Brother Castillo is concentrating his efforts among his relatives and friends in his home-town district of Batangas, most of whom are professional people. Surprisingly enough, "his own" are receiving him, and 27 relatives have already joined the newly-formed church. The date scheduled for the dedication of Brother Castillo's 25th church is April 4.

One item on the minutes of the South-Central Luzon Mission Executive Committee of February 11 deserves some publicity. It was voted to issue licenses to 357 lay preachers. This action in some measure was made possible because of the fine example of our Brother Castillo in this mission.

The new portable-tabernacle-approach to evangelism has done something to bring more professionals into our local churches. The mission evangelists and pastors report a list of 96 who accepted this message in 1969. The following is a condensation of the surveys sent to union headquarters:

Teachers	37	Lawyers	3
Ministers	3	Accountants	1
Architects	5	Pharmacists	1
Nurses	1	Secretaries	3
Engineers	3	Businessmen	15
Military	4	Policemen	1
Midwives	4	Tailors	5
Beauticians	1	Mechanics	6

Teachers are high on the list, and it is good to see many influential teachers making a public witness to their newfound faith.

One prosperous businessman, a new convert, owns and operates a large factory and is already paying more tithes than the entire membership of one of our small missions. These new converts present an image which has largely been hidden so far in the Philippine Islands. The church is in great need of men like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. Like the early Christian church, we too will be greatly benefited by the means and influence of these professional people.

—Todd C. Murdoch, President,  
North Philippine Union Mission

### Pasay City Academy Wins Pathfinder Fair Prizes

**P**ASAY City Academy won five first prizes during the all-day Central Luzon Mission Pathfinder Festival that was held on the Philippine Union College campus. The academy also won one second prize, and one special prize for being the overall winner for the day. The first prizes were won in knot tying, bandaging, tent pitching, carrying the injured, and fancy drill, and the second prize was in pyramid building.

Activities of the day consisted of: Field activities under the leadership of Ademir Pasco, games and skills exhibition under Dominador Nacario, drills under Walter Vida, and a Dorcas hour under Roger Dayrit. Cyrus Geniblazo was in charge of the opening ceremony and the flag retreat. Pastor B. A. Martin spoke at the opening ceremony. A musical-literary program in the evening highlighted the affair. Taps sounded at 8:45.

—S. G. Miraflores

### PUC Students "Demonstrate" For Christ

**W**HEN student riots in the greater Manila area recently closed all schools for one week, including Philippine Union College, the ministerial students and others interested spent the time "demonstrating" for Christ by constructing an evangelistic hall.

TEAM. This is the student evangelistic team at Bulwagang.



At the opening meeting in the community adjacent to the college, 300 persons were in attendance. Sisinando Santos, a ministerial student and main speaker for the effort, named the student groups that were sponsoring the meetings.

Mrs. Maria R. Umali, a community resident, was the inspiration behind the effort, having helped to interest many people of the area in Adventist beliefs.

A baptism is scheduled for April 4 at the college auditorium. The 14 students composing the evangelistic team are enthusiastic over the interests created.

—Ottis C. Edwards, President,  
Philippine Union College



H. L. Nicolas

Gift Bible  
Plan Brings  
Success to  
Soul Winning

**I**T is a recognized fact that the District of Bataan is a very stony territory when it comes to soul winning. Many workers assigned in this district say that it is a very hard place to win souls. With the result that only a few have been brought to the Lord each year.

But 1969 was different! It was a fruitful year. Seventy-eight individuals were baptized. Every church in the district won souls.

The secret of this change was the use of Gift Bible Evangelism. Pastor H. L. Nicolas, the district minister, caught a vision that the Gift Bible plan would be very effective in bringing souls to the Saviour. So he rallied the members of his churches, giving instructions for the carrying out of this plan.

The members responded well, and all looked for interests. The members in Bataan began Gift Bible Evangelism in May of 1969. Bibles were given to 136 individuals who received the lessons once a week. Then decision meetings followed when all the students had finished the 24 lessons. So far, 100 persons have completed the course, and of these 78 have been baptized.

Surely God blesses our efforts as we work together concertedly. May our members everywhere catch this same vision, for Gift Bible Evangelism brings rich rewards.

—E. J. Tangunan,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
North Philippine Union



**NORTH UNION.** Miss Vandermark is shown in the center with leaders of Dorcas Welfare societies of the North Philippine Union.

## General Conference Visitor Assists with Welfare Workshops

**R**ECENTLY the Far Eastern Division was blessed by the ministry of Miss Maybelle Vandermark, associate in the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference. Thousands of Health and Welfare workers attended the Health and Welfare Workshops that were conducted in six of the unions of the Far Eastern Division.

The practical help and suggestions given by Miss Vandermark were greatly appreciated. Her personal experiences in the Health and Welfare area inspired our members to catch a new concept of how Health and Welfare ministry may be done by every member of the church.

She stated, "The admonition of Isaiah 58 is for God's church and God's people today."

—L. A. Shipowick



**FIRST LADY.** Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife of the president of the Philippines, congratulates Mrs. Betty Miranda, president of the Manila-Rizal Federation, for her service in Dorcas Welfare work.

**LEADERS.** Miss Vandermark and Pastor L. A. Shipowick are shown with the Dorcas Leaders of the South Philippine Union.



**Harvest Time is NOW!**