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Deskside Chats



Carrying a Load

AN officer of one of our overseas divisions was boasting about his staff.
"Every man we have can carry a load."

That's an enviable situation. It was not strange that the statistics
verified his estimate. That division was setting a pace in progress for
most of the rest of the world.

One of the Bible's apparent contradictions comes to mind.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
(Gal. 6:2)

"For every man shall bear his own burden." (Gal. 6:5)

There is, however, no real anomaly here. What we have is a simple
statement of the philosophy of service. Something about burden bearing
increases capacity. A load successfully handled makes a larger load
feasible.

And then comes the final bonus. The more ably we carry our own
load, the more opportunities we will see to help others and the more
wisely we will go about it. This is the unique mathematics of the helping
hand.

One day in a place and time when vehicles were not available, two
brothers found themselves with a heavy load to carry. They were just
boys; but the older one, well on his way to becoming a husky teen-ager,
took command of the situation.

"Let's get a pole; then we can carry it between us."

A pole was found. Soon, with the load slung from the middle,
they started off up the trail, with the younger boy ahead. It wasn't easy
going. But there was no complaining. Proud of his small brother's willing
efforts, the older one smiled knowingly to himself as he noticed that the
load was gradually slipping closer and closer toward his end of the pole.

Father was waiting at the end of the trail.

"It was pretty heavy," said the younger brother as he wiped away
the perspiration. "I didn't know whether I could make it or not."

His eyes taking in at a glance the position of the load on the pole,
Father winked at his older son.

"You're a real team. That's what I call carrying a load."

Do your president and your fellow workers and your family say
about you, "He can carry a load"?

By yourself?

When you share it with another?

Even if you have the short end of the pole?

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Guide Lines Set by Committee on Sabbath Observance

A COMMITTEE was appointed by the General Conference Officers to give study to particular problems and situations that arise in the experience of Seventh-day Adventists with respect to Sabbath keeping. In a time when there is a tendency to rationalize many of the standards of Christian living to make room for variety of attitudes, and when new situations are arising calling for carefulness in establishing patterns of conduct and church practice, it is evident that guidance may properly be given to the members by bringing to their attention not only the general principles of Sabbath keeping, but also the application of these principles in specific cases.

Sabbath Keeping Principles

A Christian view of the Sabbath stresses the original divine creative rest, but more particularly the element of worship, an activity that goes much deeper than merely "going to church," an activity oriented toward blessing others in every possible way, as Jesus Himself has given us the example.

Our concept of Sabbath keeping is that the seventh day is to be reserved for communion with and the worship of God; that it is to partake of the nature of rest, both physical, mental, and spiritual. The Sabbath was made for man, and if there are emergencies that have to do with the health and safety of people, these emergencies may be cared for. On the other hand, one should not plan to perform on the Sabbath day work that could by proper care be performed on another day.

Conducting Church Business Activities on the Sabbath Day

Insofar as possible, the Sabbath day should be reserved for worship, rest, and Christian witness in which the family will remain together. Meetings that detract from these ideals should be avoided whenever possible during its sacred hours.

The obligations of the stewardship of one's resources and the fiscal needs of the church would be proper subjects for public presentation on the Sabbath, but ordinary church business should be taken up on another day. All church activities that partake of a business nature should be avoided on the Sabbath.

Sabbath Funerals

In harmony with the spirit of rest that should pervade the Sabbath, it is expected that Adventists should be advised to avoid Sabbath funerals. Although it is true that in some climates and under certain compelling conditions funerals have to be conducted without any delay, such services on the Sabbath day should be avoided whenever possible. If at such times arrangements could be made in advance with morticians and cemetery employees to

perform their routine tasks for the deceased in advance of the Sabbath day, the labor and commotion on the Sabbath, could be greatly curtailed. Or if the memorial service could be held on Sabbath, and interment take place later, there would be no objection. While it is not best to take a dogmatic position on either side of this question, the avoidance of Sabbath funerals is definitely preferable.

Ingathering on the Sabbath

The general practice of Seventh-day Adventist churches is to do Ingathering on days other than the Sabbath. Although the Ingathering plan can be organized so as to bring many spiritual benefits both to solicitor and donor, the preferable course is to do the solicitation outside of the Sabbath hours.

Social Helpfulness on the Sabbath

Recognizing that the Sabbath hours belong to God, the Sabbathkeeping Christian will want to honor and reverence the Creator in all his activities, deportment, and spirit on God's holy day.

Not only in worship, but also in his soulwinning and missionary endeavors his public witness and influence will be compatible with his preachment and belief. Though he may participate in certain types of social work for students, youth, and the poor in inner cities or in suburbs, he will still exert an exemplary influence of consistent Christian Sabbath keeping.

Certain types of social helpfulness would be in perfect harmony with proper Sabbath observance as might be seen from the words and example of the Lord of the Sabbath Himself.

Using the Sabbath day to perform missionary activities that are of the nature of every day work should be discouraged. Such efforts should be limited to emergency cases rather than the putting forth of studied efforts in this direction.

Sabbath Keeping in our Medical Institutions

Unfortunately, sickness and pain know neither holy days nor hours. Therefore, an institution offering medical care to the public must be prepared to take care of the needs of the sick and the suffering without regard to hours or days. This obviously poses a problem in the matter of Sabbath observance. Great care should be exercised that there be no laxity in the observance of the Sabbath.

Being engaged in medical work places all involved in positions of special peril lest there be laxity. Each institution will obviously develop its own policies to meet local situations and activities. Generally speaking these will encompass the following areas:

1. A discontinuance of all unnecessary activities. Usually this means a complete closing of those facilities not immediately related to patient care.
2. The postponement of elective diagnostic and therapeutic services. Emergency service should not be

interrupted. Necessary or emergency care should be willingly and cheerfully provided with high levels of excellence. Decisions as to that which is necessary or of an emergency nature should be made by the attending physician.

3. The closing of the administrative and business offices to routine business. At times it may become necessary to admit or discharge patients on Sabbath. However, it is well to limit the rendering of bills and the collection of money to a minimum on "the day of rest." Never should the keeping of the Sabbath be a source of irritation to those we seek to serve and to save, but rather a hallmark of "the children of light."

4. The Sabbath should be a day of delight to the patients within the hospital. A day when the hustle and bustle of routine work is laid aside and the staff is free to spend more time with the patients, to instruct them, to counsel with them, and to acquaint them with the wonderful love of God, this will provide a memory of Christian witnessing never to be forgotten.

5. Careful scheduling of all personnel is very important. Adventist workers should not routinely be scheduled to work on Sabbath so as to provide freedom on weekdays for secular activities, even though we recognize that "it is well to do good on the Sabbath day." Neither should they expect always to be off duty on that day and thus work a hardship on others who might appreciate an occasional Saturday off. Whenever possible those on duty who wish to attend Sabbath services should be excused to do so if their absence does not work a hardship on those remaining or limit necessary patient care.

6. An attitude of Christian witnessing before fellow workers is essential. The only contact that many non-Adventist workers may ever have with Seventh-day Adventists may be in the institution employing them. Every relationship should be friendly, kind, and expressive of the love that exemplified the life of the Great Physician.

Sabbath Work in Non-Adventist Hospitals

While it is essential in medical institutions that a minimum of labor be performed at all times in order to maintain the welfare and comfort of the patients, Seventh-day Adventists employed in non-denominational institutions where Sabbath hours bring no relief from regular general duties are under obligation to remember the principles that regulate all Sabbath activities. In order to avoid situations where our church members may be faced with problems of Sabbath keeping in non-Adventist institutions, it is recommended that:

1. When Seventh-day Adventists seek employment in non-Seventh-day Adventist hospitals they make known their Sabbath-keeping principles and request work on a schedule that will exempt them from Sabbath duties.

2. Where work schedules or other factors make this impossible, they make very clear the types of duty they are willing to perform on the Sabbath in

providing the minimum medical and hygienic care of the patient and his environment in emergency procedures, and in similar service.

3. Where the above conditions cannot be met, our members refrain from accepting employment, thus making loyalty to God's requirements paramount as they endeavor to render faithful service and also to earn their livelihood.

Singaporean Undergoes Open-Heart Surgery in U.S.

MISS Chew Woon Wong, a young Chinese girl from Singapore, has twice had a "change of heart" in recent months.

In June she went to the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California, for open-heart surgery which saved her life.

About a week before leaving for California, she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Miss Chew has had a heart problem for well over ten years, according to Mrs. Calvin Olson, nursing supervisor at Youngberg Memorial Hospital. She began coming to Youngberg as a patient of Dr. Calvin Olson and was sent to the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in 1963, where Dr. Louis Ludington performed a mitral valvotomy. This operation was not a curative procedure, and Miss Chew continued to return to Youngberg for treatment of her condition.

As she was in and out of the hospital, she became better acquainted with the Adventist faith through the hospital chaplain and through the visits of an ex-patient who had been sent to the United States for heart repair and then became an Adventist after her return.

Gradually Miss Chew's condition worsened, and Dr. Olson saw that it would be necessary for her to have open-heart surgery. Since Youngberg Hospital lacks the facilities for such an operation, he began to get in touch with the Medical Center Heart Team and the Medical Center at White Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Louis Ludington is now a staff member. Arrangements were made for Miss Chew to undergo surgery at White Memorial free of charge, with other hospital expenses at a reduced rate.

She arrived in Los Angeles knowing no one and speaking little English. But she was quickly befriended by the hospital staff, some of whom speak Chinese, and by members of the Chinese Seventh-day Adventist church in Los Angeles.

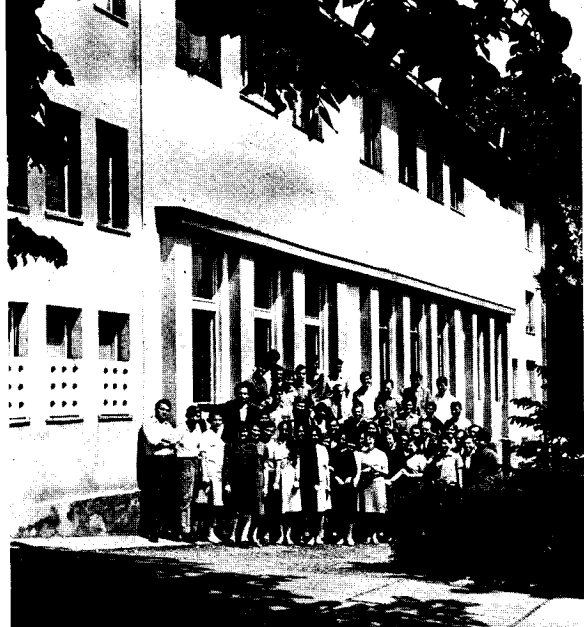
After a thorough examination, including heart catheterization, she underwent open-heart surgery with a mitral valve replacement.

The operation was a critical one, and according to Mrs. Olson, "Prayer played a big part in her recovery." Miss Chew is now living with the family of a Chinese doctor in Los Angeles and will be able to return to Singapore as soon as her recovery is complete.

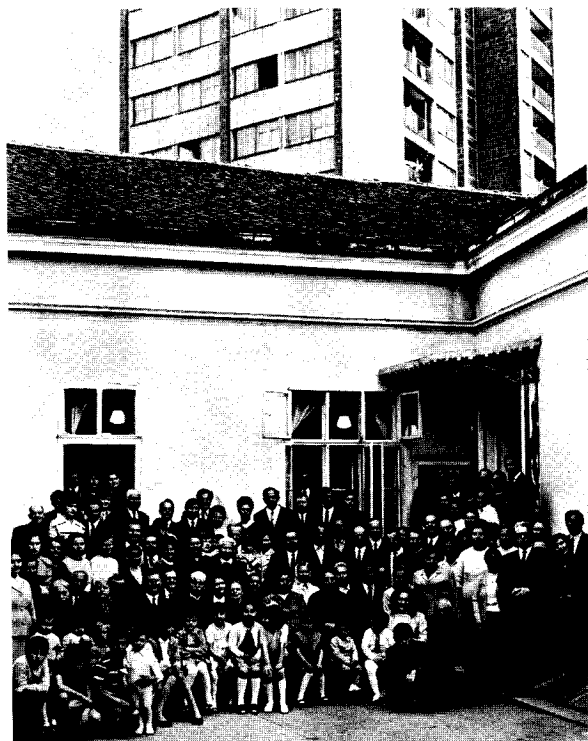
—Mary Pat Spikes



CASTLE. Marusevec is the medieval castle where the Yugoslavian juniors will soon receive a Christian education.



STUDENTS. Some students of Rakovica Seminary, now called the Yugoslavian Union College.



INADEQUATE. Not only does the meeting place in Nis appear old-fashioned compared to the most modern buildings which surround it, but it is also too small for the large attendance, and too shabby to interest people not yet of our faith.

Yugoslavia Trains Youth for Service to the Church

La Sierra (LLU) Journalism Student Assists in Division PR Office

LOMA Linda University's La Sierra campus assisted the Far Eastern Division Public Relations office this summer by providing a senior-journalism student for nearly three months.

Miss Mary Pat Spikes, who will graduate in January, 1971 with a journalism major from Loma Linda University's undergraduate school, served as acting editor of the *OUTLOOK* during June, and July while the editor was attending the General Conference session and teaching at Andrews University. In addition she also took care of writing news stories, answering mail, and attending to many items which need attention in a Public Relations office.

Miss Spikes returned to the United States late in August after visiting Adventist mission work in Thailand, South Vietnam, Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan. She is the daughter of Mrs. Sam Spikes, a secretary in the Far Eastern Division office. Mr. Spikes is a civilian employee of a geo-physicist company and works in Indonesia most of the time.

The Public Relations office appreciated the service given by Miss Spikes.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Dr. and Mrs. George Rue were long-time missionaries in the Far Eastern Division, now retired in the United States. Their happy faces were captured on film by Robert Sheldon, another former Far Eastern Division overseas worker, at the General Conference session in Atlantic City, N.J. The Rues are typical of literally hundreds of former Far East missionaries who met friends on the Boardwalk and in hotel lobbies during the quadrennial session of the General Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Rue served in Korea where he founded both the Seoul Adventist Hospital and the Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital. During her stay in Korea, Mrs. Rue established the well-known orphanage sponsored by the Seoul Adventist Hospital. See page 12 for more pictures taken at the time of the General Conference session.

—D. A. Roth

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NEWS *from the* UNIONS



SOUTH PHILIPPINES

Pangi Church Members Build House for Widow

THIS is the nipa hut that Pangi S. D. A. church members built for one of their widow members, Sister Gumersinda Claro.

Sister Claro was not yet a believer when her husband died of a fatal stab wound in the chest last June 19, 1969. She was receiving Bible studies when her husband was still alive. Upon reaching the 14th lesson, her husband told her to stop taking Bible studies. For some time she was not able to continue the Bible studies but when her husband died, she resumed her lessons secretly in the nearby home of one of our sisters. Her love for Jesus grew stronger, so much so that the loss of her husband did not bear on her too much. She decided to be baptized in the Pangi River last November 1, 1969.

Sister Claro has three children and earns a living by selling "painit," or merienda, to a road construction crew nearby. All the while she has been staying with her parents-in-law. But as the days passed by her stay with them became unbearable because they are gamblers and drunkards.

Because of this, the brethren of Pangi Church decided to build a house for her. The brethren donated cash and lumber, nipa, bamboo, nails and personal labor. The lumber was hauled from the sawmill by the jeep of the church elder to avoid the high cost of hauling. And so last July 2, the carpenter brethren of Pangi Church, Brothers Eliseo Remotigue, Celestino Bacalso, Alvaro Bacalso, Rober-

HOUSE. This is the home of Sister Gumersinda Claro, which was built out of the love of our brethren and sisters of Pangi Church, Davao City, Philippines.



to Tabiosa, Pedro Caminade, and Pedro Daclan, started constructing the nipa hut.

The house, measuring 3 by 5 meters, stands as a monument of our love for each other to the neighboring unbelievers, for they marvelled at the material evidence of how we care for our widowed member.

—Pastor S. L. Llaguno



KOREA

Overseas Dentist in Korea Receives Government Appreciation

SINCE the Lake LA-4 amphibious airplane arrived in Korea in 1969, it has been flying to the many islands and inland areas of the peninsula bringing physical healing and the gospel to many people. It has received wide publicity in Korea and internationally on radio, TV and in the press.

During the annual meeting of the Korean Dental Association on June 9, 1970, Dr. Robert W. Allen, pilot and principal clinician for the plane, was honored for his services to the country since 1966 and especially for his work with the airplane. The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs presented a trophy and a citation which reads:

"I have fully recognized and appreciated your outstanding and meritorious services contributed toward our better national health situation under the government policies, especially rendered to the dental health services for the people by giving them dental care and enlightenment campaign in remote and rural areas where no medical services are available, since you have worked as dentist in the Seoul Adventist Hospital.

"I have thus the honor to present this letter of appreciation to you as a token of friendship and mutual understanding between you and the people of the Republic of Korea."

(signed)

Tai Dong Kim
Minister

The amphibious airplane was obtained as a result of a fund raising campaign sponsored by Elder J. L. Tucker of the "Quiet Hour" radio program in Redlands, California. Dr. Allen is a staff dentist at



TROPHY. Dr. Robert W. Allen shows the trophy and citation that he received from the Minister of the Health and Social Affairs Ministry of Korea to Dr. Choi Mi Hye, resident dentist at the Seoul Adventist Hospital.

the Seoul Adventist Hospital and spends his time equally between the clinic and the airplane project.

—**J. R. Wahlen, D.D.S.**
Dental Department
Seoul Adventist Hospital



A "Dead" Child Returns to Life

THE West Visayan Mission is composed mainly of the islands of Panay and Romblon. Panay is triangular and consists of four provinces: namely, Antique, which stretches from north to south on the western side of the island; Iloilo, which goes east to the southern tip of the island; Aklan and Capiz, which lie to the north and east of the island. The borders of Aklan and Antique are rugged mountain ranges which have become the home of mountain people known as Ate and Negritos. These neglected tribes attracted our mission leaders, and three years ago the committee sent a young man, Brother Barredo, a graduate of Mountain View College, into that remote area.

In order to reach the mountain people, one has to take a bus from Kalibo, the capital of Aklan province, passing through Numancia and finally arriving in Makato, a town where two groups of Seventh-day Adventists live. This is not the end of the journey, however. Leaving the bus there, one begins an uphill hike over a jungle trail. Along the way one has to cross the same river 18 times because of its snake-like curves. In some places it is necessary to swim with one hand while lifting dry clothes above the water with the other hand. It takes seven or eight hours to reach the mission school, which of course did not exist when the following story began.

Arriving at this isolated place, Brother Barredo befriended the people and organized the men so they could put up a school building. At first only a few

children were willing to attend but as the weeks went by, he had a good number of eager children. He discovered that it takes time for gospel seed to germinate in primitive and pagan hearts, where superstition and fanaticism are firmly entrenched. But the seed Brother Barredo was sowing fell on good ground. In time he was able to organize a Sabbath school with both his school children and their parents attending.

Brother Barredo is a soft spoken and kindhearted Christian worker. He is not an eloquent speaker, but he presents the gospel with simplicity and love. More than anything else, he preaches Christ to those people by his life.

To live there successfully, Brother Barredo has had to be a jack of all trades. He is not only a teacher and a preacher, but he is forced into the role of farmer, carpenter, judge, counselor, and medicine man. In many community quarrels and misunderstandings he is consulted to settle disputes, and his judgment is always respected.

The area abounds in witch doctors who collect roots and leaves, chop them up, and mix with coconut oil. The concoction is then put into bottles and sold as medicine in many cities and towns in the Visayas. Many times, as witch doctors give up their patients, these will go to Brother Barredo for help and healing. Forced by circumstances, he is compelled to do something for them. The least he can do at times like these is to pray to God for healing power. He applies home nursing and simple remedies the best that he knows. And gradually the people have come to have more confidence in his treatment than in the "cures" of the witch doctors.

One night after supper, as he and his wife were planning to retire, he heard a knock at the door. The caller was the father of a dying child, who begged Brother Barredo to accompany him home. There was nothing else he could do than agree to go even though it meant walking a jungle trail in the light of a kerosene lamp to avoid the poisonous reptiles that abound in the area. It was slow going those four kilometers, and when they arrived at the home they learned that the child had died just a few moments before.

There was crying and wailing. It was a pathetic sight that touched the heart of Brother Barredo. He felt the child's pulse but could detect no sign of life. He ordered everyone to stop crying, instead to form a circle around the dead child. They knelt for prayer to the great Lifegiver.

God heard that simple prayer of faith. Brother Barredo had actually pled that if it be God's will the child be brought back to life in order to console the bereaving family. After the prayer, all were silent and focused their eyes on the child. The color of the skin changed as the blood began to circulate. The face moved gently and the head began to turn slowly from side to side, and finally the eyes opened.

There was great rejoicing in that home as words of praise and thanksgiving were expressed by all.

Brother Barredo quietly turned their thoughts to God in that hour of rejoicing. The news of this incident spread like fire among the mountain people. There was fear in the hearts of the people toward the God of Brother Barredo.

Today his ministry is well rewarded. At present there are three churches of believers in this mountain area. Our members are well established. Since the work is firmly grounded, Brother Barredo plans to move forward to some other remote place where the gospel has not yet been preached. May God's blessing go with him.

—D. M. Niere, Lay Activities Secretary,
Central Philippine Union

Tribute to a Dedicated and Faithful Mother

THE writer would like to pay tribute to a loving, dedicated and self-sacrificing mother of Israel, while she is yet alive.

Mrs. D. L. Elumir has been in the denominational work for the past 27 years, as a literature evangelist, Bible instructor, and district leader. During these years of her ministry she has been assigned to different provinces of the Central Philippines, and has travelled in practically the whole territories of Negros, Central and East Visayan Missions. At present she is the Bible instructor of the Capital Center in Cebu City.

Her life as a worker and a mother has been associated with many sacrifices. At the age of 23,

her husband died, leaving three boys to her care. She could have married again to escape the extreme loneliness of a widow's life and to provide financial security for the children. But she did not. She "purposed" in her heart to be true to her vow to her husband—not to entrust their children to someone else's care. With strong determination she fought bravely the seemingly insurmountable temptation of loneliness and met every trying experience that came her way—alone, but with God.

A staunch believer in Christian education, she managed to send her children to our schools, despite financial difficulties. Through earnest prayers, accompanied with simple faith in God's promises and hard work, she was able to make it possible for all her children to graduate from college. Doubtless, the Lord rewarded her faith and sincere prayers. Two of her sons are denominational employees—Abelardo with the Davao Mission, Philippines, and the writer a missionary in Vietnam. Her youngest son, Gregorio, is connected with the Hizon Pharmaceutical Laboratories as Field Supervisor.

The Lord is blessing her ministry with many souls won to Christ. She has helped establish several churches. While a student, the writer was privileged to assist her in several evangelistic efforts, home visitations, and Bible studies during summer vacations.

A good mother, who can find? "Her price is far above rubies. . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed. . . . A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Prov. 31:10, 28, 30, 31.

—Artemio L. Elumir, Treasurer
Saigon Adventist Hospital
Saigon, Vietnam

Mrs. D. L. Elumir and family.



News from Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital

● **BAPTISMS.** Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital workers and members of the Bacolod English Church rejoiced and felt grateful to the Lord last July 18 when eight prisoners from the Negros Occidental Provincial Jail were baptized by Chaplain H. V. Gayares. Rey Fiesta, a hospital worker and church Lay Activity leader who is in charge of the soul winning work at the jail, said that many more are attending the Bible marking class and studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons.

A jeep load of hospital workers leaves every Sabbath to conduct the regular Sabbath School in one of the prison cells provided by the prison warden. Many of the prisoners are rejoicing in their newfound faith and assurance of forgiveness in Christ. 20 prisoners were already baptized from January to July, 1970.

● **CHAPLAIN BAPTIZES FORMER HOSPITAL PATIENT.** Mrs. Consolacion Tauro, a public

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school teacher and wife of a journalist, with her 12-year old daughter Diana Lynn, were baptized by H. V. Gayares last June 20 at the Taculing River. Her decision to be baptized was made when she was confined at the hospital a few months ago.

● **BEC MEMBERS CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY CHAPEL.** Members of the Bacolod English Church of Seventh-day Adventists, mostly composed of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital and mission workers, have decided to construct a temporary chapel at the church site of the mission compound to meet the acute need of a place of worship resulting from the rapid increase of membership.

The cost of the temporary building, which will probably house 250 members, will be Ps.6,000.00, using steel and galvanized iron materials which can be used in the permanent church building. The members of the church are enthusiastically raising funds for the construction of the permanent church building, which can also be used in many large meetings of the mission.

● **HOSPITAL WORKERS HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS.** Monthly meetings of the hospital workers are being held on the first Monday of every month, after the morning devotional and again in the afternoon. Each worker will be required attendance at one meeting every month. The purpose of this is to promote closer relationship and better communication and understanding among workers for a better management of the medical institution.

● **FOUR NURSES JOIN STAFF.** The arrival of the four nurses from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital will strengthen the nursing ministry of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. All came from the field of the Central Philippine Union Mission.

Miss Virgie Alipoon from Kabankalan, Neg. Occ.

Miss Charito Fabella from Odiongan, Romblon

Miss Patria Guanzon from Dumangas, Iloilo

Miss Jemima Verde from Himamaylan, Neg. Occ.

HEALTH. Dr. Rufino Suplino, Negros Occidental Provincial Health Director, addresses the Hospital Day audience at the lobby of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. Behind him are: Mrs. R. Fabruada, assistant nursing director; Pastor E. A. Capobres, hospital board chairman; W. E. Lim, business manager; Dr. O. B. Varona, assistant medical director; Dr. R. W. Spalding, acting hospital director; and Mrs. M. T. Barrientos, nursing director.



HEALTH. This is the first Health Evangelism seminar held in the La Paz Church, Iloila City, Philippines.

● **TWO RESIDENT PHYSICIANS JOIN BSH.** The arrival of the two resident physicians will lighten the heavy load of the three medical doctors. Dr. Rudy Arrogante from the province of Cebu and a graduate of Southwestern University School of Medicine at Cebu City, gladly accepted the call.

Dr. Ernesto Banaag, a graduate of Manila Central University School of Medicine and finishing his internship at Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, joined Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. With him is his lovely wife, the former Miss Gloria Villareal. Dr. Banaag is the son of Pastor P. C. Banaag, the editor of the Philippine Religious Liberty magazine, "Freedom."

● **NEW RECEPTIONIST-SECRETARY.** The information department of BSH is graced with the sweet smile of the new receptionist, Miss Ophelia Sunega who comes from Bayawan, Negros Oriental. She is a secretarial graduate of Mountain View College. Before coming, she was with the Central Philippine Union Mission in Cebu. Gifted with the talent of singing, Miss Sunega is a blessing to the Bacolod English Church choir.

● **JUNE WEDDINGS.** Jethro Tanamal, head of the hospital maintenance department, to Miss Consejo Agbas, an elementary school teacher, June 15, 1970, at the hospital chapel, with Pastor D. C. Sabrine officiating.

Vic Macabuhay, assistant purchasing officer and bookkeeper, to Miss Vilma Maraon, BSE Math, June 15, 1970, at the Florence Kern auditorium, Mountain View College. Agripino Segovia, college president, officiated the marriage.

Ben Caagbay, medical technology instructor of the clinical division at BSH, to Miss Melba Comia, by Dr. O. C. Edwards in Lucena City, June 24, 1970. Mrs. Caagbay is now teaching at Negros Mission Academy.

Mar Gulfan, medical technologist, to Miss Nieves Lim of Ozamis City, June 7, 1970 at Ozamis City SDA church. Chaplain Gerundo Ellacer of Iligan Adventist Hospital was the officiating minister.

Ardena Gentapanan, staff nurse, to Prospero Gonzaga, evangelist of Negros Mission, in the early morning of June 8, 1970 at the Bacolod City Central Church of SDA. Pastors D. C. Sabrine and V. F. Bocala were the ministers officiating.

Elizabeth Tupas, pharmacist, to Joel Dalaguan, Negros Mission B&PA manager at the La Paz

Church, Iloilo City, June 12, 1970, with Pastor D. M. Niere solemnizing the ceremony.

—Hector V. Gayares
PR Officer
Bacolod Sanitarium & Hospital

Branch Sabbath Schools Influence Lives

YELDISA Ayuda was a girl of seven, full of life, sharp and full of wit. She was one of the members of the branch Sabbath school conducted by Mrs. Gertrudez Segarino at Lambusan, her village, San Remigio, Cebu, Philippines. Yeldisa was quick to learn the memory verses and motion songs taught her. She had a wonderful voice and she loved to sing even when she did her kitchen chores. In fact she was often requested by Mrs. Segarino to sing a solo. One time she was requested to sing in the Sabbath school of the children's division in the nearby church.

As she continued to attend from Sabbath to Sabbath, the father noticed a great change in her. She would return thanks before meals and pray every morning and evening after singing her Sabbath school songs. She also refrained from eating pork, shrimp and squid. She would sometimes tell her father that Jesus wants all people to live clean lives and so they should not eat unclean foods.

One Thursday evening she developed a little fever. When morning came she thought she was all right. So she started to fetch water and gather fuel. She told her father to economize the use of water since the next day was her Sabbath and she could not fetch water for home use. That afternoon she practised her part for the Sabbath school association meeting the next day. But the following evening she took sick. She developed a very high fever and died suddenly at almost midnight. The next morning the father went to San Remigio to notify the brethren about the death of his daughter. He requested them to conduct the funeral service. He said, "My daughter died a Seventh-day Adventist, so she must have a Seventh-day Adventist burial."

The priest learned of the incident and so he went to the house of Yeldisa Ayuda. The priest said: "But you are a Catholic. Why not have her service conducted by us?"

He replied: "Yes, I am a Catholic but my child was a Seventh-day Adventist. She made that decision two months ago."

The funeral service was solemnly conducted by our brethren. Many were impressed by the service. Today Yeldisa's father and grandfather are preparing for baptism.

—J. R. Obregon
Central Visayan Mission



NORTH PHILIPPINES

Philippine Union College Announces Staff Changes

TO help meet the educational challenges of the school year 1970-71 old hands at Philippine College will hold new responsibilities, according to Dr. Ottis C. Edwards, president.

Changes in the College and Academy affect the following: Juanito V. Afenir, principal of PUC Academy, will join the college Mathematics Department, while Ben Salvador, an Academy instructor who has had experience in administrative work in two mission academies, will become principal. Paulino P. Nebres, college treasurer, will head the Accounting Department and will also direct student labor, while B. A. Coe, a mission worker who has served as a missionary to Thailand, will be the new college treasurer.

Other personnel affected by the staff changes are Mrs. Romana C. Poblete, a college instructor and manager of the college store, who will join the Academy and start a much needed Guidance Program there. Q. Tortal will add to his responsibilities in the business office the management of the college store. To assist Pastor Nicotades Fadri in his work as dean of men are Willie Tortal and Dan R. Caag-bay.

To join the college staff are Miss Rey Calalang, a new BSS graduate, who will work at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital compound in the School of Nursing, and Nilo Palma, a Philippine Publishing House worker, who began a college Art Department when he joined the staff July 1.

Pastor J. S. Vitto, from the Central Luzon Mission, will become a PUC staff member and teach in the Religion Department.

—Mrs. L. C. Tangalin

Committee on Alcoholism Chairman Chosen in the Philippines

GREET. Pastor M. G. Jereos, North Philippine Union secretary, greets Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr., president of Araneta University, who was elected chairman of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Looking on is General M. Santos, NCPA vice-chairman. The election took place recently at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital social hall.



Salvador is PUCA Principal

MR. Benjamin S. Salvador, an evangelist, missionary, and academy and college instructor, is the new principal of Philippine Union College Academy. He succeeds Mr. Juanito Afenir, who has recently answered a call to connect with the college department as math teacher.

Salvador started as an evangelist in Central Luzon Mission in 1951. From 1952 to 1959 he taught at PUC, and at one time he was a principal for two years.

He and his wife (nee Alfea Carpio) left as missionaries for Taiwan and were away for four years.

On his return to the Philippines, he was called to head Pasay City Academy. He held teaching positions in other places such as Eastern Quezon College and North East Luzon Academy.

After an absence of about seven years, he came back to PUC as both college and academy instructor.

Salvador resumed his post as PUCA principal at the opening of the new school term this year. He obtained a master's degree in 1965 with a major in Education.

Total enrollment in the academy is 406; the faculty numbers 19, according Salvador.

—Lydia R. Garcia

Youth Gather for Bible Conference Camp in Limay

AS plans were made for the Bible Conference Camp held at Limay, Bataan, last May 18-24, we were apprehensive as to whether or not young people would respond to the invitation to attend a Bible Conference. But to our surprise 110 came in buses, cars, and jeeps, and scores more were rejected due to lack of camp facilities. The camp directorate arrived 24 hours ahead of them to prepare the camp site, which was located on the shores of Manila Bay almost in the shadow of the largest cross ever built by man, honoring heroes of the infamous Bataan Death March of World War II.

The emphasis of this camp was the Bible. Pastor Alberto Regoso, loaned by the Voice of Prophecy



CAMPERS. Participants in the Youth Bible Conference Camp ate their meals with newly-found friends under the shadows of the largest cross ever built by man, in honor of the war heroes of the infamous Bataan Death March of World War II.

office, expounded to these eager young people the basic principles of Adventist doctrines. Three times a day he opened to them the truths that so often young people follow but do not fully understand and can only weakly defend.

Such vital subjects as Sabbath observance and health reform did not pass the ears of the campers very easily. Questions came up often, but they were handled with wisdom and ease to the full satisfaction of the campers, as witnessed by the smiles every time a question was answered in a convincing way.

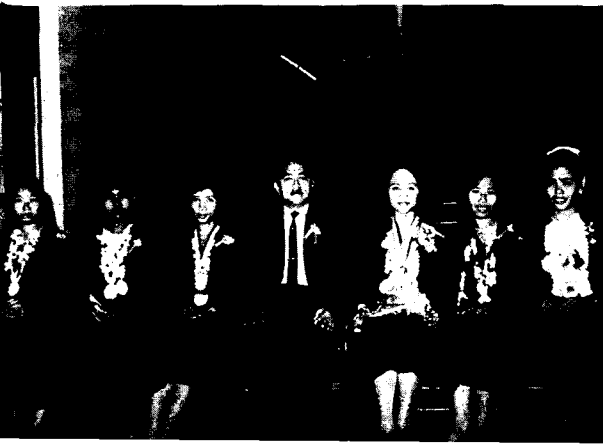
Because of healthful food and a strict physical fitness program, many of the campers lost fat and gained muscle, but fun was not left out of the camping program. Aside from the afternoon games, we held evening talent programs around the campfire. Each unit in each division presented such features as vocal numbers, skits, plays, and readings.

Pastor Herminio Nicolas, camp pastor, cared for the religious activities, including worship and visitation. In each tent he talked with the campers personally, giving Bible studies to some. As a result, two girls decided to be baptized on Sabbath.

The director was assisted by volunteer young people who are being trained in youth leadership. Sammy Solomon acted as executive officer for the director; Violy Gonzales, as division leader for the girls; and Ademir Pascoe, as division leader for the boys. Poncing Balan was songspiration leader throughout the camp. Jesse Lacre and Gershon Malaguit were craft instructors, and Honesto Mag-salin was program director and also camp artist.

As the campers went home on Sunday, every hand waved a sad goodbye, and all determined to return next year for another camping experience.

—A. J. Abawag



Students Honored at Pasay City Academy

AWARDEES. Six students and their parents were honored during the commencement program of Pasay Adventist Academy held last April. Left to right are Melania Tejuco, PUC scholarship awardee; May Solomon, Manila Sanitarium scholarship awardee; Ruth Sombilon, Insular Life Gold Medal awardee (for being class valedictorian); S. G. Miraflores, academy principal; Ruth Brutus, Gerry Roxas Leadership awardee (a 24-carat gold medal, for being Leader of the Year); Evangeline Antonio, PUC scholarship awardee; and Lucille Santiago, Manila Sanitarium scholarship awardee.

The Far East at General Conference Session



UPPER LEFT. The Far Eastern Division booth at the General Conference session featured "Far East Harvest."

CENTER. Pastor R. S. Watts, President of Southeast Asia Union, is shown talking to a group of young people. With him are Pastor and Mrs. William Smith and family, and Mrs. Mundahai from the island of Borneo.

BELOW. This photo by Robert Sheldon shows the group of Koreans and their friends who attended the General Conference session at Atlantic City, N.J.

INTERVIEW. Dr. Walter R. Beach is shown interviewing Dr. Miller during the missions pageant.



Harvest Time is NOW!