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Deskside Chats



Apples of Gold

YESTERDAY I received a letter—a letter I didn't expect.

It was from a college girl who had spent her summer vacation working in our office. She wrote:

"I want you to know how much I appreciate the opportunity of working in the Far Eastern Division office. I learned so much . . . about mission work and the church. Now I know how exciting, challenging and vital the life of a missionary can be. What I experienced this summer really helped me appreciate what Seventh-day Adventists are doing all over the world, and it renewed my commitment to that work. Thank you so much."

That letter gave me a real lift. It brightened the whole day. A word fitly spoken, it was, to borrow Solomon's description, "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

In a world where grumbling against "the Establishment" has become the trademark of the "now" generation, where a campaign of vitriolic criticism is lauded as a noble crusade, and where protest, demonstration and violence are the tools for social change, most of us feel like models of Christian virtue when we maintain the ordinary rules of polite behavior.

How refreshing it is, then, when someone goes beyond what is required, when the seeds of gratitude are allowed to grow until they blossom out in a genuine expression of thoughtfulness and thanks. "A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a word spoken at the right moment, how good it is!"*

There is ample evidence that this priceless ability to recognize the moment of opportunity and to say the kind and generous word pays remarkable dividends

It makes friends.

It smooths social relations.

It turns ordinary business into both pleasure and profit.

It transforms the work of the church from pious ritual into a soul-winning reflection of the character of Christ.

Words fitly spoken, and at the right moment—how good they are!

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

*Prov. 15:23, The Amplified Bible

An Appeal

ON behalf of the countless millions of men, women, and children who are victims of intemperate living, allow me to appeal to the church today to awake out of lethargy and consider the menace that surrounds it. Truly, we cannot remain unconcerned over the problem of alcoholism, cigarette smoking, LSD, marijuana, and other such addictions. Unless the church makes a bold stand against these things, it will be too late for many of our young people.

Do you know that drug addiction is slowly but surely pushing its way into the church? Do you know that quite a number of our young people are now addicts to alcoholism and cigarette smoking? That some of them are smoking unashamedly before the elders and members of the church? What are we doing to help free them from this filthy and dangerous habit? Disfellowshipping them from church? This may be the only thing to do in order to maintain a high standard, but does this course of action really help them?

Our Responsibility

Brethren, we have a very serious responsibility to perform. God has given us the light on temperance. We are not to hide it under a bushel. Instead it should be set on a hill that the world may know that the use of tobacco and strong drink has a great deal to do with the increase of disease and crime, that it destroys the brain, that it benumbs the sensibilities, that it is the cause of misery, sorrow, and death. Above all, it lessens love for the God who died that we might live.

For these reasons, Mrs. White warned parents in the church when she wrote: "Parents, warn your children against the sin of presumption. Teach them that it is presumption to educate an appetite for tobacco, liquor, or any hurtful thing. Teach them that their bodies are God's property. They are His by creation and by redemption. They are not their own; for they have been bought with a price. Teach them that the body is the temple of God, and that it is not to be made strengthless and diseased by the indulgence of appetite."—**Temperance**, p. 61.

Take a Stand

Mrs. White has not only warned parents on the evils of intemperance, but has enjoined everyone of us to make a decided stand and oppose the liquor traffic. The following are her statements: "Why are we not putting forth much more decided efforts to oppose the liquor traffic, which is ruining the souls of men, and is causing violence and crime of every description? With the great light that God has entrusted to us, we should be in the forefront of every true reform."—**Counsels on Health**, p. 432.

Brethren, it is for these reasons that I am making this appeal to all leaders of the church, heads of schools, and fellow workers in this great Far Eastern Division to organize temperance chapters and pre-

sent a solid front against alcoholism, cigarette smoking, and all other drug addictions. Let us warn our young people against these satanic weapons which have enslaved millions in the world today.

—**B. G. Mary, Temperance Secretary,
Far Eastern Division**

G.C. Session Slides Still Available

THE colorful mission pageants, musical artists, outstanding booths, and national delegates in costume are all captured in a set of 80 color slides of the 51st General Conference session held in Atlantic City.

You can relive the session highlights with these color slides which come complete with a description of each picture. The full set will be sent direct by registered airmail. Send check or money order for U.S. \$22.00 to: G.C. Slides, Box 6021, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506, U.S.A.

—**Robert L. Sheldon**



THIS MONTH'S COVER

The 1970 Far Eastern Division Council was held in Singapore during the early part of November. A complete report with pictures and story appears on pages 17-20 of this issue. The cover picture shows Pastor Kenneth H. Emmerson, treasurer of the General Conference, giving his comments after the report of the budget committee was given. On the platform are Pastors G. O. Bruce, Division treasurer, and P. H. Eldridge, Division president. The theme of the Council is shown in the background, "The Widening Circle."



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



CENTRAL PHILIPPINES

Publishing Secretary Conducts Revival

ONE-WEEK revival meetings were conducted by Joaquin Rosendo, publishing secretary of the Negros Mission, in the Himamaylan Church. As groundwork, for a month before the revival meetings began, colporteurs preached at Sabbath services, visited the homes of members, encouraged backsliders to attend the coming revival meetings, and gave Bible studies to those interested in the church. Also included in this visitation program were the neighboring churches.

It was the privilege of the writer to preach at the closing revival meeting. Friday evening after the sermon, slides depicting various aspects of soul-winning work, as well as pictures taken during the Chaplains' Workshop in Singapore, were shown.

The climax of this one week of revival meetings came at the close of the Sabbath morning worship hour when, in response to the call of the Holy Spirit, everyone came forward in rededication and consecration of their lives to God.

At an afternoon service, 15 individuals were baptized by the writer.

—Hector V. Gayares,
Chaplain and P.R. Officer,
Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital



REVIVAL. Fifteen persons were baptized by Pastor H. V. Gayares, chaplain of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, during the one-week revival meetings conducted in Himamaylan by Joaquin Rosendo.

Revival Meetings and Rallies Held In East Visaya

DURING the months of July, August, and September, 45 revival meetings and Ingathering rallies were held in the East Visayan Mission. Office and field workers, with some help from the union, spread out among the churches and companies to kindle enthusiasm and to mount new initiatives in evangelism for an all-out cooperative effort, especially in soul winning and in the forthcoming reaping campaign.

In almost every meeting, baptismal services were held as fruitage of the laymen's missionary efforts. A total of 253 baptisms have been reported up to the end of August.

—F. M. Arrogante, President,
East Visayan Mission

Radio Broadcasts Total Six In Bacolod City

ANOTHER breakthrough for the Negros Mission occurred when the manager of Radio Station DYHB, of the Radio Mindanao Network, Inc., offered free time every Sunday morning from 6:15 to 6:30.

With this additional radio broadcast, the writer now conducts six 15-minute radio broadcasts every morning. These six are from four radio stations in Bacolod City, two broadcasts of which are free.

—H. V. Gayares

Several Hundred Young People Attend Temperance Rally

DR. Manuel Tornilla, acting medical director of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, conducted a temperance rally at Minglanilla Town. The rally was held at the crossroad fronting the public market, which was closed to traffic during the meeting.

About 800 people listened to Dr. Tornilla discuss smoking and drinking, the twin evils of our generation. He said that in America there are more deaths in automobile accidents which result from drunken driving than of U.S. soldier fatalities during the Vietnam war. He further stated that every cigarette shortens a smoker's lifetime by 14 minutes. In conclusion Dr. Tornilla stated that "our body is the

temple of the living God, and it was created to be free from such health hazards as drinking and smoking."

A film provided by the U.S.I.S. was shown before the meeting. A ladies sextette led by Dra. Jane Lazaro sang two selections before the lecture.

The temperance rally was in connection with the evangelistic meeting conducted by laymen in the neighboring churches of Cebu City, Lagtang, Lipata, and Minglanilla. Pastor V. F. Bocala and the writer were the invited speakers. A good number of interests have resulted from the meeting.

—D. M. Niere,
P.R. Secretary

Hospital Community Growth Continues

DURING the four years since the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital opened in 1966, an active community has developed and continues to grow rapidly—but not without problems. One of these has been that of securing an adequate meeting place for church services.

A temporary shelter has been completed, built of fireproof materials which later are to be used in the new church that will be constructed just a few rods down the road from the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. The present building seats only 270; the church is to accommodate 500, which will make it adequate also for general mission meetings.

Just across from the hospital, 230 enthusiastic boys and girls and nine dedicated teachers are busy at Negros Mission Academy. The principal, Dave Ricaldi, is proud of his new school and looks forward to eight more rooms which are to be added to the present eight, for offices, library, and lavatories.

Next door to the school is the 12-room Negros Mission office building opened in March of this year. This too is a great blessing to the work.

—Helen Spalding

New Company Forms at San Juan, Samar

A NEW company of believers has been formed at San Isidro, Samar, after an effort conducted from July 12 to August 22 by V. S. Culibra, district leader of Central and Northern Samar. This group is happily congregating in their new chapel, which they personally helped to build for the effort which they had requested because of their interest in the Advent message.

The first baptism of 16 souls was conducted by the writer on Sabbath, September 19. Others are being prepared for later baptisms.

The new group at San Juan includes six public school teachers who are now actively sharing their faith with their professional associates.

—F. M. Arrogante, President,
East Visayan Mission

76 Laymen Receive Certificates

AT a joint Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Parent-Home convention held at Sangahon, Malitbog, Leyte, from August 19 to 22, 76 certificates were given at graduation night to 25 lay Bible instructors, 25 Sabbath School teachers, and 26 homemakers.

In attendance at this convention were brethren from six nearby churches: Pastor D. M. Niere, Central Philippine Union Lay Activities secretary; N. L. Ornopia, East Visayan Mission Lay Activities secretary; Mrs. F. M. Arrogante, Sabbath School and Parent-Home secretary; R. B. Albaciete, Southern Leyte district leader, and the writer.

Enthusiasm ran high at the meetings, and there is certain to be a greater soul-winning outreach in the ingathering of more souls through the Lay Activities, the Sabbath School, and Parent-Home departments.

—F. M. Arrogante



EAST INDONESIA

Ambon Church Members Conduct Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 24 was the opening day of the Vacation Bible School held in the rooms of the Ambon church school. At that time 121 students were enrolled, and later others were added to enjoy the well-planned Vacation Bible School program. Pastor J. L. Sahetapy, Sabbath School and Lay Activities secretary of the Ambon Mission, was director of the school, and Mrs. M. Ngantung, principal of the Ambon church school, was secretary. They were assisted by several active young ladies and young men of the Ambon Church.

During the Vacation Bible School, "Killing Bad Giants," a program conducted by R. Kesaulija and the writer, was greatly enjoyed.

On August 31, Pastor Sahetapy gave a challenge to 146 graduating students to accept Jesus and prepare to inherit the kingdom of God. Many parents, church members as well as non-Adventists, were present at the graduation service and were made happy as their children received diplomas.

We in the Ambon Mission request your prayers that by the grace of God many souls will be brought to the kingdom of heaven.

—P. W. Ngantung, Treasurer
and Education Secretary,
Ambon Mission



Hakone Hills Become Scene Of Businessmen's Retreat

AT the International Mansion, among the beautiful hills of Hakone, the North Japan Mission Businessmen's Association met from September 4 to 6 for a spiritual retreat under the direction of Pastor Mi. Hayashi, lay activities secretary of the North Japan Mission. Although this group had been meeting regularly in Tokyo for some time, this was the first time it had come together for a spiritual weekend retreat.

Approximately 120 people were in attendance on Sabbath. Featured speakers during the weekend were Pastor C. B. Watts, Japan Union president; Pastor Eiji Shibata, North Japan Mission president; and Pastor Akira Yamaji, lay activities secretary, Japan Union.

During the time the group was together, a digest of Mrs. White's life and experiences was presented by Shigeharu Ito. This manuscript was accepted by the group, and publication will begin soon. All church members will benefit from having this information in inexpensive and readable form.

Discussion periods centered around such topics as implementation of the stewardship plan among business people, better contacts for Christ in business life, and the need for a home for elderly and retired Adventists.

Because of the inspiration and benefits derived from this retreat, many expressed hope that this would become an annual appointment.

—Lois May Watts



DEDICATED. The recently dedicated Adventist church in Kumamoto, Japan, is very modern in style. It is a two-story concrete structure.

Church Building Dedicated at Kumamoto

ON August 30 a new, modern Seventh-day Adventist church was dedicated at Kumamoto, Japan. Among its distinguishing features are stained glass windows representing the "God of Creation," designed by K. Takahashi, art instructor at Japan Missionary College. Pastor T. Kajiyama, field representative for the Japan Union, was the main speaker for

RETREAT. Businessmen from the North Japan Mission attended a spiritual retreat at Hakone from September 4 to 6.



the dedication ceremony, and as he addressed the congregation he commented on the appropriateness and beauty of the windows.

Also present for the ceremony was Pastor Y. Okafuji, president, and S. Hagiwara, secretary-treasurer, of the South Japan Mission, and Pastor S. Kondo, a former pastor of the church group.

The work of Seventh-day Adventists was begun in Kumamoto in 1908 when a Bible study group was formed. In 1951 a church building was erected, but because of its low-lying location, this area was badly flooded and the church building damaged on two different occasions. A new location was secured and this new 14 million yen building was constructed in its place.

Pastor S. Orebara, the present pastor, hopes to begin evangelistic meetings in the new building this fall.

—Lois May Watts

College News Notes

* **JAPAN** Missionary College welcomed its first visiting instructors in English, Gary and Irene Herr, from Andrews University. Gary, a graduate in psychology, and Irene, a graduate in music, will serve on a student missionary basis.

* Dr. Lawrence Mobley, former chairman of Loma Linda University's department of English, has taken up his new duties as chairman of the department of English at Japan Missionary College. At present he is studying the Japanese language and teaching some college classes. Mrs. Mobley, former assistant chairman of the department of associate degree nursing at Loma Linda University, is serving as secretary to the president. Their daughter Lari, 5, has joined the Japanese kindergarten, and their son Jim, 7, attends the overseas school. The Mobleys are fitting well into the college community, and their services are most appreciated.

* The General Conference has filled two more calls for Japan Missionary College. Dr. Russell Spangler, of Ottawa, Ontario, will join the department of Christian studies in October. Norman Wendth, of Loma Linda University's department of English, is expected to join the department of English at Japan Missionary College early in 1971.

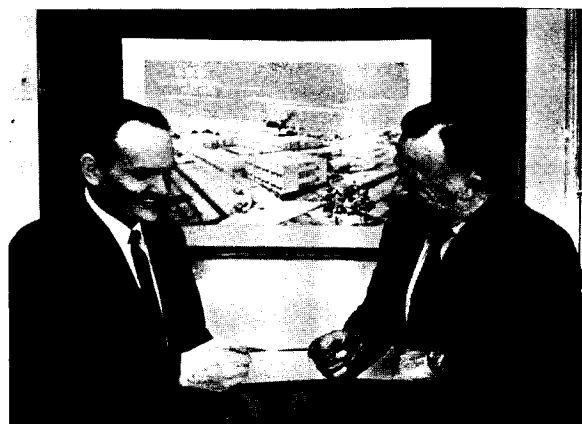
* Workers in the college library have been extremely busy this summer receiving and cataloging 2,576 volumes of donated and acquired books. This brings the college library holdings to 19,265. The main donors to our library this summer were Dr. Lawrence Mobley, Harvard University Library, the State of Michigan, and Notre Dame University Library.

* Pastor Nagakubo has enrolled at Duke University in North Carolina for graduate study leading to a doctor's degree in Christianity and Culture. Pastor Nagakubo has served as chairman of the department of Christian studies and holds advanced

degrees from Andrews University. The Far Eastern Division and Japan Missionary College are jointly sponsoring his studies.

* The old Japan Missionary College microbus, having gone well past its allotted mileage, was retired as a kindergarten play house and replaced by a newer model, 29-seat microbus.

—R. E. Klimes, President,
Japan Missionary College



GIFT. Mr. L. H. Bonine, former patient of the Seoul Adventist Hospital, presents a check to be used to buy 100 tons of cement to Dr. Louis Erich. A drawing of the future Seoul Adventist Hospital is in the background.

Former Patient Makes Donation To Hospital

THE Seoul Adventist Hospital recently was surprised to receive a check for 100 tons of cement from a former patient. Mr. L. H. Bonine is a British businessman with offices in Seoul and Hong Kong. Several years ago Mr. Bonine was treated in a local Seoul hospital for a severe "allergy." The treatment included several days of painful tests to discover the cause of his skin problem. He was feeling worse every day and decided to visit Dr. George Rue, at the Adventist hospital.

While waiting in the crowded corridor outside Dr. Rue's office in his miserable condition and with considerable apprehension, Mr. Bonine saw Dr. Rue walk by and cast a sidelong glance, as he exclaimed, "Oh my! chicken pox at your age!"

Mr. Bonine was impressed and thereafter always returned to the hospital when confronted with a health problem. His recent contribution is a result of his long-term confidence in the hospital.

—Curtis M. King, Business Manager,
Seoul Adventist Hospital



NORTH PHILIPPINES



Baptism

Pastors N. A. Quipanes and G. G. Fernandez, of Philippine Union College, share the college baptistry in baptizing two of 30 souls won in a pre-summer effort conducted by ministerial students at a location a stone's throw from the college campus.

A Visit to the Birthplace Of President Marcos

RECENTLY I visited Laoag City to help in the teaching of the Sabbath School Officers Training Course for the Ilocos Norte district. We ended our meeting early Friday afternoon, and the district pastor, Ben Andres, took us to Sarrat, the birthplace of His Excellency, President Ferdinand Marcos.

We went to Sarrat primarily to visit Mrs. Emerenciana Edralin-Jusay, a member of the Sarrat church and an aunt of President Marcos. Unfortunately, she was in Manila for medical treatment. Instead, we visited the ancestral house of President Marcos. We saw the room and bed where the boy who was to become a president was born. We saw some of his boyhood clothes and other family items. The house now is a museum.

On one of the shelves we saw a collection of books. Above it an inscription read, "The books that made the President." What caught my curiosity was a Gideon Bible. We were informed by an old Ilocano lady tenant of the Marcos museum, who is a Seventh-day Adventist, that President Marcos's grandmother was a Seventh-day Adventist up to her death.

That made me more curious. Seeing the Gideon Bible with "the books that made the president," I asked where the old grandmother's Bible was. We

were informed that it was with another Adventist, a close relative of the president. We asked if we could have this Bible and promised to give her a new one. The district pastor secured a new Bible, and the old Bible was given to him and later brought to my office. I was thrilled to see the Bible of President Marcos's grandmother.

Written in the Bible is her name, "Emerenciana Edralin," and "baptized March 7, 1931." Two ribbons are in the Bible, one a Sabbath School bookmark given in recognition of perfect attendance, punctuality, and daily lesson study for one year, and the other a 1935 Ingathering campaign ribbon for bringing in Ps.5.00 and it reads, "I did my part." She was a faithful and active church member.

In our interview with the old lady tenant of the Marcos museum, we were told that President Marcos during his childhood often attended our Sabbath School in Sarrat. He used to sing our songs and commit to memory some Bible texts. The influence of the grandmother was so strong that we were told even today President Marcos does not drink and does not smoke.

When as a law student young Ferdinand was having a case in court, he used to ask his grandmother to pray for him.

Let's pray for our national leaders. Paul admonishes us in 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 that we should pray "for kings, and for all that are in authority."

—T. V. Barizo



BIBLE. Ben Andres, Ilocos Norte district pastor, holds the old Bible of President Marcos's grandmother, Emerenciana Edralin.

"Operation Scatter" Sheds Light In Isolated Areas

THE sprawling triangle of the Philippine Islands stretches clear from Basco in the Batanes Islands, some 200 miles southeast of Taiwan in the north, to Tawi Tawi, which is just a short distance from Borneo in the south. The Philippines is comprised of over 7,000 islands, and if one can boast of having traveled from Basco to Tawi Tawi it would be parallel to the Biblical expression of going "from Dan to Beer-sheba."

Last year a missionary appointee, passing through Manila, told us about "Operation Scatter," a successful plan in the United States for laymen to enter "dark" counties with the light of truth. This good suggestion was immediately promoted in the North Philippine Union. The mechanics of the program were explained to the students of Northern Luzon Academy, and they in turn immediately volunteered to raise funds for such a worthy project. By sacrifice, the students pledged 80 pesos monthly, and one worker volunteered 100 pesos monthly if the scheme became a reality. Now, with 180 pesos a month assured, one layman could spend the major portion of his time in this new work.

Finally, the Northern Luzon Mission found a volunteer layman, Samuel Ramento, who, like his namesake of old, immediately heard the voice of God calling him. It was a very difficult and unusual call, one that meant leaving his lovely wife, a 3½ year old boy and a 6 month old baby daughter. Crossing these seas from the mainland to the Batanes Islands is far too rough and dangerous for a mother and her young family, so to go and preach to the 10,300 inhabitants of these stormswept islands meant to go alone.

More typhoons pass over Batanes than over any other part of the Philippine Islands. Those who have experienced a typhoon know what this means. Tonight as I write this story, a medical team from the Manila Sanitarium is on its way to a disaster area. The doctors and nurses will bring aid to victims of a typhoon which swept through the town of Casiguren in the Central Luzon Mission, leaving a trail of 148 people dead, hundreds of animals killed, and every house in the town laid low.

The northeast monsoon blows freely over these Batanes Islands, and throughout the whole year winds and strong currents make navigation between the islands very dangerous. The people who occupy Batanes are forced to live on sweet potatoes and other root crops which are not damaged by the rushing rain and mighty winds. The inclement weather shuts Batanes off from the rest of the world and makes it unwise for Brother Ramento to attempt crossing the water back to his home for several months at a time.

But Samuel Ramento is undaunted. He says, "Batanes is fertile soil for house to house evan-

gelism." He had hopes of pitching a tent to hold a series of meetings with larger groups of people, but strong winds make this impossible. However, 11 adults have already been baptized, the firstfruits of Operation Scatter, the new work in this far north territory.

One interesting result of Operation Scatter is that one of the candidates for baptism had taken ministerial training from another denominational school. Now a new burden has been placed upon the heart of this young man. He plans to enroll in our college and then go back to preach his new-found faith in the Batanes dialect to his own people.



OBSTACLES. Samuel Ramento doesn't even let the rocky cliffs of the Batanes Islands deter him from giving Bible studies.

Hospital Medical Team Visits Imugan

DR. Diony H. Mopera, assistant director of the Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, Santiago, Isabela, headed a medical team which visited the small barrio of Imugan, Santa Fe, Nueva Viscaya.

This was a joint venture undertaken by the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and Seventh-day Adventists to care for the Kalahan minority of Imugan living in the high mountains of Nueva Viscaya 4,000 feet above sea level and an hour's ride over rugged road passable only during non-rainy seasons.

During the six-day charity clinic, there were about 800 patients treated—medical care including cyst excisions, gynecological and obstetric cases, and an appendectomy using local anesthesia. An X-ray unit of the Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, brought up for the first time and run by an engine of the ambulance, made the diagnosis of chest diseases easier.

Members of the medical group were Angel Arafiles, medical intern; Cresencia Cortez, nurse aide; Jose Astrero and Remigio Navarro, medical and X-ray technicians.

Pastor and Mrs. Delbert Rice, American missionaries of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, were host to the medical team.

—Dr. Benjamin Sanidad, P.R. Officer,
Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital

News Notes

* **D**R. Mariano Nabong, Jr., is the new union Health secretary, succeeding Dr. R. O. Heald, and also the Temperance secretary, succeeding Pastor B. G. Mary, new Division Temperance secretary. Dr. Nabong remains on the staff of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital as internist. Dr. Heald is at Loma Linda University taking up graduate studies in public health.

* Ben S. Salvado, P.U.C. Academy teacher and former missionary at Taiwan Missionary College, is the new principal of P.U.C. Academy. Prof. J. V. Afenir, his predecessor, is now with the college department. The new academy head was principal also of P.U.C. Academy from 1957-59.

* Ben Coe, former treasurer of Pasay City Academy, is the new treasurer of Philippine Union College.

* Pastor C. A. Galang, Radio-TV secretary, has been given the additional post of Ministerial Association secretary. He replaces Pastor J. R. Bailey, who has left for the United States on permanent return.

* E. L. Villanueva, treasurer of the Philippine Publishing House, has been appointed acting manager. W. D. Jemson, has accepted the call to be manager of the Indonesia Publishing House.

* Pastor J. B. Villagomez, former principal of South-Central Luzon Academy, is the new principal of Naga View Academy. His successor at S.C.L.A. is W. T. Loriezo.

* The union has formed a Youth Advisory Committee to study problems of youth and recommend solutions. Chairman is Pastor N. R. Aris, union MV secretary. The members are Pastors T. V. Barizo, A. N. Santiago, M. G. Jereos, and C. A. Galang.

* Nena Miraflores, P.U.C. elementary school teacher, has accepted the call of Mountain View College to be dean of women.

* Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Fadri, of the Central Philippine Union, have left for New Guinea to connect with the Kabuifa Adventist College.

Central Luzon Holds First Family Camp

WE have tried something new in the North Philippine Union—the holding of a family camp. Several months ago, at the close of the Youth Bible Conference which was attended by 110 young people, 13 families, from different districts of the Central Luzon Mission, arrived at the camp site in cars and jeeps. These families—with stoves, cooking utensils, and other camp paraphernalia—came for a four-day camp.

Everyone was happy and gay. Parents, with the help of their older children, settled their tents in orderly fashion, while the tiny tots jumped and played nearby. The ages of the campers ranged from four months to 76 years. It was very impressive to see these families gathered in a family camp.

The program of activities started at five o'clock in the morning with the long blast of the camp director's whistle. It was time for the Morning Watch and family meditation. Gymnastic exercises followed at 5:30. Fathers and grown-up sons grouped together for jogging, while mothers and grown-up daughters had their bending exercises. The small children had calisthenics led by Mely Maggay, the mission nurse. This was followed by swimming and morning duties, after which all gathered for the devotional meeting led by Hermogenes Nicolas, Bataan district pastor. A flag ceremony followed.

Mrs. Amy Sherrard, from the Union Health Department, discussed the importance of child training. Interesting ideas were presented to the fathers and mothers, and questions were freely asked. Mrs. Rhody H. Imperio, nutritionist of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, discussed good eating habits. Mrs. Angelina D. Reyes, a registered nurse, talked on family planning. The relationship between husbands and wives was discussed by Mrs. Amalia S. Barizo, Union Parent-Home secretary. The writer spoke on "Making Home Attractive," for Mrs. White says in *The Adventist Home* that "home should be the most attractive place in the world, and the presence of the mother should be the greatest attraction in the home."

Evenings were spent in joint worship after supper, which was followed by a talent program. These were greatly enjoyed as shown by the laughter that filled the coconut grove as even the small children took part. At nine o'clock taps was sounded and everyone retired.

This first family camp ever held in the North Philippine Union was a great success. We feel an activity like this cannot but build stronger families.

—Mrs. Isabel Abawag



LUNCHTIME. It is food preparation time at the North Philippine Union's first family camp, which was held at Limay, Bataan, in the Central Luzon Mission.



Dr. Oseas C. Pilar

Dr. O. C. Pilar Attends Congress Of Anesthesiology

DR. Oseas C. Pilar, anesthesiologist of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and his wife left September 17 for Australia to attend the Third Asian and Australian Congress of Anesthesiology held in Canberra, September 19 to 23. Following this, Dr. Pilar attended the post congress meeting in Melbourne, September 25 and 26. His trip to Australia also included a visit to S.D.A. educational and medical institutions and health food factories.

Dr. Pilar is the only Adventist among 30 delegates from the Philippines. His trip was sponsored by the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.



Student Missionary

Philip Payne, left, a theology student from Southwestern Union College in Keene, Texas, has been assigned to the Mountain Provinces Mission for student missionary work. With him in the picture is Benjamin Regoso, an intern in the union accounting office.



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND



RIBBON CUTTING. D. L. Osborn, American consul general for Hong Kong, cuts the ribbon officially opening the fourth floor extension to the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. Watching the action are Dr. H. W. Miller, G. Barnes, P. Janes, and R. Flanagan.

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Opens Fourth Floor

MR. David L. Osborn, American consul general for Hong Kong, officially opened the fourth floor extension to the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital on September 1. The United States government's Far Eastern Refugee Program provided U.S.\$80,000 to build and equip this extension after Dr. Harry W. Miller, pioneer missionary to China, contacted the American consul general with a request for financial help. The extension provides an additional 50 beds, which bring the total bed capacity to 150.

The Hong Kong Adventist Hospital was formally opened in 1964 and is the only major medical facility in Tsuen Wan, a satellite city of Hong Kong with a population of more than 250,000. This 50-bed extension completes the building plan for the hospital. The next project at Tsuen Wan will be a five-story nursing school-dormitory complex.

—R. W. Burchard, Business Manager,
Hong Kong Adventist Hospital



CHATTING. In casual conversation with Mr. Osborn are Dr. Miller, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. Chan.



Student Colporteurs Reach Scholarship Goal

IN Zamboanga City every afternoon devout Roman Catholics flock along Fort Pilar, some planting lighted candles dedicated to a saint, others reverently kneeling before the graven image who, they believe, can solve their baffling problems in life. They are serving God according to the best light they have.

Though this is true, a wall of prejudice surrounds them, and once these Catholic residents of Zamboanga City know that a book salesman is a Seventh-day Adventist, they turn deaf ears. Some Christian workers have been discouraged by this attitude, but not Dave Saguan and Godson Mgeni, a student colporteur team from Mountain View College. They approached the people as representatives of the Home and Health Department. Since prospects were eager to know how to postpone their funeral, they listened to the young men.

With every set of **Modern Ways to Health** that Dave and Godson sold, they gave a gift—**Great Controversy**—and many thought it was a good attraction. They worked hard, about ten hours a day. They even sacrificed some meals in order to find customers home for dinner, since their most productive time was between 12:00 and 1:30 in the afternoon and 5:00 to 8:00 at night.

Dave confesses that at first he had the selfish motive of working alone so that he could benefit from all the sales. He set his personal goal at Ps. 2,000. However, when he worked with Godson, his teammate from Tanzania, Africa, he not only reached his goal but doubled it, for he and his companion delivered books worth more than Ps. 8,000, with more deliveries in December.

"We had trust and confidence in each other," Godson confided. "We prayed together. Sometimes we woke up in the middle of the night and prayed for our customers. God answered our prayers and made possible our success."

This is Dave's third summer in the colporteur ministry, while it is Godson's first. Dave ascribed their success to consecration, hard work, and self-sacrifice. They reached more than the scholarship goal. Their highest sale in one day amounted to Ps. 1,500. Looking back on their experience, they realize that their partnership included not only each other but also God, who made their success possible.

—**E. P. Mullaneda,**
Assist. Publishing Secretary,
Western Mindanao Mission

Northern Mindanao Mission Workers Hear G.C. Session Report

PASTOR M. M. Claveria, president of the South Philippine Union, who had just returned from America as delegate to the world conference of Seventh-day Adventists held at Atlantic City, was devotional speaker at the August workers meeting of the Northern Mindanao Mission office in Cagayan de Oro City.

Highlights of the General Conference Session constituted the main subject of his report. He also described his cross-country tour after the session, when a group of delegates used a 12-passenger Ford Van, newly acquired by the South Philippine Union, and visited many places of beauty and historic interest in the United States.

Pictures taken during the session were shown Friday night at the Cagayan de Oro City Church. Members of nearby churches clamored for another showing, which Pastor Claveria consented to make the following evening.

Dr. Wilbur Nelson Revisits Davao City

DR. Wilbur Nelson, professor of public health at Loma Linda University in California, revisited Davao City recently to extend invitations to two young people to go with him to the United States for plastic surgery. The lucky individuals, Erie Bacomo and Elizabeth Garcia, accepted his magnanimous offer and left for Manila August 19, via P.A.L. jet, on their way to California.

Dr. Nelson teamed up with Pastor J. R. Spangler in the Better Living Crusade held in Davao City early this year. On this recent trip he was acting as a tour guide for a group of doctors visiting interesting spots in the Orient.

—**S. L. Llaguno,**
South Philippine Union



LUCKY. Beth Garcia and Erie Bacomo of S.P.U.M. are the lucky recipients of the love and benevolence of church members at Loma Linda University. Dr. Wilbur Nelson, center, took the two to the United States with him for plastic surgery.



HEADQUARTERS. The Northern Mindanao Mission headquarters, constructed in 1958, has a new coat of paint and a newly constructed hollow block fence with steel gates.

Encouraging Advances Reported In Northern Mindanao

JUDGING from progress shown during the first six months of 1970, this is the year of opportunity for the Northern Mindanao Mission. During January to June, for example, there were 625 baptisms—a figure which represents 62.5% of the year's goal of 1,000 baptisms conducted in 50% of the allotted time.

Twenty evangelistic efforts have been held by workers and laymen. Patterning after the Better Living Crusade previously held in Davao City, three of our evangelists, W. D. Baliton, U. D. Negre, and G. S. Ondap, held separate crusades with the help of laymen that resulted in a combined total of 114 souls won. Kindled by the same fire for evangelism, C. O. Gravino, A. A. Ellorin, and F. Z. Zarate, Jr., conducted efforts that resulted in 110 souls being added to the church.

In Valencia, Bukidnon, one evening a backslider surrendered a set of cockfighting knives. With these knives he had earned Ps.50 for every cockfight, and this was his means of earning a living for the family. After attending the meetings, he has rejoined the church.

In Gingoog City a ranking leader of another Protestant church, after attending three consecutive nights, requested baptism. He was disappointed when told that he should have a series of Bible studies first, but he agreed, and since then has been baptized.

When a crusade was held in Matangad, Misamis Oriental, a place known for prejudice against Adventists, a few policemen were stationed by the authorities to keep order. The nights that followed were exceptionally peaceful, and since the police had no troublemakers to watch, they joined the Bible marking class. Now their families are receiving Bible studies.

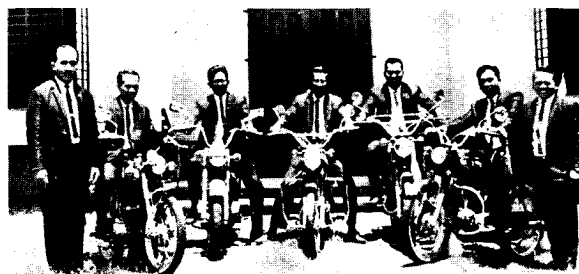
In Kalilangan, Bukidnon, a woman suffered occasional attacks by evil spirits. In fact, at the home of our evangelist, she had the worst attack of all. She not only lost consciousness; she actually lost her breath. There was no doctor available, and

our people could only trust in God's power. They prayed, they sang, and they prayed again for about four hours before life was brought back to her. Now she is an active member of our church.

The Northern Mindanao Mission headquarters has also had material changes. In addition to a coat of paint on the building, there is a concrete wall around the property with two new steel gates at the entrance. The liberality of the constituency made these improvements possible.

With public transportation not available in most sections of the mission territory, almost all the district workers are provided with service motorcycles which enable them to visit more churches. The Lord leading, we expect still greater results in His work in the Northern Mindanao Mission.

—C. P. Ranario, Secretary-Treasurer,
Northern Mindanao Mission



MOTORCYCLES. These district workers have been provided with motorcycles by the mission so they can visit more churches in their territory. At the left of the group is B. P. Moralde, Northern Mindanao Mission president, and at the right is C. P. Ranario, mission secretary-treasurer.

Division Youth Leader Visits Southern Philippines

PASTOR Bob E. Jacobs, youth leader of more than 80,000 Adventist young people in the Far East, was guest at Cagayan de Oro, headquarters of Seventh-day Adventist work in northern Mindanao, during his stopover in September. Having been elected to his new post at the General Conference Session in Atlantic City, Pastor Jacobs was making his first trip in the Far Eastern Division.

At scheduled speaking engagements in Iligan, Manticao, and Cagayan de Oro, large audiences heard him tell thrilling stories of the rapid advance of Adventism in Africa where he had served for five years as youth leader of more than 110,000 young people in the Trans-Africa Division before coming to the Far East.

Asked to comment on today's lawlessness of youth as shown in riots, campus demonstrations, and rallies, Pastor Jacobs described youth as wanting recognition and involvement. Asked when he will make another trip to the South Philippine Union, he replied that he will be back in February of next year to conduct a Week of Prayer at Mountain View College.

—C. P. Ranario

Colporteur Rally Convenes In Southern Mindanao

A COLPORTEUR rally was held at the Kidapawan Church in North Cotabato. This was the largest weekend rally in Southern Mindanao Mission, with 52 regular colporteurs and 16 recruits in attendance.

The presence of T. R. Rojas and Miss Ophelia Flores, acting union publishing secretary and assistant publishing secretary respectively, enlivened the occasion. From the local mission were Pastors S. G. Gepaya and S. B. Gumapac, publishing secretary and Book and Periodical Agency (B.P.A.) manager respectively. Ross Varona, Miss V. T. Carpena, and the writer, assistant publishing secretaries, also attended, together with Pastor E. V. Gulfan, district leader of the area.

T. R. Rojas instructed the regular literature evangelists in salesmanship, while Pastor Gepaya dealt more detailed salesmanship instruction to the recruits. Pastor Gumapac gave the B.P.A. instruction and also headed the open forum concerning his department in which everyone enjoyed participating. Brother Rojas presented the Sabbath morning message, which sealed the decision of the literature evangelists to continue the work they have begun and the recruits to begin the work God has called them to do.

—T. B. Batulayan,
Assist. Publishing Secretary



SOUTHEAST ASIA

Penang Young People Win Souls

THE dedicated young people of the Penang Church have been busy for months in the Bukit-Glugor, Green Lane area, of their city. This missionary work began with seed sowing, by going from house to house with Way of Life and Bible Says lessons. These individuals later received personal invitations to the Voice of Youth meetings.

For about a week immediately preceding these evangelistic meetings, 12,000 colorful pamphlets were distributed city-wide.

"Planet in rebellion," "Can the Space Age conquer death?" and "What must I do to be saved?" were a few of the interest-gripping topics discussed. "Christ the Answer" was presented as the way out of earth's dilemma. Youth speakers included Edward Poey, MV leader of the Penang Church, and Peter and James Tan.

During the fifth night of the series, free Bibles and copies of **Great Controversy** were distributed as awards for faithful attendance at the meetings.

When the first altar call was given, 45 individuals responded. Two nights later, 66 took their stand.

Attendance continued to grow every night of the series until the church was packed and extra chairs were needed to seat all who came. Special features added a great deal to the success of the meetings. Beautiful slides shown by Dr. Effie Jean Ketting, Izella Stuiwenga, and Miss Pulanco were greatly appreciated. Appealing music was arranged nightly by James and Peter Tan, Dr. Ketting, and Miss Pulanco.

Since the close of these Voice of Youth meetings, an adult Branch Sabbath School has been started. There are 14 individuals attending the baptismal class at the church, but the majority of interests are receiving weekly Bible studies at home, since the Penang Church is quite far from the Bukit-Glugor area where the people live.

The Penang MV Society is seeking permission to hold an adult Branch Sabbath School in the prison. Thus their activities continue to broaden in scope.

Decisions for Christ Number 135

A TOTAL of 135 persons surrendered their hearts to Christ during the Way of Life Crusade conducted by Pastor Ted Jones, from August 9 to 23, at Dewan Masharakat, Kuching, Sarawak. Pastor Jones is the Ministerial Association secretary of the West Indonesia Union.

A Character Building School for the children (more familiar to some, perhaps, as a Vacation Bible School) was conducted in conjunction with the crusade. On the final night at a special program, the children sang songs and recited Bible verses. Diplomas were given to the 100 children who had completed the course.

Transition meetings, the first to be conducted in the Kuching Church, followed the crusade at which the speakers were Herbert Sormin, chaplain of Sunny Hill School, and the writer. A total of 200 Bibles and many hundreds of gift books were given to those who faithfully attended the crusade. When the call for baptism was made, 66 individuals responded. Praise the Lord for this wonderful harvest.

—Jonathan Ng, Pastor,
Kuching S.D.A. Church



TRANSPORTATION. Two buses were chartered to bring people to Pastor Ted Jones's Way of Life Crusade in Sarawak.

Baptism Conducted at Cholon Chinese Church

THE laymen of the Cholon Chinese Church under the direction of Ly Tran Hang, ministerial intern, have been successful again in witnessing for Jesus, and five persons were baptized August 22.

Although the church has been without a pastor since early May, yet in the intervening four months the church school building has been completely redecorated, and classes opened in July with more than 200 children.

A large English Bible class, under the direction of E. A. Pender, business manager of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, has a good attendance every Sabbath. In fact, the entire church is aflame for God, and we are confident that the Cholon Chinese Church has many more good things in store as the members labor together for God.

—V. L. Bretsch, President,
Vietnam Mission



LEARNING. These Vietnamese ladies have enrolled in a sewing class at Tam Ky sponsored by the Adventist welfare center.

Tam Ky Opens New Welfare Center

LAST year Nguyen Van Le and his family moved to Tam Ky as pastor of the Adventist church in that city. He began his work by introducing to his members a plan of welfare evangelism, involving among other things a sewing class for ladies.

Now, in less than 12 months' time, the new center is open and very active. Fifteen ladies are members of the first sewing class, and many more have enrolled for future classes. This work is limited only by the number of machines available.

Classes begin with a song and prayer. The pastor makes himself available for questions regarding family and community problems, often making personal visits to the students' homes through the week.

Other churches in Vietnam are conducting similar classes, and every church is planning welfare evangelism as soon as facilities can be obtained.

—V. L. Bretsch



INSTRUCTION. Pastor E. A. Brodeur, front row, second from left, meets with literature evangelists at Sabah Secondary School in Tamparuli.

Literature Evangelists Hold Institute In Sabah

RECENTLY an institute for literature evangelists was held at Sabah Secondary School in Tamparuli, where eight literature evangelists gathered for sales instruction and spiritual encouragement.

Pastor E. A. Brodeur, publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, and the writer led out in these meetings. Other instructors and speakers were Pastors G. W. Munson and A. Waworoendeng, Mrs. A. Waworoendeng, Edwin Siagian, and Edmund Siagian, principal of Sabah Secondary School. The film, "Expedition to the Amazon River," was shown by J. Waworoendeng and Glenn Munson.

At the close of the meeting, all in attendance rededicated their lives to the task of finishing God's work in Sabah.

On behalf of the literature evangelists, the writer expresses his sincere thanks to the union and to the Division for sending Pastor Brodeur to help during the meetings, and also to those who have given their valuable time and help to make the institute a success.

—L. Pandjaitan,
Publishing Secretary, Sabah



WEST INDONESIA

Roster of Churches in East Java Increases

ON September 5 a new church, with 31 charter members, was organized at Tulungagung, East Java, by Pastor D. Batoebara, president of the East Java Mission, assisted by the mission's secretary-treasurer and the Sabbath School secretary.

The history of our work in this place goes back

to February of this year when Benjamin P. Bangun and his wife were sent there. The very next month they began broadcasts over an amateur radio station with messages every Sunday morning and Monday evening, at which time listeners were invited to attend Bible School classes. Then in June, evangelistic meetings began under the leadership of Pastor H. N. Siahaan.

In July, the first regular Sabbath services were held in Tulungagung with 21 adults present. Later that month there was a baptism of 26 candidates, with members from our nearest churches in Blitar and Kediri present to witness the service.

This, in brief, is the history of our new church at Tulungagung. At present the group is meeting in the hall which has been leased for their use.

—Mrs. U. L. Bangun

Djatinegara Church Reports Successful V.B.S.

ONE of the most interesting and enthusiastic Vacation Bible Schools I have ever attended was the one held by the Djatinegara Church in Djakarta, under the leadership of Mrs. R. Manuhutu. Some of the parents in the neighborhood were so suspicious that they thought the Adventists were going to put some special kind of medicine in the juice they gave the children every day so that later the Moslem children would become Adventists. Some of the children who came to the Vacation Bible School were threatened and spanked by their parents and did not come back. But others who were spanked kept right on coming every day until the end.

The graduation program was held in an open automobile workshop. This unusual place was chosen so the parents who did not want to enter a Christian church would attend. It was interesting to note that the open workshop was filled to capacity with parents, children, and friends who came to witness the program.

Some 80% of the graduates, as well as the audience, were Moslems. Sixty-four out of 70 children who enrolled succeeded in completing the Vacation Bible School requirements, which meant that they were faithful in daily attendance and had completed their crafts and color books.

For the graduation program the children dressed in Bible costumes to dramatize the Bible stories they had learned. Crafts made by the children during the ten-day course were on display for all to see at the close of the graduation program. I feel confident that these parents will be eager to have their children attend the next Vacation Bible School.

—J. K. Senduk,
Sabbath School Secretary



Medical Director and Chaplain Witness Transfer of Responsibility

AT a simple ceremony attended by the employees of Rumah Sakit Advent (the Adventist hospital in Bandung, Java) and officiated by Dr. E. B. K. Supit, medical director, and Chaplain Bahasa Soemarna, the title and responsibilities of director of nursing were transferred from Miss Lois Wilson to Miss Theodora Djaglia.

Miss Djaglia has recently returned to Indonesia from Loma Linda University, where she earned the master's degree in medical-surgical nursing, with a minor in nursing administration. Before being sent for upgrading, Miss Djaglia served as the assistant director of nursing at R.S.A.

Miss Wilson has served at the hospital since 1966 and will continue to work there, giving help and guidance as needed.

Dr. Supit was appointed medical director of the hospital in January of this year. Thus, with Miss Djaglia's appointment, the full responsibility of leadership for R.S.A. was placed in the hands of Indonesians.

We pray that with God's guidance, under the direction of these new leaders, the work will go forward in a strong way.

—Lois Wilson

Church Leader Reports from West Irian

DURING the last of August, I visited the Japen Waropen district along the northern coast of West Irian. Here we have four organized churches, and one of these, the Nubuai Church, has more than 200 baptized members, with about 300 members in the Sabbath School. There is also a primary school in the village, with 98 pupils. The government looks upon our school with favor because last year every student passed the government examination.

How good it is to visit a place where heathenism and cannibalism have been practiced and see the great change brought by the power of the gospel! Now our Adventist believers live in a clean and well-kept village.

We do not have a pastor for each church in West Irian, but the elementary teachers are the pastors and most of our soul winning is carried out by lay members. During my visit in the Japen Waropen district I had the privilege of baptizing 16 candidates. Please remember West Irian in your prayers.

—J. S. Maramis, President,
West Irian Mission



SESSION. This was a familiar scene during the annual Division Council held in Singapore early in November. Left to right, Pastors G. O. Bruce, P. H. Eldridge, and W. T. Clark, the senior officers of the Far Eastern Division, in action during the meeting.

THE nearly 100 members and visitors to the 1970 Division Council in Singapore participated in a busy program of committees, meetings, reports, and then joined in the adoption of plans for the coming year in East Asia.

This was the first time in ten years that the annual council was held in the headquarters city of the Far Eastern Division. The Equatorial Hotel, just $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Division office, was the venue of the meetings held early in November.

"The Widening Circle" was the theme chosen by President Paul H. Eldridge for the week-long meeting. See the back page for pictures and a poem inspired by this theme written by a Singapore lady physician.

On the next two pages you will find capsule

reports of actions taken during the council as well as pictures taken during the council session.

Two pre-session meetings were held this year. Pastor William Clements directed a Sabbath School session with Pastor Fernon Retzer of the General Conference as the chief counselor. In a 14th floor suite Pastor R. C. Williams directed the activities of the Radio-TV secretaries of the unions with the assistance of General Conference representative, W. R. L. Scragg.

The two General Conference officers in attendance were Pastor Kenneth H. Emmerson, treasurer, and Pastor F. L. Bland, vice-president. Pastor Bland gave a series of devotional talks at noon every day in addition to a number of other talks at the council and in Singapore area churches.

GROUP. Here are the delegates and visitors who attended the 1970 Division Council at the Equatorial Hotel in Singapore. In the background is the large welcome banner which was displayed in the front of the hotel throughout the week-long meeting. In the center are the Division officers, General Conference visitors, and special guests.





LEADERS. Here is the group of Sabbath School leaders of the Far Eastern Division. In the center is Pastor Fernon Retzer, secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School department. To his right is Pastor W. V. Clements, recently arrived Sabbath School secretary of the Far Eastern Division.



Capsule Highlights of Division Council Actions

* **VOTED** a record-breaking budget for 1970. A special appropriation of \$550,000 was made to expand the Radio-TV Bible correspondence courses throughout the Division.

* The new Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Stubbs Road Branch, will be the recipient of half of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the last quarter, 1971. Already voted was a launch project for the West Indonesia Union.

* Accepted the nomination of Pastor Paul Smith as Stewardship secretary of the Far Eastern Division to send on to the General Conference committee for confirmation.

* Voted that the Division quadrennial council be held November 8-13 in the city of Singapore.

* Voted details concerning the Andrews University Extension School to be held at Mountain View College in 1971.

* Voted to divide the North Celebes Mission upon the recommendation of the East Indonesia Union.

* Voted to invite another layman, Dr. Sa Yung Chung, of Korea, to attend the 1971 Division quadrennial council.

* Voted to adopt the theme, "God's Widening Circle" for the Far Eastern Division in the year 1971 and that special emphasis be given to the Christian home.

* Backed the recommendations of the Lay Activities department in planning Laymen's Year in 1971.

* Accepted the report of the nominating committee for new members to be placed on the Hospital Accrediting Board and the Division Commission on Education.

LOWER LEFT. Shown here are the Radio-TV secretaries of the Far Eastern Division. In the front are Pastor W. R. L. Scragg of the General Conference and Pastor R. C. Williams of the Far Eastern Division.

LOWER RIGHT. Pastor M. R. Lyon was elected president of the FED chapter of the Union College Alumni Association. He is shown receiving the congratulations of outgoing president, Pastor R. S. Watts, while loyal Unionites gather around banners and signs.

WELCOME
ANNUAL COUNCIL---FAR EASTERN DIVISION, GENERAL CONFERENCE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS





LEFT. Pastor R. S. Watts, president of the Southeast Asia Union, presented the union departmental men and their objectives for the next year during the Sabbath afternoon meeting. They are, left to right, Pastors Chester Damron, Richard McKee, Robert Grady, F. H. Hewitt, Vernon Bretsch, and R. S. Watts. Pastor Bretsch is president of the Vietnam Mission. RIGHT. Pastor T. C. Murdoch watches at the left as Mrs. Marion Simmons presents certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tan while Pastor D. E. Venden, right, approaches the speaker's stand.

"God's Widening Circle" Chosen as 1971 Theme for Far Eastern Division

ON the Sabbath afternoon session of the annual Division Council in Singapore special emphasis was placed on the theme chosen by the session for the coming year, "God's Widening Circle."

Pastor R. C. Williams, Ministerial Association secretary of the Division, directed a fast-moving program which depicted the ways in which "God's Circle" could be extended. Participating in the program were Pastor P. H. Eldridge, Division president; Pastor Bruce Johnston, Division evangelist; Pastor R. S. Watts, president of Southeast Asia Union, and his group of departmental secretaries; and Mrs. Marion Simmons, associate secretary for the Department of Education of the Far Eastern Division.

A special graduation event highlighted the section on the "Christian Home." A total of 66 persons had completed the special course, "The Transformed Home," and were given certificates as part of the program. In the class were students, faculty members, and staff of Southeast Asia Union College and community personnel.

Pastor and Mrs. D. E. Venden were the oldest in the group to receive certificates. The president of the college and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tan, also received certificates. Pastor Todd Murdoch, president of the North Philippine Union, gave the charge to the class members.

Dr. Paul Genstler, medical director of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital, presented trophies of Bible correspondence lesson programs sponsored by the Southeast Asia Union College Church membership. It was an inspiring sight to see so many young people come forward and give their testimony for the Lord.

The special emphasis for the coming year comes on the heels of a very successful "Far East Harvest" program of soul winning which has been in operation for the past several years. President Eldridge emphasized that the "Far East Harvest" program will not end, but that it will continue to be the main emphasis of soul winning for the future. Special emphasis will be given next year to the place of the Christian home, in accordance with actions taken by the Division committee.

SONG. The Southeast Asia Union College male chorus sang for the Sabbath afternoon evangelism rally at the close of the council session. Mrs. R. Greve was Soloist.



PRESENTATION. Mrs. Simmons presents a certificate to one of the college students while Mrs. Tan reads the list of names.



DUO. A special guest at the council was Chaplain Ralph Workman, right, a major in the United States Army stationed in South Vietnam. He is shown here with Pastor R. I. Sarumpaet, public relations and radio-TV secretary of the West Indonesia Union.



SPEAKER. Pastor F. L. Bland, a vice-president of the General Conference, spoke at the midday devotional.



THEME. The theme of the 1970 Far Eastern Division Council was "The Widening Circle." Later the council voted to adopt the theme "God's Widening Circle" for the next year throughout the Division. This is a general scene during a devotional service at the Council with Pastor F. L. Bland of the General Conference in the center.

GOD'S WIDENING CIRCLE

God has a circle that starts at His throne.

There in the center He sits all alone.

But He sends His love in ripples and waves

To the ends of the earth, to the lost whom He saves.

As this love reaches me, in the circle I'm drawn.

Now my duty it is to pass the word on.

I must live and behave so that others may read

The gospel's clear message in the life that I lead.

The circle then widens to include all at home

To bind them to God, wherever they roam.

For if I seek heaven, my home should now be

A heaven on earth for my family and me.

If I then win my home, and you, too, win yours,

Why, a church would soon rise to champion God's cause.

And together we'd march through these turbulent days

Sustained by the power in God's widening waves.

And we'd spread the good news to our friends as we go,

Till the regions beyond His love also know.

When Christ comes at last how good it will be

To know that His circle includes you and me.

—Margaret Tan, M.D.

CIRCLE. At the Sabbath afternoon meeting emphasis was given on how God's circle can be widened. Here is the visual aid used during the special meeting held in the auditorium of Southeast Asia Union College.



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