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Deskside Chats



Exercise in Futility

DURING the years of World War II, we found ourselves in Manila, prisoners of war of the Japanese army. For a number of months we were allowed to live outside the internment camp under conditions of modified house arrest. Though we had a few privileges not enjoyed by those in camp, we were still in great danger, for we were at the mercy of any element of the Japanese army which might happen by.

Under the Japanese occupation laws, all radios had been altered so that they had no short wave reception capability. However, among our group were some rather clever technicians who quickly restored the necessary tuning devices. In a matter of days they were once more eagerly listening for the "accurate" news that came in from the outside world. This information was then rapidly passed around the entire group.

Most everyone but me was delighted with this arrangement. I was terrified. Being the only one on the compound who spoke Japanese, I knew that if there were ever an interrogation, I would be the one who would have to answer the questions.

We were surrounded by Japanese. A group lived in the neighboring compound, and from their second story windows they could watch us. Elements of the army were constantly passing down the road and might stop and enter at any time. What would I say when they came? How could I give honest replies to their questions and still not betray my friends? At night especially these thoughts haunted my mind and poisoned my dreams. I came to the point where I bitterly resented those members of our group whom I considered to be braver than they were wise. These anguished forebodings did not pass until the day that the Japanese put us back in the prison camp again.

And yet, my fears were nothing more than an exercise in futility. Not one question was ever asked me about what took place on our compound. All those anxious hours of worry were wasted!

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Matt. 6:34.

"Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." Matt. 19:19.

Whether it be anxiety over our personal needs, concern for members of our families, situations involving our relationships to others and to God, or problems facing the church—every worry should be accompanied by the question, Is there anything that can be done about this? If not, it should be left in the hands of God.

All else is an exercise in futility.

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Three Major Projects in Far East Will Benefit From Overflow Offering

DURING the fourth quarter of 1971, special attention is focused on the Far Eastern Division, the field which will receive the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Interestingly enough, the Far Eastern Division offers a variety of situations that encompass the whole scope of mission circumstances. To travel from the steaming jungles of New Guinea, Borneo, and Sumatra to the modern sophistication of Djakarta, Singapore, and Tokyo is to bridge the gap between savagery and civilization. The gospel program must be flexible enough to reach all of these areas, and this flexibility is illustrated in the three projects which will profit directly from the overflow of the fourth quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which will be taken in all Adventist churches Sabbath, December 25.

First: A Mission Launch for the Mahakam River, Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo)

Vast areas of the island of Borneo are almost inaccessible and are still largely untouched by modern progress. There are no roads, and most of the settlements are scattered along the river banks. To reach them may require weeks of tedious travel by small boat. Yet, here live many thousands of people who must be reached with the gospel.

One of Borneo's great rivers, the Mahakam, flows deep and full for several hundred miles through the territory of the East Kalimantan Mission. Already there are a few scattered Seventh-day Adventist members, but it takes five days by river boat to reach the most distant group of believers.

The only way to carry the gospel systematically to these river peoples is to operate a mission launch. Such a vessel could transport colporteurs and their book supplies, bring medical help, and carry evangelistic workers and equipment. Based at Samarinda, the provincial capital, where there is a Seventh-day Adventist church, school, and clinic, this river launch could make regular trips to encourage our believers, enter new areas, and provide dependable medical assistance. The provincial government has shown keen interest in this project.

Second: Lamb Shelters

This is one of the most unique projects the Sabbath School has ever sponsored. Its object is to provide a simple meeting place for children in churches which now have nothing for them—a situation which includes most of the smaller churches throughout the Far Eastern Division. These lamb shelters give the children a place they can feel is their own. Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, and other children's meetings can make good use of these rooms.

Several lamb shelters which have already been built have brought great enthusiasm to the churches.

Costing only a few hundred dollars to construct, they become one of the church's most valuable assets. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow will make possible the addition of a large number of new lamb shelters throughout the Far Eastern Division.

Third: Hong Kong Adventist Hospital

The Mahakam River launch and the lamb shelters will benefit underdeveloped areas. The third project, a new 150-bed hospital in Hong Kong, is for one of the most cosmopolitan and sophisticated cities in the Orient.

This hospital, part of a larger medical program which includes another 150-bed unit already in operation at Tsuen Wan, an industrial area of Hong Kong, will offer first-class medical care with accommodations that will satisfy patients from even the highest level of society. Most of the funds needed have been raised by a public solicitation program which has been continued for a ten-year period. This Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow will help complete the project.

From its very beginnings, the entire mission program of the Seventh-day Adventist church has been closely tied to the Sabbath School. It is safe to say we would have no mission schools, hospitals, and evangelistic centers had it not been for the interest, prayers, and generosity of our Sabbath School members around the world.

We speak of millions for missions and of large Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflows, but it is the simple, systematic, and sacrificial contribution of the individual member which—multiplied by many thousands—produces these marvelous offerings. And it is this grateful, willing heart that is pleasing to God.

During the fourth quarter of 1971, the workers and members in the Far Eastern Division have been praying not only with deep earnestness, but with confidence, that this generous Sabbath School spirit will be demonstrated again.

—Paul H. Eldridge, President,
Far Eastern Division

After 90 Bible Correspondence Courses!

VINCENT Omuoha of the Oweru area in Nigeria probably holds the world's record for taking Bible correspondence courses. He has taken 90 courses, but now says he's done.

Omuoha, says a report received at the General Conference, enrolled in a steady stream of Bible courses by mail in an effort to find a religion that would satisfy him. He received 57 certificates, indicating he had completed that many courses.

He spent much of his income on books and postage.

The last course was one from the Voice of Prophecy. And Omuoha didn't enroll in any more courses. But he began enrolling his friends in that course. As a result, some 60 people have begun attending religious services with him.



UNSHeltered. These boys and girls in Borneo meet out under the trees for Sabbath School every week. Your offering on Thirteenth Sabbath will help provide a lamb shelter to protect them from the rain and sunshine.

Lamb Shelters for the Boys and Girls of the Orient

by Pauline Barnett,
Wife of the President,
South China Island Union

THE jungle village was unusually quiet and deserted. Court-yard fires were left smoldering as women scattered in all directions to pursue the day's duties. Activities in the village were limited to the play of small toddlers and the work of grandmothers caring for tiny babies. The parade of bare feet marching silently down the winding trail gave evidence that the men were out on a combined mission; but today it was not a mysterious mission directed by the village witch doctor, as was often the case in many Borneo villages. Today something very different was happening.

The jungle chorus of thousands of creeping and flying soloists joining their voices in strange concert was suddenly and rudely interrupted. The roar of a motor and the buzz of machinery silenced the singers. The buzzing saw noisily intruded into the tranquil song of the jungle and with amazing speed brought a large sentinel of the forest crashing to the ground. Men fingered the trusted knives at their sides and mumbled how their **parong** was no match for that new "foreign knife" which sliced through the tree with such ease and rapidity. Now the time had come when their willing hands could work as fast as their curious eyes.

The big tree began to turn into straight, smooth lengths of lumber, lots of it. As the last planks were added to the stack, all agreed that it would be enough to build the large lamb shelter needed to accom-

modate their many and ever-increasing number of children. Yes, they had figured correctly. By sawing their own lumber they had saved enough to buy extra roofing, thus making possible the double-sized shelter. Soon their little "lamb" would be sheltered and taught each Sabbath morning.

Stranger than the witch doctor's charms was this new enthusiasm of the people to provide for their children's spiritual training. It all started back in 1967 when the first lamb shelter was built, and they were taught the importance of carrying out Jesus' commission to "feed my lambs." But how could the lambs be fed without shelter from the hot tropical sun or drenching rain? The program had to start with a building, fittingly called a lamb shelter. Adults, who had sat idly by waiting for children to grow to adulthood before making their decisions for Christ, were alerted to the seriousness of such delay. As they observed the profitable training other children were receiving in the new lamb shelters, they were convinced their village must also have one. Requests for lamb shelters began to pour into the mission office.

"Please, could we have a lamb shelter in our village too? Our men are ready to do the work and gather all jungle materials needed. Will you help us with zinc roofing, nails, and billion posts?" (Billion is a hard wood which insects won't destroy.)

This project of faith started in the country of

Sabah. Lamb shelters were built deep in the jungles, high on the mountains, on the banks of winding rivers, and on the village chief's personal "haunted" ground in a village which before had not allowed Christian activities. Numerous experiences testified to the fact that this was God's program. Nothing before had so successfully awakened people to the necessity of training the little ones.

The neighboring country of Sarawak heard the good news and investigated. Their reaction was immediate—they too must have lamb shelters. Their little ones needed this spiritual training also. So it was that the village men of Engkurah, Sarawak, joined together and with the new mission saw felled one tree which made enough lumber to build the largest lamb shelter yet erected. The news spread over Sarawak, and here too the mission office was flooded with requests for lamb shelters.

Thailand and Vietnam next joined the story. It was the sincere act of one of Vietnam's mountaineer Christians that brought the greatest plea for the children of that war-torn country. As an evacuee from his lifetime home in the mountains, he stood on his recently acquired piece of property—perhaps his only valuable worldly possession—and said earnestly, "This is the place where we can build a lamb

LISTENING. The story is being told to the children, but notice how the older folks are hanging in over the walls to catch every word! This picture shows that lamb shelters in the Far East are neither expensive nor elaborate. But they meet the needs of the children adequately, and many more of them are necessary throughout the division.

shelter for our children. I will give my land for this purpose."

From the Philippines, and from other parts of the Far East, come the calls for help in building lamb shelters. An accurate count of the children registered in the Sabbath Schools throughout the division is impossible, but from fragmentary reports the more than 107,000 children registered in our Sabbath Schools represent only a fraction of the "lambs" entrusted to us.

Sabbath School member, if you could stand beside that first little lamb shelter in Sabah and read the one large English sign which says, "Thank you for our lamb shelter," you would surely desire to join with Sabbath School members around the circle of the world in giving a large offering so that more such shelters can be built for the boys and girls in the Orient.

Cover Photo

It's almost time for Sabbath School to begin in Sabah, and teachers are welcoming their little boys and girls into the lamb shelter. These children are fortunate to have a place where they can sing children's songs and hear children's stories. Many other boys and girls in the Far East have to attend Sabbath School with mother and dad because there is no place else for them to meet.

More lamb shelters will be built with overflow funds from the fourth quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Photo by David Gouge.





To Ponder . . .

DUONG Sau's father was one of the first Seventh-day Adventist converts in Vietnam. He had previously been a member of another Christian church. Let us tell you his story.

In 1933, a nationwide convention of his church was held in Omon, a city southwest of Saigon. Many pastors attended these meetings. One in particular was to hear a new message that would bear fruit in his congregation.

Pastor R. H. Wentland, president of the Seventh-day Adventist mission, was holding a public effort in Omon at the very time the other church held its convention. This one pastor heard about it and attended some meetings. He was given tracts and magazines to read; he had Bible studies. When he left Omon he took the message back to his church in Danang!

He and almost his entire congregation accepted the teachings of our church in 1934. Four years later, after leading his flock to the Living Water, he dropped from the fold. However, nearly all of his members remained faithful. One of these was Duong Cong. For many years he was a very active lay member, holding several important church offices. But his most significant contribution to the church is the four children whom he and his wife reared for their Maker.

Still Faithful

In their declining years, the parents are still faithful to God. It was my privilege to meet Duong Cong in October in Dalat, where he and his companion live with their son, Sau.

Three children are refugees in Danang, all married to Seventh-day Adventists and true to the church. Sau, the youngest, about 35 years of age, is pastor of the Dalat church of members. A fine, new four-room church school has just been completed in Dalat with the help of Randy Horning, a student missionary who spent a year in that area.

Practically all of Sau's religious training was received in the home, very little in the church. And why, do you ask? Between 1945 and 1954 they had no pastor and no church services. There were very trying times because of the war. Without the stabilizing influences of a Christian home and his Godly parents, Sau might not be the minister he is today. He could attend the training school in Saigon only three years.

Now, with five children of his own, he and his Christian companion realize the great responsibility

that is theirs of preparing the children God has given them. Yes, they must be ready to enter the eternal kingdom which will be established soon.

Will you and your children be ready also? Will I?

Marion S. Simmons

TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME



COOKS. Pastor M. E. Thorman, West Indonesia Union Mission Parent-Home secretary, assists Mrs. Helen Lee, Parent-Home secretary of the South China Island Union, and Mrs. C. C. Ulagano of the South Philippine Union, who was in charge of the cooking demonstration. Mrs. E. N. Dicen, Central Visayan Mission Parent-Home secretary, left, looks on, awaiting a taste of the finished product.

Parent and Home Secretaries Gather in the Philippines

THE first divisionwide Parent and Home workshop convened at Mountain View College, Philippines, May 4 to 9. The six day meeting coincided with the opening of the Andrews University Extension School, which was held on the same campus. Eight of the nine unions in the Far Eastern Division were represented. In addition, the three Philippine unions sent 12 local mission Parent and Home secretaries and three local mission presidents.

Mrs. Marion Simmons, Parent and Home secretary for the Far Eastern Division, was the moving spirit that insured the success of this first workshop. Other resource persons included Dr. Ruth Murdoch of Andrews University; Dr. D. R. Halenz, president of Mountain View College; Mrs. Priscilla Moreno of the South Philippine Union; and Pastor R. C. Williams, ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

Displays of various Parent and Home activities from different unions were presented. Samples of foods from the cooking demonstrations, which formed a part of the workshop, were passed out. An exchange of ideas proved very beneficial to everyone in attendance; therefore, among several resolutions taken was a recommendation to hold similar workshops at regular intervals.

—**B. A. Martin, President,
Central Luzon Mission**



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



NORTH PHILIPPINES

Attorney Witnesses Where She Teaches

ATORNEY Mesaila Noval Robles is the daughter of pious Adventists. Her father, Doroteo Noval, is a retired minister and her mother a retired Bible worker. She obtained her education from denominational schools, graduating in 1948 with a B.S.E. degree. However, she felt that she could do more for the church and the community with further education, so after some years of effort she is now a full-fledged lawyer.

Attorney Robles teaches in two outstanding Roman Catholic educational institutions in the city of Bacolod. As a holder of an M.A. degree in English, her application to teach at Riverside General Hospital School of Nursing and Midwifery and Colegio San Augustin was readily accepted. When she was interviewed, she made it plain that as a Seventh-day Adventist she could not teach from sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday.

Since she is teaching college literature subjects on the upper level, including world literature and English literature, she deemed it wise to encourage her students to study the Bible by following the "What the Bible Says" course. Inasmuch as the basic textbooks provided by the college mention that the Bible contains the best literature and is divinely inspired, she thought the school administration would not object to it. She made it plain to the students that taking the Bible lessons was purely voluntary—only those who really would like to know what the Bible says on topics of interest to every Christian should take the lessons.

During the first semester of last school year, 25 graduated from the course and attended graduation exercises at the Bacolod central church on October 21, 1970. Encouraged by the first graduates, more students took the Bible lessons the following semester, and 57 graduated on March 31, 1971.

Censure from the college dean's office for distributing Bible lessons attracted more interest, on the part of both the students and some of the teachers. Let us pray that more power will attend the efforts of Attorney Robles as she witnesses in these two educational institutions.

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



Reunion

Pastor Salvador G. Miraflores, editor of Philippine Publishing House, stands between his former students who are now ordained ministers.

Pastor Claudio LaVilla, left, is the ministerial secretary of the South-Central Luzon Mission, and Pastor Eliezer Lagabon, right, is assistant-publishing secretary of the Central Luzon Mission. Both were in his class in Agdangan Junior Academy in Quezon province in his first year of teaching. —E. C. Lagabon

Health Lectures Promote S.D.A. Literature

FIVE hundred students and teachers at the Araneta University Foundation attended a lecture on the secret of long life by Professor Praxedes Ramos on August 30.

After the lecture, Pastor Salvador G. Miraflores, editor of Philippine Publishing House, promoted the sale of **Best Recipes for the Home** and **Health and Home** magazine. Each one was given a copy of the magazine. Other health books were displayed in the lobby.

Audience response was enthusiastic, shown by

the interesting questions and discussions which followed.

"This is a wonderful book," remarked the head of the food and technology department of the university. In his home a few days later, his wife bought the book—and many others, amounting to almost 400 pesos.

Names and addresses collected after the meeting were distributed to literature evangelists, who are visiting the people in their homes. The effort is paying off. Follow-up work has shown the home reception very favorable, and in almost every home they visit, literature evangelists sell either a book or a magazine subscription.

This approach is a promising avenue for more literature sales, especially in large cities. The spade-work in the Manila area was done by Rodney Bartolome, an enthusiastic literature evangelist and promoter of vegetarianism. Some mission publishing secretaries are making arrangements for similar meetings in schools and civic organizations in their area.

Big doings in the literature ministry are in the offing!

—Salvador G. Miraflores



Four-Member Jereos Family All in the Work

The family of M. G. Jereos of Manila is perhaps a one and only in the whole Philippines: all of them are in the denominational work.

Pastor Jereos is North Philippine Union president. Mrs. Jereos is director of nursing service at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

Their two daughters have just returned from the States after studying at Loma Linda University. Mercy Lynn (dark dress), a doctor of medicine and a Fellow of the American Board of Pediatrics, is head of the pediatrics department of the Manila Sanitarium. Romelda, with a master's degree in nursing, is an assistant professor in the Philippine Union College School of Nursing.



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

Laymen's Persistence Counts

DURING the 24 years that Tseng Wan Shen was a member of another church, he was active in witnessing. He faithfully taught others as much as



Tseng Wan Shen

he knew of the truth of God. Many years ago he had heard that some people living in Taitung, Taiwan, had joined a church called Seventh-day Adventist. He wondered whether there still were some Bible truths he did not know about.

Ten years passed. Then one day he heard that a Seventh-day Adventist minister had just begun preaching in the nearby town of Chengkung. Mr. Tseng determined to go look up the Adventist. He found that Pastor Tseng Wu Lan was not home, but he met another earnest tribal brother whose surname was Chen. Mr. Chen was a tireless soul winner too, and made it his business each day as he passed Mr. Tseng's home to stop in and talk with him. Pastor Tseng and Mr. Chen unfolded the truth to Mr. Tseng, and before long he had joined the church. He remained just as enthusiastic a lay preacher as he had been before.

Seeks Young Man

Our brother decided one day to seek out a young man who was a member of his former church but who had not been able to find peace of heart. On this first attempt to see the youth, Mr. Tseng was unsuccessful in finding him. But he persisted until he found him, calling on him not once or twice but many times.

Once our lay preacher found the young man looking for work in the city of Taitung. Mr. Tseng urged him not to leave his home village, so he returned home and continued studying with Mr. Tseng. Later when invited to attend our mountain Bible school, he was happy to go. Now he is a church member, a graduate of our school, and a worker for God among his own people in the mountains of Taiwan.

Mr. Tseng joined the S.D.A. church in 1957. By July, 1971, he had led 18 people to our church, 10 in 1970. Right now he is studying with 12 baptismal candidates. His wife and one of his children have been baptized. Another boy, still in the military service, expects to join the church soon.

—T. O. Su,
Lay Activities Secretary,
South China Island Union



Voice of Prophecy Progresses in F.E.I.M.

THIS past April saw the fruition of diligent study of the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence courses by 49 students in the islands of Palau. This was the first Voice of Prophecy rally ever to be held in Palau and represented the largest V.O.P. graduation held in the Far Eastern Island Mission.

It was a rewarding experience to see the enthusiasm and smiles of these young people as they received their diplomas and gift Bibles. Many other young people who attended the Koror church for the rally were caught up in the enthusiasm and were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy courses.

Eleven of the Micronesian students attending the Palau Training School from other island districts had studied the Voice of Prophecy course at the school, and then under the leadership of Pastor Nobuo Willy, the Bible teacher, attended a baptismal class and were baptized just before the V.O.P. rally.

Many of those now studying the Voice of Prophecy courses are on remote islands far from any other Seventh-day Adventists. Some of these will be led to our school in Palau and will be trained to return to their people and work for the Lord. We longingly look forward to the day when many will return to these islands.

Just this past year one young man from Ponape who attended our school in Palau has returned to work for his people as a ministerial worker. He was a Voice of Prophecy contact some years ago.

We thank God for the work of the Voice of Prophecy as it reaches out among these far-flung islands for those who are searching for a better way of life. The 30-minute Voice of Prophecy radio broadcasts of H.M.S. Richards, Jr., are being carried free of charge each week on five of the Trust Territory districts' government-owned radio stations.

—Barbara W. Nelson, Director,
Voice of Prophecy

Yap Island Challenges Church

OF all the islands in Micronesia having contact with the outside world, probably some of the most reluctant to accept the influence of western civilization are the outer islands of the Carolines, of which Yap Island is a part. Old customs still prevail on Yap and its outer islands, and women still prefer their **lava-lavas** and ankle length grass skirts, and the men their **thu**, the brightly colored loincloth, their **maramara**, the coronets of fresh wild flowers that stand for happiness and love.

In November of 1968 the Far Eastern Island Mission sent its first worker, a missionary from the islands of Palau, Pastor Johannes Adelbai, to Yap. Pastor John was immediately considered an outsider by the closely knit spirit-worshiping Yapese. Their customs, religion, and language were entirely different from his, and he did not find it an easy matter to move into their culture.

Pastor John and his family have now been located on Yap for three years, and it has been an extremely difficult task of winning the confidence of the people. Breaking down prejudice and making their friendship are slow tasks. But Pastor John, in his loving Christian manner, visits the villages, helping where needed and using his truck or motorboat to carry the sick or supplies to remote areas.

About a year ago the son of one of the village elders was injured, and it was Pastor John who took the boy in his motorboat to receive medical aid, and who watched over him. This act of kindness so impressed the village elder that he later showed Pastor John a lovely wooded spot nestled along a lagoon near their village and said, "This is for your people—we will build a shelter where you can teach our people here."

Recently as we slowly made our way into this peaceful lagoon bordered by towering coconut palm trees and beautiful white coral sand beaches, we thanked God that on this spot will soon stand another memorial to God.

—Paul W. Nelson, President,
Far Eastern Island Mission



DCNOR. The village elder standing with Pastor Johannes Adelbai is giving a portion of his land for an Adventist meeting place.



LAYMAN. P. W. Chung, M.D., a layman of Seoul, Korea, was a special delegate at the session. Here he listens intently during a business session.



SABBATH. A capacity crowd attended the Sabbath morning service of worship at the Singapore Conference Hall. Pastor R. H. Pierson was the speaker.

1971 QUADRENNIAL Session Held in Singapore



THEME. MISSION '72 was the theme for the quadrennial session. Here Ralph S. Waits, president of the Southeast Asia Union, welcomes the delegates to Singapore.



CHAIRMAN. Every business session was chaired by the division president, Pastor P. H. Eldridge. At his side is Pastor W. T. Clark, division secretary.

COUNCIL. One of three pre-councils was the public relations department. Here the delegates of this two-day meeting are shown with Dr. E. W. Tarr, third from right seated, secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations of the General Conference.



The quadrennial session of the Far Eastern Division met early in November in the city of Singapore. Delegates came from every section of the division. An innovation this year was the addition of three student observers at the meeting who attended the session along with a special delegate, a layman from Korea.

As a result of the report of the nominating committee, three new union presidents were elected during the session. They are Pastors F. M. Arroqante, Central Philippine Union; E. Y. Kim, Korean Union; and M. G. Jereos, North Philippine Union. Pastor E. A. Capobres retired from his post as president of the Central Philippine Union.

In Japan a vice-president was added to the list of officers. Dr. Kunihira, who will also be secretary of the union upon his arrival in Japan.

Here are a few of the major actions of the session:

- * Voted a record-breaking budget for 1962 despite the fact that there has been a considerable change in currency exchange rates, seriously affecting the appropriations available.

DELEGATES. Here is the group who attended the 1971 quadrennial session.



ennial on Singapore



STUDENT. One of three student observers from Southeast Asia Union College, Shelley Shim, sits beside a regular delegate, Daniel Tan, president of her school, and takes notes of what is happening.



TEAM. This is a brother-sister team at the council, children of former Far Eastern Division workers. They are, left, Pastor and Mrs. Paul Nelson, of Agana, Guam, and Pastor and Mrs. Ralph S. Watts, of Singapore.

* Two secondary schools in East Indonesia and the Maga View campus of Philippine Union College will be the recipients of the next 13th Sabbath Offering overflow which comes to the Far Eastern Division.

* Voted to adopt the MISSION '72 theme for the evangelistic thrust in 1972.

* Voted to approve the recommendations of the F.E.D. Department of health embodying discussions of the Study Commission on Health Care which met in Hong Kong in May.

Many more major actions were taken by the session and the report of these will be made in a future issue.

General Conference delegates attending the week-long meeting—Pastors R. H. Pierson, D. S. Johnson, E. W. Tarr, John Hancock, J. R. Spangler, and Dr. J. Wayne McFarland—contributed a great deal to the spiritual tone of the meetings.

The session was chaired as usual by the division president, Pastor P. H. Eldridge, with the assistance of W. T. Clark, secretary, and Pastor G. O. Bruce, treasurer.

—D. A. Roth

the Far Eastern Division in November at the Equatorial Hotel in Singapore.



PLAYER. Pastor John Hancock, world youth leader of the denomination, thrilled youngsters with his accordion playing. Here a group of children join him as he plays the "Gospel Train."



COMMITTEE. Much of the work of the session was done in smaller committees. Here the important budget committee meets under the chairmanship of Pastor G. O. Bruce, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division.

YOUTH. Pastor Bob Jacobs is shown here with his MV team which met as a pre-council group at the Equatorial Hotel in Singapore.



General Conference President Visits FED Council



CHAT. During the division session Pastor R. H. Pierson took time to chat with the oldest delegate present, Dr. Harry Miller, veteran medical misionary from Hong Kong.



OBSERVER. During much of the quadrennial session Pastor Pierson was an interested observer. He spoke often, however, when items of general interest to the world field were presented on the floor of the business session.

THE world president of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, Dr. Robert H. Pierson, of Washington, D.C., attended the 1971 quadrennial session of the Far Eastern Division in Singapore. This was the second consecutive quadrennial meeting that he has attended for the Orient. In addition to Singapore, he also visited Japan, Hong Kong, Sarawak, Sabah, Manila, and Guam before returning to Washington, D.C., and his duties as spiritual leader of more than two million Adventists around the world. He spoke several times during the session, but the highlight of his visit to the session was on Sabbath morning when more than 1,000 Singaporeans and guests jammed the Singapore Conference Hall for the Sabbath morning service of worship. The world leader's visit was greatly appreciated by the delegates at the session.

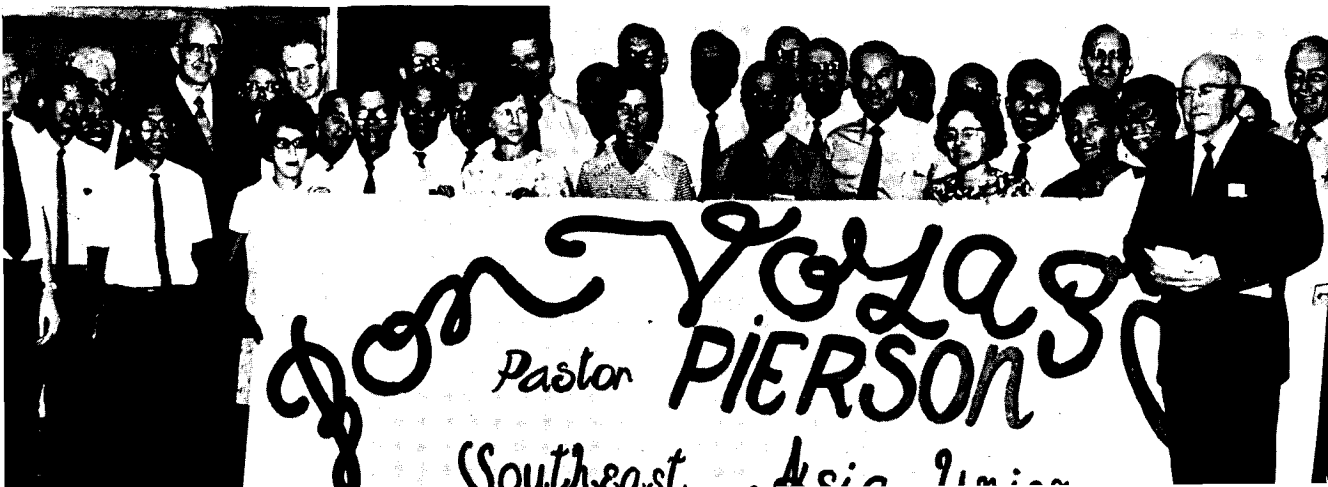


GREETINGS. Pastor P. H. Eldridge, left, and Pastor R. S. Watts greet Pastor Pierson while K. T. Kong, center, and R. I. Gainer, right, look on.



SPEAKER. Pastor Pierson was the speaker for the Sabbath morning service of worship at the Singapore Conference Hall.

FAREWELL. The Southeast Asia Union workers were at the airport to say farewell to Pastar Pierson when he left Singapore.





Youth Attend Bible Camp in Kuching

A BIBLE conference camp was conducted recently for 45 young people at the lovely beach of Sarawak Bako National Park. Courses like church heritage, leadership, music, hiking, and swimming were conducted. Bible discussion sessions created opportunities for the campers to widen their knowledge of the Word of Life.

A challenge for consecration and greater service was presented by Pastor Jonathan Ng, camp pastor, at the close of the camp. Each camper was given time to express his thanks to God and to relate his experience of conversion. During this solemn occasion, each camper stepped forward with a candle in his hand to receive light from the pastor signifying his willingness to be the light bearer of the gospel.

Spiritual revival was felt among the campers. One of them later remarked, "I felt myself very close to the Saviour."

—W. F. Choo,
Camp Director

Singapore Pathfinders Go Camping

A JMV Pathfinder camp under the direction of Mrs. M. P. Sormin, was held at Ponggol, Singapore, on September 11 and 12. Thirty-six Pathfinders and leaders from the Southeast Asia Union College church had a delightful weekend together at this beautiful campsite.

After the Sundown worship on Friday, Pastor James Wong gave an interesting talk entitled "The Pathfinders." Then Pastor R. E. Neall told of how God sent angels to rescue His people on a number of occasions while war raged in Vietnam.

During the Sabbath School period the following morning, Pastor R. B. Grady drilled the campers in Bible knowledge. In the sermon that followed, Pastor John Harris spoke about the wonders of God's work of creation.

Camp activities included Morning Watch and prayer bands, knotting, hiking, track and trail, swimming, crafts, MV honor classes, and games. A testimonial service was the highlight of the weekend camp.

Time flew by all too quickly, but the campers returned to their homes and duties with many happy memories, and with the joy of having been drawn closer to God.

—See Kwee Lan,
Third-year Ministerial Student,
Southeast Asia Union College

Mission Moves to New Quarters

MALAYA Mission officers, who previously worked in rooms in the Kuala Lumpur church building, now have office space of their own. A new building was erected behind the church for the mission headquarters. The new address is 166-A Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia.

The five rooms vacated by the mission in the church building will be taken over by the Chinese and English-speaking churches to be used as Sabbath School classrooms and a pastor's study.

S.A.U.M. News Note

* Dr. Bernhard Aaen arrived on September 27 to serve as college dean for S.A.U.C. Mrs. Aaen hopes to arrive soon. Dr. Aaen was formerly president of Indonesia Union College and was connected with Pacific Union College as chairman of the English department for five years before embarking on his doctoral studies at the University of Nebraska. Mrs. Aaen has served as a probation officer in the juvenile court in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the past two years.

—Maggie Tan, Registrar



Bible School Gets an "A"

The Singapore Bible Correspondence School received recently the Certificate of Honor and Merit, with an "A" rating, from the radio-TV department of the General Conference.

In part it read, "In recognition of outstanding efficiency of operation and successful service to evangelism this CERTIFICATE OF HONOR AND MERIT is awarded."

The Singapore Bible Correspondence School was inspected last October, 1970, by Pastor W. R. L. Scragg of the General Conference and Pastor R. C. Williams of the Far Eastern Division.

At a brief ceremony held in the presence of union and V.O.P. personnel, Pastor Chester H. Damron, S.A.U.M. radio-TV and ministerial secretary, presented the certificate to Mrs. Beth Coffin, assistant director of the Singapore Bible Correspondence School.

Youth in Action at Kuching

DURING the recent visit of Pastor B. U. Donato, union MV secretary, an investiture service and a graduation were conducted in Kuching. Thirty-five Bible Says certificates were given out to the students of Sunny Hill School, and 25 certificates were presented to those who completed the church heritage course conducted during the recent Bible conference camp. Of the 15 young people invested, three received their Master Guide pins.

The highlight of the investiture service was the award of the "Tell Twenty Pin" to Brenda Ten, who has enrolled 400 Voice of Prophecy students during the past eight months. Brenda is a student of the secondary school in Kuching and an active member of the MV society. She scores the highest number of enrollments by sharing her faith with her school-mates and friends. —Jonathan Ng, Pastor

More Lamb Shelters Planned

THE evangelistic theme of the Southeast Asia Union during 1971 and 1972 is "100 for Christ Evangelism," which is to drive home the idea of GOD'S WIDENING CIRCLE. To fit in with this theme, the five missions have accepted a challenge to build 100 more lamb shelters during 1971 and 1972. The union Sabbath School department is to supply the financing for the buildings and the mission and local church members will contribute the labor to erect them.

Pastor M. Gaban, Sabbath School secretary of the Sabah Mission, his fellow workers, and members of the mission are actively engaged in the building of 40 right now. Pastor Richard Hall has just returned from furlough with his nephew, Ray Hall, a third-year Walla Walla College student, who will be spending a major portion of his time for one year in erecting 40 or more lamb shelters in Sarawak.

In Vietnam, where our mission has baptized 156 percent of its baptismal goal for the first half of 1971, a strong interest has been shown by our Montagnard pastors to build a number of lamb shelters in the mountains of South Vietnam. Thailand has written requesting permission to build lamb shelters at the new tribal center being erected for the Meo people of northern Thailand and to expand our work in Laos.

Where will the money come from to build these 100 simple structures costing from US\$150 to US\$300 each? The union Sabbath School secretary does not have all the answers, but God does. You can help too in this faith venture by giving liberally this Thirteenth Sabbath, as the offering overflow will help to build many lamb shelters throughout the entire Far East. Please plan now to make this Thirteenth Sabbath offering your largest ever!

—Robert B. Grady, Secretary,
Sabbath School Department,
Southeast Asia Union



AWARD. Chai Sui Kong, top literature evangelist in the Sabah Mission for the past year, holds his golden award presented to him during the literature evangelists institute.

Union Holds Institutes for Literature Evangelists

TWO institutes were conducted recently for literature evangelists in the Southeast Asia Union.

The first, held September 12 to 16 at Port Dickson, West Malaysia, was for workers in the Malaya Mission. The session was organized by Peter Khoo, mission publishing secretary. Guests were Pastor S. D. Pangborn, Far Eastern Division Publishing secretary; Pastor Richard McKee, Southeast Asia Union publishing secretary; Choo Yau Fong, manager of the Malaysian Signs Press; and Pastor Samuel Tsai, editor of the Malaysian Signs Press.

A special feature of the institute was the communion service on the evening of September 15. Pastor T. K. Chong, Malaya Mission president, was the speaker.

During the institute a golden trophy was presented to Chiau Fong Ying, top literature evangelist in the Malaya Mission for the last 12 months.

Literature evangelists in Sabah gathered at Tamparuli September 29 to October 2 for their institute, which was directed by Pastor L. Pandjaitan, mission publishing secretary. Guests were Pastor Pangborn, Pastor McKee, and Mr. Choo.

Pastor W. L. Wilcox, new president of the Sabah Mission, presented the golden trophy to Chai Sui Kong, leading literature evangelist. Publishing pins were awarded to Mr. Chai, Haijon Alip, and Stephen Gonggut.

Confrontation in Prison

DUONG Van Chuc was a simple and kindly farmer; but when he got drunk, he would lose his judgment, talk excessively, and offend people.

One day a man in his village died. According to the people's custom, a feast was held before the burial, and to this many villagers came. Among them was Duong Van Chuc. Liquor flowed freely, and soon Chuc was intoxicated. Then his tongue began to wag. He said many things which offended the village security chief, and a bitter quarrel arose between them.

If the incident ended there, this story need not be told. Unfortunately, on the way to the cemetery, the funeral procession was ambushed, and the security chief was killed. Due to his quarrel with this man earlier, Chuc was suspected as the instigator of the ambush, denounced as a communist, arrested, and jailed.

His three years and six months' imprisonment gave him much time to think over the consequences of his drinking. And he was genuinely sorry for it.

At this time, our lay evangelistic team from Saigon Phu-nhuan church started holding meetings in the prison where Chuc was incarcerated. He was among the 120 prisoners who attended our Bible marking class. After studying the Bible for one year, he was baptized with 48 other prisoners.

Meets Disappointments

Not long after this, Chuc was released. But disappointment awaited him. On reaching home, he discovered that while he was in prison his wife died, his eldest son had been taken by the Vietcong, another son had been accidentally killed during a military operation in a rice field where he was fishing, and his own mother had become insane. His last two children were being cared for by a neighbor.

Sympathizing with him in sorrow and loneliness, his relatives and neighbors, who were glad to see him back, opened their homes to him. Some held feasts in his honor. Knowing his appetite for liquor, they served much of it for his enjoyment.

But soon they observed that something was wrong. Chuc did not touch liquor or pork. What had happened? Had he gone out of his mind? Why, he was completely different from what he used to be!

It was then that Duong Van Chuc told them what had happened to him in prison. Beaming, he would say, "I found the light of truth in a dark place. I fell into the pit, and Jesus lifted me out of it." And he opened his Bible to them.

Many of those who heard him became so interested that before long Chuc was conducting a Branch Sabbath School in his uncle's house. The Lord blessed his efforts. Twenty-two former Buddhists and Caoadaists accepted Christ as their Saviour and are now faithful members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Another thing that cheered Duong Van Chuc was

his own mother's attitude towards his new-found faith. Although 76 years old and not fully recovered from her mental depressions, she disavowed her Buddhist beliefs, which she accepted while at the age of seven, demolished her Buddhist shrine, and yielded back her Buddhist bell to the temple.

Today, at the CHO-DEM village, where Duong Van Chuc lives, a small Seventh-day Adventist chapel stands. And every Sabbath day, a number of villagers worship the Lord in this chapel.

Duong Van Chuc and his fellow believers are grateful to the Lord for the things that He has done for them. And they are very thankful to Brother and Sister F. M. Pieringer and Brother Hans Freuler of Switzerland for helping them in the construction of their house of worship.

—Nguyen Huynh,
Saigon Adventist Hospital



Student Missionaries Aid Dental Department of Seoul Hospital

An untried field of dental student missionary service challenges Linda Bauer and Genie Nelson. While in Seoul they will be workers and instructors in their dental specialties.

Genie, a 1971 graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, department of dental assisting, will teach the dental staff and others about "four-handed" dentistry.

Also a 1971 graduate, but of the School of Dentistry's department of dental hygiene, Linda will be teaching dental hygienists and will prepare dental health education material for use in the school systems and hospital public health clinics.

Genie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Nelson of Loma Linda, California. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bauer of South Lake Tahoe, California.

—Mrs. J. R. Wahlen



REUNION. Six of the church school pupils under Mrs. C. C. Llaguno, left, during World War II, who used banana leaves for paper and bamboo sticks for pencils are Ricardo Macias, a commerce graduate and church school board chairman; Efinito Desamero, a faithful layman; Rhodelia and Minda Jocsan; Teddy Macias, M.D., private practitioner; and Serafin Belliones.

Unique Educational Helps

DURING World War II, the church of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines, was visited by Pastor A. N. Somoso, president of Northern Mindanao Mission (which comprised the whole island of Mindanao) and his crew of departmental secretaries. The brethren in this church had not heard any news from the headquarters in Cagayan de Oro for some time due to the war.

On this visit, these workers reopened the Sindangan church school to 86 pupils from grades 1 to 4. The writer was stranded in this areas so she was appointed to teach. She taught there two years.

Papers and pencils were nonexistent during this chaotic period. The teacher was able to discover a very good substitute to help solve the situation—banana leaves for paper and bamboo sticks for pencils. The leaves were cut to the desired sizes and the bamboo sticks were sharpened enough so they could write nicely on the leaves, which were kept until they turned yellow. (Try it please!)

Twenty-five years had elapsed before the writer was privileged to meet one of her former pupils in Davao City from that wartime church school. Although no longer an Adventist, in gratitude for the training that he got from his wartime teacher, he gives liberally to our yearly Ingathering campaign.

Today many of the pupils of that church school are church workers or strong laymen. A few, who have not become Seventh-day Adventists, are also strong supporters of Christian education by sending their children to our schools. What they are today, they owe in part to the banana leaves and bamboo sticks experience.

—Mrs. C. C. Llaguno

First Filipino Adventist Doctor Leaves to Head Hospital in Africa

DR. Perfecto Llaguno, former chief of staff of Iligan Adventist Hospital, left with his family for Uganda, East Africa, recently.

Called by the General Conference to be medical director of 83-bed Ishaka Hospital in Mbarara, district capital of Uganda, Dr. Llaguno will serve in Africa for at least three years.

He is the second physician from Iligan to accept a term of service in East Africa. The first, Dr. W. M. Torres, Jr., former medical director, left last August for Kenya. Still another Adventist doctor serving in Africa is Dr. Mishael Oliverio of Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte. He is connected with the hospital in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, West Africa.

Dr. Llaguno is an alumnus of Southwestern University in Cebu City.

He is married to the former Rhodie Mintalar, a pharmacist. They have two children, Perfe Rae II and Filna Love.



The P. L. Llaguno family



The Zachary family

Meet the Bible Staff of M.V.C.

PASTOR J. H. Zachary comes to Mountain View College with 19 years of experience in evangelism, pastoral work, and Bible teaching. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Bible teaching and a Bachelor of Divinity degree in systematic theology from Andrews University. He has served the Lord in three conferences, Illinois, Southern California, and Central California. He has taught elementary school, academy, and college classes.

In addition to his duties in the Bible department, he serves as pastor of the college church and sponsor of the ministerial seminar activities.

Mrs. Jeane Zachary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in library science from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Arts degree in the same field from Western Michigan University. She teaches half-time in the history and English departments.

The Zacharys have two children, Jim and Vicki, who attend Far Eastern Academy in Singapore.

Mountain View Airs Radio Program

THE ministerial seminar of Mountain View College broadcasts weekly two programs over DXMB. Dr. Reyes of Malaybalay supplies funds for the Cebuano broadcast, while students solicit funds for the English broadcast.

Recently the students were overjoyed upon receipt of a letter from a sincere seeker of truth—a 16-year-old girl—who wrote: "I am one of the thousands who are listening to your broadcast 'Focus on Living'. I was encouraged to write you regarding my dark ways of life and wanting to know what I should do to save my soul, for I do not know the

way of salvation. I am expecting your reply by mail and not by radio. Thank you."

We solicit the prayers of all our brethren for our radio program. We have three aims in airing one: (1) To win souls; (2) To train ministers-to-be in the art of radio announcing; (3) To prepare one day to operate the first Adventist radio station in the Philippines.

We thank the Lord for His guiding hand in this project, and we look forward to the day when "The School of the Light" will have the gospel light shining in every corner of our community through radio.

—J. H. Zachary



STATION. Archie Tupas, right, shows a model of the new Mountain View College radio station to church leaders, Pastors C. S. Rosco, R. C. Williams, L. Montana, and C. A. Galang.

Ordination Held During Officers Convention

DURING the church officers convention in Tagum, Davao del Norte, Pastor Paul Hinoguin was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 7.

Participating in the service were Pastor C. S. Rosco, ministerial secretary of the South Philippine Union; Pastor M. M. Claveria, union president; Pastor C. P. Legaspi, union secretary-treasurer; and Pastor A. A. Villarin, president of the Davao Mission.

Pastor Hinoguin has labored as assistant publishing secretary of the Western Mindanao Mission for five years, and for the past two years he has been publishing secretary of the Davao Mission.

On Sabbath afternoon, just before the close of the convention, Pastor Rosco presented the implementation of GOD'S WIDENING CIRCLE. Principal speakers were Pastor Villarin; E. A. Moreno, S.P.U.M. educational secretary; A. Y. Baculanta, principal of Southern Mindanao Academy; and M. R. Cudanin, Sabbath School and lay activities secretary of the Davao Mission.

The climax of the church officers convention was the baptism of 20 as a result of GOD'S WIDENING CIRCLE in the Northern Davao district.

—A. A. Villarin, PR Officer,
Davao Mission



WORKER. Mrs. Helen Spalding gets acquainted with Resurrection Golis, 107 years old, who is still actively working to win souls. Mrs. Spalding and her husband, a physician, are now at Mountain View College, but were at the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital when this story was written.

Man of 107 Still Works for Souls

COULD this little man be 107 years old as he claimed to be? I checked his old hospital records and questioned the minister who had known him before this, and his story seemed to be correct that he was born April 24, 1864.

His hearing was good and his eyesight, too. "Yes, I could see well after my two cataract operations, but I broke my good glasses and these glasses are not so good," he said. With just one homemade crutch, Mr. Resurrection Golis walked very well.

"I brought 15 pesos of tithe to the mission, and I want some papers to give to my neighbors who do not know the Lord.

"My great uncle told me when I was a boy that someday people would come who would keep the Bible Sabbath. 'You must join them,' my uncle said.

"Later a neighbor invited me to attend his church. It was on Saturday, so I thought it must be the right church. Then there were some tent meetings. I was baptized at the end of the meetings. The minister had the same last name as mine. I think it was in 1878, maybe 1901. I've forgotten, but it's all written in my Bible.

"No, I don't have any children." Mr. Golis continued. "My wife died at the time of the Japanese invasion. I went away to hunt for some salt, and when I got back my wife was gone. I finally found her in the ocean with just her nose above water. She had been there a long time and she didn't feel good after this. She got a fever. I took good care of her, but she got worse and died in a week's time."

After his medical check-up, Mr. Golis started back to his home in Himamaylan, where he has his church membership. He is working as he waits for His Lord to come.

—Mrs. Helen Spalding

Adult Education Class Conducted at M.V.C.

MARCELO T. Sigué, a freshman theology student at Mountain View College, conducted a school for adults in the barrio of Conception. Mr. Sigué is the student seminar leader for the Conception company. His objective was to interest the public in the gospel through this public service.

The school lasted 10 weeks. Reading, writing, English, arithmetic, Philippine history, and Bible were taught to 38 students. Many of the class members learned how to read for the first time. They were able to write their own name.

Graduation services were held in June.

Nicolas Cagampang, the assistant teacher, stated that the Adventist church has made many new friends in the community because of this school for the adults.

Sigué has received many requests from barrio leaders that the classes be resumed. At present, plans are being made for a new series of classes.

The barrio captain, Rolando Enggay, one of the graduates, stated, "We would like to have the class continue, because if we do not continue, what we have learned will be lost."

Bocala Speaks at Week of Prayer

LIVING for Christ" was the theme that threaded its way through the recent Week of Prayer at Mountain View College. Pastor V. F. Bocala, Sabbath School secretary and acting MV secretary of the Central Philippine Union, was the speaker.

The Lord richly blessed the ministry of Pastor Bocala. During the Thursday evening meeting over 30 youth responded to the call to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and to prepare for membership in the Adventist church. The Holy Spirit came very close to the school family during the mass testimony meeting Friday evening.



COUNSELING. Pastor V. F. Bocala, left, counsels young people at Mountain View College during their Week of Prayer. They are Jimima Geollegue, Godson Mgeni, Howard Faigao, and Trinidad Fortalezca.



J.M.C. News Notes

* The Japan Scholarship Association has granted three Japan Missionary College students scholarships ranging from 4,000 to 12,000 yen monthly. The recipients are H. Murotani, Miss E. Kawakami, and Miss M. Yamahara.

* Assistant Pastor M. Ueda is conducting an evangelistic series at the Chiba Academy of Continuing Studies. Using the English topic discussion approach, Pastor Ueda is speaking on the human brain and individual potential. The previous evangelistic series, using the same approach, was given by R. E. Klimes on the development of an attractive personality.

* A college student, M. Kiryu, and Assistant Pastor M. Ueda attended the Korean Union Youth Congress as delegates from Japan.

* Pastor M. R. Lyon, division publishing secretary, participated in the awarding of literature evangelism scholarships to 20 high school and college students on September 27.

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



S. D. A. Passes Mechanical Engineering Exam

ROSEDELBERTO C. Reyno, a young Seventh-day Adventist student of Western Institute of Technology, Iloilo City, has passed the government board examination in mechanical engineering.



R. C. Reyno

The examination began on the Sabbath, but he received permission to be held "incommunicado" during the hours of the Sabbath and to begin the examination after sundown. With earnest prayer, he left the results in God's hands.

Five months later, July 17, he learned that he had passed. Brother Reyno, 24, graduated as an honor student. He is now serving his alma mater. He is an active soul winner and is lay activities leader of the La Paz church in the West Visayan Mission.

—Archie Tupas, Ministerial Intern



North Celebes Church Organized Fifty Years Ago

ON August 26 members of the Ratahan church in the North Celebes celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Hundreds of fellow Adventists from both the North and South Minahasa Missions (formerly the North Celebes Mission) joined them for the day's activities.

Also present were Pastor W. V. Clements, Far Eastern Division Sabbath School secretary, and Pastor A. M. Bartlett, liaison secretary for the two Indonesian unions. Other dignitaries and veteran workers included A. Londa, A. Pasuhuk, M. Onsoe, Chr. Sondakh, and several laymen from the West Indonesia Union.

The very first group of believers in this area was baptized in 1921 by Pastor Detamore, the father of Pastor Fordyce Detamore, an evangelist. Of these original 22 members, 10 are still living.

The gospel was brought to these believers by

Pastor Samuel Rantung, a worker who had been connected with the Malayan Seminary (now Southeast Asia Union College) in Singapore. Pastor Rantung became ill, and his doctor finally told him he could do nothing more for him. "You must return home," he advised.

Pastor Rantung was married to a Javanese woman from Depok, near Bogor, and so the two decided to return to her village in Java. But his illness continued. A second doctor told him, "You must return home."

Strange, he thought. Why should two doctors tell him to return home? But he obeyed. The Rantungs returned to Pastor Rantung's home village, Ratahan, in the North Celebes.

Soon relatives started dropping by to hear Pastor Rantung's stories of faraway Singapore. They were enthralled by his descriptions of trains, which could travel without being pulled by horses.

One day Pastor Rantung questioned a nephew, Anton Londa, "Do you go to church?"

"Yes, sure, every Sunday," was his quick reply.

"So, you go to church on Sunday," responded the uncle. "Are you sure it is the day recommended in the Bible?"

"Why not? So many people worship on that day, it must be the true day."

"Even if you read from Genesis to Revelation," the uncle replied, "you will not find that Sunday is

God's holy day. If you want to know more about the Bible, go call the other relatives and I'll explain a few things to you."

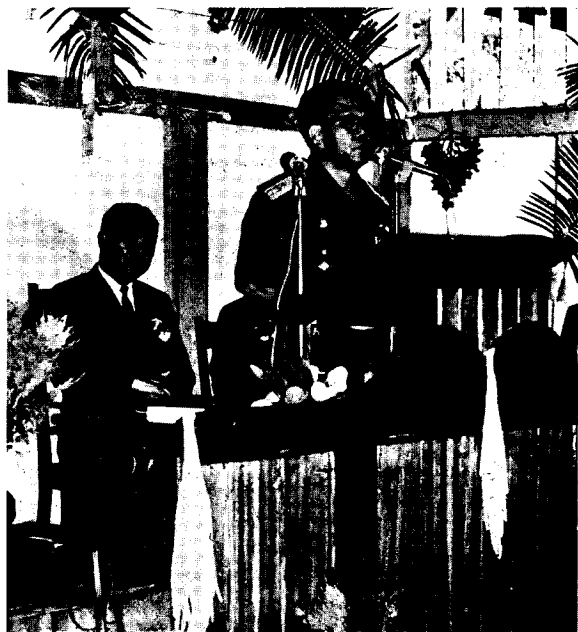
Pastor Rantung formed a Bible study group and met with them from evening to evening for several months. Suddenly he discovered that his health was returning. He decided to go back to Singapore to resume his work there. However, he urged the group to continue studying the Bible and assured them he would do his best to send a Bible worker from Singapore to prepare them for baptism. And so it was that Pastor Detamore baptized 22 persons in 1921.

Why is it that in God's providence the work of the gospel should begin in Ratahan rather than some other place in the North Celebes? Perhaps because this village was the most staunchly heathen. From a village like this, the gospel could go more quickly to other areas of the North Celebes. If the gospel could change the hearts of men in the village of Rtahan, surely it could change the hearts of men living in other villages too.

Children and grandchildren of some of these first converts are not only rejoicing in the message, but are also playing important roles in the church in both the East and West Indonesia Unions. The nephew Pastor Rantung first questioned about the Sabbath became a president of the North Celebes Mission.

It seems appropriate at this time to reflect on these words of Ellen White: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." *Life Sketches*, p. 196.

—A. Waworoendeng, President,
East Indonesia Union



MESSAGE. The vice-governor speaks during services celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Ratahan church.

New Clinic Opens in Palu

A NEW Adventist clinic was officially opened in Palu, Indonesia, on Thursday morning, September 2. Dr. A. Sumarja, director of medical and health services of the Central Celebes Mission, is also the supervisor of the clinic. Mrs. Sumarja cut the symbolic white ribbon placed at the entrance to the main room.

An address was given at the inaugural program by Pastor B. A. Raranta, Central Celebes Mission president. Also present at the program was A. R. Petta Lolo, director of the local Red Cross organization. His wife unveiled the clinic sign board, assisted by Mrs. Jeannie Saerang, clinic head nurse.

It is our prayer that the Lord will bless the work of this new clinic, that it may be an effective "entering wedge" for the gospel.

—Jimmy Saerang, Secretary-Treasurer,
Central Celebes Mission



Student Literature Evangelists Begin Work

On October 12 approximately 100 students departed from Indonesia Union College for a vacation of canvassing. Enthusiastically they headed for their territories scattered throughout six local missions.

Pastor M. H. Wauran, union assistant publishing secretary, is shown shaking hands with four student literature evangelists before their departure from the Djakarta docks. These young men were three days and three nights aboard a small boat before arriving in Pontianak, located in the East Kalimantan Mission.

To make the student program more successful, the Indonesia Publishing House has prepared a special unit of sale. The titles of the two volumes are "The Dawning" by D. Batubara and "Secrets for a Happy Home" by M. Manulang. In addition to this, they will sell single copies of the health magazine "Your Home and Health."

Surely as more than 100 student literature evangelists join the present working force of 223 regular and part-time literature evangelists throughout the West Indonesia Union, many will learn of Jesus and His love.