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Deskside Chats



Nostalgia

THE passing of years produces interesting phenomena. One is a pleasant haze which puts a rosy glow on our memories. There is also a distortion, a subconscious exaggeration that leaves us with a bigger-than-life image of what used to be. Our processes of recall tend to minimize unpleasant experiences of the past but leave happy impressions intact.

No doubt as we grow older we should be grateful for this tranquilizing euphoria. But for those of us who are still required to carry a normal program, nostalgia harbors a subtle danger. We may become disillusioned with things as they are and begin longing for "the good old days."

This seems to be especially true of workers in the church. Viewing with concern the problems that surround us, we either recall our own earlier experiences or what we have heard from others and look with envy on the apparent ease with which things used to be done.

This obsession with the supposed advantages of former years covers the whole spectrum of the church's condition:

Unity among our leaders on matters of doctrine and policy.

Willingness of workers to labor long and uncomplainingly.

Interest in missions.

Status of our institutions.

Development of new methods of evangelism.

Spiritual condition of our members.

A careful look at the facts of our history quickly dissipates the nostalgic haze. Things simply were not that good. We would do well to ponder the scriptural advice:

"Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this." Eccl. 7:10.

The simple fact is that there has never been a time of greater opportunity or brighter prospects than today. We have more than a precious heritage. We have an incomparable present, a priceless now, an unlimited potential.

No one ever needed nostalgia less than we.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

BORN the year before the 20th century was ushered in was Daniel E. Venden, whose parents were farm people in Wisconsin, a northern state in the U.S.A. In about 1900 his parents became Seventh-day Adventists and moved to the West Coast. After his father died, his mother moved closer to an academy so her children could attend.

In 1923 Pastor Venden graduated from Walla Walla College. That September he married Nellie Schnepfer, whose parents were among the first Seventh-day Adventists in Germany. Later they moved to Iowa. All of Nellie's education was obtained in Adventist schools. It was in college that she met Dan.

Together Pastor and Mrs. Venden began a fruitful ministry for God by first establishing a Christian home. The rearing of their three daughters was uppermost in their minds through the years. Before his retirement, Pastor Venden taught in an academy, did MV and educational work, spent many years in evangelism, and was a conference president.

Even after retiring in 1965, having spent more than 40 years in denominational employ, the Vendens continued as active workers. First Pastor Venden pastored a church in California. Then he and his wife chose to spend some time in mission service in Bangkok and Singapore. He spent a year as pastor of the church on the campus of Southeast Asia Union college and taught a college class or two.

Returning to the States in 1971, the Vendens were asked to hold revival meetings in churches throughout the Northern California Conference. Having recently celebrated his 73rd birthday, Pastor Venden is still young at heart. He has a clear mind, is physically fit, and has no intention of sitting in a rocking chair awaiting his Lord's appearing. This is also true of his good wife, who stands as a loyal coworker in all her husband's endeavors.

And what about those three girls? What joy and rejoicing they have brought to their parents!

Reatha received all her education (as did her two sisters) in Seventh-day Adventist schools. A graduate nurse, she has been a true helper for 26 years to her doctor husband, Clarence Ekvall, secretary of the Far Eastern Division department of health. For 12 years they have been serving in the Philippines, Bangkok, and Singapore. Their three children are enrolled in denominational schools.

Doris, the second daughter, is also a nurse. She chose a minister of the gospel as her life companion. These parents are endeavoring to train their four children in the way they should go.

Jean is a graduate of La Sierra College. She and her minister husband served 13 years as overseas workers in Thailand. They and their four boys now live in California.

The Vendens' three daughters are grateful for the example of their parents and for the training they received at home. All three join in giving praise to the godly parents with whom they have been blessed.

The inspiring story of the Vendens should prove that Christian parents united in the interest of their children, plus the benefit of Christian schools, the help of the church, and the blessing of God—

STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

Cover Photo

The Queen of England, H. M. Elizabeth II, visited the territory of the Far Eastern Division in February on an official tour. Countries visited included Thailand, Singapore, East and West Malaysia, and Brunei. This is the first time that a reigning British monarch has visited Southeast Asia. With the Queen was her husband, Prince Philip, and her daughter, Princess Anne.

The cover photo was snapped by the editor with a Minolta fixed lens camera on busy Pagoda Street in the Chinatown section of Singapore. The light area above her head was caused by a flash photographer on the far side of the crowd. At the left is Mrs. Lee Kuan Yew, wife of the Prime Minister of Singapore.

The closest the Queen came to the Far Eastern Division office compound was the Toa Payoh resettlement estate.

How to Hear Adventist World Radio

RESPONSES and inquiries from all over the world have been received at the General Conference seeking information about the Trans-Europe outreach of Adventist World Radio. A.W.R. broadcasts in the 31 meter band on 9670 kiloHertz. Though the signals originate from the Atlantic coast of Portugal, they have been heard in Russian Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, Africa, and North America.

A.W.R. broadcasts are in 12 European languages, besides English and Arabic. The schedule for the English programs is: Sunday 0830, and Saturday 1200, Greenwich Mean Time.

A.W.R. is funded by the gifts of our church members through regular channels and by the international radio appropriations made by the General Conference to the Euro-Africa and Northern Europe-West Africa Divisions. The initial cost of the project will be one million dollars U.S. over a three-year period.

Responses during the first three months of operation indicate a widespread and interested audience. Reports from both western and eastern Europe show that the message is reaching the millions of these countries and encouraging them to write for Bible courses and other special offers.



Asian Theme Spurs Fund-Raising Projects

Eight young ladies from the Warburton, Australia, Sabbath School made a colorful and impressive appearance in their Thirteenth Sabbath program on December 18. Dressed in the national costumes of India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, China, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, and Vietnam, the girls represented eight hard-working groups in their Sabbath School.

Each group rallied to support the girl from their Asian country, and a great many fund-raising projects flowered simultaneously. An army of junior salesmen and saleswomen promoted their wares, which included rare food delicacies, clothing, and garden shrubs. In seven weeks the young people achieved remarkable results. A total of A.\$214 went toward the offering overflow for lamb shelters, a hospital, and a launch in the Far Eastern Division.



Loyal Unionites in the F.E.D.

One of the most loyal alumni groups in all of the Far East come from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. They meet for a luncheon during every Division Council session in November. The group currently in the Far East is shown in the above photo. The president is Pastor M. R. Lyon, publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

—D. A. Roth

News About Books

IF you really want to get involved in MISSION '72, you should have a copy of **How to Win a Soul**, by Robert A. White. This practical little paperback starts out by describing the conversion experience and goes on with details of how you can help the Holy Spirit convict and convert. It's U.S.\$1.95 well spent.

If you're really interested in doing something about the ever-prevalent drug problem, you'll need copies of a new publication called, **Enlist in the War Against Drugs**. Dramatic stories, straightforward questions and answers, and avant-garde art combine to give this magazine real impact. Single copies are 50 cents U.S., and bulk prices are available from Southern Publishing Association.

We're repeating ourselves with this one, but

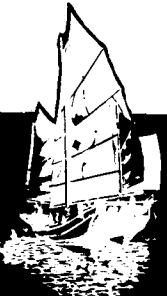
Happiness Homemade should be part of your program too. How about starting a neighborhood study group on family problems? The common sense advice from Ellen G. White will go a long way toward solving some everyday dilemmas for you and your friends.

For those of you who are tempted to use the "too busy" excuse for not getting involved, we have a solution. Take five minutes to think of five people you'd like to win. Then send each of them a subscription to **These Times**, **Message**, **Signs of the Times**, or **Liberty**. Not only will they appreciate your thoughtfulness, you'll continue your witness throughout the entire year. What could be simpler?

—Paula Becker, P.R. Director,
Southern Publishing Association



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



NORTH PHILIPPINES



MIZPAH. The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital staff say good-bye to the Sherrards, pictured here with their daughter Sherry and Mother Hubley, Mrs. Sherrard's mother.

Sherrard Family Leave Philippines

ELWOOD H. Sherrard, business manager of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, left January 16 with his family on permanent return to the United States, after serving almost 20 years in the Far Eastern Division. His successor at the hospital is Eduardo C. Corpus, assistant business manager and director of patients' business since 1968.

The Sherrards first came to the Orient in May, 1952, when he was called to be principal of what was then the Malayan Union Seminary in Singapore. Mrs. Sherrard was a part-time teacher. After their first furlough, they were transferred to the Philippines where he served two terms, one at Philippine Union College and the second at the Manila Sanitarium

and Hospital, as business manager in both institutions. He will be manager of the Ventura Estates, a denominational home for elderly people at Newbury Park, California.

In the North Philippine Union, Mrs. Sherrard began child evangelism work which in turn spread to the other two Philippine unions. She prepared the child evangelism materials being used in many churches in the Philippines and now being ordered by other unions of the Far Eastern Division and other world divisions. Parent-Home department materials are also products of her dedicated efforts. Before they left the Philippines, she was assistant health secretary of the North Philippine Union.

The Sherrards have two daughters, Dena and Sherry, who, like their parents, are both nurses.



P.U.C. Graduate Receives Weniger Fellowship

Philippine Union College alumnus Nestor Zamora (left) is one of this year's four Weniger Fellowship recipients studying at the Andrews University School of Graduate Studies. Each fellowship carries a stipend of \$2,000.

With Zamora above are (standing) Ron Stone, dean of the graduate school Dr. Gordon Madgwick, (seated) Mrs. Arbutus Likens Carlisle, and Mrs. A. Eileen Nelson.

Zamora's fellowship is in the department of music. He is a 1958 graduate of Philippine Union College, and is the second Weniger Fellow in music from P.U.C.



SMILES. Mrs. Marion Simmons congratulates a graduate of the "Transformed Home" course at Philippine Union College Academy.

Parent-Home Courses in the North Philippines

THE year 1971 was a good year for the Parent-Home department of the North Philippine Union. During that time almost 2,000 individuals received certificates at Parent-Home graduations in various parts of the union.

Impetus to this was provided by two itineraries made by Mrs. Marion Simmons, division elementary supervisor and Parent-Home secretary. During the first half of the year she was speaker at five such graduations, where her addresses were inspirational and challenging. Graduates determined to study the Parent-Home courses year by year. Here are some highlights.

At a worker's meeting in the Central Luzon Mission, a special graduation was held for teachers and workers. Some had finished the "Transformed Home" course, while others had completed the "Marvels of Life" course. There were others who qualified for certificates from both courses.

Seven churches were represented in the Caloocan Center Parent-Home graduation. A potluck supper followed.

The Manila Central church had their colorful graduation on Independence Day in the Philippines. This was during the Light and Life evangelistic crusade of Pastors R. C. Williams and C. A. Galang.

Graduates of Polillo in the South-Central Luzon Mission included some faculty members and third- and fourth-year students of the Polillo Adventist Institute. The mayor, vice-mayor, treasurer, two councilors, the deputy governor, the rural health nurse, and six public school teachers were among town officials who graduated.

The Parent-Home graduation at Tirad View Academy in the Mountain Province Mission was the most colorful, for some came in highland and

lowland costumes. It was the biggest graduation group for the first half of the year, 256 in all.

Junior and senior students, together with most of the faculty members in the Northern Luzon, Pasay Adventist, and Tirad View Academies, finished the "Transformed Home."

During the second half of the year, 650 graduated from the course at Philippine Union College, including 21 faculty members. Pastor J. R. Spangler, General Conference Ministerial Association associate secretary, used for his text, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." His message was greatly appreciated.

Following the college graduation, 150 academy students received certificates at their special service.

—Mrs. T. V. Barizo,
Parent-Home Secretary,
North Philippine Union



Parents of the Year Given Awards at P.U.C.

Two families were honored at Philippine Union College during the celebration of Parents Day on December 2. In the top photo, Mrs. Pacita Magdamo is being greeted by Court of Appeals Justice Lourdes San Diego, speaker during the program, and below is Severina Arit, a retired church school teacher, receiving an award plaque from P.U.C. President O. C. Edwards.

Mrs. Magdamo, Mother of the Year, is shown with three of her 11 children, oldest of whom is Dr. Sally Magdamo, a dentist at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital and a professional singer. Mrs. Magdamo was chosen, among other things, for her unstinting faith in Christian education. Even in the face of hardships she has managed (and is still managing) to put her children in Adventist schools.

Mr. Arit, Father of the Year, has five children all in denominational work. Neslor is North Philippine Union MV secretary and associate temperance secretary; Minerva (Penaranda) is a music teacher at P.U.C.; Carmen (Correces) is a church school teacher; and Bayani is educational and MV secretary of the Central Philippine Union. Not in the photo is Naomi, a secretary in the publishing department of the Far Eastern Division in Singapore.



Sabbath School and MISSION '72 Discussed



D. B. Alsaybar

D. B. Alsaybar Earns Ph.D. Degree

DELFE B. Alsaybar, former guidance director at Philippine Union College, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation last December and was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in secondary education by the University of Iowa on January 21. The dissertation was entitled, "A Comparison of Teachers' Inservice Education Programs with a Theoretical Model."

Dr. Alsaybar, whose studies abroad are sponsored by P.U.C. and the Far Eastern Division, graduated from P.U.C. academy in 1948, from the college with a B.S.E. in 1952, and with an M.A. in 1968. He was ordained to the ministry in 1960 while principal of Mindanao Mission Academy.

THE five local mission Sabbath School and child evangelism secretaries of the North Philippine Union had a Sabbath School and child evangelism secretarial council November 10 and 11. With Pastor and Mrs. T. V. Barizo, union Sabbath School and child evangelism secretary, respectively, presiding.

The main theme of the council was "The Sabbath School and MISSION '72." The discussions were focused on how the Sabbath School could win more souls in the new year. The council recommended to push vigorously all Sabbath School evangelism facets, including Vacation Bible Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools. Our Sabbath School missing members should be found. All unbaptized Sabbath School members who are of baptismal age should be encouraged to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and be baptized.

Promotion of all Sabbath School offerings was discussed. It was noticed that the Sabbath School offering in 1971 was much lower than in 1970. The council is recommending to all Sabbath School members in the union the plan of giving three percent of their income for Sabbath School offering. This recommendation is identical with the recommendation voted in Singapore during the division quadrennial session, which convened at the same time.

The new Sabbath School Association constitution and bylaws approved by the union committee on August 24 was discussed at length so that each one would know the provisions of the constitution. It is hoped that this constitution will bring about greater soul-winning endeavor among our Sabbath Schools in the entire North Philippine Union.

—**T. V. Barizo,**
Sabbath School Secretary,
North Philippine Union

Publishing House Holds First Retreat

LAST December three busloads of Philippine Publishing House workers, with their wives and husbands, attended a retreat in Baguio City—the first in the history of the publishing house. Keynote speaker was Pastor B. G. Mary, division temperance secretary, who related experiences of God's leading in the publishing work.

Other devotional speakers included Pastor F. D. Lao, union publishing secretary, who vowed with every worker to match zeal with zeal in the evangelistic thrust of MISSION '72. Pastor P. H. Eldridge, Far Eastern Division president, brought the series of messages to a climax with his descriptive discourse on Bible "Medal Men."

Other retreat features included a guided tour to many historic spots in the Baguio area, including the Philippine Military Academy. Flor B. Conopio, associate editor, was retreat coordinator



B.P.A. Branch

Perhaps the first of its kind in the Far Eastern Division is this branch office of the Book and Periodical Agency of the Central Luzon Mission right inside the campus of Philippine Union College.

Jerry Dezeno, in charge of the branch, is giving books to some student literature evangelists.

The Central Luzon Mission is also the first mission in the Philippines to have a bookmobile program promoting the sale of our own books, especially the Spirit of Prophecy books, to our own people.

—Salvador G. Misaflores

The Culasings as Literature Evangelists

THE Cabaritan church in Ballesteros, Cagayan, was the first Seventh-day Adventist church in that province. This first church can also claim a unique family of literature evangelists—that of Mr. and Mrs. Merced Culasing and their ten children.

The mother, who was formerly Miss Catalina Urbe, was a literature evangelist before her marriage. Of the ten Culasing children, six have become second-generation literature evangelists—Dellie, Margie, Rolanda, Arcelie, Merced, Jr., and Luz. These have all been canvassing in the Mountain Province Mission, with headquarters in Baguio City. Margie and Arcelie have become credentialed literature evangelists, and the others have colporteur licenses.

Richard, another younger brother, will begin canvassing this coming summer. The other remaining three children will start as soon as they are old enough.

Dellie and Margie became student leaders during the 1971 summer student program in the Mountain Province Mission.

The work of the publishing department in the North Philippines will successfully attain its aims under the blessing of the Lord and with the loyalty of hard-working literature evangelists such as the members of the Culasing family. May God prosper each one!

—Oseas I. Zamora, Secretary-Treasurer,
Mountain Province Mission

Won by "Health and Home"

"If only such a magazine had been introduced to me earlier, during the dark years of my life, I should not have suffered so much," is the testimony of Faustino G. Pobre, Jr., now in his last year at Philippine Union College in preparation for the medical course.



F. G. Pobre, Jr.

Pobre worked in the regional health office in Taguegarao, Cagayan. He was a gambler and a heavy drinker and smoker. Miss Perfecta Bautista offered him a copy of **Health and Home**. He subscribed for a year, then another year. The magazine impressed him so much that he

wrote a letter to the editor:

"I have followed the wrong path of life and have tried all the worst vices. I never expected any reform or change, in spite of the good advice of my mother. But when I read copies of your magazine, all those bad habits were cut off like a miracle."

Pastor Geronimo Calangan, evangelist of the Northern Luzon Mission, gave Pobre Bible studies, and Pastor J. R. Bailey, ministerial secretary of the North Philippine Union, baptized him in March of 1970.

Manila Sanitarium Opens New Air-conditioned Dining Hall

THE Manila Sanitarium and Hospital recently opened its much improved and enlarged dining hall. It is air-conditioned and seats 100, more than twice the number that could be accommodated in the old dining hall.



OPENING. Mrs. Stanley Condon, wife of the sanitarium medical director, cuts the ribbon officially opening the new dining hall.



DINERS. Those who use the new dining facilities at the Manila Sanitarium enjoy the chance to relax from their work, eat, and talk in their pleasant and comfortable surroundings.



PLANNING. Mrs. Rhodie Imperio, dietitian, confers with Miss Fedrina Cometa, dietary supervisor.



Pastor and Mrs. Nick S. Tumangday and their three children, Mini Joy, Sunny Love, and Ardys Gladden.

Meet the Bible Staff of M.V.C.

PASTOR Nick S. Tumangday brings 19 years of experience to the Bible classroom at Mountain View College. Since his graduation from Pacific Union College in 1952, he has served as ministerial intern and Bible teacher in addition to being dean of men in both academy and college. He has worked in three missions: East Visayan, West Visayan, and Northern Mindanao. He has served Mountain View College as dean of men and chairman of the Bible and history departments until taking up his duties as dean of students this past school year. Pastor Tumangday received his Master of Arts degree from Pacific Union College in 1966.

Mrs. Meriam Tumangday has a B.S.E. degree from Pacific Union College and an M.A. in teaching English from the University of the Philippines. She is chairman of the department of communication.

The Lord has richly blessed the ministry of the Tumangdays at Mountain View College.

Soul Winning at M.V.C.

DURING the past 12-month period ending December 1, 281 persons were baptized at Mountain View College. One-fourth of this number were college students. The other baptisms resulted from the efforts of ministerial students in more than 30 barrios near the college.

Each Sabbath approximately 150 students leave the campus for missionary endeavor. Numerous Branch Sabbath Schools, Bible studies, baptismal classes, and public meetings are conducted each week.



Non-Adventists Ingather

Seven of the 11 children in the picture are non-Seventh-day Adventist children who involved themselves in the Ingathering work this past year. They went out with four of Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Balansag's children and received nearly 60 pesos. Pastor Balansag is lay activities secretary of the Northeastern Mindanao Mission.

M.V.C. Trio Records for Voice of Prophecy

NOEMI Cabahug, Edna Kinilitan, and Forsythia Catane sing together as the Miriam's Trio and during Christmas vacation recorded 300 songs for the Voice of Prophecy. The young ladies sang in six languages—Pilipino (Tagalog), Ilocano, Bicolano, Pampango, Pangasinan, and Ibanag. While recording, they were the guests of the North Philippine Union and Pastor C. A. Galang, speaker of the Voice of Prophecy in Manila.

The Miriam's Trio of Mountain View College have already prepared music in English and Cebuano for the "Focus on Living" radio broadcast sponsored by ministerial students at Mountain View College and Pastor Montana, Voice of Prophecy speaker for the Central Philippine Union in Cebu.

Their music will be aired over 12 stations in the Philippines during the months to come.



TRIO. The young ladies in the Miriam's Trio at Mountain View College, Noemi Cabahug, Edna Kinilitan, and Forsythia Catane, are pictured with Pastor C. A. Galang, Voice of Prophecy speaker in Manila.



Seminars Challenge S.S. Leaders

PASTOR W. V. Clements, division Sabbath School secretary, was the special guest at the two-day Sabbath School seminars held in the four missions of the Central Philippine Union. These seminars lasted for eight days during the latter half of January, and they were well attended.

Pastor Clements emphasized the need of integrating all departments of the church. He expressed his conviction that in order to hold the church together, the leadership must be trained and strengthened.

"It is alarming," he stated, "that while thousands are entering the front door, other thousands are going out the back door of the church."

Leading out in the meetings was Pastor O. L. Alolor, recently elected Sabbath School secretary. He was assisted by Mrs. A. F. de Angel, Parent-Home secretary, and the writer.

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

Personnel Changes at Miller Sanitarium

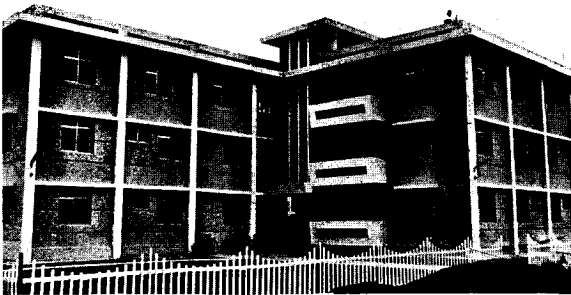
DR. Loreto R. Garcia, chief surgeon of Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, has been called to the Cagayan Valley Adventist Hospital, where he will be medical director. He replaces Dr. C. A. Fernando, who left for the United States.

Dr. Garcia is not only an experienced surgeon but is also an enthusiastic leader in community activities. As a member of the local Jaycees, he chaired the medical committee that specializes in giving free service to harelip patients. Altogether he has operated on 127 harelip patients. Because of his dedicated service to humanity, in 1970 he was chosen as one of the outstanding young men in the Philippines.

"I prayed to God for guidance whether or not to accept the call from Cagayan Valley, but all signs indicated that I should. In fact, my wife was the first one to express her belief that we ought to go," Dr. Garcia commented during the *despedida* party given in his honor last January.

That same evening, P. M. Lopez, business manager of Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, was also honored. Because of health problems, he has been advised by the doctor to have complete rest.

—D. M. Niere



Apartment Building Houses Mission Headquarters

The Tai An (Taiwan Mountain) Mission workers apartments pictured above can house five families and several single workers. Until the completion of the office which is being built to the right of this building, the ground floor apartment on the right side of the picture is being used as temporary Tai An Mission headquarters.

The Tai An Mission has nearly 50 churches and companies scattered in the mountain region of Taiwan. Since the industrialization of Taiwan has attracted many mountain young people to come down to the plains to seek employment in the factories, the aboriginals are rapidly being "plainized."

—Samuel Young



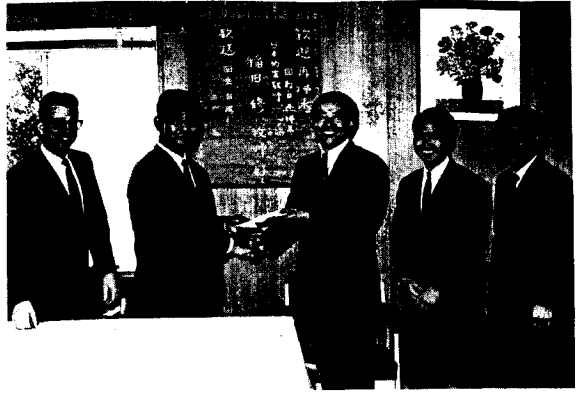
The Samuel Young family

Young Family Arrive in Taipei

DR. and Mrs. Samuel Young, with their three children, Samuel, Jr., Peter, and Sylvia, arrived in Taiwan during January. They were met at the Taipei international airport by a large group of workers.

The Youngs had been temporarily in Hong Kong since July. Dr. Young is not only union secretary but is also heading the education department of the union. Mrs. Young will be doing her husband's Chinese secretarial work. All three of the children are in church school.

—Doyle Barnett, President,
South China Island Union



PRESENTATION. Japan Union committee members present a check to Pastor Osamu Inada, second from left, a Japanese missionary to Taiwan, so he can purchase a motorbike. Pictured with Pastor Inada are Pastors C. B. Watts, union president; T. Iwahashi, ministerial secretary; K. Soneda, acting secretary; and N. Nakagawa, publishing secretary.



Japan Missionary College News Notes

* The board of directors has appointed the following individuals to new responsibilities for the school year beginning April 1:

M. Hirota, college dean of students; T. Watanabe, director of religious affairs; K. Koide, elementary school principal; M. Ueda, program director, Chiba Academy of Continuing Studies; M. Takemami, program director, work education.

* Y. Chiba, present pastor of the college church, will enter an academic upgrading program leading to the Master of Arts degree and librarian certificate, and connect with the college library.

* Beginning with the new school year, T. Watanabe will serve as college church pastor, and M. Ueda and F. Iwasaki as assistant pastors.

* The college high school, which up to now has operated on a three-term system, will change to the semester system with the new school year.

* Y. Chiba has been appointed as Saniku news editor. Assisting him will be S. Suzuki as high school correspondent and F. Hayasaka as junior high school correspondent.

—R. E. Klimes, President

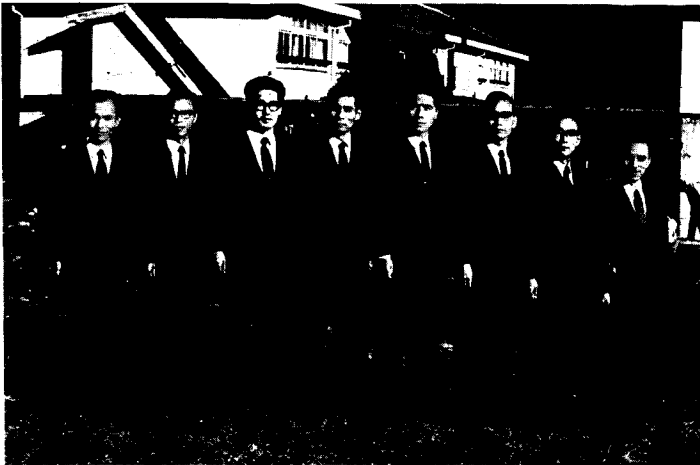
Japanese Give Gift to Worker in Taiwan

AT a recent meeting of the Japan Union Mission executive committee, a gift of Y500,000 (U.S. \$1,700) was presented to Pastor Osamu Inada, a Japanese missionary who is presently working among the mountain tribes of Taiwan.

The purpose of this gift is to enable Pastor Inada to procure a motorbike to use in his travels in some of the remote mountainous areas where other vehicles cannot go. As it is often necessary for Pastor Inada to travel many hours by foot to reach some points, it is hoped that this motorbike will enable him to cover ground more rapidly and thereby enable him to use his time and energies to better advantage in forwarding the Lord's work.

This gift is a token of love and an evidence of interest in Pastor Inada and his work by ministers, workers, literature evangelists, and church members in the Japan Union.

—Lois May Watts



Eight Ordained

At the time of the 1971 Japan Union Ministerial Institute held at Amagi Sanso on the Izu Peninsula, eight young men were ordained to the gospel ministry. They were (left to right): Y. Mukai, pastor of the East Osaka church; M. Yamagata, instructor in the religion department, San-iku Gakuin College; S. Shibata, pastor, Aizu Wakamatsu church; K. Matsuzaka, pastor, Fujieda church; F. Iwasaki, pastor, Kujikawa church; S. Orihara, pastor, Kumamoto church; S. Wagatsuma, pastor, Yamagata church; M. Hosoyamada, pastor, West Sugamo church, Tokyo.

—Lois May Watts



Penang Youth Camp

I SLOWLY opened my eyes that Monday morning and felt the warmth of the sun as I lay gently rocking on the floor of the speedboat. Towering high in the distance were coconut palms laden with nuts. The air was cool, everything was quiet, and the soft lapping of the waves on the boat made me drowsy.

For four days Wong Khai Thim, Lim Cheow Boon, Lee Peng Cheong, Peter Soong, Kor Chin Chye, and I had been in Pulau Rimau doing what we could to prepare the site for the coming youth camp. And now it was Monday. Soon the campers would arrive. I got up quickly and nosed the boat toward the shore.

Immediately after breakfast, I started the 50-horsepower Mercury engine of Dr. Sam Ketting's outboard motorboat and headed toward the trawler village of Batu Maung on the island of Penang to meet the jubilant campers.

Pulau Rimau, where we held our camp, is a little island lying southwest of Georgetown and facing

BASKETRY. Campers begin work on baskets during their stay at the Penang Youth Camp.



the Bayan Lepas airport. It is privately owned, has a modest lighthouse, an abundance of coconuts, and boasts of a beautiful stretch of clean sandy beach. No one but the lighthouse keeper lives on this island. There were 27 campers, and we thanked God for the excellent weather throughout the whole week. All that time the sea was calm, the breeze cool, and the nights clear and starry.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng, Malaya Mission MV secretary, was our camp instructor and counselor, while Pastor James Wah of the Penang Adventist Hospital served as camp pastor. Penang Adventist Hospital nurse Narcisa Pulanco was both camp nurse and craft instructor. Mrs. Wong Yew Seng and Brother Goh prepared healthful and appetizing meals, which the campers devoured.

Besides the usual program highlighted by a nightly camp fire, honors in swimming, crafts, and many other MV activities and achievements were available to campers. Other very important features of our camp were the spiritual talks and prayer bands. On Friday night the campers testified of God's love and reconsecrated themselves to the task of helping other youth find salvation. One young lady publicly accepted Christ as her Saviour and requested that she be baptized soon.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped make the camp a success. Above all, praise be to God for His great out-of-doors!

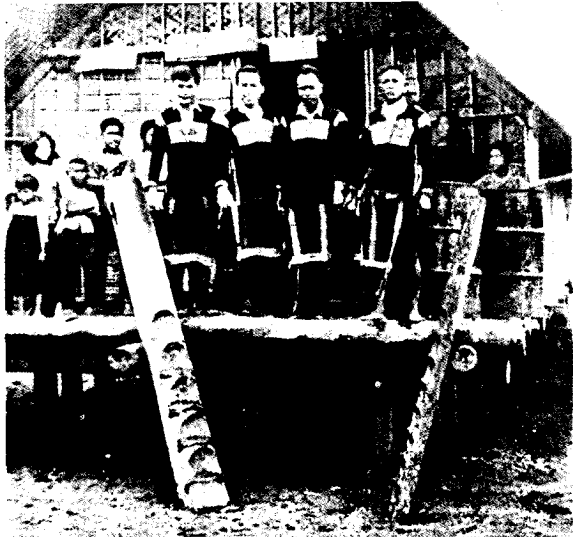
—Raymond Poey, Director,
Penang Youth Camp

New Convert Evangelizes Rhade Tribe

ESON, rifle in hand, covered his assigned area. Being a first sergeant in the South Vietnamese Army meant that he was responsible for keeping his area secure, and his sharp eyes covered the area well. He looked into every suspicious place as he walked into the village of Dam-Rong near his base camp. Suddenly he was attracted by a sign. He read and re-read it. "What's this?" he asked half aloud. "Seventh-day Adventist Church!"

Eson belonged to the Rhade tribe of Montagnards and his home was off across the mountains. His people hadn't heard that there was a Creator, or that there were people in the world who worshiped on His Sabbath. So it was not strange that he should be attracted by such an unusual sign.

Something about that sign stirred his curiosity. He just couldn't shake it off. He had to know what it meant. As he investigated the building, he found Pastor Ha Quanh, also a Montagnard but of the Koho tribe. To Eson's question the pastor gave a ready answer. He had to make it brief as he knew that a soldier on duty couldn't spend much time talking. Yet he had to answer in such a way as to give this inquirer a little taste of eternal fruit. He saw the answer to his silent prayer as Eson's curiosity changed to an interest explosion. Eson promised to come back and talk further.



Eson, Pastors Duong Sau and Ha Quan, and the chief of B Ea Yong B Village in front of a Rhade home. Pastor Sau wears the Rhade costume.

Pastor Ha Quan taught Eson as much as he could, but felt that his best was not good enough. He urged Eson to go with him to Dalat where the district pastor lived. There he could learn even more. But it was a day's journey on foot. Eson asked for a few days' leave from duty in order to make the trip.

In Dalat Eson was introduced to Duong Sau, the Vietnamese district pastor. Pastor Sau was impressed: any man who would take a leave and walk a day's journey to satisfy his curiosity about a church name, must be following Heaven's guidance. Without delay Pastor Sau launched into the studies. Eson was delighted. Not only was his own chronic thirst being satisfied, but an artesian well was springing up in his soul, a well that would overflow to others. His own people must hear this. (The Mission staff had been praying for an opening into the Rhade tribe, but they hardly expected this.)

Back to his post he went. His feet fairly flew; he could hardly keep from dancing along the trail. His heart was as light as the puffs of clouds that played in the sky above him. As he followed the familiar trail, he began composing his request for release from duty. The law says that Montagnards are not forced to serve in the armed forces. They serve on a voluntary basis.

The captain was dismayed by his request. He saw in Eson the qualities he needed in a soldier. He determined not to lose him without a struggle. When persuasion failed to work, he tried a raise in salary. The figure got precariously high. Eson had only dreamed of such a monthly check. But the young soldier stood his ground. He would not be lured. He could not be bought at any price, for he had in his hands a "pearl" of more value than the wealth of banks, the pride of rank, or the pleasures of sense. With his discharge clutched firmly in his hand, he made his way back to the village of B Ea Yong B, in Dar Lac Province.

What a change he had made! He had exchanged his I.D. card for a license from the district pastor, his M-16 machine gun for a picture roll, his grenades for a set of Bible lessons, and his rockets for a Sabbath School quarterly on the life of Christ. Armed

with these, he worked steadily for two months until he had covered his whole village. Then, feeling he had led his people as far as he could, he returned to Dalat for more help.

Pastor Sau petitioned the Mission for permission to go to this village to check on what was happening. So a short time later he, Pastor Ha Quan, and Eson went back to B Ea Yong B. They began by giving free haircuts to all comers. They visited the sick, praying for them and giving them medicine. The medicine was something quite different to these people used to beating a gong and dancing wild dances to expel the evil spirits. How surprised they were to find that the sick got well without their devil ceremony! Songs and stories delighted the children.

After a long hard day, Pastor Sau went to his mat to get some sleep. He was so tired he could hardly keep his eyes open—but they opened in surprise to find Eson, lamp in hand, leaving the house. His jaw dropped in amazement when he learned that Eson was going out to pray for some of the sick people of his village. It was not until 1 a.m. that Eson dropped wearily onto his mat—he, a young Christian, **not yet baptized**, only three months re-



These Rhade Sabbath School members hope soon to have a church of their own.

moved from the day he had first set eyes on an Adventist church!

Soon a week's series of meetings was held in the local "town hall"—a building with tin roof and low walls made of grass. After preaching and visiting for a week, Pastor Sau made a call, inviting the villagers to accept Jesus Christ. More than one hundred stood, including the village chief.

Eson and six others from the Rhade tribe were brought down to the Youth's Congress held in Saigon in October. What a thrilling sight it was to watch the first seven of this new tribe baptized into Christ Jesus! And these are only the firstfruits: another 38 will follow soon. How splendid was the response to the appeal for funds to build a church in B Ea Yong B. Those present at the Congress contributed the equivalent of more than U.S. \$1,000 to erect the first Rhade church, on land contributed by the chief. We thank our God for another first in Adventist Mission Advance.

—Clyde R. Bradley, President
Vietnam Mission



SPECIAL FORCE. Six young men who volunteered to work in Sarawak for a period of time without pay are Stephen Agong, Ambrase Linang, Gilbert Tuan, Yap Yee Khiong, Wee Hun Been, and Sagim Suar. Standing with them are Pastors Richard Hall, Sarawak Mission president; B. E. Jacobs, division MV secretary; and R. S. Watts, Southeast Asia Union president.

"Special Force" Volunteers for Work in Sarawak

SIX young men responded to the call for volunteer workers made by Pastor R. S. Watts, Southeast Asia Union president, at the time of the Sarawak Youth Congress last December. They were Wee Hun Been, Ambrose Linang, Gilbert Tuan, Yap Yee Khiong, Sagim Suar, and Stephen Agong.

Having heard of calls from heads of villages for persons to teach their people the message of salvation and knowing the lack of workers to meet these calls due to financial difficulties, Pastor Watts felt compelled to challenge S.D.A. youth to give their time and talents for a period of three to six months without pay toward meeting these needs. The Holy Spirit could be felt at the Sarawak Youth Congress moving mightily on the hearts of delegates as one by one the young men went forward to accept his challenge.

Immediately after the congress, three of them flew with Pastor Dick Hall, Sarawak Mission president, to Miri, a large town in the northern section of Sarawak. Lately, reports have started coming in about the good work this "special force" is doing.

From Wee Hun Been, the first young man to respond to Pastor Watts's appeal, came these cheering words: "We have been here in Miri for ten days now. We give out tracts to people, and so far have enrolled 160 Voice of Prophecy students. We meet many friendly people, Catholics, Anglicans, and others. So far the only opposition encountered was from a dog. However, temptations are great and we keep praying. How happy we are that God answers our prayers."

No doubt his enthusiasm is typical of the others. Things happen when young people go out for souls. May their tribe increase!

—B. U. Donato, MV Secretary,
Southeast Asia Union

Pangan Baptizes Seven in Laos

PASTOR Abel Pangan is a man in a hurry to prepare more people in Thailand Mission for the coming of the Lord. Despite his heavy program of promotion as Sabbath School, MV, and temperance secretary of the mission, he and his wife Ofelia went to Nam Yawn in Laos for an evangelistic crusade which lasted from November 23 to December 12 last year. They left their three children in Bangkok and lived with the Miao people, who are animists and spirit worshippers, in order to share with them the message of salvation and the second coming of Jesus.

Assisting them were Brother Pornchai, a village Adventist worker, and the local church members, who had been greatly strengthened by the revival messages that Pastor Pangan presented. Dr. Philip Gertsch of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital worked with them during the first two days of the crusade.

During the day Pastor Pangan and Brother Pornchai visited homes making friends, administering simple remedies to the sick, and giving Bible studies to the interested. Meantime, Mrs. Pangan conducted sewing and cooking classes for the village women and girls. At night, Pastor Pangan preached while Mrs. Pangan assisted him as receptionist and organist.

Such a dedicated team could not help but see the results of their labors. At the close of the crusade, five new families embraced the truth. Seven were baptized and five others prepared for the next baptism.

Among those baptized was a former spirit worshipper who had wasted away due to a long illness, despite the incantations of witch doctors. After this man accepted Christ, he reorganized his way of living in order to conform to the divinely inspired health principles that he had learned. Now he is completely well, an impressive testimony to the healing and saving power of God.

Pastor and Mrs. Pangan are looking forward to another evangelistic crusade in the near future.

—B. U. Donato



SEWING. Mrs. Abel Pangan teaches village women and girls in Nam Yawn, Laos, the simple elements of sewing while her husband visits with the menfolk and invites them to his evangelistic crusade.



Ministers Ordained in West Java

On Sabbath afternoon, February 5, at the Djakarta evangelistic center auditorium, an ordination service was held for five candidates: Aspin Lukas, publishing secretary of the West Java Mission; Jason Manalu, Sjamsudin Marbun, Othmann Silalahi, and Tamba Tambunan, church pastors. Officiating were Pastors N. G. Hutauruk, president; P. L. Tambunan, secretary, and C. G. Oliver, treasurer, of the West Indonesia Union; and Pastor A. L. Lesiasel, president, West Java Mission.

—J. R. Sumual, P.R. Secretary,
West Indonesia Union

Travel Hazards in Nusa Tenggara Mission

TRAVEL in the Nusa Tenggara Mission of the West Indonesia Union is uncertain and time-consuming. If one wishes to visit some of the islands, he must make arrangements a long time in advance. Even so, there are often sudden changes in the schedule.

For instance, on one occasion Pastor A. Hendriks planned a trip to Kisar. He expected Brother and Sister Katipana, active laymen from that place, to accompany him. They discovered that the "Kalimutu," a small boat, was to make the trip—but unfortunately for them, it was scheduled to leave on the Sabbath. They begged the captain to postpone sailing until after the Sabbath, but he was firm. The ship was to leave at 11:30 in the morning.

The "Kalimutu" did leave, but a heavy rain-storm came up, and because the ship's compass did not work well, the captain brought her back to port.

Following repairs, the ship sailed the next day. This time Pastor Hendriks was aboard. They reached Kalabahi, and after two hours, they headed toward Kisar, intending to leave food supplies at various islands along the way. The trip from Kupang to Kisar took four days, and during that time the rain never stopped. On the fifth day the atmosphere cleared. Then suddenly a strong wind came up,

their anchor broke away, and it seemed that the ship might sink. Fortunately they were near a beach and a few of the people were able to swim to shore, but Pastor Hendriks and some other church members stayed with the ship.

A number of passengers and sailors tried to recover the anchor by diving after it, but their efforts met with no success. Finally the brave captain dove in and was able to free the anchor that had caught in a large rock—though he came up nearly dead.

After meeting with our brethren at Kisar and baptizing three individuals, Pastor Hendriks and the church members who had come with him joined the little ship again for the return trip to Kupang. They started out, even though the compass did not work well. Our Adventist members prayed to God for protection and put their lives in His keeping. They learned that the Lord, full of mercy, takes care of His servants, for on the eighth day the ship reached Kupang safely.

This experience encouraged our workers. They remember that the messenger of the Lord has said: "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)

—S. R. Wewengkang, Principal,
Nusa Tenggara Academy



Bandung Hospital Bestows Service Awards

ONE hundred twenty-two employees, each having worked at Bandung Mission Hospital for five or more years, were presented service award certificates at the hospital's annual Christmas party held on December 21. These workers represent a total service of 987 years of work.

In the picture Mangapul Hutapea (extreme left), personnel director and coordinator of the program, watches Dr. A. H. Mamora, medical director, present a 20-year service award to Miss Jetty Penina, an employee in the hospital's laboratory who began work at Bandung Mission Hospital three months after the hospital originally opened on October 2, 1950, in a remodeled house in Bandung.

Also appearing in the picture are workers completing 15 or more years of service. Left to right, front row, Miss Theodora Djagia, 15 years; Mrs. Eva Sael, 17 years; Emur, 16 years; back row, Hengkie Katoppo, 19 years; Sukarman, 17 years; Oding, 18 years; Kusno, 16 years; and (not pictured) Mrs. Lily Suhany, 17 years.

Service award ceremonies are being planned annually in the future where hospital employees will be honored who have, in that year, completed 5, 10, 15, or 20 years of service at the hospital. The administration is proud of all 223 employees and 57 student nurses at Bandung Mission Hospital who are faithfully serving to bring physical, mental, and spiritual healing to their fellowman.

—Cleo Johnson,
Business Manager



FAR EASTERN ISLAND MISSION

Branch Sabbath Schools Meet on Ponape

CAN anything bring more joy to a Christian than to see 40 or more children's faces beam with happiness as they learn about Jesus? This is the way it is when you go to Branch Sabbath School on Ponape. A church of just over 50 members conducts four Branch Sabbath Schools each Sabbath afternoon. These are scattered throughout the district center and bring Jesus to more than 100 children.

Ponape is a small island district of Micronesia. It is located in the Pacific about 2,700 miles southwest of Hawaii and 980 miles east of Guam. These beautiful, tawny-skinned, black-eyed people under the strong leadership of their dedicated Pastor Frank Taitague and his faithful wife Mariquita, both of Guam, enjoy telling the wonderful stories of the Bible to others of their island.

Everyone gets into the act. The student missionary, Miss Kathy Hickerson, from Pacific Union College, and other church workers and their wives lead out. Church members volunteer their time to teach the Bible stories in their native tongue, and teenagers go throughout the villages to invite the children to come.

Armed with only a flannel board, a few pictures, and a Bible, these determined people set out on foot,



STORYTELLING. Mrs. Mariquita Taitague, the pastor's wife, and Rensper Liwy tell a story to a group of Ponapean children during a Branch Sabbath School.

by motorcycle or truck, often over muddy, potholed roads, to their appointed meeting area. At times community sentiment has been against them, and some have tried to stop Branch Sabbath Schools; but nothing can halt God's work, and all four schools are still going strong.

Their meeting place may not be fancy, but that never dulls the spirits of those who come together. A store under construction, a family's home, an abandoned house, or a grassy spot under a breadfruit tree serve equally well.

Often newcomers are shy and need to be encouraged to enter the meetings, but it is not long until they are joyfully singing "Jesus Loves Me." Attendance is not limited to young ones, but we find as the music fills the air and the leader's pleasant voice and colorful pictures present God's love, adults too will pause to listen to the thrilling stories of Jesus.

Many children bow their heads before the Lord for the first time, and all is still as a sincere Ponapean prayer is heard. What a beautiful silence!

As the children sing, "Branch Sabbath School is over," and prepare to leave, they are encouraged to come next week and to bring a friend. Each little one skips merrily down the dirt path toward his home with fond memories of a pleasant hour spent, and there is no telling how many of these precious souls may grow up to be firm followers of Christ because of what they have learned on these Sabbath afternoons.

—Marilyn Whipps

Johnston Holds Crusade in Koror

DIVISION evangelist Bruce Johnston recently concluded a Voice of Prophecy crusade on Koror, West Caroline Islands. Because of the visiting Congress of Micronesia, public buildings were not available for the occasion. However, the Seventh-day Adventist church seats 450 people and was used for the meetings. Each evening the church was filled to capacity with many standing outside in the tropical moonlight, listening as Pastor Johnston presented his messages.

The series was thrilling from the very first night as decisions for Christ were made. Pastors Mengiraro Ngiratechekii and Johanes Adelbai were exceptionally active in visiting, setting as their personal goal two decisions daily for Christ. Pastor Keith Watanabe also was very busy in visiting and assisting in the meetings. Pastor Willy did an excellent job of translating. The writer led the song service.

Thirty-six souls took part in the first baptism, with many interests being cultivated by a second series of meetings that were held by the writer. Attendance was good, and our hearts are thrilled at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit here in Koror as manifested by the changed lives and a fine harvest of souls.

—O. K. Scheller, District Director,
Palau-Yap Islands