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Deskside Chats



Camouflage

AN historical legend from old Japan tells of a great warlord who, during a period of peace, staged an entertainment for his neighboring ruler. Proudly showing off his refurbished castle, he pointed out the intricate system of moats which surrounded it. Then he directed his guest's attention to an even larger outer moat being constructed for maximum protection.

Shaking his head in polite disapproval, the guest warlord observed: "You already have the best fortified castle I've ever seen. Surely a ruler as great and wise as you will not waste all that time and effort on a vast new moat that you will never need."

Soon, with much display of pomp and splendor, the visitor departed.

Basking in a glow of self-confidence, the proud warlord called off his construction crew, filled in what had already been dug of the outer moat, and settled down for an era of tranquillity. Whereupon his clever neighbor attacked with stunning suddenness and quickly conquered his inadequately protected castle.

King David, ever a skillful strategist, recognized that subtle danger lurks in the flattering approach. He wrote: "The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart." Psalm 55:21.

It is easy to draw the obvious lesson: Beware of the smooth talker. But there is something deeper here. Could we ourselves sometimes be guilty of the sneaky-smooth approach? Consider these possibilities:

A compliment with a concealed dagger.

Enthusiastic support of someone else's obviously mediocre program in order to forestall criticism of a questionable project of your own.

Smooth talk to camouflage ignorance.

Stubborn eloquence in defense of a pet suggestion that has already been proved to be impractical.

Joining eagerly in the denunciation of a guilty person with the real purpose of covering some misdeed of your own.

A great show of zeal to divert attention from a serious lapse of judgment.

Arguing with forceful logic against a really good proposition just because you see it will make unnecessary an idea you plan to suggest.

Our heritage of evil has left each of us with an instinct for the clever cover-up. We despise it in others. We don't like to admit it in ourselves. That's what led David to pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

THE Alvin Bartletts share with us another story from Indonesia well worth your reading.

"Right at the close of World War II there was a fine Christian family by the name of Raranta living in the city of Langoan in North Celebes. This family was honest and industrious, and of a good reputation in the community. And they were regular attendants in their church. At this time the Adventists opened a public effort in Langoan. John, one of the older Raranta boys, was one of the youth leaders in his church, and as such was assigned by his pastor to do whatever he could to break up the Adventist meetings. At first he and a number of other young people organized a jeer group to taunt the people who were attending the meetings. When this proved ineffective, they threw stones on the tin roof of the meeting place, and finally even directed stones at the preacher and other helpers.

"However, the Christian home training which he had received caused him to question the assignment given him by the church, even while he was carrying it out. As he watched the Adventist pastor, and from a distance heard the message each night, his heart was touched. In the end he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized. Christian home training had triumphed over the hypocrisy of his church.

"John immediately became a home missionary and soon had won an older brother and three younger brothers to the truth. During the years that have followed, this family has been one of God's shining lights. The older brother, who was already married, has for many years served as a leader in the Langoan church. He has sent his children to our school, and one of his sons is now a teacher in our academy. John and his three younger brothers have become pillars in our work in East Indonesia. Here is a brief outline of what they have done and where they are now.

"John Raranta finished our two-year ministerial training course at Gadobangkong. He served as a church pastor for two years and then as a departmental secretary. For the past 15 years he has been a mission president, having served in three missions. At the present time he is the president of the South Minahasa Mission.

"Walter Raranta finished the ministerial course at our junior college at Cisarua and went immediately into departmental work as a publishing secretary, serving first in a local mission and then in the East Indonesia Union. About five years ago he was appointed as the secretary of the East Indonesia Union, which position he still holds.

"Benjamin Raranta graduated from the four-year ministerial course at Cisarua and went into pastoral work in North Celebes and later became a departmental secretary in that mission. During a crisis in

one of our academies, he became principal and demonstrated administrative ability, as well as the ability to deal with delicate problems. At the present time he is the president of the Central Celebes Mission.

"Peter Raranta, the youngest, did not attend our academy or college. However, after completing training in a government school, he is now teaching in our academy at Kawangkoan.

"The fact that John and Walter and Benjamin each finished a different level of training in our school does not indicate that they had different degrees of scholastic ability or initiative. Rather, it shows the development of the school, which was being rapidly upgraded at that time. Each of the boys finished the highest level being offered at the time they were in attendance and entered the work immediately upon their graduation."

We would like to add another chapter in one sentence. All are married to Seventh-day Adventists, all have established Christian homes, and all have their children in Seventh-day Adventist schools. Indeed their motto is:

TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

Former Orient Worker, William Scharffenberg, Dies

A veteran overseas worker to the Orient and long-time General Conference temperance crusader, Pastor William A. Scharffenberg, died recently at the Paradise Valley Hospital in southern California.

For many years Pastor and Mrs. Scharffenberg served in China, where he was director of the Home Study Institute. In this capacity he traveled in other parts of the Orient, especially the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia.

Pastor Scharffenberg is best known for his ardent work in the cause of temperance. He built the department in the General Conference from a one-man organization to one of the largest in the world headquarters office.

COVER PHOTO

This sweet little Asian miss seems to be saying, "Please, sir, don't forget us." Snapped by the editor at the Taiwan Academy in the South China Island Union Mission, the picture shows the daughter of a school faculty member assisting in agricultural production.

Every day groups of students and faculty members go into the fields for several hours of labor in addition to the classroom schedule. Every teacher has a garden plot, and every week when he/she assists in the supervision of the students. The little ones go along and do what they can to help.

The cover is an appeal to support the cause of temperance which will be taken in all churches of the Far Eastern Division on Sabbath, July 7. See articles on pages 4 and 5 by the president of the Division and the members of the General Conference.

Worldwide Currency Crisis Offering Sabbath, July 7, 1973

DURING the last 18 months fluctuating values of world currencies, particularly the American dollar, have caused a crisis in the worldwide work of Seventh-day Adventists. Losses reported from the various divisions to the General Conference exceed three million U.S. dollars. Our own Far Eastern Division has been seriously affected. By the end of this year our losses will total nearly U.S.\$1,000,000.

Early in April the General Conference Committee approved emergency measures to bring some relief. These include a special appropriation from reserve funds of U.S.\$500,000 and a worldwide offering with a goal of U.S.\$1,000,000 for North America and U.S.\$350,000 for the overseas divisions. These goals are based on annual tithe income.

While this offering will be taken on May 26 in North America, other divisions have been asked to set their own schedules. The Far Eastern Division committee has designated July 7 as the date for this offering to be received in all our churches throughout the Far East. Our share in the worldwide goal is U.S.\$24,268.

Every member, every worker, every organization and every institution should plan to have a part in this offering. It should be the largest ever. As we give we should remember that the Far Eastern Division will probably receive from this offering about ten times as much as we contribute! Certainly this is a unique opportunity for us to show our support for the worldwide work of the church.

—Paul H. Eldridge, President,
Far Eastern Division

No Retrenchment, Please!

ABOUT four decades ago, by the stroke of a pen, President Franklin D. Roosevelt devalued the U.S. dollar by 41 percent and ended the use of gold as domestic money in the United States. On August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon took a similar step by decreeing that the United States would no longer redeem foreign-held dollars for gold. A few months later he announced a devaluation of the dollar, amounting to about eight percent.



Pastor Emmerson

Then, on February 12 of this year, only 14 months later, a second devaluation of the U.S. dollar became necessary to cope with an international monetary crisis. This time the devaluation was about 10 percent against gold and resulted in a downward evaluation of as much as 23 percent in relationship to some currencies of other major countries of the world.

For the church and its worldwide mission pro-

gram carried on in approximately 125 different currencies and which depend to a large degree on the U.S. dollar for its support, this means a sharp reduction in the amount of money available, for the dollar will purchase less local currency for salaries, building programs, medical supplies, etc.

The actual financial loss to the world divisions, from both devaluations, was at first calculated at about U.S.\$3,250,000; but there are very recent indications that it will be closer to U.S.\$4,000,000.

More than half of the 125 different currencies in which the General Conference and world divisions deal have been adjusted adversely in relation to the U.S. dollar. Almost daily there are changes in the value of the U.S. dollar in its relationship to other currencies.

The resulting instability and moving values of our currency vis-a-vis the other currencies of the world make it very difficult for us to plan for the financing of the world church on either a day-to-day or long-term basis. This introduces a new element to church world finance—one of constant uncertainty as to the real value of the U.S. dollar, our basic currency in the church, or any other foreign currency. Considerable time is spent in study of current international financial activities as well as actions contemplated by governments for the solution of the monetary system.

Missions Affected

As a result of the 1971 devaluation, even after emergency funds were applied, our records indicate that five of the overseas divisions found it necessary to cancel calls for 50 overseas missionaries. Leadership feels, as was stated at Spring Meeting, "The worst thing would be to have our missionaries come home in these last days. We cannot believe it is the Lord's will to cut back in our work."

When Jesus gave the command of "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," (Matthew 28:19,20), He did not suggest that we pull back in the face of financial problems such as dollar devaluations.

Mrs. Ellen G. White has said, "I feel intensely over the needs of foreign countries, as they have been presented before me. In all parts of the world angels of God are opening doors that a little while ago were closed to the message of truth. . . . To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 465).

"Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 29).

"Unless your hearts are touched in view of the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy

Book Review Column

THE drug scene is here to stay—an accepted, if frightening, fact of contemporary society. Literature on the subject abounds and ranges from the totally scientific to the exciting and dramatic. The continuing success of the two-year-old magazine, "Enlist In the War Against Drugs," published by Southern Publishing Association, is ample proof of society's concern for the problem.

One of the most spellbinding stories to come out of the drug culture in recent months is a new paperback called **The Cross and the Needle**. It's an autobiographical account of one heroin addict who kicked it. Although the scenarios are almost horrifying, and the language is distressingly authentic, this book will undoubtedly be a best seller. Don't start it if you have anything important on your schedule—it demands total attention. From Pacific Press, \$1.95.

With the prevailing interest in survival clubs and outdoor living, a book on the subject was inevitable. Just released by Southern Publishing Association, **A Field Guide to Wilderness Living**, by Catherine Gearing, is a detailed presentation of all aspects of this important subject. Which wild plants are nourishing? How do you purify water? Can you start a fire without matches? How do you build and furnish a shelter in the woods, the desert, or even the snow? Dozens of fascinating questions with equally fascinating and sensible answers highlight this practical book. The author has ample background in her subject. She is a registered nurse who has spent more than ten years in wilderness research. She also serves on the governing committee of the International Wilderness Club. This book at \$3.95, is a must for all outdoor enthusiasts.

On the lighter side, we hope you'll visit your Adventist Book Center soon and become acquainted with **God's Happy Children**. This is a refreshing collection of illustrated beatitudes especially for young children. For example, "Blessed are the peacemakers" is paraphrased to read: "People are happy who help others live and play happily together." The small, colorful book sells for 95 cts.

—Paula Becker

to the world will be restricted, and the work which God desires to have done will be left unaccomplished" (**Testimonies**, Vol. 6, p. 446).

Retrenchment is not the answer. The answer is in a renewed commitment and special effort in giving on July 7, 1973, an offering which will go in its entirety for the one purpose of keeping our work advancing. Mrs. White says, "One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten . . . at some future period" (**Testimonies**, Vol. 5, p. 732).

The General Conference has taken from emergency and reserve funds U.S.\$1,300,000 to partially meet this situation; but we are U.S.\$2,700,000 short of covering the losses. Won't you give a liberal offering on July 7? —K. H. Emmerson,

Treasurer, General Conference



Pastor Kenji Soneda

Introducing Youth Leaders of Far Eastern Division

IT is a pleasure to introduce Pastor Kenji Soneda, enthusiastic youth leader of the Japan Union, Pastor Soneda has spent most of his 19 years of ministerial work in saving our youth. For 13 years he taught at Japan Missionary College and the last three years he has served as union MV secretary.

He received a B.A. degree in theology from Japan Missionary College, a B.A. degree in history from Hosei University in Tokyo, and an M.A. degree in history from Andrews University in America.

It is wonderful to visit this home of pure Japanese culture and witness the dedication of Pastor and Mrs. Soneda and their two lovely children, Yoshio and Junko, ten and seven years old.

The youth of Japan love Pastor Soneda. His wise counsel and outstanding knowledge of the Scriptures has served a real need of the youth in his country. In addition to being a good leader, he is also a musician, currently learning to play the accordian so he can be of greater service in youth camps, rallies and conferences. The theme of his life is "Be ambitious for the Lord."

Japan is planning a unionwide Bible conference camp in May, informs Pastor Soneda, "to give our youth strong convictions in the Advent message in these last days." Several camps will also be conducted this summer for junior and senior youth.

Pastor Soneda has had invitations to enter other avenues of service but feels a definite call to continue his youth ministry. For this we are very grateful.

—B. E. Jacobs,

F.E.D. Youth Director



Pastor Martin

Pastor Smith

General Conference Guests Itinerating in Division

TWO special guests are currently in the territory of the Far Eastern Division, Pastors Paul Smith and Charles Martin. The former is connected with the stewardship department and the latter with the department of youth activities.

Pastor Martin is a former secretary of the MV department of the Far Eastern Division and lived in Singapore for many years. He will be in Singapore at the time of the mid-year committee meeting late May and early June. He is itinerating throughout the Far East in company with Pastor B. E. Jacobs.

Stewardship training programs are being held in every part of the Division by Pastor Smith in company with Pastor C. A. Williams, Division stewardship secretary. A Divisionwide stewardship council has been scheduled in Singapore following the mid-year committee meeting.

South Philippines Hosts Interdepartmental Meeting

THE South Philippine Union hosted a Philippine triunion interdepartmental meeting held March 4 to 7 at the spacious Adams Center in Davao City, headquarters for Adventist work in Mindanao.

The four-day meeting was attended by administrators and departmental leaders in the union and mission levels from all over the Philippines. Far Eastern Division personnel participating were Pastor W. T. Clark, Pastor and Mrs. W. V. Clements, Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Pastor Bruce Johnston, and Pastor C. L. Shankel.

The objective of the meeting was to coordinate all departments of Adventist activity for total involvement. Administrators and departmental leaders, challenged by their division counterparts, suggested ways total involvement could be effectively implemented on the church level.

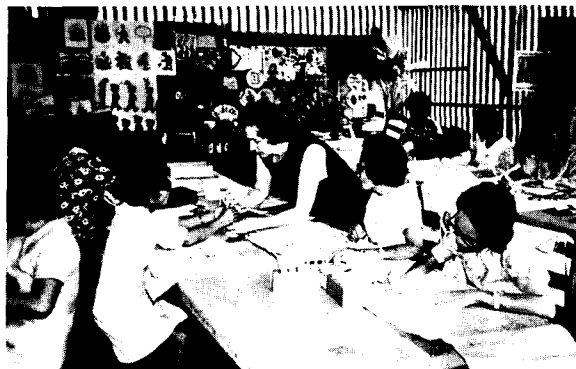
By 1980, when the world conference of Seventh-day Adventists convenes, the Far Eastern Division hopes to double its membership through the coordinated program of minister-layman evangelism, with each church member choosing one or more fields of endeavor in personal witnessing.

Also given emphasis during the conference was the effective use of visual aids in Sabbath School and public evangelism. The materials, which were displayed during the meeting, are made available by the North Philippine Union visual aid department.

At the time of the interdepartmental meeting, a child evangelism seminar was conducted by Mrs. Clements for the union and mission child evangelism secretaries. Seventeen ladies attended, representing every one of the three unions and 14 local missions in the Philippines. Displays of sample teaching aids added color to the four-day meeting. It is believed that these ladies will bring home their new ideas and share them with our church members.

Many believe that under this united approach, our work in the Philippines will witness a greater harvest of souls. In consecrating themselves to the work, the delegates fittingly ended a most profitable meeting.

—C. P. Ranario, Public Relations Officer,
Northeastern Mindanao Mission



COLORING. Mrs. W. V. Clements demonstrates to ladies of the Central Philippine Union how to color visual aids depicting Christ's second coming.



SPEAKER. Pastor W. T. Clark was among the group of Far Eastern Division staff members who spoke at the interdepartmental meeting in Davao.



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



KOREA



Overseas Worker Receives Master's Degree in Korea

George Haley, veteran overseas worker connected with Korean Union College, has obtained a master's degree in veterinary microbiology from Seoul National University. The unique part of his achievement was that the course work and thesis were done entirely in the Korean national language. There were times when Haley even served as a lecturer in some of the classes and gave everything in the Korean language.

He is shown seated, center, looking at his diploma while other overseas workers are gathered around him. Below, Haley smiles broadly as he shows his degree, also written in the Korean language. Congratulations, George Haley, for this outstanding accomplishment!

—D. A. Roth



JAPAN

J.M.C. News Notes

* With the new school year, the following were placed in new leadership positions: In the junior high school: F. Hayasaka, director of teaching and registrar; N. Sawada, director of work education; Y. Tominaga, director of religious activities; and K. Matsuoka, director of student life. In the senior college, T. Kawai, assistant chairman, department of education. In the junior and senior college: I. Ichimura, registrar and records coordinator; and T. Tadokoro, assistant registrar.

* Upon the request of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital and the Japan Union, the college board of directors has voted to apply to the Chiba prefecture to establish a school of nursing with a miscellaneous school approval at San-iku Gakuin. The board has further appointed a committee to study the operations of the new San-iku Gakuin College department of nursing and the present Tokyo Sanitarium school of nursing as this new approval is sought.

—R. E. Klimes, President



Japan Missionary College Class of 1950 Reunion

The Japan Missionary College class of 1950 recently held a reunion with its former class sponsor, Dr. S. Kunihiro. This outstanding graduating class includes two mission presidents, five union committee members, and many church and institutional leaders. Seated in the center are Dr. Kunihiro, union president, and his wife and son.

—R. E. Klimes, President



NORTH PHILIPPINES

Philippine Union College News Briefs

* **T**HE P.U.C. Adventist Collegiate Taskforce (ACT) reports that 101 persons were baptized as a result of their missionary endeavors in 1972. Aside from this record, ACT has also conducted several Voice of Prophecy free Bible courses, Vacation Bible Schools, and Voice of Youth meetings in several parts of the country.

ACT has now four student missionaries. Three are working with the Mangyans in Mindoro, and one is doing evangelistic work at Concepcion, Ilocos Sur.

* Professor Roman Senson, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, and Pastor Gil Fernandez, head of the undergraduate religion department, gave a series of lectures on moral and religious principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to third-year medical students at the University of the East Ramon Mag-saysay Memorial Medical Center. In addition to these lectures, Pastor B. G. Mary, Far Eastern Division temperance secretary, spoke on the church's stand on temperance and showed films. Dr. Conrado Jimenez, college physician, lectured on vegetarianism.

The panel of lecturers was invited by Dr. Elena Ines-Cuyegkeng, dean of the School of Medicine. The medical students were very interested in many of our doctrines, and they kept asking questions. One very significant question was: "What do Seventh-day Adventists do on the Sabbath?"



President Speaks at Chapel

On February 12, Pastor M. G. Jereos, president of the North Philippine Union, spoke at the Seminary chapel. He pointed out the real responsibilities of the ministry in soul winning, visitation, and protecting the church from destructive influences.

Pastor Jereos is a real supporter of the ministerial upgrading program as is reflected in the many candidates we have in the Seminary program from his union. We greatly appreciate this support! The Seminary warmly welcomed Pastor Jereos to its chapel period, and looks forward to his return at some future time.

"Counsels on Stewardship" in Pilipino

MGA Payo Sa Pagiging Katiwala is the Pilipino title for **Counsels on Stewardship**, by Ellen G. White. The first 130 pages of the book have been translated into the national language of the Philippines and printed at the Philippine Publishing House. This is the book's first translation into Pilipino.

The Ilocano translation, one of the main dialects of the Philippines, will be off the press soon.

This book will enlighten, we are sure, our Filipino brethren and sisters regarding the correct concept of stewardship.

—T. V. Barizo, Stewardship Secretary,
North Philippine Union



Naga View Gardens

The gardens at Naga View won first prize in the schools category on the regional level in the National Green Revolution Contest. The Bicolandia region is composed of six provinces.

Writes farm man A. V. Gayares: "As a result of this achievement of the school in the Green Revolution, Naga View has been made more well known throughout the region, particularly among the schools. Recently 400 teachers visited our campus. Our garden area of 1.5 hectares is planted to a variety of vegetables such as sweet corn, sweet peppers, cabbage, pechay, radishes, eggplants, tomatoes, squash, beans, and lettuce. We are grateful to the Lord for all this happening in Naga View."

N.P.U.M. News Notes

* S. G. Miraflores, Philippine Publishing House editor, is being sent by his board on a three-month tour of Adventist publishing houses in the United States. He leaves this month and plans to enroll for a course or two in journalism at Andrews University besides visiting the publishing houses.

* Dr. Loreto R. Garcia, Jr., Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital medical director, was recently elected president of the newly organized Santiago Rotary Club in Isabela. In 1971 Dr. Garcia was an awardee of the Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines.

* Lydia Garcia, P.U.C.-Naga View Campus English teacher, passed the oral examination recently for her master's degree. Her thesis is entitled, "Three Methods of Teaching English Composition to College Freshmen: A Comparative Study."

P.U.C. Student Profiles: The Charles Gabans

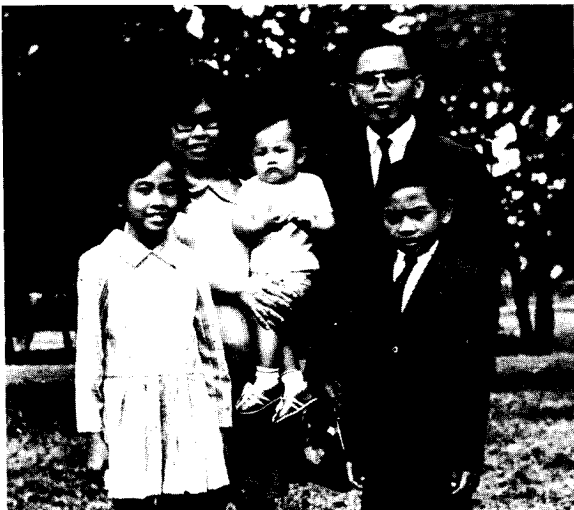
CHARLES Gaban and his wife Constance are two 1973 graduates of Philippine Union College, each with a master's degree, his in school administration and hers in English. Brother Gaban will be secretary of the youth and education departments of the Sabah Mission, and his wife will teach English and Senior Cambridge classes at the Sabah Adventist Secondary School in Tamparuli.

The family arrived in Manila in January, 1970, and moved into one of the duplex apartments in the graduate housing area. Seven-year-old Cheri and six-year-old Elvin enrolled in the campus elementary school while mother and father started on Phase I of their educational program, the completion of their bachelor's degrees. This was accomplished by April of 1972.

Phase II, graduate studies, then began. No family sickness marked the next nine months. Life seemed to have settled into a relatively predictable routine of seminars, term papers, endless assignments, and, of course, examinations. This tranquillity prevailed until January, 1973. Then the pressure of thesis proposals, comprehensives, and hours of research and writing mounted, along with the urgent need to be getting back home to the work in Sabah Mission.

Brother Gaban was putting the finishing touches to the first draft of his thesis when an epidemic of mumps swept the campus. The children brought it home from school and shortly afterwards passed it on to their mother, who by this time was in the midst of writing her own thesis. Of course, kind neighbors came to help, but much of the responsibility of the "home hospital" rested upon father.

How do the Gabans feel about their experience at Philippine Union College?



The Charles Gaban family

"Living here has been very comfortable," Mrs. Gaban commented. "We have enjoyed the companionship of our neighbors so much. I know we shall miss it, even though we are naturally looking forward to going home now."

Speaking of graduate study, Brother Gaban remarked, "It's rather like a vacation—not from work, certainly, but from public responsibility. There is a kind of isolation in which you are devoted entirely to your studies, but at the same time you have a warm, satisfying relationship with fellow workers from all over the world."

Our best wishes go with the Gaban family as they return to their homeland, Malaysia.

—Dorothy Minchin-Comm



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

News from South China Island Union

MARCH was a record month for TV program response. A total of 3,404 letters was received, 900 of which were enrollments for the new introductory Bible course. TV has become our best source of enrollments. The program which brought the greatest response in March was a drama which portrayed the evils of tobacco. It featured Dr. H. T. Liu, a prominent cardiologist in Taiwan.

Interests sparked by S.D.A. no-smoking programs have reached U.S. military personnel who requested Five-Day Plans in both Tainan and Taipei, Taiwan.

Lt. Steve Chizmas organized the Tainan program and arranged for poster, newspaper, and radio publicity at military expense. Dr. Luwayne Stout, dentist at Taiwan Adventist Hospital, joined Pastor Raymond Brodersen for three sessions with the class. During the five-day program, 13 participants quit smoking. Three weeks later, in a follow-up meeting, four more had joined the still-successful 13.

An interesting series of events in Taipei led to the conducting of three more clinics, with a fourth in the making. Dr. Hand, a military doctor in charge of Taipei Air Station, received a letter from his father in America, telling of his experience kicking the smoking habit while attending a Five-Day Plan in the States. He advised his nonsmoking son, Dr. Hand, to contact the Adventists in Taiwan and arrange for such clinics for his military personnel. Dr. Hand not only made the contact but arranged for TV, radio, newspaper, and poster advertising and organized everything for the clinic.

Then he, by choice, became the doctor who worked with Pastor Brodersen during the five nights of the clinic. Still inspired, Dr. Hand contacted his Baptist pastor, who requested a bilingual clinic to be held in his Yang Ming Shan Baptist Church in April.

—Mrs. Paulene Barnett



Sarawak Youth Rallies Held

NEVER before in the history of Sarawak Mission have the youth been aroused to greater zeal in youth evangelism than now. We were greatly impressed by this fervor during the rallies held with Division youth director B.E. Jacobs and union youth director B. U. Donato during their recent visit to Miri, Kuching, Krangas, Putah, Keniong, and Ayer Manis. Our visiting team included Peter Wong, Sarawak Mission treasurer, and Hugh Johnson, volunteer missionary pilot, who took us around in the "Messenger."

During our rallies, which were each concluded with a solemn candle-lighting ceremony, an investiture service was held for those who had completed requirements in various MV classes. In Ayer Manis and Sunny Hill Schools, Pastor Jacobs inspected the Pathfinder Clubs. The Sunny Hill Pathfinder inspection was preceded by a press conference, during which press representatives from the leading newspapers in Sarawak asked questions regarding the Pathfinders and our youth work in general. This interview resulted in a number of very favorable news reports accompanied by excellent pictures in the local papers. Pastor Jonathan Ng, mission PR secretary, made the arrangements for this press conference.

The new Master Guides invested were Serena Gui and Wilfred Sim, both teachers of Sunny Hill School, and John Lee, a young ministerial worker of the Sarawak Mission.

—Paul Nyungga,
Youth Director, Sarawak



INSPECTION. Pastor B. E. Jacobs inspects Kuching Pathfinders.



GROUP. This is the group of new believers at Mae Goklo, Mae Sariang, in North Thailand.

Evangelism Among the Karens

SEVENTEEN persons were baptized during the evangelistic effort that Pastor A. V. Pangan and his assistant, Pastor Aw Gaw Paul, a Karen worker, conducted at Mae Goklo in Mae Sariang near the Burmese border in North Thailand. The open-air meetings commenced December 21, 1972, with more than 120 attending. Despite chilly weather, the villagers came night after night. Some had to hike for one or two hours each way over mountain trails to attend the meetings. On January 6, six individuals were baptized.

Follow-up meetings were held from February 7 to 10 and resulted in 11 more souls baptized. Two of those who accepted Christ were witch doctors. One of them was well-known throughout the area for his powerful witchcraft and very effective medicine.

Pastor Aw Gaw Paul laid the groundwork for this evangelism by conducting a Vacation Bible School, followed by a Branch Sabbath School and a strong visitation program. Health teams from the Bangkok Adventist Hospital made several trips to the village to hold clinics. At first, the people were cold toward the Adventists. However, after they had observed that the newcomers were different from other Christian groups and were clean, sincere, and loving, they changed their attitude. Later on they extended our workers typical Karen hospitality by inviting them to eat in their homes—even just a few bites in several homes during one mealtime.

The Karen people are not easy to convert to Christianity. They are contented with their old customs and start chewing betel nut, drinking rice wine, and smoking crude homemade cigarettes during childhood. Like other hill people, the Karen tribes are mostly spirit worshippers. Bound by superstitious beliefs, they do not readily accept new tenets unless they have spent months observing that the missionaries live up to what they preach.

When it was suggested that the new believers move out to a new location to establish a model Adventist village, Pa Tino, the former renowned witch doctor, said that the idea was splendid, but it

would leave their neighbors and friends who have not yet embraced the truth without an opportunity for the Adventists to win them to Christ.

"If we would leave them, we would not be able to lead them to the Saviour through our transformed lives. We have to witness for Jesus among them," he explained.

What a tremendous challenge for lay evangelism!

—A. V. Pangan,
Departmental Secretary



BAPTISM. Pastor A. V. Pangan baptizes a former witch doctor in a shallow stream.



P.R. Seminar Held in Thailand

A nationwide public relations seminar was held in Bangkok, Thailand, recently following the triennial constituency meeting at the Ekamai school. President D. K. Smith directed the program, which included lectures, discussions, motion pictures, and slide presentations.

The group attending the meeting is shown above holding visual aids prepared by the communication department of the General Conference. Seminar instructor was D. A. Roth, communication secretary of the Far Eastern Division.



Evangelism in Eastern Samar

BORONGAN is the provincial capital of Eastern Samar. It is a town facing the Pacific Ocean, and although quite isolated from the rest of the country, its people are not backward. In fact, they are healthy, law-abiding, and educated. Peace and order in the province is excellent.

It was in this town, where the people are friendly and their homes clean and neat, that a Better Living Center was opened on March 11. Before the lecture was given, a film on smoking was shown which drew close to a thousand people. The center was packed, with many standing along the sides and at the front of the building. Brother Ben Culibra gave a short health lecture before the writer presented his part the opening evening.

We are glad that after the effort, the center will be turned into a permanent church building. The lot upon which it stands was bought by the East Visayan Mission. At present the center consists of only the posts and roof, a very attractive front, and a stage. There are about 30 benches inside, and these were filled with people every night. Follow-up work is being conducted for more than 100 individuals.

Part of the reason for the interest in Adventist evangelism is the influence of the consecrated lives of Dr. and Mrs. Jeremias Araba. They are well-known in town and in the province of Eastern Samar.

Dr. Araba is a prosperous dentist practicing in Borongan. His life is an open book to the whole town. His father died when he was still very young. When he was old enough, he left town to try his luck in the sophisticated city of Manila. He was a house boy, a boot black, and finally arrived at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital as a janitor, where he served for eight years. In the evening he studied at the dental school until he graduated and passed the board. At the sanitarium he met his wife, the former Rachel Dayao, who was a Bible instructor there. Not long after their marriage they decided to settle in Borongan to serve their own people.

There they are loved and respected. They are members of many civic organizations in town. Often they are asked to speak to civic as well as educational groups. One great burden on their hearts has been the erection of a chapel. Now their dream is coming to reality. Although the center is not yet finished, they were happy to witness last March 10 a group of about 100 people holding the first Sabbath service in the center. Many of those who attended were from neighboring churches who came to help distribute 3,000 handbills that afternoon inviting people to the Better Living Center the next day.

—D. M. Niere, P.R. Secretary,
Central Philippine Union



School of Nursing Receives Teaching Doll

IN Room A of Mountain View College School of Nursing at Tibanga, Iligan City, lies quietly Madam Chase. She is not dead for she has never been alive.

Madam Chase is a human-eyed doll. Her size is much bigger than ordinary dolls. She teaches student nurses without saying a word. She allows them to handle her body so they may learn nursing procedures before doing them on an actual patient.

Because of the important role she plays, the school of nursing acquired two of these silent "teachers." The first was given by Philippine Union College School of Nursing. Rather old and weak, she is now kept away from curious hands. The second is a young and willing demonstrator. She arrived in Mindanao from the United States about a year ago, a gift of Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Kattenhorn. Dr. Kattenhorn is in charge of the general practice section of Portland Sanitarium and Hospital.

Through Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Dick of Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital this specific need of the school of nursing in the South Philippine Union was filled.



SILENT TEACHER. Third year student nurses at Mountain View College are well acquainted with Madam Chase. Through this voiceless demonstrator, they learn many nursing procedures.

Academy Hosts Teachers' Institute

MINDANAO Mission Academy in Manticao, Misamis Oriental, was host to 246 delegates during the union-wide elementary and secondary teachers' institute held last December. This number included 223 teachers from the South Philippine Union, two associate educational secretaries from the Far Eastern Division, two professors from Mountain View College, one representative from the Central Philippine Union, six South Philippine Union officials, four special guests, and eight mission workers.

Featured in the daily program were singspiration periods, devotionals, a professional hour, study and discussions, "A Century of Adventist Education" described by Mrs. Marion Simmons, music and quizzes, and recreation. Everyone profited greatly during all these different periods.

During the institute, an ordination service was held and four workers received into the ministry. They were: C. D. Artigas, L. T. Maypa, G. M. Murcia, Jr., and R. A. Tabingo.

The Mindanao Mission Academy teachers who acted as hosts were most gracious. The meals served were well prepared. Mr. Esteban Solis and Mrs. E. F. Arroyo, together with their crew of efficient helpers, did a splendid job. Special appreciation was mentioned for Pastor E. A. Moreno, South Philippine Union educational secretary, who was in charge of the whole affair. —**Mrs. Rose Donasco-Neri, Southern Mindanao Academy**

Matutum View Academy Grows

FEW of our Adventist believers have heard of this new academy situated almost at the foot of Mount Matutum in South Cotabato. It was started in faith and thus came to be known as the "School of Faith." The auditorium, elementary and high school buildings are permanent structures which have been put up, without mission help, through the cooperation of teachers and church members who contributed both money and strength.

Enrollment this year reached 547, a figure higher than that of any academy in either the Central or South Philippine Union. This school is not yet recognized. It lacks books, science equipment, administration building, and homes. It has no safety vaults to keep money and important papers. The treasurer is not worried about where to store the cash, because as soon as he collects, he pays!

Weeks of Prayer are welcomed by the student body. Pastor S. L. Llaguno, South Philippine Union secretary, was the speaker the first semester of this school year. The meetings were cut short when classes were suspended by the declaration of martial law.

The second semester Week of Prayer speaker was Pastor A. A. Villarin, South Philippine Union Sabbath School and lay activities secretary. The students were very responsive to his messages, and Pastor Villarin later commented, "I have never witnessed a student group with such a response to the call of the Holy Spirit." Friday evening the communion service was celebrated. Most of the students participated even though the deacons could serve only one-third of them at a time due to lack of glasses.

An indication of the spiritual atmosphere prevailing at Matutum View Academy is that 50 students were baptized during this 1972-73 school year.

—**L. S. Lacson, Jr., Principal**