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Deskside Chats



Can You Cope?

Sometime ago I visited an old friend from college days. During my stay in his home, a very lovely young lady dropped in on several occasions. He introduced her as his son's girl friend, and her affectionate acceptance by the whole family made it quite obvious that a marriage would follow. When I commented on the girl's attractiveness, my friend revealed his satisfaction with his son's choice by an unusual comment that showed his appreciation for something more than her beauty.

He said, "She can cope."

Not often does a small word project so large a picture of capability. Here is the difference between the earnest plodders and the real achievers. Often it is the margin between success and failure. It is always one of the distinguishing marks of a leader. He can cope.

Jeremiah the prophet, unable to find anyone in Judah who could reverse the current of apostasy, asked plaintively: "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

Every organization, the church not excepted, has large numbers of individuals who willingly carry out their assignments. Routine duties, situations that come within the guidelines, maintenance of the *status quo*—these tasks they handle well. Good at avoiding difficulties, they keep the program moving. They are needed, and they will get the rewards of earnest effort.

But always there will be a special demand for those who are not dismayed when the problems come. To them, challenge is stimulating. They remove obstacles, rather than trying to detour around them. Handling small difficulties every day keeps them "in training" for the crises when they come.

The world pays premium prices for this kind of leader. But God goes much farther than that. "He is able and willing to bestow upon His servants all the help they will need. He will give them the wisdom which their varied necessities demand." (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 482)

God is looking for people who can cope.

Can you?

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

It was early in the year 1917 when war clouds hung heavily over the United States. The country had just entered into World War I.

A conference (called "mission" in the Far Eastern Division) president pitched a tent, and with his wife and three children began a series of meetings proclaiming the present-day truths. A mother with a teen-age daughter, another daughter almost 11 years old and her only son not quite three years of age, attended the meetings. Although married to her husband in a Methodist church in 1900, she was searching for more light and a deeper religious experience. Her search ended as she found the preachings and teachings of this president and his sons to be what she had longed for. Not entering into the sacred rite of baptism immediately, she carefully studied with a Bible worker until she was satisfied that the Seventh-day Adventist church was the true one. The following spring she was baptized and until her death in 1954 never wavered in her faith, loyalty and devotion to the cause of God.

Always in church

The husband did not share his wife's enthusiasm for the new doctrines nor did her oppose her. Consequently, her children went to Sabbath services with her. They also attended prayer meetings, and youth meetings. Every time the church doors were opened, this mother and her three children were present. Visiting preachers were always sent to this home where there was a guest room. Church socials and farewell parties were held here and the husband consented to all these happenings.

In 1919 the firstborn was invited to teach church school. After four years in the classroom she married the Sabbath school and lay activities secretary of the conference and was his helpmeet for almost 43 years, until his death.

Missionary to Middle East

The baby boy grew to manhood, became a pastor-teacher, then a pastor, a student in the seminary studying the Russian language, preparing to enter Russia as a missionary after World War II. This never materialized as new workers have not been allowed to go into that country. Instead, this young man of 30 years with his wife and little daughter, went to the Middle East. There he gave

his life for the work of Christ and sleeps today in a mission grave in Bagdad, Iraq.

The middle child? What did she do? Following her academy graduation in 1923, she taught church school for 14 years before becoming a conference educational superintendent and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

I am that girl! What a wealth of pleasant experiences have been mine since entering denominational employment. There were no fringe benefits, no extras, just a small salary and nothing more. But we were happy in the service of the King. And I can truly say time has not dimmed my belief in or enthusiasm for God's work.

Workers for God

My mother lived to see her three children on the conference payroll as workers, married to Seventh-day Adventists, and their companions employed in the church too.

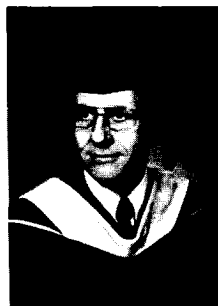
Gratitude to God wells up in my heart for my childhood home, for my mother who led her children in the heavenly way, for my Christain training in academy and college, for a Christian companion, and the years He has permitted me to work in His cause. And a special thanks to Him and the brethren for the unspeakable joy that has been mine to labor with you in this great Far Eastern Division to

STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

Ministerial secretary receives M.S. degree

After nine months of intensive graduate study, Royce C. Williams, Division ministerial secretary, left Loma Linda University recently for Singapore with a Master of Science degree in public health and the School of Health's coveted President's Award.



R. C. Williams

(Continued on page 13.)

COVER: Aw Gaw Paul, a young Karen in Northern Thailand, runs a chicken industry to help students go to school. Story on page 6.

Far Eastern Academy

New Faculty

New members of the F.E.A. faculty and staff this year are: (1) Lloyd and Jeanne Munson, pictured with Lana and Loren. Elder Munson teaches Bible and Mrs. Munson is secretary to the principal. (2) The new dean of boys is David Rouse, pictured with his wife Joanne and children David and Darla. (3) Fay Welter is the dean of girls. She was formerly director of the Seoul Orphanage. (4) Richard Heyden teaches music while his wife Karen is manager of the cafeteria. (5) Elder and Mrs. J. D. Westfall and sons Bob, Jimmy, and Dave come to F.E.A. from Saigon. In addition to teaching history and physical education, Elder Westfall is school registrar.



Another Year At F.E.A.

by Cathy Brown

When students left Far Eastern Academy last year they didn't know whether they would be returning to F.E.A. at Singapore or not. There was some talk of relocating the academy and the division offices to some other part of the Far East. But the Division Committee voted to maintain the headquarters in Singapore. So, come August 28, the first day of a new school year began at F.E.A. — in Singapore.

A record-breaking enrollment, by one student, of 105 comes from a variety of 17 countries: India, Indonesia, Thailand, Ethiopia, Philippines, Korea, Nepal, Singapore, East Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Taiwan, Sarawak, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and the United States.

The girls are happy that the campus has more guys than girls. Males outnumber females by 13. Thirty-seven new students, including five non-Caucasians (a first for F.E.A.), were welcomed into the academy family.

A few changes in the physical structure of the campus greeted the returning students. Myrna Kopitzke has organized the school library. The most obvious change is the reading room, which is partitioned off from the main library. Added reference material and two cleverly

decorated bulletin boards are located in this area. A special heritage library, which includes many first editions of Seventh-day Adventist publications and some early American history books is the current project of the academy library.

With the same good odors drifting out of the kitchen as in past years, some changes have also been made in the school cafeteria. Dining room walls have been moved, formica decks added, the ceiling lowered and lights installed to give the cafeteria a new appearance and improved service. To give a homey touch to mealtimes, cafeteria food is being served on new green plates decorated with splashes of cheery daisies. And the dishroom boasts a sparkling new dishwasher.

Some changes in policies include permission for 16-year-olds to date off campus with an approved sponsor, neatly trimmed beards, and the female segment of the school may wear modest pantsuits to classes.

A mutual interest of students and faculty in an outreach witnessing program brought about a planning session recently. Discussion brought up many different methods of witnessing.

Yes, students and faculty are back into the school scene at F.E.A. once again. □

New Teachers in Elementary School

The three teachers for the overseas church school in Singapore were all in Japan teaching overseas worker's children last year.

Matthew and Vera Ferguson (left), now teaching grades 5 through 8 on the Far Eastern Division compound, were at Japan Missionary College, and Genie Soper, teacher for grades 1 through 4, taught at Yokohama last year.

Enrollment in the elementary school is 34, with 19 enrolled in the upper grades and 15 in the lower grades.



CHICKENS and the GOSPEL

by Jane Allen

When Aw Gaw Paul visited Thailand six years ago, he was "just visiting," and fully intended to go back to his homeland of Burma. But the 21-year-old ministerial intern was urged to stay and work among some 100,000 Karens in the mountain areas of Northern Thailand along the Burma border.

Being a Karen himself and having ministerial training in addition to an excellent command of the Karen, Burmese, Thai, and English languages, Aw Gaw Paul was the ideal person to begin this work. And he agreed to stay.

A place to learn

Aw Gaw Paul's major task in helping his people was to provide an opportunity for education, for there are no schools in the Karen villages. Unable to set up a full-fledged mission school due to lack of funds and staff, Aw Gaw Paul devised a combination plan. He would provide housing and work, thus making it possible for young Karens to come from the villages and attend a nearby government school.

Boys ranging from 10 to 20

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years of age now come from their mountain homes to Mae Sariang, a four-hour motorcycle drive from the Burma border, where Aw Gaw Paul has set up a hostel and thriving chicken business.

Getting started

Overseas workers Dr. Jack Seeley and Roger Kopitzke of Bangkok took an initial interest in starting the chicken industry two years ago by donating 650 chicks to the project.

He may have had ministerial training and he may have been multilingual, but Aw Gaw Paul didn't know much about chicken farms, so he spent three months studying the breeding and raising of chickens at Aber Acres Farm near Bangkok.

The town of Mae Sariang needs about 3,000 eggs every day,

and Aw Gaw Paul's chickens supply approximately 500. He hopes to enlarge the project, thus providing work for more students and fully supplying the egg needs of Mae Sariang. This industry, started a little more than a year ago, is the sole means of support for some of the Karen students.

With the recent addition of new hostels Aw Gaw Paul can accommodate 50 students. They attend the government school, but learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day. The hostel program also includes evening lessons in Thai, Karen, and Bible. And, of course, there's always plenty of work around the chicken farm.

Wedding bells

In the past six years approximately 50 Karens have been baptized where there had never been an Adventist before. The first one was a pretty young girl who became Aw Gaw Paul's wife.

Aw Gaw Paul is presently working in 15 different villages in addition to operating the student hostel in Mae Sariang. Sabbath school members number approximately 100. He admits that it is a

a young Karen works among his own people in Northern Thailand.



The first Karen baptized as a result of Aw Gaw Paul's work in Northern Thailand was his future wife. Today they have two children.

real problem to find the time to visit these villagers and supervise the chicken farm and hostel too.

Gospel for Karens

The ultimate goal of Aw Gaw Paul is to help train young Karens to go back and work among their own people in the mountain villages. Even though the villagers are receptive to the message of Jesus Christ, work of the Adventist church is hampered in this area by having only one Karen worker. Thus, at the completion of seven grades at the government school, the students may continue their education for two additional years at the Adventist academy in Mae Taeng. Here they take ministerial training which will be used when they go back home, assisting in the work of spreading the gospel among the mountain villages of Northern Thailand.

Photographs by David Roth, Communications intern, Far Eastern Division, summer 1973.

NEWS

FROM THE UNIONS

central philippines



The Kindred Singers performed for the Philippines' First Lady Mrs. Imelda R. Marcos (extreme right) and to other guests who were in Malacanang during their visit.

Kindred Singers

Bringing the blessed hope to everyone everywhere, from lowliest cottage to rulers' palaces, should be the Adventist concern. Witnessing for Christ among the former group is easy as we live day to day and rub shoulders with the working class, but with the latter opportunities are rare. The Lord paved the way for a singing group of Seventh-day Adventist youth in Cebu City to witness for Him in Malacanang, presidential palace in the Republic of the Philippines. They were given audience by the First Lady, Mrs. Imelda Marcos. His Excellency, President Ferdinand Marcos and some foreign dignitaries also listened to their songs about Jesus, peace, joy, love, happiness, and heaven.

Who are they?

The Kindred Singers, as the group is called, are composed of 15 members of the Ornopia and Dumdum families. Formally organized in October, 1972, they made their first concert two months later at the Cebu City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Subsequently they went on a concert tour of Northern and Northeast Luzon. After singing for the First Lady during their second concert tour, they

sang for the patients and others at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Camp Crame, rehabilitation centers for drug addicts, and Clark Air Base at Angeles City.

They have performed for various audiences—in churches and concert halls, aboard luxury liners, in hospitals and in prisons, for bereaved families, and even for individuals in the privacy of their homes.

Independence Day

During the recent Philippine Independence Day celebration, the Kindred Singers provided special music during the program held at the Cebu City Hall, before thousands who watched and participated in the parade.

Annabelle Ornopia, organizer, pianist, and coach of the group, says, "Our present project is to purchase a minibus to take us on trips as we witness for Christ."

According to Dr. E. A. Aqui, one of the advisers of the Kindred Singers, "Their emphasis is placed on religious contemporary music."

As Ellen G. White has written: "The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls." *Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 493.—E. A. Aqui, M.D., *Miller Sanitarium and Hospital director of laboratories.*

Youth festival

More than 2000 young people from the three regions of Panay-Capiz, Antique and Iloilo, with "Upreach and Outreach" as their motto, participated in the first West Visayan Mission youth festival last spring.

James Joiner, from the Philippine Publishing House, challenged the youth regarding their responsibility as young workers of God to be rightly trained so as to proclaim the message of the soon-coming Saviour to their peers. B. R. Arit, Central Philippine Union youth leader, J. R. Obregon, Central Visayan Mission president, and F. E. Pangga, mission youth leader, emphasized various phases of evangelism such as soul winning, dynamic leadership, and life dedication. These talks were culminated by preaching and know-your-Bible contests.

The most impressive feature of the festival was the candle-glow vesper story hour presided over by Pastor Arit. Embraced by the glow of 1,000 candles, the youth renewed vows of "Outreach" to save other youth still on Satan's ground.

Morning devotions, lectures and demonstrations on evangelism with full accent on MISSION 73 were included in the daily schedule. In the afternoon, islands of young people could be seen in different fields enjoying games and cheering the victors.

The festival ended with many others still longing for an extension of the program. Declared C. O. Gravino, West Visayan Mission youth leader, "A great impact on the youth to be more missionary-minded was experienced. The youth of other missions wish too that similar festivals could be sponsored where they are every year."—*Eden Gaje-Aguilar, West Visayan Academy.*

New Better Living Center

Clovis Arante, lay activities secretary, and Adelaido Manatad, evangelist, both of the Central Visayan Mission, recently opened the Better Living Center which is strategically located in the small town of Mandaon, Masbate. Meetings continued nightly until June 30 with capacity crowds attending. Laymen were called upon to help, among whom was Mr. Samson, a public school teacher, and Mr. Misa, former mayor of the town.

Pastor Arante believes that in order to reach sick hearts, he must first help the physical maladies of the people. Pastor Manatad shares this conviction and always preceded the sermon with health lectures. The people were intrigued by the demonstra-

tions of Smoking Pedro. In fact, there was a public clamor to repeat these every night.

At the close of the first series, 40 souls requested baptism. As a result of the effort, the mother church at Mandaon was enlarged, and another company at Tabang, several kilometers from the town proper, is to have a church building. Pastor Manatad continued the follow-up work with other interests who will yet decide to join the remnant church. Please pray for our work here in the Central Visayan Mission.—*D. M. Niere, lay activities secretary.*

east indonesia

In Difficult Times

Ouw and Ulathe are two small villages on the island of Saparua, east of Ambon Island. They are side by side, with only a narrow path between. About 1,000 people live in Ouw and about 1,500 in Ulathe.

The people in Ulathe are protestants. There is only one church in the village, and no other group can enter. In Ouw there are several churches. Seventh-day Adventists have a semi-permanent church building with about 75 members. Albert Langitan pastors the group.

The war of cloves

Most of the people of both villages are clove farmers, and this year was the time to harvest their crops. Things would have gone peacefully except for one fact. Right on the border between Ouw and Ulathe was a farm with trees heavily loaded with cloves. Both sides claimed that the farm belonged to their village, and neither would make peace until the other side would acknowledge their claim -- which they would not do.

Things went from bad to worse, until last May war broke out between these two neighboring villages. Many houses were burned. Several persons were killed. But still neither side would give in.

Move on

We urged our district leader stationed in Ulathe to move to another village while the trouble was going on.

"I have people studying the Bible here," was his faithful response. "I must prepare them for baptism."

Then the situation got more serious.

One day the Langitan family ran out of food.

There was none available in Ouw, where they lived. This meant that Mr. Langitan would have to go to Saparua, and since he had no canoe to make the trip directly from Ouw, he would have to walk through the village of Ulathe to get there. The only alternative was starvation.

It would be a dangerous trip, but they prayed. "Lord, please send an angel to guard us while we walk to Saparua for food," implored Mr. and Mrs. Langitan. They left their children at home and set out on their hazardous journey.

God grants safe trip

When they passed through Ulathe, there were many people about, but no one paid special attention to them. They reached Saparua, eight miles away, and bought the rice and other food they needed. The return trip was likewise uneventful. Just as they reached the boundary between Ulathe and Ouw, suddenly someone came running after them with a long knife. But by this time they had reached the safety of their own village and were not molested.

On July 28, J. L. Sahetapy visited Ouw and baptized 10 candidates that Albert Langitan had prepared for baptism. Toward the end of this year, R. Watulingas, East Indonesia Union evangelist, will conduct a public effort in Ouw. By that time, we hope that peace will have come to these two villages so that more souls can be won.—*R. Wawondatu, president, Ambon Mission.*

Maluku Mission's New Work

At the Maluku Mission session held in February of this year, the city of Masohi located on Ceram Island was designated as new territory in which to begin evangelistic work. Musa Batsira, a Bible worker, was sent there to follow up Voice of Prophecy interests. Soon he discovered nine isolated Seventh-day Adventists that had been without contact with the church for several years and organized a Sabbath school.

In July, Ministerial Intern Pasoloran Ngajo was sent to Masohi to hold a public effort. A temporary building made of bamboo and palm leaves was constructed for the purpose. With a transitor public address system carried on his bicycle, Mr. Ngajo and several others went about the city announcing the meetings. The effort was well attended. In fact, the hall was packed every night.

At the conclusion of the series, F. Lasut, mission publishing secretary, was sent to Masohi to perform a baptism. The small boat, overcrowded as

usual, left at ten o'clock that night. A heavy storm came up that tossed their boat about as though it had been a frail coconut shell. The trip which should have taken only six or seven hours took 11 hours, and would have ended in disaster but for earnest prayer.

The baptism of nine candidates took place on Monday, August 6, at the seashore. There are nine others continuing study in the baptismal class.

Now every Sabbath there is a Sabbath school at Masohi consisting of 21 adults and 15 children. A worker's home has been bought which also serves as meeting place for our believers. Soon a church will be organized at Masohi. Please pray for this new work in the Maluku Mission.—*R. Wawondatu, president, Maluku Mission.*

japan



Mr. and Mrs. Rolando de Leon and children Dennis and Suzanne.

Providence Leads

The de Leon family has finally been united in the Seventh-day Adventist church with the baptism of Rolando de Leon on May 26 at Yokohama, Japan. The leading of Providence has been markedly evident in their experience.

Some years ago Mrs. de Leon met Martha Jones, an office secretary of the Japan Union, at Japanese language school, and they became friendly. Miss Jones appeared very strange to her new friend, however, for it was soon learned that she went to

church on Saturday and did not eat meat. Once when Mrs. de Leon entertained Miss Jones at a meal and served fresh fish, her guest ate only the parsley and the bread and butter. That puzzled Mrs. de Leon more than ever, for she had not considered fish to be meat.

Adventist hospitals

When Mrs. de Leon needed medical attention, she went to the Harajuku clinic. Later her son was born at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. During this time she enjoyed reading the book, *The Seventh Day*, and also *Life at its Best*. When the baby was baptized into the Catholic church, Miss Jones was invited to the ceremony and had quite a visit with the priest regarding Christ and the drinking of wine.

Then a baby girl was born to Mrs. de Leon, again at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. She was particularly aware of the vegetarian diet she was served at that time and has been a confirmed vegetarian ever since. From this change of diet she realized an unexpected benefit, for the rheumatism which had plagued her for some years soon cleared up.

Invitation to church

Soon after little Suzanne was born, Mr. de Leon was hospitalized and had surgery, and of course he too was a patient at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. After visiting him one day, Mrs. de Leon was struggling home with her two small children when Robert Burchard, then business manager of the hospital, saw her and offered her a ride. She gratefully accepted. As they rode along, they discussed diet, and then Mr. Burchard invited Mrs. de Leon to attend church. Each week after that the Burchard family would stop by and take Mrs. de Leon and her children to Sabbath services. Their interest grew.

In the meantime, Mr. de Leon recovered from surgery and returned to his usual custom of playing golf on Saturday, but sometimes, if the weather was not too good, he was persuaded to attend services with his family.

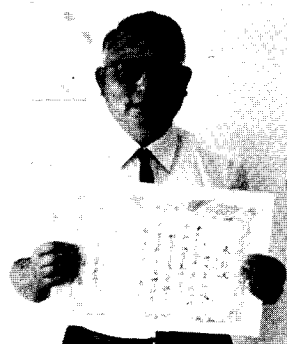
Tithe test

Mrs. de Leon continued to read various books and tracts, and eventually she read about tithing. For her, to learn of it was to do it. She decided that she would pay tithe on her personal earnings as a secretary. The first pay check she received after paying tithe brought a surprise to her, for she had received a sizable raise in wages. The Lord has continued to bless.

When the Burchard family le Leons made friends with an English meeting in Yokohama each Sabba their church home. Robert Rawson, Japan Union at that time, took a this family. Eventually it became them Bible studies.

Mrs. de Leon and their son De ed in October, 1972. Mr. de Lec studies and was baptized in May, family is happily united in ch They left Japan recently for Am de Leon will attend a Seventh-day and prepare himself for working Still God's providences open before

T. Funada Award



T. Funada

given when the award was made, it was mentioned how well these people from the school, led by Pastor Funada, had demonstrated their Christianity by holding Vacation Bible Schools and Branch Sabbath Schools, by giving Bible studies, doing welfare work for the older people capped, by tract distribution, by V enrollment campaigns, and by thei the annual community Christma Soneda, public relations secretary.

Family Camp in Japan

S. Sugi, lay activities se North Japan Mission, assisted by activities secretary of the Japan Un Family Camp, August 10 to 13 at I The theme of the gathering, "Thin Evangelism," was emphasized and every meeting. Swimming and ca were also enjoyed by the 120 peop

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incipal of Kitaura Saniku Junior Academy of the North Japan Mission, recently received a certificate of award given in recognition of and appreciation for the contributions made by him and the school to the community of Kitaura.

In the speeches

New Better Living

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Union Staff Changes



The recent resignation of the secretary of the Korean Union Mission created a few changes in staff positions. Pictured above are (left to right): B. D. Chun, temperance secretary; H. H. Lyu, the new union secretary; P. W. Im, former secretary; and T. J. Kim, communication secretary.

Korean Army Unit VOP Graduation

On July 21 an unusual Voice of Prophecy graduation was held on an army base near Ui Chung Bu City. This was the result of the work of an Adventist youth, Y. C. Kim, who enlisted for army service more than two years ago.

VOP certificates were given to 57 graduates. B. E. Jacobs, MV and NSO secretary of the Far Eastern Division, attended, along with the highest ranking chaplain in the Korean army, and Korean Union secretaries.

As a result of this young man's evangelistic activity, there are about 20 soldiers who want to attend our church. —T. C. Kim, communication department.

A Call for Rare Blood

Tom Becraft came as a student missionary to work at the English Language Center in Pusan, the second largest city in Korea. One day he was told about the difficult time a Korean minister's wife was having because she had a rare type of blood. She must have surgery and would need from three to five pints of blood because an illness had depleted her for several months. But her particular type was hard to come by. What to do?

Hearing about this serious situation Tom contacted R. W. Turner, who was connected with an American army unit in charge of medical corps soldiers in Pusan. Since Mr. Turner was working in the operating room at the military hospital, it was possible for him to secure this rare blood type.

As a result of their efforts, the minister's wife could have her surgery. She was restored to health and regained strength to help her husband in his work for the Lord.

Testified our Korean minister, "I am happy because we are an international family of Seventh-day Adventists. It really is a privilege to belong to this great family which extends beyond national borders."—Tong Choon Kim, communication department.

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Educational Fellowship

An educational fellowship was conducted on Sabbath, August 4, in San Antonio, Magsaysay, Isabela. B. B. Alsaybar, union education secretary, represented the North Philippine Union and preached at the morning worship hour to what was described as "the biggest gathering so far in northern Isabela."

The educational rally took place in the afternoon. Five teachers from four schools reported on progress in their respective localities. It was evident that these teachers are not only soul winners but that they also train their pupils to be future workers.

The possibility of opening a junior academy in the area as a feeder to Northeastern Luzon Academy was discussed. Already a two-hectare lot has been donated for the purpose by Angel Domo-cloy. It is our hope that this school will materialize in another three or four years.—V. A. Arreola, district pastor.

Record-smashing Sale

A record-smashing sale is unpredictable. The Book and Periodical Agency doesn't know who will make it next. The publishing department has no way of forecasting. And, of course, the literature evangelist always hopes—but never knows.

When Ramon Tupagen, licensed literature evangelist of the Mountain Provinces Mission in the



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Domingo signs the official receipt of the Book and Periodical Agency.

North Philippines left his boarding house Monday morning, July 30, his mission was to see Father Brasseur of the Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Mountain Province, residing in Baguio City. Prior to this day, Mr. Tupagen had made two trips to Manila in order to get necessary introduction papers regarding our book, *Modern Guide to Health*. As all literature evangelists do, he had been praying hard about his day's contact. Now the time had come.

Efren Domingo, manager of the Mountain Provinces B&PA never expected the phone call from Mr. Tupagen at about 11:15 the same morning. He was asking for 50 sets of *Modern Guide to Health*, plus three complimentary copies. At first Mr. Domingo thought the literature evangelist was joking, but when he requested the 53 sets to be brought to the Bishop's residence before noon that day, he realized that Mr. Tupagen meant business.

It took five boxes to contain the books, but in short order they were delivered. Father Brasseur presented a check for 5,000 pesos (US\$745) and received an official receipt. With that the transaction was over.

Back in the B&PA office, the eyes of the literature evangelist were wet with happy tears as a group offered a prayer of thanks for the biggest cash delivery ever made in the Mountain Provinces Mission.—O. I. Zamora, treasurer, Mountain Provinces Mission.

Filipino Missionary

Myrna Pallasa, who was a nurse of the Philippine Union College health service, left June 22 for Europe. She is now studying French at our seminary in France and after six months will proceed to Africa to serve in the Songa Hospital and Leper Colony of the Trans-Africa Division.

Bits from PUC

* There are 326 full-time and part-time student workers for the first semester at PUC, reports C. P. Legaspi, director of student finance and service scholarship.

* The college cafeteria employs the services of 43 workers and claims to have the most workers among the 14 departments. The minimum working hours are ten a week, and the students are paid accordingly.

* The PUC Ambassador Choral Arts Society, composed of 10 ladies and 12 men under the direction of Minerva Arit-Penaranda, conducted concert tours in various parts of the Visayas and Mindanao. The objectives of the tour were threefold: to promote Christian education, music and culture; to help some churches and civic organizations raise funds for worthy projects; and to help break the barrier of prejudice towards Adventists in some places.—Mrs. B. S. Miraflores, English instructor.

R. C. WILLIAMS (from page 3)

Cited by Loma Linda University President David J. Bieber for his "superior scholastic attainment and active participation in the student community within the framework of Christian commitment," Williams was one of two School of Health graduates who received the distinguished award out of a class of 97.

In addition to his Master's degree and the President's Award, Williams also received the Delta Omega Society Award from the School of Health. The Delta Omega Society is an honorary public health organization.

According to Williams, the Master's degree in public health will be put to almost full-time use in presenting health-related messages coupled with public evangelistic meetings throughout the Far East. The day after returning to Singapore, Williams left for Menado, Indonesia, to conduct an evangelistic crusade using the health approach in a series with Bruce Johnston, Far Eastern Division evangelist.

"I'm a firm believer in presenting the public health message to the people of the Far East," Williams said. "Besides being an effective means for reaching the hearts of the people and bringing them nearer to Christ, the health message provides almost immediate solutions to many problems encountered by people in their day-to-day lives."

—Dave Roth, FED communications intern.

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Nobody's ever too old for birthdays. Dr. Harry Miller recently celebrated his 94th birthday in Hong Kong. This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of his missionary work in China. Dr. and Mrs. Miller returned to the United States on permanent return in mid-August.

Dr. Miller's 94th Birthday

July 1 was the 94th birthday of Dr. H. W. Miller, the renowned "China Doctor" who so much loves the Chinese people and is so much loved by them. This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of his remarkable service in China which started during the opening years of the 20th century.

To honor their beloved doctor and to do something in token of their sincere gratitude for his long years of faithful service, the many friends of Dr. Miller in Hong Kong planned a birthday banquet at Tai Fung Restaurant, Kowloon, on the evening of July 1. More than 200 friends celebrated by drinking a toast to Dr. Miller's health. Seated beside him was Mrs. Miller whose presence contributed greatly to the pleasure of the feast.

When a news item appeared in the local press announcing the plan of a birthday banquet for Dr. Miller, many of his friends and admirers responded by requesting to have a part in it. Among this group was a representative from the Health Organization of the United Nations. This man was present at the dinner and was one of the many speakers on that occasion expressing deep appreciation for Dr. Miller's good work.

While the meal was being served, Dr. and Mrs. Miller went from one table to another to greet and shake hands with all friends present. This act of courtesy was but typical of their thoughtfulness and humility which endears them to our people, both Chinese and overseas.

May the Lord continue to bless Dr. and Mrs. Miller and grant them many more years of useful service. We do hope to have the privilege of celebrating his 100th birthday in 1979!—*H. S. Lo, principal, Kowloon, Sam Yuk Middle School.*

Light on Bubble Tent

A strange light was reportedly seen the second night of J. E. Christensen's evangelistic meetings in Tuli, a small fishing village on Taiwan's east coast. The light was said to have been spotted about the time the evening meeting was beginning. According to eyewitnesses it came from over the ocean to the east and moved slowly toward the tent. As it approached the tent, it hovered briefly and then faded from sight. The light was seen simultaneously by several people, all in different parts of the village.

The appearance of this unaccounted for phenomenon caused no small stir among the villagers. The curiosity of many local residents drove them to attend the meetings. Children and adults alike flocked to the auditorium. Standing room only was the general rule.

A life changed

One eyewitness, Mrs. Hung Syou Chin, had her life dramatically changed by the occurrence. After the strange light, she attended every meeting. She gave up smoking and no longer chews betel nut. Her face now shines with a freshly scrubbed glow. Her hair is no longer stringy and greasy. It is done in an attractive manner. Her clothes are no longer unkempt.

"The light led me to the tent," she said, "and there I met Jesus. Now when I want to smoke I just read about Him. That helps me."

Baptisms and Bible studies

At the end of the three weeks of meetings, 18 persons were baptized. Sixty-six others signed up for continued Bible study classes. Pastor Christensen feels that this is one of the most successful efforts he has ever held.

"We really sensed God's hand in many places," he said. "I only wish that I could have seen the light personally."—*Loren L. Fenton.*

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Creative Leadership Seminar

A special seminar on creative leadership was held September 3 to 6 at Adam's Center, Davao City. The seminar was conducted by the publishing department of the South Philippine Union and attended by union and mission administrators, together with union and mission publishing secretaries, their assistants and managers of book and periodical agencies.

M. M. Clavefia, union president, delivered the keynote message on the opening day. P. M. Diaz, union treasurer, and A. A. Villarin, union Sabbath school secretary, gave the devotional messages.

A. N. Santiago, associate publishing secretary from the Division, E. L. Villanueva, Philippine Publishing House manager, and the writer provided special lectures on creative leadership, salesmanship, and mind power.

E. L. Demiar, union publishing secretary, coordinated the activities of the program and was chairman of a publishing council which helped thresh out unprogressive situations in different phases of the publishing program.

Pastor Santiago also led out in a commitment service at the close of the four-day seminar. Everyone renewed his commitment to a "meaningful and bold finishing of God's work."—*F. B. Conopio, associate editor.*

Lay Field School in Bislig

On June 16, 38 converts were baptized at the conclusion of a lay field school of evangelism conducted at Bislig, Surigao del Sur. This is the largest number ever added to the church in this section in one campaign. In addition to those baptized, more than 50 others are being prepared for the next baptism.

The school of evangelism was conducted under the leadership of the writer in which the members of the team composed of the district pastor and 15 lay preachers were enrolled. A series of 45 lectures were presented and made a big impact on the people of Bislig. Physical and social, as well as spiritual, topics were discussed.

The program during the crusade included regu-

lar classes with the field school students from 8:00 to 12:00 in the morning, while in the afternoon all went out for follow-up and Bible studies. Approximately 1,200 persons were visited.

Preparation for the crusade was a campaign to enroll students in the Bible correspondence school. This was climaxed by a graduation of more than 100 students on the night of June 16, when the meetings began. The average attendance during the crusade was between 300 and 400.—*A. A. Villarin, lay activities secretary, South Philippine Union.*

Literature Evangelist Recruits

Recruits numbering 136 from Northeastern, Northern and Western Mindanao Missions recently attended the Tri-Mission Beginners Colporteur Institute held at the Mindanao Mission Academy, Manti-cao, Misamis Oriental.

Considered the largest attended tri-mission beginners institute in the history of the publishing work of the South Philippine Union, the four-day training session was led by union publishing secretary E. L. Demiar. A. N. Santiago, recently appointed Division associate publishing secretary, also represented the Philippine Publishing House.

Joining God's army

Among the new recruits were several degree holders who left their jobs to join God's army of literature evangelists. There was Jun Zabate, a CPA reviewee, who refused an offer by Iligan's city mayor and an appointment for a position in the Philippine National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Majaducon, after teaching nine years, gave up their position in the public school. Jose Sarsoza, Sr., Mindanao Sanitarium x-ray technician, resigned from his job to join the canvassing work. Four members of the Ayuban family signed up for the literature ministry. Mrs. Quinones, baptized during the major effort in Butuan City two weeks before the institute started, joined the canvassing work, saying, "I was found by a colporteur. I will do likewise."

Statistically speaking

This latest recruiting program brings the total number of literature evangelists in the South Philippine Union to 688. Sales in 1972 totaled 1,600,000 pesos. The goal set for 1973 is two million pesos.

It was reported that 852 souls were won to Christ through canvassing contacts in 1972.—*C. P. Ranario, public relations officer, Northern Mindanao Mission.*



Creative expression was just one of the many activities enjoyed by youth attending junior camp in Sabah this summer. These two young boys are painting on glass.

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Sabah Junior Camp

July 31 to August 5 were exciting days for 99 juniors who attended Sabah's Junior Camp held at the Baptist Retreat Center at Kionsom, Inanam, some 11 miles from Kota Kinabalu.

Charles Gaban, MV secretary of the Sabah Mission, together with a team of 18 workers and teachers, conducted the camping program.

Besides being able to earn honors in such fields as basketry, needlecraft, glass painting, and other crafts, the lively juniors also enjoyed daily swims in the clear, rushing waters of Kionsom River, a hike up the hills to a waterfall, and right from the trees fresh fruits in season—durian, langsat, tarap, and chempedak. Especially enjoyable was the appetizing food prepared by Linda Sibadogil and her team.

B. U. Donato, union MV secretary, was the guest at the camp. His calisthenics, songs, stories, and the Sabbath sermon appealed to the juniors. Highlights of the camp were the investiture service and a baptism of seven candidates on Sabbath by Camp Pastor Ginduk Laung.

Good times do come to an end, and parting is always sorrowful even for juniors, but the new friends made and the spiritual lessons learned will not be quickly forgotten.—*Connie Gaban.*



Unit counselor Nelvar shows his boys how to start making a rattan basket in order to earn an honor in basketry.

Former missionary to China, Day Dean Coffin, passed away July 16, 1973, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 80.

In 1919 he graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists and married Edyth Crystel Gruber. In 1924 they went as missionaries to Nanning, China, where he built and operated a 60-bed hospital for 14 years. Throughout the war in the Pacific he was interned, and returned to the United States in 1946.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, Dr. Harold Coffin, professor of biology at Andrews University and professor in the Geoscience Research Institute, and Dr. Galen Coffin, medical director of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Singapore, and four grandchildren.