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Did you ever wonder what happens to the projects that receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow? Are the school buildings completed? Was the evangelistic center constructed? Did the school get enough money to expand its library? Or did the hospital finish that new wing?

Maybe you've even asked whether the Far Eastern Division is still building lamb shelters, those simple structures for children's Sabbath school meetings, which received 10 percent of the offering overflow fourth quarter, 1971. The answer is Yes. But the lamb-shelter project has come a long way in four years. Let's back up just enough to get some background on how the jungle buildings got started.

Pauline Barnett was Sabbath school director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission in 1968. As she traveled throughout the countries of Southeast Asia, Mrs. Barnett became concerned that most of the churches, especially the jungle churches, had no facilities for children's Sabbath school. On the warm sun-shiney Sabbaths, teachers could take their classes under shade trees for Sabbath school, but during the long rainy season in these tropical countries, the children had no place to meet, so they sat with their parents through

adult Sabbath school, which wasn't geared to hold the attention of of squirrmish little children.

"It wouldn't cost very much to build simple shelters for these little lambs," thought Mrs. Barnett. "I think for \$100 we could build a small shelter using mostly jungle materials."

Talking to Jay and Eileen Lantry, who were then in the youth department of Southeast Asia, Mrs. Barnett shared her idea.

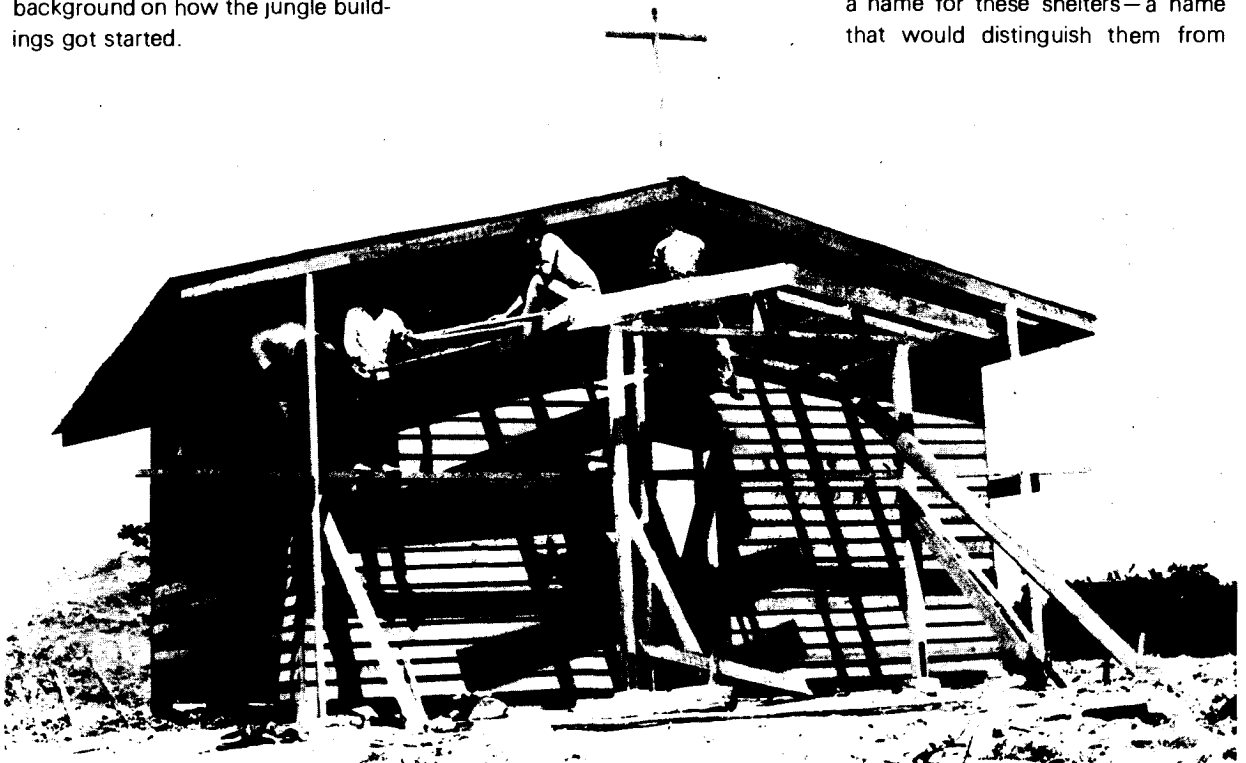
"Someone recently sent me \$100," she said, "and I'm going to build a shelter for one of the children's Sabbath schools in Sabah, Borneo."

The Lantrys liked the idea. Someone had sent them some untagged money, and they decided to put it into a children's shelter too.

Mrs. Barnett wrote to George Munson, then president of Sabah Mission, asking if he'd go along with the idea.

"Of course," he replied. "It sounds like a great idea!"

Next they wanted to come up with a name for these shelters—a name that would distinguish them from



other church buildings. Finally the name *lamb shelter* evolved, and it stuck prettily well.

Between 1968 and 1970, when Mrs. Barnett and her husband moved to Taiwan, from 50 to 60 of these lamb shelters were built in Southeast Asia. Adult church members were instructed that they couldn't even go inside the structures unless they were teachers. The buildings were for children only.

Robert Grady followed Mrs. Barnett in the Sabbath school department of Southeast Asia, so on his way from the States to union headquarters in Singapore, he stopped in Taipei to visit with the Barnetts and learn more about the lamb-shelter project.

No Requests

"I guess the missions thought lamb shelters were Mrs. Barnett's project," says Grady, "because after I came nobody made any requests for any more. I couldn't figure it out."

As he visited the various parts of the union, Grady discovered a few problems in connection with the shelters. In many cases the lamb shelters were better structures than the village church, so the adults had shifted to the newer building and sent the kids back into the old church. Grady couldn't really blame the adults for wanting the better building. He saw a need not just for children's Sabbath school meeting places, but also a need for new sturdy churches. From this observation came the idea for jungle chapels, which started in 1971. The chapels were larger, and at that time cost about \$350.

Then lamb shelters were selected to receive a portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow in 1971. That offering was taken on Christmas Day. It had appeal—the combination of children's chapels and Christmas. Union papers promoted the offering, Sabbath school and communication

departments suggested ways that local churches could promote this offering, and other means of promotion were used, resulting in the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow in the history of the Adventist church—\$42,000 more than any previous offering overflow. Although lamb shelters had the appeal to draw a large offering, that particular project received only 10 percent. However, in addition to its share, the Southeast Asia Union Mission received unsolicited donations during the month of December, 1971, equaling one jungle building every day of the month!

That was four years ago, and according to Grady, unsolicited donations are still coming in earmarked for jungle chapels and lamb shelters.

Effort is being made to standardize the buildings and to make them more permanent structures. Bill Belles, an architect and pilot on volunteer service to Sarawak in 1974, designed the jungle buildings now going up in villages throughout Southeast Asia. Jungle chapels for about 100 people are approximately 20 to 30 feet in size, painted inside and out, with cement floors, window screens, and porches. In the future lamb shelters will also be built with porches to help the inside clean and dry, especially during the rainy season. Lamb shelters are identical to jungle chapels, except much smaller, approximately 12 by 18 feet.

"We do not allow the lamb shelters to be any larger," explains Grady, "because it's too difficult to conduct Sabbath school programs for groups any larger than can fit into the present size building."

If a village has too many children to fit into one lamb shelter, they may request a second building and divide into sections, perhaps one for a kindergarten and one for a junior division.

Cement floors, paint, screens, and better buildings materials require more money, and consequently the cost of the buildings has increased. Compounded by greatly increased costs of supplies and the added features, the cost of lamb shelters today is approximately \$500, while jungle chapels run \$1,000 and more.

In 1974 the Southeast Asia Union Mission set a goal of building 74 new jungle buildings but actually built 84, with 33 constructed in Sabah during one week. That marathon was not accomplished without some hurdles.

The mission personnel and local pastors organized into work teams, the construction date was set, supplies delivered, and it seemed like everything was going according to schedule except the weather. It had already rained two to three weeks and most of the villages were flooded when the work teams joined together for a weekend of Sabbath services in Kota Kinabalu before beginning the construction of jungle buildings. The Sabbath speaker spoke of God's opening the Red Sea for the children of Israel. Still rain poured down the church roof. Grady said he had to practically stick the microphone inside his mouth to be heard above the downpour outside.

No Relief

Rain fell all day Sabbath. Construction was to begin the next day.

The teams of workers prayed that the Lord would wipe away the clouds and dry up the land, yet that night they fell asleep to the drone of rain beating on the rooftops.

About two o'clock in the morning the wind began blowing and howling, and it kept blowing until every cloud was whisked from the sky. Floods began to dry up, and by morning it was dry enough to begin building. Evening came again, and with it rain, followed once more by wind in the middle of the night. It rained nearly

every night all week, but the days were dry enough to work. The job was nearly finished when workers discovered that the lumber order had not been filled correctly, and with the rain in the evenings, the buildings could not be painted, so the goal of building all the lamb shelters and jungle chapels in one week was only about 90 percent accomplished. About six weeks later work teams were again organized and 33 buildings were completed and dedicated before the end of the year, making a total of 84 new jungle buildings in Southeast Asia in 1974.

This year's divisionwide Bold Adventure program focused on "church planting," in which churches in the Far East are urged to begin branch churches in areas where no Adventist churches exist. The philosophy behind this program is that more churches influence more people, and more baptisms result. Since the jungle-building project fits right into the church-planting idea, Southeast Asia set a goal of 75 new churches in 1975, and further, to reach that goal by the time of the General Conference session in July.

At the beginning of the year Bold Adventure rallies were held all over the union, with union and mission personnel promoting the idea of church planting in 1975. By the time union leaders returned to their offices in Singapore, requests for 101 jungle buildings were stacked on their desks. But the mail also brought \$25,000 from The Quiet Hour radio broadcast of Southern California, which provides funds for many mission projects around the world.

The check accompanied a letter from J.L. Tucker, founder of the broadcast, in which he told of individuals who had helped provide the gift. One of the stories came from Walla Walla College. Two students decided to sell their stereo equipment and records and put the money into the Lord's work. Another man, re-

tired, had been washing dishes in a rest home and saving his earnings for a jungle chapel in Borneo.

"We have dropped on our knees to praise the Lord for many such gifts," says Grady. Generous mission supporters made possible the construction of 83 jungle buildings during the first nine months of 1975, making a total of 360 jungle chapels and lamb shelters in Southeast Asia.

"Except for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflows in 1971 and again in 1974, and a request to The Quiet Hour, we have not solicited funds for these buildings," says Grady.

Then how do people find out about the need for jungle buildings?

Jungle buildings for Southeast Asia is a General Conference approved Extra Lift project. Inquirers who have a burden to help mission work in a direct way have written to the General Conference and discovered the need. Others have heard about it by word of mouth.

Future

Already requests are in for nearly 40 more buildings in 1976. Borneo seems to be the area of the greatest continuing need.

"Our church planters open up more new jungle villages with the light of the gospel than what we can keep up with each year," exclaims Grady.

It's difficult to even *guesstimate* how many thousands of people have been won to Christ through the jungle-building program, but it's no problem to report the gratitude seen in the jungles of Southeast Asia and throughout the Far East.

"This is our church," the villagers proclaim proudly. "This is our religion."

In most instances a layman has been holding only a Branch Sabbath School in a village before the chapel or lamb shelter is built, and when the building is added to the community,

attendance at Sabbath meetings doubles or even triples. And that says a lot for the program.

Health-wise

Especially for Men

Good health is everybody's business — mother, father, son and daughter.

There seems to be a common belief that keeping people well is a job for the experts. But doctors and nurses and hospitals are primarily concerned with cure, while good health is far more a matter of prevention.

Hospitals are crowded with people who have continued to ignore the simple rules of health. They remain unconcerned about maintaining their health until illness or disease results. Then they want to see a doctor for some miracle cure. One of the frustrations of the medical profession is that patients have unreal expectations about being cured. They believe perhaps some kind of magic potion can cancel out all the abuse to which they have subjected their bodies.

With all the marvels of modern medical science, still there is no way to repeal the law which decrees that the wages of smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, poor eating habits, lack of exercise, overwork or insufficient sleep are heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, emphysema, arthritis, diabetes, and other sickness. These are the degenerative diseases that are unnecessarily cutting short millions of lives.

Men especially tend to overlook their health. Often they make the excuse that they are too busy to worry about weight control, balanced meals or cholesterol.

This attitude is a source of frustration to many a wife who tries to make changes in her meal preparation

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NONAS Hosts Youth Retreat

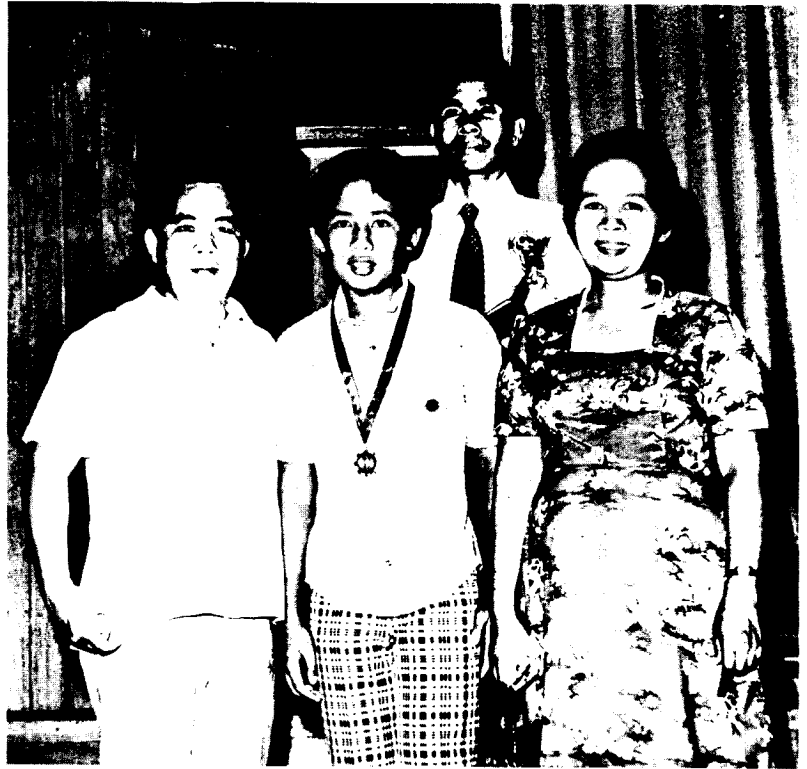
Fifty-six young people from four districts registered for the summer youth retreat held April 25 to May 1 at the Negros Occidental National Agricultural School (NONAS) in Kabancalan, Negros Occidental.

The purpose of the retreat was fourfold—mental, social, physical, and spiritual. Topics discussed included baking, grafting, campcraft, first aid, wilderness living, Christian standards, public and personal evangelism.

Nearly three hundred were in attendance to hear Elder. N.L. Ornopia, union youth director, as he spoke for the divine worship service on Sabbath. He challenged every young person present to be true to Christian principles, even in time of crisis.

In the afternoon, sixteen precious souls were baptized by Pastors Gayares and Rosendo. The afternoon program featured a short religious concert by the Insight Singers of Bacolod City, after which the young people shared their missionary outreach activities.

The facilities at NONAS were provided for the convenience of the young people by Immanuel Inilog,



Chylbert Rosendo (center) recently received a medal and a one-year scholarship for winning a mission-wide Bible contest held in Bacolod City. He is a first year student at Negros Mission Academy. Chylbert is flanked by his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Jack Rosendo. At the back is Pastor Prospero Gonzaga, the Bible teacher and coach of the winner.

farm manager at the school. He has visited Mountain View College many times and, through these contacts, has become committed to the philosophy of Adventist education.

To close the final evening's activities, Pastor Jucaban presented several books to Mr. Inilog for the school library. These included *Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, Education, The Great Controversy, The Desire of Ages*, and twenty Bibles. Only heaven knows what the results may be as these books find access into the hands of the students and faculty at NONAS.

—G.B. Buhat

Mortal Enemy Surrenders to Colonel

After a long round in the arena of vice, the fight with "Lady Nicotine" was ended. Col. Greg L. Ayo successfully knocked the urge to smoke.

Possessed by the habit since boyhood, the cigarette seemed to be his inseparable friend. Unmindful of its treachery to his health, his loyalty to it had increased to four packs a day.

One day Pastor Fred Rada, Sr. visited Col. Ayo's office. That particular visit was just the beginning of

frequent calls at the same office.

Soon an opportunity came when a serious talk was opened by Pastor Rada about the pernicious habit of his soldier friend. Mustering all his courage, Rada started in a scholarly manner to present the facts about the evils packed in every cigarette. Col. Ayo was set in deep reflection.

Noticing the growing concern of his friend, Rada pressed the appeal to Ayo, assuring him that he could give up smoking and finally overcome the habit. The parting words to the colonel were always the same after every visit—"I am praying for you, sir;" and a tight handshake parted the two.

Rada had been praying for Col. Ayo. Finally the day came when Col. Ayo, flashing a proud smile, exclaimed his joy to have defeated the ugly urge of smoking.

Speaking in words of amazement, Col. Ayo related how he could not understand what Rada was praying for. But he was surprised to know that now he had lost all appetite to smoke.

"I told this treacherous friend," Col. Ayo recalled, "Never can you fool me the second time. I have brains, you have none! It's a foolish thing for a thinking man to be enslaved and overcome by this headless enemy of man's body."

Col. Ayo is now happily relating his victorious experience over his mortal enemy, the cigarette, telling how he struggled and finally conquered it.

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Taiwan Hospital Receives Donated Equipment



Three stretchers and two wheelchairs were recently given to the Taiwan Adventist Hospital. These gifts are the result of a fund raising project instigated by Paul Roesel, Loma Linda Child Center director; C.P. Sorensen, former president of the FED; and S.J. Lee, an SOS worker in the South China Island Union Mission. Mahlon Harris, X-ray technician at the Taipei Hospital, reports that this new equipment will greatly enhance the capabilities of the hospital to care for general transport and emergency care patients.

Remember the FAR EAST

Sept. 26



Rooftop Baptism In Hong Kong

Six young people were recently baptized in a special baptistry located on the roof of the Hongkong Hospital. Five of these are workers of the Hospital. The sixth is the wife of a worker.

The location of the baptistry—the hospital is surrounded by tall apartment buildings overlooking the roof of the hospital—provides a very unusual way to witness. When one of the hospital workers visited a government official a few days after the baptism, the official asked about the special ceremony he had witnessed on that Sabbath. This provided an excellent opportunity to witness for the Lord and the reason the SDA has a hospital in Hong Kong.—R.W. Burchard



Pictured above are the six candidates who were baptized on Sabbath, May 1, 1976. Also in the picture, on the far left, is the Hongkong Adventist Hospital Chaplain, Pastor M.D. Lee.

korea

Language Students Join the Ministry

A total of three converts from the Seoul English language school have joined the ministerial ranks of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Young Koh was employed by the Central Korean Mission as a ministerial intern in 1974, and upon the completion of his internship joined the staff of the English language school. He is presently working with a new company of believers on the southern side of the Han River in Seoul.

This year M.K. Choi and U.Y. Suk, also converts from the language school, began ministerial internship programs. Choi is an intern at the headquarters church in Seoul, and although Suk began his internship at the Seoul Adventist Hospital, he will soon be moving to the United States with his new wife.

Both Pastors Koh and Choi married Adventist young women who

are employed by the denomination. Koh's wife is secretary to the president of the Korean Union Mission, and Choi's wife is a teacher at Seoul Academy.

north philippines

Medical Education Gets A Boost in Philippines

Recently a banquet sponsored by the Medical Educational Foundation of the Seventh-day Adventists in the Philippines brought a hundred medical professors, educators, denominational leaders, and medical students to the Philippine Union College cafeteria. The deans and departmental heads of the Far Eastern University Institute of Medicine and the Manila Central University College of Medicine were guests of honor. Guest speaker Dr. Serafin J. Juliano, dean of the Institute of Medicine at

Far Eastern University, lauded the medical work of the Seventh-day Adventists and their love for medical education.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation by the Medical Educational Foundation of medical books and journals to FEU and a Ricoh book copier machine to MCU college of medicine.

Dr. B.U.V. Angtuaco, the dean of the college of medicine and vice president for development at Manila Central University, in acknowledging the gift remarked, "These gifts that we received from the Medical Educational Foundation of Seventh-day Adventists should not be acknowledged with an ordinary thank you. Many students who will be future doctors will be greatly help with these donations. Hence they gain permanence in the molding of the minds. We say thank you with a pledge of understanding and cooperation, with the hope that medical education will continue to grow."

Angtuaco further reported that the Adventist medical students studying at Manila Central University, mostly products of Philippine Union College, are among the top in the University. "Of the 1,001 applicants to the medical school who took the entrance examinations for the 1976-1977 school year only 100 students were accepted. We categorized the top 20 according to the points they got, and I was surprised to learn that 14 were Adventists. They bagged the first to fourth places, with Fred Castro getting the highest point of 95.5, a record which has not been reached for quite a number of years in the history of the university."

Dr. Angtuaco also announced to the guests that Dr. Roel Poblete, a new graduate of MCU, topped the comprehensive examinations given by the school with a grade of 98.8. Dr. Noemi Espinorio took third place. Both are Adventists.

E.C. Corpus, treasurer of the North Philippine Union and the Medical Educational Foundation, commended the deans and departmental heads of these two prestigious medical schools in the Philippines for all they are doing to extend religious privileges to the Adventist medical students. — *N.S. Pallasa*

Centenarian Accepts Christ

Pedro Utanes was born in Abulog, Cagayan sometime in 1876. Although he heard the Seventh-day Adventist message sixty years ago, he did not systematically study the Bible. Recently Mr. Utanes, along with 21 others, accepted the truth and was baptized in Silangan, Allacapan, Cagayan by Pastor C. Bautista. He says the secret of his longevity is a life of temperance and never quarrelling with his wife. — *C. Bautista*



NLA Campus Crowded With Tent Dwellers

What special event would cause the workers of a local mission to decide to live in tents for six days? Why would they cook, sleep, have daily devotions and make personal preparations while living in tents, when their homes are located in the immediate vicinity of the tents?

Actually the answer to these questions is quite simple. From March 29 to April 3, the families of the Northern Luzon Mission office workers gathered for a spiritual feast which was the culmination of several months' planning and preparation. The Northern Luzon Academy (NLA) campus was the site of the first campmeeting ever held in the Philippines.

F.M. Arrogante, NPUM president, was the keynote speaker at the opening night. In addition, the Sison town mayor, P. Bautista, the municipal secretary, D. Esteban, and the Artacho Barangay captian, J. Pagado, were present to welcome the brethren to Artacho, Sison, Pangasinan, where the academy is located.

Three simultaneous meetings were conducted daily during the six-day meet. Highlights of the adult meetings included discussions and Bible study on "Christ our Righteousness," "Last Day Events," and "The Role of Health in Evangelism." The youth meetings focused on situations and problems peculiar to the young people. The children's meetings featured a daily model story-hour presented by Mrs. A.S. Barizo.

Plans are already underway for the next campmeeting. Many attending

the campmeeting on the NLA campus expressed the desire that the campmeeting should be longer. May the inspiration gained through these meetings and the commitments made, help these workers to face the challenges of the '70s in the Northern Luzon. — *O.I. Zamora*

Ordination

Three workers were ordained into the gospel ministry on Sabbath afternoon, April 3. Dr. O.C. Edwards, A.Z. Roda, Z.L. Manalo, and P.M. Mayor participated in the service. Those receiving ordination were: Santiago A. Antiporda, Benjamin C. de Vera, and Oseas I. Zamora, district pastors and youth director respectively.

Especially For Men, Cont'd—

which will decrease the chances of such conditions as heart attack, obesity and high blood pressure. Her husband is not the least bit interested in trying new low-calories, low-cholesterol dishes.

*Perhaps it is a carryover from the idea that the effectiveness of a medicine is measured by its unpleasant taste, but many people tend to believe that nutritious means unappealing, tasteless, colorless food. Approached with an open mind, a crisp salad or low-calories entree may taste interestingly different rather than disagreeable. Why not experiment? Besides keeping arteries healthy, eating a variety of nutritious foods can put spark into any ho-hum meal. — *Helen Andrew, M.S.**

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