

# South Philippine Union Administrative Council

By V. L. VILLANUEVA, Recording Secretary

To develop better working relations, co-operation, understanding, unity, and good will among administrators and other workers in the South Philippine Union Mission, the first Administrative Council for this field was held at Union headquarters, 356 Gorordo Avenue, Cebu City, from July 27 to August 2, 1955, with an attendance of thirty-seven delegates.

Highlights of this interesting Council were the frank discussions of different administrative problems. Nuggets of timely counsel for the harmonious working together of administrators and other workers were brought out in different studies given by Elders F. A. Mote and W. L. Pascoe. Mrs. F. A. Mote presented wise counsel on proper diet and health reform. Elder G. de Guzman, president of the South

Philippine Union, ably steered the discussions on various phases of the work, and definite decisions and courses of action were arrived at as a result of these discussions and studies.

A compilation of the different studies given, actions taken, and recommendations made during the Council is being prepared for the guidance of the administrators of the missions and institutions, as well as a reference brochure for different workers in the South Philippine Union.

We reiterate our appreciation for the studies given to us by our leaders from the Far Eastern Division, by our Union president, and other workers who spent time and effort in the preparation of the various topics given to them.



Delegates and speakers at the South Philippine Union Administrative Council

#### Temperance Day Offering

By W. L. Pascoe, Treasurer Far Eastern Division

On an appointed Sabbath in each Union Mission during the last quarter of the year 1955 a special offering will be devoted to the cause of temperance promotion in every church throughout the Far Eastern Division. Indeed, throughout the world Seventh-day Adventists will join in this special effort.

Never since the beginning of the history of this world, we believe, have so many of the peoples of all lands become enslaved to the evils of alcohol, to-bacco and narcotics, as is the case today. Thinking leaders of all nations are alarmed at the widespread increase in the use of these harmful substances. Scientists and medical specialists frequently proclaim to the world alarming statistics and amazing recent discoveries emphasizing the effects of intemperance.

Throughout the history of the church of God, His prophets and His people have lifted up their voices against the use of those things that are harmful to the human body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost. God's people today as individuals and as an organization enter actively into the campaign against this evil.

We shall soon have the opportunity of contributing to the special funds which finance the Seventh-day Adventist campaign against intemperance. The major portion of the fund will be spent directly on our local temperance work, and a share will be passed on to the General Conference Temperance Society in order that we can have a part also in the world-wide temperance program of the Church.

Let us all, with grateful, liberal hearts, bring a large offering to the Lord for this important purpose, and thereby help to prepare a people for the coming of our Saviour.

Note: We are happy that Brother Pascoe has written this article urging us to comply with the General Conference plan for a Temperance Day Offering. We have left it with each Union to set the date of their temperance offering in harmony with their own plans, but the Division has recommended October 29 for the taking up of this offering throughout our field. Insofar as possible, let us comply with this date.

W. J. HACKETT, Temperance Secretary.

#### RE LIQUOR

Some men call for whiskey Some men call for beer; But either one you call for Brings a heartache and a tear.

Some men who try to quit the drink I'm sure will find it rough For after you have started It's hard to leave the stuff.

—JEAN LAIR.

# SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION

# Ingathering—An Opportunity for Service

By V. M. Montalban, Secretary-Treasurer

"A distinct work is assigned to every Christian." Christian Service, page 9.

"Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost." Christ's Object Lessons, p. 191.

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions. In many places during the past few years this has proved a success, bringing blessings to many and increasing the flow of means into the mission treasury." Christian Service, p. 167.

We lift our hearts to God in gratitude for another opportunity for service that comes to us as a people who believe in this wonderful work of Ingathering. It is a wonderful work in the sense that it is much easier to solicit funds for educational and medical work than to collect accounts from people. There is something precious in this work, in that only a few refuse to give. Some people who have been giving of their means from year to year, actually invite our solicitors to return to them when Ingathering comes again, or even earlier, as they are only too willing to do their part for a good cause. Many experiences to this effect have been sent to us, but only three or four will be mentioned here.

A group of Ingathering solicitors approached a lady who was alone in her home. She cheerfully gave a contribution, and then her husband came. The solicitors explained our work to the husband, and to their surprise the man said, "If my wife has given her help, I, too, will give."

A woman interested in our faith was solicited for uplift work, but the presence of her husband, who had been persecuting her, prevented her from extending her help. The husband's reception of our solicitors was cool—so cool that he did not give. However, our solicitors left some of our truth-filled literature with the couple. Upon reaching their residence, the solicitors were surprised to see that the persecuted lady had followed them. She was weeping as she related to them how her husband had taken hold of the reading matter they had left and torn it to pieces as she was about to read it. Then she gave a liberal contribution before leaving the residence of the solicitors.

One man being solicited by a brother said, "Yesterday I gave my contribution to your fellow member." To which our brother replied, "The Lord will double His blessings upon you if you do not

mind giving again." The man therefore gave him one sack of palay (rice in the husk).

A brother went Ingathering at a certain barrio. On his way it rained, and he was soaked. Upon reaching his destination he tied his carabao under the house of a man he planned to approach for a contribution. Inside the house, as a gesture of courtesy, he took his wet hat off, forgetting that he had placed his solicitor's cards and blank receipts inside his hat to keep them from getting wet. The cards and receipts tell to the floor, and upon seeing them a woman in the house laughingly exclaimed, "What? Ingathering again? Here is my contribution—one sack of palay." Our brother went home from that barrio with a song in his heart as his carabao pulled the sledge on which the palay was loaded

In many places our people have organized themselves into singing bands for night solicitation work. After they go up to the houses and explain our program, many people see the importance of giving their means to such a worthy cause.

"The precious hours of probation are closing." Let us make sure that we do our part in this year's Ingathering, by our service glorifying our Heavenly Father. May Ingathering be a means of saving souls for whom Christ died.

Love draws a veil over all transgressions. Proverbs 10:12, An American Translation.

## Our Evangelistic Program

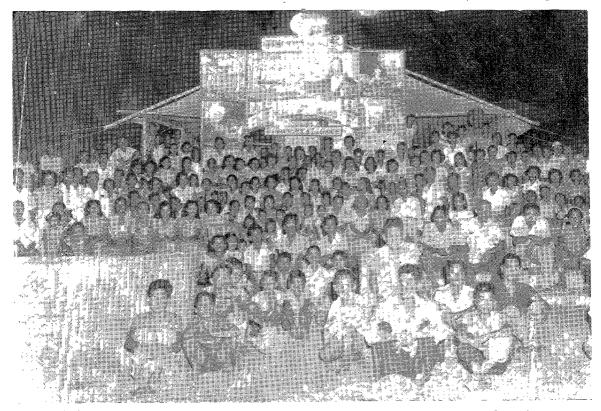
By P. B. Gonzales, Secretary, Ministerial Association

Here is a typical schedule which I received from one of our evangelists in the Southern Mindanao Mission:

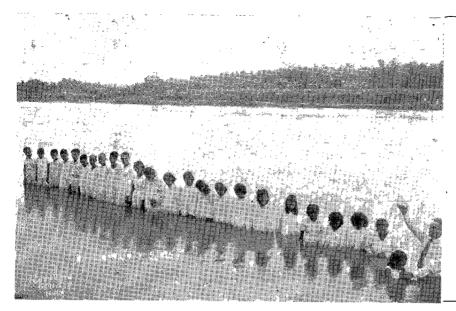
- A. Evangelistic effort in Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur, April 3 to May 31, 1955, in a temporary tabernacle.
- B. Spearhead effort July 15-31, 1955, using the town's Reading Center.
- C. Follow up work in Pagadian with the help of a sustentation worker and the elder of the church.
- D. Revival meetings in at least eight churches in the district. (As a result, the brethren were on fire with the message, holding cottage meetings, and branch Sabbath schools. A company has already been raised.)

There are no less than fifteen evangelistic efforts in progress in this Union, not mentioning the many cottage meetings and spearhead meetings going on at the same time. Some of these efforts have already brought baptisms.

Pastor Jereos, a district leader in Negros Occidental, pitched his tent in the town plaza of Ilog. The mayor was rather reluctant to give him permission to use the town plaza, being prejudiced against our work. However, due to his persistent



Audience at Pastor F. G. Jereos' tent meeting in Ilog, Negros Occidental, Philippines.



Pastor F. G. Jereos
baptizing converts
in the Ilog River,
Ilog, Negros
Occidental,
Philippines.

requests, Brother Jereos was permitted to hold meetings twice a week. Said Brother Jereos, "Imagine our disappointment when we were permitted to preach only two nights a week. When we started our meetings it was with faith that he would give us more time than twice a week. Together with the elder of the church, I visited him again in his office and expressed to him the necessity of having more time. Finally he agreed to give us three nights a week. We went ahead with this arrangement, but we were still not satisfied. Then we thought of asking our Bible instructor and and my wife to visit him and get acquainted with his family. After several friendly visits, the ban, as it were, was lifted, and we were given all the time we wanted, seven nights a week until our effort was finished. God has taught us in this experience that patience and perseverance are very much needed in carrying on His work."

Brother Jereos continued, "The meetings were peaceful throughout. The mayor provided adequate protection by sending policemen from time to time. Our brethren were faithful in attendance, and cooperated wholeheartedly in making the effort a success. July 9 was a memorable day in this church, as I buried with the Lord in baptism twenty-four precious souls in that beautiful Ilog River."

Local mission committees are busy making decisions, providing budgets for tent efforts, cottage meetings or spearhead efforts during the month of December, preparatory to the ensuing year, for they know that the first six months of the year will be the most suitable in which to do public evangelism. Then it will really be summertime in this part of the world, and, therefore, we will have less rain, wind and mud.

Wise men store up knowledge. Proverbs 10:14, An American translation.

## Mountain View College News

By Irene Wakeham, Registrar

Sunday evening, July 24, saw the initiation of a major improvement affecting the comfort, covenience. and health of practically every member of the M. V. C. family—the new cafeteria. The first building on the campus to be completed with horizontal siding on the outside and vertical board walls with stripping on the inside, it provides spacious accommodation for the entire student group and ample space for food preparation and storage. Glass is still lacking in the window frames, but the building provides much better accommodation from the weather than was previously available, as well as being convenient because of its central location. Artistically decorated, the cafeteria served as the setting of a welcome banquet planned by the faculty on the occasion of the visit of Elder and Mrs. F. A. Mote, Elder W. L. Pascoe, and Elder and Mrs. Gil de Guzman, August 4.

Another improvement made possible by the steady and adequate supply of lumber from the sawmill, is the continued work on the covered ramps connecting the six main buildings. The roofing and side railings are nearing completion, and for some time now it has been possible for a student to go from the chapel to the cafeteria, the library, the administrative offices, the bookstore, the clinic, or any of the six classrooms and back, without being exposed to the weather and without descending to the mud. This considerably improves the chances of keeping the floors clean and free of mud.

Blessed by a providentially less-wet-than-usual rainy season, the sawmill directed by Dr. William Richli has been making excellent progress. During one two-week period in late July, 60,000 board feet of lumber were milled. Full use is being made of a new chain saw donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank de Haan, of Maryland, who are also donating to the

College library a 1954 set of the Encyclopedia Americana. Currently, about fifteen enrolled students are employed, besides a number who are either working off old accounts or building up credit for future attendance. The boys work in the morning—and sometimes even at night when the work is pressing—and attend classes in the afternoon, taking an average of about two thirds of a full college load. In this way, they are able to meet all of their school expenses with cash earned at the sawmill.

Lumber has also been available to complete the siding on a number of unfinished walls, to partition teachers' offices between classrooms, and to construct two new sanitary to lets. A much appreciated improvement by all concerned are the new board-and-tar-paper roofs that have replaced the leaky nipa on the library build ng, the clinic and the girls' dormitory. In the girls' dormitory, skylights were constructed above each of the rooms. The girls have expressed sincere appreciation for the improved comfort of their home away from home.

Word has been received that the Student Association of Emmanuel Missionary College, Alma Mater of the majority of the overseas workers at Mountain View College, is sending as a donation one of the best microscopes available, together with a set of the new S. D. A. Bible Commentary for the library. Five rebuilt Underwood typewriters were received early in July from the United States, and were immediately utilized by a waiting group of eager typing students, as well as by the previously handicapped office workers.

In celebration of a nation-wide Arbor Week, more than 400 young trees were planted by groups of students and teachers working together Monday morning, July 25. These were spaced along both sides of the road leading from the edge of the college property almost to the border of the campus, and brought to over 600 the total number of trees planted within the past two months. Many of these are fruit trees, and some are ornamental. Another 150 trees are available to replace any that may not survive and to further beautify the campus in future years. In the same spirit, the Student Association voted to allot P180 of their funds for the purchase of 140 grafted valencia orange trees, which are expected to bear within the near future, and which will be their donation to the College.

Actions taken at a recent board meeting at the time of the visit of Elders Mote and Pascoe included the decision to fix up the former elementary school for a boys' dormitory, including a new roof, siding, installation of electricity and running water, and the plan of bunking the beds to provide sufficient floor space. Also authorized was the purchase of 50 additional cows and three bulls, as well as 100 day-old chicks.

With a reduced faculty and course offerings, there was a considerable drop in enrollment from that of previous years, but the present enrollment of 30 academy and 111 college students is proving exceptionally durable and enthusiastic, with a much lower rate of drop-outs than formerly. The first

and so far the only girl to leave school was Mitylene Amoguis, a commercial graduate of last March who was completing her secretarial course. She left August 14 to accept a call to secretarial work at the Northern Mindanao Mission office, a position for which her experience in the College offices has well qualified her. A few of the boys have found it necessary to drop school and work full time in the sawmill, for financial reasons.

Incidentally, the ratio of boys to girls at Mountain View College is almost two to one, so that whenever the student body is divided into groups for social activities, such as entertainments in the faculty homes, the girls have to be carefully rationed in order for each group to get its fair share!

That Mountain View College trains for leadership is demonstrated by the fact that 65 different students are currently holding some office or carrying some responsibility, either in the Sabbath school, M. V. Society, Ministerial Association, Student Association, or one of the other extracurricular activities. Many of these 65 have responsibility in more than one organization, where they can pursue their special interests and gain experience in leadership and cooperative effort toward worth-while objectives.

The one new addition to the Mountain View College faculty this year was Miss Febe Salvador, a secretarial graduate and English major from Philippine Union College who for two years had been employed by the Central Luzon Mission office. Miss Salvador is teaching a number of secretarial subjects, as well as two English classes in the academy.

The old-timer returning to Mountain View College would find several early landmarks gone. Pioneer Hall, the bamboo shelter constructed in January. 1952, to house the pioneer crew who surveyed the land, bulldozed the first roads, broke the virgin soil and planted and harvested the first crops, explored the canyons for springs and laid the first water pipes, was demolished during the summer vacation. Likewise vanished are the little bamboo cottages occupied for many months in 1952 by the Bartlett and Martin families. Slated for early destruction is the old cafeteria, its round supporting poles testifying to its ancient lineage, having been hauled in from the forest before the days of milled lumber. With the recent move to the greatly improved new cafeteria, no one will mourn its loss!

When the first electric lighting system in this part of Mindanao was developed at Mountain View College a couple of years ago, and the first beams of bright light flashed out for many miles over the valley, the surrounding barrio folk coined the name, School of the Light. In August, 1955, this became the official slogan of Mountain View College, chosen from among more than 120 entries submitted by students and faculty. It expresses the sincere hope of those connected with the school that indeed the light of gospel truth may shine forth from this city set on a hill, a light which cannot and should not be hid, but should continue to bring blessings and salvation to the youth of this great field.

# NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION

Manila, Philippines

#### The Matictic Junior Camp

By Ellen L. Garcia
MV Dept. Office Secretary
Central Luzon Mission

At the northeastern part of the province of Bulacan, in a small barrio named Matietic, in the town of Norzagaray, a joyful company of juniors from the different churches in the Central Luzon Mission remained in camp for a week. Under the able leadership of Pastor P. H. Romulo, the camp director; Mr. U. A. Liwanag, the assistant camp director; and the help of the following counselors and matrons, this camp was a success. Mr. Benjamin A. Martin, the Mission's secretary-treasurer, acted as finance officer. Mr. R. Y. Dizon served as camp nurse; Dr. Eva Suansing, camp dentist; and Misses Ellen L. Garcia, Miriam Pulumbarit, Encarnacion America, Demetria Oberio and Mr. Benjamin Pangan served as counselors. The juniors went back to their respective homes bringing with them gladness in their young hearts, although the parting time appeared to be bitter. Their faces showed the sweetness of Christian education, and you could hear them say at times, "I wish we had stayed a little longer."

Coming from all directions in the Central Luzon Mission, thirty-four juniors joined the Matictic Junior Camp which was isolated by a wide river from the town of Norzagaray, three kilometers away. Few trucks come to Matictic because of the rough roads. There were wide spreading coconut palms shading the tents, and near the broad, clear-flowing river a few meters from the tents was erected the kitchen. The climate was mild and soothing to the tired campers after a hard day's work.

In the morning of May 19, the first whistle was blown, a signal for waking up. At the second whistle, all the campers got up, hurriedly fixed their beds, and then came down to the water to get themselves ready for the Morning Watch circle. You could find everybody fixing all his things, in order to be ready for inspection. All units were in formation with the next whistle, their captains reporting, "All men present"; and then they were ready for the day's accomplishments.

The Morning Watch circle was the most exciting part. Most of the campers would recite memory verses, with A grades. Then all units, with their counselors, would go to their own places of prayer for meditation and counseling. This was the first work of the day, done as perfectly as possible, in order to gain the banner as "First Honor of the Day." Yes, they made the Morning Watch the

"Day's Watch," for they kept memorizing their text even during their work and play hours.

After the health and cabin inspection and the flag-raising, came a most satisfying part of camp life. We were served vegetarian meals prepared by expert cooks—Mrs. U. A. Liwanag and Mrs. B. Pangan—with the help of some brethren from the near-by church. The green grass served as table for the campers, who sat in a big circle. A few steps from the kitchen was clear water where the kitchen aiders cleaned all utensils. Then followed camp duties with everybody working.

Camp rangers and kitchen aiders worked vigorously or else they could not go swimming. The swimming was the most awaited part of the day's accomplishments, and everybody enjoyed it very much. Many of the juniors, especially the girls, learned to swim under the tutorship of Pastor P. H. Romulo. Then came the eraft time, when each had a work to do alone. Each camper took home the objects he finished.

In the evening after supper, we had the worship hour and a few moments for meditation. Then came the story-telling hour led by Mr. U. A. Liwanag. This was usually around a camp fire, with songspiration led by Mr. Liwanag and Miss Oberio. The stories were good, thrilling stories which gave lessons of courage in Christian warfare. They were stories of children who stood firm in their faith, amidst trials and temptations. After the stories were told, the quiet hour started, and everybody went to bed for a very sound sleep.

We spent our Sabbath in a most unusual way. We held our Sabbath school under a big mango tree, the branches of which were used as seats for the congregation. The brethren from near-by churches joined us in our Sabbath worship.

The last day of the camp came, and everybody was busy preparing for the trip home. Some were happy with the thought that they would not be missing the next camp, if there should be another one. Some felt uneasy and gloomy after experiencing the nice association and fellowship, because they wanted a few days' extension of the camp and the promise of another camp in the future. We appeal to you parents, not to miss this opportunity when it comes. Your children will be molded and trained in camp in a few days time if you will only give them the chance.

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD By MILDRED WOOD HARRIS

The kingdom of God is yours to proclaim; Yours to reveal in spirit and name. Yours is the heart where Heaven would dwell; Yours is the duty God's story to tell. Forces of evil contend for a throne In your heart's chambers; but Christ alone Dwelling in you makes perplexities cease. He is your answer; He is your peace.

## Obituary of Mrs. Phang Yin Hee

By J. L. POGUE

(This obituary was read during the funeral service of Sister Y. H. Phang, wife of the president of the Malay States Mission. After the service at the Balestier Road Church, Mrs. Phang was laid to rest in the Bidadari Cemetery in Singapore. Pastor D. Liem led out in the services, assisted by Pastors J. M. Nerness and J. L. Pogue.)

Sister Phang Yin Hee (Loh Kui Len) was born November 5, 1904, in Sandakan, North Borneo, and passed to rest at nine o'clock the morning of August 4, 1955, at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

It was November 14, 1922, that Loh Kui Len became the bride of Phang Yin Hee. For the past thirty-three years Sister Phang stood faithfully by the side of her husband in the work of God. Pastor and Sister Phang served the Lord in many places. They labored in Singapore thirteen years, Shanghai two years, Penang one year, Ipoh four years, and spent thirteen years in Kuala Lumpur.

The favorite text of our beloved was:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

God spared Sister Phang from pain, and the last night she slept comfortably. She awoke this morn-

ing at 4:30 A.M. and asked her second daughter, Stella, for a drink of water. Her next words were, "Stella, thank God for everything!" She then requested that her daughter pray for her there in the quietness of the early hour. Her last thought was of her children, and it was that they remain loyal to God and the church, for she wanted to see them in that better world.

Sister Phang leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Pastor Phang Yin Hee, president of the Malay States Mission; seven children: Mrs. Florence Lee Kok Peng, Mrs. Stella Tav Kok Poh. Donald (Poh Lin), Mary (Mui Liam), Lily (Lee Liam), Gladys (Sin Liam), and Alice (Oi Liam). Mary is in England studying at Kirkby College, and Donald is in America attending Pacific Union College. She also leaves her mother and three brothers, besides six grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Through life, as she toiled with her good husband we can be assured that the recording angel did not pass by this mother in Israel. She now rests, awaiting the sure and certain call of Jesus.

#### TIME

Time is too slow for those who wait; Too swift for those who fear; Too long for those who grieve; Too short for those who rejoice: But for those who love-Time is eternity.

Sundial, University of Virginia.

# NEWS FROM HERE&THERE

ident of Japan Missionary College, tors Kiger. recently shared with me a most interesting report concerning a con-

was engaged in general solicitation for during ingathering time in the students have already taken their there, he met a woman whose purse most happy with the results. was stolen. Instead of asking her for money, he gave her some.

The result was that this woman, a young doctor and chest surgeon, returned to her hospital, which is important national hospital down by Kyoto, and interested more than thirty people in our earnestly studying. They want to Longway, from next three years.

• Doctor C. E. Syphers recently made a trip to Seoul, Korea, to view the medical work being car-• Dr. Raymond S. Moore, pres- ried on by Doctor Rue and Doc-

Under the leadership of Doctor M. N. HEMPEL ..... Assistant Treasurer tact made by one of his students. T. Hayashi, the Tokyo Sanitarium A few months ago this student and Hospital has started a school L. E. SMART....Education, Medical Cadet laboratory technicians. The Tokyo Railway Station. While first Government tests, and are C. E. RANDOLPH, M.D. ...... Medical

> Ogden L. Aaby, manager of the Tokyo Sanitarium, took a trip to Taiwan on the invitation of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital to give counsel regarding hospital management.

Our people in Japan were happy message, which the whole group is to have Brother and Sister E. L. Taiwan, build a church there, and propose their vacation in Japan where to supply the money themselves Elder Longway was for two years for the building. They expect to connected with the Tokyo Sanihave the church built within the tarium and Hospital in its public relations. - OGDEN L. AABY.

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## FAR EASTERN DIVISION

# Evangelism

# The Blind Leading the Wide-open-eyed

By A. Z. Roda, President, Southern Mindanao Mission

An evangelist's organizing a church is ordinary news; that is his job. A lay preacher's raising a church is interesting; many have done this. But a blind man's raising a church is very rare and wonderful!

Brother Antonio Coligado of San Pablo, Zamboanga, who is totally blind, embraced the Advent faith we dearly love, and he lives out every doctrine he was taught. He is an earnest Seventh-day Adventist. His earnestness and devotion are shown in two ways: First, he has memorized almost every text of the Bible Doctrines we have printed in the Philippines. This feat alone is remarkable, but his being totally blind makes it doubly so. (This puts me, a preacher into embarrassment, for I do not have a serious hand cap such as he has.) Second, he has recently raised a church with a chartered membership of thirteen, with others soon to be baptized. Despite his physical hand caps he indoctrinated his candidates well, and topping it all, led them

in the construction of a house of worship. This humble and unpretentious building is a grand monument to what an earnest, soul-impassioned Seventh-day Adventist can do!

Now, a lesson for us all: If a blind brother can learn his Bible so well, is it not a rebuke to all who fail to study their Bibles and their Sabbath school lessons every day! If a blind believer can build a church, what greater possibilities there are for all those who are far more fortunate physically! Imagine the blind leading the wide-open-eyed!

#### WITH INTEREST

By INEZ CLARK THORSON

Who joins the ranks of evil, pays
More than initial dues;
For he must pay, along the years,
The interest that accraes.

Antonio (coligado (center, wearing dark glasses), his group of converts, and the church they built.

