Far East’s 18th Hospital Opens in the Philippines

The Far East’s 18th Seventh-day Adventist Hospital opened officially on Thursday, December 8, 1966. The new medical unit is the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, Taculing, on the outskirts of the thriving city of Bacolod in the Philippines.

More than 2,000 persons were present as the wife of the Governor of Negros Occidental snipped the ribbon at the hospital entranceway to officially inaugurate the new building for public use. This is the second hospital within the territory of the Central Philippine Union.

Seventh-day Adventist and civic officials from Bacolod, Cebu City, Manila, Singapore, and the United (Continued on page 4)
Holiday Retreat for Far Eastern Academy

“I WANT, dear Lord, a heart that’s pure and clean...”

If you had walked onto the grounds of the Methodist Center at Port Dickinson, Malaya, between December 26 and January 1, you would undoubtedly have heard the strains of this song. Pastor E. L. Minchin, General Conference Field Secretary, introduced this song to students of Far Eastern Academy during the week he spent with us.

Pastor Minchin, a real man of God, was the main speaker at our camp. He spoke to us on many pertinent subjects for teens of today. Among them were “Prayer,” “Finishing the Work,” and “Home and Family.” He also answered many of our questions.

The climax of the week came on the weekend. Friday night, after an inspiring talk, Pastor Minchin called for testimonies. Many of the students went forward to tell of their love for the Saviour. Then the faculty spoke of their devotion. After the meeting many of the students went in little groups to pray by the beach or under the trees.

On Sabbath morning Pastor Minchin spoke again at the church service. He spoke of the challenge that is ours, to finish the work of God on earth. He ended with a call for boys who felt that if the Lord should call they would be ministers of the gospel. Many answered the call and then Pastor Milton Lee offered a consecration prayer.

Pastor Minchin then made a call for those willing to serve as teachers, doctors, nurses, office workers, and the like. We all stood.

On Saturday evening as the sun was going down we gathered together for the last time for sun-down worship. Pastor Minchin told us many inspiring stories of youth around the world.

Yes, we can all tell you that this week was refreshing, not only physically, but spiritually.

—Genene Guild

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FAMILY. This is the R. S. Watts, Jr. family. He has been elected new Sabbath School Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. They have served recently in Korea where he was Sabbath School Secretary of the Korean Union.

Courtesy Call on Baguio Mayor

GREETINGS. During the annual Division Council in Baguio, Philippines, the president of the Far Eastern Division, P. H. Eldridge, made a courtesy call on the mayor of the city. Left to right, Mrs. Paul H. Eldridge, Mayor Norberto de Guzman, Pastor Eldridge, and Pastor C. A. Galang, Radio-TV Secretary of the North Philippine Union.

The new Division departmental leader was born in the Far East. His father was superintendent of the Korean Union at the time of his birth. Now his father is a vice-president of the General Conference.

Prior to World War II the family was evacuated to the United States. After the war was over, the family returned to the Far East to serve the church as missionaries. Ralph and his younger brother went to Shanghai to attend the Far Eastern Academy. When the school was forced to close in China, they moved to Hong Kong. Later Ralph and his brother were the first two students to attend the Far Eastern Academy at its present location in Singapore.

He returned to the United States in 1950 to complete his school work. While in school he married Patricia Ann Ortner, of Clinton, Mo. He began his ministerial work in 1956 in the Nebraska Conference and later accepted a departmental post in the North Dakota Conference.

In 1962 he accepted a call to mission service in Korea where he has served for the past five years.

The Watts family includes four children, Edie, Marsha, Steven, and Lori Ann.

We welcome the Watts family to the Far Eastern Division family. All correspondence relating to the Sabbath School Department should now be directed to Pastor Watts.
BACOLOD HOSPITAL . . .

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States were present for the inauguration day program. Invitations had gone out through the postal system, on the radio, and on TV for the residents of the community to attend the special program. Tours of the hospital began early in the afternoon and refreshments were served prior to the start of the program.

The Negros Occidental High School Band provided the music as the crowd began to assemble in front of a special platform constructed for the opening day ceremony.

Pastor F. M. Arrogante, a member of the hospital Board of Trustees and President of the local Negros Mission, was the master of ceremonies and Dr. W. G. Dick, Medical Director, took care of details for the program from backstage and onstage.

An impressive list of officials were on hand to congratulate the hospital staff at the opening program. From the denomination's General Conference came Pastor Ralph S. Watts, Sr., a Vice-President. From the Far Eastern Division were several representatives: Pastor H. D. Johnson, Treasurer; Pastor H. E. McClure, Sabbath School Secretary; Miss Nellie Ferrree, Assistant Educational Secretary; and the writer. The General Conference had another representative in Pastor R. C. Barger, Associate Secretary of the Sabbath School Department.

The community was well represented. The Governor of the Negros Occidental, Honorable Benjamin Gomez, was detained in Manila because of business, but he made sure that his lovely wife was present to represent him. His substitute on the speakers' stand was the provincial fiscal (attorney general), Mr. Raz. Greetings were brought to the hospital by the mayor of Bacolod, Romeo Guanzon.

The Central Philippine Union was represented by Pastor E. A. Caprobres, President, and Pastor M. G. Jereos, Secretary-Treasurer. Many others from the Union and local mission were present.

For the present the new fifty-bed hospital will be manned by a staff of three doctors and 17 nurses. As patronage increases the staff will also increase.
Land was purchased for the hospital in 1958. Building plans were approved in April, 1962. The facilities include 50 beds in private, semiprivate, and ward rooms, ten bassinets, pharmacy, physiotherapy, x-ray, major surgery suite, minor surgery suite, delivery room, laboratory, out-patient department, and kitchen-dining room.

Medical director for the new institution is Dr. W. G. Dick, formerly of China and Penang, who has worked untiringly for the past year to ready the hospital for the opening day program. By his side stands his wife, Mrs. Dick, and a faithful staff of workers all ready to be of service to God and to the community.

—D. A. Roth

Inauguration Sidelights

- A special banquet was held following the Inauguration program in the main dining room of the hospital. Attending were special guests from the community, General Conference, Far Eastern Division, and Central Philippine Union officials, and hospital staff members.
- More than 2,500 bottles of soft drink were given to visitors who attended the opening ceremony of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. It was a hot day, so the cool drink was refreshing to the visitors.
- Extensive coverage was given the opening by local radio stations. The Cebu City newspapers, although on another island, carried good news coverage of the event.
Kobe, Japan Clinic to Open Soon

REMODELING work on office space for the newest in the chain of Far Eastern Division Medical Institutions, the Kobe Adventist Clinic, has begun in earnest. The Clinic will include three examining rooms, a doctor's office, a nurses' station-pharmacy, laboratory and X-ray facilities and a receptionist's area in addition to the waiting room. It was anticipated that arrangements would be completed for a late January opening.

A good location for the clinic was obtained on one of the main thoroughfares of Kobe, just five minutes from the busy Sannomiya Station and shopping area and 10 minutes from Kobe Port, the Orient's largest. The four workers at this new facility will be continuing a work begun in the mid-1930's in the form of treatment rooms. In 1938 Dr. Elmer Olson came to Kobe and developed this facility into a small but busy hospital in the Nunobiki area, until recently the site of the South Japan Mission Headquarters. Unfortunately in 1939 a flood of water and mud washed away the doctor's home and almost ruined the hospital. The demolishing job was completed by the fires of World War II.

A shortage of personnel and funds has prevented the re-opening of medical work in this bustling international city until the present. The office facilities now being rented are but a few blocks across the Nunobiki River from the site of the early treatment rooms and are just around the corner from the recently constructed Kobe Adventist Church.

Community reaction to this new project has been most favorable, and hopes are high for a successful medical evangelism center in this important area of the South Japan Mission.

—E. H. Krick

Korean Union College Celebrates Her “Hankap”

By Robert M. Johnston, Bible Department, Korean Union College

THE sixtieth year of age is an important milestone in Korea. The years roll by in cycles of sixty, with each year in the cycle named for an eponymous animal. Every sixty years comes the Year of the Tiger, and so forth. When a man turns sixty years of age, all his children and friends plan a great feast to which many guests are invited, a celebration called a “Hankap”.

On October 10, 1966—the Year of the White Horse—Korean Union College had her “Hankap”, and was gladdened by the kind words of many dignitaries from church and country who gathered to congratulate her.

The days preceding the Anniversary celebration were marked by both joyful festivity and solemn prayer. The Sabbath sermon on October 8 was delivered by Pastor T. V. Zytkoskee, former president of the college and currently Acting Education Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. On Sunday night an inspiring sacred concert was presented under the direction of Prof. Pak Shin Kwan, college choir director.

The climax was, of course, Monday, October 10. Glowing speeches of tribute to the school were made, often accompanied with commemorative gifts, by the heads of Korean Military Academy and Seoul Women's College, both neighboring educational institutions; Pastor Pak Chang Uk, Chairman of the board; T. V. Zytkoskee; and a representative of the Ministry of Education for the Republic of Korea. Especially encouraging was a special message sent by his excellency, Chong Il Kwon, Prime Minister of Korea, a translation of which appears in an article which appears separately. Special commemorative medals were presented for outstanding service at the college to two men: former president T. V. Zytkoskee and former professor R. S. Lee.

It was just 60 years before, in the previous Year of the White Horse, that W. R. Smith, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary to Korea, founded in Soonan (now in North Korea) the school which eventually became Korean Union College. The line which comes down torturously from that time until now passed through many vicissitudes and difficulties during the days of Japanese occupation, the wartime years, the liberation and division of the nation. But as the reader will see from reading the fascinating history of the school in the SDA Encyclopedia, that line never became completely extinguished.

Today our college is the primary source of trained workers for the
Seventh-day Adventist Church in Korea. It is now a liberal arts senior college recognized by the national Ministry of Education and the denominational Education Department.

Under the leadership of Dr. R. E. Klimes, Korean Union College shows no sign of growing old. Now that she has had her “Hankap,” plans are in hand for growth in every direction.

The Prime Minister and Korean Union College

By Rudy E. Klimes, President, Korean Union College

FOLLOWING Prime Minister Chung Il Kwon’s recent visit to Korean Union College, I had another opportunity to visit with him at the opening of an economic development exhibition. I mentioned to him our plans for our sixtieth anniversary celebration and asked him if he could send us a few words of written greetings.

“No, I won’t do that. I’ll come out myself,” replied the prime minister. Some pressing state business kept him from keeping this appointment, but he sent us the following congratulatory greeting, which was read at the celebration:

“Dear Dr. Klimes, professors, honorable guests, and students:

“I am very happy to have the privilege of encouraging you on this sixtieth anniversary ceremony of Korean Union College. The history and tradition of your college started at the same time as your Seventh-day Adventist church began to proclaim the truth in such a changing and troubled situation, at the end of the old Korean kingdom, and your history shares the same difficult problems as our country.

“Sometimes your school was forced to close down because of economic problems. We could say that the history of your college passed through the ‘thistle road.’

“In spite of such trials and troubles, your college kept growing continually. Now it has become one of the excellent colleges in Korea. I believe this is due to God’s wonderful protection, on the one hand; and to the efforts, patience, and courage of your faculty, on the other hand.

“There is a Korean proverb that says, ‘In ten years even rivers and mountains change.’ But your college has a history of sixty years, and both in content and facilities it has made so much progress that it greatly contributes to our country.

“Today I sincerely entreat you that, according to your educational aim—mentally, morally, and physically balanced education—you endeavor to train the young people for this country.

“It is said that the true aim of education is not mere transmission of knowledge and skill, but the cultivation of good character. The aim of education is not merely to indoctrinate with letter, skill, and theory; but the true aim of education is the cultivation of intelligence, morality, and character, and the training of young people to be useful. This is what our society needs.

“From that point of view, I believe the educational aim of your college—training the young people to meet the needs of our society through a harmonious mental, moral, and physical education—can be the guideline for the retarded education of this country. As it was 60 years ago, so will it also be in the future.

“Your college, I believe, has followed the spirit of St. Paul, who lived continually in self-sacrifice and loving service, as you have trained the young people to regard God’s holy grace and to serve this country, holding the Bible in one hand and hoe and hammer in the other.

“At the end of this speech, again I sincerely entreat your college to make much progress, to continue in productive education, and further accomplish God’s aim under the excellent leadership of Dr. R. E. Klimes and with the co-operation of the entire faculty and student body. Thank you.”
Central Philippines

Central Philippines Annual Committee Meeting

UNDER the efficient direction of E. A. Capobres, President, and M. G. Jereos, Secretary-Treasurer, the annual committee meeting of the Central Philippine Union Mission was held in Cebu City, December 19-24, 1966.

It was handled with a high degree of unanimity, Christian love, and mutual confidence.

The four Missions of which the Union is composed were represented by their respective officers, the mission presidents and secretary-treasurers. The Miller Sanitarium and Bacolod Sanitarium were represented by the medical directors, F. T. Geslani and W. G. Dick respectively. Dr. D. K. Brown of Mountain View College was also present at this annual meeting.

The brethren were glad for the presence of Pastors R. S. Watts, General Conference Vice-President and D. S. Johnson, Associate Secretary, representing our world headquarters in Washington D. C., P. H. Eldridge, President, and D. A. Roth, Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Elder K. D. Johnson, President of Iowa Conference, was also of much help in our meetings.

The Union president reported 1,813 baptisms during year 1966. Considering the population of 8,500,000 the density of Adventists in the Central Philippine Union Mission territory is now about one for every 280 people, our membership being 30,155.

The over-all reports presented indicated growth and development in every feature of the work. The Lord has greatly blessed the work in Central Philippines.

Spectacular progress is being observed in medical lines. Expansive building constructions and renovations to improve the departmental facilities are being done at the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital. The leadership of the Sanitarium is in good hands.

The Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital was inaugurated on December 8, 1966 attended by about two thousand people including our church leaders from Washington D. C. and Singapore and also the provincial and city officials of Negros island and Bacolod City. With its commodious building and adequate facilities and equipment and with the competent staff under the capable management of Dr. W. G. Dick, Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital holds high a strong arm nursing the people of Negros and Panay with the message of health, healing and salvation.

With the promised guidance and blessings of our heavenly Father we expect great things in the future as a result of the driving conviction and sacrificial commitments of all our workers in Central Philippines.

—F. M. Arrogante

Meeting God’s Deadline

By F. M. Arrogante, President, Negros Mission

THE survival and triumph of the church depends upon evangelism. Evangelism is warfare against Satan. It is the last commission of Christ to His disciples with a carry-over declaration as the legitimate business of the Remnant Church. There is no substitute for evangelism. "Indifference to missions is the worst kind of treason. Enthusiasm for missions is the measure of our faith in God and our love for our fellowmen." —Henry Van Dyke.

The apostle Paul said: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." 1 Corinthians 9:16.

"All worldly enterprises are of trifling importance compared with the work of saving souls. . . . The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part." Testimonies, Volume 2, p. 336.

Time is short and God’s people are racing with doomsday. They have a deadline to meet. Christ said, "I must do the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

This shortness of time imposes upon God’s people such fervency and urgency that "requires of his children vigilance that knows no relaxation." Prophets and Kings, p. 571.

Everyone born into this message is a missionary. "Long has God wanted for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church.
so that everyone shall be working
for Him according to his ability.”
God’s people will never know
the resources of Christ until they
attempt even the impossible. At-
tempting for God? We have to do
it now. “The work which the church
failed to do in time of peace
and prosperity she will have to
do in a terrible crisis, under most
discouraging, forbidding circum-
stances.”—Testimonies, Volume 5,
p. 463.
God’s clock of time is ticking
onward to eternity. Moment by
moment every day through the
years God is speeding our time to
cease, then God’s eternity begins.
Let us all press together to meet
God’s deadline!

Singing Youth in Our
Academies

By F. M. Arrogante, President,
Negros Mission

THE East Visayan Academy in
Bulacao, Cebu City, and the
West Visayan Academy in Bongco,
Potoban, Iloilo, are blessed with
youth who are gifted with varied
talents. In an Ingathering campaign
they broke previous years’ records
in a matter of a few days. In many
lines of endeavors our youth mani-
fest contagious enthusiasm and a
desire to do their best.

Testifying of their hope in the
Lord Jesus Christ our youth love
to sing. Ever ready to sing from
Sabbath to Sabbath and at any
church service or special occasion
they make the atmosphere con-
ductive to worship, meditation, and
prayer.

A choir of 68, under the baton
of Lorenzo Lacson, Jr., blends their
voices into heavenly melody at the
East Visayan Academy. Mrs. Marie
Bingcang and Mrs. Eunice Jornada
have organized a group of 40 musi-
cally-gifted young people at the
West Visayan Academy to provide
services in song for the school.
Men’s quartets and ladies choruses
are also well organized.

Magazine Ministry During
Ingathering Campaign

Here is a group of mission workers
and literature evangelists of the
Davao Mission who took part in the
four-day Ingathering drive in the city.
They were given “Signs of the Times”
magazines to be distributed
to the homes in connection with their solicitations.
Remember the Faithful
Thirteenth Sabbath
March

• NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING,
SEOUL SANITARIUM AND
• EVANGELISTIC CENTER,
• MOUNTAIN VIEW COL

Give liberally for

KOREA. These boys and girls in Korea have no mothers and no fathers. They are supported at the orphanage sponsored by the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital.
NEW. This is the perspective of the new proposed Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital in Korea.

HELP for the millions in Hong Kong will come with your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering gift on March 25.

CHILDREN. These boys and girls of the Far East look to you for help during this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering!

APPEAL. "Would you help me, please?" asks this little Oriental miss!
East Indonesia

Sabbath School Institute
for East Indonesia Union
Mission

By John D. A. Matusea

October 19 - 23, 1966 were unforgotten days for the work in the East Indonesia Union especially for the Sabbath School Department, where two of our leaders had come to the East Indonesia Union — Pastor R. Curtis Barger, Associate Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference, and Pastor H. E. McClure, S.S. Secretary, Far Eastern Division.

From far and near, church delegates had come to the city of Menado, where the S.S. Institute was held at the Tikala Church. Those who were invited to come to the Institute were elders of the church, S.S. superintendents, and S.S. Division leaders.

This is the first S.S. Institute ever conducted for the whole East Indonesia Union. It gave us great help and courage. We want to thank the Far Eastern Division who sent these two men. A total of 120 delegates were present.

During the Institute, Elder Barger showed some demonstrations on how to give Bible lessons to the children, but the most interesting was the demonstration for the Juniors and Earlites.

May God bless all the efforts of our S.S. members to open as many Branch S.S. and V.B.S. as possible.

First V.B.S. in North Celebes

August 15, 1966 was the first day of VBS ever conducted at the North Celebes Mission, at Ranotana Church School building. 68 students were enrolled; 48 of them were non-SDA and 20 were SDA children.

All the children were very happy and faithful in all the program, especially the non-Adventist children.

With the cooperation of the church and local mission the school was run smoothly.

Several days after the school began, difficulties arose from the enemies of the truth. Non-SDA children were threatened by their public school teachers. They said, if you continue to go to that school, we will cross your name out of the public school. But the children were not afraid. Every day they came to VBS until the graduation day. At the graduation day, all the parents of non-SDA children were invited and were present. They were thrilled with the good program that has been prepared for their own children.

As follow-up of the VBS, all the non-SDA children were enrolled in Branch Sabbath Schools.

Report from Indonesia

It was with gladness in our hearts that we returned to Indonesia to enter into our fourth term of service in this vast field. Upon our return we found many interesting things happening. Evangelistic efforts were being conducted and many souls had already made their decisions for this truth. The lay evangelistic work was being encouraged with the good advice and leadership of Pastor L. A. Shipowick who visited our field and held instructional meetings. Several small efforts have been begun by our laymen.

It was very encouraging to come back and see the plans of our new college being fulfilled. Land has been purchased and several buildings are being erected. One year of college had been given in a temporary building and now the teachers and students are working together for the beginning of a new year. The three national teachers' homes are about finished and the principal's home is about ready to be occupied. He and his family camped in it even though the water and electricity are not installed yet.

At the present time the work has almost stopped because of the lack of rupiahs here in the East Union. This of course helps to exercise our faith and we do pray that all this work may be done before new school year begins.

—Mrs. A. M. Bartlett

West Indonesia

My Country — Sabang to Merauke

By Mexico Pardosi

The work of God that has to be finished by the workers and members in Indonesia covers a wide area of Sabang to Merauke.

The Atjeh area, which has a population of more than 2 million people, lies at the extreme end of Indonesia. It covers a vast area and
the people like to smoke and chew betel nut.

The people of Atjeh do not tolerate other religions especially Christians. According to the observation of the writer there has never been an Atjehnese converted to Christianity. They fear to be considered heretics and thus expelled from the community.

They bitterly oppose and prevent other religions from entering Atjeh since they believe that all religions other than Islam are heathen. This is a real challenge to us.

Atjeh is well-known for its rentjong (kris), a kind of weapon that is commonly used by the Atjeh people. They are a brave people and are against any kind of colonialism. During the reign of Sultan (King) Iskandar Muda they tried to expand their territory to Malaya by making 14 attacks on the Portuguese, which at that time occupied Malaya.

During the years 1873 — 1903 there was a war called the "Atjeh War". This resulted because the Dutch tried to make Atjeh one of its colonies. Under the leadership of General Kohler the Dutch made their first attack on Atjeh but failed and this resulted in the death of the general himself.

But the Dutch did not stop here. Their great desire to occupy Atjeh led them to call for help from Djakarta and raised funds to make another attack. The fall of Atjeh in 1903 marked the end of the Atjeh War.

Adventist work in Atjeh was started during this period. During that time they wanted to make Atjeh a strictly Islam territory. They forced and threatened other church leaders, including Christians, to become Mohammedans. Many of these church leaders fled from this area. But our worker stayed on in spite of all the threatenings. They gave him an hour anyway and before that one hour passed the Japanese moved into Atjeh and their plan to kill our worker failed. Surely the Lord has His hand on His people. After the occupation of the Japanese in Atjeh it was even more difficult for our work to expand because of the connection with the headquarters and financial problems. Since that time until 1965 there has never been a worker in Atjeh. There was no shepherd to lead the sheep. But the Lord instructed His people, the Seventh-day Adventists, to finish the work before He comes again.

After graduating from Indonesia Union College in Bandung the writer was called to serve as the Assistant Publishing Secretary in Banda Atjeh in the North Sumatra Mission. With full confidence in the message of the writer began to work, facing the fanatical people of Atjeh.

At the present time there are but four colporteurs who work regularly in this area.

Besides canvassing these faithful colporteurs also enroll names for the Bible Correspondence Course. They keep on going in spite of the bitter opposition from most of the people.

We conduct Bible Studies almost every night in the homes of the interested and show them film slides. We notice that many of them are eager to study. We broadcast on the radio once a week.

We have good public relations with the local governor who is ready to provide us a piece of land 100 x 100 m wide with the condition that we should build a hospital or a clinic on it. He has visited and admired our Bandung Mission Hospital and the Djakarta Evangelistic Center. After a clinic we can build a church, office, and workers housing.

As we start on this big project we are confronted with financial problems. Let us pray that God will help us and open the way so that these wonderful plans will become a reality and that the work of God will be finished quickly especially in the land of Atjeh.

"Bible Readings"

Responsible for New Sect

By W. L. Wilcox, President,
West Indonesia Union

A FEW years ago a young lady was selling books up in the mountains of Timor in Eastern Indonesia. During the course of the day a "Bible Readings" in the Indonesian language was purchased by an earnest seeker after truth who lived in the village of Ouikabiti.

The message in the book so impressed the purchaser that he determined to reveal the truths to others. Right then there was no Adventist church in this area but as time went on more and more people accepted the seventh day Sabbath, health reform, and many other points of doctrine that had been gleaned from this remarkable book.

In this area most people keep pigs for their food, they chew betel-nut, and are very unkempt in their appearance. Here however was a different teaching and many people desired a better way of life. Besides this the man who bought "Bible Readings" also claimed he had visions from God who showed him that these evil habits must be abandoned. Soon several groups who were following his teachings were organized into church organizations called "Sidi Masehi", or "Certified Christians".

Just a few months ago a group of these people was located in the small village of Kuantua about 12 kilometers from Ouikabiti. Also at this same time the government having gone through a terrible political upheaval, declared that all organizations not registered with the government would be banned. Since "Sidi Masehi" was such an organization it too was closed. Taking this opportunity Titus Tabene was sent to Kuantua to hold a series of meetings. There were only about half a dozen homes in this area so there was not a large attendance. In fact from night to night about 20 people came out. During the month of October, 1966, I had the privilege of visiting this place and baptizing 17 out of the 20 who came to the meetings. The other three are preparing to take this step as soon as possible. It is not often that an evangelist can baptize 100% of his audience as Bro. Tabene was able to do.

This was only a small part of those from the "Sidi Masehi" who have accepted the truth of God.

Already four Adventist churches with a membership of about 450 souls have been organized in this area, and several others will be brought into sisterhood of churches in the near future. Scores of these were members of the "Sidi Masehi", the church whose founding was due to a colporteur who sold a book to someone searching for truth. God works in many strange ways, His wonders to perform.
South China Island

News and Notes
South China Island Union

INGATHERING Special — Singing Christmas carols and Ingathering was a new venture this year in Taipei. The carolers sang in both Chinese and English. During the short time the group went out caroling, an average in local currency of more than US$100 was received each night. They are looking forward to next Christmas season when they can do even more.

New Churches — During this year the number of organized churches has increased by 12½ per cent. In actual numbers this is not very many — only five — but this is the largest increase in organized churches in a number of years.

Plans for Union Office Relocation — A tract of ground a few miles out of Taipei has been secured for the new Union office. This is located in the foothills of Grass Mountain and will be a fine location for the Union headquarters.

Tribal School — The Taiwan Mountain Bible School is a bright spot in new organizations in Taiwan. This year they added the third year of instruction, grade nine. They are presently constructing a new girls' dormitory and plans are on the drawing board for a new boys' dormitory. Pastor Nathaniel Yen, the principal, and his staff of workers are to be commended for their accomplishments in the progress of this school.

Stubbs Road Hospital — Word has just been received from Hong Kong that the government will be issuing their proposal for the lease of the present property, and lease of additional on which to establish our new medical center on Hong Kong Island. This has been a dream and planned for many years.

Tsuen Wan Hospital Building Program — New workers' quarters have just been completed at the Tsuen Wan Hospital. They are ready for occupancy and awaiting inspection by the Hong Kong Government. This apartment building is a fine addition to the hospital program at Tsuen Wan.

More News of Note

Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Miller recently attended a conference of the Taiwan Christian Service and the Taipei Christian Medical Association at the Sun Moon Lake Resort in Central Taiwan. The purpose of this conference was to discuss how to inform our Christian leadership concerning the most recent developments in family planning and to map out a strategy for the church as we plan for the future in this extremely important area of Christian responsibility.

The English church school in Taiwan is being taught by Miss Lois Kettner this year with ten children under her care.

Pastor Nathaniel Yen reports that work has begun on the new girls' dormitory at the Taiwan Mountain Bible School. This additional building will enable them to enroll many more students next year.

On their way home to Hong Kong from furlough, Pastor and Mrs. Longway spent a month in Taipei. During this time Pastor Longway, assisted by Dr. Imperio and Pastor D. W. Curry, solicited funds for a new church for the Taiwan Sanitarium.

Don F. Gilbert and family arrived early in November from their furlough in the States and the Union treasurer's office is humming with activity again. Welcome back, Don!

At the annual committee of the South China Island Union Don Gilbert was ordained to the gospel ministry. Attending the event were General Conference and Far Eastern Division representatives.
Nurses Entertain Taiwan Nurses' Association

TAIWAN Missionary College and Taiwan Sanitarium & Hospital nurses entertained the Taiwan Nurses' Association on November 7.

It had been some time since this group had been entertained by our nurses due to a lack of adequate facilities for a meeting place.

At the organization's meeting in September a request was made for us to act as host for the November meeting.

We studied the surrounding area and were able to arrange for a meeting place close by. Following the program tours were arranged through the hospital and School of Nursing buildings. Refreshments were served at the School of Nursing Building.

Topic for the program was "Dimensions of Patient Care" and a paper written by Lois Knowles, Assistant Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Florida, was presented by Mrs. Anne Lindt and Miss Glenda Rolfe. Miss Anna Ching, nursing instructor in the Department of Nursing at TS & H, did an exceptional job of translation into Chinese.

The response of the visitors to the program, our hospital and school of nursing building was heart-warming, and we look forward to our next opportunity to participate with the Taiwan Nurses' Association.

—Glenda Rolfe

New Church in the Mountains of Taiwan

HIGH in the mountains of North Central Taiwan there stands an attractive little church, testimony to the mysterious workings of God's Holy Spirit and the effectiveness of the witness of laymen.

It all began some five years ago. A young man, Fu Chin Lung, chanced to attend a meeting where he heard Hwang Chi Pang, a young Seventh-day Adventist minister, preach a sermon emphasizing the seventh day of the week as God's Holy Sabbath. Although he was a Christian, Chin Lung had never heard anything about the Sabbath before. As he listened he became convinced that here was truth. He was determined to investigate for himself.

When Chin Lung returned home he began to search the Scriptures to learn whether the things he heard were so. To his amazement he found that the seventh day of the week was the Sabbath. He was constrained to share the light. Soon several members of his family were convinced of their duty to observe the Sabbath of the commandments.

There on that high, windswept mountainside unknown to any save God a little company began keeping the Sabbath and praying for God's guidance. Months went by and stretched into years. Still this little group continued to meet on Sabbath. The warmth of Christian fellowship was kept alive by a program of sharing the light with neighboring villages. God did not forget these faithful ones. He had more light for them. In His providence, and in His own good time, He arranged events in such a way that another young Seventh-day Adventist preacher learned of this little company of Sabbath-keepers. Despite the handicap of a missing leg, with the aid of his crutch, Wang Yung Nan climbed the precipitous mountain trail to the village and began a systematic study of the truths of God's Word with these Sabbath keepers. The harvest was ripe, the laborer had been sent into the field, the reaping was sure.

Thirteen Sabbath keepers rejoiced to become members of the remnant church.

Now as full fledged Seventh-day Adventists these earnest Christians expanded their missionary enterprises. Under the guidance of their pastor branch Sabbath schools became a regular part of their church program.

Meanwhile plans began to take shape for a church building. They would provide the labor and some of the funds. Could the Mission help? With the "go-ahead" signal from the mission committee their dreams began to take shape while willing hands tamped the earth solidly into the forms to make the walls. Others cut timber and carried it on their shoulders to provide support for the roof. With the financial help from the North Taiwan Mission, roofing material, cement, glass and lumber were purchased to help complete the building.

What a pleasure it was to participate in the church dedication service on Sabbath morning, December 17, to witness the expression...
of satisfaction and joy on the faces of the members of the Pa Ling Church. That same afternoon three more precious souls were added to the roster of the growing church membership, testifying to the effectiveness of the faithful witness of the members of the Pa Ling Church. The light of the Pa Ling Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to shine brightly bearing witness of the third angel's message to neighboring villages.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead our faithful laymen into fruitful ministry of soul saving in these momentous times of earth's last hour.

North Philippines

Nineteen Baptized at PUC

NINETEEN persons were baptized at Philippine Union College Church Auditorium, recently by Pastors L. M. Baylon and G. G. Fernandez, church pastor and School of Thology instructor respectively. This was the first baptism held in the new baptistry located at the back of the stage where all in the audience could see. Funds for this nice baptistry were contributed by church members, faculty, and friends. After a short sermon on the "Privilege of Sonship," the baptism proceeded without a break while the congregation watched from their seats.

Sixteen of those baptized were students. The student group was the fruitage of the intensive efforts of the church pastor assisted by active members of the Ministerial association and Pablo Poblete, Academy Bible teacher. The other three were the fruit of efforts of Pastor G. G. Fernandez, A. Tangalin, and Dr. V. G. Tamayo for those in Bagong Barrio.

At the start of the school year, Pastor Baylon immediately set out on a program of intensive instruction for those non-Adventist students who wanted to acquaint themselves with what the Christian religion really meant, and what our response to these claims should be.

A new feature which characterized this particular baptism was the "Love Feast" held at the College Cafeteria after the service, attended by all those directly involved in the efforts. It was a joyous fellowship in celebration of the most important decision these students and friends made in their lives.

A continuing program of instruction and baptism is being planned by the church pastor to bring into the fold of Christ as many of those students who have not fully known the joys of the Christian religion.

—Alfonso P. Roda, President, Philippine Union College

Master Guide Club Caroled

THE Master Guide Club of Southern Luzon Mission under the leadership of Master Guide Sammy B. Frias, Vice President of the Club, went around Legaspi City and suburbs caroling last Christmas night. They caroled not the imposing palatial homes of the rich and well-to-do but the shanties, the slums, the poor of the city. They caroled not expecting to receive any gift, but they carded to give, to share a part of their joy this Christmas to the poor, for after all, the real spirit of Christmas is giving.

To start with, the club members went around the city to get names of indigents and poor families. A package was prepared for each family, especially for the children.

It was the experience of the club members that even those poor families would like to give, for they thought that the carolers were there to receive, but instead, to their surprise, they were told that the members of the Master Guide Club of Seventh-day Adventists were singing for them to give them the joy of Christmas and that they were there to bring them a little token of love, especially for the children.

It was a real surprise to all of them who received. Even bystanders were
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wondering why these carolers were choosing the shanties, the poor dilapidated houses and not of the rich.

Truly, the Master Guide Club members shared their joy and their faith to less fortunate of Legaspi City and suburbs.

The Club members went home satisfied that they have done something for Him. “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25:40.

The officers of the Southern Luzon Mission Master Guide Club are as follows:

President, 
Dr. C. L. Miranda
Vice President, 
Samson B. Frias
Secretary, 
Mrs. Rebecca F. Orbe
Treasurer, 
Mrs. C. L. Miranda

Philippine Union College Starts New Industry

By P. G. Miller, Dean of Faculties

A n educational institution is constantly in need of new buildings and Philippine Union College is feeling the effects of its marked increase in enrollment. The enrollment for the second semester has passed the one thousand mark and the physical plant is being taxed once more to the limit. Classrooms, laboratories, and dormitories are inadequate to provide the needed facilities.

Along with this need for physical facilities stemming from the increased enrollment comes the need for providing more work opportunities for the growing student body. In an effort to help solve these twin needs of increased facilities and better work opportunities, the college administration in conjunction with the college board has sought to encourage industries which are related to existing deficiencies.

An example of this approach can be found in the hollow-block department which has been established recently. The necessary equipment has been purchased and high quality hollow blocks are being produced. These hollow blocks will be sold to the contractors erecting some of the new buildings that are being planned for the immediate future. One of the first projects to utilize this new product will be the nursing education building.

Premedical Student From Thailand Qualifies for Student Pilot Wings

PAUL Wong, son of Pastor and Mrs. K. S. Wong of Bangkok, Thailand, qualified recently for his student pilot wings when he completed successfully the solo requirements set forth by the Civil Aviation Commission of the Philippines. Paul is a pre-medical student at Philippine Union College, being sponsored by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Following his completion of the medical course, Paul hopes to serve the Thailand Mission as a flying medical missionary.

In addition to the sale of this product to outside contractors, the administration hopes to organize its own building program utilizing student labor. Such a plan will provide an abundance of profitable work opportunities to young men who would otherwise be deprived of a Christian education. The students have displayed a genuine interest in a work program which emphasizes useful projects and take pride in good workmanship. The young people who learn new skills while at college will be able to make a greater contribution to the work of God when they graduate.
Southeast Asia

Soul-winning in Saigon

By Doyle Barnett
Secretary, Department of Lay Activities

TWO young ladies in the Cholon (a city within Saigon) Adventist Church are on fire with enthusiasm for their Master. After Wong Yew Seng, the church pastor, had organized and sent the young people out by twos in house-to-house canvassing for Bible School students, Misses Chen and Yang led the whole church by securing over 500 enrollments. And they did this in less than two weeks. Two other young ladies also did excellent work.

Vietnam is involved in deadly warfare, and many activities cannot be carried on in the normal way. Nothing, however, could stop these youth from pressing forward in attempting great things for their Lord. They have a burning desire to share their faith with those who have no hope.

These youth did not stop to flaunt their laurels and for others to shout their praises. To them soul-winning was not just a sea-sational activity, or something to engage in as they felt like it. It must be carried forward in progressive and unbroken continuity. Instead of being satisfied with past accomplishments, they were eager to continue with more effective methods. When a new way of house-to-house missionary work was introduced in their church, they were even more enthusiastic than before. The new manner of working was to use the Voice of Prophecy "Way of Life" Bible course in a weekly distribution plan.

During the first week the first lesson was delivered from house to house in person by many bands of lay workers. The next week they went back to the same homes with lessons two and three. On this second visit they also collected the first lesson test forms. On the first Sabbath afternoon these two young ladies introduced this new Bible study plan to 38 people in house-to-house visitation. Thirty-six of that number accepted the lessons and promised to study them. The following Sabbath they collected 23 filled-in test forms from these same people. Other young people were equally enthusiastic in sharing this plan with their neighbors and friends. Not only the young people but many older Cholon Church members are entering into this new plan of sharing their faith with those about them.

This soul-winning endeavor has infused new life into the whole church. Between two and three hundred personal contacts were made each week. A large number of these attended Pastor Milton Lee’s evangelistic meetings which were conducted in that city. We are confident that many of these will take their stand for Christ and unite with God’s church. Praise be to God for what these lay members are working for Him.

On the next page are shown graduates of the Southeast Asia Union College who received their diplomas in a special ceremony on January 7, 1967.

New Member of the Youngberg Hospital Staff

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES. Above is shown the family of Dr. Paul Genstler, new member of the staff of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore. Dr. Genstler came to the Far East from Michigan, but previous to that he served a term of service in Africa. Their three children attend the Far Eastern Academy and the elementary school in Singapore.

SAIGON MEETING . . .

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front row of candidates in the picture is the daughter, Miss Pi (flanked by her sister-in-law to the left and her mother on the right.) Though saddened, she did not hesitate in her resolution. We assured her that she had made the right choice and one day she would be happy for it.

On the back row to the right of Father Pi, is Professor Chang Cheng Cheng Ru (in dark glasses.) He is no doubt the best-educated among the candidates, a teacher in an English high school. He had gone through a series of evangelistic meetings years ago under our late Pastor Ho Wai Yue, one of our ablest Cantonese preachers. Though convinced of our doctrines then, he had not taken his stand. Now he came to our meetings with the avowed purpose of making his peace with God and never missed a meeting.

Nineteen-year-old Shelley Lao, seated directly in front of Pastor Lee at the end of the row of ladies had an interesting experience. The only child of a hard-working mother (her father died even before her birth), Shelley, nevertheless, had a good education, having finished the English high school. Now she was employed at a good salary in a Saigon Bank. Shelley decided to keep Sabbath, but Saturdays are the bank’s busiest days. She had kept several Sabbaths by asking for a special leave for the day, but realized she could not continue that way. There would have to be an understanding with the bank, which seemed impossible. When she had made her decision, Pastors Lee and Wong went on her behalf to petition her boss. He said that they liked Shelley’s work and would hate to lose her, but that he would have to talk to the bank manager. How-
ever, the next noon Shelley came to us perplexed and shaken. The manager said the bank could not make an exception for her, and could not grant her Saturdays off! That was a real blow to Shelley, not that she minded losing her job, but how would she have the courage to tell this to her heathen mother? (In her hand she had brought her first tithe and asked that we put it in for her without telling her mother or bringing a receipt to the house.) We opened to Shelley the thought of going abroad to further her education, which came as a big comfort. Friday she walked into the manager's office to resign from her work, and received the surprise of her life. He told her that they had be willing to continue to keep her of six—just what she had wished for! But God tested her loyalty first. She had stood the test, and now He seemed to be saying, "It is your willingness to give up all for Him that is the real test, and we are pleased to see that you are willing to sacrifice all for Him."

We rejoice with these youth as they reach another educational milestone. May they dedicate their service completely to His cause is our earnest hope and prayer.

Daniel Tan Elected President of SAUC

The Board of Directors unanimously voted Daniel Tan as President of Southeast Asia Union College at its recent annual meeting held in Singapore.

Daniel Tan had been serving as Acting President for two years before going to the United States to obtain his Master's degree in Administration and filled this same position again upon his return from the States in February, 1966.

Tan has received all his education at Seventh-day Adventist institutions. He received his elementary and secondary education from Sunny Hill School in Sarawak and then at the Malayan Seminary in Singapore. In 1949 he was granted an upgrading scholarship to the Philippines where he completed his B. S. E. degree. In 1964 he was again upgraded, this time at Andrews University, Michigan, where he obtained his Master's degree.

He has been in the work since 1939 after finishing his Junior College course work at SAUC. During these years of devoted service, he has served in the capacity of teacher, secretary-treasurer, shipping clerk, dean of men, registrar, principal, and now president.

News From Southeast Asia Union College

Graduation Exercises at SAUC

Capacity crowds attended the graduation exercises held in the college chapel of Southeast Asia Union College on January 6 and 7 for 11 members of the 1966 senior class.

The auditorium was tastefully decorated, echoing the class colors of black and gold in its theme. E. L. Minchin, Field Secretary of the General Conference, gave an inspiring charge to the graduating class at the Consecration Service, urging them to live to serve and to truly know their Saviour in a very personal way. T. K. Chong, Pastor of the Balestier Road Church, reechoed this appeal in the Baccalaureate Service. T. V. Zytkoske, Acting Educational Secretary for the Far Eastern Division, gave a stirring Commencement address to the graduates. He not only urged them to live up to their motto, "Live to Serve," but he also charged them to "Arise and Shine" and to keep this aim of theirs ever before them.

Permission was sought and granted for one of the graduating members, Lee Theng Kwang, to be released from the eye hospital for one night so he could attend the commencement exercise and to receive his diploma in person. It was a moment of great joy for this particular student who has suffered much disappointment in more ways than one when he was struck down by this eye ailment just as he was on the threshold of completing his course. His teachers and fellow students rejoice with him in his moment of happiness.

Linda Pong, Education, and Danny Oh Siew Leng, Liberal Arts, graduated with honors. Both have been placed in the work—Linda is to teach in the elementary section of Southeast Asia Union College and Danny to teach in the Ayer Manis School in Sarawak.
Evangelism in War-Torn Vietnam

Twenty-four Join in First Baptism

SATURDAY night, the 17th of December, 1966, marked the official end of Pastor Milton Lee's 45-lecture evangelistic effort in Cholon, Vietnam, a suburb of Saigon and the center of Chinese population. However, that evening meeting was actually an anti-climax to the Sabbath morning service when 24 "first-fruits" of the effort were buried with their Lord in baptism and voted into church fellowship.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng, Pastor Lee's translator throughout the effort and pastor of the Cholon church, administered the rite and felt the thrill of baptizing his first converts in this joyous and beautifully-planned service. The church was full to overflowing with friends and visitors, many of whom were witnessing their first real baptism.

Potted plants on the rostrum blended into a painted backdrop of mountain scenery which gave the illusion of the baptism's being a mountain pool at the foot of a beautiful waterfall.

Seldom among Chinese does one see an entire family accept Christianity together. But this effort in Cholon brought us this unusual experience. Six of those baptized that Sabbath were from the Pi family—which was the entire family old enough to be baptized. There are still two very young girls in the family. Father and Mother Pi, a married son and daughter-in-law, another son and a daughter joined the church that day, only weeks after their idols had been torn from their living room wall and consigned to the kitchen fire late one night in a quiet but solemn little home service.

Once the false gods were given up, their only desire was to know what the True God wished them to do, and they stepped out in obedience, wincing not at all at tithing or Sabbath-keeping or giving up pork. In the very center of the (Continued on page 18)