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Bible Lands Tour Ends Abruptly Group Return Home Safely

MEN, women and children were running away from the little Jordanian town. Clutched in the hands and arms of each was a bundle of prized possessions. Shops were closed in the middle of the morning. Why wondered thirty travellers as they watched developments from bus windows. Investigation revealed that Cairo had just been bombed.

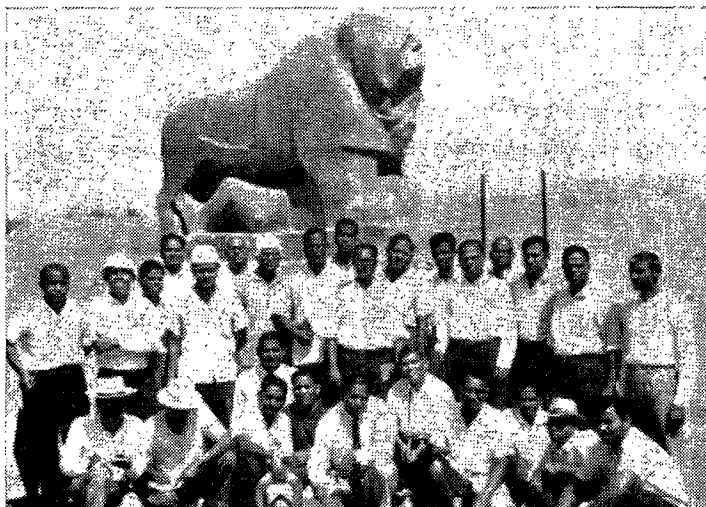
"Shall we go ahead or turn back?" Group leader D. K. Down called for a vote.

"The bombing may come this way next," warned the townspeople.

Actually there was little choice for the Bible Lands Tour Group. For several days news of unhappy relations between Arab countries and Israel had been rumbling with increasing volume.

The group had just visited Emmaus and were enroute to Bethel. Forsaking this plan they hurried back to Jerusalem where Mrs. Down and the children had stayed behind. Two hours earlier Jerusalem had been a normal city (as normal as it usually was in its divided arrangement). Now at 10:30 A.M. shop doors were closed and streets deserted. The border, now closed, was less than a mile away. What if actual fighting should begin or the bus be requisitioned?

Mrs. Down and the children were mixed with others in the bus while the Urdu speaking brethren rode in Pastor Down's jeep which pulled the caravan. The bus driver, an Iranian, was equally anxious to get going. A



Remembering Daniel's prophecy Tour Group have a special interest in the stone lion in the midst of Babylonian ruins. "This is a symbol of Babylon," said the guide.

few minutes after departure, the Jordan side of Jerusalem was bombed.

Amman, capital of Jordan and 60 miles from Jerusalem, was reached in two hours driving time. Within minutes after the bus and jeep had been driven into the Seventh-day Adventist school enclosure, an air raid alert sounded. Four low flying bombers reverberated overhead and circled to drop their loads on the Amman airfield, nine miles distant.

The tour group delayed in Amman only long enough to get visas allowing them to cross into Iraq and travel to Tehran, Iran. On previous occasions the obtaining of visas had taken hours or at least a day. In this emergency situation what could they expect? And there was a question as

to whether the Downs would even be granted exit permits. A season of prayer was held. Obtaining transportation from an unexpected source, for all public transportation was at a standstill, D. P. David went to the visa office. Checking through the passports, the clerk laid the two Down passports aside.

"They've been in India 15 years," spoke up Bro. David. "They're just like one of us."

Within fifteen minutes all the passports were returned to Bro. David, and *all* were stamped with the necessary visas. Again transportation turned up at just the right moment and Bro. David was back at the Adventist school with the good news.

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NEWS



Harley E. Rice

● Harley E. Rice, associate secretary of the medical department of the General Conference, arrived in Colombo, Ceylon June 20. He will spend six weeks in Southern Asia counselling on hospital construction, arrangement and other problems. Before his appointment to the General Conference nine years ago, Elder Rice served in the business department of four of our leading hospitals in the United States.

● In Spain a laymen's conference took an evangelistic turn when fifty people requested baptism. Thirty-eight young men expressed a desire to become preachers. The offering received at the conference amounted to Rs. 37,500.

Sunderaj James, Miss M. Carol Hetzell, and C. Ninan interviewed Shrimati Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, in Delhi, May 11. They offered Adventist services to help alleviate Bihar famine conditions. They also presented the Prime Minister with a copy of A Century of Miracles. "I am glad to have it," she said.



● Spicer College High School reopened May 26. A total of 83 are enrolled.

● Word has been received of the death of Dr. Clifford R. Anderson of a brain tumour, June 2. Dr. Anderson will long be remembered in Southern Asia for his Radio Doctor programme and also as author of *Your Guide to Health* currently being completed at the Oriental Watchman Publishing House.

● A merge of the 1,200 student Loma Linda University and La Sierra College, with an enrolment of 1,700, will be completed July 1. Plans to this effect were finalized at the General Conference Spring Council. The La Sierra sector will be known as the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. David J. Bieber, La Sierra College president, becomes president of the united educational complex on July 1. Diplomas will be issued in the university name from 1968. La Sierra and Loma Linda are 20 miles apart.

● For ten months the *It Is Written* series has been seen in Sydney, Australia. To gather in those who have become interested in the Bible message, a co-ordinated series of meetings began in Sydney, April 9. On that night 13 halls were packed with 6,500 listeners. Over June 17 week-end these listeners were invited to the Sydney fair grounds to hear Pastor George E. Vandeman himself, author of the *It Is Written* programme. The Avondale College symphonic choir, of which Miss Lyndrea Maywald is a member, took part in the three-evening services.

Bible Lands Tour

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"Thank you, Lord." The prayer burst spontaneously from each heart. Especially grateful were the Down family.

Food was hard to buy. Long queues formed in front of the few places open to sell bread. But hunger was of little consequence now.

Pushing toward the Iraq border, progress was not too rapid. Military convoys were rushing to Amman. These trucks neither slowed down nor shared the highway. At intervals beside the road burned military trucks could be seen.

The Iraq border was reached at midnight on June 7. The next night at 11:30 the Bible Lands Tour Group arrived in Tehran.

"I wish I could see the angel that guarded me throughout this journey," said Spicer College Biology Professor Ambat T. Thomas as he concluded his morning worship talk on June 15 to the Southern Asia Division office staff.

THE proposed Bible Lands Tour was long a topic of discussion in Southern Asia. Many felt that visits to scenes of Christ's ministry and other Bible events would fulfil a deep heart longing. Unions and institutions were given opportunity to appoint candidates. The candidates, in turn, paid a substantial sum to the cost of the expedition.

Pastor and Mrs. D. K. Down planned to visit hitherto unvisited Bible areas after acting as guide to the Bible Lands Tour Group. For this purpose Pastor Down purchased a jeep and built a caravan (trailer) in which the family could cook, eat, sleep and even wash clothes.

Dr. Vijayan Charles, of Delhi, was chosen as tour physician and D. P. David, registrar, Spicer College High School, was assigned in charge of purchasing.

When plans were matured delegates from India, Ceylon and Pakistan were to converge at Tehran by plane. This was completed by April 19. The Down family travelled by overland route and arrived in Tehran ahead of the group proper. A Mercedes Benz bus was hired for the two-month tour. Projected route of travel lay through Iran, Iraq, Syria, Leba-



Iran "chappaties" are nearly four feet long and at least a quarter of an inch thick. After being baked on hot gravel, pebbles are shaken or scraped off. But when you are hungry—well—. Here Michelle Down (left) and R. M. Massey (right) at Hamadan share a metre of bread.

non, Jordan, Israel and Turkey.

For the sake of economy the group did not sleep in hotels nor eat in restaurants. Following instruction bedding, plates, and cups were individual equipment. Now in Tehran the purchase of two tents, four kerosene stoves and cooking utensils completed group supplies. Experience of only a day or two revealed that purchase of food, cooking and eating arrange-

ments could be facilitated by dividing into four equal groups. Accordingly Bijoy Nowrangi, S. Jesu Dass, P. S. Prasada Rao and L. D. Paul were chosen as group leaders. Thus relieved of purchasing responsibilities, D. P. David was not idle. The task of obtaining visas for the various countries became his new duty.

The highlight of nine days in Iran
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Bible Lands Tour members included:	
CEYLON UNION	SOUTH INDIA UNION
D. S. Ariyaratnam	Joseph Daniel
Donald M. Fernando	Nainbigappa Devaraj
	O. M. George
NORTHEAST UNION	M. A. James
	P. V. Jesudas
K. S. Kongari	J. P. Massillamoni
P. D. Kujur	N. S. Basker Rao
Dapsingh Nongtdu	P. S. Prasada Rao
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION	WESTERN INDIA UNION
Vijayan Charles	M. L. Gaikwad
B. M. Issac	S. B. Gaikwad
R. M. Massey	
L. D Paul	SPICER MEMORIAL COLLEGE
Lal Singh	G. R. Daniel
PAKISTAN UNION	S. Jesu Dass
	D. P. David
R. A. Ditta	A. T. Thomas
N. D. Roy	
ORIENTAL WATCHMAN PUBLISHING HOUSE	George C. Thomas
Edwin Appodorai, Ceylon, joined the Tour in Tehran.	
Group leader D. K. Down with Mrs. Down, Kendall, Glenda, Michelle, Teddy and Richley.	

Go Everywhere With Our Times

G. W. MAYWALD

GO," commands Christ. To the demoniac Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19).

The demoniac went home and prepared the people in his home town for Jesus to come. "Much people" the Bible says, came to Jesus when He came to Decapolis.

"Go to your neighbours one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love."—*Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888. The best way to reach the hearts of neighbours and friends is to tell your personal experience. Tell the things God has done for you.

Leave a piece of literature in every

home. For those who read English, give *Our Times*. "God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept."—*Christian Service*, page 146.

"Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost."—*Ibid.*, page 147.

Respond to the Master's command Go. Go where? To neighbours, friends and relatives. Go everywhere. "Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not

which shall prosper, this or that."—*Ibid.*, page 153.

Our Times magazine is now nine years old. Its circulation is about the same in 1967 as it was in 1959, when the first issue was published. What are we going to do about it?

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos."—*Ibid.*, pages 146, 147.

Make the month of August *Our Times* month. Go with *Our Times*. Make 1967 a year of evangelism through *Our Times*.

SOUTH INDIA

TWO suggestions for conducting the *Our Times* campaign are:

1. Each worker should be committed to the ministry of the printed page. "Let the workers go from house to house. . . circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 123.

In South India in 1966, Andhra workers went out in teams of two taking subscriptions for *Our Times*. Profits were used to pay expenses. That which remained was used by the worker personally. A better idea is to use the profit to buy more subscriptions. This was tried in Mysore State. Each day 10 to 15 subscriptions were taken or a total of 70 for the week. Profit from this amount is sufficient to buy another 50 subscriptions. Thus, each team should be able to get 120 subscriptions during the week.

2. Let workers set the pace. Encourage church members to follow.

The worker should give a demonstration for taking a subscription to

Our Times. If members cannot take subscriptions, encourage them to buy subscriptions. In this way the church will have sufficient for the missionary programme.

— R. E. Riches

THE night was dark. I was waiting for a train in a small railway station.

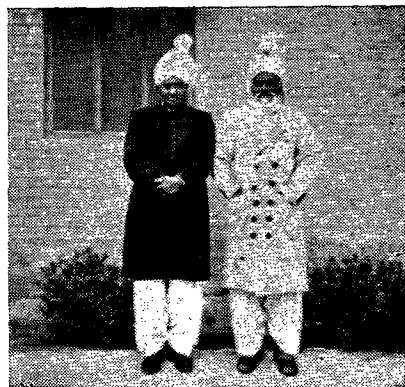
"Sir, are you the *Our Times* man?" questioned an elderly gentleman. "I have been searching for this magazine for a long time," he continued.

Our Times was promptly mailed to him. He read it. When he learned more about Seventh-day Adventists he became a member of the Adventist church. Now he is working to win his friends for Jesus.

During the Ingathering campaign this year a non-Adventist reader of *Our Times* gave a Rs. 25 donation. He then led us to four of his friends who each gave Rs. 25. *Our Times* makes friends who help us at Ingathering time.

— P. R. Israel

PAKISTAN



Roohani Abraham Sanyasi (right) became acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists by reading *Our Times*. Early this year he was baptized by M. R. Justin (left).

NORTHWESTERN INDIA

● The Ludhiana church pastor receives 50 copies of *Our Times* each month. "But this is not enough," he complains. "We have so many friends. People like this magazine."

● Dr. George Abraham, missionary secretary of the Jullundur church, goes out with members to distribute *Our Times*.

● The Mehtabpur church members are not well educated and feel they cannot give Bible studies but they distribute *Our Times*.

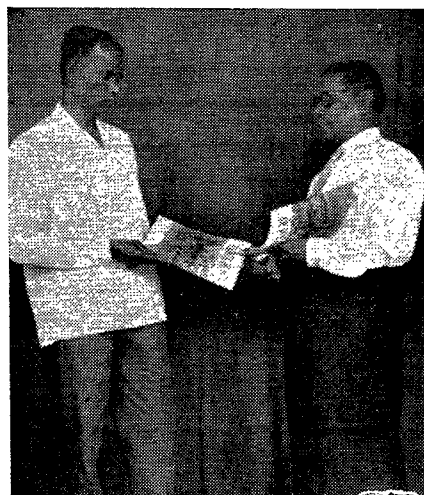
● Amritsar church members take a keen interest in giving *Our Times* to non-Adventists. One Amritsar church member said, "My friend takes a great interest in the articles in this fine magazine. He is always waiting for the next issue."

● Church Pastor Hernam Dass appreciates the *Our Times* his members distribute, for the magazine literally opens doors for Bible studies.

● A. V. R. Massey, Rajasthan, has completed five of the Voice of Prophecy courses and received certificates for the same. He expressed a desire to read religious books and magazines. "Is there a magazine which publishes articles about Bible prophecies and teachings?" Mr. Massey asked Spicer College student Vinod Singh. Mr. Vinod Singh showed him a copy of *Our Times*. Mr. Massey subscribed to the magazine. Each copy of the magazine is carefully kept. Mr. Massey now has three bound volumes of *Our Times*.

● A non-Christian subscriber to *Our Times* in Agra said, "This *Our Times* magazine really answers my questions."

WESTERN INDIA



A. Y. Dalvi (right) distributes Adventist literature.

Search and You'll Find Gold

R. M. NEISH

GOLD PROSPECTOR! Before me stood a dark leathery man with years of hard labour written in each line on his brow.

The words Gold Prospector brought a flood of questions from my student companion and myself.

"You still pan for gold?" I asked.

"Yep," he replied, "just a couple of miles away."

My companion and I were colporteur in an area which a half century before had been the centre of a booming gold rush. Prospectors of every kind and description, with gold pans and hastily built sluice boxes, dotted every valley and stream for miles around.

We visited with the prospector a few minutes. His stories of gold nuggets and mother lodes filled us with awe.

I was a prospector too. I was searching for something of greater value than gold.

"Such is the value of men for whom Christ died, that the Father is satisfied with the infinite price which he pays for the salvation of men in yielding up his own Son to die for

their redemption. . . . The worth of man is known only by going to Calvary. In the mystery of the cross of Christ we can place an estimate upon man."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, pages 634, 635.

"Oh, precious grace!" exclaimed Ellen G. White, "More valuable than fine gold."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, page 145.

I was prospecting for souls of infinite worth—more valuable than gold itself. As in all ages, God placed the burden of searching and finding lost men and women—His gold—upon the church. Through magazines such as *Our Times*, tracts and visitation, each member becomes a soul prospector. And success is promised! People will respond!

"More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 151.

This includes books, tracts and *Our Times*.

Some days later, I joined the old prospector to dig for gold in a near-

by stream. I commenced to process shovel full after shovel full of rocks and mud in my pan, washing it again and again, carefully cleaning every rock so as not to miss the gold. Some time later, after throwing away just about everything I had put into the pan, a small spoonful of black sand remained. The prospector took the pan and with a flair born of his years of experience, scooped up a cup of water and with a swish scattered the sand on the bottom of the pan. There it was—just a few specks nestled in the jet black sand. Oh! what joy welled up within me!

I think of the thousands of *Our Times* which church members faithfully send out each month, each year. Is it worth the effort and expense? I wondered as I dug and sifted, washed and scraped that dirt, but the piece of gold made it worth the price and effort!

Gold will come through subscriptions to *Our Times*. Do not sit and dream. Increase *Our Times* subscriptions in 1967.

I'm prospecting with *Our Times*. Will you join me?

The Bible Society Works for You

D. W. HUNTER

BIBLE portions should be distributed to all who can read. Power is in God's Holy Word, power to save and power to keep. How can people of the world learn about such power? By reading God's Book.

J. C. Kozel, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, and the writer were invited to attend the annual advisory committee of the American Bible Society in New York City in November, 1966. A dedicated, highly qualified staff is in charge of the Bible Society. They are pledged to produce the finest possible in Bible translations for the least possible in price.

Good News for Modern Man is a new Bible portion which the Bible Society suggests for distribution. On the cover is a cortege of different newspaper headings from various parts of the world.

The Inside Story is Dr. Phillips' translation of the gospels and epistles. Modern pictures make it attractive. This Bible translation has a modern

format, with subheadings and captions.

Today's English Version of the New Testament is printed in most of the languages of the world and is illustrated in an interesting manner.

These new Bible portions are printed with the prayer that people will carry the Scriptures and read them. Get God's word into the hands of men and women everywhere. In paper-back cover these new Bible portions are sold at low prices. How can they be sold so cheap?

The Bible Society is subsidized by individuals and churches. Each year the Seventh-day Adventist Church makes an annual contribution to the work of the Bible Society. The amount this year will depend on how much is given on **July 15** when the Bible Society offering will be received.

We who are apostles for Christ will think of our obligation to all nations and peoples. We will share our spiritual blessings with others.

CHURCH CALENDAR 1967

July 1-31	MV Evangelism Month
*July 1	Home Missions Day
July 15	Bible Society Offering
July 23-30	MV Week of Prayer
*August 5	"Our Times" Evangelism Day
August 1-31	"Our Times" subscription campaign
August 26	Mission Extension Day and Offering
September 1-30	Voice of Prophecy Month
*September 2	VOP Visitation Day
September 9	JMV Pathfinder Day
September 16	VOP Day and Offering
September 23	Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering
*October 7	Literature Evangelists' Rally Day
October 14	Sabbath School Visitors' Day
October 21-28	Health Emphasis Week
October 28	Temperance Day Offering
*November 4	Home Missions Day
November 4-11	Week of Prayer
November 11	Annual Sacrifice Offering
*December 2	Lay Trophy Day
December 30	Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering

Bible Lands Tour

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was a visit to Shushan, the palace of Queen Esther. Preceding each major visit Pastor Down lectured the group on the significance of the site. Certain required reading from the explorer's best guide-book, the Bible, was assigned. In Iran this included the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Daniel. The reading of these Bible passages proved most thrilling when read on the actual site where events occurred.

Recalling Queen Esther's great decision, "So will I go in unto the king, which is not according to law: and if I perish, I perish," a memorable Sabbath prayer season crowned the visit to the palace of Shushan.

Later the group visited the famous Behistun Rock which was the key to deciphering Assyrian inscriptions. With memories of Henry C. Rawlinson, three of the party scaled the rock.

Visits in Iraq included the city of Baghdad, Mosul with near-by Nineveh, and Nimrud, one of earth's oldest ruins. Abraham's ancestral home at Ur was also visited. To test the accuracy of Bible prophecy the group slept under the open sky at Babylon, listening for the night howl of wild creatures.

A previously unscheduled part of

Dear Brethren:

I could hardly believe my eyes when I read the June Ministry and noticed that Southern Asia was setting their goal for no less than 50,000 members by General Conference time, 1970. This would mean that you would need to baptize at least 21,000 between now and then. What an objective and what a goal! I believe the Lord is going to honor your faith and that you will see your hopes fulfilled.

I want to commend you men for your vision and for setting your goals high. I noted in the same paper that Southern Asia is third among the world divisions in percentage of baptisms and professions of faith to membership. This, too, is an outstanding achievement under the blessing of God, and I pray that the Lord will continue to richly bless you as you lay special emphasis on soul winning in that great field. God bless you all.

Cordially yours,

Robert H. Piersen

the trip was by ship from Beirut to Alexandria, Egypt. Aside from pyramids and memories of the River Nile, always Egypt's lifeline, a visit to one of the world's greatest museums was made in Cairo.

Proceeding to Amman in Jordan the group visited the famous rock-hewn town of Petra. The experience of floating in the Dead Sea while reading a newspaper was a surprise. And the climaxing part of the entire trip was the long week-end in the Jerusalem area.

A Friday evening service was held in the Garden of Gethsemane. This was followed by a never-to-be-forgotten season of prayer. Sabbath afternoon the communion service was celebrated at the Garden tomb.

Blessings and benefits of the tour did not end when its members returned to Southern Asia on June 13. Bible scenes are now real. Further study will bring new light. Inspiration received will be shared with others.

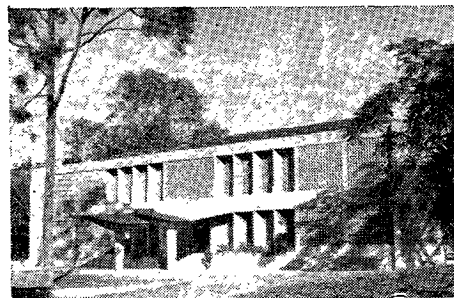
— **Vijayan Charles, Lal Singh, Mrs. D. K. Down, A. T. Thomas, and D. P. David** as revealed by letters and interviews with the Editor.

● A commission set up to assess war damage to holy places in and near Jerusalem in a preliminary report said damage seems to be "very light." The report, however, noted that these were only "first findings." It did give extensive details on the damage to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, considered the oldest Christian church in regular use. Shared by Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, and Roman Catholic Christians, the church was hit by one shell in its north transept. The shell started a fire on the roof, but this was quickly extinguished by a group of Greek Orthodox monks who climbed across the rooftops of their monastery to reach the blaze. Various Christian leaders have called on Israel and Jordan to convert Jerusalem into an open city for all peoples of all religions.

● In Yugoslavia three month evangelistic meetings have been held with large attendance. It is said that every Yugoslavian Adventist is a literature evangelist.

Poona Log-Book

I. K. MOSES



● Ralph M. Davidson, of the General Conference auditing department, was in Poona May 14 to 27 for the annual audit of Southern Asia Division accounts.

● From Avondale College, Australia, R. E. Rice writes, "I teach Ancient History, Church History, and Bible Doctrines while Mrs. Rice teaches English in the High School."

● Thirty-five families who have been attending E. G. Conley's evangelistic meetings in Poona City have requested Bible studies in the home.

● A systematic study of the book *The Great Controversy* at prayer meeting sessions began in the Salisbury Park church June 21. The Voice of Prophecy lessons which are followed will require twenty weeks for completion.

● I. Yohanan, Kerala, has joined the Oriental Watchman Publishing House staff as secretary to the manager, V. Raju.

● Southern Asia Voice of Prophecy applications for the months of March reached a total of 42,857. This is the highest number ever reached in one month. Of these, 17,023 were South India applications, and 7,957 were received in Pakistan.

● Poona English Elementary School reopened June 12 with the highest enrolment in the history of the school. Of the 159 students enrolled, 124 are Seventh-day Adventists. The school staff includes seven full-time teachers.

● The General Conference Sabbath School Department Secretary has forwarded the first quarter manuscript of a new series of Sabbath School lessons especially prepared for mission fields. This will be used in Southern Asia beginning with 1968. The new series will be on fundamental topics beginning with creation, will have a five-year cycle, and will not require translating.

● The final draft of the Memorandum and Articles of the Association of the Indian Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism (sponsored by the National Temperance Society of India) is ready for registration. The first meeting of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be at Salisbury Park, August 14.

● Mr. and Mrs. C. Murray Robinson and family left Delhi June 26 after nine years of teaching service at Vincent Hill School.

● Beginning with 1968 Sabbath School mission quarterlies will contain readings from the entire world field, with emphasis on the Division benefiting from the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering.

● A letter from Mrs. Lucille Nolda, England, encloses four pounds sterling for famine relief needs in Southern Asia. "It goes with my love and God's blessings," she writes.



Dr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Curtis and four daughters arrived in Delhi May 17. Dr. Curtis has accepted appointment as Radiologist at Christian Medical College, Vellore. Daughters (left to right): Colleen, Nancy and Sharon are here shown fitting into the Vincent Hill School programme as the Curtises and Carol were being welcomed at Vellore.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN

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				Members Added During the Period		Members Dropped During the Period				Tithe		Worship	
NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Number of Churches	Church Membership at Beginning of Year	By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	Missing	Total Church Membership at Close of Year	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings for World Missions, Including
BURMA UNION :													
Central & Upper Burma Section	38	1,043	158	—	—	—	—	8	—	1,193	44,418.64	37.23	16,84
Delta Section	18	1,217	102	—	6	—	—	—	—	1,325	22,557.17	17.02	13,08
Rangoon Area	4	457	19	4	—	16	—	—	—	464	60,746.67	130.92	44,05
Tenasserim Section	14	736	100	—	10	12	5	32	13	784	32,401.34	41.32	13,94
TOTALS	74	3,453	379	4	16	28	5	40	13	3,766	1,60,123.82	42.52	87,93
CEYLON UNION :													
	15	775	149	—	99	31	1	11	—	980	1,45,703.16	148.67	1,03,19
NORTHEAST UNION :													
Assam Section	35	1,987	158	—	2	—	—	1	—	2,146	46,695.19	21.76	40,24
East India Section	36	1,867	41	11	11	31	10	12	101	1,776	71,595.09	40.31	1,11,59
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,72
TOTALS	71	3,854	199	11	13	31	10	13	101	3,922	1,18,290.28	30.16	1,69,56
NORTHWESTERN UNION :													
Central India Section	1	56	3	—	6	—	1	—	—	64	8,467.31	132.30	22,27
North India Section	9	990	75	—	—	—	3	7	—	1,055	29,039.61	27.53	51,64
Upper Ganges Section	15	1,078	24	55	20	46	2	2	15	1,112	73,586.27	66.17	77,70
TOTALS	25	2,124	102	55	26	46	6	9	15	2,231	1,11,093.19	49.80	1,51,61
PAKISTAN UNION :													
East Pakistan Section	19	904	153	—	—	2	1	—	—	1,054	14,201.68	13.47	32,40
Punjab Section	22	1,998	110	—	—	—	—	—	35	2,073	28,233.45	13.62	31,14
Union Administration	4	274	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	285	43,866.46	153.92	1,77,12
TOTALS	45	3,176	274	—	—	2	1	—	35	3,412	86,301.59	25.29	2,40,67
SOUTH INDIA UNION :													
Andhra Section	65	6,229	715	65	8	9	41	2	16	6,949	1,15,173.64	16.57	88,84
Kannada Section	9	1,069	106	—	19	12	6	—	—	1,176	57,450.94	48.85	48,89
Kerala Section	52	5,273	530	—	13	24	2	23	—	5,767	54,782.88	9.50	45,08
Tamil Section	54	4,537	500	4	9	12	7	5	4	5,022	1,17,381.54	23.37	90,89
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,05
TOTALS	180	17,108	1,851	69	49	57	56	30	20	18,914	3,44,789.00	18.23	3,03,77
WESTERN INDIA UNION :													
North Maharashtra Section	10	620	70	5	4	—	1	2	—	696	11,976.47	17.21	19,71
Unorganized Section	17	1,405	49	11	18	22	2	—	8	1,451	1,19,525.91	82.37	1,81,13
TOTALS	27	2,025	119	16	22	22	3	2	8	2,147	1,31,502.38	61.20	2,00,84
Burma Union	74	3,453	379	4	16	28	5	40	13	3,766	1,60,123.82	42.52	87,93
Ceylon Union	15	775	149	—	99	31	1	11	—	980	1,45,703.16	148.67	1,03,19
Northeast Union	71	3,854	199	11	13	31	10	13	101	3,922	1,18,290.28	30.16	1,69,56
Northwestern India Union	25	2,124	102	55	26	46	6	9	15	2,231	1,11,093.19	49.80	1,51,61
Pakistan Union	45	3,176	274	—	—	2	1	—	35	3,412	86,301.59	25.29	2,40,67
South India Union	180	17,108	1,851	69	49	57	56	30	20	18,914	3,44,789.00	18.23	3,03,77
Western India Union	27	2,025	119	16	22	22	3	2	8	2,147	1,31,502.38	61.20	2,00,84
Division & Division Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,15,520.00	—	—
TOTALS	433	32,515	3,073	155	225	217	82	105	192	35,372	16,13,323.42	45.61	12,57,59

(All amounts are in Indian rupees)

DIVISION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1966

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Home and Local Work				Sabbath Schools		Elementary Schools		YPMV Societies				(a) (b)									
Total Home and Local Contributions	Home and Local Contributions Per Capita	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings for World Missions	No. of Elementary Schools	Elementary School Enrollment	No. of YPMV Societies	Young People's MV Society Membership	Contributions for Local YPMV Society Work	Ordained Ministers	Credentialed Missionaries	Credentialed Bible Instructors	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Licensed Bible Instructors	Credentialed or Licensed Literature Evangelists	All Other Regular Workers	Total Number Active Workers	Total Honorary Workers	Credentialed Workers	
2,603.40	2.18	35	1,574	13,353.85	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	6	20	—	—	1	31	3		
16,248.62	12.26	30	1,339	10,951.59	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	5	15	—	—	7	30	1		
11,756.10	25.33	6	377	16,518.51	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	2	—	20	—	—	4	32	2		
5,345.99	6.82	18	1,220	11,126.31	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	5	11	5	—	4	28	5		
35,954.11	9.52	89	4,510	51,950.26	—	—	32	1,106	2,775.68	21	6	2	16	66	5	—	16	121	11		
32,346.37	33.01	16	1,146	32,325.64	6	140	5	300	520.60	12	7	—	4	38	—	7	8	73	3		
7,094.28	3.31	66	2,571	12,290.78	27	503	—	—	589.81	6	3	—	4	31	—	2	—	46	—		
7,236.31	4.07	51	6,410	20,751.28	28	400	—	—	694.62	15	1	—	18	20	—	2	5	49	12		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	9	—	1	62	—	—	20	102	—		
14,330.59	3.65	117	8,981	33,042.46	55	903	66	1,587	1,284.43	31	13	—	23	113	—	4	25	197	12		
201.65	3.15	3	149	2,182.35	2	80	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	8	16	—		
2,010.80	1.91	45	1,925	10,261.46	8	490	—	—	—	5	1	—	6	8	—	6	33	58	—		
6,483.18	5.83	21	1,216	29,799.29	7	384	—	—	—	16	5	1	—	34	—	5	16	74	4		
8,695.63	3.89	69	3,290	42,243.10	17	954	26	863	845.42	22	6	1	8	44	—	11	57	148	4		
—	—	19	1,174	11,654.01	12	278	5	187	—	3	3	—	4	6	—	—	21	37	—		
—	—	71	7,722	18,921.37	4	205	3	110	—	6	2	—	3	21	—	—	20	52	—		
—	—	10	569	25,466.36	2	47	1	77	—	6	5	—	1	29	—	3	236	280	—		
—	—	100	9,465	56,041.74	18	530	9	374	—	15	10	—	8	56	—	3	277	369	—		
8,639.17	1.24	90	6,714	29,703.70	22	1,302	—	—	—	22	3	—	18	23	—	8	27	92	9		
7,568.69	6.44	16	1,488	14,634.57	3	275	—	—	—	8	3	—	6	10	—	4	7	36	2		
1,457.69	.25	116	7,158	13,083.57	5	209	—	—	—	18	1	—	7	27	—	7	13	70	3		
20,714.34	4.12	80	4,738	29,536.64	5	450	—	—	—	26	3	—	10	26	—	19	11	91	4		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	21	—	4	100	—	—	52	195	—		
38,379.89	2.03	302	20,098	86,958.48	35	2,236	195	2,226	2,228.94	92	31	—	45	186	—	38	110	484	18		
86.97	.12	25	1,198	4,028.34	4	74	13	470	—	3	—	—	2	19	—	1	10	35	—		
318.56	.22	26	2,400	44,705.11	8	338	12	689	—	10	2	—	4	57	—	2	6	81	—		
405.53	.18	51	3,598	48,733.45	12	412	25	1,159	256.15	13	2	—	6	76	—	3	16	116	—		
35,954.11	9.52	89	4,510	51,950.26	—	—	32	1,106	2,775.68	21	6	2	16	66	5	—	16	121	11		
32,346.37	33.01	16	1,146	32,325.64	6	140	5	300	520.60	12	7	—	4	38	—	7	8	73	3		
14,330.59	3.65	117	8,981	33,042.46	55	903	66	1,587	1,284.43	31	13	—	23	113	—	4	25	197	12		
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1,30,112.12	3.68	744	51,088	3,51,295.13	143	5,175	358	7,615	7,911.22	231	94	3	117	669	5	66	612	1,751	49		

OUR UNIONS REPORT

PAKISTAN

● Pastor and Mrs. Walter H. Toews David and Bruce, proceeded on permanent return, leaving West Pakistan May 28. They came to Southern Asia in 1960. Pastor Toews has served as secretary treasurer of the Pakistan Union.

● Twenty-two were baptized recently in East Pakistan. Two series of evangelistic meetings under the direction of S. K. Baroi were held in Kaligram, near Kellogg Mookerjee High School, and Buruabari. The latter series of meetings began February 9 and concluded with the March 2 to 8 East Pakistan camp meeting.



Like Daniel's band, a small but earnest group of regular literature evangelists met in institute at Pakistan Union School, April 25 to 29.
Front row, left to right: S. Jackson, Peshawar; J. M. Khan, Lahore; John Mall, Karachi.
Back row: Maqbool Inderios, Hyderabad, Sind; J. A. Soule; O. W. Lange; M. Melelu, Book Depot manager.

● Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Cook arrived in West Pakistan at the end of 1961 and left on permanent return April 3, 1967. Their five years was spent at Pakistan Union School.

BURMA

● The Burma Union midyear committee is scheduled for July 18 and 19.

Eleven Churches Are Built

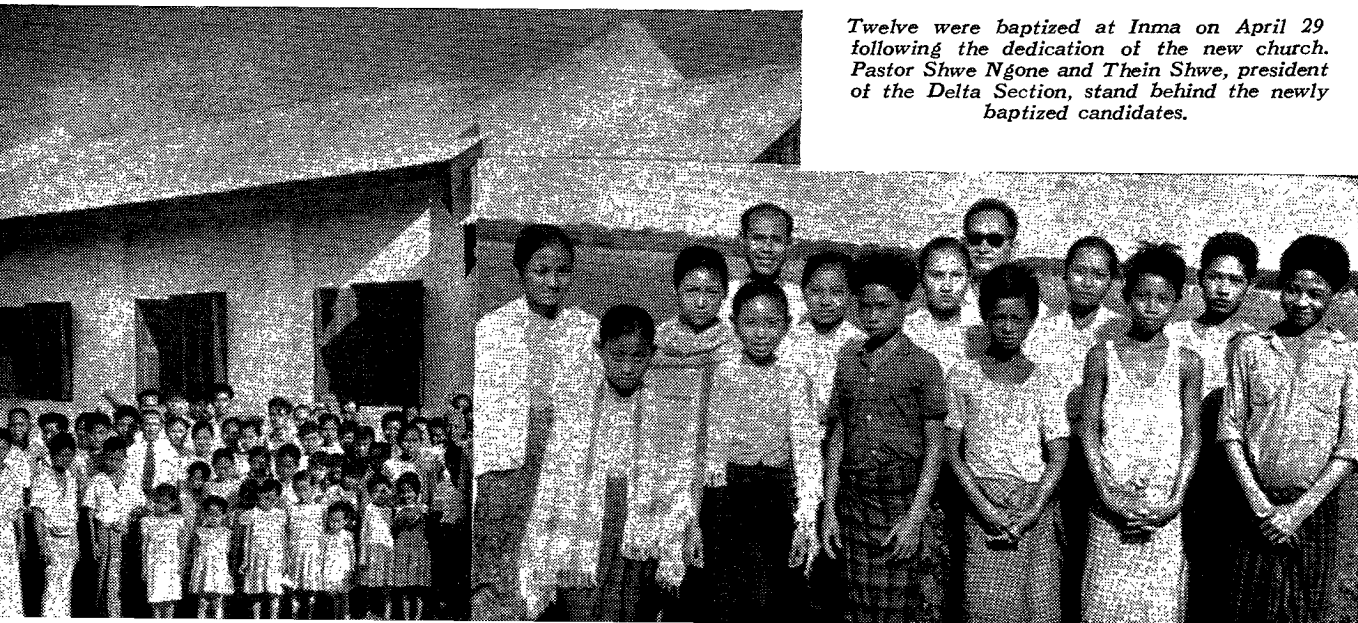
ELEVEN church buildings were built in the Burma Union in 1966 plus the first quarter of 1967. Four of these are brick construction and seven are wood.

Church structures in Burma prior to World War II were largely bamboo with thatch roof. This type of building can be erected quickly at a minimum outlay of money but it lasts a short time only.

When the scattered Adventist members regrouped following the War, churches as well as homes had to be rebuilt. No longer was the Burma Union interested in the temporary bamboo and thatch building. Wood or brick is necessary, they decided. The cost is more but, in the long run, the work is less.

To be able to build eleven permanent type churches in 15 months in Burma is an accomplishment. Timber,

Twelve were baptized at Inma on April 29 following the dedication of the new church. Pastor Shwe Ngone and Thein Shwe, president of the Delta Section, stand behind the newly baptized candidates.





Youth evangelism continues in Burma. Younger Rangoon workers joined Pastor U Maung Twa in Rangoon youth meetings beginning February 10. Attendance of a sparse dozen increased to two hundred who met four times a week.



The Kanbe VBS in the Rangoon area is one of 20 held this summer. Average attendance in all schools was more than thirty.

bricks, cement, nails—in fact, nearly all types of construction material, is very, very scarce. And materials are costly. Time and patience are essential in today's Burma building programme.

God has blessed in the erection of these eleven churches. Our buildings have taken shape while structures of others have been delayed.

All eleven churches are now dedicated. The writer was privileged to be present at the dedication of three. My heart thrilled to see the twinkling eyes and proud smiles of church members who now have a suitable place to meet God in worship.

— K. Paw

Seminary Class of 26 Begins

TWENTY-SIX students selected by the Burma Union Committee constitute the fifth class of the Bible Seminary. The new school year opened May 1 with the writer as director. Spicer College graduates Saw Tin Tun and Saya Kyaw Sein are instructors. The 26 enrolled represent five of Burma's languages. These five are Burmese, Karen, Lushai, Chin and Kachin.

The Burma Bible Seminary opened first in 1960 under the direction of the late W. W. Christensen. When the overseas missionaries were given notice to leave Burma, those of us who were left behind were reluctant to accept leadership appointments. Since the writer had been a teacher while Pastor Christensen was in charge of the Seminary, I felt obliged to carry on the work that he was forced to leave. Soon I learned the difference between being a leader and a follower only.

Before the Burma Union Biennial Session met in January some voiced the opinion, "Students will not come to the Seminary since no overseas missionary is there." Others advised, "Announce the opening date and get ready to accept those who apply."

Following this suggestion, news spread over the Burma Union that the Seminary would reopen May 1. Applications were invited. Soon more students applied than could be accepted.

— Saw Brown Kia



The fifth class of the Burma Bible Seminary opened May 1 at Myaungmya. Instructors seated left to right are: Saw Tin Tun, Pastor Brown Kia, director, and Saya Kyaw Sein.



NORTHWESTERN INDIA

● Pastor and Mrs. Lynn Burns, Ann, Juelin, and Kamala, arrived in Bombay from Australia by the *Marconi* May 16. After clearing their goods, the Burns proceeded to Delhi where Pastor Burns assumes pastoral duties.

Medical Team Visit Famine Area

FIVE thousand people were vaccinated and inoculated against smallpox and cholera and 50,000 vitamin pills were given out in the Mirzapur area during a one-week relief programme in April. Hundreds of cases of eye infection, dysentery and itch were also treated. Even the blind came requesting medicine to help them see again.

Acting on the appeal of F. C. Bhera, Government co-ordinator for relief work in India, for help in the immediate immunization programme fighting smallpox and cholera, a party of seven Seventh-day Adventists left Roorkee for Mirzapur area on April 27. The Simla Hospital station wagon was borrowed for the 2,500 mile welfare mission. Necessary medicines and vaccines were supplied by the district authorities where we worked.

Dr. George Abraham, Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital medical director, Jullundur; Lois Votaw, Vincent Hill

School nurse, Male Nurse Rasco, Simla Sanitarium; Edwin Dass, Roorkee High School librarian; Noel Curtis, Roorkee senior student; J. M. Campbell, secretary Northwestern India Union; and the writer made up the party.

The town of Robertganj was chosen as a base. From this town surrounding villages and test works were visited. Test works, set up by the Government, provide jobs for men, women and children. Working hours begin at 6:00 A.M. and end at 12:30 P.M. In addition to a very small amount of cash, each employee receives meals at the test site kitchen. Milk and vitamins are given with the meal. Also, eight kilos of wheat is given each family unit per week.

Most of the villagers are weak from lack of enough to eat. As soon as the 12:30 whistle blows, small fires for baking *chappaties* are quickly lighted. Cow dung serves as fuel. One day I failed to notice three small *chappaties* baking on a fire built right behind the station wagon. I backed the car right over the fire and the *chappaties*.

"Our food is gone," cried a poor woman, "all of today's food."

A small amount of money satisfied the distressed lady in that she could purchase something to eat from a near-by shop. We found food for sale in all the villages. But people do not have money to buy food.

Our first clinic was set up on the verandah of a small village school, eight miles from Robertganj. Older villagers were reluctant to be pricked



Children want something to eat. Older people do too.

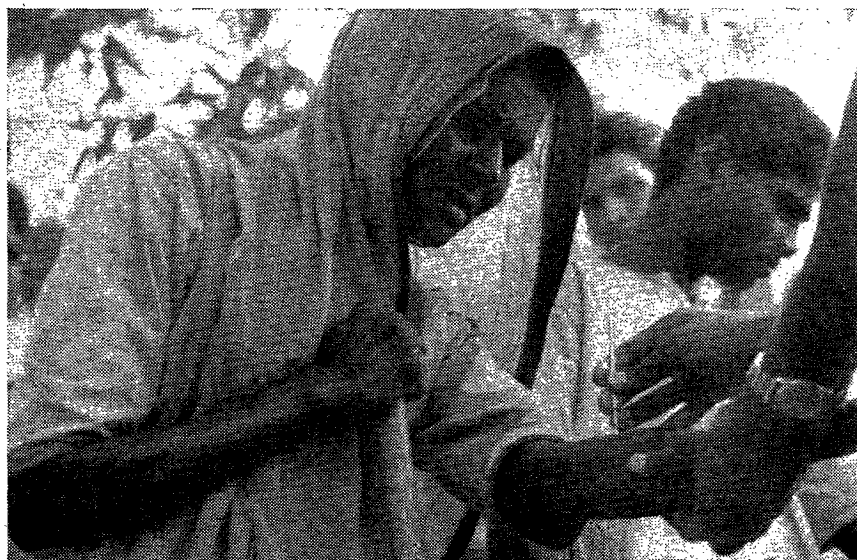
with a needle. Some had to be held down. That first day we immunized about four hundred.

The following day we visited a test site near by where 1,300 people worked. We noted many working women who should have been under medical treatment. One lady, not far from delivery date, was carrying dirt. With the help of gang leaders (one such leader oversees the work of 25) we were able to vaccinate about eight hundred at this test site.

Drinking water is very scarce at Cheruai village. Water is brought by truck each day in 40-gallon barrels. But the water thus trucked in is only sufficient to give the 800 test site workers a little more than one glass full each. Ours was the first medical team to visit Cheruai village. The local headmaster lined up the school students who received vaccination without a protest.

Five thousand people at the Pakrahat test site were not working the day we visited there. We had learned by this time that people come readily for injections if vitamin pills accompany the injection. So at Pakrahat we were literally swamped with hundreds of people seeking *tagat ki dawai* (medicine for strength). We worked straight through for seven hours without taking time for even a drink of water.

"Strength pills," requested a starving woman. We dropped some vita-



Vaccination is not as serious as it seems but more important than the villagers wish to admit.



A well-read group of 40 received Bibles for attendance at evangelistic meetings at Chandigarh.

min pills into her opened mouth but before swallowing them, she fainted dead away. Miss Votaw went to her rescue.

Everywhere we went villagers were waiting with bowls, hoping to get food. In one village the children were especially dirty and covered with itch.

"Buy Cinthol soap," suggested Miss Votaw.

"We don't have money to buy food let alone soap," was repeated through the translator.

Even though we could only stay one week, local government authorities expressed appreciation for our help. A church member, listening to our experiences responded with Rs. 500 to help provide food for the many who are hungry in Mirzapur area.

— E. A. Streeter

Forty Earn Bibles at Chandigarh

THE first evangelistic meeting to be held in Chandigarh, capital city of the Punjab and Haryana States, began April 16 in the Red Cross Hall. Many non-Christians were among the 150 regular attenders at the four-night a week meetings. Forty earned Bibles for regular attendance. Not understanding all they read in the newly acquired Bibles, doors are being opened for Bible studies.

W. G. Jenson, evangelist and Voice of Prophecy and Lay Activities secretary for the Northwestern India Union, was assisted by C. M. Dass, M. R. Massey, J. M. Bagga, A. M.

Shingara, Edwin Mathews and the writer. Inspiring music, motion pictures on the life of Christ, question and answer periods, and the singing of a prayer by Pastor Jenson were regular features of the evangelistic series.

In addition to the four-night meetings each week a Moody Bible Institute film was shown each Saturday night.

During the six week evangelistic series, Pastor Jenson met with his six assistants each week morning at 8:00 o'clock for prayer and Bible study. Difficult passages of scripture were made plain by reading the Bible in various languages and translations. One worker remarked, "This is a small seminary here in Chandigarh."

After one hour the group fanned throughout the city on cycle, scooter

and rickshaw. Handbills were distributed, interested people visited, questions were answered, prayer was offered in the homes.

Sunday night, May 28, marked the close of the four-meetings each week. Meetings now continue twice a week in the same hall. Several interested people express a desire for their children to receive a Christian education.

— A. M. Massey



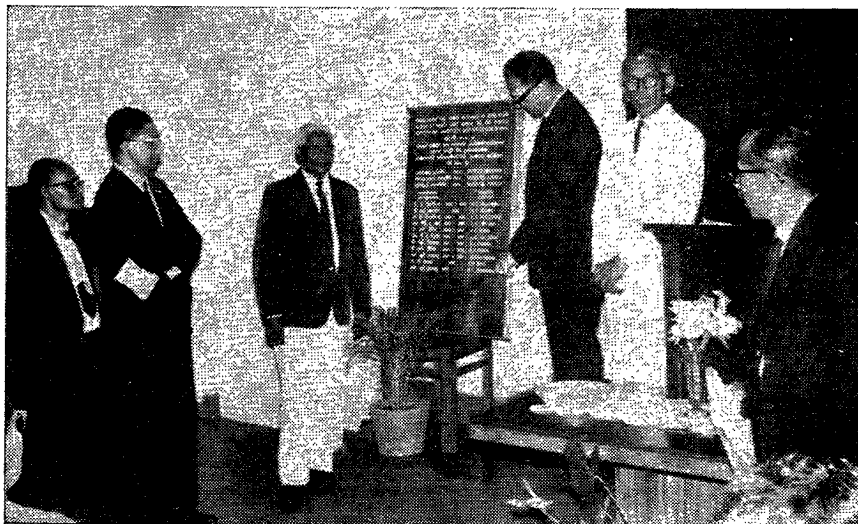
C E Y L O N

● Pastor and Mrs. Edwin C. Beck left Colombo May 14 to take permanent return to the United States. They left Southern Asia with Jean, Nancy, and Peter following graduation at Vincent Hill. The Becks spent five years in Burma where Pastor Beck pastored the Rangoon church. He has been president of the Ceylon Union six and a half years. His appointment in the U.S. is ministerial secretary of the Washington Conference.

● After seven years in Ceylon union pastoral evangelism Pastor and Mrs. Clarence H. Goertzen and Heather left Colombo June 19 for permanent return. Lila and Lois joined them at Vincent Hill.

● The new X-ray machine at Lakeside Medical Centre was dedicated on April 30.

● The pastor's new residence at Jaffna was officially opened on April 19 by S. M. Moses.



A plaque was unveiled by President E. C. Beck on May 1 in the Moratuwa, Ceylon church in honour of former church pastors and leaders. Shown here are, left to right: Peter Dias, B. F. Pinghe, J. M. Fernando, E. C. Beck, Arthur R. Pieris, and R. S. Fernando.

● Profit from the sale of Christmas cards enabled Shiloh church members to purchase a Hammond electric organ.

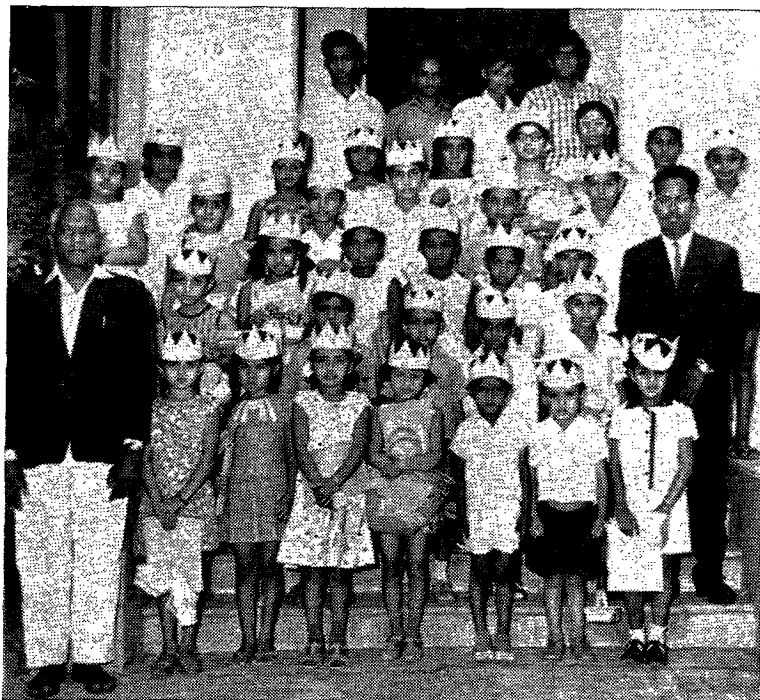
● Four were baptized as a result of evangelistic meetings held at Batticaloa by Spicer College students, Kingsley Peter and K. Arunasalem.

● The first Japanese to accept the Adventist message in Ceylon is F. Maruo. He was accepted into church membership May 20.

WESTERN INDIA

● Sabbath afternoon literature distribution programme by Salisbury Park church members includes 300 copies of *Our Times*.

● Five were baptized at Salisbury Memorial Church Friday evening, June 9. Two of the candidates, a teacher and her son, were the result of a Branch Sabbath School conducted by the Salisbury Park Marathi church, nine miles distant.



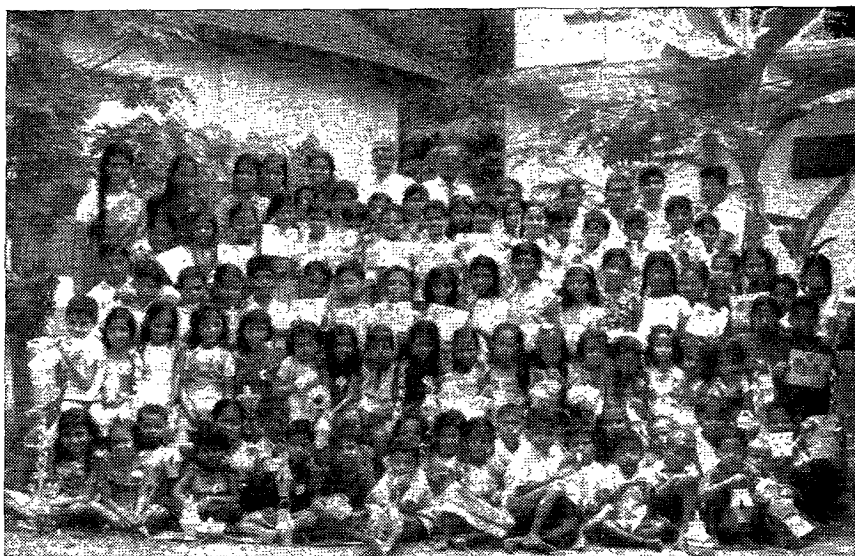
Thirty-five children attending the Surat VBS received certificates. C. K. Rathod, left, assisted VBS Director Joseph Muthiah, right, in the April 24 to May 5 VBS. Fifty-six of the children who attended were non-Adventist.

SOUTH INDIA

● One hundred thirty-eight Tamil Nad youth recently received pins and certificates in investiture services.



Dr. Richard Clark, his wife Virginia, and three children (left to right): Kelvin, 8; Malcom, 10; and Connie, 6; arrived in Calcutta June 1. The following day they flew to Nepal. Dr. Clark will take over the directorship of the Sheer Memorial Hospital. In addition to his medical practice in the U.S., Dr. Clark took an interest in health education and is a Five-Day Plan enthusiast. Mrs. Clark is an elementary school teacher.



Certificates were issued to 115 children who attended the Calicut, Kerala VBS, May 8 to 19. Twenty-five are now Sabbath school members.

One Thousand Attend South India Camps

ONE THOUSAND MVs attended seven camps in South India from October to May.

E. D. Thomas Memorial High School has the largest MV society in Tamil Nad.

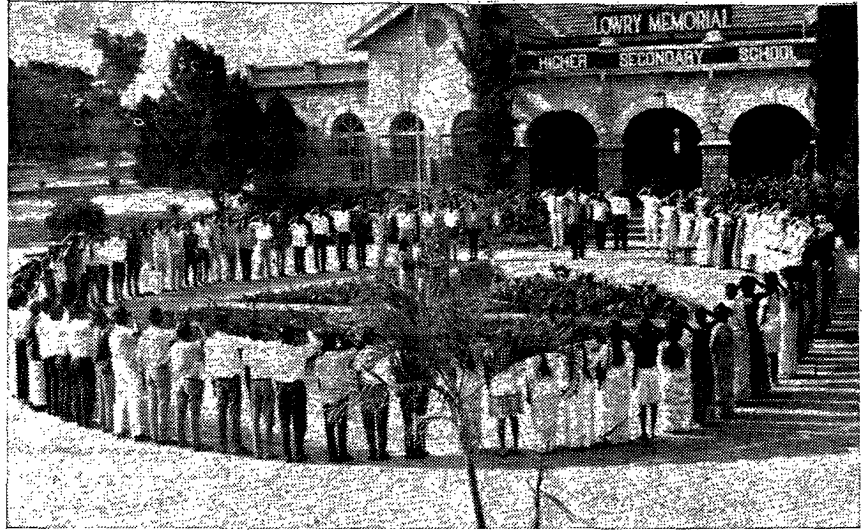
The first MV camp of the season, held in the heavily forested Western Chat mountains near Cape Comorin, was for the E. D. Thomas High School youth.

A Pathfinder camporee at Twin Brook, Kumbalgad, Mysore, was for Bangalore Seventh-day Adventist English school juniors.

Cyclones and camps do not usually coincide but this is exactly what happened during the third camp sponsored by Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School. Campers were stormed out of their tents in late November to beat a hasty retreat from Doddballapur Scout campgrounds. Regrouping on the Lowry campus, the camp has a happy ending.

In a quiet wooded area at Vattagudupadu, near Nuzvid, Dr. John Abraham sponsored a camp benefiting nurses in training. Featured highlight was the investiture of 26 Master Guides.

Kerala Section MVs joined youth from Kottarakara High School during the Christmas holidays for one of the largest South India camps. Division Educational Secretary C. H. Tidwell was present with his family for this camp held in a wooded estate over-



Patriotism and loyalty are a part of good leadership.



Youth leaders must know their directions. They learned how in the Orienteering class taught by H. W. Beavon at the South India Union leadership training camp, April 27 to May 4.

looking the waterfalls of Courtalam.

Tamil Section MV Secretary Y. R. Samraj was in charge of a junior camp for James Memorial Boarding school students. Held in February, this camp was also at Courtalam.

One hundred twenty youth leaders from the four South India sections met on the Lowry campus from April 27 to May 4 for a Union leadership training camp. Pastor and Mrs. W. F. Storz assisted in co-ordinating the central theme of leadership. Section youth leaders, T. Prakasam, Andhra; Madhu Samuel, Kannada; C. C. Nathaniel, Kerala; and Y. R. Samraj, Tamil Nad; combined to make the camp a success.

All 120 enrolled in one of the two instructional classes in Leadercraft and Pathfinder Leader Training. Denominational History was offered for Master Guide requirement. Vocational honours in Wood-burning, Glass-painting, Swimming, Advanced First Aid, Plastic Weaving and Cutting, and Orienteering were taught.

The evening campfire, always a highlight, was started in unique fashion as stories of Elijah on Mount Carmel, Cain and Abel, Abraham and Isaac, and other Biblical occurrences were dramatized. Interest was heightened as J. M. Curnow, evening by evening and chapter by chapter, related his personal experience with the RAF and eventual conversion. Naturalist author Anderson visited campfire one evening to tell animal stories.

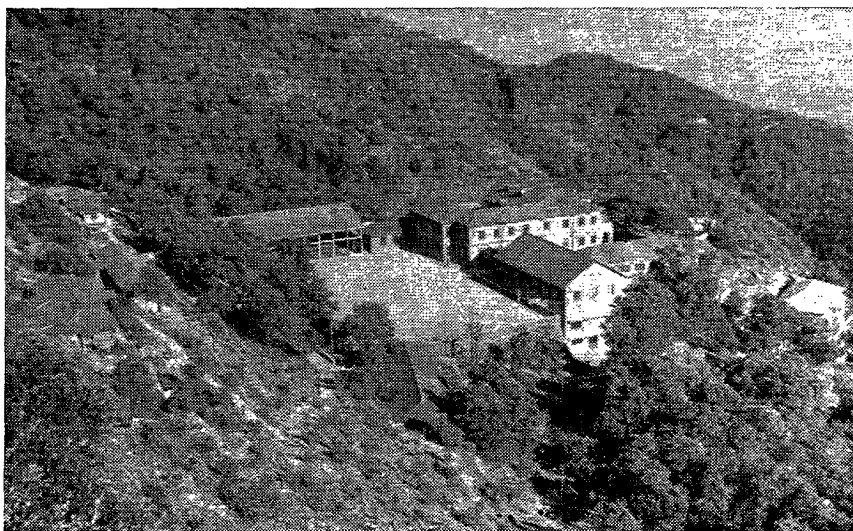
Nine were invested as Master Guides.
— H. W. Beavon



Leaders need Help and all join heartily in group devotion.



Vincent Hill School graduated ten in June 16 to 18 exercises. Here seen, front row, left to right: R. H. Jones, Mrs. R. H. Jones, class sponsors; Lila Goertzen, secretary; Jacquelyn Beck, vice-president; Susan Robinson; Heather Watts; A. W. Matheson, principal. Back row: Dennis Tidwell, treasurer; LaVern Schlehuber, president; Robert Hillock, pastor; Charles Hooper; Andrew Haynal, sergeant-at-arms and valedictorian of the class; Milton McHenry. Week-end graduation speakers were: Edwin C. Beck, Friday night Consecration; Charles H. Tidwell, Sabbath morning Baccalaureate; Fred E. Schlehuber, Sunday morning Commencement.



Vincent Hill School, located amid natural beauties of nature, makes provision for music lovers. Student Eddie McHenry (left) and Music Instructor John J. Truscott accompany students in song at open air MV service.

John J. Truscott leads VHS band during final musical programme of the school year.

