Messenger Flashes

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RECENTLY ORDAINED -- Leon Phillips, stewardship secretary of the East Caribbean Conference; Edson Sutton and Jansen Trotman, district pastors in Barbados, were ordained to the gospel ministry at Bridgetown, Barbados. Former General conference vice-president R. S. Watts preached the sermon; Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson offered the ordination prayer; union secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray gave the charge, and East Caribbean Conference president W. W. Thomson welcomed the new ministers to the ranks of the Seventh-day Adventist ministry .-- G. R. Thompson.

*Henry Anaya (extreme right), was ordained to the ministry during the last biennial session of the Upper Magdalena Conference. IAD ministerial secretary Alfredo Aeschlimann (second from left), preached the sermon; Pacific Colombia Mission president Joel Manosalva (extreme left), offered the prayer; conference president Henry Niemann (third from left), presented the charge; and Elder Norberto Carmona (forefront), gave a heartfelt welcome to the new minister .-- Jaime Acosta.

GRADUATION -- The commercial department of Edmer High School held its first graduation on April 16 at the Town Hall in George Town, Grand Cayman. Eleven students received certificates. The main speaker was Dr. J.H. Cummings, president of International College of the Cayman Islands .-- Mrs. Sonja Thomas.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS -- Four stewardship programs have been conducted in the West Venezuela Mission by Colombia-Venezuela Union stewardship secretary Norberto Restrepo .--Mario Nino.

GOOD NEWS--1971 was the best year in the history of the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital. A good operating gain was secured and the future looks bright. The administra tor, Mrs. Douglas Robertson, the assistant administrator, Leonard Hadley, and the medical director, Dr. William Shea, are optimistic for the year 1972 as God continues blessing the hospital and its staff .-- G. Ralph Thompson.

LAY INSTITUTES -- Our laymen are very active in soul winning under Evangelism '72. In April two lay institutes were held--one in Puerto Rico and the other in the Dominican Republic -- under the leadership of C. D. Christian and A. H. Riffel. An extraordinary spirit prevailed, and the laymen pledged to hold 569 campaigns and win a total of 2.994 souls during the remainder of 1972 .-- A. H. Riffel.

NEW POSITION -- Elder Flavio Villarreal of Panama, is the new departmental secretary for the Salvador Mission .-- Luis E. Leonor.

AN IAD FIRST--For the first time in Inter-America, a Book and Bible House managers convention was held at Miami Beach April 21-25. It was organized by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and was attended by representatives of 38 of our 40 local fields. All seven union presidents and union publishing secretaries were also present. Jose H. Figueroa.

EVANGELISM '72--The MV's of the Franco-Haitian Union are aflame for Christ. Under the direction of union youth director Guy Valleray several youth congresses and workshops were conducted in Guadeloupe, Martinique and French Guiana. During these meetings much time was dedicated to practical instructions and demonstrations in the use of youth evangelistic projects. Guy Valleray himself will conduct three evangelistic crusades under Evangelism '72. The local youth leaders are also committed to a task of not only leading the young people in evangelism but personally conducting campaigns. George W. Brown.

*West Venezuela Mission secretary-treasurer Winchi Chow is conducting a crusade in Acarigua, accompanied by Elder Tirso Escandon.--Alfredo Gaona.

*The Pacific Mission of Mexico concentrated more than 500 SDA's at the La Mesa, Tijuana, church on occasion of the visit of Elders B. L. Archbold and A. Ray Norcliffe, president and treasurer respectively, of the IAD. Elder Archbold launched Evangelism '72 with a thrilling message, and Elder Norcliffe offered the closing prayer.--José O. Morales.

*Many interests brought in by the campaign conducted recently by IAD secretary J. H. Figueroa in Cali, Colombia, are being followed up and will soon be baptized.--Joel Manosalva.

*General Conference associate secretary R. F. Williams has made plans to hold revival meetings in the Central Jamaica Conference May 20-27, and in the East Jamaica Conference at the Hagley Park church, June 3-10.

*The one-week revival conducted by Central Dominican Conference lay activities and Sabbath school secretary Eligio Contreras in the Los Minas, Santo Domingo, church resulted in the baptism of 115 souls.--Cesar A. Puesan.

*The youth in the Georgetown, Guyana, area are on fire for the Master. They have held two crusades and baptized 53 souls as a result of the One to One evangelistic outreach. This second quarter they are engaged in organizing branch Sabbath schools. W. W. Weithers.

IAD RETREAT--The division staff members together with the employees and their families enjoyed a retreat at Naples, Florida, April 7-9. Retired General Conference vice-president and missionary of experience F. A. Mote was the guest speaker. Spiritual subjects were adequately balanced with wholesome recreation in which all--adults, young people and children--happily participated in a cheerful Christian atmosphere.



CHURCHES DEDICATED--Sabbath afternoon, April 1, the Lomas de Cubuy church in East Puerto Rico was dedicated. The members had worked practically day and night for three months to build their house of worship. IAD ministerial secretary Alfredo Aeschlimann preached the sermon. Also were present Antillian Union president W. T. Collins and union lay activities secretary C. Dionisio Christian.--Ernesto C. Santos.

*Sabbath, April 8, the Maranatha church was organized and dedicated in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. This is the third church being organized and dedicated in the Central Do-

minican Conference during the first four months of 1972 .-- Cesar A. Puesan.

TREASURERS' COUNCIL--The Central Dominican Conference conducted its first council for treasurers March 31-April 2. More than 200 church treasurers and their assistants spent the weekend at the Najayo MV campsite receiving instructions on how to do a better job in this important phase of the Lord's work.--Cesar A. Puesan.