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FIVE-DAY PLAN IN BARQUISIMETO--Barquisimeto, Venezuela, staged the first Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. More than 100 smokers attended the meetings, among them several professional people. At the end of the clinic, 90% of the participants reported having "kicked" the habit. We are featuring, from left to right, Elder Jorge Gonzalez, sound technician for the meetings; Elder Alfredo Gaona, moderator; Lic. Mario Nino and Dr. Daniel Gonzalez, who led out in the meetings.--*Alfredo Gaona.*



INSTITUTE FOR NEW COLPORTEURS--Fifteen new colporteurs attended an institute held recently at La Concordia church in Caracas, Venezuela. Some have definite plans to attend one of our schools.--*German Cortes.*

SERVING THE COMMUNITY--Elder Norberto Restrepo and his physician wife Nelcy, conducted a health and temperance clinic in the mountainous region of Antioquia, Colombia. The meetings were attended by more than 350 people and the tremendous interest created has already yielded 15 souls.--*Joel Manos*

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CHAMPION--Antillian College Student Fernando Meneses was awarded the Danilo Gatón trophy for his achievements as the most outstanding student-colporteur in the Antillian Union. During the summer vacation he worked 710 hours and sold literature worth US\$7,637. Union publishing secretary Oscar L. Gonzalez appears with him in the photo.--*Oscar L. Gonzalez.*



CUC STUDENT WINS 146--Brother Philip Smith, a former Baptist preacher baptized by Elder Wiggins in his Guyana crusade, is at present studying at Caribbean Union College. This past summer he held two efforts and baptized 146. (From a letter written to Elder G. W. Brown by Caribbean Union youth director K. E. Forde.)

FROM COSTA RICA--In Tres Rios (Three Rivers), there is a chapel that used to belong to an evangelical group. At present a branch Sabbath school is held there, and we hope to have an organized church there soon.--*G. E. Maxson.*

A FIVE-DAY PLAN was held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, by Dr. Frank McNiel and Elder R. S. Folkenberg in the week immediately preceeding the evangelistic campaign of Elder Bobby Roberts. An average of 300 attended the meetings, the majority having stopped smoking at the end of the five days.--*R. S. Folkenberg.*

REACHING THE HIGHER CIRCLES--The booth entered by the Temperance Department of the East Venezuela Mission made an impact on the public at the Third Orinoco Fair held recently in Venezuela. We have featured the different uses of soybeans (practically unknown to most people). The various soy products presented, as milk, cheese, mayonnaise, etc., were well received by those who visited the fair among them the governor of the state of Bolivar. To answer all the questions raised, Mrs. Jose Mendoza presented a brief demonstration on the preparation of soy products.--*Jose Mendoza.*

INSPECTION TOUR--Prof. Maria J. Obaldia, supervisor of private schools in Panama, accompanied Prof. John Parchment, educational secretary for the Panama Conference, on an inspection tour to the faraway El Porvenir school in Yaviza, Darien. Mrs. Obaldia congratulated the teachers, Mrs. Raquel Hernandez and Gilio Montero, on the good work they are doing.--*Mrs. Mercedes Williams.*

THE VOP WINS SOULS--Sister Natividad Vazquez heard about the Advent message and has started to keep the Sabbath. Later she was contacted by a missionary mailman from Ixtaltepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, who succeeded in strengthening her interest. She gave her tithe to the missionary mailman, and upon learning that Christians are not supposed to wear jewelry, she sold hers. With the proceeds of the sale a lot was bought where a chapel will be built. But the story does not end here, for she also won her husband and two of her children who were recently baptized by Elder Francisco Jimenez.--*Hernan Juarez.*

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY IS '72 CENTURION--Elder Isaac Suarez, lay activities secretary for the East Puerto Rico Conference, has baptized so far through several lay efforts, about 130. At present he is engaged in a tent campaign in Naguabo. Approximately 500 are in attendance each night. Elder Suarez has set a true example to follow.--*Hector J. Brignoni.*

NRW DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY--We welcome Elder Arturo Weisheim to the Upper Magdalena Conference as lay activities and Sabbath school secretary. He arrived in Bogota accompanied by his wife and son Werner. Although born in Argentina, for some time the Weisheims had been stationed in Lima, Peru, where Elder Weisheim worked as Inca Union Lay Activities Department secretary.--*Raimundo Pardo.*



FIFTEEN MORE BAPTIZED IN TEGUCIGALPA--As a result of the campaign conducted in the capital city of Honduras by evangelist Bobby Roberts, fifteen more have been baptized, bringing up to 242 the total for this effort. Our picture shows one of the candidates, a cripple, coming out of the baptismal water. He was one of a group of 59 new believers, the first fruits of this crusade.--*G. E. Maxson.*

OBITUARY--Elder Orley Ford was born in Pullman, Washington, December 27, 1893. In 1917 he married Lillian Shafers. For the next four

years they labored in Peru, South America, and in 1921 they were transferred to Ecuador, where they worked until 1931. That same year Elder Ford was nominated president of the Guatemala Mission. From 1942 to 1945 he served as president of the Costa Rica Mission. In 1945 the Fords arrived in El Salvador, where Elder Ford headed the organized work for thirteen years. Even after retiring he never ceased his efforts in behalf of the work in that country, his adopted homeland. The Adventist work in El Salvador is permanently indebted to Elder Ford and will always be thankful to him for his unselfish service. He was called to his rest on November 19, 1972. He was an ideal missionary, a loving husband and a father to all. To his dear wife and two children, Robert Elden and Sylvia Larson, we say, "Be comforted in the Lord."