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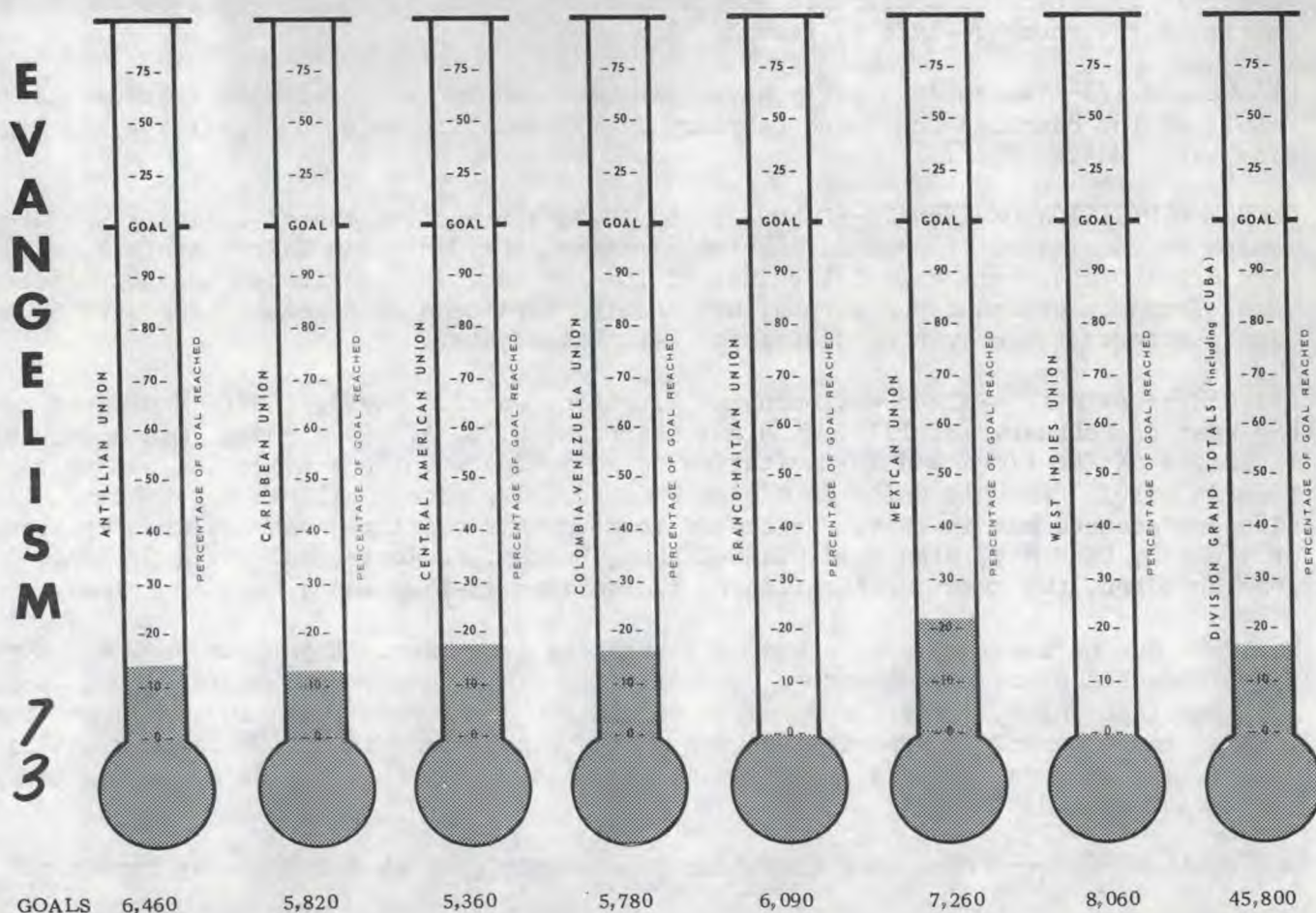
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**PHYSICIAN ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY**--Dr. Vernon Sparks, medical director of the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital, was ordained in a beautiful service held at the hospital chapel. Both the sermon and the ordination prayer were delivered by Elder Alfredo Aeschlimann; the charge was given by Elder Carlos Aeschlimann, and the welcome was extended by Elder Hector Jurado.--*Samuel Leonor.*

**EDITOR OF "EL CENTINELA" VISITS ANTILLIAN UNION**--Elder T. N. Peverini, editor of *El Centinela* magazine, visited the Antillian Union February 19-28. The main purpose of this visit was to make plans for the special January, 1974, issue of the magazine to be dedicated to this union. Elder Peverini was received by the governor of Puerto Rico and the president of the Dominican Republic.--*Luis E. Leonor.*

## PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1973





**CHAMPION**--Pastor Albino Ixcot of the Guatemala Mission, baptized 323 in 1972, thus becoming the champion soul winner of the Central American Union.--*Carlos E. Aeschlimann*



**INVESTITURE**--A group of 47 children was invested in Armero, Tolima, Colombia, following MV classes conducted by Elders Manuel Sierra and Henry Anaya.--*Raimundo Pardo*,

**EVANGELISM '73 IN CENTRAL AMERICA**--West Indies Union ministerial secretary J. C. Palmer is holding a successful campaign in Colon, Panama.

\*Evangelist Emilio Garcia Marengo is engaged in a crusade in Granada, Nicaragua.

\*Union evangelist Jose P. Valentin is celebrating several short series in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Belize.

\*Elder Carlos E. Aeschlimann is holding short campaigns in El Salvador and Honduras, and a long one in Guatemala.--*Carlos E. Aeschlimann*.

**LAJAS CHURCH DEDICATED**--Sabbath, February 24, 1973, the Lajas church in the West Puerto Rico Conference was dedicated. Elder T. N. Peverini, editor of *El Centinela* magazine, delivered the sermon. Conference president Fred Hernandez and secretary treasurer Angel Perez, church pastor Juan Anglada, retired minister Eloy Acosta, and Antillian Union publishing secretary Luis E. Leonor, also attended the event. Greetings were read from General Conference Associate secretary D. H. Baasch who was the first pastor of the church.--*Luis E. Leonor*.

**EVANGELISM '73**--Two hundred fifty have been baptized in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, as a result of the campaign concluded February 17 by Caribbean Union evangelist K. S. Wiggins.--*L. Marcel Abel*.

**CHURCH DEDICATION ON GRENADA**--February 25, 1973, a beautiful church building was dedicated on the island of Grenada. Prime minister, the Hon. Eric Gairy and his wife, Lady Hilda Bynoe, were especially invited for the occasion. Caribbean union president G. R. Thompson preached the sermon, and South Caribbean Conference president S. L. Gadsby offered the prayer of dedication.--*L. Marcel Abel*.

**OBITUARY**--David E. Walker was born in Kingston, Jamaica May 8, 1882, and went to his rest on February 13, 1973, in Miami, Florida, U. S. A. As a young man a copy of the *Signs of the Times* and an invitation to a Sunday evening service led him to baptism in 1910. From his union to Miriam Dadd in 1912, nine children were born. His wife predeceased him in 1959. He leaves to mourn his passing seven children: Vinette, of the IAD; Edna May, Winnifred, Samuel Earl, Herman, Marjorie, and David E., Jr.; 17 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, and a host of friends.

**WELCOME**--Our office family is steadily increasing in number. This time we are happy to welcome Elder and Mrs. Theodore G. Sample and Glenn who come to us from the Central American Union, where Elder Sample served for almost two years as treasurer. The Samples are veteran missionaries, having served eight years in the South American Division, and over seven years in the Antillian Union. Elder Sample is our accountant and assistant auditor.

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