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**RECORD-BREAKING MV CAMP ATTENDANCE**--Jose Hernandez, youth director of the Antillian Union, has just reported a record-breaking MV camp attendance in the Antillian Union during 1973. To date, more than 1,000 juniors and youth have attended camps throughout the Antillian Union. These camps are accompanied by a new spirit of revival and dedication among the young people.--George W. Brown.

**MARANATHA CHURCH ORGANIZED**--Sabbath, July 21, the Maranatha church pastored by Carlos L. Abbott was organized in the Panama Conference. All the administrators and departmental secretaries of the conference attended the event. Central American Union evangelist Jose P. Valentin was the guest speaker. As part of the program, a beautiful layette was given on behalf of the church to the first baby born at the Maria Cantera Remon Maternity Clinic.--Mrs. Mercedes Williams.



**FROM PUERTO RICO**--During the month of July, 1973, the literature evangelists of the Antillian Union sold publications worth US\$122,192.44. This is considered a miracle.

\*June was a banner month in the history of the East Puerto Rico Conference Publishing Department with sales mounting to US\$73,276.14.

\*Elder Manuel Carballal of the General Conference Insurance Service, held a short evangelistic effort in the Caparra Terrace church in San Juan. Over 200 attended nightly, and at the end of the series 23 were baptized.--Luis E. Leonor.



**ANOTHER FIRST FOR INTER-AMERICA**--Twenty-five dormitory deans met at Antillian College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, for the first workshop of this type held in the IAD July 15-27, 1973, for spiritual inspiration and technical training in guidance. Dr. Mercedes Dyer of Andrews University, directed the program. Division president B. L. Archbold spent four days with the group, having once been a dormitory dean for five years.--C. R. Taylor.

**GROUND BREAKING**--Preceded by a colorful Pathfinder parade, a ground-breaking ceremony took place August 13, 1973, at the site where the new Harrison Memorial High School will be erected in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The event was attended by the mayor of Montego Bay, Councillor Charles Sinclair; General Conference president Robert H. Pierson, IAD president B. L. Archbold, West Indies Union president H. S. Walters, West Jamaica Conference president S. M. Reid, West Indies College president L. H. Fletcher, and Harrison Memorial High School principal A. L. Dwyer.--B. L. Archbold.



**ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**--Nieves Coutino of the Tocotalpa, Tabasco, Mexico, church, has won four souls to date.

**STONE LAYING**--August 15, 1973, a stone-laying ceremony was held for the new George Town church in Grand Cayman. Prominent visitors were the acting governor, Mr. D. Watler; General Conference president Robert H. Pierson, IAD president B.L. Archbold, and West Indies Union president H. S. Walters accompanied by Cayman Islands Mission president L. V. McMillan, and other local ministers. Church members and visitors pledged CI\$8,000 toward the construction of this sanctuary.

**ORDINATIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA**--Ordinations were recently held in several fields of the Central American Union. The pastor of the Belize City central church, Aquilino Jesse, was ordained Sabbath, July 8, 1973, during the triennial session of the Belize (formerly British Honduras) Mission.

\*Tito Weiss, union treasurer; Cami B. Cruz, El Salvador Mission treasurer; D. G.y Poyato, union educational, radio-TV and public relations secretary; Ralph Tucker, Costa Rica Mission publishing secretary; and Reinaldo Canales, district pastor in Costa Rica, were ordained on Sabbath, July 28, 1973, at Central American Vocational College in Alajuela, Costa Rica, at the time of the Central American Union midyear session.

\*George Reid, pastor of the Blue Fields church, was ordained July 15, 1973, during the triennial session of the Nicaragua Mission.--Carlos E. Aeschlimann.

**NEW AUDITORIUM FOR "COVOPROM"**--The new auditorium being built for the Montemorelos Vocational and Professional College will seat 2,000 people. This modern and spacious building will answer a long-felt need, providing ample room for special meetings.--E. A. Marinkovic.

**IAD RETREAT**--Our division family enjoyed four lovely days on Sanibel Island in the Gulf of Mexico, August 16-19. The daily spiritual messages brought to us by General Conference president R. H. Pierson, the unspoiled beauty of the environment and happy Christian fellowship with one another, made of this retreat a memorable occasion. At the Saturday evening social Elders I. B. Benson, Gabriel Castro, Raul Rojas and T. G. Sample and their families were welcomed along with Hilda Matar, a graduate of the La Sierra Campus of Loma Linda University, who is the latest addition to our secretarial ranks.

**FULTON COLLEGE TO BENEFIT FROM 13TH SABBATH OVERFLOW OFFERING**--Hundreds of young people from the many countries of the South Pacific look to Fulton College, Fiji, for a Christian education.

At this time Fulton College desperately needs your support, for the education explosion has created accommodation problems. The young men's dormitories, initially built in wartime with secondhand materials, have long outlived any semblance of comfort and dignity. Students live under incredibly crowded conditions.

Your sacrificial offering on September 29 will materially aid the youth of the South Pacific in their quest for education that will enable them to face the demands of the future and find a place in God's work. We thank you in advance for your support.--M. N. Townsend, Sabbath School Secretary, Australasian Division.

