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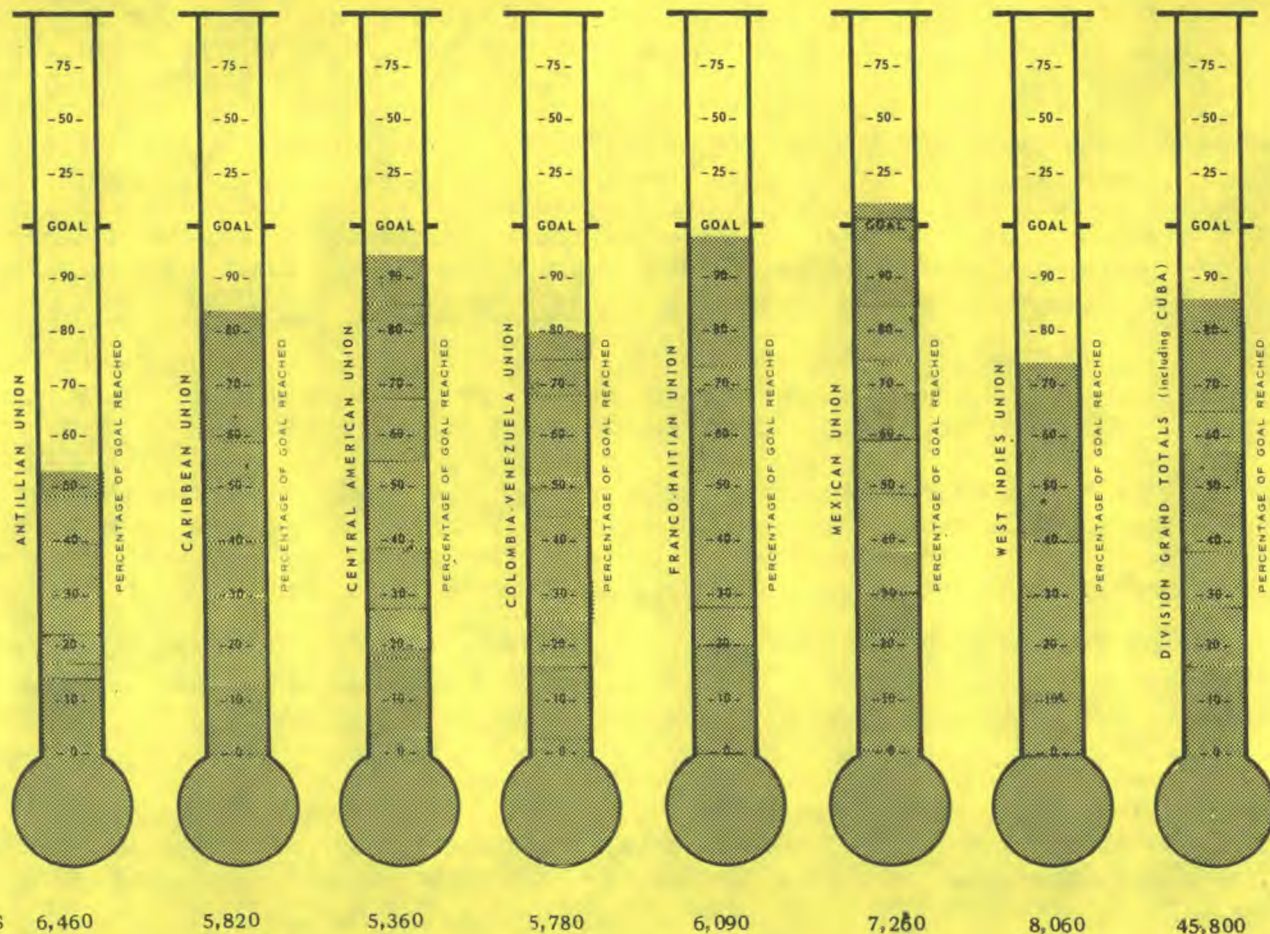
THE YAUCO CRUSADE--Forty-four new converts resulted from the series of tent meetings conducted at Yauco, Puerto Rico, by district pastor Julio Martinez. The campaign made such an impact on the community that the government is willing to sell the lot where the inflatable tent has been pitched so that the members of the new congregation can build their church home there.--*Julio Martinez.*

FIVE-DAY PLAN--The most recent Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking in the East Puerto Rico Conference was held in the amphitheater of the Medical School in Rio Piedras. Attendance at the clinic conducted by Drs. Florencio Saez and Alberto Tristani and Pastor Elias Lopez, included physicians, lawyers, technicians, supervisors, demographers, dentists, students, accountants, merchants, office workers, homemakers, mechanics, etc., who made very favorable comments on the plan.--*Jorge Escandon.*

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1973

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TEMPERANCE MARCH CLIMAXES CRUSADE--Approximately 40 souls were baptized in the "Reach Out For Life" crusade conducted by Pastor D. George King of the Bamboo church in Jamaica. The last week of the crusade was dedicated to health and temperance and stressed subjects such as diet and health reform in the light of Adventism. Films were shown on the dangers of drug abuse. On the final day, over 50 Pathfinders led by a brigade band, marched down the streets of Bamboo with placards in hand, peacefully demonstrating against the intemperance and unhealthful practices of our day.--*D. George King.*

NEWLY APPOINTED--Elder T. T. Billings is the new communication secretary for the Caribbean Union.--*B. L. Archbold.*

EAST PUERTO RICO HOLDS TRIENNIAL SESSION--The first triennial session of the East Puerto Rico Conference was held at the Elias Burgos Camp November 22-25. The administrators for the new three-year period are as follows: president, Hector J. Brignoni, secretary, Raul Villanueva; treasurer, L.A. Gutierrez. The departments will be headed by the following: Ministerial Association, Raul Villanueva; Stewardship, Feranando Car dona; Publishing; Carlos Ramirez; Youth, Francisco Ramos; Education, Eli Toro; Temperance and Communication, Jorge Escandon; Health, Ronald Fritz, D.D.S.; Religious Liberty, Hector J. Brignoni; Book and Bible House, Dagoberto Castro.

FROM THE NORTH DOMINICAN MISSION--Elder Gilberto Gatón is the first triple centurion of the mission, having won 304 souls by the end of November.

*Salvador Alvarez, a retired minister, has won 36 souls in the same period.

*Sergio Francisco has won 30 souls in the two months he has been with the mission. (From a letter sent to Elder Archbold by mission president Jose Espinosa.)

CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION ANNUAL SESSION--During the meetings held November 26-December 1 in Antigua, Guatemala, the following changes were made in the departments: The Sabbath School Department was added to the Departments of Education and Communication in care of D. G. y Poyato; Robert S. Folkenberg is the new secretary of the Stewardship and Health Departments and associate secretary of the Ministerial Association, and Claudio Ingleton is in charge of the Temperance and Publishing Departments. Several changes were made at the local field and institutional level as well. Honduras Mission: president, James Zackrison, secretary treasurer, James Kaine; Costa Rica: secretary-treasurer, Ernesto Molina; CADES: treasurer and accountant, Jose Gonzalez Rique; CEA: treasurer, Romeo Narvaez.--*R. R. Drachenberg.*

GIANT LAY RALLY--An impressive laymen's rally took place at the end of October in Tuxpan, Veracruz, Mexico, followed by the baptism of 59 new believers. More than 800 attended the Sabbath services.--*Loren Gallardo.*

CONCERT TOUR--A group of 17 singers selected from the CADES choir toured Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador October 19-29, making 17 personal appearances in ten days. Under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Wade, the group sang in Seventh-day Adventist churches, a theatre and the cathedral of Jinotepe in Nicaragua.--*L. T. Wade.*

PASTOR LEADS YOUTH IN COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP--Pastor Eugene Daniel of Antigua East, led the youth in his district in a 5 a. m. street clean-up program. Their example was lauded by the local government and news media.--*Everette W. Howell.*

FROM THE ANTILLIAN UNION--The following changes were made in the union personnel at the annual session conducted December 3-8 at Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Treasurer and auditor, Angel Perez; assistant treasurer and assistant auditor Ernesto Gil; communication, Dionisio Christian; temperance, Luis E. Leonor.