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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN GUATEMALA -- A combined teachers' institute for Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala was held in the beautiful city of Antigua, Guatemala from January 7 to 12. Doctors Ethel Young and Charles Taylor from the General Conference and Inter-American Division respectively, Prof. D. G. y Poyato of the Central American Union participated in the institute along with 47 teachers. Prof. Luciano Tahay, expersonnel director for the Department of Education for Guatemala, inspired the hearts of all teach-

ers in attendance with his dynamic speech on the topic "The Adventist Teacher and Faithfulness to God" .-- Ever Garcia.

TRIENNIAL SESSIONS HELD IN MEXICO -- The North Mission triennial session at San Luis Potosi was attended by 170 delegates January 17 to 19. The different departments have been manned as follows: Sabbath School, Lay Activities and Communication, Donato Ramirez; MV, Education and Temperance, Armando Miranda; Stewardship and auditor, Neftali Quintero; Publishing and Religious Liberty, Abel Lopez; assistant publishing secretary, Benjamin Torres. One hundred seven delegates attended the Pacific Mission session held in Ciudad Obregon January 24 to 26, 1974. The following nominations were made at that time: David Guzman, secretary-treasurer and auditor; Guillermo Sanchez, associate auditor; Eduardo Quero, Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Communication; Josue Murillo, Publishing and Religious Liberty; Elias Delgado, assistant publishing secretary; Raul Hernandez, Stewardship, Education and MV. On Sabbath afternoon, January 26, the session was brought to a fitting close with the ordination of district pastors Daniel Molinari and Pedro Romero to the ministry .-- R. R. Drachenberg.

"OPERATION MARANATHA" -- During the recent triennial session of the North Mexican Mission a plan for visiting the neighboring homes with Bible in hand, was carried out. Literature was distributed, passages from the Bible read, and wherever possible prayer was offered in the homes. The results were tremendous. The delegates returned to their homes talking not just of winning souls, but of finishing the work .-- Pedro Arano Molina.

ANNUAL COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE -- The West Puerto Rico Conference held its annual colporteur institute from January 2 to 6. Twenty new recruits began their colporteur ministry by attending the institute. The conference now has 112 ministers of the printed page which represents an increase of 74 during the last year. -- Fred Hernandez.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN COSTA RICA--An important teachers' institute for the teachers of Nicaragua, Panama and Costa Rica was held from January 14 to 18 at CADES, Alajuela, Costa Rica. The opening speech was given by Prof. Eduardo Gamez, minister of education for Costa Rica, and the closing talk by Dr. Benjamin Nuñez, rector of the National University of that country. The communications media gave ample publicity to the institute. In the photograph from left to right are: Elder Israel Gonzalez, president of CADES, Dr. Ethel Young of the General Conference Department of Education,



Dr. C. R. Taylor of the same department in the Inter-American Division, Prof. Gamez and the writer. -- Prof. D. G. y Poyato.

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE AND WEDDING--The West Venezuela Mission held the annual institute for its army of colporteurs in Bucaramanga, Colombia, from the 13th to the 19th of January, under the leadership of Elder Robinson Urdaneta and his six assistants. Nearly 120 colporteurs received the instruction given by Elders Raul Rojas and Romulo Lozano of the Inter-American Division and the Colombia-Venezuela Union respectively, and from the mission and Adventist Book Center administrators. An appropriate touch was given to the meetings when Elder Alfredo Gaona performed the marriage of two colporteurs, Cirilo Antonio Graterol and Maria Martina Rodriguez.--Alfredo Gaona.

VOP GRADUATION IN SANTO DOMINGO--In the Capotillo district of the Dominican capital, 43 VOP students received certificates recently. The keynote of the program was the presentation of nine-year-old "missionary mailman" Roni Ricardo Butten, who with true missionary zeal is helping seven students.--(From El Clarin Adventista)

NEW DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS IN MEXICO--South Mission: Elder Bernardo Peregrino, Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Communication. Southeast Mission: Elder Isaias Hernandez, Stewardship and Temperance; Guillermo Illingworth, Education and MV; Elder Rafael Chan, Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Communication. These changes were made during the meetings held for these two missions from the 1st to the 12th of January, 1974.--J. H. Figueroa.

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE IN COLOMBIA--An institute was held at ICOLVEN from January 6 to 12 for 220 colporteurs from the four local fields in Colombia. Instruction was given by Elder Raul Rojas from the Inter-American Division; Elder Romulo Lozano, publishing secretary of the Colombia-Venezuela Union; Samuel De Angel, who is in charge of the Pacific Press depository in Colombia, and Elder Edgar Escobar, head of the Theology Department at ICOLVEN. Elder George Carambot, union president; Elder Henry Niemann, Upper Magdalena Conference president; Prof. Ramon H. Maury, union treasurer; Elder Norberto Carmona, Pacific Mission president, and Elder Luis Florez, president of the college, presented the devotional messages.--(From En Marcha)

A UNIQUE FIVE-DAY PLAN--Brother E. Sedney held a Five-Day Plan with excellent results for a single individual who used to smoke from 30 to 40 cigarettes a day. The first day he smoked four cigarettes after drinking a cup of coffee in the morning. From the time the second meeting was held, he never smoked another cigarette. He also gave up drinking coffee and caffeinated soft drinks.—Israel Leito.