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NEW SCHOOL-The North Mexican Mission began the construction of a new school in Monterrey in a nice residential section of the city. The local church is giving strong support to this project. In the photograph mission president Arano Molina is breaking ground for the new building. He is accompanied by A. Miranda and S. Meza, secretary of education and secretary-treasurer of the mission respectively, and architect Sauza, who is in charge of construction. The building will house the primary and secondary schools for the city. - Guillermo Krieghoff.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT ICOLVEN-The Colombia-Venezuela Institute observed its first Week of Prayer of the school year from April 12 to 20. Elder Roy F. Williams, associate secretary of the General Conference, was the speaker. He awakened great spiritual interest with his topics on Making Friends Now With Christ. Twenty-five young people were baptized and 60 others joined one of the three baptismal classes at the college. It was impressive to see almost the entire student body take part in the Lord's Supper which brought the Week of Prayer to a close .- Luis Florez.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS-Dr. Morris Taylor and his family from Andrews University visited the Central Mexican Mission on a promotional and cultural tour. The Taylor family, who form a quartet and a duet, gave programs in the main churches in Mexico City and also appeared on television which gave another opportunity for presenting our Adventist work and its educational institutions in all parts of the world .-- Jorge E. Campos.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED -- The number of organized churches in the Pacific Mexican Mission increased to 34 on the 13th of March when the fourth church in the city of Tijuana was organized. Elder Venancio Salazar and secretary-treasurer of the mission, Brother David Guzman were present for the occasion along with the departmental men from the mission. Mission president Jaime Castrejon was in charge of organizing the church.- Jaime Castrejon.

NEW OFFICES FOR THE PACIFIC MEXICAN MISSION -- After more than 25 years of renting space for offices, the Pacific Mexican Mission now has its own office building in the best residential section of the city of Nogales, Sonora. -- Jaime Castrejon.

TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES -- The Temperance Department of the Pacific Colombian Mission has been quite active. At the close of the recent Temperance Week, 8,000 temperance tracts were distributed in one day, and over 1,500 members signed temperance pledges. Last month a Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking was conducted in the city of Tulua. Of the 40 persons who attended regularly, 38 broke the smoking habit. The psychological part was presented by Bernardo Rodriguez, local Temperance Department secretary, and the medical part by the pastor of the district, Miguel Puentes. In the photograph, Elder Rodriguez (left) outlines far-reaching plans with Elder Mario Niño, secretary of the Department of Temperance for the Colombia-Venezuela Union. -- Mario Niño.



BAPTISMS IN SURINAM—The laymen of the Bethel church in Surinam conducted a successful effort. They were inspired at a lay preachers' institute held by pastors A. H. Riffel and T. T. Billingy of the division and union respectively. With adequate guidance from nearby pastors, this lay effort yielded twelve souls in the first baptism in this field this year.—C. J. Clements.

WEST INDIES UNION CENTURION RETREAT—Eighty-one pastors and departmental men from all sections of the West Indies Union met at the Forum Hotel in Spanish Town, Jamaica for a Centurion Retreat. Elders V. W. Schoen and A. H. Riffel of the Lay Activities Departments of the General Conference and Inter-American Division were present to promote a closer cooperation between workers and laity in soul winning. Elder B. A. Woodburn was honored for having baptized over 1,000 souls during the last four years. This achievement was made possible through the help of laymen. Many pastors who attended the retreat are aiming at a target of 500 souls for 1974.—H. S. Walters.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF GRAND CAYMAN SDA TEM-PLE—The new church building in Georgetown, Grand Cayman, which is valued at \$150,000 was officially opened by the governor of the island on March 10. Under the leadership of Pastor L. V. McMillan, our members in Cayman have worked hard and sacrificed much to construct this beautiful building. Elder H. S. Walters gave the sermon. The new president of the Cayman Islands Mission, Elder S. G. Cole, plans to begin an evangelistic crusade in the new church in June.—H. S. Walters.

MISSIONARY MAILMEN—As a result of the work of our faithful missionary mailmen, 1262 students have graduated from the Voice of Hope Radio Bible School so far this year in El Salvador.—F. Villarreal.

NEW CHAPEL—The division office staff now meets in its new chapel for morning worship services. The former chapel has been made into three offices for secretaries.





THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING OVERFLOW—
Three schools in the Far Eastern Division will benefit from the thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow to be taken up on June 29th. The picture shows Matius, the first baptized Seventh-day Adventist from the highlands of western New Guinea, with W. V. Clements, Far Eastern Division Sabbath school secretary, discussing plans for building a jungle chapel with the residents of his village. Several years ago Matius left this village to work in the government district head-quarters. He showed such promise that the government sent him to the coast for formal education, and God led him to the Adventist academy at Doyo Baru.—Don Roth.

HOLY WEEK EVANGELISM—Elder Norberto Carmona, president of the Pacific Colombian Mission presented ten topics in total in the Palmira church during Holy Week. Brother Fernando Salazar, cashier for the mission, had charge of the music. The effort was combined with child evangelism under the direction of Mrs. Carmona. The average attendance was 450 persons. On the last evening, eight new believers were baptized, and a baptismal class of 70 was organized. Nearly 200 people filled out decision cards, and another effort on Sunday and Wednesday nights is in progress. The baptismal class meets Thursdays and Sabbaths. It is taught by Elder Climaco Joya, church pastor.—Norberto Carmona.

BAPTISMS IN SANTO DOMINGO—Word has just been received that 650 persons have been baptized to date as a result of the crusade being conducted by Elder J. P. Valentin in a large theater in Santo Domingo. The attendance has held steady at about 1,000 people.—J. H. Figueroa.

FIRST BAPTISM IN PARAMARIBO EFFORT—Fifty-four persons were baptized in the first baptismal ceremony in connection with the effort Elder K. S. Wiggins is conducting in Paramaribo. The attendance continues to be excellent and another baptism will be held in the near future.—C. J. Clements.