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EVANGELISM IN THE CENTRAL DOMINICAN CONFERENCE—The combined efforts of pastors and lay preachers have brought 1,446 souls into the church already this year. Among them, laymen Miguel Moni, R. Martinez, Juan Matos, H. Felix, Agustin Terrero, Americo Castillo, E. Manzanillo and Arcadio Colon, have won nearly 300 souls. In the photo Brother Colon is seated on the platform observing while Elder W. A. Moretta examines 26 of the 56 people that this lay worker has brought to Christ in only nine months. He is working hard to achieve his goal of becoming a centurion in 1974.—*Diogenes Suero.*

WEEK OF PRAYER AT PETEN SCHOOL—Elder Alfredo Gaona led out in a week of spiritual emphasis at our training school located in Peten, Guatemala, from September 13 to 21. A highly spiritual atmosphere reigned among students and teachers alike throughout the week. At the close of the week, the school choir, ably directed by Mrs. Janice Hackett, appeared for the first time in typical costume, as seen in the accompanying photograph.—*Prof. Cornelio Corrales.*



"OFASA" MOTORIZED CARAVAN—The days immediately following hurricane Fifi, which swept the north coast of Honduras with violent winds, were ones of great activity for the workers and church members in the Honduras Mission. The photos show the "OFASA" motorized caravan taking relief to the affected areas. From the 20th of September to the first of October, 6,972 persons were helped, 37,095 pieces of clothing distributed and 1,895 sacks of groceries given out. The mission appreciates the cooperation of the Inter-American Division and the Central American Union in sending Elders A. H. Riffel and Hector Jurado to the disaster area.—*Cesar Tellez.*



SDA ANNUAL COUNCIL HELD AT LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA—Even for church administrators current pressure can blot out spiritual vitality. This was the keynote sounded by General Conference president Robert H. Pierson in his opening remarks addressed to some 300 top officials gathered on the campus of Loma Linda University for the church's Annual Council from October 9 to 17. Elder Kenneth H. Emmerson, world treasurer for the church, reported that for the first time in many years, giving to missions has increased more than tithing. The record-breaking budget of \$76.8 million was voted for 1975.—*M. Carol Hetzell.*



LARGE BAPTISM IN BUCARAMANGA—In the covered stadium in the city of Bucaramanga, Colombia, 5,000 persons witnessed the baptism of 102 precious souls. Three pastors baptized at the same time in the improvised baptistry which city firemen filled from two of their tank trucks. As an expression of their thanks, local pastors presented the fire chief with a copy of the book *Libertad del Temor* (Freedom From Fear). The photo shows a partial view of the large audience and one of the three pastors who took part in the ceremony.—*Manuel Edgardo Sierra.*



DUMP TRUCK DONATED—Principal James Bechtel of the Peten Agricultural Institute in Poptun, Guatemala, reports that the school has just received a dump truck as a donation. The truck will be of great help in the construction which is still in progress and in the agricultural program of the school.—*D. G. Poyato.*

PATHFINDER TRAINING COURSE—As a part of the Pathfinder anniversary celebrations for 1974, a special union Pathfinder staff training course was conducted in Bridgetown, Barbados at the time of Elder Leo Ranzolin's recent visit there. Twenty-eight Pathfinder directors from 10 countries attended. The youth leaders on all levels in the Caribbean Union regard this present leadership training emphasis as the means of enhancing the total Pathfinder program in that union.—*George W. Brown.*



LAY EFFORT IN YUCATAN—Brother Fernando Palomo, an enthusiastic lay preacher in Yucatan, Mexico, is holding a series of meetings in a little place called Ticul. The interest shown by those attending indicates that a good number of baptisms will result. Brother Palomo appears in the picture with a portion of his audience.—*Xavier Soto Valle.*

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT WEST INDIES COLLEGE—Located on a mountain top, with panoramic vistas in all directions, West Indies College in Mandeville, Jamaica is ably fulfilling its mission of training youth as lightbearers. President L. Herbert Fletcher reports that the school year promises to be the best ever with an enrollment of 1,167, the highest on record. This total is made up of 456 on the college level, 437 in high school, 240 in primary school and 34 part-time students.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

FIRST CHURCH SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA—With funds donated by Dr. Ost, the San Jose church is building the first Adventist school in that city. It will be named "The Blanca Ost School" in memory of Mrs. Ost. The church school will form part of an evangelistic center complex. The photo shows both the progress of the construction, and the beautiful location of the school.—*A. R. Norcliffe.*

