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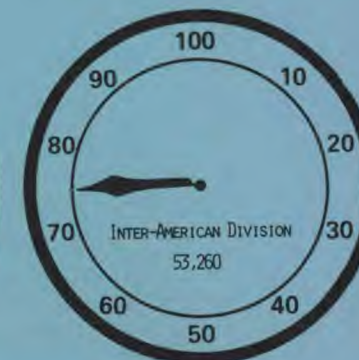
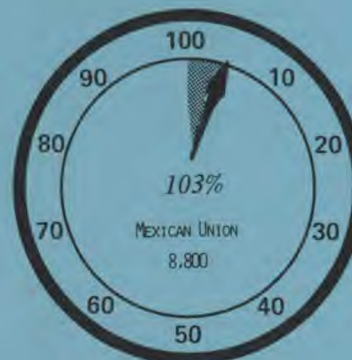
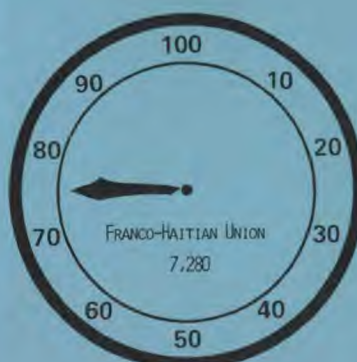
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BROTHERHOOD DAY IN CAPITAL CITY—A large concentration of brethren from the various churches in Guatemala City took place on Sabbath, December 7, 1974 when nearly 1,000 persons met in the gymnasium of the Progreso school to listen to representatives from the General Conference, the Inter-American Division, the Pacific Press and the Central American Union respectively. With the motto "United for Victory" before us, we listened to news of the progress of God's cause in Guatemala and Central America and to plans for the future. Elder J. H. Figueroa spoke for the worship service and Elder A. E. Gibb for the sundown service which brought to a close a day of great blessings. In the photo Elder Figueroa is seen addressing the audience of 1,000 persons. Appearing on the platform are Elders: Weiss, Mazat, C. Aeschlimann, Taylor and Baer.—A. Gaona.

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER





MEXICAN UNION DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL—Administrators and departmental directors from the entire Mexican Union met from the 4th to the 8th of December to take stock of the marvellous way God has led during the past few years, and to make ample plans for 1975 and the years immediately following. The Inter-American Division was represented by Elders George W. Brown and A. H. Riffel. Throughout the whole council a spirit of unity and optimism was felt, and those present determined to win 10,000 souls for Christ in 1975, "The Year of the Harvest." The above photo shows the group representing the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Departments.—*A. H. Riffel.*

CLINIC SPONSORS SEVEN LAY WORKERS—The self-supporting Valparaiso Clinic, which is located in the state of Huehuetenango, Guatemala, only four miles from the Mexico-Guatemala border, is capably operated by Dr. H. Graves and his wife. The clinic sponsors seven lay workers who are engaged in direct soul-winning work in the villages, towns and rural areas of that state. This clinic is truly a medical-missionary institution worthy of the name. Dr. Graves appears in the photograph with three of the seven lay workers sponsored by the clinic.—*Alfredo Gaona B.*



MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND QUADRENNIAL SESSION—The quadrennial session for the Colombia-Venezuela Union at Medellin was preceded by a union-wide ministerial council, at which all ministerial workers and their wives were present. The new ministerial secretary and evangelist for the union, Elder Jose Osorio, led out in this well-organized, inspirational program. The counsel and instruction given were outstanding. At the quadrennial session conducted from November 24-26, the following changes in local field presidents were made: Atlantic Colombia Mission, Joel Leiva; Colombian Islands Mission, Mario Robinson, and East Venezuela Mission, Luis Florez. The others remained the same. The union departments were reorganized as follows: Communication and Health, Nathaniel Garcia; Lay Activities and Sabbath School, Arturo Weisheim; Stewardship and Temperance, Mario Niño; Education, Joel Manosalva; Youth, C. V. Henriquez; Publishing, Romulo Lozano, and Ministerial and Religious Liberty, Jose Osorio. Dr. D. J. Thomann was elected president of the college. The session closed with the ordination of six young men to the gospel ministry: Ramon Maury, Arturo Grayman, Winchi Chow, German Cortes, Luis Barbosa and Lisido Urdaneta. Ninety ministers were present at this service including Robert H. Pierson from the General Conference, B. L. Archbold and A. Aeschlimann from the division and union president George Carambot.—*B. L. Archbold.*



STUDENTS OF BIBLE COURSE RECEIVE DIPLOMAS—Twenty-six students of the "Bible Speaks" course received their diplomas in Florencia, Caquetá, Colombia recently. There is great enthusiasm for the study of God's Word in that area. The district pastor, Elder Alfredo Meza, is developing a wonderful work in that region.—*Raimundo Pardo Suarez.*

PIERSON HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS WEEK OF PRAYER—Early morning prayer bands and meetings began each day of the Week of Prayer held at Pierson High School in the Turks and Caicos Mission from November 25 to 29. Teachers and students both participated in the platform activities connected with the meetings. The topic of Missions was discussed throughout the week. At the first meeting the teachers gave testimonies before the student body, and at the last meeting the students made their commitment by classes.—*J. Barrett.*