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EAST PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION AND TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE 21 AWARDS—In the photograph Elder Jorge Escandon, director of the East Puerto Rico Conference Communication and Temperance Departments, stands beside the large bulletin board where the majority of the awards and plaques are displayed. Among the awards are one from the Puerto Rican government, one from the Rotary Club, one from the Lions Club, one from the Exchange Club and Masonic Lodge, and several from different civic and municipal organizations. Elder Escandon is well-known in Puerto Rico for his outstanding temperance programs on radio and television as well as for his public lectures on that topic. He helps many evangelists and lay preachers by presenting temperance topics for their opening meetings. He helps the Publishing Department by putting colporteurs in contact with important public figures for the purpose of selling books to them.—*Loren Gallardo.*



RETREAT FOR LAYMEN AND LEADERS IN JAMAICA—About 150 lay preachers and local church leaders met in the new church in Montego Bay, Jamaica, for three days of study and prayer, and to make plans for 1975. Union president H. S. Walters gave the opening message. Elder S. G. Lindo, Lay Activities director for the union presented the plans for Ingathering and welfare work. Elder A. H. Riffel, who represented the division, gave classes in lay evangelism. Elders S. M. Reid, president of the West Jamaica Conference, and C. R. Perry, Lay Activities director, led out in the meetings. As the retreat came to a close, these valient laymen and local church leaders set a goal of 3,785 souls for 1975.—*A. H. Riffel.*



LOCAL FIELDS EXPOSITION—At the time of the quadrennial session of the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mentioned in the last number of *FLASHES*, there was an exposition put on by the local fields that presented the typical and missionary aspects of each region in the union. In the photograph the presidents of the General Conference, the Inter-American Division and the Colombia-Venezuela Union inspect the exhibits.—*Mario Niño E.*

GADELOUPE MISSION INAUGURATES NEW OFFICE BUILDING AND YOUTH CAMP—On the morning of December 15, 1974, Inter-American Division president B. L. Archbold cut the ribbon and delivered an address to inaugurate the new office building for the Guadeloupe Mission. In the photograph the Douville church choir stands in front of the new headquarters building. Later the same day Elder Archbold spoke to the hundreds of members from all over the island who had gathered to inaugurate the new youth camp. The facilities and equipment in this beautifully-located camp are the best. The French government furnished all but \$100,000 of the \$800,000 total cost.—*L.M. Abel.*





BRAND NEW SCHOOL IN MONTERREY, N. L., MEXICO—The progressive Vallarta church in Monterrey, with the help of the North Mexican Mission, has built a beautiful new school with four classrooms, two baths and other facilities. It has five teachers and an enrollment of 120 pupils. It also has its own school bus. Appearing in the photo in front of the Vicente Suarez Institute, from left to right are: the director, Mrs. C. A. Rodriguez, Prof. T. J. Harper, president of Montemorelos University, Elder P. Arano, president of the North Mexican Mission, and the writer, who is director of the Department of Education of the Mexican Union. —*Guillermo Krieghoff D.*

NEW CHURCH IN MONTERREY, MEXICO—An effort which began with a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has meant the birth of a new church. In the accompanying photograph, the lot is being readied so that construction can begin. While the church is being built, the 200 people that will make up the new "Summit" church are meeting in a dance hall, where a baptismal service has already been conducted, using a portable baptistry.—*Pedro Arano Molina.*



GADELOUPE MISSION HOLDS TRIENNIAL SESSION—

The presence of General Conference president R. H. Pierson made the triennial session held in Guadeloupe from December 13 to 16 a special one. Elders B. L. Archbold, A. Aeschlimann and L. Marcel Abel and Dr. Vernon Sparks represented the Inter-American Division. Dr. Hinshaw of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University also attended. The following were elected to serve the mission during the next three years: G. Sablier, president and Ministerial Association; Antoine Oculi, treasurer; Alexis Fanhan, Sabbath School and Stewardship; Dr. Paul Checkmodine, Health and Temperance; Jean Pierre Chery, Lay Activities and Communication; C. Riffard, Publishing, and Emmanuel Gustave, Adventist Book Center manager. On Sabbath morning, Elder Pierson preached the ordination sermon after which Brother Jonas Lamour was ordained to the gospel ministry. Brother and Sister Lamour appear in the photograph with Elders Aeschlimann, Henry, Pierson, Archbold and Sablier. —*L. Marcel Abel.*



ST CATHERINE MV FEDERATION HOLDS CAMPOREE—

Seventy-eight young people from different MV federations in the Central Jamaica Conference met for a weekend camp on the grounds of Camp Verley recently. Although the rainy season was not yet over, the weather was beautiful throughout the weekend. The Sabbath School under the leadership of Eric Levy was full of inspiration. Elder K. C. Henry emphasized the importance of the young person's witness for Christ. After Elder C. A. Holness' sermon, all present rededicated their lives to God, and five expressed their desire for baptism. Sabbath afternoon was occupied with a nature walk, and there was an investiture service that evening. Brother N. Ashley made the plans for the camp.—*K. C. Henry.*

CORRECTION—In the newsnote appearing on the front page of the December 31 *FLASHES*, there was a mistake in naming the pastors present on the platform in the photograph. The last sentence should read: "Appearing on the platform are Elders Weiss, Folkenberg, Gibb, C. Aeschlimann, Taylor and Baer."