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MONTEMORELOS MEDICAL SCHOOL ENLARGES ENROLLMENT—The board of trustees of the University of Montemorelos met on its campus March 18 with the presence of five union presidents, and approved, among other items, plans for enlarging the initial enrollment of the medical school in September from 25 to 36, out of more than 130 applications received. The board also viewed the progress made on four buildings being erected for dining facilities, medical school, hospital expansion, and a new classroom building. In the photograph the latter can be seen as it appeared on March 11.
—Charles R. Taylor.

HOSPITAL SURVEYS—From February 10 to March 6 the Inter-American Division was host to Elder R. L. Pelton, associate secretary in the General Conference Department of Health, and Mr. Henry Friesen, administrator of Paradise Valley Hospital in California. Dr. Vernon C. Sparks, Health director of the division accompanied them on an inspection tour of the seven hospitals in this division. Much good counsel was given regarding improving efficiency and function of these health institutions. Sermons and health programs were presented in several churches and health centers. The Accompanying picture shows brethren Pelton, Friesen and Sparks along with the officers and departmental heads at Port-of-Spain Adventist Hospital in Trinidad.—Vernon C. Sparks.

COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION COLLEGE ACHIEVES A TRIUMPH—On March 17 the entire faculty and student body, accompanied by departmental directors from the mission and union, went out on the streets of Medellín with cans and papers. A happy group returned to the college that evening with a total of 61,800 Colombian pesos, or approximately \$2,332.07 dollars, which is double what they reached last year. The champion of the day was Alcira Torres, an ex-nun who is now a student and Spanish teacher at the college. She collected one thousand pesos. The boys' champion was Luis Humberto Restrepo with 800 pesos. In the photo one of the girls gets a donation.—J. Manosalva.





NEWS FROM THE PANAMA CRUSADE—The photo shows some of the 82 persons baptized so far from the section of the crusade Elder López Porras is conducting in a suburb of Panama City. The English-speaking population of the city has given an enthusiastic response to the meetings. Elder Claudio Ingleton is holding for them in a large tent. The attendance for every meeting is excellent. The first baptism from the English effort was held on April 12.—*Carlos Aeschlimann.*

INTER-AMERICAN STUDENTS AT LOMA LINDA AND ANDREWS—The Inter-American Division Committee paid special attention to its graduate students in the United States during the month of March. The division officers and union presidents met with the Loma Linda University group at a banquet Thursday evening, March 13, with over 150 in attendance. The Andrews University group met with Dr. C. R. Taylor at the Campus Center Wolverine Room Sunday evening, March 30, with 100 attending. There were 56 graduate students from Inter-America in the graduate school and SDA Theological Seminary enrolled during the winter quarter. Dr. William Wagner, through his secretary, Mrs. Wilma D. Shepherd, made the arrangements for the banquet at Loma Linda. For some time, Dr. Mario Rasi has served as liaison with the Spanish-speaking community at Andrews, and Dr. William Douglas with the English-speaking students from the West Indies.—*Charles R. Taylor.*

DORCAS SOCIETY DISTRIBUTES CLOTHING AND FOOD—As can be seen in the photo, Elder Tulio Haylock helped in the distribution of clothing and food by the Dorcas Society of the Villa Durate church in the Dominican Republic, during his recent visit there accompanied by the Sabbath School and Lay Activities director of the Central Dominican Conference.—*Diógenes Suero.*



LEADERCRAFT COURSES IN EAST VENEZUELA—Over 200 youth attended Leadercraft courses in Caracas, Ciudad Bolívar and Maracay in the East Venezuela Mission, under the leadership of Elders Robinson Urdaneta, C. V. Henríquez and George W. Brown, youth directors of the East Venezuela Mission, Colombia-Venezuela Union, and Inter-American Division respectively. In these courses the main emphasis was placed on involving youth in soul winning. In the accompanying photograph, Elder Brown leads out in a candlelight ceremony.—*Robinson Urdaneta.*

CHURCH ELDERS' COUNCIL—An inspiring Church Elders' Council was conducted for three days in March in Mexico City with 87 elders attending from more than 30 churches and groups in the Mexico City Metropolitan Area. Instruction regarding church organization and administration and other matters inherent in the church elder's duties were discussed. Study was given to improving the elder's service to the congregation. Teachers for the course were: Mexican Union secretary, Elder Samuel Guízar; Central Mexican Conference president, Elder Jorge Campos, and Prof. Ismael Castillo, stewardship secretary for the conference.—*Jorge E. Campos.*

PASTORS VISIT SELF-SUPPORTING CLINIC—In January missionary-pilot Norton flew Elders B. L. Archbold, A. Aeschlimann and V. Salazar in his Cessna 185 to visit two self-supporting projects in Southern Mexico. The pastors are shown in front of the Sabanilla clinic which is operated by C. S. Tonsberg. Medical missionary work among the Chol-speaking people in this area is winning souls to Christ.—*B. Javier Peregrino.*

