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FAREWELL FOR IAD STAFF MEMBERS—The Inter-American Division family gathered at the Marriott Hotel Thursday evening, August 7, to bid farewell to Elder & Mrs. A. Aeschlimann, Elder & Mrs. A. Ray Norcliffe, Elder & Mrs. Charles R. Taylor, Elder & Mrs. Donald J. vonPohle, and Elder & Mrs. Juan de Armas and family. The ladies were honored with a corsage at the beginning of the special program prepared by the social committee. Elders B. L. Archbold and R. R. Drachenberg gave a brief history of each one, and expressed the gratitude of the Inter-American Division for their services. The Aeschlimanns and vonPohles are retiring after having served their church faithfully for a combined total of 92 years. The Aeschlimanns spent 20 of those years in Inter-America, and the vonPohles 18. After 32 years of continuous service in IAD the Taylors are moving to the General Conference, Washington, D.C. The de Armases are going to the Central American Union, Guatemala City.—*Tulio R. Haylock.*

STUDENT HONORED FOR AIRPORT WITNESSING—

Miss Lidia Laínez, a student of Central American Union College, is shown in the photo as she was honored in a special college chapel service for letting her light shine by means of the printed page. According to Salvador Mairena, Publishing Director, between classes Miss Laínez sells an average of 600 magazines a month in the International Airport of San Jose, Costa Rica.—*Mario F. Muñoz.*



GROWTH & EXPANSION IN INTER-AMERICA—Because of the tremendous rate of growth in Inter-America, the brethren at the General Conference Session added to our staff. Inter-America is growing; as we grow we expand. We have found it necessary to remodel our office in order to provide space for the people needed to do the work. Remodeling through the years in the Division office had created separate units in the northeast wing of the building. We are now tying this wing to the rest of the building by removing the series of doors. When you visit the Division office in the future, walking down the northeast wing will be no different from walking down the west or south wings. The outside architecture will remain the same, but inside we have converted the old print shop into a nice complex of offices for the Ministerial Association, the editorial office and duplicating room. We believe you will like the new look when you visit the Division office.—*B. L. Archbold.*

COLPORTEUR EXCHANGE VISIT—The West Puerto Rico Conference colporteurs together with their Publishing directors recently visited the Dominican Republic. Included in their itinerary were points of interest in the cities of San Cristóbal, Santiago de los Caballeros and Santo Domingo, as well as the Dominican Academy. The visit resulted in a magnificent exchange of ideas and a rededication of the literature evangelists to go forward to new triumphs in the Lord's work.—*R. A. Rodríguez.*

WOMEN OF THE YEAR—If the Inter-American Division granted *Women of the Year* awards, the four ladies in the accompanying photograph would surely be named. Vinette Walker, secretary to the IAD treasurer, is shown pinning a corsage on Evelyn vonPohle at the farewell dinner as Dora Reed, secretary to the IAD president, pins one on June Taylor. Mrs. vonPohle is well known in Inter-America for her warm hospitality. For the past twelve years she has given excellent service in the Division Treasury Department as an accountant and insurance specialist. Mrs. Taylor is another career lady who has contributed much to Inter-America, especially by her writing talents. She began work in the Division office as an office secretary in the Ministerial Association, and then became the editor of the Inter-American Division edition of the *Review & Herald*, *Messenger* and *Flashes*.
—Wanda Sample



NEW CHURCH SCHOOL IN COSTA RICA—The new Adventist church school in Hatillo, Costa Rica has opened its doors to 65 happy students. Floribet Moreira, director; R. Burgos, assistant director; Julio C. Wilson, district pastor, and three teachers are shown in the photograph.—Mario F. Muñoz.

UNIQUE GRADUATION IN A CHURCH—For six years a group of teachers in the Mexican Union have attended the summer sessions of the teacher-training course offered by the government, which has resulted in a blessing. One of the professors of the course has become an Adventist and is now giving constant testimony of his happiness in knowing the Master Teacher. Since the Adventist teacher-training graduates were unable to attend the government graduation exercise because it was on the Sabbath, Professor Natanael Pérez (first to right in photo), secured the diplomas for this Adventist group and arranged a special graduation ceremony for them in the Tepic Adventist church. The group of graduating teachers are shown in the photograph with Celerino Herrera, pastor of the local church, in the center.
—Francisco Flores Ch.



LITERACY COURSE—Adventists in the city of Danlí, Honduras are offering an adult education course, with classes meeting each day from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Included each day is a half-hour class in Christian culture. It is thrilling to observe the enthusiasm each of the students has for learning to read and thus be able to better understand the Scriptures. The five persons shown in the photo have finished the literacy course and are now ready to help others in the group learn to read. Two radio programs, five lay efforts and two missionary mailmen programs are proclaiming the message in the Danlí district. With the blessings of God, a rich harvest is expected.—Nohemy de Fuentes.



NEW DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTOR IN GUATEMALA—Pastor Albino Ixcot graduated from Central American Union College when it offered fourteen grades, and was an outstanding worker, being several times a centurian. He has recently graduated from the sixteen-grade theology course at the same college and has been named by the Guatemala Mission as Lay Activities, Sabbath School & Youth Departmental director of his home field.—Alfredo Gaona B.

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