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## GREAT DAY! P.A.C.A. BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SCHOOL •



PACA board members and contractor Walfredo Thomé look on happily as Student Council President Dan Born turns over first shovelful of ground on site where new school will be built in São Paulo's Rio Bonito area.

A large crowd of PACA parents, friends of the academy, including consular and academic dignitaries, students and beaming school board members gathered at PACA's new Rio Bonito property on Sunday, October 8, 1972, for a rousing ground breaking ceremony.

The program, MC'ed by board member Bob Collins, featured talks by American Consul General Fred Chapin and Dr. Bill Smith of the American Graded School, the singing of the school song and the American and Brazilian national anthems by the student body, a special responsive reading led by Principal Henry Thiessen and the

roll call of board members, teacher, student body and PTA representatives, who each threw a symbolic shovelful of dirt into a wheelbarrow painted with the school colors, as the enthusiastic spectators cheered them on.

The unity of board, faculty, students and parents in this challenging building project was dramatized as representatives of each group pulled the loaded wheelbarrow, guided by contractor Walfredo Thomé.

The first units of the new school will be ready in time for the opening of the 1973-74 school year next August.



# P.A.C.A. MEMOS



## THE HEART OF THE MATTER

M. E. Cuthbert

The truly courageous person is not the one who rushes into danger or difficulty with no qualms or fears. Rather, the brave man is the one who, in spite of qualms and fears, moves ahead with the quiet conviction that he is indeed on the right road.

As the monotonous voice droned over the land description and the terms of sale of the new PACA property, we became acutely aware of the fact that the signatures to follow would start PACA down a road lined with signs that read NO STOPPING.

The "cartório" (deed office) experience on October 5, 1972, was followed by the public act of ground breaking on October 8. We were much encouraged by the fine group of people who refused to let the threat of rain dampen their spirits. The enthusiastic remarks of many served to remind us that God is leading. It is thrilling to be around when God is doing a special job. Stick around; He may give **you** the privilege of having a special part in this enterprise!

As Board Chairman, I want to assure each parent that we are concerned about your child's education and we want to be sensitive to your desires and problems. We are not always able to come up with "exactly" what you think is needed, but this does not mean that our concern is diminished one whit. We count on your continued prayer interest and encouragement as PACA progresses along this road with the NO STOPPING signs!

## AND IN THIS CORNER . . .

Bob Collins

"...for the information and spiritual challenge of God's praying people." This is the reason for the birth of this Bulletin of the Pan American Christian Academy. We want you to come to really know and to share this indispensable ministry to the missionary community in the most strategic area of all Brazil.

PACA was founded and exists to keep the M.K. right where we believe he ought to be - with his parents as an integral part of the total family testimony to the Brazilian church. And God is richly blessing what He began . . .

The story of the continuing development of PACA is an exciting one which we want you to know. PACA is indeed a missionary ministry and its motto "Academic Excellence on a Christian Foundation" is not idle words.

But we need your help in this vital task of preparing young lives for the challenges and opportunities in this age of crisis. Share it all with us - the problems, needs, blessing and challenges through your new PACA Bulletin.

## LOOKING BACK - AND AHEAD!

Henry Thiessen

The first quarter of this school year is history. As usual, it's been an eventful quarter. New teachers eagerly tackling their new class assignments; new students getting acquainted with PACA; new parents anxiously watching what would happen to their children as they attended classes in "The Warehouse".

However, the most significant "new" event did not take place at 434 Caiapós (present location of the school), but out in Rio Bonito. The Pan American Christian Academy is now official owner of a "new" school property. By the fine attendance at the sod-turning ceremony, we are sure that the parents are behind the board as they launch this formidable new project. We hope and pray that, as the school moves into a new phase of development, our esprit de corps and our dependence upon the Lord might not wane, but increase.

Meanwhile, back at Rua Caiapós, we're looking forward to exciting events in the second quarter. We trust that all these events about which you'll be reading in the PACA Bulletin will be several more steps along the road to spiritual and academic progress, for His glory.





# PACA PIX

If a picture is worth a thousand words, here are 8,000 of them to help you share the thrill and excitement of breaking ground for the new school. Photos by Cullen Rast and Ethel Wallis.



Students led by Principal Thiessen sing school hymn.



Parents and school friends gather for ceremony.

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National and American teachers were well represented.



Consul General and Mrs. Fred Chapin and daughter, and Dr. Willard Smith of The American Graded School.



Board Chairman Mel Cuthbert and Vice President Bob Collins who MC'ed the program.



"Verinha" Bellintani leads students in Brazilian national anthem.



Principal Thiessen confers with high school folk hymn singers.

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*Mark DeWeese*



Henry Thiessen leads responsive reading.



## THE "FRINGE BENEFITS"

One of the most rewarding experiences of the past quarter occurred just recently. While walking down the sidewalk in front of the classrooms, Principal Thiessen felt a small arm reach around his waist, as a young voice said, "Thank you, Mr. Thiessen, for praying for me." It was Johnson Ellis, who had been very sick with meningitis. Mr. Thiessen explained to him that many others had been praying for his recovery and that this was just one of the "fringe benefits" of a school such as PACA.

## SPORTS NEWS

"Futebol de Salão" (soccer played on a basketball court) is still going strong at PACA. The big tournament for the Juniors comes on December 1 and 2, when they meet teams from Rio de Janeiro, Campinas and São Paulo, in the second annual Jr. High Tournament.

PACA Senior Boys participated in a small track meet with Graded and Chapel Schools. The highlight of the meet for the PACA squad was Ken Collins' first place in the 400 meter race.

Three former PACA students attained "Alpha Honors" (A-) at The American Graded School during their first quarter as Seniors.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23, 24 - School holiday - Thanksgiving.
2. Monday, Nov. 27 - P.T.A., featuring "Reach for Top" competition.
3. P.T.A. Christmas Fair... Saturday, December 9.
4. Thursday, Dec. 21 - Christmas Program at Teatro Paulo Eiró.
5. Friday, Dec. 22 - School closes for vacation at 10:00 A.M.

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