



NEWSLETTER - September 1959. Like most schools, the Escuela Agricola Panamericana has a Board of Trustees. And as in most schools, it is a seldom mentioned group which to many people appears as a body which hovers forebodingly in the background of the school's life.

The ten members of our Board represent a variety of interest and backgrounds. While the members have a limited contact with the School through their periodic visits, they nevertheless exert a powerful, though subtle, influence on all of our activities. The Board does not concern itself with the day-to-day management of the School. It delegates this responsibility to the School's Director. The Board does, however, determine all major changes in the School's policies.

For instance, while it might have appeared that the decision last year to accept only high school graduates was a decision casually announced by the School's administration, it was, in fact, one that was carefully worked over by the Board. And it was the Board that made the decision. Again, when we were in the process of stepping up the academic level of our classroom work to meet university standards, it appeared as if the morning field laboratories might have to be reduced. It was the Board that decreed that no decrease would be permitted without special action by the Board, thus guarding a basic concept of the School.

The Board must approve the School's annual budget and in so doing reviews all phases of the School's life. This is one of its chief means of insuring continuity in the School's program.

And continuity is the prime purpose of the Board.

Faculty members change, Director's change, students change, but the Board remains; insuring that the School's policies change only when the Board so wishes.

The E.A.P. Board consists of the following members:

- Mr. Samuel Zemurray, former Director of United Fruit, now retired.
- Mr. Thomas D. Cabot, President of Geoffrey L. Cabot, Inc.
- Dr. J. George Harrar, Vice President of the Rockefeller Foundation.
- Dr. William C. Paddock, Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.
- Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus, Escuela Agricola Panamericana.
- Mr. George E. Putnam, Jr., Vice President, First National Bank of Boston.
- Mr. Kenneth H. Redmond, President of United Fruit Company.
- Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, President of the University of Florida.
- Mrs. Doris Stone, Archeologist.

But there are also sometimes changes within the Board, and ours has just received a serious loss.

Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge, former Undersecretary of the U.S. Treasury, member of several company directorates, active in a number of civic enterprises, a member of our Board of Trustees since its beginning, died last month. Internationally respected, quietly modest in all of his actions, he was one of the true Founders of this School. His passing is deeply felt by all of us, for his influence on us is great. It is a lasting influence. We shall always remember him.