

NEWSLETTER

December 1959. Last month Mr. Samuel Zemurray retired from our Board of Trustees.

Samuel Zemurray is one of Tropical America's true legends. For a man who was for so many years a dominant force in our area, this retirement probably marks the end of his contact with an era which will not only be remembered as flamboyantly interesting but will also be remembered as the era which saw initiated the modern development of Latin America's agriculture.

Someday Mr. Zemurray's biographer will relate his life to this development. And in so doing, he will probably point out that Samuel Zemurray's last official connection with Tropical America was fittingly that of Trustee of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana—the idea for which he, and he alone, deserves the credit.

Many people have been instrumental in setting up and developing the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

But the idea of the School, the form in which it was initiated, as well as the drive which carried out its foundation was clearly that of Samuel Zemurray.

More than twenty years before he saw the School established he was talking of the need for it. It was a belief his persistance transformed into fact. The Escuela Agricola Panamericana is in a very real sense a monument to his vision, a vision that goes to the heart of Tropical America's future.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."
(Proverbs XXIX. 18)

Christmas is upon us!

Can you visualize the world we'd have today if the Christmas Spirit were not just a one day affair with most of us, but instead, a Spirit that guided us each day of the year? Trying to fullfill such a vision is worthy of us all!

Merry Christmas.