



## MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 1951. We are approaching the end of the school year. Final examinations will be held the week commencing 18 February and Commencement exercises will take place on Saturday 3 March. Applications for 1951 scholarships continue to pour in; on one day alone, the 26th, we received 16 letters about new scholarships, as follows: Salvador 5, Honduras 3, Panama 2, Colombia 2, Nicaragua 1, Costa Rica 1, Guatemala 1, and Bolivia 1.

One of our friends in Guatemala has asked what our graduates are doing in that country. It may be of general interest to cite the following examples: Vidal Cabrera is working new crops with John Smith at Finca Mocá; Salvador Velasquez is running a nursery for the Instituto de Fomento de la Producción at Finca Cuyuta; Jorge Sierra Morales is administrador of Finca Pantio in the Alta Verapaz; Marco Alfredo Arana is with the Misi Cultural in Totonicapán; Antonio Muñoz is working on Hacienda Versailles which belongs to his family; Enrique Santamarina is working for the INFOP in Guatemala city; Humberto Gonzalez is assisting his family in the operation of a Citrus grove near Villanueva; and Roberto Herman is on his family's coffee farm in the Colimba district. This, we think is a rather interesting cross-section of what our students do when they return to their respective countries.

Average production of our dairy herd has increased substantially in the past few years as shown by the following yields per cow per day, in pounds of milk: January 1948 9.37, January 1949 13.2, January 1950 15.08 and January 1951 14.5. Melvin Eberhar who is in charge of the dairy, attributes the lower production of the present month to having reduced somewhat the feeding of purchased concentrates (which are expensive here) and poorer condition of pastures through earlier cessation of the rains. Six Hampshire sows farrowed at the end of the month, three with 10 pigs each, one with eleven, one with nine and one with seven.

The vegetable garden has probably never been in better production than during this month. We have an abundance of Marglobe tomatoes, Great Lakes lettuce, Golden Acre cabbage, Super Snowball cauliflower, Danvers Half Long carrots, Green Florida Pascal celery, Puerto Rico No. 39 cucumbers, Early Calwonder peppers, Early Scarlet Globe radishes and several other items. On the other hand, practically, the only fruits available in our orchards at this season are grapefruit and lemons.

On the 16th we entertained a distinguished group from Washington, accompanied by the President of Honduras, members of his cabinet and the diplomatic corps. The group included Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Military Aide to President Truman; Dr. Wallace H. Graham, the President's personal physician, Dr. Jacob H. Brause, Air Force dental officer who attends President Truman, and Mr. John M. Dimick, archeologist who restores the ruins of Zaculeu in Guatemala.

On the 1st we were visited by Miss Ina S. Lindman, Director of the Home Economics Dept of the United Fruit Company. On the 7th the Spanish minister to Honduras came for an overnight stay, with a party of two. On the 12th Mr and Mrs James Rorty arrived from New York to spend some time here, writing on various Central American topics. Dr. A. Guardia, newly appointed Ambassador of Panama to the Argentine Republic came at this same time to spend a few days with his son who is a third-year student here. The Ministers of Panama and Nicaragua came during the month, as well as a number of other interesting people.