

The fifth scholastic year of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana began June 2nd with a general meeting of the Director, Staff and student body in the auditorium of Zemurray Hall at 10 a. m. Regular classes started that same afternoon at 1 pm. There are a total of 157 students enrolled at the start of this fifth scholastic year and they represent twelve different Latin American countries. Last year there were thirteen countries represented by the student body, but this year we have no students from Mexico.

The detail of students by country and year follows:

Country	1st Yr.	2nd yr.	3rd. yr.	Total
Colombia.....	6	2	2	10
Costa Rica.....	9	7	4	20
Cuba.....	3	-	1	4
Ecuador.....	-	1	-	1
Guatemala.....	9	6	8	23
Honduras.....	18	15	11	44
Nicaragua.....	4	2	3	9
Panamá.....	5	3	4	12
Perú.....	-	1	-	1
República Dominicana.	5	3	3	11
Salvador.....	11	4	5	20
Venezuela.....	-	2	-	2
TOTAL.....	70	46	41	157

Complete outline of courses for the present scholastic year was given in last month's report. Our teaching staff has been augmented by the return of Héctor Murga from leave of absence to attend the University of Florida for one year on Burpee Scholarship. He arrived from Miami on June 19th. Mr. A. C. Chable, of the University of Florida, joined our staff as Professor of Mathematics on June 28th and Guillermo Cruz, of the Class of 1947, returned to the school from Costa Rica on June 30th as Student Inspector.

Construction continued on the storage shed for the Livestock Department and on the conversion of the 8-car garage to a four room bachelors' quarters. Preference has been given to the remodeling of the Mess Hall kitchen which is about 50% complete. During the month excavation was started for another trench silo similar to the one that has proven so successful. One trench silo will not provide enough fodder for getting over the dry season. During the past dry season we used coco meal from La Ceiba and cotton seed meal from San Salvador, both of which proved quite expensive due to transportation costs. We hope that the second trench silo will help this situation the coming dry season. New compressor, evaporative type condenser, valves and fittings for the new 3-ton ammonia refrigeration plant arrived during the month, but the main driving motor, piping and various controls have not yet arrived. Small Freon refrigerating unit for the cold storage room of the Mess Hall was partially installed during the month and should be completed shortly. A new Studebaker Commander sedan was received during the month for the Director.

Field crop planting is well advanced and at this time we are about as far along as we were in August last year. Approximately 15 acres of the "vega" near the Yaguare River below Monte Redondo were plowed this year

for the first time and should increase our yield of field crops considerably. We were handicapped somewhat by inavailability of our Light Davis Disc Plow which we received about two months ago from the Tractor Plow Co. of Stockton, California. Unfortunately the plow arrived with disc assemblies for the Heavy Type plow and it could not be completely assembled. We have shipped the three Heavy Type assemblies back to the United States and the three disc assemblies for our size plow are on the way from California. Considerable work is being laid out. The rains have been well spaced for our planting and the work is developing very well.

There were few visitors during the month, but we had the pleasure of having Sr. Adrián Recinos, of Guatemala with us on June 1st. Mr. Edward Farnsworth, of Mr. Taillon's office, arrived on the 11th and remained until the 13th to see the School in operation in all its phases. Mr. R. C. Berard, of the Tela Railroad Company visited the school on the 23rd. Dr. Víctor A. Fernández, Charge de Affairs of the Dominican Republic, and Dr. Américo Cruz, Cuban Consul, visited the School on June 28th.

The Director, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, left by plane for California on June 3rd after having opened the scholastic year at the general convocation on the morning of June 2nd. Dr. Popenoe stopped in México City to see the work under way there by the Rockefeller Foundation under the direction of Dr. J. G. Harrar and also visited the Hatch School at Cuernavaca. On June 14th Dr. Popenoe made an address on Alumni Day at Pomona College and on June 16th received Honorary Doctors' Degree from that Institution. During his stay in Southern California, Dr. Popenoe also addressed the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, attended various meetings of the California Avocado Society and visited various places of horticultural interest in Southern California. Dr. Popenoe will return via New Orleans and Antigua, Guatemala, and is expected back at the School about the middle of July.

The Assistant Director, Mr. H. G. Hogaboom, and family arrived from vacation in the United States, on June 9th. While in the United States, Mr. Hogaboom visited various agricultural schools and colleges.

During June the Rockefeller Foundation approved a grant to Escuela Agrícola Panamericana for advanced training of our graduates at colleges and universities in the United States. This grant, available for a three year period, totals \$7,500 and is limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per year. This grant is not considered as providing regular Rockefeller Fellowships, but may be used for advanced study for our graduates. Two students will be sent to the United States for the school term beginning in September.

  
Wilson Popenoe  
Director