



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1958. Oliver Wendell Holmes said that "The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men."

On March 15th we graduated 53 boys.

The graduation ceremony was the largest in the school's history. Dr. Ramón Villeda Morales, President of Honduras, addressed the graduating class and presented some concrete problems which face the agricultural development of a country. Problems which each of these 53 boys must soon face, for the problems are inherent to nearly all of Latin America. Mrs. Doris Stone addressed the assembly, in the name of our Board of Trustees, and related the purpose of the school to these problems. Felix Osegueda, Ambassador from Salvador, brought a message and a gold medal from the President of Salvador for the top honor student in the class of 1958.

The Ambassador did not know, until the moment of presentation, that this student was his own son!

As each boy came forward to receive his diploma and as Doris, the School's madrina, placed the school ring on his finger, we could not remember how his grades had been. We knew only that he had completed the requirements for graduation. . . and then some quite incidental fact would flash to mind: the serenade that boy gave us one morning at 4; the letter this boy asked us to help translate into English (for Rosy, of New Orleans, the niece of one of our staff who took the campus by storm during her all too brief visit); or the batch of taffy this one made in our kitchen (for what occasion we have forgotten) and which ended up in the garbage pail.

But scholarship is our business--scholarship in the field and in the classroom. They are synonymous at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. Scholarship is our measure of how well a boy will handle his responsibilities. Therefore, while we are proud of all fifty-three boys, we are especially proud of our seven honor students:

Francisco Osegueda	3.69*	El Salvador	*The grade point is the average of all grades received in three years in the field and classroom. A perfect gradepoint is 4.00.
Diego Gandara	3.53	Ecuador	
Marco Tulio Cabezas	3.33	El Salvador	
Rodolfo Kiessner	3.32	Guatemala	
Carlos Rivera	3.20	Honduras	
Jose Montenegro	3.10	Honduras	
Alvaro Gonzalez	3.02	Costa Rica	

All fifty-three boys will capably handle or understand the problems President Villeda Morales outlined and all fifty-three are proof that the objectives of the school, as outlined by Doris Stone, are being met. But we feel none will meet the problems any better than these seven.

Thus, we wish to carry Oliver Wendell Holmes statement to its completion (as we would complete it): The scholar is not uncommonly a great man!