

# ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

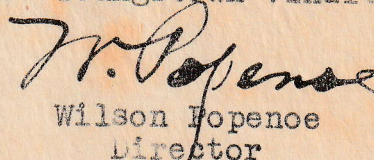
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1946

This month marks the end of the rainy season. The total for the year is now about 36 inches, which may be increased very slightly during December. Though the final figure will be considerably lower than that of 1945, the distribution has been much better than that of last year. As usual, however, the heavy rains of September and October have interfered with the production of vegetables in November. The students harvested the rice crop this month, a total of about 85 hundredweight. Our new plantings in the vega of Monte Redondo are yielding a fine crop of kaffir corn and pigeon peas for stock feed. Seeds of several green manure crops, such as Crotalaria and Rice Beans, have been harvested in quantity.

The new 37.5 KW hydroelectric plant was placed in operation during the month and the temporary wood-stave penstock was replaced with spiral weld steel pipe. We are advised that replacement coils for the old generator will be ready for shipment shortly and when they are received and installed, we will be very well equipped from this angle. The saw mill has been installed under the direction of our forester, Paul Shank, so that we shall be able to supply ourselves with lumber from our own forests from now on. This is not only of economic importance, but also gives us opportunity to train our students in the selective harvesting of lumber.

There were several interesting visitors during the month. Mr. H. A. von Wald, United Fruit Company engineer who built the school, spent a day with us and was happy to see the developments which have taken place since his departure after the Inauguration in October, 1944. Miss Elsie Brown, managing editor of the Bulletin of the Pan American Union, came on the 13th. Other visitors included a group of Mexican archeologists, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockton, of Boston, Colonel A. F. Binney, USMC, United States Military Attaché at Guatemala City, and don Pedro Nel Ospina, of Medellin, Colombia.

At the end of the month, a beautifully illustrated article by Betty Reef, entitled "The School Bananas Built", appeared in "Parade", a Sunday supplement which accompanies the Sunday editions of the following important North American Newspapers: Akron Beacon Journal, Bridgeport Sunday Post, Chicago Sun, Denver Rocky Mountain News, Detroit Free Press, El Paso Times, Erie Dispatch Herald, Florida Times Union, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Indianapolis Star, Newark Star Ledger, New Bedford Standard Times, Philadelphia Record, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Portland (Maine) Sunday Telegram, St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press, Syracuse Herald American, Toledo Times, Washington Post, Wichita Eagle and Youngstown Vindicator.

  
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