


ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
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Student activities centered around the final examinations, which took place during the last week of the month. Diplomas were prepared for the forty students from eleven countries who are due to receive them at Commencement exercises on 1 March. Plans were made for the program, and arrangements for the barbecue to follow.

Work on the furnace and boiling pans for making panela or crude sugar was completed, and everything put in readiness to commence grinding cane immediately after Commencement. It will probably take two to two and a half months to grind this year's crop.

At this season of the year the vegetable garden is at its best, and there has been an excellent supply of the most popular items such as tomatoes, celery, and lettuce.

There have been many visitors during the month. Ing. Pompilio Ortega, Director General de Agricultura, brought out a group of Honduran coffee growers on the 3rd. Dr. Arthur N. Young, for many years financial advisor to the government of China, came with the American Ambassador. Pal and Elizabeth Keleman of Norfolk, Conn., spent two days here early in the month. A large group from El Salvador, including the wife of the President, came on the 4th. Dr. Robert S. Harris of Mass. Institute of Technology spent several days with us, reviewing the work of the Central American Nutrition Foundation, of which he is the technical director. Dr. Harry M. Miller Jr. of the Rockefeller Foundation spent three days here, during which time he made tentative arrangements (since confirmed) to the end that the Foundation will appropriate \$7500 to be used over a period of three years, for scholarships which will permit graduates of this school to go abroad for further study. It is intended that this money shall be used primarily to prepare men for teaching or extension work, and it is our belief that it will make possible the granting of two scholarships annually for three years. Dr. Elmer D. Merrill of Harvard, member of the school's Board of Directors, arrived toward the end of the month for a stay of ten days. G. A. Myrick, manager of the Chiriqui Land Company, visited us on the 28th, to remain for Commencement.


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