

Reports

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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It is now five years since work was commenced on the development of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. The school was incorporated under the laws of Delaware in the Autumn of 1941 and the property was purchased from the Honduran government. Our contract with this Government, which officially gave life to the project, was approved by the Congreso Nacional in January, 1942.

This month marks the end of what we feel has been a very satisfactory year, and the first in which the school has experienced all the normal events of a year. Our first graduating class received diplomas in March. The year has been good so far as concerns crop production. The rainfall was 37 inches, well distributed after the rainy season set in somewhat later than usual.

Activities of the month included the shifting of the vegetable garden to new land, so that the area which has been under cultivation for nearly four years could be put under green manure crops for whatever time may be required to restore its physical condition. One of the Hampshire sows farrowed and several others are due to farrow soon. The students took part, week-ends, in baseball, football, basketball and volley ball games in Tegucigalpa. On Christmas Eve we had a midnight Mass in the Assembly Hall which was attractively and suitably decorated for the occasion.

Among interesting visitors of the month were Professor Margaret Alexander Marsh of Smith College; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Chittenden; Miller Holland of the World Report, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Salvador Ortega, a prominent surgeon from Guatemala City and Mr. W. L. Tallon, General Manager of the northern divisions, United Fruit Co., accompanied by Lic. Juan Cordova Cerna and A. L. Bump, Manager of the Cia. Agricola de Guatemala.

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