

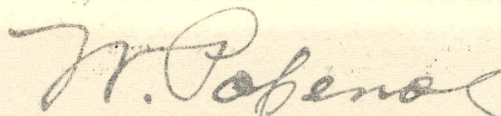
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Our attention during the month has been devoted principally to the selection of students who will constitute the class of 1951. At the end of the month we had 48 present on the campus; during May the number will be increased to about 60. One boy from Nicaragua returned home voluntarily after being here a couple of weeks; he did not care to do the manual labor required by our "prácticas". On the whole, the new group looks good. The quotas originally set for Guatemala and El Salvador have been exceeded slightly; the Costa Rican candidates have been slow in getting here, due to political disturbances in that Republic; the quota of Colombians is filled. Three students have arrived from the province of Oriente, Cuba; we have one new Venezuelan and one Ecuadorian, with another due to come. We have had two requests for scholarships from Germany, two from India, one from Palestine, and several from the United States and other parts of the world, which have come as a result of an article published last September in Readers Digest. Our present policy is to accept only those students who come from Spanish-speaking tropical American republics, and who have passed their 17th birthdays but not their 21st at the time of entering.

Construction work continued on the new Science building, and our new ice plant was installed, replacing the old one which was purchased second-hand in Tegucigalpa more than five years ago. Minor repairs are being made in the students' dormitories in preparation for the new school year. The big ice box in the Mess Hall kitchen was equipped with a Freon unit.

Milk production has continued at a high level due to the use of ensilage. Our pastures are now very dry. One of several litters of Hampshire pigs farrowed during the month is outstanding as regards number, size and color of individuals. Harvesting of the cane crop and manufacture of crude sugar (panela) ended during the month, with about 7,500 pounds of sugar in the bodega. One of our old plantings of Criolla cane was abandoned and replaced by a planting of the variety Mayagüez 28, which has given excellent results here.

There were relatively few visitors during the month. On the 8th, Miss Margaret Husson, professor of Spanish at Pomona College, California, came for a stay of several days. A few days later Dr. Juan Manuel Galvez, Minister of War of the Republic of Honduras and a great friend of the school, brought out a party of Mexican visitors - Don Porfirio Hernández, Don José Díaz Gutiérrez, and Don Rodolfo Groth. On the 15th Mr. John Werner, Mr. J. N. Kelly and Mr. J. C. Flucker of the Fruit Dispatch Company came for an overnight stay. Mr. Russell Bean of Cap Haitien, Haiti, was here for a brief visit on the 22nd.



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