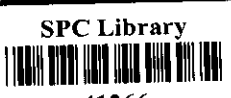


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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - BULLETIN NO. 13

Since the issue of the two Information Circulars on the subject of Agricultural Education in April and May 1969, the need was felt to lay the foundations of an Association which would bring together all those directly concerned with agricultural education in the various South Pacific Territories.

However, before submitting the articles of the "South Pacific Association of Agricultural Education" for your consideration, the following aspect should be objectively examined: is the establishment of such an Association not premature, bearing in mind the benefits each member would be entitled to expect from it in the future?

It is therefore necessary to define the general aims which such an Association might set as its target and to investigate the means which should be adopted in order to achieve these aims.

AIMS

1. To create a Fellowship of all agricultural education specialists at present working in South Pacific territories.
2. To facilitate an interchange of ideas and information amongst these specialists.
3. To encourage interterritorial visits for the benefit of specialists concerned with solving the same problems.
4. To disseminate scientific and technical information, the application of which could have a beneficial effect on the development of local agriculture.
5. To give the maximum possible assistance in the provision of facilities for the in-service training of agricultural education specialists.

MEANS

1. The South Pacific Commission has already arranged technical meetings on the subject of agricultural education, the most recent being that held in Noumea in August 1967. Needless to say the Secretariat is in favour of a meeting or seminar being held whenever it is obvious that the individuals and territories concerned will benefit, and is ever ready to lend its support.

2. These meetings, which can be arranged either at regional or at sub-regional level, always foster the interchange of information and their main achievement lies in their contribution towards a better understanding of the technical and human problems involved.

Level "A" 3. South Pacific Commission officials are fully aware of the importance, on the professional plane, of interterritorial visits by specialists concerned with agricultural education, whatever may be their level.

In this connection, financial assistance can sometimes be given, whilst assistance in making the necessary arrangements can invariably be offered.

4. Information Circulars can rapidly be disseminated in the South Pacific and brought to the attention of agricultural specialists if the South Pacific Commission is kept sufficiently well informed of the work carried out in the territories. Information of this kind may benefit the whole or a part of the area.

5. The question of the in-service training of agricultural education specialists is left to the discretion of Governments, but the South Pacific Commission can, in certain cases, lend its support to this type of course.

Naturally, the members of any Association which may be formed should feel that they are directly concerned and should themselves take part in the dissemination of technical and teaching material. They should also indicate the lines along which studies are to be undertaken and communicate the problems within their own particular professional field which seem to them to require the most urgent solution.

For this reason a large number of comments on the foregoing - whether for or against the establishment of the Association in question - would be welcome. Some of you may wish this idea to be reconsidered in the course of a Technical Meeting on Agricultural Education, bearing in mind, however, that this could not be arranged before 1971.

Do write and accept our grateful thanks in advance.

Yours very sincerely,

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NEWS FROM VUDAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

(Territory of Papua and New Guinea)

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OPEN DAY AT VUDAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Vudal Agricultural College, near Rabaul, held its first open day on April 29. At the open day everyone was invited to come to the college to look at the work the students are doing.

About 1,500 people attended the open day. The Principal of the College, Mr S. Saville, said he was very pleased with the success of the day. He said the students and lecturers had worked hard to prepare for it.

High school students, local people, men from plantations, and agricultural officers from many parts of the Territory were among those who attended.

Many business firms loaned tractors and other farm machinery which were used in a display during the day.

Buses took people from place to place around the college so that visitors could see the work that is being done at Vudal. Students were stationed at each project to tell visitors about the different projects. Some of the things the visitors saw were the piggery, the dairy, experiments with different kinds of crops and vegetables, the poultry project and the farm management project.

The open day gave many local people the opportunity of asking for advice on how to run their farms.

At the end of the open day, a business firm called Boroko Motors presented the college with a new tractor worth \$ 2,600. In 1966 Boroko Motors and another firm gave a tractor to the college. Boroko Motors have said they will give the college a new tractor every three years.

Vudal Agricultural College has 108 students. They come from all parts of Papua and New Guinea as well as from Tonga, the British Solomon Islands and Fiji.

Students take a three year course. At the end of their studies they receive a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture.

NEWS OF COLLEAGUES

- Pierre CARRE was appointed Principal of the Port-Laguerre Practical School of Agriculture (New Caledonia) in March 1969. He is replacing Philippe LABARRE who has taken up another post.
- Jean Louis MICHELLAND, Deputy Principal of the Port-Laguerre Practical School of Agriculture (New Caledonia) departed for leave in France in May last.
- Manuel SPROAT resumed office as Director of the Department of Agriculture (T.T.P.I.) after a pleasant leave spent in the United States.
- G.W. MINTO resumed office as Principal of the Tagabé Practical School of Agriculture (New Hebrides) after leave spent in England.
- Tom HATEKAYAMA, Director of the Department of Agriculture (American Samoa) visited New Caledonia where he took part in the Seventh Session of the Plant Protection Committee for South-East Asia and the Pacific (FAO) held in Nouméa from 15 to 23 July 1969.
- K. ALBRECHT left Liahona Secondary School (Kingdom of Tonga) early in 1969.
- Jean DOURTHE spent four months' leave in France; he is now teaching in Algeria.
- R.C. FORBES, Principal, Tonga College - Nuku'alofa - left Tonga at the end of December 1968 to take up a new post in New Zealand.

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