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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

La Lisa, Honduras

August 14, 1941

AIR MAIL

Mr. Joaquín O. Moncrieff
c/o. Compañía Agrícola de Guatemala
Tiquisate, Guatemala

Dear Mr. Moncrieff:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your appointment as the first holder of the BURPEE SCHOLARSHIP. Since you have not been fully informed regarding the purposes of this scholarship, and since I shall be unable to see you before you leave for Florida, I take the liberty of offering you herewith a few comments which I trust will be helpful to you.

In establishing this scholarship Mr. Burpee has had in mind the need of well trained horticulturists in Central America. The principal object, therefore, is to give you further training in Horticulture; but at the same time it is also desired that you should become better acquainted with the institutions and people of the United States of America.

You will have freedom in choosing the subjects you are to pursue, with one exception: Mr. Burpee stipulates that you should take a course in Vegetable Growing or one of the courses in Horticulture which include this subject.

I regret that I shall not have an opportunity to discuss with you some of the things you may be able to do at Gainesville. I have been familiar with the College of Agriculture for some years, and I know that you will find there excellent courses along many lines. On arrival, I suggest that you discuss with Dr. W. W. Atwood your interest and the various courses which are available to you. Dr. Atwood is Head of the Institute of Latin American relations in the University of Florida, and from my recent talks with him I know that he will be keenly interested in seeing that you make the most of your stay.

It is my understanding that you are to share a room with a student from Florida. I further know that it is desired that you should take active part in the various social activities of the students -- this, I am sure, you will enjoy.

Dr. Atwood can tell you all about the financial arrangements covering the Scholarship. It is my understanding that Mr. Burpee has set aside five-hundred dollars to cover your expenses during the school year, and that the University of Florida will waive the usual charge for tuition which is required of non-residents. I believe it is Mr. Burpee's plan to place the money in the hands of Dr. Atwood or anyone whom he may designate, and that you will be given funds from time to time, as your needs may require. We expect you to be careful in your expenditures, and if you do this we have every reason to believe that \$500 will take care of you throughout the school year.

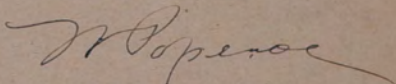
Lima, August 14, 1941.

I would like to make one suggestion regarding your work. Dr. R. V. Allison, Head of the Soils Department, is keenly interested in the study of tropical soils, and has had unusual experience in this field. If it is possible for you to take any course in Soils under his general direction, I am sure you will find it to your great advantage to do so. The study of soils is fundamental, and it is a subject on which it is very difficult to obtain technical training here in the tropics.

I want to tell you confidentially that you have been chosen as the first holder of this Scholarship, because we believe you will give a good account of yourself at Gainesville and establish a record of scholarship and good citizenship which will set a high standard for those who follow you, and I know you will realize also that you will have an unusual opportunity to help your schoolmates understand Guatemala and to increase their interest in and respect for your native country.

My best wishes go with you, and I want you to know that the members of the Committee who have appointed you will watch your progress with great interest.

Yours very sincerely,



W. Pope

Copies to: David Burpee, Esq.
W. E. Turnbull, Esq.
H. T. Hoyl, Esq.
W. W. Atwood, Esq.
R. V. Allison, Esq.

La Lima, Honduras

August 14, 1941

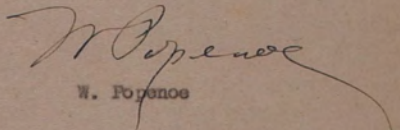
AIR MAIL

Mr. Joaquín O. Moncrieff
c/o. Compañía Agrícola de Guatemala
Tiquisate, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Mr. Moncrieff:

Talking with Mr. Taillon today, he tells me that he has already informed you that you have been granted leave of absence from the Company for the time you are in Florida under the BURPEE SCHOLARSHIP. The Company will also furnish you transportation from Guatemala City to Gainesville, Florida, and return.

Yours very sincerely,


W. Popenoe

cc Mr. W. E. Turnbull
Mr. H. T. Hoyl

La Lima, Honduras, C. A.

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Dr. R. V. Allison
College of Agriculture
Gainesville, Florida, U. S. A.

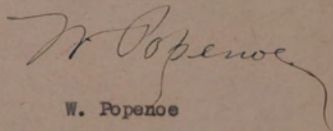
Dear Bob:

This will introduce Sr. Joaquin Oliver Moncrieff who comes to Gainesville as the first holder of the Burpee Scholarship in Horticulture.

I do not know what courses he will want to pursue and do not wish to influence him unduly; but if it is possible for him to take some work in Soils, I believe this would prove immensely useful to him. I will appreciate it if you would discuss this with him and see what you think can and should be done.

With warmest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Popenoe', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

W. Popenoe

La Lima, Honduras, C. A.

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Dean H. H. Hume
College of Agriculture
Gainesville, Florida, U. S. A.

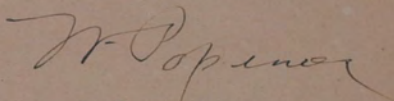
Dear Dean Hume:

This will introduce Sr. Joaquín Oliver Moncrieff who comes to Gainesville as the first holder of the Burpee Scholarship in Horticulture. Mr. Moncrieff already speaks the English Language and has had a good deal of training along general agricultural lines -- hence we feel that he is well prepared to take full advantage of the year he will spend with you.

I will appreciate your advising him regarding the work he is to pursue. I have known him for some years and feel sure he will give a good account of himself.

With warmest regards.

Yours very sincerely,



W. Popenoe

La Lima, Honduras, C. A.

August 14, 1941

Dr. W. W. Atwood
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Atwood:

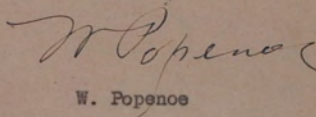
This will be presented by Sr. Joaquín Oliver Moncrieff of Guatemala who comes to Florida as the first Burpee Scholar in Horticulture. We have chosen Mr. Moncrieff because we feel sure he will give a good account of himself and come back prepared to serve his country in a more efficient manner.

Mr. Moncrieff would like to discuss with you, and others you may designate, his plans for study and other activities in the College.

We shall appreciate your advising him on these matters.

With personal regards.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Fopence', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W. Fopence

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was a wonderful surprise to receive your letter of November 29. Of course, I will be happy to mail the 1974 Burpee catalog, it will be off the press within a few weeks.

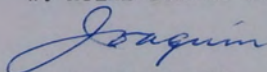
Many, many times I have thought of you. I remember my happy days at Tiquisate and the wonderful friends I left there.

I also think of Mr. Taillon, what can you tell me about him?

I would like very much to hear from you, Dr. Popenoe. Thanks to you, I am still at Burpee's; 31 years of experience. In my present position, I have travelled extensively throughout the world selling Burpee seeds. I have two sons: a hippy and a banker; my wife is German, so my sons are hybrids FL.

Sincerely,

W. ATLEE BURPEE CO.



J. O. Moncrieff
Export Manager

*With my best personal
regards*

JOM/jd