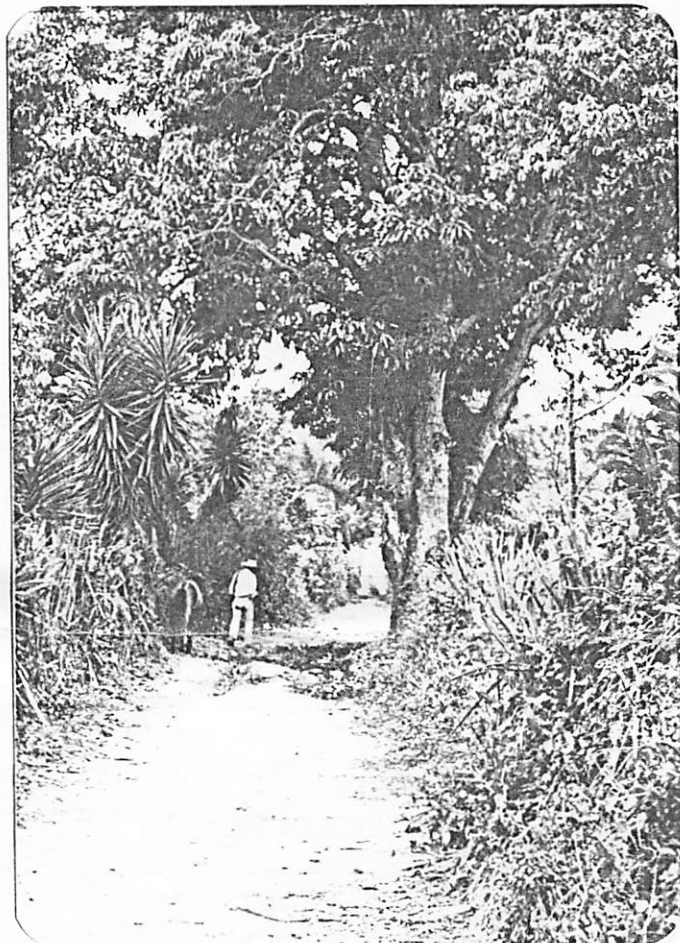


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EL PROGRESO, GUATEMALA

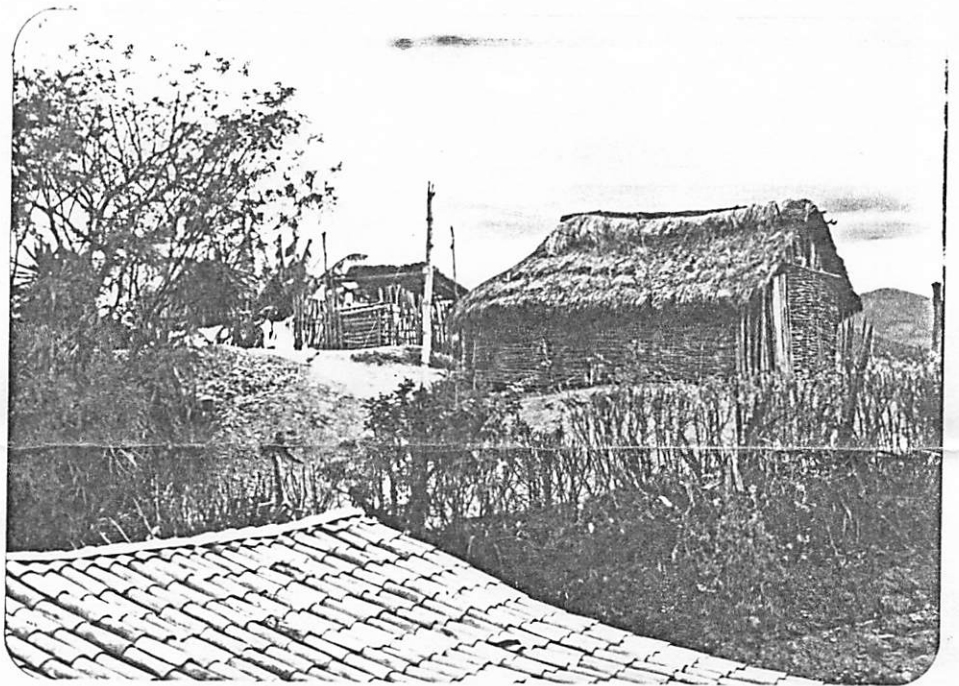


A VILLAGE STRIVING AND MOVING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE

A PEOPLE CARING AND BUILDING A SIGN



THE VILLAGE



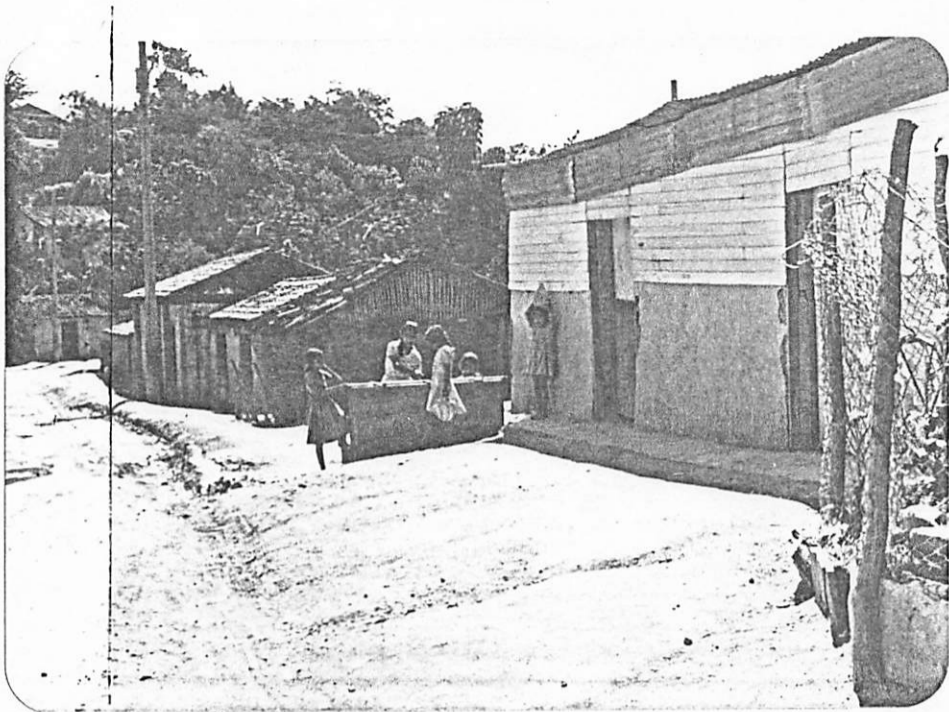
RUSTIC DWELLINGS

..... SPREAD AROUND



THE CENTRAL PLAZA

- - in the background, the Conacaste Church being built by the villagers.



THE POTABLE WATER STATIONS

in the rainy season



and during the
dry season



THE WATER COMMITTEE

that looks after admi-
stration and maintenance
of the potable water
system -

- reporting at the
Governor's office.



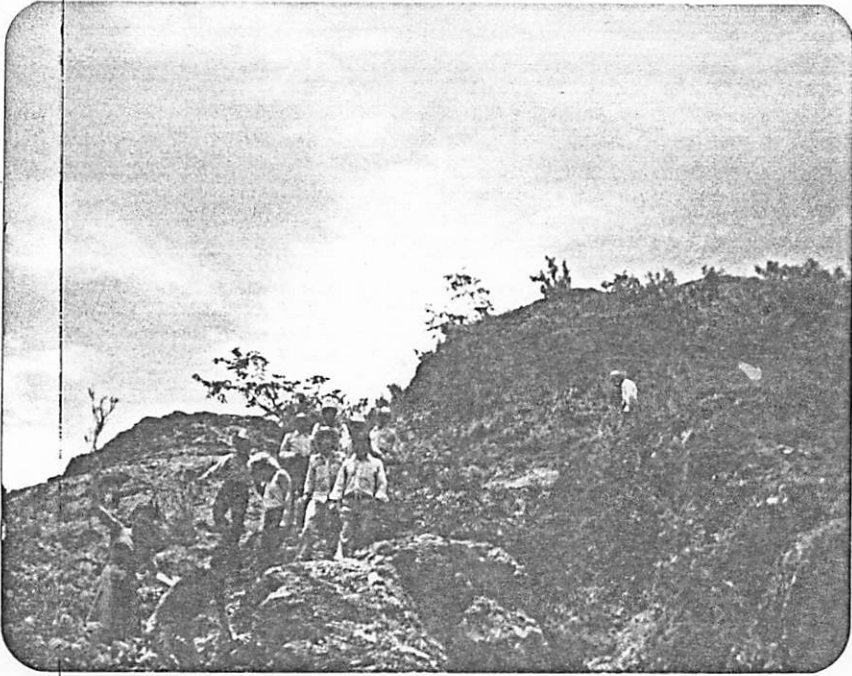
THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

a group of village leaders
and the Conacaste school teachers

on the 'Cerro La Cruz',
surveying a possible site
for a new adequate
school building.



The Conacaste Auxilliary Mayor,
the Water Maintenance Technician,
and the Conacaste farmer who has
offered a piece of his land for
the access road to the school.



and later meeting to
discuss plans for the
future Conacaste
Educational Complex !



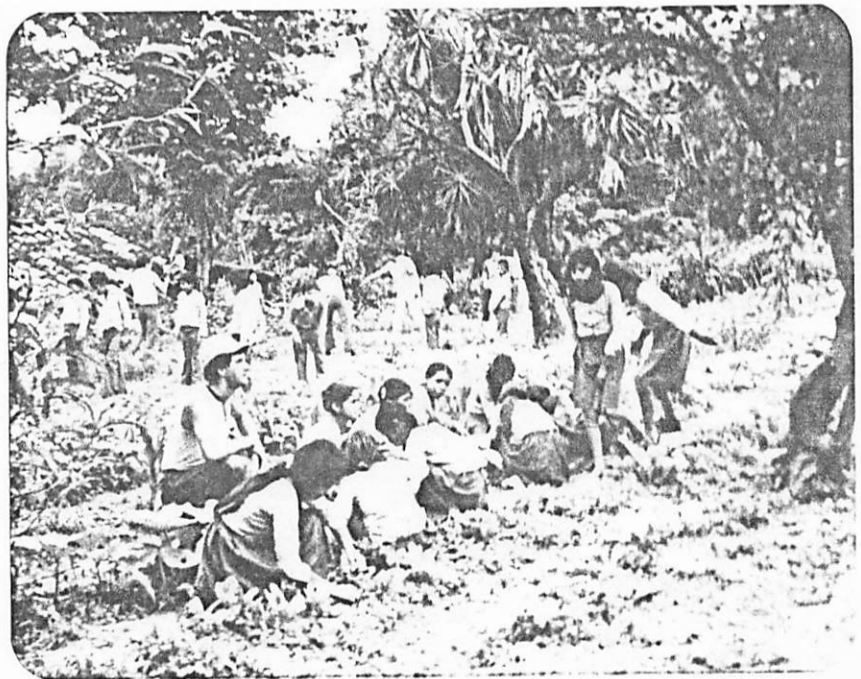
LEARNING AND DEMONSTRATING
NEW AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES.



A group of school-children under the direction of the Project's Agricultural Advisor, a Peace Corps volunteer, and a Technical Assistant from the Guatemalan agricultural agency DIGESA - tending their crops.



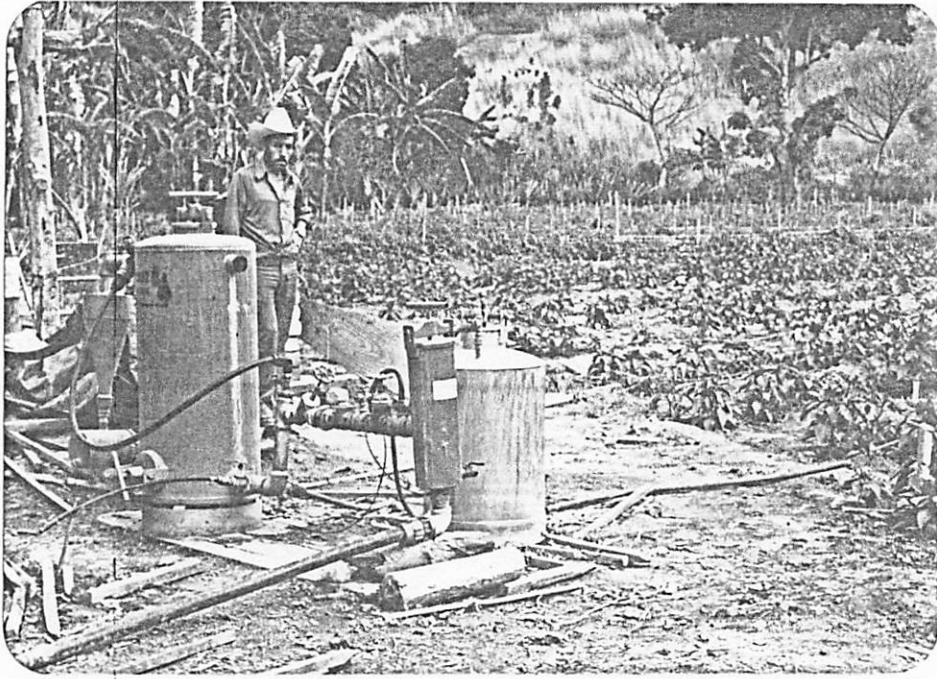
The harvests from this gardening project will contribute to the snack served daily in the school.



THE DEMONSTRATION PLOT

in which local farmers-in-training have learned to grow exemplary crops through drip irrigation and proper agricultural methods

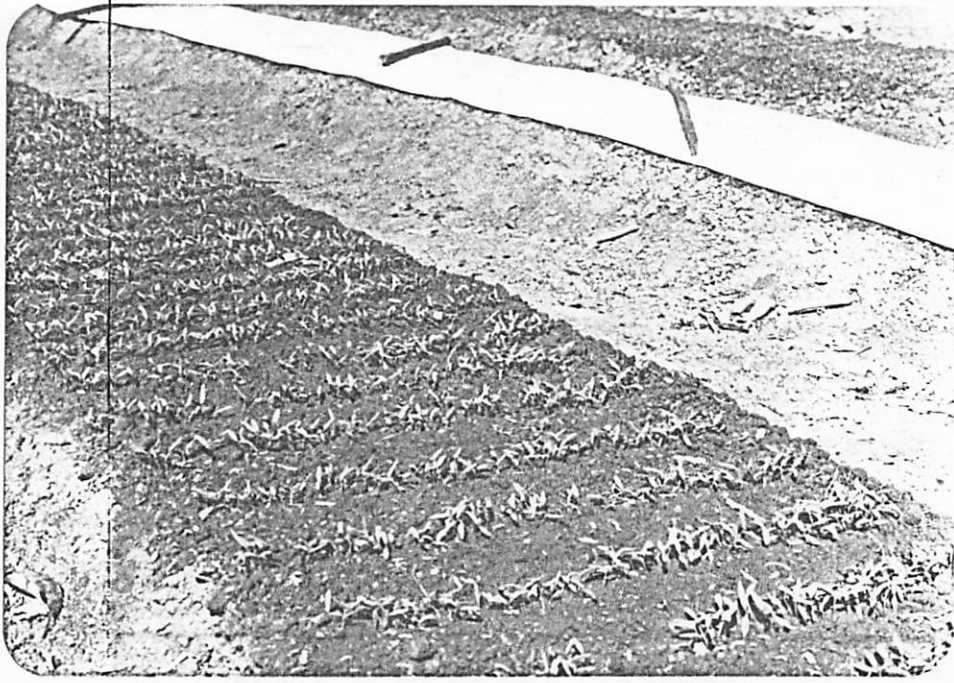
- to demonstrate the possibility of year-round intensified agricultural production
- to prove local capability to appropriate basic technification
- to explore the feasibility of a variety of new crops



The central station of the drip irrigation system with filter and fertilization tank



Rows of flourishing tomato plants
- note on the right the end of the irrigation line on which the row of tomatoes feeds itself



Seedlings carefully tended -



a row of green peppers feeding on the water provided
by the irrigation line -



the resulting production, almost ready for harvesting

THE CONACASTE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE

- constituted by a group of Conacaste farmers who anticipate improving their agricultural production by participating in the IRRIGATION PROJECT.

The Project will initially serve 37 family plots, and progressively expand to benefit all of Conacaste's 200 farming families. Financed by a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank and implemented through the Institute of Cultural Affairs, the IRRIGATION PROJECT will eventually be fully managed and administered by the Conacaste Cooperative.



On the occasion of the constitution of the Cooperative -
Address by the Governor of the State of El Progreso.



Words from the President of the Cooperative's Board

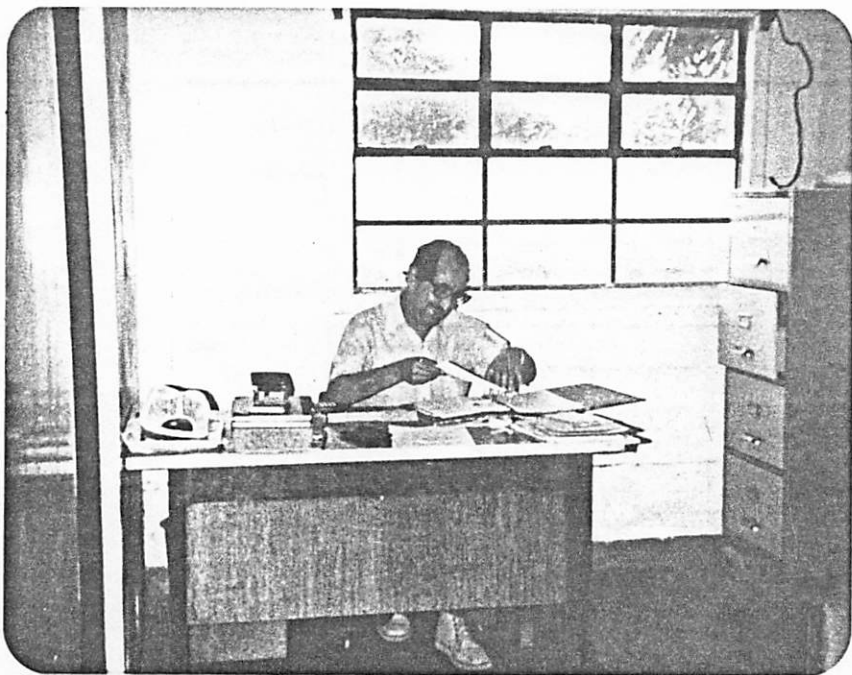
THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRRIGATION PROJECT

. . . many were the steps that had to be taken before reaching this point -

the signing of the contract with the construction Contractor -

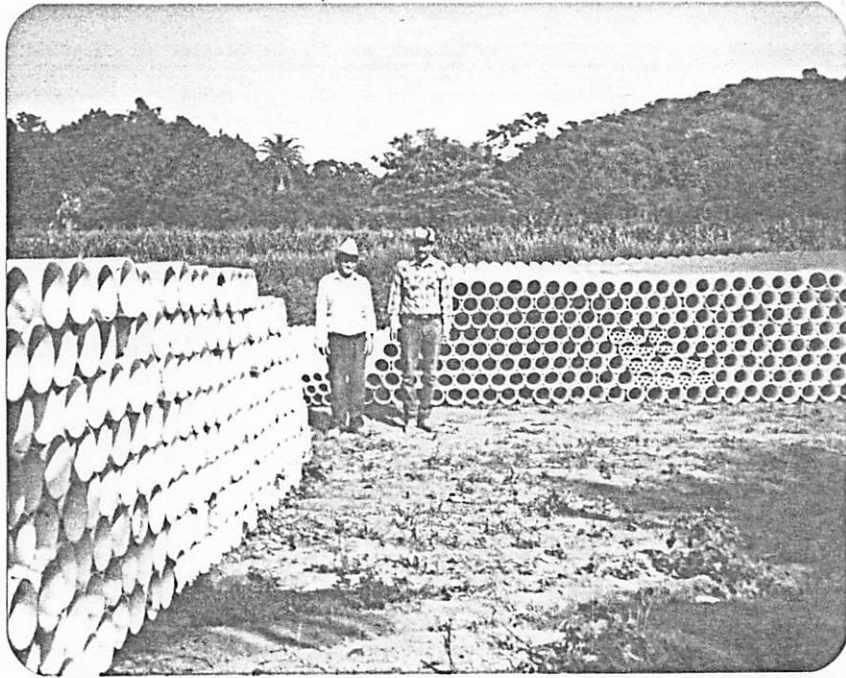


a moment worthy of celebration !



The General Manager of the Irrigation Project.

BEGINNING THE CONSTRUCTION



the stock of PVC pipe-
line, ready for installa-
tion

tracing the route for
the water pipeline
through agricultural
fields -
- preparing the way,
so that from hereon
the lush greenness of
the rainy season may
be kept throughout
the year.





Digging the trenches for the
irrigation pipeline -
through the fields,



and along
the road



and installing
the pipeline

