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Curriculum Center activities were somewhat curtailed because of the Lao New Year interim, school vacation, Mrs. Khamsouk's absence and Art Crisfield's absence due to illness. There was some delay in making decisions in regard to the readability of a few manuscripts which were returned to the Center from the Ministry. However, we have made progress in text production, and have provided necessary services in curriculum development and implementation.

Status of Textbook Production

At present all manuscripts which were returned from the MOE and others are undergoing the various steps in text production as follows:

1. Industrial Arts - Electricity - linguist check
2. Industrial Arts - Electricity Workbook - linguist check
3. Industrial Arts - Welding - linguist check
4. Home Economics 10: Mother & Child Care - content check
5. Mathematics 10: Algebra & Geometry - typing & illustrations (near completion)
6. Lao Literature 12: Mahosot - author check
7. Lao Literature 7: Sio Savat - author check
8. Lao Literature 11: Art of Friendship - ready for typist
9. Lao Astronomy (revised) - ready for CM

With the exception of Lao Astronomy and Business Math, all of the above manuscripts were at the Ministry (Academy) for many months. It is our hope that all of these manuscripts will be ready for the printers by the end of the contract year in June, 1973.

There is also the possibility of having other manuscripts for the printers about the same time. They are:

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| 1. Agriculture | - <u>John Deere Tractor Manual</u>
<u>Poultry Production</u>
<u>Animal Husbandry</u> | - language check
- ready for final typing |
| 2. Business | - <u>Office Practice</u>
<u>Business Correspondence</u>
<u>Applied Economics</u> | - nearly ready for translation
- discussion stage
- author assignment for summer |
| 3. Science | - <u>Biology Glossary</u>
<u>Chemistry</u>
<u>Ungraded Lab. Manual</u> | - being typed on stencil
- translation started
- content examination in process |
| 4. Mathematics | - <u>Algebra</u> | - content development |
| 5. Social St. | - <u>Thailand</u> | - content revision |

Other activities relevant to curriculum implementation were pursued in the various curriculum areas.

Agriculture

Water supply is crucial not only for the maintenance of health and sanitation in the schools but also for the development and implementation of curriculum innovations. Thus, much time has been devoted to the resolution of water shortage problems - meetings with various officials, storage tank construction, well drilling and construction and the like.

Industrial Arts

Film strip translation on wood tools is progressing slowly. Khamao and Bouyenh have commenced with their translation on a text and workbook (Small Engine). A cassette on wood tools is also in the making.

Continued effort is being made in the maintenance and security of industrial arts equipment.

Mr. Thavisith has been recommended to Mr. Barretti of the UN for a seminar on wood in Finland from August 5 to 25.

Home Economics

The official opening of the Lao House on April 26 was the culminating activity for Home Economics and Industrial arts students and teachers, advisors and community resource people - too numerous to mention here. The result of many minds and hands in this joint effort will be sustained educationally by Fa Ngum School for the betterment of Lao communities. It is hoped that students will derive all kinds of experiences and benefits from living in/typical Lao house which will bring "theory into practice."
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Special commendation is due Mrs. Theothong and Miss Heieie in the completion of the Lao House and the successful opening ceremony which brought together about 100 people to Fa Ngum School. It was unfortunate that several of the guest found it necessary to leave before the official ceremony began, thus causing an embarrassment to the Lao, however.

A training program in weaving for several Fa Ngum Home Economics teachers is being planned in early May.

Assistance to Dong Dok was provided with a proposed curriculum for the 14th and 15th year in home economics.

Inquiries were made on nursing programs at Vientiane Hospital (OB) and Mahosot since several 10th grade home economics students were interested in nursing. The only nurses training Fa Ngum students could hope to qualify for at present would be the "auxiliary aide" program for which only an elementary certificate is required for entrance. There is no training program at OB and all instruction and examinations are in French at Mahosot.

Business

Several typewriters were repaired and preparations are now being made for an On-the-Job training program for the sixth year students during the summer and the first trimester in October. Activity plans for workshops in library training, beginning teachers and office practice are being written.

Assistance was provided to business teachers at Luang Prabang from April 3 to 5. Mr. Maychanla, librarian at Fa Ngum, also went to Luang Prabang to set up the library there.

Social Studies & Lao Literature

Effort is being made to complete all Lao literature manuscripts which were started before Art Crisfield's arrival and also Thailand, by May 31, prior to home leave.

In order to make "newspapers as living texts" additional subscriptions to Lao newspapers - Lat Lao, Lao Press, Sieng Seri, Sai Kan and Santi Parb - were added to the library as supplements to classroom texts in social studies and English.

Field trip objectives (March monthly report) were realized for Savannakhet - April 23 - 24.

Math & Science

Visits were made to Fa Ngum, Phou Hong - April 9 - 10 and to Fa Ngum, Savannakhet - April 25 - 27 in order to work with teachers and to examine the science supply position. Needed supplies were sent subsequently.

A visit to salt deposits at Ban Keun was made with officers of the Ministry of Plan on April 17. A section on local mineral resources will be added to the chemistry manuscript.

Linguist

Progress has been made in checking Poultry Husbandry and in correcting the text for electricity. Revision on the John Deere Tractor Manual was also begun.

A questionnaire in Lao with the help of Lao language teachers at Fa Ngum was prepared. Questionnaires will be sent to all prospective participants in the Lao Language Teachers' Seminar to solicit their ideas for topics and activities during the seminar. A language awareness test was also devised and a draft of the proposed AP was completed.

Curriculum Team Meeting

In lieu of the team monthly meeting, a curriculum advisors' meeting was held on April 9 from 8:00 to 9:30 in the morning at Director Somsak's office. Mr. Somsak described the Lao Language Committee and the Curriculum Committee as he envisioned them. Mr. Bounthavy and he will present their organization plan to Mr. Phou.

Overtime Payment to department chairmen at Fa Ngum

Information was received unofficially that department chairmen will be getting overtime payment. The Ministry has allocated 15 hours of overtime payment to deserving teachers each week to Fa Ngum, Vientiane.

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