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Nine Young Americans To Tour S. America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine young Americans are scheduled to leave here Sunday on a six-month "work tour" of farmlands in five South American countries. The nine—now receiving preliminary advice here, are delegates of the international farm youth exchange of the National 4-H Club Foundation. They were nominated by county 4-H Clubs. The object of their trip, they agreed in an interview, is to better understand the countries to which they are going, and to create a better understanding of the United States.

Rancher Designs New Range Feeder

Range feeders for beef cattle developed by a large-scale Livermore, Calif., rancher have proved so economical of food and labor that their use is spreading through many ranching areas. The feeders are a simple fir plywood bin-type structure with hinged roof panels to permit top loading. The bin is mounted on heavy lumber runners for ease in moving it about the range. Developed by Dr. R. Root, the feeder is used to supplement forage for cattle. All plywood parts of this unit may be cut from standard 3/4-inch thick 4' x 8' panels without appreciable waste. These are Exterior type with absolutely waterproof glue. End walls are 4-feet square; side walls are 4' x 7'. Hinged roof panels are full-size and require no cutting. Dr. Root began with twelve feeders for his herds, went on to install additional units. Since they appeared on Dr. Root's ranch, more than 50 other feeders have been placed in service on neighboring ranches. From the operator's standpoint, plywood construction has proved most economical. The feeders give cattle access to ground grain eliminating waste. The eagerness with which Dr. Root's feeder development has been picked up by other ranchers, has prompted the plywood industry to produce a detailed plan for a similar feeder. These plans are available through the Douglas Fir Plywood Assn. at Tacoma 2, Wash. Sample copies are free.

FILBERT CROP SOLD PORTLAND (AP) — Almost all of this year's filbert crop in Oregon has been sold, packers and sales agents reported Thursday. The Northwest Nut Growers Assn. said it received its first truckload of filberts from the Eugene Fruit Growers only Thursday, but the anticipated pack was sold out a week ago. The harvest continues with filberts bringing 21-22 cents a pound.

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Canyonville Cereal Nursery Grows Varieties Of 3 Crops



KNEE DEEP IN CEREAL is Jack Gaulke, Days Creek. He is looking at cereal varieties on the Bud Gaulke farm at Canyonville. Bud is his son. Best cereal grown on the nursery was a Shasta oat which yielded 47.3 bushels per acre. (Mosher Picture).

Douglas County farmers are busy experimenting to determine what cereal grains should be planted on their lands. The 1955 test of the Roseburg Spring Cereal Nursery showed Hanchen the best of five barley types; little difference in wheat types; and Shasta the best of five oats.

Assistant County Agent Wayne Mosher pointed out that the nursery on the Bud Gaulke farm near Canyonville was planted late. He said total yields were not nearly as high as they would have been otherwise. Three rows of each variety were planted. The Hanchen barley averaged 34.6 bushels per acre, 6.2 bushels better than Lico III at 28. Best wheat was Marquis at 25.9 bushels per acre, only .1 better than Lemhi. Top oats were Shasta at 47.3. Closest was Carleton at 40.2.

Farm Products Value Said Down

SALEM (AP) — Oregon farm products were valued at \$382,461,000 in 1954, compared with \$401,281,000 in 1953, State Agriculture Director J. F. Short reported Wednesday. The wheat crop, valued at \$33,973,000, led the downward slide, reaching its lowest point since 1929. It was down almost 10 million from 1953. Livestock was valued at \$164,287,000, a decline of 9 million dollars. Cattle and calves, worth \$57,397,000, replaced wheat as the biggest cash crop. After wheat, these were the largest value crops: Dairy products, \$30,886,000; eggs, \$17,272,000; barley, \$15,192,000; pears, \$13,447,000; potatoes, \$10,321,000; snap beans, \$10,235,000; strawberries, \$9,859,000; hogs, \$5,761,000; turkeys, \$7,924,000; sheep and lambs, \$7,852,000; hay, \$7,648,000; apples, \$7,241,000; cherries, \$7,137,000.

Pacific International Exposition To Open PORTLAND (AP) — Seventeen counties will have agricultural and industrial exhibits at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition which opens its annual show here Saturday.

Agriculture Dept. Survey Sees No Farmer Pessimism

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department survey showed Friday that if there is any pessimism among farmers over farm product price declines, it is not showing up in a booming farm real estate market. The department said farm land values on July 1 averaged 5 per cent higher than a year earlier and 3 per cent higher than on March 1 of this year—even though farm product prices have slumped some 5 per cent below a year ago. Compared with a year earlier, land values in 36 states showed gains of 2 per cent or more. Only three states—Maine, Vermont and Wyoming—reported values significantly below a year earlier. The department said the strength of the farm land market during the last 18 months has been unusual in view of downward trends in farm commodity prices and income.

The agency listed four factors as contributing to the strength of the farm real estate market: 1. A strong demand for more land to enlarge existing farms so that mechanization might be used more fully to cut costs per unit of farm output. 2. More liberal lending policies by several classes of lenders, notably insurance companies and federal land banks. 3. Favorable crop prospects. 4. A buoyancy in, and bright outlook for, the general economy.

Walnut Prices Up 10 To 13 Cents, Report

PORTLAND (AP) — Prices for this year's walnut crop will be 10 to 13 cents higher than last year, the Northwest Nut Growers Assn. reported Friday. Wholesale prices for walnuts in 100-pound bags, with one-pound cellophane wrapped packages 3 1/2 cents a pound higher, were listed as: First quality — Jumbo 43 1/2 cents, large 40 1/2 cents, medium 38 1/2 cents. Second quality — Jumbo 41 1/2 cents, large 37 1/2 cents, medium 36 1/2 cents, baby 34 1/2 cents. The higher prices are due to decreased production, a spokesman for the association said.

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FARM-FOREST-FACTS

By Ed Gilden
County Extension Agent

"Don't be too narrow in your outlook. Don't wear blinders so that you keep looking straight ahead."

Those were some words of wisdom that Paul Geddes, state senator, gave at a PTA meeting I attended recently.

That's not only a good thought for parents and teachers — but also for foresters. And especially to county agents trying to sell forestry to farmers.

So off comes the blinders and a new look at the world around us.

Religion Is Vital

Religion with a belief in God should be a basis for enlarging our outlook. Religion is vital in enriching all phases of rural life.

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Developing lay religious leadership is one of the main purposes of the annual Town and Country Church Conference.

The conference is held each year at Oregon State College in Corvallis. The dates are Oct. 24 to 27. Lay People Invited.

All those concerned with churches that serve rural people are invited to attend this interdenominational conference.

That means you — whether minister, layman, educator, student, farm organization leader or community leader.

Last year Douglas County was represented at the Town and Country Church Conference — but the members were small.

In fact, if the Rev. Elmer Burkey from Camas Valley and I hadn't been there — no one would have known that Douglas County was on the map.

In attending church conferences, meetings, tours, or any other gathering, we should always ask ourselves why — why should I go?

My opinion — for what it's worth — is that we learn from other people. People that we have something in common with — people who are doing similar work — people with "know how" on rural religious leadership.

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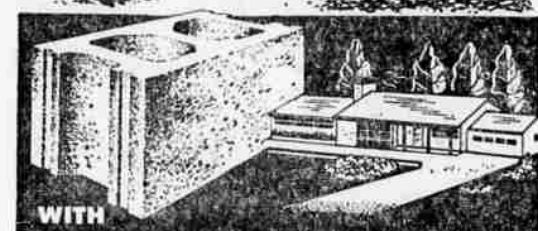
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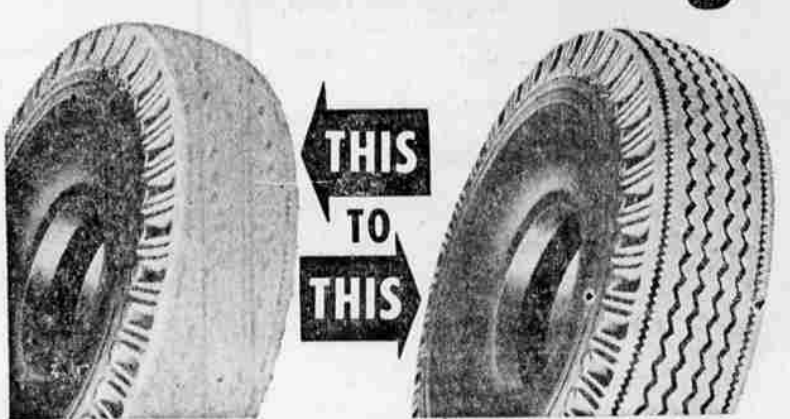
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