

4-Hers to participate in international programs

"There's literally a world of opportunity available to Oregon 4-H members, leaders and parents who are interested in other people and cultures through 4-H international

programs," says Laurei Stulken, Clackamas County Extension 4-H agent.

She says international experiences are as near as your home and as far away as Japan and Europe, depending on your interests and desires.

The 4-H International Intrigue project allows 4-H members to explore one country in depth or do a survey study of several countries without leaving home. Some involve international students at near-by colleges or universities in their programs.

The time-honored "pen-pal" tradition is alive and well in 4-H, with letters regularly being exchanged between U.S. 4-H members and 4-H members in the other 65 countries with similar programs.

Still other 4-H members and their families serve as host families for visiting International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates who come to the U.S. to study and work for a six-month period. Others serve as host families for Japanese youth coming to Oregon under the 4-H

Labo Japanese exchange program.

For the more adventurous, there is the familiar IFYE program. Oregon annually sends at least four young people to other nations for three to six months to live and work with families. The IFYE program is supported financially by the Oregon Bankers Association, 4-H groups and other interested persons.

The Youth Development Program (YDP) is operated in conjunction with IFYE and gives young Americans an opportunity to live and work in another country for a year. YDP participants work with extension agents in developing youth programs, food production and other programs essential to the economic and personal growth of each country.

Both IFYE and YDP, like most other international programs, are operated through the National 4-H Foundation, which also offers

other travel and study opportunities. Most of these programs require that 4-H members and leaders pay their own way.

This summer IFYE Caravans are available to eight European and Caribbean nations. The IFYE Ambassador program to Europe is combined study and travel program. Adventure Caravans involve living with host families while traveling in The Netherlands, England and Germany.

The Ambassador program is aimed at building a program of communication between Americans and the citizens of other lands through travel and home stays in Europe.

There is still time to sign up for many of the programs being offered this summer. Additional information about 4-H international programs is available from the Clackamas County Extension Office in Oregon City adds Mrs. Stulken.

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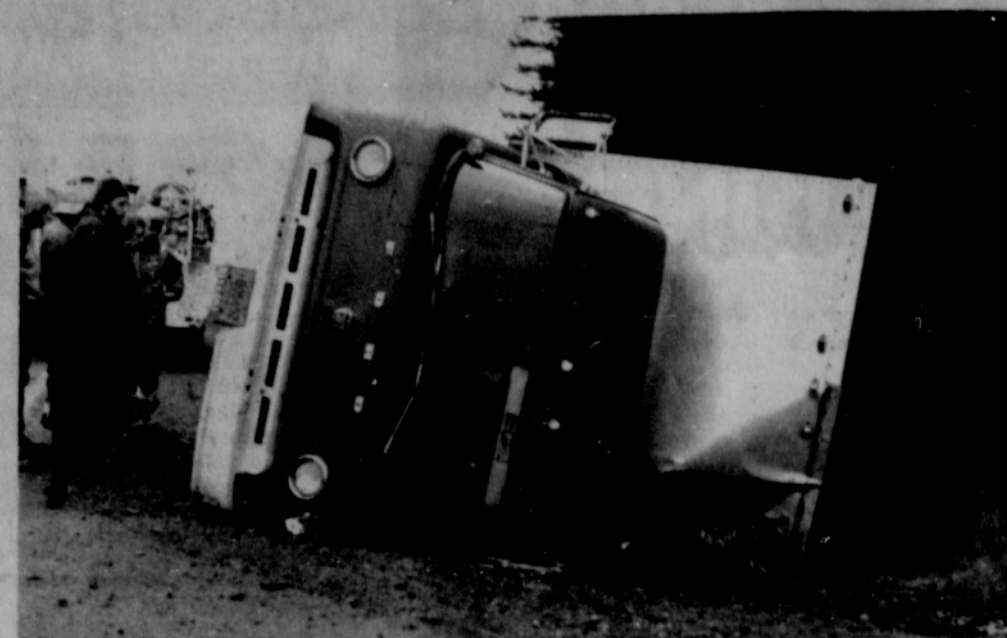
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Skid and slide

ICY ROAD conditions between Sandy and Gresham Monday morning put this truck sprawling into the ditch. Driver of the vehicle was uninjured in the accident. Later in the week Highway 26 cleared up somewhat while East Multnomah County residents, especially those within East Wind range of the Columbia Gorge, skidded and slid.
(Post photo)

Fawbush sees long, difficult session

Rep. Wayne Fawbush says the 1977 legislative session has gotten off with a fast start, and he's expecting a long stay in Salem.

There are more bills ready to go at the start of this legislative session than ever before, noted Fawbush.

"A lot of legislators have been doing their homework," he said.

Fawbush sees the session as a long, difficult session. "We'll be lucky to get out in the middle of June," he added.

The Hood River Democrat who upset Republican incumbent Paul Walden in a close race last November, will be serving as vice-chairman for the Business and Consumer Affairs Committee. Committee assignments haven't been completed.

Fawbush said he sees this legislative trying to tackle the same issues that have been plaguing past sessions.

"These issues seem to come up again and again." Workmen's compensation is one of these problems and Fawbush calls that a "crisis situation."

"The rates we're having to pay are exorbitant," he noted.

"We have to find a way to cut costs down."

The legislature also needs to tackle the problem of what to do about over crowding in the state's correctional facilities, Fawbush said.

The length of the average prison term in 1973 was 16.8 months. "This year the average term is 26 months," Fawbush said.

There are 11,000 people in Oregon's correctional system right now and "that's a lot of people to deal with." There were 1,500 people in maximum security facilities three years ago. There are 2,600 now.

According to the freshman legislator, that's 600-700 more than the system can adequately handle.

Fawbush said the solution to the problem won't necessarily lie in building more maximum security facilities. The cost of that may be prohibitive, he said.

One proposal calls for taking first time offenders and people determined not likely to be repeaters out of maximum security situations.

This would probably be less expensive, and Fawbush said he believes the proposal "has some merit."

Another concern Fawbush has is that legislators may abuse the power given to them after voters approved Ballot Measure Five in November. That measure allows for the legislature to call itself into special session, a power held solely by the governor.

"Legislators may want to put things off and have special sessions," he said.

Energy conservation is still another concern, especially with the low stream flows resulting from the recent lack of rain and snow. And although energy conservation isn't a problem now, it may be in about a year, Fawbush noted.

Fawbush believes that an energy conservation program should be initiated during this

legislative session and that emergency procedures should be outlined by the legislature.

Fawbush may be reached at his Salem office by calling 378-8793 during. His office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Mail may be addressed to Rep. Wayne Fawbush, House of Representatives, Salem, Ore., 97310.

Nell's notes

Senior citizen potluck planned in Hoodland

by Nell Howe

It seems today that we are living in the banana belt, after listening to the weather in the Portland area. Seems funny that it won't snow, hopefully it is snowing on the mountain.

On Thursday, Feb. 10 there will be a potluck for senior citizens at the Lions Hall at Wemme.

Senior citizens from Sandy

will furnish the coffee. Hopefully they can get a senior citizen organization going up here.

It could inform, entertain, furnish transportation, etc., as the Sandy group has done for some time. The luncheon will be from noon until 2. For further information contact Louise O'Dea.

I look out the window at this little dab of snow, and can look back to when we lived on the ranch, back of where we live now.

One winter we had over five feet of snow. The kids were small and I would shovel them out to meet the school bus, then go out and shovel them back home.

During the day my mother would start from her house and I would start from ours, and we would shovel a path.

Dave had very kindly bought me a large snow shovel, but mother used a gardening spade. And believe me it was rather difficult to walk when you got to her path.

One time, to make it interesting, the lights went out and stayed out for three days. That meant no water because the pump at the well didn't work, which meant we used melted snow.

Try melting snow for baths,

dishes, washing what you needed and just every day consumption. Not fun.

We had a portable tub, filled it with snow, put it on the stove, and by late in the day might have six inches of water—if lucky. We survived that and the day the lights came on we celebrated by having waffles.

However, right after I put the first one in and shut the lid the lights went off again for the rest of the day. The rest of the day I spent getting that blankety, blank waffle out of the iron.

By this time we all were ready to move to the big city. But the lights finally came on and we kept on digging our way out and in.

When it stopped snowing, mother had Dates Lym come in with his big grader and open up our road. We stood along the road and cheered as he went by. It seemed as if we had been parking out on the road for years.

We had many experiences like that back then and really didn't think too much about them.

Now we are spoiled and if the lights are off for more than an hour or so we seem to have all kinds of tizzies. So this bit of snow we have really is sad looking for this time of the year.

Drop-off post set for papers

The Stumble Bums, a local 4-H horse club, will hold a paper drive this weekend.

A blue horse trailer will be located in the Thriftway

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