



Chili feed draws a crowd

Timberline Lodge was the site of a chili cook-off this weekend. Here a group of cooks conduct the preliminary judging. The Mount Hood Area Chamber of Commerce fund raiser netted \$650 for the Hoodland Senior Center, according to Bill Conerly, public relations coordinator at

Timberline Lodge. Boot Hill Brew of Portland won the competition against 14 other teams with names such as Fire Brigade Chili, Barn Yard Chili and Dragon's Breath. The turnout was good. "There was a ton of folks up there," Conerly said.

Program unites girls from 2 nations

Two girls on a walk in the country near Sandy. Nothing special about that.

But how special it is when months of meetings, planning, and many sav-

ed francs have gone into making it possible for 16-year-old Brigitte Delorge from Langon, France, and a 16-year-old Sandy girl, Velita Bryant, to become friends.

It started in Langon, a small town in southern France, several years ago, when Delorge heard of NACEL, an international exchange program, from some friends. She saved her allowance and worked as a waitress, mopping floors and washing dishes. The opportunity to visit the United States finally arrived on Aug. 1. Delorge will be here until Aug. 28.

Bert and Leona Bryant, Delorge's American hosts, live west of Sandy. Their daughter, Velita, heard of and applied to NACEL through Kathy Thomas Box, the French teacher at Sandy Union High School. The family agrees that NACEL is a wonderful program, and they look forward to Velita going to France someday. "But two years of French isn't enough," Velita said.

The Bryants are showing Delorge the sights around Mount Hood, Hood

River, Mount St. Helens, downtown Portland and the coast.

Meanwhile, Delorge has been forming some opinions of the United States. "The clothes styles are not too different, except in the cities," she said. The weather is hotter here than in her native Langon, though they get lots of rain there too.

Her five years of English have helped her become acquainted quickly.

She feels school is much harder in France. Students attend from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and Sunday, and never have less than three to four hours of homework a night.

Delorge, 16, has also been to England, Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece. And now, she can proudly add, to the United States.



Brigitte Delorge, left and Velita Bryant

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