



EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS — These six individuals, all under the sponsorship of Exchange Students, Inc., recently returned from a summer trip to Honduras. They are from left: Row 1, Elia Pineda, who will spend coming year in Redmond; Gayle Morrison, RUHS senior; and Wilma Burgos, who will spend year in Culver. Row 2, Ramon Alvarez, who will live in John Day; Willis Sintay, senior in Canyon City, and George Denny, local Spanish teacher.

6 Honduran boys and girls in mid-Oregon under program sponsored by local group

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Six Honduran boys and girls, all youngsters of individuals associated with the Pan American School of Agriculture in Zamorano, are making their homes in Central Oregon this year as a result of the efforts of Exchange Students, Inc., a local group organized just a year ago.

Background of the youth exchange revolves around its president, Jim Miller of Bend, who spent five years in Honduras working for a North American company during the 1950's. While there he became acquainted with Julio Pineda, an English professor at the school at Zamorano.

After the Millers had returned home and settled again in Bend, they wrote to the professor and invited him to send one of his youngsters to live with them. In May, 1959, thirteen-year-old Elia Pineda became the first in a long line of Hondurans to make the trip to Central Oregon.

A year later Mr. and Mrs. George Ray of Bend expressed interest in having a student live with them, and Miller and the Honduran professor arranged a correspondence between them and the Burgos family, also of Zamorano. Fourteen-year-old Wilma Burgos came to live in Bend at the Ray's invitation.

Home for Visit
That summer Elia went home for a visit, and her parents invited two Oregon youths to accompany her. Elizabeth Edmonds and Alice Hirn of Redmond were selected by a citizen's committee to make the trip.

The third Honduran student to come to Central Oregon was Ramon Alvarez, who in January, 1961, went to live in John Day at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Badley. They had heard of the program through Miller, who arranged a correspondence between them and Ramon's parents.

Thus far the exchange program had been completely informal, with foreign students coming to this area as a result of direct invitations. But in May, 1961, Elia's father made a trip to Bend, and

while here he and Miller organized Exchange Students, Inc. As Miller explains, the corporation acts as a "go-between, making arrangements in a business-like manner."

Board Members Listed
Board members of the organization include the Millers, Rays, and Gerry deBroekert, all of Bend; Arthur Edmonds and John Hirn, Redmond; W. W. Badley, John Day; Pineda of Honduras, and former Bend Senior High School principal Bill Edwards, now in Germany.

Under the current program, Pineda now acts as the official screener of applicants. He selects possible candidates by administering an elaborate written exam designed to test their aptitudes, intelligence, interests and comprehension. Names of successful applicants are sent to Miller, who attempts to find homes for them in Central Oregon.

The next three Honduran youths to come to Oregon were the first to do so under the auspices of the newly formed corporation. The group, which arrived here last January, included Miguel Ramon, who is living with the Millers; Celia Pelen, who is living with the Dwight Macys of Culver, and Marco Molina, who is living with the Raymond Beckleys of Burns.

This summer three of the Honduran youths — Elia, Ramon and

Wilma — returned home for a visit, accompanied by three Central Oregonians. In the group were George Denny, local Spanish teacher, and high school seniors Gayle Morrison of Redmond and Willis Sintay of Canyon City.

Citizens' Group
According to Miller, Exchange Students, Inc. is a citizens' group which was organized because its members share a common interest in the exchange of students. "We have a particular interest in exchanging students of the Central American countries — especially Honduras — because they're not often included in other programs," he explains.

He has also stressed that the group is not attempting to compete with the American Field Service program, which has also placed foreign students throughout the area.

There are several differences between the two programs, he points out. AFS requires applicants to have studied English and to be eligible to enroll in the senior year of high school. They may stay in the country only one year. On the other hand, Exchange Students, Inc. allows the youngsters to stay for several years, placing them in several different homes. They are not required to be able to speak English but learn after they arrive. Youngsters may apply at any age — Miller says that by coincidence most of them have so far been 13.

Much Approval
The program has met with much approval, especially among the parents of the Honduran youngsters. In a recent letter addressed to the organization, they wrote:

"The idea of sending several students from the same community has done a great deal to unite the parents in discussing and sharing the various experiences undergone by our children. These frequent contacts have stimulated an individual as well as a collective reevaluation on our part of American people in general and you in particular, your way of life, and your interest in our welfare."

Sale of timber being planned

Special to The Bulletin
PRINEVILLE — An estimated 109,000,000 board feet of timber will be sold from the Crooked River Working Circle of the Ochocho National Forest during the current fiscal year, according to C. L. Clark, forest supervisor. The working circle is one of two in the Ochocho forest, and feeds the Prineville mills primarily.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 21,290,000 board feet of timber has been sold in seven sales.

With one exception, a sale of 12,050,000 million board feet on July 31, sales thus far in this calendar year have been salvage sales of diseased and insect damaged trees.

In the past fiscal year, Clark said, 54,109,000 board feet of timber was sold from the working circle. The annual allowable cut presently assigned in this working circle is 71,100,000 board feet. This figure will apply until a management plan based upon the re-inventory which is now in progress is completed, Clark said.

An undercut which was experienced during the previous budget period can be recovered during the current budget period, or prior to the establishment of the new management plan.

By comparison with the amount of timber sold during the past fiscal year, mill operators cut 99,190,070 board feet, including salvage which is not chargeable to the annual allowable cut.

Mayors seek to intercede in rail tieup

CHICAGO (UPI) — Mayors of suburban communities along the Chicago and North Western Railway, closed down by a telegraphers strike, asked today for a chance to intercede in the dispute and help bring about a quick settlement.

The mayors' plans came to light as Federal Mediator Francis A. O'Neill Jr. prepared to meet separately with both parties in an effort to settle the 7-day-old deadlocked dispute. O'Neill was scheduled to meet with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and later with railroad officials.

With negotiations deadlocked and no prospect of an early settlement, the full impact of the shutdown in the Midwest was becoming apparent. Construction projects and grain shipments were delayed or halted. In northwest Iowa, one grain elevator closed and laid off four employees.

C.O. Schlaver, president of suburban Mount Prospect, said at least 12 mayors and village presidents in his area would like to attend joint sessions between the disputants. The joint sessions were broken off Monday.

O'Neill said President Kennedy was "very concerned" about the strike, which the O.R.T. staged to enforce its demands that layoffs of telegraphers be subject to negotiation. The carrier has contended the elimination of telegraphers jobs should be left to management.

Crook County enrollment up

Special to The Bulletin
PRINEVILLE — A record number of pupils enrolled at Crook County High School Tuesday, September 4, as the school year began. The total was 714, with an increase of 110 over last year.

All but one Prineville school showed an increase. At the Junior High School, enrollment was 379, up by 17 pupils. At the Crooked River school on the east side of Prineville, the total is 590. This figure includes the sixth grade students of the community who are attending the remodeled junior high school in a building immediately adjacent to the regular Crooked River Grade School. The enrollment is up by 13 pupils.

At the Ochoco School at the west edge of Prineville, enrollment Tuesday was 539. Ochoco school lost one sixth grade classroom, resulting in five fewer pupils on opening day of the school year.

The county school office states that a slight increase in enrollment can be expected during the coming week as late-comers register to increase Tuesday's total Prineville enrollment somewhat from the 2,232 tallied that day. Although not a record figure, the total is close to the maximum number ever in Prineville schools, it was stated.

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GOP teen-agers set convention

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's teenage Republicans will hold their first state party convention Saturday in the Senator Hotel.

At the one-day meet the youngsters will attend classes on party principles, candidates, the 1962 campaign, fund-raising and teenage club activities.

Speeches are planned by GOP senatorial candidate Sig Unander and Robert Ingalls, state Republican Principles Committee chairman.

The convention is being sponsored by the Corvallis teen-age Republican Club.

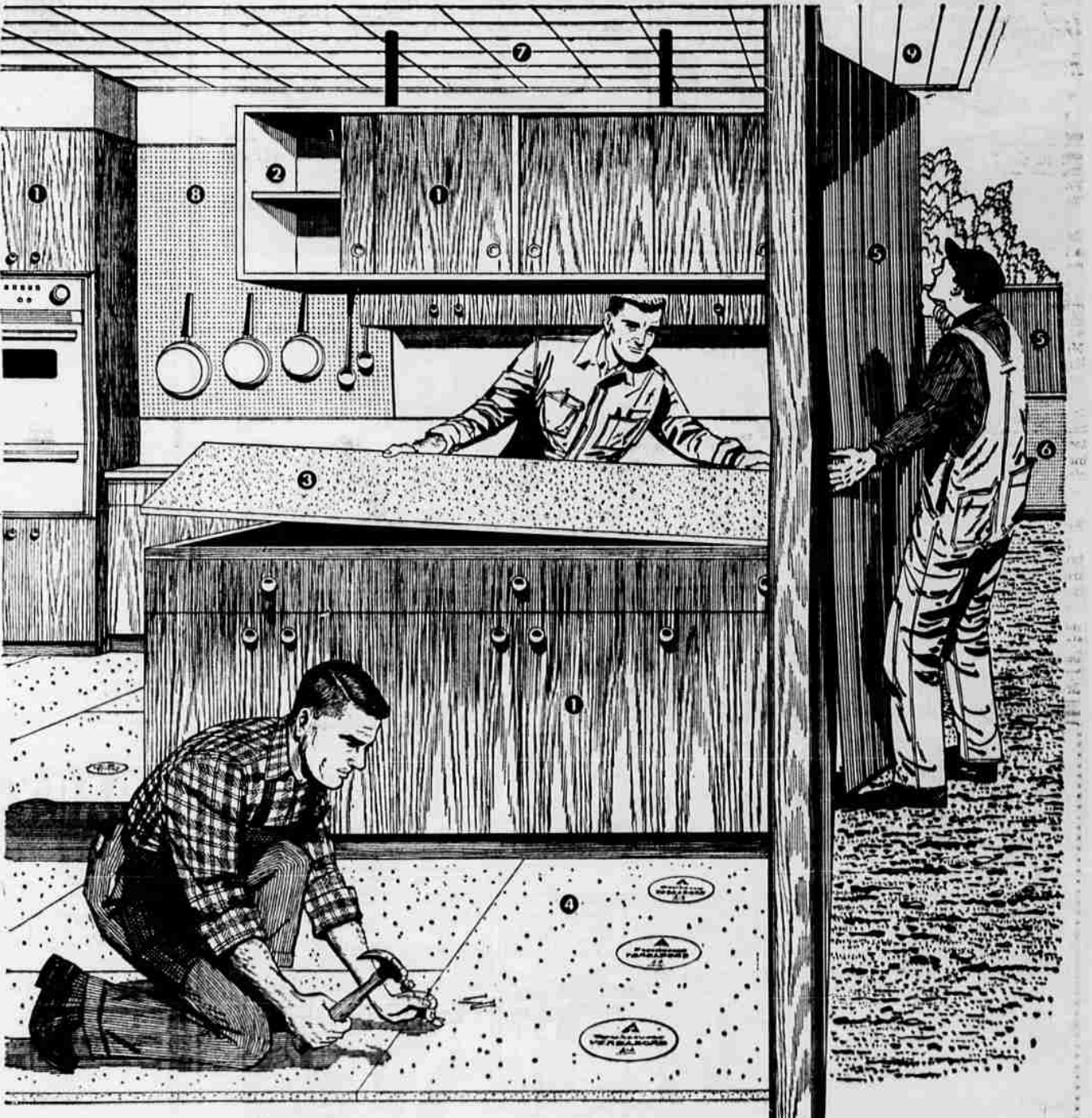
BLAZE REPORTED
PORTLAND (UPI) — A fire broke out on the third floor of the B. P. John Furniture Co. plant on Southwest Macadam Ave. shortly before 8 a.m. Tuesday. The blaze was brought under control quickly, with greatest damage expected to be from water from an automatic sprinkling system. Firemen said that if the sprinkling system had not put out the blaze a five-alarm fire might have resulted.

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