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German Boy To Enroll at High School

This week a similar incident will occur in many places throughout these United States—a student will register at a high school, giving Germany as his permanent address with a temporary local address. At Central Point high school, Roman Kluspies will give his home address as Wurtzburg, Bavaria in Germany, with his local address as Rte 1, box 595, Central Point, c/o Mrs. K. Ethel Lathrop.

Roman, who is 18 years old, is one of 77 German youth spending a year in the United States under the Rural Teenager Program of the National Grange. Of these 53 boys and 24 girls, from 16 to 20 years of age, ten are located in the Pacific coast states, three in Oregon, three in Washington and four in California. The other two in Oregon are Franz Jurgan at Silverton and Hans Hoffmeister at Oregon City.

In being chosen to make this trip, Roman took examinations in his own district, at Munich and at Stuttgart, against as many as 300 to 500 boys and girls. The examinations consisted of three parts: agricultural knowledge and experience, what he wanted to learn in the United States and what he wanted to do in Germany on his return.

While here, he reports each month to the National Grange on what he has been doing, how he helps at his host's farm and in what activities he has been participating. Since his arrival here July 3rd, important events have been the two-day 4-H club crop and livestock tour of Klamath County, July 5 and 6, the Josephine county Fair at Grants Pass and the Jackson county 4-H club Fair, both in August. He has been attending the Central Point Grange. Also, he has enjoyed joining in with the Central Point Federated Funsters in their square dancing.

In telling of his home life, Roman told how their farming there is much more intensive than here, with the farmers making great use of fertilizers. In one of his observations, he stated how water is so important here, but there fertilizer is most important. In Wurtzburg there live 200 families who have farm lands out around the village. His own family, which consists of his father and mother, his maternal grandparents, and two younger sisters (billeted with them are 6 evacuees from Prague—farm people who have lost their lands) have 12 hectares (1 hectare is somewhat over 2 acres). The largest piece is nearly 1 1/4 acres; some of this land has been farmed by the mother's family since 1565, being handed down through the generations; a portion of the family's land goes to each boy or girl.

Of their farm, 33% of the ground is allotted to wheat, barley and oats; 53% for fodder for their cows and 14% for varied gardening. 1/5 of the crop goes to the government to help feed the evacuees, etc. (In speaking of the evacuees, he told how upwards of nearly 20 thousands of them a month are leaving Eastern section to be crowded into Western Germany. In Bavaria, his own section, there were about 9 million persons before the war; now there are more than 15 million. These are in an area little more than 1/2 the size of Oregon which has a population of only nearly two million.)

The livestock are not turned into pasture as here but are kept always in the barn where their feed is brought in. His family has 4 cows, 6 beef, 25 hogs and 2 horses. Land is too valuable to use as pasture. Half of the farmer's time is spent in the field working and the other half in caring for the livestock. The women also work in the field as well as doing the house work.

The German food today is not the rich dishes, often given as traditional. In speaking of a day's menu, Roman said his breakfast there would consist of bread and milk, lunch of soup—beef or vegetable and cereal, and supper of potatoes and sour milk and fish. Coffee cake is had on Sunday.

Around Wurtzburg the people are quite religious, being Catholic. No work is done in the field on Sundays but there are ball games and visiting after church.

At Central Point high school, Roman will be taking vocational agriculture and going out for football in the athletics program (he hopes to be able to play that). He will belong to the newly organized Chapter of Future Farmers of America and join in their activities. His other

school work is dependent upon his English, as when he left his home June 16, he spoke no English. On the boat coming over, he acquired some words, both good and bad. Since then, he has acquainted himself with much of the English language through the use of a small German-English dictionary and books, and is able to carry on a conversation with little difficulty.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holden and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gibson left Friday, September 1st, for Los Angeles, where Mr. and Mrs. Gibson plan to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Holden will visit relatives there before returning home.

Reported on the sick list, is Mr. Johnny Webb, who was quite ill last week, but is now able to be up again. Also Miss Charlotte Webb is reported improving after her illness.

Mr. James Phillips, graduate of San Jose Bible college, and whose home is in Hughson, California, the son of Rev. S. A. Phillips, formerly of Central Point, gave the message at the evening service at the Church of Christ last Sunday. He is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Ella Phillips, before going on to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to work with Mr. and Mrs. Cays who are Evangelists there. Woodrow Phillips, wife and two children, are leaving November 1st, for Jamaica as missionaries. He is the older brother of James.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewis, Rte 2, box 84, Central Point, Aug. 29, 1950, a boy, 8 1/2 lbs. at Community hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert and daughter, Delores drove to Salem on Monday, September 4th. Mr. Bohnert is to attend a business meeting, and they will also visit the fair. Mrs. Bohnert and daughter plan on spending one day in Portland, and return to the fair Wednesday, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Ovan Gay and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ruddy and son, and Mrs. Violet Ruddy, all of Medford visited at the home of Mrs. E. E. Scott recently. A pleasant evening was enjoyed when colored

slides were shown of the recent golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Gay at the home of their daughter, taken by Mrs. Leslie McCue. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, formerly of Central Point, but now of Ashland have just moved into their new home there. They own "Ken's Camera Shop" on the Plaza.

Week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weidman was their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller of Coquille, Oregon. Also Mr. and Mrs. Dale Keizer and daughter Nancy spent Saturday with their parents.

Five Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. John Higinbotham returned from a day spent at Glue Canyon after huckleberries. They had good luck bringing home four gallons.

Mrs. Maud Boswell is in Michigan caring for her son, Carl Boswell's wife and new son. Mr. Boswell had to report for duty at Monte Ray.

Lt. Ernest Pinkham is home on furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Pinkham and sister Marion. Lt. Pinkham enjoys his army life very much and plans to continue in service for some time. He tells some very interesting incidents of his service work. He reports that he feels like his service has been very insignificant compared to what he has seen others do. He is very modest about his service.

Miss Patsy Faber and Miss Jean Kincaid left Sunday on the United air-lines for Portland for a week's vacation. The girls will visit there. They sent back a report that the weather is fine there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keizer Sr. received two large boxes of personal belongings of their son William Jr., just two years from the day that William Jr. landed in the States. Mr. Keizer was showing of the first Jap that his son shot, also a Jap ring and nickel with a nick shot out of the side that was in Billy's pocket when he was shot in the leg. They have many keepsakes of all kinds that are invaluable.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond were happy to receive word from their son Lloyd that he had enough points to come home and expected to be home before long. His wife Maxine and their small daughter are staying at the Hammond home. A grass fire in a field in the east part of town called out the fire department today at noon. No damage was done.

Ten Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Martin and daughter, Penny of Greagle, Calif., and Clyde Lees of Fort Lewis were home over the week end, Clyde arriving at three o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Oscar Minnick has been on the sick list for the past week and a half. In some way she wrenched a ligament in her hip and also suffered an attack of appendicitis. She is better now but still confined to her bed most of the time. Ruth Clark sent a radio get well greeting to "Mrs. Lorlie Minnick, who has a kink in her get-get-along" and also requested her "to shake a leg."

Joan Holmes, of Eagle Point, who had spent Tuesday night visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson stopped for a short time in Central Point on her way home with Mr. Wilson. While here she made a short call at the American office.

E. P. Stone has installed a Frigidaire at his fountain for Frozen Candy bars and bottle drinks.

Carol Weidman and Bobbie Tucker were in an auto accident on the

Midway road Saturday night. A car picked them up and brought them home. Carol's face was cut slightly by glass. Bobby was unconscious until Sunday morning.

Arnold Bohnert hoping that it won't rain until he gets his clover threshed. He has 45 acres. He has been threshing at Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brenner spent the week end at Diamond Lake, continuing on to Roseburg over the new road from Diamond Lake. They returned home Monday.

Among those attending the Gold Hill fair from Central Point were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent, Mrs. Guy Tex, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Young, and their daughter, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell. Mrs. Young won several prizes on her entries.

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