

4-H Campaigns For Traffic Safety



Safety knows no party—everyone's platform calls for improving the nation's highway traffic record.

Leaders in the campaign include the eight national winners of \$400 General Motors scholarships for outstanding 4-H farm, home and highway safety activities.

Urging the unanimous election of Mr. Traffic Safety in every community throughout the country, the 4-H safety specialists recently told newsmen in Chicago that "a vote for safety is a vote for a longer and better life for all of us."

The national winners and all state safety winners received all-expense trips to the 4-H Club Congress from General Motors in recognition of their house-to-house, bell-ringing efforts to have Mr. Safety represent everyone.

Typical of the group is Caroline Ware, 16-year-old national winner from Benevolence, Georgia, who received a commendation letter from her town's mayor for her safety efforts.

"With all the nation's youth—especially the 2,250,000 4-H members—waving banners, making speeches, parading and campaigning for a safer America, we hope Mr. Safety gets everyone's vote every day of the year," she said.

General Motors is in its 16th year of sponsoring awards in the 4-H safety program which is conducted by the Extension Service of state agriculture colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture. More than 900,000 4-H members participate annually in the safety program.

Other national winners include: Theresa Crisco, 17, West Springfield, Massachusetts; Patricia Kallio, 18, Chisholm, Minnesota; Lawrence Klepetko, 17, Golden, Colorado; Carol Rae Larson, 16, Lusk, Wyoming; Raylene Scott, 17, Rozel, Kansas; Wesley Spear, 19, Oakes, North Dakota, and Ronald Ulom, 18, Valer, Montana.

Their recommendation to all voters: GO SAFETY—VOTE FOR SAFETY IN '60!

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Most organizations have a national affiliation, but the Morrow county extension unit members have even an international affiliation—The Associated Country Women of the World—(ACWW, in extension language).

Although Morrow county extension women have belonged to this world wide organization since extension clubs were organized in the county after World War II, not too much was ever done to find out the vastness of this association of women. Therefore, the month of February is being devoted to the study, "What is ACWW" in all the units. I will visit each women's group with slides, flip charts, and other visuals to tell the story of how this world organization of country women came into being.

It's been interesting going into the history of ACWW. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, an uncommon seed suddenly broke through country soil in widely separated countries in the old world, in the new; Germany, America; and Scandinavia.

Rural women were feeling the need to meet together for a number of reasons. Sometimes it was a matter of loneliness as in Norway and Sweden; sometimes an economic need as in Finland, in Germany and Denmark, it was the desire for educational opportunity. In Canada it was a tragedy.

Adelaide Hoodless of Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada was a rural woman living in a pioneer community in 1897. The loss of her eighteen month old son through drinking impure milk gave her the idea that women should form institutes, as men had already done, to study their problems as mothers and homemakers, and do something about them. So Women's institutes were formed in Canada based on her idea that the country home and the family and the homemaker are important to the com-

munity and to the nation.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, a Canadian, carried the idea of women's institutes to England and Wales in 1913 and she also carried a plan in her pocket for an international federation of Women's institutes.

It took until 1930, however, before her dream became a reality, when women's organizations from 20 countries were invited to send delegates to this international rural women's conference in Vienna. Since that time, barring a lapse of eight years during World War II, the Associated Country Women of the World have been meeting every three years in capitols all over the world. The last one met in Edinburgh, Scotland in August, 1959.

Oregon has two constituent societies in ACWW—The Oregon home economics extension council and the Associated Women of the Oregon Farm Bureau. In 1953 we had two women from Morrow county attend an ACWW triennial in Toronto, Canada. Mrs. E. M. Baker, lone, representing the extension council and Mrs. Norman Nelson, Lexington, representing the Oregon Farm Bureau.

ACWW now has 130 constituent societies representing some six million women from 25 countries all over the world. The organization is financed by the women themselves in contributions called "Pennies for Friendship."

The aims of the organization for country women is: (1) to promote international good will, friendship and understanding between country women of the world. (2) to raise the standard of living of rural women all over the world. (3) to further international relations and to be a voice for countrywomen in international affairs.

Since the United Nations came into being in 1946 the ACWW organization has acted as an advisory body to the UN Economic and Social Council. They have been especially active in promoting the gift coupon idea for the UNESCO program, the support of UNICEF (Children's Fund) in sale of greeting cards and the "Trick or Treat" collections at Halloween time.

Oregon Principals Plan Interviews With Grads at OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Oregon high school principals have been invited to the Oregon State College campus, Feb. 13 for conferences with their recent graduates on college preparation, progress and problems.

OSC launched the unique interview series eight years ago to help pinpoint strong and weak points in the college's orientation program for new students and to help the high schools evaluate their college preparatory programs.

Started on an eight-school experimental basis, the program has received wide comment and

The climax of this ACWW study by the county women will come when Mrs. Harold Duncan, Carlton, Oregon will come to Morrow County Home-makers Festival on April 29 and report on her visit to the ACWW triennial in Edinburgh, Scotland.

the number of schools participating has increased each year. Some 50 or 60 high schools are expected to take part this year.

Dallas Norton, college personnel coordinator, is in charge. College students from the various high schools help arrange the student interviews for their principals.

Under the program, principals have individual, voluntary interviews with their former students. Talks center around the student's appraisal of high school preparation for college and progress and problems in studies at OSC.

After the interviews, the high school representatives meet with college leaders to review comments and recommendations made by the students. Findings in past years have brought changes and improvements in some aspects of both college preparatory programs in the high schools and in counseling programs designed to get "students off on the right foot" in college, Norton said.

4-H Club News

THE SEWETTES

The Sewettes 4-H club met Jan 9 at the home of Mrs. William Heath. Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Jack Healy are leaders. The sewing 1 girls worked on their pin cushions and Kay and Sheridan sewed on their place mats and luncheon cloth.

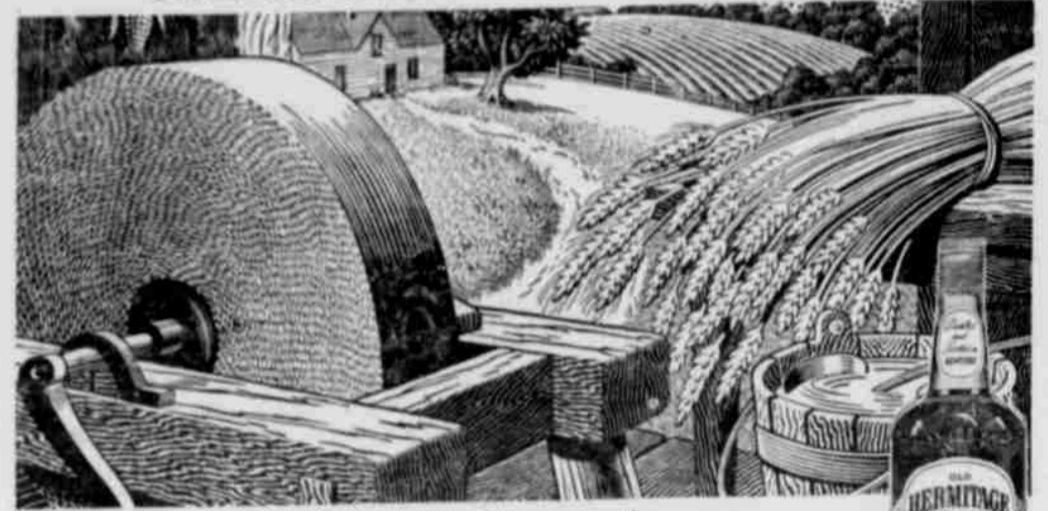
Present were Mary Pierce, Vicki Robison, Kay Daggett, Cheryl Bellenbrock, Linda Heath, Jill Schmidt, Peggy Snyder, Sheridan Wyman and Jean Healy.

Jean Healy, reporter



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