

Africa Calling

A REPORT FROM THE NEAR EAST
By ESTHER ANDERSON

No, we haven't forgotten you all back there in lovely Oregon but all summer and fall Nels has been too involved to write of his work, and I haven't felt I could do justice to it.

Last night we entertained friends here with slide showings, and we were reminded again of all the nice people we left behind, when we used our slide projector given us at our farewell picnic.

These folks were much impressed with a gift such as that and made us realize anew not every community is as warm-hearted as ours. We now have one year behind us and well started on the second which is going faster than before, as we are busier.

Since last April, Nels has been working almost daily with the native villagers on improving their primitive farming methods. Many days he felt completely discouraged with their reactions, or rather lack of interest. But he kept "plugging away" as long as they didn't run him off with spears or bows and arrows. They have them and use them but have refrained so far. With the help of a Peace Corps worker and a native who has had some education, he managed to plant several demonstration plots in various villages, using improved millet seed, tilling the soil first with a small machine pulled by donkey or horse, and using fertilizer to help the poor soil along.

Trust in 'Allah'
Their methods are to scratch the dirt a bit with a hoe, drop the seed and scrape a little more soil over the seed with their bare foot and trust the rest to "Allah."

In July we took our vacation and flew off to Europe where we had a lovely three weeks touring as many countries as we could squeeze in and enjoying each one, all such a change from hot, dry, barren Niger. We breathed deeply of the cool fresh air and feasted our eyes on the green, green hills, valleys and forests, the mountains and lovely villages, countryside that were gay with flowers everywhere from upstairs windows to barnyard doors. It truly refreshed our souls.

To tell you all about the trip would take many pages and create a printing problem in your busy schedule. We just wish everyone could take a trip through Europe and see the Old World, as it is beautiful and enchanting but fast becoming modern with freeways and cities rebuilding with tall skyscrapers rearing up all over the landscape, looking grotesquely out of place among the old architecture and rather spoiling the scenic beauty. We especially enjoyed driving through narrow cobblestone streets of the villages, seeing the way of life closely and feeling we were really in Europe.

Cities Bustle
The cities are as bustling and bustling as America's and very crowded. In comparison, the villages and countryside homes were calm and people quietly going about their work, whole families in the fields.

We tried to see as many historical places as possible so took bus tours through cities as well as boat trips on the canals and additional bus trips out through the country. These were conducted tourily with English speaking guides and were most enlightening.

We enjoyed so much our three days visit at Augsburg, Germany, with Tommy Martin of Morrow county, son of Juanita and Roy Martin. As well as seeing many of the attractions in that area, we spent hours just visiting—so good to see "home folks."

Our stays in Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Stockholm were equally interesting and enjoyable. It's really hard to say which would be our favorite place in Europe. We'd like to go again to all of them. We flew back to Niamey early a.m. of August 15, and it had rained, so was cooler and not quite the shock we expected after the cool rainy weather of Europe. We had worn sweaters and coats there for the first time in a year.

Natives Bring Gifts
Everyone was glad to see us back. Even the Africans came by to greet us and ask how "vacance" was. Nels found his villagers most pleased with their millet crops and seeing the results of his "sweat and brow and back," they showed their gratitude by welcoming him back with gifts of goats, straw hats, chickens and eggs—"rotten"—but their hearts were in their offers. Now they believed in the "American" way. Had their doubts until they could actually see how much more the crops grew. Insects were moving in, and he spent the next few weeks traveling from village to village hand dusting the fields to combat the invasion.

The natives had been using their slow but effective, in a way method of running through the fields with burning torches. Now the harvest is done, they have the extra grain to help them out, at no cost to them, and they've learned a little about better farming, we hope. Nels was then immediately

plunged into a project which had suffered serious setbacks due to the rainy season and other things. This is an agricultural school which was due to open October 1 for African students to live in and learn advanced farm techniques. Buildings have had to be constructed, fences built, wells dug, and all with limited supplies and unskilled laborers. So he has been spending 12 hours daily, except Sundays, at this farm 1/2 hr. drive from Niamey. It is "shaping up" but still slightly behind schedule. They are hopeful it can be opened Nov 1 so they can begin plantings then. The winter months are good for growing many things, where there is a source of water.

Nels Learns, Too
Roughly this is a resume of our last few months. Had Nels the time he could write you more in detail with all the little daily incidents, both funny and frustrating. As he says, "I've learned a lot, too."
Rick is very busy with school, this year attending an American mission school from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and again from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. He also has French lessons there so is still learning that. No school on Saturdays for him this year, so he gets to go to the farm then and can ride horseback and enjoy the outdoors.

I seem to keep busy each day, too. It takes more time to do even the simple tasks here as the pace is slower everywhere. We have much social life, being involved with the embassy affairs and of course have to take our turn entertaining, too. People come and go here constantly as they finish their tours of duty, so we say "goodbye" and "hello" to someone every month. We stay healthy and are brown as Oregon filberts. We think and speak of you all often and always welcome our monthly pack of Gazette-Times. Morrow county is still "home." Best wishes. We appreciate the letters we get.

KINZUA NEWS

By VIRGINIA KELSO

(Held over from last week)
KINZUA—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rice and family spent the week-end at Beaverton where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler.

Among college students home for the week-end and the Homecoming festivities at Wheeler High school were Becky Schroeder—Ken Wham, Vic Bowman, and Glenn Shelton.
Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Conner spent the week-end at North Powder with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Turner where they were joined by David Lovell and all went elk hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Flack were in The Dalles Monday where Mrs. Flack had medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conlee are the parents of a girl born Monday, October 24, at the Heppner hospital. She weighed 8 lb., 1 oz. has been named Deanna Renee and joins a brother, Gene. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conlee of Fossil.

Mrs. Stanley Benson and Mrs. William Stephens and son Michael spent from Thursday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stephens in Welsch, Idaho.
Mrs. John Hawk and son Billy and Mrs. Dell Williams were in Prineville last Monday for business, shopping, and medical care for Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt of Monument visited last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrel.

Mrs. Herschel Murdock, Mrs. Frank DeMerritt and Mrs. Frank Ferrel were business visitors to Heppner last Tuesday. While there Mrs. DeMerritt had medical care.

Mrs. Earl Norris, Mrs. Ralph Medlock and sons Randy and John, and Gene Motimore were in Bend last Tuesday on business. They also stopped in Prineville where John had medical care.

A coffee hour was held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Mortimore last Wednesday with Mrs. Jean Medlock as co-hostess to honor Mrs. Ruth Jordan and her new baby daughter, Trina Dawn. Those present were Etta Ferrel, Lola Ferrel, Betty Murdock, Marie Ellis, Marie Rhoton, Eva DeMerritt and Carol Norris. Unable to be present but sending a gift was Marie Hulet.
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Medlock and son Steven of Spray spent last Tuesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Medlock.

Spending last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMerritt were Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald and Randy DeMerritt of Molalla, Joe Comer of Gresham, and Esther Ellenberg of Cottage Grove.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan went to Mitchell last Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Jordan's uncle, Clarence Hovey.

Mrs. Frank Ferrel and Mrs. Frank DeMerritt were in Condon Thursday where Mrs. Ferrel had medical care.
Mrs. Tom Jordan and children were in Heppner Friday where Mrs. Jordan and Leslie kept doctor appointments.
Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton

Viks Shellack Mustangs, 36-0

By MAC HOSKINS

It was the old David and Goliath story all over again. Except for one detail, Goliath won. That was the story last Saturday as Vale blasted the visiting Heppner Mustangs by a 36-0 score which decided the Great-Oregon League football championship and gave Vale the 7-A-2 state playoff berth. The mighty Vikings had the brute force and talent—big, tricky running backs complemented by a stone-wall line, while Heppner, although fighting valiantly throughout the game, just couldn't put the right combination together.

Leading from start to finish, Vale's powerhouse eleven spurred to a 14-0 first quarter edge and expanded the margin to 24-0 at halftime. And even though Heppner seemingly toughened up and started playing better ball in the second half, it was too late.

Vale had many prominent heroes, but their most prominent one was little Rick Johnson, who pitched the pigskin for three touchdowns and ran for another one.

Viking lightning struck early in the game. After stopping Heppner's first offensive effort cold, Vale marched 81 yards for its first touchdown. The payoff came on a 35-yard aerial strike from the Vik's Johnson to Mike Eddy. Steve Bates booted the successful point after touchdown.

Later in the period Vale penetrated paydirt once again. This time Johnson loped 6 yards around the right end to the end zone. Once again Bates provided the encore with his conversion kick.

The hometown gridders then kicked off. Once more Heppner was unable to launch a successful drive. But on fourth down, League All-Star Jim Doherty faked a kick and charged to the Mustang 32 for a first down. Then, on the final play of the first quarter, Jazzy Jim skittered up the middle for what looked to be a sure TD. But Doherty, having been shaken up on a previous play, was hauled down from behind on the Vale 20.

Heppner started its first and only real scoring bid of the game at the start of the second stanza: Doherty and the Must-

ang's quarterback, Dave Hall, combined to move the ball to the Vale 2-yard line. But then Lady Luck handed Heppner an unfortunate twist in the form of a poor lateral and subsequent loss back to the 17. A pass from Doherty to husky Mike Alsop almost put Heppner back in the game, but Alsop was hauled down on the five.

Vale took over on downs and marched 95 yards for its third score. Johnson clinched things with an overhead bomb to Dennis Doman. The 27-yard pitch was followed by Bates' final conversion kick.

After another futile Heppner offensive attempt, the host team took over on its own 45. Another pile driving march was capped by Bates' 3-yard field goal as the half drew to a close.

A seemingly more inspired eleven met the Viking freight train in the third period. Vale

scored once on Rick Johnson's 43-yard flip to Gary Johnson, but things never were quite as easy for the Malheur maulers again.

The two grid teams played trade-'em throughout the rest of the quarter, with Vale's line just as tough to crack as ever, but with Heppner's beefing up a good deal.

Starting to go to the air more, the Horsemen looked like they might score going into the final quarter. However, the Vik's didn't share the same opinion and piled it on for another scoring drive near the end of the game. Gary Johnson, a thorn in Heppner's side all day, topped it off with his 15-yard end sweep. Bates' PAT kick was unsuccessful.

Mustang mentor Ed Hiemstra, in analyzing the loss, commented that it was no disgrace to lose to a bundle of talent like Vale.

Siewert Chosen To Head Bankers

William F. Siewert, vice president and cashier of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner, was elected president of the Mid-Columbia Bankers group at a meeting held October 13 at The Dalles Country club.

C. W. Beckett, manager of the U. S. National Bank of Oregon, The Dalles, was elected vice president, and W. D. Walker, manager of the Sherman County Branch, First National Bank of Oregon, at Moro was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Principal speaker at the meeting was Harold Cantrell, area manager of Bonneville Power Administration, from Walla Walla, Wash. Also speaking was H. Sanford Saari, president, Oregon Bankers association, and president, Citizens Bank, Eugene.

Fifty-three attended the meeting. Siewert returned October 23 from an 8-day trip to the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo., where he was one of 50 bankers to attend a short course on modern bank auditing sponsored by the National Association of Bank Auditors and Controllers.
Those attending came from as far as Puerto Rico and New York and Siewert was the only one from Oregon selected to take the course.

Card Party Benefits Veteran Hospitals

Seven tables of players celebrated Halloween at the Legion Auxiliary benefit card party Monday evening, October 31, at the Legion hall. The Auxiliary's fund for Veteran's Hospital Christmas gifts benefited by approximately \$40.00.

First prize in pinocle went to Dave McLeod, second to Mrs. John Bergstrom; high in bridge was held by Mrs. Bill Collins, second high by Elaine George, and Mrs. Riley Munkers went home with the door prize, a delicious cake.

Guests were served apple pudding and hot butter sauce in the hall which was decorated with fall colors.

My Neighbors



"... Is it wash and wear?"

Weed Controls Needed in County For Medushead

By EUGENE WINTERS
County Extension Agent

Two serious weed infestations are a definite threat to rangelands in Morrow county. Diffused or branching knapweed "take over" in the area east and southeast of Heppner is well known. Less well known are the infestations of Medushead Rye in the county.

Medushead offers the more serious threat to range production, because there is no satisfactory chemical control such as 2,4-D used to control diffused knapweed. Medushead is an introduced winter annual grower of low palatability. Although introduced to this county in the 1880's, widespread invasion did not occur until the 1940's.

Research has been in progress at Oregon State University in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management since 1961. Other investigations have been underway in California, Washington, Idaho, and perhaps other western states.

Medushead competes vigorously with cheat grass and other annuals on deteriorated range lands. Medushead, like cheat grass, outcompetes seedlings of other species by producing deeper root systems during the winter and depleting soil moisture below other species early in the season. Laboratory and field measurements indicate that medushead seedling roots grow at faster rates than cheatgrass roots.

With a root structure similar to that of perennials, medushead, unlike cheatgrass, can bring moisture to the above surface parts of the plant through dry top soil. It roots to a depth of four feet although the roots are more active in the top feet of soil.

On sites containing medushead which are suitable for tillage control of the weed and replacement by permanent type seeded forage is easily attainable. Spring seeding of wheat grasses, following plowing in the spring has given excellent stands of perennial grasses on sites where these are adapted.

On sites which are shallow, steep, or rocky, with an inherently low forage potential, the problem of medushead replace-

ment has no immediate solution.

Several herbicides have been tested and found to give good control of medushead. Residual activity of most of these limits seeding following weed control. Most of these have not been given clearance by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for use on rangelands.

With an understanding of the characteristics of medushead it is apparent the most practical long range preventative program will include controlled grazing of perennial grasses and seeding down where possible cheatgrass stands to perennial grasses. Vigorous healthy perennial grass stands resulting from good grazing management will prevent the invader from becoming established. Because medushead can take over cheatgrass stands, spring seedings of adapted wheat grasses on such spring plowed sites will help stop the invasion.

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were in The Dalles Saturday where Slim had medical care.
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Nelson and family of Portland spent from Friday until Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrel.
Harry Hawk and Bruce Beeson of Prineville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk.
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Reed and son Jimmy of Bend visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Medlock.
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jordan and family of Mitchell spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan and family.
Spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schoolcraft was Mr. Schoolcraft's sister, Jewell Hendrix of Richland, Wn.
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mickelson of Condon spent Saturday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharp.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdock and family of Heppner visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock.
Floyd Parks of Boise, Idaho, visited old friends here Monday. He and Mrs. Parks were visiting with Mrs. Park's sister, Mrs. Ida McConnell in Fossil. Mr. Parks had worked in the Kinzua Mercantile and had left here about 20 years ago.
Miss Jane Sizemore went to Hood River last Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smiley.

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