

Caribbean, Belgian exchange youths bring international flavor to Chamber meeting



Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce members were treated to a view of lifestyles in the Caribbean and Belgium at their noon meeting recently, and while some might have yearned for the climate or agricultural production, other aspects of life there point out what is taken for granted in the wide-open spaces of the west.

Maurice (Pree) Garner, a Professional Rural Youth Exchange Leader from Barbados, a small country in the West Indies; and Eric De

Wulf, an International Foreign Youth Exchange student from Belgium, were guests of the Chamber Monday.

At a time of tax revolt in the United States, De Wulf told of a typical farm family in Belgium that makes a pre-tax profit of \$35,000 off 300 acres of ground.

"But we have tax," continued De Wulf in broken English, "60 per cent—\$21,000 tax on that income."

In addition, farmers pay agricultural workers about \$4.40 per hour and another \$3

per hour goes for the "fringe" benefits and taxes. Land for agriculture costs about \$4,000 per acre.

"We do very intensive farming," said De Wulf, noting that on 300 acres his family grows wheat, barley, sugar beets and a few head of cattle. The wheat yields 80 bushels to the acre average—98-100 bushels to the acre in a good year. Potatoes yield about 22-tons to the acre.

The country—with 9.5 million people spread over an area the size of Maryland—has about 50 per cent unemployment.

More crowded with people is Barbados, a country about twice the size of the Boardman Bombing Range, located in the West Indies. A population of 1/4-million people live on the island that enjoys tropical temperatures that hover between 65-85 degrees year around.

The country's residents grow as much of their own produce and vegetables as possible, using space that would ordinarily be a parking strip or front lawn, according to Pree Garner.

Sugar Cane is the main economic crop and the country has processing facilities for the raw product in addition to exporting. A boon to agriculture is the fact that recropping continues year-around, one vegetable crop followed by another.

Transportation ranges from donkey carts to limousine and a cross-country trip by bus runs about 35-cents.

Barbados also has a national stadium, where the national game of croquet is played, as well as soccer, basketball and cycle racing.

What held the foreign visitors in awe about the country here? The wide open spaces and abundant forest lands.

That's something to think about when you come from a country with 1,500 people living on each square mile.

Maurice (Pree) Garner, left, and Eric De Wulf took a look at "16-gallon styles" at Gardner's Men's Wear Monday after speaking to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Garner is a professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange participant here from Barbados, a small country in the West Indies. De Wulf is here with the International Foreign Youth Exchange from Belgium, where he farms with his father.

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Youth bulletins to aid kids in Bible study

Beginning in August, children's bulletins will be available every Sunday at Hope Lutheran, Heppner and Valby Lutheran, Ione. The bulletins are designed mainly for school age youngsters, but are also attractive to preschoolers. The bulletins offer puzzles, games and coloring that help children enjoy and understand the Bible readings for that Sunday.

It is important for children to know they're part of the Church—that worship services and sermons are not just for grown-ups. These children's bulletins help communicate this and more.

Parents can talk to their children about what was in the children's bulletin and hear the same themes that were in the sermon.

Methodists draft farm policy at national convention in Kansas

A list of recommendations to get more forcefully before the general public nine major concerns of farmers was drawn up in Wichita, Kans. here July 17-18 by some 90 United Methodists from across the United States.

Half the group was composed of farmers active in the church and the other half were pastors and denominational leaders not engaged in farming. Included among the participants were Doug and Carley Drake of Heppner.

The sessions were sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' National Division to help farmers know the church is concerned about the critical issues in the agricultural community, help church leaders become better acquainted with these issues, and provide information for local churches to use in a study of what has been termed a "farm crisis." It is believed to be the first consultation of its kind called by a major U.S. religious body.

After a dozen hours of intensive discussion in small groups, the 90 persons here identified as the major issues demanding attention:

- adequage income for farmers in relation to their capital investment, labor and management skills.
- government policies and

regulatory agencies relating to such arenas as imports and exports, farm programs, pricing, labor supply and taxes.

—values inherent in farm life.

—communications efforts designed to correct what the group here felt is an incorrect stereotype of farm life and misinformation about the farm situation.

—a creating of solidarity among farm groups and others who are sympathetic.

—world food policies in such arenas as imports and exports, expanded markets, and distribution.

—preservation of farm land for farm purposes within good stewardship of the soil.

—a need for further discussion and information on the issue of grain reserves or surpluses.

Much of the interpretation of the concerns is to be carried out on local and regional levels. Other recommendations will be considered by the denomination's national staff, and some are expected to come before another major consultation to be held in relation to world hunger to be held later this year. Still other of the recommendations may provide the basis for legislative proposals to the 1980 United Methodist General Conference, the denomination's top law-making body.

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Elks Calendar

Thursday, August 3
Happy Hour 5-6
Hot Hors d'ouvres 6-7
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Friday, August 4
Happy Hour 5-6
Hot Hors d'ouvres 6-7
Dinner 6:30-8:30
Live music

Saturday, August 5
Dinner 6:30-8:30
Live Music

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