



Ko Tun Oo, married and the father of four children, is living with the John Ousterhout family and at once became a favorite with the Ousterhout youngsters. Here the visitor reads to Gretchen and Alan, while Mrs. Ousterhout works at her knitting. Ko Tun Oo owns and farms 50 acres of rice, helps his wife with a book store and magazine agency, which the family owns, is head of a district association of farmers and has just completed a term as vice-president of his town. His uncle is a member of Nationality House, or Burmese parliament, and recently completed a term as mayor of Rangoon. For this picture Ko Tun Oo wears his native clothing of a cotton shirt and silk longyi, the latter being the skirtlike lower garment which the Burmese find cool and comfortable.



Maung Thein Nyun, also married and father of a family, is living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Minear and three children. Here he displays some paper Burmese money for Mrs. Minear and the girls, Donalyn, 6, Mary Jo, 3, and little Rebecca. An accountant for the city of Rangoon, Maung Thein Nyun is said to be a whizz at mathematics and sometimes works in his spare time at the race tracks figuring betting returns—in his head without benefit of mechanical devices.

By Olive Starcher

Two young Burmese men, spending a month in Jackson county under the International Farm Youth Exchange and Boy Scout programs, are learning first hand about America. The two young men, Maung Thein Nyun, Rangoon, and Ko Tun Oo, from Myaungmya in lower Burma, are living with Jackson county families and helping with the farm work.

To broaden their knowledge of life in America the two attend 4-H club and Boy Scout meetings, they are guests of civic clubs and youth groups, they attend athletic events and go to church on Sunday.

In return, the Americans they meet are learning how the Burmese families live, how they prepare their food, and what type of clothing

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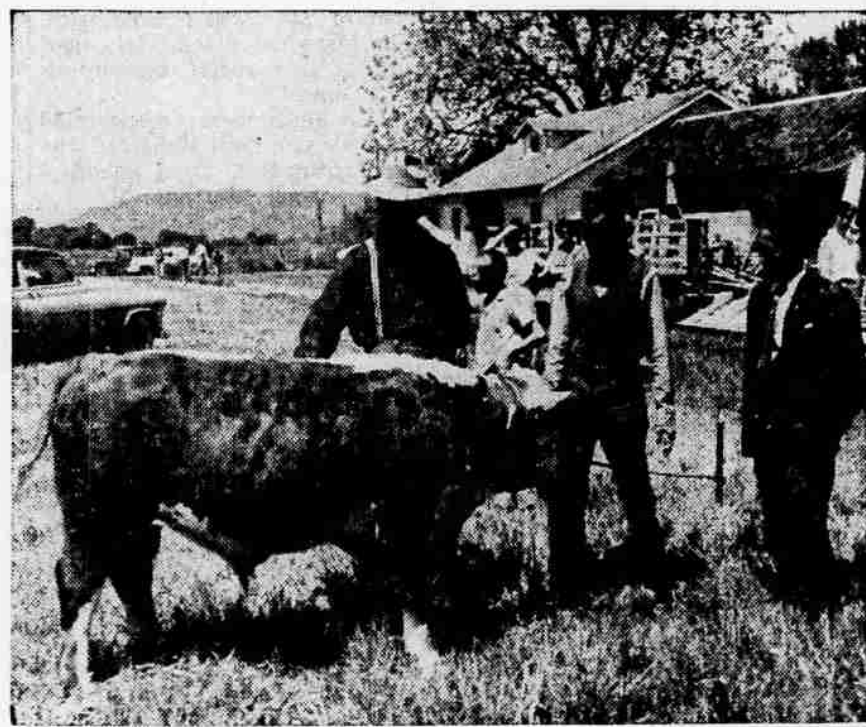
they wear. They are learning of the Burmese youth groups, their political life, government and educational institutions.

Maung Thein Nyun works for the city of Rangoon, and Ko Tun Oo owns a farm. When the Burmese were fighting for their independence, both young men were with the guerrilla forces, the former in the intelligence corps and the latter as an active soldier was twice wounded. Maung Thein Nyun attended Rangoon university for two years after high school, and Ko Tun Oo is a graduate of a government high school.

Both are active in youth organizations and rural uplift groups in their native land, and are eager to take back information which will be useful in their homeland. — (Brainerd photos)



Rotary International is known the world around, and the two visitors were guests of the Medford club during a recent meeting. Pictured above are Ed McKinstry, Medford city engineer, Ko Tun Oo, Maung Thein Nyun and Mark Galdy, Medford insurance man. Maung Thein Nyun usually is the "speech maker" for the pair since his command of English is superior.



To learn about 4-H club activities the two men toured farms where Antelope club members are raising cattle. Here the two visitors and Bill Bigham, club leader, inspect a steer at the Earle Jossy farm which Freddy Jossy is raising. They visited about 18 farms one Saturday under the direction of Glen Klein, 4-H club agent.



The two visitors, both Boy Scout officials in Burma, attended a court of awards recently and are shown here wearing their Burmese Boy Scout uniforms. Pictured (left to right) are Ko Tun Oo, J. A. McDougall, commissioner for the Crater Lake area, Maung Thein Nyun and Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college.



Since Ko Tun Oo had never driven any sort of a mechanical vehicle, he was eager to drive the Ousterhout farm tractor and quickly learned. When working with Farmer Ousterhout, Ko Tun Oo wears American jeans and cotton shirt and one of his first purchases here was a bright red baseball cap. The Burmese have been introduced to baseball and "hard top" car racing since arriving in Medford, and last weekend the Ousterhouts took their guest to Klamath Falls where they fished and the Burmese had an opportunity to meet American Indians.



The Minears operate a dairy farm and here Mr. Minear and his guest watch part of the vacuum-operated milking and cooling equipment. Maung Thein Nyun said that Burmese children drink a lot of milk, and admitted that he has gained 11 pounds since going on a diet of American food, even though he had been helping with post hole digging on the farm. Both Mrs. Ousterhout and Mrs. Minear have been learning tricks of Burmese cookery, such as the use of curry powder with meat.