

AFS Officials and Students Discuss Program at Dinner

The local chapter of the American Field Service held a dinner May 2 for the constituents of the AFS programs in the area.

Attending were chapter presidents, area chairmen, local AFS students from abroad, AFS summer exchange students, and other AFS personnel.

In beginning the program Mrs. Tom Dickinson, area chairman and master of ceremonies, asked each exchange student to briefly comment on his experiences in the United States or about his own country.

Miss Sissel Frogner from Norway and currently attending Medford High school, emphasized her amazement at the amount of school spirit shown locally. It was also expressed how, in her school, formality is stressed in contrast to the informal American school.

Austrian Student

German Vesko, Austrian student now living in Yreka, Calif., compared the Austrian social life to that of the United States. Two basic factors determining the American social life are television and clubs, he pointed out.

Deitler Heinrich, German student staying in Dunsuir, Calif., admitted that he felt right at home as his father is a railroad engineer. In summarizing his U.S. school activities, Deitler told delegates that his curriculum "at home" consisted of 14 subjects while his American school curriculum was "much easier."

Also speaking was Antonio (Tom) Tittel from Portugal who is a student at Medford High school. Tom told what his trip to the U.S. has meant to him and the value of the AFS program. Additional statements were made in regard to the system of education employed in this country.

New Cities Told

New cities in the area to have AFS affiliations, were announced. They include Grants Pass, Crescent City, and possibly, Etna, Calif. Families in these cities will tentatively sponsor a foreign student next fall.

Mrs. Dickinson then presented the three students from this area that have been

chosen to participate in the summer exchange program this year. They included Carolyn Mencke, Medford; Julie Townley, Yreka; and Tom Seed, Dunsuir. The specific country assignments have not as yet been released.

Guests peaker for the event was Mrs. Russell T. Prescott, representative of the New York AFS staff. Mrs. Prescott gave historical and informative background of the development of the AFS and an analysis of the three AFS programs.

Originated During War

The origin of the AFS was during World War I where its purpose was a voluntary ambulance service. With the conclusion of World War II the directors of the group pledged its services to the State department for any duties that would encourage international good-will and understanding. In the initial stages of the organization its sole purpose was an adult exchange program.

In 1947, featured year in the AFS student program, 50 students were sent from six countries, while this year over 1,171 students from 37 countries have participated in the AFS schedule. Within two years it is expected that the exchange participation may extend to over 5,000. The summer program has enlarged to 834 candidates sent to over 23 countries throughout the two world.

"Explanation and interpretation of the true America," is perhaps the greatest concession that these foreign exchange students can offer," Mrs. Prescott maintained. In order to present documentation she cited examples where ex-exchange students have taken democratic steps towards a better government and school life in their community. For this educational opportunity the work and effort of the AFS personnel is justified, she added.

Third Phase

The third portion of the AFS program is the 5-month school program where U.S. students attend school for one semester in a foreign country. At this time over 76 students have been sent to 11 different countries.

Mrs. Prescott closed by saying that in anticipation of new cities to participate in the AFS activities, it is necessary to re-organize the local chapters into areas for administrative convenience.

Mrs. H. D. Christensen, president of the Medford chapter will assume duties of the Medford-Grants Pass-Crescent City area; Mrs. Dickinson will continue to direct the activities in Dunsuir, Yreka, and new associations. Mrs. Christensen will turn her chapter duties over to president-elect Mrs. Frank Bash, 1325 Bundy st., Medford.

Local Hosts

Medford families who will be host to a foreign student during the 1959-60 school year are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Humphries, Ross lane, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finch, 223 Bradford way.

Completing the Humphries family, which includes two sons, Phil, Medford High school sophomore, and Larry, sixth grader, will be Reinhardt Kostlin of Ludwigsburg, Germany.

"The Finches play host to Theresa Inglin of Geneva, Switzerland. The Finches' daughters are Carolyn, Medford High school sophomore, and Christine, seventh grader.

Terminating the evening activities was a showing of colored slides taken by Dr. Ken Young, director of curriculum, Yreka schools. Dr. Young composes a pictorial file for each of the exchange students that stay in Yreka. The pictures illustrate typical American life so that the students may take them home as a memento.

Arrangements for the AFS dinner were made by Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Christensen.

Funeral Rites Held For Victim of Fire

Hillsboro - (UP) - Funeral services were to be held today for Ray W. Montgomery, 65, who died Saturday from burns suffered in an explosion and fire at his home. Authorities said he returned from an early morning fishing trip and tried to light his oil stove which exploded.

Martin Reward Pay Undecided

Portland - (UP) - It has not yet been decided if any of the discoverers of the bodies of two of the Martin girls will get any of the \$1,000 reward money.

Friends and relatives had offered the reward for any information leading to the discovery of the whereabouts of the missing Portland family of five.

Mrs. H. A. Dorsey, an aunt of the Martin children, said she "did not know" about the disposal of the reward money and had not thought that far ahead. Neither Mrs. Dorsey, or H. Lawrence Lister, Portland attorney handling the reward money, has reported receiving any claims for the money.

Conservation in National Parks Differs From Other Practices

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles being published in connection with Conservation Week, which is being observed nationwide this week.)

By ERNEST P. LEAVITT

Conservation has been defined as the wisest and most economical use of natural resources. It has also been defined as the greatest good for the largest number for the longest period of time. "Economic use" is usually its main purpose, however.

Conservation as it is practiced in the national parks is quite different from that usually understood and prac-

ticed throughout the world. When the National Park Service was established in 1916, Congress laid down four objectives. These were to promote travel, conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, provide for their use and enjoyment, in such manner and by such means as would leave them unimpaired for the benefit of future generations.

Each park is actually an outdoors museum, selected because it is unique and spectacular and so superior to similar forms elsewhere as to justify its establishment as a "national" park. Each is set aside to maintain both tangible and intangible values. The tangible values are the natural forms of land, water, forests, vegetation, and wildlife. The intangible values are scenic, scientific, historical, educational, recreational, esthetic, inspirational or spiritual.

Both classes of values are to be kept unimpaired by the

hand of man. The only changes contemplated are those minor ones indirectly authorized in the Act establishing the National Park Service, which provide for facilities for administration, protection, and public service, which necessitates some landscape work and development.

In the national parks there is no harvesting of timber, no mining, no grazing, no hunting, no construction of dams, or other economic uses.

Far Removed

This new concept of conservation and land use is often far removed from the average person's experience or thinking, and to some it may seem strange, especially at first glance. Reflection, however, will show its necessity if our natural treasures are to be preserved unimpaired for the benefit of future generations. Its purpose is to preserve for all time the nation's masterpieces of scenic beauty, guarded against mis-use or non-conforming practices.

Even so, the parks have a large economic value which arises from the expenditures made by the Government, park concessioners, and travelling public.

Some 60 million visitors enter the National Park system areas annually and their expenditures are widely distributed, benefitting everyone. Tourist travel is the third largest industry in the state of Oregon today and is growing rapidly.

Recreation is a resource which can be used over and over again without depletion. The national parks play an important part in the economy of the state and nation. In recent years a strong public sentiment has been

built up for the protection and preservation of the national parks and a better understanding of their meaning, policies and objectives, and unique type of conservation that is practiced in them.

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BE KIND TO ANIMALS—This is "Be Kind to Animals Week," and art students at Medford High school cooperated by preparing posters for display calling attention to the event. One of them, prepared by Sue Mitchell, a sophomore art student, is shown here. The week is designed to call public attention to the need for early training in kindness, and to seek cooperation in the programs of the Humane societies and affiliated organizations of the nation, including the necessity for limiting unrestricted breeding of unwanted pets.

Remains of Negro Taken From Jail Found in Stream

Bogalusa, La. - (UP) - The battered body of a young Negro, lynched by a white mob, was found floating in the Pearl river near here Monday. Results of an autopsy were to be made public late today.

The FBI intensified a search for the nine or 10 hooded white men who dragged their screaming victim, Mack Charles Parker, from an unguarded jail cell in Poplarville, Miss., April 25. He had been held on charges of raping a white woman.

Parker's body was found by an FBI agent and a Mississippi state trooper, his head protruding above thick underbrush in the swamp-country river, 20 miles west of Poplarville at the Louisiana-Mississippi state line.

Parker's head was reported to have been mutilated. But authorities said that may have been caused by debris in the river.

Taken To Mortuary

Parker's body was taken from Charity Hospital here early today in an ambulance to Hall's Mortuary in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Parker was awaiting trial at Poplarville on charges of raping a 23-year-old white mother Feb. 24 while her four-year-old daughter looked on. The alleged assault occurred near Lumberton, where the rape victim's car had stalled. The attack was made after the woman's husband left the vehicle to go to a garage.

Parker's body was pulled from the river six hours after it was found. The delay resulted from the convening at the scene of a Washington-St. Tammany Parish (county) La. coroner's jury.

The body was bleached, apparently from the long period of submersion in the 40-yard-wide river.

When Parker was snatched from his cell he was wearing a pair of trousers in addition

to his underwear. The trousers were missing when the body was found near the Mississippi shore of the river a little over a half-mile south of this city.

Found Near Bridge

Parker and the lynch mob had been the objects of one of the South's largest manhunts. Neither the 40 FBI agents nor the large Mississippi Highway Patrol staff working day and night on the case had reported any clues.

A bridge which joins Mississippi and Louisiana just above the river where the body was found may have been the dumping spot for the victim. There were no weights attached to the body.

Parker was carried feet first, screaming and shouting, from his normally unguarded third-floor Pearl River County Courthouse jail by men, who first hit him with their fists. He was tossed into a car and a convoy of four or five vehicles sped him out of the south Mississippi town.

A farmer, passing by the jail, saw the incident but could not identify anyone.

The woman who allegedly was raped now lives in Petal, Miss., but formerly lived in the Bogalusa area. She is the wife of a guitar player who formerly lived in New York State. She identified Parker as her assailant. Parker denied attacking her.



DECLARING Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) should be censured by the Senate for his attack on Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) tells newsmen he would seek such censure. Mrs. Luce resigned her new ambassadorship to Brazil after attack by Morse.

CASUALTY REPORT MADE Algiers, Algeria - (UP) - French troops killed or captured 911 Algerian rebels during the past week, the highest weekly number in recent months, the French army reported today. French losses were not disclosed.

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