

Oregon IFYE Student Tells Of South-Central Germany

Editor's note: Miss Nancy Shaver, Southern Oregon college student and Oregon's International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) student to Germany has been writing of her experiences in that country this summer. The following letter was written July 28.

Herzliche grüsse aus Deutschland (Hearty greetings from Germany):

My second host family, the Robert Schweikart family, lives in the south-central part of Germany very near the French border. This is the warmest section of Germany and much wine is produced here. The landscape in all directions has a continuous quilt of green made up of small fields of grape vines. Here and there is a vegetable garden and a cluster of fruit trees. The land is rolling, rocky hills. The vines need the warmth held by the stones.

The Schweikart farm consists of eight acres of grape vines and seven acres of hay and garden land. The house and farm buildings are in a village of nearly 2,000 people. The fields are all very small and scattered outside the village. The closest fields are about ten minutes away if we walk, so often we go by car or tractor. We are usually finished in one field in two hours or less, then we must drive to the next. This is very ineffi-

cient as Frau Schweikart told me. The farmers are working to consolidate their land but, this is a very slow process.

Main Income
On this farm, there are also two cows, two pigs, and 100 chickens. The main income is from the wine which is grown and pressed on the farm. This farm has been producing wine for many centuries. The present wine cellar was built in 1721.

My first host family sold milk, eggs, and potatoes to people who came to the door. This family sells wine. Usually the purchaser brings his own bottle to be filled from one of the huge wine casks in the cellar. The wine producer must always put his own label on the bottle. This must give the type of grapes used, where they were grown, and the name of the producer.

The wine growers and their neighbors in the village seem to be the best customers. At noon and at supper there is always a pitcher of wine on the table. When they go to work in the fields, a bottle of diluted wine goes along to quench the thirst. The women don't always take wine to the fields. Often, they take cold peppermint tea.

Women Work
The women do work in the fields. With this family, I help Frau Schweikart and her mother, who also lives on the farm. I have worked in the fields much more often than in the house. We turned hay by pitchfork so that it would dry, picked strawberries, currants, cherries, and worked in the gardens and vineyards.

The cooking for the family is done by the mother of Frau Schweikart, Frau Muller. You might be interested in the food that we eat each day. I know I am.

Most German farm families eat five times a day. In addition to the three meals—breakfast, dinner, and supper—there is a time both morning and afternoon for a snack of usually coffee and a sandwich. Sometimes in the afternoon we will have something sweet instead of sandwiches.

Color and markings should be medium deep, rich red with white head, breast, belly, crest, switch and ankles. Objections to coloring would be white back of crops, high on flanks or too high on legs. Most number of points are given for body characteristics - 19, followed by rump and rear quarters - 12, and constitution and ruggedness and substance and legs - 10 each.

Average Breakfast

An average breakfast consists of bread, butter, jam, and coffee with cocoa for the children. At noon the main meal of the day is served. In some families it is the only warm meal in the summer. For this meal, there are always many potatoes, usually boiled; a lettuce salad, some type of meat or sausage; and perhaps, but not always, a beverage completes the meal.

Most German families have the last meal of the day quite late because of the break for coffee at 3:30 or 4 p.m. About 7:30 or 8 p.m. the families have bread, butter, wurst or cheese, and coffee.

Really, I find the food quite delicious. We eat the same things here that I eat at home. The preparation and serving is at times different, of course. Sometimes, I don't recognize a vegetable or other food until I taste it.



FOLLOWS ADVICE—Pepo Book, 5, of Austin Tex., did as his mother said and took an umbrella when he went outside to play. Even though completely protected from the rain, the umbrella did very little to keep the water from a mud puddle off Pepo as he smiles at finding a solution to this bit of motherly advice. (UPI Telephoto)



AWRIGHT, LINE 'EM UP!—Bill Bigham, Eagle Point 4-H leader, lined up some likely looking dairy animals during the Applegate pre-fair recently. From left: Bigham, Alicia Elmore, Susan Head, John Emery and Adrienne Brion, all of Applegate. "Uncle Bill Bigham," a veteran 4-H leader, imposes exacting standards for all classes he judges, but is both loved and respected by the youngsters.

Animals Judged on How They Match Characteristics

As the 4-H and FFA youngsters line their animals up for judging, parents and friends of the participants probably wonder what the judges look for.

Each breed of cattle, chickens, hogs and rabbits has its own particular characteristics. Livestock is judged in the show ring on how closely they match up to those particular characteristics.

Those who attend the Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair Aug. 15-20 at the fairgrounds south of Medford will see a lot of Hereford beef animals. The 4-H and FFA members have already chosen their animals with care.

The modern Hereford calf should have a wide short head with an alert eye and wide muzzle. The neck should be short and thick and blended smoothly with the shoulders. The shoulders should be smooth with ample room between the front legs for a wide deep chest. The heart-girth should be full and deep, as it encloses such organs as heart and lungs. These need plenty of room to operate properly.

Straight, Wide
The back should be straight and wide. The ribs should be well sprung and deep. The hip should be laid in smoothly and the last rib should be short. The flank should be deep to make a straight underline. The loin should be wide and flat and the rump should be long and level. The tail head should be level with the backbone. The pin bones should be wide apart and level with the hip bones. The round should be wide and bulging, coming down deep in the twist.

The calf should stand on four moderately short legs, one set out under each corner of the body. The bone in the legs should be straight, flat, and medium to heavy in size.

When the judge starts checking off his score card

the items he considers will include the following points on Hereford breeding cattle:

General Conformation
For general conformation and type the body should be wide, compact with ribs close together and the last rib close to the hip. Loin should be deep, wide and thickly covered. Flanks deep top and under lines parallel. The rump should be long, wide, smooth and well covered, carrying width in proportion to width of body and hips. Rear quarters should be deep, wide, muscular, meaty close to hocks and bulging as viewed from the side. The twist should be deep and full. The

animal should have a full, smooth and well-covered shoulder slightly sloping with a good width on top. The bulls should have a strong shoulder which should be neat in females.

The flesh should be deep, smooth and firm, yet springy to the touch with a uniform covering.

Broad, Prominent
The animal's fore head should be broad and prominent. Face should be short, muzzle full and flaring, head wide. The eyes should be prominent, large and expressive. Horns of medium size, even colored and coming from the head at right angle, then

curving downward and forward. The bull's head should be masculine and show vigor and strength. The female's head should be feminine yet short and broad.

The throat should be neat without excessive flesh or fat underneath. The neck should be short, thick and blending smoothly into the shoulder. The neck vein should be full and thick.

The bull's neck should be muscular. The overall appearance should show constitution and ruggedness with a full chest, back of shoulders and deep foreflanks. The beef animal should have a flaring muzzle.

Quality Smoothness
In makeup and fleshing the animal should have an over appearance of quality and smoothness. The hide should be moderately thick, mellow



FEEDS PIGS—Curt Harris, Phoenix FFA junior, leans over one of the pens in his back yard to feed his Landrace pigs. Some of these pigs may be seen in the Jackson County 4-H and FFA fair next week at the fair grounds south of Medford. Curt's father, J. Allen Harris, is an active 4-H leader.



BIG GIRLS, TOO!—The older girls like horses, too, as Susan Wright, Medford, and Sharon O'Connors, Phoenix, both senior 4-H club members, prove. The two girls pose with their mounts near the two-horse trailer which brought them to the 4-H activity. The 4-H members are so good at their horsemanship that they attract considerable attention from the old cavalry veterans in the area who never miss a horse show.

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