

Teen-Agers Take 'Reins' of New Trucks at Event

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of articles written by Jim Frake, Medford High school senior who represented the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's association at the Ford National Teen-Age Press conference in Detroit and Dearborn, Mich., recently. The articles were entered in competition with news stories about the conference by other teen-agers for five college scholarships.)

By JIM FRAKE

Dearborn—Some 150 teen-agers had the opportunity to "take the reins" of 1961 trucks Thursday afternoon at the Ford proving ground here. Representing various newspapers and press associations nationwide, the youths converged on the Detroit-Dea- born area Wednesday for the fourth annual Ford National Teen-Age Press conference.

Following a safety talk and demonstration, interested newsmen could compete in the Teen-Age Truck Driving contest, with awards going to top drivers. Contestants were required to drive through an obstacle course set up at the track.

Assisting the teen-agers in the contest were the five winners of the 1960 National Truck rodeo held earlier this year for professional navigators. The "champs" were Leland Hellestad, Express Freight Lines, Milwaukee, Wis.; Walter Storm, Davidson Transfer and Storage company, Baltimore, Md.; Jesse Albright, City Express Inc., Baltimore, Md.; Donald J. Beaudette, Land-O-Lakes Creameries, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Lewis D. Gooch, Esso Standard Oil company, Richmond, Va.

Meanwhile, the girls were treated to rides in 1961 Ford lightweight trucks driven by Ford's top test-drivers. A few newspaper women were allowed to test-drive the vehicles. They didn't operate the heavy-duty tank trucks, as did the boys.

Special communication facilities were made available to the teen-age press at the test track.

Campaign for Funds To Support YMCAs Starts in Country

A continent-wide campaign for funds to support and strengthen YMCAs overseas has been launched by the Ys of North America, Jay Pierce, president of the Medford Y, announced today.

The target for 1960 is \$1,065,126, one of the most ambitious goals ever set by the North American YMCA, he said. Throughout the year, Ys

from Winnipeg to Washington have been holding YMCA World Service drives to raise their share of the total goal, Pierce said. In Medford, the Y hopes to raise at least \$500.

A major portion of the money will go to support YMCA fraternal secretaries overseas, Pierce pointed out. Last year, 51 men were maintained in 31 countries. Some are experts in boy's work, in physical education, in administration, but the main task of each is to train local leaders to take over the jobs themselves.

World Service also helps strengthen Ys in other countries through grants for special programs, most of them in the field of leadership training, Pierce said. Other grants, however, help in such varied work as camping, adult education, rural reconstruction, conferences, and publications. Emergency grants will aid refugees in 11 countries.

Not all YMCA World Service money is sent overseas, Pierce remarked. Some funds are spent to bring Y men from other lands to North America for training. Some goes to the Ys committee on friendly relations among foreign students, which helps thousands of foreign students every year make the most of their stay in North America. Some money makes possible the Y's international education program, led by Nicholas Goncharoff, which is helping deepen thousands of North American's understanding of world issues through forums and seminars.

their weekly allowance and contribute to leaders in business and industry, Pierce said. Teenagers who wash cars to

Bee Colony Owners Register in Calif.

Hornbrook—Jess Grisham, Siskiyou county agricultural commissioner, has reminded all bee colony owners that they are required by California law to register their colonies by Nov. 1.

Registrations may be made at the agricultural commissioner's office in the county courthouse in Yreka, Grisham said. Registration forms are available in his office, Grisham said.

Grisham also reminded owners that any change of a colony location must be recorded in his office. This is required to facilitate annual state inspection of bees for contagious diseases.

Escil Hiser Named To College Group

La Verne, Calif.—The Rev. Escil Hiser, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, has been named to a La Verne, Calif., college committee to advise in church-college relations, in the areas of student recruitment, financial support and college assistance to the churches.

The sixteen-member committee includes district and regional executive secretaries of the Church of the Brethren, college trustees, prominent laymen, and college personnel. Mr. Hiser is a member of the La Verne college board of trustees.

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