



A FIRE BREAKING OUT in an inside wall Monday virtually destroyed this small house at 720 Front Street, leaving homeless Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Moon and their four small children.

Some of the family's furniture was saved. Here firemen attempt to get at the flames through an upper window, and by cutting through the roof.

Brazil Land of Fruit, Conversation Writes Klamath IFYE Harry Tavenner

(Editor's Note — The following letter was written by Harry Tavenner, a Klamath Falls student participating in the International Foreign Youth Exchange Program. He is now in Brazil. The letter was written to Herald and News Farm Editor Malcolm Epley Jr., and describes agricultural life in one of the largest nations in the world.)

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Aragaracas, Brazil
South America

"This letter is coming to you from a small village deep within the Brazilian jungles. Aragaracas, the name of the village, is a typical native town settled hundreds of years ago by diamond hunters. The name of 'Aragaracas' is an Indian word meaning 'town built on a river where diamonds are found.' However, the fever for diamonds died long ago, and a new disease for land has taken its place. Brazil—being a country larger than the U.S. but with its centers of population concentrated within a very 'mild' area—is feeling need for expansion. The government is now exploring vast areas of land in the interior and planning sites for future cities. Men are parachuted into a particular area. They fight away the jungle, build a runway, and other supplies are flown in—and a city takes root. A few years ago Aragaracas was invaded by men from the sky and today there is a foundation for a metropolis here. The new section of town is built separately from the native village, giving the extremes of contrast. In one direction is a civilization of many years ago, and in another is a city of the future. By walking a few blocks you enter into the past, and a few blocks later you are in the land of tomorrow.

D.P.'s
Brazil has become a refuge for many displaced persons of Europe. Although the population in Aragaracas is small, many countries are represented. Numerous technical positions are filled by D.P.'s. They are doing a great job for the country and for the people. Many of (them) wish to return to their homelands, and many others have no homes to return to; they will remain here always.

The soil is very fertile and a large annual rainfall makes it a natural Garden of Eden. Bananas, pineapple, grapes and many other tropical fruits grow wild and are in abundance. Each season brings with it its own harvest of delicious fruits. Because nature furnishes a free 'bread basket,' the people themselves do very little farming—only a few crops of beans, rice and corn are planted. Their farming practices are ancient and crude.

their chief implement being only a wooden hoe.

Since the people need not work hard to live, they spend the hours talking and drinking coffee. The Brazilian people are perhaps the greatest conversationalists and coffee drinkers in the world. Once a conversation is begun, it is impossible to leave until a pot of coffee and three or four hours of talking have passed.

The tropical rains and the need for shade while conversing has made houses a necessity down here. In the old section of town the typical house is made from bamboo poles, bound together with vines and with mud plugging the cracks. Palm branches woven together form a roof. Although the houses are flimsy, they are practical for the hot climate and require little effort to build.

CHICKENS, PIGS
The interior of one house is much like the others. It usually consists of a meeting or conversation room, a kitchen, and a bedroom for the master of the house. About the only furniture is a stump for a clay water vase, a crude stove for the kitchen, and a shelf for utensils. Occasionally a window opening is necessary for smoke to escape. Chairs are not essential as everyone sits on the dirt floor. The chickens and pigs are as much at home in the house as the people. Of course, under such conditions, a sanitation is a lost cause. However, a large part of the people are healthy—only the fittest survive.

The meals here where I am staying are neither romantic nor appetizing: rice, beans and meat make up the daily, weekly and monthly menu. (Occasionally a little variety is thrown in by having the beans before the rice.) After the meals, the Brazilian cafetinkra (small cup of coffee) is served. It is the national drink and is served often throughout the day. A tiny cup is filled with boiling black coffee, much sugar is added, but no cream. The result—a strong, syrupy mixture hotter than blazes, but still very tasty. A good Brazilian can drink a boiling-hot cupful in one gulp.

The breakfast coffee is served much in the same manner, except it is served in a large cup and is diluted greatly with hot milk. Three or four of these and bread with butter make up the breakfast meal. However, at about

10 a.m. coffee is served again to reduce one's hunger.

Soon I shall be living with a farm family in the southern states as my stay here in the interior is about over. The people in the north—where it is warmer—practice different cultures than do those in the south where the climate is colder. It should be interesting to compare the differences between the two.

This trip to Brazil is going to be, perhaps one of the great events of my life, and I owe it all to the people of Oregon. The IFYE International Foreign Youth Exchange is doing a marvelous job toward world peace in all countries, and I hope the people of



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4-H NEWS

CHILD CARE CLUB

The Kiddy Cuddlers held their 5th meeting Dec. 1, at the home of Mrs. Parker, Kenos Road. The meeting was called to order by Ellen Olson. The minutes were read by Mary Blanchard. Answering roll call were Ellen Olson, Mary Blanchard, Peggy Lally, Sandra Lynch, Carol Friedrich, Joanne Smith, Adeline Marriot, Natalie Putnam and Nettie Jean De Rosier. Absent were Patsy Cooper and Sharon Friend. The club members discussed baby sitting jobs that members had filled and the Christmas party. Names were drawn for the exchange of gifts. The club worked on toys to be displayed at the county fair. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

BONANZA TRIPLE "B" BEEF

On Dec. 2, at Bonanza High School the club held an organization meeting with election of officers. Joe Hoeller was reelected president with Bobby Liskey vice president. Other officers include Bill Dearborn, secretary, treasurer, Catherine Dearborn, news reporter; Verla Challis, song leader, and Carol Challis, yell leader. Marianna Hellekson is junior leader. She will be assistant to our leader John Heyden. The club decided to have their meetings at different members homes in the future because there wasn't enough time to have a meeting during school.

Quite a few members have their calves on feed by now. Eleven new members bring the total membership to our club to twenty-three.

Those present at the meeting were: Rex and Jimmy Porterfield, Bobby and Billy Liskey, Joe Hoeller, Billy and Henry Dearborn, Sammie Olvan, Louise Schmoie, Donnie Wilson, Robert Lee, Johnny and Dennis Hankins, Joyce Roberts, Larry Haskins, Fred Fernland, Chester and Roger Schooler, Gary Banta, Marianna Hellekson, John Heyden and Catherine Dearborn.

LINDLEY HEIGHTS COOKING

The club was called to order, Nov. 22, by Roy Billings, president. The roll was called. All members were present with the exception of Lois Ann Sneed. We played a game called "gossip." It was lots of fun. Carlton Simons and Roy Billings gave a demonstration.

Refreshments served by Janet Kay Owens and Marie Broopa. The refreshments were punch and cookies. The meeting was adjourned by Roy Billings.

Janet Lee

CLICKING KNEEDLES KNITTING

A Christmas party was discussed at a meeting, Dec. 1, at the grade school cafeteria under the leadership of Mrs. V. C. Rexford. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Peggy Carson and the date and place was set for the party. It will be Dec. 19, at Maxine Morse's house. Since our club has no dues each member is to bring a dime to buy prizes for the games.

In new business officers training was brought up. The president asked all the officers to be sure to attend if they possibly could. Since the club secretary was unable to attend Doreen Carson was appointed to take her place. The club meeting broke up with the song "Sing Your Way Home."

Dorothy Danosky

SEW SO SIMPLE

The club met Dec. 2. Some of the 10 girls had finished their garment protectors, some of the 1A girls had finished their needle cases, and some of the 11 girls had finished their towels.

Enid Williams demonstrated how to make mitered corners. All the members drew names for the Christmas party.

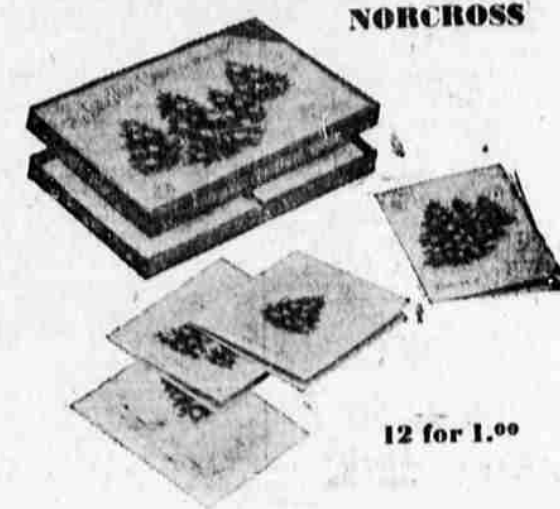
As old business Mrs. Williams told our leader that there was some more clothes waiting to go to Korea. As there was no new business the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Williams in Fort Klamath. Refreshments were served.

Jeannette Jenkins

JOLLY STITCHERS

Third meeting of the Jolly Stitchers was held Nov. 21, at the home of Mrs. John Heyden. Pres. Ruth Richerson, conducted the business meeting. In answer to roll call members gave their color scheme for the project or a favorite color. There were seven present: Karen Kiger, was appointed to give a demonstration on mitering corners at the next meeting. The rest of

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