

Farm Youth Offers Travel Trade Plan

Opportunities for Oregon youth to travel abroad under the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program are again being offered by the Oregon State College Extension Service.

Young men, in particular, are urged to apply for trips, because some countries limit their programs to men. These countries include Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. Burma and India restrict programs to only a few women. Most European and Scandinavian countries, however, encourage both women and men in their programs.

Applicants must be between 20 and 30 years of age, single, have at least a high school education, be in good health, familiar with farm life, and willing to report to others on their return to Oregon.

Youth selected will travel on 1959 spring, summer or fall programs. They live and work on farms in an assigned country for four to six months, learning all they can about home, farm and community life. During their stay, they keep diaries and take slides to use in talks after they return home.

IFYE applications may be secured at all county extension offices or at the state 4-H Club office, Corvallis. Youth may indicate a preference for a country, but final decision is made from the National 4-H Club Foundation in Washington, D.C. Deadline for applications in Oregon is October 18.

In the eight years Oregon has taken part in the program, 27 youths have visited a total of 22 countries. A two-way exchange, the IFYE program also brings rural youth to the U.S. Sixty IFYE exchanges from 31 countries have been hosted by 145 Oregon families in the past seven years.

Freezer Tips If Power Off

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Know what to do when a power failure causes the home freezer to stop?

The Agriculture Department gives these tips on how to keep food from spoiling:

Don't open the freezer door unnecessarily because warm air raises the inside temperature.

Try to find out how long the electricity will be off in the area. If only for a few hours, food will not spoil. Food in a full freezer generally does not thaw for two days. In a freezer only half full the food should keep well for one day. The larger the freezer, the better the insulation.

Before an emergency arises, locate the nearest place to get dry ice. Saw a 50-pound chunk into smaller pieces and set them on cardboard on top of the food. Do not touch the ice with bare hands.

Put a small pencil under the lid to allow gas from the ice to escape.

Or arrange with a local freezer plant locked plant to transfer the food there in emergency. To carry frozen food from one freezer to another, put crumpled newspapers around the packages and pack them in cardboard boxes.

BETTER BANISHED

PAINESVILLE, Ohio (UPI) — When Japanese beetles threatened her father's vineyard, Elaine Hakola, 12, lost no time. With the aid of a neighborhood pal, Sylvia Erickson, also 12, Elaine launched a "Save Dad's Vineyard" drive. In two days the girls collected 1,222 of the beetles and put them out of commission.

"Dancing the beans"—polishing cocoa beans by treading them under foot—is a popular chore for Trinidad's field workers in the West Indies. They sing and joke while dancing on the beans.

Flag Pole Sitting Just Ain't What It Used To Be

By EVERETT R. IRWIN
United Press International

CHICAGO (UPI) — A flagpole maker recalled with nostalgia recently the zany "good old days" when flagpole sitters really sat — because that was all they had room to do.

Ralph Watkins said present-day sitters are "a bunch of pikers" compared to such old masters as "shipwreck" Kelly and "Hold 'Em Joe" Powers.

Back in the roaring 20's, Watkins reminisced, Kelly and Powers clung to bosun's chairs or equally skimpy perches while they waged their famous battle for the world sitting championship.

Watkins couldn't get excited about the efforts of Mauri Rose Kirby, 17-year-old girl who ensconced herself with books, radio and telephone August 16 in a little hut atop a utility pole in Indianapolis and announced she would try to crack the modern sitting record of 169 days aloft.

"The sitters today are a bunch of pikers," said Watkins, whose company claims to be the oldest manufacturer of flagpoles in the United States. "They practically live in houses with all the comforts of home."

Powers touched off the see-saw contest with Kelly by sitting for 16 days and two hours on the flagpole atop the 42-story Morrison Hotel in Chicago.

Kelly came right back by roosting on a pole atop a Newark, N. J., hotel for 12 days — and incidentally earning up to \$500 a day while acquiring a callous and a suntan.

The pair kept right on whomping each other until Powers beat Kelly, 52 days to 51, aboard a building on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Kelly, not to be outdone, shinned right back up and became the champion flagpole stander with a nine hour and 47 minute stint above the Hotel Belvedere in New York.

"Every generation has a bunch of idiots," Watkins philosophized. After World War II a new generation took up flagpole sitting. Ozzie Hamilton Osborne slid down a Long Beach, California flagpole in September 1948, with a new mark of 52 days, 13 hours and 58 minutes.

The next month Milton Van Nola completed a 70-day ride in a horse saddle atop a San Francisco pole. His mark was topped in 1949 by Charlie Lupica, who spent 117 days aloft in Cleveland in a vain attempt to root his beloved Indians to an American League pennant.

At last report the modern record was 169 days—set by Kathleen (Flagpole Kitty) Denham in Tacoma Park, Washington, in 1955.

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