

# Frits Wierenga, IFYE Student, Observes American Way Of Life In Farm Visit Here

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

"People here earn a lot of money, but they work hard for it," observed a young man from Uithuizen in the Netherlands.

Frits Wierenga is winding up a two week stay in the Klamath Basin. During his stay here, he has resided at the Holliday ranch on the Keno Road where he has been a keen observer of farming practices as well as all other phases of American life.

He arrived in the United States on May 24 under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. He has been in such other Oregon points as Coos Bay, Portland, Pendleton and Grants Pass prior to coming to this area.

He explained that part of his passage to this country was paid by the Texaco Company which has agreed to subsidize those IFYE members who participate in the program. He is also allowed one dollar per day pocket money and his subsistence is taken care of by the families with whom he resides.

Wierenga comes from a small town in the northeastern part of

the Netherlands. The town has about 6,000 people and he runs a farm about three miles north of the community.

Commenting on the differing practices in agriculture, he pointed out that his farm is about 120 acres and he raises sugar beets and potatoes. "You do it the rough way over here," he said when queried about harvesting practices. He did not elaborate on the point beyond indicating that the use of machinery for the work was more plentiful here.

"We farm just about all the land possible," he stated, noting that in America there is quite a bit of land on the sides and the ends of fields which are not used.

When asked what he would like to take back to the Netherlands most, he quickly offered, "Some of your sunshine." He explained that in his area there is about 200 inches of rainfall per year.

In the Netherlands, he continued, they raise potatoes mostly for seed, exporting them to other countries. There is a price dif-

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ferential between potatoes raised for the consumption market, the home market, and those raised for exports. He explained the difference as about three cents per pound for export potatoes to only half that for domestic use.

While many agricultural products are exported, he said, such things as wheat and beef have to be imported. The government interferes in the farm picture only to the extent of guaranteeing the price of all wheat grown in the country.

A mandatory rotation program on potato growing is also enforced by the government. Farmers are permitted to grow potatoes on a plot of ground only one year out of three. This means, he explained, that farms must be divided into thirds and the crops on them rotated each year.

A trend toward larger farms, a growing reality in this country, is also beginning to be felt in the Netherlands' agricultural economy. Small farms of 15 to 20 acres are not proving economical to operate and are gradually being absorbed into larger acreages, the visitor stated.

The Netherlands is the most highly mechanized nation on the European continent according to the IFYE guest.

One of a family of four children, Wierenga said his oldest brother farms the "home place" while another brother attends the University of Wageningen, the agriculture center of the Netherlands. His sister is a school teacher of home economics in the southern part of the country.

His parents have retired from the farm and live in the small city of Uithuizen.

Wierenga shrugged off questions about the political situation in the Netherlands, indicating that his primary interest revolved around the agriculture field, and remarking that he was in this country

## No Defense From Atoms, So Reds Ignore Shelters

MOSCOW (AP) — Mrs. Nikita Khrushchev told a group of Western "peace marchers" today that the Soviet Union was making no effort to build air raid shelters.

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By ANN LANDERS

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My husband is an only son. He is devoted to his mother although she gave him to an aunt for raising. Before we married I made it clear I did not want to share quarters with her. He agreed, but asked if she might occupy our new flat while we honeymooned. I said "Fine."

When we returned she was settled in our place and made no mention of leaving. After two months I insisted that we find another flat because he didn't have the nerve to ask her to leave.

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