

Church Youths Build For Migrants

Proving that a church work camp can be a rewarding and productive experience, eight high school students representing the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon combined work and play while constructing 16 tent frames for the Malin Migrant Center.

The pioneer work camp had the distinction of being one of the first in the state for Presbyterian young people, although the general idea was not just recently introduced by the denomination. Similar pilot projects of the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon were responsible for the underlying concept of the Peace Corps.

In this instance, the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon, looking for a youth work camp project, was aware of a need for new tent frames to accommodate the migrant workers who usually begin to arrive in Malin early in September. The camp facilities have been in bad repair since the Columbus Day storm damage last year.

There was also recognized an even greater need to drain and gravel the grounds at the Migrant Center, but this job involving heavy machinery was considered too difficult for students to tackle.

Finally a solution to both problems was found. The church youth people felt they could take on the project of building the tent frames if local farmers with an interest in the camp would take care of the more important job of draining and graveling the area.

The pioneer work camp, with Rev. Laing Sibbet of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church as dean and Rev. Ethan Whitman of the Malin Community Presbyterian Church as counselor, was purposely limited to a small group on the theory that a few can accomplish more in a short time. Campers were selected on the basis of experience in conference youth programs.

The six-day session, Aug. 19 to Aug. 24, was attended by two girls and six boys, Gary and Larry Cassidy, Klamath Falls; Bruce Kramer, Coos Bay; and Erin Lorton, Jim Marrs, Ed Lippert, Roy Fair, and Dru An Graff, all of Medford. Joining the crew for one day were Andy and Martha Ragland and Charles Thompson from the Henley District.

In addition to offering their time and talent, each young person contributed \$5 to cover the overhead costs of the work camp—although it proved to be practically self-supporting.

Produce, meat, milk, pastries, and staple groceries were donated in generous amounts by farmers, dairies, and food stores in the Klamath Basin, not to mention the gifts of lumber and nails by local concerns.

The meals were prepared by Mrs. Fern Warner of Klamath Falls, who volunteered her services for the duration of the camp, so the call to eat never brought a complaint.

Living in the standard migrant tents, both boys and girls shared on an equal basis the usual "kp" duties and construction chores.

To speed up the work, and complete as much as possible, the youths first built a tent frame by hand, taking measurements from it to work out the cuts and lengths of material. With two electric saws, it was a fairly simple matter to pre-cut a "package" for each frame which could then be assembled by a team of two.

Averaging two units per day, the campers erected 16 tent frames, 12 by 14 feet, by the end of the session.

Auxiliary Plans Kindergarten

MERRILL—Registration for the Merrill VFW Auxiliary kindergarten will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Children must be 5 years old on or before Nov. 15 to attend.

Coffee and refreshments will be served to parents while the necessary forms are completed.

The kindergarten will begin on Thursday, Sept. 5, with hours from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The young people were not involved in all-day work details. The afternoons were devoted to carpentry, but the mornings were concerned with doctrinal studies and classes and the evenings with camp fire and devotions. Free swimming at the Malin pool, donated by the city, was a regular feature before supper activity.

In fact, the whole program was voted such a success, this area's Presbyterian pioneer work campers may serve at the Migrant Center again next summer.



BUILDERS AT WORK — Constructing new tent frames for the Malin Migrant Center wasn't so difficult after the materials were measured, cut, and assembled in "pre-fab packages." The project was undertaken by youths in the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon as a six-day pioneer work camp experience. Working on the assembly-line, from left, are Rev. Ethan Whitman, counselor, Malin; Erin Lorton, Medford; Rev. Laing Sibbet, dean, Klamath Falls, and Dru An Graff, Medford. All of the lumber and nails were donated by Klamath Basin concerns.



CAMP CLEAN-UP — The fact that a clean-up usually follows a work detail was discovered by three of the seven high school students selected to attend a recent Presbyterian work camp. Stacking some of the leftover lumber used in building 16 tent frames for the Malin Migrant Center are, from left, Larry Cassidy of Klamath Falls and Ed Lippert and Jim Marrs of Medford. Each camper contributed \$5 to cover the overhead costs of the camp, but it turned out to be practically self-supporting.

POPE PRAISES SCOUTS

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy (UPI) — Pope Paul VI says the recent Boy Scout world jamboree at Marathon, Greece, "has given the world an example of that harmony that could and should reign between nations." The pontiff made the remarks to 50 Nigerian Boy Scouts who visited him at his summer residence here last week. The statement was released Saturday.

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Vatican Prelate Cues Popes In Ceremonies

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The "Director of God" has started giving orders to his third pope. He is Msgr. Enrico Dante, prefect of papal ceremonies and the only man who can give a pope such whispered Latin orders as "get up," "sit down," or "kneel."

Pope Paul VI complies, as did John XXIII and Pius XII. No man—not even a pontiff—knows all the details of the magnificent and complicated Vatican ceremonies as well as Msgr. Dante.

The gentle, thin-faced prelate with the beaked nose has been a Vatican ceremonial official for the past 49 years, and master of ceremonies since 1947.

Serves Six Popes

He served under six popes (although he gave orders only to the last three) and played ceremonial roles in five conclaves, about 100 beatifications and about 50 canonizations, including those of St. Joan of Arc, St. Pius X and St. Frances Cabrini, the first American saint.

Dante started calling the Vatican home March 25, 1914 when Pope Pius X—the man who has since been sainted in a ceremony Dante directed—appointed him a pontifical master of ceremonies. But the protocol job did not

prevent Dante from continuing his priestly work for 40 years at the neo-Gothic church of the Sacred Heart not far from the Vatican.

Pope Benedict XV wanted to make Msgr. Dante a Vatican diplomat, but he declined the offer so he could stay in Rome with his two unmarried sisters.

Appointed to Congregation

In 1923, Msgr. Dante was also appointed assistant secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, the Vatican department which handles church rites and canonization and beatification causes.

He became secretary of that congregation only four years ago—for the very simple reason that his predecessor, Msgr. Alfonso Carinci, a man of amazing vitality, served on in the post until the age of 97. Carinci, who marked his 100th birthday last November, is the world's oldest Catholic archbishop, is now secretary emeritus.

Directing Vatican ceremonies is not always an easy job, even for a man with Dante's experience and savoir faire. During one recent ceremony in which cardinals were to pay obedience to the pope, Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, who was supposed to lead the procession, failed to notice Dante's gestures and remained seated. Dante eventually had to call him aloud, a thing he normally never does.

Like every human being, even Msgr. Dante is not perfect. Few people outside the Vatican know, but an "adoration" of Pope Paul by the cardinals the day after his election had to be postponed by half an hour—because Msgr. Dante, tired from the fatigue of the conclave, had taken an afternoon nap and overslept.

Riches Held In Distaste By Minister

SYDNEY, Australia—A Presbyterian minister, recently returned from two months in the United States, says he found the wealth of American churches embarrassing.

"American ministers agreed with me and are convinced with the difficulty of keeping spiritual values in sight above monetary values," said Rev. Gordon Powell.

The clergyman said some churches he visited in the United States had incomes ranging from \$200,000 to \$600,000.

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Let us determine to live unselfishly for Him, sharing with the man in need. It is only then that we may be prepared to live victoriously in Heaven.

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Local Witnesses Attend Pasadena Meet

Members of the Klamath Falls Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will join delegates from all 50 states and 34 foreign countries for an eight-day international convention at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena Sept. 1-8.

George Hricizese, presiding minister of the local congregation, said conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are designed as a regular part of their educational program and are for all members of the family.

At such assemblies, all mem-

bers serve as delegates, with no special selection of representatives. Each member of the congregation is qualified to attend.

Meetings of the local congregation will be cancelled until after the convention, according to Hricizese. "Every congregation in the western part of the United States is expected to have representatives in Pasadena," he

stated. "In most cases, the entire congregation will go, requiring the suspension of our local services for the next two weeks."

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