

IFYE Student Gordon Cook Tells Of Visits in South Korean Homes

(Editor's Note: This is a report from Gordon Cook of Canby, who is currently in South Korea under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. In this letter he tells about visiting the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. Upon his return, Cook is scheduled to tell of his experiences to groups in Polk, Clackamas, Marion, Klamath, Lake, Harney, Malheur, Baker, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties.)

Parents of Exchange Student Write Letter

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habitants and in 1966 this coastal town of Kragero will be celebrating its 300th anniversary. The economy of our town is based on industry, timber, shipping and fishing, but Kragero is mostly known for its wonderful "fjord" which in summer is visited by thousands of tourists, Norwegians as well as foreigners.

Describes Kragero Climate

This great summer traffic brings with it good opportunities for trade in the town center. We have a typical coastal climate with the mean summer temperatures between 12 and 20 centigrades and in winters from 3 to 8 below zero. Seldom—and then for short periods only—we may have 15 centigrades below freezing point.

In our inland district there are rich cultivated valleys surrounded by large areas of productive woods of pine and fir. In winter we have excellent skiing possibilities, 25 to 30 miles from town.

Kragero has a relatively large protestant "Stat Church" (as it is called in Norway since it is run by the government) and a number of smaller churches belonging to other communities. Besides elementary school there is a high school and a trade school.

Housing Shortage Exists

Most of the buildings in Kragero are small one or two-story wooden houses, the major part with a little garden of flowers and a few fruit trees. During and after the war, housing has been a problem and even now it is very difficult to find a place to live in.

We live on the first floor of a two-flat house built in 1954. The situation is very nice on a high plateau in the outskirts of town and the house is surrounded by fir trees. Our flat consists of a large living-eating room, two bedrooms, kitchen, hall and bathroom with W.C. plus a balcony. In the cellar we dispose of rooms for fuel, winter supplies of potatoes, vegetables, etc., and have a so-called hobby room.

Rolf Has Married Sister

My wife and I have lived in Kragero since we were married in 1942. I am office manager of Brodrene Mylius A/S, a silverware and pewterware factory with approximately 100 employees. We have a daughter, Liv Ragnhild, who is 21 years of age, married, and has a daughter, Trude, 2½ years, and a son, Jorn, who is just over one year old. They live in a town called Sandefjord about 50 miles from Kragero.

We hope these lines have given you a little picture of the town in which we live and of our family. Surely Rolf will furnish you the detailed information which is impossible to give in a short letter.

We will end this by expressing the hope that you and Rolf are now beginning a happy year—and wish all the best to all of you.

Sincerely yours,
Rolf and Ester Lier

CALIFORNIANS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Von Schroeder and children of Apple Valley, Calif., are visiting this week with his father, Adolph Schroeder and friends in this area.

I am now with my second host family at Chunchan in Kangwon So Province. Because it is about 70 percent mountains, the people's favorite hobbies are mountain climbing and hiking. In the northeast part of South Korea about 53 percent of the population is engaged in agriculture.

Although this pretty well follows the pattern of the rest of South Korea, the province does have some big and small industry. Coal and other minerals are found here, along with electricity production. Two new water dams are now under construction to add to the output.

Farmers Live in Villages

Provinces are the same as states. There are guns (pronounced goons) which are the same as a county and then villages. I am living about six kilometers from Chunchan. Here, everyone lives in the village and goes out to the farm land.

The father of my host family was taken to North Korea by the Communists when they invaded. I have four host brothers, two of whom have graduated from college and work in the county extension office. There are also three girls, two of whom are still in high school.

I helped the family plant cabbage. The process is the same as at home, but it is all done by human beings, instead of by machine. First, the soil was worked by a Korean ox plow pulled by a Korean ox cow. The plow turns the soil one way and then comes back so that it looks like furrows the length of the field when it is finished.

Commercial Fertilizer Used

Someone then goes down the furrows removing grass from the top of them. Commercial fertilizer is then sprinkled on top, after which someone walks along the top of the rows with bare feet to make a firm seed bed.

Seed is then dropped on top. Someone then comes along to cover and firm the seed bed, again with their feet.

I recently went to Pan Mun Jon with Col. Anderson, founder of 4-H in Korea, and the other American IFYE. We saw the 4000-meter wide strip separating North and South Korea. Just being there, made one realize how much he takes for granted in a free country like ours.

Always on the Alert

It is just an armistice and not a peace treaty and so one never knows when they might start fighting again. How touchy the situation is was illustrated by the United Nations military policeman who took us to Pan Mun Jon. He was always on the alert, because, as he said, "You never know when someone may jump out of the bushes and start shooting."

There are 50,000 American servicemen in Korea to help enforce the armistice and to be here in case the North Koreans decide to attack again.

It is interesting to see South Korea, a country that is doing well to feed its people, trying to grow. They have many problems and many things yet to solve, but there is much being done.

A lot of construction is still done by hand labor, although more and more equipment is being used. They have many people and not enough jobs.

Classifieds Bring Results!

Local Team Competes In Softball Tourney

Nyssa LDS First ward softball team emerged as area championship winners and are now competing in the all-church tournament at Salt Lake City. The Nyssans defeated the Albuquerque, N.M., squad on Tuesday and are scheduled to play again today.

Ken Ashby is coach for the local boys.

PLAYS IN GOLF TOURNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison spent Sunday in Nampa where he played in the second annual Broadmore Country Club medal tourney. The local golfer scored third low net in the second flight.

FORMER PENNSYLVANIANS SCHEDULE BOISE PICNIC

A potluck dinner will be served at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30, in Boise municipal park for all former Pennsylvanians and their friends. Members of the group report that former residents of New York and New Jersey are also welcome to attend.

ATTEND KANSAS PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr attended the Kansas picnic Sunday in a Caldwell park.

VISIT GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kalhar of Forest Grove visited last week with their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jefferies.

WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.
Aug. 19	73	48
Aug. 20	79	45
Aug. 21	87	53
Aug. 22	90	52
Aug. 23	94	53
Aug. 24	93	57
Aug. 25	94	52
Aug. 26	—	60

.08 rain was recorded early Wednesday morning, Aug. 26.

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Wednesday, Sept. 2 — NO SHOW

Thursday, Sept. 3 — SPANISH SHOW