

IFYE Delegate Sends First Report

By Judy Longenecker

A Special Report

On June 14th, 30 IFYE's met in Washington, D C for orientation at the National 4-H Center. Our group was a good cross section of 18 girls and seven fellows, coming from 18 states and going to 10 countries.

Very few of us knew each other, but it didn't take long to change this situation. There were four of us from Pennsylvania, and therefore we had met before at Penn State during our state orientation.

One can imagine the mad rush packing, discarding unnecessary articles and weighing our suitcases to be certain we were within the 44 pounds limit for air flight. After much excitement and great anticipation, we were up and away to our predetermined destination.

Some were headed to language training centers and then on to host countries such as France. We have six girls on the program in France for a two month stay. Five others were going to a training session of eight weeks and then on to host countries for a 12 month stay.

This program is specifically for underdeveloped countries, where they will be working directly with their host country's counterpart of our county agent. They will be setting up rural youth programs, and dealing with agriculture in general. We have three in Brazil and two in Botswana, Africa.

Our stay will be of six months, during which we will live, work and stay as our host family. Of the group there are two in Southern Ireland, two in Italy, one in Iran, four in Germany, two in Japan, two in Korea, three in Thailand, two in Taiwan, and one of us here in the United Kingdom.

I might add that there are approximately 100 delegates leaving the United States each year for all parts of the world. The delegates are divided up among three departure dates depending on the area to which they are assigned.



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The purpose of the IFYE program, in my opinion, can be summed up as international understanding. There is no better way to understand a country's customs than to live as its

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people live I believe it is quite safe to say that no matter how many differences one has with a different nationality, our problems tend to be very similar. Different environments, climates, speech and customs may prevail, but each of us in his own homeland has similar problems, be they agricultural, political, social, religious or what ever!

I personally am finding the exchange a great challenge and a most rewarding experience at the same time.

Another fabulous opportunity of the exchange is meeting all the other delegates from all parts of the world. To date, I have met five Canadians, three New Zealanders, five Australians, two from Switzerland,

two Zambians, one Jamaican, one Finn and one Swede.

It seemed almost a coincidence that I had met two of the Canadians last March in Guelph, Ontario, to meet again across the Atlantic Ocean. I must also

Miss Judy Longenecker, 24-year-old Drumore RD1 resident, in June got a leave of absence from the bank where she works as a teller to travel to the United Kingdom for six months under the International Farm Youth Exchange Program (IFYE).

This report is her first on her experiences since leaving Southeastern Pennsylvania to live with families in foreign countries.

A graduate of Solanco High School, she was active in both the agricultural and home economics phases of 1-H.

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tunate to receive my assignment here in the United Kingdom I will not only see one country, but England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and one of the Channel Islands, either Jersey or Guernsey.

I was very lucky to come here as there is no real language barrier, save the local dialect. Somehow where language is a barrier, one cannot communicate to any depth.

To date, I have spent about three and a half weeks in Wiltshire, England staying with two families. I will be returning to England in October.

Presently, I am here in Scotland living with my third Scottish host family, but I will be leaving on the twenty-sixth of August for Ireland. I must add, I am having a super time and am most anxious to relate my experiences here in Scotland very shortly.

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mention the great number of British that I had the privilege of meeting who had been on similar trips to the United States or other parts of our globe.

It is really fantastic when one thinks how much the world really is shrinking. Size-wise, no, but now the world is at everyone's doorstep. If a person hasn't been to a specific area, there almost always is someone who has been. Or there is someone who knows a person who is there presently or is going there. It's almost unbelievable.

I personally feel most for-

FARM WOMEN SOCIETIES Society 31

The recently organized Society of Farm Women 31 held their August meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Peach Bottom RD2.

Mrs. Paul Trimble, president, conducted the business session with 14 members and one guest attending. She heard reports of the committees formed last month including the outline of programs and meeting places for the next year.

Plans to participate in a "tug of war" contest at the Solanco Fair were agreed upon.

The president distributed tickets for the Lancaster County Farm Women Convention to be held Nov. 7 at the Farm and Home Center. She also requested that each member attending take an item for the bazaar table, packaged and marked with a suggested selling price for the benefit of the County Farm Women treasury.

The next meeting of Society 31 will be held Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Robert Wagner, Quarryville RD1. A white elephant sale will be featured.

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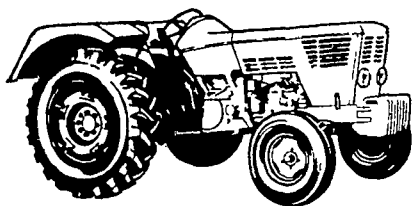
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