

Exchange student

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poultry at home, he says they sometimes eat pork in restaurants.

He added that some Hindus go to the temple every day, but it's more common to go on Friday evening for 15 minutes to 1/2 hour. A person is a member of the religion from birth. Indra has experienced many different religions in this country.

In India, Indra is a member of the Indian Young Farmers, which is operated by their cooperative extension service. Young farmers in the program are between 19 and 28 years old and they conduct educational programs about farming. The organizations in the various Indian states often get together for programs and Indra said that while some organizations have female members, his does not.

Having learned about the IFYE program through this youth organization, Indra said he wanted to come here to learn about organizational implements and other advancements in agriculture. He said he found this country "as expected", with large

farms and large equipment. His first host families were in Illinois, where he lived on grain and cattle farms.

He observed, "All farmers here are big and hard working."

At the Denlingers, Indra is having his first experience at milking cows by machine, adding, "I really enjoyed it." He has become so proficient at it that he and Cindy have been able to get the milking underway when Rodney was delayed in harvesting.

He, too, expressed appreciation at being in this county during Achievement Day. "I really enjoyed seeing the projects," he stated.

Indra explained the educational process in India as being ten plus two plus three, meaning there are ten years of education for everyone, followed by two years of intermediate school. Then there can be three years of college, followed by two years of study for the Master's Degree. He studied biochemistry for five years.

Indra has observed that clothing is less expensive in India than here, and he pointed out that in

Nat'l pesticide computer in works

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A computerized system for fast retrieval of facts about pesticides is expected to be in operation at many terminal points in the United States within three years.

Anson R. Bertrand, director of science and education for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, today announced USDA is providing \$100,000 to Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., for the initial phase of the project. USDA and Purdue will cooperate in setting up the new system.

In the beginning, Bertrand said, the project's aim will be to provide quick and reliable information about the registration status of pesticides being used throughout the country. Later, more information about pesticides will be included.

Eventually, the system also will help agricultural experts assess the effectiveness and benefits of

various pesticides.

Bertrand said researchers and other user groups now have no completely reliable method for keeping track of the many pesticide registrations, deregistrations, evaluations and re-evaluations from either the states or from the federal government.

Plans are to establish the new system in three phases—planning by USDA, Purdue and other potential users, testing and implementation.

When put into full use, the national pesticide computer information system will be available to users such as state departments of agriculture, industry, state researchers, Cooperative Extension Services and federal researchers.

Farmers and ranchers will be able to use the system through the land grant institutions.

India people dress differently in different states. In his area, men wear a dhoti, which is a simple white garment wrapped between the legs, forming sort of loose trousers. Women wear a sari (saree) which is a long straight piece of cloth draped around the body to form a long dress. He added that his sisters wear caste marks, beginning when they are 15 years old.

Most people marry at the age of 19, and he pointed out that they choose their own mate, much as Americans do.

While Indra's family owns a car,

the motorcycle and scooter are the main means of transportation. With gas costing \$2.30 a gallon, few families own a car. He said bus and bicycle are used by most people. Cars are driven on the left side of

the road in India.

Indra's visit to the United States has been an educational one, not just for him but for the host families who have learned about the culture of his home.

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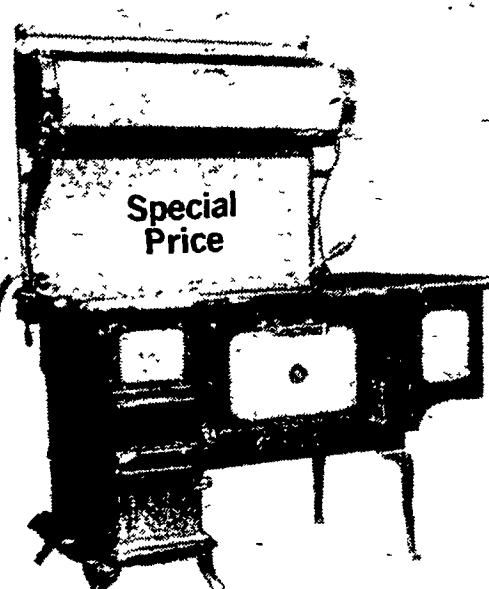
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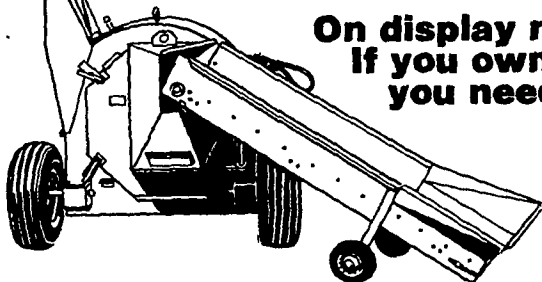
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