

Language A Goal Of So. Redford

In any language, South Redford Schools try to excel, and when the summer tourist season is over, many students will have tested their excellence in face to face conversations.

Approximately 25 Thurston High School students will leave in June for six-week sessions

in France, Germany, and Switzerland on study tours of Foreign Language League schools. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Benstein and Mrs. Anna Lopez who voluntarily organized the tours.

Sixteen students of Spanish recently returned with their teacher, Albert Moreno, from

a 10-day tour of Mexico. Although not a formal part of the foreign language curriculum, the tours attempt to strengthen an already unique foreign language program in the South Redford Schools.

A required exploratory course in the seventh grade provides all students with a

10-week exposure to each of the four languages: French, Spanish, Russian, and German. Students who wish may then select one of the languages to pursue in the eighth grade.

ALL THE LANGUAGES are offered through high school, where three years of Latin are also available. Students are encouraged to begin a foreign language at any grade where his schedule permits.

"It is never too late to begin a language," Aarne Kojonen, teacher of Russian at Thurston, said, "and even seniors may find a one-year exposure to a new language valuable."

South Redford pioneered foreign language in the elementary schools nine years ago, due initially to the efforts of Rene Rodolosi, principal of Marshall Junior High School.

The program was dropped at the elementary level in 1965 due to financial limitations.

Not easily discouraged, the language department strengthened offerings at the junior high school level and, guided by Dr. Jan Jacobs, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, has this year developed a completely coordinated six-year curriculum. It will become fully instituted in the fall.

"There are many schools which offer language in both junior and senior high school," Kojonen said, "but the extent to which ours is coordinated makes it unique. Dr. Jack Kojonen, supervisor of student teachers at Oakland University has stated just that."

The fact that the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Oakland University are all anxious to place student teachers at Thurston adds substance to this claim. Although one-third of the 1900 Thurston students take at least one foreign language, Kojonen states that the language department is not yet content.

"THERE ARE opportunities in the business and technical fields requiring foreign languages for which we are pre-

paring no graduates," he said. "We would like more students from the business and general courses to include foreign languages as preparation for jobs we know are available."

Although his Russian students do not go to Russia, they make other extensive efforts to increase language proficiency.

Their annual Balalaika concert is a popular means of earning college scholarship money which they award to potential Russian teachers.

They meet at Kojonen's home at times to converse in Russian and, incidentally, to enjoy a sauna.

"There is no doubt that the character and extent of our language program is due in large part to the dedication and professional excellence of our staff," Dr. Jacobs said, stressing that in addition to a unified program, good teachers are a necessity.

"With this winning combination," he said, "our students do excel."



THURSTON HIGH students of Mrs. Anna Lopez discuss their summer trip to Germany and show a traditional costume. The group will spend two weeks in Köln, Germany; three weeks in Kitzbühl, Austria; and another week in Berlin. Left to right are: Cathy Chambers, Robin Rund, Mrs. Anna Lopez, Ellen Leber, Debbie Mosteller and Leslie Parrish.



FRENCH STUDENTS of Thurston High teacher Mrs. Barbara Benstein check their itinerary for a summer tour in France which will include three weeks in Paris and three weeks in Leysin, Switzerland. Their time will be divided between going to school and taking tours — getting to know the people and their customs. Left to right are: Brian Bloomfield, Linda La Casse, Sally Donley, Debbie Budd, Janice Newton, Bob Block, Barb Rakas, Carmela Nasakowski, Debbie Elbing, Mrs. Benstein, Dan Butler.

U.P. Fish Guide Offered

"Great Lakes Fishing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula," a new pointer-packed guide to angling adventure above the Straits, is now available free from the Conservation Department's publications room in Lansing.

The pocket-sized folder—prepared jointly by the conservation department, Upper Michigan Tourist Association and Michigan State University—is designed to assist anglers whether they fish for lake trout, salmon, bass, walleyes, pike, or a number of other species.

It carries life-like illustrations of these fish, tells something about them, and gives some tips on how to catch them. The folder also lists hot spots for fishing in Great Lakes waters of the Upper Peninsula and tells what fish best in these areas by seasons.

The new guide shows and explains tackle and techniques for deep bottom trolling, high trolling, shoal trolling, casting, still fishing, and bobbing or chugging. Questions about the right kind of rods and reels, baits, lures, and accessories are answered with words and detailed sketches.

Carpet Scraps Clean Screens

Spring is the time when homeowners take out their screens, clean off the wire, and coat them if necessary to prevent future corrosion.

Scrap pieces of carpet are excellent for this job. Nail to blocks of wood for easy handling. Use one piece to dust the wire, another to apply screen enamel or varnish to the wire mesh. Discard each one as it gets dirty or worn.

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VICE PRESIDENT Don W. McCracken has been appointed to the additional duties of cashier and secretary of the board of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. He succeeds Otto A. Lill who recently passed away. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken, who live at 16562 Whitby in Livonia, have two daughters.



Appointment of Samuel Thompson of 22803 Manning, Farmington, as manufacturing manager of Chrysler Corporation's Amplex Van Wert Plant was announced by W.C. Weyandt, Jr. in the newly created position. Thompson will have responsibility for production, production control, maintenance, quality control and production metallurgy at the Van Wert plant. He was educated in Detroit, and presently resides in Farmington with his wife and two sons.

Recommend No Elk Season

With the northern Pigeon River area's elk herd apparently in balance with its range and causing no major damage to private property, the Conservation Department will not recommend an elk hunting season for this fall.

Reports of department field personnel indicate there has been "considerable" improvement in the area's elk range since the state's first modern-day elk season in 1964.

It is also noted that animals have browsed very lightly on cuttings made since then on some 14,200 acres within the elk management unit.

In addition to those two positive points, there has been only one complaint of elk damage in the Pigeon River Area during the past year.

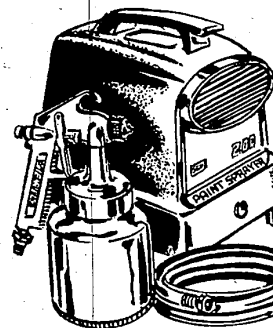
Conservation Director Ralph A. MacMullin observes: "Under our authority to hold elk seasons, it must be shown that the animals have food shortages or are causing substantial crop damage. This just isn't the case, and that simply means we are not justified in recommending a season this year."

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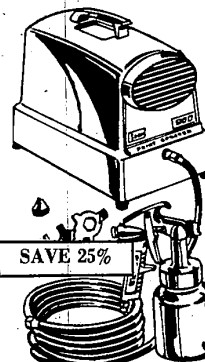
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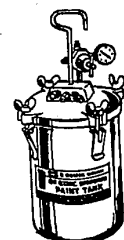
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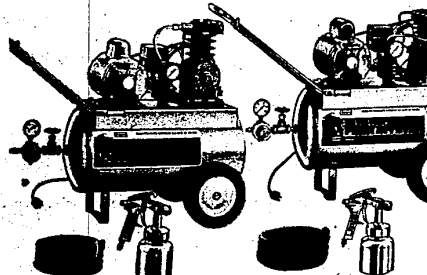
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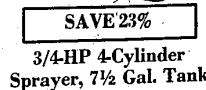
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