

### Farm Life in Northern Japan Described by James Borden

James Borden is finding out that farm life and family living in northern Japan is quite different from Easton. Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton A. Borden of Easton, is working on an agricultural project at Okunakayama and living with a Japanese farmer there. He and three other young men volunteered to help introduce modern farming methods in this section of Japan.

Jim will be a junior at New Paltz state university college this fall. He has seriously considered volunteering for the Peace corps when he completes his college course. His uncle, Rev. James Ivan Borden of Averill Park, and family are also in Okunakayama serving as adult advisers to the four-man team. This project is sponsored by the committee on ecumenical missions of the United Presbyterian church. The boys receive only their food and lodging, no salary, for their summer's work, and the Easton Methodist church raised money to pay Jim's plane passage to Japan.

Last week The Journal published excerpts from letters written home by Rev. Mr. Borden, and thinking people would be interested in Jim's reaction to Japanese farming asked to print some of his comments. The following are excerpts from letters Jim wrote his family during July:

July 11  
Tomorrow we will head up for the main farm at Okunakayama. We have been touring Tokyo and several universities. It is a great place. It is enormous in size. Taxis drive like crazy as the pedestrian does not have the right of way. The students are real nice but very questioning about our foreign policy.

Just turned on the radio, a Japanese station, on which they are playing the number one song, Honey, by Bobby Goldsboro, in English. That was quite a surprise.

July 14  
I am sitting in front of the fire in the youth hostel. Tomorrow is Sunday and the day after I enter the home of Tanaka-san. I will spend the five week days there and re-

turn to the hostel on week ends. He speaks hardly any English. He is sort of a well-to-do farmer because he has a Japanese made pipeline which pumps into milk cans. I gave him the pictures of our farm and some post-cards of California. He went out and bought me a pair of boots, size 9, an enormous size over here.

Sounds great. Well, then he told me to start taking the large amount of manure in back of the barn to the field and spread it. This involved a flat wagon and a fork. I shoveled it on the wagon and threw it around the field. Wow, was I tired. A lot of things here are done by hand.

Food here is different and a good deal of it doesn't appeal to me. Rice and green tea are served three times a day, also a lot of raw or pickled vegetables and fish. I like using chopsticks even though I am clumsy. The farmers drink little milk and when they do, it is usually sour. I am surviving at least.

Tonight, catch this menu: Rice, onion soup, smoked (not cooked) flounder, rice-soaked cucumber, green tea, and fish fat. How does that sound?

July 17  
I have been living with the Tanakas for two days now. They are real nice people. They can't speak English, so it is either Japanese or hand signals. He has a pipe line which empties into the milk cans. Everything else is by hand: Spreading manure by man and fork, green feeding by mower and fork, haying by fork and tying the bundles if the neighbor is using his baler, hoeing cornfields and other jobs. I am doing all the milking of ten cows on four units. Good experience, I guess. He is happy though. His bacteria count has dropped a little I guess since I have been doing the milking.

I am tired because of hard work and a long day—5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also the food is not the best. Taste is great, it fills you up, but it gives you no energy. And if anybody mentions rice when I get home I'll scream. I can't understand how Kellogg's makes rice so good.

Undated  
I have been doing different jobs the last couple of days. They range from forking hay from one hay loft to the other, loading and unloading wagons of loose hay with forks, picking rocks out of a stream to make a foundation for a road here on Tanaka's farm, and soon I will go back to being a human manure spreader again. Other than that, just milking cows as usual. I made the local radio station here. I even sang a song, 500 Miles, to show how happy the American farm boys were when they worked.

July 30  
We will start haying pretty soon I guess. That means we fork it on a wagon, fork it into a hay stack, and later fork it on a wagon and then fork it into the mow. Today I plowed my second field and disced it. Mr. Tanaka has about 50 acres I guess. He is raising 10 head of cattle, of which nine milk now. He has bunkers in the barn for corn silage. He also has two John Deere tractors, both with side-mounted mowers.

Tanaka-san is a well-to-do farmer. He is the artificial breeder of the area too. All the guys ate on good farms, but the majority of the farmers have an income of \$88 a year.

July 31  
Milking has become a problem. Tanaka-san won't use the sifter in the bottom of the jar and the soap he uses is not very strong. No wonder his bacteria count is still high, although it has come down a little bit with the use of hot water in pipelines and cans during wash up.

Here is my address: James W. Borden, %Ken Nunokawa, Okunakayama, Agricultural Center, Okunakayama, Ichinohe-Machi, Ninoh-Gun, Iwate-Ken, Japan

NEW PTA DIRECTOR  
Mrs. Robert Curruthers of Glens Falls has been elected new director of the Adirondack district Parent Teachers association, comprising over 100 units in Washington, Warren, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties. Mrs. Curruthers is completing her third year as an assistant director and has been active in unit and district board activities for several years. Adirondack district has a total membership of 16,927. Mrs. Curruthers was installed at the district spring conference held recently in Stillwater central school.

Animals, except household pets, are prohibited on public campsites. Each household pet must be confined on a leash restricting it to the immediate tent site area of the owner.

### Town of Easton Adopts Law Regulating Trailers

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one year and shall be thereafter located in a mobile home park or trailer park. Trailer is defined as any vehicle used or so constructed as to conveyance on the public streets and highways and whether licensed or not, and constructed in such a manner as will permit occupancy thereof as a dwelling or sleeping place for one or more persons, and not provided with a toilet and bathtub or shower and cannot readily be connected to a community sewer and water service. A trailer shall also mean tent trailers, truck campers, vehicles converted to sleeping facilities other than a mobile home, and/or what normally constitutes a permanent dwelling unit. This definition includes uses to which trailers might be put.

Present trailers not affected. In substance the local law does not affect any person now residing in or owning a mobile home installed in the town of Easton, only new installations are regulated by having to be located in a mobile home park. Trailers without toilets or bath showers, including any vehicles such as campers, travel trailers, buses that are occupied, in

whole or in part, that can be used for sleeping or accommodation will have one year before they must be moved to a trailer camp or removed from the town. Unoccupied travel trailers, campers etc. stored on resident's property are not affected by this local law. In order to be approved, proposed mobile home parks and trailer camps must meet all provisions as provided for in the local law. The town board has authorized the printing of this local law in booklet form and as soon as copies are received from the printers, will be available from the town clerk.

Law Passed 4 to 1  
An executive session preceded the meeting and those attending were extended an apology by Supervisor William T. Sherin for the unexpected lengthy delay.

The supervisor announced that if there was anyone present who had previously desired to express his views on the proposed local law at the public hearing and who was unable to do so, due to the lapse of time that evening, he would be given this time to do so. Mr. Sherin noted that he had promised these persons that they could be heard at the next meeting. No one expressed desire to do so

and the local law was brought to the floor for action.

After explaining his feeling on the matter, Justice Frank Moy moved that the local law be adopted and the second was given by Councilman Ronald Dixon. The town clerk polled the board and an aye vote was registered by all members with the exception of Justice Ralph Briggs who cast a nay vote. To Attend Institute

Approval was given to a request of the planning board that a member be authorized to attend the 30th annual planning institute held by the New York state federation of official planning organizations, of which the local planning board is a member, to be conducted at South Fallsburg October 20-22. It was noted that the members of the planning board had not attended the Association of Towns meeting in New York city in early 1968 and these funds could cover a member's attendance at the institute in October.

The town attorney was requested to draw up new fire contracts for the town with the Easton Volunteer Fire company and the Middle Falls Fire department for 1969. The attorney was also asked to take any steps necessary to protect the interests of the town against any possible lawsuits resulting from accidents on the town highway system.

The three roads in the Harvard Petteys development off Route

29 were officially taken over and made a part of the town highway system by resolution.

Report was given on the progress of work being accomplished at the town hall noting that a major part of the electrical work was complete. Other work to be accomplished in the town clerk's office and the justice room was authorized by the board.

Junkyard Enforcement  
The town attorney was directed to send letters to those persons operating junkyards in the town that the requirements such as fencing, etc. provided for in the junkyard ordinance adopted in 1967 will have to be met in the near future. This action was taken so that those involved would not be running the risk of legal action to force compliance.

Considerable discussion ensued on the junk auto problem with Justice Briggs conducting

investigation into possible avenues of solving the problem.

The supervisor noted that arrangements were complete for the additional opening of the landfill area as authorized by the town board. Notice has been given that the landfill is now open from 7 to 8 a.m. on Mondays, this in addition to the regular established hours Friday and Saturday. The landfill is open to all residents during these hours, the new hours intended to help particularly the businesses of the town as well as the functions held on week end at the Washington county fairgrounds. Week-end accumulations will be alleviated by the new hours.

Due to the close proximity to Labor day, the next regular meeting of the town board will be held on September 10 instead of September 3 as originally scheduled.

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