

COMMENTS FROM INDIA

Students from eight foreign countries attended the Western Regional Extension Winter School in this college last February, including 14 from India.

Many warm friendships, between visitors and staff people, developed as the former were welcomed to the Tucson homes of their hosts.

A delightfully interesting Indian from the Punjab, a man strikingly handsome with flowing beard and colored turban, was asked: "What impressed you most about the United States?"

Without hesitation he replied: "The fact that very likely President Johnson is having the same kind of food for dinner tonight as I am." He explained that in his part of the world it was inconceivable that most of the people could have pretty much the same diet, that they might have three meals a day, and could be without extreme hunger.

The idea that most of a nation can have the same dietary level, without the extremes of luxury and poverty, amazed this visitor.

But then he went on: "Blue jeans interest me, too. In your country the working people wear these blue jeans, but also professional people when they are not working, around their homes on Saturdays, and even going shopping or to the bank.

"You dress so much alike — one cannot tell by his clothes or the automobile a man drives whether he is rich or poor. It is confusing. In my country one can tell a man's level of life by the clothes he wears. Here it is so different."

Perhaps this wisely observant visitor, in a spontaneous and unbiased manner, has given a refreshing answer to those who condemn American agriculture for an efficiency which, regarding a few crops, has outrun immediate needs.

We would rather have a few stored surpluses — surpluses for school lunches, surpluses to help our allies, surpluses to use as bargaining power in the cold war — than to have millions of humans going to bed hungry each night.

We appreciate the comments made by our Indian friend.

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Our Cover Picture

The cover picture on this issue of PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE is a typical desert grassland view of Santa Cruz County rangeland. We have chosen it for two reasons, because of Bruce Kell's description of the agriculture of Santa Cruz County, and likewise because of the article, also in this issue, about southern Arizona cattle ranching cost and size relationships.

The picture on our cover was taken by Dr. R. R. Humphrey, who has ranged with a ready camera and scientist's critical eye over all Arizona. Dr. Humphrey, professor of Range Management, now is in Brazil with our U of A team of agricultural scientists, extending his teaching and research efforts in that country.

His photograph borrowed for this magazine, the foreground framed by the prickly ocotillo and boulders, the background of bajadas sloping off a range of distant mountains, is most pleasing to the eye. We hope you like it.

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MAY

- 3—Rural Life Sunday
- 7—Annual Cattle Feeders' Day Program — Casa Grande Highway and Campbell Ave. Farms
- 8—8th Annual Poultry Industry Day — Poultry Research Center, Tucson

JUNE

- 1-5—Town & Country Life Conference, U of A Campus
- 3—Annual Meeting of the Arizona Homemakers Council — 1:00-5:00 p.m. — U of A Campus, Tucson
- 8-12—State Junior Leaders Laboratory — Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott
- 16-18—Western Society of Crop Science — Student Union Bldg., U of A Campus
- 20-24—59th Annual Meeting of American Dairy Science Assn., U of A Campus

JULY

- 27-31—State 4-H Roundup — U of A Campus, Tucson

AUGUST

- 12-14—FFA Leadership Conference — U of A Campus