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#### TAR STUDENTS VISIT FRENCH SCHOOL

Thursday, May 15, a group of TAR students attended a tea given by the French dependants at their school in Frohnau, Berlin. Accompanying the students were Mrs. Kunzendorf, the French instructor; Mr. Boyne, superintendent of the American dependant school; and Dr. Rott, assistant science instructor.

The French students showed their American guests their school, which is in reality a remodeled German factory. With pride and zest these French teen-agers exhibited their classrooms which had been made pleasant and attractive with paintings and sketches of their own.

Attractive these rooms were, but there was the perfect recreation room, which the American guests took over by pounding out boogie-woogie on the piano, and teaching the French students to jitter-bug.

#### GERMAN CONCERT GIVEN

The first of three concerts for American and German students was held in the Thomas A. Roberts School auditorium, May 22, at two-thirty p.m.

Students attending the concert will be from three German schools in Dahlem and from the American dependant school.

This series of programs has been arranged by a committee of American and German musicians and music lovers. Miss Jean Philippi, music instructor at the TAR school, is a member of this group.  
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#### ANNUAL GOES TO PRESS

After long, hard work on the part of the Annual Staff, TAR's first yearbook, The Gateway, will go to press within the next few days. Copies will be available as soon as they are printed, in about six weeks. If anyone has not paid his \$2.00 for a copy, please give it to Dick Watson soon.

#### SWIMMING COURSES OFFERED

Mr. Clarence Moore, of the American Red Cross, spoke to the students of TAR Wednesday, May 7, on the swimming course to be offered by the ARC. He announced that the pools would open as soon as weather permits, and that there would be many classes, from beginners swimming to advanced life saving. He encouraged the students to learn life saving, because might be necessary someday to save their own lives and the lives of others. To join Junior Life Saving one must be able to swim 220 yards, in any stroke one prefers; make a surface dive and a shallow dive, tread water, and swim under water.

Mr. Moore, aided by Sergeant LaMarsh, showed two movies: "Heads Up" and "Oars and Paddles". The first film previewed the life saving techniques to be taught in the Red Cross classes. The second film was about the handling of small craft, and showed life saving from a row boat or canoe. Between movies Mr. Moore demonstrated the methods of life saving on one of the students.

Everyone was interested in the program and many expect to sign up for those courses.

Until another dressing room is constructed, no girls will be allowed to swim in the pool at Andrews Barracks.

Pat Boyer

#### JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM DATE ANNOUNCED

The Junior class, sponsor of the Junior-Senior Prom, announces that it will be held on June 28.

The prom-king has been elected - Red Dehne, but a theme has not yet been decided upon, although many good suggestions have been made.

A committee, composed of Lis Holmer, chairman; Phil Coe, and Pat Boyer have investigated the available places and will decide where the prom will be held. Great plans are being made, and the first Junior-Senior Prom of TAR should be a complete success.

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## MEASURING UP!

Great progress in school activities has been noted since the opening date on October 14.

The first and most important was the organization of a Student Council. This involved election of officers and the development and adoption of a Constitution. These two things having come about after much deliberation.

The next most noteworthy development was the organization of a basketball team, which was coached by Sgt. Vanditte. This team won a plaque in the European Theatre High School Basketball Tournament held in Frankfurt on March 21 and 22. The team was a favorite with the tournament fans for its display of exceptional sportmanship. These same boys, bolstered by other baseball enthusiasts have formed a strong baseball team and are now playing and will continue to play throughout the summer months. The team, however, is not in a company level.

Christmas came and with it Pageant given by the German classes. The program was in German and provided an opportunity for all students to put forth a Christmas spirit from a German-American standpoint.

In April a Girls Club was organized for the purpose of providing an opportunity in which all the girls could get to know each other. The club has enjoyed great success.

The members of the Senior Class came forth with the announcement that the TAR high school should have an Annual and followed with the news that they were the ones to publish it. As you read this the Annual named "The Gateway" will have gone to press.

On May 2, the Thomas A. Roberts high school paper "The Bear Facts" was published by

the Junior Class, making a school with all activities considered essential in stateside schools.

The Junior Class, not to be outdone by the Seniors, came forth with the next bit of progress in school activities by obtaining a coke machine for the recreation room. The profit from the cokes will go toward a fund to provide a Junior Prom. The Juniors will have for guests of Honor at their Prom the members of the Senior Class.

Add to this list of in-school activities the full out-of-and-in-school social calendar - high-lighted by the coming Junior Prom and Senior Maypole Fling - the total shows TAR high school measuring up in work, play, and school spirit to the average stateside school.

## OCTOPUSIA MASTICATA

One bright sunny day Octopusia was walking down Unter den Eichen when suddenly a rock jumped up out of the sidewalk and caused her to fall flat upon her nose.

"What are you doing there?" came a strange voice, to which she replied, "just picking up Oscar my pet flea!"

After she found Oscar, Octopusia once again began the long journey toward her friend's flea farm. But guess what! Octopusia's progress was halted by a rubble-piled path. After a moments hesitation she decided that the only way was up and over so onward she charged! Behold! there were steps very convenient too, so up she went. She merely turned to glance down the steps at her progress -- and now she sat back on the pile of rubble! Those darn steps had ended up there! Dashing madly down, for time was running short, Octopusia raced in front of an oncoming school bus.

Screech! Rumble! Crash! the air was filled with thick odor of burning rubber. Octopusia's schoolbus had stopped for her. Quite unwillingly she climbed aboard and sped towards school. What could she do? How could she? finagle? Anything but that! Octopusia prayed with all her might that she might be spared from that awful fate. Then suddenly it stopped. Breathlessly she thought, "Now's my chance." So she (as well as all the other little devils) dashed for the door only to find themselves safely at school.

Oh, but wait! It was the wrong school - the fault of the new driver - (Cont. p. 8)

### RUNDFUNK'S EXCURSION

The Chemistry and Physics classes under the supervision of Mr. van Doren and Dr. Rott went on an interesting field trip May 12 to the exhibition halls of the Rundfunkhaus where the Magistrat of Berlin was holding a show on the re-use of rubble and damaged machinery.

Some interesting facts explained were: The only way to utilize the rubble is to pulverize and mix it with cement to make building blocks, etc. Bricks are of little use because they crumble when they are re-used.

One of the most important exhibitions in the show was about a chemical that could remove rust from machinery. This was illustrated on many pieces of machinery.

Of interest, too, to the general public was a very useful gadget - a lever to straighten nails.

Furniture repair was also a feature of the show.

And if you're interested in A-bombs you might be able to make one of your own from the chemicals for sale.

### GIRLS' CLUB PICNIC

April 25, the girls' club went out to Wannsee Beach in an attempt to obtain sun-tans and have a good time. They failed in the former, but succeeded admirably in the latter.

After school a bus took our gals and spilled them out, with picnic suppers, at the beach. They stayed from 4 to 6 in the afternoon and left just in time to be late for the dance that evening.

Suzy Bevier and Rosemarie Lendemann, who were in charge of the project made the arrangements, but the girls' enthusiasm was the real promotion of the picnic!

### V-E DAY PARADE

One of the big events for TAR students was the parade for the second anniversary of V-E Day, May 8. The parade was reviewed by General Keating, other high officials, and an enormous crowd of spectators. Photographers' cameras clicked, no small number of which were in the hands of TARIan amateurs.

One of the outstanding groups in the review was that of the Cavalry. With eight white horses in the lead they made a co-

lorful procession. Following the Cavalry came many jeeps and armored trucks which ended the parade.

Eileen Wuest

### JEAN CREWS LEAVES FOR STATES

Jean Crews, one of our mighty juniors, plans to leave for the ZI May 25 after a tour of Switzerland. She will return to Washington, D.C. for a short while and then head for the unknown. She has been in Berlin since September of last year, and would like to stay, as she has enjoyed Berlin more than any other city. She finds the kids much more interesting and our school spirit more pronounced.

She came over on the Holbrook and had a calm ten-day trip. Luckily, Jean wasn't sick as she has been conditioned with Navy experiences all her life. After landing, Jean found it difficult to believe that she was really in that Germany which correspondents described as devastated, until she toured Berlin and saw the proof.

Her mastery of the German language is only slight, but Jean plans to continue the study of it in the states during her remaining highschool days and college years.

Jean really is interested in political problems and is taking American Problems purely because she enjoys it. (Oh! for that much ambition.) But really the big ambition is being a writer or a foreign correspondent.

Her trips to Heidelberg and Hoechst have helped Jean form a more definite opinion of people and the past's effect on the present. Berlin, in spite of its lack of coal and abundance of mosquitoes, has been an unforgettable experience for Jean and one she will smile about in her old age.

Suzanne Bevier

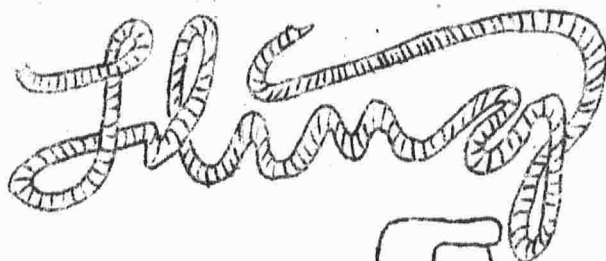
### SENIOR DANCE COMING!!

May 24, Saturday night, is the night of the big dance, sponsored by the Senior Class. It will be semi-formal, girls to wear evening dresses, and the boys, suits. Tickets are \$1.00 each. It is promised that the refreshments will be unique. See you there!!

There was a young lady named Polly  
Who said of a dance "Oh, how jolly!"  
But after jiving and swing  
At the MAYPOLE FLING,  
Think of a new adjective, Polly!

Sally

# THE MAYPOLE



\$1.00 per person  
Transportation from Crown Prince Club at 8:30  
9 PM to 1 AM

MAY 24



## LOOKING THRU THE KEYHOLE

Here I am again with more news....Did you all know that Rosemarie Lendemann has been in the hospital with appendicitis? We hope she'll be roaming the halls of TAR again soon....Remember our prima hay-ride last Friday? Well, did you notice how Jack Maloney kept teasing Pat Boyer?....This beautiful weather has brought out the "snazzy" spring dresses of the girls. Spring has a way of bringing out the best in everybody....Ruth McCoid, our little (should I say that?) Freshman gal, has been showing off her bandage which she acquired when her horse tripped and she sailed. If you want to find out more, ask Sandy....Speaking of the MacDonalds, this school is really going to be sad when they head for the good old U.S.A. - all hate to see you go kids!!....Which reminds me again - Guenther and Joan Florstedt will be sailing for the states near the end of July. - Happy sailing, you too!....By this time you all know about the "Maypole Fling". Come one, come all!....Ruth White works around like she's lost something. Guess she has - Don is in tulip land. Careful of those good-looking gals, Ruth, stiff competition!....It seems that at our last dance Susie and Red were doing the rounds - hm-m-m....After four months Bob and Dixie are still going strong and steady - must be the thing....Have you guessed who the Prom Queen will be? Neither have I, but Dick Nelson, Red's manager, is taking bets - so I hear....Mrs. Macon was absent a few days last week - you wouldn't be trying the art of skipping, would you - or has that 5th period history class been using its influence? - Few words have been said between that blond Freshman and that blond 8th grader but those looks!...Miss Chute has a saying as far as poetry is concerned "You don't have to like it, just memorize it." It's so easy to say, so hard to do!... I could go on and on but I better save some for next time....Be seeing you.

Lois Olsen

## HAYDAY

With cries of 'Geronimo' the whole high-school piled into half a dozen hay wagons last Friday after school. The long day of impatient waiting was at an end, and the disreputable-looking, in-jeanious gang pitched in at once, and anyone without at least one handful of hay down his back just didn't get around very much. A Stateside photographer who went along snapped pictures like mad. The ride out went off with a bang - halfway there the right front tire on wagon number 5

exploded, and the vehicle's hayful occupants gleefully descended on the remaining ones for the rest of the trip.

Our picnic spot was a hilltop in a lovely grove of trees and foxholes, into which many unwilling souls found themselves tossed before the afternoon was over. The lake at the bottom of the long hill did double duty as a coke cooler and wading pool. We all took our lunches and the Sophomore class brought the cokes (it's rumored that the Juniors made a neat profit on the deal).

After everyone had eaten his lunch and all he could swipe, somebody started a game of keepaway baseball. Two teams were organized and we all had a rare time, no holds barred.

It was a thoroughly exhausted, completely happy crowd that crawled back into the hay for the return trip. It is said that the echos of 'We Never Stagger, We Never Fall' and 'There's a Tear in My Beer Tonight' resounded in the Grunewald far into the night.

Sally Seitz

## INQUIRING REPORTER

Question of the week:

What did you do on V-E day this year?

Sally Seitz: "Got up!"

Betty Schmitt: "Went to the Parade."

Bob Sterling: "Went to the ball game."

Susie Bevier: "I stayed in Berlin and laughed at Ruth Mc."

Ruth White: "After seven months in Berlin I saw the Brandenburger Tor."

Sandy MacDonald: "We came to school - on a holiday too!"

Bob Lieurance: "Ate Dixie out of house and home."

Lois Olsen: "That is debatable."

Jimmy Hathcock: "Gar nichts."

Anna Marie Hall: "Went to the Parade."

Pat Boyer: "Fell off a horse."

Joan Florstedt: "I was at home, that's all"

Dick Watson: "Played ball."

Jean Crews: "Packed!"

Lis Holmer: "Played Miniature Golf."

Skippy MacDonald: "Went out on Klein-Wannsee and saw a fellow drown."

Dixie Huff: "Watched Miss Chute and Miss Philippi play tennis."

Mr. van Doren: "Went to the Opera, I think."

Jane Schnell



# SPORTS



## AROUND THE BASEPATHS

The time has come to take another lap around the base paths and since it is spring naturally the first and most important doings in the sports world have to do with the national pastime.

For the past three weeks there have been lots of softballs being thrown around the diamond at Berlin hockey. Despite the handicap of a ballfield that makes ground balls perform all sorts of witchcraft, a fair sort of team is being rounded out. However, all of you who have seen the squad in action know that a lot of oiling and smoothing out is yet necessary before first class ball can be played. To this task coach Vandetti has given his full attention and by the time we have our first inter-school game a pretty tough squad will take to the field to win for Berlin. The pitching department which in the early days of practice had apparently adopted the slogan "if you can't strike him out, knock him out" is beginning to round into form with Roger Booth becoming quite an artist out on the mound. Bob Sterling has shown flashes of fine form and has the fastest delivery on the squad, but, like Roger, is a little bit wild. For example, a few days ago in an intersquad game Bob struck out the first 3 men to face him on 10 pitches but in the second inning started issuing the free passes which ruined his game. Gordon Mock is the third man on the mound staff but lately Van has been trying out our second baseman, Erik Olsen as a pitcher.

The team has not shown too much at the plate but Erik Olsen and Phil Coe have been consistent in their hitting along with our pitcher, Roger Booth. Fred Beckner is the long ball artist but recently Bob Sterling has been beginning to connect and Monday he really connected and sent the longest ball yet hit in practice out of the park.

So far our most capable infielder has been Erik Olsen and he has been playing quite a beautiful brand of ball around second base. However, Red Dehne, of whom it was said earlier in practice "he looks flashier missing a ground ball than anyone I have ever seen" is coming down-to-earth and is now not only flashy but steady.

In the outfield Bob Lieurance has been the best of the lot in all around play and will without doubt start in center field.

Speaking of sports, if you can call freezing sport a bunch of high school boys went down to the former SS pool at Andrew Barracks last Sunday and all I have got to say is that the water must not have been more than a degree or two above the freezing point. However, as the sun continues to shine the pool will soon be swimmable.

As you have probably noticed there have been a lot of pillows being brought to school recently. Could this possibly be due to the recently organized riding class? Apparently everyone who has enrolled in riding is having a fine time and the class is a big success.

That about brings us completely around the base paths and so I will sign off here until next issue.

## ?REMEMBER?

During the past few years there have been many sports classics played - great events that have been too soon forgotten; and so as space permits, this column will give, in this and future issues, recaps of recent great sport events that I am sure most of you sport fans will well remember.

Remember the football season of 1943. Remember the great Notre Dame team that was ranked as one of the finest of all time. Remember their last game, against Great Lakes?

The great fighting Irish team had rolled through their first nine games and in only one had they been even extended. Seven of the teams that they had beaten were previously undefeated and in their victory over Iowa Preflight they had beaten a team that included former pros in their opening line up. Led by the great Angelo Bertelli they had scored an average of 40 points a game while holding their opponents to less than a touchdown a game. But in the game against Great Lakes there was no Bertelli to spark them, for accurate Angelo was in the Marines. A Sophomore by the name of Johnny Lujack (cont'd on page 7)

## CONCERT

The program for the schedule was as follows:

Beethoven ..... Op. 8 Serenade

Violin, Helga Schon  
Viola, Schoenewaldt  
Cello, Helma Bemmer

Telemann .. Sonate for Flute and Piano

Flute, Ellen Schmidt  
Piano, Charlotte Bartsch

Grieg ..... Norwegian Dances

Piano, Charlotte Bartsch  
Flute, Margot Saltermann

Beethoven ..... Op. 25 Serenade

Flute  
Violin  
Viola  
Conference: Siegfried Borris

The other concerts are scheduled for May 29 and June 5.

## FRENCH SCHOOL

While delicious French pastries and punch were being served, the English-speaking French and the TAR-ites became better acquainted and exchanged addresses and promises to write.

Just before leaving, the young Americans got a glimpse of the fine horses ridden by the French students, and of the beautiful, large field in which they ride.

"A wonderful visit," declared the TAR-ites. "We hope that other similar get-togethers can be arranged."

Susie Bevier

## WASTE NOT, PLEASE

Mr. Sivak has requested that we all be somewhat more careful about wasting paper. It's an awful temptation to just rip up and throw away our paper instead of erasing but the shortage is increasingly more acute.

Watch it kids! Remember: "Waste not! Want not!"

## !! N O T I C E !!

Hey kids! Do you want to continue have cokes? If so please look round the school

and return all empty coke bottles. Without the empties being returned we are unable to secure more cokes from the company. It's up to you kids - YOU took them out and YOU must bring them back!

Motto of Junior Class "Bring 'em Back Unbroken!"

## REMEMBER

was in their lineup to take the place of the "slingshot". A victory in this game meant everlasting fame.

It was on a soggy field that the game was played; a field unsuited for the Irish steamroller but the men from Notre Dame scored first. Then the surprising blue jackets who had a record of 9 wins and 2 defeats came back for 2 touchdowns and in the third quarter took a 12 to 7 lead. Despite the rain which made safe passing impossible the Irish late in the last period marched over the sailer goal to make the score 14-12. However, Great Lakes was not to be stopped for with 55 seconds remaining left to play Steve Lach, the former Duke star faded back and through a long looping pass that his right end touched on the Notre Dame 20 yard line, juggled to the 6 and finally grasped and went over for a touchdown, making the final score 19 to 14, Great Lakes. It was a heartbreaking end for a great team and one of the questions that will be asked for a long time is "what would have happened if Bertelli had been there? That can never be answered but this was certainly a game to remember.

## BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

There will not be a printed edition of the school paper this semester. Mr. van Doren says that it is too late to go to press. Next year perhaps they can start the presses rolling and go to work. Until next year we'll have mimeographed papers

We wish that Dehne'd  
Make up his mind -  
If he needs any help,  
It's easy to find!

## OCTOPUSIA (Cont'd. from page 2)

But no matter to Octopusia. She immediately dashed inside to find herself within an unlighted hallway. Groping hastily around she found a doorknob which Miss Mastigata, prompted by curiosity, opened. There before her was a dimly lighted hallway which she decided to follow (anything but school, you know!) Water dripped at intervals from the rock walls. Could it be she was under the sea, and all alone too! The water was salty she thought as she tasted a bit. Then suddenly she rounded a bend and came to a halt. The hall ended, leaving as the only method of escape other than retracing her steps a hole in the complete with ladder for climbing. Octopusia, as you know, was quite a brave little brat so she climbed down, down, down, down - down past an occasional broken light socket through the darkness. The dark, wet coldness had Octopusia in its grip in spite of all she could do or think and violent hunger seized her for after all she hadn't eaten a bite for forty-five minutes! Down, down she continued until suddenly a glimmer of light came from below, an aid which speeded up the process of placing one foot below the other.

Here it was! A great big illuminated sign like they had in the states. What did it say? Closer and closer she went. There were two words. "Nicht rauchen!" What in the world, she thought as she stopped a moment to rest, "could possibly be down there?" Forthwith her curiosity forced Octopusia into continuing her descent into the unknown darkness!

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OCTOPUSIA?

For further adventures see the next issue of Bear Facts!

If we were really in a pinch  
We'd call on Frank and Bing;  
But it certainly is a cinch  
We won't need them at the MAYPOLE FLING!

Brother, you won't have a chance  
If you don't come to the Senior Dance!

If you like to dance and everything  
You'd better come to the MAYPOLE FLING!!

Here's to the Coke Machine -  
A nickel opens it to every teen  
- And those in between

I guess, I'm just a poet  
and don't know it  
But my pictures show it  
-----They're Poe'ses

Could it be the horse  
Or some other force  
That unseats us "en masse"  
At each riding class?

The holds showed by Sandy  
Might come in handy  
When "It's Fate"  
On a date.

I'll sign off now  
'Cause I don't know how  
You can stand my verse.  
But it could be worse!



