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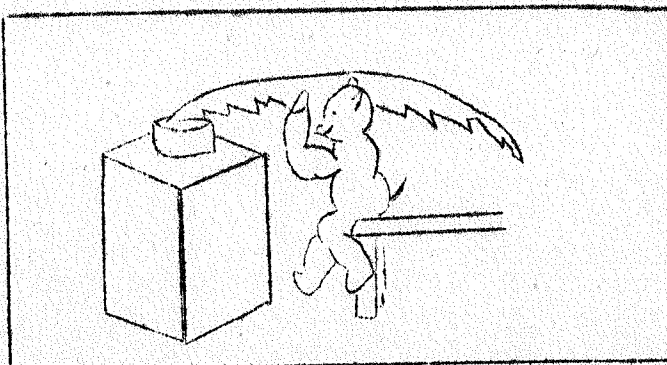
Anyone who would not be gratified to be the star of the team or the dramatic production or another spot-lighted activity would probably be a very strange person indeed, for personal glory is always pleasant and easy to accept. But to place its importance above that of the whole group is not only disastrous to the group welfare, but often to the individual whose selfishness and longing for the center of attention have brought about that disaster.

Few of us would deny the advantages of teamwork in a basketball or football squad. Nor would we deny the disadvantages of one member of a dramatic cast trying to over-act and out-shine another.

But very often there are equally few of us who can apply these principles to our everyday life. How often, we clash with one another through a desire for personal glory--and how unpopular we are if we do.

No one person can hold all the school offices, head every committee, supervise every extra-curricular activity or take all the responsibility which lies upon the student body. These pri-

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Honor Roll

The Scholastic Honor Roll for the first grading period of the second semester includes:

Laurel Coleman (All A's)
Irene May
Lilla Lyon
Roxandra Egan (All A's)
Peyton Ellis

Honorable mention in scholastic attainment for this period goes to:

Ann Worrell
Jim Bender
Diann Smith
Donna Sue Rice
Susan Jane Shepard
George Shepard
Elizabeth Schreyer
Jean Kirsch
Phil Shepard
Nancy Worrell

Seventh and eighth grade Honor Roll:

Jim Durbin
Ellen Mathewson
Charles Sawicki
Martha Whitworth

Canteen Holds Election

On March 22, the Berlin Teen Canteen held a meeting to elect the following people as their new officers. Jim Bender, president; Bob Fartain, vice-president; Ann Worrell, secretary-treasurer; and Dennis Dix, bouncer.

As this new leaf is turned over, we are saying good-bye to our old Canteen Mother, Mrs. Babbitt, who has been wonderful to us in every way and are welcoming in Mrs. Shepard, our new Canteen Mother.

Many big parties have been planned, so let's get behind our officers and Mrs. Shepard to make them all successful. It's your Canteen, and its success depends on YOU!

Freshmen present "melodrama"

For the assembly program Feb. 28, the Freshmen put on a "melodrama", with each member of the class participating. The title was simply, "A Play" and was written by Miss Chute and Mrs. Dodge.

Articles such as salt-shaker, an alarm clock, a potato, and a sock were of vital importance for lines like, "The hero assaulted the villain," "The villain was alarmed", "The little sister tried to appeal to him," and, "The father attempted to sock him."

The "melodrama" told the story of a lighthouse keeper and his family. There was the mother, who sat quietly in the corner and "darned", the father who was forever looking out to sea, and the two daughters, one gay, and the other, a sweet young thing. Then, of course, the villain (all set with his alarm clock) and the hero with his salt-shaker conveniently hidden in his pocket.)

"A Play" seemed to be enjoyed by almost everyone, and the reader had cause to pause several times to wait for laughter to die away.

"Days have passed," and, "a month has flown by" since then, but we hope you still remember the minutes spent watching--the play.

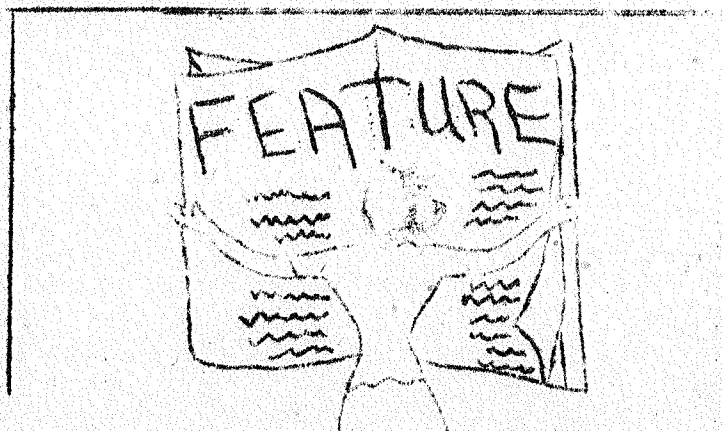
Girls Invade Heidelberg

Thursday, March 20, eight of us, Ann, Dee, Nancy W., Liz, Jeanne, Lilla, Mitzi, Sue, and Ronnie, headed for Frankfurt on the night train with Mrs. Riordan as chaperone. After devouring fried chicken sandwiches, cookies, and some wonderful brownies, thanks to Mrs. Bender, we all went to bed, so as to be full of pep for Flayday. The next morning, after breakfast at Schumann Hall, we took the train to Heidelberg, where we were met by busses and taken to the High School. After being divided up among different teams, we started playing basketball, volleyball, and new-come and relay races. The playday assumed the aspect of an Indian gathering, for the teams were named Sioux, Incas, Pawnees, Iroquois, and other Indian names. After an hour for lunch, we proceeded with the games until four when the scores were added up. The Incas were the winners. We gave a short skit, watched the skits of others, and then took the four-thirty train back to Frankfurt. After dinner at the Carlton, we boarded the sleeper and headed back to Berlin.

'Danger - Girls Working!'

TAR's yearly spring play, which this year is to be the mystery-comedy "Danger--Girls Working!", is well underway under the direction of Mrs. Dodge with the assistance of Alice Lyon who is president of the TAR Dramatic Club.

Those featured in the cast are :
Arlene Day (Liz Schreyer), a witty sales girl.
Selena Barnes (Diann Smith), a waitress who lies.
Grayce Johnston (Mitzi Neville), who wants to give a concert.
Rosie (Nancy Worrell), a German immigrant maid.
Hannah Williams (Mrs. Standish), who can find romance everywhere.
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'Tattler'

Our Cheerleaders

Places--ready--curtain!! Hurry up, girls, you're on!!!

If one had been backstage in the auditorium last Friday night, those are the words of conversation one would have heard, as eleven girls, announcer, prompter, and stagehands put on TAR's annual school play, "Danger--Girls Working."

We won't go into the details just now, there's a complete report elsewhere in this issue but we'd like to bring out some of the little things that brightened up the play and drove the butterflies from the cast's stomachs.

At the P.T.A. special preview on Wednesday night, Annie Worrell made her debut as she casually and assuredly ("Daddy, what'll I do?") turned on the light before the curtain opened, and Dee became quite attached to a curtain fixture as dress rehearsal.

The big night went off without incident, and a tired but happy cast headed for the Smiths' for the usual after-the-show party, which was fun in the typical Smith tradition.

Saturday night found Berlin's teenage group (TAR's teens) at the Teen Canteen once again, all set for a hayride. Even though the wagons and hay weren't all that we expected, it turned out to be quite a party. Did you ever decide whether it was the man or the horse, Lizzie?

These horses must have been a little slow, or else several of the kids must be pretty fast. They'd have to be, to outrun the horses as they did.

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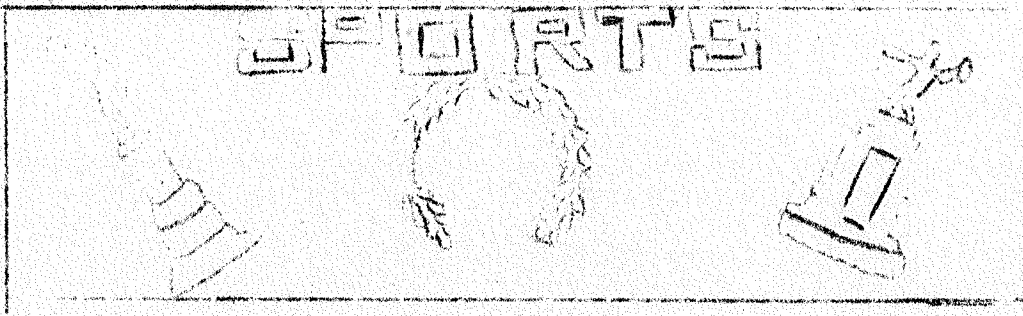
As the maroon and white fall into line, our five little peppy cheerleaders can be seen folding up their sweaters for another year. Deep in their hearts is a warm and proud feeling that can only come from an accomplishment that they well deserve. This accomplishment is the honor of being voted the second best group of cheerleaders in the EUCOM. To Ann, Darlene, Nancy, Barbara, and Mitzi we say "Congratulations for doing such a splendid job."

To all of us here at TAR, to the football and basketball teams, and to the cheerleaders, the year 1951-52 will always be a wonderful memory. As we close this little chapter in TAR's history, we would like to salute our coach, Al Kyrios, and our cheerleading sponsor, Mrs. Riordan, for everything that they have done for us.

Bookshelf

A book which should appeal to all of us living in Berlin is "Decision in Germany" by General Lucius D. Clay. It deals with the history of Germany starting at the time of the German surrender on May 7, 1945 and takes one up through four crucial years that determined Germany's fate. One can gain a better understanding of events in Germany today by reading this excellently written book.

If you haven't seen the movie "Cheaper by the Dozen", or read the book, it's high time you got a taste of continued on page 6



Berlin Takes Four Trophies at Tournament

Another year, another tournament, and another victory.

Twenty-four confident Tarians dismounted from the Berlin Express and headed for the Betts Area gym on March 14 in Frankfurt to play, cheer for, and witness the 1952 EUCOM Basketball Tournament.

As the old familiar chorus of cheers or moans (depending on which team one was rooting for) filled the air, Berlin stepped up to take its place and chalk up more victories.

Our first game was against Munich, (an A-league team) and the Cubs were forced down in defeat by a score of 58 to 29, as the Munich Mustangs were, therefore, automatically put in Class A of the tournament, while Berlin retired to Class B.

This defeat, however, was our only loss, and Berlin went on to trample Paris (44-28), Wiesbaden (40-33), and Nurnberg (44-41), on the road to the Consolation trophy.

Although our games were all hard fought and decisive and our victories earned in all fairness, the final championship game against Nurnberg is the one which all of us remember most clearly and most fondly.

Our Team was tired (they had played Paris only an hour before) and also overmatched, for Nurnberg was originally an A league team. Some of them had not eaten lunch, and everyone was worried, but the TAR team, all the boys of the EUCOM's smallest school, refused to give up.

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The ball swayed--now ours, now theirs--but the crowd went on cheering, and the Cubs kept on playing. The score was 20-20 at the half, and 37 to 28 for Nurnberg at the third period.

Although high-point man, Jim Bender, fouled out in the last moments of play, the rest of the TAR team held their own and put the ball "on in" to win the game and the trophy.

It wasn't just one trophy that Berlin stepped forward to receive. When the rewards of victory were being bestowed, Berlin's name was called four times. Four trophies are now on proud display in the front hall of TAR.

This time TAR won acclaim for the six-man football championship which we won last fall, the class B basketball championship which we won during the conference season of play, the consolation cup of the 1952 EUCOM tournament, which we gained by defeating Nurnberg, and the second place prize which was awarded to the Berlin Cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders who won the latter trophy are Ann Worrell, head cheerleader, Skip Babbitt, Barbara Garnett, Nancy Worrell, and Mitzi Neville.

The boys of the team are, Jim Bender, team captain, Dennis Dix, Bob Par-tain, Sig Schreyer, Mel Ray Miller, Bill Garnett, George Shepard, Phil Shep-ard, Peyton Ellis, Ray Fairbanks, Wayne Kirsch, and Jim Scott, manager. Our coach is Al Kyrios.

Berlin's high-point man was Jim Bender once again, although Dennis Dix scored 17 points in the Wiesbaden game and did well throughout the tournament.

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Personal Glory Continued

privileges and responsibilities should be divided equally among the students according to ability and esprit de corps.

Another less obvious phase of the desire and pursuit of personal glory is the assumption of authority. Many times the actual designated leader of a group has been forced into the background while an assuming member takes over the duties and makes redeeming the stolen authority available only at the cost of an open argument. By the same token, the same assuming type of personality is often likely to reprimand or criticize other members of the group, thus assuming the role of correction which should normally rest with a teacher or adviser.

Often those of us who take these liberties and impose ourselves upon our fellow students manage to escape unnoticed or almost so for some length of time; however, once our own deeds do catch up with us, there is sure to be a day of reckoning, whether the reprimand comes from a higher authority that we dare not defy, or whether it comes in a harvest of unpopularity which is reaped from seeds of dissention and selfishness.

Let us keep in mind, then, that in the long run it is better for all concerned if each and every one of us observes the rules of teamwork and propriety and work for the good of the whole rather than solely for personal glory.

'Tattler' Continued

After it was all over too early, we retired to the Canteen for cocoa and denets, and Dee looked all over for a cobblestone to put in her scrapbook. Something tells me she found it, too!!!

How are Bob and Sig getting along in golf? We hear that Snud and Middlecoff are going to be out of a job soon.

Dennis' theatrical ability certainly can't be overlooked--these English Three readings are terribly dramatic.

Time and space are running out, so we'll sign off for this time, to report more of the latest in TAR's next issue of Bear Facts.

Tournament continued

Jim scored 15 against Munich, 14 against Viesbaden, 27 against Paris, and 25 against Nurnberg, to become the high-point man of the tourney.

Bender's total for the season was 306 points in 14 games for almost a 22 point average which is the best in the B league and possibly the best for both leagues. Bender also was picked on the All-EUCOM second team. Defensive Cub stars were Bob Fartain, Sig Schreyer, and Mel Ray Miller.

With an undefeated (in conference play) season of basketball plus a fine showing at the tournament as the result of Mr. Kyrios' coaching and the team's ability and participation, to back us up, we of TAR may surely say, "Well done, Berlin, well done."

'Danger--Girls Working' Continued

Phyllis Deering (Betsy Mathewson), the newspaperwoman heroine.

Claudia Vantermeer (Lilla Lyon), a simple home girl.

Mrs. McCarthy (Laurel Coleman), a talkative landlady.

Lulu Ann Smith (Jeanne Kirsch), a southern actress-to-be.

Miss Verne (Irene May), about whom the others know nothing.

Ray Cartwright (Sue Shepard), a has-been actress.

With this cast doing its best to bring the play to life on the stage of the TAR auditorium, all of us are looking forward to a grand performance with a minimum of mishaps.

Bookshelf continued

Gilbreth and Carey, to find out what crazy experience one can have by living in a family of twelve. I won't tell you how much you'll howl as it's up to you to find out by reading it. If you enjoy that, then read the latest Gilbreth and Carey--"Bells on Their Toes". It is the story of the same family during their adolescence, with all the joys and tribulations of this age. Both these books are packed with fun and hilarity!