



BEAR FACTS



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JUNIOR CLASS GETS PAPER ROLLING

The long awaited school newspaper has finally come into being.

Sponsored by the Junior Class and advised by Miss Chute, the paper has a promising start for a permanent position in the extracurricular activities of TAR High School.

Everyone concerned has put warm enthusiasm into the initial edition. Such a display is indeed gratifying and should result in a paper worthy of the students of TAR.

Tryouts for positions of interest on the paper were held in every English class. After the final judging, the outcome of election and contest was announced:

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STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO GERMAN YOUTH

On Thursday, April 10th at 4.30 p.m. in response to a request by the German youth, Roger Booth discussed Student Council policies and functions. The German group consisted of representatives from their Student Councils.

Miss Irene Gotthelf, language teacher at TAR was responsible for the opportunity to meet with the German youth, and through her interpreting it was possible to get all the points exchanged clearly.

In a 45 minute talk Roger discussed thoroughly the main functions of a High School Student Council. --- He dispelled many false ideas the group had about the policies for a Student Council.
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ACCREDITING COMMITTEE VISITS TAR

Dr. Virgil Rogers, City superintendent of schools in Battle-Creek, Michigan, representing the North Central Association of Schools, inspected the Thomas A. Roberts High School on Friday April 25. He was assisted by Mr. Virgil Walker, Director of secondary schools in the European Theater, and Mr. Myering, DSS supervisor of secondary schools.

The visit of these officials was most welcome as students have been wondering, "Will my credits be accepted in the schools back home?" That question now will soon be answered, for the purpose of the inspection was to see whether the TAR School measures up to standards for accrediting set up by the North Central Association. (Cont'd on page 6)

ANNUAL CHRISTENED "GATEWAY"

Thomas A. Roberts High School members will soon be the proud owners of their own high school annual.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 9th a stirring meeting was held by annual staff to name their masterpiece. Suggestions were many but the name which appealed to all was "The Gateway" symbolizing the Brandenburg Gate.
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The Annual staff's guiding angel was Henry Koerner from the Graphic Control Office, CMGUS. Mr. Koerner discussed with
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MUSIC INSTRUCTION BEGUN

TAR now has a full time music instructor Mr. Ninow, who is setting up headquarters in room 221, where he will hold classes with ensemble groups made up of orchestra instruments. There are to be beginning and advanced courses, so all students who are interested will be welcomed. These classes are especially for the junior and senior high school students, but he will accept enrollments from the 5th and 6th grades also.

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THE BARE FACTS ABOUT THE BEAR FACTS

The school paper of the Thomas A. Roberts High has been christened "The Bear Facts". The name was submitted by Donald Dehne, and was the unanimous selection of the judges.

The name has significant historical back ground. -----It is in conformance to old newspaper policy that TAR's paper is dedicated to the proposition of reporting facts, a creed of all good newspapers, that has been handed down almost from the beginning of newspapers.

The Bear portion of the name is symbolic of the Berlin Bear which goes back to the year 1400. In that time there lived a family in Brandenburg named Markgrafen. The head of this family was Count Albricht. This family did much of the colonizing in what is now the heart of Berlin. Albricht der Baer as he was known, had for a coat-of-arms a bear with a crown over its head. The bear has ever since been emblematic of Berlin.

The Bear Facts is an altogether fitting name for the newspaper of Berlin's Thomas A. Roberts High School.

THE OYSTER

There is much to be said for the oyster,
That is worthy and good and fine;
For the oyster is a sturdy soul.
He does not weep and whine
When sands have pierced his innards.
(Take heed, ye boys and girls.)
He hugs misfortune closer
And turns them into pearls.

The perfume from those pure white lilacs over that high electric barbed wire fence seemed to fill the whole earth. And those huge rolling white clouds in the sky reminded you of when you were a kid back home. Huh! Remember that time when all your relations came to visit you for a

day? It was a lot of work for your mother. While she was dusting off the furniture just before the "guests" arrived, you sneaked into the kitchen and got into the bowl of whipped cream. And then Aunt Mary came - all wrapped in her real 'sensitive furs. Say, come to think of it, she smelled somethin' like them white lilacs over that horrible fence. Boy! I bet she'll never kiss you again. Not after the way you got her sticky from that whipped cream! 'Tis funny how you get to thinking about things like that. -

'specially when you think of whipped cream and watermelon, and stuff like that when you know good and well you're lucky to get even a half a cup of dirty old mouldy rice. The Japs would never feed their pigs on what they feed you. Whenever you think of Japs and Food now, you always think of Jim. I don't blame you. He surely was a nice fellow. Just couldn't take it though. Had you only perfected this new medicine you made right in camp in time, maybe he would not have died at all! It was lucky for the other GI's who were doomed to die, that you were in camp. And, it wasn't until after the war you learned that yours was the only camp in all of Japan that had advanced so far in medicines. Horace got some seeds from somewhere (how, no one knows, he never would tell you) and kept a small garden. Dandelions surely tasted wonderful then. That's the only way you got your green food, and then it was such a little bit you didn't know you had any.

Then God gave you the privilege of thinking up this new medicine and change the whole attitude of the other "campees".

You were liberated in May of 1945, and some big shot happened to hear of you and a couple other guys, offered you a good job in a business firm, and was tickled pink when you didn't take it. You tried to get into Medical school but no one would accept you. Their answer was "Due to lack of accommodations we regret to -----" Then, out of the clear blue sky, you received a letter asking if you'd accept a 5 year scholarship to a very famous medical school in America.

Today the lilacs are blooming again only this time you are looking at them from out the window of the dormitory. As you sit studying, your thoughts wander.

He does not weep and whine
When sand has pierced his innards.
(Take heed, ye boys and girls.)
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TAR TOURS BERLIN

Tuesday, April 8, was quite an interesting day for the high school of TAR. When the students arrived in school they learned that many of the teachers had not yet come back from their vacation trips. There were rumors flying around that they would take a tour of the city, and for once, the rumors turned out to be true! Miss Gotthelf had thoughtfully arranged to take them on a tour if the other teachers had not returned. Under her supervision the children piled onto two of the school busses, and set out for the center of old Berlin.

They saw, and climbed on the statue of Kaiser-Wilhelm and saw the Old Berlin Castle, or rather the remains of it. Some of them were thrilled by their first sight of the Brandenburg Gate and the Victory Monument of the Franco-Prussian War. Everyone was surprised by the almost complete destruction of the once-beautiful Tiergarten and the elaborate Embassies and homes near it. They all enjoyed Miss Gotthelf's description of the old Fish Market, the canals, and the way Berlin has grown from one small center district out to the neighboring villages. The students saw the Marianne Kirke, Neptune's Fountain, and Berlin's largest department store, (before the war). Many snapshots were taken to go in the annual and for students' own private collection of photos of their stay in Berlin. They jogged back to school at 11:15, and greeted their teachers, now back from their tours. Then in lulls between class work they exchanged bits of their tour with the teachers view of Switzerland and Garmisch.

HORSEBACK RIDING CLASSES SCHEDULED

A riding class is being organized by Lt. Quinn, Commanding Officer, 16th Constabulary, Horse Platoon. This class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after school and on Saturday afternoons at 2:00, beginning, it is hoped, next week.

School busses will be provided to transport students. The class is without charge and expert instruction will be furnished. All the students of TAR, 7th grade through high school, may join. Everyone must have a note of permission from his parents to begin the classes.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn a new sport, or catch up on a favorite pastime.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

The Student Council of TAR has been on the job and makes the following report of progress:

Erik Olsen, chairman of the Athletic Committee announces that the basketball Father-Son banquet was given March 27, at Harnack House; that plans are under way for a Field Day and for a system of awards for special achievements in athletics; that the TAR baseball team is warming up for a full spring schedule of games.

The council's request for bicycle racks has been heard by Mr. Berti. The arrow indicating present parking space points to the basement.

Ruth McCoid was appointed chairman of the flag-raising and-lowering committee.

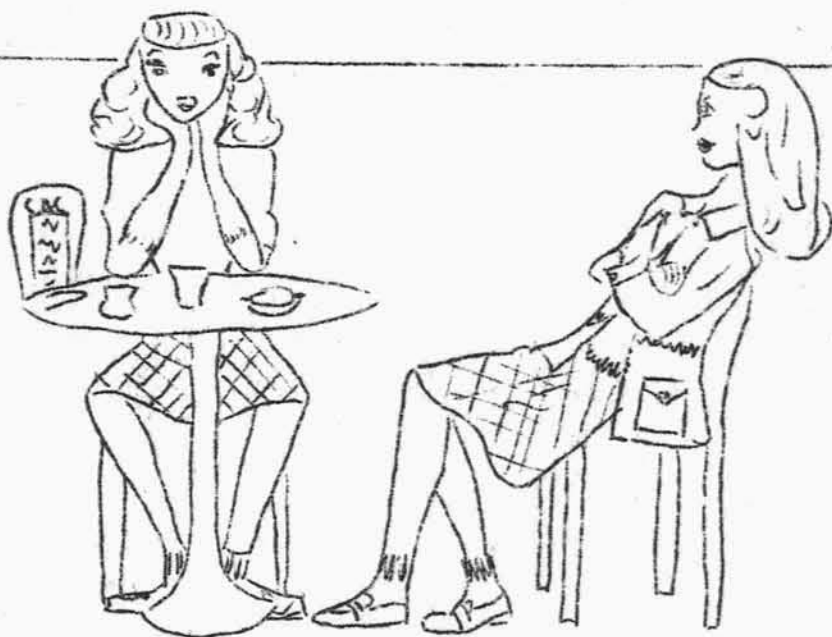
The last teen-age dance was sponsored by the Freshmen, April 25, at 7, Goethestr.

CLUBS ORGANIZED

About a month ago Ruth White had a brain storm. As a result of careful planning and loads of enthusiasm a girl's club was formed. The woman-power of TAR gathered and elected officers in an open meeting. It was also decided that meetings would be held Thursday at noon. Officers elected were Ruth White, President; Jane Schnell, Vice President; Pat Boyer, Secretary, and Joan Florstedt, Treasurer. Barbara Hathcock leads a committee to formulate the well-discussed aims of the club, and presented the report at the second meeting. These aims are to provide a nucleus for activities, benefit work and to welcome new-comers.

The club's first project was Basketball Day during which the wishes of the basketball team were carried out by the members. Suzy headed a committee to provide lunch for the boys which was served by committee members at a decorated banquet table. The committee also arranged for the skit given at the Sophomore Dance that evening.

With our growing membership, treasury and enthusiasm something is liable to happen any time!



He said he hadn't talked to a real American girl for months - so we talked!

RAMBLINGS

You all know how the tumblin weeds likes to ramble - so do I as you all know ---- Say, how's that green suit coming along Frances? We must see it sometime, why not go into the business? -- It seems that in D.C. the boys are fast workers beginning with their first date. How about that, Fred. Do you use the "treat 'em rough, tell 'em nothing" method? ---- Was that an identification bracelet I saw on Erik's wrist the other day? Watch that boy. Guess they don't call him "Speedy" without reason. And who's that gal you're taking to the dance? --- Just heard that Pat and Sally have headed for gay Paris. Just what is there that makes everybody spend 9000 francs so fast ---- Who is that fellow that escorts Ann to the opera on school nights and sailing on weekends? --- One of our promising couples' love has sorta cooled. How about letting this spring weather use its warmth kids? In about 30 days a little southern belle is going to be mighty blue when a certain 6'2" senior sails homeward. --- Another couple has blossomed in our midst. None other than Eileen Wuest and Bob Lieurance. Cute couple aren't they? --- Don and Ruth are still going strong. Paris really has its influence --- Liz Holmer is gadding about first to Paris and now to Holland. What's the matter, don't you

like school? --- Pat and Lois are really kept busy on weekends. Wonder who are going to be the lucky boys. --- The many parties during Easter vacation and after have provided many ramblings. All the better you know how I like to talk --- How about this? Red Dehne is "the" boy around school. Being a Prom King means a Queen-So - spruce up gals, with spring here to help let's see who's going to become the first Prom Queen of TAR. ---- Merrilan Murray, our bubbling Wilsonite, has been leading the life of Riley - at home but it's no fun: not being able to use her eyes. We certainly have missed her "trigger finger." ---- Have you noticed how Rog has suddenly become his old corny self? Just couldn't be because Gloria came back so early from Paris. Did Paris lose her charm or does Rog have that certain something? ----- Gosh, I'm getting a little sleepy from my rambling but I'll see you all around.

LIFE AT TAR

Should life be quiet at TAR?
If it were, we wouldn't get far;
It takes some noise to cheer for a team,
It takes willpower to keep it down to a scream,
But couldn't you cut it down at all
When it comes to talking in the hall?

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM STARS IN ET MEET

Congratulations to a scrappy group of basketball players who represented the Thomas A. Roberts High School in the first ET High School Tournament.

Berlin won the consolation championship. In the first game Berlin was defeated by Frankfurt 47 to 24. John Hatley and Red Dehne scored 8 points apiece. In the second game Berlin defeated Munich 38 to 36. Red Dehne scored 15 points while Johnny Hatley hit the hoop for 13 points. In the third game Berlin defeated Erlangen 24 to 23. With 3 seconds to play, Berlin one point behind, John Hatley came through with a sensational one-hander to give Berlin a one-point victory.

Co-Captains, Red Dehne and John Hatley, made the E.T. High School All Star-Team. Bob Lieurance came through with a brilliant defensive and floor game. Other players who participated for Berlin are Sandy MacDonald, Eric Olsen, Charles Watson, Scotty MacDonald, Dick Watson, and Thomas Johnson.

Berlin was without the service of its other co-captain Roger Footh, who was hospitalized.

YEA TEAM

When you see red and white spots scooting before your eyes, come a blue school day, don't be astonished! It is but TAR's oldest and most flexible club preparing to carry out its duties. Our cheer leaders, who were organized by Gloria Doman during the first week of school, have been all out for sports since the beginning. They supported the Army's "Berlin Bears" during the football season and cheered at some of the most important games at Olympic Stadium, including the championship contest. Many a time they came bounding out to give a hearty cheer at our basketball games, and pulled out the potential enthusiasm of the student body.

The membership included Gloria May Doman, Elisabeth Holmer, Jane Schnell, Jean Crews, Anna Marie Hall, Merrilan Murray, Dixie Huff, Suzanne Bevier and Ruth McCoid who supplied leadership for cheering games. Having done such a swell job surely they can continue it.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BENCH

There has been quite a number of beautiful tans among the boys at school these last few days. It is quite a change from the delightful pea green winter complexion and the doctor in this case has been the hot sun on the softball diamond at Berlin Hockey Club.

Those who are going out for softball are working to bring back from Frankfurt, when and if a tournament is called, a blue ribbon. The boys of the team have quite a tough schedule ahead of them as they are in the company level softball league and it is the opinion of this observer that the G.I. Teams are going to be handed quite a shock. After school the team grabs a C bus or an A bus for Berlin Hockey Club where coach Venditte hits grounders to the infield and gives the outfield practice with long flies. From here it looks as though the now ragged looking bunch may develop into quite a ball team for what the boys lack in power they more than make up in fight. It is a good bet that between Roger Booth and Bob Sterling the team will be receiving more than adequate pitching with Fred Beckner and Jack Malloney behind the plate. The first sack hopefuls are Phil Coe and Dick Watson while Eric Olsen seems to have the keystone sack pretty well held down. Paul Coe and Pinkey Dehne are striving for shortstop honors. Blue Boy Hatley and Goff are fighting for the doubtful pleasure of having balls slammed down their throats at the hot corner. Out in the pastures are Bob (call him R.J.) Lieurance, Perkins, Charles Watson, Mock and yours truly. (By the way, if you like to loaf in the sun while watching other people slave come out and watch us practice.

Under the leadership of Max (the man) Potter a tennis team is being organized but at the present time there is nothing of importance to report on in that field.

Meanwhile there have been big doings in the states as the big leagues opened up their 154 games campaign this week. Just taking a flyer on the way they come in with no promises:

In the American League: Boston, New York, Detroit, Washington, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, and Philadelphia

In the National League: St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, and Cincinnati.

ACCREDITING (Cont'd from page 1)

Mr. Walker reported Dr. Rogers as saying he could see no reason why the Thomas A. Roberts High School should not be accredited. Mr. Walker further stated that Dr. Rogers praised the high standards of teaching and the fine attitude of the faculty toward students.

The Thomas A. Roberts School, according to Mr. Walker, compares favorably with the average high school of similar size in the U.S.

Of special interest to the inspectors was the student body's highly satisfactory attitude toward the school curriculum. Concerning extra-curricular activities, Mr. Walker commented on his dislike of the term "extra-curricular", when applied to school activities out of the classroom. He says such activities are tied in very closely with school work and should be called extra-class, not extra-curricular.

The plans for next year, Mr. Walker believes, are going to be much more complete - with more reference material, more equipment, and a more uniform course of study throughout the theater.

ANNUAL (Cont'd from page 1)

the staff the many problems confronting them in organizing a yearbook. He expressed great confidence in the outcome of the annual.

The Senior Class in sponsoring the annual has selected a strong and competent staff. The staff has been for the past 4 weeks working diligently to make "The Gateway" an annual of which we can all be proud.

The annual staff includes

Editor Ruth White
 Assistant Editor Lois Olsen
 Business Dick Watson
 Athletic Roger Booth
 Directory ... Sally Seitz, Terry Hammond
 Photographs Bob Sterling
 Elisabeth Holner, Eric Olsen
 Eileen Wuest, Suzanne Bevier
 Frances Myer, Terry Hammond
 Don Mathes
 Adviser Mrs. Helen Macon

"All men are created equal: it is what they are equal to afterwards that makes the difference.

TEACHERS MEET FOR WORK CONFERENCE

The teachers of English and art in the DSS met in Berlin on Saturday, April 26, for the purpose of continuing work on plans for a somewhat uniform course of study in each of these two fields.

Miss Pearl Baxter, Heidelberg, Chairman of the English Committee, had working with her Misses Edith Culver, Munich; Clarice Glick, Erlangen; Irene Eldred, Frankfurt; Lucille Patterson, Frankfurt; Eunice Chute, Berlin.

The art group, headed by Miss Gay Long, Frankfurt, included Misses Violet Echhoff, Heidelberg, and Marjorie Marcells, Munich; and Mrs. Lola Hinson, Berlin.

These two committees initiated plans in Garmish during the Spring Conference and the final draft of proposed courses of study will be completed at a later meeting in May.

The social studies teachers of the DSS plan to be in Berlin the weekend of May 3 for a week conference.

OFFICERS AND STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
TAKE OATH

Wednesday afternoon 6th period at an impressive meeting of the Student Council, Albert Beale, former president of the Student Council, gave Roger Booth, Marilyn Sala, Lois Olson and Ruth White, the Council Officers, the oath of office. After he was sworn in Roger gave the brief but sincere oath to the Student Council.

GERMAN CONCERTS ANNOUNCED

Announcements will soon be forthcoming regarding a series of three young peoples concerts to be given by prominent Berlin musicians. The concerts are planned for May 22, May 29, and June 6, at 3:45 in the TAR School auditorium. The invited guests will be American students from the fifth grade through high school and German students from three Dahlen schools.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT (Cont'd from page 1)

After Roger's outline on why and how to have a Student Council many questions were asked. The German group learned a great deal and expressed promising ideas for their own Student Council.

OLDEST TIMERS IN BERLIN

'Way back last June two TARians and two collegians got together and formed what has now grown into a teen-age group of almost one hundred fifty. Roger Booth and Lis Holmer arrived on one of the first boats; Gloria Donan came soon after. These are really the oldest old-timers. Following them came Suzy Bovier in July, Anna Marie Hall, Max Potter, and "Red" Dehne in August and Marilyn Sala, Barbara Hatycock and Don Mathes in early September. The rest of us, who arrived later have had fun -- but, Oh! that first summer!

RESTLESS TAR

Where were you during Spring Vacation? Fifty percent of a group picked at random from the student body were away from Berlin. One fifth were in the U.S. Zone in places such as Garmisch and Heidelberg. Fifteen percent were in Switzerland and the rest were scattered over the continent and the British Isles. It seems now that Spring is here everyone is off touring. How about a holiday for the rest of us?

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Spring illness put one of our faculty members in bed. Dr. Rott, the German science teacher, had a severe case of the flu, but is back in the classroom again, cheerful as usual and raring to go.

Also on our list of patients was Anna Marie Hall who had a beautiful case of the measles. Seems as though everyone, sooner or later, houses that little bug.

SUCH GOINGS-ON (JUNIOR HIGH)

The party at D'Este Whited's on Saturday was a big event in the social calendar of the Junior High-ers. The fun program varied from a weiner roast to dancing with a game of hide-and-seek thrown in.

Gertrude Ward also entertained friends recently with a dance. A good orchestra furnished the music. A photographer took snaps of the group during the evening.

Pat Burke seems to be "Skipping" along slightly slower than usual these days, but Skippy is expected to return any day now from Vienna. --- John Haller is back from the hospital. Pneumonia was bad, but what about the holiday from school. ---- David Brownell told the eighth graders about his wonderful trip to Switzerland and Czechoslovakia. ----- The biggest thrill of Gordon Mock's skiing tour of Switzerland was his twelve mile run down the mountain -- on skis, of course. ---- Molly Fulton, Pat Burke, and Tom Johnson left Wednesday for the land of tulips. -- D'Este Whited, too, is on the travel list for Paris and Garmisch.

There is a male shortage in the 7th and 8th grade's weekly dancing class held in the student lounge at TAR each Monday evening. Otherwise, the class, instructed by Mr. McKennen, a professional dancer, is going swell.

After attending this school for several weeks, a student, still puzzled by a word she had been hearing asked a fellow-student the meaning of the word TAR. The student in complete amazement, answered: "Why, that stands for the name of the school you are attending."

Junior High appeal to all the teachers :
Please, please go easy on the homework.

