

# Nürnberg Alumni Association Online Archive

## Nürnberg American High School

a U.S. Army dependents school formerly located in Fürth/Bavaria, Germany

### Class of 1947-48

This File: School Newspapers

Excerpts from the junior high publication, “Young Yanks  
Abroad,” Vol.1

Excerpts from the high school publication, “The Army  
Brat,” Vol. 2

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## Looking Backward



In the fall of 1947, the Army dependents high school at Erlangen was moved to Fürth and merged with the elementary and junior high schools already housed at No. 19 Tannenstrasse.

The first issue of a novel publication written by the school's seventh and eighth graders appeared December 10. This first issue is 30 book-size pages. "Young Yanks Abroad" appeared thereafter every six weeks during the school year: Feb. 4, 1948, 47 pages, March 15, 47 pages, April 20, 56 pages. Not mimeographed, "Young Yanks Abroad" was printed at a Fürth Buchdruckerei and is more a school magazine with varied content than a newspaper.

There are contributions from the school and the special services librarians (recommending reading), the school nurse (Why drink milk?), the school officer (trying to maintain discipline), a base chaplain (recommending the STRAIGHT LIFE), the Army Chief of the Dependents School Service (The service operates 41 elementary schools and 7 high schools, with a total enrollment of 4,100 students.), and Nürnberg Area Commander Brig. General Leroy H. Watson.

Apparently everyone in grades seven and eight (about 20 students) was expected to write for the magazine. There are accounts of personal experiences, hobbies, and vacation travel. There are what appear to be school reports on science, history, literary topics, famous people, holidays, and calendar events. There are reports on what is going on in each grade, one through eight. One eighth grader, Bill Russell, was a fan of operas and wrote synopses of the operas playing in Fürth and Nürnberg. Seventh grader Frances Patterson had her story, "The Little Chameleon Who Couldn't Change Color," printed in installments. There are also lots of quotations, riddles, and bad jokes. There is even some high school sports news.

For many of the NHS alumni, this time in Nürnberg-Fürth will seem strange and distant. But this was the beginning of the nearly 50 years of the Nürnberg American High School experience. The United States Army was the Army of Occupation in a defeated and devastated Germany. These dependent school children and their teachers were setting up a new kind of school experience.

Note what the English teacher of these first American junior high students did. She set up a school magazine that was both a instrument of communication and a teaching tool. I daresay these students learned more about the English language from writing and editing "Young Yanks Abroad" than they would have studying a musty English textbook.

Miss Martha Sadler, wherever you are, this former English and journalism teacher salutes you!

Four of the five issues of "Young Yanks Abroad" have survived thanks to the mother of **Bill Shortt**, '49. Below and on the following four pages are stories of historical and nostalgic interest. They are abridged and edited.

– **Bob McQuitty**, NAA historian

### OVER THE EDITOR'S DESK

The "Young Yanks Abroad" have a very important task to perform while in the E.C. The ideas of government are expressed by the action of that nation's children. Therefore the eyes of all Germans are turned toward the American dependents now in Europe. We should try our best to



Some of the Staff: L to R: Jean Reed, Norma Riggins, Shirley Willsie, Ronnie Ballinger, Bill Russell; standing Bill Dunham

show them that democracy makes a cultured, well-mannered, and polite person.

Remember you are here as an example of what America is trying to teach all over the world. Democracy is to be shown by example, not taught by speech but action. No one has a bigger responsibility with the Army of Occupation than the "Young Yanks Abroad."—**Shirley Willsie**

**Talk of the School**



**Hans, the school mascot,** has been the cause of much anxiety throughout the school. Hans has been sick from a poison, but he is much better now and well enough to have his picture taken.

He will soon be back on his favorite post at the head of the stairs, receiving his morning pats and caresses and making his daily rounds with his master, **Sgt. White.**

**PAPER DRIVE**

Hey kids! Where are all your old papers and magazines? Here is a new way to get your name and picture in the paper and at the same time help mom clean out the waste paper. All you have to do is bring papers and magazines to pay for publishing our school paper.

**P.T.A. ORGANIZED**

History was made Oct. 29 when the first American P.T.A. meeting in this corner of Germany was held. **Mrs. Leonard Nichols** was elected president.

**REPORTS FROM THE GRADES**

These days the seventh and eighth grades spend most of their time on the school paper. Other than that we consider German one of the most interesting subjects.

**ARMISTICE DAY IN NÜRNBERG**

On Armistice Day of this year, we had the largest parade that we have had in Nürnberg since the end of the war. The sky was cloudy, but it didn't rain until the parade was over.

The parade started exactly at 10:00 a.m.

and looked very fine as it passed, the scarves made the men look very colorful.

Later we went down to where the parade ended. There the Red Cross was giving out coffee and doughnuts to the troops who were waiting to get on the trains to return to Bamberg and Ansbach. After all of the troops had had their doughnuts the Red Cross girls gave us some and they surely did taste good. – **Pat Mossman, 5th grade**

**NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICER**

As a whole I believe our Dependents' School is operating very smoothly. However I feel that a great deal more could be accomplished if we had the full cooperation off all the students.

The first consideration of all students should be the avoidance of unnecessary noise and boisterousness in the halls. . . .

With President Truman's plea to save food, it would be a shame for us to continue wasting it. . . .

And while we are on the subject of "mess," let us talk about cleanliness in the mess hall. . . .

The next matter is that of the school bus. When school is out, those students walking home or going to the dormitories will leave immediately. Those students who ride the buses should **go directly to them and sit down quietly. Remain seated until your destination is reached.** Avoid singing and all unnecessary noises. . . .

For those who deem it unnecessary to

cooperate . . . , they will be turned in to me upon arrival at the school in the morning, and to their parents upon reaching home in the afternoon. If by this system no better results are obtained, the offenders **will** be barred the privilege of riding the buses for a period of two weeks upon being reported twice. – **Capt. Eugene J. St. Marie**

**LET'S GET ACQUAINTED**

**RONNIE BALLINGER**

"Ronnie, how much do you weigh?" I asked. "A hundred and thirty six pounds" said Ronnie Ballinger.

Ronnie fights gallantly for a football team named "The Tigers." He is the only student in the junior high school who went out and played on the high school football team.

**NORMA RIGGINS**

Norma has worked untiringly for the "Young Yanks Abroad," ever since the first idea of a school paper developed.

I asked her where her home was in the States, and she answered, shaking her head, "But I don't have a home, I was born in Manhattan, Kansas, and lived there with my grandparents, when not traveling with my family from one Army Post to another. I guess you'd say, "I'm just an Army Brat!"

She has now been in Germany for one year and three months. As for her opinion of Germany, she made a grimace and said, "I hate it."

**THE CANDID CAMERA DOESN'T MISS A THING**

**Street Scenes of German Children**

**The Welfare Workers**

On Sunday, March 1, a drive was being made for contributions for the needy of all denominations in Nürnberg. The streets were well provided with solicitors. In the Old City, Ludwig, Theodore, Karl, and Otto were working hard. They approached us, jingling their coins in the stein-shaped containers which had a metal top that was locked. We dropped a few marks in and received in return a happy smile, and "Danke schoen!"



## SPORTS: NÜRNBERG vs MUNICH

"Two o'clock, and a bus still hasn't come," I raged, for fear I'd missed the kick-off, when just then, down the street came a bus! It looked like a School Bus, but as it drew nearer, I could see it was from Munich. I shrank back, but to my surprise, a young, cheerful boy, called out, "Going to the game?" With this, we were in and on our way.

In the distance was a large beautiful white building and stadium as we drew up to the Soldier's Field. We rushed out to see if and how much we'd missed.

There it was before our eyes! Munich had already made a touchdown! "This will never do!" I exclaimed, rushing down to where all my friends sat screaming at the top of their lungs with the cheerleaders; but

regardless of our attempts and the good sportsman-like fight our boys put up, Munich ended the game with 32:0.

In the last few minutes, the cheerleaders, Rose-Mary Cook, Bobbie Sheppard, Joan Purdy, Carol Alexander, Barbara Kale, and Peggy Segur gave a snappy yell for Munich, bringing many cheers from the side.

The game was wonderful, and that Munich team surely were players!

## A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A Christmas celebration for the Nürnberg-Fürth American families and German guests was staged on 18 Dec. 1947 at the Fürth Opera House.

Full credit for this magnificently staged pageant should be given to Mr. Fred Pera, by whom it was written and directed.

Congratulations! I've been told this is the first Christmas Pageant every given by Americans in Germany.

## AN INTERESTING PERSON

I met this friend when I first came to Germany. It was three days before Christmas and mother gave her some fruit for her son and some food so that they might have something for a Christmas dinner. It was her influence that gave me a good impression of Germany.

On Christmas she gave me a small chest, and has given me many things since.

Her home is a small garage which has been made into a crowded, but attractive apartment. The family consists of her son. Her husband has been found missing in the war. She works and lives for her boy.

– Norma Riggins, 8th grade

## AS TOLD BY US

### LIFE IN A CASTLE

By Jerry Lee Weedon, 7th grade

I walked down the gangplank of the ship, E. B. Alexander and viewed Germany for the first time. I had come from America and this was the first time I had set foot on land in 12 days. My father is an Army Chaplain and was ordered to Germany for station.

Our new station was Nürnberg so we took our car and arrived at our final destination three days later. They told us we could stay at the Press Camp while waiting



Bathroom in castle described by Jerry. This castle is known to NHS alumni as Stein Castle. At the time of Jerry's story, Stein Castle was being used as quarters for international lawyers and journalists attending the war trials in Nürnberg.



Grand staircase in Stein Castle

for our quarters.

I thought it was just a tourist court, but to my surprise I found it to be a very old and interesting castle. An I.P. (Industrial Police) at the wall-gate waved us into the extensive castle grounds. We entered and to our amazement everything proved to be marble. I never saw so much marble in my life – not even in a cemetery.

We are the only family in the castle at this time. They took us to our suite which consists of two bedrooms as large as a house, and a huge bathroom, twice as big as an ordinary room. It has a marble bathtub with steps leading down to it and is so large one can easily lie down and float in it. Three beautiful mosaic designs in blue and gold are above the tub. One

is a swan, the second a fish, and the third a turtle. There is one big chandelier over the tub and five small ones to match and five beautiful mirrors that reach to the tall ceiling in the bathroom.

The bedrooms are not so elaborate but are large with heavy furniture.

Our meals, which I think are cooked by G.I.'s, are not very good. They are served by German waiters in a dining room which has more big mirrors and pretty chandeliers.

The castle was built by [Count Alexander Faber-Castell], who made pencils. He had factories all over the world and was said to be the richest man in Germany.

At first life in the castle was very exciting but as the days drag by it seems dull and empty. To me it is just a place to sleep and I will be happy when we can have a house to call home.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

My first impression of Germany was that it was a bleak and poverty stricken country. I had seen pictures and movies about the conditions over here but really didn't believe them until riding in a cold German train. As I sat on an old and soiled seat I saw people who looked poor, haggard and cold. Most of the buildings were demolished and those that were standing were so old that it wouldn't take much to destroy them. – **Marie Myers, 8th Grade**

## MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN GERMANY

Two hours after my family and I docked in Bremerhaven we boarded a train for Nürnberg. This was a long tiresome ride but amusing.

About 9 p.m. we wanted to go to bed. The German Porter did not speak English, so we had difficulty making him understand that we wanted to have our beds fixed.

With the help of our German guide book, we finally convinced him. But we had a terrible time making him understand that we wanted him to call us the next morning at 6 a.m., as we could not seem to find the correct words in our guide book to explain to him. I sat and laughed as my mother would say about one word of German and six of English and at the same time using her hands and banging on the wall trying to make him understand. Finally he smiled and said, "ya, ya, ich verstehe." We didn't know what that meant either, but we were so tired we decided to give up and go to sleep.

To our surprise the next morning we were awakened by a loud banging on our door. Then we realized we had made him understand. – **Janice Hamilton, 7th Grade**

## THE STORY OF TWO CITIES

### Nürnberg and Fürth

We quote the following history of Fürth from the "Chronik."

"Charles the Great built a chapel in 793 where Fürth is now situated. A monk who served this chapel made a small Furt (which means "ford" or river crossing) over the Rednitz River, and this Furt was the origin of the name Fürth.

"Later a few houses were settled around the chapel. This was on the left side of the river, which was very low and usually flooded at least once every year. Because of this some people moved over to the other side in the beginning of the next century.

"In a short time Nürnberg became more and more powerful and became the political center of the "Frankischen" countries. Fürth always suffered under its younger sister city and had no rights and many duties.

"During the Thirty Years War, Fürth suffered much because it did not have strong walls around it. The outcome of this war changed the situation in the whole of Germany. The power of Nürnberg and other "Reich cities" sank and rival Prussia began to prosper. Since 1798 Fürth belonged to Prussia, and from then on culture and commerce could develop.

"However, Nürnberg's ancient walls were not a defense against air attacks in World War II. The once proud and beautiful city is now a mass of rubble while her sister city, Fürth, remains unharmed. Many of the proud inhabitants of Nürnberg have sought refuge here and are grateful for the friendly shelter and warmth which Fürth offers.

## NÜRNBERG

Nürnberg . . . . a city of old,

Where lived knights and men so bold.  
There within its ancient walls,

Rested their horses in cold, damp stalls.

Now, today in destruction it rests.

A heap of rubble, a total mess.  
Its once proud walls that stood so high

Were blown to bits into the sky.  
Here in its past so broken and bold

Stands Nürnberg . . . . a city of old.

– **Ruth Walsh**

## A WELCOMED VISITOR

The 7th and 8th grades were very glad to welcome Miss Spears, the Coca Cola representative. When Miss Spears came to our room, she brought every pupil a coke, a nice large pencil, and ink blotter, and a very large writing tablet. Miss Spears also brought us three units of work on the following subject: lumber, glass, and electricity.

We are very grateful to Miss Spears and the Coca Cola people for contributing to our school supplies so generously.

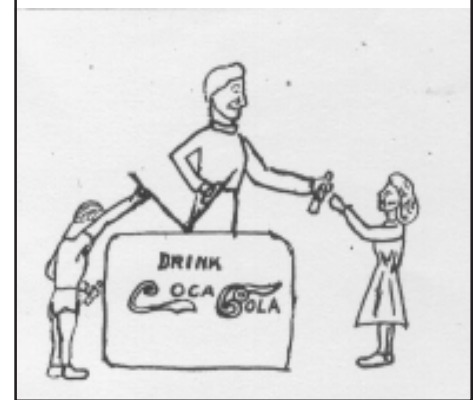
– **Bill Bunch, 8th grade**

At 3:15 when school lets out,  
The Coke man is kept busy rushing about.  
Every one craves a delicious Coke,  
The drink that's refreshing and that's  
no joke.

A bottle they drink every day

While for home they are on their way  
Before they hear Sergeant White call,  
"The buses are going to leave you all!"  
All aboard with a merry shout,  
For the pause that refreshes  
When school lets out.

## Coca Cola Advertisement



## THE MAIL BAG

To the Editor,

I happened to get edition 1 of "Young Yanks Abroad" through Joan Whiteside. I think your paper is perfect. But don't be bewildered by my writing to you, for I think you are a real Editor-in-Chief.

I don't know if you have heard about our German-American Youth Club, located in Nürnberg. It should be a German-American Y.C., but of 720 members, about 700-705 are German.

We German Youth want to come in closer and friendlier contact with other nations youth. But I calculate there are certain prejudices which are still rather big.

Don't you think there would be the opportunity of developing a group of young Germans and Americans with the aim of free exchange of their ideas?

– **Eric Friedlitz, Nürnberg, Wanderstr. 19**

## FORMER STUDENT WRITES BACK FROM THE STATES

Hi Kids, Boy, you sure are well off over there!

When I hit the U.S., my wallet became empty. Prices are booming!

You boys, especially will be shocked at the new dresses girls are wearing, way down to the ankles with padded hips and very low neck lines.

By the way, you'd better get used to a much more quiet life. Personally I've been bored since I arrived!

So take a tip from a gal who knows, wait till the States calm down a little before coming home! Sincerely, **Dona Chapman**



## Sports

### DEPENDENTS SCHOOL ATHLETES ON T.D.Y.

On 14 February 1948, at 2:30 A.M., the Nürnberg Tigers and six additional rooters, accompanied by Mr. Edgar Beaty and Mrs. Donald Johnson, left from the Nürnberg Bahnhof on a train to Frankfurt. The train, being very crowded not many got seats, but made the best of it, by sitting on the floor. The girls, who did get seats, generously gave them up to the team, because they had a game to play and needed the sleep. These didn't even go around, so Ronnie Ballinger and "Tex" slept peaceful, each on a baggage rack.

Arriving at Frankfurt at 7:30 A.M. we were fortunate in making connections with the Heidelberg train. . . .

At the Heidelberg station, some of the teen-agers met us to take the girls to the Teen Age Club and the boys to the Dormitory, to clean-up. After this, we had lunch and went to the Gym for the game. Having only one cheerleader the girls decided to sit and yell, and yell they did! (Almost as loud as all Heidelberg put together). The Heidelberg cheer-leaders showed their good sportsmanship, as they frequently came over to give a yell for Nürnberg with us.

You can plainly see, we had a wonderful time, but only wish we could have stayed over night for the party they had planned for us.

The scored was 43-21, Heidelberg's favor. (But we'll not talk about that!)

### ABOUT TOWN

Do you sit at home on weekends and wander aimlessly about the house doing nothing? If you are bored, join some friends and go to the Teenage Club in Fürth, that is, if you are a teenager. You can dance, play games, and enjoy a lunch at the Snack Bar for a small output of script. There are parties on Wednesday and Friday nights.

If you are not a teenager, or do not want to go to the Teenage Club, go to the Linde Stadium Service Club in Nürnberg, where there are 12 hour a day activities: a craft shop, dancing in the Music Room, ping pong, pool, or even a game of cards in the Yellow Lounge.

Ice skating is a favorite activity. All you have to do is dress warmly and take a few pairs of socks. Skates are supplied. To get there take the Ziegelstein Post bus, which will bring you right to the door. On Sunday afternoons there are hockey games.



### THE SIGN COMES DOWN

The Fürth Red Cross, GI Junction, was recently changed over to Special Services. This Club before November 1947, when Teen-Town opened, was very familiar to many of us, as we spent much after school time there, drinking a Coke between ping pong, checkers, or a game of cards.

We were extremely sorry to see the Red Cross girls leave. They will be greatly missed, as they have made many friends. They deserve much credit for their devotion to the services of the Red Cross. They would come through the Canteen, with always a greeting and smile. These girls, as

we know them, are: "Zebbie" – Club Director, "Terry," "Marg," "Bobbie," "Aida," and "Barbara."

The delightful lunches and happy excursions, hosted by the "Red Cross girls", will always remain one of the many pleasant memories of the Red Cross and the girls who did the job so well. So it is with regret that we say "Auf Wiedersehen".

At the same time we welcome the Special Services girls and are looking forward to more good times with them. They have made many friends in the short time they've operated GI Junction.



[ Linde Stadium was built by Nazi Germany in 1935 for the 1936 Olympics, which were held in Germany. Containing an ice rink and a swimming pool, it was an oft frequented service club immediately after the War. – Ed.]

If you're the music loving type, give a listen to "Presents Parsons" over AFN Sundays at one o'clock. He is a young Cpl. crooner and is said to be "E.C.'s threat to Frank Sinatra."

Why not become familiar with some of the best operas? There is an Opera House in Fürth and Nürnberg where you can attend the opera on Sunday afternoon.

There are also good movies. In Nürn-

berg and Fürth there is a movie every night. But be sure to have the required book of tickets with you. These can be bought at the P.X. and the Fürth Red Cross.

There's always something to do, so inquire about it and find out; but whatever you do, let's try to remember there's the Post Chapel on Schwabacher Strasse in Fürth. The services at 10:00 are very worthwhile.



## Looking Backward

Edited by Bob McQuitty, NAA historian/archivist

# IN THE BEGINNING – 1947-48 School Year



Tigers' Den

### Important Events of 1947-48

- Nov. 24 – Red Scare: “Hollywood 10” refuse to co-operate with House Un-American Activities Committee, blacklisted by Hollywood studios.
- Nov. 29 – United Nations General Assembly votes to partition Palestine between Arabs and Jews.
- Jan. 30 – Indian pacifist leader Mahatma Gandhi murdered.
- Mar. 8 – U.S. Supreme Court rules that religious instruction in public schools violates Constitution.
- Apr. 3–Pres. Truman signs bill authorizing \$5 billion in Marshall Plan aid.
- May 14 – Israel declared independent state, Arab-Israeli War begins.
- June 21 – Deutsche Mark becomes official currency of future Federal Republic of Germany.
- June 24 – Cold War: Berlin Blockade begins.
- July 26 – Pres. Truman orders end of racial segregation in Armed Forces.

Excerpts from *The Army Brat*

Peggy Segur, editor,

Miss Mildred Leamer, sponsor  
published monthly, all 7 issues extant,  
December through May

### Editorial: Why Are You Here?

Have you ever stopped a moment to think why you are over here? You are a representative of our country, the world’s greatest democracy. You are, unofficially, on the same level that a United States ambassador is when he is in a foreign country. Everything you do is supposedly what all Americans do.

If you are well mannered and courteous, all Americans are that way. If you are impolite, careless, prejudiced, all Americans are that way. Although you may know different, how do you expect the European people to understand this?

. . . So, please, let’s not risk the reputation and the standards of the United States because of a few foolish, stupid whims on the part of a very small percentage of us. Now – more than ever – “think before you act.”

### Welcome to Nürnberg High

The veterans of Erlangen High School wish to welcome the newcomers to Nürnberg High School. Good times are in store for all those interested in taking part in school activities and building a good school spirit.

At the beginning of the year in the school at 19 Tannen Strasse, there were 23 freshmen, 19 sophomores, 16 juniors, and 12 seniors for a total of 70 in the high school. [By December that number had climbed to 79. By May, 1948, the number was down to 63.– Ed]

### Latvian Choir Entertains School

A Latvian high school choir from the camp at Fishbach gave a program for the school November 21.

The choir sang mostly in Latvian but did “My Bonnie” in English. Two different groups presented folk dances.

### It’s Our Teen-Age Club!

“Yes indeed, kids, this is your club; bring your pals and enjoy yourselves,” said Mrs. Davies the club manager at the club’s grand opening November 1.

The Teen-Age Club is located in the Fürth Opera House and occupies two rooms on the third floor with the en-

trance on Nürnberger Strasse, just around the corner from the main entrance to the theater.

The latest idea for improving the club is to enlarge the dancing space for you hep-cats. On the subject of “hepcatting,” Mrs. Davies said she enjoyed watching gymnastics very much but hopes that we and the furniture don’t get hurt.



Nürnberg American School, 19 Tannenstrasse, Fürth, West Germany

## Football in Review

Talk of a football team began the first day of school, but nothing much happened until **Russ Faulkner**, who had been elected captain of the team, secured Special Services equipment, a practice field (Soldier's Field), and a very colorful and efficient coach, **Mr. Warren Snyder**, who for three years played All-American football for the University of Southern California.

After many three-hour practices that were rough, bloody and expressed the thought, "If you don't want to hit and hit hard, turn in your uniform," the team met the Munich team, only to be defeated 32-0.

More practice, more blood and then came our second game with Frankfurt. The Frankfurters beat us 42-0.

The third and final game was an overwhelming defeat of Heidelberg, 21-12. Not only were they beaten by the score but they were physically slaughtered.

## Boy's Dorm Has Large Group

Most of you probably all know the boys from the "Boy's Dormitory" but here is an official introduction [to some] anyway.

First, the one and only senior **Neal Alexander**. He has a pretty good eye for feminine beauty as the walls of his room show.

**Don Hilty**, a junior, is probably the most "heard from" boy in the Dorm. Every one has heard his thundering "shut up" some time or another.

**Jack (JC) Cole**, is a junior whose hobby is photog-

raphy. He has every one in the Dorm "blackmailed" by the pictures he has of us in the bathtub.

**Jack Emerick**, can talk anybody sick, which is a favorite pastime of his.

**Joe Long**, a sophomore, is a great face contortionist. He loves anybody and everybody, especially females.

**Eddie Thompson**, an old-timer from last year, is usually in the midst of the riots we have.

**Bob Masters** is the one that can tickle the ivories until they scream, the three B's or Chopin.

**Dan Capstick**, the devil's right hand helper, started school a few weeks late, yet that didn't stop him from turning the Dorm into a madhouse.

## Dormitory Dora Reports

It's all **Joan Nye's** fault, we know that! If she just had not brought that fatal bottle of peroxide! But SHE DID! As a result, before we knew what was going on, **Jackie Hilty, Barbie Kale, Carol Alexander** and **Bobbie Sheppard** were well on their way to becoming blonds. The fact that Barbie is the only

blond and the rest are all red-heads is pure misfortune.

You'll probably never believe it, but the force behind that orgy of bed-ripping was **Peggy Segur**. Imagine! Before it was over, **Joan Marlowe, Billie Jane Outsen, Jackie Hilty** and **Bobbie Sheppard** had sheets strewn all over their rooms and Peggy's own sheets were resting quietly in the backyard. That'll teach Peggy to start things she can't finish!

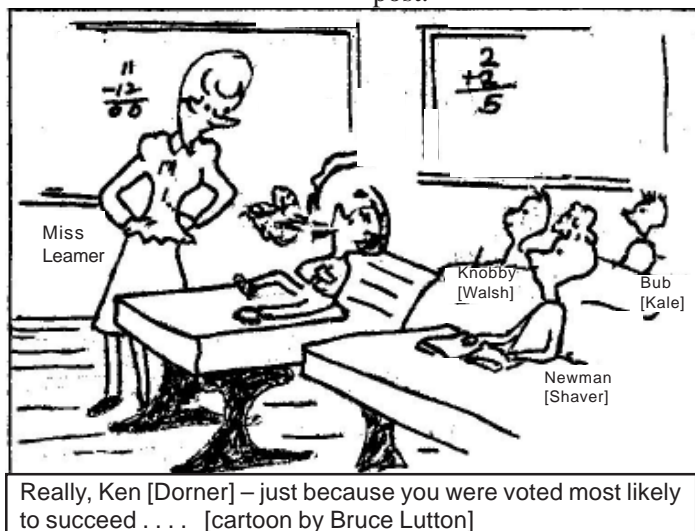
## Cagers Lose Season Opener to Heidelberg

On January 17 the local high school quintet lost its first season basketball game to Heidelberg, 59-8 before a fair crowd of 150 fans. From the tip-off, it was evident who was going to win. (After all, we "ain't got no" coach.)

## Snyder Returns to Coach at Nürnberg

**Warren Snyder**, local football mentor for Nürnberg High School, returned January 26 to the pleas of his former team to take over the basketball squad.

Snyder, who is well known and respected by all teen-agers, commented that he was proud to take over the post.



## Editorial:

## Practical Joking Carried Too Far

In the past few weeks there has been a various assortment of articles mysteriously disappearing from the cloak room, desks and closets. These thefts include pens, pencils, books, magazines, candy, gum and other things of value.

There are a few persons in this school who by their shiftless, playful actions and childish pranks have very neatly placed themselves under suspicion.

This is a warning to any "active" or "potential" thief in the school. If anyone is caught stealing or found in "illegal possession" of some one else's valuables, he or she will be severely dealt with by the school officer, superintendent and faculty.

## REGENSBURG TRAIN

Have you ever had a good time on a train? If not, you ought to be a member of that small and exclusive "Regensburg Group," including **Jack Emerick, Joe Long, Bill Harris, Bobbie Sheppard, Charles Payne, John Mouat, Peggy Segur, Ray Lehman, and Gerry Cook**.

Leaving school on Friday at about 4:30, we make our first stop at Nürnberg's Grand Hotel for the meal of the week.

The 6:30 train to Regensburg is typical of German trains and as dark as the inside of your hat. But we're going home for those precious few hours, so no one complains.

Once aboard the train, the word "school" is dropped



from everyone's vocabulary. Remember Bobbie's black eye and Ray's broken leg? We warned them not to mention school!

As we pull out of the station, Joe and John break into "We're going home; we're going home," and sure enough, we're at the halfway mark, Neumarkt. A few more songs and Jack calls, "We're slowing down for the bridge." As we cross the "Blue Danube" and the lights of Regensburg unfold, we think of the fun ahead and someone asks, "What's playing at the Capitol?" As we leave the train, "Killjoy" Payne's parting remark follows us – "See you Sunday afternoon."

## **Barbara Kale Crowned Queen at Valentine's Dance**

On February 12, Miss **Barbara Kale** was crowned Queen of Hearts by Brigadier General **Leroy Watson**, Commanding General of the Nürnberg-Fürth Military Post in the auditorium of Nürnberg High School. After being crowned, the queen and her escort led the entire student body in the Grand March.

## **Mr. Beaty's Class Visits German School**

February 6, Mr. Beaty's Problems of Democracy class was invited to a German Ober-Real-Schule.

We boarded a school bus and were directed to a partially bombed-out building in the Walled City. Of the four floors, two are totally destroyed, so the remaining floors are crowded beyond capacity.

We arrived in time for their English class, in which the pupils read, translated, and spoke the language rather fluently.

## **Don Hilty Speaks at Nürnberg Opera House**

February 13, the German American Youth Club presented a program of music and speakers to a full house in the Nürnberg Opera House. The chief speaker gave an address on a topic commemorating the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

**Don Hilty**, representing Nürnberg Dependents School, recited an address given by Abraham Lincoln to a group of Germans in Ohio in 1861.

## **Six Pupils Ride Bamberg Bus**

The six students that ride this bus on weekends are **Marianne Houston, Jean Marlowe, Joan Nye, Louis Roffey, Don Ryan** and **Eddie Thompson**.

Going home, it is frequently quiet in the back of the vehicle until a German truck happens to stop in the middle of the road. Then you should hear what is said. Oh, but I can't write that!

A common pastime of our group is attracting the attention of other drivers by making such motions as to force them to think that they have a flat tire. By the time they stop to see what is wrong, we are almost out of sight, but still we get a kick out of the trouble we have caused.

## **Danny Kaye Performs at Nürnberg Opera House**

Hollywood star **Danny Kaye** bounced out on the Nürnberg Opera House stage March 19 to a packed house filled even to the fourth balcony. Despite heckling from a "drunken dame" in the balcony, **Danny** wowed the audience with his "doubletalk" and "Minnie the Moocher" routines.

## **Germans, Americans Vie in Quiz Programs**

On Feb. 17 six NHS students and six German students from the German American Youth Club met at NHS for a quiz program.

The American Quiz Team was composed of **Peggy Segur, Mary Lou Johnson, Joan Marlowe, Joe Long, John P. Nielsen**, and **Mary Lou Daly** while the German Team was represented by six members of the G.A.Y. Club chosen by their teacher for their skill in English.

Some of the quiz questions were: What makes ice float? What German states are in the U.S. Zone and in the United States. What colleges are in the U.S. and Germany?

Although most of the questions were on world history and world geography, a few were on chemistry, which **Peggy** answered with flying colors.

**Benji Abramowitz**, one of the spec-tators among the mixed German-Ameri-

can audience, answered a few, but we don't mention the fact that **Dr. Kroner** was standing right behind him.

The contest was declared a tie.

## **NHS Out-Scored in 2nd Quiz**

On Mar. 31, six NHS students (**Ken Dorner, Don Hilty, Myron Hollister, Billie Outsen, Stan Rackin**, and **Roger Willsie**) went to Erlenstegen for a return contest with the Germans. The Germans out-scored the Americans 395 to 350. The questions were over current events, literature, music, geography, history, and science.

## **Basketball in Review**

**Ken Dorner, Don Hilty, Knobby Walsh, Len Nichols, Slim O'Connell, Bud Bryant, Jack Cole, Ronnie Ballinger, Eddie Thompson, Warren Flanders, Lowell Wynn, Myron Hollister**, and **Stanley Rackin** are glad the basketball season is over. **Final Record: 0 wins, 12 losses.**

NHS		NHS	
8	Heidelberg 59	21	Heidelberg 41
19	Frankfurt 34	13	Berlin 47
21	Wiesbaden 49	9	Munich 28
12	Frankfurt 40	9	Berlin 23
18	Wiesbaden 43	16	Munich 25

The Tigers dropped two more games in the E.C. Tournament, to Wiesbaden 26-39 and to Heidelberg 28-37.

## **Teachers, Students Depicted In Assembly Program**

On April 2, the Dramatic Club presented a very hilarious period of entertainment which portrayed life in Nürnberg High School.

Oh! There goes the bell and we are just in time for **Mr. Beaty's** history class. **Don Barnett**, carrying his brief-case ambled on the stage – a perfect likeness of the Honorable Mr. Beaty. Bang! Bang! There goes the gavel – now the class begins.

**Marianne Houston**, portraying **Miss Le Duc**, [from Ware, Massachusetts], promptly began a discussion of "Chin-er" and the "Crim-er Peninsul-er." Seeing no one was paying attention, she decided to give a quiz to awaken the class.

## Graduating Seniors to Cruise Rhine on Hitler's Yacht

Now a look at German class. **Lowell [Wynn], J.P. [Nielsen]** and **Leo [Kelsch]**, upon depositing their books, left the room before "**Doc**" **Kroner (Len Nichols)** knew what was happening. When they returned after the last bell, "**Doc**" inquired if the cigarettes were good.

In **Miss Mosby's** science class we find **Jean Purdy** vainly struggling to open the drawers of her desk. As the last bell ran, Jean, in an exaggerated voice said, "The bell has rung!"

**Joe Long**, being discovered with gum in his mouth, reluctantly took it out and stuck it behind his ear.

Ah, last but not least, English class. As the class entered the room we find **Miss Leamer (Joan Purdy)** behind the door, putting on lipstick, etc. "**Slim**" asked Miss Leamer if he could sharpen his pencil, at which she exclaimed, "I've told you time and time again that you can't sharpen pencils in my class!"

**Dick Kale** came limping into class all bandaged up. When Miss Leamer asked him where he had been and why he was late, he said a twelve-ton truck just ran over him and he had been in the nurse's office. Miss Leamer told him that was no excuse for being late and that he must go to the office for an excuse. Dick was helped out of class by his classmates as the bell rang.

### Baseball in Review

At the opening of Nürnberg's baseball season April 17, Nürnberg defeated Bremen 11 to 5.

The starting line-up was: pitcher, **Dick Loss**; catcher, **Knobby Walsh**; 1st base, **Mike Stockheim**; 2nd base,



**Peggy Segur**



**Barbie Kale**



**Bobbie Sheppard**



**Bernie Case**

On June 1, the four graduating seniors from Nürnberg High School will join other graduating seniors from the European dependent schools for a trip on the Rhine in Hitler's yacht.

Graduation will take place the next day at the Haus der Kunst in Munich.

**John Mouat**; shortstop, **Charles Mink**; 3rd base, **Joe Long**; rt field, **Leo Kelsch**; cf, **Bill Petros**; lf, **Ned Poinier**.

On April 24, the Tigers lost to Wiesbaden 5-7.

May 7 the baseball team traveled to Frankfurt. After the game with Heidelberg was rained out, the Tigers ate the Frankfurters 8-3.

### Discussion Changed To Teenage Customs

On May 5, **Bobbie Sheppard, Peggy Segur**, and **Joan Marlowe** talked and answered questions put to them by 27 German girls at their G.Y.A. Club. The topic to be discussed was American girls' hobbies, but the German girls were more interested in American dating customs. Both groups talked of the others' customs. All of the German girls were interested in how American teen-agers used cosmetics.

On May 12 a group of American boys and girls returned to the G.Y.A. Club to demonstrate American dancing to the fascinated Germans.

### Discussion of Nürnberg Trials

May 19 the Office of Chief of Counsel for War

Crimes held a discussion for German and American Youth in the main courtroom of the Palace of Justice on the topic "Are the Nürnberg Trials Just and Fair?"

### Junior-Senior Prom

The Junior-Senior Prom, which includes sophomores and freshmen will take place May 21 at Stein Castle from 9:00 until 12:00 p.m.

There will also be a banquet before the dance for all junior, senior, and invited guests.

### LIZZIE PRYS

The Junior-Senior Prom seems to be causing quite a few "revolutions" lately. The vice-president of the "Women Haters Club" of Nürnberg High, **Bill Shortt**, appears to

have a date with someone he has admired for a long, long time. The remaining members of the club, we hope, will break pledges this time also and take the fatal step.

### Nürnberg Students Dance the Year Away

For the 1947-48 school year, the chief social events were dances. There were 13 dances during the year, including the Freshman Dance, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Football Dance, Christmas Dance, March of Dimes Dance, Queen of Hearts Dance, St. Patrick's Dance, April Fools Dance, Leap Year Dance, Dorm Dance, Junior-Senior Prom, and the Farewell Dance on the last day of school.

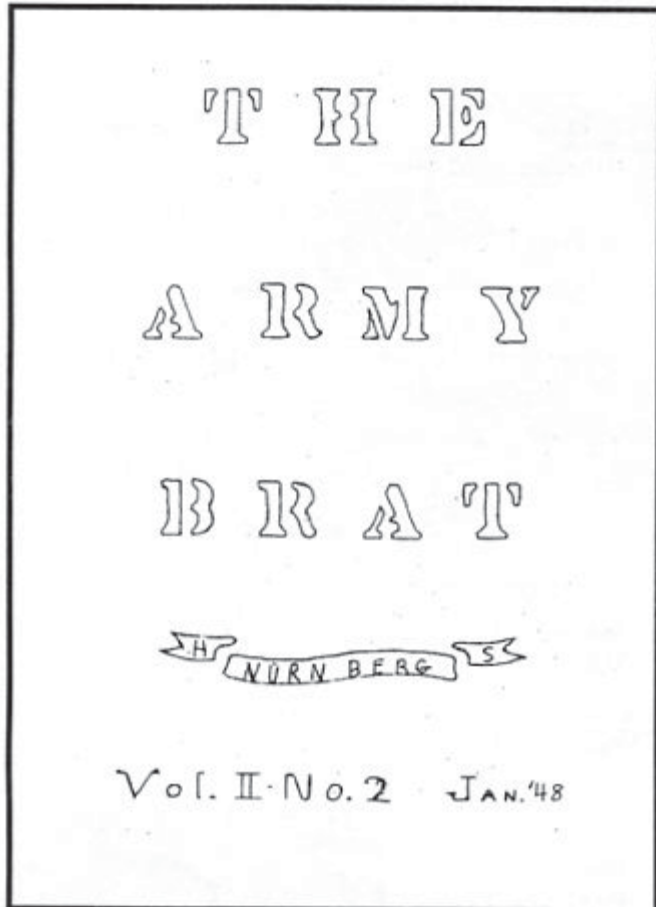


Stein Castle, requisitioned home of Faber-Castell family, scene of the Nürnberg High School Junior-Senior Prom

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## High School Students Take Part in Re-enactment of Christmas Pageant

The Christmas program in which six high school students and students from the seventh and eighth grades participated on December 18, 1947 at eight o'clock at the Fürth Opera House, was repeated upon request of Gen. Leroy H. Watson, on January 15, 1948, at eight-thirty at the same place.

The performance, written and directed by Mr. Fred Pera, was a pageant of the Nativity accompanied by song.

The presentation began with an overture played by string ensemble. Then, after Chaplain Ariel Achtermann, the narrator, read from Milton, the choir sang its opening hymns. The program followed with the three prophets, Keith Olmsted as Moses, Bill Russell as Isaiah and Charles Mink as Zachariah, foretelling events from the Bible.

After more blending of voices and narrating, the angels and shepherds, the students of the seventh and eighth grades and Barbara Carter, wandered upon the stage. Then the three kings of the Orient, Bob Watson as Melchior, Roger Willsie as Casper and Myron Hollister as Balthazar, the Moor, marched down to the stage where the Virgin, Shirley Willsie, was revealed in a beautiful blue robe. After the conclusion of the choir's singing, the audience participated in carolling.

Everyone who took part in this program deserves credit for this performance brought to the holidays the extra touch which made the holidays more like Christmas at home. Even though there were only a few rehearsals, everyone played his part well and should be commended.



Pageant cast: left to right: Unknown, Barbara Carter, Keith Olmstead, Unknown, Unknown, Shirley Willsie, Unknown, Charles Mink, Myron Hollister, Roger Willsie, Bob Watson, and three unknowns. The unknowns were unidentified 7th and 8th graders.

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## **Glee Club Presents Christmas Program**

On Dec. 18, 1947, during the seventh period, the high school Glee Club, sponsored by Miss Claire Le Duc, sang and enacted a play. The four soloists were Barbara Carter, Betty Griffith, Marianne Houston and Barbara Wilkerson. The rest of the group consisted of Dolores De Martino, Billie Outsen, Barbara Ryan, Beverly Wesner, Jackie Whitman, Charles Mink, Keith Olmsted, Bob Watson and a group of seventh and eighth grade students. The choir's voices blended nicely with Miss Le Duc's accompaniment. The songs that were sung were the traditional Christmas carols that everyone likes to hear. The girls who sang wore pretty white blouses, and the boys, white shirts. In the play, the three angels were Janice Hamilton, Barbara Harris and Jean Reed. The little girl was Frances Patterson. The two men's parts were played by Claire Langley and Bill Russell.

After the performance, the audience joined in singing more carols, so the program was pleasant from beginning to end.

### **WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SEE - - -**

Jack Cole—without that glint in his eye?  
Jack Emerick—without gum?  
Jean Purdy—with her part straight  
Dick Kale—with all his assignments?  
Lenny Nichols—without his shoes shined?  
Don Capstick—not liking ice cream?  
Marianne Houston—not yelling out the window  
after lights-out?  
Peggy Segur—smoking a cigarette?  
Barby Kale—making a lot of noise?  
Joan Nye—"Mad" at anyone?  
Don Hilty—SPEECHLESS!!!  
Joe Long—a suicide blond (dyed by his own hand)?  
Diane De Martino—fat?  
Carole Alexander—turning down a chance to get  
into mischief?  
Ralph Wofford—bashful?  
Myron Hollister—with straight hair?  
Barbara Ryan—burning down the dorm.  
Bill Harris—with his wave in place?

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## ***From the Pages of . . . . . . The Army Brat***

*Excerpts from Vol. II, No. 7, May 14, 1948, dedicated to the  
graduating class of 1948.*

### **WASN'T IT FUN THOUGH?**

Remember back on Sept. 8, 1947, how nervous and excited we all were—wondering whether we'd see our old friends again, or be able to recollect everything we learned last year, or make a hit with the new kids just coming in? Didn't we have fun talking over last year, going to the Red Cross after school, and initiating lonely freshmen? Remember how we climaxed it all at the Freshmen Dance, given by the Seniors at the V.I.P. House, to acquaint the newcomers with Nürnberg High?

Do you recall our football games with Munich, Frankfurt, and Heidelberg, the opening of the Teen-Age Club with a hayride before-hand, and the Football Banquet? Then came the carnival to help raise money for Christmas, when we raffled off Susie, our football mascot?

Remember the Costume Ball? Then last, but not least, for the year 1947, our first formal, the Christmas Dance, in the high school auditorium — the last we saw of many of our most popular friends.

"Now, in 1948, there was the March of Dimes Dance, which was something to be proud of, and our second formal, the Junior class "Queen of Hearts Dance," with a queen, Grand March, and novelty dances.

Following that there were all of our exciting basketball games, home and away.

Remember the Social Committee's Hobo Dance with its treasure hunt, and the parties at Teen Town to raise money for the Prom—The Cake Chance Sale and Dorm "New Look" Party with a fashion show—the first time we had a surplus of girls for the entire past year.

Then there was that super Social Committee picnic outside of Nürnberg.

Last of all will be the Junior—Senior Banquet and Senior Prom, which will climax the entire school year of 1947-48.

In spite of books, periods, rules and regulations, pens, ink, homework, a shortage of paper, and all the other burdens that must be borne while in high school in the E.C., wasn't it really and truly a year packed full of events that we'll never, never forget? Weren't we, and aren't we still, full of the school spirit that made this one of the best years of our lives? And just think we have been privileged enough to go to school in the European Continent, a place in which you never ever dreamed of being. WASN'T IT FUN THOUGH?

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