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Looking Backward

IN THE BEGINNING – 1950-51 School Year



Edited by Bob McQuitty, NAA Historian/Archivist

Important Events of 1950-51

- 1950 - Mother Teresa begins her charity work in Calcutta.
- Sept. 15 - UN troops land in Inchon to start counterattack that leads to recapture of Seoul from North Koreans.
- Nov. 26 - China enters Korean conflict, forces retreat of UN forces.
- 1951 Treaty of Paris adopted, establishing European Coal and Steel Community, precursor to the European Union.
- Jan. 17 - Chinese/North Koreans recapture Seoul.
- 22nd amendment ratified, limiting Presidents to two terms.
- Mar. 14 - UN troops recapture Seoul for second time.
- Remington Rand delivers first UNIVAC computer to Census Bureau.
- Apr. 11 - Pres. Truman relieves Gen. MacArthur of his command.
- May 12 - U.S. detonates hydrogen bomb in the Pacific.
- July 10 - Korean War armistice negotiations begin.
- "Beetle Bailey," "Peanuts," "Dennis the Menace" comic strips debut.
- First TV remote control, Zenith Radio's Lazy Bones, is marketed.

THE SCHOOL PAPER

In this, the first issue of "The Army Brat" of 1950-51, we, the staff, hope to set new standards for the Nurnberg school paper. ... The paper will be successful only if it is written by the students, and not for them. ... The staff hopes that in the future years, the students of Nurnberg High School will be able to look back through past editions ... and get some pleasant memories of the school year of 1950-51.

– R.D.V., editor

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

... Many people attempt to go through school or life by working angles. The only angle we can honestly recommend on any problem is the "try-angle." We know that much hard work lies ahead of you this year, but by doing your best each day, you can make this year the best and most profitable year yet spent.

– Carl A. Parker

AFN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Sunday 1300 Greatest Story Ever Told
- 1700 This is Europe
- 2200 Bookshelf of the World

- Mon. thru Sat. 2100 Report from Europe
- Tues. 2030 You are There
- Fri, 1800 Defense Report
- Sat. 2245 This World This Week

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 7, 1950 School Opens
 - Nov. 20-26 - No School: Fall Conference, Thanksgiving
 - Dec. 25-Jan. 1 No School: Christmas Vacation
 - Feb. 22-23 No School: Washington's birthday Recess
 - Mar. 19-30 No School: Spring Conference, Easter Vacation
 - May 7-8 No School: V-E Day Recess
 - May 30 No School: Memorial Day
 - June 6 No School: D-Day
 - June 15, 1951 School Closes
- [Total of 5 weeks of school holidays – Ed.]

SENIOR HEADLINES

By Beth Brandt

Wie geht's Folks,

This is your Senior Reporter giving you the latest dope of our class doings.

... The Seniors sponsored the first dance of the year, "The Freshman

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Excerpts from *The Army Brat*

Richard DuVal, editor

Warren Robbins, sponsor

Published by the Junior Class

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Dance," which was held in Stein Castle. This dance was to bring to a climax the torture the Freshmen received from their "Masters" which lasted for one week...

Well, folks, that's about it for today and this issue. So, till we meet again,

Auf Wiedersehen

JUNIOR HEADLINES

By Joan Kohlmann & Nancy Lurvey

... Our Junior class won first prize for its float in the football parade. We wish to extend a hand of thanks to the chairman, **Norma Emde**, and to her Committee who participated in the decorating of the float. The theme of our float was "Bar-B-Q Tonight, Roast Mustang." We had a Nurnberg cook roasting a Munich Mustang on a spit. ...

... If you had looked in on the Junior class first period on Oct. 27, you would have seen a bunch of hard working people. **Mr. Robbins** decided that it was high time something was done about the battered desks, so he got some sandpaper and put us to work scribbling [sic] the marks off. The desks in the Junior homeroom are now clean and smooth and we hope that everyone will cooperate with us to keep them that way.

THE FRESHMAN NEWS

By Pattie Hill

... The "Freshmen Initiation" was held in the school auditorium. The ninth grade was called into a room, where they were told to take off their shoes and socks. The rest of the student body and the faculty were assembled in the auditorium to witness the fun. The Freshmen boys crawled into the auditorium on hands and knees singing "Mule

Train." They were followed by boys of the senior class with whips. The freshmen girls were told to wear short skirts and blouses or sweaters, inside out and backwards, while the boys had to roll up their pants and wear their shirts backwards. The initiation was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

THE EAGLE'S NEST

The Freshman Dance, which was the first dance this year, appeared to have been a great success. Of course there were a few that came back perfectly heart broken, but there were equally as many who were in the clouds. All I heard in the dorm that night was:

"What a perfectly glorious evening."

"O-H-H-H-H, just think – I've got a date with him for next Wednesday."

"I thought I liked him but UGH."

"O-h-h-h-h, I'm so miserable."

"We ought to have more of those dances. Wow!"

"Did you know his eyes are the most beautiful blue in the world?"

FADS AND FASHIONS

There's really a lot of new fashions in Nurnberg High this year. Still, the girls all remain loyal to the skirts and sweaters with loafers and bobby-sox. But have you noticed all the new combinations with petty scarves and necklaces? The boys, of course, remain loyal to the well-known (maybe I should say well-worn) dungarees.

GIRLS' DORM NEWS

Many new changes have taken place in the dormitory. What a change the new red carpeting is from the bare floors of last year! We also have florescent lighting and beautiful mahogany furniture. The dorm is so much like home now! In the basement we have a room reserved for ping-pong players.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

"What do you think is the most desirable feature about Nurnberg High?"

Students

John Partin 3:25

Diane Russell The nice warmly heated classrooms.

Meg Andreas Sgt. Waller's superb meals

Shirley Caldwell Detention Hall [remaining after school for 45 minutes – Ed.]

Beverley Keeley The tall dark and handsome boys. What a big joke!

Faculty

Doc Kroner Our football team

Miss Rack No comment

Miss Rekucki That the students come from all parts of the United States and live and work together in a foreign country in what I consider to be one of the challenging times in history.

Miss Sekerjian The 3:25 bell

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

[Important books at this time. – Ed.]

"The Mind in the Making" by James Harvey Robinson, reviewed by **Elizabeth Hejno**.

"The Proper Study of Mankind" by Stuart Chase, reviewed by **Carl Peterson**.

"You and Your Superstitions" by Brewton Berry, reviewed by **Dick Du Val**.

"The Situation in Asia" by Owen Lattimore, reviewed by **Jessie Redman**

Asia today is out of colonial control from Suez to the western Pacific and can't be reasserted by military action. Atomic warfare in Asia would result only in its poisonous devastation because there are no highly developed nerve centers to be paralyzed [sic]. They cannot be starved into submission because their local resources are sufficient for them to hold longer than we could. The Great Powers can no longer lay down the law as they did in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Proof of this Asian independence is how so small a place as Israel can rise and break the fabric of alliances between British and Arab monarchs in the Near East. The change that has come over India and Pakistan is becoming more and more apparent – they'll make their own decisions. Iran and Afghanistan are moving in the same phase of change. Burma is showing amazing development along the line of Marxism. Indonesia, Malaya, and Indo-China are today a drain on the countries

trying to retain or reassert control over them, and there is not a single major problem in Europe that can be worked out satisfactorily unless Asia is taken in consideration. The only way to get along with Asia now is to negotiate peacefully instead of trying to fight them. ...

Die Deutsche Seite:

DAS FEST DER DANKSAGUNG

By **Elizabeth M. Hejno**

[A full page story of the first Thanksgiving, all in German. – Ed.]

Eine der ersten Gruppen welche sich in Amerika ansiedelten, waren die Pilgor (Pilgrims). Sie vereliesen England um die wahre Freiheit der Anbetung Gottes im Einklang mit ihrem Gewissen zu suchen. ...

... Das war das erste Fest der Danksagung welches in Amerika gefeiert wurde. ...



Editorial

"QUIT SHOVING"

"Quit shoving" seems to be the main word in most every students' vocabulary in Nurnberg High School. At least that is the way it sounds to one who stands in the lunch line every day.

Sgt. Waller should feel quite complimented by the fact that the students are always in such a hurry to get to the food.

The lunch line is always like a mad house, people hollering and yelling at the

top of their lungs, and of course there is always some character who thinks himself superior to the rest (excluding the Seniors) and pushes in line in front of everyone else. A lot of the students insist on pushing their classmates around, causing more disruption than ever. Because no one wants to be cut in front of, there is usually a gathering of students at the door of the cafeteria, causing this area to be congested [sic].

It would be greatly appreciated [sic] by many, including myself, if these unnecessary actions could be discontinued. – N. L. [Nancy Lurvey]

NOTICED, KNOWN, OR HEARD?

Have You Noticed That:

[Dick Du] Val is turning crazier every day? First he got a crew cut and now a mustache.

Alfred [Benavides] and Joan [Kohlmann] had a fight with a lawnmower? Alfred received the worst end of the deal. Just call him Baldy.

Bill Martin has broken his “lone wolf” record twice this year? First Alta [Minthorn] pried him away from his “studies” and now Jean Clower has won his heart. What’s happening, Bill, softening up on us?

Did You Know That:

A very shy sophomore boy, namely Tom Joyce, has come out of his shyness long enough to like a freshman girl?

Miss Kent was going to be the junior teacher [replacing Warren Robbins who resigned at the end of the first semester – Ed.] starting this semester? But it seems after she visited the class one afternoon, she called up and canceled the whole deal? Why?

The sophomore girls in the dorm sleep half dressed so they won’t take so long getting dressed the next morning.

Have You Heard:

The results of the recent world wide survey? It shows that Bill Shakespeare is the most disliked man in any high school. – Submitted by Ralph Lurvey.

RIFLE CLUB

Seventh period on Monday always finds a bus load of students leaving the school with a determined look on their faces, and a more determined expression brings them back. They’re headed for the rifle range over at the post constabulary where a few boxes of ammunition are waiting to be fired, and six rifles to fire them.

But whether the bullets go into the targets, let alone the right targets, remains to be seen. The instructor, Major Bass, has a grim but a little more hopeful expression as he refreshes the club’s minds briefly on the do’s and don’t’s of firing a weapon.



Some members of the NHS rifle squad

Front, L to R: Nancy Verney, Jean Clower, and Jackie Surratt; back, L to R: Bill Dillard, Bill Killough, Ronald Valimaki, Peter Paul (captain) and Mr. William Starbird (coach)

GIRLS’ DORM NEWS

By Jackie Grimes

Since the last issue of “The Army Brat” the freshmen girls have moved across the street and they now have a dorm all to themselves.

There are four bedrooms. As I entered the middle room, I was told that these girls had the nicest room in the dorm because it was equipped with the only wash basin. They are sure to be clean, now, hum Betty?

BOYS’ DORM NEWS

The boys’ dormitory gave a tea for the faculty Wednesday afternoon. All the boys dressed in coats and ties for the occasion (believe it or not). The faculty had a marvelous time and appreciated [sic] the wonderful hospitality of the boys.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The Junior class journeyed to Selb on the 16th of November to visit the Rosenthal factory there. Oh yes, the Senior class tagged along with us!

Everyone enjoyed themselves and were very interested in the factory. I can not say for sure if the managers of the factory enjoyed our presence or not, nor can I say for sure if they are still in business as everyone brought home a number of souvenirs [sic].

THE BOWLING CLUB

The ten bowling alleys at the post constabulary are reserved every Tuesday for the members of our Bowling Club. Since there are more members than alleys there is a mad rush from the bus to the building, as each one tries to get his “lucky” alley before anyone else. The ones who don’t have a “lucky” alley just rush to get one, period! It must a great shock to the pin boys as everything is quiet and peaceful until the “pros” from Nurnberg High invade the place. It’s a wonder the men at the alleys don’t put “size 8 on the score sheets and give them “alley 9” to put on their feet. But the scramble doesn’t last for long, for soon everyone is busy knocking the pins down after the pin-boys “energetically” put them up.

Jackie Grimes has the highest average in the club, 148.

FRESHMAN DORM NEWS

By Ann Wyss

The girls in the frosh dorm have named their rooms and some of the names are very appropriate. The girls in Angel’s Haven are really angels. But the girls in Brat’s Barracks aren’t brats. The girls in Flo Inn are quiet most of the time, but the “devils” in Devil’s Den are really a devilish bunch. They always seem to get into more trouble than all of the other girls.

Football Season Marked by Beauty

As is customary, King Football ruled the roost among athletics during the pre-winter months. Although Nurnberg's contribution to this tradition was hardly a powerhouse, it provided many moments of enjoyment, excitement, and comedy to all involved, spectator and player alike.

Opening their '50 campaign against the Heidelberg Lions at Mannheim Stadium, the Eagles drew first blood but were defeated by Bob Springer & Co. 26-6.

Nurnberg inaugurated its home season by hosting for the Frankfurt Eagle, which was more than fortunate to escape with a twelfth-hour 7-0 win. After keeping the invaders on even terms for most of the contest, Nurnberg finally gave ground in the face of superior weight and depth.

The Eagles left their next game in the dressing room, allowing the visiting

SPORTS ROUNDUP [from final (printed) issue]

Munich eleven to have a field day in smashing out a one-sided 45-0 conquest.

The biggest battle of the Linz affair found both squads fighting a common enemy, Ol' Man Mud, with the latter prevailing in a 0-0 deadlock that was the sole bright spot on an otherwise discouraging 0-3-1 record.

GRID GOSSIP: Were you there when –

Bob Isett caught a punt kicked by our own team?

Stanley Caldwell forgot his pants at Linz?

Bill Harnett scored our only touchdown of the season?

Alfred [Benavides?] was thrown out by the referee?

We slept in the luggage racks going to Linz?

Individuals, Team Sparkle on Diamond

Three victories and the brilliant play of catcher **Bill Eckert** provided Nurnberg "hot stovers" with some good fuel for their off-season "bull sessions" in the months to come. ...

DIAMOND DUST: Final tabulation shows the Eagles won 3, dropped 7. **Tom Joyce** was the work-horse of our mound staff, going to the hill four times, winning once.

Eckert sparkled with the stick, knocking out a lusty percentage. Yours truly thinks he's tops in the EC.

The triumphs were sprinkled among the pitchers, as Joyce, **Ron Valimaki**, and **Carl Peterson** all tasted the fruits of victory. ... Peterson fanned 21 in 11 frames.

Last of all, you players did a fine job. For most, it was your first sample of organized baseball and the results were encouraging.

Art Mace Cops HS Golf Crown

NHS sophomore Art Mace won the EUCOM & Austrian high school level golf tournament played in Frankfurt over the weekend.

Art fired a 43 on the first nine holes and came in with a blistering 39 on the back nine. He has been swinging his father's golf clubs ever since he was old enough to handle them.

His round of 82 on the difficult 6700 yard Frankfurt course was the third time he has been on the links this season. – [from an Army newspaper]

Basketball Report [from Feb. issue]

Eagles Drop Three to Tough Opponents; Lack Teamwork, Drive – Shakeup in View

By Ron Valimaki

On Dec. 9 out at Monteith Baracks, the Nurnberg Eagles opened their basketball season against the Class B Tournament champions, the Heidelberg Lions. The Lions, looking more like a Class A team, proved that they are going to be a hard team to beat.

As the final gun sounded, the score was 68-49 in favor of the Heidelberg five.

Ralph Lurvey was high man for the Eagles with 20 points to his credit.

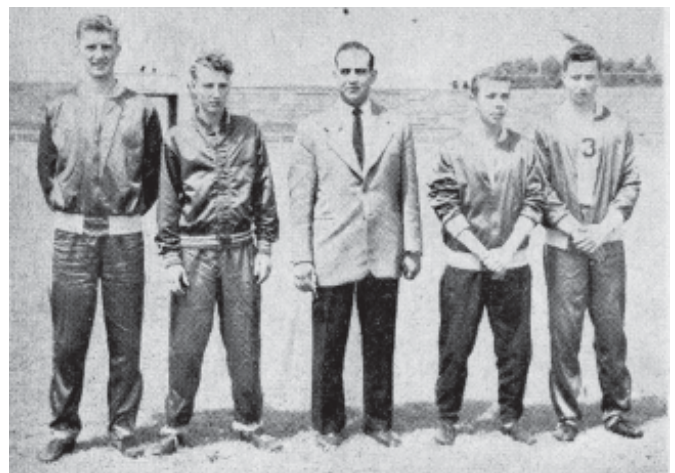
Nurnberg's quest for that elusive first victory was totally ignored by the Frankfurt Eagles as they rudely administered a 56-25 shellacking to the demoralized Bergers Friday in Frankfurt. **Bobby Isett** registered 9 points to lead the Nurnberg outfit.

Except for the time-outs and other

brief lapses, the Wiesbaden Warriors were only blurred images to the hapless Eagles as they broke up and down the floor in chalking up a 61-26 rout on the Warriors home court. Isett was again high for the Bergers with 7, followed closely by Lurvey and **Carl Peterson** with 6.

NHS THINCLADS

Pictured at right, with Coach Zeffiro, are members of NHS's track team which competed in championships at Soldiers' Field. From left to right: **Bill Dillard**, **Bill Eckert**, **Coach Zeffiro**, **Bob Gross**, and **Ralph Lurvey**.



O'Roark, Eckert Crowned At Junior-Senior Prom

Ann O'Roark and **Bill Eckert** were crowned Queen and King when the class of 1952 honored the class of 1951 with a prom and banquet at Stein Castle May 29.

Their attendants were **Alta Mint-horn, Wallace Jones, Joan Kohlman, Carl Peterson, Nancy Lurvey, and Bill Martin.** ...

The theme for the prom was "Moonlight and Roses." The banquet tables had bouquets of roses and the ball-room was decorated with roses and moonbeams. White picket fences which were covered with roses surrounded the bandstand. White silhouettes of boys and girls dancing decorated the walls. The last dance was climaxed by a rainfall of confetti, balloons, and roses.

The prom and banquet committee included **Minthorn, Peterson, Martin, Meg Andreas, Marie Coleman, Kohlmann, Marilyn Nelson, Jones, Pat Skelly, Pauline Worthington, Jackie Grimes, and Lurvey,** chairman.

Seniors Tell Ambitions For Future Years

Peter Paul's ambition is to join the Navy.

Diane Russell wants to find happiness and success in the future.

John Partin would like to become a psychologist.

Helen Jordan wants to be a commercial artist.

Stan Lewark would like to graduate before his two-year-old brother catches up with him.

Ronald Valimaki wants to grow a four-foot beard.

Roberta Philbrick wants to become a secretary.

Jackie Surratt would like to become a general practitioner of medicine.

Patsy McCarthy is planning to go to college and have a career.

Jack Phillips wants to be a civil engineer.

Ann Bragan will try to become a secretary.

NURNBERG TO GET NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Two and one half million Deutsche Marks will be the approximate cost of a new school building for American children to be built behind Nurnberg Post Headquarters. The building will be ready for occupancy in September. The dormitories will be located next to the school. [The new school actually opened Jan. 3, 1952. According to the 1952 yearbook, the cost was two million Marks. - Ed.]

The new school is to be built with



Smiling happily, the four dorm members pictured above prepare to leave for the States. They are **Joe Puett, Wesley Williams, Ann Bragan, and Bob Moscatelli.** Not pictured is **Jackie Grimes.**

American currency and is part of the five-year plan whereby all people living in the suburbs of Nurnberg will be drawn closer together by many new housing projects on the post.

The high school will be three stories high. The school is styled like a public building and is very complete and modernistic with picture type windows for proper light and air.

A large gym with a full-sized high school basketball court will be built with plenty of room for spectators. A football field and play-ground area will be in back of the school. The school will be equipped with shower and locker rooms.

California homes will be the style used for the construction of the dormitories. The building will be L-shaped. At one end will be the boys' dorm and the girls' dorm will be at the other end. Corridors from both dorms will connect with the cafeteria and high school.

TEN STUDENTS REPRESENT NURNBERG AT TRI-SCHOOL MEETING IN MUNICH

"Should Western Germany Be Rearmed?" was the subject of the debate held at Munich Feb. 6 when students from Munich, Heidelberg, and Nurnberg participated.

Dr. M. Ackermann, HICOG Educational Advisor for Nurnberg, gave a critique at the end of the debate and said that each school had represented its policies without prejudice, and that all had presented good arguments.

Students attending from Nurnberg were **Diane Russell**, who spoke on the U.S. policy, **Carl Peterson**, who spoke on the Russian policy, **Roberta Philbrick, Patsy McCarthy, Ann O'Roark, Nancy Lurvey, Jackie Surratt, Charles Hitselberger, Dick DuVal, and Pat Skelly.**

Miss Vivian Howes, social science teacher, was sponsor for the trip.

Jim Savident's ambition is to get out of school.

Charles Hitselberger is hoping to become the next World's Champion Tiddley Wink player.

Bob Gross would like to become famous in art.

Stan Caldwell is anticipating becoming a five-star general.

Bill Eckert has been dreaming of becoming a surgeon.

Betty Fowler is hoping to become a journalist.

Ralph Lurvey's ambition is to go to OCS and to marry Betty.

Ann O'Roark wants to be a journalist.

Elizabeth Hejno wants to work for the U.N.

[Reita] Alexander plans to be a nurse.

Beverly Lysaught wants to get married.

22 to Graduate in Class of 1951



Front row: Elizabeth Hejno, Beverly Lysaught, Betty Fowler, Ann O’Roark [Valedictorian], Roberta Philbrick, Ann Bragan, Patsy McCarthy, Diane Russell, Helen Jordan.

Second row: Bill Eckert, Jack Phillips, Ronald Valimaki, Charles Hitselberger, John Partin, Bob Gross, Jim Savident, Stanley Caldwell, Peter Paul, Stanley Lewark. Not present for picture: Ralph Lurvey, Jackie Surratt [Salutatorian], Reita Alexander.

– Photo from final, printed issue