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Graduating Class of 1953

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Looking Backward

IN THE BEGINNING – 1952-53 School Year



Built at a cost of 2 million German Marks, the new American school opened on Jan. 3, 1952. The students of 1952-53 were the first to occupy the new building throughout a school year.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1952-53

- Sept. 2 - First open-heart surgery performed
- Nov. 1 - U.S. successfully detonates first hydrogen bomb in South Pacific
- Nov. 4 Dwight D. Eisenhower defeats Adlai Stevenson for Presidency
- Feb. 28 - James Watson and Francis Crick announce discovery of the structure of the DNA molecule
- Mar 5 - Joseph Stalin dies after 26 years of ruling the Soviet Union
- Mar. 26 - Jonas Salk announces his polio vaccine
- May 29 - Sir Edmund Hillary performs first successful ascent of Mount Everest
- June 2 - Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
- June 17 - East German workers rise up against Communist rule
- July 27 - Korean War armistice signed after two years of peace talks

Newly Chosen Cheerleaders Lead Bonfire Pep Rally

A bonfire pep rally was held behind the school Sept. 25. It was the first of the year and one of the best ever held in Nurnberg. The rally was opened with a song followed with cheers led by the newly-chosen cheerleaders: **Vaughn Conein, Joan Domino, Joan Hadfield, Peggy Janus, Corinne Lay, Mary Jo Isett, Sharron Light, Connie Porter, Doris Shawver, and Betty Thomas.**



Corrine Lay, Connie Porter, and Sharron Light around the bonfire

– photo from Connie Porter

Excerpts from *The Army Brat*

Ed Temple, editor

Mrs. Ester Duquette, adviser

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Senior Sidelights

On Sept. 8, 1952, 24 promising seniors took their places in Room 13 to complete their final year of high school.

In the fourth week, they elected class officers: president, **Bob Isett**; vice-president, **Doris Shawver**; secretary, **Carla Wesner**; treasurer, **Bob Jones**.

Hayride a Success

By Vaughn Conein

The hayride started at seven o'clock. You should have seen the wagons – they had two ends but no sides. Someone was always rolling off. **Miss Hammond** and **Mr. Klee** chaperoned the date wagon, and **Mr. Simon** and **Miss Funkhauser** chaperoned the stag wagon.

Fads and Fashions

By Corinne Lay

Hi, guys and gals! We're glad to see so many of you here this year, and we certainly are impressed with the fads and fashions you have chosen.

Checked skirts and matching wes-kits are really smart and **Quata [Quick]** and **Judy [Cummings?]** look great in theirs. Long hair and redheads lead the parade in hair styles. Waistlines are smaller – or at least appear so – due to the wearing of cinch belts.

The boys again are sticking to the traditional Levi's. How do you like the state-side fad of wearing suede shoes? **Joe, Mousey, Nat,** and **"Cuddles"** are advocates. (And how about Elvis?)

NHS defeats Bremerhaven by wide margin, 46-0

By John Wardle

After a very trying journey to Bremerhaven, the Eagles proved victorious again. The score was a clean-cut victory, 46-0. The score would have been 18 points higher if Nurnberg's

anxiety had not been so great. Our team was in such a big hurry to get the ball over the goal that they forgot that the line could not move until the ball was centered to the quarterback. ...

Coach Blackstead used a two platoon system which worked very effectively. The defense was played by a fearless bunch of Eagles, who had a tendency to use their talons a little recklessly. **Temple, Curley, Butler, Whitlaw, Bob Jones, and Daley** made up this group of marauding birds of prey. On the offense was a group of battlers who protected their home ground like the Eagle protects its nest. **Isett, Cleve and Steve Miller, Eugene "Choo-Choo" Thompson, Horan, and Eckert** made up the home guard.

NHS wins six-man football championship

Playing only four games but winning all four by comfortable margins, the NHS team marched to an undefeated season under the mentorship of Mr. Blackstead.

<u>NHS</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
44	Linz (Austria)	27
46	Bremerhaven	0
39	Wiesbaden	13
66	Kaiserslautern	0

– Archie Bolyard



Editorial: School Christmas Decorations

Hats off and cheers to the members of the art classes who so effectively decorated the front windows of the school.

The white block letters spelling out their greeting can be clearly seen for a long distance. A Star of Bethlehem at the very top is a crowning peak shining down on the Christ Child and on the shepherds and camels.

We've enjoyed these window decorations for many weeks. Now this last week of school [before Christmas vacation] we're also enjoying a fine Xmas tree in the school lobby which

was also decorated by **Miss Calnan's** students.

[Begun the first year NHS students occupied the new school, the tradition of decorating the front window at Christmas time continued throughout the school's history. – Archivist]

The Christmas Formal

By Joan Hadfield

The Christmas Formal, hosted by the sophomore class, was held on the third floor of Stein Castle Dec. 17. The decorations, the music, the many very beautiful dresses all combined to give an air of real festivity and enjoyment.

Faculty Interviews

By Charles Cobb & Betty Thomas

Looking into fourth period World Geography we find the favorite coach and boys' P.E. teacher, **Mr. Joseph Blackstead**. Now Joe, as his wife calls him (we presume) is the only member of the faculty to date to tell us his age. He's twenty-eight.

"Coach" as all the athletes and P.E. boys and girls call him, graduated from the University of Portland. Before coming to Nurnberg, Mr. Blackstead was a teacher in the Portland, Oregon school system. Here he teaches P.E., Social Studies, and coaches. Next time you're in the second floor hall and run across the sportiest dressing member of the faculty, you can be sure it's Mr. Blackstead.



Third floor ballroom of Stein Castle where the Christmas formal was held

Editorial: School Spirit

With the coming of the new year we will embark upon what we hope will be the biggest and best year in Nurnberg's history. Already there are marked improvements in our school.

For instance, it appears to be the biggest year in sport that ever occurred here. With **Choo Choo Thompson** running wild and **Bozo Horan** making bone-crushing tackles in football, **Bob Isett** scoring 23 points per game in basketball, we are already looking forward to seeing these and many other stars in baseball and track perform.

Also our bumper crop of honor roll students seem headed for a record. Our faculty appears to be the best in the school history. At least the best anyone can remember.

The school spirit is another thing that we should notice and be proud of. This year more nearly approaches what school spirit should be than anything we experienced last year.

Our Student Council, Letterman's Club, Dramatics Club, Cheerleaders, Annual Staff, and Mixed Chorus all bear watching and our whole-hearted support.

Yes, this certainly appears to be Nurnberg's year. Let's keep this new year in that direction.

Freshman Frolics

By **Duane O'Ravez and Andy Anderson**

On Feb. 11, the freshman homeroom was divided into two classes due to all the commotion which was caused by the 49 freshmen in one homeroom. **Miss Swain** kept the students with names starting between "A" and "J." Half of the class, "K" to "Z," was moved to **Dr. Kroner's** room where **Mrs. Duquette** is trying to hold down the roof on them.

Senior Sidelights

By **Bob McAfee**

As we look into Room 13 and see our beloved Seniors, we note a minor war has broken out. It seems as if two of the seniors have invented a new weapon for the army. One holds a mean looking SKYRAIDER in his hand and by push button the object takes off in the direction of **Miss Bub** [German teacher] And, of course, **Steve** [Miller?] and **Connie** [Porter?]- enough said.



Eagles win first basketball game

By **David Roush and John Wardle**

The Nurnberg Eagles won their first basketball game of the season against Linz on Dec. 5, 46-36. ...

The game was witnessed by the entire student body. ... Nurnberg can scarcely said to be lacking in school spirit. We have more than just a school of stone – it's a truly spirited body

Nurnberg defeats Linz again

By **John Wardle**

The first quarter was quite trying. The only real excitement was that of a person beating on a tin can in the grandstands. The cheerleaders put on a good display of their talents. I would set down the score for this quarter, but I was too busy watching the fellows run up and down the court.

The second quarter ended with Nurnberg leading. The fellows came onto the floor again [after the halftime] and commenced to run up and down as if they needed a lot of exercise.

The game became quite interesting in the closing minutes. With the score 50-50 and about 1 minute left to play, the Eagles took off and ran home to drop a ball in the basket that resulted in a 2-point lead. A foul was called and Nurnberg made another point. The game ended a Nurnberg victory.

Nurnberg loses to Frankfurt

By **David Roush**

Hampered by the fact that nobody could hit a shot and that Frankfurt had a couple of giants, one 6'5", the other

6'4", the Nurnberg Eagles lost their first game of the season to Frankfurt 59-37.

NHS takes second in USAREUR cage tournament

By **Bob McAfee**

Friday morning in Frankfurt, the Eagles defeated Wiesbaden 46-29. "Sugarfoot" **Bob Isett** was high man on the totem-pole with 17 points.

That night they played Munich in the semifinals and beat them to the tune of 42-34.

Saturday they met Frankfurt (who had defeated them twice in regular season play) for the championship.

NHS led briefly in the first quarter but lost Isett to fouls in the third. **Bill Allen** and **Bob Jones** played very good games and so did **Mousie Roush**. Mousie was fouled out also which did not make the coach very happy. At the final buzzer the score was 46 to 48 in Frankfurt's favor.

Isett made the ALL USAREUR first string. Nice going!

BASKETBALL RECORD

<u>NHS</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
W 46	36 Linz
W 53	50 Linz
W 60	44 Heidelberg
L 37	59 Frankfurt
W 40	38 Munich
L 48	57 Heidelberg
W 36	31 Linz
L 52	59 Linz
L 48	53 Frankfurt
W 48	39 Munich
<i>USAREUR Tournament</i>	
W 46	29 Wiesbaden
W 42	34 Munich
L 46	48 Frankfurt

Principal Bale on Naval Training Duty

By Joan Domino

Mr. Bale, a member of the Naval Reserve, was called back to active training on Dec. 4, 1952. His short tour of duty consists of two weeks in which he will go to Athens, Greece, and Istanbul, Turkey. He sails from Naples, Italy.

End of an era: Eckert departs

by Charles Cobb.

On Feb. 25 one of Nurnberg's best-liked students went to the states. **Dick Eckert** was that departing senior. Dick came to Nurnberg in his freshman year and lived in the Dambach area all of his four years here.

Dick lettered in football, basketball, and track. He was end on this year's EUCOM championship football team. He also served this season as forward on the basketball team. As a farewell gesture the team elected him honorary captain for the last home game last Friday. It was also Dick's last game.

The senior class will especially feel this loss, but we are sure that Dick will be missed by the entire student body. We surely hope he enjoys life in the atmosphere of historic New Orleans.

German Visitors

By Carolyn Mayo

On March 18, nine German girls came and visited the school and dormitory. Several of them said that they liked it better than their school because it was not as strict. They were very enthusiastic about the dorm and couldn't get over the idea that the boys and girls were allowed to mix in the lounge.

Operation Dutch Treat

By Bob McAfee

Operation Dutch Treat opened in a very big way here in Nurnberg with the same school spirit of giving that made Nurnberg High School stand out in the March of Dimes.

The money collected in the various homerooms amounted to the sum of \$35.25 in scrip and 41.99 in DM.

The school's total was \$55.90 in scrip and 41.99 in D.M.

BOY'S DORM NEWS

By the Texan [Terry O'Brien]

Do you remember that old (in a parked car with the girlfriend on a summer nite) atmosphere the dorm used to have? Well, now it's gone! Girls or anything in a skirt are "tabu" for the "fellows." A new program (based on the assumption that we might be able to think of something before the directive forbidding it) was put into effect.

When the "fellas" got together to discuss this order the dorm practically trembled on its foundations with their anger; but Regulation #XII dated March, 1615, states that no military building may tremble, so it had to stop.

Monte Carlo Night Huge Success

By Carole Boswell

"Come to Monte Carlo" has been the cry of the Freshman Class. "Everybody's going." Did you go? If you didn't, you missed a swell time.

There were gambling games galore—everything from roulette to a little game called mouse in hole. Three prizes were awarded to students who won the most fake money during the evening.

The floor show featured student performers. ... The can-can chorus composed of **Lavelle Register, Charles Stevens, Bill Davis, Wesley Saylor, George Arndt, and Bill Stapp**, brought down the house, so to speak.

Nürnberg Stadt

By Jane Turner

As far back through the ages as 500 A.D. legend has it that Saint Sebaldus built a cabin in the Reichwald, now the State Forest, and Nürnberg had its beginning. In the books Nürnberg was first mentioned in 1050, as it was the highway of European traffic and soon developed into a community.

The walled city has been rebuilt three times. An interesting fact pertaining to the walls is that in the last rebuilding four towers signifying four seasons of the year, twelve smaller gates for twelve

months of the year and seven bridges spanning the river for seven days of the week were built. During the following centuries Nürnberg grew to the thriving city it is today.

At the beginning of the 20th century, Nürnberg, with a steadily rising population and suburbs extending far beyond the old city boundaries, was living up to its traditions. The era of Hitler, vaingloriously trying to revive the still greater glory of the Middle Ages, created but a short upsurge of hysteria, which bore dire consequences. On the eve of January 2, 1945, a mass raid of 1000 heavy bombers wrote the final chapter to the cultural history of one of the most beautiful cities in Germany.

[On this date the medieval city center was systematically bombed by the Royal Air Force and the U.S. Army Air Force and about ninety percent of it was destroyed in only one hour, with 1,800 residents killed and roughly 100,000 displaced. – Wikipedia]

Restoration has been long and tedious, but such places as the Duerer Haus and the Corn Market have been rebuilt.

German class goes on a field trip

By Jane Turner

On the morning of April 2, "Doc" Kroner accompanied his German class on a long awaited field trip to the famous walled city of Nürnberg.

After we drove up the steep and narrow street, the first place on our list was reached. It was the Albrecht Duerer House. On one side of the street was a big sign which read Albrecht Duerer Gasthaus; on the other side [of the street] was a little sign which said Albrecht Duerer Haus.

Some of our more cultured students (?) showed more interest in the big sign, but the little one got our attention. Through the aid of our interpreter (Doc), our visit was most enjoyable.

We then climbed another hill and visited the castle and a very "scary" well with a depth of 180 feet. A few Pfennigs

were dropped in and six seconds later the sound was heard. No hats or heads fell in and we left for the dungeons. It wasn't too warm outside, but inside it was even colder, and so gloomy. The boys enjoyed it; the girls, well, it's hard to say. As for my opinion, I was very glad to see daylight again. ...

German Student Visits

By Gordon King

During the past week a German boy, named Peter Fries, lived and went to school with this writer. This was brought about by the student exchange program that was founded by the German-American Advisory Council of Nürnberg. This is the first time an exchange of this type has taken place between German and American youths and it is hoped that many other exchanges will take place.

There are many American customs which Peter thought were unusual. One of the things that surprised him most was that we eat both sweet and sour things at one meal. We offered him grapefruit for breakfast with either salt or sugar and he was amazed. Something else that fascinated him was our water fountains at school. The German schools provide no water fountains.

On a trip to the shopping center, he was very pleased, but he thought a soda at the Snack Bar was best of all.

Peter was also surprised that we had so many girls attending our school.

I want to thank all students for being nice to our German visitor. In this way we have left a good opinion of Americans with him.

Holy Star Club

By Jackie Reese

The members of the "Holy Star" organization visited a Nürnberg refugee camp May 28 with a truck load of donated clothing which they had collected. The clothing was given to the most needy families.

The ten members of the club – **Beverly Bryant, Lee Conboy, Shirley Freeman, Peggy Hoff, Shirley Howard, Audrey Hammond, Janet**

Miller, Shirley Riedel, Carolyn Mayo, and Jackie Rees – were accompanied by Major Ziehm and **Miss Funkhauser**, the club's adviser.

The director of the refugee camp took the members on a short tour of the camp and introduced them to several of the families.

The girls were rewarded by the happy smiles of the families.

Editorial

Behind Our Sports

By Steve Miller

As the end of basketball season arrived, we looked back over the past months of school and found that a different feeling was present at school. We ended the football season with a championship football team and ended a very successful basketball season. These events have built up loyalty and pride among the teachers and student body.

Much credit and heartfelt thanks goes to **Coach Blackstead**. In Coach Blackstead are found the qualities of leadership, of organization, of kindness, and, above all, a quality of giving his boys everything he has.

For his leadership and guidance the whole school joins in expressing its appreciation.

All sports banquet held, 6 students letter in 3 sports

By Ed Temple

On the night of May 5, all participants in football, basketball, baseball, and track for this year gathered in the Grand Hotel to be honored by a banquet.

Coach Blackstead especially singled out six boys who had lettered in three sports: football, basketball, and baseball. They were seniors **Eugene Thompson, Bob Isett, Bob Jones, and Jerry Butler**; junior **Gene Horan**; and sophomore **Charles Hatfield**

Classes present auditorium programs

Either by acting or clowning the Seniors put on an assembly in March which made even the sourest person give out with a chuckle. . . . The whole Senior Class got into the act some way or other. Entitled "AWOL-TV," the program (using the word loosely) was written by **Bob McAfee** and was declared a huge success.

In April the Junior Class gave its assembly. It was a "Truth or Consequences" show with **Gene Horan** acting as master of ceremonies. Among the celebrated guests were **Mr. "Charleston" Bale**. Failing to answer his question, he had to pay the consequence: doing the Charleston with **Carla Wesner**.

In May the Sophomore Class presented its assembly, a vaudeville show directed by **Mr. Gorte** and **Miss Calnan**. The show received a rousing round of applause from all who saw it.

"Junior Miss" a Big Hit

By Betty Thomas

"Junior Miss," a three-act play, was presented by the NHS Dramatics Club May 21 at the Furth Community Theater and played to an audience of about 500 people.

Under the marvelous direction of **Mr. J. M. Klee** and **Miss Phyllis Swain**, "Junior Miss" was well cast with **Frances Boetcker** playing the leading role. Others who played outstanding parts were **Bob Isett, Sharron Light, Gene Horan, Doris Shawver, Vaughn Conein, Connie Porter, John Saylor, and Joan Domino**.

Hats off to the Dramatics Club.

Senior Skip Day

By Connie Porter

On May 6 the entire senior class skipped school with the permission of the office. We even had **Mr. Bale's** blessing.

The class left school after homeroom without anyone the wiser and boarded a bus for "Little Switzerland." Despite the cold winds and threat of rain, we picked our spot and began setting out the food for the picnic. We enjoyed potato salad, fried

chicken, rolls, fruit juice, and all the other things which are found on a picnic.

After mountain climbing, building pyramids, and fishing the baseball out of the river, we loaded back on the bus and went on to visit the Devil's Cave [Der Teufelshoehle]. After everyone bought a beanie for a souvenir, we entered the cave. With **Dick [Eckert]** acting as our official translator and **Hick [Leroy Rout]** as the original caveman, we finally made our way to the exit.

We then traveled back to Nürnberg and made a stop at the castle. This included a visit to the Grimm Brothers' House, the old well, tower, and other parts of the castle. From there we took a ride around the old walled city and then returned to school.

'Twas a gala day!

Senior Trip: The seniors have decided on June 8 for their class trip and are going to Bad Kissingen for the day.

Senior Class on Skip Day at the Nürnberg Castle

Seated:

**Joan Amos
Doris Shawver
Anne Britton
Connie Porter
Steve Miller**

1st Row of Guys:

**Leroy Rout
Terry O'Brien
Walter Welsh
Bob Isett**

**Cleve Miller
Jerry Butler**

Middle: Bob McAfee

Top, Row 1:

**Tom Quinn
John Litherland
David Roush**

Row 2:

**Carla Wesner
Shirley Howard
Eugene Thompson**

**Picture from Connie
(Porter) Johnson.**



18 to graduate in exercises in Furth Community Theater

Graduation exercises will be held June 11 for 18 NHS seniors. **Doris Shawver** will deliver the valedictory address. **Shirley Howard** was announced as class salutatorian.

The NHS mixed chorus will perform the "Battle Hymn

of the Republic" and "This Is My Country."

A reception at Stein Castle will follow the commencement program.

Members of the Graduating Class

[Each senior's ambition has been added after the name, taken from a story in the May edition by **Luella Perry**.]

Joan Amos – to join the Women's Marines

Anne Britton – to become a model

Jerry Butler – to play professional baseball

Shirley Howard – to be a nurse

Robert Isett – to be a counsel in the State Department

John Litherland – to become an engineer

Robert McAfee – to keep dodging the draft

Cleve Miller — none

Steve Miller – to go to college

Connie Porter – to be an airline hostess

Thomas Quinn – Ha! Ha!

David Roush – (censored)

Leroy Rout – to beat the draft

Richard Schwartz – to enter a college as soon as possible

Doris Shawver – to be a nurse

Eugene (Choo-Choo)Thompson – to be a coach

Walter Robbins Welsh – to live fast, die young, and have a good-looking corpse

Carla Wesner – to sing professionally



Row 1 - Joan Amos, Shirley Howard, Carla Wesner, Anne Britton, Connie Porter, Doris Shawver

Row 2 - Cleve Miller, Eugene Thompson, Walter Welsh, John Litherland, Richard Schwartz, Steve Miller

Row 3 - Bob Isett, Leroy Rout, Robert McAfee, David Roush, Thomas Quinn, Jerry Butler

– picture from Connie (Porter) Johnston

PEOPLE WE KNOW

