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Graduating Class of 1955

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Marching Backward to 1954-55 School Year



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Important Events of 1954-55

- Sept. 8 - Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) established.
- Sept. 14 - USSR tests a nuclear weapon.
- Dec. 2 - Red Scare: U. S. Senate votes 67-22 to condemn Joseph McCarthy for conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."
- Jan. 22 - Pentagon announces plan to develop ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles) armed with nuclear weapons.
- Feb. 12 - Pres. Eisenhower sends the first U.S. advisors to South Vietnam.
- Mar. 20 - "Blackboard Jungle" opens featuring the song "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and his Comets, thus propelling rock and roll as a musical genre.
- Apr. 12 - Salk polio vaccine introduced.
- Apr. 15 - Ray Kroc opens a McDonald's fast food restaurant.
- May 5 - West Germany becomes a sovereign state.
- May 9 - West Germany joins the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- May 14 - Eight communist bloc countries sign Warsaw Pact defense treaty.
- May 19 - Austrian sovereignty restored; last Soviet troops leave in August.

Did You Know?

Nurnberg, although one of the smaller of the high schools of the Dependents School Detachment, has an enrollment of 157 in grades nine through twelve. Only 23 of these students are seniors, 29 are juniors, 38 are sophomores, and the lower class has 67.

For all these students there are 18 teachers who teach the 31 subjects offered. In addition to these teachers, there is an office staff, school officer and staff, counselor, librarian, and cafeteria staff.

Editorial

LET'S TAKE IT EASY

This school costs money. Maybe you don't realize it, but each year every American school must be completely redone in order to have it in condition for the fall onslaught.

Recently a group here in Nurnberg was warned about the damage and destruction that has been going on in and around the school and dorm. If we

realized the trouble that is caused by our actions, we would be a little more considerate of the school property.

Remember, unless we take it easy, there will have to be action taken by the Army to calm the mounting damage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This year's Christmas program, presented on December 15, was successful in entertaining and giving the religious and joyous feeling of Christmas. The full mixed chorus and band participated in the program. The sextette and soloists **Mary Keach**, **Russ Milton**, and **Eloise Van Liew** were also featured. **Evelyn Veith** was the student accompanist.

The theme of the program was Christmas through the Ages. Grandfather carried on a conversation with his grandchildren. The grandfather was played by **Ben Covington** and the children were portrayed by **Katherine Fitzgerald** and **David Del Gobbo**.

HEADLINES

Marvin Phillips Elected
Student Body President

Seniors Elect Peter
Bailey President

Barbara Wickstrom Is
Homecoming Queen

CHRISTMAS IN FULL SWING

"Operation Christmas," sponsored by Chaplain Shier and Special Services, came to a close on Nov. 15. "Operation Christmas" was a drive to obtain second hand clothing and toys to be repaired to give to the German children at the orphanages for Christmas.

The drive this year was about three times more successful than last year's.

"LIFE" TO FEATURE USAREUR SCHOOLS

Life magazine, famous for stories of interest to everyone, is planning a picture story on USAREUR dependent schools.

At the student council conference in Frankfurt, Mr. John Dille, "Life" correspondent in Europe, requested that the members of the student council suggest ideas for pictures and send them to him as soon as possible.

The reporters and photographers are interested in lending European flavor to the USAREUR school system. They want pictures pointing out the way that Europe, its history, traditions, and background are utilized within the schools.

For example, they suggest such ideas as:

(1) A group of German students watching an American football game.

(2) An American team playing soccer against a French team.

(3) Student fads, which include wearing of European apparel or following of European customs.

(4) Field trips to colorful European cities, historical points of interest, noted European personalities, ect. [sic]

(5) Visits of European groups to American schools, or American groups to European schools.

"Life" photographers plan to visit many schools in order to photograph the varied activities which are practiced here in Europe. They had intended to photograph the tours from Nurnberg in November but were not cleared from New York. They are now planning to accompany the January tours.

DORM NEWS

Mouse Visits Girls

If you're a mouse don't venture into the girl's dorm. We've had two experiences with mice, and we have proved that we're not afraid of them. (I'm sorry, Joan and Mary, for knocking over your shoe polish, I was just trying to climb on a chair.) The first mouse was found in Room 10, and **Joan Kerndl** was the brave one. She picked it up by the tail, carried it to the washroom, and out it went! We decided we wanted the second one alive, though, so we trapped it in Room 3. **Dona Griffith** and **Nancy Hett** finally put it in the waste basket after an hour's work and a broken leg – the mouse's leg. It spent the night in the basket, but in the morning, when Joan was going to take it to biology, it got away. We're still looking for it. Beware, Mouse. We'll get you yet.

SCULPTRESS IN NHS

In Room 210, **Miss Larsen's** homeroom, a fine job of sculpturing adorns the filing cabinet and looks out over the class. This figure was made by **Nancy Hett**, a junior in **Miss Reed's** homeroom.

The work of art is an early American

Indian. Nancy did the sculpturing as a nine weeks American history project. Nancy collected her materials in her own backyard. Fifty pounds of unwashed mud, which after washing in the kitchen sink produced only twenty pounds of usable clay, furnished the basic materials. The clay was placed on an armature; then the sculpturing began. After the clay had hardened, it was covered with shellac. This process required a weekend of devoted work.

Nancy is commended for her initiative, [sic] resourcefulness, and patience.

DANCE OVER THE SEA

December 8, the Nurnberg High School German-American Relations Club sponsored a "Dance across the Sea." Attending the dance were German students from Nurnberg and Furth and students of Nurnberg High.

Music was furnished by five pieces of the 82nd Army Band. During the intermission the Nurnberg cheerleaders led the group in several cheers. They were followed by **Jack Kniseley** playing selections on the accordion. **Eloise Van Liew** sang one of her own compositions, and **Craig Todd** played the drums.

Speaking in both English and German, the Master of Ceremonies, **Gerald Hurst**, and club sponsors greeted the guests at the door.

Shoe Scrapin's

Many of the gals got up their courage to ask their favorite dates or, in many cases, their secret heart throbs to the Twirp (The Woman is Required to Pay) Dance.

The St. Patrick's Day Dance was one of the most successful dances of the year. This dance produced more dates than usual. One of the most enjoyable sights of the evening was a certain biology teacher (**Willian Denneen**) doing the Hokey-Pokey. Different huh?

Oh, that **Wilson [Renne?]**! Bread rises; it doesn't raise. But how about "raisin bread"?

Laurels to **Steve [McCarl]** on his winning the USAREUR essay contest.

One-Third of Student Body Participates in Music Festival

Fifty-four students (approximately one-third of the high school) accompanied NHS Choral Director **Erma Knighton** and Band Director **Marianne Harken** to Frankfurt May 13 to participate in the Fifth Annual USAREUR Music Festival. There were 45 in the Mixed Chorus and eight in the Band. **Evelyn Veith** was the accompanist.

The program consisted of classical music – religious, secular, and folk.

GAA PRESENTS ASSEMBLY

The G.A.A. and cheerleaders presented an assembly in the Community Theater March 10.

The G.A.A. skit began with a familiar "Dragnet" scene starring "**Ace**" **McCarl**. Commercials were given by **Babs Melancon** (Bahnhof Sauerkraut), **Carol "Tex" Lagow** (Blisterine), and **Judy Daly** (Grapple). The courtroom scene was carried out by **Willard "Weezy" Van Liew**, "**Ace**" **McCarl**, **Joyce Shaver**, and the basketball team.

Dear Editor,

Ah has heard that some o' the Oklahomians claim TEXAS as their back yard. Now every TEXAN knows thet that ain't true 'cause Oklahoma jist happins tuh be our vegetable patch. We'uns also stores some of our excess oil there, most of it hain't mine. I jist wish to hive y'all the true fact 'carse ah shouldn't want y'all tuh get a fouse impresshun of TEXAS.

Sunsurely You's
Cadillac Cummins

What Is It?

What would you do if approached by a Contrafagotte?

Claire Stille -- Ask it for a date.

Bill LaGrand -- Make love to it.

Janet DeVall -- Give it to Don.

Mary Keach -- Duck!

Peggy Huff -- I'd hope and pray it's not like Buddy McDonald.

Parvin Pfohl -- Go through the door.
Contrafagotte -- Double Bassoon

Eagle Footballers Tie for Third

SPORTS

Splash . . . **Coach Blackstead** just hit the showers. The jubilant, victorious Nurnberg Eagles, after roping the Stuttgart Stallions, tossed Coach Blackstead into the showers to show their high spirits.

On a wet, muddy Thanksgiving Day, the Nurnberg Eagles came out on top of a 12-6 score with Stuttgart, thereby clinching a tie for third place with the Stallions.

The Eagles' first touchdown came on fourth down and goal-to-go when quarterback **Benjamin Saars** skirted left end, aided by beautiful blocking from backs **Marvin Phillips**, **Donald Wooldridge** and **Morris Mack** for the TD.

The second touchdown came on a Saars to **Lawrence Moorman** pass.

1954 Football Record

Opponent	NHS	
Munich	13	25
Kaiserslautern	25	0
Wiesbaden	19	0
Heidelberg	26	7
Frankfurt	13	25
Stuttgart	6	12

Basketball Team Wins B League

Playing basketball against smaller schools in the B League enabled the Eagles to excel. After an impressive record in league play, the team went on to the USAREUR tournament in March and captured first place.

Peter Bailey and **Dennis Crumley** were named Tournament All Stars.

The league schedule included Salzburg, Stuttgart, Bremerhaven, Wiesbaden, and Munich.

The team included **Crumley**, **Bailey**, **John Seitz**, **Bill Davis**, **Bobby Hadaway**, **Lawrence Moorman**, **Kent Harrison**, **Benjamin Saars**, **Steve McCarl**, and **Marvin Phillips**.

German Team Trounces All-Stars

The All-Star team, composed of the ten most outstanding players in intramural play, were defeated 31-25 by a German team from Erlangen at the high school gym March 29.

Coach **Larry Moorman** started **Wilson Renne**, **Skip Huey**, **Terry Legan**, **Louis Bass**, and **Ben Covington**. **Russ Milton**, **John Seitz**, **Danny Froelich**, **Parvin Pfohl**, and **Frank Burnett** made up the remainder of the All-Stars.

Action was slow and didn't reach fast pace until midway through the third period. At the end of the first quarter, the score was only 3-3. At half time the German five led 12-9. The height and rebounding of the Germans spelled the difference.

Baseball Underway

There he goes . . . he's sliding, and he's safe!

That great American game of baseball is in the limelight again after taking a back seat to football and basketball. . .

There are six returning lettermen from last year's Southern Conference champs, but the fight for first string positions is brisk and displays a lot of hustle.

The Eagles have a disadvantage because of lack of a good practice field, but their team spirit makes up for that.

TRACK AWARDS GIVEN

March 9, in conjunction with the pep rally before the tournaments, track awards and letters were given. **Mr. Denneen**, the track coach, gave the awards.

Letter awards were given to **Ted Campbell**, **Danny Froelich**, **Bill Daly**, **Terry Legan**, **John Seitz**, and **Edwin Roble**. Special medal awards were given to **Ted Campbell** and **Danny Froelich** for placing in the track tournament held at Soldiers Field. **Bill**

Daly, captain of the team, also received a special medal.

Intramural Basketball League Formed

Every Thursday night for the past few months, boys from the Dorm and town displayed their desire to play basketball. With assistance from Coach Blackstead, teams were formed which made up the intramural league. A schedule was set up and the Iron Dukes, composed of Captain **Wilson Renne**, **Alan Daly**, **Bill Arnold**, **Ed Roble**, **Leo Rizio** and **Keith Kochenaur**, won first place honors.

Intramural team captains elected **Larry Moorman** as coach and **Kent Harrison** and **Denny Crumley** as referees for the tussles.

Seniors, Faculty Compete

On March 3 in the post gym, the faculty played the senior class in volleyball and basketball games. The challenge was accepted by the faculty to help the senior class make money.

The men teachers wore skirts, blouses, or dresses. They also provided cheerleaders for the women teachers. Among the male participants were Messrs. **Rosin**, **Boley**, **Blackstead**, **Abraham**, **Smith**, **Jones**, **Denneen**, **Wayne**, and **Walter**. Among the seniors playing were **Bill LaGrand**, **Pete Bailey**, **John Seitz**, **Marvin Phillips**, **Larry Moorman**, **Skip Huey**, **Frank Burnett**, and **Bob Hadaway**.

Coach Blackstead, the fellow who teaches the rules of basketball, this time threw the rule book away and pushed, shoved, and fought his way into the basket to score. At any rate the score came out 13-12 in favor of the seniors.

In the women's event, the teachers were attired in sweat suits. The ladies who played for the teachers were **Miss Larsen**, **Miss Knighton**, **Miss Bub**, **Miss Loennig**, **Miss Barkemeyer**, **Miss Badorek**, and **Miss Russell**. The senior girls were **Babs Melancon**, **Toni**

Lagmay, Carol Koch, Mary Keach, Peggy Huff, Buzz Wickstrom, Chris Craddock, Janet DeVall, and Evelyn Veith. The senior girls pulled ahead of the faculty in the last few minutes of the game to win 15-14.

24 march down aisle in Class of 1955

Peter Bailey	William LaGrand
Frank Burnett	Morris Mack
Christine Craddock	Barbara Melancon
Wilbur Daly	Lawrence Moorman
Janet Marie DeVall	Marvin Phillips
Bobby Hadaway	John Seitz
William Huey	Mary Ann Spirk
Margaret Huff	Claire Stille
Gerald Hurst*	Constance Sturm
Mary Keach**	Evelyn Veith
Carol Koch	George Walterhouse
Antonia Lagmay	Barbara Wickstrom
* Valedictorian	** Salutatorian

Junior-Senior Prom



The Class of 1956

presents

APPLE BLOSSOM TIME

Seven O'clock

June 3, 1955

Kalb Club

Selected queen and king for the Junior-Senior prom at the Nurnberg High School were **Carol Koch and William LaGrand** – photo from "Stars and Stripes," June 15, 1955

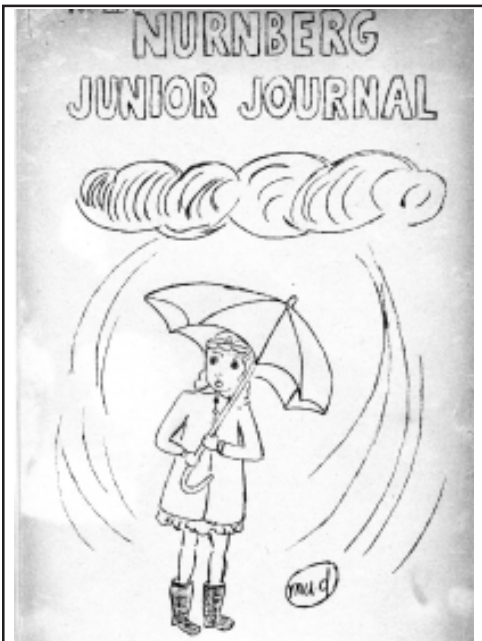


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A newspaper written by and for Nurnberg Elementary School Students

EDITORIAL

Although Winter is the season for fun and frolic, it is also a dangerous season. The ice and snow that accompany the winter season present many hazards, especially on our playground. Our playground is hazardous, not only because of ice and snow, but also because of the construction that is being carried on. It is our duty as good citizens to help maintain good order on our crowded playground at all times. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders should look out for the smaller children. It is up to them to set a good example for all. ...

– Mary Jane Myers

SAFETY PATROL

Our Safety and Courtesy Patrol in action: The purpose of the Safety and Courtesy Patrol is to insure safety on the way to school. ...

There are four patrols each day. ... The patrolmen that are on duty will have special belts and helmets. ...

There are 21 buses used by the elementary and high school. That means

there are 670 children coming to school on buses each day.

– Joe Davis

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The front door of our newly constructed gym was blown in Jan. 16 by the strong wind. It is now repaired. The workmen are moving the temporary basketball goals and placing in permanent ones. They are also lining the floor for basketball, volleyball, and badminton. When it is finally completed it will be used by the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. Boys and girls will only be allowed to use it if they wear sneakers or tennis shoes with light colored soles.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

There is going to be a new addition to the High School. It will have three stories and nine rooms. There will be two rooms separated by folding doors and a stage. The two rooms will be used for an auditorium.