

Students Find European Country Visits Both Enjoyable, Educational

Three Farmington High students had an opportunity to visit European countries last summer and all reported their experiences as being both enjoyable and educational. The following material was prepared by members of the Farmington High School Journalism class in interviews with these three students.

Bill Warner, senior, received a "bird's eye view" of Europe, so to speak. He, along with his family, traveled through Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and England, spending four or five days in each country. They were abroad for a total of five weeks, flying both ways.

The Warners enjoyed very interesting "right-seeing" tours almost every day through all these countries. Bill played the "part" in Switzerland by climbing the 700-foot Mt. Politis on Lake Lucerne. He decided to take the easy way back, however, and climbed aboard the cogwheel train to a safe but exciting trip down.

Bill didn't miss out on Fourth of July festivities in the United States. He merely waited ten days and celebrated the French "Fête Nationale" Day "avec les hommes Français."

While the Warners were visiting Trinity Church in England and gazing at Shakespeare's remains they turned to find Dr. Broadman of Farmington among the various spectators. "Isn't it a small world!"

Of course, no trip would be complete without something so Mrs. Warner chose the passport! This, as you might guess, caused quite a calamity until they were discovered, tucked away in a suitcase.

As an "American in Paris," Bill found Paris to be somewhat of a disappointment. "Although it was very expensive, Paris isn't what everyone thinks it is."

Nancy Irwin, junior, had quite a different viewpoint of that romantic city across the sea. She would make any commitments, however, simply said, "I'd love to return when I'm older."

It was Nancy's privilege to be the daughter of an English teacher. She traveled 42 Europe in July of 1955 until September of 1957 as an exchange teacher.

Mr. Irwin was selected to teach

in Berlin which became the temporary home for the Irwins during their stay in Europe. Nancy attended the German High School along with her father for only two months and then transferred to an American school for the remainder of the time.

The Irwins took advantage of the vacations allotted to German teachers. The family of four traveled through Austria into Italy as far as Rome. They took in the highlights of Germany and went on to France as far as Paris.

Nancy found that all the Roman roads lead to Rome and there is not much more than cow paths. She was also intrigued by the Alps and found them irresistible for climbing. She "discovered" the Italian Riviera to be equally intriguing in quite a different way.

The Irwins sailed home on the M.S. Berlin, a German-American liner, with hopes of returning in the near future.

Sharon Hansen, sophomore, sailed for Europe with her grandparents for a three-month residence to see the majority of her relatives in the beautiful Scandinavian countries.

Sharon found that the hearty Danes have eating habits of fattening food, heaps of butter and whipped cream.

She really appreciated the U.S. sweet-winged Dodge when she was forced to rely on her uncles' 1927 Nash and 1929 Ford for transportation. There are very few cars in Denmark. Consequently her uncles owned practically the latest models in 1929 Ford for transportation.

The Danes ride bikes which are as numerous, if not more so, than the taxis in New York City.

Sharon noticed the Norwegians to be very friendly and generous. The young people are nice and crazy. They are fascinated by jazz and rock 'n' roll and think that Elvis is positively the greatest.

She added that she had sensed little difference in Scandinavian youth and American youth and concluded that teens are just about the same all over the world.

Sharon favored Denmark, where she spent the majority of her vacation, but was impressed with the beautiful Norwegian mountains.

Sharon and her grandparents sailed home on the "Bergenford" and ran into the worst siege of icebergs in the Atlantic in 14 years.

In spite of the barrier, the Hansens arrived in the United States with an unforgettable three months behind them.

F.H.S. Enrollment Drops Slightly

Enrollment at Farmington High is lower than it was at the start of the first semester.

Of 752 students who enrolled in September, 50 have either quit school or moved from Farmington. However, this figure does not represent the exact decrease in enrollment because there have been a few cases of students dropping out of school and returning later.

Since the original enrollment in September, 37 more students have enrolled, several of them in the past few weeks. Including enrollments through the first two weeks of the second semester, the student population at F.H.S. stands at approximately 740.

Local News Items

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kaiser of Farmington Road announce the birth of a son, Steven Anthony, born February 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Romeo LeMieux, Sr., of Grand River Avenue and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Percy Warner of Colgate Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kingery, Jr., of Virginia, Livonia, announce the recent birth of a son, Cameron Everett. The Kingerys have another son, Glenn, 3. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wykoff, formerly of Farmington but now of Grand Rapids, and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Kingery, Sr.

Residents here for 21 years, the Wykoffs now live at 3840 Boone Street, S. West Grand Rapids and would appreciate hearing from their old friends here.

Mr. Luther Hamlin of Independence Street celebrated his birthday on January 30 and was remembered with many lovely gifts by his family and friends.

James Youngblood of Jacksonville Street returned home last week from Art Center Hospital after undergoing surgery. He is presently employed at Fend's Builders.

Bob Newsum of Jacksonville was given a birthday party by his wife Lorene on January 13th for the family and relatives.

The birthday cake and ice cream was enjoyed by both Robin and Bobby Newsum, children of Bob and Lorene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Benstead Road, Walpole Lake were very much surprised when they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gilbert on Brookfield, Livonia, on Saturday evening, February 1st.

They were being shown through the new home, when suddenly as they approached the recreation room there gathered about the table 25 or 26 friends and relatives to help them celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary.

The room was decorated in white crepe paper and on a table between the liquor candles was a beautifully decorated cake.

Dancing, shuffleboard and visiting was the evening entertainment. A lovely buffet lunch was served later.

The party was given by the two sons, George and Howard Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips received some nice gifts.

There actual anniversary date was Wednesday, February 5.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tuckett of Rhonswold announce the birth of a son, Dale Allan, January 12 at Art Center Hospital, Detroit. The baby weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces.

Four year old Dana Ray welcomed baby brother home.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Acel Lovejoy of Charleston, West Virginia. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tuckett of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orofino of Placito Court announce the birth of a daughter, Kim Teresa, on January 20 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital Pontiac.

This is their 5th child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox of Walpole Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Orofino of Farmington. Mrs. Orofino is the former Kathleen Cox of Walpole Lake. Arthur, graduated from Farmington High in 1946.

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Along The Creek In Woodcreek

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The Men's Civic Association met Thursday night at the home of new president, Bill Thompson on Salem Road.

A number of pertinent subjects were discussed such as roads, police protection and the possible purchase of a site for a future Town Hall.

The new social committee, headed by Norman See, aided by J. D. Downen, John Mereshak, and Bill Weighman, have gotten some interesting events lined up: a dinner dance at the Forest Lake Country Club for March 29th; sometime, probably in April, a hay ride and a masquerade for children; picnic for adults in June; an evening of fireworks in July; in October a feather party for adults and a masquerade for children; and, of course, the annual December dance.

On Tuesday the Women's Association met at Alice Billis's. About twenty-five attended and enjoyed the delicious cakes made by the hostesses, Marian Lam and Doris Wells.

Betty Vaughan had a most interesting visitor from Hollywood recently; Sylvia Tate, author of "Puzzle Pink Night." Perhaps some of you have seen the movie in which Jane Russell played the leading role. Betty wanted very much to have us meet her but Sylvia was very tired and asked for rest and relaxation. It may be that she and her musician husband will be visiting here before too long when we can hope for better luck.

The Franklin Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club met at the Franklin Community Church Monday at 12:30. Mrs. Wayne Seafert, of the Michigan State Extension Service, spoke on the pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Wood Creek's Ethel Nelson is program chairman and Ginny Swift first vice-president. The meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month.

Monday night the Lambda Tau Delta Sorority, one of the fine chapters of the Detroit Business Girls Club, had a dinner at which the Lamplight received 40 degree initiation.

Helping cerebral palsy victims, the major work of this club, and Valentine's Day they have scheduled another money raising project.

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Jan. Highway Death Toll Down Substantially

Michigan started out the new year with another substantial saving in lives lost in traffic accidents. A State Police report shows that in January 83 persons were killed as compared to 121 in the same month a year ago, a reduction of 32. While these figures are provisional and the death toll is expected to be added to with the receipt of delayed reports, the month will nevertheless wind up with a fine net on the credit side.

The 1953 goal has been set at a saving of 10 per cent under the death toll of 1,519 in 1957, or 152 lives.

The January death toll was the lowest for that month since 1952, when 81 were killed. It was the twentieth month of the last 22 in which there have been reductions in deaths compared with the same month the preceding year.

It was pointed out, however, that it will be increasingly difficult to maintain the pace set in January, as savings will have to be made against months in which there were marked reductions a year ago.

In February, for example, 96 persons lost their lives last year, which was 27 below the previous five-year average of 123.

In addition, the 1957 death toll is nearly 500 lives under the total of 2,016 who died in 1955, which makes new goals harder to attain.

Michigan's death toll for 1957 now stands at 13 per cent under a year ago, whereas the national saving is three per cent. The national death toll is estimated at 38,000.

Humans, like horses, cannot kick and go forward at the same time. —E.L. Benedict

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On February 14th Franklin Community Church is having its annual Membership Pot-Luck Luncheon at 12:30 at the church. Many Wood Creekers are members of the church and would be very happy to have as their guests any interested in becoming acquainted with the church. Please feel free to call me and say you would like to go. I'll gladly take you, see you have a fine luncheon and meet some very friendly people.

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