

Exchange Student Tells About Home

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Beginning with this edition, the Rogue News will publish a series of articles written by Yvonne Nicolson, America's first Field Service Foreign Exchange Student from Pretoria, South Africa, telling of the way of life in her own country as contrasted with that of ours.

The bell rang at 8:00 o'clock on a sunny summer morning in January, 1960, and 900 chattering girls in green school uniforms filed into the fifty-year-old building of the Pretoria High School for girls.

It was the first day of school in South Africa and most of the girls, who were eagerly telling of their experiences during the month's summer holiday, were happy to be back in this school where tradition brushed shoulders with modern development.

When the assembly bell rang, the students, now silent, walked into the great hall and waited in long rows for the headmistress to make her appearance. As we sang, I wondered what my last year of school at Pretoria Girls' High would be like.

I knew that in order to pass the examination set by the State controlled Board of Education at the end of the year, I would have to work hard at the six subjects we were required to take. Four of these six subjects had to be English, Afrikaans, the second official language in South Africa, History, and Physics or Biology. The other two subjects could be chosen from a variety of subjects.

However, that year was going to be more than merely a long and difficult struggle to gradu-

ate; every afternoon after school ended at 1:30 there would be games such as tennis, cricket, basketball and hockey, as well as swimming. Then the many club meetings, too, were always a grateful diversion from school work. The Quill Club meetings every second week were interesting, as then a well-known speaker would come and talk to us. Then there were meetings for members of the Scripture Union, religious organization which extends now over the whole world, and the Drama Club meetings. That year, the play "Hiawatha" would be publicly staged to raise money for the scholarship fund, an elite event, event of the sports year would take place — the inter-high swimming gala, in which all the schools in Pretoria compete. Last of the much looked forward to events would be the Senior Year Dance, the only dance our school gave for its pupils.

Undoubtedly that year would be a memorable one, but what I did not know was that within a year I would be getting ready to go on a journey that I would always remember — a journey to America.

QUILL AND SCROLL HAS NEW PLANS

Something new: Beginning this year the Quill and Scroll hopes to have an annual press banquet.

The organization's first meeting will be September 28. The members will elect a new president who can devote a good deal of time to raising money.



Sitting on the veranda of the capital building in Washington, D. C. is Judy Eberhart, the 4th student from Ashland High School to participate in the United Nations Youth Pilgrimage.

Ashland High Senior Relates Experiences of IOOF Pilgrimage

Judy Eberhart, senior, honored Ashland High School by placing second in the nation in the girl's division of the Odd Fellows' and Rebekah's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth.

First winning the local and district contest, Judy went on to win top girl speaker for the week one spent in New York. Top girl and boy speakers for the different weeks throughout the summer were compared and Judy took second in the nation. Approximately 1000 delegates from Canada and the United States competed in New York City this summer.

It All Began
Encouragement from Linda Lewis, former winner, inspired Judy to enter the Odd Fellows' and Rebekah's Twelfth United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Contest. "Will the United Nations Survive?" was the topic of the essay for the Ashland High School winner.

Upon winning in the school competition, Judy went on to compete in and win the Southern Oregon District speaking contest. "If Selected, Would I Be Willing to Serve the Peace Corps?" was the title of the speech that entitled her to the trip to the United Nations.

Accompanying Judy to New York were the sixteen Oregon delegates, nine Washington delegates, two Alaskan delegates and one from the Yukon. The group consisted of 10 boys and 26 girls ages 15 to 18.

Interesting Experiences

Exploring Greenwich Village at midnight was only one of the exciting things Judy did on the tour which covered much of Canada and the United States. Others included getting lost in the United Nations Building with a group of foreign exchange students and riding in a dump truck at the world's largest producing asbestos plant.

Because the weather was so hot Judy cooled her feet by wading in the pool at the Long Wood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Also, because of the heat, Judy and a friend by-passed standing in a long line to go through the White House. Instead they argued with picketers on the front walk and defended the nation!

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NEW POLICY ANNOUNCED

Attention students! Perhaps you juniors and seniors have noticed something different about the Rogue News this year. Endeavoring to publish a better paper, the Rogue News will be issued this year in the new, compact size. Also, your school newspaper will appear twice as often as last year. You will be receiving a copy every three weeks.

Continually striving to please the student body, the Rogue News staff heartily welcomes any comments, criticisms or suggestions concerning this new policy.



Yvonne Nicolson, Ashland High School's first foreign exchange student as pictured in the study hall.

Arrival of Annuals Announced at Party

Free coke and orange was served Wednesday night, September 6, at a party announcing the arrival of the 1961 Rogue Annual.

The senior members of the annual staff, Linda Gray, Joy Hinkson, Margery Moore, and Sue Rode, were assisted by the junior members, Diane Fieguth, Rick Pierce, Sharon Roderick, Linda Wells, and Mary Paul Workman while distributing the annuals to the Ashland High School student body.