

VISITING NEWSMAN WRITES OF GERMAN CUSTOMS, NEWSPAPERS, CAFES

Expresses Wish U.S. Students Could Visit Germany on Exchange

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles written during the past week for The Mail Tribune by a young German newspaperman now studying at the school of journalism of the University of Oregon. He has spent the week as a guest staff member on The Mail Tribune, and in the following story tells something of his background, profession and experiences in this country. He is returning today to the university for spring term, and at the end of the term will travel for two months in the United States, including attendance at the Republican national convention, before sailing for Germany in August.

By GUNTHER BARTH
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I started out in the newspaper business as a reporter. That is the usual way if you are not the son-in-law of a well-to-do publisher.

It was in 1947 and I just was discharged from the army. I had spent about two years in British Prisoner of War camps in the Mediterranean area.

I had much trouble to get the reporting job. It seemed to be that all discharged soldiers tried to become newspapermen. You will find sometimes in our country the widespread opinion newspapermen are doing nothing the whole day and still making money. Such an aspect is always very attractive for a beginner until he has the opportunity to see that a reporter has a lot more to do than sitting in a cafe and talking with various people.

A cafe plays an important part in our social life. I already wondered how we can go along without so many service and social clubs as I have seen in every American town. I was glad to remember that we still have our cafes. I forgot it completely because I didn't see any equivalent in the United States.

How could it happen? Over there you probably make your first acquaintance with a cafe as a high school boy if you are going to date your girl friend. It is just wonderful to step into a cafe and to talk to various people for a few minutes. Later on you recognize that two hours passed away like nothing.

After two months, which I spent running up and down the streets in order to get some news and information, the city editor gave me his first assignments. I had the splendid opportunity to cover all the events he or his assistant didn't like to do. Nevertheless, it was a unique chance to collect experiences and to become familiar with the news business. Finally after watching local meetings for seven months I had the chance to enter the newsstaff and to join the art department which I like most.

The newsstaff of our papers has a different organization. Each field is more departmentalized and has more independence. The reader over there likes to find everyday in the same part of the paper news belonging to the same subject. If somebody is interested in economy he looks up stock market and reports on Page 4. Somebody who watches critics finds it always on the bottom of Page 2. News and advertising are strictly separated. Usually we have pages full of ads or news.

The newspaper field is aimed on more and more specialization. In order to fit these requirements a great part of the newspapermen study their field on a university. Political editors, for instance, take history, or law, or political science. When I had the first chance to do something for my own I registered at the University of Cologne and studied art and literature.

We have in Germany three schools of journalism connected with a university, in Munich, in Berlin, and in Munster. They have quite a different function than schools of journalism over here. They don't provide any professional training on such a large scale as the School of Journalism in Eugene which I visit. We newspapermen in Germany have sometimes the opinion that their only function is to determine every year a new definition about the theory of a newspaper. As a result we don't have any cooperation between the schools of journalism and the newspapers as here in Oregon where the School of Journalism in Eugene and The Medford Mail Tribune arranged this interesting trip for me.

The Rheinische Post in Düsseldorf is a morning paper. There are only a very few afternoon papers in Germany based on street selling. Our paper has 200,000 subscribers out of a total circulation of 250,000. Our circulation department has quite a lot to do delivering each of them his paper on his breakfast table in the morning.

The newsstaff is always working under the pressure to catch certain trains for our 24 editions. If we are a few minutes late the circulation department misses the trains and the subscriber gets his paper probably around 9 a.m. when he is already working in a factory. We believe a newspaper has lost its value if it is not at the breakfast table of its reader.

We don't have newsboys at all to deliver our paper to the various homes. Generally it is done by elderly women. They are rather unique persons in their towns. Probably they inherited already the job from their mothers, because nobody can remember to have seen in the morning somebody else than the same elderly woman walking up and down the street of a district distributing the paper. They work during summer and winter, in ice, snow, and rain. They know everybody and



VISITOR AT WORK—Shown above is Gunther Barth, young German Newspaper editor who spent last week as a guest staff member on The Mail Tribune. In the accompanying article, Barth tells some of his experiences and background, and some of his impressions of America. He is now taking a year's advanced study at the University of Oregon on a State Department scholarship. His Medford visit was co-sponsored by the university's school of journalism and The Mail Tribune. During the week Barth had a heavy schedule of meetings and appointments with those who were interested in his background. He said he feels he has learned much about the life in a smaller American community, and will be better able to convey a sense of what America is like to his friends at home when he returns next August.

everything in their area and they form actually a big power in our circulation department. If they don't like something they just don't like it.

They collect every month the money from the subscribers and they get a fixed salary plus a certain percentage for each paper they deliver. Most of them in the bigger towns have about 300 subscribers.

Suddenly one morning you will see the elderly woman walking along with a relative, a younger one, probably her daughter or already her grandchild. And some day the old woman disappears and her daughter takes over the job and you even don't recognize it.

The Medford Mail Tribune is the first afternoon paper I see in operation for a full week. If I wouldn't know how many trouble it makes to put out such an excellent newspaper with only a few people, I would like to work on an afternoon paper for all my life, at least in Medford.

I had to apply for my scholarship to the American High Commissioner in Germany. I passed three examinations and I finally got it. It is marvelous to travel around seeing foreign countries and collecting knowledge. We in Germany would be very glad if the program would be a real exchange program and not only from one side. We would like to have a large number of American students visiting our country. I think it is the easiest way to come to a better understanding among the nations of the world.

Therefore, I am very happy and thankful that the Medford Mail Tribune gave me the chance to see the beautiful Medford area and the daily life of its charming people.

SINGER LEAVES ESTATE
New York — (U.P.) — Grace Moore, the opera singer and movie star who was killed in a plane crash at Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 26, 1947, left a net estate of \$231,039 according to an estate tax appraisal filed Thursday. Her gross estate was \$286,535.

The hippopotamus was nicknamed "river horse" because when swimming it exposes nearly half the head, resembling a horse.

Robinson Campaign HQs Set Up Here; Manager Visiting

Charles D. Wheeler, Salem newspaperman, has arrived in Medford to spend a few days organizing the local phase of the campaign for Fred E. Robinson who is a candidate for the Republican nomination as state treasurer.

Wheeler, Robinson's state campaign manager, is setting up an office in the law offices of Stanley C. Jones Jr., 218 Masonic building. Jones is secretary-treasurer of the state Robinson committee. A. A. Lausmann is chairman.

Wheeler said Saturday that committees have been organized in the principal cities of the state, mostly on a county-wide basis, and the campaign has been meeting with good reception.

Seeks Fund
One of the reasons for his presence here, he said, is to build up a campaign fund for advertising in the weeks before the primary election. Wheeler stated that good support has been received from various organizations and groups, both among ultra conservatives and ultra liberals. They join in their desire for a good administration, according to Wheeler.

Robinson was in Lane county last week working on his campaign, and during the coming week will be in Multnomah county.

Final Health Program Broadcast Tonight
The final broadcast of a series telling how communities have solved their health problems, sponsored by the Jackson County Medical society and the Jackson County Public Health association, will be on KMED at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

"What the Doctors Ordered" is its title. It tells how doctors of Oakland and Alameda counties banded together to solve the problem of providing 24 hour emergency services, created committees for airing grievances, and so on. The broadcast has been especially recommended by Dr. Edwin Durno of the Jackson County Medical society and Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

The series has been entitled "All Their Powers."

Four Bike Riders Killed In 1951 Traffic Mishaps
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Mrs. George Rode To Conduct Program

Mrs. George Rode will conduct the "Guest Conductor" program Sunday between 4 and 5 p.m. over radio station KYJC. Included will be recordings of selected dances from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and Brahms' "Fourth Symphony."

The weekly program features recordings from music libraries of valley residents. Anyone interested in appearing on the program and playing their favorite recordings is asked to call the radio station for scheduling.

State Orchestra Broadcasts Slated

Two broadcasts of a program recorded by the "All State orchestra" composed of high school students of Oregon, including 15 from Medford high school, will be heard in Medford this week.

The first will be at 9 p.m. today over radio station KYJC, and the second will be at 9:30 p.m. Monday, on radio station KMED.

The broadcast was recorded in Portland during the Oregon teachers convention recently, under the direction of Don Bushell, musical director of the Seattle Philharmonic and Choral society. Students from all high schools in the state participated. The undertaking was sponsored by the Oregon Music Educators association.

The 150 musicians in the orchestra included the following from Medford, according to Instrumental Music Supervisor I. A. Mirick:

Carolyn Black, Evelyn Jones, Anelda Lewis, Viola Russell, Geraldine Wisely, Carol Ellison, Gloria Greb, Janet Monia, Jean Moss, Wilson Moeller, Maureen Rice, Marion Rice, Margaret Huson, Alfred Leavitt and Robert Jones.

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Portland Firm Given Contract for Viaduct

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway commission said Saturday it has awarded a Washington county project to Donald M. Drake Co. of Portland on low bid of \$44,960.

The federal aid project involved construction of a 108-foot viaduct to carry the Southern Pacific company's west branch track over the west Portland-Hubbard highway at Tualatin.

The project is part of construction that will eventually mean a four-lane highway between Portland and Salem.

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SUNDAY HEALTH CHAT...

Dr. Frank J. Hanses

The first thought of many parents when tonsillitis strikes their children, has been: "Perhaps the tonsils should come out!" This thought was fostered by what is now openly admitted to have been misinformation and a mistaken attitude on the part of those who once advocated tonsillectomy at the slightest provocation, or none at all. There are some who still profess to believe the tonsils are useless appendages, best removed at the slightest sign of infection, or even without it, as a purely precautionary measure. These are now in a dwindling minority, and are called "Tonsil snatchers" by the more conscientious members of their own profession.

The tonsils are a part of the lymphatic gland network, their purpose being to "trap" infection before it can reach the gastrointestinal or respiratory systems, and to destroy or divert it into channels where it cannot affect the more important parts of the body.

Two of the major portals of entry for infection of the body are the gastro-intestinal and respiratory tracts. The infectious material initially enters these two tracts by way of the nose or through the mouth. In either case, a ring of tonsillar (lymphatic) tissue must be penetrated before the digestive or respiratory systems can be reached. What the average person calls his "tonsils," are two prominent members of this tonsillar ring, which actually is comprised of seven tonsillar masses of lymphatic tissue.

Tonsillitis is soreness or inflammation of the tonsils, due to a lack of proper function, bacterial invasion, or both. It is evidence of one of two things: an excess of infectious material trapped by the tonsils, or a deficiency of the nerve energy controlling the tonsils.

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Skiers of Juneau Dedicate "Oola" for SKI TRAIN, Inc.

When Molly Jo MacSpadden, lovely Alaskan winter sports enthusiast, broke the traditional bottle of "champagne" (which was really a bottle of ice and snow, according to the Juneau "Daily Alaska Enterprise") over Oola, the sturdy Tucker Sno-Cat, Alaskan skiers were offered a new, unique thrill. Now the Sno-Cat provides dependable transportation for skiers and those interested in outdoor recreation and photography over Alaska's snow-covered mountain trails. Sno-Cat's superiority as an over-snow traveler, was well demonstrated in January, when it conquered the high Sierra snows to bring food and medical supplies to snow-bound passengers on Southern Pacific's "City of San Francisco!"

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