

DeAnne Taylor Writes About School, Life of West Berlin

Editor's note: The following are excerpts from recent letters received from DeAnne Taylor, who is spending the summer months with a family in West Berlin, Germany, under the auspices of the American Field Service. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeAnne Taylor, 1011 Winchester ave., Medford. She left Medford early in June, and will return in September. In the following, Miss Taylor writes of schooling, music, social life, and thoughts of American independence in Germany.

By DEANNE TAYLOR

I'm a school girl again. I have been going to school with the girls, Ursula, 17, and Heidi. School is so different. It is in a rather old brick building and the school yard, in front, is all gravel.

There are 13 grades, each grade having several classes or forms, as Ursula calls them. They are lettered A, B, etc. Ernst, Heidi, and Ursula are all in the same school. There are about 950 students. Each class is 45 minutes long with 15 minutes between each class. Some of the students have 14 or more subjects, but, as I suspected, they don't have them all in one day. For instance, Ursula has English three times a week. The students stand when the teacher comes in, but they chatter constantly during class. Usually the teacher moves instead of the students except for such classes as art, music, and physics.

Enjoy School
The head master told me he didn't think I would enjoy the school, not knowing the language.

I admit that a better knowledge of German would help, but I enjoyed going to English classes. Ernst, 11, is just beginning English but he has had Latin. I read a paragraph in each class and the students compared the pronunciation to theirs. They learn "English" English and some of the expressions are strange to me.

Another difference in this school from ours is that the students, and teachers too, are always eating. During the breaks you can see sandwiches, apples, prunes, cherries, almost anything you can name.

School is out in about three weeks (July 15) for a six-weeks "holiday," but there are no tests because it is not the end of the term.

At Free University
I spent one day with Hanni at the Free university of Berlin. It was built from a grant given by the Ford foundation. There are about 20 buildings, most of them quite modern.

There are almost 11,000 students from all over the world. Hanni said there are quite a few American students, and that I could go to one of their meetings if I wished. We ate lunch in a little park in Dahlem where most of the American soldiers and their families live. It seemed so strange to hear the kids playing in the sandboxes, speaking English.

The lectures and lessons I attended were on English dramatists. They discussed T. S. Eliot, and were reading the play "Murder in The Cathedral." It reminded me of "Christ in the Concrete City." (A local presentation by members of DeAnne's church in Medford).

Cost Per Semester

Hanni says she pays about \$35 per semester. She has to pay about 75 cents per lesson plus a fee at the beginning. It was interesting to note that the students were from all over, but Hanni said those from West Germany can stay only a year due to lack of space.

Wednesday evening (June 22) Ursula and I went to a Philharmonic concert. The music selections were Tchaikovsky's Opus 35, and Dvorak's symphony No. 7, featuring Norman Dell Joio. I am not too familiar with either the music or the instrumentalist, but I enjoyed it very much.

The Schelle's (the family she is staying with) are in-

terested in music. They have a beautiful grand piano with lots of Bach and Beethoven to be played.

Planning to Move

Heidi, who is 16, is leaving early in July for a school in Switzerland. The family is planning to move there next year because of the situation in Berlin. Heidi has to go early in order to take tests so that she won't have to spend two more years in school here.

She is in a position similar to mine. She didn't think she would have to leave so early and she hasn't had enough French.

Saturday night (June 25) I went to a garden party with Hanni, 18, and her boy friend, Deidrich. It started about 8 p.m. and we didn't get home until about 3 a.m. Hanni says parties usually last until 1 or 2 a.m., but last year they had one that lasted until 4 in the morning.

I was tired. The garden was quite nice with a little summer house and lots of trees and flowers. They hung paper lanterns and when it got dark they put candles in and lighted them.

Political Situation

No one talks much about the political situation here. However, at the party everyone lit a match as a symbol of a free and united Berlin. It was a beautiful ceremony.

Yesterday afternoon (June 26) Ursula and I visited a friend of hers. Her friend's name is Christa. We took the train there. The Schelle's have two cars, a Mercedes and a Volkswagen, but they use them only for business and shopping. We usually walk or take the bus.

Christa's father is a professor of theology and an accomplished musician. Christa has been to England, and has had English girls stay with her. Two of them are coming at the beginning of the six weeks holiday.

Later in the evening we took the train to the Waldbukne, an open air theater, where we saw part of the International Film festival.

There was a jazz band and several foreign movie stars. The movie starred a popular German singer, Freddy Quinn, and was entitled "Freddy and Melodie der Nacht." It wasn't too difficult to understand. There were fireworks afterward which reminded me of the Fourth of July.

Four Different Pools
I've been swimming in the pool across the street from the Schelle's house. There are four pools of different sizes and depths. I've never seen so many bikinis. The pools are crowded like Hawthorne on a hot day.

The scenery around the Schelle home is lovely. When we go for walks one minute we are by apartment houses and the next in a little park. There are lots of trees and flowers. There is a small hill near by which was built from rubbish after the war. It is very unique and thought provoking. Now it is covered with trees and vegetation. There are no signs of war damage.

Mrs. Schelle won't let the girls take me across to East Berlin, but Mr. Augermann, the AFS counselor in Berlin, has written that a tour of East Berlin is being planned for later on this summer.

I will be thinking of you on the Fourth of July. I didn't realize how much it would mean until I found myself miles away from home.

FBI Makes Three Arrests in City

Three men are being held in the Jackson county jail after being arrested by the FBI Friday night, it was reported.

Clyde Quillen, 20, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was arrested on charges of violating the Dyer act - taking a stolen car across state lines.

Melvin Simmons, 18, of Compton, Calif., was arrested by the FBI on a similar charge.

Willard Montgomery, Ft. Bragg, Calif., was arrested in Medford Friday by the FBI on charges of desertion from the Army.

The Jackson county jail is rated number two in the state among county jails by the U.S. bureau of prisons and is certified to hold federal prisoners on route to their destinations.

OTHERWISE, RUN

Concord, N. H. - If you see a skunk walking along the street, pick it up - if it has a red collar around its neck. That's the kind of advice the Fish and Game Department has given Concord residents. Officials said the skunk - deodorized - belongs to Mrs. Harriet Wilcox. It has been her pet since it was rescued from a hotel swimming pool.

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Central Point Girl Wins Twirling Honor

Marci Jo Miller, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, 118 South Ninth st., Central Point, the state baton twirling champion took honors recently at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

Some 180 girls from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Canada participated in the week-long event at the Thunderbird contest and clinic at the college. Miss Miller captured the first place trophy in the pee wee solo dance event, and another top prize in speed and accuracy in the same age group. She also entered the junior miss posture event with entries up to 12 years, winning second place in the finals.

She was one of the eight finalists in the all-camp strut competition held at the end of the clinic.

Girls from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass also represented Southern Oregon at the twirling camp.

Miss Miller is entitled to go to the National's held in Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 1, but will not attend due to the distance.

Some \$2 million is being spent to improve Piaseo International Airport in Trinidad during 1960.

Shavings Approved for Certain Disposal Fields

Jackson county sanitarians have tentatively approved use of a mound of shavings as a disposal field for septic tanks.

However, Chief Sanitarian Orie Moore cautioned that this septic tank effluent disposal method will not work for everyone.

Those planning to use this system should check with the county sanitarians first, he advised. The Jackson county health department still prefers the standard method of septic tank or sewage line hookup, he added.

Construction of a disposal field trench for using shavings should be done this way: Dig trench 36 inches wide, 12 inches deep on a slope of 1/4 inch fall per 10 feet. Place six inches of three-fourths inch rock in trench. Lay four-inch tile on grade and cover top half with treated building paper. Crown over tile with two inches of three-fourths inch rock. Place shavings over trench two feet deep at the crown and five feet in width.

For the disposal field use a distribution box, construct two or more lines, sanitarians said. Install 250 square feet per bedroom. No single line should be over 100 feet long. Disposal lines should be at least 10 feet apart on centers, Moore directed. Make all of

the lines approximately equal in length.

For one bedroom homes the septic tank should be able to handle 500 gallon volume, two bedrooms, 750 gallons, three bedrooms, 900 gallons and for four bedrooms 1,000 gallons. For each additional bedroom add 250 gallons, they suggested.

Medford Family on Tour With Trailer

Colorado Springs, Colo. - Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Payne and family, Medford, are participating here in the third International Wally Byam Caravan rally.

Over 1,000 trailers are gathered on the Memorial Park grounds at the foot of Pike's peak. The rally is in honor of Wally Byam's birthday. He is the founder of the caravans.

Payne, who is retired from the Navy, and his family bought their first trailer in 1956 and have been on six caravans.

With only 6.4 per cent of the world's population, the United States has 45 per cent of the trucks in the world and 66.1 per cent of the cars.

Exams Announced for Civil Service Jobs

Competitive examinations are now available for positions under the U.S. Civil Service commission including medical officers in the Panama Canal zone, psychologist positions in Veterans Administration installations throughout the country, and medical technical assistant positions.

To qualify as a psychologist, the applicant must have a doctoral degree in psychology, and have had experience in some psychological specialty.

Further information may be obtained at the Medford post office.

More than 5,265,000 American workers have insured pension plan protection under 28,430 pension plans in effect at the start of 1960.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture spends \$157.8 million a year for research in plant and animal diseases and related research.

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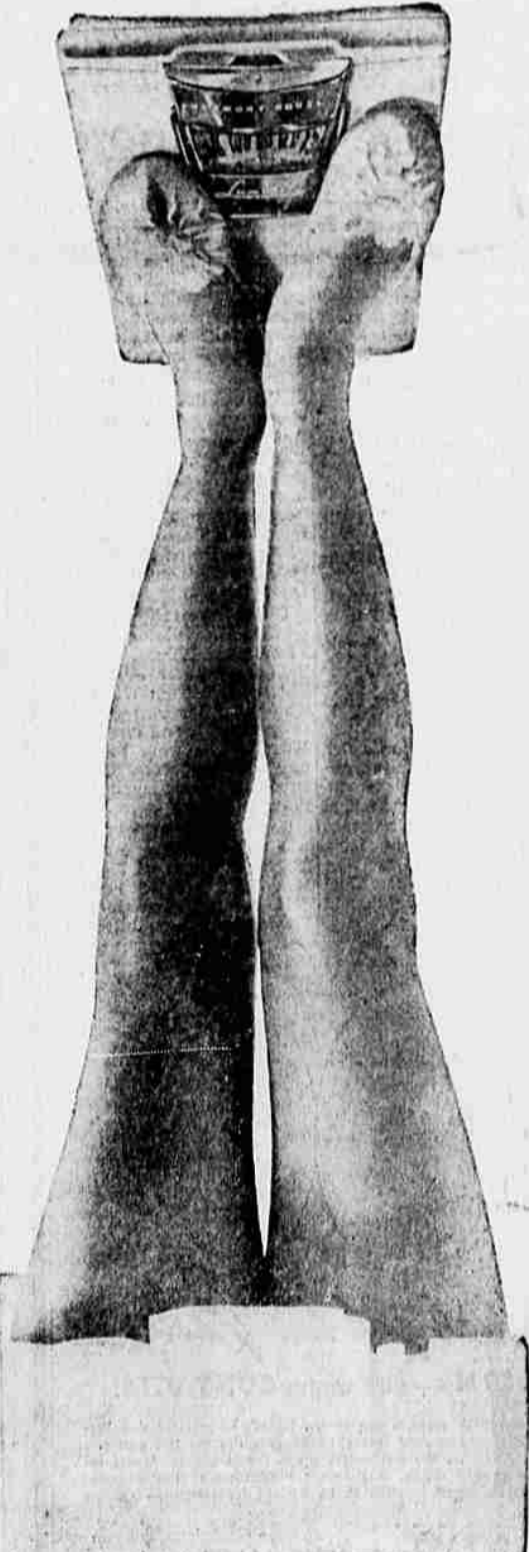
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