

Already the farmer foliage that clothes the otherwise wide limbs of Michigan's trees in falling carthoors, in the perpetual plea of Nature to enrich the earth's soil. What seems death in life.

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Have You Met . . .

The new neighbors from Seattle, Wash. They are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Russell and their sons, Gregory and Phillip who are now making their home at 1288 Edgewood boulevard. He is recreation

director for the YMCA in Detroit.

Farmers Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hoeflinger now residing at 187 Townsend? He is the associate pastor of St. James Episcopal Church here.

New Dual-Control Training Car for Course at Barnum

Barnum Junior high school will have a brand new dual-control car to begin another year of automobile driver-training this fall. Application for the new Ford car has been approved by both Automobile Club of Michigan and American Automobile Association. Delivery is to be made this week to Norman Wolfe, superintendent of schools in Birmingham, by Harry Turner, local Ford dealer.

Birmingham's car will be among more than 150 dual-control autos being delivered to Michigan high schools this fall as replacements for cars in use during the 1947-48 school year and 100 others to schools just starting the course. Auto Club will again furnish text materials for the course.

'Y' Club Program to Start Week of September 20th

Everett W. Allen, program chairman for the Birmingham YMCA, states that YMCA club activities will start in the local schools the week of September 20. There will be Gra-T clubs for boys of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at the Pierce, Quanton, and Adams elementary schools. Pierce Gra-Y will convene on Tuesday evening, Adams Gra-Y on Thursday evening, and Quanton Gra-Y on Wednesday evening.

Junior Tri-Y activities for girls of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will meet at Pierce school on Wednesday evening. Junior Hi-Y for boys of Barnum Junior High School will meet Tuesday evening at Quanton school.

1st Large Scale International Holiday Course Now in Operation in Germany

By Esther Van Wagoner Tufty

MUNICH, Germany—Few students get into the "comprosim" menu. The Department of the Army frowns upon any visitors except business men on buying trips, invited "experts," or such trained observers as reporters. It's not only that the Berlin crisis has made getting food a grim problem. The Military Governor, Lucius Clay, doesn't want any, unassessed Americans returning to the United States spouting criticism based on a brief look-see.

But a few lucky American students are here. Some internationally minded university professors on both sides of the Atlantic want to that. Educational officials in Military Government were easily convinced as they too believe, almost as fiercely, in student exchange of opinion as an impetus to better world-wide understanding. Besides, these students would be "under control" and not travelling on their own.

Now in Operation

The first large scale international holiday course in operation here in Munich and likewise in Heidelberg and Marburg-German students and number foreigners too is one.

The course is only of three week duration.

Realistically, the eminent foreign professors from Rome, Zurich, Bern, and other Swiss States recognize no problem in that spruce the international holiday course.

The lectures concern political science, history, comparative religion, and international law.

"American students say it's both 'strange and stimulating'."

"No books. No homework. No attendance at lectures demanded. No credits. More forums than classes."

Sociological Venture

"It's a sociological, rather than an academic venture," explains Dr. Roger M. Shaw, specialist in higher education, formerly Oberlin College and an ardent internationalist.

This is done in many ways, explained this Military Government official.

"In Munich, the 117 students (45 from the U. S.) have visited two technical plants (Laitz and Bader) and field trips to local villages have pointed up the technological problems in agriculture."

"The Engineers Museum, one of the best and fortunately not badly war-damaged."

"But the 'real' learning—educators admit—is coming from the free evenings and weekend concerts, band music in the old beer-gardens, parties, exhibits, and times for golfests and games."

Not Simple To Arrange

All of this was not simple to arrange in an occupied country. Take the matter of providing food. Germans have less to eat (2000 rations calories a day) than Americans and the occupying forces. Americans do not feed "off the German economy" and buy all supplies in the American commissary. So Germans and Americans do not eat together to avoid damage.

That offered a sticky problem, for exchange of opinions came best across the dining table. After much red tape cutting, it was decided to allow all students to eat together. The "comprosim" menu was "more than German" as used to and less than the American standard."

Housing was difficult, too. Many of the dormitories at Munich University were destroyed. But a place (not with sheets, and tie-plumbing) was found for everyone. There have been no gripes" Dr. Shaw said, who is pleasantly amazed at the self-reliance of these students from 7 different countries.

What Students Say

Here is what some of the students themselves say:

David Finne, 25 years old, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, who has just received a degree in International politics at Princeton and starts a 3-year law course at Yale this fall: "International holiday courses are splendid. There should have been more Americans. This would have been possible if the course had been better publicized."

Two students from Bay City, Michigan are married. John and Irene Stock met at Ann Arbor as students. Later she became a Methodist pastor, and also taught high school Spanish and French.

The Stocks are studying at Zurich University. He is getting his doctorate in theoretical physics and she has changed to medicine.

"As a vacation, they are enjoying the international holiday course."

One Veteran is Amazed

Spoken for them both Mrs. Stock said: "International fellowship is being brought about here. One of the boys, a veteran, was amazed that he and his former German enemy were sitting together and had similar ideas."

Many agencies and people are making this experiment in internationalism possible. It had the blessing of Governor Murray Van Wagoner, land director of Bavaria, and he officially opened the Military Government commissaries in education worked out the complicated arrangements.

Universities in many countries (the notable exceptions were France and Italy) cooperated. Some of the former came from Rockefeller Foundation. "Oddly enough, the radio show 'People Are Funny' sent 100 CARE packages to each of the three universities."

To have this chance to be a good will ambassador, cost each student but \$50 plus transportation.

Have You Met . . .

The newcomers from Germantown, Pa. They are Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lake and son, Benson, who are now residing at 1183 Dorchester. He is manager of the Fleet sales division of Kaiser-Frazer.

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Driver-training is termed by safety men the "most worthwhile safety movement to come along since safety parlors."

"More than 80 percent of all highway accidents and deaths are caused by drivers' errors. Until every school has driver-training, accidents will not be materially reduced. Despite the large number of old autos on the road and Michigan's steadily deteriorating highways, drivers' mistakes still cause nearly all accidents. Driver-training, not new laws or compulsory

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