

Building Home Is Part of Her Trip

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Building houses is hardly the usual activity for a pretty young girl, but that is just the thing that Martha Kraft and a group of European travelers did in Germany.

Within sight of the Russian zone* of Berlin, Martha and other young men and women aided regular workers on a housing project.

Her task was digging holes for foundations and for septic tanks, while others helped haul bricks for the homes and other tasks set for them by the builders.

MARITHA, DAUGHTER of the Clarence W. Krafts of 544 Oakland, is a teacher of third graders in Pennsylvania, and took her summer vacation in Europe, returning just last Wednesday.

Four weeks in the workcamp followed a tour with a group from June 9 until July 17. There were 20 in her group, and they lived in the housing project in Berlin.

FAMILIES FOR whom the homes are long built are required to spend a month of their work hours on these homes. The workcamp youths accumulated hours that were credited to these Germans, who were working at their regular jobs and could not do their work.

From the Russian sector 150 yards away, Red guards watched with field glasses as the building proceeded.

The feeling that they were on an island in a Communist sea was heightened by the housing need of the refugees for whom the homes were being built.

Teacher for a day in an English class in a German school was her opportunity in Berlin. She took over a class for a school teacher she met, and presented a lesson, with stick figures and pictures, on America and Michigan.

THE 11TH AND 12TH graders were struck, says Miss Kraft, by the similarity between America and Germany. "It's nice to know the places are similar," she says.

Eight different nationalities were in the group of 20 in her workcamp. "We all spoke English—it makes one feel a little stupid sometimes when they all speak three or four languages fluently and we Americans usually only speak one."

The Dutch in the group spoke their own and several dialects, so they had Dutch, German, and English besides the dialects.

ON HER TRIP, she collected the items pictured—Delft wear in the blue from Holland, and the makkum pitcher from a Mennonite factory. The Mennonite church sponsors the workcamps, but there is no church restriction on workers in them.

Linen cloths, she brought from Florence and Venice, Italy, watches from Switzerland, and cameras and a groundhog doll from Germany. The plate, shown plays a merry tune when passed.

MARITHE, staged with Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, was highlight of her English stay. Tickets for the Stratford-on-Avon theatre are hard to get, and the girls deemed themselves very lucky. Tour of the Grandland factory where the makkum pitcher was made was another highlight. Miss Kraft graduated a year ago from Bluffton college, in Ohio, and two of her classmates there guided her about Berlin, where both are attending school.



GERMANY, France, Switzerland were among countries that Martha Kraft traveled this summer, collecting these items. (Eccentric Photo)

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Hues of Autumn Lend Contrast to Wedding

Vivid colors of autumn provided a contrast to the clear white of the bridesmaid's dresses for the wedding ceremony of Margaret Bowers Ault and Esign William Shardelew. The fall fruits in tangerine, apricot, chartreuse and yellow were combined with tangerine in orange, pale green and saffron and gerbera daisies in the same color range. Emerald green velvet ribbon was used to catch the small irregularly shaped hand bouquets. The honor attendant tangerine velvet ribbon carried out the chosen color scheme.

The couple exchanged vows a Saturday in Christ Church, Gladstone, Ohio, with the Rev. James F. Clarke officiating. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ault II, of Gladstone, Ohio, and Mrs. Duffield A. Shardelew of Riverside. They are the groom's parents.

THE BRIDE wore a tangerine and white gown with a tangerine and white tulle. The long tulle train was elaborated with a heart-shaped neckline embellished over the shoulders with swallows of aluminum and about colored slaves. The bride's wide skirt, worn over tulle, was gathered at the waistline and flared out to a sweeping train. Her finger ring set of diamonds set over a tiny band of silk edged with swallows of matching lace. The wedding outfit of the bride were attributed to the gown of the veil.

Her bouquet was designed in a heart-shaped pattern. In this, white butterfly orchids and green-tinted white orchid filices were combined with sixteen stephanotis blooms. Strands of miniature variety roses completed the bouquet.

SHARING the role of maid of honor were Beth Burchenal and Emily Richardson. Bridesmaids were Dora Mathews of New York, Valerie Roberts of Cincinnati, and Mrs. William H. Barrett, Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind.

Identical ballerina high heels of matt white chromo-gram tulle. The wide portrait bouquets were set off with self-colored narrow slitter tucks and the full skirts billowed over crimson. Their heads were tiny bouquets of miniature white violet leaves. The bridesmaid of Indianapolis wore a gown of tulle and white. The guests were seated by Charles A. Ault II, father of the bride, William W. Walker and David Quesser.

SIMPLICITY keynoteed Mrs. Ault's gown of milk brown re-emphasized lace over champagne satin. The graceful skirt and bodice were accented with small clusters of iridescent sequins and a tiny cluster of matching sequins completed her costume. She had a spray of brown orchids.

Mrs. Shardelew chose an Alice design, a simple lace sheath dress designed with a sash of crushed satin. Her small satin hat was embellished with bugle beads and her earrings were of her design. The bride and groom will be married in Athens, Ga., until Sept. 22. They will take their honeymoon upon Esign Shardelew's graduation from the Naval Supply School at Athens.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Have You Met

The Richard Sloan who moved during the summer to 25100 14 Mile? Sloan, with the better development department of the Factor and Implement Division, Ford Motor company and is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh, and attended University of Southern California. Mrs. Sloan, whose father is Judge John B. Martin of the Circuit Court of Appeals, as still within her father's zone since the Sloans came here from Memphis, Tenn. She visited him last weekend in Columbia, O., where he is from the legal profession in Michigan. Sloan is a graduate of Southern California University of Pittsburgh, and attended University of Southern California. Mrs. Sloan, whose father is Judge John B. Martin of the Circuit Court of Appeals, as still within her father's zone since the Sloans came here from Memphis, Tenn. She visited him last weekend in Columbia, O., where he is from the legal profession in Michigan.

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