Aboard Holiday House

Aboard the "Bermuda Holiday House" cruise ship Duchess are (from left) Helen Gach, Beth Uhrie, Bette Cahill and Sue Gurry. The all-day cruise among the British Colony's many islands has been one of the highlights of their vacation. While in Bermuda, the four teachers from the Pembroke school are staying at the St. George hotel in St. George's Parish.

Vocal Group Member Recalls Tour Highlights

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sallie Garabrant is one of two Bloomfield Hills girls now touring Europe and staying with native families with the Michigan Chorale, a 75-member vocal group whose purpose is interpreting America to people of other lands through music. Miss Garabrant, Cranbrook road, and Bunny Lyons, Bennington road, both seniors at Kingswood school, will return from the two-month tour August 23, following a final concert at the Brussels world fair. The following are excerpts from Miss Garabrant's record of events on the trip, sent to her parents.)

By SALLIE GARABRANT

Our first hours in Amsterdam were unforgetable, especially the evening boat trip around the city by way of the canals. One of the three floating gardens in the world is here. The bridge made entirely of lights (not for traffic) gave it a final touch of fairyland.

We were on our way at 8:30 a.m. for Stolberg and my wonderful family, the Raimund Schleichers. I can't tell you how wonderful they were. The father is a merchant-owner of a sleep shop which sells beds, pillows, etc.

SUNDAY morning we sang a sacred concert in a Protestant church and then attended the regular service which was conducted partly in English as a kindness to us visitors. Herr Schleicher then took us for a 30-mile drive around the countryside. The lake and mountains made me terribly homesick for the Adirondacks.

Heisel's (daughter in the family) room is covered with pictures of Rock Hudson. She also has many American rock and roll records. I have taught them to Charleston and jitterbug and have learned the German waltz, polka and foxtrot.

Our formal concerts are long and it is quite warm here. There are often 90-degree temperatures and our concert jackets are wool. Five girls fainted at one concert.

IN MY new home (another German town) the family is quite wealthy—the father is a doctor. It is so sad to say goodbye, we become attached so firmly during our short stay.

After our formal concert on July 3 there was a great dance. Such intricate, skillful dancers! I've never seen so many "impossible" steps.

We have five meals a day. There are very few green vegetables, but all kinds of bread, tea, coffee, beer, cheese, eggs and delicious sweet wine.

In Bonn we were given a reception by the lord mayor in the morning and then followed the usual two-hour rehearsal. Our ride down the Rhine was indescribable—one hour and a half down to the Seven Hills. The view from the highest hill was one of the few when grey clouds overhead dispersed. We could see the famous Koln Cathedral 30 miles away.

AFTER TOURING Beethoven's home we had rehearsal in the Beethoven gymnasium (grammar school). I still wonder about all his manuscripts in his residence—so illegible. I sincerely doubt that we in 1958 are playing what he intended.

Our six-hour trip to the Eifel range was enriching and exciting, especially the stop at the Maria Lesch Abbey. The monastery is world-famous for Gregorian chanting. We stayed for the vesper service and I left completely speechless. I've never heard such ethereal music

Our formal concert in Bonn was quite successful. We did the Schubert mass for the first time and an audience of 2,000 saf transfixed through it all.

Completes Course In Radio Operation

FORT GORDON, GA. — Pvt. David C. Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Armstrong, 110 W. Maple, Birmingham, recently completed the eight-week radio relay and carrier operation course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

The 20-year-old soldier attended Berkley High School and is a former employe of the United Moulding Tool and Die.

Cycle Hits Hole; Driver's Face Cut

Phillip E. Young, 21, of 1036 Haynes, Birmingham, suffered face abrasions and a cut near the left eye last Wednesday when he was thrown from his motorcycle on Elm near Hunter. Young told Birmingham police he was traveling about 40 mph when he hit a hole and lost control of his vehicle.

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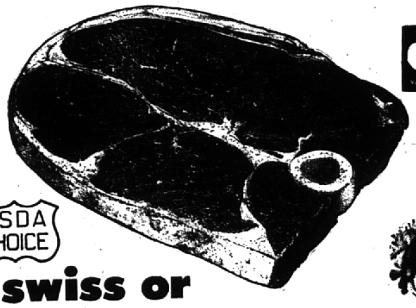

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