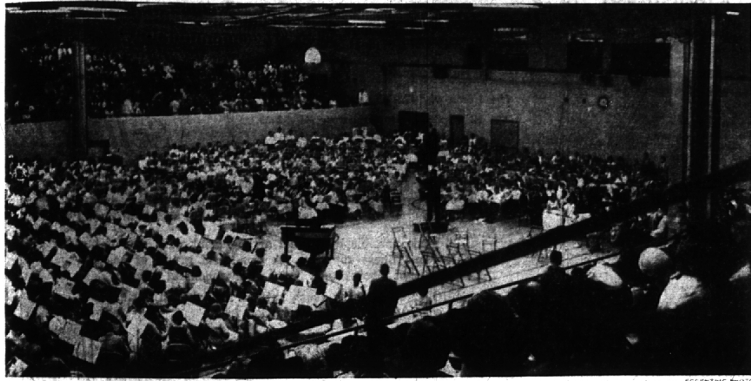


There Were 1800 Proud Parents



While their 921 musicians played in Birmingham's all-city instrumental music festival last Thursday night, a high school gymnasium full of parents, brothers and sisters, fairly glowed with pride. Under the over-all direction of Birmingham public schools' director of instrumental music, Arnold W. Berndt, 35 bands and orchestras from the 17 schools assembled for the concert. Various groups played everything from "Oklahoma" and "The King and I" selections to heavy classical selections. They received a big hand from an enthusiastic audience.

As Others See Us

These are the reactions to American life of the American Field Service exchange students in Birmingham area schools.

By MARIT MAAREN

From Sandefjord, Norway, Marit attends Birmingham High School. She is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley of Birmingham.

My wonderful year is almost through. These last months have really flown. I just can't believe that in only one month I have to leave you. It will be so sad to go. It seems as if I just came. I have not got to know how I am going to do all the things I want to do in such a short time.

My time to thank you all for what you have done for me has come. But how can I ever be able to show my appreciation for it all? First of all, I want to thank my wonderful American family. It will really be hard to leave them. They have been so close to me. It will be just like leaving my second mother and father, sisters and brother and, of course, granddaddy.

IT IS VERY difficult to express my feelings. They have been just un-describable. I know that everybody could not be nice and just take a strange student in their home for a whole year and still recognize them as their own child but

my American family have really made me feel right at home. My school days have also been unforgettable. To come and be able to study in a school which is so different from my own has really been something I'll never forget! All my teachers have been so helpful and understanding. I know I have learned a lot from them.

ALL MY FELLOW students and friends have been equally wonderful. I feel lucky that I have gotten to know so very many. Whether I knew them or not they would come up and talk to me and they always smiled and said that precious American word of welcome, "Hi." They have showed me how American teenagers are. I certainly admire and like them all! They took me into their activities, and school life and made me really feel like I was one of them. I have even gotten so I kind of like Bermuda!

I really believe that if we could only walk together and talk together, all of us, the people of the earth, that we would then know real peace.

When I go home again I will tell my own people about America and my impressions and joyful experiences and even though it will soon seem like a wonderful dream, I will tell my grandchildren in the long winter's nights in Norway. Thank you, again, all of you.

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FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

MARtha V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

Outlines Postal Dept's Merits as Place to Work

Postmaster of Birmingham BY ROLAND W. REESE.

I don't imagine many of you young people ever have stopped to think about what goes on at the United States Postal Service—from the time you stick a stamp on your letter until it reaches its destination, whether by air, water or train.

We all tend to take the post office and its battle with "time and space" for granted. Like the sun and the moon and the stars, it's always there.

From the days when men first scratched crude pictures on wood or stone; down through the early Phoenician days of picture writing that later developed into the alphabet, letter writing has been a fascinating method of expression. As early as 2000 B.C. men could be seen running through the streets of Babylon bearing heavy slabs of baked clay upon which the messages were written. These messengers were the first letter

carriers going on their appointed rounds.

IT IS, A far cry from the reign of King's messengers, the Pony express, and the brave Colonial Post Riders to today's uniformed postmen. It is about this employment that I am writing.

The post office department of the United States is a large employer of people and the user of many supplies and services, contracted to supplement the services, receiving and distributing the mail. There are over 500,000 post office workers in some 35,000 post offices, stations, terminals and other installations. They operate the largest fleet of trucks in the world and utilize a vast network of communication lines such as railroads, air lines, automobiles, trucks, boats and in some cases, horses.

TO DETERMINE if the life and rewards of a postal worker are to be considered by a young person of today, I would recommend he or she consult their local postmaster for details. The following is basically the requirements, compensation and benefits.

It is desirable that a large percent of postal workers be qualified civil service employees. There are periodically civil service examinations to determine ability, adaptability and stability of the applicant. Following the test, the person is placed on a civil service register and employed as the name appears on the register. All employees are given ample time to learn their assignments and develop skills. Then they are classified as "regulars."

AT THIS POINT an employee can consider he has "job security".

Birmingham's Top Ten

Compiled Weekly from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops Reported by Carl Reynolds, B'ham High School Senior

1. Purple People Eater Sheb Wooley
2. Do You Want To Dance Bobby Freeman
3. ALL I Have To Do Is Dream Everly Brothers
4. Jennie Lee Jan & Arnie
5. Secretly Jimmie Rodgers
6. Yakity Yak Coasters
7. Woodchoppers Ball Hutch Davie
8. Endless Sleep Reynolds/Rosa
9. Don't Go Home The Playmates
10. Got A Match Daddy-O's

Up and Coming Discs:

1. Leroy Jack Scott
2. High School Confidential Jerry Lee Lewis

Detroit Area's Top Ten

1. Purple People Eater Sheb Wooley
2. Secretly Jimmie Rodgers
3. All I Have To Do Is Dream Everly Brothers
4. Do You Want To Dance Bobby Freeman
5. You Need Hands Eydie Gorme
6. Jennie Lee B. Ward/Jan & Arnie
7. Don't Go Home Playmates
8. Endless Sleep Reynolds/Rosa
9. I'll Always Be In Love Rosemary June
10. Yakity Yak Coasters

Calendar

For Today's Youth

Compiled by JUDI DAVEY

Thursday	June 12
* Formal dance at Cranbrook (senior dance).	
Commencement at Bloomfield in the gym. 8:00 p.m.	
Friday	June 13
Swing-out assembly at Birmingham. 8:20 a.m.	
Kingswood formal dance. 9:00 to 1:00	
Faculty senior breakfast at Kingswood. 9:00 a.m.	
Junior-senior banquet at Kingswood.	
Saturday	June 14
Kingswood commencement at Christ Church Cranbrook.	
Sunday	June 15
Birmingham's Baccalaureate in the gym. 7:30 p.m.	
Monday	June 16
Birmingham's exams. Go through the 18th.	
Thursday	June 19
Birmingham Commencement in the gym. 10:00 a.m.	

Soapbox Corner

Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers

SCHOOL
Do you do your best in school? Do you try real hard? Do you follow every rule to get a perfect card? Wouldn't it be wonderful if you simply could go to school on every day and be so very good? And wouldn't it be jolly if everyone could see what a perfect student you can really be?

Oh, that dreaded call. It seems of all things in this world we need baths least of all! You'd think it was important for us to be so clean. When all the time you know that they're probably just trying to be mean. Some day not long from now, I'll do a really good deed. And make it so kids don't dirty, so for baths there'll be no need.

WEEK END FUN
Friday I had my girl friend overnight. When we were in bed, my friend said, "There's a spook beside the window." I said, "I don't see one." Then she said, "You should, there's one in that bed." The next day we played hide the ball then we played Zorro. After that we got to hold the bunny that belonged to Miss Carol. The End.

BATH-TIME
Mother shouts out "bath time."

By MARIA KOUNTOUTES
Bloomfield Country Day School

By CAROL SCHNUR
Pierce School—3rd Grade

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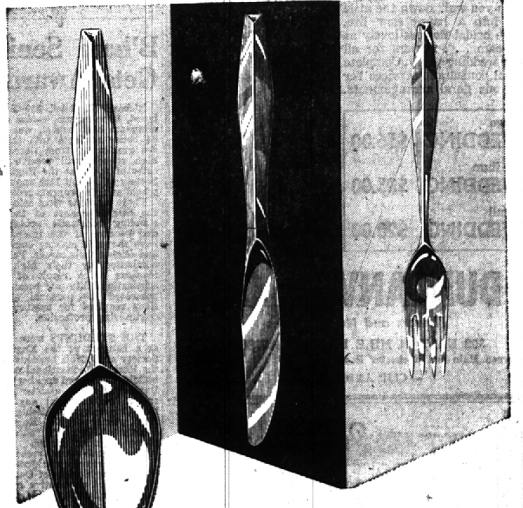
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Ticklers By George



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