



Is This the Largest One?

While his friend holds on tight, Bob Geymen, 1010 14 Mile, Birmingham, (left), measures the foot-long frog he caught at the Dodge Park pond in Beverly Hills. His friend, Steve Weller, 1684 Norfolk, had a rough time holding the slippery animal. The 10-year-old youngsters plan on keeping "Leaping Lena" if it will eat.

AFS Student Arrives For Year's Study Here

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Special Writer

A petite, black-haired and brown-eyed little Polynesian girl anxiously awaiting her first glimpse of the United States, arrived Aug. 9 in New York.

Gloria Mendoza, our American Field Service foreign exchange student from Polynesia, will be living with the Gimmans of Beverly road for the coming school year.

Gloria and her American sister Marion Gimmans, both 17, will be attending Birmingham high school as seniors. Although Gloria is only five feet tall, she is said to be vivacious and an excellent piano player.

OUR FOREIGN exchange student from France is Jeanne Pierre Gontard. Jeanne is an experienced bicyclist and during his past summer vacations has traveled by bicycle through eight European countries. His greatest desire was to visit the United States. His wish will come true when he arrives Aug. 19 in New York.

Jeanne will be met by his American family, the Kippes of Meadow Lake. With his Birmingham brother, Bill Kipp, he will be a Birmingham high school senior.

BOTH GLORIA and Jeanne will graduate with their class in June. Meanwhile, they will be able to

participate in any school or community activity they desire. However, they are not allowed to hold a regular job or to drive an automobile.

Every exchange student is encouraged to attend the church of his choice, regardless of the faith of his American family.

THE MAIN object of the American Field Service is to teach the manner of our everyday life. When they return to their own countries, they can then give their homeland a realistic picture of the daily lives of typical American families.

THE AFS in Birmingham has two programs for sending our students to Europe. The summer program consists of spending the two and a half months with a European family. Representing the United States this summer is Emily Watson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Watson of Latham Road. Emily and her Finnish family lived part of this summer in Helsinki and then moved to their cottage on a nearby lake.

THE BIRMINGHAM chapter of American Field Service also has a program for sending Birmingham high school students, for the first semester of their senior year,

to participate in a foreign educational program. These students must be superior in scholarship, and measure up to high standards in other qualifications such as friendliness, ability to adjust to new situations, neatness, dependability, leadership and be a generally well rounded and well-liked person.

FOR THE FIRST time in the history of AFS, two United States high schools were chosen to send four students in the winter program. Birmingham High is one. Representing the United States in Trondheim, Norway, is Natalie Ginnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ginnell of 18202 Buckingham Road. Dan Rogers, who lives at 955 Winstanley Road, will be going to Switzerland.

Living in Namur, Belgium will be Eleanor Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sims of 70 Judy Lane. Jane Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of 17503 Kirkshire drive, will represent us in Rotterdam, Holland.

Off to Rurit Lake

Fritzi Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Harris of 14 Mile road, Birmingham, returned this week to the family summer place on Rurit Lake, near the National Music Camp at Interlochen. She was the winner of the Birmingham Musical scholarship in piano.

While on the subject of singers that just can't seem to stop making hits, a word should be said of Connie Francis, the nineteen year old girl who has more hits than Frankie Avalon and Fabian together. From "Who's Sorry Now" to "Lipstick on Your Collar" Miss Francis has been a picture on the radio. Connie reports that since the beginning of the year, she has had an average of two offers a week to do her own television program.

Every once in a while it's fun to go back and review some of the popular hits of a few months ago, and try to recall some of the forgotten names and songs. For instance, this time last year, the songs were doing well with "Little Star" on the Aft label, Jack Scott, of Detroit, and "True Love" of DeLuxe, and an unknown group named the Shields came out with "You Cheated." Most of the names on today's chart, will have equally as little staying power.

Exchange Student Gives View on East Germany

(Editor's note: A Bloomfield Hills boy who is an American Field Service student in Germany has written his impressions of a visit to West Berlin. His view is withheld because the family he is visiting has relatives in the Russian zone.)

As an American, I was particularly impressed by three facets of the Autobahn trip from West Berlin to West Germany and back through the Russian controlled D.R. (Deutsches demokratische Republik): the long wait at the border, the intricate involved in crossing and the prolific propaganda signs.

When we arrived at the border at 3:30 in the morning there was a line of cars which I count-estimated at 210. We had to wait in line for more than an hour just to reach the control station and had to spend another thirty-five minutes going through the necessary ritual at the guard houses.

IF IT HAD been later—say 7 A.M.—during these holidays, the delay would probably have been three or four hours. I had to stretch out into as much as six or eight. The Communists, however, wary of their public relations, allow all journalists and foreign autos to pass through without delay.

For the trucks which carry 40% of all freight to Berlin, the check is even more harassing. In addition to paying a \$12 toll, each has to unload its entire cargo. Many trucks have to wait virtually the whole night.

My German father's comment on the Communist tactic of persecution of the Berliners: "The Communists are making the same mistake Hitler did. Hitler persecuted the Jews and alienated the world; now the Communists may expel the Berliners, but again, they are only revealing their criminal intentions."

WHILE WE were waiting in a two kilometer line in No Man's Land between East and West Germany I myself participated in some intrigue. I had written some of my experiences on the previous Autobahn trip on a slip of paper and placed it in my diary. When my German mother found out about this she took off her shoe and handed it to me with the instructions to slip the paper into the shoe out of sight behind the front seat.

Her explanation: The East Germans sometimes search the cars very thoroughly and if they find any "spy material" they throw the owners into jail. This is one of the reasons why the U.S. doesn't want its citizens traveling through the East Zone.

THE EAST Germans could use a jailed American citizen to force the U.S. to politically recognize their state which was set up in violation of the Potsdam Conference.

The U.S. cannot negotiate with a government it does not recognize and so any American who travels on the Autobahn is at the mercy of the Communists. After I had seen a strange green structure with slit windows concealed in the East German woods, I realized how right my German mother had been in telling me to slip my paper so surreptitiously into her shoe.

EVEN WHEN my "brother" pointed directly at it, this observation tower was difficult to see. Later on I saw a "Vopo" holding a pair of binoculars—more evidence that every car was being scrutinized while waiting in line.

It is strange that the East Germans make sure all cameras are empty before they go through the Zone. The landscape consists of prosperous looking wheat fields hemmed by tannenberg forests and stuck with numerous high tension wires.

In the center of the road, however, propaganda signs break the placid green at regular intervals:

AMONG THE thirty-two propaganda signs which my "brother" and I counted between Berlin and Topen, the ubiquitous "Ami Go Home."

Finally, after being exhorted at

but socialism! A simpler sign showed a picture of a hammer smashing a rocket, captioned by "Atomkriegsgefahr" (Atom war hunt).

Aug. 20, 1959 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 7-C regular intervals for 280 kilometers a sardonic final: "Auf-Wiedehsehen-Gute Reise." (Goodbye—have a good trip.)

In Berlin again I was no longer "a stranger and afraid in a world I never made," but with people who must be among our most dedicated friends.

As one American Army doctor I

met here said: "Berlin is one place where American aid has done some good."

But even more than friends out of gratitude, the Berliners are at times from necessity. As my German father has often told me, "We think of America today as the only nation which can save us from the Russians."

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Last Week	This Week	For Eternity	Bryan Brent
1	2	Sweetest Than You	Ricky Nelson
2	3	Here Comes Summer	Jerry Keller
3	4	What a Difference Makes	Dinah Washington
4	5	What a Difference a Day Makes	Dinah Washington
5	6	Kissin' Time	Bobby Rydell
6	7	Baby Talk	Jan and Dee
7	8	Small World	Johnny Mathis
8	9	It Was I	Skip and Flip
9	10	See You in September	The Tempos
10		What is Love	The Playmates

POP FIVE ALBUMS			
1	More Johnny's Greatest Hits	Johnny Mathis	
2	At Large	The Kingston Trio	
3	More Music From Peter Gunn	Henry Mancini	
4	Especially For You	Duane Eddy	
5	The Beauty and the Beast	Perry Lee and George Shearing	

NEW RELEASES

Five Feet High and Rising—Johnny Cash—B

Twice as Nice—Nick Todd—D

Gee—George Hamilton IV—C

Shanghaied—Webb Pierce—D

Memphis, Tennessee—Chuck Berry—A

News and Views

Off the Record

Pats Doming, one of the few peripatetic forces of the rock and roll set, seems well on his way again with "I'm Gonna Be A Wheel Someday." Number 44 according to Phonology, the record is the fastest seller on Billboard's Hot 100. His first big seller, and one of the first rock and roll hits, was "Ain't That a Shame" on the Imperial label. Pat Boone rivaled Pat for the best selling version of "Blueberry Hill" and "I'm Walkin'" will also be remembered. Strangely enough, he had to compete with Ricky Nelson, who like Pat Boone, was just starting out. "I'm Walkin'" seemed sure the way for a young singer to rise and

A Good Handyman

Bill Bowman, 10, of 1898 Pine, Birmingham, was in a working mood last week and decided to wash his father's car. After finishing that, he decided his little sister's car needed a cleaning job and starting working again. Needless to add, Jane, who is three, appreciated it.