

Congratulations!

Ferndale Students Show They Can Be Clean, Co-operative

Mollie Marsh

Everyone of us students at Ferndale has probably noticed that trash detracts from the appearance of a building. When people see litter scattered around a building, they may think that the people responsible for its appearance are worthless, corrupt, undignified, illiterate, or various other worthy or unworthy insults. We want outsiders to at least get the impression that we are intelligent, dignified, and decent human beings. Keeping our school free of trash helps us to create this impression.

Just recently Mr. Frye encouraged us to quit throwing paper at the football games. The day after one of the games he congratulated us for submitting to his suggestion. This shows that we are capable of improvement if we feel like it.

Dr. Dean B. Pruette, the Superintendent of the High Point City Schools, has said that the area around Locke Street has also improved. He said that either people are picking up the paper thrown down there or they just aren't throwing it down any more. Mrs. Collins has also mentioned that the trash problem in the cafeteria has shown commendable improvement.

Most of the comments made about the appearance of our school have been good, or maybe we just haven't heard the bad ones. Whichever it is, let's all keep up the good work.

STUDENT OPINION

India May Become Critical Spot—What About It?

Randy Bernard

The United States has recently agreed to send arms and other supplies to India which is presently being invaded by the Red Chinese. The country of India has, in the past, been backing Red China's attempted admittance to the U. N., and, despite Red China's present actions, they are still urging their admittance. I realize that it is imperative to the safety of the rest of the world that we send these arms, but I am not sure that they deserve them.

Jamie Burnley

Recently there has been fighting in northern India between the Chinese Communist invaders and Indian forces. The Indians have been pushed back on all fronts. The U. S. and Great Britain are sending military aid to India as fast as possible

to try to save the country from being overrun by the Chinese.

I think all the blame for India being caught unprepared lies on the shoulders of former Defense Minister Krishna Menon. He assured his countrymen that India's armed forces were ready to fight off any attack on India when, in actuality, they were equipped with World War I vintage rifles. Prime Minister Nehru finally demoted leftist Menon and took over the job of Defense Minister himself. The Indian people were solidly behind him.

We all hope that India will be able to drive out the invaders as soon as possible and resume a life of peace. Maybe next time they won't make the tragic mistake of trusting the Communists.

Natives Of Other Countries Become Part Of Ferndale

Ben Armfield

Ferndale has quite a few students who are from other countries or have parents from other countries this year. This list includes Eddy Krapels, from room 208, and Reinhard Koch, from room 118, who can still remember things about the countries they are from.

Eddy's parents were born in Delft, Holland. His father is a World War II veteran who was in a German prison camp for about three years. He worked in a printing industry in Holland and now works at Alderman Studios.

Eddy was born in Hamsteede, Holland and went to St. Joseph's School through the second grade. He moved from Holland when he was eight years old and lived in England, Portugal, Spain, Madeira, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic for short periods of time. He then moved to Puerto Rico, where he went to Santa Rita School. While he was there, he learned the Spanish language. After two and one half years, Eddy's family moved to the United States. They lived in Charlotte before coming to High Point.

Eddy has two brothers and one sister. He can speak English, Spanish, and Dutch, and he thinks English is the hardest to learn. He thinks that the grammar school education is better in Holland than in the United States and it's harder to get into college there.

Reinhard Koch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koch, is from Germany. He went to school there through the second grade and then moved to the United States. He lived in Frankfort, Indiana, La Grange, Illinois, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and now lives in High Point. He says that most of the buildings in Germany are new because many of the old ones were destroyed during the war. Most of the people live in apartment houses because it is so crowded.

He thinks that school is harder in Germany. He had to go to school for one half of a day on Saturdays. Germanys' grading system is not like that of High Point. They grade by 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, and 6's.

rain and weather out as well as any modern roof."

Dr. Thayer described Holland as being "all green--no washed-out eroded hillsides." "A considerable part of Holland," he said, "is made up of land reclaimed from the sea, and every time it rains they have to pump the water out." In Holland, also, he was impressed by the beautiful flowers. He had the following to say about them, "There were sections in Holland where every window in every house had a flower in it."

Because there are so few cars in Denmark, everyone rides bicycles. "When a Danish family goes on a picnic the Father rides a bike with one of the younger children behind him, and the Mother rides another bike with the baby in a basket. Then the rest of the children ride on their own bikes and carry their food in knapsacks. There are special roads built for the bicycles where no cars are allowed."

"Sweden," he said, "has practically no flies or mosquitos except when an occasional bad wind blows them in. Because of their lack of

flies most of the houses there have no screens." In all of the eight days he was Sweden, he only saw one fly. "Much of the industry and busniess in Sweden," he remarked, "is controlled by the government. The government also provides many social services. Another thing about the Swedish people -- they admire the Americans very much."

He believes that the young people in America should appreciate the influence they have on people of other nations and use it wisely. While in Sweden he also spent a day at Upsalla which is the location of the machine that checks on Russian atomic blasts. The information this machine provides is sent to the United States.

"The people in Switzerland," he stated, "have learned to work with Nature, not against her. They have their barn in the same building with their house. That way the cows, hay, and people are all under one roof. Also, the people cut wood and stack it under the eaves of their house before the end of the summer." By doing this they avoid getting caught in a snowstorm with no wood.



Susan Hoskins, Stephanie Thomas

Not Twins, Not Sisters, Not Even Kin, This Personable Pair

Brenda Sechrest

It's almost like seeing double! These two cuties are Susan Hoskins of 210 and Stephanie Thomas of 205, and lots of people get them mixed up.

Susan, a ninth grader, has sandy blonde hair, green eyes, and is five feet one. She lives at 404 Westwood Avenue with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hoskins. Susan likes to swim, read, and play tennis. Parties are a favorite pastime. She belongs to many organizations, including Methodist Youth Fellowship, Girl Scouts, and Junior Pointer Staff, of which she is fourth page editor. The subjects which she especially enjoy are English and civics. An honor roll student and cheerleader, Susan has a warm and well-rounded personality.

Stephanie is in the eighth grade. Her hair is also sandy blonde, but her eyes, unlike Susan's, are brown. She is five feet two. Stephanie resides at 319 Woodbrook Drive with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean K. Thomas. She also likes to swim, but she also enjoys cooking, talking, and parties. She likes school, and her favorite subjects are English and science. She is a former council member of Northwood Elementary School. An active member of Y-Teens, she hopes to attend Duke University after graduation. She has many friends because of her sweet disposition.

It is evident that Susan and Stephanie are alike in many ways. The next time you meet one of them in the hall, make sure you call her by her own name.

JOHN

Susan Kirkman

I know someone nam'd John who is okay

At times. He can be somewhat of a pest.

He is my brother and he tries his best

To bother me until I go away.

I never ask him to come home at all,

But he comes home from his school anyhow.

I usually shun him, but right now He tells of grades which seem so very small.

John is quite bright, but we all wonder why

He does not spend more time in studying.

He must consider work a minute thing,

For there are times he will not even try.

SCHOOL

Jimmy Witcher

To some people school is such a big bore

They oft ask "what do we have to go for?"

But please, children, do not be sad and sore,

Finishing school opens future's big door.

The teacher are really on our own side—

So do not be timid and try to hide.

Some students are merely there for the ride,

But we should be able to say, "I have tried".

We should in all things do our very best,

To be nearly perfect should be our quest.

We should try hard to excel in each test.

Set our goals in keeping with, or higher than, the rest.

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