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# German Men Wear Short Pants, Too; Fraus In Aprons

SECOND IN A SERIES  
Augsburg, Germany  
24 June, 1955

It is 1:30 here so you all are just now getting up to start the day. We met a nice couple on board from New Jersey — Tom and Pat Dunnington and three children. They're down the hall so Debbie and I went out to eat with them and then for a walk. There are some beautiful clothes and shoes — pretty cheap, too. And gorgeous jewelry. Beautiful pottery, china and silver shops, all kinds of do-dads I've never seen before and the cutest toys. We'll send you all something soon.

Most of the Germans dress as we do. Lots of men — all ages — wear real short pants and knee socks. They look funny. And as we're in the Bavarian section, lots of men wear knickerbocker pants and jackets and long socks.

**APRONS IN PUBLIC**  
Many women still wear the German dresses. They have big puffy sleeves with low necklines and inserted lace and the big full skirt with the apron. It looks funny to see them wearing aprons in public. I've seen some beautiful German blouses with real lace . . .

We saw some German stoves and frigidaire. They're about half as wide as yours, the stove has a very tiny oven and isn't near as high as yours; the frigidaire are nearly

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- Nichols, Mrs. W. A. 9 Lots .. 12.12
- Nix, Mrs. Bertha 1 1/2 A .. 11.11
- Odom, Mrs. Trudy 15 A .. 10.61
- Payne, Misses Mauda & Annie Lee 30 A .. 16.16
- Peacock, A. D. 7 1/2 A .. 11.61
- Picklesmer, Claude & Ralph 53 A .. 18.66
- Poteet, V. M. 50 A .. 28.62
- Quarrell, Mary N. 1/2 Int. in 10 1/2 A .. 11.11
- Raper, Claude .. 22.55 PP
- Raper, James 172 A .. 168.50
- Raper, Marcus & J. O. 39 A .. 57.97
- Raper, Robert L. 6 1/2 Lots .. 17.04
- Reynolds, L. M. 28 8/10 A .. 11.47
- Rhodes, Mrs. Julia 40 A .. 6.86
- Rich, Garlee 50 A .. 51.30
- Rich, Jess 142 A .. 55.12
- Rich, Luther & Wife 65 A .. 15.55
- Robinson, Mrs. Minnie 6 A .. 2.42
- Rogers, W. W. 5 A .. 11.78
- Ross, Virgil .. 19.49 PP
- Russell, Henry 5 A .. 6.47
- Sanford, T. J. .. 4.04
- Seabolt, Lonnie 290 A .. 55.12
- Shields, Clinton .. 9.38
- Shields, G. M. 58 1/2 A .. 10.74
- Shields, Haden .. 6.46
- Shields, L. M. 538 A .. 137.14
- Shields, Olen 80 1/2 A .. 13.50
- Shields, Otis 47 A .. 20.27
- Shore, Mrs. Nancy 5 Lots .. 31.09
- Smith, A. G. .. 8.38 PP
- Smith, W. T. 37 A .. 13.43



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as high as your stoves and the shelves are about four or five inches high with one rack on the door for milk.

I found out I'd have to get another driver's license and there are only 40 road signs here. Doubt if I'll ever learn them.

26 June, 1955  
We've all walked constantly since we got here, exploring. Augsburg is a lovely city, 1,000 years old this year.

I've never seen such beautiful china, crystal, silver, rugs, glassware, drapes and many other things.

### GOOD FOOD

The PX is pretty nice, but the things in the German shops are much cheaper. We ate in German restaurants last night and today and the food is delicious. If you ask for tea or coffee they bring you a small platter, with a silver pot of drink (holds two to four cups) and a tiny silver pitcher of cream, sugar and a real tiny lemon squeezer that looks like a miniature dust pan with a lid.

Your soup is served in heavy cups and you drink what your

spoon leaves. All the food, each kind is in a small bowl (silver) and all on a big platter and you get huge servings of everything.

None of us can read the menus, so we all just point at something and say we want that. It's all been good so far.

July 1, 1955  
Well, we finally decided to settle down for a while. We moved in this morning. And like our apartment very much. . . We moved this morning, and this afternoon all our hold baggage and household goods came in. They've been here a week. And we were tickled to death. The usual time for household goods to arrive is two to three months.

. . . the bus goes by every 20 minutes to the PX and Commissary. By the way, there's lots of stuff I can't get here at the Commissary that they had in Atlanta. Coffee, tea and cigarettes and gasoline are rationed. Bud uses my ration card for cigarettes, so he won't suffer, and we get 10 pounds of coffee per month, which is more than enough. Tea isn't rationed in tea bags, but is if you buy it loose.

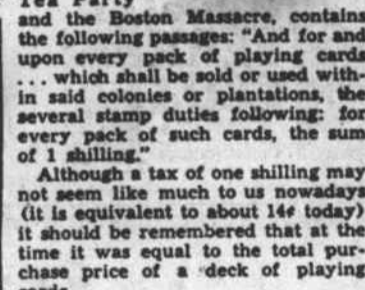
**ANDERSON GETS M. A.**  
William Grady Anderson of Liberty was on of 595 members of the August graduating classes at George Peabody college for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. Anderson received his Master's Degree.

- Spriggs, Hugh 6 1/2 A .. 7.79
- Stewart, Mrs. Ruth 138 1/2 A .. 23.84
- Stiles, Fred 120 A .. 24.81
- Stiles, Lester 4 A .. 3.03
- Stiles, Mrs. 62 A .. 8.76
- Stiles, Ira 1/2 Int. in 15 A .. 2.02
- Swain Development Co. of Tenn. Mineral Int. .... 10.10
- Swanson, W. L. .... 7.27 PP
- Tanner, Edgar 5 A .. 4.92
- Tanner, Otis 5 A .. 4.92
- Thompson, Fred R. .... 8.62 PP
- Tilson, Willard 11 1/2 A .. 7.65
- Tranham, William 1 A .. 7.95
- Truett, Hardy 4 A .. 19.06
- Walker, Mrs. C. E. 65 A .. 21.71
- Walker, Hoyt 1 A .. 5.32
- Walker, J. D. 4 A .. 4.04
- Ware, Earl .. 7.34 PP
- Ware, Floyd .. 14.81 PP
- Ware, Max .. 5.72 PP
- Warren, Paul 1 A .. 3.41
- Watson, Mrs. Myrtle 90 A .. 13.39
- Weaver, L. H. & Ted A. 15 A .. 8.08
- Weaver, W. L. Heirs 34 A .. 8.08
- Whitmore, J. W. 3 A .. 20.68
- Wilcox, Mrs. Violet A. 59 A .. 17.90
- Wright, J. R. 3 1/2 A .. 5.93
- Wright, Myrtle & J. C. 25 A .. 5.05
- Western Carolina Telephone Co. .... 89.79

## SPEAKING OF CARDS

### WHEN WASHINGTON PLAYED CARDS

Did you know that card playing was so popular at the time of the American Revolution and decks of cards were sold in such large quantities that playing cards were taxed heavily under the infamous Stamp Act?



The Stamp Act, which with other legislation aroused the wrath of the colonists to such later actions as the Boston Tea Party and the Boston Massacre, contains the following passages: "And for and upon every pack of playing cards . . . which shall be sold or used within said colonies or plantations, the several stamp duties following: for every pack of such cards, the sum of 1 shilling."

corded the names of those with whom he played cards along with an exact record of games won and lost. Another famous American of the Revolutionary era, Benjamin Franklin, was one of the first manufacturers of playing cards in the United States. Benjamin was a partner with his brother, James, in a printing firm which made maps and printed "Poor Richard's Almanac." One of the Franklin brothers' early advertisements read, "Stationery of all kinds to be sold at the Post Office and sundry other things too tedious to mention." At that time, stationery was an elastic term which included playing cards, books, and even Bibles.

One unusual effect of the American Revolution, reflecting the distaste of the colonists for the nobility, was the elimination of royalty from playing cards. A special deck, sold in Philadelphia shortly after the Revolution, has Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington on the King of Hearts. The other pastboard royalty were dethroned and temporarily replaced by such famous Americans as John Quincy Adams (King of Diamonds), Thomas Jefferson (King of Clubs), and Andrew Jackson (King of Spades). The two most popular games played by the colonists were Whist and Quadrille. These have been replaced nowadays by such relative newcomers as Bridge, Canasta, Gin Rummy and Calypso. But a deck of playing cards, which today may cost slightly more than a shilling, remains one of the nation's favorite pastimes and continues to provide enjoyment and relaxation for more than 80 per cent of the population.

## WCC Concert Series Announced

The concert series for the coming school year at Western Carolina College has been announced by Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, chairman of the Lyceum Committee.

Opening the season on Wednesday evening, Oct. 5, the "Gala 'Pop' Quartette" will be presented in performances of operatic arias musical comedy selections. This quartette is composed of Theodore Uppman, baritone; Mona Paulee, mezzo-soprana; Jim Hawthorne, tenor; and Heidi Krall, lyric soprana, all members of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Second in the series will be "Lola Montes and Her Spanish Dancers", on Tuesday evening, January 24, 1956. Senorita Montes and her group perform a variety of Latin dances, from the Spanish classical to the more fiery traditional dances of the New World. Latin coun-

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## Sewells Visit Grahams At Violet

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of Violet had as guests last week end their son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph R. Sewell of Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Sewell is the former Miss Juanita Graham. The couple were married last March in the National Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Sewell is employed by the FBI in Washington, D. C. and Sgt. Sewell is a member of the Marine Corps stationed at Quantico, Va. The couple make their home at 417 E. Raymond Ave., Alexandria, Va.

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The Merit System Council also announced that written examinations will be given in October for positions with the State Board of Public Welfare and county welfare departments and several positions with the Employment Security Commission. Information concerning these examinations will be released at a later date.

## THE LONE RANGER By Fran Striker

DESPITE HIS WOUND, THE LONE RANGER RIDES BACK TO THE CABIN . . .

I HOPE STACEY IS STILL THERE!

AND DRAWS REIN BEHIND A BOULDER

I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE, SILVER.

NOW TO REACH THAT SHACK WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

STACEY'S THERE! THAT'S GOOD!

I WISH FERRIS WOULD REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS, I CAN'T WAIT ALL DAY TO QUESTION HIM.

YOU HIT HIM TOO HARD!

THERE HE IS!

WHY EASTERNER BRING SHERIFF?

MEANWHILE

SO YOU'RE TONTO!

JAIL HIM, SHERIFF! HE AND HIS MASKED PAL ATTACKED ME!

WHY YOU COME HERE?

DEWITT BROUGHT ME.

YOUR MASKED FRIEND TOLD ME TO.

HOW ABOUT UNTYIN' ME?

YOU'RE TO FOLLOW THE MASKED MAN'S TRAIL, TONTO.

AND TAKE THE SHERIFF AND ME WITH YOU.

GOIN' TO UNTIE ME?

NO! I'M GOIN' TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY HERE TILL WE GET BACK!

ME FOLLOW TRAIL OF LONE RANGER!

HEY! YUH CAN'T LEAVE ME LIKE THIS!

NO?

LET'S GO!

BITTUM UP, SCOUT!

FERRIS IS COMIN' TO!

GOOD!

MEANWHILE

STACEY- YOU YOU SLUBBED ME-

YOU'LL GET WORSE IF YOU DON'T TALK, FERRIS!

HOW MUCH DID DEWITT PAY FOR THE OPTION TO BUY YOUR RANCH?

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