

# Polish Boy Enters A. H. S.; Likes Friendly Americans

What does he look like? How old is he? What's his name?

These are only a few of the questions the students of A. H. S. were asking each other a few weeks ago. Who was the object of all this concern? Harry Pawlik, the new student from Poland. He is seventeen, 5 ft. 5 inches tall, has brown hair, blue eyes, and is "as cute as a button!"

At the time of the German attack on Poland Harry was separated from his family and was placed in a Nazi concentration camp. The Germans did a great deal of moving of their prisoners, and he spent some time in Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Germany, and Austria.

The Americans treated him kindly after his liberation and it was this treatment that decided him on volunteering for the American army as a kind of mascot. In December, 1944, he joined the eleventh Armored Division, with which he fought in combat and partially retraced the path of his travels in concentration camps. It was then that he received a head injury which caused him to lose his memory.

In August, 1945, he joined the 505 M. P. battalion. From August, 1945, until September, 1947, he served with the 796 M. P. battalion in Vienna, Austria. It was in Vienna that he met Lt. Raymond C. Carpenter of Albemarle. Lt. Carpenter made Harry one of his truck drivers and a

great friendship began. In fact, he became so fond of Harry that he decided to send the Polish boy back to America to become a part of his family.

Harry arrived in Stanly County on September 30 after spending a rugged twelve days at sea (he was sailing during the Florida hurricanes, and was sea-sick during the first part of the voyage) and five days in New York.

"America is everything I had expected and more," is Harry's opinion of this country. "It is so far advanced; the people are friendly, and they stick together; you can say what you please; in short it is everything I had hoped for."

Harry entered A. H. S. on October 13. He is taking eighth grade math under Mrs. Ivey, ninth grade science under Mr. Hatley; Mrs. Peiffer's tenth grade English; Mr. McFadyen's eleventh grade history, and physical ed. under Coach Webb. Mr. McFadyen's reason for placing him in different grades was to find out exactly what level of class work will be suited to his present ability.

Harry speaks three languages: Polish, English, and German. (Don't faint, French students; it is possible.) English is his favorite, out-ranking even his native Polish.

The girls of A. H. S., in Harry's opinion, are very pretty. "Even better looking than the ones I saw in New York." He likes the way

they dress, but he is definitely against the longer skirts.

What is his chief objective at the present time? Here's his reply, "I want to look and feel like everyone else. In a few words, I want to become a good American!"

## Band Performance Given In Assembly

Band students, directed by Mr. Spencer Hatley, presented their first public performance in the high school auditorium during assembly October 24.

Students and faculty heard the group for the first time as they played "The Dancers", "Chapel Echoes", "Are You Sleeping," "Sailing", and "Graduation March" by Forrest L. Buchtel.

Officers of the band, recently elected, are David Gaddy, president; Earl Lowder, vice-president; Clegg Herrin, secretary; John Haire, host, and Eugene Speight, reporter to Full Moon.

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good if it is carried out properly and if not, no good will be gained. If it will help many starving people and bring down prices, they are for it.

Sidney Eford says that if we don't feed Europe, Russia will. If Russia feeds them, those countries will likely go Pro-Communist. He doesn't mind giving up meat one day a week when in the long run it will help preserve Democracy.

Joe Gaskin implies that we won't die if we don't eat a few things on different days of the week but Europe will starve if we don't give her food.

## Reports Indicate

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Clegg Herrin, Norma Talbert, Catherine Taylor, Earl Griffin, Bob Gullede, Johnnie Knight, Gene Laughter.

Eleventh grade highest honor: Jerry Lowder, Elmon Russell, Joe Whitley, Lewis Gaskin, Jeannine Boysworth, Sally Beaver, Violet Melton, Mary Elder, Marion Sifford, Hanky Skidmore.

Eleventh grade honor: Richard Crisco, Jerry Freeman, Alvin Holt, Nancy Priestler, Rachel Russell, Betty Poplin, Adelia Mauldin, Sue Herrin, Vera Burris, Norma Bogle, Lula Morris, Mary Anna Peck, Peggy Earp, Marlene Lowder, Peggy Russell, Peggy Snipes, Bill Sanders, Elizabeth Brown, Argene Fitzgerald, Betty Kepley, Elizabeth Miller.

Twelfth grade highest honor: Elsie Tucker, Lou Merle Griffin, Eleanor Smith, Jean Bancus, Louise McLeod, Pansy Page, Miriam Whitley.

Twelfth grade honor: Donald Barnes, Gerald Rummage, Eugene Speights, Mary Lowder, Betty Pennington, Jean Sides, Ramona Speights, Lillian Gaskin, Jane Gullede, Jane Redwine, Jeanette Sells, Betty Taylor, Robbie Thompson, Carol Rogers, Cecil Hatley, Carroll Poplin, Frank Winecoff, Margarette Harwood, Evelyn Hathcock, Broadus Scott,

Betty Still, Ramelle Troutman, Betty Jean Hatley, Alton Broadway, Buddy Lowder, Alex Moorehead, George Winecoff, Mattie Barringer, Betty Bowers, Joanne Cook, Ann Johnson, Jenece Lowder, Betty Lee McQueen, Louise Poplin, Betty Vaughn Rogers, Audrey Thompson, Bill Ridenhour.

is in charge of the photography club, which meets on Thursday nights.

Miss Teague has organized a dress design club which meets on Wednesday afternoons. This club is also open to anyone outside of the school.

A ninth grade chorus directed by Mr. Fry meets on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at activity period.

## Students Sign Up

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### Band Club.

The band club, sponsored by Spencer Hatley, has an enrollment of thirty. This club is made up of students who are taking band this year and is to meet on Wednesdays.

### Science Club.

R. C. Hatley is in charge of the Science club with an enrollment of thirty. This club will meet on Tuesdays.

### French Club.

Twenty-two students have joined the French club sponsored by Miss Maxwell. This club is to be held on Tuesdays. Enrollment is limited to second year French students, as one feature of the program will be conversation in French, no English allowed.

### Other Clubs.

An art club is the choice of twenty-five students. This club meets on Wednesday and is sponsored by Miss Michael.

The dramatics club is sponsored by Mrs. Peiffer, and Miss Spears

## Senior Committee

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head, Betty Lou Still, Cecil Hatley, and Frank Winecoff—is working on plans for obtaining an annual.

The members of the Color and Flower Committee met and selected three combinations—blue and white with white carnations, the rainbow colors with white gardenias, and white and green with red roses—to be presented to the senior class for voting. The members are Tom Hinson, chairman, Betty Lee McQueen, Jenece Lowder, Horace Lowder, and Jim Ivey.

Slogans to be brought before the senior class to be voted on are "They can, who think they can," "Life is one's own right," and "He conquers, who conquers himself." The members of the Motto Committee are Lou Merle Griffin, chairman, Cecil Hatley, Buddy Lowder, Jean Bowers, and Mavaleen Scarboro.

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