

Bill Burbage Is Taught Lessons Over Telephone

Finding courses offered on television insufficient to help him continue his studies from his hospital room, Bill Burbage has discovered a new way to go to school—by Exeutone.

Although the Exeutone idea is not new, this is the first time the equipment has been used in this area. Bill's mother, Mrs. W. H. Burbage, became interested in the Exeutone, and after talking it over with Bill, Mr. Cashwell, and the telephone company, decided to have it installed.

The Exeutone consists of a transmitter-receiver unit in Bill's room and a similar unit in the classroom. The units are connected by a direct line through the telephone exchange. To talk, Bill presses a bar on the unit in his room. Volume control is possible on both ends of the line.

Bill is taking two classes by Exeutone. He takes Algebra II from Miss Caughman during third period and French from Mrs. Deese during fifth period. Although Bill wasn't very interested when he first heard about the Exeutone, he says that now he is enjoying it very much. He is not too far behind in his work, but he has a lot of tests to make up.

Bill's leg, which was broken in football practice, has been in traction for almost two months. He will be out of traction soon, and he hopes very much that he can get used to walking on crutches in time to go home for Christmas.

"I don't believe Santa Claus could find me in the hospital," says Bill. "I don't see any chimneys."



HOSPITALIZED STUDENT 'RECITES' IN CLASSROOM WORK

Bill Burbage, ASHS junior who is hospitalized in the Stanly County Hospital with a broken leg, is shown here actively participating in discussions in his high school classroom through the use of the Exeutone two-way telephone communications hook-up installed by the local telephone company. He takes two classes, French and Algebra, "over the phone" each school day. The device enables him to ask and answer questions as if he were actually in the classroom. —Cut Courtesy Stanly News and Press.

Fifty-Seven ASHS Students Receive Marks Of Honor

Seventeen seniors and 21 juniors and sophomores worked hard to achieve the honor roll.

Seniors

Bobbie Mullis, Margaret Harris, Ray Terry, Roger Laney, Larry Shelton, Mike Ross, Landis Miller, Jimmy Stonestreet, Harry Whitley, Pat Clemmer, Jerry Lou Holbert, Elaine Morris, Charles Brown, Pam Truette, Linda Almond and John Burchette.

Juniors

Susan Ausband, Craven Morton, Johnny Shelton, Nancy Finan, Margaret Ann Furr, Diane Griffin, Judy Harris, Mary Hill Hatley, Betsy Holbrook, Trina Holt, Jo Lynn Pickler, Mary Sikes, Pam Treece, Judy Morton, Dan Walter, Jimmy Aldridge, James Lisk, Jim Howell, Jann Barrier, Nancy Smith, Sharon Cranford.

Sophomores

Margaret Allred, Frances Sides, Barbara Doby, Sylvia Fesperman, Loretta Holt, Jane Morton, Gay Snuggs, June Whitley, Mary Ellen Bowers, Sherry Pegram, Judy Wilson, Pauline Furr, Brenda Smith, Wayne Mauney, Harriet Reeves, Vivian Smith, Lana Turner, Gary Barrier, Becky Basinger, Rowena Klutz, and Nancy Russell.

Brown Is Named County Finalist

Charles Brown, along with a boy from a county school, was chosen to represent the county in the district Morehead Scholarship competition.

The announcement of Charles' being selected came after the 10 (6 of whom were from ASHS) county representatives, vying for the John Motley Morehead Scholarship, had been interviewed by the local committee.

Charles will travel to Charlotte sometime during the first days of 1960 for an interview with the district committee.

A Morehead Scholarship is one of the most highly cherished scholarships offered to North Carolina boys. It is valued at \$1,200 per year, and pays its recipient's way through the University of North Carolina.

If Charles should win a Morehead Scholarship, he would become the sixth Morehead Scholar from Albemarle High School.

Shorthand Honors Given Students

Shorthand Penmanship awards were given to the members of the shorthand class by Gregg Publishing Company during the month of November.

After all papers were in and graded, the members with the best papers received a certificate showing that they belong to the Junior Membership Club of the Order of Gregg Artists. Marlene Burleson won a pen for having the best paper in the group.

Filing awards in Office Practice went to Myra Whitley for Alphabetic Indexing and Gayle Clark and Myra Whitley for Geographic Filing.

Twenty-three of the 27 shorthand students received awards: Marlene Burleson, Rebecca Haire, Linda Almond, Gale Lowder, Marie Smith, Becky Leonard, Judy Burleson, Brenda Huneycutt, Judy Mabry, Carolyn Troublefield, Jane Arey, Ann Whitley, Sandra Walser, Priscilla McSwain, Barbara Everhart, Betty Hudson, Katherine Montgomery, Eleanor Hudson, Linda Russell, Linda Little, Joyce Huneycutt, and Joyce Drye.

Italian Yule Is Different From American Christmas

Christmas, the most joyous season of the year, is rapidly approaching. People all over the United States are attending church services, sending Christmas Cards, decorating trees, and running from here to there getting presents for their friends and families.

Although the many activities which help to complete Christmas are well known to everyone, there is little knowledge of the meaning and activities of Christmas in other lands. The students of ASHS are fortunate in having Chiara Zoffoli, the exchange student from Italy, to explain how Italians spend their Christmas.

Much emphasis is placed on religion during this season. Many of the Italians attend Mass on Christmas Day and receive Communion. The decorations in the windows of shops and homes consist mainly of statues of the baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The holiday vacation for the Italian students is much the same as for the American students. They are allowed two weeks for Christmas. The only difference is that their holidays begin December 23 and end on January 7. Also the students are given a great deal of homework.

In just about every country there is, of course, a Santa Claus, and Italy is no different. They do, however, refer to Santa Claus as Father Christmas. Most of the boys and girls eagerly await Christmas Day to open the presents that Santa Claus left for them. There are some children who believe that the Baby Jesus brings them their presents. The giving and receiving of presents among friends and families is done in the same fashion that it is in America.

A Christmas parade is one thing that they do not have in Italy. Chiara had never seen a parade before and found it very exciting to ride in Albemarle's Christmas Parade.

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Choral Groups Tonight Present Yuletide Concert

Joyous Christmas Carols will herald the coming of Santa Claus at 8:00 tonight as the Senior and Junior Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Paul B. Fry, present their annual Yuletide Concert in the auditorium.

A varied program of the best-loved and most widely known songs of Christmas, including carols from many lands, will be presented at this time.

Among the popular, light-veined songs will be such numbers as "White Christmas," "Silver Bells," "Sleigh Ride," "Deck the Hall," and the old favorite, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Included in the sacred portions of the program will be such selections as "Holy Night! Peaceful Night!" "Birthday of a King," "Silent Night," and "Gloria in Excelsis."

The concert will also contain selected numbers by the colorful Boys' Double Quartet, Girls' Ensemble, and special soloists.

A cordial invitation is extended to parents, patrons of the school, the general public, and especially to the alumni of the Mixed Chorus.

News Briefs

Christmas holidays will begin on December 18 and end on January 4.

Mid-term exams are scheduled for January 25-29.

High School Students To Tap Christmas Income Sources

Christmas is bringing work instead of leisure to many enterprising ASHS students who will spend their holidays engaged in business at Albemarle concerns.

A number of lucky opportunists have gained employment at the down-town stores to help with the last minute holiday shopping, while other students who have been working part-time will be increasing their incomes with more hours.

Gerald Holt and Phoebe Tucker will be found at Purcell's, while Gene Starnes and Elaine Morris will be on hand in Starnes to help you select that special gift.

John Burchette is Penney's student salesman competing with Steve Hill who will be in Belk's basement. Dianne Butler is also a salesgirl at Belk's and is working at the jewelry and cosmetics counter.

Look for Raeford Deese, Larry Joe Almond, Ted Snotherly, Roger Laney, and Calvin Lowder in the Winn-Dixie grocery department and be sure to check with Jan Caudle and Jerry Hatley in the meat department for that turkey.

The A & P is the holiday home of Ronnie Arey and Kenneth Harkey, while Ronnie Herrin and Ivan Sibley at Atkin's will be glad to help you find that holiday food. Jimmy Holt of Holt Bros. and Benny Troutman of Holt and Troutman will be making deliveries for orders.

Get your shoes from Mike Ross and Nancy Langley at Merit's and your gasoline from Tim Burris and Ronnie Kerner at the

In the town in which Chiara lives there are no Christmas lights; however, in the middle of the square there will be a very large Christmas tree decorated with different colored lights. The shops and stores decorate windows in hopes of winning first prize for the best decorated window.

The most common thing in Italy during Christmas time is snow. Most of the Italian people go to the near-by mountain to go skiing for outdoor recreation.

There is very little difference in the way the Americans and Italians spend their Christmas. One reason for this is that the real meaning of Christmas is universal.

By Their Words

"She's so skinny that she has to stand up twice to make a shadow."—Paul Welch.

"I dreamed I was rescued by Wolley Segap."—Eunice Hayns-worth.

"Landis, you have dandruff in your eyebrows."—Jimmy Stonestreet.

"My middle initial is Marie."—Susan Cashwell.

"I thought 'Running Bear' was a song from 'The Messiah'."—David Scarboro.

"My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with the facts."—Mrs. Deese.

"I'm not saying people are dumb; I'm just saying they are ignorant."—Mr. Hatley.

"Look out, the traffic islands are sinking."—Ann Taylor.

"How do you diagram a hopeless case?"—Neil Efrd.

"She was his father."—Larry Shelton.

"Alcatraz is the only pen with a life-time guarantee."—Eddie Lefler.

"Stanly, your shoes are so big that we're going to fill the gym with water and paddle in on your shoes before the next game."—Mike Ross.

"I lied to keep from making liars out of everybody else."—Craig Caudle.