

Local Attorney, Industrialist Open Homes to German Students

American Field Service Scholarship Students Making Homes With Local Civic Leaders While Attending High School Here

By REID BUNDY

Since its founding in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance service to serve the battlefields of France, the American Field Service has listed its aims as friendship and understanding among fellow men.

Following service again during World War II, leaders of the AFS devised a peace-time program which would further the basic friendship which exists among all men.

The results were founding of the American Field Service International Scholarship, which is now serving as an open door which leads to understanding and friendship.

Unlike other exchange student programs which operate on a college level, the AFSIS program is designed for teenagers who are adaptable, open-minded, and eager to learn.

This year, the program has reached into the Torrance area, and four students from Germany, between the ages of 16 and 18, are attending high schools here while living with Torrance area residents. Two of the students are living with the families of Torrance civic leaders, Atty. Donald Armstrong, past president of the Rotary Club; and A. E. Thompson, manager of the General Petroleum Refinery. Both students attend Redondo Union High School.

Living with the Armstrong family in their Palos Verdes homes is Roland Mohrmann, whose home is in Bielefeld, a city of Northern Germany. He is interested in youth work and plans to make a career of it. He has been active in the German YMCA, and has had about 100 young boys under his care since 1948. The YMCA in Germany concentrates on camps and other youth activities.

"We have no YMCA hotels with swimming pools," Mohrmann says.

Making her home with the A. E. Thompsons in Palos Verdes is Hella Faseltdt, whose home is in Gottingen, Germany. She says she wanted to be a doctor, but will probably settle for being a nurse—because of financial limitations.

The two students, part of 110 German students who made the trip together, arrived in Los Angeles Aug. 11 after a steamer and bus trip which started in Frankfurt, Germany.

Growth of the AFS program for high school students has been encouraging to those who have worked for its success. Fifty-one students came to America during the 1947-48 school year. In America now, the two report, are students from 16 nations, although a greater portion of them come from Germany.

Miss Faseltdt and Mohrmann are studying such diversified things as Spanish and piano, and both are among the top levels of their high school classes.

Local committees of AFSIS are now preparing to secure students for the 1954-55 school year. Several have started the hope that some may attend Torrance High next year.



(Herald Photo)

GAS RANGE WINNER . . . Mrs. Mae McEwen, of 1947 Reynosa Dr., looks over the new O'Keefe and Merritt gas range which she received at climax of highly successful Herald Cooking School Friday. Showing her the stove is Frank Dominguez Sr., of Frank's Furniture, 1334 El Prado.



(Herald Photo)

ANOTHER WINNER . . . Mrs. Claire Crain, of 3763 W. 171st St., accepts her new Gaffers & Sattler gas range from Sidney M. Baker of Baker's Furniture, 1512 Craven Ave. Mrs. Crain was one of the two range winners at the climax of the Torrance Herald Cook-O-Rama in Civic Auditorium Friday.

Funeral Rites Slated to be Held Tomorrow for Mrs. Miriam Piazza

Her many friends will pay their last respects tomorrow to Mrs. Miriam Charlene Piazza, 40, wife of Joseph S. Piazza of 1532 Post Ave. and mother of Dick Piazza, Torrance High School varsity football player.

Mrs. Piazza died Friday at Torrance Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Hills Memorial Cemetery.

Members of the Torrance High School football team will act as pallbearers.

Mrs. Piazza and her husband owned and operated the Manhattan Beach Grocery in Manhattan Beach, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Piazza lived in Southern

Driving Class To Open Here Next Wednesday

A driver's education class will open to the public beginning Wednesday evening, March 17, it was announced yesterday. The class will be sponsored by the Torrance School of Adult Education.

Instructor of the classes, to be held at Torrance High School beginning at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, will be Ernest Martin, driver's license examiner from the Compton Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Martin is a commercial examiner qualified to give examinations for licenses for any type of vehicle on the highway. He also holds licenses to drive everything from a motorcycle to a 50-ton truck rig.

The Adult Education classes in driving will be a preparatory course for getting drivers' licenses, and will include discussion of the principles of safe driving and of the laws and practices of traffic safety.

FARM SALES

The number of farms sold in the U.S. has shown a steady decline in number and total acreage since 1946.



MRS. MIRIAM PIAZZA
... Last Rites Slated Tomorrow

California for most of her life, and moved to Torrance in 1945. She was an active member of the Manhattan Beach Soroptimist Club, businesswomen's service organization.

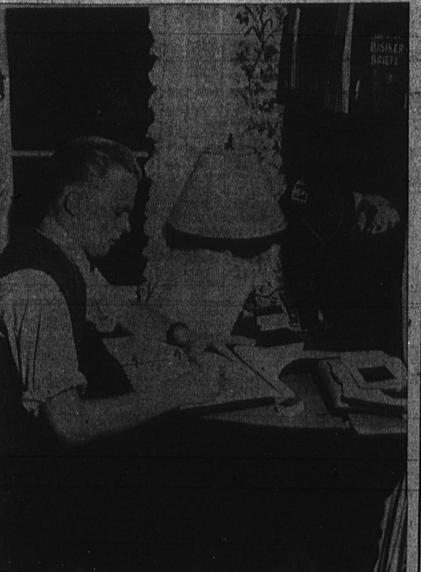
Shortly after her graduation from Franklin High School in Los Angeles in 1932, Mrs. Piazza was offered a motion picture contract, which she declined. She was employed as a model prior to her marriage.

Other survivors include two brothers, John Wright of Los Angeles, and Lawrence Wright of Highland Park.



(Herald Photo)

HAPPY STUDENT . . . Hella Faseltdt, 18-year-old Gottingen, Germany, student is learning to play the piano during her year in the United States.



(Herald Photo)

STUDY TIME . . . Roland Mohrmann, whose home is in Bielefeld, Germany, does a little homework. He is an "A" student at Redondo High School.



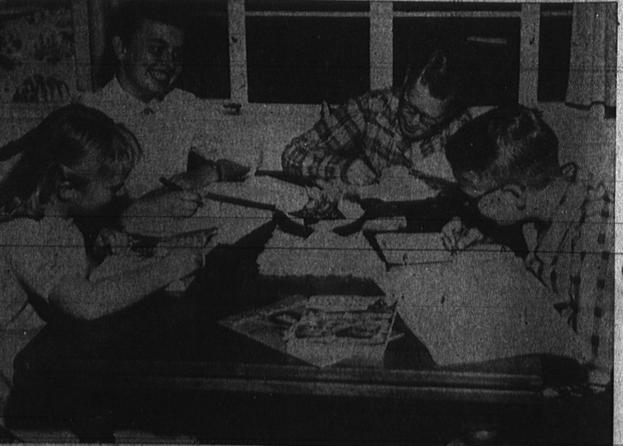
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LETTER FROM HOME . . . Hella Faseltdt translates a letter from her mother for her hosts, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, in their Palos Verdes home. Hella is staying with the Thompsons during her year in America under the sponsorship of the American Field Service.



(Herald Photo)

JUST LIKE HOME . . . Students coming to America to study are not treated as specimens, but are made a part of America, as is demonstrated here with Roland Mohrmann helping Mrs. Armstrong with the evening dishes.



(Herald Photo)

HOMEWORK TIME . . . Hella and the three Thompson children do their homework together during the evening at the Thompson residence. Here are Carol, 8, Hella, Charles, 14, and Robert, 12, busy with themes and other study.



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TIME FOR PLAY . . . An adept ping-pong player, Hella takes on Charles Thompson while Carol and Richard kibitz. Hella and other students here on the ASF scholarships become a part of the American families with whom they stay.

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