

# Lynne Jordan Eating Her Way Through School Year In Holland

A laurel wreath for Mrs. Lester Jordan, Lynne's mother, who assembled a mail-sack of Lynne's letters from Holland, and boiled them down into an account which takes Lynne from before Christmas up to March. Lynne speaks lovingly of the Dutch food, and figures she can cut back her calories when she gets home in July.

Introducing Mrs. Jordan, "Doc's" wife, from Trucksville:

Lynne has just begun her second semester in Art School, and loving every minute of it. The teachers and students (14 in her class) are so nice to her and are interested in everything she says and does that is the least bit American. They get a kick out of some of her Dutch pronunciations, although they now admit she is fast becoming one of them. Lynne writes—"After one-half year in this country, I feel that it is my own. My ears and eyes are adapted to the sounds and sights of the Netherlands, which differ from our busy highways and rolling hills. I eat, sleep and act Dutch. I still am as much American as I can be, but my views and ideas have broadened. My knowledge of people has increased. I'm living through the experiences of a lifetime, and I only wish every American boy and girl could be given the chance."

Schools in the Netherlands are harder to get through than they are in the States. They don't have mid-year or end-of-year exams until the end of the 12th year. At that time they have an exam that covers the grades from 6th to 12th, and they have two months off for bonding up, and everything comes to a halt when those two months arrive—no parties, no vacations, no company—no nothing. It is a serious time. The parents won't leave the child when he is cramming for this exam. It is not a question of how good your marks are, but if you don't flunk. If you do flunk out one year, you have an opportunity to repeat the year, but if you flunk it the second time, your school days are over—you are out.

### LIKE OLD HOME WEEK

All of the American students to Holland were invited to the home of a Mr. Heuston, who has a very large estate in the country, some distance from Eindhoven where Lynne is living. She had to make the trip alone, changing trains three times, and then taking a bus to the estate. She had visions of missing one or the other, or taking the wrong one, but knowing the language pretty well, and being able to read it, she made no mistakes. It was like "old home week" to meet with all the kids she went over on the boat with, and especially Annabelle Ambrose from Dallas. Besides the American kids there were about 25 Dutch kids there, and everyone had a wonderful time from the moment they arrived—eating, dancing, seeing slides of Greece, walking in the woods, hearing a Dutchman speak on the African problem. American students were entertained in the homes of Rotarians, and Annabelle and Lynne were together, and talked far into the night, catching up on all the news. There is much rain and damp cool weather during the summer months and plenty of rain and winds far into the winter months in Holland. Having to ride a bike to school in that kind of weather can't be very pleasant, but there is one consolation—all the other kids have to get there the same way, and even men and women going to and from work ride bikes. Lynne writes that they have very little snow, and as soon as it falls it melts. If they have ice thick enough to skate on, school is dismissed so the kids can enjoy it. This happens about twice a year.

### "SINTERKLAAS"

One Saturday, late in November, "Sinterklaas" arrived in Amsterdam. He is an old Bishop from Spain with a white beard, staff and mitre and red cloak. He came into Amsterdam by boat through the canal, with little colored boys as his helpers—these boys are called Zwarte Pieten (Black Petes). The moment he arrived the bells on all the churches began to ring, and in Amsterdam this is a lot of tolling, because every church in Amsterdam has a clock and a bell. There was a huge parade and the Zwarte Pieten gave candy to all the children, and the children gave flowers to the Sinterklaas, and kissed his ring.

On the eve of December 5, Sinterklaasides over the roof tops on a white horse and drops presents and candies down the chimney for the children. The kids leave carrots for the horse and cookies for the Sinterklaas.

terklaas and Zwarte Pieten. On the day of the 5th, a bountiful table is prepared and in the evening the family sits in the living room with a basket of presents in the middle of the floor, and the mother of the family distributes them. A little verse or poem is put on each gift.

Again Lynne's day was so filled there was no time for homesickness. She writes, "I'm at a loss for words. These people have done everything to make me so happy and I've done so little. Never in all my life will I be able to thank them enough."

### DECEMBER 25TH IN HOLLAND

December 25th and 26th are both religious days, much like they are in our own country, except for the exchange of gifts, which is done on the 5th. Lynne attended a beautiful midnight mass, and people came in for dinner on the 25th for a bountiful meal with turkey and hare, and white and red wines, and twenty to twenty-five different kinds of cheese. Friends and neighbors came drifting in and out, and again no time to remember what might be happening in her home in Trucksville.

New Year's Eve is a gathering of friends together in their homes, and at midnight everyone went outside to a neighborhood lit up with fireworks as bright as day.

### LYNNE'S BIRTHDAY

Lynne celebrated her 18th birthday in November, and the Wouters (her hosts) certainly made it a wonderful day for her, showering her with gifts, serving a delicious hare dinner complete with red wine ("Now Dad, I'm 18 today"), having friends and school chums in for the evening, and turning back the dining room rug for dancing.

### TRIP TO BRUSSELS

Early in December she spent the day in Brussels, Belgium. The city is beautiful, filled with big stone buildings with steeples and pillars, with much sculpturing over arches and on the walls. Brussels, like cities in Holland, has its government building in a square with a court in the center. The court and buildings are called "The Markt" and is supposed to be one of the largest in Europe. All of the buildings are in Gothic style, built about the 14th Century, and trimmed in gold.

She saw the church where the King was married and his palace, and the Atomium—the big aluminum structure that was the symbol of the Brussels World Fair, and the Court House and Manekin Peace, a statue of a little nude boy. It is famous and pictures of it are everywhere, so she expected it to be a huge statue in the middle of the city. What a surprise to find it in a little out of the way corner, and only about one foot high.

She visited some of the more exclusive shops with rugs so thick you were literally up to your ankles in them, with beautiful crystal chandeliers hanging from the ceilings. They were very small shops, and in their window they had only two or three articles of clothing, and the prices were unbelievable. Of course she saw some famous Brussels beautiful handwoven lace.

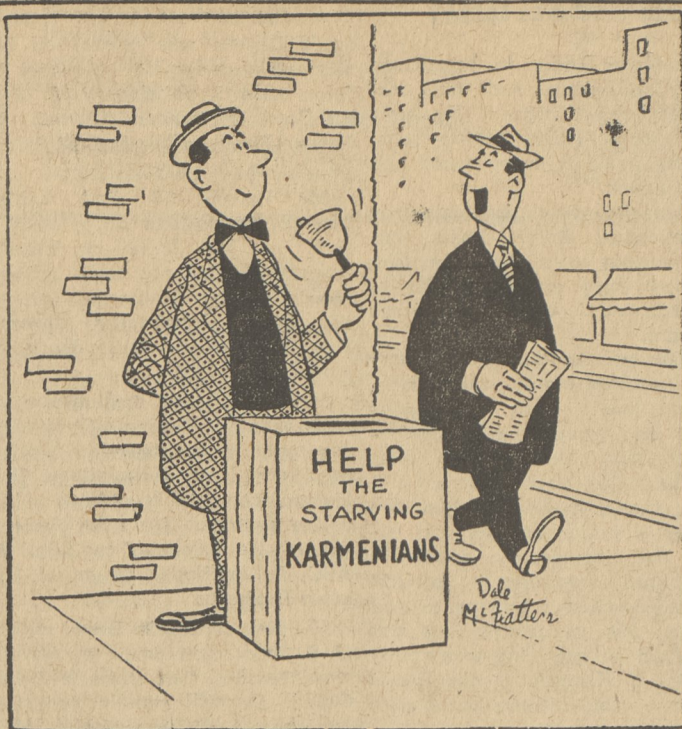
### HELPS WITH ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Meyerink, the Chairman of the Student Exchange Program in Holland, is also very much involved with their District Conference this year, and they are having a conference which will include three Districts instead of the usual one—so they have invited Lynne, Annabelle Ambrose and Nancy Ball from Scranton, to help them out with their entertainment. They are rehearsing some cheers, baton twirling, and a scene that might take place in America at a Dairy Bar after a football or basketball game. There are no soda fountains or dairy bars in Holland.

### SPEAKS BEFORE ROTARY

On the 29th of December, Lynne spoke before a Rotary group at a Fireside meeting on the Rotary

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"How are things, Mr. Karmenian?"

Club in Dallas and the Library Auction. She asked for some information about the Club from her father, but she said she knew the Library Auction inside out.

Margaret Rich from Australia, who had been guest of the Sayre Rotary Club since January 1961, left for home at the end of December, and on her way she stopped in Amsterdam to meet Lynne, who was to be in Amsterdam for the weekend to rehearse for the Conference entertainment. Lynne was Margaret's guide through Amsterdam and asked directions in Dutch. They visited the Rijksmuseum, took a tour of the canals and shopped for souvenirs. They had a wonderful time, and Lynne was sorry to have Margaret leave the next morning for Paris enroute to Australia.

The weekend before Lent the people in Eindhoven have a big celebration in the form of a carnival, similar to a Mardi Gras. Everyone dresses in costume and dances in the streets, and it goes on from Saturday until Tuesday night. One last big fling before the Easter Season begins.

### ANOTHER NICE FAMILY

On January 5th, Lynne moved to her second family, and finds them as wonderful as her first. They speak to her at all times in Dutch, although they speak English very well. Plans were formulated for a trip to Dusseldorf, Germany, the weekend of the huge train crash in Holland, but it was postponed, thank heavens, due to the heavy fog.

Her new hosts took her to see a family on a Dutch farm. They have eight children and live in a five room house, spotlessly clean. A spread of delicious home made white and raisin bread, cookies, meats and cheeses was served, and later a huge tray of home-made pies, apricot, prune, custard and apple, was brought in, and served with loads of tea. (No wonder Lynne has gained ten to 12 pounds).

### TRANSATLANTIC PHONE

At Christmas time we wanted to place a call to Lynne, but she asked us not to because she was afraid it would make her too homesick; but sometime ago she wrote telling us that now would be a good time for that call, because she felt she was on the downgrade to home. We arranged that we would call her on a Sunday at 5 p. m. our time—11 p. m. her time—We placed the call, and it was through to Lynne within two minutes, and what a marvelous connection. She sounded as if she might be up at Eck's, calling for a ride home. She was so excited and thrilled, and misty eyed she couldn't read the list of things she wanted to say. We all had a little bit of news for her, and Elsbeth Gertrits spoke to her in Dutch. The fifteen minutes flew by. We are all looking for her return trip home on July 20.

"The two-party system is based on the assumption that neither my way or your way is necessarily the right way of getting the job done." Dorothy S. Scott, Smithtown (N. Y.) Messenger.

### THEY BUILD ON SAND BAGS

A visit for the week-end to Delft

## Idetown

Happy birthdays to Elizabeth Anne Shaver, Mrs. James Hodge on Long Beach, California, Mrs. Howard Crosby of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mrs. John Race, Mrs. Walter Meade, Mrs. Joseph Neizgoda, Bess Cooke, Ted Parrish, Betty Goodman of Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. John Lynch of Annapolis, Md., Mrs. Robert Bonning, Mrs. Loren Keller, Mrs. Allan Montross, James L. Casterline Jr.

Donald Watson is a patient in Nesbitt Hospital.

was one of the most pleasant ones she has had. So many adjectives describing the city, the people, and the exciting tour thru the Delft Porcelain Factory. On a guided tour by one of the Delft Rotarians, it was explained how buildings are not solid enough for buildings, so most of them are built on sand bags or pilings. They built a church in Delft that today has a leaning steeple because the side of the church it was built on had settled in the sand. The city of Delft is full of old buildings and relics, and is a University City of some 7,000 students. During that same week-end she visited Rotterdam and Kinderdijk where there are 18 windmills.

Sharon Kiley of Kingston, who is now one of our students in Denmark, has asked Lynne to spend three or four days with her in Broderslev, first meeting Sharon and "her family" in Copenhagen, and then Sharon will come back to Eindhoven for a few days before all of the Holland students go to Paris. Monica Schindler of Austria has invited Lynne to spend a few days with her before returning to the States in July.

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## NOXEN

Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. was called on to extinguish a bad brush fire at Tomkos, in Stull, early Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Swire and girls, have recently moved here from Pikes Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swire entertained the following as Easter dinner guests: Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Swire, Diane, Sandy and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grey, Noxen, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Christian, Kathy and Richard and Donald Labarr, Stroudsburg, Gary Shaw, Sweet Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Swire, Billy, Ricky, and Tommy, Hunlock Creek.

Mrs. Ellen Deater is a patient in General Hospital due to an eye injury, which she sustained from eye glasses which were broken in a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Casterline, Newark, N. J., spent the weekend with Mrs. Edna Casterline.

Mrs. Lawrence Race, Buffalo, visited Mrs. Ray Wilson and Ruth Mowry and Miss Stella Shook, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Race, Christine and David and Bobby Munketchy spent a couple days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haverick, Levittown.

William Race went to Buffalo on Friday with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence Race.

Mrs. Sarah Farmer visited Stella Shook, one day this week.

Sandra Engelman, Bristol, spent the week end with her father Edgar Engelman and sisters Barbara and Kathie Lou.

Peggy Coole, Bloomsburg, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coole.

Mrs. Alton Field and son Donald, Jamestown, N. Y. spent a week with Christine and Delbert Wlazard.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keiper and Deborah recently visited Mrs. Alton Field, Jamestown, N. Y.

Week end visitors at the Jacob Miner home were Mrs. Laverne Garey, Yvonne and Richard, South River, N. J., Mrs. Kern Dibble, Susan and Patsy, Meshoppen, were Sunday callers.

Lend-A-Hand Class of St. Luke's Lutheran Sunday School will present a program, the Bell Choir of the Forty Fort Methodist Church and slides of the Holy Land will be shown by Miss Louisa Howells, Carbondale. Everyone is invited to attend on May 16, 7:45 p.m. at the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Case and family, Tonawanda, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiper, Tunkhannock, RD 5, called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Keiper, on Sunday.

Kathie Lou Engelman returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. John Hanson, Conandagua on Sunday.

The following ladies spent Saturday in New York City: Mrs. Dorothy French, Mrs. Henry Lane, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Sophie Hackling, Mrs. Perry Patton, Mrs. Glen Patton, Mrs. Lewis Lord, Mrs. William Munketchy, Mrs. Leo Lord and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.

Mrs. Tommy Lane, Avenel, N.J., spent several days with Mrs. Dorothy French.

Mrs. Richard DuBois and Mrs. Harold DuBois, Oneonta, N. Y. were here on Saturday. Miss Caroline DuBois returned home with them after spending a week with Miss Judy Shalata.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Lancaster, announce the birth of a daughter Susan Kay on April 17th. This is the first girl for the Williams family but they are blessed with three little boys. Mrs. Williams is the former Betty Space of Noxen.

Mrs. Ted Miler and Miss Marilyn Dent, Bloomsburg, visited Mrs. Joseph Dotter, on Sunday.

Mrs. George Montross is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hackling Jr. and family, Newark, N. J., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hackling Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Engelman and Pamela, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vanhorn on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Manning, Meshoppen and Mrs. Violetta, Wandell, Tunkhannock, called on the Williams Murphys, on Sunday.

Pastor Wesley Kimm, Mrs. Fred Case, Mrs. Arthur Blizzard, Mrs. Allen Kitchen, Mrs. Earl Crispell, attended a vacation Bible School Meeting, held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schenck and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph French returned on Saturday from a trip to Florida. The French's returned to their home in Brasher Falls, on Sunday.

Emma Traver, Buckhorn, spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hettishheimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hopter visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schultz, Bloomsburg, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Gregory, Douglas, Debbie and Mary Jo, Kingston, visited at the William Munketchys, on Sunday.

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