

Person-to-person exchange program develops for visitor

Karin Hennings of Heilborn, Germany, and Sara Barakat of Dallas, have become close friends brought about by a business meeting of their fathers.

Months ago, Klaus Hennings, Karin's father visited the RCA plant at Crestwood Industrial Park to sell equipment, while there he met Sara's father, Anees Barakat, an engineer with RCA.

During their conversation they learned both had daughters of the same age. Each felt their daughter had some things in common with one another. So they decided it would be a good experience for them to visit one another and learn the cultures and customs of each other's country.

The men discussed their plan in detail and arrangements were made

for Sara to spend seven weeks with the Hennigs in Germany.

Sara was fascinated with the idea and not long after the end of the school year she left for her visit with the Hennigs.

The Hennigs met Sara at the airport and she went home with them to Heilborn near Stuttgart for her seven week visit.

While in Germany she and Karin toured Ulm, Munich, Bavaria, (described by Sara as mostly farmland), Heidelberg, Amsterdam, and Austria. They also spent two weeks in Italy and while there visited Venice.

Sara found the people and way of living in Germany much more formal than in the United States. Parents were much more strict than most American parents and schools more advanced.

On Aug. 2, when she returned home Karin came with her. The large 747 in which the girls traveled from Europe to New York impressed Karin, who hopes someday to become a stewardess.

Karin is amazed at the informality and casualness of the American people. She found it much easier to become a friend of Sara's than with the girls in Germany.

"America is so different," she said. The homes are much lower than ours at home and there is so much space between the houses. We don't have so much green grass either but we have many more flowers in our yards. I miss the flowers."

She finds the schools very different. She thinks it is very easy. In Germany she is in the 10th class which is equivalent to the 11th grade at Dallas High School where she is going to school with Sara. The informality between the teachers and students amazes her. When asked which school system she preferred, Karin gave it serious thought before she decided she liked the discipline and educational system in Heilborn.

Football, cheerleaders and the band are entirely new to her. At home, they have a school orchestra which plays only for special occasions such as the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Most sports are not a part of the school curriculum and the students must pay for them. She enjoys American sports and in Germany she is interested in art and music.

Karin has already learned to speak Latin, German, French and English and when she returns home will study Spanish. In the German schools it is compulsory to study English.

She enjoys American food and describes it as much sweeter than at home. Her favorite, like most young people, are hamburgers. She also likes American hot dogs which are different than in Germany.


Karin is impressed by the various areas of the United States she has seen but cannot say which city she liked best. She and Sara both agree, however, that they like suburban living best.

Like Karin, Sara enjoys sports as a spectator and likes music but her future ambition is to become a lawyer.

Both girls have much in common as is apparent in conversations with them. They are quiet but have a keen sense of humor. They enjoy traveling but like spending time at home. Both think alike and when

asked a question answer simultaneously.

Sara and Karin have become close friends through their visits with one another but both agree that "it is nice to visit one another's country but would rather live in their own."



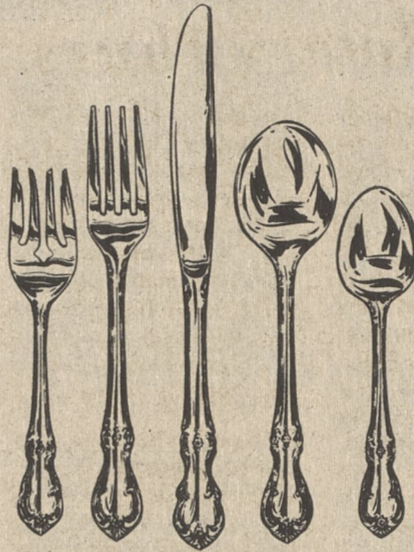
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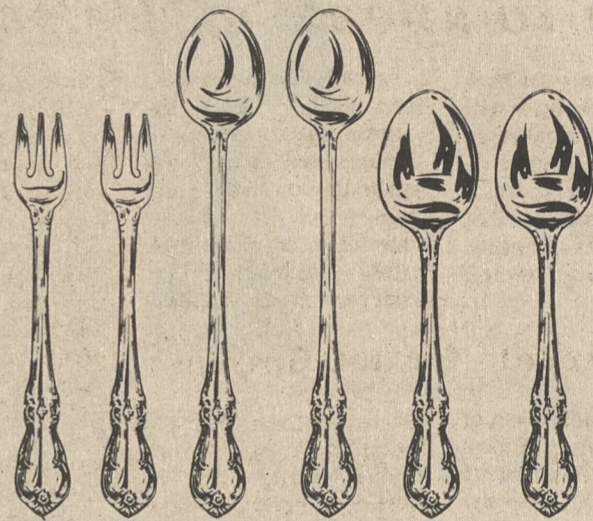
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Karin Hennings

Girl Scout News

Gate of Heaven Girl Scout troops have reorganized for the 1975-76 year. Leaders of Brownie troop 696 are Mrs. Donald Thompson and Mrs. Richard Kindler. Brownie troop 623 will have Mrs. Ronald Chupas and Mrs. Michael Parsons leaders.

Leaders for Junior Girl Scouts will be troop 645 Mrs. Fred Gardner and Mrs. Raymond Bernick. Troop 707 will be led by Mrs. Richard Malak and Mrs. Phillip Novicki. Cadette Troop 715 will have leaders Mrs. Robert Cartier, Mrs. Joseph McDonald and Carol Cartier.

Any girl not in a troop yet should contact Mrs. Robert Cartier, troop organizer for

the Gate of Heaven Church troops.

Oct. 13 will be the first meeting of the year for Sweet Valley Cadette troop 349. Cadette and Senior Scouts should be at the Sweet Valley Fire Hall at 7 p.m. Registrations will be taken at this time and Mr. Leonard Roginski.

Red Cross First Aid instructor will begin the first class in first aid for these girls.

Reminder to all C-A VII leaders. There will be a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Kingston Township Municipal Building. All registered adults and Girl Scouts over 14 years of age are invited to attend this Fall planning meeting.



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