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BREMERHAVEN MOVES TO BERLIN FALL 1961

"THE SEA GULL" IS CHOSEN

Representatives from the junior and senior classes met under the direction of Bain Boelke and chose "The Sea Gull" by Anton Chekhov as the 1961 production.

Tryouts were held on Weds. and Thurs., March 15 and 16, and the cast list was posted on Friday, March 17. Acting classes have been in session since then.

The members of the cast are; Jon Trivers, Dick Cleveland, Phyllis Park, Jim Griffin, Jill Faulkner, Harry Dennis, Mike Cleveland, Jerry Branson, Lee Hodges, Sue Meyer, Karen Linth, Allen McGill, Barbara Boltz, and Mac McMorris.

DEG announces BHS enrollment will double for the school year 1961-1962. Due to a new administration ruling, concerning the present gold out-flow from the U.S., many dependent high schools will have to be combined, therefore, all students from Bremerhaven will attend school in the "divided city". New students will be from grades ten-twelve.

NHS INDUCTS 12 MEMBERS

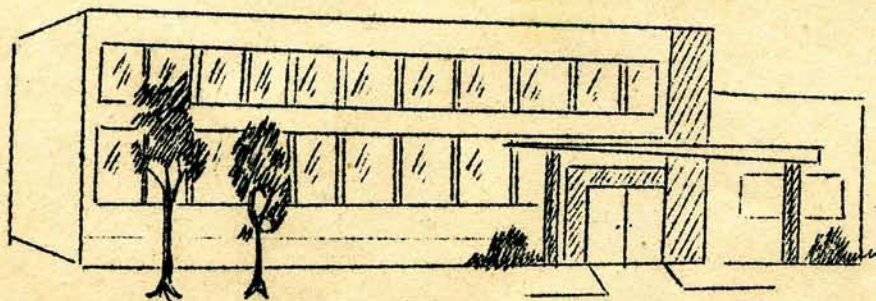
The National Honor Society held its formal induction ceremony at the Outpost Theater on Friday, March 24 at 2:30 P.M.

According to Mr. Donald S. Horner, sponsor, "It surpassed in excellence last year's ceremony."

The selection for the National Honor Society was based on four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. The students chosen by
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A new dormitory will be constructed for the new comers adjacent to Berlin High during the summer months. The parking lot across from the Sports Center will be the site for the new building.

The blueprints have been completed for this modern new structure. Some of the specialized features of the dorms are as follows: complete air conditioning, game room with fire place on the main floor, a built-in stereo system and a patio in the back of the building. A mosaic in traditional Bremerhaven colors will adorn the floor of the latter. This area will also be furnished with a barbeque pit, for outdoor activities. Headquarters is trying in every way to make up for the fact that the new students must leave their beloved school.
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EDITORIAL

"What's the matter, spastic? You clod, move it along endomorphic!" and many other similar jibes can be heard every day in the classrooms when someone makes some minor mistake.

To err is human, and yet, by listening to some inconsiderate members of our student body, one would believe that any small thing done wrong is a grievous error. Cutting low is not, however, confined only to mistakes. It also covers physical appearance, a factor which is generally not the fault of the individual.

Although the core of the cut low specialists in our school is a very small group, the fact that a few people can lead others to do the same thing makes the plight of the person being chopped great. Upon hearing criticism of one's hair style, build, intelligence, speech pattern or other similar characteristics a person tends to become inhibited in class and in his social life. This of course, lowers his grades, thereby giving him the impression that he is not as intelligent as he really is. This person then sets his goals in life too low. Social inhibition gives a person an inferiority complex, making it very difficult for him to be happy.

Why then, if this is such a bad thing, do people do it? Cutting low is primarily a mechanism for building a person's own ego by making others look lower in comparison. The person doing the cutting is using a negative approach. He tends to see what is wrong with a person, rather than what is right. This feature carries over into the future, endangering future jobs, as employers want workers who will get along well with others. Who knows? Maybe the person you cut low today will be your boss in ten years.

It is impossible to correct this fault overnight, but it is possible to start improving oneself so that you and those who were attacked will not be hindered in later life. One should strive to compliment people not to attack them. Remember the old saying, "If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything at all."

DON BEDDIE

WINNERS OF THE SPEECH contest recorded sections of their presentations at the AFN studios for later broadcasts. This same group will perform for the Templehof Wives Club.

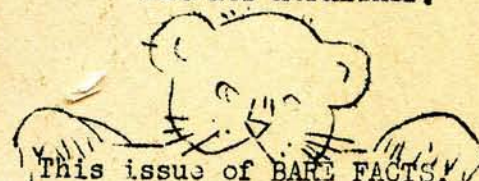
LES NOMADES IS PLANNING a club picnic on Easter Day. The proposed location is Alexandria Plats. If all goes well, another outing is planned for May 1.

Dear Editor:

With reference to the last issue of BEAR FACTS, March 10, the Junior class has drawn a conclusion about the Editor's lack of good journalism. From the last issue of the paper, page 3, right hand column, first Editor's comment; the Editor's scandalizing remarks are without basis. Are they trying to sabotage the Junior-Senior play? Some of the potential cast for the play state that there is no friction among them. We wonder what factual basis the Editor has for making his statements against the Juniors' experience in plays, he certainly couldn't have drawn his opinion from the excellent speech contest won mainly by Juniors.

In conclusion the Junior Class would like to say, quoting from page 6 in the previous BEAR FACTS, "One who carries a chip on his shoulder usually has wood a little higher up."

Charles Hornisher.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

FLASH! The years biggest social event of the year for the upper classmen, the Junior-Senior Prom has been called off!

This news came from DEG just before the paper went to press. The causes of this extreme step are (1) Willy Brandt's holding a campaign rally in Kongress-halle—the location of this year's Prom, and (2) the 10:00 pm curfew (see below) being imposed by the Command which would make it highly ridiculous to attempt a party of its size and scope.

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Because of extensive teenage drinking and frequenting of many of Berlin's less "acceptable establishments," the Command is placing a 10:00 pm curfew on all week nights except Friday when curfew will be extended to 11:00 pm.

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Dahlem-Bird Watchers Society—newest cultural venture of Berlin American High School.

Those students interested meet, with field glasses and Audubon books in hand, in anticipation of discovering some more "birds" peculiar to the Berlin area. They tramp happily through the Grunewald watching and listening to the "beauties of nature."

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The National Honor Society sponsored a cake sale to raise funds to help finance the payment of the scholarship pins and certificates. Members of the Honor Society wish to thank all those people who contributed so generously.

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The exalted, secret organization, Les Nomados, has taken as a mascot, one of the brightest stars in the faculty constellation. As an added honor he was given a one-half vote privilege in the society's functions.

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In the past we have had such great entertainers as the Ink Spots, Ella Fitzgerald, and Louis Armstrong. The Senior class is adding a new link to this chain of greatness—The Kingston Trio. After much debating, discussing, and dissention among the class members this group was chosen as the best in the entertainment field. The Trio will arrive on June 10, perform for our gala, pre-graduation party, appear at the commencement ceremonies and then return to the U.S.

JR. RED CROSS

Various members of the Junior Red Cross have been decorating hospital trays for Easter. These volunteers aid in making the patients holidays more enjoyable.

Compiling material for a scrapbook is the main project of Junior Red Cross. This will be sent to Geneva, Switzerland and from there, to other foreign countries.

NEWSPAPER POLICY DEBATED

At a recent Student Council meeting, a motion was made that the Student Council have the power of censure over the school newspaper. This suggestion was made by a junior who felt that his class was being slandered without cause. Unfortunately though, the motion was "pigeon-holed."

WORK IN EUROPE AVAILABLE

The American Student Information Service has a number of job openings for high school graduates who would like to work in Europe during the summer. Factory, farms, resorts, and child care are some which are available. Pay varies from \$25 to \$100 a month with room and board and transportation. Write the American Student Information Service at Jahn Str. 56A, Frankfurt.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Most of men's inventions have been timesavers, then came television.

SENIOR DEPARTS

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

DARIN FLOPS

Carol Hall, one of the few students to reside in Berlin over a long period, has been attending BHS since the beginning of the 1958 school term.

The tall blonde Senior was born in Texas and has lived in several States including Alaska. She loves traveling and seeing new places.

When asked about her dislikes, she seemed to have quite a few interesting ones. These are: "Men who let doors slam in my face...people who won't argue...people who say, 'My, what a big girl you are...men who hold a girl on the dancefloor like a Scotsman holds a nickel...the thought of belonging to the PTA, Ladies Aid, and Bridge Club when I get married...physicals.....my hunger pangs when I hear Jill diving into her lunch sack...the book my mother gave me in the 6th grade, called 'The Stork Didn't Bring You'...the J B R (Junior Republican Bull-throwers)...a nice quiet evening at home with the folks...going on a hayride with 10 chaperons...people who say, 'A penny for your thoughts; mine are worth a dime...graduating from another school.'"

Carol and her family have left for the States. Her parents will reside in Iowa while Carol will be finishing school in San Antonio.

76 days till school is out.

by Jerry Ewing

The first day of April has long been known as April Fools' Day. The custom of pulling pranks and tricks on friends dates back to 1562, when the old calendar was replaced by the Gregorian Calendar. Since this was on April 1st, mock calls continued to be paid on this day as a joke.

April Fool's Day is not observed only in the United States, but in other countries as well.

In France, where they have been celebrating this famous day for about 500 years, the victim of a prank is called a "poisson d'avril" or an April fish.

In India, at the feast of Holi, the last day of which is March 31, the chief amusement is fooling people by sending them on pointless errands.

In Scotland, the custom is known as "hunting the gawks". The April fools are known as "April gawks" or cookoos. The cookoo is, in Scotland, a term of contempt.

SENEGAL BALLET

a review by Jon Trivers

Unlike Swan Lake, the African Ballet, staged at The Titania Palast, was a new form of dancing introduced to Germans and Americans alike. We went to the show to lap up some culture and left feeling waterlogged.

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by Jon Trivers

"1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 168 - 11 - 9 - I got difficulty with them figgers." These swingin' words of Bobby Darin vibrated against the walls of the "Old Fashioned" on the Kudamm. Ever Lovin', finger snap-pin', swivel hippin' Bobby (Big B) Darin booped into burly Berlin town as a member of Mrs. Kennedy's Youth Corps. His teenage wife, Sandra Dee Darin, authoress of the forthcoming book, MY SUCCESSFUL TEEN MARRIAGE, looked gorgeous as she came down the ramp at Tempelhof Airport. We stormed Mr. Darin and his wife with 50 other reporters yelling questions at him in English. "How long are you going to stay?" "For two days." "What brings you here?" "I, ah, want to talk to Mayor Willi and see what's los in this burg." "Yes, that's a rather crude way of putting it. Are you going to sing anywhere?" Yes, I'm giving a sunrise performance on April 2. It will be on the steps of the Reichstag for the benefit of both East and West Berliners. The money will go to, ah ah, the poor punks in East Berlin who who got it tough."

Then Darin rudely said he had to leave and jumped into a Mercedes. As he drove off, we heard him say, "Those kids who spoke English were really a bunch of jerks."

MODS AND FASHIONS by Jill Faulkner

Paris has done it again! Walking down Kurfürstendamm, it is rather frightening to see the shoes we'll be wearing within a year or so. The "Platypus" look is "in". Toes are now squared off and resemble those our ancestors, the Pilgrims, wore.

American women are going more European each year as far as fashions are concerned. Waists are lower and the hemlines shorter, leaving little left of the skirt. We have heard that knees are just as bare in the States as they are in Europe.

Eye make-up is darker, and if one wants to be daring, try the "Vamp" look. This is achieved by using dark eye shadow and extending it from the eyelid to the eyebrow.

Hair styles have gone from the curly "pouf" to the smooth, capped effect of the "Flapper Era". The back is cut short and the sides are longer, curling into a "quiche", or what is more commonly known as the "spit curl". Many American women, however, have copied Jacqueline Kennedy's fluffy but chic coiffure.

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An attempt was made to interview some of the dancers in their dressing rooms but we found it difficult as we have not learned to speak Ubangi.

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DR. SCHIRMER TO VISIT STATES by Carol Hall

Dr. Schirmer, language teacher at BHS, has been with our school since its beginning in 1947.

Asked when she was born, Dr. Schirmer replied, "Some time ago." But she did tell us that she was born in Berlin and attended an all girls school.

On comparing German schools with American schools she commented, "The advantages of German schools are that they take better care of special ability and the students have a better choice for their school training. German students want to learn more than Americans because in Germany everyone has to specialize for their work. If one doesn't have a trained background, he doesn't have a chance. But the main disadvantage is the lack of school unity and spirit. There is not much emphasis on character or personality building. American students have a more personal contact with teachers and I like the more personal atmosphere."

During most of the war, Dr. Schirmer remained in Berlin. At the end of the war she thought, like many people, that Berlin could never be rebuilt. The idea of such a political and economic situation as now exists in Berlin was a difficult thought 15 years ago.

Frau Schirmer likes Berlin immensely and is happy when she hears an American also likes this strange city. She is disappointed when people don't take advantage of the opportunities available in Berlin. She has received letters from students in the States who regret not having taken full advantage of the unique city.

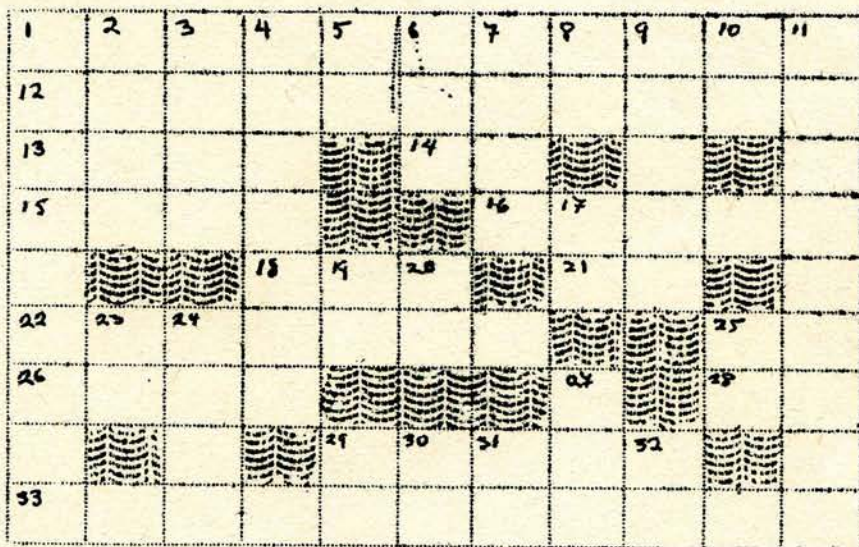
When asked if she had been to the States, Dr. Schirmer said that she had not been, but had a sister living in New Jersey. Within the next few years, Dr. Schirmer hopes to visit her sister.

fair was home life in the plains of good old Africa --uncivilized, unexpurgated, and uncensored. As the curtain rose, we were sure we saw Sammy Davis, Jr. beating frantically on the bongos, but we later learned, through an informed source that it was just one of the regular stars. After accustoming ourselves to the darkness, we settled down to watch a loose interpretation of the Shim-

my and Cha-Cha.

The most exciting episode in the ballet saga was when war was declared on the whites by the Senegal tribe. We were wrought with distraught at the thought of having our own necks cut to ribbons. But at 10:30 we left, relieved, excited, and wondering how life in the Congo is.

Fame is the thirst of youth. Lord Byron



DOWN

ACROSS

1. Characteristic of a skilled gymnast
2. A piece of glowing or charred wood
3. To move from "there" to "here"
4. Resisted; withstood
5. Myself
6. Title before name of a married woman
7. A cereal grain
8. Delirium tremens
9. Pointed or directed so as to hit
10. Towards
11. Embolden; hearten
17. Titanium
19. Ancient city of the Sumerians
20. A suffix used to form the plural of many words
23. Accomplish; perform
24. Having no real value or significance
25. Same as 25 across
27. To wager
29. Beryllium
30. Abbreviation for ocean
31. Ruthenium
32. Drill Instructor

1. To make fit; adjust
12. A combining; joint effort or operation
13. A sloping passage
14. Abbreviation for the word "street"
15. Butter substitute made of vegetable oil
16. Short for "one who writes in shorthand"
18. To institute legal proceedings in court
21. That part of the psyche which is regarded as the reservoir of the libido and the source of instinctive energy
22. Unfavorable
25. Either
26. A small, frog-like animal
28. Egyptian sun god
29. Uninterested
33. Following in order, without interruption

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GINGER ALE---a drink that tastes like your foot feels when it's asleep

SCATTERED SCOOPS

Verdun High School's Junior class will present Kaufman and Hart's comedy, The Man Who Came to Dinner, early in May.

In Kaiserslautern High School, 133 students made the Honor Roll. Of these students, 22 had a 4.0 average.

Bremerhaven High's Junior class ordered their class rings on March 7th.

Munich High's Junior class play, Ring Around the Moon, by Jean Anouilh, was presented on March 13-16.

Vicenza High School has proposed a trip to Venice highlighted by an informal dance with the theme, "Springtime in Venice."

Stuttgart High School's Senior Class play, Arsenic and Old Lace, is tentatively scheduled to open on April 27 and run to April 29.

Karlsruhe High School's Junior-Senior play this year was Dear Ruth by Norman Krasna. It was presented March 23-24.

A poll conducted in Wurzburg High produced the following results: boys prefer an "I can take care of myself" type tota clinging vine, and girls prefer an off-beat individualist.

In Nurnberg High School 111 students made either Honor Roll or Honorable Mention.

In Paris High School, 49 students made the Honor Roll. Of these students, 3 had a 4.0 average.

OVERHEARD AT THE WHITE HOUSE.....LEE EWING

Jackie: Hello, dear. Hard day at the office?

Jack: Was it! It's great to be home.

Jackie: Uh...Did you ask the boss for a raise?

Jack: I had someone introduce the bill but it never got past the House Rules Committee.

Jack: How is John Jr.?

Jackie: He's okay now, but this morning he got into the Scotch.

Jack: What!!! After all the preaching I do about the gold ~~outflow~~, and now my own son is drinking Scotch! He'll have to switch to Bourbon.

Jack: Did the men come to fill those holes in the lawn?

Jackie: Yes, dear, but they said the football field wouldn't be ready until next week.

Jack: Darn! I guess I'll have to call off the Executive Dept.---Commerce Dept. game.

Jack: Who's coming to dinner?

Jackie: Just the British Ambassador, Day, the Cabinet, and the Royal Australian Air Force.

Jack: Good, we can use the small dining room.

Jackie: Jack, dear.....

Jack: What is it?

Jackie: I don't like to butt in, but don't you think you're being a bit harsh?

Jack: About what?

Jackie: When you ordered the Strategic Air Command to bomb Yale.

Jackie: Daddy said you should ~~speck to Bobby~~. He's been breaking up some of our monopolies!

Jack: I will! He's too much of an eager beaver.

Jack: Where's Caroline?

Jackie: She's ~~looking at~~ some of Ike's old Western comic books.

Jack: Well take them away from her, they may contain subversive material.

Jackie: Why don't you take a nap before supper?

Jack: I can't. I have to ~~tousle~~ my hair, I have a press conference in a half an hour.

THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Summer plans for those of you who are going to attend a summer school or camp should be made now. In addition to the proposed AYA and Scouting programs there are the International Ranger Camps in Switzerland and Denmark which feature hiking, sailing, and language lessons.

Danish Folk High Schools have 4-week programs, some in English. For you who wish to learn a foreign language, schools in Switzerland, France, Germany have special "cram" language courses. In the counselor's office there is information regarding such schools.

DEG will not release details on our own summer school in Berlin until late in May but the dates include June 27 to August 9.

Pre-registration for students who will be attending senior high school at Berlin will take place in April following Easter vacation. Students should learn their grade average and select those courses which are in keeping with their abilities and vocational plans. Those of you who will be juniors and seniors next year should begin examining college catalogs as to requirements.

Juniors and seniors who wish to take the May CEEB should register this or else they will need to pay the late registration fee.

SRS. CRASH WALL STREET

The Senior Economics Class is now delving in Wall Street affairs by the purchase of a stock. The purpose of the investment, is to observe the fluctuation of a speculative stock. At the end of the year profits will be divided among the members of the class.

FRESHMAN TRIP REVEALED

A freshman trip will come as a "surprise" to the SENIOR CLASS as their attempt at a venture of this nature was "nipped-in-the-bud."

The class is touring to Casablanca, spending five days in the city of intrigue and delight, then returning to Berlin.

EDITORIAL

When I learned that students from Bremerhaven will be attending Berlin High next year I was horrified.

The first thing I was taught on my arrival in Berlin was that I hated Bremerhaven. Before I even arrived in the Port City for my first sports trip I had developed a deep, if artificially bred, hatred for the Blackhawks. This rivalry has long been a Berlin tradition, and on the sports field it has been a healthy one. Many times we have pushed our exhausted bodies to the limit, inspired by the war cry "Beat Bremerhaven".

You may be sure that the kids in Bremerhaven have no love for us.

Obviously this could make for very strained relations next year. We can prevent this by striving to eliminate our inbred animosity.

By showing our new schoolmates our understanding and warm hospitality we can dispel any hostile thought they may have for us and cement the bonds of brotherly love.

Consider their side of the picture. They have to leave their own school and families to make the tiresome journey to Berlin. Living in cold, impersonal dormitories is certainly an unpleasant prospect. The least we can do is to be friendly to them and accept them with open hearts.

The influx of new blood will have certain obvious advantages for Berlin High. First in my mind is the boon to our athletic teams. Grudgingly we must admit that some very fine athletes have worn the Black and Gold in the past few years and they will be very welcome additions. It is very likely that because of the increased enrollment that we will be elevated to the Class B League.

The situation could be difficult, but is a Command decision and will stand. I believe Berlin can rise to meet the challenge.

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On May 30th, the president of the Bremerhaven Student Council, along with other school officers will come to Berlin for the ground-breaking ceremony at the building site. Judy Bright will lead a student welcoming committee. This will be a momentous affair for both Berlin and Bremerhaven.

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the Faculty Selection Committee were: Twelfth grade; Jon Trivers, Jill Faulkner, Carolyn Knott, Jim Griffin, and William McMorris. Eleventh grade, Susan Simpson and Charles Hornisher. Tenth grade; Ada Lopez, Steve Corris, Mark Waple, Phillip Lear, and Diane Patenaude.

THANKS FROM THE GRAD'S

Below are excerpts from letters written to the speech contest winners by the 5th and 6th graders.

"Thank you very much for asking us to come to hear the speeches yesterday. They were very nice speeches that they said. The one I liked best was the about the lady diver." "Maybe 'The Waltz' will help the boys and girls pick partners. 'The Charge of the light Brigade' might help us in social Studies." "The youths that gave the speeches spoke very clear and understandable." "all spoke clearly so everybody could hear them, it was really good." "I cannot say which is my favorite for they were all magnificently perfected and deserve a great applause." My utmost appreciation and kindest regards." "The Waltz' made me dream I was right in with everything. The senior section was much better than I expected." "The 'Drive in Teacher' was very funny." "I liked best was the fall of the house of Usher." "Some were so funny I thought I'd split my sides." "My sister was good, but I think some others were better." "Thank you, thank you, and thank you once more. What for? The speech program of course." "Also thank the judges for their judgement." "I hope that when I get in the 7th grade, I will be one."