

Fred Mohr Says People Friendly Despite Crewcut

By PATTYE LITTLE

"Be nice, and don't talk so people will get insulted," Mr. and Mrs. Mohr told their youngest son, Fred, before he left Germany to come to the United States as a Rotary Exchange student.

Other than that his parents told him nothing special about his behavior in this country and left to his own devices, he has become one of the best envoys Germany could have chosen.

A well-known figure about campus, he is also one of the mainstays of the tennis team, accounting for the teams only win this season. He has lost two of his singles matches, both to John Foster of the University of Georgia.

Besides helping history teachers with their classes by telling of German history not included in American history books, he finds time to be a much-demanded speaker for Rotary Clubs and church and school groups.

They always ask him what he thinks of America. His reply is that "I didn't come here to tell people what I thought. I didn't come here to criticize. I came here to observe."

He has observed that Germans and Americans are very much alike. "The difference is not as big as between two states in Europe with common borders," he says.

"Our information about the United States is pretty good," he explained, "so it was not the same adventure as going to the jungles of central Africa."

Germany does not have as many motor cars as America and "we don't even have air-conditioning." He hurried to explain that they don't need it because it doesn't get as hot there. (Georgia is on the same latitude as northern Africa.)

Americans and Germans have many characteristics in common. "People work pretty hard, their sense of progress is much the same," he observed. "Both nations have a very good sense for organization."

The two countries are alike also in less serious ways. Jim Fulghum, a law student, told Fred that his grandfather, named Schmidt, came from Cologne.

"Oh," said Fred, "everybody in Cologne is called Schmidt. There are about 100,000 of them there." (Schmidt is the German equivalent of the American Smith family.)

Fred seems to have little trouble with the American language. Aside from sometimes having to think for a word to express what he means, he has a command of the language that would shame some of us who speak it as a native tongue.

One of his biggest problems came as a result of his being unfamiliar with American consensual practices. He almost got a crewcut when he "didn't know how to explain how I wanted the hair cut."

Some people since then seem to have the impression that Fred would look better with his hair cut. "Some tried to give me a crewcut," he relates. "They failed, though I am afraid this campaign is not over yet." He has since



GIRL OF THE WEEK—This week's Cluster Girl is Caroline Knight, 19, of Johnston, S. C. The Sweetheart of ATO, she is a Chi O, and a sophomore majoring in English.

found that the advocates of a crewcut for Fred did not have one themselves, so he has decided to keep his locks also.

Fred's 'great' problem is that people always leave his door open. "I have a certain obsession about open doors. I have found that if I leave them open, all people come in."

Another problem that causes him some distress concerns his roommates. "I can't stand it if my roommate gets up and starts typewriting at 2 a.m." After a moment's reflection, he added, "This only happened once."

Fred, in comparing German and American schools, says that he prefers attending German schools because he "can be more absent without the professor asking me for excuses." This is an indirect cut for one of his teachers who demands an excuse written on a sheet of typing paper each time Fred speaks to a Rotary Club or plays an out-of-town tennis match.

According to Fred, the American system takes away two years from the better students, but they make it up in college. German students go one year longer to high school, but there are no German liberal art colleges.

Fred attended the Free University of Berlin, founded in 1948 by students and professors after the Communists took over the original University of Berlin. At the University, he studied law and political science.

After school is out at Mercer, Fred plans to meet Herbert, one of his brothers, in New York and they will spend a month touring the country. "I would like to go home," Fred says, "but I don't like to leave here as long as I win in tennis and as long as I have not too many tests."

Although he likes the country and the people very much, Fred does not want to become an American citizen. But he does want to come back. "Some day when I have settled down, and have a job, in five or six years . . ."

Williams Heads Mercer Players

Miss Judy Williams, a sophomore from Columbus in the new president of the Mercer Players. Other officers elected were: Jack Willoughby, junior from Union Point, vice-president; Charlotte Benefield, sophomore from Decatur, secretary; Taylor Butler,

by Dean of Women Louise Brown, junior from Atlanta, treasurer; and Frankie Yates, sophomore from LaGrange, public relations representative.

On May 15 the Mercer Players will have a Work Day to straighten up the drama department equipment for the coming year. Supper will be served in the Green Room that night and a party will follow at which time the new officers will

MU Delegates Help Set Chapters

Representatives of three Mercer sororities helped to install sororities on the Emory University Campus last weekend.

Delegates from Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Mu and Chi Omega participated in a whirlwind of activities that ushered in the establishing of sororities on the Emory campus. The sisters sent from the local chapters met with their respective groups there and assisted in the organization of the chapters.

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