

Our Schools On The Go

This is the second straight year that Clarke County High School has been privileged to have a student from another country as one of its pupils.

As the complimentary half to the exchange program, the county has initiated and set up its chapter of the American Field Service International Scholarships which sponsors the American Abroad Programs.

Now, Clarke County will send one of its high school students to one of the participating foreign countries for a one year period. The student will be chosen from the present junior or senior classes in the high school.

A committee chaired by Tyree Dillard and including Mrs. Dean Bushong, Mrs. Laura White, Kenneth Black, Dr. Robert York, and Robert Cunningham has been set

up. The junior and senior classes have met and informed of the opportunity afforded by the AFS and twelve students have submitted applications to be reviewed by the committee.

The twelve students are: Seniors:

Rachel Pierce, Fred Alger, Carol Carr, Mike Pope, Richard Ramsburg, Paul McWhinney, Thomas Digges, Debbie Ballard, and Bill Whiting. The Juniors are Craig Wood, Brenda Wisecarver, and Pamela Livengood. The committee will chose two of these twelve submitted to the AFS Intl. in New York. By February, the AFS Intl. will elect the finalist who will go abroad.

The American Field Service is a private, non-profit organization, who believe that the experience of a year abroad and the personal associations between individuals of different nations fosters international understanding and friendship.

Each candidate must be at least 16 years of age and a U. S. citizen. He must be in excellent health and must have studied a foreign language for at least 2 years. He must also have a strong academic record and students who have received D's or failure as final grades will not be considered except under unusual circumstances.

Under the plan, the student is to study in senior year abroad. He will return, then, to Clarke County to take a second senior year in CCHS to gain his diploma. Senior candidates who will graduate this year cannot be held to a second senior year abroad and for this reason, juniors will be given preference.

The fact that only 3 juniors have responded to the offer is somewhat alarming but it has been reasoned that this may be due in part to the newness of the program and the tendency to be a bit fearful of the unknown and unfamiliar. In addition, many students feel strongly about graduating with their own class.

It is hoped that in future years, the value of such an opportunity will become more apparant, the honor of such an experience be more widely sought, and the part of CCHS Jun