

Housing Shortage Produces Devastating Social Problems

(This is the fourth of a series of 12 articles by the author of America's most popular human relations column.)

MOSCOW—An American teenager once described home as the place where half of the family waits until the other half gets back with the car.

This, of course, is a lame joke as well as a gross exaggeration. To most Americans, home is the core of their existence. It means roots and security.

To the average Russian, home is a crowded, nerve-shredding place where one is forced to eat and sleep. Privacy is a precious commodity which must be found elsewhere.

A teenage Russian girl wouldn't dream of entertaining her boyfriend in the living room.

Church Officers Schedule Meeting In La Grande

A circuit meeting of church officers is scheduled in La Grande Sunday, according to Rev. W. F. Biel, pastor of Faith Lutheran.

The theme of the conference centers around Evangelism, stewardship, and parish education. Featured on the program will be Rev. R. A. Tschirley of Grace, Enterprise; and Rev. Henry C. Schulze of Bethlehem, Hermiston.

Congregations represented at the meeting, which is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, will include Hermiston, Pendleton, Enterprise, Walla Walla, Dayton and La Grande.

Following the meeting an informal dinner will be served by women of Faith Lutheran. A special musical program will be provided by Neil Wilson.

Chances are that her grandmother is asleep on the couch, her small brother is in a crib in the corner, and the family laundry is strung across the living room. And, it's a fairly safe bet that four adults and three children are also seated in that living room reading a newspaper, playing chess or watching TV.

So what does the Russian teenager do? She and her boyfriend go to the park where he serenades her with a guitar or an accordion. Alternatively, they go to a movie, to a youth club dance, to a concert. Or—they simply go for a long walk.

NATION OF STROLLERS

The older generation is forced outside, too. Russia is a nation of strollers and bench sitters. Even on sub-zero evenings there's rarely an available bench in Gorky Park which is called "The Park of Culture and Rest."

Every writing desk at the post office is occupied until late at night. The theater, moviehouses, circuses, ballet, opera and sports events are all well attended. Factories sponsor night school classes and social events. Political clubs are popular because they offer away-from home sociability.

The acute housing shortage has been in the making a long time. The Soviet government inherited this monstrous headache from the Czarist regime. After the revolution of 1917 a new government which promised to build housing projects, chose instead to put every Kopeck into heavy industry. And then came the war of 1941. Thirty million Russians were bombed out and left homeless.

Statistics on the degree of overcrowding are not made public. But one need only to walk into the entranceway of an apartment building and count the family

Churches Of The Valley

- St. Peter's Episcopal**
Fourth and O Streets
Rev. C. A. Kopp
Holy Communion 8 a.m. Church school, morning prayer, sermon at 11 a.m.
- Pioneer Park Church of God**
Cedar and Jefferson
Harold W. Neal, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 10:50. 6:30 p.m., Pre-service prayer meeting. Evening worship, 7:30. Young people's meeting 6:30 p.m.
- First Baptist Church**
UNION, OREGON
Rev. Douglas Field, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11. Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
- Church of God**
(Union, Oregon)
REV. WINTON MORGAN, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Evening worship 7:30. Young People's meeting 6:30 p.m.
- First Methodist**
Fourth and Spring Avenue
C. Keith Mills, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Young people's meeting Junior MYF 6:30 p.m. High school MYF 7.
- Assembly Of God**
Elgin, Oregon
Rev. D. O. Johnson, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Evening worship 7:30. Young people's meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Gospel Tabernacle**
Assemblies of God
Third and Jefferson Streets
Rev. B. B. Robeson
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Evening worship 7:45.
- Zion Lutheran**
I Ave. on 4th
E. W. Kasten
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11.
- Union Assembly of God**
R. L. CRAMPTON, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Evening worship 7:30 p.m.
- Church of Christ, Scientist**
Cor. First and Washington
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning service 11. Nursery at 1707 Cedar St. Reading room at 429 Adams Ave.
- Emmanuel Baptist**
(Pythian Hall, 905 M. Avenue)
REV. JAMES WOOD, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p.m. Evening worship 7:30. Cooperating with Southern Baptist Convention.
- Salvation Army**
211 Fir St.
Lt. Oakley Summers
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Holiness meeting: Sunday morning. Evening worship 7:30. Salvation meeting: Sunday evening.
- First Christian**
901 Pennsylvania
Rev. Wallace N. Hastings, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Communion of the Lord's Supper, 6:45 p.m. Disciple Student Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the church.
- Elgin Church of the Nazarene**
Volney A. Johnson, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. Evening worship 7:30 p.m. Young people's meeting 6:45 p.m. NYPS. 6:45 p.m.

- Our Lady of the Valley**
Catholic Church
Sunday Masses, 8-10 a.m. Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass.
Elgin: Mass every Sunday at 8 a.m.
Union: Mass Sundays at 9:30. North Powder: Mass on Sundays at 8:00.
- Assembly of God**
Wallowa
James McCauley, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Worship. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
- Church of the Nazarene**
Birch and Y
Rev. Lawrence Abia
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 10:50. Evening worship 7:30. Young peoples meeting 6:45 p.m.
- St. Margaret's Catholic**
Church
WALLOWA, OREGON
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. Holy days, a.m.
- St. Katherine's**
Catholic Churches
ENTERPRISE, ORE.
Sunday Masses, 7 and 10:30 a.m. Holy days, 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- St. Mary's Catholic**
Church
Elgin
Sunday Mass 8 a.m.
- Elgin Christian Church**
Rev. Lester Wells, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11. 2 p.m. Sunday school teachers and officers meet. Evening worship 7:30 p.m.

Woman's World

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LOCAL EVENTS

- Knights of Pythias and Pythian** Sisters will hold another card party at the KP hall, 905 M Avenue Saturday evening. The party will open at 8 p.m. The public is invited.
- Trainers, Auxiliary and their families** will hold a Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday at 6 p.m. in the basement of the IOOF hall. Bring own table service, potluck dish and white elephant.
- Pleasant Grove Grange** will hold their Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday at 7 p.m. in the hall. Home Ec furnishing turkey, rest potluck.
- Knights of Pythias** will meet at the KP hall Monday at 8 p.m. A special event of the meeting will be nomination of officers. All members are being urged to be present.
- Union County Historical Society** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Sacajawea small ballroom. The committee in charge is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hicks, and the program will feature pioneer Thanksgivings. Each family is requested to bring a pie, and any pie left will be auctioned off at the close of the meeting. Members are also reminded to bring their own table service.
- Whirlaway square dance club** will meet for their regular dance Saturday at the Union Sportsmen Club. All square dancers welcome.
- Royal Neighbors** will hold a birthday dinner, Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Odd Fellows hall. Members with birthdays from July through December will be honored. Gladys Lester, chairman, asks all other members to contact her. Lodge to follow at 8. Drill team in orchid formals for initiation. Graces and marshals to hold practice before lodge.
- GIA to B of LE Social club** will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walter Ingerson, 2006 First Street.
- DAV Auxiliary and Chapter** will hold their Thanksgiving potluck dinner in the Armory, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Celebrating birthdays** today will be Virginia Erwin, North Powder, and C. W. Butcher, La Grande. Tomorrow will be Anna McKinnis, Imbler, and Mrs. Loyal Zaugg, La Grande.
- Rainbow Girls** will meet Monday evening at 7 for a regular meeting in the Masonic hall.

Holy Communion Planned Sunday

Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran church, the Rev. E. W. Kasten has announced. The pastor will speak on "The Christian's Goal," in observance of the last Sunday of the church year. New members will also be received at this service, and the senior choir under the direction of Leona Ireton will sing.

At 2:30 p.m. the Senior Luther League will have a progressive dinner at the homes of the members.

The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday at 1 p.m. with Mrs. Charles Andrews.

Thanksgiving Day services will be conducted Thursday at 9 a.m., to which the public is being invited.

Annual Service Will Be Held Thanksgiving Eve

The Annual Childrens Thanksgiving Eve service will be held Wednesday, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. As part of the worship service the junior high choir under the direction of Mrs. Forrest Masters will sing, and a sound film strip on Haines House will be shown.

The boys and girls will bring gifts to be sent to Haines House their national missions boarding school for boys and girls in Alaska. This worship service is sponsored by circle 4 of the association.

Sunday morning at 11 a.m. the pastor will speak "On Being Thankful." The choir under the direction of E. Lyle McMullen, will present two anthems: "Thanksgiving Hymn" (Old Netherland Melody) and Offertory anthem, "O Be Joyful" (Glarum).



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