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UKRANIAN COUPLE PICTURED LIFE IN SOVIET COUNTRY, AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, SATURDAY EVE

Language difficulty may have hampered Oleg and Valentina Jefimenko from telling all that they might have wished, but it did not prevent the 130 people at the Rotary Christmas party, Saturday evening, from getting an actual picture of conditions in the Soviet Union from where they came as displaced persons. In America, they likened it to a great big family, while in Russia few people talked, one to another for fear of being arrested and sent to some concentration camp.

Careful as the couple was not to give listeners an idea they were seeking pity, they did portray conditions as they actually were in the country ruled by a "very small" minority. The rank and file of the Russian people like the Americans, which perhaps accounts for the amount of propaganda directed against this country, he told the people. He also told that when the Russian and American soldiers first met after the fall of Berlin, the Yank soldiers sang "There's a Tavern in the Town," which took the fancy of the Russians, and the song spread all through the nation, causing it to become a taboo on the part of the ruling group. The Russians believe the "Voice of America" broadcasts but are skeptical of those originating in any of the other countries, such as Spain, England or in France.

His father arrested in 1938, and his whereabouts never established, Oleg and his mother were sent to Western Germany as labor in 1942, when the Nazis overran the Ukraine. His wife, Valentina, also a Ukrainian, had a similar fate, except she was first sent to Poland, and eventually arrived in Western Germany, where the two met and were later married. Last August they gained admittance to America as displaced persons. He is now a senior at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, where they have found many intimate friends, even in that city.

People of Russia are poverty-ridden, according to Oleg who described the average home in

the rural areas outside of Moscow as being a single room, practically devoid of any furniture, and certainly having none of the common comforts. They are so underpaid that they are unable to goods and foods, but in that city way of food. In Moscow, he said, the stores are full of the finer do anything more than exist in the Soviet ruling class are paid enough that they can afford these.

When called on to say something, Valentina found herself almost overcome by emotion. Her knowledge of English momentarily seemed to desert her, and all she was able to say audibly was "America is like a great big family—so much love, so much kindness." Judging from the talk of her husband, her remark was a great understatement.

Following his talk, many questions were asked of him, which he tried to answer honestly and still without trying to create a feeling they were seeking pity.

"The Russian people are not organized to start a revolution—at least at the present time. The constant terror under which all live prevents them from being able to trust even their neighbors. For the moment, and until Russia should become involved in a war, there seems to be no opportunity for such event.

Judged Best Local Party

From remarks heard about the Chetco Inn that evening, this area has never before seen such a Christmas party. Places were set for 115—and more had to be added to care for the group which had arrived. Mrs. Ralph Reed of Talent, Ore., and Mrs. Katherine Gandt, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor, furnished part of the program music, which also included two solos by Rev. J. L. Mumbower, and community singing, lead by Roy Weideman, and accompanied by Mrs. Ross Putnam.

Sam Hall, as master of ceremonies, told of the Rotary work over the world, in those countries where the Iron Curtain did not hide. Pres. Warren Smith of the local club, told of the local club history, and introduced the speakers of the evening.

Show the people with view stationery, at the Pilot office.

Youth Committee To Meet Jan. 9th

All organizations will send a representative to the Youth Committee meeting, set for the high school building, next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. At this time, committees will be named to draw up by-laws, plans, etc. Cliff Brimm, founder of the youth movement, will be unable to attend, due to death in the family.

Residential Area Dubbed Capitol Hill

That section of Brookings, a portion of which ground was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Hanks, and on which several new homes have been erected, is to be known as Capitol Hill, according to the latest reports.

Residents of this area include: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Raveks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Droubaugh, Mr. and Mrs. D. McCarten, Mr. and Mrs. C. Behee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sedra, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eichoff, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reeser, Mr. and Mrs. C. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. P. Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Gragg.

Man Killed Tues. In Cycle Accident

Louis R. Woolery, brother of Mrs. Cliff Brimm, and resident of Brookings Trailer Camp, died at Seaside Hospital, Tuesday evening after being rushed there following a motor cycle accident at the Winchuck bridge.

According to W. W. Smith, to whom the accident was first reported, it appeared that Woolery had hit the sign near the approach of the bridge, and had missed the bridge approach entirely. His motorcycle had leaped a distance estimated to be about 90 feet.

Traveling north, he was estimated to be going quite fast. He broke and mangled his left leg.

He was about 38 years old, and had only recently come to this community from Tacoma.

Material Sought For Special Edition

Delayed by the rush of the holiday season when none were free to devote any thought to special editions, "The Progress Edition" planned by the Pilot is now the most important piece of business at hand.

First planned for late in December, the date was later set to early January. Now, after the task has been started, it has been found that a gigantic task faces the Pilot, so publication will be no sooner than late in January or perhaps in February.

Those having material for such an edition are invited to submit it as soon as possible.

OPERATION OF PLYWOOD PLANT TO START MONDAY; FULL SCALE PRODUCTION MAY COME SHORTLY

Brookings' gigantic plywood plant will start operations next Monday morning, it has been announced by officials last week at a meeting held by stockholders at Roseburg. One shift will be put to work at the start, and as soon as all adjustments have been made, possibly a second shift will be added to the force.

First announced late last February that a plywood plant would come to Brookings, Edwin Sunday, Carl Mason and Noble Ellison, here at the time, told the

Matot Co. Soon To Start New Business

Matot Company, which is now building across from the Pilot office, this week announces that its heating department is ready to meet almost any demand that may be made of it, with the famous Kresky line of stoves and furnaces to fit any home or any type of building.

This company, which will handle in addition to heating, all branches of electrical appliances and plumbing, will try to furnish this area a one-stop utility service store, as may be seen in the larger cities.

When completed, the company will have a complete plumbing and sheet metal shop, a complete line of electrical appliances, together with sales and service.

The grand opening, to which the entire area will be invited, is indefinite, probably not before early February.

J. A. Matot, owner, said that the Kresky line of heating equipment was standard with the U. S. government during the world war for all its cantonments.

The advertisement of the new Brookings company appears on another page in this issue.

Father Died Friday, At North Bend Hos.

Word was received last Saturday by Mrs. Paul Peterson of the death of her father Wm. J. Hanson of Reedsport at Keiser hospital, North Bend late Friday, in his sleep. Mr. Hanson had recently undergone surgery, and was ready to come home.

Mrs. Peterson and family left Sunday for Reedsport, where the funeral was set for Wednesday at 1:30 from Unger Funeral home under direction of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

Born in Sweden, Mr. Hanson was a pioneer around Reedsport where the family lived many years. Surviving are seven children, 12 grandchildren and several brothers and sisters in Oregon. Mrs. Paul L. Peterson is a daughter.

Gift Stationery with coast views at the Pilot office.

Pilot that January 1 was the scheduled date of starting, and at that time, they asserted that work would begin as quickly as men could be moved to this job.

During the past ten months the world has watched with great interest the rapid erection of all the buildings, and many were amazed at the rapidity buildings became realities.

A sander still has not been installed, but that fact will not deter the opening for the first few days production will be used for "sheathing" plywood, Neil Martin assured the Pilot.

Plywood Market Up

A few months ago when the market price dropped on plywood, many local people were skeptical lest it would affect the local plant. However, at that time price did not affect the local concern. At the present the price is up and the demand seems assured of heavy production on the part of all plants over the country. None of the local officials had time to talk to the Pilot, as their main concern was getting wheels to roll.

Kerrs Announce Wedding, Jan. 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerr announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shirley Joanne, to Gomar H. Rettke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rettke of Tacoma, on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 2:00 p. m. at the Baptist Community church.

A reception will be given immediately afterward at the Chetco Inn. Following the wedding trip the couple will make their home at Tacoma, where Mr. Rettke is employed. He is a brother of Bob Rettke, of Brookings.

Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
December 24	50	43
December 25	53	35
December 26	56	49	2.10
December 27	50	49	1.52
December 28	54	47	.57
December 29	50	45	.32
December 30	43	34	.40
Rainfall for week			4.91

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and two children, Susan and Stephen, were Christmas visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Beaulieu.

Police Chief Report Made To Council

The report of the bureau of police, turned over to the city council by Wm. Brown, chief of police, showed:

Traffic Violations—

Reckless driving	1
Violation of basic rule	1
Non-moving violations	1
Other citations	12
Warning citations	47
Misc. complaints investigated	7
Investigations	4
Drunks	3
Miles patrolled	842
Fines	\$50.50