

Mrs. America Visits France; Notes Homemaking Differences

Editor's note: Mrs. Cleo Malott, of Portland, Ore., mother of three young sons and Mrs. America of 1958, has been touring Europe snapping homemaking hints. With housewives abroad. In this dispatch written for United Press she records her impressions in France.

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By MRS. AMERICA
Written for United Press
Paris (U.P.)—French housewives are handicapped by a lack of modern appliances but many of them have at least a part-time maid.

Europe, the French housewife goes to one shop for her baked goods, another for her meat, another for her milk, butter and eggs and still another for her fruit and vegetables.

In my talks with French women, I found that most of them make do without refrigerators, which cost twice as much as American refrigerators. They use screened cabinets hung outside the kitchen window.

She usually does her shopping on foot. Very few French women drive, and every neighborhood has its little cluster of markets.

However maids are paid about 42 cent an hour part-time and as little as \$10 a week when they work full-time and live in.

French bread has a thick crust, a rough texture and a good flavor, and, of course, French pastries are famous.

Many French women employ German, Swiss and Austrian girls who come to France for a year and work as maids for very little in exchange for room, board and a chance to perfect their French.

I noticed that nearly everything here is cooked in butter. Each individual food is served separately to preserve its own special flavor. The staple drink with every meal is wine. A quart bottle of ordinary red wine costs only 22 cents.

Since the supermarket has yet to make much of an inroad in

French food is so rich, the sauces in particular, that some people drink mineral water instead of wine. They do not care

for milk. "Milk is for children," they say. "Water rusts your insides."

There is very little installment buying. The French are very thrifty and very proud, taking the attitude, "If we can't afford it, we'll wait until we have the cash."

Club Announces Plans For Christmas Party

The French use little canned food and think we use far too much of it. A French housewife always makes her own vegetable soup, although some working women use powdered or packaged dry soup. Breakfast is small. The big meal comes at noon. Dinner starts about 7:30 or 8 p.m.

Junior Degree of Honor will meet Saturday, December 8, in Lincoln school gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. H. G. Wilson, director of the club, states that members may invite friends to the meeting, and are to take a small gift for a grab bag.

French people entertain rarely because dinner with guests is such a formal affair, with as many as eight courses. Soup, hors d'oeuvres, fish or fowl, meat and vegetables, salad, cheese, dessert and coffee follow each other one at a time. Such a dinner takes a

This will be the annual Christmas party.



These four men will be guests of Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club at a meeting set for Monday, December 10, at Rogue Valley Country club. The four, calling themselves the World Affairs council, debate questions and issues which make up current front page news. The Hon. Camille Chauvins (upper left) was four times premier of France; John Metcalf, (upper right) is an American syndicate editor and former correspondent for Time; Dr. Anolok Ram Mehta (lower left) is a diplomat, author and former deputy director of Health for India and Arthur Webb (lower right) is considered the dean of the British correspondents in Washington. Deadline for members to make reservations for the event is Saturday, December 8.

Surprise Shower Given for Member

Mrs. L. E. McConnell, Chairman of Medford Parents Home Extension unit, was surprised with a layette shower at a meeting of the unit Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Myrlin Scott, 601 West 10th street.

Program Given On Handicrafts For Howard Club

A program on handicrafts was given for the last meeting of Howard Garden club, held at the home of Mrs. Jack Campbell, Merriman road.

Several of these and explained the method of assembling each. Mrs. C. G. Staff presented material on basket weaving. She displayed many designs, ranging in size from large waste paper baskets to little nut cups. Mrs.

G. W. McBeo displayed candles and explained the methods of making the various sizes and shapes.

To Meet

Women's auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church will meet Friday, December 7, at 8 p.m. in the Parish hall. The meeting was postponed from the original date due to the weather.

Working women will be interested in books at the Medford Public Library on how to be an efficient housekeeper with a minimum of time and effort.

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