

Vienna at Holiday Time Described By Medford Woman; Changes Noted

By MARGARET SCHULER

Vienna, Dec. 25 - From Olive Starcher comes a note requesting me to write about Christmas in Vienna and she adds, plaintively, "Here we all rush around; everyone eats too much, drinks too much and spends too much - myself included."

One does like to think of romantic, stately Vienna as sort of waiting itself into Christmas with dainty ladies in full skirts alighting from fiacres to shop, while the Danube flows singing past on its beautiful, blue way. Unfortunately, 1958 doesn't present that sort of picture. The Danube isn't blue, and fashionable ladies in short, tight skirts, the most modest of hats and coats, with gentlemen friends in homburgs and elegant overcoats, crawl out of smallish automobiles to shop on Vienna's Fifth avenue - the Kaertnerstrasse.

There is nothing much to differentiate other streets from those in any American city this year. People rush, traffic snarls; streets and shops seethe with masses of hurrying shoppers. Seats in the ubiquitous coffee houses are at a premium, and, although there may not be as many cocktails as in the United States, there is plenty of wine and beer. In all Vienna's history, I wonder if there has ever been a Christmas like it - with so much to buy, and so many people with

money to buy. Since Francis Joseph's time there have been troubles and wars for the Austrian people, and in that famous emperor's days, a different class had money - and very different merchandise to buy.

Changes Noted Daily, for four months, I have wondered at the change in Vienna from when I was here 12 years ago - and even again five years ago. That they would ever recover from the devastating results of the two big wars, the people doubted; they were poor, cold and disheartened; they plodded stolidly along in old clothes. There were no resources; cartels controlled the shops which were filled with shoddy merchandise; rubble from bombed buildings still lay in sections of the city. Excepting for the Americans with their big cars, there were few traffic hazards in the city. Driving at night was like traveling through canyons; the city was dark.

Today, all that is different. Everyone is well dressed, and - what a difference in the expression on the faces of the people. The incredible city is alive, active and prosperous. Modern structures replace bombed ones; new industries are developing; there is no unemployment. Tourists, now that the four occupying powers have gone, and the city is free, bring in millions of dollars of income. There are congresses, conference and conventions. Prices are high, and there is much to buy.

The two most beloved buildings in Vienna - the Opera house and St. Stephen's cathedral - both bombed (the former by the Americans, the latter by the Germans) are now completely restored, and week after week the season through, one sees at the opera on the ticket windows "sold out."

Speed Noted The three most spectacular changes in Vienna to me are: First, the thousands of automobiles racing madly about the city and the sense of speed; second, the restoration of the lighting system in the parks and streets; third, the beauty of the gardens, parks and fountains; - the rich, embroidered pattern of the flowers against the brilliant green of the grass. Now with the flowers gone, trees stark, there is magnificence in the clipped and trimmed trees and shrubbery - stylized in Viennese

Harvey Summers

From Denver, Colo., comes news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. (Bill) Summers in that city December 23. Mrs. Summers is the former Freda May Rawstern, and a graduate of Medford High school.

The child has a grandfather, two great-grandparents and a great-great-grandmother living in Jackson county. He is the first grandchild for C. H. Rawstern, Table Rock road; the first great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kingsley, Table Rock road; the first great-great-grandchild of Mrs. Anna L. Kingsley, Old Stage road, Central Point.

Mrs. Anna Kingsley, who has lived here since 1937, will celebrate her 92nd birthday anniversary January 5. She came to the valley from South Dakota, and is a native of New York state.

Food Dollar Will Stretch Little More During 1959

By BERNARD BRENNER United Press International

Washington - (UPI) - You can expect your food dollar to buy just a little more in 1959. If you're a careful shopper, watching for the bargains economists expect on the pork and poultry counters, you can make a deeper cut in food spending without cutting your standard of living.

That's the outlook for 1959, summed up by farm and consumer experts of the Department of Agriculture.

The overall food price average is expected to come down slightly in 1959 because there will be more food on the market, these experts explain.

Pork production is headed up and poultry production will remain high. There will be more citrus in food markets and unless there's a repetition of last year's unusual freezes in the south, vegetable supplies will also be much greater.

The experts cautiously talk of "some easing" in retail food prices in 1959. They point out that the steady upward march of the cost of processing and marketing food is expected to continue; this will swallow up part of the savings consumers could expect from reduced farm prices.

With the nation's population rising steadily to put more customers at the retail food counter, total domestic food demand in 1959 should be at peak levels.

Total food spending will probably top the 1958 level slightly, the experts predict although the average family's food bill is likely to be a little lower.

Some of the highlights as seen by government specialists:

MEAT: Beef supplies will be about the same or up slightly and prices will likely be about the same as in 1958. Pork production will rise sharply and retail prices, beginning in early spring, will go substantially below 1958 levels. Little change is expected in supplies or prices of other red meats.

FISH: There may be heavier supplies of canned fish through mid-spring and prices could ease slightly. Little change is expected for fresh and frozen fish.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Poultry supplies on a per capita basis may go up to a record high in 1959. Prices, which reached the lowest levels since the early 1940's this year, are likely to continue low and could sag further early in the year. Eggs will probably be cheaper in the first half of 1959 than a year earlier.

FRUITS: The big news is the increase in citrus production over last year's freeze-blasted harvest, with supplies of frozen concentrated juices rising and prices down. Fresh fruits generally will be in more plentiful supply through mid-spring than a year ago, and a little cheaper.

VEGETABLES: Vegetable supplies through the winter and spring will be greater than a year ago with substantial increases for potatoes and dry beans. Prices for fresh vegetables through the winter will probably be much lower than the high levels of one year ago. Because of higher processing and distributing costs, retail prices of most processed vegetables may be a little higher.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: Little change is expected in per capita supply, although total production apparently is headed up, and prices are likely to average close to 1958 levels.

BREAD AND CEREALS: Wheat and corn supplies are at record levels, but civilian per capita consumption of grain foods in 1959 will not change much from 1958 and retail prices will probably be a little higher because of increased processing and marketing costs.

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Mrs. William Naylor Hostess for Party of Blue Star Mothers

Medford Blue Star Mothers were entertained for the annual Christmas party recently by Mrs. William Naylor at her home on New Ray road, Central Point. The potluck luncheon was served at noon by the hostess centered with an arrangement of Christmas greenery and colored bells.

During the afternoon social hours, the annual gift exchange was held.

All members of the Blue Star Mothers are asked to attend the next meeting January 15 at the home of Mrs. James Cech, 28 Quince street. Election of officers is scheduled.

Daughter, Family Visit in Medford

Mrs. Charles Ferrell and three children, Laura, Christine and Tommy, are in Medford to visit Mrs. Ferrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers, 847 Pennsylvania avenue. Visitors here earlier were the Rogers' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mt. View, Calif. They returned south Sunday.

The family celebrated Christmas with a dinner December 26 after Mrs. Ferrell's arrival. Also present were Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Baxter, Ashland.

Browns Return From California

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin L. Brown, 1203 Queen Anne avenue, returned Sunday from California where they spent Christmas with relatives. The Browns visited Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Mary Parks, in Oakdale, Calif., and also spent some time with relatives in Modesto, Calif.

Later the couple went to San Leandro where they were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Brown.

Ensign Leaves

Ensign Jay Dow left yesterday morning for San Diego after spending Christmas in Medford with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Dow, Coker Butte road. Ensign Dow, a Navy pilot, is assigned to duty at North Island.

Meeting Postponed By Royal Neighbors

Due to the holidays, the regular business meeting of Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America, has been postponed from Thursday January 1 to Friday, January 9. The camp meets in Pythian hall.

Dancers Schedule Hoedown Tonight

A New Year's eve party, with an open hoedown square dance, will be held at Kershaw Square on Cory rd., starting at 8:30 p.m. today.

All square dancers are invited, and callers will be Douglas Decker, Floyd Workman, Byron (Buzz) Dibble, and Jake Toews. Refreshments will be potluck, and party favors will be provided.

Fabrics Institute Gives Rules For Home Decoration

New York - (UPI) - A simple way for homemakers to broaden knowledge of home decoration involves 10 steps, says the Decorative Fabrics Institute.

Plan early, keep a scrapbook or file of decorating ideas, collect sample swatches and paint chips, visit model rooms and model homes, build a reference library on decorating.

Save informative literature from manufacturers and newspapers or magazines. Attend lectures on home decoration. Enroll in special short courses. (Stores sometimes offer courses on slipcover making).

Note good ideas wherever you are - in restaurants, other homes, department stores, or while browsing through newspapers or magazines.

And - the keystone - use store advisory bureaus. Many home furnishing departments in department and specialty stores have interior decorating bureaus.

Analyze the room you are working on. Be ruthless. Don't stay attached to ornaments for sentimental reasons. The Institute says the desire to keep "everything" in a room for one reason or another will hinder you.

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Senator's Wife Believes In Changing Home Decor

By ROSE McKEE

Washington - A home is never finished. Like the people who live in it, the home changes as the family and the tastes of the members of the family change.

Mrs. John Sherman Cooper, noted for the attractive way in which she has furnished her Georgetown home in Washington, considers this one of the ABC's of home decoration. The wife of the Republican senator from Kentucky believes that a room unchanged over the years is apt to look stale and lifeless.

Mrs. Cooper, speaking to a staff member of the National Association of Home Builders, said she thinks of a home as something of an island retreat which gives a sense of serenity to those who live in it.

Instead of a depot where people rush in and out, she said, a home should be a place where "you figure things out, prepare for the next job, and get ready to start again."

To give a home an air of serenity, she suggested you put into it the books, pictures, and things you really like and that reflect your individual interests rather than follow the whims of decorating fashion. In line with this, she would build a room's decoration around a favorite object such as a rug, a desk or a lamp.

For instance, the library of her home takes its color from three blue and white Chinese jars which the Coopers found at a charity sale in New Delhi when the senator was U. S. ambassador to India. Two of the jars have been made into lamp bases.

Mrs. Cooper likes things that soften a room and make it comfortable. Pull-up chairs, she noted, help make a room respond to the needs of those who use it and give it flexibility. And she likes a growing plant for it accents the "alive" note.

In winter, she gives the room a feeling of warmth by using a rosy red, a shade picked up from a picture over the fireplace.

Mrs. Cooper, who has entertained on two continents and recently had Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, wife of the Vice-President, as one of her guests, thoroughly enjoys fixing up a house. She doubts that anyone is born with a taste for decorating but acquires it by "looking, remembering, and adopting" ideas.

She suggested that one way to get hints on color combinations is to visit art galleries. "When you look at the colors in the pictures," she said, "you often see shades that you would never have dreamed of putting together."

If two adjacent rooms are small, she would use a single color in both. With larger rooms, different colors can be used but even then, "there should not be too much of a transition-it should be more a moving unit."

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California Decides When A Child Can Own Firearms

By NORMAN KEMPSTER United Press International

Sacramento, Calif. - (UPI) - California has established a "common sense" rule of thumb for parents who want to know when a child is old enough to own a gun.

The California Department of Fish and Game believes the child is old enough when his mother and dad "would trust him to carry the neighbor's baby across the street."

The department provided this yardstick for responsibility in a recent publication designed for parents whose children are asking for a rifle.

"Usually youngsters are ready to start shooting when they have shown a sense of responsibility in other fields," the booklet said. "This may be at 12, 13 or 14 years of age."

Under California law, however, responsibility alone is not enough to earn a boy or girl a coveted hunting license. He must complete a course in safe handling of firearms and pass a test on the subject before he will be permitted to try his hand at hunting.

Since the law went into operation in 1954, more than 100,000 youngsters have received training in safe shooting.

Partly as a result of the program, California reduced hunting casualties from 132 in 1955 to 79 in 1957. That achievement won the state international recognition for an "outstanding hunter safety training program" from the International association of Game, Fish and Conservation commissioners.

The hunter training program was based on a plan which went into effect in New York two years before it was adopted by the legislature here.

Instructors are volunteers who donate their time to help young people learn to handle guns properly.

"You must understand," Seth Gordon, state fish and game director said, "that these people are not merely good hunters. They are persons who have taken the time to study their subject, pass a rigid test in firearms safety and are certified and qualified as instructors by the Department of Fish and Game and

Build In Straw No more water-logged straws, says a manufacturer of a new plastic cup. The cup has a built-in straw. Made of rigid polyethylene, the cup is especially designed for children's use. It can be sterilized and is tough enough to withstand abuse. Available in red, blue, and yellow.

Self-Service Markets Replacing Former Stores in Germany

Bonn, Germany - (UPI) - Self-service markets are replacing old-fashioned grocery stores in West Germany.

Probably half of sales in chain food stores this year will be made by self-service markets. In several years, the shops are expected to handle 70 or 80 per cent of all chain store sales, according to a report by Dr. Peter Toll, head of the working committee of the Association of Food Chain Stores. Independently owned markets also are switching to the new method.

Self-service shops appeared in West Germany less than five years ago. They are not exactly like their American super market counterparts. Because of trading regulations, German stores do not sell patent medicines, garden supplies or hardware. But they do have American-style checkout counters.

Even the German communists are interested. In Stalin Alley, the architectural showpiece in East Berlin, is a self-service food store.

Department Issues Guide for Shoppers

Washington - (UPI) - What's behind that academic system of grading canned fruit and vegetables - A, B, or C?

What's a good use for "lower" grades of eggs? What grade of beef offers fairly good quality with little fat?

Answers to questions such as these may be found in a new booklet "Shoppers Guide to U. S. Grades for Food," issued by the Department of Agriculture.

In addition to spelling out the meaning of each federal food grade, the pamphlet suggests suitable uses for foods of different grades, reminding shoppers that buying "graded" foods does not necessarily imply buying only the best.

Single copies of the guide may be obtained free from the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

Detergents are more effective in water temperatures of at least 140 degrees than in cooler water.

Housewives Ask For Space And Lots of It for Homes

By BETTY PRYOR United Press International

Washington (UPI) - Space, lots of space, is the main thing housewives want in a new home.

That was the consensus of two separate women's housing conferences held here recently. Delegates expressed a desire for more rooms, bigger rooms and, especially, more closet space.

They preferred spaciousness to built-in planters, dishwashers, garbage disposals, inter-communications systems and other appliances and gadgets. These, they agreed, could be added later.

Nearly 200 homemakers from across the nation attended the conferences. The women were chosen for knowledge of and interest in home planning. One session was sponsored by McCall's magazine and the other by the housing industry through the National Association of Home Builders.

Most homemakers considered a family room and two bathrooms as "musts" in a new house, along with eating space in the kitchen. Plus an entrance hall, patio and separate dining room.

Basements are a "must" with housewives from the north. Southern and western delegates expressed a wish for bigger utility rooms.

The women want trees on home lots, but advised builders not to attempt landscaping - they prefer to do it themselves.

Voted down were picture windows that look out on the street, the wall next door or trash cans. No picture window unless there is a picture to see, they said.

In general, the homemakers preferred a one-story house of colonial or subdued modern design to two-story or split-level houses. They didn't mind mixing different styles of architecture on the same street, if done with taste and restraint.



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