

New Yorker Surprised By English Housekeeping

(Like many American homemakers, Ellen Allerup recently had to transplant herself—and her home. It happened when her husband, Paul, was transferred to England by United Press International. What happened on the home-front when the Allerups moved to London from a suburb of New York City is described by Mrs. Allerup in two dispatches, the first of which follows.)

By ELLEN ALLERUP

Written for United Press International
London—(UPI)—An American wife setting up housekeeping in England is in for many surprises, disappointments, and a few laughs.

Most Americans, thinking of England—especially London—probably feel as I did when I was faced with transferring my home from a New York suburb to this city.

It never occurred to me that London would be anything—housekeepingly speaking—but another New York with a British accent.

I have been learning the hard way how wrong I was. We moved from our own home in the U.S. into a London apartment. I had looked forward to getting away from "house" problems such as having to fix everything yourself or hiring someone to do it. As a one-time Manhattan apartment dweller, I was anticipating a ubiquitous "super" to handle the chores.

Well, in London, you don't have a superintendent. You have a porter. He attends the lift (elevator), escorts guests to your door, sees that the morning newspaper is brought to your floor, keeps halls and entrances clean, and collects garbage.

Plumbing Balks
But—plumbing out of order? (And it usually is.) Sorry, madam, you must call the plumber. An electric light switch not working? Madam, I will see about finding an electrician. Windows jammed? I'll phone a man.

"Madam," the "super" finally informed me with great politeness, "everything within the flat is your responsibility. I cannot touch it."
Then there's the heating—"central heating," as it is called. First, you learn that heating does not come with all apartments. But you find a "good address," at a fancy rent, and you get "central heating."

On the first cold or damp day, you learn why there are fireplaces in almost every room. The radiators become lukewarm, and you put on a sweater. The second day, you order half a ton of coal and light up the fireplaces. Or you go out and buy several quaint little electric heaters you had noticed in shop windows, wondering what they were for.

That brings you to the puzzle of buying electric appliances—without a finished wire or outlet plug. The store doesn't know WHAT kind of outlets your flat has. They are all different, you are told. And they are. Twenty-six types, one electrician told me. So you get an expert to match the appliance to the outlet.

The first man I called was distressed that I did not have the "right" plug waiting for him. But by pleading simple American stupidity, I won his sympathy and he went out to buy the connection.

Then you come to hanging curtains. The stores have heard of sliding curtain rods that can be adjusted to any window, but they don't have them.

"We measure our windows," the saleslady says with a friendly smile. "We like to do it that way."
So windows are measured and curtain rods—to size—are ordered.

The next step is finding curtains to fit. But you don't

Curtains must be made to measure, madam. So you have them made or you haul out your sewing machine (converted to English current) and make them yourself.

Footlighters Plan Session

The monthly meeting of Footlighters will be held tonight at eight o'clock at the Fairgrounds theater.

Preparations for the coming play, "Picnic," are underway by the group, and anyone interested in any phase of little theater work is invited to attend.

For entertainment members, and any guests who wish to participate, will give pantomimes.

Further information about the meeting may be obtained from Mrs. Jack Ruch, SPring 3-5008.

Dean Talks For Nurses

Dr. Alvin Fellers, dean of men at Southern Oregon college, spoke for a banquet given by District 4, Oregon Nurses association, January 26.

Speaking on the topic, "Comparisons and contrasts in present-day living," Dr. Fellers said it behooves everyone to know about the changing times and to make an effort to understand the significance of the changes.

The speaker compared modern times with "the good old days" and stressed the reasons why everyone should be glad to be living in the age of rockets, missiles and possible trips to the moon.

"It is important for nurses to have vision and to see beyond their daily duties to the larger goals ahead, and to work for the good of all by belonging to their professional organizations," he stated.

Dr. Brian Stringer of Medford was master of ceremonies, and The Tempests of Southern Oregon college furnished entertainment.

Mrs. Loree Phillips introduced Mrs. Lois Robertson, Mrs. Christian Bates and Mrs. Stella Demo, past presidents and present head of the group. They were presented carnation corsages.

Miss Gertrude Molloy was honored for her work in district, state and national offices and she was given an arm bouquet of pink rosebuds.

The tables were decorated with nurse dolls.

Griffin Creek Unit to Study Synthetic Fibers

Griffin Creek Home Extension unit will meet Friday, February 5, at 11 a.m. at the Griffin Creek Grange hall.

Following the morning business meeting a covered dish luncheon will be served at noon by Mrs. R. W. Miles and Mrs. George Mero.

The lesson on "Synthetic Fabrics and Fibers" will be given by two project leaders, Mrs. Eddie Mathern and Mrs. George Large.

Coffee Given

Eagle Point—Mrs. Elmer Harnish and Mrs. Arthur Kent were hostesses for a coffee Tuesday, January 26, at the Harnish home.

Women's News • Social Events



One of these attractive princesses will be chosen queen of the annual Valentine Ball of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. The ball will be held Saturday, February 13, in the Starlight room of Rogue Valley Country club. The princesses and their chapters are (left to right) Mrs. Ernest Flakus, vice-president of Alpha Beta chapter; Mrs. James Tengesdal, president of Alpha Rho and a former "girl of the year" for her chapter; Mrs. J. Edgar Moir, program chairman of Xi Mu, the exemplar chapter, and a past president of Beta Sigma Phi City council, which sponsors the annual ball; Mrs. Gordon Mekkwood, president of Gamma Xi chapter and 1959 "young woman of the year" in Central Point; Mrs. Howard Berg, recording secretary of Beta Upsilon chapter. During the ball each princess will select one of five identical corsage boxes and the queen will be the girl who has chosen the corsage with a yellow rose, the official flower of the sorority. —(Knackstedt photo)

Mother of Maria Callas Sad Over Estrangement

By GAY PAULEY UPI Women's Editor

New York—(UPI)—The mother of Maria Callas says she wishes to end the celebrated estrangement from her daughter, but the diva will have to sound the overture.

"Of course I want to be reunited," she said. "I always have been willing . . . I would kiss and forgive her."

"But she must come to me. A mother must have a little pride."

As Evangelia Callas spoke, she leafed through snapshots of the Callas family in the days when mother and daughter

Half apologetic because her quarters were so modest, she explained that if the book sells well "I would like some ease. But I don't want luxury. I will give most of the money to the poor."

Mrs. Callas, a handsome woman with hair, deep set eyes and auburn hair piled high on her head, was born in Greece but grew up and married in America. She takes a full measure of credit for providing the training which turned her daughter into a star.

But she gives just as full a measure to the character of the prima donna.

"Maria is not afraid of life," she said. "She is tough. It takes that quality. If she were soft, she would not be where she is today. She is in the headlines all the time because she is worthy."

"Maria says she made herself," her mother continued. "But it was I who had to kneel to the voice teacher in Athens, asking that she accept Maria as a pupil. It was I who had the connections with the Royal Conservatory in Athens. Here, it was too expensive to study."

Best Training
Mrs. Callas said the cost of providing the best musical training prompted her to return to Athens with her two daughters, leaving behind her husband, a New York drugist. "Then," she said, "the war (World War II) came along . . ."

She indicated the geographical separation had caused the breakup of her marriage.

Mrs. Callas lost her U.S. citizenship by staying abroad too long, and now is in this country on a visitor's visa for the book publication. For a while, she worked as a saleswoman at the jewelry shop of Mrs. (mama) Gabor, but quit "because the book was taking so much time."

Why had she and Maria grown apart, when she and the other daughter remain close?

"I don't know," she replied. "Perhaps fame . . . luxury . . . distance . . . difference in character. I haven't seen her in 11 years except on television. I have never heard her sing at the Met."

Maybe, in pursuit of a career which took her to the top of the operatic world, Maria had found little time to keep in touch?

"When a girl is busy, she must forget her mother," she said.

NFA Elects Earl Rogers

Earl Rogers was elected president of Natural Foods associates at a recent meeting. Mrs. J. W. Reynolds was elected treasurer.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., work was begun on evolving a workable set of standards for food. Mrs. Bosworth and Miss Anna Streed will complete the work and present it at the February meeting for publication.

A list of the aims of Natural Foods Associates was presented to the group by Mr. Rogers. These aims are: Protect your health; know the truth about health matters; reduce the cost of health care; work for beneficial health legislation; oppose detrimental health legislation; put a stop to the addition of injurious chemicals to food and drink; maintain health liberty and freedom of choice; have a strong and united voice in health matters; insist that all money raised for health research and care be used for that purpose and no other; work to maintain soil health.

"Healthy soil produces healthy plants and they produce healthy animals and man," the new president believes. "Natural fertilizers maintain health in the soil; insects attack only unhealthy plants." Mr. Rogers invites anyone who agrees with these aims to join Natural Foods associates.

Program Given On Broadcasting

Mrs. Irving Thompson presented a program for a meeting of Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held Tuesday, January 26 at the home of Mrs. Wayne Turpin, 1453 Orchard Home drive. The program was titled "Let's talk on radio and over television."

The speaking voice of each member was taped and played back to the group, with suggestions and constructive criticism being offered.

It was announced that a rummage sale will be held March 25. Mrs. Robert Stuart and Mrs. Fred Stock, pledges in charge of the forthcoming pledges party, announced that the theme will be a "Shipwreck Party" and will be held at the Thurston Dance studio. The date will be announced later.

The second of the pledge training meetings will be held Tuesday, February 2 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ernest Flakus, 612 J street.

Co-hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Lowell Fleser and Mrs. Clorin Moore. The next meeting will be held February 9 at the home of Mrs. Tom Shoop, 130 White Oak drive.

Gold Star Mothers Announce Meeting

Medford chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., will meet Tuesday, February 2. Dessert luncheon at 1:30 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting.

Superintendent Is Speaker For Washington PTA

Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools, who recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, was guest speaker at a meeting of Washington Parent-Teacher association January 28.

Ronald Weatherford, principal, introduced the speaker and welcomed the parents. Colored slides were shown of Dr. Mayfield's recent trip, and Dad's night was also observed.

Dr. Mayfield stated that many people in the United States refer to Russia as a country when actually Russia is a part of the Soviet Union as Oregon is of the United States. Nine distinct languages are spoken in the Soviet, with many dialects, he said.

A common question asked upon his return home was "Were you allowed to go where you wanted to?" He stated that the answer was "yes."

Before leaving this country it was suggested that he take along a good supply of chewing gum for the children. Chewing gum is not considered "cultured" in the Soviet Union and is frowned upon, but most of the Soviet children wanted it and would ask for it as it is difficult to get there, the speaker said.

Visits were made to numerous schools, he reported. Out of 40 classes visited, Dr. Mayfield stated that he did not hear a single student ask a teacher questions, and discipline is very strict. There is little or no juvenile delinquency as parents are directly responsible for their children's actions. There is no student body governments or newspapers in their schools as in this country. Students attend school six days a week, but only one-half a day.

All the women work and the children are entered in nursery school or kindergarten depending upon their age. Dr. Mayfield stated. It is a common sight for women to work on heavy construction projects.

An identification card is a necessity to apply for a job and it is required for anyone 16 years of age and older. Homes are all multiple dwellings, there are no single dwelling units. The largest apartment a family may have is three rooms regardless of the size of his family. Permission must be granted by the government before a family may move, he stated.

In observance of "Dad's night," Al Bradford read the PTA prayer. Presentation of the flag was by Den 8; Mrs. Myron Gaston is den mother. Group singing was led by Miss Laura York. Room count was won by Mrs. Jean Rector.

Mrs. Everett Bennett gave the executive board and safety reports. Membership enrollment is 307.

Past Presidents Attend Session Of Garden Club

Rogue River—A number of visitors were present for a meeting of Rogue River Garden club held at the home of Mrs. Harry Andrews on Highway 99.

Dessert was served by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Sam Bellah, Mrs. Carl Christensen and Mrs. Harold Weed. Two past state presidents, Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Medford and Miss Claire Hanley, Jacksonville; Mrs. Howard Norwood, Mrs. Vera Nielson, Mrs. C. Odel, Miss Henrietta Oliver and Mrs. Adeline Andrews, were among the guests.

During the business meeting, conducted by the president, Mrs. Roy Larson, the club voted to buy a shrub in memory of Mrs. Esther Shock, a charter member of the club. It will be used in the landscaping project at the new Presbyterian church in Rogue River.

The club planned to help the March of Dimes drive in several ways. The members voted money from the club treasury to help finance the dinner held January 30 at the Live Oak Grange hall and they baked pies for the dinner.

Kaffee-klatsches, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harold Weed, are being held in the homes of Mrs. Weed, Mrs. Herbert Brooks, Mrs. Willard Tenny and Mrs. Clayton Fields.

Two of the guests, Mrs. Andrews and Miss Oliver, became members.

Vision Report Card
New York—(UPI)—About 85 per cent of everything we know is learned through our eyes. Yet studies show that a large percentage of the nation's 27-million school children have faulty vision. One survey placed the figure at one out of four children.

AAUW Art Show Attracts Hundreds

Nearly 500 persons visited the art show sponsored by Medford branch, American Association of University Women this week end in the Crater room, Medford hotel.

The ninth annual show had 183 entries from artists of southern Oregon. The first place winner in each class from adult and student divisions will be displayed for a week, starting Wednesday, February 3, in the window of Hadley's Apparel, 17 South Central avenue, Medford.

The most popular oil paintings in the adult division were: First, "Winter Domain," by Clifford Platz, 1041 Ingrid street, Medford; second, "The Pass," by Arlene Darling, 2817 Table Rock road; third, a tie between "Mountain Retreat," by Mrs. Garrel Miller, Trail, and "Deserted Beach," by Mrs. Bess Mitchell, 718 King street, Medford.

Adult water colors winning the most votes were: First, "Siskiyou Stage No. 4-2698," by Blanche Johnson, Central Point; second, "Dance of India," by Jean Pagett, Grants Pass; third, "Composition 29 - Flights," by Steve Bayless.

In sculpture, first was "The Four Monks" in black walnut by E. G. Spencer, 1709 Oregon avenue, Medford; second, "What Next" in clay, by Robert Onstad, Ashland; third, "Birds Feeding Time" in foil and wood putty by Mrs. J. C. Klassen, Phoenix.

Student division winners in oils were: First, "Portrait - Boy," by Marilyn Hixon, Crater High school; second, "Snow Country," by James Zier, Hedrick Junior High school, third, "The Church," by Vonja Ray, Hedrick Junior High school.

Most popular student water colors were: First, a landscape in transparent water color by Sally Novak, Crater High school; second, "Autumn," an opaque water color by Dick Day, Medford High school; third, "Fall," an opaque water color by Penny Sampert, Medford High school.

Student prints winning most votes were: First, a linoleum block print by Nancy Brown, Medford High school; second, "Spawning Salmon," a linoleum block print by Scott Cunningham, Hedrick Junior High school; third, "The Rainbow Trout," a woodcut print by Jim Wise, Hedrick Junior High school.

Sculpture by students attracting most attention included: First, "Mask Sombra" in clay by Darrell McCulloch, Ashland High school; second, "Horse Resting" in Indian clay, by Keith Graves, Hedrick Junior High school; third, "White Horse" in plaster and sawdust, by Susan Vroman, Hedrick Junior High school.

Preceding the opening of the show Friday night, members of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists held the annual banquet at Kim's restaurant. Following dinner the artists attended the show as a group.

About 50 attended the dinner. Guests included Mrs. Roy Elmgren, president of the AAUW branch, and Miss Catherine Fonken, chairman of the show.

The society announces that the exhibit to be held at the Capital Cafeteria in Salem has been changed to March 1 through April 1.

Westside Unit Stated Meeting
Westside Home Extension unit will meet Thursday, February 4, at 10:45 a.m., at the home of Mrs. H. R. Edwards, Box 420-H, Ross Lane.

The project "Synthetic Fabrics and Fibers" will be presented by Mrs. E. D. Davis and Mrs. D. W. Doty.

Members are asked to bring a sack lunch, their service and a TV tray. Hot soup will be served by the luncheon committee. Child care is furnished by the unit at the home of Mrs. Bryce Phillips, 3307 New Ray road, Central Point.

Women living in this community and interested in extension programs are invited to attend.

Math for Beginners
Chicago—(UPI)—Children should begin to study mathematics in first grade, says an arithmetic teaching expert.

As youngsters learn the "why's" behind rules, instead of memorizing them blindly, they do better in arithmetic, like the subject better and are better prepared for high school and higher mathematics, said George Russell, math editor for a textbook publisher, Scott, Foresman and Co.

Calendar
Monday: 7:30 p.m.—Civil Air Patrol, CAP building, Medford airport.
Tuesday: 7:45 p.m.—Westminster guild of First Presbyterian church, fireplace room at church.
8 p.m.—Jackson County Civic Music association, Medford High school auditorium.
8 p.m.—Rogue Valley Coin club, Girls Community club.
8 p.m.—St. Mary's Grade School Parents' club, activities room.
8 p.m.—VFW auxiliary, dance, Camp White.
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.—District 6C Mothersingers, home of Mrs. Harvey Field, Seve Oaks road.
10 a.m.—Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, Girls Community club.
10:30 a.m.—Reese Creek Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Ralph Humphrey, West Eighth st., Eagle Point.
1 p.m.—Central Point Royal Neighbors of America, home of Mrs. Dave Cox, 27 West Third st., Eagle Point.
1 p.m.—Lady Elks, Elks temple.
1:30 p.m.—Medford Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers Inc., courthouse auditorium.

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Master Point Play Planned

Medford Duplicate Bridge club will hold the monthly master point session Tuesday, February 2, at Girls Community club. Planned for Saturday, February 6, is the master point play of the Medford American unit, Contact Bidge League.

Play will begin at 7:45 p.m. both nights.

Fifteen tables of players were on hand for the last session. The Mitchell movement system was used.

North-south winners were Mrs. John Dougherty and Ray Wise, first, 179 1/2; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Paul McDuffee, second, 172; Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore and Mrs. Berg Marten, third, 165 1/2; Mrs. Alto Pruitt and Mrs. Clifford Howard, fourth, 155 1/2; Mrs. Robert Elliott and Mrs. William Knope, fifth, 151 points.

Winning east-west were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Howard Boyd, first, 165 1/2; Millard Allen and Chester Kurzel, second, 152 1/2; Mrs. Fred Purdin and Mrs. George Dean, third, 149; Mrs. Sam Richardson and Mrs. Paul Hatton, fourth, 148 1/2; Mrs. B. L. Sanderson and Mrs. Marie Rehling, fifth, 146.

Mr. Kurzel and Mr. Allen were guests from Portland.

Synthetics Topic For Parents Unit

"Synthetic Fabrics and Fibers" will be the topic discussed by Medford Parents Extension unit at a meeting set at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 2. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. Glenn L. Stewart, 317 Maple street.

The lesson, to be given by Mrs. Melvin H. Fields and Mrs. Dale Jefferson, will cover the properties of fabrics and fibers and what percentage of synthetic fibers give certain properties to blends, and how this information relates to clothing and furnishings.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Edward Goodwin and Mrs. Fred L. Landers.

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