Although they were more interested in the party than they were in photography, the three small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald McGrew, 4250 Jacksonville highway, posed for their picture during the recent children's Christmas party at Rogue Valley Country club. The boys are (left to right) Kent, Kelly and Curtis. The children who attended the annual event at the club each took a toy to be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution, and received Christmas stockings filled with candy and nuts.

American Couple Adjusts to Life Behind the Iron Curtain

(Editor's note: Moscow is where the Kremlin is, and the Bolshoi. It's the place from which Nikita Khrushchev makes his power plays over Berlin and Cuba and Vietnam, and where masses of people jam Red Square on state occasions. But what is Moscow like as a place to live when you are American, a newspaperman, and make your home there? Following is a dispatch from a member of the United Press International staff in the Soviet capital, and his wife.)

By RUTH and NICHOLAS DANILOFF
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Moscow—(UPI)—The first problem facing a westerner posted to Moscow is to find a place to live. It's a problem that's taken out of your hands by the Service bureau.

Foreign residents in Moscow enjoy a status that is probably unique in the world. In Tsarist days the Russian government prided itself on the privileges it lavished on foreign diplomats. To some extent, the tradition lives on.

The Soviet Union has a Service bureau that looks after diplomats and correspondents. Its service begins with housing. With only the rarest exceptions—not including ourselves — the Bureau sees to the collectivization of all foreigners into "diplomaticheski dom" — or diplomatic houses.

Diplomatic Housing

There are several such diplomatic housing blocks in Moscow. An inevitable feature of all of them is the militiaman (policeman) who paces up and down outside the entrance day and night. A telephone in a small wooden sentry box keeps him in touch with his superiors.

The Soviets explain the purpose of the policeman is to keep an eye on foreign property. Some residents of the diplomaticheski dom have other ideas.

One western newsman used to delight in going up to his policeman each morning and, over the man's embarrassed protests that this was not necessary, give him a detailed account of what his movements would be that day.

"I like to make their job easier for them," the newsman said.

The diplomaticheski dom we know best is in Kutuzovski ave., named for the general who led the Russian army against Napoleon. It is an uninspiring 12-story building of greyish yellow brick.

Yellow Wallpaper

The basic interior decoration is a greenish yellow paper, a feature of which is its tendency to peel off. Perhaps as well. Most residents color it over to their own tastes.

Two automatic elevators in each entrance save walking stairs for adventurous types. They can be temperamental and quit between floors, although most of the time patience and experience can coax them to their destination. One wife we know prefers the stairs.

When things go wrong in the apartment it is the "bureau" that must be contacted and which provides the workmen. This solves some problems but not all.

Once men from the bureau removed the front door to get a large American refrigerator into an apartment. They set it up and departed.

It took a week of phone calls to get them back to put the door back on.

Patience Needed

Patience is something every Moscow housewife must learn when she goes marketing, whether she be a foreigner or Moscow citizen.

We have been developing patience for almost a year now, and also have learned that forethought is one of the ways to avoid too much strain even on cultivated patience.

As foreigners in the Soviet Union we are allowed to import unlimited supplies of foodstuffs. Large department stores in Stockholm and Copenhagen make a specialty of serving Moscow clientele.

We have found it is most economical to order in bulk — up to a six-months' supply. This takes practice, too. Our first shipment was not a success. We finished the canned fruit in three weeks and were left wondering how we'd ever work through the remaining six pounds of curry powder.

In the second order, we thought we had things figured out better. Now we have 58 cans of sliced pineapple, and no lump sugar.

When such purchase planning gets too badly out of kilter, the American householder in Moscow can get some help from the American Embassy Commissary which provides a limited number of essentials.

Then there are Moscow's own shops. Many foreign housewives try to avoid them as much as they can. The food is frequently less good and usually more expensive than is food we can import. Such commodities as bread and milk are usually bought locally, though. And this is where patience gets it worked out.

In most of Moscow's shops you must line up three times in order to buy something. You line up first at the counter where you choose your item, then at a cash desk where you pay for it and finally at a third counter where you collect your purchase. Since such shops usually are crowded, buying simple things can be very time-consuming.

Self Service

A few of Moscow's stores have started experimenting with self-service but the idea has not yet caught on generally.

Russian bread is very good, the black bread being particularly tasty. A loaf of bread costs between 25 and 35 kopecks, or 25 to 35 cents. Dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese and "smetana" (sour cream) are very good. So is the ice cream.

During the summer months there is a good selection of fruits and vegetables to be found in local markets and in small open booths on street corners. Prices, however, vary from week to week. The mid-season price of a pound of tomatoes runs from 50 to 70 kopecks, or 50 to 70 cents, potatoes from 15 kopecks (15 cents) the pound, and grapes about 50 kopecks or 50 cents.

In winter the vegetable market is sad. Its mainstay is red cabbage and rather frost-bitten looking potatoes. Sometimes a few green cooking apples will be snapped up at two rubles ($2) a pound.

Warmhearted Cooperation

We have met with warmhearted cooperation from Russian fellow-shoppers. When they hear our imperfect Russian they often will push us to the front of the line with orders to the saleslerk to "serve them — they're foreigners."

Only once did we meet any hostility, when we wanted to buy some meat for our cat. The butcher produced some extremely sad looking bits of fat from under the counter. We asked for something better.

The line of women behind us broke out in indignant murmurs. One was heard to say, "I make soup for my husband out of that. It's good enough for your cat." Another said:

"It's hard enough to get good meat for ourselves without worrying about cats."

We snatched up the packet of fatty bits and hurried rather shamefaced out of the shop.

The cat now eats out of cans.

'Masonic Night' To Be Observed

Jacksonville — "Masonic Night" will be observed by members of Adare) chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at a meeting Thursday, January 3 at 8 p.m., in the Jacksonville Masonic temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shores will preside as worthy patron and matron.

The committee members, who plan an oyster stew supper are Masonic lodge members, Wallace Brill, Earl Brewold, William Childreth and George Wimer.

Food Forecast Indicates Abundant Supply for 1963

By GAYLORD P. GODWIN

Washington — (UPI) — There will be plenty of food for the U.S. population in 1963 at prices about the same as those paid in 1962.

In addition to an abundance of food for domestic use, there will be enough to export near-record quantities, and to have substantial reserves at home, said the Department of Agriculture.

Record production of livestock products in 1962, most of which are domestically consumed, is expected to increase further in 1963.

The abundant food supply makes it possible for the population to be well fed — whether considered on the basis of personal likes and dislikes or from a nutritional standpoint. In short, there will be plenty from which to make a choice, and the nutritional value of food consumed in 1963 probably will average about the same as in 1962.

Large Reserves

For some foods, such as most livestock products, the population consumes most of the current production. But for others, there are large reserves. As for the livestock products for next year, the heavy animal numbers will provide food aplenty. In the other foods, there was a bumper crop in 1962.

The department said that in 1962 the population consumed only 53 per cent of the supply of food fats and oils, 54 per cent of the potatoes, 58 per cent of the canned fruits and vegetables, and only 6 per cent of the total grain supply. This situation is not expected to change in 1963.

The department said food prices at the retail counter, aside from seasonal variations, should change little in 1963 from levels this year.

Consumers continue to spend more in total for food, but they use a smaller proportion of their income for such outlays. According to latest indications, they spend on the average about 19 per cent of income for food compared with 26 per cent in 1947-49. Much of the increase is for higher quality, more emphasis on higher cost items, and more services with food either in processing or distributing it.

The situation by commodities as the department sees it:

May Increase

Meat — in 1963 consumption of red meats is likely to increase another pound per capita, to about 163.5 pounds. Average retail prices may hold close to the 1962 average. Beef supplies may be slightly higher — probably 90 pounds per capita — with average retail prices equal to or alittle above 1962.

Veal supplies may be down slightly with prices unchanged. Consumption of lamb and mutton is expected to drop a half pound from this year's 5 pounds per capita. Pork supplies probably will be above this year's 63 pounds per capita with prices slightly lower than in 1962.

Poultry—significantly greater production and lower prices may continue at least through the first half of 1963, which would bring a record per capita use. The turkey carryover will be down sharply, but another large crop is in prospect, probably second in size to the 1961 record. Prices will act accordingly. Lower egg production is likely to continue trough early 1963, then pick up sharply.

Dairy — milk supplies are above commercial requirements at existing prices. The 1963 milk outputis expected to increase further over 1962 production of about 126.5 billion pounds.

Ample Supply

Vegetables — frozen vegetables are in ample supply, may get smaller in mid-1963. Canned vegetables are in record suply. Fresh vegetables are down seasonally in supply, up in price.

Potatoes — supplies smaller than a year ago by about 7 per cent, but materially larger than the recent 10-year average. Plenty of sweet potatoes on hand.

Fruit — total supplies larger than in the same period of 1961-62.

Mother Visits

Hornbrook — Mrs. Thomas Burcell and six children drove to Brookings, Ore., December 23 and returned with Mr. Burcell for Christmas. This was the first time the children had seen the Pacific ocean or the redwoods.

Mr. Burcell is working in the Brookings area. Joining them on the holiday were Mrs. Burcell's mother, Mrs. Delphine Hartin of Yreka.

Cookes Visit O'Brien Friends

O'Brien— Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cooke, Seattle, Wash., visited recently at the home of their cousin, James Cooke, in O'Brien. They had been guests in Arcata, Calif. with grandchildren and other relatives, and were en route home.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elmer Rexroad, who lived in Medford until eight years ago, was observed at a dinner and reception held Christmas day in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harley P. Nelson, 1650 Grand avenue, Medford. (Knacksted! photo)

Fiftieth Anniversary Observed on Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elmer Rexroad, valley residents until about eight years ago, and now at Glide, Ore., were honored on Christmas day at a dinner and reception in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The event was given by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harley P. Nelson and daughter, Miss Judy Nelson, at their home at 1650 Grand avenue in Medford.

The Rexroads who formerly operated Camp U-Rest near Phoenix now are retired. The couple was married in Roseburg fifty years ago on Christmas day.

For the anniversary party Mrs. Rexroad wore a grey wool dress. Her corsage was an orchid presented to her by her husband.

The Nelson home was decorated in the Christmas theme in white and gold.

Mrs. Floyd O. Nelson, wife of the couple's grandson, Medford, poured for the reception.

Dinner guests included another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Flynn and daughter Sharon, Bakersfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schreffler and son, Scott Nelson Schreffler, San Rafael, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Nelson, and sons, Mark and Wesley; Ralph Powers, Denver, Colo.; and the hosts. Mrs. Schreffler is a foster grandchild. Mr. Powers is a houseguest for the holidays of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Nelson.

Mrs. Paul J. Dix (right) Medford, is pictured here with Miss Glenys Huttley, Melbourne, Australia, who earned the title of Miss Victoria and has been traveling around the world as a reward. Mrs. Dix, a former Maston Lines social director, has a number of Australian friends and is especially interested in that country because of her many visits there. Mrs. Dix and her husband, Dr. Dix, traveled to San Francisco to meet Miss Huttley and attend a number of parties given in her honor. (Rosenthal photo)

White Claimed Preferable for Painted Homes

Chicago —(UPI)— Even people who do not aspire to the presidency have a lot to say for the white house.

For, painted white, a house looks roomy. Its color also allows the widest possible choices of trims.

White also minimizes architectural defects and makes a house more comfortable in summer. Painted white, a low roof keeps a house from looking squatty. On any roof, the color white lowers interior temperatures as much as 20 degrees.

When a house is painted white to look bigger; one can add to the illusion of size by keeping the shutters and trim white too.

White trim can be used to an even better advantage on an older house, to minimize the patch-work look of odd-size or poorly-placed windows.

Paint Shutters

To do this, remove shutters from the offending windows and trim them in white along with the house. Trim the remaining more regular windows and shutters in a contrasting color so that the regular windows fade into the background.

Red, green and blue are the most popular trim colors for a white house, but geranium pink, bright tangerine, peacock blue and turquoise are newer.

Personal preferences are important, of course, but two other factors to consider in choosing trim, as well as basic house colors, are climate and neighbors' homes.

Pastels, particularly blues and greens, look cool and inviting in a subtropical climate, while darker colors—especially deep, warm reds, take better to cool, northern climates.

It is even more important to choose a color scheme that does not clash with the houses next door. Harmonizing colors will do more for the house and the entire neighborhood.

Phoenix NOW Lodge Announces Meeting

Phoenix — A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12 noon by members of the Phoenix Thimble club when they meet Friday, January 4 in the home of Mrs. Jewel Parr, 304 Fifth street, Phoenix.

Those who attend are to take table service and a covered dish for the meal. A business session also will be conducted.

Parents, Sister Visit Shady Cove

Shady Cove — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bubb, Shady Cove, have as guests Mrs. Bubb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Switzer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shull and daughter, Katy, of El Segundo, Calif.

Couple Greets Miss Victoria

Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Dix, 1256 Eureka circle, were among those who greeted the girl of the year for Victoria, Australia, recently in San Francisco.

Mrs. Dix, former social director for the Matson Lines, served aboard the liners which sailed to Australia. Dr. and Mrs. Dix attended several parties in honor of the guests from Australia.

The honored girl, Miss Glenys Huttley, of Melbourne, was one of 84 who participated in the contest sponsored by the Royal Children's hospital of Melbourne. She raised $1,500 for the charity hospital to qualify as a contestant.

Miss Huttley was accompanied by Mrs. E. Greenhalf, public relations officer for the hospital. The San Francisco visit with the final stop in a tour of some 24 countries Miss Huttley won in the contest.

Phoenix Club Slates Luncheon, Meeting

Phoenix—Neighbors of Woodcraft of Phoenix will conduct a business session beginning at 8 p.m., Thursday, January 3, Mrs. Arthur Hunter will preside.

For the social hour following Mrs. Delbert Cook will be hostess.

Holiday Guests At Hamners

Hornbrook — Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Hamner were Mrs. Hamner's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Holland of Corvallis, Ore.

Arriving Thursday at the Hamner home were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeter of Cave Junction, Ore., who were here for a few days.

Hints Are Listed For Cooking Meats

Here are some easy directions for better results when cooking meat in liquid. Brown meat on all sides in own fat or lard. Some larger cuts, such as cured pork, corned beef and fresh or cured boneless, are not browned before adding liquid.

Season with salt and pepper unless meat is cured. Cover with liquid, cover pan, and simmer (cook below boiling point) until tender. Add vegetables just long enough before end of cooking time to be cooked.

RNA To Meet

A business meeting for members of the Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America lodge, will be conducted Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 p.m., in the Pythian building. Members are to take sack lunches.

WORK SMARTER — NOT HARDER

By BERNICE STRAWN
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Wish you could save money? Well, don't we all! The hardest part is getting started.

Mrs. Dorothy Sherrill Miller, Oregon State university extension family finance specialist, says you can do it if you have a scheme. Your Christmas money gifts may be the clue to a good starting point.

Use your gift money to open an account labeled "Money I never expected." Just by coincidence, the first letters of these words spell M-I-N-E! You'll be surprised how fast this savings account will grow in a year, if you make it a point to deposit all the "money I never expected."

It's a lot more fun to save for something special you've been hankering for rather than just for a rainy day. Keeping the end result in mind will give you a nudge in the direction of the bank, just in case you're tempted to go on a spending spree.

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Spray cans are a big convenience and used today for everything from whipped cream and paint to room deodorant and starch.

Many of you say you don't get your money's worth because some liquid is left in the can. The way you hold the can is important. It's something like sipping soda pop through a straw. When a nearly-empty bottle is tipped up, you get that "slurp" noise—all air and no pop!

Take spray starch for instance. If the can is held upside down, the opening of the little tube inside the can isn't in the starch as it should be. It's in the gas needed to create pressure. Then when you press the button, the gas pressure escapes. Starch is trapped in the can with no way to get out.

Spray starch cans should be held at a 45 degree angle. But some other arerosol cans are designed for use in other positions. You can't beat that hackneyed saying, "When all else fails, read instructions." The label tells all.

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Does your carpet seem a different color in some areas? For cut pile carpets this is really nothing to worry about. This "shading," as carpet experts call it, is a normal thing.

The nap of most carpets slopes in one direction instead of standing straight up. When the pile is disturbed it slopes in a different direction and you have shading due to difference in light reflection.

In front of your favorite chair or sofa and places where people walk a lot, you'll find the most shading.

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Smart Homemakers Tell Us:

Keep a small piece of sandpaper in the kitchen to use on the edge of the work counter or table when you screw your food chopper in place. This will prevent slipping.

Party Held by Camp. Auxiliary

Colonel Sargent camp and auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, held their annual Christmas party at the Redman hall recently.

Refreshments were served by the committee followed by a short business meeting with the president, Mrs. Alice Smith, presiding.

Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Don Anderson chairman of the committee to prepare Christmas baskets for the members ill and unable to attend the party. Other members of the committee include Mrs. James Vandersteen, Mrs. Arthur Gillmor and Mrs. Harry Barneburg.

Mrs. Barneburg, Veterans Administration Volunteer services chairman, said that she had been named chairman of the Christmas gift wrapping committee at the V.A. domiciliary.

After the meeting gifts were exchanged.

Guests included Miss Carol Gillmor, Miss Cathy Reich, Arthur Gillmor and Harry Barneburg.

Return Home

Hornbrook — Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Slack returned Wednesday from Anderson, Calif., where they had spent the holiday with a son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slack and children. Joining them for Christmas were another son, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Slack and family from Fortuna, Calif., who came on to Hornbrook to remain through the week end.

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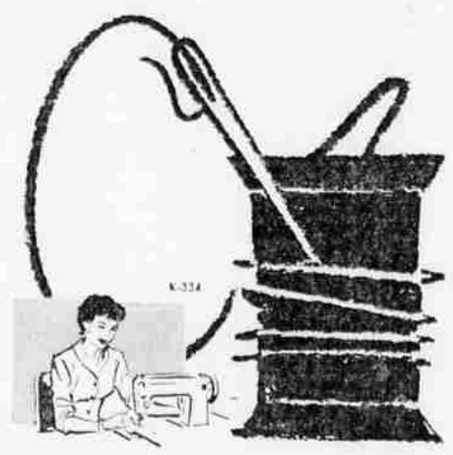

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