

# Social Events ♦ Women's News

## French Truck Drivers Mark Good Eating Spots

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Rheims, France—Even in France, travelers spread the word that a restaurant patronized by truck drivers is a good, inexpensive place to eat. So popular is this idea that two types of restaurants display the red, white and blue sign and blue sign of Les Routiers. Association members serve substantial fixed-price meals to truck drivers at rates lower than those charged the general public.

Highway cafes with adequate parking space for big trailer trucks draw most of their patronage from truck drivers. But in a city like Rheims (population 150,000), a cafe owner may join Les Routiers primarily to attract tourists.

Such is the case with Au Coq Hardi, said its owner, Claude Mitelette, who has been a member since 1928. His cafe near the center of the city features French regional food, both of Champagne and other provinces. Menu Extensive

Included are poulet basquaise, chicken in the style of the Basque region on the Spanish border; cassoulet toulousain, a casserole of beans, pork and goose; and Champagne dishes such as saurkraut in champagne and pigs feet a la menche, the feet split, breaded and grilled.

The other kind of truck-stop cafe has a more limited menu but it not a short-order diner. Steak and fried potatoes are always available, but so is roast pheasant at a typical highway cafe near Berry-au-Bac, Aisne, 10 miles north of Rheims on a main highway.

A fixed-price five-course meal at the Relais Sainte-Marie costs a trucker six new francs, or about \$1.25. The same meal is about 50 cents higher for the general public.

Many Stop  
"Up to 60 truck drivers a day stop here for a meal," said Mme. Jacqueline Stehle who, with her husband, Konrad, owns and operates the cafe. "About 25 or 30 more stop for coffee and a snack."

Mme. Stehle works from 8 a.m. until midnight, usually cooking local specialties for the fixed-price meals and grill-

led foods to order. Roast pheasant often is available because Champagne is good hunting country, she said.

A typical meal offers a choice of assortment—hors d'oeuvres or herring; roast pork, pheasant or grilled blood pudding (a sausage), plus vegetables, salad and cheese. Beverages are extra.

Drink Champagne  
A few truck drivers choose the local drink, champagne or still wine, Mme. Stehle said, but most order mineral water and "beaucoup de cafe"—much coffee. The cafe uses thirty kilos, or about 60 pounds a month.

Patrons who arrive hungry between midnight and 4 a.m. get leftovers, unless they want grilled steak or fried eggs, cooked to order by the night staff.

"And steak is what truckers usually want, day or night, throughout the year," said Mme. Stehle, "plus one fancier item: oysters in season, for which they willingly pay extra."

## Family Returns To Eagle Point; Parties Are Given

Eagle Point—Mr. and Mrs. Venson Hunt and three children returned to Eagle Point Tuesday following a vacation in Castro Valley, Calif. The Hunts were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whaley; the two women are long-time friends, having worked together many years ago in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Force and two children, Grants Pass, were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Force, Alta Vista orchard, Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson, Stevens Road, Eagle Point, were hosts over the holidays to Mr. Anderson's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Anderson and daughters, Glide, Ore. Mrs. Mary Anderson of Medford spent Christmas day with her two sons and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ashpole, now residing at 316 Modoc avenue in Medford, were hosts for a family dinner. Present were Mrs. Donn Ashpole, Eagle Point, mother of the host; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stanley and family, and Jerry Bellows, Eagle Point; and Mrs. Margaret Milburn and son Richard, Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson, Ramsey road, spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamage, Fresno, Calif. They were joined there by Jesse Johnson, father of Mr. Johnson, now living in Buena Park, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Clyde Bunker, Crater Lake highway, gave a holiday family party. Present were Mr. and Mrs. John Bunker, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. James Bunker and son, David, Eagle Point; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Drew, Medford. Both John and James Bunker are sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Drew are aunt and uncle of the Clyde Bunkers.

### Leave

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hawkins, New Castle, Colo., left Wednesday after visiting since Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Scripser, 727 West Fourth street, Medford. They were en route to San Diego, Calif., and Mesa, Ariz.

### Derby Dancers

Derby—All interested square dancers are invited to a regular first-Saturday dance to be given by the Derby Hoedowners Saturday, January 5 at Derby Community hall. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. Potluck refreshments will be served. Edwin Cavin will call the squares.



One of the chores we set for ourselves New Year's day was to clean out our big winter purse. This is a major chore, not to be undertaken lightly. The purse, only slightly smaller than an overnight bag, usually is loaded with billfold, identification and card file, a little zipper gadget containing a score of small articles which we always think we're going to need but hardly ever do, keys, compact, handkerchiefs of assorted types, lipsticks, combs, pill box and other trivia including letters old and new, bills and usually a number of clippings.

One of the clippings we unearthed was an AP story published a couple of months ago which we found highly interesting. The story originated in Wiesbaden, West Germany, and concerns a program of "action and anti-music." If we are to believe one Richard O'Regan of the AP, the "music" included raw eggs thrown into the audience, pebbles which flew all over the room and other weird manifestations.

It seems that West Germany has become the center for experimental music and this concerns performances on bottles, pots, pans; pianos played with elbows and fists (we saw and heard Leonard Pennario, one of this country's leading pianists, use his elbows in a concert here several years ago), musical instruments filled with cutlery to produce new sounds, and "unearthly sounds" produced with electronic contraptions.

When one "musician" took over the stage for a performance in which his wife cut his hair with a pair of scissors, someone explained that "in new music the audible and the visible overlap." The audience was restless, according to the reporter, and some circulated paper airplanes made from their programs.

About this time the performer, one Dick Higgins of New York, smashed some eggs over his denuded head, and threw the rest into the audience; the knowing ones unfurled umbrellas.

We read further that one Nam June Paik of South Korea, next on the program, covered himself with shaving foam, scattered rice and pebbles about and at one point dived into an antique bathtub filled with water. Oh, yes, there was some music. He played a child's nursery rhyme on an old-fashioned horn phonograph. One of his fellow-performers is quoted as commenting that he was "so concentrated, so intense and convincing."

The final "work" of the evening took place when a group of young composers fell upon a grand piano with saws, crowbars and their bare hands, and tore it to pieces, offering hunks of the instrument to those in the audience. This was "anti-music."

A 30-year-old New Yorker, called Macinas, a composer who makes his living as an architect, explained thusly: "Anti-music is, in fact, a protest. Art is artificial just by definition. What is more, it dulls the hearer or viewer to the beauty of reality. If one did away with art, people would be able to appreciate real things to their fullest again. Besides, all the people now engaged in senseless artistic professions could become useful members of society, like mathematicians, window washers—something constructive and real."

We don't know about the "action" music, but we do believe that this New Yorker will find quite a few who will agree that some art, not all, is artificial. In some instances, the viewer or listener would do better to ignore the so-called art and concentrate on the real thing. Those who have never really seen and enjoyed a forest from which the wood of the sculpture comes, or those who never take time to really see and enjoy and absorb the meaning of a sunrise, sunset or the night sky, cannot really know whether the art inspired by these artificial, or genuine.

When it comes to gift wrappings, Otto Kahnert doesn't go for fancy ribbons and tricky bows. Mr. K., is a builder, and good solid wood is what inspires him. As a consequence of his originality and sense of humor, his fiancée, Lorna Thompson, had to open her Christmas present with a saw and hatchet.

When gift-giving time came, Lorna was presented a wooden "box" 17 inches long, more than 3 inches wide, nailed securely together. The wood was nicely smoothed up and the box was covered with holiday greetings and instructions. After sawing one end off—a cut through the middle would have ruined the gift—Lorna could see it safely enclosed in a niche made just the right size, but still couldn't get it out. So she took the hatchet and carefully hacked off one side of the "wrapping."

She found a pretty hand-tooled billfold containing a couple of coins for good luck. Although Lorna is a Tribune employee, we haven't met Mr. Kahnert yet. However, we do know he is a man of ideas.—O.S.

## Five Generations Meet During Holiday Season

Eagle Point—Five generations of one family were represented at a family gathering during the holiday season held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore, Butte Falls route, Box 190, Eagle Point.

Others in the five-generation group were Mr. Rose's daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Moore, and her daughter, Mrs. Tris Norton, Hanford, Calif.

Thirty-three family members attended the gathering including Tris Norton and the couple's three other children; Robert Norton; Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Moore and family, all of Butte Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hilkey, Gold Hill, and Mrs. John Guyette and daughter, Miss Dee Guyette, Medford.

Bryon (Buzz) Dibble and Floyd Workman will be calling the squares. Women are asked to take potluck foods which may be eaten without plates, including cakes or cookies.

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### CALENDAR

Thursday

6:15 p.m.—CBPWC, Rogue Valley Country club.

7:30 p.m.—Mothers of Twins club, North's Chuck Wagon restaurant.

7:30 p.m.—Mistletoe camp, RNA, Pythian bldg.

7:30 p.m.—Winchester extension unit, Mrs. W. Randleman, 1009 South Peach st.

8 p.m.—Phoenix, NOW, Phoenix Community hall.

8 p.m.—Prospect Extension unit, home of Mrs. Dean Boyer.

Friday

10:30 a.m.—Griffin Creek extension unit, Griffin Creek Grange hall.

12 noon—Phoenix Thimble club, Mrs. Jewel Parr, 304 Fifth st., Phoenix.

Mother Is Guest Of Stevensons

Evans Valley—Visitin Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson for the holidays was Mrs. Vera Wall, Van Nuys, Calif. Mrs. Wall is Mr. Stevenson's mother.

Student

Wonder—Leonard Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Sellers spent the holidays with his parents. He has returned to his studies at the College of the Pacific, Monterey, Calif.

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