

# IFYE Visitor To Lancaster

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turkish tea. He describes the tea as being very strong, and it is drunk steaming hot. "We don't have iced tea - I don't like iced tea," he says emphatically. He said the coffee is drunk very strong also.

Lunch is the biggest meal of the day and begins with soup, then is followed by meat of some kind - chicken or fish possibly, and a salad. Sadettin says his favorite salad is tossed salad with olive oil and lemon. Mrs. Alecxih says he makes tossed salad in the Turkish way which is simply cutting the ingredients very fine. Fruit is the usual dessert.

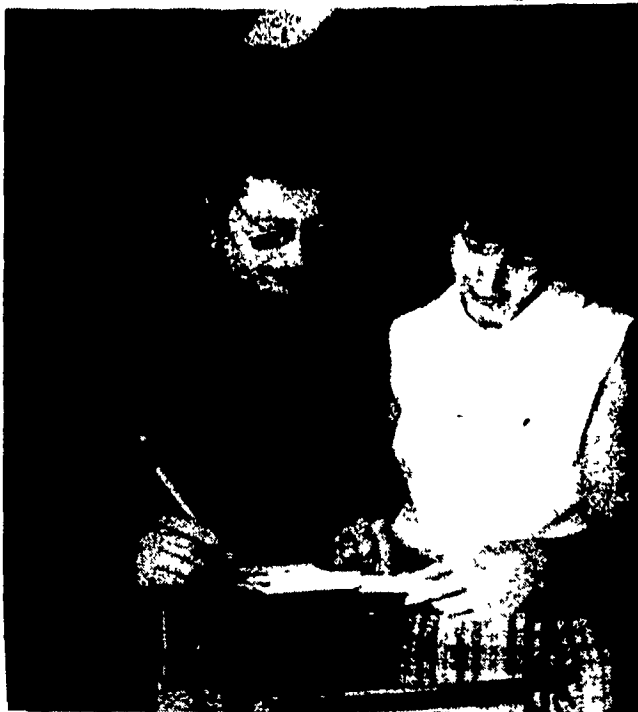
The evening meal usually consists of soup, vegetables and rice, and fruit for dessert. Sadettin said they drink their hot, strong tea all day long.

Olive oil is used in great quantities in cooking, he said. When Sadettin completes his United States visit he will have lived with 6 host families in two states. He lived first with two families in Iowa, one of whom farmed 350 acres of corn and soybeans along with raising chickens, hogs and beef cattle. The other Iowa farm was about 400 acres and also had field grains.

In Pennsylvania he lived with two families in Montgomery County, one a 300 acre farm which raised wheat, barley, soybeans and corn; the other a 225 acre dairy farm which had 150 Holsteins and a jugging operation. In Schuylkill County Sadettin lived on another dairy farm where there were 200 head of Holsteins and Jerseys.

On the latter farm he helped milk from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., and in Iowa he helped plant 200 acres of corn. He has an international drivers license, so at Herr's he can help drive the trucks when necessary. He also helps wait on customers in the store and helps unload trucks and weigh in fruit - whatever needs to be done.

An advantage of the IFYE program, according to Sadettin, is that "we learn different systems and learn to



Sadettin and Mrs. Alecxih work together at the cash register in the market.

know the American family. Life here is very different from life in Turkey. I think it will help me in my work. The American people do very good work and have very good discipline with their children - farm families, that is."

To help tell about his experiences, Sadettin has kept a detailed photo album of his experiences, and also has slides which he will use when he returns. During his visit here he has worked very hard to keep people back home informed by writing articles for Turkish newspapers and for agricultural magazines. He said he tries to tell what he does daily and what the families he lives with are doing. He added that the Turkish people are very interested in what goes on in this country.

Each host family is learning from Sadettin as well. During the interview he played some records of Turkish music, and Mrs. Alecxih says he has danced some Turkish dances for them. He said he really enjoys dancing in his leisure time and folk dancing is very popular. He learned to square dance in this country.

Sadettin was a former 4-H member in Turkey and is now involved with 4-H through his work. In Turkey it is known as 4-K, and is organized through the schools. The words are: Kafa, head; Kol, hands; Kalp, heart; and Kuuvet, health. He said projects are basically the same although there are not nearly so many animal projects in Turkey.

There are seven children in the Alecxih family, so there is plenty of activity around that household even though they are presently in school. The family is no stranger to international guests. According to Mrs. Alecxih they have visitors "three or four times a year." Last year at Easter they hosted 20 visitors, mostly from black nations. She said they often host guests who want to be placed in "a Christian home," and asserts that it is always an interesting experience.

Sadettin says with sincerity, "I really like Lancaster County. I have a nice host family."

Next week Sadettin completes his visit here and will return to his Iowan host family before returning to his native Turkey. He feels the experiences have been valuable and he has learned a lot.

Because he was anxious to learn as well as dispense information about his homeland those who have met him have also been enriched. And the link to better international understanding has been closed a little tighter.

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