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Nerves of steel

believe it if you saw it.

The homes range from \$8,000 to \$100,000. Each family has two or three cars and diamonds sparkle on every ladies earlobe. Rents, if you're lucky to find an empty apartment, are between \$200 and \$1200 a month. And listen to this, only ten per cent of the people work.

As far as I could figure out, these figures only apply to the isle of Ischia, which is a resort, busy from April till November. The only explanation is that everyone lives off the tourist trade and what they grow.

For instance, the restaurant we ate in everyday was located in a cave by the beach. The fish we ordered was freshly caught in the bay, the salad and vegetables grown in their gardens, the olive oil from the olives they grew, the wine from their grapes, the bread from their ovens, the enormous fruits and so on, all home grown.

One of the most surprising things I found was that Italian women aren't chunky at all. Built beautifully, if you know what I mean. We were in Italy almost 12 days and the only fat person I saw was me, everytime I looked in a mirror, and two women we met in Rome, both American.

After putting off leaving the gorgeous island, we departed early one morning to cross the choppy waters of the Mediterranean. The night before was the only time it rained during our vacation and this made the seas quite rough.

But being my father's daughter, I handled it well, Vin and the children were even better than me, they

managed breakfast on board.

The seas were so rough that you had to time everything you put in your mouth.

On Vin's first try, he put an Italian pastry in his eye instead of his mouth.

Ten minutes before docking in Naples, Louis was all but hanging off the ferry. The United States Navy's Sixth Fleet is stationed in Naples and wouldn't you know it, some of our ships were anchored in the bay.

We sailed around an aircraft carrier, a submarine, a destroyer, several P.T. boats and other ships. If nothing else, that made Louis' trip.

Out of Naples, we headed for the final stop of our tour, Rome. After settling in our hotel, we returned our rented car to Avis and enjoyed an afternoon by the poolside. That evening we rode a bus through the city, enjoying the illuminated fountains and buildings.

The next morning a chauffeur driven Mercedes took us on a full day tour of Rome, stopping whenever and wherever we wanted, Trevi Fountain, Coliseum, St. Peters in Chains and so much more.

When we reached Basilica Square, we were walking toward St. Peters when I asked the children, "Isn't this exciting?" At that very moment, George looks up and sees an airplane and says, "Louis, I'll bet you ten cents that's a 747." Did my balloon burst!

But all in all, I was thrilled to tour the Basilica, showing the children the Sistine Chapel, the gorgeous paintings on the ceilings, all the beau-

tiful statues and then having the children tell me the life stories of some of the Saints.

The food in Rome was the best we have ever eaten. Of course it was just luck that we even found these good restaurants. But everything is luck. You try your best to plan a good vacation and then if you sail with it, you got it made. There were times that things didn't go as planned, but we learned to accept it.

At the Fumicina Airport, for our flight home, we realized the precautions the Italian government goes through to secure our safety.

The airport was completely guarded with army personnel, all carrying sub-machine guns. Each plane was surrounded with guards and no one was allowed through a door with showing all credentials several times.

Needless to say, the children were fascinated by it all, while the mother and father were wearing pasted smiles.

The nine-hour flight was pleasant, considering it was full of American Greek children returning home after a summer in Greece. Within an hour all children aboard were gathered together playing cards, chess or checkers. Leaving all parents time to catch-up on long needed sleep.

The moment of truth arrives when our T.W.A. flight number 845 touches down at Kennedy and everyone went wild with applause and yours truly sang "God Bless America".

There is no place in this big wide beautiful world like the United States. The freedom and security we

have and took for granted is something we now appreciate.

This was mine and Vin's second trip aboard together. The first was enjoyable, but not as exciting and interesting as this past experience. I guess it was because we shared this trip with our children.

Seeing it through their eyes and hearing their interpretations, was something Vin and I will never forget and I hope by sharing these articles with you, I brought you some enjoyment.

I simply can't close this article without telling you of our exit from Kennedy Airport.

Every custom house we crossed, passed through, whatever you want to call it, the children were expecting a complete search of our luggage, car and person. Only in Ireland, France and the United States, did they even look at our passport, let alone the baggage. So when we arrived at U.S. Customs, we hoped (all but George) that we would sail through. After buying up a storm, all I needed was Vin to have to pay duty tax.

When the custom guard checked our claim sheet, he said we bought an excess of liquors and wines. For this we had to pay tax. We paid and were sent on our way, George turns around and says, "Not even you are going to check our luggage?" The man smiled and said, "Welcome home."

As soon as we passed through the customs doors, our family was on hand to welcome us. With all that commotion, all New York knew we were home.

Now comes the fun - my brother walked Vin to where he parked our car and since we were stopping over Vin's parents home, my brother and relatives took off.

We settled in our car and took off. After trying to find the right exit, Vin screamed, shouted, cursed, "I drove all over Europe, never got lost, not even once and here I am at Kennedy Airport and I can't find my way out."

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Back Country Briefs

Members of the Ella Moore Class of East Dallas UM Church School will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the church social rooms to complete plans for a benefit rummage sale to be held October 14-15 at the church. Donations for the rummage sale may be brought to the church for sorting. Mrs. Edna Husband is class president.

Mrs. Edna McCullough; daughter, Mrs. Betty Cohen, and son, Roy McCullough of Milford, Del. spent the week end with Mrs. McCullough's nephew and niece-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, Roushey Ave.

Members of the three United Methodist Churches comprising the Carverton UM Charge are making plans to participate in the coming blood drive to be held Friday Oct. 22, from 12:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trucksville UM Church.

Mrs. Marjorie Mead is in charge of plans at the Orange UM Church; Mrs. Lavina Parrish is heading the committee at the Carverton UM Church, and Mrs. Margaret Harris is chairing the blood drive work at the Mt. Zion UM Church.

Friends of Wesley Lewis, Mt. Zion Rd., will be pleased to learn he is showing improvement at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he is a medical patient.

Charles Volack, Orange; his daughter, Mrs. Christine Misson, and grandson, Billy Misson, Jr. of Centermoreland, spent the week end in Doylestown where they visited Charlie's son, Gerard Volack, a freshman at Delaware Valley College of Agriculture. Gerry, a 1976 graduate of Dallas Area High School, is enrolled in the Agronomy course at Delaware Valley College.

Commission on Education, Sunday School Teachers and officers of Centermoreland United Methodist Church will meet Monday morning at 10 at the home of Mrs. Millard Beatty, Centermoreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Franek; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Charney, and grandchildren Ann Marie, Jim, Jr. and Cynthia Charney of Franklin, N.J. spent the week end with

Mrs. Franek's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grauzlis, Carverton Road.

The flowers that adorned the altar at Carverton United Methodist Church for Sunday morning's worship service were in memory of Mrs. Catherine Youells and were placed there by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Sickler.

Finance committee of the Carverton UM Charge will meet Tuesday night, Oct. 12, at 7:30 at the Orange UM Church social rooms.

Plans for a course in Christian Community will begin Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. for a six-week period. Persons interested in the course are asked to call the Carverton UM Charge office at 696-3715 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The welcome mat is out for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Homoyack and son, Ralph, Jr., who have moved into the former Frantz home on Demunds Road. They formerly resided in Nanticoke.

Today is the deadline for calling in orders for the benefit hoagie sale to be held Saturday by the Franklin Township Volunteer Firemen at the fire house in Orange. Orders can be called into any member of the fire company or its auxiliary. Orders can be picked up Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Committee in charge is composed of Harold Hoover, Richard Love, Jack Roberts and Michael Warman, who is chairman.

Prayer group will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Carverton UM Church followed by a healing prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Mary Ann Bump, a member of the editorial staff of the Troy, N.Y., Times - Record, has returned after several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bump, Culver Hill.

Nominating committee of Carverton UM Church will meet Sunday evening at 7 at the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robbins, Carverton Heights, have returned after 11 days in Virginia. They toured the Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. and also spent several days at Virginia Beach, Va.

Nice to hear that Donald Hislop of Orange is coming along at home after a stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He is the father of Richard "Dick" Hislop, a member of the Dallas Area School Board.

Mountain Grange 567 of Carverton will host the meeting of Pomona Grange Saturday evening at 8 at the Carverton Grange Hall, Orange and Bodle Roads. Members of the Jackson Grange will be guests of the local group of

which Stanley Krzanowski is grange master.

The Lay Witness Mission held last week end at Centermoreland UM Church was most successful. The Lay Witness team of more than a score of persons, mostly from the Williamsport area and headed by Atty. Scott A. Williams, co-ordinator, brought many inspiring messages during the three days of services.

A sure measure that the Mission was an overwhelming success was evidenced at the Sunday night evaluation meeting, which followed and which was attended by a near capacity crowd of Centermoreland UM Church members. The Rev. Carlos Munoz is pastor at the Centermoreland UM Church.

Mrs. Althea Dymond, Orange, and Mrs. Alveta Sayre of Beaumont, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Johnson City, who observed her 88th birthday anniversary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutchings of Brooklyn, N.Y. returned Monday after four days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robbins, Carverton Heights.

Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mt. Zion, underwent surgery Friday morning in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, and her condition is much improved.

Circle Oct. 27 on your calendar. That's the date for the harvest home sale to be held by Kings Crusader Class of Mt. Zion UM Church in the church social rooms.

Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning's worship service at Dymond Hollow UM Church were in memory of Robert Ide and placed there by members of his family.

First aid classes being sponsored by the Franklin-Northmoreland Townships Ambulance Association are being held Monday evenings in the Orange Community Hall, Nelson J. Dymond, president, has announced. They formerly were held on Thursday nights.

Members of Mountain Grange 567 of Carverton are completing plans for their annual harvest home auction, which will be held Saturday Oct. 16, at the Grange Hall, Orange and Bodle Roads, Carverton, beginning at 7 p.m.

Grange members also will sponsor their annual pork and sauerkraut dinner, which will be served Saturday evening, Nov. 20, from 5 o'clock on. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Grange. Stanley Krzanowski is Grange master; Mrs. Edgar Sutton is secretary, and Herman Coon is treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Piatt, Carverton Road, have returned after attending a Shriners' Convention in Virginia Beach, Va. Piatt is chairman of the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors.

Rural Branch of Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary has begun plans to assist in the annual Holiday Fair to be held by Nesbitt Hospital's Auxiliaries on Nov. 17-18 when the theme of the bazaar will be "Joys of Christmas." Mrs. Nelson Dymond of Orange and Mrs. Arthur Coolbaugh, who is president of the Rural Branch, which is composed of auxiliary members in the Franklin-Northmoreland Townships

area, are heading the branch auxiliary's committee on arrangements.

Only ambulance activity for the week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2 was standby duty at the first aid station at the Carverton Dirt Cycle on Sunday, Sept. 26, when the Wyoming Valley Dirt Riders Association held one of its races. Ambulance association personnel on duty for the race included Mrs. Tania Stankus, Clinton Kytte, Clarence Schoonover, Malcolm Baird and Arthur Coolbaugh.

Members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton, and Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland, heard a report on the annual picnic of both parishes, held last month at Fanti's Grove, Orange, at its meeting Tuesday night at Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland. Joseph Buzunis is president of the CCD.

An "in memoriam" mass will be offered Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland, for the late Joseph Gates. Schedule of in memoriam masses for this week end at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton, as announced by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Croghan, follows: Thursday at 8 a.m. for Mrs. Victoria Rezykowski; Friday at 8 a.m. for Charles Gostynski; Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for Rose Schmutz; Sunday at 9 a.m. for Andrew Lucas, and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. for Charles Gostynski.

Weekly prayer meeting of Centermoreland UM Church will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church. Choir rehearsal will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. Mrs. Jack Roberts is choir director.

Mrs. Lillian Henderson of Wyoming, formerly of Orange, was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, Demunds Road, Orange.

Annual roast beef dinner of Dymond Hollow UM Church will be held Saturday evening, Nov. 6, at the church.

Cub leaders in council

Scouting leaders from the Susquehanna, Mountain Pathfinder and Annapolis Districts of the Penn Mountains Council Boy Scouts of America of Wyoming Valley will conduct a leadership training session on Oct. 16 at the Wilkes-Barre Vocational Tech School. The Pow-Wow, "Cubbing on Parade," will consist of two two-hour training sessions and a Blue and Gold Dinner for Cub and Webelo leaders. Children may not attend.

Registration will be from noon until 1 p.m. followed by the opening ceremony.

The cost is \$4 per person which includes registration and dinner fees and a Pow-Wow booklet. Registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 7 and none will be accepted after this date. Registrations must be made at Boy Scout Council office in Plymouth. Those planning on taking crafts are reminded to bring glue and scissors. All packs are asked to bring craft for the Mid-Way.

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