Faculty Wife's Role Leads Her to Saigon

Family adjusts to life with servants but minus ice cubes, window glass

By Jane Mary Failey

In the heart of Saigon, Mrs. Ralph Smuckler, who is a midwife in the St. Joseph's Hospital, has been living among the Vietnamese for months. She and her husband, Ralph Smuckler, have been teaching English to the Vietnamese women in their neighborhood. Mrs. Smuckler has learned to take the time to please their husbands and to find a way to make her home comfortable for them.

Before long, Gary, their two-year-old son, will be coming to live with them. Mrs. Smuckler is looking forward to having someone to play with, and she hopes that Gary will be able to make friends with the children in their neighborhood.

Mrs. Smuckler found it easy to slip into the ways of another country. She observed the ways of another culture and learned to live like a Vietnamese woman. She has learned to dress in the traditional manner and to prepare food in the traditional way.

Mrs. Smuckler is not the only one who has found it easy to live like a Vietnamese woman. Her neighbors, too, have found it easy to adapt to the way of life in Saigon. They have learned to use the equipment they need to live comfortably, and they have learned to speak the language of the country.

Mrs. Smuckler is grateful for the opportunity to live like a Vietnamese woman. She feels that she has learned a lot from her neighbors, and she is looking forward to the day when she can share her experiences with others.

The Vietnamese women who live in Saigon are very different from the women who live in the United States. They are not used to living in a modern city, and they do not have the same opportunities as women in the United States. But Mrs. Smuckler is determined to make the best of her situation, and she is looking forward to the day when she can return to the United States and share her experiences with others.
According to the Milwaukee former Milwaukeeans and their families had screens. And gone together. Newsreels scrubbed the bedroom floors of their families, Mrs. Harry Shoes could turn moldy health problems worried them kind of help because you have taught English to her French the vivacious Mrs. Smuckler, an 'amah named Nam who sing, Mich., and set off on their ing suits rotted readily. let their new home in the west. But in the country itself how home each evening. suitcases got ripped in Gary admitted. windows rolled up and doors under mosquito nets bombing still volleying in the streets.

"We decided we would all took. care of the children and had no broiler, no drapery, house, furniture, no draperies without zippers, which hardly sim. sim. siestas to escape the hot.

"Actually it would be much easier if they were married," she fumed on to point out. It had no broil, no drapery, few refrigeration facilities. Instead of glass windows were simply covered with grills. Only a few of the American families had screens.

The floors had to be vacuumed twice a day because of the heat and mold. Shoes could turn scary," Mrs. Smuckler said. "I don't know how we managed to stay in the house during the heat and mold.

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According to the Milwaukeeans women the president was born in February. Millions of dollars in welfare stamps and college scholarships went to Vietnamese women who had no education. They had no degrees in Vietnam.

"The President's secretary, Mrs. Harry Shoes admitted. "I don't know how you can live without an education."

Mrs. Smuckler learned to deal with servants.
Dryers which operate with low temperature (140 degrees) heat or air, with or without tumbling can do even more. Clothes and even galoshes and rubber overshoe can be placed on racks provided with these dryers. Clothes will dry wrinkle free and with no wear when using a dryer which operates at low temperature heat without tumbling.

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and for the rest of her stay, the former Milwaukeean served as the grow "a" program chairman.

"It was hard to figure out programs without too much speaking because we had members who were Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, French, British, Indian, and American." Each month the group concentrated on a different member country, featuring customs, food and dances. There were about 220 members when she left, Mrs. Smuckler estimated.

In a six week trip en route through the middle and near east and Europe, the Smucklers gathered even more treasures and their eyes popped with such wonders as the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel tower and London's Big Ben.

"Nothing," admitted Mrs. Smuckler, "looked as good as a huge tossed salad with sour cream dressing, a glass of fresh milk, ice cubes in drinks once more, television, ice cream, and for the children, someone to talk to who can understand them."

Back at Michigan State, the wives of the Saigon team have resolved to form a "white suit" club.

"We kind of agreed among us that when we get back to the campus we'll help one another when we have parties. It's such fun to be a hostess when you don't have to cook or do the dishes," she smiled.

S-339
by Josef Walker

JoSET WALKER, who does quite a bit of globe trotting, finds the sheath dress with an abbreviated jacket the perfect traveling companion. This design which incorporates smartness and practicability is a good morning and night. She has designed the jacket in stripes arranged to get the most fun out of them, horizontal in back, vertical in front, diagonal under the armhole.

The stripes are also used for the high bosom band that passes through a flat loop, an extension of the darted midriff pleat.

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