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## MISSOURI WRITER TELLS OF VISIT AMONG GOOD FARMERS IN ENGLAND

By H. R. Long, Columbia, Mo. Manager Missouri Press Association.

The farmers I met are production managers who do no work with their hands heavier than signing checks and filling out the complicated forms required by the Ministry of Agriculture.

These farmers were operating from 600 to 1200 acres each and employing 25 to 40 workmen. Because of wartime demands for food production and because the rich soil of this area invites heavy cropping, intensive cultivation was the rule. Tremendous yields of potatoes, carrots, sugar beets, peas and wheat are being taken from the soil as if it were inexhaustible. Farmers in the vicinity of King's Lynn spoke of the area containing rich alluvial deposits as "the land of Goshen." Here I saw a field of wheat which I was told would yield 80 bushels to the acre and tomato fields harvesting 30 tons to the acre. In this part of England, agriculture can always be expected to pay its own way.

Yet, even in "the land of Goshen" farmers view the postwar years with apprehension. Prices are guaranteed until 1948, according to course, by the strategic jacket of wartime controls. Through 1948 English agriculture will continue to enjoy its first real prosperity in sixty years. Three more growing seasons until 1948 and then what? That was the sixty-four dollar question of my travels in the British farming country.

If the men interviewed by me are typical, I think I am safe in saying that the British farmer knows very well his job of handling the land and producing big yields with a minimum of soil depletion. He knows how to manage his acres and his livestock and his men, but he has a great deal to learn about marketing his products.

With the exception of fluid milk there has been no effort to develop co-operative marketing facilities. Through the co-operatives the farmers of Denmark won the British contract to Danish butter and Danish bacon and held that market until the German occupation.

The farmers themselves know they cannot grow wheat at world prices and gain a profit. They know that it will be impossible for them to maintain their all-out schedule of production indefinitely without destroying the fertility of their soil. They do not want to put their land back into permanent pasture and return to the old unprofitable system of beef production.

Favored, then, is a compromise between heavy crop production and permanent grass farming with government price guarantees on the cash crops. A few Englishmen, consisting of those who are more pessimistic, or perhaps realistic, feel that Britain will be unable to continue as the workshop of the Empire. England, they feel must become as self-sufficient as possible.

The British, they say, must raise their own food and agriculture must be protected. Men who adhere to this line of thought insist that the only attractive field of investment in agriculture is that the farmer is the only British entrepreneur who can face the future with any degree of confidence.

## There Was an Old Horsefly...

With heretics too plentiful many farmers are finding them a real problem. The scourge will likely continue through the month. The scientists say the great numbers of these insects is due to the wet spring. They say also that nothing much can be done except to leave cattle and horses in dark barns.



## Under The Stars and Stripes

### Pfc. Herman Engemann Says The War May Take Longer Than Most People Think.

From the Pacific area comes a letter from Pfc. Herman Engemann dated July 21, 1945. He writes as follows:

Dear Friends: It is about time for me to write a few lines. I am receiving the Record very regularly and certainly enjoy reading it. The latest copy was dated June 1. It takes some time to reach here but it is still good news.

I saw where some of the men in Europe are getting back to the states now. Sure hope they won't have to come over here but some of these men here have been overseas longer than some of those in Europe.

The news of late sounds encouraging. Nevertheless I'm afraid I am getting back to the states in May. Although he is stationed quite some distance from here, he has managed to visit me several times. You can imagine how much we enjoy being together. Before this time next year I hope we can all go back home.

News is very little here and I go to work tonight so I must close for now. As ever, Herman.

Lt. Marie Borgmann, army nurse stationed in Paris, France, has received another promotion and is now a First Lieutenant.

Raymond Houching, 24, received an extension of forty days on his present 30-day furlough.

### WILL REPORT ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Eighteen Men Listed from Warren County For Preinduction Physical Examination.

The following group of men have been ordered to report to Jefferson Barracks on Wednesday, August 15, for preinduction physical examination: Wilbert Lohman, Wright City; Ezra Barton, Wright City; Charles McCoy, Warrenton; Robert Gratz, Peers; Ralph Ballmann, Marthasville; Herbert Mills, Forestel; Roy Myers, Warrenton; Gerald Bangert, Warrenton; Leonard Haerle, Treloar; Johnie Garrett, Warrenton; Elmer Beckhart, Wright City; Hurley Winter, Hawk Point; James Hasselroth, Warrenton; Francis Litross, Jansburg; Garnet Behrmeier, Wright City; Roland Fine, Marthasville.

The following men registered during the month of July and were added to the Sixth Registration: Lohman, Wright City; Ezra Barton, Wright City; Chas. McCoy, Warrenton; Robert Gratz, Peers; Ralph Ballmann, Marthasville; Paul Mader, Treloar.

The work week for Selective offices now consists of five eight-day days, Monday thru Friday, and four hours on Saturday.

### At Great Lakes

An official newspaper release from the Naval Headquarters at Great Lakes, Illinois, says that Burton J. Nissing, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex W. Nissing of Marthasville, is receiving his first training at the Naval Training Center. All those sent to this first training station are given training in seamanship, military drill and general Naval procedure. During this period, a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School, to a shore station, or to immediate duty at sea. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

### Negro Soldier on Furlough

Cpl. Ernest Strother, Negro son of Eli Strother, who was born and reared at Marthasville, is at his parents' home at Wright City after 18 months in Germany and France. He suffered an injury while serving on an ammunition truck which was machine-gunned by a German plane.

### On 15-day Furlough

Pfc. Emmet W. Bierbaum returned home Monday afternoon from Oakland, California where he has been working in the Army postal service. When Emmet got close to town Monday he asked about the supply of squirrels so we have a good notion of how he will spend some of his time.

### Sgt. Otto Rettke Stained Near Berlin

Sgt. Otto J. Rettke writes his mother that he is now stationed at a large air drome near Berlin and he does not know how long (continued on page 2)

### Work Will Be Resumed On Missouri River Channel

Work on the Missouri River channel is being resumed again. This work had been discontinued in 1942 on account of the war but it will now be resumed and will cost approximately \$4,600,000.

### River work waiting since July 1, much of it still to be let on contract in October.

Washington, Mo. unit office: maintenance \$417,000; new work, \$939,500.

### Shoe Workers Out On Two-day Strike Last Week

A strike lasting two days took place in Washington last week after an employee had been suspended for five days as a disciplinary measure. The action of the employees in striking was later termed as unauthorized.

### Petition to Court

A petition was presented to the Warren County Court Monday afternoon by A. D. Rekate, Dr. G. A. Gruebel and E. C. Rehr asking for cooperation in placing the county road north and east of the Tugue Creek bridge east of town above flood level. Subscriptions of money were listed, the total being more than \$225. The court will consider the matter and will decide later just how much aid they can give.

### Schrt Reunion Held August 5 At Augusta

The annual Schrt Reunion was held August 5 at the Augusta Legion Hall. The following were present:

Miss Selma D. Schrt, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glick and daughter Alvine, Hermann; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bergsaker, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bergsaker, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weibink and daughters Elsie and Elsa, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Mallinckrodt and son Erwin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mallinckrodt and children Anita Mae and Herbert Jr., Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bergsaker and daughter Amanda, Marthasville; Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Mallinckrodt of Fredricktown;

Mrs. Hilda Mallinckrodt and sons Oscar, William, Teddy, Leslie and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. Woldem Hemsath and daughter Ruth Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neuler and daughter Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nadler, Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Mallinckrodt and children Hazel, Audrey Mae, Stanley and Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mallinckrodt and daughter Mary Louise; Corneille Kerkend, Regina Mallinckrodt, Mrs. Melaine Schenmer, Dorris and Omar Mallinckrodt, Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mallinckrodt and son Roland of Schelersburg;

Mrs. Gottfried Hinsh, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Naider and children Carl Marie and David, Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Berg and daughter Sue Ellen, Marthasville; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Solman and daughter Marjorie Krus, Herbert and Lucinda Solman, Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Beger and children Ann Vera Kramer, Raymond Gaert, Mrs. and Mrs. Louis Hoerdt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gaertner and son Don, St. Louis;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bierbaum and sons Raymond and Harley, Miss Johanna Seht, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seht and sons Edvard, Clarence and John, St. August; Lena Rachel Cross, St. Louis.

Representing this group are the following boys in military service: Russel and Harold Weibink, Robt and Herbert Mallinckrodt, Arthur Mallinckrodt Jr., Alvin, Bill Vance, Roland Sanders, Harold Beger, Chas. Kraemer, Norman Soliman, Lawrence Hendricks, John Curry, Walter Sanderson.

### Mrs. Johanna Mueller

Died July 21 At Holstein

A lifelong resident of Holstein community departed at the death of Mrs. M. Johanna Mueller, nee Oberhellmann, who was born near Holstein July 21, 1866. Here she grew up and received her education in the local school and her religious instruction in the Evangelical church. She was confirmed in April 1881.

On September 18, 1890 she was united in marriage with Michael Mueller. To this union four children were born, all of whom survive their mother. After their marriage they moved to the home where she resided until her death.

Her husband died on May 7, 1932. Mrs. Mueller was of a very friendly disposition that carried her through her long siege of illness and made her many friends. She would always meet her friends with a smile. She was actively interested in her church and for many years was a member of the Ladies Aid.

For the last four years she had been in failing health. She was 79 years and 11 days at the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her departure her four children: Florence, Mrs. Florence Buescher of Hopewell, Gustave, Albert and Anna of Holstein, two grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; two brothers—Martin Oberhellmann of Warrenton, and Dan Oberhellmann of Holstein; one

### Schweigsuth-Marje Wedding Sunday At Washington

Wm. F. Schweigsuth and Miss Lillie Monje were married Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the St. Peters E. & R. church by the Rev. Raymond Frankendorf who performed the double-ring ceremony.

Augusta Monje, a sister of the bride, and Alfred Schweigsuth, a brother of the groom, were the attendants. A large number of relatives and friends were present and wished the newlyweds a happy and pleasant journey thru married life. The groom is the son of Mrs. Eliza Schweigsuth of Lake Creek and the bride is the daughter of John Monje of Cambellton.

A wedding supper was served for the bridal party and immediate families at the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bangs of Washington.

After a honeymoon trip in northwest Missouri, the newlyweds will be at home in Dutrow where the groom is in partnership in business with his brother.

### POWER COMPANIES ASK FOR MERGER

East Missouri Power Company and Missouri Edison Company Will Merge—Serve 61 Cities and Towns.

The East Missouri Power Company and the Missouri Edison Company, both of Louisiana, Mo., and both owned by L. F. Rodgers of Dallas, Texas, asked the Missouri Public Service Commission last week for authority to merge the operation in Lincoln, Pike, Montgomery, Warren and St. Charles counties.

Under the proposed merger Edison would retire \$550,000 of bonded indebtedness and East Missouri would redeem \$218,000 in bonds and Edison would take over joint operations by issuing \$1,250,000 of new three and half per cent 30-year first mortgage bonds.

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The burial services were held Saturday afternoon under the direction of Fred W. Lichtenberg at the home and Immanuel Church, the pastor, J. N. Schuch, officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

### AMERICANA OF THE COPAL

### Men Who Moved America Were Mighty in Missouri During Immigrations Of Early Frontiers

(Compiled by the State Historical Society of Missouri at Columbia Floyd C. Shoemaker, Sec.)

By the middle of the last century, wagons were plying between Santa Fe and Missouri and crisscrossing over trails leading into California and Oregon, and carrying a constant stream of Americans into the west. There were always more waiting in the various starting points to try their luck in the new lands.

Typical of the outfitting towns was Independence where the bull-whackers and the muleteers drank milky "unsdistilled whiskey" mixed with molasses in a foursome combination known as skull varnish, and merchants and farmers worked to supply the wagon trains moving out across the prairies.

John McCurdy, John Eaton and Hiram Young built wagon lines for many hours while selecting the timbers which had to be thoroughly seasoned before use. The men drank beneath the scorching prairie sun and off would roll a wheel. Each wagon cost about \$150 and weighed about 2,100 pounds. A loose wheel could hold up the line of wagons for many hours while the lifting jacks were taken out, the wagon raised, and the wheel repaired.

The yokes and bows for the team were made of walnut and hickory respectively, for the supply hickory could be bent to the back of the beast.

John and two firms engaged in manufacture of harness and saddles. The negro men of the surrounding countryside in that time learned of the profit they could make in making the long rawhide whips used by the drivers, and after buying up the best hides, then spent long winter nights splicing out flat-topped whips into ten-foot lengths which were sold to the Mexican "carrajes" or American bull-whackers at 50 to 75 cents each.

Farmers in the area raised fatted and slaughtered the own beef. Often they killed as many as 50 or 100 big hogs in the fall and sold their surplus to the Santa Fe traders in the spring. Most, west, getting fitters for trips, west, getting their merchandise out of St. Louis or buying it from other merchants in town to provide complete equipment from soda to enamel cloth.

The standard list of supplies for such man of moderate circumstances was, however, usually fifty pounds of flour, as many of bacon, ten of coffee, twenty of sugar, and a little (Continued on last page)