

# Germany Family Learn to be American

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The climate in northern (west) Germany around Bremen is colder than here. The temperature averages about 62 degrees in summer but is no colder in winter. The rains are more gradual than here so they do not have the problem of losing their soil in flash floods like we do. Mrs. Linde thinks soil conservation practices and extension are a big help here.

Germany has modern conveniences and farm machinery the same as we do. Their farms are smaller and the farm families live in villages and go out from their homes to their farms surrounding the villages. There is a shortage of beef and dairy cattle there. Germany produces only 60 percent of what they eat so they must import the rest.

Lindes have lived on their 143 acre farm just below Union on route 472 for 16 years. They named this farm "Lindenhof Farm." They had different hired men from Germany for the first 12 years they were on this farm. They do not have a hired man now. The children help and Mrs. Linde does when necessary.

They have made extensive improvements to the farm in the way of contour stripping, building farm buildings and remodeling the house. Mr. Linde was not a carpenter when he started farming but through observation of the construction of buildings and some help from carpenters and the Extension

service he started constructing quite simple buildings on the farm. First he and his hired man built a chicken house, then a pole barn for the heifers, then a calf barn, etc. He tore down an old worn-out silo and made a trench silo. He tore out wooden cow stalls and put in metal stantions and a concrete floor in the cow stable. He also wired and put in water lines in the stable. He had carpenters build a milk house. He put up three metal corn cribs, built a wagon shed, a shop and a three-car garage with storage space above. The men learned by doing. It goes to show what can be done with a little determination. This is one of the things farmers must do to make a success of farming.

Mrs. Linde used her home economics knowledge to redesign the interior of the house. Their house being over 100 years old, it lacked ample closet and cupboard space. It now has probably more closet space than any house of its size anywhere. She planned the kitchen so that everything is stored nearest to where it is normally used. Lighting and ventilation are unusually well planned. Mr. Linde and his hired man did all the carpentry work and Mrs. Linde and the children even lent a hand by laying ceramic tile on the kitchen walls. These are not only easy to keep clean but lend a pleasing appearance to the kitchen.

Lindes are justly proud of their

Guernsey herd. They have 80 head, 48 milking cows and 32 heifers. Last year (1970-1971) 45 cows averaged 11,887 pounds of milk, 539 pounds of butterfat, or a 4.5 fat average. This year their Lindenhof V. Fame Rose cow has the highest record in their herd. In 305 days she produced 16,995 pounds of milk and 809 pounds of butterfat. She is four years, four months old. In 1969 they sold Lindenhof T.C. Elvira to Quail Roost Farm, Rougemont, North Carolina. She brought the highest price in the U.S. at that time, \$4,400. Lindes used this money to help put in a pipeline milker. Two years ago she was grand champion at the All American Show. Last year she had the third highest record in her class in the Guernsey breed. They raised both of these cows. L.T.C. Elvira's son, 1G119 Quail Roost Dari Midas, is kept by Northern Ohio Breeders Association. He is too young to have established any records.

Lindes have four children. Karl is in Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana and is taking general engineering.

Gilbert is a junior at Solanco High School, taking the academic course. He is very handy in woodwork and also does metal work. He has some lovely wooden and metal pieces he has made. He plays chess with the chess team at high school. He wants to take a two year college course either in mechanical engineering or farming. He does tractor work on the farm and helps with milking.

Mildred is a freshman and in the academic section in high school. She is very good with the cows and calves and helps with milking. She showed two cows at the Guernsey Barn in September when her dad sold them. She has had three years in 4-H sewing.

Axel is in seventh grade at Swift Junior High School. He likes school. He also helps feed calves.

Lindes are members of Little Britain Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Linde belongs to the women's association. They belong to the Bart-Colerain PTA. Dick served as chairman of their festival one year. He was Cub Scout Master one year when he had a boy in it. He belongs to the Guernsey Breeders Association and is serving as a Director for the county unit. He is also a member of Inter-State Milk Producers Association. They buy his milk. It is shipped to Wawa Dairies.

Mrs. Linde likes to sew. She makes all her own clothes and



Else Linde planned this handy cupboard for her sewing center. She made the maroon corduroy pants, skirt and jacket which are hanging above the sewing machine and the bathing suit on the machine.

her daughters, except Mildred is sewing some herself now. Mrs. Linde says "One thing in Germany—we learned to make use of all old things, to make them over and use them. I think it saves us much money." Mrs. Linde has a very cheerful and handy sewing center which she designed. The large double-door cupboard has one section for new material and one section for mending materials. It also has two pull-out drawers for threads and a rack of plastic containers for small notions.

Mrs. Linde has given several speeches for Farm Women groups. She talked about Germany and Christmas decorations. Lindes use real candles and home-made ornaments on their Christmas tree. The children do not buy gifts for each other but make them.

Lindes make their own ice cream. They make 10 quarts of vanilla and 10 quarts of chocolate every two weeks, then store it in the freezer. They have an ice cream freezer that holds 16 quarts and turn it with an electric motor.

Lindes have a vegetable garden. Mrs. Linde cans tomato juice and grape juice. She freezes excess vegetables and their meats. They use mostly fresh fruits. Another thing of interest Mrs. Linde relates is that they eat fresh raw peas just as a snack. They like to set a dish of them on the table to munch on. Try it, you might like them.

She has a special coffee pot she brought with her from Germany. It uses a very fine grind of coffee.

Mrs. Linde gives us recipes, most of which are German ones.

She says it would be much easier if Americans used the metric system for measurements. She says that they do not make and serve pies in Germany so she never made them but they like them. Mildred learned to make them in Home Economics class at Swift Junior High School so she makes the pies and Mrs. Linde makes German cakes. She uses lots of butter and lard in her cooking.

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#### Apple Turn Over

Knead together and put in refrigerator for at least one hour:

1 pound cottage cheese  
1 pound butter  
4 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt

Roll out, score in two-inch squares and put pie filling or cooked apples in center of each marked square. Cover with another piece of rolled out dough. Press the two layers together where scored, then cut through to make two inch square filled pies. Bake for 20 minutes at 425 degrees. Dust with 10X sugar.

They are nice to keep in freezer

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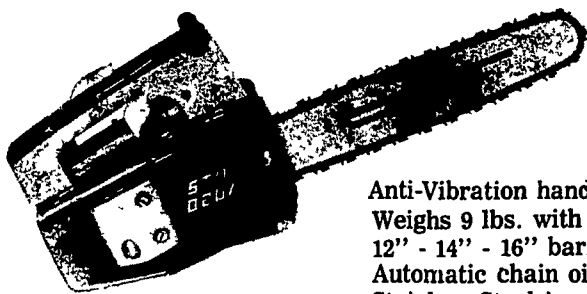
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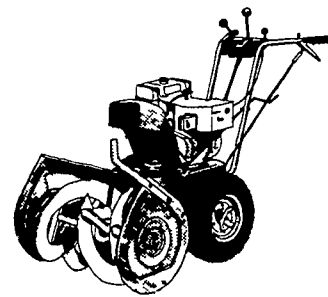
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