

# Englishman views Pennsylvania agriculture

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...RK, Pa. - What are the  
essions of an English-  
when he visits the  
ed States?  
he U. S. is definitely the  
e to be in the world today  
many reasons," says  
Morris, who spent three  
this traveling around this  
try. Being the tourist is  
erse role for Morris. He  
ads his summers working  
"courier," an English  
n for a tour group guide.  
his past July, 35 Penn-  
sylvania farmers  
esented the state on a  
en-country Europe and  
iet goodwill mission.  
n landing at Heathrow  
port in London, the first  
of the trip, Paul Morris  
there to greet them.  
or the next three weeks,  
"piloted" their journey,  
ing care of the countless  
ills of smoothing the  
erous farm and city  
rs, going to bat for them  
n minor lodging or meal  
difficulties came up,  
nting luggage and heads  
every stop, and even  
ing one of the group out  
a Russian jail for

unauthorized photography!  
When delegation members  
learned that Paul was  
planning to come to the  
States in September, they  
invited him to visit with  
them. Accepting some of the  
invitations, he spent the first  
week of December in York  
and Lancaster counties.  
One of Morris' main  
reasons for visiting America  
was to absorb the geography  
and get to the people, not  
necessarily take in every  
tourist spot on the map. He  
bought a car in California,  
giving him the mobility to go  
where and when he chose.  
Paul, and his traveling  
companion, Alison Thomson,  
spent much of their time  
camping. They prefer  
wilderness areas, where  
they could backpack into the  
forests, build a fire and  
absorb an isolationist at-  
mosphere that just can't be  
found anywhere on the  
British Isles.  
"The geography here is  
huge!", Morris discovered.  
"In England, land is so  
heavily populated that you  
sometimes just mentally  
erase the surrounding  
civilization and pretend that

you are alone." He felt that  
this was a primary reason  
that English people tend to  
be more introverted than  
Americans - living on top of  
one another, it is the only  
way they can maintain any  
privacy.  
During the winter months,  
when he isn't guiding touring  
groups, Paul works as the  
relief manager on a pig and  
turkey farm about 30 miles  
outside of London. He also  
fills in on assorted farm jobs,  
working wherever he is  
needed for nearby farmers.  
Large White Hogs are  
raised on the farm, a breed  
which is a cross between the  
Danish Landrace and a  
Wessex Saddleback. The  
farm owner has been a  
champion pig breeder for  
two straight years in  
England for that breed of  
pigs. The award is based on  
feed conversion efficiency  
and litter survival rates.  
"If you really do well in pig  
breeding, you can make a go  
of it, but you have to be  
top," states Morris. Under  
the present set-up, the feed  
company owns the hogs, the  
farm owner used their feeds  
exclusively, and then retains  
a percentage of the market  
price, as well as receiving a  
managership fee.  
Pigs are obtained as  
"weaners," and are supplied  
through a cooperative, Hartz  
Quality Pig Producers,  
which serves as a marketing  
agent between the breeder  
and the feeder. One farm  
manager and two helpers  
handle the 700 to 1000  
animals, fattening them for  
about four months on bull  
feeds. The pigs are sold at  
250 pounds, with an average  
market price of \$65 per  
hundredweight, dressed  
weights.  
When the bottom of the  
market on British pork fell

four years ago, the farm  
owner branched out into the  
turkey business. Day-old  
chicks are brought in on one  
farm, raised for about 26  
weeks and then dressed out  
on an adjacent operation at  
about 30 to 35 pounds.  
"Our turkeys are extra  
good," believes Paul,  
"Because they see daylight  
and run out on the open  
ground."  
Paul and Alison were  
especially interested in farm  
life in Pennsylvania and  
spent several days on a York  
County dairy farm. In there  
time here, they visited the  
Green Dragon Farmers  
Market. Paul found himself  
almost buying a cow during  
the dairy auction, when he  
raised his hand to wave his  
host to a seat he'd been  
saving. The auction  
fascinated him, especially  
the speed of the auctioneer's  
speech.

"I like the farmers'  
markets better than the  
supermarkets," he com-  
mented, adding that it was  
more comparable to the  
English food marketing,  
with small shopowners  
specializing in certain foods.  
He also expressed disap-  
pointment with fast food  
chain restaurants and felt  
that the few that were being  
tried in England "wouldn't  
make it."

Although he thoroughly  
enjoyed his American visit,  
Paul wasn't ready to live  
here permanently.  
"In England, I know where  
I stand and where my neigh-  
bor stands. Here life moves  
so fast that I don't think I  
could live that way." But  
then he added, "America is  
tops in technology and more  
responsive to changes than  
any other country in the  
world."

Paul Morris should be an  
expert at comparing the  
cultures of various countries  
on an "everyday life" basis.  
He has traveled in every  
European country, several  
of the Iron Curtain countries  
and some of the Middle East  
areas. And he's held an  
unbelievable assortment of  
jobs in his 25 years.

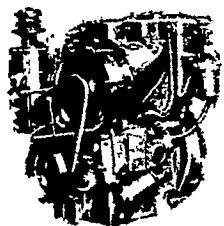
What does someone who  
has traveled over much of  
the world want to do with the  
rest of his life?  
"I think I'd like to find a  
small farm back in England  
and be sort of self-  
sufficient," he has decided.  
Admittedly, that may be  
difficult because of the  
scarcity of land there.  
But regardless of what the  
future holds in store, Paul  
and his Pennsylvania friends  
hope it includes another visit  
back sometime.

## Time changed on Sunday organ concert

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa.  
- Longwood Gardens has  
announced a time change for  
its weekly Sunday afternoon  
organ concerts, effective  
January 2, 1977. The two-  
hour concerts, which in the  
past began at 3 p.m. each  
Sunday afternoon, will now  
begin at 2:30 p.m. "We hope  
that this time change will  
allow a greater number of  
our visitors to enjoy the  
concerts, as well as the floral  
displays in the con-  
servatories," said a  
spokesman for the gardens.  
The Sunday afternoon  
concerts are presented by  
Longwood's well-known  
organist, Dr. Clarence

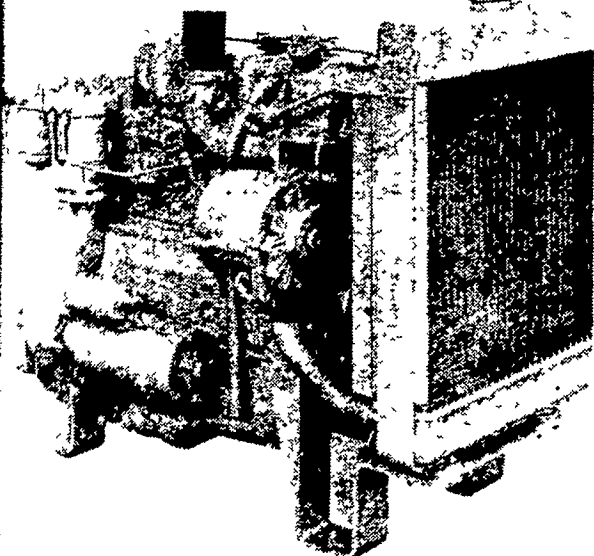
Snyder, in the conservatory  
ballroom, and include works  
of both a secular and a  
liturgical nature. The organ  
upon which Dr. Snyder  
performs is considered one  
of the most complete in the  
country. It weighs nearly 55  
tons and is housed in a  
chamber off the Longwood  
conservatories. The organ  
was installed in 1929 by  
Longwood's founder, the late  
Pierre S. du Pont.  
Besides the Sunday af-  
ternoon concerts, visitors  
have two other chances each  
week to enjoy beautiful  
flowers and fine music at the  
same time. One-hour con-  
certs are given on the organ  
by Dr. Snyder at 1 p.m.  
every Tuesday and Thur-  
sday afternoon, and guests  
may listen in the ballroom or  
from the nearby con-  
servatories.

There is, in addition, a  
series of concerts on  
scheduled Wednesday  
evenings featuring guest  
artists. A schedule of  
evening concerts may be  
obtained by writing the  
Visitors Center, Longwood  
Gardens, Kennett Square,  
Pa. 19348.  
Admission to afternoon  
concerts at Longwood is by  
payment of the admission  
fee to the gardens. Ad-  
mission to evening concerts  
is \$1 per person.  
Longwood Gardens is  
located on Route 1, northeast  
of Kennett Square. It is open  
daily, the grounds from 9  
a.m. to 5 p.m. (6 p.m. in the  
summer) and the con-  
servatories from 10 a.m. to 5  
p.m.

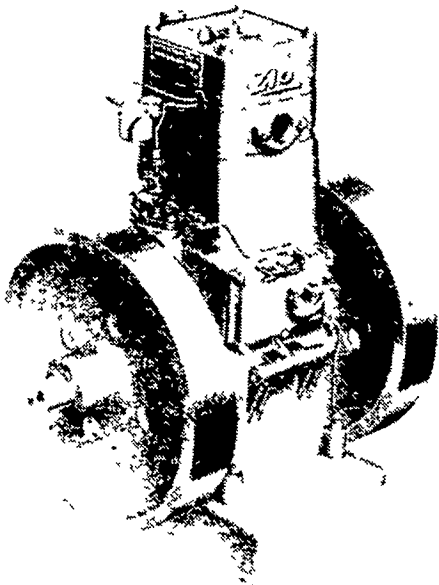


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