

## America goes to Britain

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said there were no more than 30 persons worshipping.

Ethel Stephan lives on 18 acres near Lititz and visited with two families in Wales. About south Wales, she said, "It fascinated me. The countryside is really beautiful. A lot of it resembled Lancaster County. There were neat front yards and a lot of little gardens and hanging plants. It was not as hot as here, but it rained at least twice every day. But we always had the idea that the sun would come out at any time."

Mrs. Stephen was fascinated by the hedgerows which were hawthorn bushes. "If I could find them I would love to have it here." She said when the original shoots grow four feet tall they cut every other shoot halfway down, then bend them down and weave them together. "They have a woven fence at the bottom, and they keep it trimmed." She said the bushes bear white flowers in the spring and red berries in the fall.

She said many homes had small greenhouses attached to them, as a way to extend the short growing season, which allows few vegetables. "We were surprised they were harvesting when we were there."

Mrs. Stephen enjoyed the food, saying, "We went out of our way to try to taste new things. We learned that when you asked for coffee you always got half and half. There was no other way. It seemed unusual." She said she experienced having tea daily, especially with her first host who had grown up in England. On a one-day bus trip, the group stopped for tea.

She added, "Tea could be

heavier than I thought." Tea might turn into the evening meal since many families have a heavy noon meal. It would then include cheeses and crackers, plus Welsh cake and Dundee cake.

About the exchange, Mrs. Stephen pointed out, "You really do get to understand the people."

Wayne and Evelyn Brubaker, Rohrerstown, stayed with two families in England and were delighted with the reception they received at both homes. "We were made very comfortable while we were there. It just seemed they wanted to be doing something for you all the time."

About the English countryside, Evelyn said, "It was very, very, green, but the fields were much smaller than in Lancaster County. There were also walls along the road, either of brick or stone. We saw many farms with sheep and black and white cows."

A member of Farm Women Society 18, Evelyn said an unusual treat for them in their second family was being served tea while they were still in bed in the morning. Their hostess would bring tea and cookies and after they had finished they got dressed and went downstairs for a large breakfast.

Evelyn said, "The food was very good. It wasn't as different as I thought it might be." One difference was the addition of broiled tomatoes to a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

Lunch was a light meal in both homes they visited, and the largest meal was taken in the evening. After being out all day sightseeing, the couples would have tea in the living room before the evening meal was prepared.

Evelyn recalled that they asked

if they wanted the tea black or white and if the answer was white, milk was poured in the cup first.

The Brubakers played "skittles" while there, which is bowling, and they also went "bowling on the green," played with a ball which is not perfectly round. Their second hosts were active with a "caravaning" group, which is camping, so the Brubakers enjoyed that activity with them.

As a member of Rotary, Brubaker attended two meetings in England, and took his hosts as his guests. He also enjoyed golfing, a pastime for him in this country. He pointed out, "We learned that we all have the same needs, wants and desires."

With the everpresent rain, the Brubakers noted that the natives were always prepared. One sight

which caught their eye was that of strollers with plastic covering attached, so that it could be put in place and activities could continue in the rain.

Mrs. Brubaker was especially taken with the beautiful rose gardens, which she was told bloom through November and occasionally through December. "There were beautiful roses, gorgeous," she remarked. "There were small gardens back and front, and each of our families had their own vegetables. Their gardens were immaculate."

Through this exchange, the hand of friendship was extended and the hope for world peace strengthened. For hosts and ambassadors the trip was successful.



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