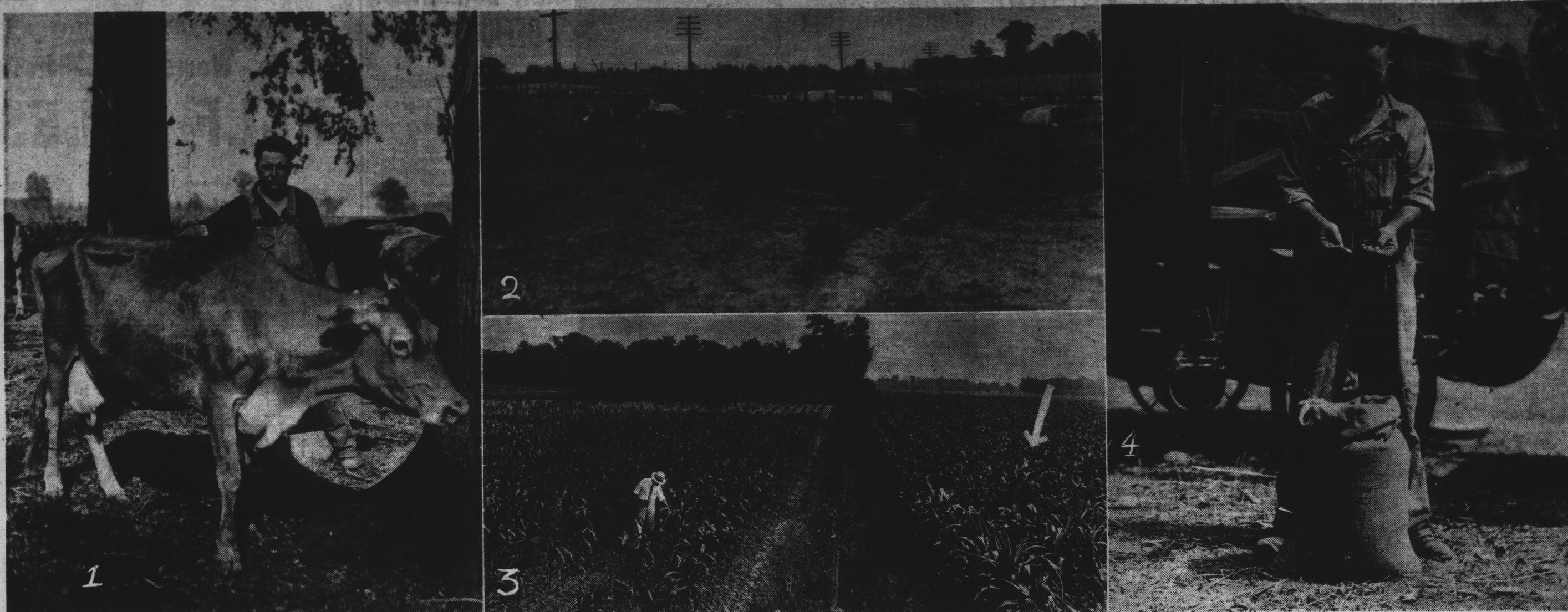


# Drought Plagues Farms in County; Hay Crop Lost



Times Photos by Cotterman

## PAIR TO KEEP WAR PROMISE

Donald McGibeny, Wife to Go to Conlie, France, for 'Rewedding.'

BY JAMES THRASHER

When Donald McGibeny and his wife sail from New York for Europe tomorrow they will be on their way to a "rewedding" ceremony in the little French village of Conlie in the Sarthe.

Whether you know Mr. McGibeny as the popular NBC-WMAQ Chicago news commentator, or as the son of Hugh McGibeny, head of the violin department of Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, you doubtless know him as a globe trotter.

Mr. McGibeny went to Conlie as zone major in the American Army, in charge of billeting troops. He made a hit with the citizenry there; the head of the town's leading family wanted to adopt him, and townspeople wanted to make him mayor. He didn't accept either of these offers, but he did promise to come back to Conlie to be married.

But love and times being what they are, Donald McGibeny and Ruth Thompson Owen couldn't pack up and go to France when they decided to marry in September, 1934, so they now are taking their first opportunity for a second honeymoon.

The burghers of Conlie promise them a gala time. The mayor also plays tuba in the town band, so there is to be a parade with music, and Mr. McGibeny hopes that the village abbe, with whom he played ball during the war, will officiate. There are to be typical Conlie wedding presents, too. The district's famous champagne won't be such a problem, but Mrs. McGibeny is wondering what to do with the live chickens, ducks, young pigs and pigeons which peasant custom dictates for such occasions.

Mr. McGibeny plans business as well as pleasure. He is to leave tomorrow armed with letters which, he believes, are almost certain to get him interviews with Hitler, Mussolini, Leon Blum and Sir Anthony Eden. Then there are the Olympic games to see, and he hopes to be in Ireland when further efforts are made to raise the hulk of the Lusitania.

Taught in Syria  
According to Mr. McGibeny Sr., his son Don started globe-trotting rather early. Upon graduation from Hamilton College, he took a teaching position at Robert College in Beirut, Syria. This was in 1913, and Don's father recalls that the new teacher nearly caused an international fracas by spanking a young Turkish prince.

OFFICIAL WEATHER			
United States Weather Bureau			
Sensale 4:30   Sunset 7:12			
TEMPERATURES			
July 17, 1936			
7 a. m.	78	1 p. m.	87
BAROMETER			
7 a. m.	29.94	1 p. m.	29.92
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m., .00			
Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 18.27			
Deficiency since Jan. 1, 7.68			
MIDWEST WEATHER			
Indiana—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat warmer tomorrow except extreme northeast; warmer north and central.			
Illinois—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat warmer tomorrow except extreme northeast; warmer north and central.			
Ohio—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tomorrow.			
Kentucky—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tomorrow.			
OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.			
Station	Weather	Bar.	Temp.
Albany, N. Y.	Clear	29.94	72
Baltimore, Md.	Clear	29.94	72
Chicago, Ill.	Clear	29.94	72
Cincinnati, Ohio	Clear	29.94	72
Cleveland, Ohio	Clear	29.94	72
Denver, Colo.	Clear	29.94	72
Indianapolis, Ind.	Clear	29.94	72
Little Rock, Ark.	Clear	29.94	72
Los Angeles, Calif.	Clear	29.94	72
Miami, Fla.	Clear	29.94	72
Memphis, Tenn.	Clear	29.94	72
Mobile, Ala.	Clear	29.94	72
New Orleans, La.	Clear	29.94	72
New York, N. Y.	Clear	29.94	72
Philadelphia, Pa.	Clear	29.94	72
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Clear	29.94	72
Portland, Ore.	Clear	29.94	72
San Antonio, Tex.	Clear	29.94	72
San Francisco, Calif.	Clear	29.94	72
St. Louis, Mo.	Clear	29.94	72
Tampa, Fla.	Clear	29.94	72
Washington, D. C.	Clear	29.94	72

BY JOE COLLIER

The most dramatic thing, perhaps, about drought-plagued Marion County farms is that next year's hay crop of 30,000 acres already is ruined.

Clover and alfalfa were seeded with grains harvested this year. The sun has burned the tender little shoots brown, past recovery if it rained this minute.

Alfalfa and clover could be seeded in the same fields again this fall, and alfalfa would come out all right. Maybe clover would and maybe it wouldn't. But to do that the farmer must buy the seed, and that's already pretty scarce and getting scarcer.

Horace Abbott, Marion County Agricultural Agent, who has been "on the go" through the drought much like the country doctor of horse-and-buggy days, brought out the above as a sideline worry he thinks many farmers haven't gotten around to.

All Alfalfa Fields Ruined

Good alfalfa seed, he said, comes from Northwestern states and they have had hay crop failures this year, because of the drought. Grade B seed comes from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, and they also are drought plagued.

The most any farmer in the county has made this year is two cuttings of alfalfa. Some have made only one. A tour of 65 miles in every township in the county yesterday failed to reveal a single alfalfa field that was not seared and had not stopped growing.

Sixty days ago alfalfa hay in Marion County was offered for sale at \$8 a ton. The price today is between \$20 and \$25 a ton. One cow producing milk eats approximately 15 pounds daily, and they're eating it now when they ordinarily would be in pasture. There is not an acre of green pasture in the county today, and hasn't been for nearly three weeks.

This means to the household in Indianapolis that milk prices probably have no chance to revise downward before spring, and may go even higher.

It means to the business man that the drought already has taken a large slice out of the annual average farm income of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in the county. Moreover, farm income is new, or created, wealth.

There are 2800 farms in Marion County, of more than five acres each. Many are several hundred. There are stock farmers, dairy farmers, produce farmers and canning factory farmers. Every one of them is more or less damaged by drought.

Tomato Crop Hurt

If there is rain soon, and enough of it, and if the heat leaves, the tomato farmers can get a crop. They may have to replant, certainly will in some places. But it will mature, Mr. Abbott said. However, there was not a single one of more than a score of fields observed yesterday that was even near the growth usual at this time of the year. Some first crops have been harvested and the fruit was approximately half as large as it should have been, and was blistered by the sun.

The 1935 United States census showed Marion County's tomato crop harvested for an approximate dollar income of \$177,222, second only to Johnson County in the state, and Johnson County, reports say, is no better off this year.

Dairy and stock farmers, having about given up on the hay crop, practically are suffering with the corn crop which pants daily in dust fields under a blazing sun.

Harry Richard, manager of the Farmer's Co-operative Corp. elevator on State Road 31, Southport, said of the corn:

"If it rains within 24 hours, half of the crop is gone."

He also said that few farmers have any of last year's corn around to feed or sell. All corn is short stalked and the silage problem is serious.

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Pictures above captured illustrations of both bright and dull spots in the Marion County farmers' outlook as the drought goes on unabated.

No. 1 shows Emerson Mithoefer as he looks over one of his herd of dairy cattle whose production of milk during the heat has been curtailed by nearly half.

No. 2 shows the best cattle of Jacob Cooperman, one mile south of New Bethel on Franklin-rd, gathered around the water tanks, idle in a broad expanse of burned pasture.

No. 3, a bright spot, shows the difference in growth thus far between native Indiana corn, shown on the left, and a hybrid corn, theory of which was developed at Purdue University. The hybrid corn is drought-resisting and has stood up better than any other planted, Horace Abbott, Marion County agricultural agent, revealed. Note the arrow pointing to a man, all but enveloped in the hybrid corn, whereas Mr. Abbott is plainly visible inspecting the native corn.

No. 4 shows Art Wilsey, High School-rd and 34th-st, as he fingers newly threshed wheat that was expected to make between 25 and 30 bushels to the acre. Undamaged by drought, the quality is the best seen in Indiana, grain elevator men said.

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All over the top of an otherwise better than average field one could see browned leaves. When the rain fell it ran down the leaves and caught in little troughs against the stalks. Next 100 degree sun steamed the water and killed the leaves.

John T. Sawyer, farmer near West Newton, put a different angle on the problem. He said he was feeding 300 hens these days and buying eggs for his family to eat. The heat has cut that much into egg production, he said.

Jacob Cooperman, stock farmer one mile south of New Bethel on Franklin-rd, looked across a broad expanse of useless pasture and saw his herd lying idly by the water tanks.

Sell them now with the market going down? Keep them and feed them corn with the crop failing, or hay with the crop failed, and imported hay selling at nearly \$25 a ton?

Mr. Cooperman hasn't got it all figured out yet.

What does the country banker say about it?

## TAX COLLECTION GAINS REPORTED

\$68,485,731 Total Internal Revenue From State Highest in 10 Years.

Collection of internal revenue taxes in Indiana during the fiscal year ending June 30 soared to \$68,485,731.27, establishing a new peak for the last 10 years, Collector Will H. Smith reported today.

Total collections exceeded those of 1935 by \$4,872,192.49, despite a net loss of \$9,371,600.29 in processing taxes, he said. Due to the Supreme Court decision outlawing this tax, these collections dropped from \$10,207,852.78 last year to \$636,192.49 this year.

More than half of this year's total was furnished by taxes on distilled spirits and beer. Spirits tax revenue totaled \$25,926,464.67, an increase of approximately \$5,800,000 over 1935, and beer tax collections were \$9,148,862.61, a gain of about \$2,000,000 over the preceding year. Corporation and individual income tax collections also showed

substantial increases, he reported. The corporation collections totaled \$11,361,491.03, a gain of about \$3,500,000, while the individual income tax total of \$8,520,874 was approximately \$2,300,000 higher than last year.

The estate and gift tax collections, totaling \$1,614,922.71 and \$1,221,456.05, respectively, showed a combined decrease of approximately \$300,000, as compared with the 1935 figure.

BOY DROWNS AFTER BEACH IS CLOSED

Negro Youngster Loses Life in Eagle Creek; Rescue Efforts Fail.

A Negro boy, who had gone in swimming after a guard had closed the beach, was drowned in Eagle Creek at Howard-st last night.

The victim was Samuel Stephens, 13, of 1407 1/2 Kappes-st. After diving for 45 minutes, the guard, Thomas Bryant, Negro, 50, of 1337 Cornell-av, recovered the body. The fire department rescue squad was unable to revive the boy.

Bryant told police he had roped off the WPA swimming beach and was ready to go home when the boy decided on another plunge.

## SUSPECT IN SLAYING CAUGHT IN ILLINOIS

Terre Haute Officer Slain During Holdup Chase.

By United Press

PARIS, Ill., July 17.—Willis Fuller, 26, sought for the slaying of a Terre Haute (Ind.) deputy sheriff, was arrested by Paris police today.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Paul Man-kin, 45, was shot to death at Terre Haute last night when he trapped a robbery suspect in an alley.

The slayer escaped, a but Negro companion, Shepherd Blackmore, 35, was captured and implicated Fuller. He said he met Fuller Wednesday night at Evansville, Ind., and came with him to Terre Haute on a freight train.

Terre Haute police were called last night after two men held up William Cooper and his companion, Pearl Delph. The pair robbed Cooper of \$1.10, police said.

Farm Work Starts at 2 A. M. NEELYVILLE, Mo., July 17.—Farmers now start work in the fields at 2 a. m. here to avoid losing work animals in the extreme heat. They quit at 9 a. m.

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