



VISITING FROM ENGLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goddard.

English Couples Return Sisters' Visit

A visit from their three American sisters last fall convinced Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Nicholson of East Meon, England, that they must visit the U.S.

The couples arrived in late July for a three-week stay with Mrs. Bill Attebery, Mrs. Dolly Wilson and Mrs. May Barratt in the Camas-Washougal area.

"Instead of three weeks, we should have had three months," the English relatives said. They have been traveling "non-stop" to Pendleton, Multnomah Falls and to the coast.

"I shan't forget our trip to Pendleton," Goddard said. They had never seen similar barren land and the 105 degree temperature that day was the highest they had ever experienced.

The large spaces here impressed the Nicholsons and Goddards.

"Everything is on a larger scale to ours, especially the stores," they said. They noted the absence of fences around houses here.

Most English homes are built of brick and stone. The visitors were surprised at the number of "bungalows" here—houses made of wood.

The Goddards' English home is over 400 years old. Village law dictates that the houses' outside appearance remain unaltered.

East Meon is 50 miles from London and

within 18 miles of Portsmouth, at the southern coast of England.

Goddard is in the taxi and garage business. Since most people there are now traveling by car, bus service continuation is threatened, he reported.

Nicholson is a retired engineer. The two couples live only about 400 yards apart in the village.

The Goddards have two children and four grandchildren and the Nicholsons have one daughter, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

American informality "impresses me the most," Mr. Goddard said. He added that Americans dress "easy."

The English couples found that Americans are quite ignorant about the English method of brewing tea. It is important to let the water warm first and to allow the tea to steep properly. They are accustomed to adding the hot tea to milk in their cups. The individual pots of tea served in American restaurants surprised them.

American television is "very nice but there are too many commercials," Mrs. Nicholson said.

Goddard summed up their visit to America as "having a jolly good time."