

Information Sheet

R **Poirot, Eugene M.**
385 **Papers, 1923-1989.**
 231 folders.

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Eugene Marcel "Gene" Poirot was born in Belleville, Illinois, on 1 August 1899, the son of Severin and Susanna (Gundlach) Poirot. He earned a degree in agriculture from the University of Illinois in 1922, and soon thereafter took over a farm in northwestern Lawrence County, Missouri. Through hard work and innovative techniques Gene Poirot remade the farm from a worn-out and dusty prairie into a productive showpiece, becoming nationally known for his activities. Poirot died on 6 June 1988.

Gene Poirot had a wide-ranging and inquisitive mind. He was an early advocate of environmentally-sound agricultural practices. Working in conjunction with the University of Missouri College of Agriculture he developed a method for the production of an "artificial manure," and then successfully defended his process against a patent-infringement suit. He was a pioneer in the use of Korean lespedeza and other legumes for the replenishment of depleted soils, conducting research in this area in collaboration with Prof. William A. Albrecht, a soil scientist at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

Poirot hosted many "field meetings" at his farm, promoting his innovations in irrigation, cattle nutrition, and conservation. In the 1930s these meetings attracted crowds of several thousand on a single day. Later in his career, using ponds constructed for irrigation and conservation, Poirot became interested in fish-culture. He designed, patented, fabricated, and marketed automatic fish feeders and fish harvesters through his family firm, Poirot Farm Industries [PFI].

Poirot led an active public life. He was interested in farm legislation, and he worked, especially with U.S. Representative Durward G. Hall (R-Mo), to see his ideas translated into governmental policy. Poirot was a popular and effective lecturer, and he contributed articles to many periodicals. He wrote two books, *Our Margin of Life*, which presented his views on agriculture and the environment, and a reflective memoir, *Permission to Life*.

The collection is organized into five major categories: BUSINESS, which includes his work on artificial manure and fish-culture; GOVERNMENT, which deals mostly with proposed farm legislation; MISCELLANEOUS; PERSONAL, which includes correspondence with his father and Prof. Albrecht; and WRITINGS, which consist mostly of notes and texts for speeches, drafts of articles, correspondence dealing with *Our Margin of Life*, and a VHS videocassette of two motion pictures made about Poirot, his ideas, and his work. Some folders of routine business correspondence and invoices in the BUSINESS section dealing with PFI have been recorded on microfilm, and the original items discarded.

Shelf List

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OVERSIZE BOX

Gene Poirot Day

Scrapbook concerning "Gene Poirot Day."

BUSINESS FILE

Account books

B1 F001

Farm records: Book #1-- "COMPOSITION BOOK," 1928-1931; log of crop treatments and photographs of artificial manure invention and hay bails, probably used to keep data on artificial manure experiments. Book #2 -- "JOURNAL," ca. 1932-1933; journal of debts and credits to other individuals, and records on crops, grasses, etc., apparently belonging to these others. Turkey business, 1935-1941.

Artificial manure, 1926--1928

B1 F002

Literature and correspondence on artificial manure making, patent application and the Adco Ltd. lawsuit against Poirot.

Artificial manure, 1928--1929

B1 F003

Same as previous folder.

Artificial manure, 1930--1937

B1 F004

Same as two previous folders.

Bang's disease (brucellosis)

B1 F005

Correspondence and records of inoculations for cattle herds from early 1930s to 1940s.

Cattle nutrition

B1 F006

Feed company and UMC correspondence on various aspects of cattle diet.

Corn research

B1 F007

Research and business records on ways to improve corn yields.

DDT

B1 F008

1945 research by EMP on the formulation and use of DDT; 1971 newspaper editorial by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug denouncing the proposed ban on DDT.

Fertilizer invention

B1 F009

Research and patent application for method of decreasing fertilizer absorption by the soil; a large report, including photographs, detailing his results; ca. 1940.

Field meeting, 1929

B1 F010

Letters of solicitation, invitation, etc. for annual farm program at EMP's farm.

Field meeting, 1930

B1 F011

Same as previous folder.

Field meetings, 1931-1933, 1935, 1958

B1 F012

Same as previous two folders.

Financial records (miscellaneous)

B1 F013

Loose leaves of paper showing monthly debits and credits.

Fish research

B1 F014

Literature on pond ecosystems and fish biology; very little personal correspondence; ca. 1972.

Greenhouse research

B1 F015

Literature and plans on greenhouse materials and building; some personal correspondence, ca. 1958 and 1981.

Groskurd, Ben -- real estate contract

B1 F016

Signed original contract for sale of real estate between Groskurd and EMP, dated 4 Mar 1938.

H & W Foods, Inc.

B1 F017

Newspaper article about the selection of EMP to the board of directors of H & W; obituary for Harry M. Spradling (1972).

Hydro-gas

B1 F018

Correspondence on hydro-gas installation and usage, 1936-1937.

Korean lespedeza

B1 F019

Research, correspondence and sales of K. lespedeza, beginning in 1928.

Lawn research

B1 F020

Articles on lawn care and weed removal; letters from: R. B. Harvey, Univ. of Minn., and Edith C. Higgins, Beatrice Neb., both dated December 1931.

Lime applications

B1 F021

Correspondence and reports on the effects of lime on crop yields.

Livestock sales

B1 F022

Receipts for sales of livestock, 1931-1945.

Minnow research

B1 F023

Catalogs and articles on raising minnows and other bait; no personal correspondence.

Minnow Saver

B1 F024

Supplies for and newspaper articles, research, advertising and correspondence on EMP's Minnow Saver.

Minnow Saver -- patent application

B1 F025

Document, ca. 1950.

Mushroom research

B2 F026

Research and correspondence on mushroom growing.

PFI (Poirot Farm Industries)

B2 F027-057

Business records and correspondence, mostly concerning fish feeders/harvesters. In part, on **MICROFILM.**

Photographs -- farm

B2 F058-059

Collection of photographs, including aerial shots, showing mostly crop growth, etc.; most of the early photos were probably used for reports on crop experiments.

Poirot farm wildlife

B2 F060

Article from *Missouri Ruralist* (14 February 1948) and photos of wildlife especially birds) on EMP's farm.

Polyethylene suppliers

B2 F061

Correspondence with manufacturers about polyethylene.

Pond research

B2 F062-064

Articles dealing with various aspects of farm ponds; very little personal correspondence.

Turkey farming

B2 F065

Capper's Farmer article on EMP's children and their turkey business; sales records; no dates.

U.S. Department of Agriculture -- soil test reports

B2 F066

Contracts, purchase orders, maps and reports from USDA, 1935-1972.

Von Stroh, Elder -- farm lease

B2 F067

USDA Standard Farm Lease to Von Stroh of EMP cropland, 1958.

GOVERNMENT FILE

Agricultural conference -- Washington, D.C.

B2 F068

Correspondence and newspaper articles on EMP's participation in the 1967 conference, including a copy of the telegram from Durward G. Hall to President Johnson urging him to invite EMP to the conference, and two letters from Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

Conference of State Committees, Commissions and Boards in Upper Mississippi Valley

B2 F069

Roster of attendees and copy of EMP's speech, 1966.

Farm legislation proposals -- general

B2 F070

Writings and correspondence on solutions to farm problems; includes correspondence with Jerry Litton, Gene Taylor. and Thomas Eagleton, as well as other government officials; 1971-1982.

Farmers Union Herald

B2 F071

Article outlining speech of EMP's, and letter of thanks from the editor, 1963.

H.R. 7097 -- "Food and Agriculture Act of 1965"

B2 F072

Statements on behalf of Hall's proposal, including one by EMP before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit; menus from the House of Representatives Restaurant; some personal correspondence; 1965

H.R. 7164

B2 F073

Large folder of information on the Hall bill inspired by "Our Margin of Life," including copies of the bill, details of EMP's trip to Washington to testify on behalf of the bill, newspaper articles, correspondence and photos; ca. 1965.

H.R. 10742

B2 F074

Revamped 1967 version of H.R. 7164; folder contains correspondence between Hall and EMP.

H.R. 13717

B2 F075

Revision, 1969-1970, of H.R. 7164; correspondence between Hall and EMP

H.R. 274 (Missouri)

B2 F076

Newspaper article and copy of speech by EMP on behalf of the state bill which would require labels on filled milk products; 1953.

H.R. 402 (Missouri) -- Southwest Missouri Research Center

B2 F077

Letter from Carthage Chamber of Commerce; two essays in support of the bill, probably by EMP; 1957.

Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District

B2 F078

Letter from the USDA on the attempt to form the SWCD; folder contains mostly newspaper articles on meetings of the SWCD; 1963-1973.

Missouri Farm Bureau

B2 F079

Folder includes: a 1939 letter extending sympathy to EMP on the death of his brother, outline of Poirot Farm Plan with a discussion by the Farm Bureau, and critiques of the plan.

Ozark Agricultural Industrial Development Corporation

B2 F080

Newspaper articles and correspondence concerning Ozark AID's study of irrigation methods, particularly those used by EMP; 1966-1967.

Resource and Conservation Development Project, 1955--1963

B3 F081

Large file on EMP's irrigation methods and conservation techniques; newspaper articles, personal correspondence, supply catalogs and essays.

Resource and Conservation Development Project, 1963--1977

B3 F082

Same as previous folder.

Resource and Conservation Proposal

B3 F083

Proposal by EMP to the Missouri Department of Conservation to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat on private land; folder includes the Department's recommendation for commission consideration, Personal correspondence, and an essay by EMP; 1979.

University of Missouri Research Center -- Mount Vernon

B3 F084

This folder contains mostly essays and research on the value of the Center, with some personal correspondence; 1932-1974.

MISCELLANEOUS FILE

Jokes for speeches

B3 F085

Collection of jokes taken from magazines and other sources, some of which EMP probably used in speeches.

Lists of names

B3 F086

Four separate lists of names and addresses of people apparently attending meetings or parties at which EMP was the emcee; one list is a short biography of approximately 30 people; another list has the title "People at Meeting Galena Kan June 24 1966."

Miscellaneous letters

B3 F087

General correspondence.

Miscellaneous printed material

B3 F088-989

Collection of various Printed materials.

Summer sausage

B3 F090

Several letters concerning recipes for making summer sausage, 1928-1954.

Wabash Railway Company -- *Farm Markets and Maxims*

B3 F091

Letter from R. J. Silkett asking EMP to critique the first issue of the railway's magazine, 1929.

PERSONAL FILE

Accident, 1954

B3 F092

Correspondence concerning EMP's accident.

Albrecht, William A., 1928--1974

B3 F093

Personal correspondence and 1974 obituary.

Albrecht, William A. -- writings

B3 F094

Collection of articles by Albrecht, some of which cite the work of EMP.

Biographical newspaper articles, etc.

B3 F095

Newspaper and magazine articles; 1946-1976 (the 1946 article appears to be a novelty paper such as are printed in tourist areas).

Catfish Farmers of America

B3 F096

Correspondence including request by EMP to have an article printed in the organization's magazine; list of registrants at the Catfish Farmers of America Second Annual Convention, held 5-7 February 1970 at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Cavalcade of America

B3 F097

Three copies of EMP autobiography for the Du Pont *Cavalcade of America*.

East West Journal

B3 F098

Magazine containing article about EMP's farming methods, written by Tom Putnam ("Microbes to Man"); 1978.

Family estate contract

B3 F099

Copy of agreement between EMP, Severin [brother] and Eleanor on land holdings; 1938.

Frein, Susie -- 1942 lawsuit

B3 F100

Testimony by EMP on behalf of Frein.

Gamma Sigma Delta -- agricultural honor society

B3 F101

Correspondence and copy of 1940 EMP speech; includes letter of invitation to membership, convention programs, award notice, and newspaper article; 1939-1969.

Gene Poirot Day

B3 F102-103

Correspondence, scrapbook, newspaper articles, etc. relating to the 07 October 1963 program honoring *EMP*. See also Oversize File for scrapbook.

Gundlach family reunions

B3 F104

Correspondence *in re* 1928 and 1981 family reunions; also, will of John P. Gundlach, 1934.

Hall, Durward G.

B3 F105

General correspondence, 1961-1973.

Hambuechen, Carl and Melinda (Poirot)

B3 F106

General correspondence between EMP and his sister and brother-in-law, 1931-1972.

Hope, James Alexander (Dr.)

B3 F107

Copies of two different speeches written by EMP for Dr. Hope Day in Dudenville, Missouri; the speeches have a lot of historical information on the Dudenville area; 1946.

Hunting dog log

B3 F108

Written record of hunts with a bird dog named Pokey.

Klemme, Arnold

B3 F109

Speech by EMP honoring Klemme, 1935; letter, 1929.

Langerhans, Fred

B3 F110

Letter from EMP requesting lime shipment, 1931; speech given at roast of Langerhans; speech includes stories about several people in attendance at the dinner.

***Microbes to Man* -- film**

B3 F111

Correspondence with Tom Putnam on film (which was later retitled *Farming with Nature*), 1976-1980; includes discussion guide for the film.

Missouri Association of Master Farmers

B3 F112

Articles on the 1930 honor received by EMP, including his speech given at the state banquet.

Missouri Department of Conservation

B3 F113

General correspondence; correspondence concerning EMP's Missouri Master Conservationist Award; newspaper article; program from the Second Annual Induction to the Missouri Conservation Hall of Fame at which EMP was posthumously inducted; 1944-1989.

Missouri Farmer-Sportsman Award

B3 F114

Congratulations to EMP on receiving the 1971 award, and replies.

Photographs -- biographical

B3 F115-116

Photographs of EMP and a few other family members; some apparently from the late 1920s.

Poirot family -- correspondence

B4 F117

Correspondence with Aloys and Eleanor.

Poirot, May

B4 F118

Wife of EMP; two poems and an essay written by May; 1936-1961.

Poirot, Robert

B4 F119

Letters to EMP from Robert, Nancy [Robert's daughter?] and Helen [Robert's wife?] Poirot; 1964-1966.

Poirot, Severin A. [brother]

B4 E120

Correspondence; copy of agreement between EMP, Severin, and Eleanor on land holdings; and letter to "Esther" mentioning Severin's death; 1931-1973.

Poirot, Severin [father]

B4 F121

Large folder of letters between EMP and his father, as well as copies of several obituaries for Severin; many of the letters discuss business dealings, primarily rental property; 1936[?].

Pyle, George -- appeal for leniency

B4 F122

Appeal written by EMP for Pyle, a convicted chicken thief; 1929.

Resume

B4 F123

Personal resume of EMP.

“Rosemary -- wedding”

B4 F124

Speech given by EMP at a wedding; Rosemary was his niece; the last page of the speech lists several people in attendance at the wedding, including the wedding party; 1947.

Russell, John (Sir)

B4 F125

Correspondence between EMP and Russell, an English scientist; photographs taken during Russell's visit to Poirot's farm; 1927-1935.

Skelly, W. G., Award

B4 F126

Agricultural award presented to EMP; folder contains a copy of *The Chemurgic Digest* mentioning the award and a list of people attending the awards banquet; 1945.

Soil Conservationist of the Year Award

B4 F127

Correspondence concerning award given to EMP by the Conservation Federation of Missouri; 1966-1967.

State Farm Insurance -- advertisement

B4 F128

Advertisement featuring EMP; photographs taken for the ad.

University of Missouri-Columbia -- Centennial Award

B4 F129

Correspondence and information on award given to EMP, 1970.

Williford, Charles C.

B4 F130

Letter from and copy of address made by Williford; 1947.

WRITINGS FILE

“A Farmer Cashes in on Chemurgy”

B4 F131

Address delivered in Oklahoma City on 20 May 1944; “Life's beginning, life's abundance, and life's end are measured at the soil level.”; 5 pages.

“A Farmer Looks at Four State Agriculture”

B4 F132

Address delivered at Joplin, Missouri, on 21 Nov. 1944; “Occasionally some one bewails the fact that we have no more land frontiers and therefore we must begin to get old and accept for our economy the pattern of static existence which comes to all those who believe they have reached their peak.”; 6 pages.

American Society of Farm Managers

B4 F133

Correspondence; speech, "Management of a Commercial Farm"; 25 June 1937; Columbia, Missouri; "Down in the part of the state where I live we have a great variation in both the type and fertility of land."; 6 pp.

Anderson, Mo. -- conservation meeting

B4 F134

Address delivered 6 May 1948; "I have never seen a man starve and I hope I never shall. I am told that his first reaction to hunger is to fight for food even to the point of eating his fellowman, ..."; 6 pages.

"Artificial Manure on the Farm"

B4 F135

Two copies; no date or place; "There is probably no by-product of the farm quite so valuable as manure. No one who has used it will deny its value, especially on the thinner soils of Missouri."; 7 pages.

Audubon Club -- Neosho, Mo.

B4 F136

Correspondence about speech delivered by EMP on 16 October 1973.

Ava, Mo. -- teachers

B4 F137

Address delivered 23 January 1948; "Then there was the little boy who was playing a very beautiful composition by Beethoven and a gracious lady who wanted to show her interest asked him ..."; 4 pages.

Bankers' Monthly

B4 F138

"For Bankers Monthly" appears at the top; "Can adding machines and typewriters take the place of deposits in a bank? Can equipment take the place of soil fertility on a farm?" 4 pages.

Better Farms Clinic -- Springfield

B4 F139

Address titled "Where Do We Go From Here," and dated 10 November 1944; "Where do we go from here? You will answer that question. I can only call attention to those paths we may follow."; 9 pages.

***Carthage Evening Press* -- awards banquet**

B4 F140

Newspaper clippings, program and copy of EMP address titled "New Frontiers for Those who Can See," given 17 Apr. 1952; "A year ago Mr. Dale asked me to talk to you tonight when you have received your rewards for the achievements you have made."; 10 pages.

Carthage, Mo. -- bankers

B4 F141

Speech, 1940; "Though your choice of a speaker this evening may be justly criticized you have chosen well in choosing the theme of the soil for your consideration. You are citizens of the only great nation on the face of the earth that is well fed and in your nation 9,000,000 children are ..."; 3 pages.

Catholic Rural Life conferences

B4 F142

At least six different addresses given by EMP at these conferences: (1) "DUST"; 30 July 1944; Pierce City, Mo.; "I get a lot of satisfaction out of knowing that when God created the first man from whom was to spring all the human race, He made him a farmer." 4 pages. (2) 16 September 1945; Bolivar, Mo.; "I never liked to go to school. I never liked a day of it from the first day, when I jumped out of the window ..."; 7 pages. (3) "Our Christian Responsibility to the Soil," 19 July 1950; Carthage, Mo.; "I did not come here today to make a formal speech or to preach a

sermon because I can not do either one of them very well." 6 pages. (4) Fall 1950; Pierce City, Mo.; "This morning we had the privilege of hearing a very beautiful and inspiring sermon emphasizing the dignity of the farmer and the importance of the farming profession."; 4 pages. (5) 16 September 1951; Mt. Rose; "There are jobs to do through the Catholic Rural Life Conference, jobs that farmers can not do alone because there are not enough of them in actual numbers to be heard."; 9 pages. (6) "Missouri Catholic Conference," 21 March 1981; "First of all, my thanks and appreciation for the bold and far reaching step the Bishops of the Heartland have taken in Strangers and Guests ..."; 8 pages. There are several other copies of written material in the folder that aren't positively identified; also included in the folder are programs and correspondence concerning the later conferences.

Chambers of Commerce (various places)

B4 F143

Large folder containing newspaper clippings, correspondence, a journal, and copies of the following addresses by EMP: (1) "Moist Air and Sunshine," 11 March 1940; Carthage, Mo.; "The great Creator of the world a long time ago laid down some very fundamental laws by which man must live." 4 pages. (2) 29 April 1940; Springfield; "I hold in my hand a small leaf, it is green, a part of a plant."; 4 pages. (3) "Chemistry & Agriculture," 8 June 1942; Carthage, Mo.; "When Mr. Lawhead called me the other night and told me he wanted me to talk to the chamber of commerce on Chemistry in Agriculture I had to ask him to repeat it since I could not understand why ..."; 11 pages. (4) "Operations and Objectives of Farm Security Administration," 1943; Springfield, Mo.; "South Missouri is a farming section yet the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1942, seemingly had given little thought to the operation and objectives of the Farm Security Administration."; 7 pages; also appears in enclosed copies of the journal of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York; (5) 7 January 1952; Springfield; "I hope that today I may leave with you a few interesting facts regarding Agriculture and its future and perhaps a bit of philosophy."; 7 pages.

Chemurgic Conferences

B4 F144

Programs from various conferences, a newspaper clipping, and several speeches: (1) "What Chemurgy Means to the Farmer," 14 May 1940; Sedalia, Mo.; "I am the farmer, and my occupation goes back to the time of Adam."; 7 pages. (2) "Chemurgy in Soil Defense," 28 March 1941; Chicago, Ill.; "The warning voice of the soil, as it generates the miracle of life for all that lives on the lands of the earth might well be, 'Remember, Man, that thou are dust....'"; 6 pages. (3) "What is the Most Effective Thing That the Missouri Chemurgic Commission Can Do in Developing Its Program?" 28 May 1941; Columbia, Mo.; "The question, 'What ... program?' must be considered in terms of what it can do ..."; 4 pages. (4) "What Chemurgy Means to the Farmer," 31 March 1944; St. Louis; "This great and terrible war is forcing our reappraisal of values."; 6 pages. (5) "Rewarding Paths for Agricultural Research," 10 April 1956; "Our world is divided into two great sections, the inorganic and the organic. We use the organic."; 8 pages. (6) "Chemurgy Helps the Farmer," 25 March 1957; Chicago, Ill.; "It is proper for a farmer to appear at the beginning of this Chemurgic Conference."; 4 pages.

Chemurgic Digest

B4 F145

Article for *Chemurgic Digest*, and a copy of the magazine, January 1946; "Now that the second world war is won, we who are the farmers expect our importance to again be lost in the mad industrial whirl from which stem headlines ..."; 9 pages, typescript.

College of Our Lady of the Ozarks

B4 F146

Speech by EMP and program for dedication of the college on 28 November 1944; "Man's progressive knowledge of this Great Scheme of things we call creation, sometimes becomes unbalanced and he loses sight of his relationship to his God and his fellow man." 5 pages.

Conservation Federation

B4 F147

Address delivered by EMP, correspondence, and copies of article written for *Missouri Wildlife*: (1) "Pay Dirt or Soil and Water Conservation," 23 September 1944; Conservation Federation Banquet; "My purpose tonight is to bring to your attention the vital importance of that idea of water and soil conservation for which you stand."; 10 pages. (2) "The People Who Fish in My Pond and Creek," January 1952; "I have some ponds and a creek. My largest pond contains six acres."; p. 6, *Missouri Wildlife*.

Earth Day

B4 F148

Essay, "Conservation on the Back Forty," 1971; "For you this is EARTH DAY plus one year. For me it is EARTH DAY plus fifty Years.", 11 pages.

Farmers Home Administration -- banquet

B4 F149

In addition to the address delivered by EMP, the folder contains a letter and index cards with biographical information on people receiving awards at the banquet, 16 April 1948; "Opportunity"; "Tonight a number of you are to be honored and given proper recognition of ten years of service in the Farmers Home Administration ...": 3 pages.

"Farming Poor Land the Legume Route"

B4 F150

Essay; "It does not pay to farm a poor piece of land, and we could even go further and say that the most of the present trouble with agriculture can be traced at least indirectly to the poor farm."; 3 pages.

Father-Son Banquet, Carl Junction, Mo.

B4 F151

Address by EMP: "Understanding," 6 March 1942; "I brought my boy with me tonight. He as a rule does not care to go along with me to hear me speak but he is here tonight, I believe, to see if these boys look as big as they did last fall when they beat Lockwood in that football game."; 6 pages.

Fish Farmers of Missouri

B4 F152

Essay: "Why Should You Be a Member of the Fish Farmers of Missouri?"; "Here are a number of reasons why the fish farmers of Missouri should be organized so they may speak as one voice in defense of their Profession ...": 10 pages.

"Forty Years Ago"

B4 F153

Holograph copy of essay, "The cold wind still drives the snow into long unbroken drifts across the dead prairie sod, and the creek lazily traces its path beneath a mask of ice, ..."; 8 pages.

Four State District Planning & Development Association

B4 F154

Paper presented by EMP at annual meeting; "One Important Four State Resource," 10 March 1944; Jayhawk Ordnance Works; "Not so many years ago some of the best minds predicted that by this time the human population of the world would be starving to death because the natural supply of mineral nitrogen fertilizer would be all used up."; 6 pages.

Future Farmers of America

B4 F155

Copies of and notes for addresses given by EMP to various FFA groups; folder also includes some correspondence and newspaper clippings: (1) 1940; Springfield; "There is a story of a ship lost at sea, with its supply of water gone and its sailors dying for want of a drink."; 4 pages. (2) 21 March 1945; Lockwood, Mo.; "Last night I was wondering just what I would or should talk to

YOU about tonight at your banquet. Most of you will be the farmers of the future and some of you perhaps will not be farmers at all.”; 6 pages. (3) 4 April 1946; Republic, Mo.; “This Father and son relationship may take many forms. For example there was the father who thought he was doing his son a great favor one evening when he took him to the wood shed to give him a whipping.”; 11 pages. (4) 18 April 1946; Springfield, Mo.; “This Father and Son business has been going on for some time, in fact I even heard about it when I was a boy and I don't know how long before that there were fathers and sons.”; 6 pages. (5) “The Abandoned Farm”; 4 March 1947; Carthage, Mo.; “I know the history of an abandoned farm. A farm where once children played and grown folks made a living.”; 2 pages. (6) 30 January 1948; Lockwood, Mo.; “Tonight I am going to talk to you about some of the important things which make up agriculture.”; 8 pages. (7) 13 May 1955; Carthage, Mo.; “I went to school once. I didn't like a day of it. It always interfered with my fishing and I thought that was important.”; 8 pages. (8) 23 April; Mt. Vernon; five pages of notes and program.

Gamma Theta Upsilon

B4 F156

Clippings and correspondence concerning EMP's address to the SMSU chapter of this international geographic fraternity, 1972; there is no copy of the address itself.

“Harvey Baum”

B4 F157

Essay, “Harvey Baum had farmed for more than 50 years and had not made more than a living.”; 4 pages.

“Home Demonstration Agent”

B4 F158

Newspaper editorial, 16 May 1933; “To the people of Lawrence County: In the past few weeks there has been some sentiment in favor of discontinuing our county agent and home Demonstration Agent in the interest of economy so that our taxes might be reduced.”; 5 pages.

Independent Gravel Company -- Joplin, Mo.

B4 F159

Correspondence and speech, 13 August 1938; “I feel some what like the drunk hanging to the piling on Ocean street when he said to the sailor What is that bright thing down there in the water?”; 2 pages.

Jasper County -- teachers

B4 F160

Address, August 1947: “Because you are all teachers I am going to give you the summary of my talk in the beginning.”; 8 pages.

Jasper County Conservation Achievement Day

B4 F161

Two copies of address, 3 April 1948; Carthage, Mo.; “Tonight Jasper County is in the bright spotlight of state and national leadership.”; 8 pages.

Joplin, Mo. -- teachers

B4 F162

Address: “The Challenge to Survive,” 21 March 1952; “The challenge to survive comes to all of us and we must meet it as individuals, ...”; 12 pages.

Kirksville, Mo. -- teachers

B4 F163

Address and notes, 28 June 1956; “I like teachers. I have been associated with them for most all of my life. It began on the lap of my mother and continues on and on because I married one.”; 26 pages.

Kiwanis Club -- Joplin, Mo.

B4 F164

Correspondence and clippings concerning address by EMP, 1964; there is no copy of the address itself.

KMOX radio talk

B4 F165

Transcript of address made by Asbury Roberts of *The Missouri Ruralist*; correspondence concerning talk given by EMP and a copy of his address, "Korean Lespedeza," 10 February 1933; "In other talks over this station on Korean clover given by Mr. A. K. Hepperly you have received information as to how to grow this wonderful crop, and its general characteristics."; 4 pages.

Laclede County Nature Knights

B4 F166

Newspaper clippings and copies of address and notes; "The Nature Knights I Have Known," 21 February 1948; Lebanon, Mo.; "I have the feeling that there have been Nature Knights for many, many years."; 11 pages.

Lawrence County -- agricultural history

B4 F167

Report written by EMP for the Lawrence County Historical Society; "Agriculture"; "The following report concerning the history of Lawrence County, Missouri, is based on statements passed on to me by people of the past generation and upon the observations I have made during my lifetime in the county."; 11 pages..

Lions Clubs

B4 F168

Speeches delivered at 3 different locations: (1) 1 May 1945; Joplin, Mo.; "Some day before too long this greatest of all wars will be over. The words 'Cease Firing' will echo to the most remote corners of the earth, ..."; 8 pages. (2) "Youth and New Frontiers," 1954; Miller, Mo.; "When Kathy and the other 4H boys and girls went to Chicago I made it a point to have some business up there and I went there too."; 7 pages, plus notes. (3) 13 March 1957; Jefferson City, Mo.; "Less than 50 years ago professor Whitney and Dr. Cameron, Chief and head chemist of the bureau of soils, U.S.D.A., held to the theories that ..."; 7 pages.

Lockwood High School assembly

B4 F169

Speech: "Food," 22 January 1942; Lockwood, Mo.; "I have been definitely instructed not to begin this talk by telling you I won't take much of your time so you can get back to your studies, so I won't say it. I also received word that sometimes you Boo at basketball games."; 6 pages.

Lockwood, Mo. -- teachers

B4 F170

Speech: "For the New Teachers at Lockwood," 24 September 1952; "I have a story I would like to get over to you tonight and I some how do not know just how to approach it. There are two thoughts I want to give you and I have half a lifetime of evidence ..."; 3 pages, plus notes.

McDonald County -- teachers

B4 F171

Speech, "Conservation--Education--Nature Appreciation," 5 December 1947; (a note at the top of the first page says that this address was also given at Marshfield, Mo., on 9 January [1948?]); "I am going to tell you a story I told the Jasper county teachers. don't know if they liked the story or not. None of them ever indicated that they did ..."; 8 pages.

Midwest Wildlife Conference

B4 F172

Correspondence, programs, address, and reprints of the address in two conservation magazines; "A Farmer Looks at Wildlife Management," 5 Dec. 1946; Columbia, Mo.; "I am a farmer. My job is simply that of encouraging those processes of Mother Nature which in the end become the food you eat and the clothes you wear.;" 9 pages.

Miscellaneous essays**B4 F173**

Writings not elsewhere classified.

Missouri Farm Real Estate Situation**B4 F174**

Correspondence and article written by EMP; "Western Corn and Small Grain Area," 21 March 1933; "The western corn and small grain area represents soil types that in their virgin state produced large crops of hay and grain.;" 8 pages.

Missouri Limestone Producers Association**B4 F175**

Correspondence concerning lectures by EMP, and copy of *Missouri Limestone News* with an editorial by Lloyd Burlingham about EMP; 1965-1965; there are no copies of the lectures.

Missouri Ruralist**B4 F176**

Articles about EMP, as well as copies of an address delivered by EMP at a banquet and an editorial by EMP: (1) "Man's civilization and all that now differentiates him from his prehistoric ancestors may be written by the one word of 'Progress.'" (2) "Farms are misused," 9 October 1982; "I suggest that you, as editor of one of the most important rural papers ..."

Missouri Vocational Agriculture teachers**B4 F177**

List of teachers and copy of address, 25 January 1941: "In a world that is at war testing various political systems to see which one can survive, it may be well for every one of us to give a little thought to what democracy has meant to all of us ..."; 2 pages.

Mount Vernon, Mo. -- speeches**B4 F178**

Two different speeches: (1) 11 September 1940; Baptist Hill; "The announcement of my part in this program came to me by way of the paper.;" 5 pages. (2) "School Board Teacher Relationship," 8 March 1949; Mount Vernon, Mo.; "Before I tell you what I have in mind on this subject I want to make a few things quite clear.;" 7 pages.

"My Dog Dee"**B4 F179**

A one-page story by EMP; "The day was dark and cold and nearing its November end ..."

Newton County -- teachers**B4 F180**

Two addresses given by EMP: (1) "The Immensity of the Conservation Program," 31 October 1947; Reddings Mill; "First of all what is Conservation? I am willing to accept the definition ..."; 7 pages. (2) 12 September 1952; "I doubt that my talk with you this morning will be very inspiring because in it I must deal with some figures and facts which require sober thought and judgment.;" 7 pages.

"On Second Thought"**B4 F181-192**

Clippings of newspaper column written by EMP from 1966-1982.

"One-Family Farms 'Where the West Begins'"**B4 F193**

Essay.

Our Margin of Life

B5 F194-202

All of the folders contain material dealing with this book by EMP; the folder titles are self-explanatory.

Outdoor Writers Association of America

B5 F203

Letter to EMP, address, and the *National Outdoor Writers Directory*; address given 10 May 1958 at Rockaway Beach, Missouri; "I envy all of you. You are engineers, manufacturers, and outdoor writers."; 4 pages., plus notes.

Permission to Life

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Book by EMP, 1986.

"Poor Land and Legumes"

B5 F205

Essay; "One of the most distressing feature of our agriculture at this time is the ever increasing amount of poor land."; 2 pages.

"Post-War Planning for Farm and Factory"

B5 F206

Address, 19 April 1944; Pittsburg, Kan.; "I well remember a long time ago when I was a kid and had to milk cows ..."; 8 pages.

"Revolution in Agriculture"

B5 F207

Holograph copy of essay; "The Lord said to Adam, 'Cursed is the earth in thy works, ...'" this may have been written by EMP and transcribed by someone else.

Roaring Rivers -- teachers

B5 F208

Address, 18 September 1947; "The last time I talked to you I gave you the summary of what I was going to say first."; 3 pages.

Rotary Clubs

B5 F209

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