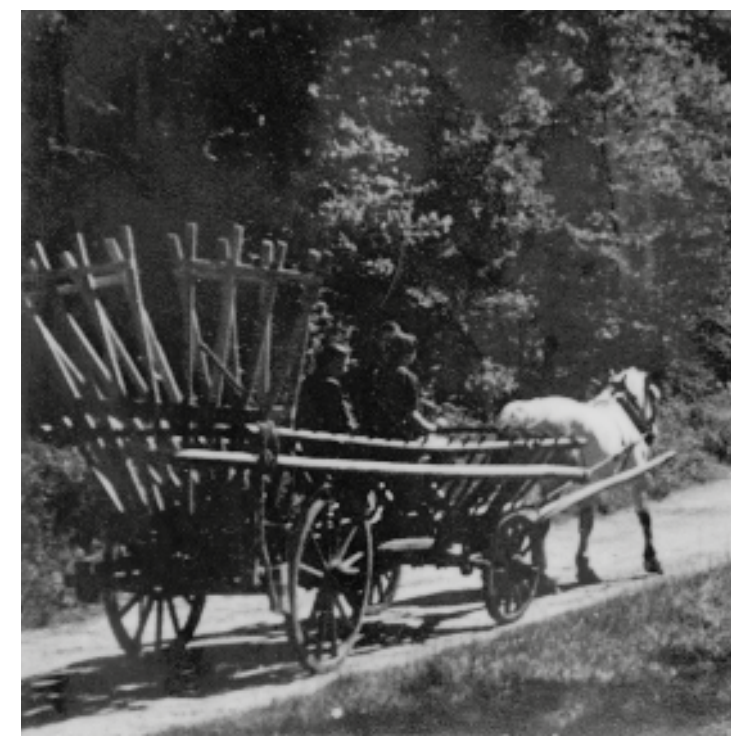


SCENES OF FARM LIFE IN ALSACE IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY

In Outre-Forêt life changed radically for farmers with the passage from the 19th to the 20th century. Major changes took place in the whole of Alsace, with a rapid development of new industries (the refinery in Pechelbronn for example). However, Outre-Forêt retained more of its rural practices than the rest of Alsace. A broad range of crops are grown around Outre-Forêt. Before the Second World War, agriculture was essentially intended for the farmers' individual consumption. Intensive farming was introduced toward the end of the 1930. Farmers in Alsace produced: wheat - rye - rape - beans - beetroots - turnips - potatoes - and a little corn. They also grew barley and oats for the farm animals.



The perfect draught horse
Large back and breast
Solid shoulders, powerful neck
Short pasterns, sturdy hooves,
Bones tough to the marrow.
Such a horse draws both
The plough and the cart.'
(Excerpt from 'Lesebuch für
Fortbildungsschulen in E.
L' Editions Bull 1903)