

country and wanted to see their homes and friends again. On September 20, the men cheered as they saw cows feeding on the river bank. Soon after, they reached a little village. They were joyful as they passed several settlements along their way.

On Tuesday, September 23, the party arrived again in St. Louis, where they were given a hearty welcome from the whole village.

For two years and four months, the men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled over eight thousand miles, across the North American continent. Their



records and notes gave much-needed information about the land and people in the Louisiana Territory and beyond that to the Pacific Ocean. These explorers were truly great American heroes.