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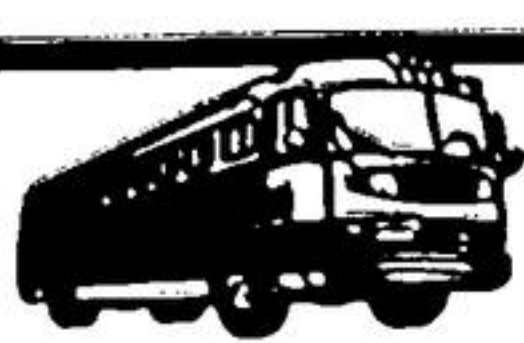


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## CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

By WILL C. BARRIE, Manager  
1955  
CANADIAN PLOWING TEAM



### Editor's Note:

W. C. Barrie, of Galt, Ont., a past president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and manager of the Canadian plowing team at the third annual World Plowing Match in Sweden, has sent home on the spot reports of his trip with team members Joe Tran of Claremont, Ont., and Ivan McLaughlin of Stouffville, Ont. Here is the first of his reports.

Liverpool: We never knew we had so many friends in eastern Canada until shortly before we set out on the first leg of our journey, from Toronto to Montreal.

Perhaps I should explain that by "we" I mean our party of five: Joe Tran, who won the 1954 Canadian plowing championship at Ballantrae, Ont.; Ivan McLaughlin, who also qualified for the trip by finishing second; Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Barrie, and myself, who was lucky enough to be appointed team manager.

The first indication was a most enjoyable luncheon given for us by Imperial Oil, which was sponsoring the team's trip to the World Plowing Match. The luncheon was held in Toronto, and we met many friends there, new and old.

Next, at Union Station, we met a party of York county council members and their wives, who were just returning from a Canadian Good Roads Association Convention at Banff. One of my plowmen, Ivan McLaughlin, who is reeve of Whitechurch and a member of the county council, of course knew them all.



Joe Tran

### Many Relatives

But the most surprising encounters we had came after we were on our way to Montreal. We thought it would be an uneventful trip, but Joe Tran seemed to have at least one relative — and usually several — waiting at every stop on the way. We kidded Joe a lot about having so many relatives all over the country, but the

boxes of chocolates, cakes and other things they brought as gifts were most acceptable to the rest of us, as well as Joe.

At Belleville, Mrs. Barrie and I got a special surprise, for we were greeted by our daughter and son and six of our grandchildren.

We arrived in Montreal and were half way to the dock to catch the Empress of Scotland, when J. D. Thomas, who was making the trip as president of the World Plowing Organization, missed his cane and declared he had left it in the station. We had one of our taxis turn back, and after I had searched all over the railway station for the cane, Mr. Thomas found he had been sitting on it all the time.

### Your Ship

Aboard ship, Ivan, Joe and I left the ladies to handle the unpacking in the cabins and we began a tour of the vessel.

Suddenly we saw a number of the crew members pointing excitedly to a man who was swimming in the water beside a boat anchored near by. We were told he had jumped out of a window more than forty feet above the water. After swimming around for a while he climbed a rope ladder thrown him by some sailors on the boat. But no sooner was he on the boat than he dived in again. We figured there must have been some easier way for him to sober up!

On returning to our cabin I was pleased to receive a telegram from one of our popular OPA directors Robert Campbell, wishing our team every success in Sweden.

The first day on the Empress was quite an event for the whole party, because, with the exception of J. D. Thomas, none of us had ever been on an ocean liner before.

### Narrow Squeak

The weather was pleasantly warm, and the colouring of the maples on the river banks were marvelous. As the ship steamed under the bridge at Quebec, the crowd on the top deck held its breath because it looked as if the mast and funnels would be swept off. But we sailed through all right, with what looked to be only a foot or two clearance to spare.

On the second day we awoke to find the waves splashing high over the decks and the passengers walking around like drunken sailors. The water in the ship's swimming pool splashed over the sides and sometimes even splattered the ceiling. We decided to postpone our early morning dip, although one bathing beauty seemed to be enjoying herself in rough water.



Ivan McLaughlin

were even worse, and we figured Hurricane Ione must be following us across the ocean.

### Special Treat

It was not until the fifth day that we were back to normal and able to take our meals. By this time most of the officers and first class passengers knew the purpose of our trip, and at dinner that evening, we were served Baked Alaska, a special ice cream treat not shared by the other passengers.

Later that evening the captain gave a party, which, I'm sorry to say, ended with a minor disaster. Just when the party got into full swing, the ship lurched violently to the port side, and the 25 couples who were dancing at the time lost their balance and slid to one side of the room. When order was restored, a lady from New Zealand was found to be unconscious, and several other people were badly shaken up and bruised.

The following day, a Sunday, we attended shipboard church services and saw a movie that night.

### Sleeping Warrior

The trip up the Clyde the next day was by far the most pleasant part of the ocean journey. Such places as Ailsa Craig or Paddy's Peak, that mountain of solid granite which is the source of curling stones used throughout the world — came to view on the south bank of the Clyde. The Sleeping Warrior, a row of hills resembling an armoured warrior lying on the ground, made a splendid background for some pictures we took on deck.

At Greenock we saw a number of foreign freighters anchored in midstream and Mrs. Barrie and I remembered that it was from south of here — at Ayrshire — that our ancestors had come to Canada 125 years ago.

Our ancestors, of course, made the trip in a sailing vessel, and I'm told it took them six weeks, during which they suffered all sorts of privations and discomforts. And there we were, after making the same journey, but in the opposite direction, in one week, with all the comforts of a modern hotel — even if the "hotel" did heave and rock considerably at times.

Soon we were preparing to disembark at Liverpool, to begin the third

## Ministers Attend Town and Country Conference

Two district ministers Rev. Kenneth Richardson and Rev. James Maxwell attended the town and country conference at Grand Valley and Arthur last Tuesday.

Attendees at this annual event registered in the morning at St. Alban's Church, Grand Valley for a service of the holy communion, at which Rev. R. Porritt was celebrant. Addresses on "The Church and Agriculture" were given by Professor N. High, Guelph OAC and Rev. Norman Green, Beamsville.

A tour of the countryside was led by the county agricultural representative Mr. D. Black.

Grace Church, Arthur was host for supper and evening to terminate a successful conference. Rev. C. N. P. Blagrove expressed his appreciation to those who assisted in the day-long conference and made it a worthwhile study.

## WMS OFFICIALS MEET AT BETHEL UNITED

A Halton Presbyterian sectional meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at Bethel United Church on Tuesday, November 1st in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. Harris was in the chair. A hearty welcome was extended to the delegates by Mrs. George Brownridge, on behalf of the Bethel Auxiliary.

The morning's worship service was ably conducted by the Georgetown Auxiliary, the theme being "The Stewardship of Time and Talent". This was followed with a literature review by the literature secretary, Mrs. L. Leaver. Mrs. Leaver stated that the Bible was not being read by as many people today as at the time of the Reformation. She suggested that a special time be set apart each day for the reading of a few passages from the Bible. She felt that the study books should be used as much as possible at the monthly meetings of the auxiliaries and for reading pleasure she suggested the purchase of several books and helps, which she briefly reviewed. This was followed by an open discussion on "What's Your Problem?" headed by Mrs. H. B. Galbraith.

These problems were varied and included such subjects as — how can one interest New Canadians in WMS work? — how can present members be made more active? — the question of Mission Circles and how to interest young women between the ages of 18 and 25 — the problem of financing to meet the year's allocation and the selection of officers.

Each problem was discussed briefly and several delegates told of their experience in meeting the respective situations.

An excellent luncheon was provided by the ladies of Bethel United Church. During the afternoon an inspiring devotional was presented by the Ashgrove Auxiliary the theme being "the power of prayer." The music for the day was in charge of the Acton Auxiliary and the Helen Blair Evening Auxiliary and the solos added greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. R. Graham. Mrs. Graham gave a most interesting talk on her life as the wife of a missionary and as a nurse working among the outcast groups in Central India.

leg of the journey, to London. Needless to say, both Joe and Ivan were pleased at the prospect of getting their feet on solid ground again.

Next Week, Our flight to Sweden.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 13th  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion (Corporate AYPA)  
9.45 a.m. — Church School (all departments)  
11 a.m. — Mattins, Remembrance Service  
12.30 a.m. — Community Act of Remembrance (at the Cenotaph.)  
3 p.m. — Holy Confirmation — Instruction (Young People's Group.)  
7 p.m. — Evensong (followed by Adult Confirmation Instruction.)

## ST. ALBAN'S GLER-WILLIAMS

9.30 a.m. — Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. — Mattins.  
10.40 a.m. — Church School

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