

From Stouffville To Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Salmon and the boys who left Stouffville in their modern "home on wheels" a few weeks ago on the first leg of their journey to Australia reached Chicago last week. Mr. Salmon graciously promised to give our readers a word picture on the trip, and first installment follows. Mr. Salmon spent several years here with Stiver Bros. and his graphic account of the journey he and his family are undertaking will be one of the highlights from time to time.

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Hi! Folks!
(By Cliff Salmon)
We don't seem to be making much speed Westward, do we? Well, we had some visiting to do at Detroit and also at Nashville, Mich., and every place has been so interesting that we have hated to pull up the anchor and move on to the next.

For instance today! We drove in bright and early from our trailer camp on No. 7 Highway southwest of Chicago, clean up to the north end of the city. This was mostly along the Lake Shore Drive. What a town! It is spread out for miles and miles—big buildings, beautiful parks, double four-lane highways, etc. It shades New York in giving you the impression of "bigness." And it doesn't seem to be overcrowded in spite of the population statistics.

After finding free parking in front of the Museum of Natural History, we decided we could do worse than spend an hour inside sharpening up our intellectual appreciation—we were in over four hours and emerged foot-weary after seeing less than a quarter of the exhibits. Each floor covers several acres and there are four of them. And we had hoped to have time for shopping in the big stores as well! So, to shop, we must stay another day.

Our trip this far has had two or three highlights worthy of mention. First, there was the Detroit Zoological Gardens. The big feature here is the way the animals are displayed—no cages, except on the inside of their winter quarters. Instead, they are separated from the curious crowds by wide, deep moats. It is really something to see a set of real live tigers gazing nonchalantly at you while you take their pictures—and no bars between. We wondered if they could jump the moats if they tried. The same type of settings are used for lions, bears, elephants, rhinos, giraffes, etc. We took coloured shots of most of them, too.

Another highlight was our two hour tour through the Post Cereal Plant at Battle Creek, Mich. We observed some wonderful automatic machinery at work, cooking and packing Grape Nut Flakes, etc. It was quite an education, especially for Peter. It was his first look at the inside of a factory. We finished off here with free servings of hot Postum and grape-fruit ice cream.

From Battle Creek to the Indiana border was one of the prettiest drives we have ever taken. The country is well-wooded and rolling. The trees were in many places wearing their autumn colours. And the highways were perfect. We went through the fruit-growing section of Southern Michigan, stopping once or twice to buy samples. We bought a watermelon for 25c. Apples were selling at 50c a bushel. The same stands that sold fruits and vegetables also went in for many varieties of bottled fruit juices and home canning. The weatherman was very nice to us on this section of our trip, favoring us with a sunny, Sunday afternoon.

Once over into Indiana, the scenery changed remarkably. The section of Indiana touching Lake Michigan, is mostly a series of Sand Dunes. We took the No. 12 Highway all the way, and just before coming into Gary, we visited the Indiana Dunes State Park. This was really something. It is a huge area with a double highway through it from the main road to the lakefront. The parking area to accommodate the summer bathing crowds is so vast, all paved cement, that we took a picture of it, with the sand dunes as a background. I estimated that it would accommodate at least 2500 cars. A large section of the park is set aside for trailer facilities, so we stayed the night at a cost of only 50c. This included electricity, water, etc.

From there on into the southern environs of Chicago wasn't especially interesting. We stopped on a "no-parking" law for about half a minute to snap a picture of the not-very-romantic Illinois State Line. While we were searching for a camp in Chicago, we came across what to us was quite a curiosity—an automatic ice-vending machine. We needed some ice any-

Claims Council No Authority Over New Cemetery

With several appeals filed against the assessment just completed in Whitchurch, council in session Saturday set October 29, at 2 p.m., as the date and hour when the appeals may be dealt with.

Road Superintendent Sandy Davis informed council that 7,400 yards of gravel had so far been placed on the roads this year, while he was discussing the fall work that is yet to be attended to. Township road work is in better shape than for many years.

F. L. Button, K.C. informed council by letter that he considered council went beyond their jurisdiction in forbidding the establishment of a cemetery at new Gormley where an acre of land had been granted for a burial ground to the United Missionary church. Reeve Logan said that when the matter came up many months ago, it was considered that one acre was not sufficient for a cemetery, and that other reasons such as several citizens protesting the establishment of the cemetery near their homes was also an influencing factor in coming to the decision council reached at that time. It was decided to refer the matter to the township solicitor, Mr. I. D. Lucas.

Shoot Five Dogs In Sheep Attack

Whitchurch Township Council on Saturday agreed to pay \$105 compensation for three registered sheep killed by dogs and valued by a duly appointed valuer for the municipality. "I understand that Richard Blue, owner, had been selling ewes from this flock at \$45 each," said Reeve Logan, "which no doubt accounts for the high price set for compensation."

A bright spot about the attack made by the sheep is that three dogs were shot. It was on the morning of September 15 on the farm of Richard Blue, lot 26, con. 3, when the hired man, John Campbell, took aim at the attackers and brought down three dogs while wounding a fourth. Campbell will be entitled to prove his claim and collect \$5 per dog reward from the township council.

Another sheep claim that will be filed shortly is for a killing on the farm of C. H. Hickson near Aurora. While the press has not the facts about the killing the information is to hand that Ernie Atkinson was driving a truck along the road when he saw the dogs at the sheep. He drew up at the home of Gordon Timbers, borrowed a gun there, and ran to the defence of the sheep. He shot down two dogs and wounded another. The animals were not identified, but are believed to have come from Aurora since the farm is close to town.

way, so I tried it out. There is a slot for a quarter and a nickel; you push in the lever, and presto! a 50 size block of ice is delivered in the chute at your feet ready to be carried away. We took a picture of that, too.

A word or two about Chicago traffic. On the whole it is much slower than Detroit, and there aren't the same jack-rabbit starts and sudden stops. In several places, policemen stand at intersections and blow whistles when the lights change to hurry along the traffic. This seems to be a good idea because quite often the stop lights are none too obvious, especially for out of town visitors like us. Another feature we hadn't met up with before was taking a left turn against a red light in obedience to a "green arrow" light under the regular "green-orange-red" combination.

On Wednesday a.m. we drove again to the middle of town, this time parking in an enormous parking area not more than 5 minutes walk from the famous "loop." After reports we heard, we were agreeably amazed to obtain parking privileges all day for 50c. We asked how many cars they could put in—the answer was over 3500. Doris went shopping, while I did a spell of baby-sitting in the car. In the afternoon, we visited the Museum of Science and Industry. This will remain the top item of interest of our stay in Chicago. There are more things of interest packed into that building than you can shake a stick at. To mention two or three—there is a visit to a coal mine, a huge pendulum suspended to the roof of the building and which records the motion of the earth on its axis on a large dial on the basement floor—a medical exhibit which included complete human anatomy with life size models.

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Live Holstein Lives in Store

The real live Holstein calf owned by Garfield Ham has been quartered in the store of Stiver Bros., where it is just as well cared for as Elsie of Borden fame.

Mr. M. Watts keeps an eye on the baby helper as it dollocks in its crib of clean shavings, and greets the customers with a lick of the tongue if they prefer their greetings that way. Well watered and always a bag of Purina calf feed before it, a test will be made, and around Christmas or sooner, perhaps, it will be weighed and its gain recorded.

There is nothing so impressive as real action in advertising, and in this case nothing so popular with the youngsters. A bull in a china shop wouldn't be more impressive as this little lady, in the feed store.

Married in Stouffville 60 Years Ago, Uxbridge Couple Celebrate Event

Married in Stouffville 60 years ago by Rev. Mr. Brown, Methodist minister here at that time, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lee celebrated the event at their home in Uxbridge town over the weekend. Present for the occasion were their three sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, in addition to scores of old friends calling during the day.

Mr. Lee is in his 82nd year and Mrs. Lee her 81st. She was born in Stouffville a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Park. Mr. Park operated a sash and door factory. She recalls as does Mr. Lee the day they were wed at the home of her parents. They took up land in Uxbridge township and in which municipality Mr. Lee was born. He was prominent in public life and served 20 years in one office or another. Elected first to the township council he was elevated to deputy reeve and served here for several terms, then stepped into the reeveship. Later he became road superintendent and held this position for eleven years.

Widely known throughout the township, and in Stouffville and Uxbridge, everybody is pleased to learn of the happy diamond wedding event.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wideman announce the engagement of their second daughter Elva June to John Harvey Dike, son of Mrs. Dike and the late Percy Dike of Markham. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m. in the Wideman Mennonite Church.

The marriage of Eunice Nita Margaret, second daughter of Mrs. Annie Yake and the late Albert E. Yake, to Harvey Hoover Wideman, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wideman is announced to take place on Saturday, Oct. 15th.

Mrs. V. H. Dennis and Miss Lou Harvey of Toronto spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. S.W. Hastings.

Will Install Speed Trap in Town Unless Motorists Slow Down

A speed trap is on the way for Stouffville if the fast driving is not curbed on our streets, was the decision of the local municipal council, meeting in regular session on Thursday night.

"It's very difficult to catch these speeders in a short distance on Main St.," stated the Reeve.

"A speed trap would cost probably \$75," the Reeve explained. "We'd get it back in fines?" said Councillor Ratcliff. Reeve Nolan agreed.

"Speeding is bad on some of the longer side streets too," stated Councillors Baker and Ogden.

Mrs. (Dr.) John Button and (Mrs.) (Dr.) Neil Smith, representing the local Nursery School, waited on council to see if a municipal grant couldn't be arranged, to keep the school from operating with a deficit. The government would subsidize the school an amount equal to any municipal grant, Mrs. Button informed council.

Council asked the ladies why the rates couldn't be raised if expenses couldn't be met from present income, but the delegation stated that they thought there were some who couldn't pay if the fees were raised above \$5 per month.

Councillor Ratcliff expressed the opinion that possibly when the Nursery School was incorporated into the local public school would be time for the town as a whole to subscribe.

Council agreed with Mr. Ratcliff. The Reeve added that it was not advisable for a council with only one meeting left in their term of office to make a decision on such a matter.

Hydro consumed for the past month reached 775 h.p. and the account was passed, being the largest on record.

Clerk Storey questioned council regarding a deposit of possibly \$500 from the new Arena for hydro installation. He was informed that council would go on record as asking for no deposit from a local public enterprise of this nature, and motion was passed to that effect.

Council was informed that the local fire brigade was very pleased with the new floor and increased head-room in the fire hall.

There was some discussion over the failure of Pickering Township to pay for the Stouffville Brigade, answering calls in that municipality; and council expressed the opinion that service would be cut off if this proved to be the case.

Approve Half Million Dollar School Without Discussion

When the Township Council in Whitchurch was asked to approve the Aurora high school area project which will cost in the neighborhood of \$505,000, the item passed council on Saturday without discussion. The councillors evidently felt that inasmuch as the area must have a new school, it would not be part of wisdom for them to raise any stumbling block for the school area board to run into.

The present high school in Aurora is being taken over by the town of Aurora for a public school at a cost of \$100,000, and this will offset by less than one-fifth the cost of the new high school which will affect the ratepayers on the west side of the township.

The following resolution was prepared and laid before the council, and was passed unanimously and signed by Reeve Logan:

"That we, the members of the Whitchurch Municipal Council, hereby endorse the action of the Aurora High School District Board in respect to their building program as follows:

- (1) We approve the site chosen, namely 13 acres; more or less, of the Dunning property, at a price of \$10,500.
- (2) We accept the figures presented by the Deputy Minister

of Education in his letter, dated Aug. 2, 1949, addressed to Miss Love, secretary, as to estimated cost:

Building contract	\$401,000
Architect's fee	24,000
Site	10,500
Furniture & Equip.	70,000

(3) We approve of the architect chosen by the Board, namely S. B. Coon & Son.

(4) We hereby delegate authority to the council or clerk of the town of Aurora to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for permission to issue the necessary debentures."

LOCAL PLOWING MATCH NEXT WEEK

The North York Plowing Match is to be held on the farm of Oliver Diceman, Queensville, (one and a quarter miles north and one and a quarter miles east) on Wednesday, October 19.

The prize list is just off the press today (Thursday) and may be obtained at the office of this paper or from President Allan Shaw, Sharon, Secretary R. E. Ratcliff, Stouffville, or any of the directors. Those in Whitchurch are Fred Timbers, Wm. Simpson, Elmer Wells, Edw. Logan, Edw. Ferguson.

Scene In Rural Church Thanksgiving Service



Baker: Hill Baptist Church on the 8th concession of Markham, marked another bountiful harvest with this Thanksgiving service last Sunday. The 83-year-old structure was decorated with flowers, vegetables and grain, products of the district. Autumn leaves enhanced the scene. Pastor Norman Rowan leads the congregation in prayer, but he never suspected the scene would be recorded by the camera. The box style hard seats have been in use since the church opened in 1866.

Heavy Corn Crop Splits Cement Silo Open

The big cement silo on the farm of Jack Sheridan, east of Stouffville, split open on Friday when it was asked to hold a bumper corn crop that piled high above the 36 foot top.

When the silo was filled snow fencing was run around and Ernie Carruther, custom silo filler, started to work filling again. Before he had added many feet a loud report was heard and the cement sides showed a dangerous crack. Filled to capacity several days ago the ensilage settled ten feet when it was refilled, and then the fencing added.

Work was suspended, and an effort will be made, no doubt, to fasten steel bands around the structure.

S. Ontario Plowing Match in Reach Tp.

The plowing match is still a popular institution and stabilizing influence in agriculture in Ontario County. With 50 entries in all classes, and one of the largest crowds in years, the annual plowing match of the South Ontario Plowmen's Association held Oct. 4 on the 250-acre farm of C. S. Waller, lot 17, con. 11, Reach Township, brought out this fact. Moreover, the judges were unanimous that the horse and tractor plowing was not only of high quality, but among the best they had seen in the province this year.

Outstanding was the work by boys 18 years and under, with an encouraging number of entries. A new and popular feature was a tractor rodeo for boys which Lynn Fair, county agricultural representative, explained was only one phase of the farm machinery project being sponsored by the Junior Farmers' organization from a safety angle. The boys competing have been studying literature supplied by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and while the contest was not on the program, it was watched with great interest. The complete prize list is as follows:

Class 1, sod, open to all—A. Mark, Cameron; James Lee, Greenbank; C. Timbers, Milliken; Ronald Marquis, Sunderland; R. Miller, Sunderland; H. Timbers, Aurora; Stuart Ball, Uxbridge; W. Hooton, Ida.

Class 2, sod, jointer—G. Bell, Woodville; H. Bewell, Greenbank; T. Thompson, Seagrave; W. Alsop, Uxbridge.

Class 3, tractors in sod—H. J. Cooperwaite, Milliken; R. Timbers, Stouffville; I. McLaughlin, Stouffville; J. Eckles, Brampton; Joe Tran, Claremont; R. Morrison, Beaverton.

Class 4, stubble, jointer plows—1st: R. Marquis, Sunderland; R. Smith, Mount Albert; B. Wiley, Oakwood; W. Hill, Greenbank; A. Featherstone, Milliken.

Class 5, stubble, jointer plows—C. Clarke, Blackwater; J. Dancy, Cannington; H. Myers, Goodwood; Howard Timbers, Uxbridge; L. Fielding, Manilla.

Class 6, tractor in stubble (boys and girls 16 and under)—B. Timbers, Stouffville; H. Baird, Blackwater; G. Dunkeld, Claremont; C. Lambert, Woodville; J. Moore, (Continued on page six)

Hold to Late Election Date

The annual municipal election date was set on Saturday by Whitchurch Township Council and will be the first Monday in January, in case a poll is demanded following the nomination meeting which falls on Monday, December 26.

It had been suggested earlier in the year by Councillor Sid Legge that Whitchurch might consider shifting to the so-called early election date, but when the bylaw passed on Saturday the matter was not debated and the year-end nomination and election will fall on the usual dates.

It was argued some years ago that the early election date would induce better attendance at nomination meeting, but actually the very reverse has been the case. There is little in the early election date to compensate for the disturbance created in presenting a clear financial picture for the year the council is called to serve, Reeve Logan once pointed-out.

A second poll will be opened at Wilcox Lake owing to the added growth in population in the division.