

Visit World's Biggest Porridge Factory in Iowa

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Hi! Folks! Look where we are! We're looking down at you from an elevation of 6062 feet—approximately 10 times higher above sea level than you are. And tomorrow, if the weather continues fine, we will be higher still. They say around here that for every mile you go westward, you gain 50 feet in altitude. I can believe this because of the tremendous distance you can see at the top of each rise. Today, about 14 miles east of Cheyenne, we had our first glimpse of some snow-capped peak in the distance. It was quite a thrill.

We are now snuggled down in a trailer-park on the South-West side of Cheyenne. Just finished summarizing our expenses to date. We have now covered over 1900 miles and at an approximate cost per gasoline-mile of a little over 2 1/3 cents per mile. In our original estimate we allowed 3c per mile, so we are still on the right side of the ledger. Now that we are finally in Wyoming, the question mark is how long will be going up the mountains? We don't want to rush through things too fast—we want to get our money's worth of scenic pleasure—yet we realize that the area involved is so vast, that to do any kind of justice to it would take at least a year or so. And we have only 15 days between now and when we are due to arrive in Los Angeles! Quite a problem, that!

About our trip from Illinois to Wyoming. We managed to tear loose from Chicago last Thursday morning, and started rolling Westward as fast as we could. Said "hello" to "Old Man River" at Clinton, Iowa, where we stopped to prepare some lunch. At this point, the Mississippi isn't too remarkable a sight, but we took pictures anyway, just for the record. Scenically speaking, Iowa proved not too interesting and we didn't find many excuses for making coloured shots. I never saw so many square miles of corn in my life. Most of it was marked "Pioneer" with a hybrid serial number. Every few miles there was a Government Station for handling corn storage consisting of several good-sized tanks. At a distance, you would think you were coming into some oil-fields. We stayed at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that night.

Friday morning, we drove into the business section of Cedar Rapids and did some shopping. Here, we discovered, was the biggest plant in the world for processing cereals and owned by the Quaker Oat Co. We took some pictures here and then continued on our way. The next point of interest was Des Moines. Here, on Saturday morning we took pictures of the State Capitol, etc. to add to our collection.

Nebraska proved to be as "corny" as Iowa, only now were added pigs to the scenery. Pigs of all sizes and colours—thousands of them. They grow them in Iowa and Nebraska like we do chickens in Ontario.

Driving through the plains of Iowa and Nebraska was mostly remarkable for the terrific vastness of the country. This is something that no picture can possibly convey. There isn't much you can take a picture of except flatness. The Lincoln Highway which we have been following most of the way, in many places is so straight it seems to run off the earth at both ends. Sometimes it seems to disappear in the distance in a shiny sea of water, in which even reflections of other cars and surrounding objects are plainly discernible. This is the phenomenon known as mirage.

In the extreme west of Nebraska, before coming into Wyoming, the prairie gives way to rolling hills, completely barren for the most part. There are numerous herds of cattle in evidence, with an occasional cow-boy on horse-back, much to Pete's delight. We have had a little family competition all the way out counting white horses, aeroplanes, and other trailers on the road. Now we have added cow-boys and Indians. From Pine Bluffs to Cheyenne we have seen scores of Indians either working at their own potato patches, or driving along the road in old jalopies.

The old trailer has behaved beautifully after the first few miles away from home it took me to get used to it. Now we drive along at 50, 55 and on occasion, 60 miles per hour and feel quite at home. Then when we pull in (continued on page 5)

Griffin Authorized to Fight For Assessment Enforcement In Markham Township

Despite the fact that Markham Township Council meets twice a month, members find they can scarcely keep abreast of the business and Reeve Vern Griffin discussed the issue at Monday's council meeting.

The reeve said that the way some business is carried on, council was made to look like fools, and Councillor Barber advocated putting another man in the office to assist the clerk and the two helpers now employed. "I favor a young man who can be trained, and that is no reflection on the staff," said Mr. Barber. Councillor Wicks claimed the responsibility, or a certain amount of delay, rested with the reeve. The reeve said he was prepared to accept his responsibility, and promised to try and find the "bottle-neck," if one existed.

Reeve Griffin was given authority to engage another solicitor to represent the township at the coming appeal against the county assessment to be heard next month before the Ontario Municipal Board. Solicitor Lucas who has been attending the township business cannot act in this case since he will represent the county.

Reeve Griffin explained the issue may be vital in that the argument over clause 57a of the Assessment Act demands collection of taxes on buildings in course of erection. While this is collected in most of the 26 municipalities, he said none of them were making a return to the county coffers, with the result that millions of assessment in the south are lost to the county, and the smaller municipalities, including Markham, are worsted because of this neglect. "I intend to make an

issue of the matter, but will not employ a solicitor until I am satisfied we will need one," said Mr. Griffin.

Plumbing Inspector Fletcher Goudie said that some deplorable work is being put in and some contractors had even defied his orders to do a good job. The bylaw provides punishment and the inspector was advised to protect the ratepayers. Mr. Goudie advised licensing all contractors doing plumbing in Markham.

"Council debated the wisdom of offering a written protest to the Bell Telephone Co. over what is claimed deplorable service on the Yonge street-exchanger. Reeve Griffin introduced the matter, but Councillor Rae wondered if it was proper business for council to delve into. It may be questionable, admitted the reeve but a protest might help and could do no harm, he thought. Deputy-Reeve Timbers was a bit doubtful about council's interference, however, he concluded a protest could do no harm.

Monday, October 31, was set as the date for holding the Court of Revision on the assessment roll just completed. Only a few appeals were filed, and these will be cleared at that time.

The dumping problem was given further consideration, and it was learned that Richmond Hill council had recently talked about installing an incinerator. Since the big problem arises on the west side of the township, Reeve Griffin suggested that the Hill council should be notified that Markham would probably be a patron that would help them finance the operation. The Yonge street council will be advised that Markham is interested.

Young Mother Mrs. D. Oldham Succumbs to Long Illness

The death of Mrs. Denzil J. Oldham of Whitechurch Township although not unexpected, was a sad occurrence. Mrs. Oldham died on Tuesday at her home on lot 5, con. 1, Scott Township. Only in her 34th year, Mrs. Oldham was born in Whitechurch being Barbara Pegg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pegg. She had been in failing health for some years, and had been a hospital patient on several occasions, but it seemed that her peculiar illness could not be stayed. She bore her trial with great patience.

Married only ten years this last June, besides her husband there survives two children, Elaine 7, and Phyllis 4. There are three sisters of Mrs. Oldham's, namely, Mrs. Roy Flewelling of Whitechurch, Mrs. Bruce McLean of Markham, and Mrs. Richard Wright of St. Catharines.

The funeral from the late home on Thursday to Hartman cemetery was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Shapter of Mount Albert conducted the service and the pall bearers were Messrs. Harvey and Herbert Leek, Bill and Hugh Shillinglaw, Ernest Davis and Allen Hopkins. Flower bearers were Messrs. James Oldham, Grant Oldham, James Hammit, and Harvey Meek.

New Bank Manager Takes Position

Mr. V. Harland Atkinson, manager of the Killaloe Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has located in Stouffville and last Thursday took over the management succeeding Mr. A. C. Thompson who was retired some months ago. Mr. Norman Baker was acting manager during the change-over.

Mr. Atkinson started his banking career at Owen Sound and later was manager at Kingston for seven years, before which he had served twelve years in Toronto.

A widower only the past year, Mr. Atkinson brings his mother, Mrs. Electa Atkinson, to Stouffville to be in charge of his home. He has secured the apartment in the Maple Leaf Dairy block. There are no children.

Mr. Atkinson is an active member of the Lions Club hence he will find quick fellowship among the members in Stouffville.

ATTENTION
Canadian Legion Branch 459
A special meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. Topic, zone, cribbage, indoor sports. All members interested please attend.
Sports Officer

COUNTY ASSESSOR'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

One of the chief orders of business when Ontario County Council met on Tuesday of this week, was the acceptance of the resignation of Ralph Wilson, county assessor. Mr. Wilson is leaving at the end of November to take a similar position in Welland County. He has played a prominent part in the new one hundred percent assessment setup as now used in Ontario County.

Won't Escape Dog Tax in Markham

"There have been less dog taxes paid this year than usual," declared the official dog-catcher for Markham Township before council on Monday. Mr. Art Goodchild is a small man but he says there isn't any trouble catching the dogs. Problem arises as to what to do with them. "I caught two, and sent them off to be destroyed. Fee for catching them was \$2 and this includes disposing of them. "I paid two bucks to send them off to the Humane Society."

Reeve Griffin said he was aware of the fact that some 400 dog owners had not contributed the tax. In all there are some 1200 canines in the township.

Councillor Rae suggested it was a job for the police. They would collect mileage gathering the tax and that would be cheaper than employing someone to make the rounds again.

Constable Wideman was called in for the discussion, and if it is left to the police, notices will be posted to each delinquent, giving them a limited time to remit, and those who failed to do so, would be served with a summons.

Deputy-Reeve Timbers and Councillors Barber and Wicks agreed that it is not fair that some should pay and others ignore the law, so the matter was turned over to the police who will take immediate action.

Business Man Weds

One of Stouffville's newest business men, Mr. Keith H. Middlemiss took unto himself a bride on October 10, when he wed Norma Ilean Culp of Beamsville, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Culp and the late Herbert Culp. Rev. Sheridan Bole tied the nuptial knot. The bride and groom left on their honeymoon trip, and later have located in their new home in Stouffville where the groom recently took over the electrical business of N. W. Byer & Son. Stouffville business interest and citizens generally will join The Tribune in extending a welcome to the newly weds who have the apartment over their store next the municipal building.

Checking Trucks for Overloading Proves Menace to Traffic

Several truckers were fined last week after being fined for overloading with gravel through Stouffville. These overloaded trucks are a menace to general traffic.

Last week a car from the Mole Motor Sales was returning from Toronto where it had just been given a new windshield to replace the shattered glass that had been broken by accident, when small stones flying from a load of gravel passing in the opposite direction broke the windshield again.

Other motorists report being showered with small stones when passing gravel trucks, and the police have been asked to carefully check the gravel trucks.

Eight fines were meted out for overloading last week, and according to police it is the overloaded truck that is causing the menace from flying stones.

Delegates from All Ontario at Legion Rally Here Sunday

Members of the Canadian Legion in considerable force paraded in Stouffville on Sunday afternoon on the occasion of their district rally. Honorary Padre Rev. D. Davis preached the sermon when the Legion members attended church at the 11 o'clock service. Led by the Newmarket band veterans paraded to the Legion Hall at the west end, where dinner was served by the Stouffville Women's Institute, and then the members proceeded to conduct their business for the district. The session lasted until after four o'clock.

Enroute from the church to the hall the parade paused at the Memorial Park Gates and laid a wreath in memory of the fallen heroes.

Turner's Big Sale Next Tuesday

On Tuesday next week Mr. Lloyd Turner will sell his prize herd of registered Holstein cattle by public auction and will retire from the farm to live in Stouffville where he intends to build a house on a lot recently acquired on the Lloyd subdivision. Mr. Turner's hired man Gordon Wagg will take over the farm which is owned by Dr. G. Richardson. Gord. has been employed with Mr. Turner for eleven years, and Mr. Turner says it is a great source of satisfaction to him to be succeeded by his faithful employee. Well schooled in all angles of the business Gord should do well for himself when he starts on his own.

Buyers at the Turner sale will come from various parts of the country and from other provinces. Mr. Turner expects the sale will open at 12 noon. Stouffville Institute will conduct a lunch booth. Lorne Franklin, auctioneer and Hays Limited are sales managers.

Miss Dorothy Meyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Meyers of Atha, has joined the staff of Stedman's 5c-\$1.00 store.

North York Wins National Prize



Winner in a nation-wide competition of 124 Veterans' Land act communities is the Riseborough subdivision in North York, Ont. Resident "Bunny" MacKenzie shows prize cabbage at competition. Residents believe that community spirit spurred individuals to greater effort.

Many Familiar Names at International Plowing Match

Eight young Ontario farmers were looking forward to trips to the British Isles and the United States as they returned to their homes after four days of painstaking work at the International Plowing Match near Brantford.

Two of them, the top sod-turners in tractor and horse classes, will head for the United Kingdom in a few months, where they will visit plowing matches, study British agriculture and take in the sights. Four of the other prize winners will visit the Tennessee Valley to see the latest in conservation measures, and two will take in the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Winners of overseas trips, who claimed their gold medals at the closing banquet at Brantford airport were Ronald Marquis, 28, of Sunderland, and Jim Eccles, 30-year-old farmer from the Brampton district.

Quartette which will head for the Tennessee Valley is made up of two 17-year-olds from Haldimand County, Robert Nixon of Hagersville and Earl Bacher of Cayuga, winners in the inter-county-horse competition, and their runners-up, Eugene Timbers of Milliken and N. Watson of Woodbridge, the York County team.

The Chicago trip went to

another team from Haldimand County, winners of the inter-county tractor class. They were E. Fleming of Hagersville and W. Waldbrook of Hagersville, and as was the case with the horse class, the second prize went to York County, represented by George Timbers of Stouffville and Bill Clark of Gormley. The class was open to county teams made up of young farmers under the age of 20.

Big events of Saturday, though, were the two classes in which trips to Great Britain were the top prizes, and these competitions attracted most of the attention of the 35,000 persons who made up the closing day crowd.

Both prize winners have been frequent competitors at plowing matches in the past, and for Ronald Marquis winning the trip was a welcome change. He already has quite a collection of gold watches as prizes from previous plowing match wins.

Second prize in the championship horse plowing class was a silver medal and \$150 in cash, and it went to Norman Jarvis of Markham. A similar second-place award in the tractor championship class went to Doug Campbell of Cainsville.

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Farmers Have Field Day At Plowing Match At Burford, Ont.



The 36th International Plowing match, annual world championship sod-turning event, was held on the farm of Harold Amy at Burford,

Ont., with 160 farmers participating in the big event. With precision, Plowman Howard Fers of South Cayuga, Ont., is seen taking his team down the

field. Approximately 800 acres were necessary for this year's match, with a city of tents covering 35 acres of ground in the centre of the area set aside for the exhibition.