

## **Trip to Grand Rapids 1964**

### **4 August**

Starting mileage 55545 (1959 Chev wagon). Near Vegreville blew a heater hose. Lost water, and also a half hour. Lunch in Vermilion at noon. Supper (buns with meat) at Saskatoon at 6:30 (lost one hour with time change). Gas gauge acted up just outside Saskatoon but soon behaved again. Temperature 85 F, very windy. Arrived Regina 10:00 pm and stayed with Jack and Avlyn.

### **5 August**

Slept till 8 am, and left at 10:45. Jack went for his citizenship examination. We got some pie from Jack. It is hot already, and only 11:30 am. Lunch at Whitewood. Also oil, grease, and one tire. Pouring rain, so we ended up in a cheap hotel for \$5. Bill gave the kids a shower and we finally got to sleep at 11:30. Hot and stuffy in the room until Bill opened the door to the hall and a hall window.

### **6 August**

Woke at 7:45 and got going at 8:45. Breakfast real good. Every crumb eaten (\$2.35). Ate lunch at Rushing River Provincial Park (fee \$0.50), 15 miles east of Kenora. Beautiful place. Had a nice swim before lunch. Power failure; no gas for 20 miles. Gusty winds try to blow the car off the road. Saw a black bear cross the highway near Upsala. Arrived Upsala 7 pm. Camped at Provincial campground (\$1).

### **7 August**

Got up at 6:30 and left at 8:20. Spitting rain; got started driving just in time. Kids discovered anew game—waitress and customers. New tire tube \$6. Crack in rim caused slow leak. Supper at White Lake. Raining again. Got to Rabbit Hill camp in Lake Superior Park at 10 pm. Kids were sleeping in car and stayed asleep

### **8 August**

Got up at 6:30. Cold outside. We need a small rug to put in from of the tent for wiping feet. \$1.25 for bridge toll, then \$3.75. Sun is shining today but the breeze is still cool. Crossed Mackinac Bridge at noon. Pretty long bridge. East of Cadillac, saw many Christmas tree farms. Arrived Grand Rapids 8:30 pm. Mileage 57660.

### **9 August**

Went to church—heard Gordon Spykman.

### **10 August**

Did mostly nothing, other than some shopping. Visited Mrs. Dykema and Mrs. Van Til

### **11 August**

More shopping. Tire \$26.95.

**12 August**

Bill went to Kalamazoo with Marion all day. Annette and Dixie went shopping again in the afternoon.

**13 August**

NUCS meeting all day. Went to the banquet together. Brouwer's pictures and music were beautiful.

**14 August**

Packed up and left at 12 noon. Mileage 57900. Had a nice visit for 2 hours with the Joldersma's. Arrived at C. Eizenga at 6:30. Had a nice supper and visit.

**15 August**

Got up around 8:30, went shopping with Estelle (Dixie, that is). Arrived Randolph 7 pm.

On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday visited relatives. Stayed at Fisher's. Monday night picnic supper with all relatives at Cambria Park. All very enjoyable. Weather sunny, not hot. On Tuesday afternoon Ann threw up.

**19 August**

Ann woke up with a fever and threw up again. Left Randolph at 9 am and took Ann to a doctor in Columbus. She has a throat infection and flu. Doctor \$6.50, medicine \$6.05. Left Columbus again 11:15. Arrived Clear Lake 7:15 pm. On the way had to change tire, because cracked rim gave up the ghost. Weather hot (85 F) and a bit sticky. Park fee \$1.50.

**20 August**

Left at 10:30. Kids are taking turns being crabby. Dad and Mom feeling wonderful, especially Dad. Arrived Seward 7:30 pm. Room \$6, supper \$2.70. Had lunch in Arapahoe Park while car was greased. Gave the kids some new colouring books. Mark was sick last night and this morning. He seems to be perking up again now. Camped at city park outside Fort Morgan. Beautiful sunset.

**22 August**

Left for Denver 9:30. Motel deposit \$20. Mileage 59540. Bought new rim.

**23 August**

Churched twice with Vander Hoek. Went to Denver in the afternoon. Saw Bethesda, three churches, and Washington Park. Staying in nice 2-bedroom furnished apartment, \$7 per day. Dixie phoned to Edmonton.

**25 August**

Doctor \$10, medicine \$2.

**26 August**

Visited Rocky Mountain Park, Chasm Falls, Trail Ridge Road. Maximum altitude 12,500 feet. Above timberline.

**27 August**

Left Boulder 1:30 pm. Mileage 59810. Camped at Hot Sulphur Springs, altitude 7500 feet. Very cold.

**28 August**

Frost in the morning. Ate lunch at Craig. Camped at Strawberry River, just west of Duchesne, Utah.

**29 August**

Car repair in Salt Lake City (shock absorbers?). Camped at Pineview camp, 112 miles west of Ogden. Nearly froze, it was so cold. Ate supper in the tent!

**30 August**

Went to church at Ogden. Rev. Wisse preaching. Visited the Wm. Knibbe's in the afternoon. Weather much warmer, and slept much better.

**31 August**

Stayed at Falls Hotel in Great Falls because of rain. \$6.50.

**1 September**

Crossed the border at 1 pm. Visited Van't Land's for tea. Had a good supper at Beacon Hotel in Calgary (\$3.85), and stayed with the Boras family.

**2 September**

Visited Janny De Jong. Had lunch at Beacon Hotel again. Later had tea at Mike and Wilma Sandstra.

Arrived Edmonton 6:30 pm. Mileage 61590. Total miles driven about 6000.