

July 11 1964

Mr Henry D Reimer, Mrs Jake Siemens & I went along with Mr Abe R Friesen at 4AM to Mexico on Abe's 1964 Ford Falcon car. Had breakfast in Delhart, came to Santa Rosa, New Mexico at 10AM when we stopped for coffee. Had dinner at Carrizozo New Mexico. Was cloudy and cool and drizzled a bit AM. Was cool till about 2PM when the sun came out and was very warm. We came to El Paso at 3:30PM (Central Time) to the boundary at 4 and were through at the boundary by 5PM. No trouble, nor expenses. Drank tea at Flamingo restaurant, Juarez and at 5:50 we were off to Chihuahua which we reached at 10PM, had a little supper, a shower and off to bed we went. Were at the El Captain Motel. Had 806 miles from Meade to Chihuahua. From Meade to El Paso was 573 miles.

July 12 Sunday

We ate breakfast in Chihuahua in the Victoria Hotel, then at 8:15AM we were off to Cuahtemoc. When we were about 12 miles till Cuahtemoc we notice we were almost out of gas, so we came to a Mexican ranch where we got about a gal. of gas. At Cuahtemoc we were in a German church which is about 2 mi northeast of town. It is sponsored by the General Conference. Attend. were about 50 adults and about as many children. They also had Sunday School. After church we went back to town and filled up with gas, then went to David Penner's, (which is Bernhard Penner's brother) for dinner. We left there at 2:30PM for Quellen Colony. When we had gone about 1.5 hours (not quite half the way) near camp no. 60 we ran against a rock and broke the crank case and all the oil flowed out. This happened about 4PM, then Abe and Henry D R. went for help, caught a ride on a wagon. At 7:30PM they came back on a pickup with help and our car was taken to George Zacharias (as it was he who came with the pickup) which was about 6 or 7 miles. Zacharias are Sommerfelder. They want to see if they can fix it tomorrow. John Wolf's who were at Zacharias, but live at Quellen Colony took Henry D, Mrs Siemens, and me along at 9:00PM on their pickup to Quellen Colony. Came to Margaret & Art at 11PM. They were sleeping already and were quite surprised to see us. We visited till 12:30AM then went to bed. Abe stayed at George Zacharias for nite (Camp no. 40).

July 13 Monday

In the morn. I went to the folks. They were surprized too, what had been going on at nite as M&A had all their lights on at nite. They are old & quite feeble. We were at Margaret & Art for breakfast. Henry D, father & I went in the morn. a short while to John Peters to tell them we were there. I was quite a while at the folks AM. Margaret made dinner ready, as Art was in the field sowing oats since 5AM and we all went to eat in the field together with Art. Father also went along. Mrs Anna Siemens helped her. We went on father's car. Henry D did the driving, first we went to the store yet, then to the field where Art was. Had a picnic dinner, comforts spread on the ground, for father a table and chair. Had a nice and enjoyable time. Was cloudy so the sun didn't shine. Had potato salad, klops, pickles, bread, rhubarb pie, pop & coffee. PM we went to all the darps, were in the church building, hospital, saw Justina Brandt there, oil station where we bought gas, cheese factory, and feed mill. We went to Springstein, (that's where Dietrich Loewens used to live, also Isaac PL) then to Steinreich where we stopped in at Henry Pletts who have that crippled girl, Ruth (23) she has no mind. It is very pitiful. Then a few min. to John Kornelsons (PA Loewens children), then home to Margaret & Art about 3PM. It was very cloudy and rained quite a bit so Art couldn't sow

oats again. He had come home for more seed. We left father home and Art went with us all to Santa Clara ranch. It rained hard. Stopped in at Melandis (Marie Hiebert) for a few min. Went through much water, as there is very much water after about ¼ in of rain. Eve. we were at Margaret & Art. Father came there too, also John Peters came in the eve. yet.

July 14

We were at M&A for nite and breakfast and at 7:30AM Mr John Peters took us, Henry D, Mrs Siemens and me along to the old colony, stopped at Jacob Wiebe's (Agatha) she worked in the garden, and a few min. at Abram G Friesens (Marie) then to Mrs Abram E Friesen who lives with Bernhard Duecks (Eva). Were there for dinner then Henry D and I and Margaret Dueck (15) Bernhard Duecks daughter, walked to Mrs Herman Neustaedter about 2 mi. Abe R had been there so Margaret Neustaedter & Abe had gone to the Friesen women on the buggy. Henry D & I were at Mrs Herman Neustaedter and visited with Anna (18) and Neta (11) when at 2:30PM Marg. & Abe came back. We visited there till 4:30PM when Mrs Herman Neustaedter and girls took Mrs Anna Siemens & me to Katharine Friesen and Peter Neustaedter took Abe R and Henry D R to Abram Enns. Mrs Herman Neustaedter also took us to Henry Friesens, then for supper to Mrs Franz Guenther for nite. Henry Friesens came in the eve. yet to Mrs Guenther.



July 15

At 8:30AM Abe and Henry D who had been at Abram Enns for nite had hired a taxi from Rubio (a Mexican) for 200 peso a day came and took us along and we went to Zacharias (Camp 40) to our car to get some things which were on the car. (The car can't be fixed in Mexico as the transmission case is broken). From there we went to John Neufelds, had quite a time finding them. Came there at 11AM stayed for dinner, the Mexican too. At 1:15PM we left again. It was very cloudy. At places it rained. We stopped at Mrs Abram E Friesen took her along and went to Abram Neudorfs. Mrs Anna & Mrs Friesen stayed there. Mrs Abram Neudorf, Abe, Henry & I went to Cuauhtemoc went into many stores also saw the pictures of the accident where a couple (Harders) was killed with 3 of their children. When going back to Abram Neudorfs we stopped at the Rempel printer, got several calendar pictures for Peter Loewen, Meade. Were about 1 hour at Abram Neudorfs, took Mrs Friesen along again and went



to Mrs AEF. Here the taxi left us. Were at Mrs AE Friesen for supper and nite. Abe & Henry were at Abram Enns's for nite. Henry D had a severe headache.

July 16

The truck which was hired to take Abe's car to El Paso was to come at 8AM. We waited till 9:30 and the truck didn't come so Bernhard Dueck & Abe went on the buggy to Rubio to get some details. Not able to find out anything, Abe hired another truck (a Mexican) to take our car to the boundary. But at 10:30AM the Sawatzky truck came with the car loaded, our suit cases, etc and at 11AM we left Mrs AE Friesen. We rode in the car on the truck. We met Mr Bernhard Dueck & Abe as they just were out of Rubio. After saying good-by to Mr Dueck we were off. The ride was very very rough even on the black top. We were all on the car and Mr Sawatzky and a Mexican were in the truck. We ate our lunch on the car and at 3PM when we came to Chihuahua Mr Sawatzky & the Mexican ate dinner, left there at 4PM and came to Juarez at 11PM quite tired and exhausted. Drove most of the way without light on the truck (after dark) as the battery was about to give out. Rented 2 rooms in Del Norte Hotel for 60 peso (\$4.80 for 2 double beds). Were in bed at 12:30AM.

July 17

Took a taxi to Motel Flamingo, where we ate breakfast. Taxi fare was \$1.25 round trip. A little before 10AM Mr Sawatzky came with the car still loaded on the truck and we went over the boundary with no trouble and went to the Ford garage, where the car is to be fixed. They started at noon. Ate dinner at a near by café, then went back to the garage where we stayed till 4:30PM (our time) then Henry D, Anna & I went on the bus and street car to Juarez to the market place. Abe stayed with his car. It is damaged quite bad. The transmission case is broken. At the garage they said it could be fixed by Saturday noon. We came back from Juarez at 6:30, ate supper at a Café Oasis, then 1 of the workers of the garage took us to the Knox Hotel down town. It costs \$4.50 plus .18 tax for 1 room, but very nice rooms with the telephone in each room.

July 18

We went on the Street bus to the Oasis Café for breakfast then walked to the garage (about 5 blocks). They had worked on the car last nite till 11PM. Henry, Anna & I went in a Catholic church which was across the street to see the interior, then Henry D & I went to Sears Roebuck on the bus which was about 24 blocks one way. Coming back I stayed on the bus and went to the business center to the dime stores. Walked back about 10 or 11 blocks. After I came back we ate dinner at the Oasis Café. When we came back to the garage the car was almost ready. At 1:20PM we left the garage and were homeward bound, very thankfull that the car could be fixed again. It costs somewhere around \$200. Had a good trip home had several stops, partly cloudy & eve. it rained quite hard in the area of Tucumcari where we ate supper at 8:30PM. Henry drove for a few hours, while Abe rested. Came to Meade at almost 1:30AM Sunday morning safely and glad to be home again and very glad that the Lord has protected us. We took Mrs Siemens home, and Mrs Henry D Reimer came and got Henry, and they took me home. Came home at 1:45 Sunday morn.