

Box 3. Delhi, Ontario, Canada. May 1 /52.

Dear Wesley, Here goes for a surface letter, just dwelling on the news of the moment, and whatever occurs in our common everyday living here.

I sent you the Family Herald to-day, some news of interest marked red. Enclosed find that old Song, " Widdicombe Fair " quite a good laugh in it. I guess you know the music, but if you don't we have it here, I just had a notion we had it, your Mother found it after I had rolled up the F.H.

I mailed to you, 2 suits of Combination Underwear, You will get them from Mr Harris no doubt in due course when you get there, if you like them there are another 2 suits you can have.

I think we are assured of going to Minneapolis for a 3 weeks visit, May 10th to 30th. Wilford sent us \$100.00 for our fares, we think this very generous of him indeed. Of course we may never see them again, and it looks like a nice thing to remember, and so it is. Wilford says he cannot guarantee the weather because of the latitude of M. We might have postponed our visit until early June but for the sudden changes Evelyn & Eric will have to make. Eric was home for Easter, got to work, sold the house have to vacate before May 27th. Eric was sick on the last few days of his vacation, but managed to FLY back to Indiana to finish his College Work, Evelyn will go to Dixie, until Eric returns, then they plan to leave their 3 with Alice, go to Ottawa to house hunt, if successful in getting a place to live, they will no doubt move the family there at once. Then Eric has to go to Peace River to complete some work there, probably join Evelyn some time in September. So we will have Evelyn and family for three months IF THEY CANNOT GET A PLACE IN OTTAWA. So that is the latest news of the Hendersons, Evelyn is busy packing, storing, getting ready for the moving. Then as you will readily understand that Alice will be the nearest of our KIN.

We were looking over the map last night and locating you on your WORLD HIKE. Presuming you are in Australia, and you plan to go to Capetown, you would likely leave ADELAIDE, and Adelaide to Capetown is 5605 miles..... (Think twice before you go to Africa, the WHITES and BLACKS will clash there, and you are WHITE) Supposing you do go to AFRICA, the next leg of your itinery will be INDIA . CABETOWN to BOMBAY via DURBAN, and ~~MARIX~~ MAURITIUS is 4088 miles..... Then from BOMBAY to ADEN is 1650 miles..... Then thru the RED SEA, and MEDITERRAINIAN, to GIBRALTAR, on to SOUTHHAMPTON, this I dont know how many miles ?

ENGLAND, and austerly, you won't stay long there I guess, then if we are alive we will expect, the last lap of your WORLD HIKE.

Change off. We are busy with the garden work, we are planting Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Corn, Beans, Beets, and more yet. I finish one round of Lawn Mowing, will have to go over it again, it would be nice if you could fly over and lawn-mow while we are off on our U.S. jaunt.

I guess you are on your HIKE to CHRISTCHURCH, we think of you every night, we followed your outline of you present going, but we can not pronounce these N.Z. names of towns etc. If you would print the names we could make some attempt to say the words. Now I'm tired a wee, so will ease off, more anon. Friday 2nd. I am plus I have been fixing the cellar light, I broke the glass yesterday with the lawn mower. Then I have just been plugging the old russet tree with bits of tin to prevent the starlings, they are a pest, they come in 100s and eat off all the peas.

I am putting up the second bell to get it to ring in the living room, but it won't ring, I will have to get at it again, some kind of a short some where, or else the bell inside mechanism is not working.

Last Sunday we met Mrs Coyle, (nee Miss Bonny Gagen your old teacher at F.G.) it is about 19yrs since you were at F.G. School, she was glad to see us, asked for you was surprised to know you were off on a WORLD HIKE. The Annual Parade of the Legion to our Church on May 4th. also the High School Cadets, and the Delhi Band will head the parade.

Now I guess my newsbag is about empty, so I will switch off right here, we wonder where you when night falls. Good Going, keep well, and the best of the best, and find your niche. As ever Father.

William M. Leonard.

of course the ocean is never far away, and I wonder in the morning where you wash your face and if you remember behind your eyes no doubt lots of rivers - Miss Gagen (Mrs Coyle) recalled how breezy you got entered for H.S. in spiky Mr Coyle