

Victor Plastow Reports On 11,300-Mile Jaunt Over Plains, Mountains and Deserts

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SHOWN ABOVE, as they prepared to embark upon their 11,300 mile jaunt to the 1959 USDA Extension Summer School and a tour of the Mid-west, Northern Plains, Rocky Mountain West, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Southern Plains and the South, are Associate Lancaster County Agent Victor J. Plastow, center, daughter Nancy, left, and Mrs. Plastow.

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Processing is increasing per capita consumption of potatoes throughout the nation. Ease of preparation marks the many packaged forms of processed potatoes now on the market, including chips and sticks, frozen french fries, patties, dice,

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June 8, my wife, daughter and myself left on a very warm sunny afternoon for me to attend school in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

We traveled via turnpike to Chicago. Then west to Iowa where acres of corn are grown along with beans and hogs and the soil is much darker in appearance.

Approaching Nebraska, we fall. In many areas, they channel the river into a narrow strip of water. The wind is very strong and rain subsided.

Upon entering Nebraska at Omaha, we drove by the well-known Father Flanagan Boys Town school.

Further on in Nebraska, we were surprised to see a 4-H sign reading "Lancaster County 4-H Welcomes You."

As we left Nebraska and entered Kansas, we observed a few wheat fields being harvested, however, early for full harvest.

Wherever you see grain elevators here, you will find towns about them; along with trees, otherwise, the rural area is level with very few trees.

On the Plains approaching Colorado, the need for irrigation was much more evident due to the arid conditions and the lack of rain.

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