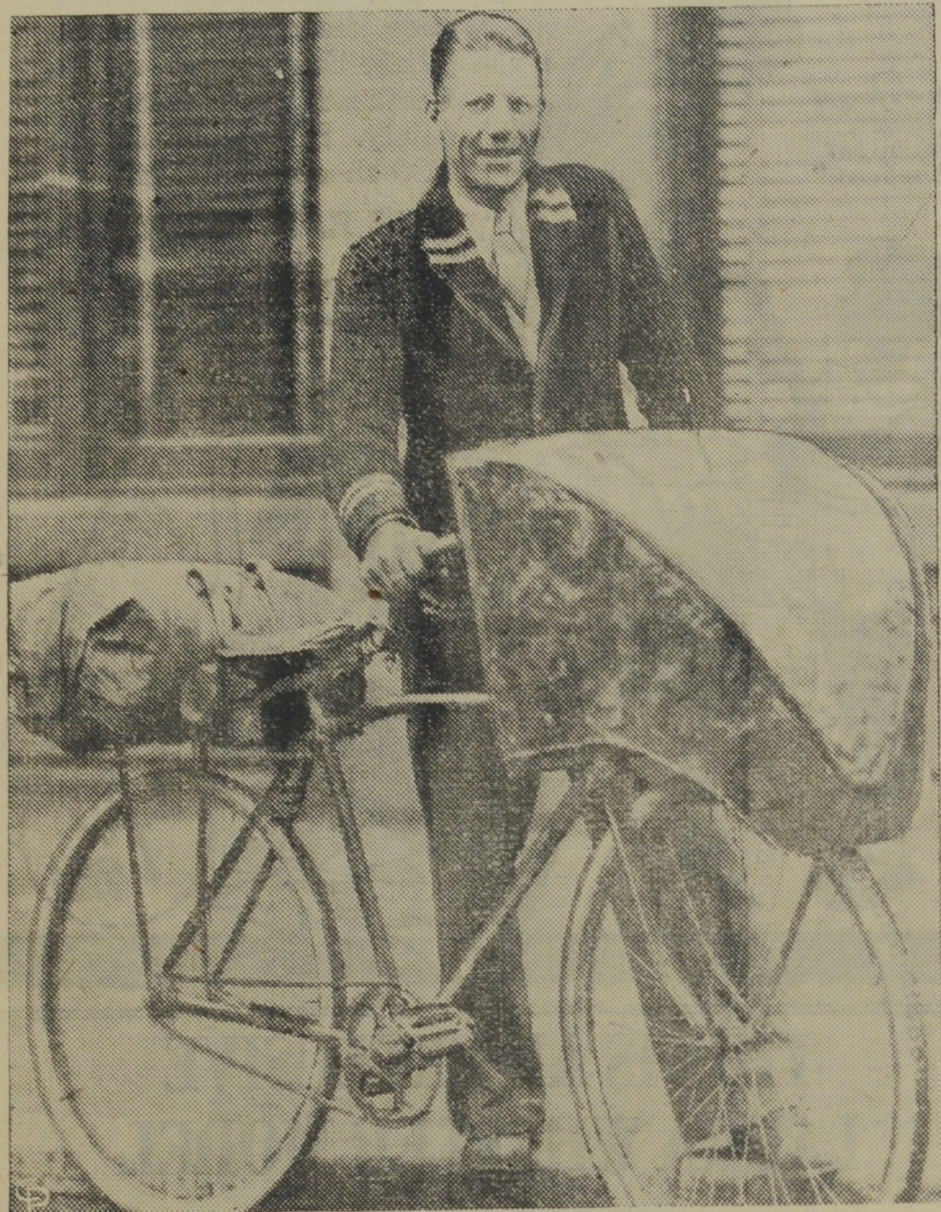


Canadian School Teacher Pedals Way Back To Health

Narrow Escapes Tossed Into Months of Bicycle Wandering Which Started in July, 1934.



HAROLD L. PETERSON AND HIS BICYCLE

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Halifax, N.S.—Harold L. Peterson, western Canada school teacher, has cycled his way back to health over 10,300 miles of Canadian and United States highways and ruddy and smiling is continuing on because he likes it.

Exchanging the classroom for the open road on the stern ultimatum of his physician, he developed a wanderlust which has aided him in building up a vigorous vitality and a spirit as big as the great outdoors.

The deepest effect of his long jaunt, the school teacher said on his arrival in Halifax, was in his "mental attitude."

"I am more tolerant now, less cynical and have renewed faith in humanity," he said. Just what cycling had to do with all this was difficult to understand until Mr. Peterson explained that meeting and conversing with all kinds of people along the way had "pepped him up."

Thrills Thrown In

"It does not pay to lie around and think of your troubles when you are down on your luck," is his advise. "The best thing to do is to get out and do something to occupy your mind and provide an outlet for your pent-up energies."

Thrills, tossed in with his adventures, nearly cost him his life. Once he lay three days alone in

a deserted cabin in Alabama, sick with influenza, because he "would not impose upon people in that condition."

At Richmond, Virginia, his bicycle was crumpled into a twisted mass by an automobile, but Mr. Peterson was flung clear, landed on the pavement and except for bruises and a bad shaking up was unhurt.

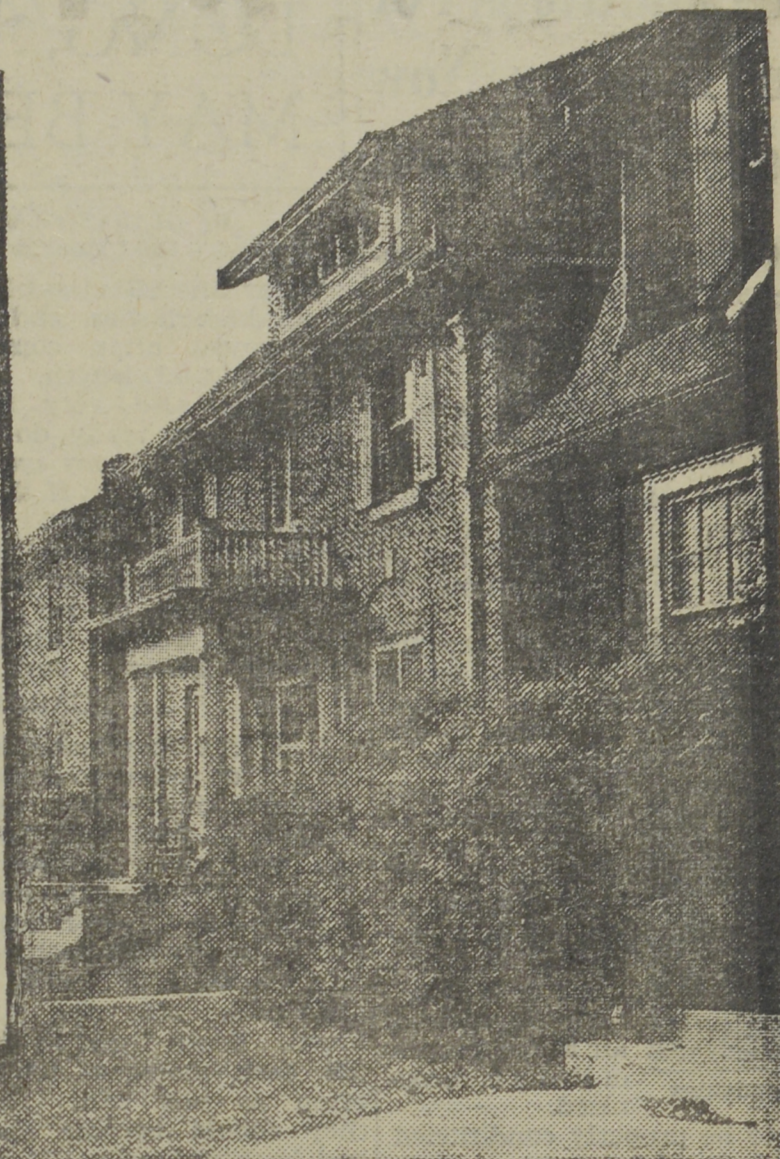
In New York, the wanderer, who smilingly asserted he had a "curious mind," started out to explore the Hudson tunnel now under construction. Running the risk of a fine for trespassing, he got by guards and set out for the depths of the under-water shaft. He went too far, however, and got into an air chamber. Workers came to his rescue and after imparting some sound advice to remain outside they piloted him out of the tunnel.

Started Last Summer

Mr. Peterson first climbed into the saddle of his bicycle to begin his wanderings on July 28, 1934, at Easterhazy, Sask. His home is in Assiniboia in the same province. Because of a prospect of poor crops and hard times in the community, there seemed little hope of collecting \$1,500 in back salary due him, he explains, so he left the school with few regrets and \$200 in his pockets.

Since then he has washed cars, dishes, ferry-boats, decks and has

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chopped wood to get assistance, but he has never had to resort to "panhandling." He has slept in haymows, grainaries, elevators, and in rare occasion, hotels. In Florida, he pedalled over the beach course where Sir Malcolm Campbell piloted his Bluebird. He stowed away on a freighter at Galveston, Texas, but got seasick and got off at the first port which was Charleston, South Carolina. These are just a few excerpts from his cycle log.

His daily average on the road is from 50 to 120 miles. He is headed back west now and when he reaches his home town he will have travelled 13,000 miles and visited the capital of every province in Canada and 40 capitals in

the United States. Then, he smilingly says, he may keep on going.

BABIES ARE DOPED

Calcutta, India.—Seventy-five per cent. of the babies in the province of Berar are doped with opium to keep them quiet while their mothers are away at work.

This is revealed in a report published by Lieut.-Col. R. N.

Chopra, professor of the school of tropical medicine here.

"The magnitude of the problem of drug addiction in India," the report states, "can be judged from the fact that, whereas in most of the countries in Europe and America the addition rate of the population is from 0.1 to 0.2 per cent. or even less, in many provinces of India it is from 1 to 3 per cent. or even more."

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