### Tour Observations

By W. C. MEDFORD

(On 12th Annual Farm Tour of Midwest)

The section around Rapid City, S. D., is as "level as the floor" and "sea of grain". Ripe wheat and oats, short 3-month-old corn everyhere. We were told there are 1,000,000 acres of it, and 750,000 acres of soy beans.

We went for 30 miles without seeing any vegetation in the Bad

freak of nature, or whatever it heat. might be-beggars description, Scihundreds of thousands of visitors come here annually.

feeling of being transplanted to traveling time. another planet-it is so awe-inspiring, so wonderful and strange The altitude is about 3,500 feet. We also visited an area of 4,000 feet elevation, around Deadwood in the Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore Memorial.

The remains of prehistoric animals, such as the three-toed horse saber-toothed tiger, the mammothlike elephant-richoceras, and others. Their fossils have been found buried in the sticky mire of dev-

The soil in this section is generally deep black silt and requires no fertilizer. Three thousand acreis the average ranch farm, and 90 per cent of the acreage in some sctions is used as grazing lands They do not pasture closely in this

Hakon county, which we visited Saturday, has 2,000 square miles being nearly as large as Rhode Island and Delaware. In all this county, there are only 500 farm and ranch units. The schools are small, averaging about five students to a school. The children often travel up to 10 miles on horseback or in a Jeep to school.

nounce it to be one of our best first crash killed a customer.

ter crossing the river we followed 2, 1959.

it for many miles to Minneapolis. We have seen more corn, oats, beans, with some alfalfa, raspberries, a few apples, and a little flax. Many on the tour are overwhelmed by the abundance of

grain, which is fed mostly to dairy Sometimes the sea of grain fields would extend as far as the eye

At Minneapolis the men on the tour saw the operation of the Grain Exchange. An exciting place,

It was hot in Minneapolis, but The B. d Lands - a devastating not too much discomfort from the

entists say that it occurred some S. D. a tire on one of the buses 40 million years ago. The Depart- blew out, and delayed us for about ment of Interior built a good road an hour. Otherwise we have been through these lands in 1939. Now pretty well on the time schedules. This level country, where buf-

falo once roamed, is flat, and af-On entering the area, one has a fords an opportunity to make good

We had our second tire blowout a short ways from Rapid City

The group enjoyed a trip through the Museum of Mines at Rapid City, Rushmore Memorial, Deadwood Gold Mines and the Passion Play Sunday night was wonderful. It is all too wonderful to attempt to describe in a brief di-

We have been running on time except for mishaps, Temperatures have been averaging about 96, except for the Black Hills where it was about 84. The average altitude in the Black Hills is 3,800 to 4,000

Monday we saw a herd of some 200 buffalo. Also a few deer.

The trip through the Spearfish Gorge, in the opinion of many on the tour, was the most wonderful of any of nature's marvels we have yet seen, even surpassing Royal Gorge or Niagara Falls.

#### Dangerous Spot

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)-The Cascade Pharmacy is beginning to think maybe it took an un-The food has been splendid on tenable position. It is at the top the trip and service excellent. Our of a "T" formed by U. S. 16 and welcome into Rapid City Saturday the Grand Rapids Bypass, about was spelled out on a huge salad 10 miles southeast of Grand Rapids. Three cars have smashed in-Nearly everyone seems to be de- to it in a year. Each time there lighted with the tour and pro- was about \$5,000 damage and the

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