

Pete Interview Concludes,

From P. 6

PF: That is right. That is where I came up with the think it through theory. I called myself a big dumb-head for doing what I did, climbing up the outside like the big men did. My strong hands saved me.

PN: Would you like to return to Provost?

PF: I was there in 1957 (his brother Walter who was born in the upstairs of the house before it was moved to town from Rosenheim district—that is now kitty-corner to the northeast corner of the arena, visited Provost last summer to see old friends). Oh yeah, I would like to make a trip to all the places I've lived but my wife is not well. I am not 100 percent either. It was a nice place. I always liked Provost and but had to leave because of the Depression.

PN: What do you think about your life as being told by writer and director Bill Stewart?

PF: I hope it goes over good with the kids. I am not telling it for the benefit of glorifying Pete Friesen. It is to show that no matter how low a kid can get, they can make it. I have been through the deepest valleys and have been able to get up to the highest awards for engineering in America (the lighthouse project).

PN: Why were you successful in life?

PF: I have a great Creator and He brought me down to show me I am not everything and brought me back up to show that I could do it. I have had many successes, patents and other inventions.

PN: What do you do today?

PF: I am waiting (while on the phone with *The News*) to go golfing. Then I am applying for a patent for a dollie system for house movers. I am not done. I had a heart attack and passed into the other realm but I awoke in hospital and the doctor said it was a miracle that I was alive. I said Lord, why did You bring me back? The answer was to finish those dollies you have started. So now I finish the dollies. I'm also now working on another deal. The good Lord has given me

talents I have no control over.

PN: Thank you.

Friesen's career and philosophy of: "think it through" will be found in the film that will be shown in Provost on May 5.

"derch denke"

Climbing a windmill (re-enacted from film, right) as a seven year old, former resident Pete Friesen now hopes his story will be an inspiration to youth around the world. . . . He managed to flip up on to the windmill platform and then climbed up on the inside and sat there thinking about how stupid he had been . . . why didn't he think this thing through? he asked himself. Then he made a vow to visualize or "derch denke" before he acted on events for the rest of his life. His problems and successes are being told in a made for true Canadian story television show that will use these images, called "Pete: Moving Manmade Mountains" Story in this paper. ©PROVOST NEWS FILE.



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