

Bicycle Vern Averaging 130 Miles

About 105 miles southeast of Saskatoon, Canada, Bicycle Vern took time to write a letter to Tundra Times describing his progress on a 4200 mile bicycle trip from Fairfield, Ohio, to Fairbanks, Alaska.

High winds had slowed him down on the thirteenth day, making riding a slim lightweight bike practically impossible. Bicycle Vern reported the last few

days had been rough going but that he still expected to reach the Alcan on July 9th.

Before starting out on the all gravel road, Vern plans to take one day off for minor repairs, to study the Alcan conditions, food and water availability, and motel accommodations along the way, as well as "to take a little rest."

His total mileage for twelve

days was 1567 miles with an average of 130 miles a day. He expects his mileage to fall off some when he reaches the wide open country and the sometimes rough Alcan conditions.

"The good Lord and the elements willing," Bicycle Vern hopes to make it into Fairbanks sometime between July 20th and the 22nd. The Alaska rider, as he now calls himself, rides on.