

Patchwork

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An invitation:
The West Potsdam Firemen invite one and all to join them to help celebrate their twelfth Annual Field Day. The men invite you to look over the remodeling job they have done on the dinner-hall.

Events for the day are as follows: hot ham dinner with serving to start at 11:30. Menu as follows: Hot ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, home baked beans, relishes, rolls, and homemade pie. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and children under twelve \$1.50.

Parade will start at 12:00 sharp! Parade will feature the Dairy Princess of St. Lawrence County, Debbie Burdick from West Potsdam, also bands and marching units.

Mens and ladies softball starting at 1:00, Pony Pull at 1:00.

Waterball starting at 1:30 WPDM will play the over all winner.

Besides all this there will be an auction. Music will be by the nationally known band of Loren Richards and the Flying Doves. The band has been featured on such television programs as See-How among its many honors. The Flying Doves will play from 2:00-4:00. From 6-10 Al Barney and his band will play. The Firemen's Mobile Midway will offer rides and the midway offers games, refreshments, legal beverages, and the ladies booth.

Because this is field day time for West Potsdam and because many members in the area belong to the department and the auxiliary this week will be full of their events.

The firemen and auxiliary attended the Hannawa Falls Field Day on Sunday. The men operate the Midway rides during that event for the men at Han-

nawa. By golly, Hannawa always has a big day. In fact the Potsdam Fire Department had men marching in the parade and departments from as far away as New Bremen, Harrisville, National Bridge, and Piercefield were there to play waterball. Our ladies out shined the men that day. The ladies took first place in marching and first place in waterball. The cotton candy wagon was also there and run by members. Hannawa had a good day and their men worked hard to make it so!

One comment on that Sunday. An event for which two little girls should have a big thank you--The Mobile Midway has a separate container which is sealed to keep tickets received for each ride. At the end of the day the department running the rides must count all those tickets in order to see how many rides were sold. The Midway then divides the money with the fire department.

About dusk when the rides had closed down the ticket containers were put in Spencer Blanchard's car and while the Blanchards finished picking up, some people managed to steal one container from the car. They took the container and ran off into the woods. Two little girls happened to see the group steal the bucket and stood by the Blanchard car to tell of the event and where the group had run off too. To make a long story short--the bucket was found in the woods--in the dark--and the tickets were scattered all over the ground. Everything turned out all right after all. But to the "hippies" as the children described them: May someone come in the night and cut off all your hair!!! And to the two little girls--A salute and best wishes. It's too bad in the mix up, no one thought to ask their names.

Home from sea

And another thing the Hannawa field day did. It brought home at least five young men now in the Navy. Paul Miller and Mike Moore were home. Mike Bradish was there. Mike will go to Subic Bay in the Philippines for two months and then to an island called Bahrain which is off the Persian Gulf. Mike mentioned that Resert Watson and family are now in Maryland. Also, his brother Peter has joined the Army and is now at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Visitors
Our niece Audery Scoones stood watching the parade in Hannawa and as a float went by she started waving and shouting. Scoones Audery recognized a schoolmate, Chris Warner. The two attend Vernon Verona Central School and Chris was here visiting his grandmother. Small world!

Firemen meet
The firemen held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening at the dinner hall, with 24 members present. One fire for the month of July was reported. A grass fire at Bill Bates. The men voted to attend the St. Lawrence County Firemen's Convention to be held in Norwood on August 28. The men will enter the races and the waterball contest. They also voted to support the Brass Band, Tri-Town Singers, and the Community Arts project. The new jackets the men ordered are in. Each man must pay for his own, and the jackets are orange with black lettering.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 at the dinner hall. Workbees will be held every night.

Auxiliary meets
The ladies auxiliary held their meeting on Monday at the dancehall. They also sold the refreshments at the auction on Saturday at the Charlie Day place. They ran the cotton candy wagon at Hannawa and a million other little jobs.

Olympics
David Wilson was among the lucky fellows. He managed to get to Montreal on two different days for the Olympic games. He managed to see some track events, two basketball games and volleyball games. It was great and David had a real thrill.

Logan back
I imagine the people in the maintenance department at State are smiling again. Tom Logan is back at work! Tom was recovering from a broken foot.

Road runner
Stopped to pick up some odds and ends at Ret Burdicks store. Thought I'd ask where the "Roadrunner" Ward was off to now. By golly he was getting ready to

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go fishing at camp. Told you--that fellow is a real Roadrunner. Got to chatting as usual and ended up going through the "oddlities" Ret has. By golly for a little store she sure has all kinds of goodies. Right next to the ice cream freezer and the boxes of nails, Ret has some pretty hand made things. Cute little baby quilts with matching toys, planters with all kinds of plants, and a beautiful red white and blue hand made quilt. That's only part of the many goodies she has and one of the many reasons it's hard to get out of the store.

Call me B' Wana
Parc Safari African in Hemmingford, Quebec has been a place I've wanted to visit for a long time. I discovered that we weren't the only ones who finally got up there. Mildred and Gerald Pierce took the grandchildren Brian and Elaine Creighton there on Tuesday. If they enjoyed the trip as much as we do, I know they had a ball. Rosemary Sanford offered to drive me and our daughter and guests up. Our car was having problems and I had wanted to take the children to something special while they were here. I mentioned the trip to Safari African and Rosemary said she would also like to get up there. So--she took her children and Sue and we all went up. To have a camel rub his nose on your car window, or a giraffe nuzzle the car top carrier has to be most interesting. The many animals that keep one saying, "look at this" and "look at that" all at once is most exciting. And when you get to the monkey-baboon area it's an even more exciting experience. On must experience a baboon riding on your hood w2wo or three wit on the top of the car and then have them jump from car to car. No way one kind of excitement going on inside the car! A great place to visit and I recommend the trip to everyone.

Guests
Jack and Joretta Creighton have had guests. Jack's sister Jossi and husband Walt Murray of Tennesseville were up for three days. They were in time to enjoy the newest guest, Sister Mary Carmel of Reserve Mind. Nova Scotia spent a week visiting. Sister Mary Carmel was Joretta's music teacher while Joretta was in elementary and high school. Joretta took the lessons in Canton. The group visited past friends and relatives.

Jack and Joretta drove Sister Mary Carmel to Montreal to catch the train to Nova Scotia. They went up on Sunday and Jack said the traffic in downtown Montreal was easier to drive through than downtown Potsdam. Doesn't seem possible, does it? Jack also mentioned that young Brian has spent the past week ill with what he called the "summer complaint". Jack also mentioned the Baileys Greenhouse is open again with summer hours 8:00-4:00 on weekdays and 9:00-12:00 on Saturdays.

Speaking of the "summer complaint", I met Shirley Bowen and mentioned we had missed she and Steve at the Hannawa field day. Shirley said Steve had been sick also. So maybe Steve also had the "summer complaint".
Cecil and Gemma Moore have also had recent guests. Gemma's mother Jennete Patnod of Plattsburg stopped by to pick up Gay and do a little traveling. They went to Niagara Falls and also visited Sonnenburg Gardens. Horse Shows and 4-H
Young Shannon Hinman of Madrid Avenue entered her first horse show at the Hannawa Falls field day on Sunday.

Shannon rode a horse named Cricket and entered the costume category. Shannon wore a bi-centennial costume made by her mother, Judy. And Shannon won first prize! Congratulations!

The Grasshoppers 4-H Club with Judy Hinman as leader will be sending a bi-centennial cake to the fair. The girls learned their cake decorating from Carol Wheeler who spent many lessons working with the girls.

New Arrival
Congratulations to Sheila and Bruce Friedel. A son Kevin Kenneth was born on August 3rd and the Potsdam Hospital. Kevin weighed in at eight pounds twelve ounces. He joins a sister Mary Jo. Since Kevin was born by Cesarean section, we won't expect to see Sheila up and around much at the field day. Congratulations, Friedels! By the way, do you suppose sun flower seeds had anything to do with this event Bruce?

Don't Bring Lulus
I hope I didn't start a big boring subject, but when I mentioned I had chatted with Dan Haley our assemblyman, while at the Herman field day we were chatting about recent events. When I asked Dan about voting for the Lulu and he said he didn't and also does not accept the Lulu--I have to assume he was talking about the latest round with Lulus.

Later, at another event, I was chatting with Dave Martin now the active opponent to Dan Haley for the assembly seat. Dave mentioned that he's quite sure that Haley did accept the Lulu in the past. That could be a fact and it's now up to all of us to find out just how the voting did go. One more reason to get on the ball and get to know your candidates.

Wandering
Ron and Ardie Richardson have returned from their vacation trip. They started out by going to Waldwick, New Jersey to Ardie's parents home and leaving the children, Mark and Lori to stay with the grandparents.

That was on Monday. On Tuesday Ron and Ardie left for Washington D.C. They took the scenic route and headed for the ferry boat that leaves from Cape May, New Jersey and goes to Lewis, Delaware. They arrived at the ferry landing and discovered they had a four hour wait. After the four hour wait, they boarded the ferry and had a light supper. From Lewis Delaware they had some confusing directions to follow, and finally made it to Washington DC late that night. It was hot and humid, but the city looked spectacular at night. They found a room at the Holiday Inn and settled down for the night.

The Richardsons recommend to all who want to tour Washington D.C. to see your senator first. They found this out on their second day and discovered the advantages. Meanwhile, their first day in the city they used the tour mobile which takes visitors to the well-known spots and drops them off. They did a brief tour of the White House. The lines were long but the tour was interesting. They had lunch at the library of Congress and also toured the National Rifle Association's Museum.

The next day they went through the tunnel to the Senate Office Building and to Senator Buckley's office. He was behind his desk. At the office tips on how to tour the city, passes to some things and all kinds of information was available.

The Richardsons used their passes to the Senate Chambers. To get in you must check umbrellas, cameras and go through a screener to detect metals.

At the House of Representatives they saw the original Magna Carta on display in the Supreme Court Building. In the Supreme Court Building the tour guide pointed out the marble spiral staircases. There are only four such staircases in the world...Two in the Supreme Court Building and one in the Vatican and the last in the Paris Opera.

They walked the mall to the Washington Monument and then got a taxi to visit Arlington Cemetery. There they saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also saw the graves of John and Robert Kennedy. Then to the hotel for a swim and dinner.

The third and last day they took the tour mobile to the Washington Monument and the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials--then past the White House and the original buildings of the Smithsonian. They stopped at the Institute and it is a big place. They spent four hours touring the museum. They enjoyed the centennial exhibition, and in the National Air and Space Museum they saw every kind of plane possible. The Kitty Hawk and the Spirit of St. Louis were just for starters. There were space ships, rockets and all big planes. The only ones missing according to Ardie were the Boeing 747 and the new Concord! She was kidding I think, but the place was impressive!

When leaving the Institute it was late, but there was a cab which seemed to be just waiting for them. The cab got them through downtown DC and then broke down. So, they walked the rest of the way to the hotel. And that was a quick tour of Washington with the Richardsons. They even made a few wrong turns and discovered the real slums of Washington.

Back in New Jersey they picked up the kids and discovered the kids also had been busy. The Grandparents had taken them to parks and zoos and then to Jungle Habitat in New Milford. The kids rode camels and elephants and had pictures taken of them with visiting Bugs Bunny.

Coons and Chickens
I mentioned recently of the 4-H poultry projects and also of a coon getting our chickens. I now hear that Brad Grant is missing many chickens. Only his were older, in fact they had just dressed a rooster and it weighed five pounds. But now more are missing. The last snatch was the final straw. Bill and Brad sat up that night with a shot gun. About 1:30 a.m. they spotted the thief. A raccoon! One bang from the shot gun and that took care of the thief. But as I said it was a little late as Brad is nearly out of chickens. This area must have the fattest raccoons around.

Have a good day!

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Pay attention to home laundries and save \$\$

Your home laundry uses a large amount of energy, so sharper attention to home laundry techniques could mean substantial energy savings.

The water heater is the second largest user of energy in the home. Economizing on the amount of hot water used will result in lower energy costs.

Whenever possible, launder clothes in cold or warm water--instead of hot water. Rinse clothes in cold water. Some articles which might contain

harmful microorganisms should be washed in hot water. Water temperatures of not more than 140 degrees Fahrenheit is sufficient to markedly reduce the survival of harmful bacteria.

Save laundry until you accumulate a full load. It is wasteful to operate your washer filled with only a few articles. If a few garments need to be laundered, consider hand washing them.

Select shorter wash and rinse cycles, and lower water levels. Check the lint filter before operating the washer, and clean it if necessary.

Soak heavily soiled clothing in a pre-soak agent to eliminate a second wash cycle.

To save on the cost of drying clothing, use solar and wind power to line-dry clothing when the weather permits. Your family will notice the pleasant fragrance of sun-dried clothing.

Be sure that your dryer is properly ducted to the outside, and that the lint filter is clean. A clogged filter prevents the escape of hot, humid air, and reduces the efficiency of the appliance. Since it takes energy to heat a dryer, you can save by using your dryer for multiple loads.

An electric iron is also a large user of energy. You can save energy, money time and work, if you remove and fold clothing immediately at the end of the drying cycle. This prevents excessive wrinkling and reduces the need for ironing.

If you're planning to purchase a new washer or dryer, choose one that will help conserve energy. Some features to look for in a washing machine are a choice of water temperatures and levels; capacity suited to the size of your family; water consumption; automatic dispenser for washing aids.

Some dryer models are equipped with automatic sensors that detect moisture levels and automatically end the drying cycle; or a signal to tell when the clothes are dry so they can be removed from the unit. Also check for easy access to the lint filter.

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