

Patchwork

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The end of the summer has given us the most lovely days. The children are back in school and parents have their phones buzzing all the time with children discussing their new teachers, who they sit next to, and who is in their classroom with them. For the parents it's good to be back on a schedule and I swear I now get more done in a day.

GUESTS

Bill and Betty Brogan had guests for an afternoon during the holiday. Betty's niece, Michaelyn Humphey and three children from Poland were in the area visiting relatives. Michaelyn spent a good deal of time with her mother Kay Leimer.

Betty mentioned while chatting that she had spent some time in the hospital and is "Coming along" just fine. Son Craig is back in school. He is a sophomore at Clarkson College.

The West Potsdam Firemen and Ladies' auxiliary marched in the Labor Day parade at Colton. There was also waterball but for some reason this week I have no results of parade or waterball.

However I did hear that the ham dinner served was just great. It was served family style and from whom I talked to I have heard nothing but great things of the dinner. I heard only one complaint and it was from Ret Burdick. She and Ward drove up especially for the dinner. They are not the only ones who attend a field day for the dinner only. But they were charged one dollar admission and then four dollars for the dinner. That means the dinner costs five dollars a dinner. I think Ret has a positive complaint.

HOME AGAIN

Ruth Weaver spent the weekend in the Potsdam Hospital. Actually Ruth was there for five days. She is now home and feeling much better. She said she was given fluid shots and pills and more pills and a new diet. She lost twenty two and one half pounds while there and is continuing to lose more each day. The very swollen leg she has had is gone down and she is walking. In fact since she has been home she has canned fourteen quarts of corn, so she must be feeling better.

HAVING FUN

Mildred Talcott is having fun! At this writing she has company. Mildred Maxon of Herkimer is spending a few days visiting. Mildred and Mildred met while in Florida for the winter. Now then the fun—also notice the problem with the name Mildred? The two Mildreds live near each other in Florida during the winter, but they also live near other good friends. So—Mildred Talcott invited Mildred Post and Eloise King for dinner and they planned this winter in Florida. The three Mildreds must make it confusing for all and Eloise is the only unique one in the group. I'm sure they've made some great plans, but I don't want to hurry winter to see how the plans develop.

ATTEND FAIR

Spencer and Carol Blanchard and children Alan and Connie, and Bob and Sue Schofell and guest David Lumley spent Friday evening until Sunday afternoon at the State Fair in Syracuse.

They took their camper and parked it right in the Fair camping parking lot. The kids really enjoyed the excitement of the midway and all enjoyed the many demonstrations and displays. Also I was told that we should ask Bob Schofell about his experience of having the fellow guess his weight! Some of the things they saw that were different to us could be the frozen banana on a stick. The banana was dipped in chocolate sauce and then in chopped nuts and was good. Or how about a wine ice cone? Also very good!

HIT AND RUN

One incident happened that marred the excitement of the fair. Just before bed a sound of an engine, a thud and a lady screaming brought everyone to attention. As it happened a man and lady were returning to the campsite when someone driving by hit the man. He lay in the road with his arm amputated and the driver disappeared. It was a long waiting period until help came. Someone who had a CB radio called for help, but it seemed hours in coming. How the man is and who did it are still questions not answered.

NEW BABY

A first for George and Florence Deon. It made the holiday very exciting for the whole family. Their daughter Janice and husband Tom Greiner living in Lakewood, Ohio have just had their first child. A little girl and the first granddaughter for the Deons. Catherine Lorraine was born September 4 at 4:13 p.m. She weight seven pounds and three ounces.

CONGRATULATIONS GREINERS AND DEONS!

Janet and Roy Cyrus are still busy getting their home built. It is now taking shape and looking good. The house is a vacation type home and is on the Wright Road.

GREAT TRIP

The Great Granddaddy of a trip was taken for three days. Gene Ashley has been traveling and he had a ball. Luke and Thelma Herne did the driving and they went to see Gene's son and Thelma's brother and wife, Homer and Val. It was Gene's first trip to Rochester and in fact it was his first big trip in many many years.

Gene stands tall and looks great and is now in his young eighties in years. When I stopped to see how his trip was Gene was still excited about it. Of course he had himself packed and ready to go a week before it was time to leave. "I didn't get tired one bit!" said Gene.

They drove to Rochester and Homer's home. After freshening up "Homer loaded me up and took us all over. We saw the atomic plant and then a fish hatchery. I see the prettiest trout I ever see in my life—big—6½ to 7½ pounds. They had big bins like and they had different sized fish in them. And the water wasn't very deep either. I went right off and left my camera in my suitcase and Thelma didn't have one and so I didn't get any pictures of those big fish."

Gene went from one subject to another with such excitement. In Rochester they toured the different sections of the city including the slums which most impressed Gene. The big Holiday Inn in the city still has Gene thinking. On top of the Inn is a

restaurant that turns around so you see the view of the whole city as you eat. That impressed him, but more so was the base of the Inn which stands on three cement pillars. Gene wants to know what holds the building up! He insists that three pillars aren't big enough to hold that huge building. And across the street is another hotel with an elevator on the outside of the building. No, he didn't go in it and he's not sure he wants to.

Gene was so impressed. "Never saw so many acres of sweet corn and potatoes. Acres and acres and you couldn't get in the canning factories, they were so busy. Didn't see any peaches where we were. We saw orchards and orchards of peach trees and no peaches. An early frost killed the blossoms and we finally saw a lady carrying a basket of peaches and turned around and went back. The lady was just putting the peaches in small baskets and we talked to her. She had just two or three trees in her whole orchard that had peaches and they were next to the house where the frost didn't get them.

Know what they wanted for a bushel of peaches? Seventeen dollars! And the apple trees we saw didn't have apples for the many we saw. Once we got going we really went. Ended up in Syracuse. Looked the country over, we did!"

Gene said he was gone three days and went over eight hundred miles! And then we talked about Homer's garden. The tomatoes are rotting before they ripen as ours did last year. From Homer's garden he then talked about his garden. He had just dug his potatoes and the first rows were lovely big potatoes. Then he discovered he had something eating the potatoes and showed me one that had the whole inside eaten out. I told him I had heard of others having things eaten and one person said he thought it was frogs as we have so many this year. "Bah!" That's what Gene said when I told him and I had known that's what he'd say. Gene thinks it's moles.

Moles will eat grubs but this year I haven't seen any. I didn't see a June bug this year and we always have too many of them. I didn't see a robin get a white grub from the ground this year and I have always sat here and watched from this window the robins tugging until they get a grub. Didn't see a one this year. So, I think the moles are eating vegetables instead of the usual grub." Gene may be right as many have mentioned the problem. But Gene doesn't know of a way to control the mole.

ATSLU

Welcome Lumley is now working at St. Lawrence University.

REMODELING

The firemen are busy working in any free time they have getting the remodeling done on the Firemens Hall.

ALOE PLANTS

When Rosemary Sanford, Amy Wilson and I were in Florida and camping in the Keys a car with young people came in for overnight and the next day. That next day was a hot one and the young men were on the beach all day. They had severe sunburns and as they were

walking towards their campsite the voice of a permanent winter visitor called them over. He had an aloe plant and it was to save the young men from the suffering due to the bad burn. He rubbed the gel like substance in the leaves of the aloe plant on the burned skin. That was our introduction to the aloe plant. We then noticed that many sunburn lotions contained aloe and also other products in the drug store had aloe in them. The plant had to be interesting!

I stopped at the Farmers Market in Potsdam and chatted with Don Kingston and Vincent Raymo who both sell products at the market. It was then that Vincent mentioned he had aloe plants for sale. He brings the plants from Florida himself. Naturally I had to have one! Vincent mentioned that when in Florida he was digging for clams and a sting ray brushed against his leg. The leg swelled and was most painful. He managed to get home and before checking into the hospital decided he'd try the aloe leaf on the sting. The pain left instantly.


He also had a clipping on the aloe

and body odors, permitting them to get closer to the game. In the Philippines, the gel is used with milk, for dysentery and kidney infection.

Number six says "Erysipelas, Mexicans apply a poultice of aloe pulp for relief, and number seven, "Styptic pencil. If you cut yourself shaving, dab a piece of aloe on the cut to stop the bleeding."

The aloe plant could be a magic thing on your window sill. And it will go without water for a suggested two weeks, but I know of one case where the plants were put in a cellar and forgotten. The following summer they were found and were still green and alive. Must have lived from moisture in the air in the cellar. It would be fun if anyone who has used the aloe plant would tell me what they have done with it and how it has worked and we could share ideas. I do know that I put some on a big mosquito bite and the burning went away instantly.

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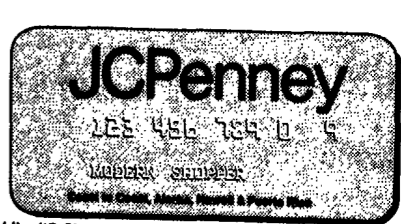
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