



DELTA DATA



Daytown ?

It seems many people hear of Daytown but don't seem to find where it is.

Daytown is a farming Community just two miles from Delta on the road to Plum Hollow.

This Community was named after Jeremiah Day who was one of the early settlers, getting his patent for land in 1801, lot 16 of the 9th concession.

This farm today is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Gifford. Mr. Day also bought other lots and members of his family settled on these farms. They are now owned by Bryce Woods, Clifford Burt and Gerald Phillips.

On the farm that Jeremiah Day settled on, the first school house was built, a small log structure almost where Mr. & Mrs. Gifford's home is now. This school was burned. So after several meetings, it was decided to build a new one. So Elizah Bowser gave the land and after getting enough good stones quarried, the new school was built in 1868. This building still stands and was open but the new elementary school was built at Delta. The old school now belongs to Allan Gifford and is made into a modern Sugar Shanty, where hundreds of visitors go during the sugar season.

Allan Gifford is a great great grandson of Elizah Bowser who gave the land for the school.

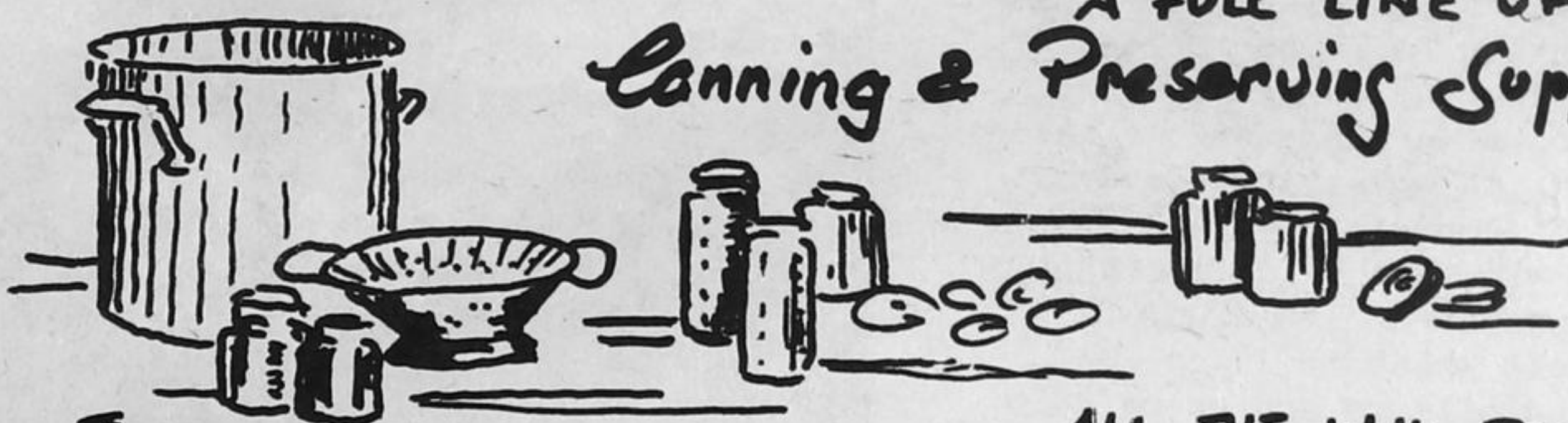
Also on the farm where Jeremiah Day lived is a burying ground back quite a piece in the corner of a field. In this cemetery are buried all the early settlers of the Day families.

During the Second War, the Ladies formed a Daytown Community Club. We met each week and worked for the Red Cross, and remembered our boys overseas. On their return each were given a gold ring by our Club. The Club doesn't function regularly now but when one of our young

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SUMMER IN DELTA

"Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" and so the song goes - No rain to speak of - oh not so good for the farmers, but super for the tourists - hot, sunny days for fishing, boating, camping and ideal for those intense, determined aquatic persons.

Much fun and entertainment dotted the past few weeks - Sorry for any of you who missed the annual chicken bar-b-que held by the Delta Legion - either the chickens are growing more delicious or the technique continues to improve, because each year seems to be even better than the previous year - could be the year of waiting - or maybe we were just exceptionally hungry - magnifico fellows and gals.

Hope you were in attendance for the ball game between the Old Timers of Delta and CJET. A time to let yourself go and enjoy, as each team played prank after prank on each other - not really clear in our minds just who won the game - but so what? The game was held by the Delta Athletic Society and we were amazed to see such a small crowd - but there was certainly no lack of enthusiasm.

Beverly Senior Citizens sponsored a Thousand Island Boat Tour. Twenty-five Senior Citizens and their guests were transported by private cars to Gananoque where they embarked on the new, the largest of the Gananoque tour boats for a 3 hour boat trip through the Thousand Islands of the majestic St. Lawrence. On returning to shore, most of the females of the group did a thorough job of browsing in the gift shops, then on to the Voyageur Restaurant for dinner. A very delightful trip, through breath-taking scenery, a memorable day for the whole group.

Worthy of note, was the annual business meeting and picnic of the Lower Beverly Lake Homeowners. Many new faces were seen this year - not 100% attendance, but a most gratifying turn-out. Business first, and then the social time with much camaraderie and stimulating conversation combined with charcoal-grilled meats and an "all you can eat" buffet of delicious foods.

No need to write of the 148th Delta Fair, is there? We're sure just about everyone was there at some time or another. From all reports, it was more successful and lucrative than ever - beyond expectations. Such a mighty effort put forth by so many people - the Delta Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary for example - hard work and long hours - but wasn't the food yummy?

Should we dare mention the "fly in the ointment"? Summer mornings, approximately 7:00 a.m., the banging, clanking and rumbling of heavy road building equipment - blasting - a jackhammer outside the front door, can best be described in two words - "NOISE" - "DIRT". It has been a grueling experience for some, but most folks have accepted the "temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement" quite well. So hang in there folks, all things finally come to an end.

"The days dwindle down to a precious few" - so go the words of yet another song. Summer is on the wane - the calendar shows till September 21st - but who knows? We sincerely hope that Fall will have the chance to emerge as a full season without an early winter taking over as in the past two years.

people get married they are remembered and when sickness or sadness occurs, they are remembered too.

This Community has always been a friendly settlement and I am sure anyone who went to Daytown School (as I did) will have pleasant memories.

I am glad I lived most of my life in this Community and helped make it the Grand Old Community of Daytown.

by Helen (Bowser) Gifford.

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