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I sincerely hope everyone has had a good summer: it sure has been a busy one for many of us. And a bad one for some. Several of our members have had surgery, Fred Niebauer for one. Fred had a valve replacement about 6 weeks ago, and Addie tells me he is recovering quite well; walks 2 miles a day. Addie is walking with him. Jim Russell will go to Memorial in August to take care of a blockage. We wish him well. Paul Karsarda has returned home from a nursing facility after a siege of illness. Talked to Gertrude Orrell, and she is about the same, still do not know what is causing her leg pain. Katie and Stew Biek are now residing in St. Pauls retirement home, and they like it real well. If you know of more illness, please let us know.

Jess Wise is "under the weather", and we wish him well. How about cards to our our ill people?

Sister Jean, our treasurer, has been to Europe, should return late July. Catherine McHugh took a trip with her daughter and a grandson to Hungary. What a traveler! Bob and Kathy Miller, Bob and I (Heineks) were in Ventura, Calif. for the National Gem Show, where Bob Miller took the national Trophy for his carving, Sampson...HURRAY....We are proud of him. If you had seen his competition, you would know why he took the award. But the other carvings were outstanding too.

Our trip was about 6000 miles, taking 4 weeks, to Ventura and home. On the way there we went to the Petrified Forest, the Tar Pits in Los Angeles, Sequoia Park to see the big trees, San Francisco, Reno (we lost \$10.00) and all points in between. We visited friends we had not seen for years, and had beautiful weather until we started to leave Des Moines where it rained. Ventura was cool enough for a jacket some of the time.

On to August- the ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC will be Aug. 5, at the Lakeville Conservation Club. As usual the meat will be furnished, as well as the rolls, punch, mustard and ketchup. Bring a covered dish to share, but if you want coffee or tea, bring that too. Also bring your plates and silverware.

It is time to be thinking about what you will do at the club show Aug. 31, Sept 1 & 2. We neek help in set up, take down, club booth, door, silent auction and DISPLAYS. We really need displays, so get them ready. We will have sign up papers for the jobs. SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC and definitely at the show.

Our Editor, Ed Miller and Marsha will be married on Aug. 4, and we all wish them luck and happiness.

The Shoemakers have a new address: 1803 Oak St. Bettendorf, Iowa.

Margaret