

Memories of her childhood – Cele Klarkowski Rice

My childhood memories include: mowing the cemetery, taking the Sisters back to Stevens Point, weeding the garden, (which I found out that if you pull all the baby corn plants out, thinking that they were weeds, you'll never have to weed the corn patch again - ever!)

Oh, you mean FUN stuff!! Well, I remember going to Aunt Anna's, Aunt Jo's, and Aunt Ellen's for 'vacations". They were always fun times. Going to Kewaunee to visit the Aunts! Playing with the kittens that the old cat of Grandma Cherney's always had. The old cat's name was Rosie! And she was mostly gray with some white. We'd always push her around in an old baby carriage.

For Thanksgiving, I remember having Aunt Toot's family, and the Aunts (from Kew.) over. Then the kids would be busy all afternoon coming up with a talent show for the entertainment later. Seems to me that parents, and Grandma Cherney got in free, but the Aunts had to pay a nickel each!! Makes you wonder how we split all the dough!

We spent a lot of time playing croquet in the back yard. Why do I remember hitting my foot with the mallet???? That wasn't part of the game!

Music was always fun. We had an old Victrola in the basement, and later moved up in the world when we got a "Hi Fi". But I think that we didn't get that until I was almost 10.

I do remember playing 'dress up'. I'm not sure how often we did that, and who did it with me.

I did have a pair of roller skates, and went in circles in our basement. I wonder now how often dad had to repaint the floor down there, because of my roller skating. I did that A LOT.

I remember Dad taking me to see **Gone with the Wind** in the theater. No one else wanted to go and see it. So that was pretty cool. Dad also took me on the ferry from Manitowoc to Ludington, Mich. We just went there, and caught the next ferry back home the same day. That was my first experience in taking a taxi.

Our 'water park' was spraying each other with a water hose, or 'swimming' in a new water trough over at Diane's.

You can use any of this stuff if it helps you out. I'm not sure what you're looking for, exactly. But I know we spent a lot of free time going to visit family; mom's and dad's

brothers and sisters, the Aunts, Aunt Tress Nedjedlo in Pilsen, family in Milwaukee. (Dad had some aunts there, too); Mom's cousin, Lorraine, in Manitowoc; I think people now are more centered in their own family, and not the extended family. Cele

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I remember early "reunions" during the summers – when we got together at some part up there that had animals in cages. I remember one of my girl cousins (Carol, Cindy, Cele or Diane) throwing her shoe into one of the cages. Can't remember if she ever got it back. We were all pretty young, and the great part about the day was that the adults played with us. We played "a tisket, a tasket.." and it was great watching the aunts running around the circle trying to catch the person who dropped the "scarf" behind her.

Aunt Jo used to play "auntie, Auntie over" with Diane and me when I visited summers. She'd be busy chasing around the chicken coop – she'd laugh at us until she wet her pants!

Whenever our family came up to visit – seeing Grandma at Toot's was the first order of business. She could always be counted on for several choices of candy and a dollar to spend.

Comments from Steve Cherney

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