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WHERE

NIPPERSINK

WHO-O-O-O-O-O

WHY Breakstones, of course -- all lined up to register for this -- **THE GREATEST REUNION** ever!

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, August 5. If you haven't sent yours in, you just better take care of that little detail right away!

We wouldn't want any Cousins "making like Indians" out on the lawn, you know! It might be a little chilly in the middle of the night and besides the Management may not exactly approve!

NIPPERSINK

As we have already told you, Nippersink is Paradise on Earth. Several years ago a man by the name of Nippersink decided he was going to establish a resort that was absolutely perfect in every detail. After much searching, he found a beautiful spot on Lake Tombeau at Genoa City, Wisconsin, just 65 miles north of Chicago.

Here he built Nippersink Manor, a hotel dedicated to fun, relaxation and the complete pampering of guests. From the moment you enter the sweeping driveway until you catch your last farewell glimpse of the beautiful lake as you leave, you are caught in the spell of this enchanting resort. The setting is rustic, the features and facilities modern and the staff completely dedicated to serving you.

FOOD FIT FOR YOUR MAJESTY

And you are that King or Queen. Culinary specialties are prepared by Master Chefs and artfully served in air-conditioned comfort.

Breakfast is served until 10:00 A. M. If you feel like sleeping late and being lazy, you can have a light breakfast later. Buffet lunches are served both at the hotel and the Snack Bar which is just a few feet from the Club House. Dinner is truly a gourmet's delight, accompanied nightly with music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

OPERATION PAR

Up at the crack of dawn if you wish to tee off on Nippersink's private 18-hole championship Golf Course. Well-groomed, watered fairways and velvet smooth greens are always in fine condition. Your game will never be better! Of course, there is a 19th hole -- why else does one play golf!!!

OPERATION SUN TAN

A king-sized, brand new swimming pool framed by promenade decks and terraced lawns is awaiting you. Bask in golden sunshine or swim in crystal clear, filtered water at no extra charge. If water sports are your dish, Lake Tombeau and connecting Lake Benedict invite your pleasure. There is horseback riding, shuffleboard, tennis, badminton and archery to complete the Sports picture.

OPERATION YAK-YAK

Just want to sit and talk -- visit with Cousins you haven't seen in years -- the spacious lobby, attractively furnished with loads of comfortable chairs is for you.

Or if you feel like taking on some of the mispochen (?) at Bridge or Canasta, the nearby game rooms provide a scene for the crime!

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ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGSTERS

Children have fun at Nippersink Manor! A governess attends to the little people under four. A day camp with trained counsellors keeps youngsters up to twelve happy all day. Every convenience parents require is available, even baby sitters!

All this means freedom for you! Freedom to do what you want to do and freedom from worry as to what the children are doing! Sounds like heaven, doesn't it?

STRICTLY BREAKSTONION

In addition to the nightly dancing and entertainment provided by the hotel, there will be our famous Amateur Night which Sam Goodman says will be a super, super-colossal spectacular -- how can we throw around the adjectives!

Another night we shall be the guests of the hotel at a Wiener Roast. We promise you won't need a Ski-Lift to get there like last year -- but golly didn't those dogs taste good!

One night you can get all dolled up in "your best bib and tucker" and bend the elbow at the Cocktail Party for which there will be a nominal charge.

Then there will be the Banquet, daily Golf Tournaments, Swimming and Tennis matches, plus Bridge and Canasta competitions.

GOOD NIGHT SWEET COUSINS

Ready to curl in a day -- then tuck yourself into just about the most comfortable bed you ever slept in in your pleasant, beautifully furnished room. You can leave your sleeping pills at home since you'll sleep like a lamb! Oh yes, there is heat just in case there is a chilly morning.

WE AREN'T FOOLIN'

When we say not to let the thought of Wisconsin throw you, Nippersink is located in the most southeasterly part of this beautiful state just 65 miles north of Chicago.

If you come by plane, train or bus, the hotel station wagon will meet you at the time of your arrival.

More information on this as well as detailed driving instructions will be sent you in your reservation confirmation.

COMMITTEES

On hand to greet you as you arrive will be members of the Reception, Hospitality and Entertainment Committees. You will receive a warm welcome from Mrs. Louis Goodman, Mrs. Jack Sobey, Mrs. Harold Nelson, Mrs. Frank Barcus, Mrs. Irving Singer and Mrs. Bernard Goodman.

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Junior Activities, and we understand there's a-plenty, are in charge of Suzanne Barcus, ably assisted by Rachelle Barcus, Marcia Nelson and Rochelle Goodman. Wow! What a team! No one is going to mind being activated by this group of pretty gals!

Although Harvey Goodman is barely six feet tall -- sure grew since last year -- he has all sorts of plans afoot for the younger juniors -- no day camp for them!

Louis Goodman will handle the Golf Tournaments and Jack Schey, an ole hand with swimming pools, the Swimming Events. Jack says he will even tolerate the waders and splashers.

Cousin Raymond Krell is listed as in charge of Dancing on the Men's Committee. Now we aren't sure if this means only the Menfolks will Rock 'n Roll, while we ladies sit and watch, but -- well you'll just have to find out for yourself.

Bernard Goodman, also a member of the Men's Committee, will be in charge of the "Young Darlings". What do you suppose he did to be awarded this most coveted plum! Sounds like real "hard" work.

And the Lord High Master of Ceremonies is the one and only Harold Nelson. Loaded with charm as well as dynamite -- A Milton Berle maybe????

SHADES OF YESTERYEAR

For the past year, Sam and Edith Goodman and their co-workers have been gathering pictures taken at former Reunions. These along with copies of the Breakstone World, special booklets and clips of news events within the family will all be posted on a huge bulletin board.

What memories these will arouse and what a laugh you will have when you see how you looked in those clothes of twenty odd years ago. Sacks -- only more so!

IT'S NOW OR NEVER

If all this hasn't "sold" you on Nippersink and made you feel that you just can't miss this year's Reunion, then we are ready to "turn in our Union Card" as a saleslady! But honestly dear Cousins, where could you get so much lush living, pampering fun and entertainment at so low a cost.

Why nowhere but at Nippersink! SO LET'S GO! Get that Reservation in RIGHT NOW

WEDDING BELLS

On Sunday, June 8, 1958, Miss Harriet Lee Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gordon, was united in marriage with Alan Lester Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rosenberg, at the B'nai Israel Temple in Pittsburgh.

Given in marriage by her father, Lee wore a traditional white gown of Ballerina length, beautiful in its simplicity. The Maid of Honor and Bridesmaids, of whom Susan Liverman was one, wore sheer white over deep green off-the-shoulder dresses and sage green picture hats. They carried colonial bouquets of white and yellow flowers.

Following the ceremony, dinner was served to over 150 relatives and friends. Then, with the good wishes of all, Lee and Alan flew to Florida for two glorious weeks in Paradise.

Since their return, they have been busy getting settled and their apartment furnished. Alan enters Medical School at the University of Pittsburgh in September and Lee plans to teach until Alan "hangs out his shingle".

DISTRICT MEETINGS

NEW YORK -- This group held a Spring meeting Sunday, May 25, 1958, at the Empire Hotel, 63rd and Broadway.

It was a rainy stormy day -- the sort of a day you prefer to stay indoors. But despite the weather, the attendance was good. As Helen Fein said, "If a Breakstone wants to make it, neither rain or sleet can stop him!"

While the get-together was completely social, discussions naturally centered around the Reunion. "Jo" Breakstone gave an account of last year's which probably aroused considerable interest in the '59 Reunion. Many are planning to attend.

The group voted to hold two meetings a year -- one in November and one in May. Their goal is to have every Breakstone in the New York area attend these two meetings. A vote of thanks was also extended to Elaine Livingston and "Jo" Breakstone who worked very hard setting up this meeting and were largely responsible for its success.

There was a lot of visiting over coffee and cake and the Cousins left with the feeling the meeting had been very much worthwhile.

Our thanks to Shirley Fein Sheriff for this report.

CHICAGO -- This group held their Spring get-together at the home of Sam and Saretta Morrison. The plan included cocktails and dinner, followed by a short business meeting. What a party this turned out to be! But, we'll let Saretta tell you about it in her own words.

"It is with a certain amount of pride and gratification that I write this report about the Breakstone meeting held at our home.

This is just a suggestion to our cousins for future meetings; it would be very nice if they would R. S. V. P. to their hostess. I planned on about 35 people and to my joy, there were exactly 60 people here. I have an authentic list of relatives present so that I know this to be correct.

I would like to thank my very own husband Sam for his complete cooperation, not only before the meeting, but during the meeting. He came to the rescue and in a short time our platters were filled with food again, and I don't think anyone was aware of my predicament. My wonderful neighbors, Dr. and Mrs. Barston, brought in additional chairs, forks and cups and the show was on the road. I guess I'm not very modest, but I think my Sam is the greatest.

I was delighted with the meeting, seeing so many Cousins that I had not seen in such a long time. Our daughters felt the same way, in fact, Jean and Leah had never met many of them before. For example I had never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. and Mrs. Saul Levy (they are first cousins of Dr. David Levy)

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I opened the meeting and made a little speech. I have seen some speeches that never be too short. I hope mine was short enough. Selma Becker suggested we start a family tree and immediately Phil Bregstone was given a piece of paper and with the help of Jerome Breakstone and a few other cousins, the work was started. The meeting then was turned over to the very capable Bobby Breakstone of Racine, Wisconsin, and according to the response that night, the Reunion at Nippersink will be a huge success. Many of the Cousins plan on being there. True to form, Harry and Selma Becker flew in from Detroit and Blanche Breakstone Goldberg with her husband and two lovely daughters came from Cincinnati.

It would have been very nice to introduce every Cousin at our home, but as I said before, there were 66 and that would have taken too much time. If the meetings are going to be this large, and I hope they will be, I suggest that we pin the name of every person on them as they come in so we will know who they are.

Please tell all the Cousins from me, these little meetings are good for the morale; it gives you a feeling of belonging. -

I shall close by saying, I am proud to be a Breakstone. "

Very sincerely,
Saretta Breakstone Morrison

LOS ANGELES -- Unfortunately, the report of the June meeting of this group was not received in time for inclusion in this Newsletter. But judging by previous reports, it could have been nothing short of successful.

Anna Oppenheim did tell us they were hopeful at least one member would be chosen to represent their group at Nippersink.

DETROIT -- Since this group will be our hosts at Nippersink, they take top honors for meetings. There have been several general get-togethers plus special Committee meetings. Judging by the reports we have received, most of these Cousins have been working very hard but having fun doing it.

Their final meeting will be in the form of a Co-Op Bar-B-Q at the home of Florence and Jack Schey. Each hostess will make "her speciality" so there will be an abundance of calories. Bessie Weingarden has promised to supply all the pastries. Wow! You get fat just looking at them, let alone eating them! We know whereof we speak!

So, if all the Detroiters show up at Nippersink looking like little Butterballs, you'll know the reason.

SHE COULDN'T SAY NO

Anna Oppenheim, our beloved reporter from Los Angeles, sent us a note, part of which we think would be of interest to her many friends. Anna used it as her reason for the delay in writing us. What a wonderful reason!

"When I came to California sixteen years ago, I vowed I would never become involved in organization work. While I lived in Wilkes Barre, I was an officer in almost every organization there and when I left, I felt I had done my duty. I was positive no one could ever influence me to change my mind.

DA:74

However, two years ago I was asked to attend a meeting of a group here in Los Angeles, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women of which I have always been a member.

At this meeting, I learned a new project was being launched, creating new areas of interest for older people, opening doors to friendship, companionship and self-expression. In a short time, we formed what we call a Senior Club. You probably know them as Golden Age Groups.

Despite my firm resolution, I couldn't resist contributing my efforts. What started with ten women has now increased to eighty. When the Council decided we should have officers, I was elected President. I love the work because I can see the progress that has been made even in this short time, but it keeps me plenty busy."

If this story of Anna's has a moral, we think it should be "Keep Young in Heart through service to others".

FOR THE RECORD

George Maines may not approve our doing so, but we think it's high time you knew a little something about Elizabeth Breakstone's famous husband.

From Who's Who, we learn he has been a newspaper reporter, editor and feature writer. His great love is publicity and promotion work. In this field, he has won great honor for his achievements far too numerous to mention here.

For years he has been Jimmy Durante's Press Agent. The phenomenal success of this great comedian is largely the result of Cousin George's work.

On March 3, 1958, the Hon. Melvin Price of Illinois in the House of Representatives, paid special tribute to Durante on his fifty years in Show Business. The legislators showed their personal appreciation of the contribution Jimmy has made to the American stage by autographing a testimonial book which was presented to Jimmy on the occasion of his Sixty-fifth Birthday.

Jimmy was in Las Vegas at the time and the February 9 edition of the Las Vegas, Nevada Sun ran a complete story of his remarkable career -- a story carrying the by-line (By George H. Maines).

The legislative recognition and George's complete account of Jimmy Durante's career as it appeared in the Sun has been recorded in the Congressional Record. It takes a real genius to conceive, plan and execute a promotion such as this and yet to George, it was just one of many -- all in the day's work.

And now you can guess where the "Goodnight, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are" originated.

FAMILY HISTORY

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we printed the interesting story of Ralph Bregstein's early life spent in the communal village in Lithuania.

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Since then, Ralph has sent us a report of his first years here in America. Because all of us are interested in the family history, here is Part Two of his story. He has promised to send Part Three later.

"I arrived in New York on the S/S New Amsterdam of the Holland American Line after a visit with my Uncle Etienne and his family at their country villa at the Beach of Zaandvoort near Amsterdam. On my arrival in New York, I spent about ten days at the home of Tante Deveire, Mother of Selma and Julius Breakstone, who with Helen Fein are the only members of the family still with us.

Our late Cousin Molly Breakstone invited me to live with her and her two brothers, David and Morris on Forest Ave. in the Bronx. The late Cousin Joe Breakstone and his family also lived in the same building. I remember him so well, sitting in his wheel chair at the table having a discussion with his oldest daughter. He was a prince of a fellow, just like his Father Fetter Shane who too was a great conversationalist and kept you spellbound with his stories.

I spent only three months in New York after which time I traveled south to Wilmington, N. C. where I lived and worked with my old friend and neighbor from Panemune, Moe Hurwitz, who ran a small department store with his brother Ike. After two years with them, I received an offer of a better job with a merchant in Ashville, N. C. Being a young fellow and anxious to see new places, I left for Ashville which is situated in the Northern part of the state high up in the mountains. My stay in Ashville was very enjoyable as the climate and scenery are out of this world. From Ashville, I went to Rocky Mount, N. C. where I went to work for the Union News Co., traveling between Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Norfolk, Va. and Washington, D. C.

I remained with them until 1917 when I was drafted into the Army. First, I was stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., then at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. and Camp Upton, N. Y. From Upton we went across to Liverpool and traveled all across England to Southampton and then across the Channel to Le Havre, France."

Thanks so much Cousin Ralph and don't forget to send along Part Three.

It would seem to us that if just one member of these first Breakstone Families could prepare a story such as Ralph has done, they would be making a most valuable contribution to the Family History. Names and dates are necessary; but it is always the little human interest stories that make history exciting.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

ERNEST SCHWARTZ, son of Mrs. Bessie Weingarden, has opened a Children's Shop in the Shopping Center in Levittown, Pennsylvania. Levittown is very much a family community and children do grow out of clothes-but fast!

Good Luck Ernie! We are sorry this new venture will keep you. Helen, Leslie and Barbara from being with us at Nippersink, but hope to see you in '59.

SIDNEY BROWN, Philadelphia, one of last year's top golfers, also seems to have talents in other fields. He recently played the lead in a play which was a take-off on "The Music Man". Rave notices said he was terrific -- gave a truly professional performance to a packed house. Any Hollywood offers, Sidney?

DH:96

GERTRUDE BREAKSTONE RUSSELL and her handsome husband Jerry, awarded a Cinderella Week End in New York City as a result of Gertrude's participation in a radio Quiz Show.

Meals at plush restaurants and tickets to "My Fair Lady" and "The Music Man" were the highlights.

Gertrude reports she is now Program Chairman for the Germantown-Chestnut Hill Chapter of O. R. T. Not an easy job, but no one could do it better than our Gertrude.

JIMMY RUSSELL and DAVID BROWN will spend the summer at Blue Bell Day Camp, Ambler, Pa. while Patti Brown will be at Melrose Day Camp.

MR. and MRS. EMANUEL BREAKSTONE have just returned from five weeks in Europe. As a representative of the George Jensen Co., they spent two weeks in Denmark, attended the World's Fair at Brussels and drove from the Scandinavian peninsula to Paris in a Volkswagon.

MR. and MRS. LOUIS MILLER, Philadelphia, recently entertained at a dinner party in honor of their daughter Edie Berman of Auburndale, Mass. Guests included Roz and Sid Brown, Mrs. Lottie Schwartz, Lionel and Bernice Silverman, Gertrude and Jerry Russell.

RENNE CALVIN is spending the summer at Borgold 'Ale, Italy.

DR. JUDD, TRUDE, BARBARA AND PAUL BREAKSTONE, Miami Beach, spent the month of June touring New England. Despite all her efforts, Babs couldn't get her family to the Reunion. It seems the Stork expects to deliver a bumper crop of Bundles of Joy in August and needs Judd on hand to make them cry! And Paul, we are sorry that your current steady will be away for the summer. But -- just maybe you can find someone else to fill in until she returns.

MILES LOWY, son of Marie Eisenberg, Chicago, and his lovely wife Owen, celebrated their Third Wedding Anniversary May 3. Marie and her husband Maurice celebrated their Sixteenth on June 6. We hope Maurice who suffered a fracture of his right hand last winter and was at Marie's mercy for many weeks, has completely recovered.

MRS. JOSEPHINE BREAKSTONE, New York, spent a wonderful week end at the home of Herbert and Minna Breakstone in Danbury, Conn. "Jo" says her mail piles up while she's "gadding about". We feel guilty because we call on her so much for help on addresses and family connections.

BESSIE and SY WEINGARDEN were the house guests of Sarah Silverman when they came to Pittsburgh to attend Alan Rosenberg's wedding. Despite her serious illness last winter, Bessie is again her old sweet self. She literally was running over with enthusiasm for this year's Reunion. Frankly, we don't think that the Promotion Manager at this famous resort could have done as well as our Bess!

JOE SHERIFF, a member of the North Castle Players and according to Shirley a great actor, had a major part in their latest production, "The Night of January 15".

HERBERT and MINNA BREAKSTONE, New York, are spending the summer at their summer place in Danbury, Conn.

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SY and CHIC BREAKSTONE, we are sorry to report, will not be with us at Nippersink. They will return from Chicago to their home in Orlando about August 1. As you know, August is a bad month for those, Sy included, who suffer from Hay Fever. Pollen count in Florida is extremely low at this time and Sy feels he must be where he is least affected.

MR. and MRS. JOE LEVY, New York, were the guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Lou Levitsky at the first Seder in their home in East Orange, N. J.

The Seder service was most enjoyable and impressive. It was beautifully rendered in the old-fashioned tradition (including marvelous food) making the occasion an unforgettable and memorable one.

Rabbi Levitsky is nationally known. His wife, known professionally as Dr. Anna Levy, is a first cousin of Joe's on his Paternal side. Although not directly related to the Breakstone Family, Joe feels that they are as close as if they were and he is justly proud of this relationship.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

Most important development in this issue for all enthusiastic Breakstone Juniors is the departure of Cousin Alan Rosenberg from our ranks. His leave was necessitated by his marriage on June 8 to Lee Gordon (described elsewhere in this newsletter). Mr. Rosenberg distinguished himself at the Bedford Reunion with his supervision and participation in athletic activities. In addition, his co-editorship of the Jottings has proved continually helpful.

Alan does not get away completely, however. A secret pact completed shortly before the marriage ceremony insures his engagement as Special Adviser to the Juniors.

All the Juniors wish Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg much happiness.

June, in addition to being notable for weddings, was the month of graduations.

ALAN BREAKSTONE, son of Zelig and Ida Breakstone and SUSAN SILVERMAN, daughter of Sidney and Phyllis Silverman, were graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. Both head for greener pastures next fall.

STEVE SHERIFF, son of Joe and Shirley Sheriff, graduated with top honors from Junior High School. He will enter White Plains High School in September.

MR. and MRS. ALAN ROSENBERG (can't we get rid of them?) both got their sheep hides from the University of Pittsburgh on June 11, 1958.

RAYMOND KRELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Krell, Detroit, received his Law Degree from Wayne State University. His family is very proud of him. They should be as Law is a rough tough course and anyone who gets through it, well deserves praise and more praise.

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Belated piece of scientific information. According to a feature article in the Chicago Daily News in March, JEFFREY BREAKSTONE has achieved scholastic excellence.

Eleven year old Jeff, son of Alta Breakstone and the late Dr. Edgar Breakstone, with a classmate, constructed an ingenious model of the human circulatory and digestive systems. The exhibit was complete with demonstrative tubing that contained appropriately colored water.

The model won First Prize in the annual Science Fair of Chicago's DuSable High School. Jeffrey just completed the sixth grade at Bret Hart Elementary School in that city.

Many congratulations from the Juniors, Jeffrey and keep studying.

During the Second semester, ROCHELLE GOODMAN, University of Michigan Freshman, broadcasted a one-hour program on Monday evenings from the University of Michigan station.

ELLEN SHERIFF, talented daughter of Joe and Shirley Sheriff, recently gave a piano recital at the Kingsbridge Home for the Aged.

HARVEY GOODMAN, we learned via the Grapevine, is now First Baseman for the Mendelssohn A. Z. A. Baseball Team. And to make the news of this family complete, Linda astounded parents and teachers alike with a report on "Madame Curie and Radium Today" at a P. T. A. Meeting.

All Breakstone Juniors, hear this! You are all required to be present for opening roll-call at Nippersink Manor on August 24. Junior activities include swimming, golf, tennis, horseback riding and fishing, plus many others. Competition and prizes will be up for grabs as usual. In addition, all the fun and excitement of meeting with your "hundreds" of Cousins will be waiting for you. All the Breakstones who attended the Bedford Reunion will be there to initiate the newcomers. Don't be bashful, friends; rouse your sleepy parents and let them know what a fine time we are all going to have!

See you at the end of August.

ANRE DERSAVIS, how come you all don't answer TOMMY SILVERMAN's letter? Tom is a very popular chap and if you don't do something about it, he could forget you -- just like that!

EDITOR'S NOTE

A very special thanks to each of you who have contributed news and items of family interest during this past year.

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Your letters of comment have been most flattering. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing. Like you, we feel the Newsletter has created a feeling of Togetherness within the Family; that it has enabled Cousins to hear of each other and been responsible for the formation of local groups.

If we may get personal for a moment, David, Alan and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the opportunity of being your Editors for this past year. It has been a rich and rewarding experience.

And now as we lay down our pens, it is with the firm belief that from its humble beginning, the Newsletter will grow and grow, ever a symbol of the great and wonderful Breakstone Family.

God Bless You.

ELSIE SILVERMAN
DAVID BREAKSTONE
ALAN ROSENBERG

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