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Correspondence between Charlotte Michaud and Dee from Elderberry Times

Dee, Elderberry Times

Charlotte Michaud

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Elderberry Times

119 South Main Street, Old Town, Maine 04468

reply on rear

Aug. 28, 1974

Dear Charlotte,

In your letter Aug. 21 you mentioned your commissioned (?) manuscript for the Lewiston Historical Commission and the brash young ~~wakana~~ critic who doesn't believe you. How fast times have changed!

I think you have good material for a column. I even think our adult readers would be interested in the brash young man's inability to comprehend what used to be. If we ran a Lewiston-Auburn story on Franco-Americans I wonder if it would stir up that Mr. Michaud of the St. John Valley to do an historical sketch up there. He may even have done one. My correspondence with him is somewhere in the file.

Although I haven't mentioned it to Barbara McKernan, I see no reason why we shouldn't run ads for the Lewiston booklet in the Box for the Berries columns on page 11. Would you want to prepare an ad for us. I'll show it to her and get her decision that way. I'm thinking along lines of running it free, perhaps using your name as the "subscriber" for whom we have such services.

Today I'm sending your translation to Fifi. I devoged last evening to her clippings, photocopies and scribbled notes. I'm fond of her but one needs time to digest all the material she sends.

Fondly *Dee*

*Thank you for Memorial Day. (must mean Labor Day story)
Used it must happily.*

Sept.2 1974

Dear Dee,

Everyone in neighborhood packing to leave for end-of-season, but I stay on until Sept.22 or 23d, depending which day is nicest. Raining--after perfect day yesterday--so have been writing letters, about the Historical Commission booklet and the proffered adv. for which we thank you, the Commission thanks you, and probably all Commission members.

Thought column I'm enclosing would just about make it for timeliness--saw that musical only last week--but will concoct one of the "generation gap" of that writer probably for next time.

You refer to A.J. Michaud--folks in Lewiston tell me he has died..I have read references to him, probably out of M of M, Orono, and seem to recall someone saying he wrote for some paper up-north on historical matters, but I didn't read of the death. Folks I know in Lewiston told me of a woman who writes for a Madawaska paper, she's Mrs. Ernest (Geraldine) Chasse of St. David who writes of historical matters. I'm going to contact her in an effort to learn more about that cross between those two places that's been declared an historical monument. Used to be many of those in Canada--now disappearing--maybe some thing earlier settlers copied from what they had in France.

Mrs. Peter A. (Dorris cq) Isaacson of Lewiston who writes the Maine History News for Maine Historical Societies and Museums says she hopes representatives of other ethnic groups would do the same; a writer-friend of mine in Mass. says he wishes Franco-Americans in other centers would write about their own too so that, eventually, some historian could combine them all in a book about Fr. Amer. from all of New England.

Sent copy of my story on our Commission booklet to Prof. Leamon, also the suggested adv.--thought it would delight him, as it did me.