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Dear Mrs Lapointe -

Enclosing clips that may serve you. Thought story on Center problems good idea - you were lucky paper willing to do it - should help.

Obit is of man I never knew, but had heard of him in past years. You might get more about him through Emma Gaurin (a cousin, I think) not too sure if she's at Harcourt Home, but seem to recall seeing her name in story about those many parties they have there.

Write also because you may have tried to reach me by 'phone. Was at Central Maine Medical Center from Sept. 12 to Oct. 1 and several times during the week preceding my admission.

Was having much pain in right leg, so unable to walk unless helped by another person. Many tests taken to determine if there might be more than the arthritis that struck me while at Old Orchard East June. Improved so much after moving to Liveston June 28 that I was able to go to Leominster Mass. for Labor Day weekend. Relatives came here for me & brought me back. Was well throughout visit there & for two days after my return, but after that pain

was unbearable, whenever I put my weight on right leg. Many exams taken at the hospital - so many X Rays that I said anyone could make a sketch of my entire body just from those photos. Several specialists were consulted & visited me; each one prescribing some thing different, but finally I improved enough to be sent to therapy dept. to learn to walk, 1st with a "walker", then with a cane.

Returned home Oct. 1 with both walker & cane & so I manage, but can't walk outside yet. Ardeoscoggin Home Health Serv. Inc., located at 79 Main St. Auburn supplies assistance by making person available to do my laundry & errands. Very necessary & very helpful.

Doctor says no cure for arthritis - it varies in pain intensity & some medication gives relief, but it comes & goes in degree of pain. Can't do much but pray, read, embroider to pass the days. Am' way behind in correspondence, but locally keep in touch by 'phone. All this to put you up-to-date - on 'phone would have been too lengthy.

Charlotte Michaud