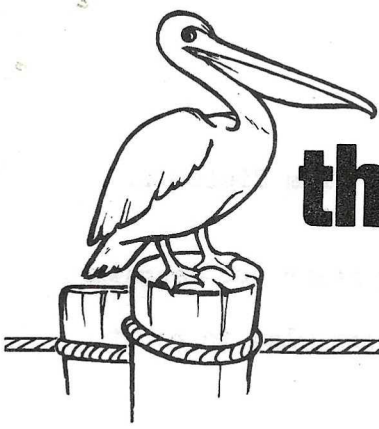


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HEAR YE !! HEAR YE !!

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Wednesday, December 21st

Recreation Hall 7:30 to 12:00

Music by:

VICKI and the KEYS

Refreshments & Christmas Cheer

All Gulf to Bay Residents and
Guests are Cordially Invited!!

Jean & Warren

We know you all enjoyed the Christmas tree lighting at the dock. What a pleasant surprise when some of our residents and guests sang carols in Dutch, German, Rumanian and French. A hearty "Thank you" to all who organized it and you who participated.

by Hampden F. Tener



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The twinkling, flashing, colored lights of Christmas
Line our streets that reach from gulf to bay.
For weeks they've brightened up our tropic nights
And evenings of this happy holiday.

They fill with equal joy the hearts of guests,
Who've come to visit from so far away---
--Now visit us who're old, but long ago
Escaped the north and came down south to play.

Each day more people work to decorate
By adding strings of colored, flashing lights,
So that their street is certain to delight
The strollers of these balmy Christmas nights.

And lure the singers of gay Christmas songs,
To add joyous sounds to our cheerful sights---
--Join merry music with the sparkle-bright
Of twinkling, flashing strings of Christmas lights.

DECEMBER COMMITTEE * * Phyllis & Bob Knapp, chairmen

Paul & Joan Stunzig, Ruth & Bud Hickes, Dorothy & Jim Manley, Phyllis Crosby, LaVern Sumner. Alternates - June & Jim Simpson.

Tree Trimming Party

Saturday December 17th, 7:00 p.m. We would like everyone to bring a decoration to hang on the park tree in the hall. It will be all lit up and waiting for you to finish it.

There will be eggnog punch and goodies served and a sing-along to round out the festivities. We have new song books and Ralph Palermo will lead in his usual high fashion, accompanied on the piano by Lorraine Ide.

If you want to bring along a grab-bag gift, men will bring a man's gift, and ladies will bring a lady's gift. (Not to exceed \$2.00) This is optional but we think it will add to the evening's pleasure.

Above all, come, sing, enjoy and have FUN! FUN! FUN!

DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DINNER

3:00 p.m.

Your salad course and wine will be ready for you any time after 3:00 p.m. The invocation will be given by Bernice Theiss. Now it is time for our main course:

Roast Turkey Giblet gravy Mashed potatoes
Old fashioned dressing Michigan squash
Cranberry relish Rolls & butter Coffee or Tea

Home made chocolate layer cake from your Gulf to Bay kitchen !!!

TICKETS will be on sale December 15th and 16th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

PRICE \$4.50 each. Absolutely no tickets sold after above dates.

Please bring your table service including salad plate to the hall between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on December 24th

MERRY CHRISTMAS from your December Committee ! !

CIELO STREET - Joan Stunzig

Because this reporter is caught up in the Christmas rush the news from Cielo St. is a little sketchy.

Frank Finnelli says, "There is nothing new but cold weather".

The Hicks are busy working on the December committee and getting ready for daughter, Sharon, and family who will arrive on December 26th.

Phyllis Crosby will be staying on with us through March and is very glad to be at Gulf to Bay. We are happy to have her with us.

Flora Cross greeted me quite graciously but had no news.

Has anyone seen George Byrem?

Tom McElroy, complaining about the fish not biting. But Fred Kalagher queried, "Why is everyone catching fish but Tom and Brownie?"

Caught Don Reppenhagen busy trimming his Christmas tree.

Millie and Norm Durst informed us that the kids are coming in from Ohio this year. (formerly from North Carolina) You remember their grandson led the carnival parade last year with his saxophone. Grandpa left his trumpet at home. Sister from Kings Point will be in this weekend.

Glad to see that Georgie and Angie are back and hard at work on the beautiful garden they always have each year.

Cora Tyson, down at the Hall holding craft courses with Clara, Bernice, Emma, Virginia and Mabel. There are some beautiful creations. Why don't you stop in some Friday morning and admire the beautiful handiwork by our home-grown artists?

Irene Stevenson was doing her Christmas cards when I stopped in. Daughter, Pat, is gone now but Dad was sure glad to have her around while Mom was cruising.

We're all glad to see Dave Hart back home from the hospital.

The Stunzigs are expecting their good friends, Joe and Joan Napoli, the day after Christmas. We love them dearly and are looking forward to showing them all the wonderful things here in Gulf to Bay.

Mother: "Wilbur, are you spitting in the fish bowl?"

Wilbur: "Not yet, Mom. But I'm coming closer and closer."

NEWS FROM AURA by Betty Baker

Welcome to our street, Lee Taylor. Lee occupies the first lot and has the Airstream trailer. Lee is well acquainted with this area as he used to stay at Biff's.

Donna and John Darling were late getting down but it's good to see them.

Ann Cady is busy getting shells ready to take back to her daughter in Connecticut. On December 14th Ann leaves for a month's visit with her family.

George and Anna Galat are back. What a pleasant surprise to hear them sing at the Christmas tree lighting! The Galats are very happy with their first grandchild. She is six months old and named, "Crystal".

The old knitting needles are working overtime at Ethel Cross' place. She just finished a beautiful green sweater and a white shirt for her great grand-daughter.

Peanuts and Edna are always busy working around the park. Peanuts certainly can dream up witty remarks. It's never dull when he's around.

The big news at Betty Baker's is the trip to Reno on December 21st to visit her son, Bob, and family who just moved there June 1st. Sue is going too.

The trailer next door is quiet as Russ Quinn went back to Kentucky for a visit.

Lu Rogers is busy helping people in the park so it's hard to find her at home.

Mrs. Johnson is doing quite well. I saw her walking past my place.

My, how Marge Stocum can peddle that bike! We should have a 3-wheeler bike race to see who can peddle the fastest. My bet is on Marge.

Wally and Mae Dearborn are quite settled in their new home.

This street survived the storm on December 11th with only minor things to clean up. Some of the RV trailers really rocked in the wind. (ed. note - if it was the wind)

High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead too often.

CIELO COURT - Loretta Brandemill

Not much to report from the shortest street in the park.

We're happy to welcome our new family now in the big cottage. Their names are, Bette and Donald Leiting.

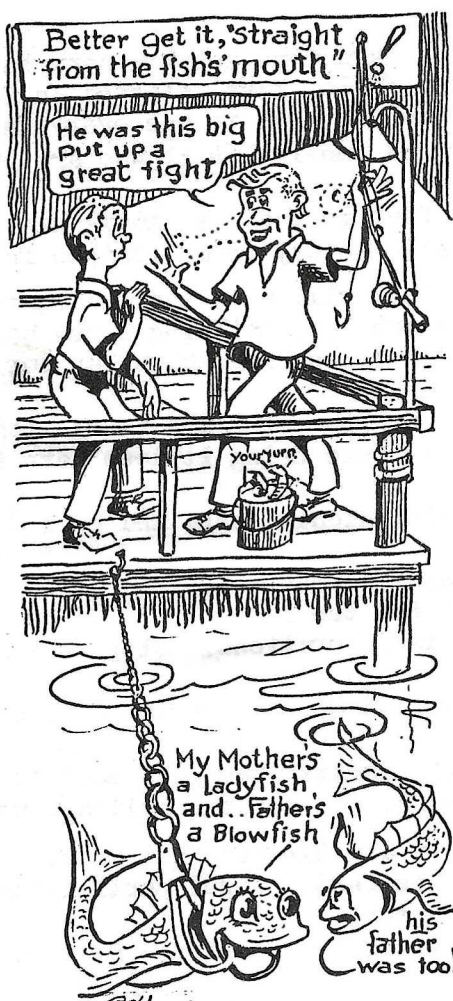
Matt and Lola Yakes are buzzing around getting all their Christmas decorations in place. They are expecting their son and daughter-in-law from Grand Rapids, Michigan soon after Christmas.

George Uto had nothing to say except his grass shoots are doing very well. So, George, it was worth all that time you spent sitting on your milk crate, if that's what it was you were sitting on.

Theresa and Maurice are safe and sound after quite a rough trip to Quebec. Best of luck to both of them.

Fred and Loretta are still trying to get caught up. Fred is feeling much better. (Good to see Fred buzzing around again)

Saw Matt Yakes sprawled out in a chair, hose in hand, throwing water over his new grass. Oh, boy! What a way to water a lawn!



It is with regret we note the passing of Maurice de Carufel, our former manager. We offer our sincere sympathy to Theresa and the family. Your prayers would be appreciated.

CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL!

With all the Christmas activity this season, we take time to remind you of the Carnival, January 1st, New Year's Day.

COSTUME PARADE starting at 10 AM at the Hall. Prizes will be awarded for best, funniest, or most original costumes.

ALL DAY IN THE HALL

Craft table Flea Market Items

Raffles of special items

Games of Chance - Money Wheel - Poker Table

Harry Ide will be in charge of the kitchen. There will be plenty of goodies here to appease your appetite; plan on having your lunch here.

BRING MONEY

Items are needed for the craft and flea market tables and may be left on Marge Stocum's back porch at 112 Aura St.

** Marge belatedly thanks Lu Rogers and Roxanne Palermo for the Thanksgiving Dinner decorations.

GOLFO STREET - Dortha Swickard

So many from our street are going to be up north for the holidays! Audrey and George Jacobson to Dayton, Lucille and Ralph Tracy to Orlando. Gene and Mahlon Hallett, due to his illness, will be at their home in the Poconos, Norma and Gene Croteau in Massachusetts, Helen and Charlie Verrill with their family in Ohio.

Cam and Cal Thatcher's son and family had a ball; the one little grand-daughter found a very large shark's tooth. She'll be proud to show it to her friends back in Arkansas.

Rita Roof's son, Dr. Roger Roof and wife accompanied her when she came down to the park. A few days here- then they returned home. Both enjoyed our beach. Rita's grandson, Brad, a student at the University of Gainesville, spent a short time with them.

Dottie Kerber's son is soon to come down to spend some time with her.

Eleanor and Noble Paul are looking forward to their son and family coming.

They are going to the Keys as the son is an avid scuba diver.

Kate, Paul and Dottie Kerber, Rita Roof, Cam & Cal, Dottie & Floyd, Nellie Arnholt and Bill and Dortha will stay to celebrate Christmas with all our friends.

A specialist is a doctor whose patients are expected to confine their ailments to office hours.

Visitor (at asylum): "Do you have to keep the women inmates separated from the men?"

Attendant: "Sure. The people here ain't as crazy as you think."

ESTADA STREET - Emma Graber

Dot and Jim Manley are going to Houston for Xmas Holidays.

Dropped in at Les and Fay Downings for news. Birthday party for Lee Taylor of Aura St. and Katie Mastie in progress. Les and Fay are expecting their three daughters and grandchildren - 14 in all - for Christmas. Sure will be a full house.

Art and Marguerite will be leaving Dec. 24 for Mexico for the holidays.

Emma and Gordon Graber spent three enjoyable days at Key West.

Jeanette Blanchard is still confined at Fawcett Memorial Hospital. Hope to see her back soon.

Ever notice when you reach a certain age, everything you have seems to wear out, spread out, or fall out.

Economy size means large in soap, and small in automobiles.

A small boy was brought to the doctor's office because of a scalp wound. He had been crying and was anxious all the while the doctor treated his injury. As he neared the end of his task, the boy broke into tears again and asked, "Now what are you going to do?" "We're all through except for the dressing," the doctor said. "Anything," sobbed the patient, "except Roquefort."

BAYO STREET - Mabel Gaudette

We welcome Helen Graveline back to our street; she had a hard time getting here but she made it. Her nephew and wife Henry Graveline from West Springfield, Mass. stopped in to say hello. She still has open house on her patio every day and she is glad to see everyone.

Little Alice is in 7th heaven waiting for her daughter and son-in-law Al who are on their way down. They will be with us until April.

LaVern Sumner from Muskegan, Mich. is here with us for four months. We thank him for bringing that beautiful Christmas tree that is in the hall all the way from Michigan in his bathtub.

Mark and Ruth Daugherty are back after a nice summer. They will miss their daughter and son-in-law who was with us for a few months last year. They are busy building a new home.

Isabelle and Al Ward are expecting Mrs. Marie Lehman from Allen Park, Michigan for a few weeks visit.

Terry and Vin Phaneuf have gone home to Chicopee, Mass. for the holidays to be with their family. Vin, after you use your snow shovel for snow at home bring it down here for the beach sand.

The Bovee's had a nice visit from their grandson and wife, Richie Benya and cute 2 year old. They are from Ft. Meyers.

The Sizeloves are expecting their two daughters, Shirley Peterson and Rita Chaffy and their two daughters. They will enjoy our Christmas Holidays for ten days.

Bernice Theiss is busy making all her beautiful Christmas decorations. Stop in and see them. It is well worth the time.

Jim and Gladys Thorne from Midland, Pa. are with us for five months. Welcome to our street.

Sophia Szopski had her brother-in-law from Chicago. Gus Schultz has gone back to snow.

Bob and Mickey Rumph have gone north to Lambertville, Mich. to spend the holidays with family and friends. They wish everyone in Gulf to Bay a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

The Weavers are clamming again now that the "Red Tide" has left. Carol participated in the St. Petersburg Boat Show representing Venice Marine Center.

Marie Damar and daughter Jeanne from Montreal are here visiting her sister Rose Ouimette and are enjoying our beach.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt had a pleasant surprise when their daughter Amy from West Palm came for a couple of days, and they enjoyed the good shrimp she brought.

Florence and Mike Turk had her brother Eric Gustafson from Paducah, Ky. visiting for for a few days.

Fran Wadlegger keeps busy working on his boat. Hurry up Fran and go fishing.

The Knapps are happy to be down here as their trip was not nice; snow, ice, rain and even tornados following them. We are glad to have them here safe.

DIJE STREET - Clara Bessinger

George and Ann Hale are planning to go to daughter Barb Crandon's for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Stoll from Chelsea, Mich. were guests of Jay and Jenny Hubbard. They enjoyed the Dinner Theatre in Sarasota while here.

Clarence Rohlf will be visiting his brothers in Bradenton for Christmas.

Ruth and Hazel had their niece and her son, Marie and Rob Gordon from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. as guests for a week. Rob caught some beautiful fish off the dock.

The Robinsons visited Estelle Albert of Punta Gorda last week. Expect son Jim and Marilyn for a visit after Christmas.

Brownie and Allison have changed plans; are not going to Nashville, Tenn. for Xmas. It's too cold there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsh expect daughter Farol and husband for Christmas holidays.

Clara Bessinger will be spending Christmas with daughter Barb and family in Daytona.

Katie Mastie is leaving for Michigan to have Christmas with her children.

Lorraine and Harry Ide and Barbara Richardson enjoyed a week of tennis at Bradenton. Lots of work and sore muscles.

Ralph and Roxanne Palermo and Harry and Loraine Ide will be celebrating New Year's Eve with Madelaine and Joe Gervais at their home. Madelaine is Roxanne's sister. Roxanne says their daughter Barbara Kuhn will be down Jan. 2nd for two weeks.

Allison keeps busy with her Cambodian students and the tutoring program. Meanwhile Brownie keeps adjusting the tilt on the captain's hat he inherited when George Hale passed on the shuffle responsibility. Goerge is a hard act to follow. We're glad to see him sharpening up his skills again. Nice going, George

When you use the word "monster", be careful. We won't know whether you mean the sewage treatment plant of Hank's C.B. Antenna!

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Dancing at Venice Community Center every Thursday evening 8-11 PM. Singles or doubles. If you like ballroom dancing talk to Joan S., Shirley D., or Marguerite O. ----- B.Y.O.B.
JOKES - by Mabel Gaudette

Marriage is the only union that can't be organized even though both parties think like management.

A speeding motorist was stopped by a police officer. "I'm a good friend of the Mayor" pleaded the speeder. "That's great," said the officer as he wrote the ticket, "Now he will know I'm on the job."

The oldster was bragging about his clean living habits. "I've never smoked, drank or chased women & tomorrow I'll celebrate my 80th birthday." His curious companion asked, "How?"

ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE FOR
COMMUNITY ACTION OF THE GULF-TO-BAY RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Amended and Ratified March 8, 1981 Englewood, Florida
33533

Article 4 Amended and Ratified March 27, 1983

1. The purpose of the Council is to provide for the entertainment of the residents of the park.
2. A council of six shall be elected by the park residents for governance of the association. It will be necessary to elect only four members each year, two of whom will serve two years and two of whom will serve one year. A nominating committee of four members-at-large shall be appointed by the Council to select candidates for the two year and the one year terms. A slate of not less than four candidates shall be nominated for two year terms and a slate of not less than four candidates shall be selected for one year terms. An appropriate ballot shall be prepared and posted one week prior to the election to be held on the third Saturday of March. The two candidates having the highest number of votes in the two year category and the two candidates having the highest number of votes in the one year category, plus the two carry-over Council members shall constitute the new Council. The Council shall meet a minimum of once a month, or as often as necessary, time and place to be determined by the President. In case of a vacancy occurring on the Council, the remaining members shall appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term.
3. The following officers each of whom shall serve a one year term will be elected by the Council:

President	Treasurer	Member-At-Large
Vice-President	Secretary	Member-At-Large

The Council shall be responsible for all events in the park, subject to the approval of the management. The Treasurer shall submit all bills and monthly reports to the Council for approval.

4. Each Council member shall serve as monthly chairperson for all social events of an entire month and shall select his own committee not to exceed ten persons including the chairperson. Free dinners are to be provided for the committee of ten.

5. The ticket seller is to notify the chairman of the number of tickets sold not less than forty-eight hours prior to any dinner. No tickets shall be sold over that number. Any variance of the above shall be handled at the discretion of the dinner chairperson. The chairperson shall post on the board in the recreation hall his committee members.
6. Management shall be advised beforehand of any and all activities to be planned in and for the park.
7. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) death benefit check shall be given to the family of any person who dies and who is listed as a twelve month renter in the park.
8. A ten dollar (\$10.00) offering (floral or otherwise) shall be sent to any resident of the park who is sick in any hospital for a duration of three days or longer while in residence at Gulf-To-Bay Park. This is limited to one donation in any year per person.