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## A LOVE STORY

### Cast of Characters:

Harry:	Born 1893	Au Gres, Michigan)	Married	1916
Mabel:	Born 1892	Cascade, Michigan)		

"We've been married 65 years and never had a fight."

Harry, raised on a farm, attended college in Michigan 1914-1915. While there he was assigned to go to Grand Rapids to buy a bull. He decided to visit his mother's aunt who also lived in Grand Rapids. Upon his knock the door was opened by a gorgeous young lady in red. (She took care of the elderly aunt.) On completion of his mission, he returned home with a vision in his head of the "lady in red." He consulted books on etiquette and forthwith wrote her a letter. Faster than the mails today, he received an answer. Back he came and during a walk through the greenery he entertained thoughts of a tiny kiss. Suddenly!! He was taken by the arm and lured under the shelter of a helpful tree and received the best kiss a guy could want! Harry was neither backward nor slow; he bought her a diamond ring for \$30.00. (Wow!) During courtship, many times he hopped a freight from Lansing to Grand Rapids to visit Mabel on weekends at the aunt's house. They were married in Grand Rapids and stayed at the aunt's home where the neighbors have them a shivaree. Harry was stuck for \$7.50 for a keg of beer! In all they were given three shivarees. Rather upsetting for newly weds! (If you don't know what a shivaree is, ask Harry.) Harry took his bride home to the farm. At a later time when farming wasn't too good they raised horses; along came tractors. They switched to cattle. The cattle market was poor, so Harry built a small butcher shop, which did well. Mabel wasn't too busy so Harry built an addition and put in groceries. Mabel still had some time so Harry added again and put in dry goods. Business was good and they hired some help; Mabel had more time. Harry added again and put in a department store. Hired more help. Now Harry had more time and took on hardware and the John Deere Agency. Mabel also had a little time so she cooked and fed all the helpers. Mabel also give music lessons at 25¢ per hour. (You thought you had it hard). Clara (who now takes care of Mabel) with husband and six children was one of their best customers. "Kept us going for years," says Harry. One day Harry said, "Mabel you've worked hard enough," and they retired to Florida. They visited the Ousleys; moved into a trailer on Cielo Court, while they made plans to build in Ft. Pierce. They gave up these plans, and negotiated for a mobile home in Grove City. These plans were dropped when the Clinton home on Dije St. became available. Harry jumped at it and has been living in the Park for the last 15 years. We hope to have them as neighbors for a gooooooood loooooong time. Harry and Mabel celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss by being remarried. Mabel's sister, maid of honor, and Harry Sully, best man, who stood up for them originally were able to do so again. Amazing!!

Who are we talking about? Why, Harry and Mabel Marsh, of course!

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If you wrote your State legislators, congratulate yourselves. The mobile home bill we're after, passed the legislature and is on the Governor's desk. If he signs it, mobile home parks would pay the cost of moving a mobile home if the resident is ejected from the park without just cause. The park could also be required to buy the unit at a fair price.

### Remember?

I bought a wooden whistle, but it wouldn't whistle. Then I bought a steel whistle and steel it wouldn't whistle. Then I bought a tin whistle, and now I tin whistle.

Once I saw upon the stair a little man who wasn't there. He wasn't there again today. Gee! I wish he'd go away.

THE SCUTTLEBUTT FROM AURA  
as collected by Marge

Ann and George Galat are leaving for the north on April 12, and they wish all the people in the Park a happy summer. They hope to see us all next season in good health.

Jeanne and Earl from Thunder Bay, Ont., Canada have been with us a month and are just about ready to leave. Hope they plan on coming back next year.

John and Donna Darling always seem to be the first to head north. Miss not seeing them walking Aura St.

Betty Ludas has been around weekends. She sure enjoys her fishing.

Ethel Cross had company, James and Nancy Cross and children. Enjoyed the great-grandchildren.

Cheryl and Neal Mandelkern, Philadelphia, daughter and son-in-law of Gordon and Emma Graber, visiting March 20-28. Great kids.

Busy day for Lu Rogers. Went to pancake breakfast with Ann, Bernice, Cora and Don McConnaughy. Lu attended Caresta and Dick's granddaughter's wedding at Nokomis. Got back home just in time for company and to report in to me (Marge).

Millie's Edna called to Detroit, Mich. for the funeral of Henry Bennett, Millie's son-in-law. Many folks in the Park knew Edna's sister, Ardith (Arty) and husband. They have been coming down every year for a visit. So very sorry.

Wally and Mae's daughter Barbara left for Long Island March 10. She really enjoyed her stay with folks and gallivanting around with June.

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THE FIRST BLOCK PARTY

You could tell that all went very well at the block-party on the bay, By all the many people there Who brought their chairs, intent to stay.

The committee did a "bang-up" job, With their awards for funny hats; With luminaries everywhere, Where the crowds of people sat.

With food too much for normal man ---"Piggies", sauce, on buttered bun--- With music-tapes and radio; And seeing that we all had fun.

We hereby thank our leadership, With special thanks to Joan & Paul For opening up their mobile home, And that party held for us all.

Hampden F. Tener

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A panhandler said to me, "Mr. I haven't tasted food for a week." "Don't worry, it still tastes the same." I said.

THE BUZZ FROM BAYO  
by Ruth Arnholt

The Daughertys and daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Joe, have had a wonderful and busy month. They took many short trips, but the most enjoyable was Key West. Driving over all 42 bridges was certainly a magnificent sight and the history of Key West is truly fascinating. It was a trip they will long remember. Joe and Naomi want to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness that Gulf-to-Bay gave them while they were in the Park. They enjoyed every day on the beach and the evenings on the dock and also Bingo, but most of all, they enjoyed the wonderful, loving people at Gulf-to-Bay.

Here is a poem dedicated to their friends at Gulf-to-Bay from Naomi and Joe Muraco.

"By Your Side"

Could I walk a day by your side?  
What marvelous things I would learn.  
You could teach me the mysteries of  
the running tide,  
The way of the Gull, the Crane and  
the Tern

We'd walk along together quietly,  
And as I'd turn and gaze at you,  
I'd sense the knowledge you could  
give to me,  
I'd know what is false and what is  
true.

You would teach me to value my  
fellow man,  
To live life more slowly, to savor  
the best,  
To learn to smile as much as I can,  
To accept others, not put them to  
a test.

By your side, I have learned, now I'll  
go my own way  
And I'll take your knowledge with me  
as I depart.

Thank you for sharing a part of this  
day;  
You have touched my soul, my life  
and my heart.

Beautiful, Naomi! You and Joe have  
a safe trip home.

Mike and Florence Turk also took a  
trip to St. Augustine for a few days  
and visited Nellie and Larry Brandt  
of Avon Park, former residents of the  
Park, on their way home.

The middle (hot spot) part of Bayo,  
is beginning to thin out. Grace  
Henning is leaving April 1, Sophie  
Szopski is leaving April 5, and  
Helen Graveline, Alice Flebotte,  
Mabel Gaudette and Rose Ouimette are  
leaving May 6. Rose has had her  
brother Eddie and sister Marie from  
Mass., visiting her for a few weeks.  
Been busy, huh, Rose?

BAYO STREET (Cont'd.)

Dot and Henny Henworth have been busy moving into their new trailer which they purchased from Mae and Ted Forslund. Have you noticed Dottie's new hairdo.

Bernice Theiss has had as her guests for a couple of weeks, her grandson, Jim Svoboda and his wife and their two children from West Lafayette, Indiana.

Alice Flebotte has had a busy month entertaining relatives and friends from Leesburg, Scranton Penn. and Massachusetts. Sorry Doris and Al Boulerice couldn't make it down again, in March at which time Doris celebrates her birthday. But she received a birthday cake anyway and all her friends on Bayo had cake and ice cream.

Harry Smith has finally (he hopes) got his motors running after many weeks of backbreaking work. He and Helene also had their son visit them.

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CIELO STREET TID BITS

By June

Verginia and Don Reppenhagen are the first to have taken off. We wish them a safe journey home.

Don McConnaughy has been visiting Jane Wiley for the past few days. He's Jane's brother-in-law and she was happy to see him have such a good time at the recent "Block Party." He's quite the dancer.

Phyllis and Bob Knapp's granddaughter Lindsay Munson is visiting from Muskegon, Mich. Hope the weather clears, for those visitors who haven't seen much of the sun.

The McElroys, Phyllis and Tom's daughter, Valerie Manderville, and grand-daughter, Derryl are here from Marshfield, Mass. Tom is so proud. The first time out Derryl caught a nice red under the "Killer bridge".

Irene and Bill Stevenson had to fly home. Bill's elderly aunt passed away. They hope to be back down soon.

Mrs. Martha Everest from Ft. Myers was a recent guest of Cora Tyson. They both enjoyed a day of catching up on each other's lives. Also, Cora's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, their daughter Teresa and friend, Bill Hewitt are here from Athens and Battlecreek, Mich.

Until we all meet again, God bless---

THE DOINGS ON DIJE

by Betty Baker

We welcome our new neighbors Lorraine and Harry Ide to Dije St. They came over from Brook to Bay. Harry is Roxie's and Ralph Palermo's son.

Clarence and Helen Rohlf's had Mr. and Mrs. Ruppall of Akron, Mich. visiting them.

Shirley and Grady are leaving this Sunday for Gilmore, Ill. They are busy packing antiques to take with them. The four white doves are fine and in the fall we will let you know if they have any little ones!

The John Millers are happy to have their granddaughter and two great-granddaughters for a two week visit. Their son, George will be here for Easter.

George Hale is home from the hospital and seems happy. They removed just part of his toe and the infection is clearing up. That's good news, George.

Charlie and Shirley Deierlein had Shirley's sister Grace and husband, Henry Fulle visiting from Peekskill, N.Y.

What distinguished gentleman was seen entertaining three ladies for luncheon soon after his wife departed for California? All three ladies were seen exiting, smiling!

Doris Slaybaugh had her son Loren for a visit. On Friday her grandchildren Janice and Dennis Van Middlesworth will arrive. Her granddaughter is a lovely painter too.

The Ralph Palermos visited her sister in Fleurette Trahan in Winter Park. She came back here for a few days. Also visiting was their nephew and wife, Frank and Martha Trahan.

The Masties have a houseful with daughter Barb, Tony and Zack. Also their friends Mike and MaryJo Greenwahn. On Thursday Kay Mastie and Angela came for a two day visit.

Harry and Mabel Marsh have been busy entertaining friends and relatives. From Rochester, N.Y. were Harry and Ellen Marsh, Mildred Marsh Krause, Vena Dabbelane, Dorothy Marsh from Webster, N.Y. Bessie Marsh Kennelly from Braden, Fla. From up north in Grand Rapids, Mich. Harvey Vanderlauns, George and Mary, Julius and Dorothy.

Gene and Bea Hull leave for Ohio this Friday. We will miss you as you are always busy doing something.

Old friends of Gulf-to-Bay, Beulah and John Stevens from Saratoga, N.Y. paid everyone a surprise visit last week. They are staying at La Coquina. We are all glad to see them.

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SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS: The time of Shuffle Frolic has been changed from 1 PM Mondays and Fridays to 3 PM on these days to take advantage of the coolness of the late afternoon shade.

Some 35 people in the Park have enjoyed these weekly shuffle Frolic sessions.

Now that the league shuffling games are over and with many Park guests expected over the Easter Holiday, our old shuffle discs have been brought out to protect our best set for next year.

Wednesday, March 24, the Lemon Bay shuffle league players gathered at the Rotunda Inn for their annual dinner. Some 158 people attended. Dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour.

After a delicious dinner there was the presentation of awards; a comic story telling, and dancing. The seven of us from Gulf-to-Bay thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

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The ladies of the Park combined with the ladies of the Bible Study group and the ladies of the Exercise Group got together for a luncheon early in March.

The Captain's Club was too noisy, and too public for speeches but the following poem was read at the exercise class by Virginia Reppenhagen:

Exercise Class Luncheon  
March 1982

At the request of Virginia Reppenhagen-

Our leader helps condition us.  
(We like this loosing fat.)  
Hence exercise with ups & downs  
And dance our "Alley Cat".

We hear her say, "Shake, Shake it out-  
Stretch high, deep-bend the knees-  
Keep up the count-I cannot shout,  
Let's have more quiet, please."

We credit Jink's leadership  
For any Loss of body weight.  
We credit here. these friend-  
ships dear,  
This chance to celebrate.

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THE BEACH

We love to walk along the beach -  
And watch the waves come up to shore;  
Look for shells within our reach -  
Pick them up and look for more.

Mae E. Dearborn

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WAVES FROM THE GULFSIDE

by Avis, assisted by Dortha

The Spencers visited Henry's brother at Holiday, Fla.; looked around and found that nothing can compare to Gulf-to-Bay.

Ann Glover, Alice Flebotte and Mildred Compton went to Boca Grande where they had lunch at the old Depot (now a restaurant) and shopped at the gift shops.

Fred and Avis Reichert returned home March 22 after attending the wedding of their son, Jim, which took place March 21 in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Also, they witnessed the flooding conditions in Ft. Wayne. The school kids actually saved Ft. Wayne by all their efforts in "sand bagging" the dike. A fantastic group of young people!

Gladys Garrison of Kalamazoo is visiting Rita Roof and the two will return to Michigan next month.

The Verrills, Helen and Charlie, had their annual family picnic at Englewood Public Beach. Families from Plant City, Lehigh Acres and three friends from Cape Cod, plus a couple from "The Castaways" - making 17 in all who enjoyed a great picnic lunch. A good fun day for all - including time spent on the beach. Charlie's sister and brother-in-law spent a couple nights with them.

Jay and Charlna Croteau, son and daughter-in-law, children Katie and Greg were guests of Norma and Jean Croteau. Patty and Gary Coleman, daughter and son-in-law will be visiting her parents. The Croteaus had more visitors, Ray and Cecile Ledger, sister to Jean and Therese Phaneuf with daughter, Lisa and friend, Gary.

Virginia and Raymond DeMoss of Tiffin, Ohio spent two weeks in their camper along the beach, visiting friends and neighbors, Nighswanders, Hulls and Swickards. Hilda and Ray Colgate of Haines City, formerly of Ohio, were overnight guests of Bill and Dortha, visiting with DeMosses, Nighswanders, Hulls and Swickards. The two Rays were co-workers at G.E. in Tiffin.

Helen and Mary Waters, Muskegon, Mich. have been visiting Mom and Dad, Dot and Floyd Crankshaw.

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A woman asked her husband if he had change for a \$10.00 bill. He had \$14.19, but found he could not change the bill. He couldn't change any bill, no matter what the denomination, nor did he have change for half-dollar quarter, dime, or nickle. What did he have?

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Here lie the bones of a man named Zeke  
Second fastest draw in Cripple Creek.

HOW SAD!

It's sad for a girl to reach the age  
Where men consider her charmless.  
But it's worse for a man to attain  
the age  
Where the girls consider him harm-  
less.

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ECHOES FROM CIELO COURT  
by Loretta

It was noted by this reporter today that Carl Jackson was removing the air conditioner. Upon checking why, it was found that the conditioner blew up due to becoming over heated during a very hot card game. Alice ordered Carl to stay home from the golf course long enough to open a new window so a cool Gulf breeze can cool the cards down.

Mat and Lola Yakes are looking forward to a visit from their son, Gene and daughter-in-law Edna who will stop by on their way home from Haiti where they have been assisting in the building of a church. If you wish to know more about their project Gene and Edna will arrive this coming weekend.

George Uto reported that Louise came through her operation Monday evening with flying colors. Has been in the Venice hospital for the past week for workup and tests. Louise should be home this weekend. George wants all to know how kind you all have been in asking about Louise and for your prayers.

Theresa and Maurice are enjoying Theresa's sister and niece from Toronto, Canada for the past ten days and will miss them. They are leaving Sunday.

Mary and Jack May have had a run on the bank by their children. Daughter Sherry from Eugene, Ore. for two weeks. Son Dennis, a Tech. Sgt. with the Air Force is here from Myrtle Beach, S.C. He and Sherry had not been together for ten years. No wonder the Mays are smiling. Their travel trailer has really been jumping.

It is reported from the Brandemills that Loretta will soon be back to full time retirement. She will be leaving McCrory's in the Palm Plaza in a week or so. She has brought a degree of professionalism to the store that only 40 years in the retail business can bring. Cielo Ct. has been so quiet without her. Fred your free time is over. Ha!

You have heard about Montezuma's revenge? How about the Pizza revenge? It struck Eleanor and

CIELO COURT (Cont'd.)

Noble Paul this last week and that is why you have not seen their smiling faces as they greet folk crossing the street. Eleanor says there is an easier way to lose weight.

This is the last column for a while from Cielo Ct. We wish all a happy and safe trip home. See you in the Fall. Keep smiling!

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You know it's gonna be a rotten day when your car's horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

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Blake's Law: The longer you save something for future possible use, the sooner you need it after it's destroyed.

ESTADA ON THE PALM STRIP  
by Eve

At the Doiron's this month were Armance and Elles Paquin, one of the Model A Club. They enjoyed being our guests at Sunday dinner in the Hall and complimented everyone!! Also Mr. and Mrs. Onauri, another club member came to our place and we returned a visit to their place in St. Pete and DeSoto Beaches!

Yours truly received the Door Prize at Saturday's Block Party - a door! What else? Also Cold Duck! Fun dancing, too. The wind and cold cut the evening short.

Dot Hall says, "Our Nora has returned after visiting with friends at Gulf-to-Bay and Englewood Villas."

The Nahabedians enjoyed a visit from Arsine's brother and sister from St. Clair Shores, Mich. Another visitor will be a niece, Judy from Mich.

The Hamiltons are cooling their heels after many social 4 o'clock visits to Dot Hall's and a birthday for Dick who wishes to keep it a secret because he doesn't feel older!

Milo and Vera Wiley have left and moved over to a place in Sun City. He'd like to come for a visit and shuffle again.

A new craft show can be seen at Helen Bleck's. Her guest is creating macrame so Art Doiron better look out! Haven't seen Helen too much since she started cleaning out the shed.

John and Betty Lamon and their daughter Marianne of Tallahassee spent several days with Art and Marguerite Oestreich. Waited for the wind to settle down so they could fly back. He owns his own plane.

ESTADA STREET (Cont'd.)

NEWSLETTER

Art has returned to needlepoint, making another purse of Marguerite. Lucky woman. Makes a neat Hi-ball, too!

Hey, Jeannette! Start a club and help us boaters find out who is stealing parts off our boats!

Right now I'm taking the house apart looking for a huge spider with shaggy hair and a big spot on his back. Who's scared the most? Me!!! Yours truly, Eve.

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Who was the gent seen coming out of the lady's house on Dije St. in the very early morning? It was too dark to see him, and being a gentleman, I will not mention the lady's name. He did not come out on Dije St. but made his way in the dark through to Cielo to where his tan car was parked. I was fascinated. I was so excited I could hardly contain myself. He had to come out into the light and there he was for all to see! As I watched, Charlie D. put down the garbage can and went back in the house.

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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN GULF-TO-BAY PARK:

Since words cannot express our feelings of gratitude, we feel honored to have known and been associated with you.

We truly thank you all for everything.

'till we meet again,

Joan and Paul Stunzig

This is the last issue of the Newsletter for this season. We have enjoyed doing it and hope you have had some pleasure in reading it. We wish to you a healthy and very pleasant summer, and a speedy trip back.

C.D. editor

See ya'll in the Fall.