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## CARNIVAL - - A Smash!

The day started with a gale that reminded one and all of hurricane Hugo, accompanied by a temperature that could well have originated in International Falls. This combination of circumstances cancelled the scheduled parade, but in the best of show business tradition, the Kitchen Band held forth in the mail box area for an outdoor concert to the delight of the residents of the park. The area was covered by all sorts of "treasures" carefully hidden and stored in various nooks and crannies in mobile homes and travel trailers. "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

It would be fool hardy to try to name each and everyone who contributed or participated in the day's adventure. Rather, some names will appear in connection with the narrative, and we trust that no one else will be offended by omission.

The kitchen gang provided a lip smacking variety of food featuring clam chowder. Jean Croteau and his jolly band of clam diggers provided the ingredients, with a recipe rumored to have come from the pilgrims' first feed for the Indians - or maybe it was vice versa - in any event it was delicious and there was enough to float Wiltshire's yacht, but it all vanished by early afternoon.

Ladies of the park displayed their culinary skills and expertise with several tables groaning with a delectable array of goodies of all kinds and featuring the work of Angie Arvant and her sister Georgia. A mouth watering display of food both in and out of the kitchen cancelled any and all diet plans that anyone may have had.

Then too, Jack Smith and Marcia Hartman saw to it that there was a lively sale of various and sundry household goods ranging from a bed to a bicycle - all disposed of with the auctioneering skills of the two people in charge.

Raffles for various articles, some donated by area merchants and others by park personnel, proved to be a lively business venture, as did the two gaming tables which provided a Los Vegas atmosphere on the one hand and handsome profits for the Recreation Association on the other. Just to deal with the occult, a new venture, Mickey Wagner provided a computer based horoscope for any who were interested.

When one starts with clam cower served in almost hazzard conditions, and Kitchen Band music, an auction of "white elephant" goods, a dazzling array of arts and crafts, plus food items, one can honestly say "it could only happen in the Gulf-to-Bay Trailer Park." Warm congratulations to all concerned! Are there still any questions about what makes this such a unique place on the Gulf Coast?

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It is amazing how much can be done if no one cares who gets the credit. - Anon

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## CARNIVAL SUMMARY - The Council

A good time was had by all! We set an all-time record for attendance, and another record for money-making! Our net profit was \$1,925.04. A breakdown of each event is posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

The Council wants to thank everyone for making the carnival a huge success. A SPECIAL THANKS to all who worked that day (and before) - - we could not have done it without you.

The following is a list of winners of various events and items.

Shuffleboard Champions - Men - Bob Rumph Women - Hulda Robinson  
Horse Shoes - Bob Boulanger  
50-50 Club - Muriel Lyon

Raffle winners: Stamps - Donated by Jane Wylie won by Angie Arvant  
Publix Gift Certificates - Donated by Management went to Rita Boulanger,  
Ruth Arnholt, Marie Wadlegger and Bea Hull  
Afghan - Donated by T. Phaneuf was won by Lorraine Ide  
Telephone - Donated by Babes Hardware - won by Michie Wagner  
U-Pick Items - Donated by park residents and by various city businesses  
Bob Boulanger Dick Brady Florence & George Finnette (4)  
Joan and Paul Stunzig (4) Charles Dierlein Bob Fairbanks (guest)  
Dean Gould Charles Letsch Jane Wiley  
Rita Boulanger Mary May Gene Hull  
Kerstin Chessman Katie Mastie Dortha Swickard (2)  
Norma Croteau Marie Genest MarvAnne Wilshire  
Betty Baker Ruth Hicks Phyllis McElroy  
Lewis Smith (guest) Ruth Arnholt Doris Finnelli  
Marge Desrochers Ava Knowles Caresta Bovee  
Dolores Hummell Fay Downing Marguerite Oestreich  
Anne Hale Pat Tener Ruth Dougherty

Merchants who donated items for the Carnival

Flying Bridge Restaurant 2030 S. McCall Rd.  
Hair-W-You Salon 2411 S. McCall Rd.  
Consignments 2411 S. McCall Rd.  
Deli-Plus (Robert Randall) 2411 S. McCall Rd.  
Cutters III 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Parcel Express 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Means Patio Furniture Outlet 2411 S. McCall Rd.  
R.V. Merchandising, Inc. 1630 San Casa Drive  
Florida Furnishings 2670 S. McCall Rd.  
Kwik Lube 2645 S. McCall Rd.  
The Furniture Connection 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Jim Ratliff R.V. 20 N. Wisterice St.  
Englewood Florist 650 Palm Plaza  
Especially Ribs 240 Palm Plaza  
Card & Party Shoppe Palm Plaza Shopping Center  
Famous Recipe Chicken 1910 S. McCall Rd.  
Tiffany Family Restaurant 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Englewood Lighting Center 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Heron Patio 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Babes Ace Hardware 450 N. Indiana Ave.  
Reids Nutrition Palm Plaza  
Youngs Jewelry 2828 S. McCall Rd.  
Palm Plaza Bookstore Palm Plaza  
Blue Dolphin Car Wash 2675 S. McCall Rd.  
Barber Shop 560 S. McCall Rd.

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There ain't no surer way to find out whether you like the people or hate the people than to travel with them. - Mark Twain.

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Some dates to remember! February 10 - Square Dance 7:30  
February 17 - Pancake Breakfast 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
February 17 - Come to the hall at 7:00 p.m. to see what goes on at Gulf-to-Bay while most of us are up north for the summer. Audrey Grant will also show a video of the Christmas time activities for those of us who went up north for the holidays; the talk and video by Audrey Grant. Refreshments will be served.  
February 18 - Sweetheart Party-Reserve Sunday afternoon for the party honoring our members who have been married 50 years or more.  
February 25 - February Dinner - 4:00 P.M. - Price \$5.50  
Committee: Jean & Norma Croteau  
Peg & Marge DesRochers, Paul & Joan Stunzig  
Paul & Leda Dube, Bud & Ruth Hicks  
Menu: - Tomato Juice, Pork Loin, Mashed potatoes, Carrots and baby peas.  
Apple Sauce, Chocolate Cream Squares, Bread, Coffee-Tea-Milk.  
Tickets on sale Feb. 15 and 16 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Just in case any of the park are wondering why the Tiki and the immediate area around has such a fine appearance, get up early some morning and you will find that the gremlin doing the work is none other than Freeman Crosby who has taken it upon himself to keep the area picked up, tidy, clipped and watered. Thank you FREeman for the community service.

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Behind every successful man stands a loyal wife - - - -and a very surprised mother-in-law

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It is not wise to use a prescription that belongs to someone else. However, if the prescribed medicine for your glaucoma reads as follows, you might check with Norma Croteau: BETOPTIC 0.5% OPATH - Her medication was changed and she has a supply of the above that she cannot use.

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For those interested in golf, there is a sign up sheet in the Rec Hall. You might want to talk to Peg DesRocher.

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One congressman to another "You know how it is...once you break a billion, its gone."

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Aura St. - by Betty Baker

On Feb. 15, Boyd and Pat will go back to Pa. to visit both mothers. Boyd's mother is 97 and Pat's is 88.

Ethel is so happy to have her two sons coming down in February.

Harriet & Pat Carmody went down to Key West for a week. Pat's sister will visit in Feb. Also a brother of Pat's will be here. Later, Harriet's Aunt and Daughter are coming down for a few days. Pat worked so hard putting in a new lawn. The results are beginning to show.

The Darlings' grandson was here for a few days. He planted a lovely flower garden for Donna. He also gave her some red roses to have inside. He is a very thoughtful young man. Both Donna & John have been ill with colds.

Our street is almost complete now that Martha and Elwood Cohoon are here. Its nice to see this young couple. Elwood is Millie Cohoon's son.

Welcome back to Bill & Helen Bottenfield. They are both fine and glad to be here.

Edna was busy cooking dinner for her brother Elwood and wife Martha. She certainly enjoys having them here. Edna has new grey carpeting in her porch plus a super new bar. Party time???

Rich is away again, so no news from him.

The Art Cadys have their trailer up for sale. We still see Anne in and out of the park.

Marge was ill with the flu, but is now up and out again.

Missed Lu for the news, but she goes out most days.

BAYO ST. by Ruth Arnholt

Here it is news time again, and I'm sure that you all know by now that Jim and Gladys Thorne had to go to Pa. Gladys's sister passed away. I know we all send our sympathies to them both. Don't know when they will be back. If spring doesn't hurry up, they might get snowed in. I was happy I could help her out by getting the news for Bayo.

Wes and Allie Golkowski on 212 aren't back yet from their sojourn to Conn. for the holidays. It seems Allie's mother has suffered a heart attack and they don't know when they will return.

Charlie Letsch reports \$17,750. worth of Publix tapes donated by the Park to Englewood Elementary school. Thanks a bunch! Also he is going to be grandpa again, (number 10). Daughter Joann who lives in Phoenix, Ariz. Happy and chubby (Charlie said that)

Life is never dull at the Phaneufs. Sure do keep busy. Vin can't wait until the 26th when his favorite daughter is coming down (Only one) Their oldest son will be down for golf and all the good stuff in March.

Lavern Summer hasn't any news but he keeps busy shuffling and riding his bike.

Dick Brady wants you all to know how much he enjoyed working in the kitchen on Carnival day. Also how much everybody at Gulf-to-Bay has made him feel very welcome with their friendly hospitality.

Sophie is enjoying her new room, specially decorating and furnishing it.

George and Mary Ann Wilshire have been coming and going (never know when) to Clearwater and points north. Also took a trip on their sailboat one week-end, when the tide was high.

George and Eleanor Kliensprinz's daughter and husband are here vacationing. She says mom and dad will be down soon.

Phyllis Crosby looks real cozy with her new carport or porch?

The Bishops are back. Norma is working and Jim's tooting his horn.

Bob and Mickey Wagner haven't any news, but everybody sure did like Mickey's stand at the Carnival. She was so busy she didn't get a chance to play the wheels, and see the goodies out back.

Nothing new at the Arnholts. Been very busy with the newspapers. Love doing it and - please keep them coming.

Stopped to see Bernice about news, didn't have any, but she showed me all her new things she's working on. She has some pretty things.

Bob Nopper didn't have any news either, but he's busy settling his new room and working on his yard. Looks very nice.

Jack and Anne on 214 are enjoying their porch, especially when its cold. Jack says Anne wasn't feeling too hot when I was there. Hope you're feeling better now, Anne.

Florence Turk is doing fine. Rose Ouimette is fine also. I think she's waiting for warm weather so that she can go in swimming. Its coming, Rosie.

#### CIELO ST. by Micky Rumpf

I can't seem to find anyone home at Angie and Georgia's place. They're either out spending their money on flowers or resting up after all that baking.

Bonnie & Rex say that no news is good news, but now that the dust has settled around their place after such a busy month I see her sitting at her craft table happily working on her new hobby, making lovely earrings.

McElroys are pretty quiet right now, until March company comes. Phyllis still has to hunt down Tom on the shuffle courts. It's become his favorite participation sport.

Cora is still knitting and trying to win at bingo. She and her pokeno gals are still going strong.

Rita and Mo are expecting her brother Jack and his wife. A 70th birthday is planned for him with relatives coming from Pompano Beach and Fort Myers.

Nothing new from Ruth, but Charlie would like to thank his Cielo St. neighbors for making his collection for the Arthritis fund so successful.

George is busy doing his good deeds he does so well. Dolores, Pat Gunnison and friend Maxine are going to spend a few days at Disney World.

Bob & I are looking forward to daughter, Deborah's visit on Feb. 16th. Bob would like to know, Where have all the fish gone?

When I knocked on Billy Kell's door, he was hard at work practicing for an up-coming concert. He has a new record that is doing well. Isabell is busy with her needle crafts.

Jinx is out walking with her daughter. No other news just now.

Warren and Jean want to thank George Hommel and Jim Thorne for the volunteer work they did in and around the recreation hall. The project resulted in much more hot water and increased pressure. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Cielo St. - Cont.

Jane Wiley is going to have her hours changed to 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Almost like bankers hours.

Daughter Pat is coming to visit the Stevensons soon. February will bring son Michael and wife Vernie.

When I stopped to chat with Bud Wright he was hard at work redoing folding chairs.

George & Gina Moore are really excited that their oldest granddaughter is going to be married in June.

Rick McFarlene is really looking forward to the end of February when he goes back to Pennsylvania to bring back his wife Ruth Anne.

Pete and Ava Knowles wish to thank everyone who made their spaghetti dinner so successful. Her chairpersons, Rex & Bonnie, played a large part in turning a lot of work into mostly fun.

The Klingers are having company soon. Fun times on the Bay.

DIJE ST. - by Allison Brown

The Boulangers finally made it down out of the snow country of Connecticut. They report that everything is fine at 304. Rita is busy making slip covers to match her new draperies. They really enjoyed the carnival and the beautiful weather is super. "Stop in and see our new room - We love it."

Joey and George Gallaher are happy to be back in Gulf to Bay after spending the holidays in Pittsburgh, shoveling lots of snow and "bucking" the 16 below weather. They sure enjoy these Florida winters of sunshine, beaches, fishing, etc.

The DeMoss residence is jumping again. "We enjoyed our Christmas in Ohio where it was cold but pretty. Had unexpected company from Port Loring, Ontario, Sherri and Hartley Moore."

Some come and some go. Bob Carruthers went north for a week on business. After cooling off for a week in Michigan he will bring back his son and family on the same plane, Craig and Carolyn with Stephie and Russ will be staying for two weeks much to the delight of Grandma Ladeema and great-grandma Clara.

Sampling our Florida sun for the past two weeks were Fran Franz's sister and brother-in-law, Peg and Les Fitch from Conway, Arkansas. They enjoyed the pancake breakfast, band practice and carnival, as well as meeting so many kind people. Thank you all for your friendliness, and for making them feel part of our Park family!

Fran and Marie report that all is well at the Wadlegger residence. They're anxiously awaiting company from the north.

It's news when Ruth Salmon reports, "No news at 403." However, we see her buzzing around in her red buggy or heading to and from the courts with her shuffle stick. So all's well at Ruth's too. By the way, did you see her pretty new blue carpet? Stop and peek.

The only action at the Mastie's since the holidays has been Katey's shopping for their trip to Mexico. Hank is back on the shuffle courts after a late start following surgery which put him on "hold" for a few weeks. Now they're looking forward to the Mexico trip with the gang and then to the company that will be waiting for them on their return.

The Deierleins are enjoying their new Escort, and Charley really likes the new hat that came with it. There are a lot of mysterious gadgets on the car and Charley hasn't figured them out as yet. Shirley won't even drive it - at least not at this reporting. We'll see.

A group of Monticello, Iowa friends of Chan and Hulda got together for a spur of the moment picnic on the 29th. It was held at Casey Key. Thirty people attended that live in the area or vacation nearby. A good time for all was reported.

By the way, what do you think of Chan going out for a bike ride and coming home with Florida conches. Wasn't he the guy that got a fish on the roof?

Shuffle Captain Brown reports a 7 to 5 victory over Shady Haven in their match on the 31st at Gulf-to-Bay. Next week's match will be at Mobile Gardens.

Therese Miller wasn't home when this reporter stopped for news. Later I met her strutting right up the street with her hands locked behind her back. Saying she had no news, Therese said, "You might advertise in your paper for a new pair of knees. I could use them."

Dije St. - Cont.

Ralph was sitting on his porch and overheard my conversation with Therese and put in his two cents worth: "If you find any parts, I could use a new pair myself." We were happy to see Ralph and Roxanne sitting on the bench down at the dock yesterday afternoon enjoying the view and all the action. This weather is great for getting all our senior-seniors out for their exercise and vitamin D.

Next month I'll share some of the memories of Ralph's life in Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful chat this afternoon, and I think you'll enjoy reading a bit of the history of this popular resident.

CIELO COURT -

Dean & Joanne would like you to change their phone number in the park directory to 474-9125.

Otherwise, everything has been fairly quiet.

ESTATA ST. - by Helen Bleck

Sister Mae and her husband George Robinson were guests at the Dursts over the festival week-end. George specially enjoyed the auction. Norm enjoyed Terry's clam chowder.

Marge and Dick Hamilton had a visit from Doris & Vic Garreston, friends from Lima Ohio. Marge is happy to report a good bill of health after having some tests recently.

Les and Fay are resting up for company in February, March and April. Les reports that fishing for Trigger has been good. The Grouper need to grow a little more.

If you wonder if you have been hearing things coming from 506 Estada, well you have. It's the sound of Bill Exelby's 5 week old granddaughter Alyse who is here visiting with her father, Wes and mother, Suzy. Suzy's mother was here the previous week, and enjoyed the carnival very much. Bill also travelled to Punta Gorda Monday evening to celebrate his brother and sister-in-law's 41st wedding anniversary.

Helen Bleck had a friend, Marcella Legnier, visiting over the week end.

Everyone on Estada Street seems to be very much alive and enjoying the good weather. And all enjoyed the carnival very much. Lots of fun.

GOLEFO ST. - by Etta Crosby

Well, all is quiet on Golfo St. Of 11 people contacted, only two had news.

Marie and Norman Hutchinson on lot #13 have fallen in love, (like the rest of us) with Gulf-to-Bay.

Norma and Jean Croteau are happy to be back after 2 months in the cold Northeast. Direct quote from Jean. "anything above 50° is great weather." Daughter Patty is going to make them grandparents and they are thrilled about that.

Nothing from the Crosby residence. Fishing is good but the catching is poor. Just like the rest of Golfo St. we are happy to be here and enjoying the sunshine. Hope the group has a wonderful time in Mexico.