NEWS

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FROM THE PRESS ROOM

February means Carnival in Aruba and also in many other places including Trinidad. It is one of the islands that makes an enormous holiday of Carnival and we are happy to have guest writer James Howard's impressions of it in this issue. The overflow of letters from Christmas bring us news of friends no longer on the island in Santa's Mailbag. News of the house tour, white elephant sale, bazaar takings and other club activities can be found in our pages this month - as well as an interesting piece in our hotel series on Talk of the Town Resort Hotel always such a friend to Women's Club. Welcome to Pam Hill wielding an art pen with us and thanks to Lucille Armorust for our levely gay Carnival cover. Read on -----.

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MEWS FROM THE TOP

We remind all members that our Board Meetings are being held at the Talk of the Town Resort Hotel every second Tuesday of each month. The dates are: February 10, March 16, April 13, May 11, and June 8. Anyone who wishes to bring up; new business, or has a suggestion or would simply like to attend a board meeting of the Club, is welcome and encouraged to do so.

According to the Club rules, non member residents of Aruba, cannot attend our meetings as guests. There is an opportunity at the beginning of our association year in September when prospective members can be introduced. During the year a member can only bring off-island visitors.

Trees Brinkman is our new Welfare Chairman. Trees replaces Olga Van Strien, who on account of illness had to leave Aruba. Our thanks go to Olga for all that she has done for our Club and we wish her a speedy recovery. At the same time we welcome Trees to our Board.

On December 16, 1975 a party for Casa Cuna was sponsored by our Club and organized by Olga Van Strien and her committee. Santa Claus was present to hand out the many presents to the children. Beautiful Christmas songs were sung and the party was enjoyed by all.

Santa Claus had a busy day on December 18 when our Club visited the San Pedro Hospital. In the morning the elderly and the childrenswere entertained and in the evening, the rest of the patients received their treat. Quarteto Tropical (the visually handicapped group) enlivened the parties with their beautiful music.

Mosa Whitfield and her committee organized a party for the elderly at Maris Stella on December 19. Mrs. Mabeline Arends/Croes and her choir presented beautiful songs and there were snacks and juice for everybody. We noticed the many happy faces as the presents were handed out.

Thank you girls for a job well done!!! Quita Croes W.C.A. President.

Trinidad Carnival

by James Howard

Having come to Aruba at the time when carnival is one of the main topics of many a conversation, and being a Trinidadian who has played mask for many years, I am pleased to be able to put in writing my impressions of carnival as it is played

in Trinidad today.

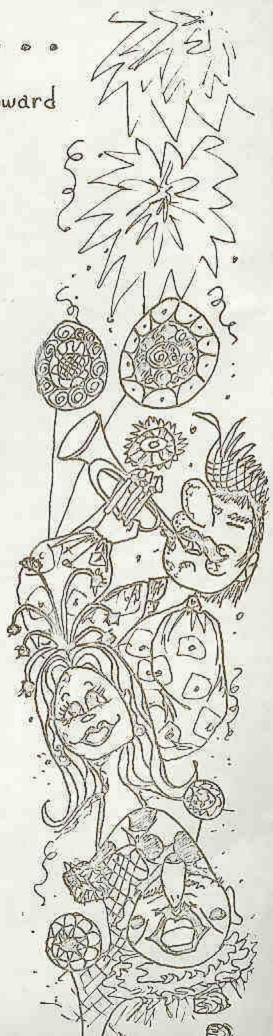
Carnival in Trinidad is known the world over as the greatest show on earth and ranks only to Brazil in second place. Trinidad's carnival is very colourful. scintillating, exciting and breathtaking in its grandeur, in which natives as well as foreigners glory in the merry making which begins mainly on Dimache Gras Sunday, when our steel bands without which, carnival would not be as gay and bright, hold their preliminaries to select the Road March of the year from tunes composed by many of our calypsonians, as well as the best playing steel band of the year, which is decided also from the final six bands chosen by a process of > elimination also on the Sunday night before carnival.

Carnival is preceded by at location weeks of fetes and calypso singing at various venues known as the calypso tents for the entire period preceding carnival, at the end of which a calypso King is chosen from six of the many contestants chosen to compete from the many tents at the mammoth show on carnival Sunday night. Incidentally, a calypsonian known as the Lord Kitchen won both titles at the 1975 competition.

The Parade of bands begin with Jour Ofvert on Monday morning at 5:30 n.m. which heralds the old mask bands which vie with

each other for prizes.

A King and Queen of the Bands is selected from the many bands which present kings and queens and is done by a process of elimination as well, the finals of which is also held at the mammoth Sunday night show at the main center for the parade of the bands, which is the Queens Park Savanah, and the spectacle created by these presentations is really something to witness.



Visitors are alv originality, ing of the costumes, to thousands who

tickets prior to the evening of the show.

A very creative and mirth producing spectacle is the Jour O'vert which begins promptly at 5:30 a.m. by which time persons who attended disguised dances held at the diverse venues on the Sunday night, join the throng of revellers in their thousands, and really hit the road jumping, prancing and swaying at their gayest. It is at this time that the steel band music could be heard at its belligerent best, as the Road Marches and the music of the Great Masters re-arranged by the steel bands in calypso tempo among them Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin is dished out on discarded oil drums.

This revelling which continues until midday is gradually replaced by more colourful costumes of the more historical presentations, by which time if you are a among the thousands of early morning revellers you are ready for sleep and/or refreshment so as to be wide-eyed enough to catch a glimpse of what is offered till the late evening on Monday, even to the point of tormenting, lilting, and twisting melodies played by the bands on their way home. Once home you will resort to sleep of a kind so restful, to become relaxed enough to endure pleasureously the presentation of the greater spectacle which is to come on Tuesday.

It is in these merry hours of joyous ecstasy that your imagination is stretched in a scenic riot of an unending blaze of colour, originality, creativity and fastidious fantasy, gradually building to awe-inspiring heights that the evening of Tuesday creeps upon you. In that hour you breathe a sigh of longing and deep satisfaction vowing never to miss another Trinidad Carnival.

Mr. Howard is employed with the Trinidad Government as an engineer and was recently a visitor to our island.



Sylvia Stoudt

Sylvia Stoudt, her husband, Dick, and their two daughters, Celeste, 14, and Kristen, 5, are in Aruba for only one year, and they are enjoying every sunny day. The contrast to the cold and snowy weather of their Kalamazoo, Michigan home is among their reasons for their love of Aruba and its people. Aruba, too, is benefiting for the talent and energy of this couple. The feeling that "God wanted us here" led Dick to take a leave of absence from his job to come and work for Radio Victoria assisting in news and sales. After working as a secretary for three years, Sylvia helped her husband begin his career as part owner and manager of a "Chicken Coop" restaurant in Michigan.

When they return to the U.S. he will be vice president in charge of development for the twenty three "Chicken Coops" that serve fried chicken and fish "better than you know who" Sylvia says. Besides helping with our Women's Club crafts, Sylvia's interests are directed towards tole painting(painting on boards), working for her church and reading, lots of reading. Thank you for coming to Aruba and being an active member,

Sylvia.

Grace Dania

Our thanks to the friends who encouraged Grace Dania to join our club this year. Grace has been busy the last few years rearing her two daughters, who are five and four years old. She now looks forward to being an active member. Among her hobbies she lists crocheting and embroidery. She and her husband, Myron, who works with the Fatum Insurance Co., reside at 28 Dominicanessenstraat in O'stad. Call and welcome her at 4394.

Marlene Beaujon

A native of Aruba Marlene is a girl with many interests. She has travelled widely visiting Europe, North and South America and the Caribbean. She studied hairdressing in the U.S.A. before getting married to Fritz who is Lago's marketing menager. They have two children ages seven and five years. Marlene likes bowling, tennis, dancing, reading and soft music.

Welcome Marlene. It's a pleasure to have you join us.

Charlene Raymond

Wisconsin was the place where Charlene was born and grew up, but she now considers Connecticut "home". The Raymonds visited Aruba twice while living in Caracas on an Exxon assignment, and are thoroughly enjoying their new life Charlene holds a B.A. in Journalism. Her interests include the piano, needlework, swimming and tennis. As the mother of five year old triplets, Charlene looks forward to next year, when she will have more time to participate in Women's Club activities. We welcome an enthusiastic new member.

Did you know that W.C.A. News is sent to past members throughout the world? At the request of the North Side Jr. Women's Club, Atlanta, Georgia, we have sent them a copy of the News plus additional information of our club. Our island and our organization will be the topic of one of their monthly programs.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

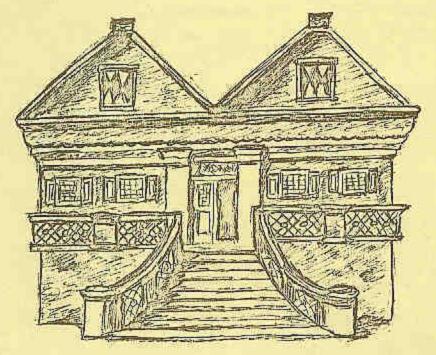
Since Women's Club realizes the economic value of tourism for our Island, our committee met with Mr. Hector Gomez on January 15. He is the Deputy of Tourism. We asked "How can Women's Club help during The Year of the Tourist?" Telling us in detail the events scheduled for 1976, he excited us about all the possibilities and benefits for Aruba.

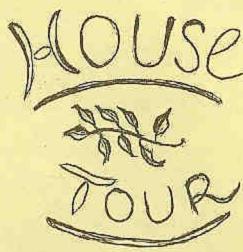
One of his pressing needs is for pairs of women to be in the hotel lobbies, probably one day a month, welcoming the tourists and handing out literature. The pamphlets would describe the events (Folkloricals, etc.) with information on time, place and transportation.

As we see it, our club has an abundance of charming and friendly women who would enjoy this public contact. We feel this project is good publicity for our club, helpful for our people, and will be fun besides.

Pick up your phone NOW and become a part of this exciting year in Aruba. Call Linds Fagerouist, 9-3384 or Josette Du Renard, 0-2222.

Linda Fagerquist





FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Blud

Tuesday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Members will meet at the home of Pat Arends, Madurostraat 6. This is located at the corner of Madurostraat and Adrian Lacle Blvd.

There members will pick up infomation on where to go and what they will see. There will be a Fls. 2 charge for the tour.

Three homes will be on view: those of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Mansur on Bachstraat, Mr. and Mrs. H. Levy in Malmok and the Cunucu house that our club has been discussing.

Coffee will be served at the home of the Lt. Governor and Mrs. Jossy Tromp on L.G. Smith Slvd.

Tea chairman: Janet Saladin Hostess: Joanne Innes Fosters: Irene de Cuba Program chairman: Pat Arends

Approximately a half hour will be spent at each house.



As you remember OUR NEXT PROJECT WAS GOING TO BE: a questionnaire for the businessmen of Aruba in order to find out from them what their personnel requirements will be for the next few years so as to get a good picture of the labour market for our MAVO IV students.

It was a lot of work to find out how many businessmen there are (there are over 400) and the composition of a clear and short questionnaire in English, Paplamento and Dutch gave us a lot of headaches, but...... we completed the work over the Christmas holidays. Now we have to get it out and back as soon as possible. To get back as many of the forms as possible we include pre-adressed, pre-stamped envelopes. So a businessman fills in the questionnaire, puts it in the envelope and mails it.

We would, however, like to hand these people the questionnaires personally with a little explanation in order to get the maximum result, so we need lots of volunteers. Possibly these volunteers can go to the businessmen they know or businessmen in their neighbourhood, this would even give the whole thing a more personal touch.

Will anyone who wants to help us with this important undertaking contact one of the following persons:

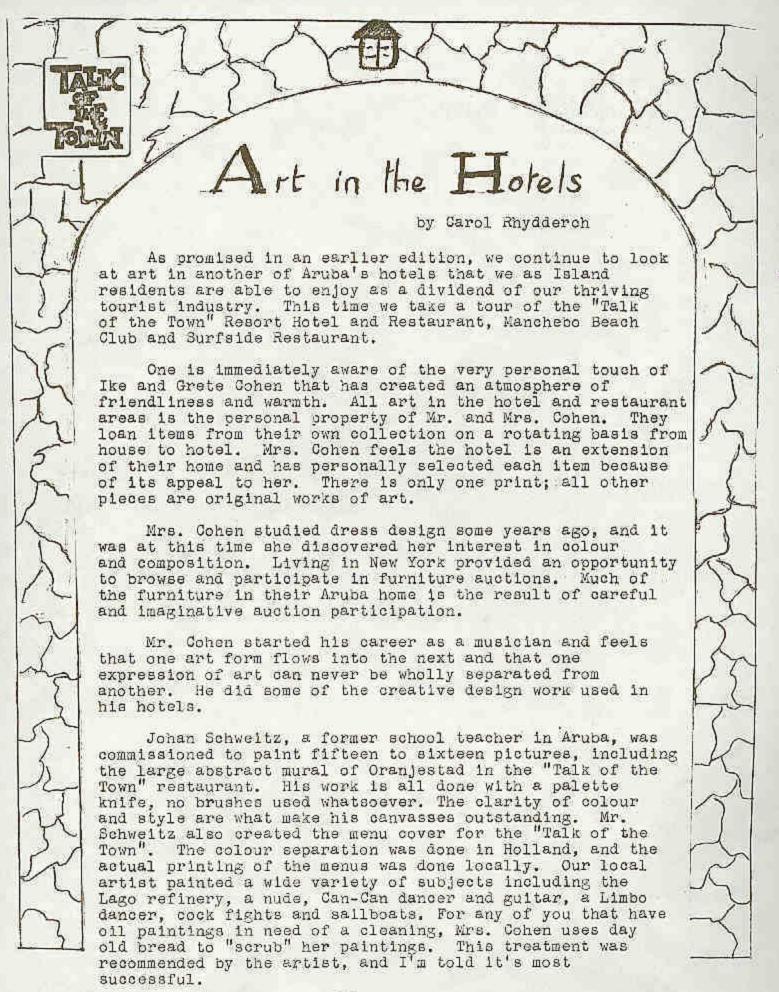
- Ans Visser, Kamerlingh Onnesstraat 30, Tel. 1462
 - Mathilda Gonzales, Kamerlingh Onnesstraat 40 Tel. 2672
- Raiza Koolman, Röntgenstraat 10
- 34 Isabel Yzer, tel. 9-3420 5
 - Anhe Marks, tel. 9-3548

In the meantime our information-centre is operating well, we are working on several cases and will certainly get some more work to do as the examinations are approaching.

Ans Visser

A definition of Friendship :

" Friendship is the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of comfort, blow the rest away."



Riet Werhoef was commissioned to sculpt six or seven heads. Several pieces of her work are to be seen in the lobby. Mrs. Cohen reported her ears "tingled" while Ms. Verhoef worked on their likeness.

A large painting was again personally selected for each of the thirty eight rooms in the new wing of the hotel. These works were offered by the "House of Originals" in California, a studio operated by a husband and wife, each an artist in his own right. Other artists have the opportunity to work with them and to have their work made available for sale by the studio.

Bill de la Vega was brought by the Cohens to Aruba in 1972. He lived with the Cohens and at their daughter's home with his wife for a year. He was commissioned to do forty large paintings that would reflect the history of Aruba, themes from cave paintings, as well as typical island vistas. He has used aquarelle, a fast drying plastic water soluble paint, into which he incorporated sand, shells, and grasses to carry out his ideas. His style varies from the abstract to almost photographic clarity. His skies are calm, peaceful and infinite. His pelicans, boats and trees have great life and his sun is hot. Mr. de la Vega has also designed a ceiling and its beams at Manchebo, has done framing to perfection, and painted on driftwood. His is a highly versatile talent.

There is no limit to the Cohen's interests. Their collection includes carpets, a fighting stick from the Easter Islands, enamels, fossils, and inlaid wood panels. All their possessions reflect taste and enthusiasm.

In the wall at the entrance of the Strand Hotel is a mosaic, a gift made by a businessman guest, who had seen the former hotel in the 1940s and 150s, and again under the Cohen management in the 1960s. The mural represents a phoenix, the mythical bird who was able to rise from its ashes in the freshness of youth, and live through another cycle of years.

The current Strand Hotel has "risen from its ashes", and with its affiliates now offers Aruba and its tourists 1,000 restaurant seats and 132 rooms. This marvelous accomplishment is due to the zest and expert management of Ike and Grete Cohen. We're glad you're here!

WHY DO WOMEN JOIN CLUBS?

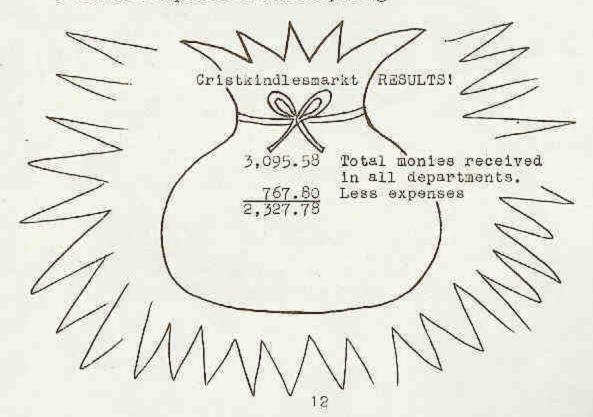
The reasons are many and varied, ranging all the way from the purely social desire to form pleasant contacts with neighbors and friends who share the same interests, to an overriding passion for "getting things done."

We have come to realize that satisfactory group action fills a vital role in the life of every individual. By the leader helping each member realize herself more fully, the woman's club serves her and her community!

Your club should offer a means of continuing the education of your members. It should help her in family responsibilities because she has gone out of her home in order to bring back into it the best information she can discover to help her find solutions to the many problems which threaten her family's security.

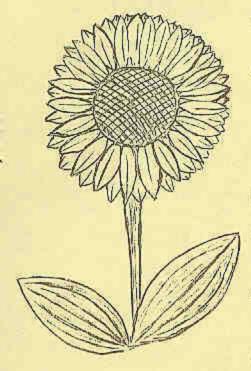
It should offer a forum where she can make herself heard. More and more women find it necessary to belong-to be a part of a group which stands for something in which they believe, which speaks for them, and through which they can make their feelings and desires known.

It should offer a means through which she can be an effective citizen. Through the years women's clubs have developed in their membership an awareness of civic and social responsibility and their achievements in these areas are impressive and inspiring.



THOTHERS'

THINGS TO GROW ...



Seeds: avocado, sweet potato, orange and lemon plants grow nicely from seeds.

Sun Flowers: These are great! They're bright and huge and grow rapidly. Start the seeds in a paper cup and transplant in a sunny spot when the plant is about 2 inches high. Children can eat the seeds if the bloom is allowed to mature and dry.

Popcorn: Kernels when planted grow nice red stalks.

Wild Bird Seed: When planted in a glass bowl
with a loose covering on some good soil,
a marvelous variety of little plants appear.

Carrots: Save about one inch of the carrot, the greens end, and stand it in a little water in a shallow dish.

Bulbs: Any large bulb can be sprouted on rocks in a bowl. Keep dark and well watered until sprouted.

HOW PLANTS GROW ...

Celery stalks have wonderful big veins. A stalk in a glass with an inch of colored water will show children how plants drink and circulate. A stalk split 3/4 of the way up and put into two different colors will bring more elaborate results.

K.L.

YMCA PEP PROGRAM

The Educational Program of the YMCA will be resumed again in early February starting with the following classes.

Papiamento by Mr. Carlos de Cuba

English by Mrs. Alison Green

Spanish by Mrs. Clelia Guastavino

BEALES.

Cake

Decorating by Mrs. Euffine Coffi

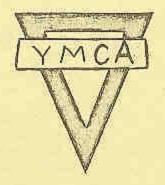
Sewing by Mrs. Iris Chittick

Gymnastic

(ladies) by Mrs. Mieke Beerman Handicraft by Mrs. Norma Boekenboom

Bridge by Mrs. Helma Smalt

For more information call the WMCA on 0-5303 or Isabel Yzer on 9-3420.



From Ps Santas Mailbag

Guzla Dreyer writes from home in Germany. She has not had time as yet to continue with her spanish studies that she started here in Aruba, but she hopes to start lessonssoon again.

Audrey Snipes is now settled in Oklahoma.

Poppy Schouten, who was here for the holidays, came to see her first grandchild, Tony II. She has joined the Women's Club in Colombia and was already asked to be active on the board.

Cootje Wijffels in Holland sent her special greetings to all of us here.

Betsy Frazier and her husband are looking forward to a new fifteen month assignment in London commencing in April. In February they will be on their way to their Jamaican vacation home. Mail is fowarded to them once a month from Box 29, Lodge Post Office, St. Ann Parish, Jamaica, West Indies

Polly Ericksen went to Tripoli to do her Christmas shopping this year. They were able to spend Thankegiving with the Sundals, and enjoyed Christmas with the Julian Mates and Ruth's mother. Polly is determined to have a garden and would like to receive seeds in a letter. Growing conditions in Lybia are much the same as Aruba's.

Beth Hendrickson has her pool finished but has her landscaping to complete. Beth feels like a new person after her plastic surgery.

Mary McNutt has a busy active life; daughter Rita's husband is building high rise homes for an Arab firm in Saudi Arabia. They compare the present boom to the Goldrush Days!

Jo Johnston enjoyed seeing the Snipes in Vail, and the Bergfields in Manhattan earlier this year.

In New Jersey Barbara

Lersen is currently
active in La Leche
League.

Alice Smits is now Inservice Director and Acting Assistant Director of Nursing in Sparta, N. J.

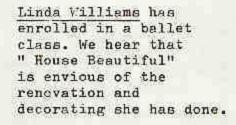
Glen and Sharon Bates will be leaving Belgium for Florham Park, N.J. for a one or two year assignment.

Hazel Whitney keeps
in touch! They have had
many ex- Aruban
residents stop to see
them this year. The
"Calypso", their new
beautiful sailboat
duplicates a great
pleasure of their
former Aruban life.

Mary Weill is working for the Cancer Society affiliated with a Community Health Education program in Morristown.

Nancy Mowell is a Girl Scout leader, and, as usual, is definitely where the action is!

Erna Van Neil sends greetings from Edisonstraat 17, Terheuzen. Z.H. Holland.



Past president Helen Bond is happy in Florida with the beach at her front door.

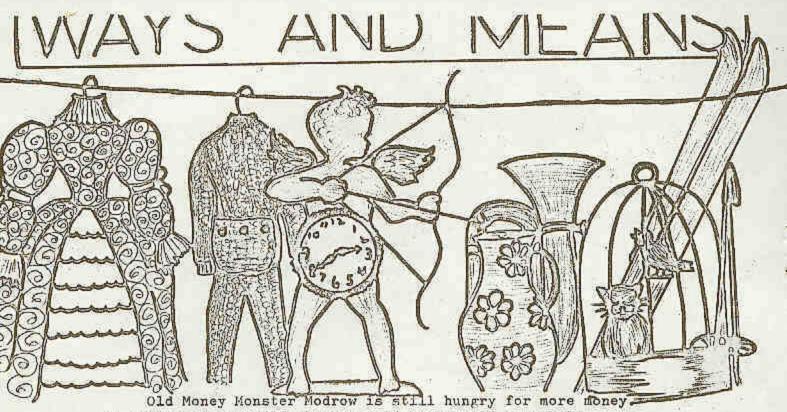
Nancy Deahl writes that she finds Cochabamba, Bolivia a colorful and historically interesting city in a beautiful valley surrounded by the Andes. Although the highest peaks have snow on them. The climate is comfortable. They are living temporarily in a hotel that was once a retreat for a religious order.

Christine, Bill and Sandy

Maxey are happy to be
relocated in Bridgeport,
Ala. (Box 6A, Dravo Corp.)

Andrea Linkin confirmed the good news that she is expecting her third child, and writes that she and Betty Knape have seen each other ouite a lot.

Nancy Jung has been busy landscaping their new home and expects to spend the rest of the year redecorating. Nancy bowls in a league and plays volleyball on Monday nights.



Old Money Monster Modrow is still hungry for more Money.

So gather up your old clothes, old books, old household appliances, furniture, and all the old white elephants that may be sitting in your house, garage, or yard gathering dust, or looking out of place with all the new things you received at Christmas, also we are collecting any old Carnival costumes. Don't forget those grandmother type nighties mother gives you every year, and also don't forget those weird colored ties your husband's mother sends every year, also those weird art objects Auntie sends, and you can't Quite figure out if they are art objects or a new kitchen appliance. And don't forget those educational toys which made your child say "Eok!".

Your "eck", may become someone slse's "Oh, how beautiful."

We will take anything you can give. Even ask your friends to go through drawers, closets, attics and garages for any item we can try to sell at the BIG E SALE on Sunday, Feb.8 at the YMCA in St. Nicholas from 4-7 p.m. Your old White Elephants may become someone's Beautiful Great White Elephant, and Old Money Monster will fill another of her Money Bags.

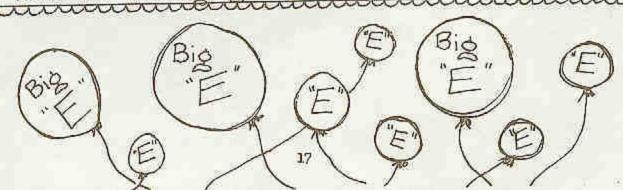
We will pick up your unwanted and "Eck!" Elephant's or you can deliver them to the following people.

Sharon Arrendell, Tanki Leendert 273A Ph. 0-4272 Justine Hart, Zepp Lampestraat 2, 0'stad. Bea Kock, Mount Scenerystr. 12, S.N. 5319 Aida Briezen, Bung. 1577 S.C. 9-3659 Helen Modrow, Bung. 253 S.C. 9-3675

We also need people to help sort Rummage on Saturday, Feb.7 and to help set up to sell Sunday morning and afternoon, and to help sell from 4-7 p.m. Volunteers can call Helen Modrow at 9-3675. Be sure to tell friends, relatives, neighbors and people on the stree to come one and all to the grandest Sale on the Island. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The most extraordinary "White Elephant" of at the sale will be singled out for Special attention. Will you be the lucky lady who produces it?





WEDNESDAY, Feb 11- second Wed. of the month 9:00 a.m.

DIVERSIFIED ARTS AND CRAFTS

Surfside

Topic- Crocheting- by Team Teaching. Both Beginning and Advanced will be taught at the same time in different groups. Both groups bring:

1 ball crochet cotton #8

needle #6 (can be purchased at Valencia Bazaar) Teachers: Trees Brinkman

Emmellia del Prado
Eneida Rodriquiez

MONDAY, Feb. 16- third Monday night of the month EVENING STUDY GROUP 7:30 p/m.

> At home of Justine Hart Zepp Lampestraat 2 Topic- Napkin folding: create a condor for an exotic salad.

Decorative Garnishes, Butter Roses Gazpacho: spanish salad soup

There will be a small charge for expenses. Speaker: Jane Nadall, Chef at the Americana Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18- third Wed. of the month 9:00 a.m. INTERNATIONAL GOURMET

Seroe Colorado Church kitchen

Topic- Italian Cooking

by Ann Maxey

You must call Marianne Tucker at 4725 if you plan to attend so food can be purchased by Feb. 10

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25- fourth Wed. of the month GAPDENING Seroe Colorado Church kitchen 9:00 a.m. by Peter Storey (A must for everyone to learn. Come and geta surprise.)

Besides the regular Four Study Groups two more additions will be made this spring:

WEDNESDAY, Feb.4, 1976 - first Wed. of each month
BEGINNING BRIDGE 9:00 a.m.
At the home of Bonnie Auble
If you are interested you must call Bonnie
at 3538 by Feb. 4 for details. (You must be
there each month.)

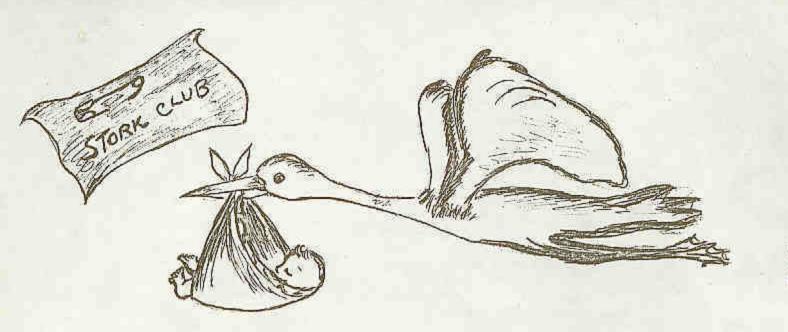
Forming a COUPLES GOURMET DINNER GROUP
Each group will be limited to four couples,
randomly selected. Hostess will decide
menu and dishes you are to bring.
If interested call Sherri Hayes at 3315
for further details by Feb. 10.

Marianne Tucker: Chairman

LINES ON AN ACHING BROW

I hereby confess
That of all I possess
I'd most gladly be minus
The sinus.

by Felicia Lamport



Renee Estrada gave birth to Noelia Tamara on December 15 The new baby was 48 cms.and weighed 2.640 kg. She has dark eyes and black hair.

On December 25 Betty Genser and husband Fritz became the proud parents of Angelique Gisela, an eight pound baby girl. Exactly nine years before on Christmas Day their son was born. December is a lucky month for the Gensers who themselves were born in December.

ALL THE

FATHERS TOO!

With the new year came a new baby for Linda Schnog and husband Hans. Lisette Antoine was born on January 2 at 11:45 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs, 380 grams. She has gray eyes and black hair. Linda was Miss Aruba 1970.

Congratulations,

Mothers!!!!

!!!STOP PRESSIT!!

- * Our Hardworking W.C.A. NEWS Staff Member -
- · SALLY COLDBERG GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY " GIRL * January 21 Welcome - Cynthia Lynn

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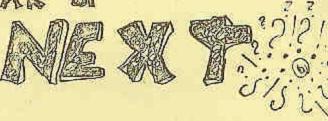
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Will they think of



CRAWLY CUISINE HITS THE SPOT

For something different in dining, a California Polytechnic State University coed suggests cating insects. Geneva Times states:

"Home Economics major Carol Miller, 26, believes bugs may be a partial answer to the worldwide problem of malnutrition and starvation."

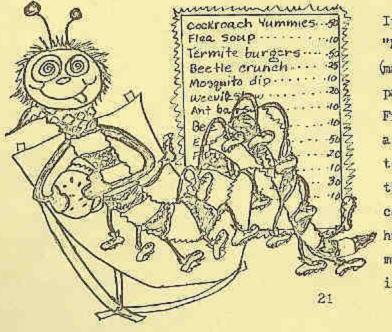
"There's a cultural aversion to eating bugs, " she acknowledged.

"People are just plain squeamish about the creepy critters and rebel at the thought. But the fact is bugs are good eating and rich in nutritional values. Where beef has 15% to 20% protein and chicken has 20%, termites for example, have 40% protein and grasshoppers have 60%."

"You can imagine the endless creations possible with insect dishes what with nearly one million known species of bugs."

"I have a great termite pilaf recipe, and if you use wild rice you can't tell the termites from the shafts of rice. Bees have a unique and delicious flavor - sort of strawlike. Grasshoppers have a good taste. Oh, yes, another favorite of mine is tribolium, a flower beetle."

She has a dandy bee won ton recipe and also enjoys crisp bees as croutons in salads.



Imagine a future of insect eating!

"Half a kilo of summer bees please,
(make sure they're fresh) and two
packages of grasshopper goulash."

Frankly my appointe stretches to
a little more than bees knees on
teast and the hunger generated by
the excessive energies of the
caterpillar catcher and the honey bee
hunters entering their 14th thousand,
must be phenominal. But then we live
in a mad, mad world.

Ed.