

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Time's corrosive effect has failed to rob this island of any of its charm. Its luster, its grace and its lore are still intact. It adds much to the stature of Martha's Vineyard which holds it in the palm of its land. Its magnet attracts the 'cocktail,' the jet and the honda sets, each with a goodly mix of yesterday, today and tomorrow, making it a place where seniors and juniors can enjoy their own thing with relaxed gay abandonment. The Bluffs is a distinct portion of the under 100-sp. miles of the Vineyards. Its architecture allows extended vision across expansive sand beaches and is contrary to conventional urban living. Most of the houses seem to have been built during an age of elegance to make you forget the physical decay of the cities.

Pianist-Composer Eddie Heywood, and his Evelyn, have a spectacular house that's backed by a picturesque cove whose water embraces their lawn. Then there's the extraordinary Twin cottage, of Liz White, and Shearer Cottage, stepped in the history of the island. In fact there's no ordinary about any of the summer dwellings the bro. & sis. have put their big bucks into here. Like the Harvey Russells, their posh pad is on a main drag and so close to the beach its front windows are bathed by an ocean mist. Alberta Lockhart, who may sell to trade these winds for Fla. to join spouse Al who has latched onto a top job; Willie and Cutie Boles, who have retired to paint and putter artistic scenes into eye' mortality, and young beautiful Jo' Ann Walker Araujo, who married an island fella, and is raising a couple of lovely kids, are among the yr' rounders.

The long holiday wk' end popped with champagne and campale, but with one drink or another, there were no dry throats on the island. There were beach to beach folks from any city, Chgo, N.Y., Philly, DeeCee, Cleveland, St. Louis, L.A., Frisco, Miami and you name one. Dr. Leslie Hayling, whose striking wife answers to Adrienne, made the scene in his own plane, but he could not take to the water as the marina menhanc was too busy to repair his boat. The couple mixed cocktails for a fortunate few of us who got the pleasure to eye'ball their luxurious house with a view from its living room, thru trees and flowers to the ocean horizon. I'm sure he didn't miss the few bucks we won from tee to green. There were acres of people at Walter Lowe, and his gracious mother's Bar-B-Q chicken 'n'all welcome and Earl & Mickev Webb's sunset booze and things. Between sips WW-II exploits were recalled by Ira Aldreidge. Total friendliness usually brings all to every happening, so you see more than once, Dr. & Mrs. Steve Freeman, Betty Patrick, Doris & Herbie Jackson, Dr. Bobby Riddick, Faith & Edgar Dale, looking and acting they were newly hitched, Charles & Alberta Foster, Palmer & Gloria Hamilton, Lincoln & Gloria Pope, Penny & Dr. Buddy Norris, George & Connie Conveney, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas McGlann, Jack Duncan, Dr. Alton & Helene Wareham, and Bill & Gloria Defossett, on the island for their annual hiatus.

You may call it Oak Bluffs, but we call it "Mariam Walker's Haven," where her well appointed "House by the side of the road," is the axis of the happenings. As expected her annual 4th. July party set the tone for the season. However parties are not the point around which all gaiety revolves. There are anniversaries, like at Charlie Fisher's house to mark the 50th. of Norman Jarvis and his silver haired bride. And cook-ins and cook-outs during which Sonny Bostic makes command performances before select stoves. His fingers were the pot when Edna Beach had gang for curried turkey and fixin'. However, Marian Walker chased him when she put the heat to delicious delicate delicacies, but not before he had put the finishing flame to escollop potatoes. However he will be remembered for his gourment breakfast delight, cheese grits, blue fish and cornbread. Duane Wells would perhaps still be chewing had not spouse Edith called attention to his diet. Georgia grits and blue fish and cornbread. Duane Wells would perhaps still be chewing had not spouse Edith called attention to his

Georgia grits and blue fish was the brunch menu the Harvey Russells used to gather friends like Commish. Martha Lewis, now ready to do something about the Indians plight in N.Y. and Pat Raiford, accompanied by a handsome ofay whose last name stumped the spellers, even Izzy Rowe, whose pot of beans, neck bone and pigtails was a gastronomic delight, and their house guest, Moneta and Juanita Sleet who were as sharp as a pulitizer prize photo. However a special few of us agreed with Chuck and Brenda Williams that the piece de resistance was the informal piano concert Eddie Heywood offered to mark the piece d'occasion and our Oak Bluffs' sunset.

TAN TOWN TOPICS---Martha Glaser, she managed Erroll Garner until his death, and now co-executor of his estate, is up in legal arms over the bootleg and illegal suppliers of the immortal pianist-composer's wax works. These records are flooding the market from sources both at home and abroad . . . The Rod McGrew Scholarship Fund has set its "Communicators with a Conscience Awards Dinner" to honor those in the music business for their conscientious efforts to create message music. Hal Jackson will be on the coast about the same time putting the finishing touches on his 8th. annual "Talented Teens International". He's veep and program director of N'York City's top rock station, WBLS-FM . . . "Eubie," the hit musical about the grand old man of the world of music, Eubie Blake, grossed over 60Gs during its final wk. preview run in Philly . . . WWRL's new program, "Respect," is written and produced by hi'school students. The 30 minute earring is the brain child of Bob Law, the station's innovative public affairs director . . . Lee Wade has beaten back the fellas and has an enviable promotional package for the Spinks-Ali go in New Orleans . . . A seven section directory, covering each of OMBE services for '78 is ready for the asking . . . Cab Calloway is newest wax works, "When you eat at My House," is cooking up radio and sales interest.---STAY LOOSE.

PREJUDICE, FEAR, AND JEALOUSY HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

UNFAIR JUDGMENT FOR ANY OF THESE REASONS IS DANGEROUS - NOT ONLY TO YOU PERSONALLY - BUT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY YOU ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT.

NOW IS A CRUCIAL TIME FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND EACH AND EVERY ONE MUST LOOK INTO THEIR PERSONAL CONSCIENCE BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ON ELECTION DAY -- BUT MY FRIENDS THIS SHOULD BE A DAILY THING TO LIVE BY -- LIKE GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, RAISING HELL THE REST OF THE WEEK, DOESN'T MAKE YOU HOLY, IT JUST LOOKS GOOD TO A SELECT FEW.

THE GREATEST FEAR THERE IS IS FEAR ITSELF -- PREJUDICE IS A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, AND JEALOUSY IS A SICKNESS.

ON ELECTION DAY THINK HARD AND CHOOSE WISELY.

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