

Although most human beings live among great concentrations of population, actually much of the time each is a lone individual. We are alone with our unspoken thoughts. We are alone with our problems, our troubles, our frustrations, our aspirations... and often with our successes. Since one is so much alone, he necessarily must learn to live with himself, to enjoy, to dream, alone.

DOWN TO EARTH

Gardens Beckon Florida-Bound

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The continued warm weather there has encouraged many of our readers to plan and pack their duds for Florida. There are many wonderful stops in Florida for garden lovers.

Just four miles south of Coconut Grove, near Miami, is the Fairchild tropical gardens. There you visit 83 acres where there are over 2000 varieties of palms, plus many other fine tropical specimens. Palms are an important source of wax, fabrics, and articles which go into a house. You will enjoy the train trip around the garden while you recuperate from spending your Michigan cash on Lincoln road in Miami.

Central Florida due to the high location. Today the spot has been developed as a place to invite meditation with its beauty found in the location, the beautiful gardens, and the music from the Singing Tower. Silver Springs, near Ocala, is a water wonderland for trips in the glass bottom boats to see the colorful fish and fauna. Cypress Gardens at Winter Ha-

ven attract tourists because of the water show, combined with the many walks and boat trips through canals of colorful landscape. This spot is a photographer's heaven. ONE OF my favorite haunts is the Stephen Foster memorial at White Springs, Fla. It is nestled in the Suwannee river country and the life and works of Stephen Foster are depicted in superb fashion. The Edison gardens, which cover 14 acres are in Fort Myers. There you see many "firsts" in plant material, as Edison was interested in plant introduction. You see the Research foundation which was conceived by Ford, Edison and Fire-

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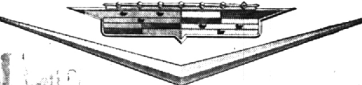
FLORIDA is peppered with beautiful state parks. I always enjoy stopping at the Hugh Taylor park on the ocean in Fort Lauderdale. Edward Bok built his sanctuary and tower in the Mountain Lake sanctuary in the center of Florida. The carillon draws many guests to the location to hear the concerts daily from the 71 bells.

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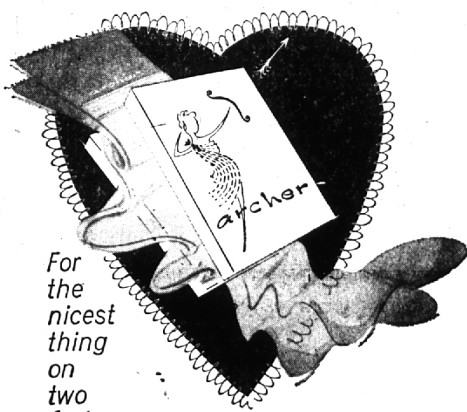
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