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**VIOLET RAYS AND FLORIDA DAYS**  
 By H. M. Alley

Note: Until further notice this column is being written from different points in Florida, as the author and "Uncle Josh" ramble about soaking up sunshine and orange juice.

Sarasota, Fla. — Boasting of being the "Entertainment Capitol of Florida"—Sarasota, situated on the southwest coast, is signally favored by nature with 35 miles of the finest beaches, fishing grounds and boating waters in the world. And the town fathers will go on to tell you that the year around climate here cannot be excelled, with average days in January of 70.5 degrees, and average nights in July of 76 degrees. The fact that temperatures in this locality dropped to dangerously near freezing several nights last week, and that woolen shirts and overcoats were quite in vogue in no wise changes the claim of the average Sarasotan that the year-around climate here simply cannot be beat. And we are hopefully inclined to agree, now that the sun has been shining for a full day, following three days of dense cloudiness and chilly breezes.

Sarasota's summer population of 30,000, approximately doubles during the winter tourist season. Though there are numerous Hotels, Motels, and Tourist Homes available, large Trailer Camps in and around the city take care of about 12,000 people annually. And this Trailer Life seems to be appealing to more and more people all the time. From 20 business firms that were engaged in servicing Trailers in the spring of 1955, the number had jumped to 33 by November. And there is said to be a constant turn-over and trade-in business in Trailers the same as in cars. "Trailer" living used to be for

**POETRY CORNER**

Conducted By  
 Edith Deaderick Erskine  
 RADIO SPEAKS

I have a little radio  
 And it's my very own.  
 It seems to be so mournful  
 With T. V. in my home.

I heard it whisper softly,  
 Just the other day,  
 "Please give me one more chance  
 To talk and sing and play."

I guess the other radios  
 Feel the same as mine—  
 So out of place and lonely  
 And so very far behind.

I hope their day will come again  
 When they can sing and play  
 But I'm sure I'd miss the TV set.  
 Do you think they're here to stay?

Mrs. R. C. Parsley, Rt. 2, Box 80, Burnsville, N. C.

(Poetry for this corner should be sent direct to Edith Deaderick Erskine, Weaver ville, N. C.)

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 right outen the lake sommers."  
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Friendly stores, —bulging with everything one could possibly need, and train loads of things he doesn't need, but which entice the average visitor just as much as fill in solid city blocks in the main part of town. And one day

we found, fronting a large residential area, and far removed from the main business district, one of the largest Trading Centers we've ever dreamed of, — with Drugstore, Hardware, Clothing Store, Woolworth Dime Store, Grocery Store, Bakery and Shoe Shop. Most of these, including the Hardware, were Self-Service stores. Printed posters along the walls and counters invited the customer to help himself and then pay the Cashier as he was leaving, and of course that Cash Register was placed so that no one could conveniently leave without passing it.

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 Uncle Josh says: "Trouble with that, I can allus tote a heap more'n I can pay fer. An howsomever thy have it all priced right before my eyes, I allus picks up faster than I canfigger them price tags, an afore I knows it, I've already gone beyond my reach."  
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We are bound to say that Sarasota is the cleanest town in appearance that we have found in any of our travels. Though very few "Help Keep Our Town Clean" signs are in evidence, both the resident and tourist populations seem to take great pride in keeping private and public premises as clean and tidy as possible. Needless to add such practice of tidiness and cleanliness speak much in praise of municipalities as well as of human beings.

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 Among the funny signs I have read in this locality two come to mind at this time. One near the entrance of an out-of-town amusement park read: "Ride First Class On Our Jackass!" And the other on a window in a downtown business block announced: "We Kill To Live." Further investigation revealed that this place engaged in pest and bug control.

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 Uncle Josh says: "Me, I were kinder scairt to go inter that place till I knowed hit were bugs 'sted o' human beins they'uns were -killin off. Like I allus tells Satley, my wife, y'all can't be too pertickler in a strange an furrin land. A city feilar done tole me onces they's plenty folks in some places that would hire

**BAMSAYTOWN NEWS**

By Mrs. Ross Miller

W. D. Adkins has returned home from the Mission Hospital where he underwent surgery a out fer to kill, n that would rob before they'd work. Then I dont knowed already from 'sperence theys others what will ro ye over a store counter, with a smile on ther faces, what would n't have nerves to do it with a gun.....'Nuff Sed!

four weeks ago. He is improving but is still confined to his home. Arthur Perkil of Atlanta, Ga., recently visited his grandmother, Mrs. Bell Hengley. Mr. Perkil has been inducted into the Army and will be leaving soon.

Douglas Johnson of the Air Force, who is stationed in Texas, has been at home on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tinley Johnson.

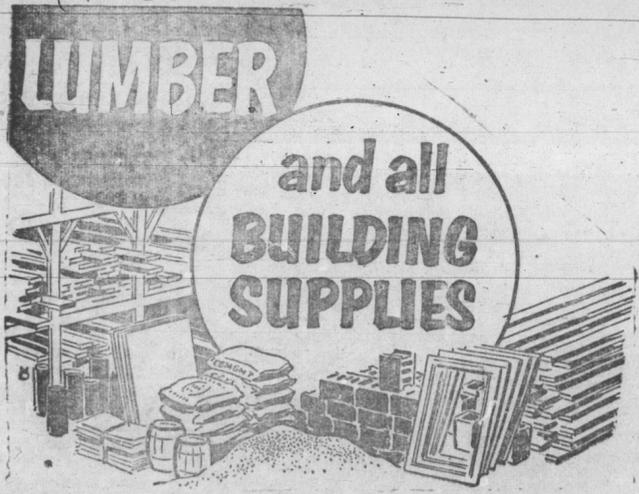
Mrs. Ike Peterson has returned

to her home after undergoing surgery at Marion General Hospital. Jack Wilson has returned home from Detroit, Mich., and is now attending school in Johnson City. Mrs. Creasy Johnson of Erwin Tenn. visited her son, Hoover Johnson, and family over the week end. Miss Annie Edwards spent the week end in Johnson City visiting friends and relatives.

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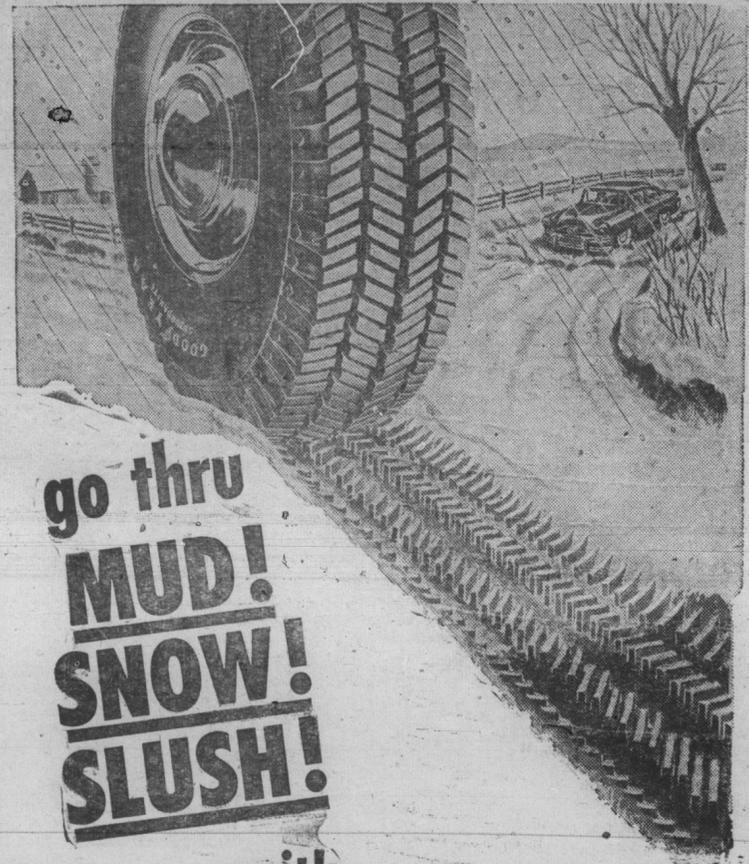

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