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Best place to vacation? Right in own backyard

LIFE, THEY say, can be filled with surprises.

The Siroller found this out in the most unusual way when he was forced to spend his annual vacation in his own back yard. For years, as summer approached, he spent hours trying to decide where to spend the so-called holidays—and where he thought the most interesting things would happen.

This year, through a set of unusual circumstances that forced him to remain at home, he had no alternative but to spend the time toiling with Mother Nature.

IN OTHER years, The Stroller and the lady who runs our little white house with the green shutters

have traveled more than halfway around the world. We have flown across the Atlantic and the Pacific. We have been in Hawali and tra-veled through Europe.

We have enjoyed a motor ride through the Black Forests of Eu-rope in the rain. We have sat for hours just looking in wonderment at Mt. Rushmore where the four former presidents' faces have been carved in rock. We just couldn't be-lieve what we saw.

IT WAS the same with the beau-ty of the Canadian Rockies. We never can forget the sight of the capital buildings in Havana, Cuba. And one of the most unforgettable came one morning on Catalina Is-

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land in the Pacific. As we were about to board the sight-seeing bus, the announcer bellowed, "Come see the flowers growing so fast they have men cutting them down so the bus can past."

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It sounded so exaggerated that we could scarcely wait to reach the crest of the hills. But sure enough, there they were — flowers creep-ing along the road and men cutting

them to allow the bus to pass.

ALL THESE things faded this summer when The Stroller joined forces with Mother Nature to tidy things in his own backyard. And what lessons he learned.

First, the long, hot spell (we went two months with only one rain). The lawn turned as brown as hay. What to do? The old timers said, "Mother Nature is thirsty. She needs a drink."

So out came the water — and a heavy rain. Sure enough, the lawn is looking green again. What a thrill that was.

Then The Stroller, with as much care as possible, planted a garden and waited for the results. As always, the tomatoes started up from

the ground, and it wasn't long until the fruit started showing. Then came a surprise.

As he waited to pick them, the birds beat him to it. They came in on the fly and picked giant holes in the fruit and robbed him of a dainty dish.

THEN CAME the thrill of flowers, arranging borders, and continually pulling weeds to give the flowers the room they needed.

Mother Nature does some wonderful things, but you have to get down on your knees in the garden to appreciate her accomplishments.

With it all came the big surprise when relatives from the St. Clair

River district paid a visit. Always proud of the sight of the freighters gliding by on the river, they were wide-eyed when they came up the road, through the woods and saw the Stroller's domain.

"AND YOU want to go up North," one of them said, "when you have sights like this — a home in the woods with enough room for Mother Nature to give you a garden and flowers! You don't have to leave home for sights to see and memories of a vacation trip when you have this setting."

And so, The Stroller learned that working with Mother Nature can be real fun — and provide a vacation with unusual memories.

2-for-1 drink deals are private matter

GOOD EVENING, Charles, I'll have my usual — Club and water with a twist. It's Happy Hour, isn't!? Guess that means I'll have two usuals.

I read where some people want to get the state Legislature to ban two-for-one deals on drinks. Personally, I am against government intrusion into a situation which should be a private matter between a man and his bartender.

An individual imbiber should be able to regulate his own conduct. If an enterprise offers two drinks for the price of one, well that certainly doesn't predispose that individual to drink any more than be ordinarily would.

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to drink any more than he ordinarily would.
Charles, I see that Ralph needs a drink. Give him one on me, or two, since that's the Happy Hour polley. Take the cash Charles, I prefer not to run up a tab. Now, I have a great joke about a guy who advertised a cat for sale. See, he

Well, look who's here. Good old Bill. Pull up a stool here Bill and have a couple of two-fers. Certain-ly helps you unwind at the end of a stremous day. Ralph, Charles and I were discussing the claim by cer-tain de-gooders that drinking es-tablishments should be prohibited from serving two drinks for the price of one.

Bob Wisler

agents who are trying to intruse themselves, intrude themselves into a private drinking matter.

After all you guys advertise two-fer-ones and thas what you have to deliver. Right, Ralph? I mean, am I right, or what?

Shay, did I teil you the one about the guy who advertised a canary for sale? Oh, you heard it, ch? Ralph, where you going buddy? Don't quit now, it's Bill's turn to buy. Right, Bill boy? You're damn tootin,' it is. Can let these lousy government agents take over the country.

government agents the country.
You let em start telling your how you can order your drinks, the next thing you know they'll be telling you where you can park your shoes at night.

Hey Charley, Hey, Nuther roun' here, And nother thing, whatinhell's going on with this tab. Didn't I pay cash? How come this tab's so high.

from serving two drinks for the price of one. I, for one, my good friend Raiph and Charley bere totally disagree. What do you say Bill? Give us another round here Charley, if you don't mind, on my tab. Charley. Hey. It's sure getting hard to find good help these days. Another round here, Charley. Masamatter, you trying to keep a few good men dry? You'd almost think this place was failing in, icague with those government.



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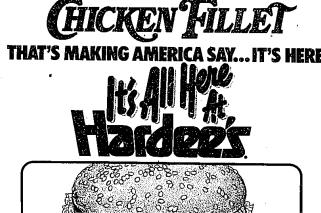
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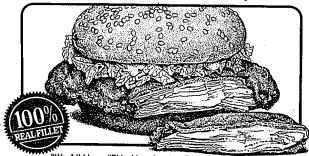
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