

Love Story in Stone

Coral Castle Is Florida Showpiece

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Frustrated love is a powerful motive, but it's doubtful if any frustrated lover told his story in a more graphic manner than did a little Latvian on the outskirts of this South Florida farming community.

For Edward Leedskalnins told his story with permanent strokes by carving a coral castle in memory of the love he lost years ago in his native Baltic nation, tiny Latvia. Today

visitors marvel at his memorial to love.

As you view the walled two-story coral rock castle built by a slender man who utilized skills that baffle even today's engineers, you are impressed by power of love.

A Jilted Lover

If the love theme is not the most fascinating, it certainly was the prime motive. Jilted by his 16-year-old sweetheart in Latvia, Leedskalnins never recovered from the shock, and under the influence of a hopeless dream—that she'd return and together they'd share the new world future—he spent 30 years on the memorial.

The coral castle is on a 10-acre tract, adjacent U.S. 1 highway, 2½ miles south of Miami. There's a two-story tower house—where Leedskalnins lived a monk-like existence—containing 235 tons of coral rock, each chunk moved into place unaided.

Wandering the grounds, you encounter the strange as-

sorted coral rock furniture. There's a complete bedroom with twin beds (definitely not cushiony soft); a pair of children's beds—even a cradle for the children he hoped to have. For these never-to-be children he built a play patio, calling it the "Grotto of the Three Bears," a duplication of the fairy tale's furniture in solid coral rock.

Among the domestic—and definitely odd creations—are an outdoor stove built around the rear-end of an old Ford, an outdoor bathtub—with solar heated water; and a version of the ancient punishment stocks—his penance room.

He was a master at balancing heavy objects. In the rear wall of the castle is a single pivot gate—a mere 9 tons—which coves to a gentle push. The 3-ton triangular stone gate at the castle's front entrance moves just as easily.

Pemaquids Have Sights Of Interest

AUGUSTA, Maine.—The minute you step foot in the area of the Pemaquids in Maine, breathe deeply and fill your lungs with unequalled bracing, tangy, salt-laden air.

Gateway to the Pemaquids (for those traveling northeasterly) is Damariscotta, a New England village whose people make a habit of keeping tourists happy. Stop at the Chamber of Commerce for brochures and area maps to direct you to special points of interest.

You should see Damariscotta first! Newest tourist venture is the oldest home in the village, The Chapman-Hall House, recently restored to its 18th century appearance.

Up the river one mile are prehistoric shell heaps, a great deposit (over 5-million cubic feet) of oyster shells on the banks of the river.

Typical of the fine handcrafters of Maine are those who live and work in this coastal area.

Historic Churches

Village churches are handsome. You'll love the bells and spanking whiteness of old Baptist Church (1843) as you climb the hill and swing right toward the coast. At three miles, another right, (Rt. 129) over a paved road to the neighborhood of famous Walpole Meeting House (1772) which still holds Sunday services; old Harrington Church (1773), and popular Wawenock Country Club, where "woods" and "irons" devotees converge.

On to South Bristol with its gift shops, drawbridge and causeway.

Christmas Cove comes next; a quiet harbor community of private families. Capt. John Smith pulled into this cove for repairs on Christmas Day. In the area you'll find a private yacht club, tennis court and fine beach.

What appears to be a light-house tower is not a lighthouse at all. A one-time automobile showing arranged this structure as a guest house. Each room and bath has been stacked, tower-fashion, one atop the other.



AMONG OUTDOOR activities available to tourists in the Daytona Beach area in sunny Florida is ocean fishing off three piers, one shown here. Other lures for winter vacationers are horseback riding, golf, boating, shuffleboard, lawn bowling and swimming. Boatmen, swimmers and fishermen can use 23 miles of drive-on beaches.

Jamaica Resort

Bay Offers Visitors 'Glamour' Fun

JAMAICA, B.W.I.—As more and more visitors flock to Jamaica for their vacations, the name and fame of its resort areas become increasingly known to U.S. holiday-makers. One of the best known and famous of these is Montego Bay, glamorous and long-established seaside resort city of the island's celebrated North Coast.

In this delightful tropical city, nestled in a broad bay where the turquoise Caribbean etches a lovely curve in the white-sand coastline, the famous and celebrated of two hemispheres have established an exciting playground whose fame is world-wide. Along the fabulous shore stretches the "Gold Coast" strip of glamorous hotels and comfortable guest-houses that are year-round "homes" to sun-seeking visitors.

Montego Bay's fame as a resort is centered about Doctor's Cave. One of the finest beaches in the West Indies, this playground of celebrities was the one-time pleasure haunt of a group of Montego Bay doctors, who discovered its crystal-clear waters and powder-soft white sand. It has uniquely refreshing properties, fed as it is by mineral springs which add to the buoyancy and clarity of its waters.

At Doctor's Cave, the visitor meets world-famous movie actors, headline personalities, resort celebrities who people the glamorous vacation spots of the world.

Montego Bay offers the luxury and charming surroundings that

the discriminating holidayer has learned to expect in the best holiday resorts of the world. Glittering luxury hotels line the sweep of reef protected beach, and each offers the finest in accommodations and entertainment. During the winter season, there is an endless whirl of social activities to divert and entertain the visitor.

Montego Bay has a long history that goes back to the earliest days of the island's settlement. Once just a sea-girl plain and valley fronting on the Caribbean, it was the domain of wild pigs. Its original name was Manteca, the Spanish for lard; the energetic Spaniards hunted and butchered the boars, melting their carcasses down for lard which was barreled and exported to Europe.

Elizabeth Barrett-Browning,

Grecian Town Another Capri

Mrs. J.F.K.'s Visit Puts Quiet Resort on Map

MYKONOS, GREECE—Mykonos, a gem among the isles of Greece, has blossomed into the Capri of the Aegean. A fisherman's haunt, six hours by ship from Athens, the island has grown in less than a decade from a primitive hideaway for Athenian beachcombers into a resort of international renown.

The status of the place as a fashionable seaside colony was assured when the first lady of the United States, Jacqueline Kennedy, stopped off for a swim on her trip to Greece.

The cosmopolitan atmosphere of the island has done little to detract from its diamond-in-the-rough charm. While Americans and Europeans stroll the sands in their slacks and shorts, bikinis and blue jeans, the islanders cling to their colorful native dress.

A Tolerant People

They regard the sunbather, skindiver and cafe-sitter with a tolerant eye, but continue with their timeless tasks—fishing, weaving and whitewashing their tiny huts.

Since the turning of the tourist tide to Mykonos, the island has become more accessible, reports Pan American Airways. New hydrofoil ships now skim passengers across the waters from Athens. Once ashore, tourists can live in luxury at one of two first-class inns for \$7 a day, including two meals. A room with a shower and one of the older hostilities runs \$1.50 a day, but comfortable accommodations in a private home, clean and freshly painted, can be had for as little as 65 cents.

The bride of the island is the Leto Hotel, a delightful establishment, built a few years ago with a fine view of the harbor and the white-washed town. Here, guests gather on the terrace at sunset to watch fishermen washing ashore with strings of fish for the evening meal.

Along the waterfront, where fishermen repair their nets, the smoky kitchens of the "tavernas" tempt their clientele with fresh fish and lamb kebab, cooked over charcoal embers. A full meal with bittersweet wine averages about \$1.

The wineshops, with their rough

wooden tables and huge casks, offer a small carafe of resinous white wine for five cents.

The island boasts few distractions to lure the beachnik away from the sand and sea. The best beach is St. Stephanos, a crescent of white sand, 10 minutes by caique from the harbor. An antique bus and taxi also carry bathers back and forth for a few cents a ride.

Island Has 365 Churches

While there is not a single temple or fluted column to remind tourists of the "glory that was Greece," Mykonos has more churches than any other place its size in the world.

Tucked away in the back streets and dotting the gray-green hills are some 365 churches—one for every 10 residents of the island. Some are no more than family chapels; all are painted white with rose or blue doors and have colored tile roofs.

Everything in Mykonos is white—the stones, pavements, towers and walls. The houses are whitewashed once a week, and the narrow alleyways, splashed with white, appear like paths chopped through a snowbank.

Dominating the village square is the white marble bust of a lady general who led the island forces in a war against the Turks in 1826. This statue is a favorite target for photographers, but the most popular subject on the island is Peter the Pelican, mascot of Mykonos. This big bird with his red, yellow and blue beak waddles around the port with all the dignity of a town father, posing for pictures and mooching tidbits from the tourists.

Tourists who find Mykonos too confining can always take the fishing boat across to Delos, an uninhabited isle, once the federal treasury of Athens. The journey takes an hour. The ruins, dating back 3,000 years, are among the most spectacular in all of Greece. Here, a Greek theater stands among the woods and magnificent mosaics grace the ancient floors. The fragments of a statue of Apollo serve as a reminder that the island was his legendary birthplace.

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