

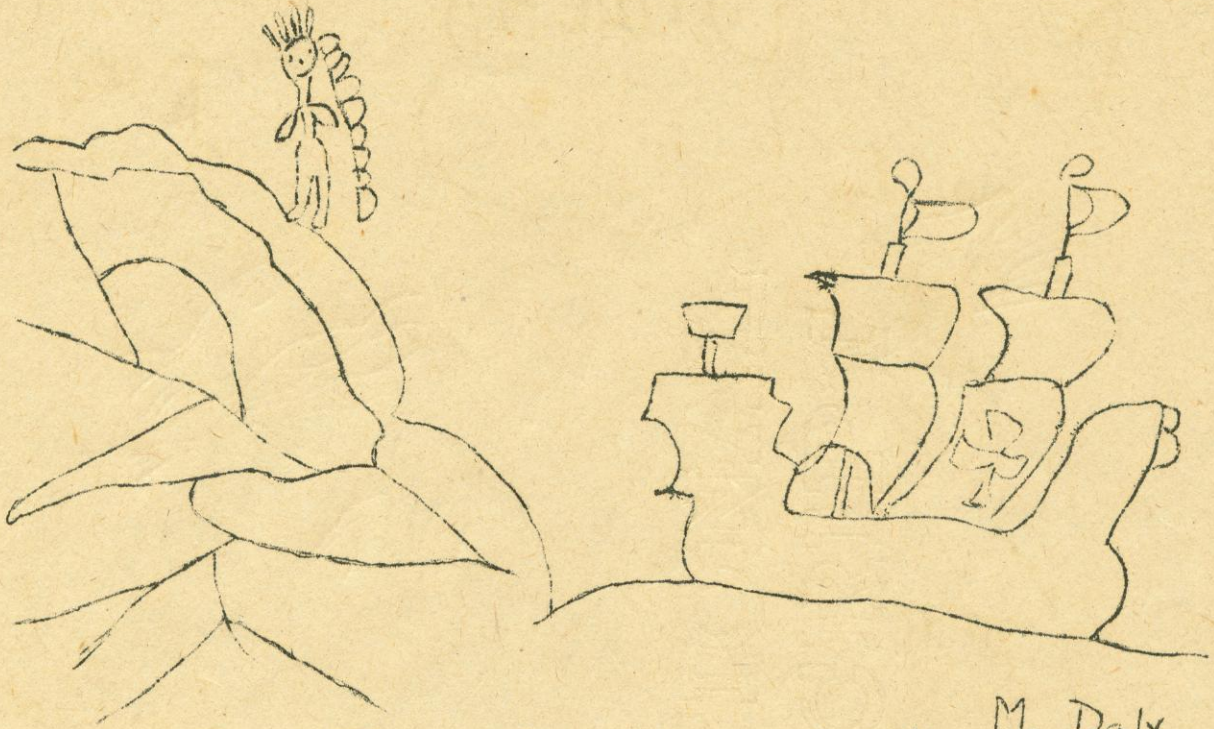
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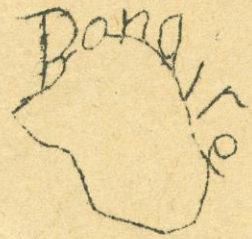
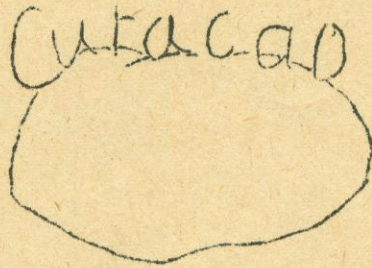
Aruba
Our Island Home
in the Tropics

J. D. Engle



The First Settlers in Aruba ^{M. Daly}
The first people to live in Aruba were Indians named the Arawaks. They came in large canoes from South America. Soon the Arawaks were conquered by the fierce Caribs. The Caribs lived in the caves near Fontein. Later on many pirates came here to rob ships. The first Dutch to come to the A, B, C, islands were traders looking for salt. Soon many Dutch people came to trade. Ever since 1634 the Dutch have ruled the A, B, C, islands.

Maureen Daly



V. Schultz

The Island of Aruba
We live in the Netherlands West Indies on the island of Aruba. The names of the other Netherlands West Indies are Curacao and Bonaire. Aruba is surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. To come to Aruba you must use either a boat or a plane. The Dutch government owns Aruba. Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao are called the A. B. C. islands. It may have been formed by a volcano or an earthquake.

by Vicki Schultz

Life on Aruba

In Aruba we have a hot climate. We have palm trees and divi-divi trees, and banana trees too. There are many goats, lizards, parakeets, fish, burros, and sheep. In the village there are mud huts. We go swimming, gather shells, go on picnics, and go mountain climbing. There are cactus fences in the village. Bungalows are on oil pots. They do not have chimneys. My Daddy works in the refinery. Life in Aruba is very pleasant.

Vicki Schultz

My Home Is Aruba

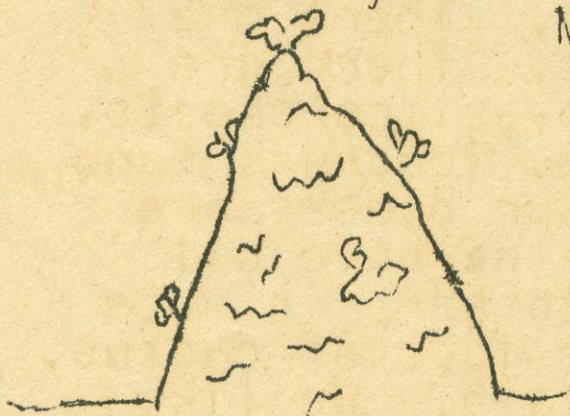
I see burros, and goats but not very many cows or pigs. There are not very many chickens. There are lots of birds, some doves, parakeets, pigeons, pigs, lizards, iguanas, tuna fish, and barracuda. Our houses are standing on oil pots. We have oil pots because we have to keep insects out. In Aruba we have lots of cactus. Hoiberg is a big mountain. We like to climb Hoiberg. Hoiberg is full of cactus. If you come down here you will enjoy it.

Arthur Easten

My Home in Aruba

We live on a very tropical island. Around Christmas time we have a very rainy season. We have to wear handkerchiefs because the Tradewinds will blow our hair. We live in bungalows. Our houses have oil pots. They have oil pots because the insects will come in. We do not have chimneys in Aruba. We have chickens, birds, goats, and we have some beautiful birds. Out in the village we climb Hoiberg. In the village they have maize. They have lots of cactus. They have cactus fences. If you come to Aruba you will see these things too.

Millicent Ann Crippen



M. Crippen

The Houses in Aruba

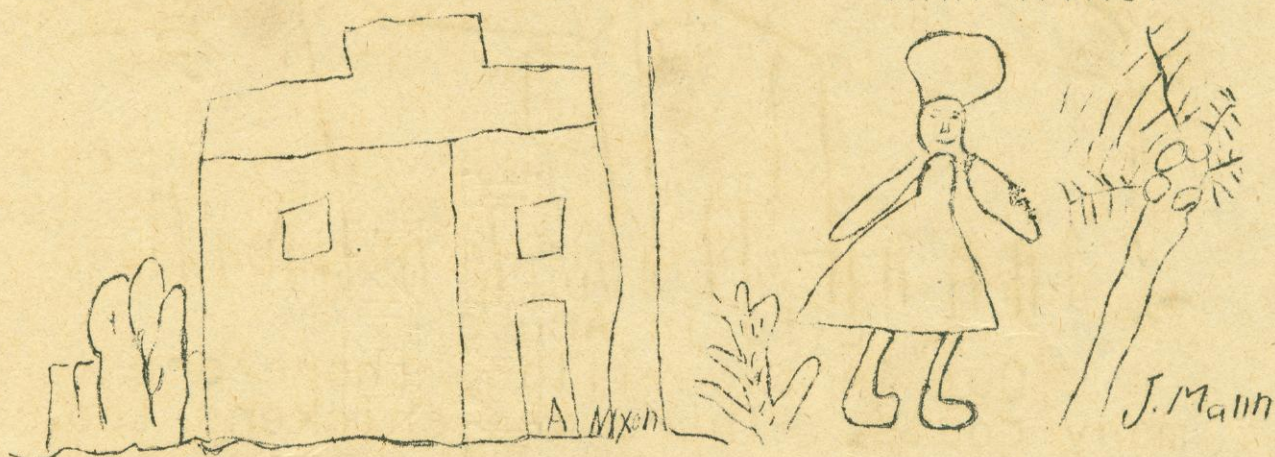
Some of the houses are built of mud. The houses are all over the island. Some are near Hoiberg and by other mountains. You come to Aruba, and you will see our strange houses.

James Morris

My Home in Aruba

This is a very tropical island here. It is close to the equator. We see lots of brick houses. We see chickens, goats, sheep, burros, cows, and horses. There is very little rain in Aruba. You must use a hat or the wind will blow your hair. In the village there are mud huts. We have trade winds. My father works in the refinery. Life is pleasant in Aruba.

Ann Nixon



Aruba Is My Home

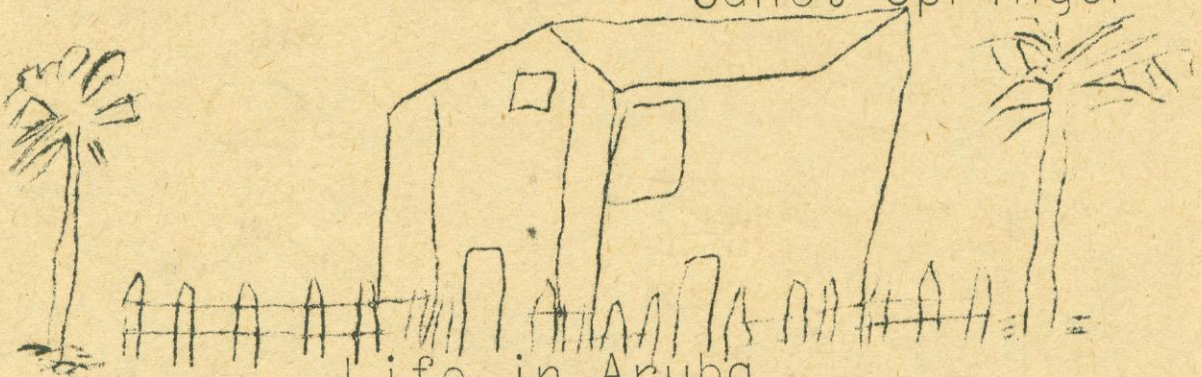
We all see cactus all over. I can see lots of trees. We live in bungalows. I see lots of burros. The goats are very pretty. There are not many cows in Aruba. The sheep are not very pretty in Aruba. In the village there are fences made of stones. We see baracudas down in the sea. You come down to Aruba, and you will see the different things I can see.

C. Robert Hewlett

Life in Aruba

We see mud huts out in the village and we see men ride burros. There are corn fields and scarecrows in the fields. We see divi-divi trees growing on the side of the road. We see palm trees at Palm Beach and date trees. We take a ride down the beach and we see people enjoying swimming.

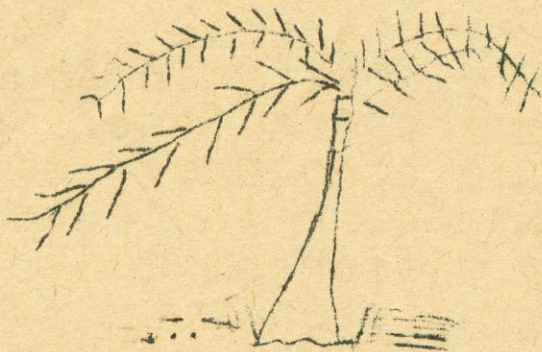
Janet Springer



Life in Aruba

Out in the village there are many goats. There are chickens, too, and there are sheep. There are few cows. There are very few horses. There are lots of burros. We have lots of fun in Aruba.

Billy White



D. LYNCH

Life In Aruba

We have divi-divi trees in Aruba.
We have little sunflowers in Aruba.
It rains little in Aruba. We climb
mountain Hoiberg. It is a big
mountain in the village. We have
cactus, sea-grape trees, aloes, maize,
and cocoa-nut palm trees. Funny
Looking cactus is in the village.
Some natives make houses out of mud.
We have lizards in Aruba. Some
lizards are colored green and have
spots. Aruba is pleasant. It is
nice in Aruba.

Beverly Armstrong



Life In Aruba

Aruba is a tropical island and
it is very hot in the tropics.
Aruba is near the equator. Around
Christmas time we have a very rainy
season. In the summer it is very
hot, but it is very comfortable
because we have very strong winds.
They are so strong that they blow
our hair. Out in the village we see
chickens, goats, sheep, burros, cows
and horses. The natives make mud
huts. We can go swimming and we can
gather shells. Life is very pleasant
in Aruba.

Maureen Daly

The Life in Aruba

We live on a little tropical island. Our houses are made on oil pots. The animals on our island are chickens, goats, sheep, burros, cows and horses. Our plants in Aruba are divi-divi trees, and sea-grape trees. The houses in the village are mud huts. We can do lots of nice things in Aruba. The things we do in Aruba are go swimming, and gather shells. In Aruba we get little rain. Life is happy in Aruba.

Inez Koster



I. KOSTER

Life in Aruba

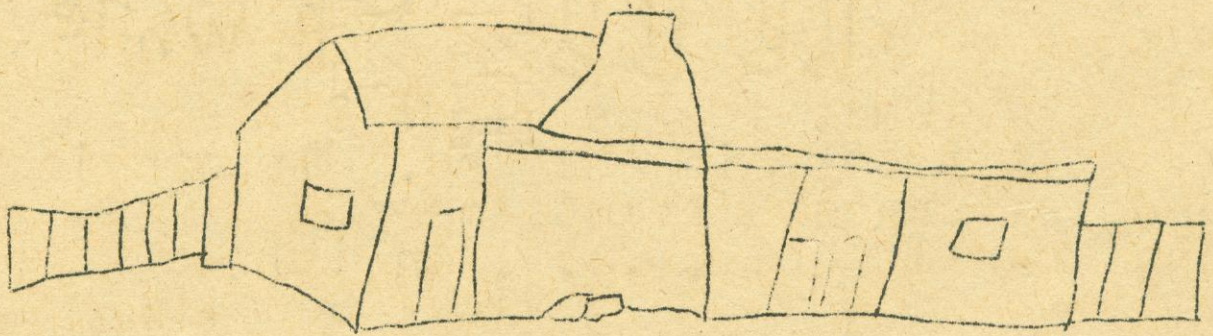
We have a very hot climate. Our houses are built up on oil pots. We go fishing some times. We play games. Hoiberg is a big mountain. There are mud houses in Aruba. There are some flowers. I enjoy Aruba.

Billy Orr

Aruba Is My Home

We have a very hot climate in Aruba. We have divi-divi trees. Our houses are on oil pots. We have goats, burros, and some horses. We go swimming and hunt for shells. In the village they have mud huts with thatched roofs and Indian designs on them. They have cactus fences around them. They have only a few horses in the village. Sometimes we go out to the golf course and play golf. It is fun to live in Aruba.

John Engle



A Tropical Island

We live in Aruba. There are chickens, goats, sheep, burros, cows, and pigs. Houses are built on oil pots. There are houses without a roof there. There is very little rain. Our houses don't have chimneys. I enjoy Aruba.

Jeffrey Mann

Aruban Riddles

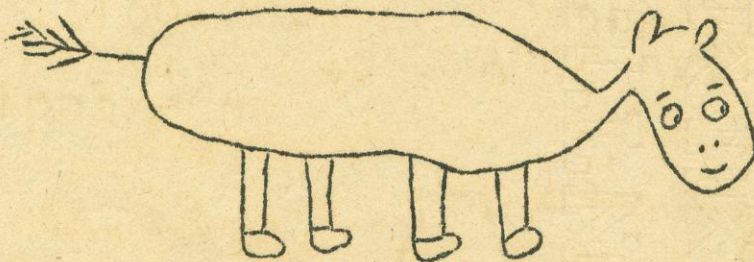
Can You Guess?

I am a little butterball. I say
"peep peep" all day and all night.
Who am I?A little chicken.

A Riddle

I am an old tired stubborn thing.
I have two big ears. I eat grass.
What am I?A Burro.

Millicent Ann Crippen



B. White

What Is The Riddle?

It floats in the sea. It carries
people, bungalows and trees.
What can it be?An Island

Vicki Schultz

Can You Guess?

I am an animal. I have a long
tail. I live in bushes on the A.B.C.
islands. What am I?An iguana

Danny Lynch

What is it?

I'm a little fluffy fellow green
and yellow. I squawk all day. Who
am I?A Parakeet

Vicki Schultz

What are we?

We carry heavy loads. We carry
people on our backs. What are we?
.....A burro.....Ann Nixon

What is it?

We grow crooked. The wind blows
us when we are little. When we grow
up we are crooked. What are we? ...
.....A divi-divi tree ...Ann Nixon



A. H. Easten

What is it?

I am green and some times red
and orange. I have to watch out for
the natives or they will eat me. I
live in the bushes. What am I? ...
.....an iguanaJanet Springer

I am green with wings. I squawk.
What am I?a parakeet

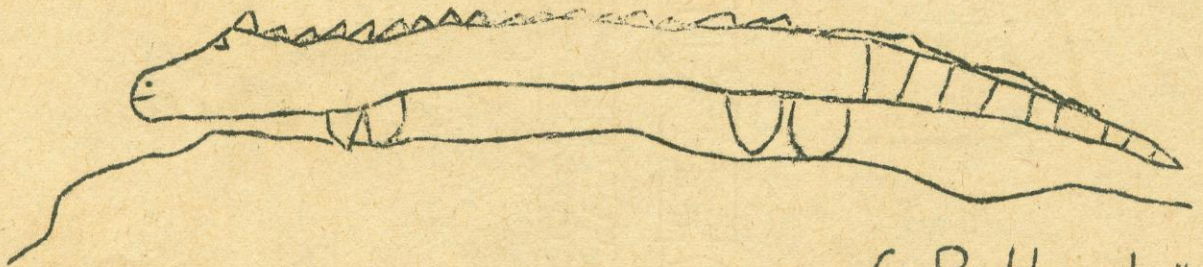
Arthur Easten

I have 100 legs. I walk around
every day. What can I be?..a broom

Billy Orr

What is it?
I am sometimes green and my
brother is sometimes brown. My tail
has black rings around it. What can
I be? an iguana
Beverly Armstrong

What is it?
I say "peep peep". I am yellow.
I am fluffy. What am I?
. a little chicken. Eleanor Wade



C. R. Hewlett

A Riddle
I am long. I have four legs.
I live in trees and bushes. What can
I be? an iguana
C. Robert Hewlett

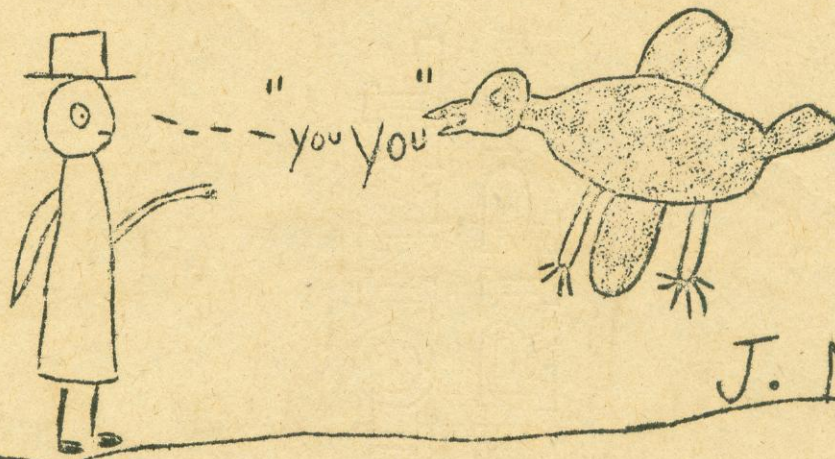
A Riddle
I am gray. I have two long ears.
I have a long tail. What am I?
. A Burro John Engle

A Riddle

I have a long tail. Some times
I'm green and my brother is brown.
I am fat. What am I? . . . an iguana
Inez Koster

Who Am I?

I am green, red, and blue. I
say "Hello Folly". Can you guess
who? . . . a parrot..Maureen Daly

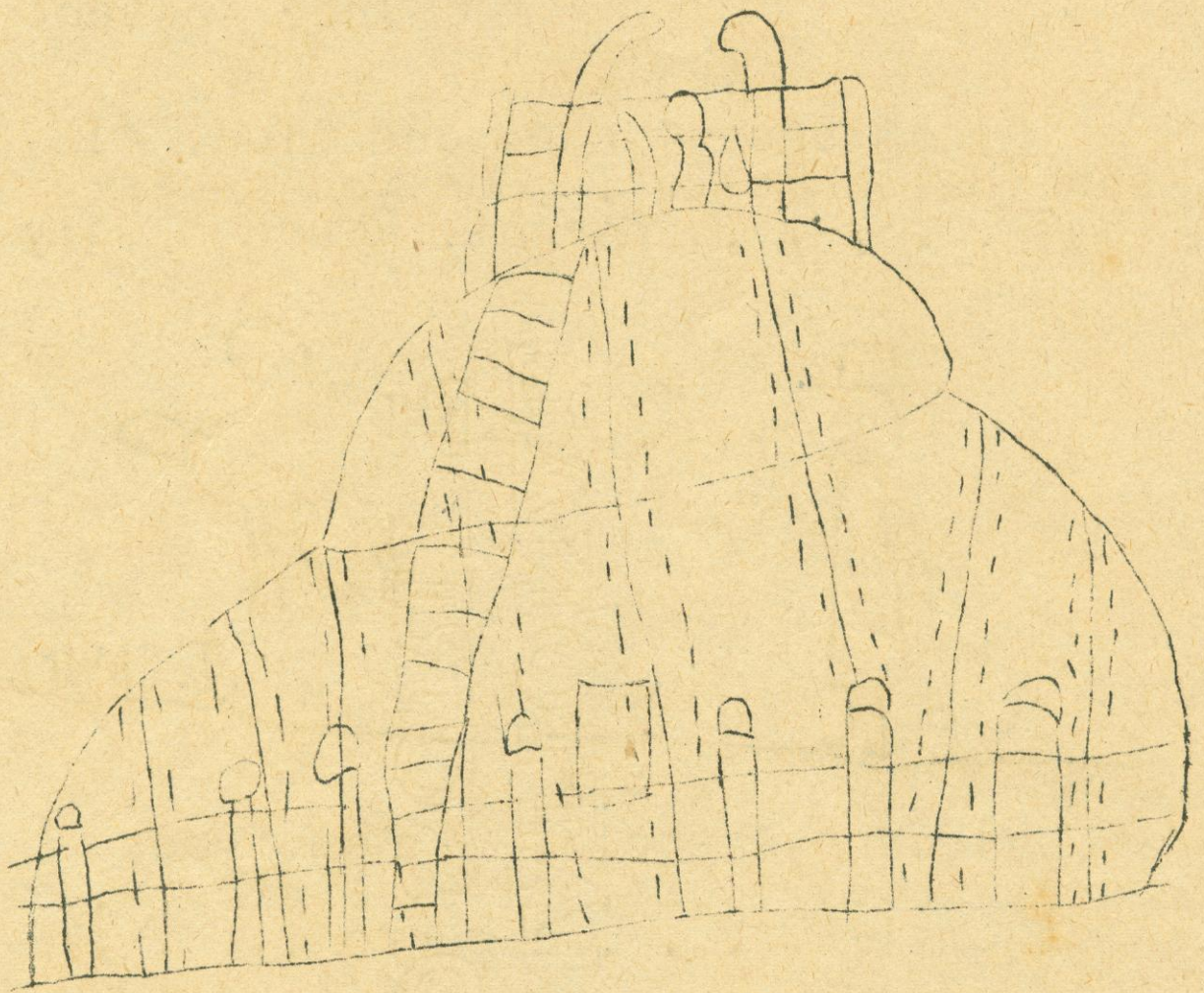


A Riddle

I carry people. I sometimes
carry heavy loads. I am stubborn.
What am I? . . . a burro . . .
Jeffrey Mann

A Riddle

I am long and green. I am fat.
I eat leaves. What can I be?
. . . an iguana. . . Billy White



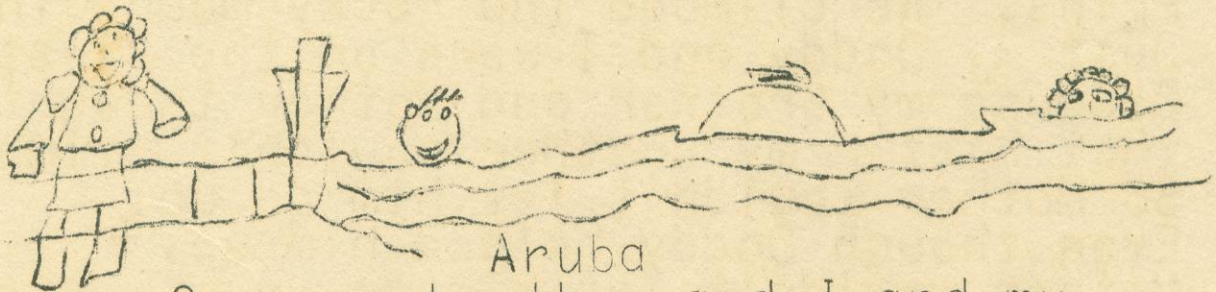
C. R. Hewlett



Palm-beach

Once upon a time a little boy took another boy to a beach. The name of the beach is Falm Beach. And that place is beautiful--full with palms. I can tell you it's a beautiful, beautiful beach. Do you know who the boy was? It was John Crawford. We ate at the Falm Beach. Then we went on the swings and we went swimming too. We ate ice cream, fish, and sandwiches. We drank Pepsi and cokes.

Bob Walters



Aruba

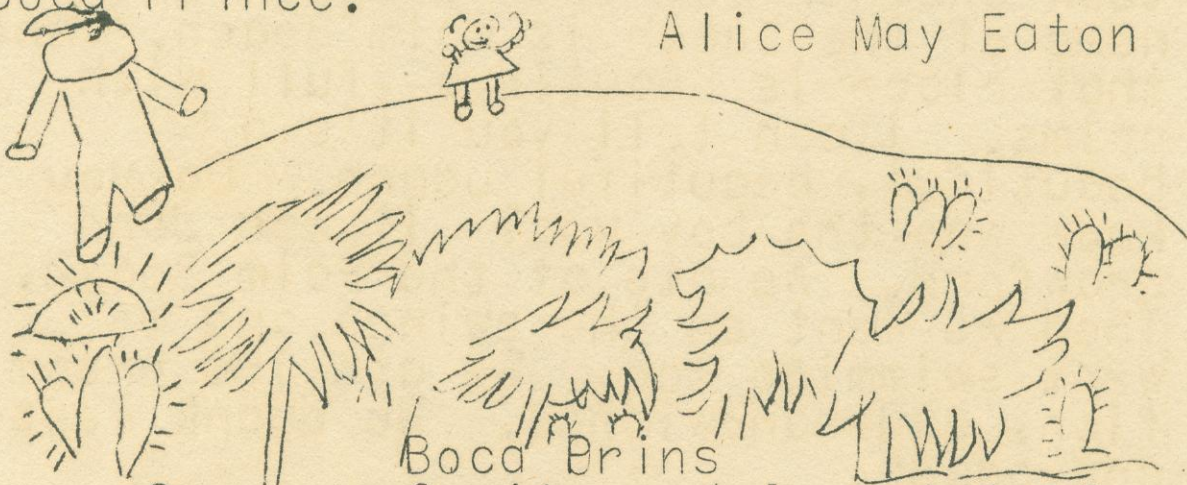
Once my brother and I and my baby and mother and father went swimming. We had grapefruit and pepsi cold and oranges. When we came home we had lots of fun. We had a tea party and invited some children.

Maryke Sonneveldt

A Birthday Picnic

The day the princess had her fourth baby, we went on a picnic. We left the house at half past eleven. We went to the sea grape grove and ate under the trees. Then we drove in our car to find a place to swim. First we took a long, long ride. We went up a lot of hills. We went bumpety-bump on the rocks. we saw a Chinaman's garden. We also saw Boca Prince.

Alice May Eaton



Boca Brins

Once my family and I went to Boca Prins. We climbed the rocky mountain. Just my Daddy and I were on the first. Because my brother and mother thought that Pieter my brother couldn't climb. So Mother wouldn't let him go up. Even though Daddy helped him up, Mother wouldn't let him go up.

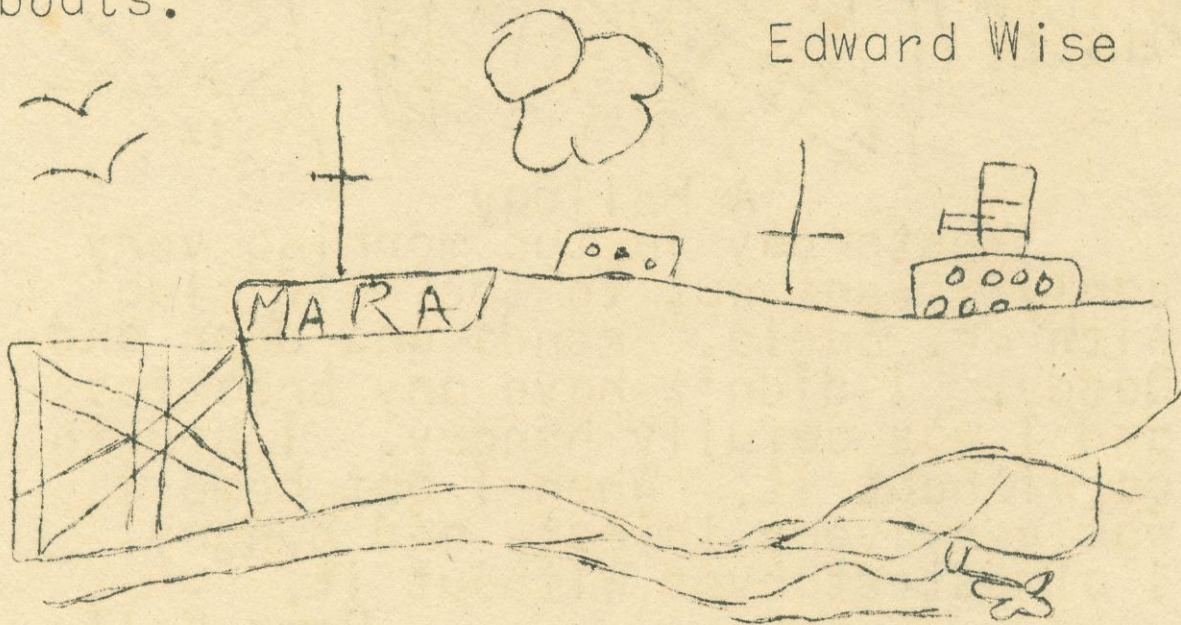
Janet Opdyke



Things I've Seen

I've seen dead animals in the village. I've seen men work. I've seen dead birds. I've seen sunk boats.

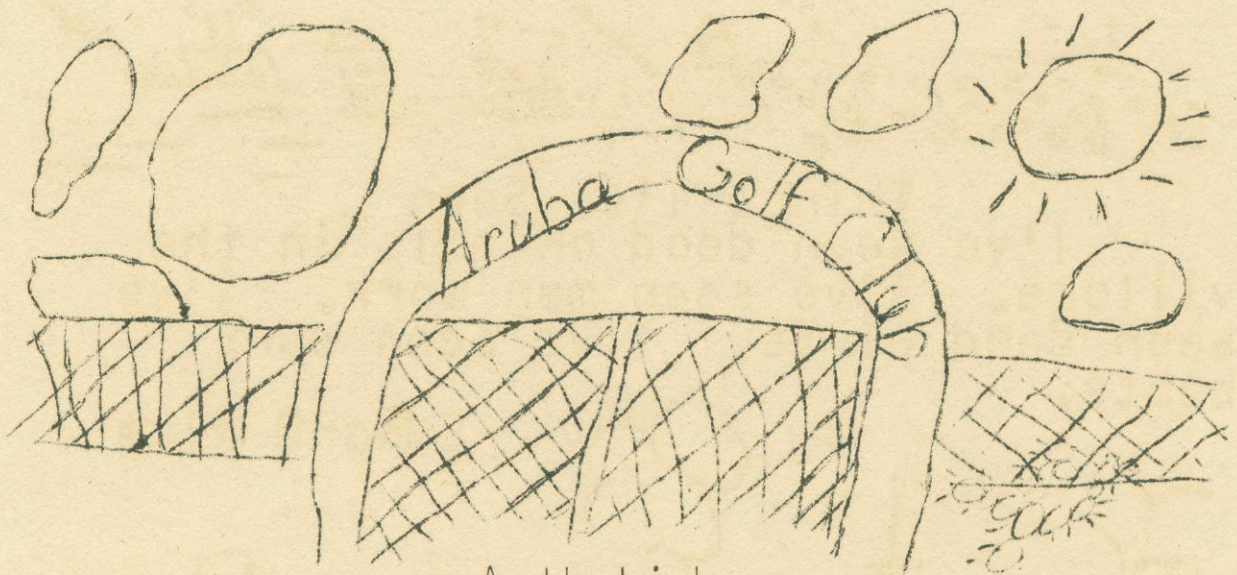
Edward Wise



A Ship

A long time ago my father started some ship business. Now I go on trips with him to La Salina, if you get what I mean. I've been about 200 times. I go fishing. Last time I had a trick played on me. Do you know what it was? I put the hook right where the propeller was going around. I thought it was a fish, but when I pulled up the hook it wasn't on--so I couldn't go fishing.

Robert Walters



A Holiday

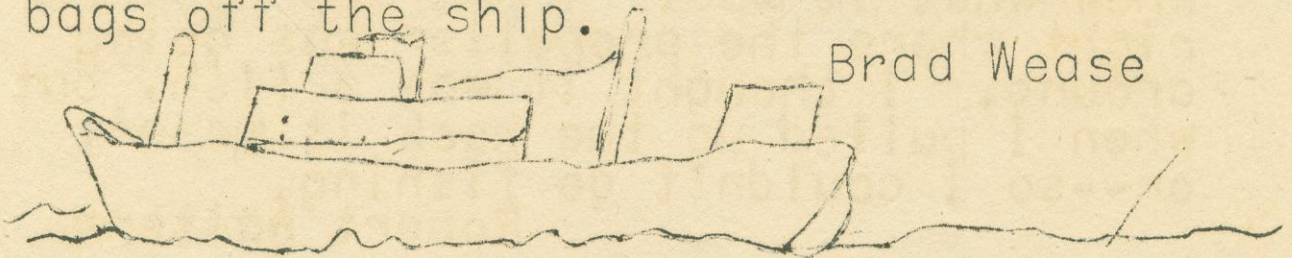
Yesterday in the morning very early I went out to the golf club with Mr. Engle, Brenda and John and Daddy. I didn't have any breakfast and I was awfully hungry. I had to go without it. When I got home I was very very thirsty and hungry. I almost starved without it.

Dawn Kelly

Me on a Ship

Once I went on a ship. I had lots of fun. I nearly kicked my shoes overboard. I went to bed. In the morning I woke up and I saw other ships. One was on dry dock. After a while I saw them getting bags off the ship.

Brad Wease



Aruba

There are black people in Aruba. In the colony is a commissary and one day my mother said I had to go to the commissary. A man in the commissary gave me some gum and it was more than one. I can not swim on top. I can only swim under water. Isn't that funny?

Elsje Schendstok



Aruba

Once my whole family went out with the car to the Shellbeach at Westpoint. We found lots of shells. They were so pretty that I want to make a bracelet and a necklace of them. Lots of pretty things may be made with these shells. You can make pictures with shells on cardboard, pretty boxes table lamps and dolls and you can make about everything you want. And that's the end of the story.

Cisca van der Linden

Harvest Time In Aruba

There are lots of fields of aloes in Aruba. Aloes is made into medicine. They cut aloes in April to September. They use machetes to cut aloes. They put the leaves into wooden troughs and drain the juice into buckets. They put the buckets on donkeys and take them to a shed. The juice goes into big vats over a fire. It boils and boils until it turns to black "goo". Then it's done. They send it to the warehouse. It's put on tankers and shipped to other countries.

Barbara McKaffrey

People Who Chased Each Other Away

Carib Indians came in boats from Venezuela. They came to Aruba to live a long time ago. They made beds and tables out of rock. They left arrow heads, tomahawks and bows behind them. They lived here in caves. Then Spain spied Aruba. They came and fought the Carib Indians. They chased some of them away. Spain lived in Aruba for a long time. Then the Dutch came over and chased Spain away. The Dutch own Aruba now. Americans live here too. So do the Spanish, Arubans, British and Chinese.

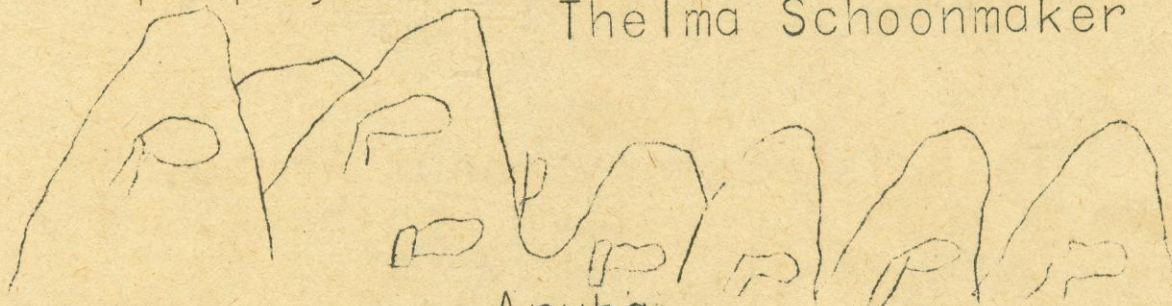
Douglas Tonkinson



The Aruba Animals

We have cats and dogs in Aruba, a few cows and a pretty lot of goats. They have long horns and a lot of hair on them and they are dirty. We have a few hens and chickens. They crow and crow in the morning and wake up the people. We have lizards. They run across the road. We have a few sheep, pigs, and birds and iguanas.

Thelma Schoonmaker



Aruba

In Aruba there are seagrape trees. In the afternoon I pick them. The purple grapes are the best ones. There is a gold mine too.

I have never been there, but I know there is one.

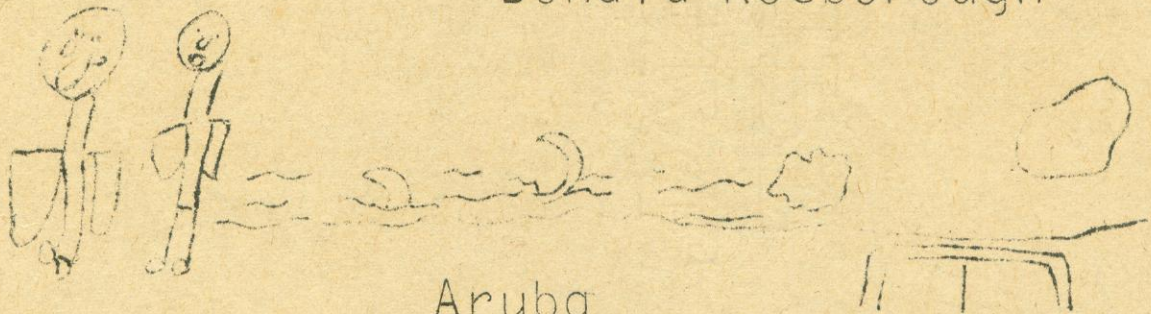
I have been to the mountains. They are full of cactus. And they are very high.

Dawn Kelley

Colorado Point

Once to Colorado Point on one side I saw a porpoise. I saw a tin thing with Spanish words. We were going to boil it. But we didn't. We read the words. Then we went to Barbonis's house. We went into the Flayhouse. Then we played jumprope with my rope.

Donald Rosborough



Aruba

This is a story about Aruba. We have a mountain called Hooiberg. I have been on it. I have been over a tar bridge. It is on the Golf Club road.

Douglas Toukinson



Aruba

In Aruba I went to a mountain called Hooiberg. On the mountain there was a lot of cactus of all kinds. They think it is the tallest mountain on Aruba. My Mother and Father and I went to Palm-Beach. We had a lot of fun there, especially the raft. It had a slide and three jumping-boards. I thought there was a wasp nest in a tree. Under the tree there was a table and three chairs. I didn't get stung.

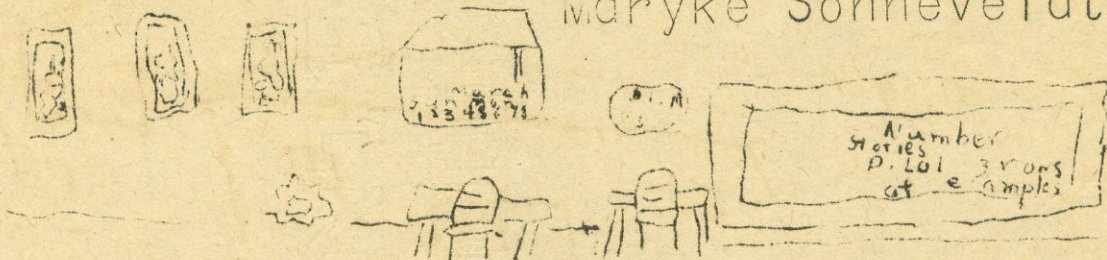
Donald Rosborough



Letter to Holland

Boys and girls, do you know what Aruba is? We have so much fun at our school. Do you? We write a story and poems and sentences and have fun drawing pictures. We have fun singing. My brother and I went swimming and when I came from swimming I had a pepsi cola.

Maryke Sonneveldt

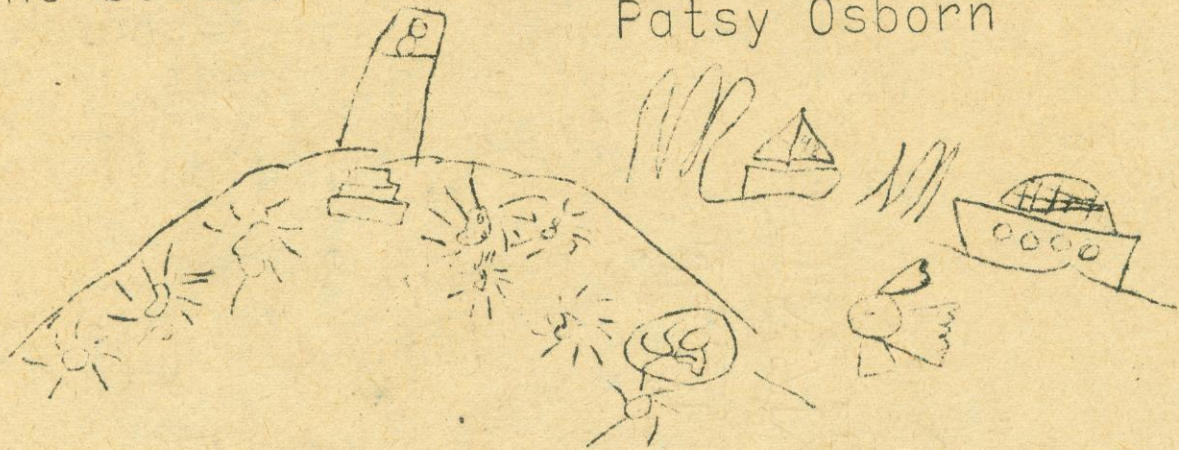


About A Holiday

I went to Colorado Point. I found pretty stones and the stones sparkled. The stones were big and little.

I went home and had my hair washed. I played outside. I went to the beach. I went swimming.

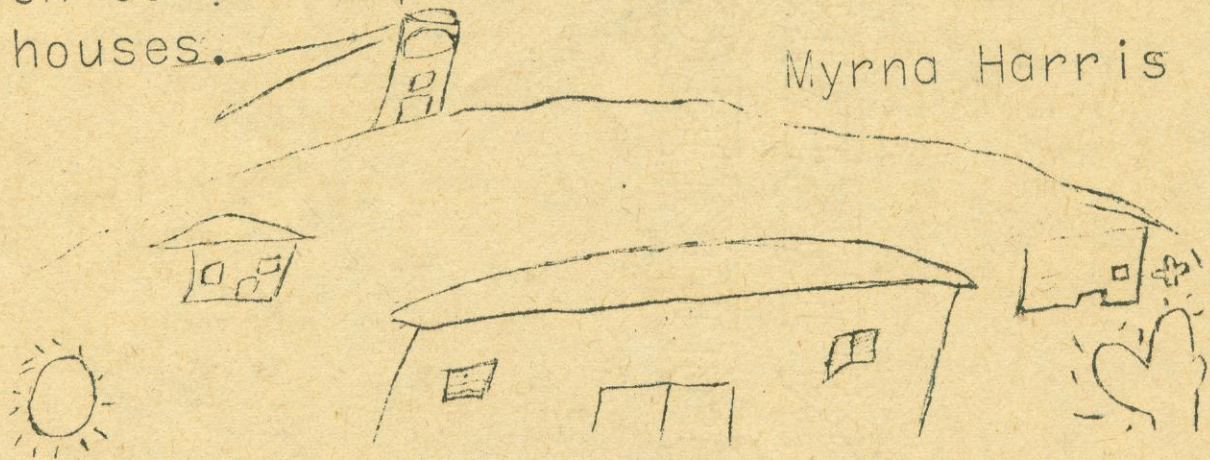
Patsy Osborn



The Colony

We have a colony and a village. I live in the colony. In the colony we have a commissary. We have a picnic grounds and Colorado Point. On Colorado point we have little houses.

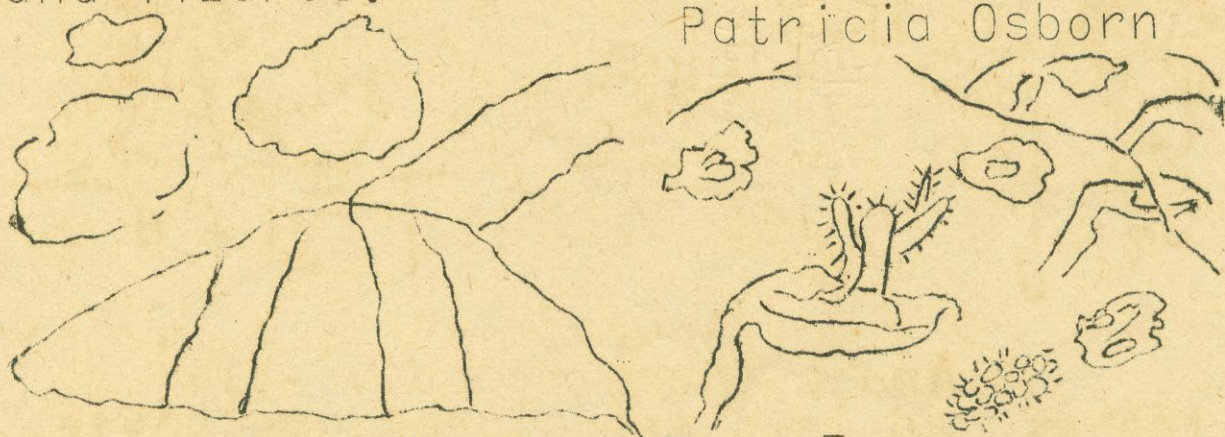
Myrna Harris



About Aruba

We don't have to go to school in the winter. We can go swimming. Can you go swimming? I went to the sand dunes. I have a lot of fun sliding. I had a picnic there. There is a monkey here. Have you seen the monkey? There are cats, dogs, mice, cows, goats, a few horses and iguanas and lizards.

Patricia Osborn



When We Came From France

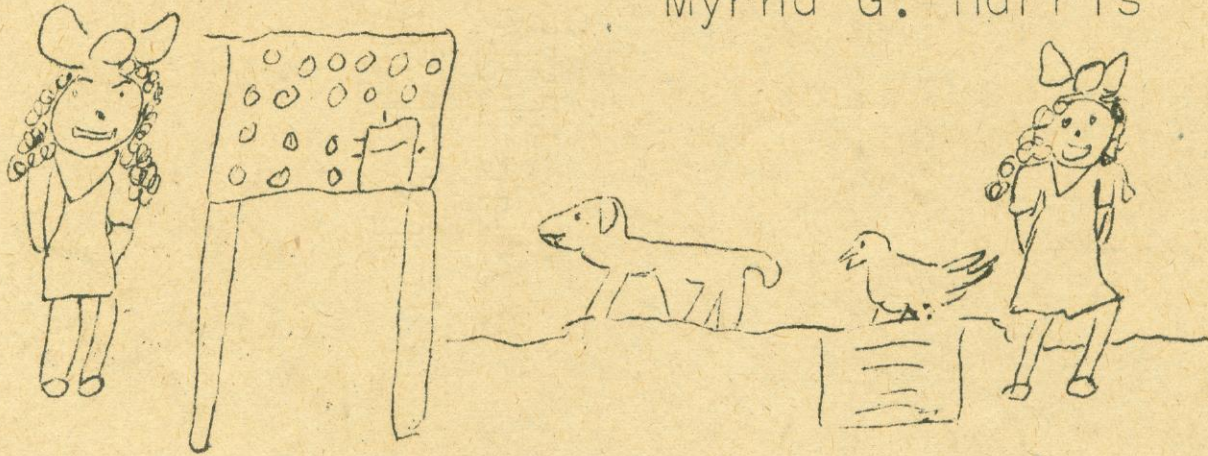
When we came from France I think I was 2 months old. A girl came round and saw us in our house and her name was Jaqueline. When I was four we became friendly and played, and had a lot of fun. Then one night a man named Mr. Eaton came to borrow a pan. He had two little girls named Alice May and Susan Donna. Alice May, Susan and Jaqueline and I all got friends and played together.

Thelma Schoonmaker

Aruba

In Aruba we have cows and a few horses, and dogs and cats. You should see the lizards and iguanas! We have a mountain Hooiberg, and we have a natural beach. We have great sand dunes. You should have a picnic.

Myrna G. Harris



Aruba

in Aruba there are divi-divi trees, and in a few places are caves. Mountain Hooiberg is in Aruba too. There are a lot of other things too. Cactus is here and palm trees and sea grape trees. Some mice are here and cows, goats, burros, sheep, pigs, a few horses, dogs and cats, iguanas, birds, lizards, and some other animal! We have a dog at home and pigeons. Our dog's name is Bobby. We have fun with Bobby. He can walk on his front and back feet.

Elsje Schendstok



The Holiday On Wednesday

Wednesday morning when I woke up I got dressed and ate breakfast and went out to play with my girl friend next door. We played in the sandpile and played on the teeter-totter. We got some boards and made some shelves out of them for our doll house and we played doll house until lunch. Then I had to go home for lunch.

Barbara McCaffrey



I went swimming. Instead I went under water. I came up. Then I was wet as a fish. I tried to swim backwards. I went under water.

Brad Wease



Aruba

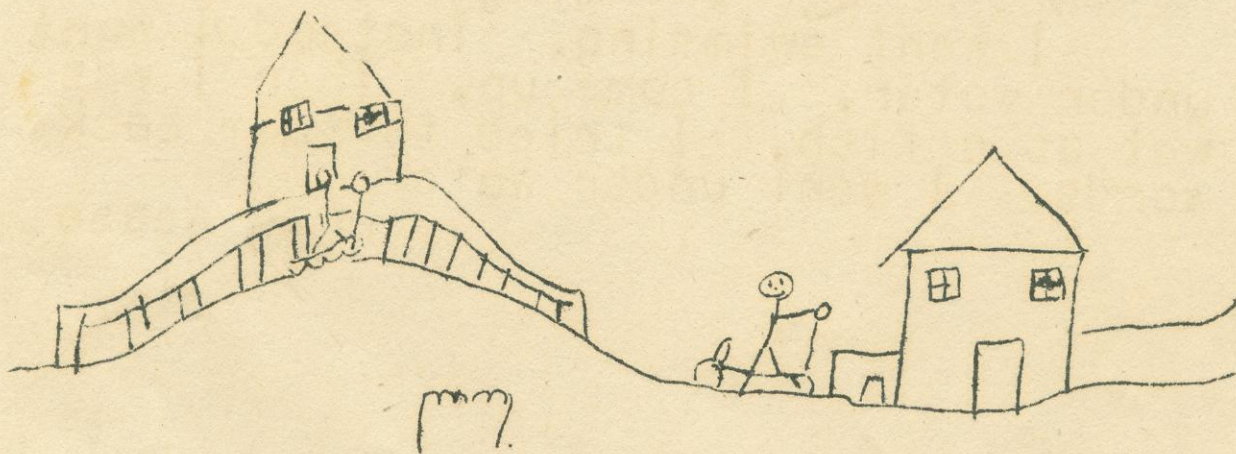
A little boy had a parakeet. He said the little boy's name. I came up to see the boy's parakeet. He flew. He went in someones yard and they gave it back. He ate bird's food. He was very nice.

Brad Wease

Aruba

Yesterday I went to Donny's and played with Donny's scooter. I saw two boats on fire. We went down to Donny's house and began to play with Donny's tanks and one broke. The pirate ship caught on fire and when it hit shore it blew up.

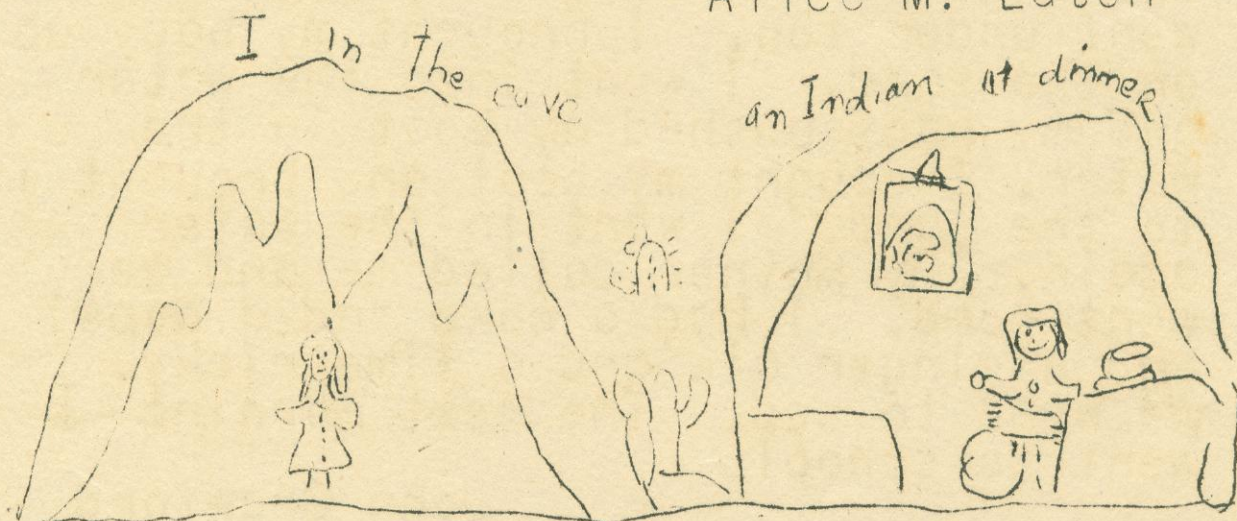
Edward Wise



The Island of Aruba

There are on this island lots of caves. There are some caves called the Baracuda Caves and the Bat caves. And once I saw a cave that was black, with things that looked like great big rain drops. We went inside it. I felt a little drop of water from one of the big things. There are some caves where Indians used to live. If you go there some time you can find some of the things they had. Also there are some caves where goats live. They lay their babies. We go on picnics around the island. We go swimming too. We go just out to swim sometimes. Also there is a bridge called Natural Bridge, although I have never been on the bridge. We went to the light house. It is near the end of the island. We like to go to the light-house. We like the island very much.

Alice M. Eaton



Bushiribana

One Holiday my family and I and Gruenberg's went to Bushiribana. We went over logs and the dusty old leaves that fell from the old trees. It was awful dirty, so we didn't go any more.

We and the Gruenberg's went to crystal caves. I found a piece of crystal in a big hole where bats live. I found a head of a sheep.

Janet Opdyke



Aruba

I'm going to have a ride in my father's car today. down to the beach. On Sunday my baby fell into the water and I jumped in to get my baby and went under too. I brought my baby up on the sand. I went into the water and my baby pushed my boat in the water. I caught my boat and brought it to the sand. I went in the water again. My Mother called me and we went home. I had a coke and a pepsi and a ginger ale and a lime ricky. We went to bed. The next morning I went to school

John Crawford