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Once again the spring market is upon us and the Island is full of people looking for houses. Property values are continuing to go up, unfortunately so are our taxes. There are currently 26 houses on the market ranging in price from \$102,000 to \$550,000. All indications are that this is going to be a great year.

### NEWS FROM KEN AND JUDY

I recently received a letter from Ken and Judy du Plooy. For those out-of-towners who don't know the du Plooy's, Ken was a contractor and Judy ran the Sullivan's Island Day Care Center. They decided to chuck it all and go south. Here's the letter — in case any of you want to go visit.

Dear Everett, Dodie and Eliza,

Once upon a time Ken and Judy du Plooy of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, uprooted their five children from a carefree existence; left the stress and strain of their respective businesses and headed for the 19th Century. The 19th Century was discovered in Belize; where Judy and Ken quickly and totally regress-

ed. Our intention was — and is — to build accomodations for 10-12 people. Anyone with any sense would have gone to the beautiful Carribean coast which has the second biggest Barrier Reef in the world and fishing to delight even the most avid of South Carolina fisherpeople. It was raining on the coast when we arrived in Belize, so we drove to the hills. It was so beautiful — incredible jungle, birds that even I can see, lovely wide rivers, waterfalls, Mayan Ruins. So we decided to rent a house in San Ignacia in the Cayo District. The first place we looked at was also for sale — so, in our usual well-planned fashion, we bought it and haven't regretted it for a minute. Our land consists of 22 acres set in rolling hills with about 1/2 mile of beautiful riverfront on the Macal River. We are starting on our cottages next week - four units with kitchens, 2 of them overlooking the river. The ones that aren't on the river will have a beautiful view of the cliffs opposite. We hope to have the first units and our riverview lounge/bar (situated next to Ken's famous jungle trail) ready for guests by June, possibly earlier.

So, what does one do on a vacation in the Belize jungle? You could try to catch a Tarpon around the bend in the river. You could, guided by Ken, scuba dive in the caves right across from our beach, or canoe into town (5 miles) or hike in the woods, ride the horses, go to the Tihal Ruins or the local ruins at Xunantunich. For the most adventurous, we are trying to find an inflatable raft route to the coast, possibly a 2-3 day trip. Just don't disturb me. I'll be lying in my hammock or the beach, a bowl of tropical fruit by my side, and a glass of rum in my hand.

I ran around so frantically when I was in the states that I didn't see a lot of people. Give my best to all and sundry. I'll write more when I get the typewriter going.

All the best,

Judy du Plooy  
General Delivery  
San Ignacia  
Cayo District  
Belize, Central America