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A happy life as homemaker, mother, and wife of the mayor of a large city would be career enough for most young American women. But not for Ann Tanzler, wife of the Honorable Hans G. Tanzler, Jr., mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Fla.

Looking skyward she saw another dimension to conquer. Her ambition was rewarded recently when she passed her test to become a qualified parachuter. By making a successful jump from an aircraft after only three hours of instruction, she entered the exclusive ranks of a daring profession. For Ann Tanzler a new goal was needed to attain proper perspective. In her words, "having probed the upper world of space, I felt I had to plumb the lower depths of water."

Her latest exploration brought her to Florida's Weeki Wachee last weekend where she was a guest trainee of the mermaids. Following instructions, she quickly learned to use the underwater paraphernalia -- air hose, face mask, and swim fins. Before the day ended she was at home beneath the surface swimming ballet routines with her professional mermaid companions in the depths of the underwater theatre.

To name the world Ann Tanzler will next set out to conquer would be mere conjecture.